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Students gather for the first career fair of the semester.

## ECU to host spring career fairs

Five events scheduled to guide students

**NICK HENNE**  
NEWS EDITOR

The first of five career fairs scheduled for the spring semester took place Wednesday in the Science and Technology building, offering students a variety of opportunities.

Various employers were set up waiting to meet the right student to hire for jobs or internships as they passed out brochures to numerous students walking by.

"We've hired some really good ECU students. [ECU] has one of the best construction management programs on the east coast," said Chet Hayes, recruiter for KB Home, a national home building company.

Hayes said his company plans on hiring at least three ECU students they meet at the fair.

Students showed positive reactions to the day's event.

"I think it's tremendous ... I've already talked to two companies and they've been well communicable," said Houtan Kargar, senior industrial distribution major.

Kargar said the fairs are good for ECU and are a great opportunity for students.

Michael Pitt, junior construction management major, said it was a great way for students to take a look at their options for the future.

The five fairs are being held on different days at different locations, offering a variety of information to students to assist them in making career related decisions. While each career fair is geared for different fields, they offer benefits to students of various majors.

"No matter what their major is, [companies] still need a lot of people to make the company work," said Jim McAtee, career coordinator at the Student Professional Development office.

"Within every company, there are a number of disciplines needed to make that company grow and operate."

Many students will begin looking for jobs after graduation, while others will search for internships. The fairs are designed to adequately supply students with information on both of these needs. Informational interviews and brochures are being offered to students at the fairs so they can receive spe-

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## Career Fair

Remaining Career Fairs:

**Business Fields**  
Wednesday, Feb. 23 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Bate building

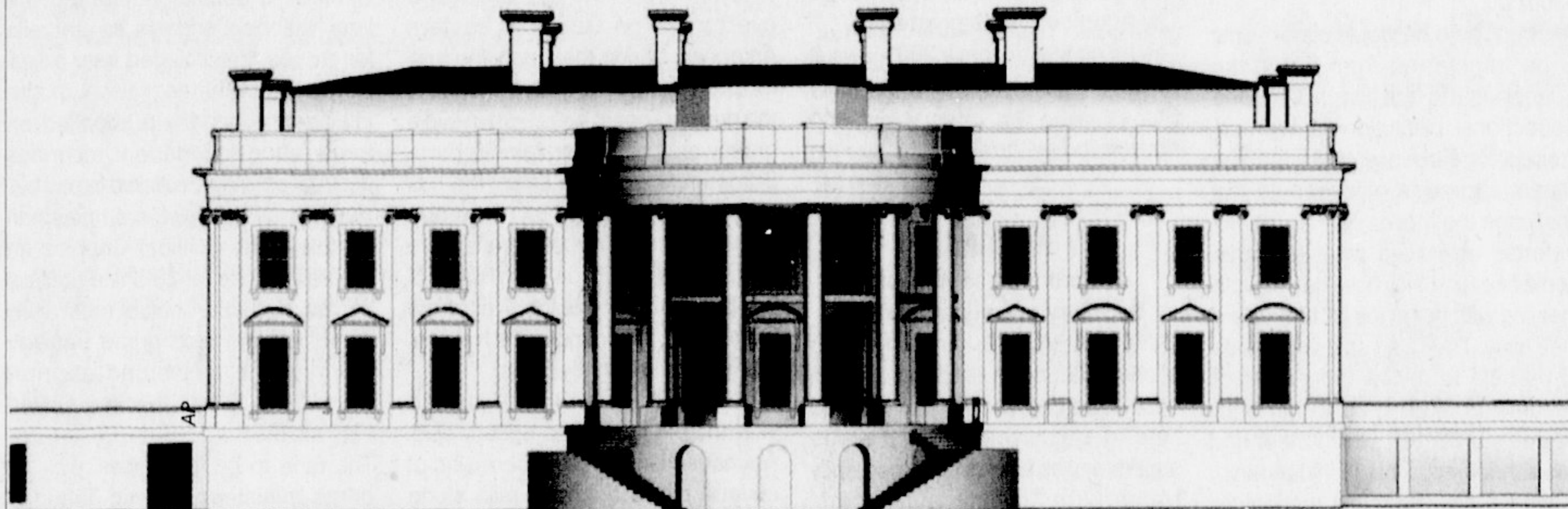
**Education**  
Friday, Feb. 25 9 a.m. - noon in Murphy Center

**Science Fields**  
Thursday, March 3 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Science and Technology building

**Allied Health and Nursing**  
Thursday, March 3 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Belk building

For additional information or to set up a meeting with a career services employee prior to the fairs, contact 328-6050 or [ecu.edu/e3careers](mailto:ecu.edu/e3careers)

# ECU professors invited to White House



## Long, Prokopowicz will attend event honoring Abraham Lincoln

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Two ECU professors were invited to attend a dramatic play titled *Lincoln Seen and Heard* at the White House Feb. 11.

The play was held to honor the late president who was born Feb. 12, 1809, and was attended by both President Bush and the First Lady.

David E. Long, associate professor in the department of history, and Gerald J. Prokopowicz, assistant professor in the department of history, were invited due to their membership on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Advisory Board.

The board is comprised of a group of scholars who are providing historical research support to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, a 15-member commission chosen by the president and Congress created to make preparations for the bicentennial celebration of Lincoln in 2009.

Both Long and Prokopowicz said they are proud of the invitation to a White House event.

"It's always a great honor to be invited to the White House," said Prokopowicz.

The dramatic play was held in the East Room, where Lincoln's body lay in state after his assassination.

The two historians were selected to the ALBC advisory board because of their distinguished careers of study on Lincoln.

Long said his career of study on Lincoln has included writing the definitive book on the former president's election, speaking at multiple commemorative events and performing several television interviews.

The interest began at an early age for Long, who became enamored with Lincoln through an initial fascination with the Civil War.

"I took a tremendous interest in the Civil War and there was one person who stood head and shoulders above everyone else," said Long.

Prokopowicz said his interest in Lincoln began when he was a graduate student at Harvard and assisted Pulitzer Prize winning author, David Herbert, in writing a biography of Lincoln.

Long and Prokopowicz said the ALBC advisory board has already begun throwing around a variety of ideas for the upcoming bicentennial celebration.

"We've talked about sponsor-

ing conferences and publications, chat rooms with Lincoln professors and writers," Prokopowicz said.

Long said the advisory board also talked about the possibility of turning a train into a museum that travels the route Lincoln's body took on the way back to Illinois, stopping at various destinations along the way.

Other commemorations will include new pennies and postage stamps, as well as a documentary.

"There are a myriad of things that will go into this bicentennial," Long said.

Long and Prokopowicz said they are attempting to hold a commemorative event for Lincoln at ECU, with the plan of inviting experts to speak on the late president.

Chris Ward, senior industrial technology major, said two professors receiving invitations to the White House bodes well for ECU's hiring practices.

"It shows ECU is looking toward the right professors ... hiring practices look to be improving," said Ward.

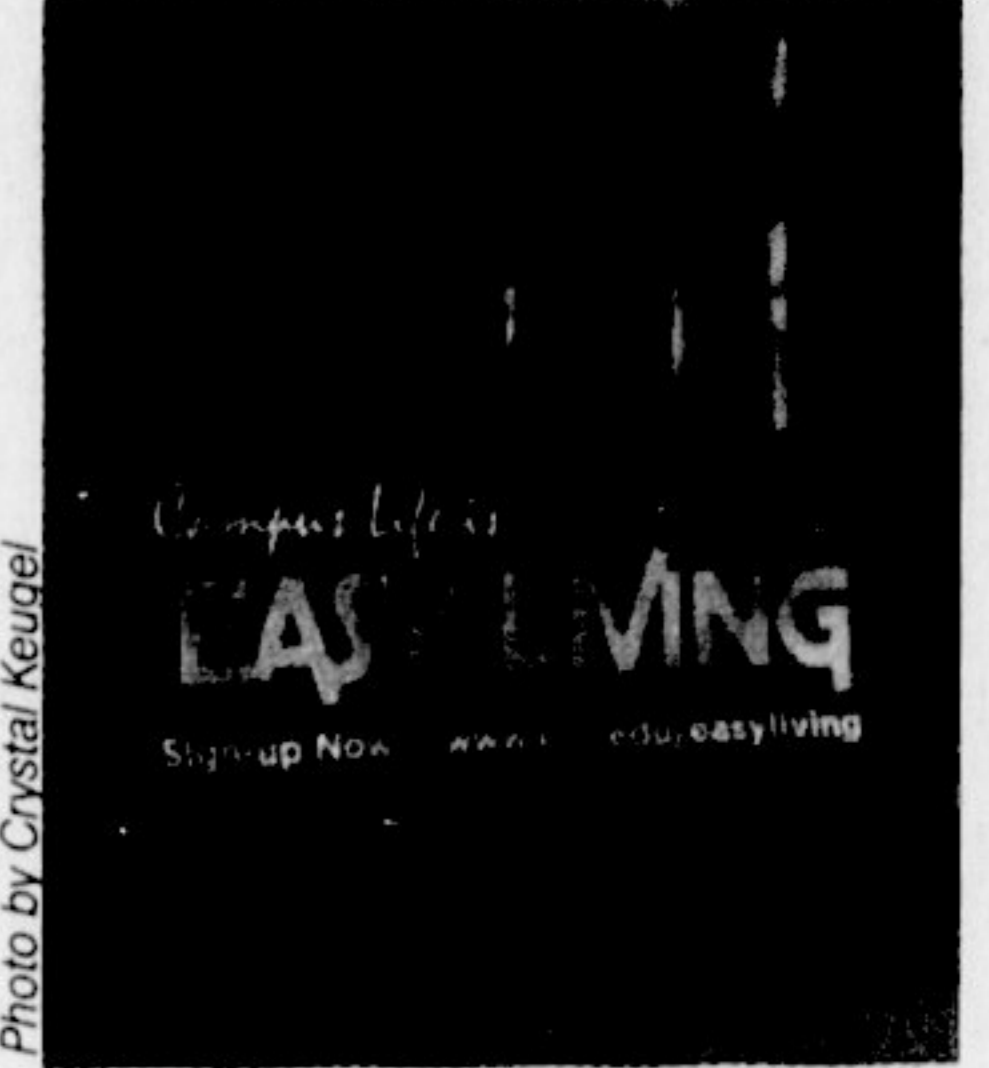
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PROKOPOWICZ



Campus Living works to recruit students.

## Campus Living campaign underway

On-campus living increases efforts to attract students

**SALMA KHAN**  
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Campus Living at ECU has raised the bar for attracting students to move on campus by offering incentive packages as competition to surrounding apartment complexes.

The incentives for the February sign-up package include priority registration online, \$100 of free text books from the ECU Bookstore, free Pirate Bucks worth \$50 with sign-up and priority registration for the new College Hill residence hall. The new residence hall will be set up with suite arrangements.

Each year Campus Living conducts an annual "Return to Campus Living" sign-up campaign for existing residents.

In past years prizes and giveaways have been offered to encourage student to take advantage of early online sign-up for the following year.

"This year, Campus Living wanted to reward not only existing residents, but include off-campus students that sign-up online for next year," said Wayne Newman, marketing director for Campus Living.

"[The rewards are] to say 'Thank You' for living and dining on campus."

According to Newman, the sign-up process is going well with many existing student residents taking advantage of the February

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## Admissions officer recruits overseas

Effort intended to attract additional international students

**MICHAEL HARRINGTON**  
SENIOR WRITER

ECU admissions officer Jenny Sigurdardottir recently took a multi-week recruiting trip to Europe in an attempt to increase enrollment of international students.

The trip took Sigurdardottir to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Germany, where she informed students about ECU and encouraged them to consider the university as an option for their further education.

ECU is currently attempting to increase the enrollment of international students to gain a more diverse atmosphere on campus.

While on the recruiting trip, Sigurdardottir visited college fairs and classrooms, where she found the receptiveness of the students depended on what type of school they were visiting.

"It really depended on what school we were in," said Sigurdardottir.

"A lot of schools in Scandinavia weren't really familiar with schools coming in and visiting them."



SIGURDARDOTTIR

In international schools where students tend to speak English, students were much more receptive to the idea of traveling overseas for college.

"They seemed a lot more interested in coming to the states for school," Sigurdardottir said.

While recruiting in Germany, Sigurdardottir visited eight schools located on American military bases, where she found students were very enthusiastic about returning to the United States for college.

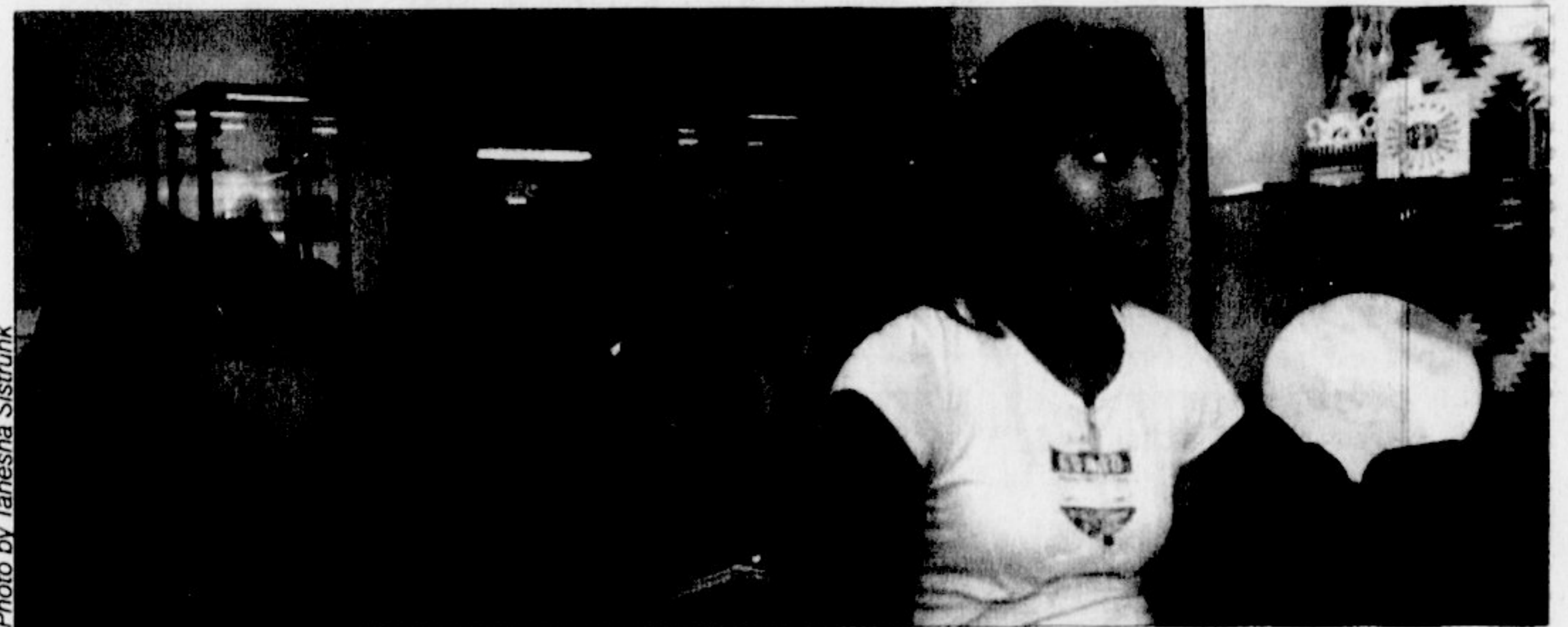
Upon returning from her trip, Sigurdardottir submitted a recruitment report, which showed every student she had contact with on her visits to the American military bases in Germany had expressed a prospective interest in attending ECU.

In the report, Sigurdardottir noted many of these students had been based in North Carolina and were familiar with ECU.

"Obviously they are going to be much more open to coming to school here," Sigurdardottir said.

The recruitment trip was part of a plan by ECU to attract more international students in order to have a campus popula-

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Students listen as Kenya Ayers reads an excerpt from Wright's Black Boy during the event.

## African American Reading Day event showcases profound literature

Professors share works from favorite authors

**NICK HENNE**  
NEWS EDITOR

The English department at ECU co-hosted an African American Reading Day event with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center where students and professors read influential pieces of African American literature.

The reading was held as one of several events taking place in recognition of Black History Month. Attendants of the event could read a variety of literature including pieces of their work or works done by renowned writers.

Lathan Turner, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and Seodial Deena, co-coordinator of the graduate Multicultural

Literature Concentration, welcomed the program with Reginald Watson, professor in English. An energetic introduction was performed in which speakers read a work involving the clash of races in their community.

Many of speakers approached their classic literature readings in a new way bringing a unique outlook on the works.

Gera Miles, professor in the English department, performed by reading the song "Where is the love?" by the Black Eyed Peas as a sermon.

Several classic works including "For My People" by Margaret Walker and excerpts from Richard Wright's "Black Boy" were read.

Deena had the opportunity to read the introduction to Toni Morrison's new piece "Love." Maya Socolovsky, assistant

professor in the English department, concluded by reading a selection by Cornell West and stressed how important it is to learn African American literature because the history is American history.

Turner said the event was well received.

"I think people enjoyed the opportunity," said Turner.

Students found the event to be both inspirational and uplifting.

"I think it is great when a group of people can truly appreciate what other members of their culture have contributed to the world," said Dale Thomas, senior political science major.

Turner said Black History Month has been successful in changing the attitudes and mindsets of some of the people who

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## Campus News

### Tsunami relief

The College Democrats will collect \$1 donations to help victims of the tsunami this week at Wright Plaza.

### Sexual Responsibility Week

The ECU Healthy Pirates and Wellness Education are sponsoring many events for this year's Sexual Responsibility Awareness Week, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Wright Plaza, they will host "Healthy Relationships: Be a 'Smartie.'" A Family Feud Special Edition: Battle of the Sexes will also be Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in C309 Science and Technology Building. The event is free and the first 100 people will receive a safer sex kit.

### Slam Poetry Jam

The Spectrum and Cultural Awareness Committees are sponsoring the Slam Poetry Jam in the Pirate Underground Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

### A tribute to Motown

The school of music will host a concert honoring Motown artists Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Carrol V. Dashiell, Jr. will be the director for the evening. Call 328-6851 for more information.

### ACSS workshop

Adult and Commuter Student Services and Janie Sowers, clinical director of child development and family relations, will present a series of workshops designed to help students keep a healthy relationship with their significant other while balancing school, work and a family. These workshops begin Feb. 18 and will cover topics including money, roles in a relationship, sex, children, fun and relaxation. All workshops will be held in 212 Mendenhall from 12 - 1:30 p.m. For more information, please call 328-6881.

### ECU gospel

The ECU Gospel Choir will present their 27th annual anniversary celebration Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Special guests from the NC State New Horizon Gospel Choir in Raleigh will also be performing. Tickets are available in advance for \$5 for students and choir alumni and \$7 for faculty, staff and the general public. For more information contact bkm0816@mail.ecu.edu or pnk0623@mail.ecu.edu.

### Salsa dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a salsa dance Feb. 18 at the Willis Building downtown. Instruction by Procopio and Heidi begins at 7:30 p.m. and the dance with DJ Ramon will be from 8:30 - 11 p.m. Students can be admitted for \$3, FASG members for \$5 and the general public for \$8. Call 752-7350 for more information.

### String concert

Ittai Shapira and the ECU String Chamber Orchestra will perform Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Hall. Ara Gregorian will be conducting and tickets are \$5 or \$10.

### Duenow

Local band Duenow is holding a show Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. in Pirate Underground. This free performance is sponsored by the Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee.

### Special Olympics

The NC Special Olympics Basketball Tournament will be Feb. 18 - 20. Games will be played at various high schools throughout Greenville and Pitt County. For more information about times and locations, call 919-719-7662.

### Bridal expo

The Eastern Carolina Bridal Association is holding a bridal expo Feb. 19 - 20 at the Greenville Convention Center. Let experts answer all your wedding questions from start to finish for your very special day. View fashions to accommodate your style. Contact 752-3482.

### Early music ensemble

The ECU School of Music is hosting this event Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 East Fourth Street. For more information, call 752-3482.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### No bond reduction for woman charged with poisoning husband

RALEIGH, NC - A Wake County judge has refused to reduce the \$3 million bond for a woman accused in the arsenic poisoning death of her husband more than four years ago. During a brief hearing Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens refused to change Ann Miller Kontz's bond despite her attorneys' pleas that her family cannot afford to post more than about \$300,000. Stephens said he would allow Kontz to be transferred from the Wake County Jail to the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. Prosecutor Rebecca Holt said the district attorney's office would not challenge the move.

Defense attorneys want to move Kontz because they have had trouble meeting with her at the jail to prepare their case. They also said she needs to be able to review thousands of documents leading up to her first-degree murder trial, which Stephens has scheduled to begin in January. Stephens said he might reconsider the bond issue if the trial is delayed. It's unclear when Kontz could be moved, though defense attorney Wade Smith said he hoped to have an order ready within a few days.

#### Judge's ruling may shut down red-light camera use in High Point

GREENSBORO, NC - High Point will probably suspend use of red-light cameras after a judge ruled Tuesday that the county schools are entitled to 90 percent of the fines collected through the program. High Point is appealing the ruling of Superior Court Judge A. Moses Massey. The outcome could shut down red-light camera use statewide since municipalities say most of the money generated by the cameras is needed for expenses. As a result of the ruling, High Point could have to pay the schools \$1.3

million to \$1.5 million.

"That's money we don't have," High Point Mayor Becky Smothers said. High Point's contract with Peek Traffic, which runs the program, obligates the city to pay \$27 to \$35 for every \$50 citation collected. The city will lose money if forced to also pay the school district an additional \$45 for each citation. "I'm pretty sure we'll probably suspend the program," Smothers said. The city is negotiating with Peek Traffic about terminating its contract, which is due for renewal in March, City Attorney Fred Baggett said. The ruling stems from a 2001 lawsuit filed by High Point resident Henry Shavitz, who had been cited and refused to pay the \$50 fine.

### National

#### Jackson to hospital with flu - jury selection delayed

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Jury selection in Michael Jackson's child-molestation case was delayed for the second time in two weeks, after the pop superstar was taken to an emergency room with flu-like symptoms. Judge Rodney S. Melville on Tuesday delayed jury selection until Feb. 22, saying - "He has all the symptoms that we all have when we have the flu." Jackson was being treated for a "flu-like illness with some vomiting," Dr. Chuck Merrill said Tuesday during a brief news conference at Marian Medical Center, about five hours after Jackson's illness was announced in court by the judge.

"He's in stable condition and we expect a full recovery," said Merrill, who would not answer questions. Jackson's brother Randy told reporters the pop singer would spend the night in the hospital. Earlier, as potential jurors filed into the courtroom - including a few who were scolded by bailiffs for being late - Jackson's seat remained empty. Nearly 20 minutes after the singer was scheduled to arrive,

Melville announced that Jackson had been taken to a hospital.

#### Corroded roof of bus contributed to crash

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Shoddy repairs made to a tour bus allowed corrosion to weaken the vehicle's roof, contributing to a crash in October that killed 15 people traveling to a Mississippi casino, transportation officials said Tuesday. The bus was carrying 30 people from Chicago to casinos in Mississippi when it went off the road and overturned on Oct. 9 in eastern Arkansas. During the crash, the bus' roof peeled upward, and all but one of the people aboard were thrown into a grassy area near Interstate 55. Sometime before the crash, the bus had been damaged by a garage fire. Replacement roof panels were riveted and glued on both sides of the bus, but many of the rivets were misaligned, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. "The new holes were not aligned with the old holes," the agency said. An inspection "revealed corrosion of several pillars and roof rails along both sides." The NTSB said previously that sheet metal was glued and riveted to the roof, adding 600 to 700 pounds to the bus' weight and changing its center of gravity. The report also found that the bus was traveling 70 mph when it left the roadway. The speed limit was 65 mph on that stretch of I-55, about 25 miles north of Memphis, Tenn.

### International

#### Shiite leaders meet in to discuss new government

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Members of the winning Shiite political alliance met to discuss forming a new government Wednesday, and the leading candidate for prime minister was a family doctor who spent many years in exile.

Front-runner Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the current vice president, visited Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the alliance's leader, at his Baghdad office to discuss the pending announcement of the alliance's candidate to be prime minister.

Shortly after he left, his main rival, former Pentagon favorite Ahmad Chalabi, arrived for talks. Chalabi, 58, who left Iraq as a teen, fell out of favor with Washington last year after claims he passed intelligence information to Iran. Chalabi, a secular Shiite, led the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella for groups that included Iraqi exiles, Kurds and Shiites. Much of the intelligence his group supplied on Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction programs failed to pan out. Hussein al-Mousawi, a spokesman for the Shiite Political Council, an umbrella group for 38 Shiite political parties, has said Chalabi most likely would be the next prime minister because he has broad support beyond the Sistani-backed United Iraqi Alliance.

The race to be the Shiites' pick for prime minister narrowed Tuesday, when Adel Abdul Mahdi, who has close ties to Iran, dropped out. A close aide to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who almost guaranteed the United Iraqi Alliance's victory when he endorsed it, said "the grand cleric has the final say" as to who will be the candidate.

The Kurdish parties have apparently agreed to support the alliance's candidate for prime minister in return for the presidency.

#### Hundreds of thousands join funeral for slain leader

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Mourners holding banners saying "Syria Out!" crowded around the flag-draped coffin of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and his family warned the pro-Damascus government to stay away Wednesday as hundreds of thousands of people turned his funeral into a spontaneous

rally against Syria.

Along the funeral route through downtown Beirut, the Lebanese flag was hung from balconies and pictures were posted of Hariri, who was assassinated Monday by a massive car bomb that also killed 16 others.

Angry mourners shouted insults at Syrian President Bashar Assad to "remove your dogs from Beirut" - a reference to Syrian intelligence agents, part of an overall contingent of 15,000 troops deployed here since 1976.

Suspicious over Syrian involvement in Hariri's death further charged the atmosphere, and pressure mounted from abroad to find his killers, with Washington recalling its ambassador from Syria and the U.N. Security Council demanding justice.

William Burns, an assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs who attended the funeral, renewed a call for Syria to withdraw its troops.

"Mr. Hariri's death should give - in fact it must give - renewed impetus to achieving a free, independent and sovereign Lebanon," Burns said after a meeting later in the day with Lebanese Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammod. "And what that means is the immediate and complete implementation of the U.N. security resolution 1559, and what that means is the complete and immediate withdrawal by Syria of all of its forces in Lebanon."

Washington accuses Syria of aiding anti-Israeli militants and supporting insurgents in Iraq.

In a sign of Hariri's popularity and his ability to reach across Lebanon's often-volatile divisions, Sunni Muslim clerics, Druse leaders in white turbans and ordinary Lebanese Shiites and Christians all marched in the funeral. Hariri, credited with rebuilding post-civil war Lebanon, was a Sunni Arab. Breaking with Islamic tradition, hundreds of weeping women waving white handkerchiefs joined men in the march.

## College Democrats hold tsunami relief fundraiser

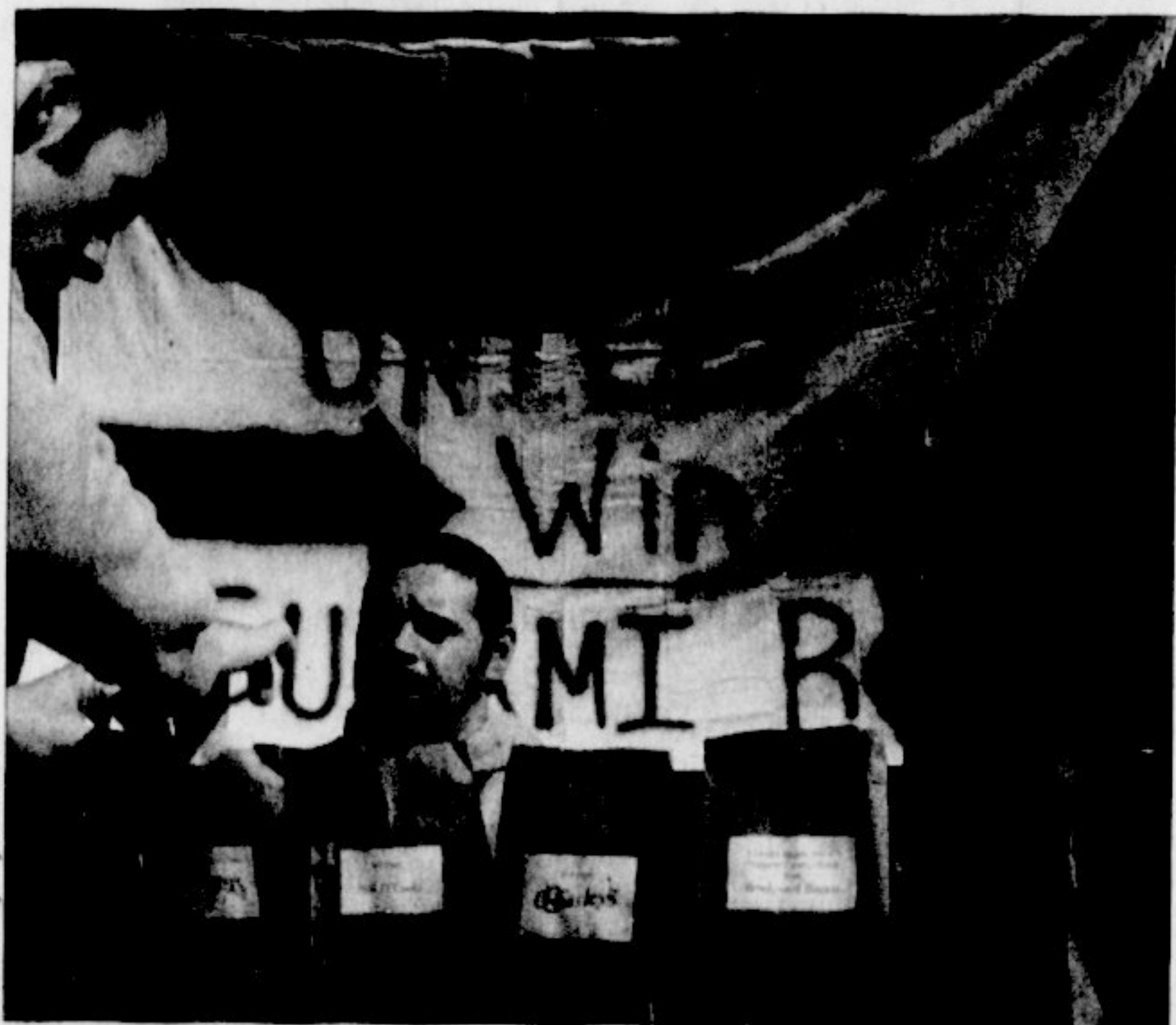


Photo by Kyle Fisher

The ECU College Democrats are holding a tsunami relief fundraiser this week in the Wright Plaza from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Students can win gift certificates from various businesses throughout Greenville.

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incentives.

Off-campus students can begin sign-up Feb. 21 and will be awarded the same incentives.

Newman does not feel these incentives will compete with surrounding area housing.

"The changes and incentives offered by Campus Living are not a result of increased competition among apartment complexes in the Greenville area," Newman said.

"Campus Living offers a unique living and dining experience that is truly an easy living lifestyle. The changes are a result of adapting and rewarding those who choose the campus lifestyle and to better fit the constantly changing desires of students."

The people at Campus Living's ultimate goal is to give better service, more options and variety in an easy living lifestyle that offers a less stressful college experience.

Currently, Campus Living has approximately 5,000 living spaces available.

This will increase by 480 spaces with the addition of the new College Hill residence hall in fall 2006.

Each year, approximately 3,500 new first-year students enter the ECU system.

Many students feel this will provide for great opportunity for the campus to attract more students back to campus dorms.

"I think it's an excellent

marketing strategy that Campus Living is trying to pull," said Summer Choudhury, sophomore philosophy and biology major.

"However people who have their mind set on living off campus are going to do so regardless. Breaking the plan down to it's core, \$100 in textbooks covers maybe one book. That's not a lot."

The Campus Living campaign and its incentives end Feb. 28.

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## Campus Living

Any student or parent can contact the Campus Living office located on first floor Jones Hall by calling ECU-HOME (328-4663) weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or online at [ecu.edu/campusliving](http://ecu.edu/campusliving).

Campus Living has created a Special Web site to deliver the "Campus Life is Easy Living" message. It is designed to answer any questions concerning the sign-up campaign. Visit [ecu.edu/easyliving](http://ecu.edu/easyliving) for more information.

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cific information on the different opportunities available to them. Applications will also be available for students who are able to find an organization in which they are interested.

Students who are undecided can also benefit from the event. There will be general information offered, and employers will be explaining what their organization has to offer to assist them in deciding what they may want to pursue as a career.

"They can do some career exploration and talk with these

employers about what their jobs are like," McAtee said.

"My hope is students get out of it what they're seeking."

McAtee said in past career fair events, both students and employers have been overall appreciative and supportive. The events have only been improving as more students become aware of what is offered and the benefits they can receive.

McAtee said past employers have indicated ECU's career fairs are the best they have attended.

"They [employers] love how

well it's organized, attended and the variety of students they see," McAtee said.

Preparation is the key for having a successful career fair. McAtee encourages all students to come to the SPD office to make an appointment with a career coach, have their resumé critiqued and have a general discussion about networking and gathering information from employers.

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# Professor authors book on enameling

Art department births  
"The Art of Enameling"

CHRIS ADAMS  
STAFF WRITER

An ECU professor is experiencing great success with a new how-to book released last November.

Linda Darty, head of the metals program, professor and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Enamelist Society, released a how-to book on enameling, the art of carving and painting glass and the various forms enameling takes.

The book, *The Art of Enameling*, is a detailed and informative look at the rich history and beautiful art enameling has to offer.

"I wrote it because I have never had a textbook to teach with," said Darty.

"I teach workshops all over the place and I am always typing handouts, so I had all this information organized for years. I finally decided to put the images together."

The book offers a comprehensive instructional guide on the practices and techniques

of successful enameling. It is divided into three parts detailing the fundamentals of enameling, the various forms of specialized enameling and a look at projects and various pieces of art complete with step-by-step instructions.

*The Art of Enameling* is detailed enough to be used in the college classroom, yet maintains accessibility for the average reader who knows little about enameling. Both Northern Illinois University and the University of North Texas have adopted the book for their enameling curriculum, while Barnes and Noble stores carry the book for the common reader.

"It's kind of a how-to book, but also an appreciation book, so hopefully people know what enameling is," Darty said.

"Enameling has been around since the 13th century B.C., but people still don't necessarily know what it is."

The book, though just recently published, is the result of Darty's passion and love for the art. She was instrumental in bringing the enameling department to ECU and is thankful of what ECU has to offer on the subject.

"I think ECU has a pretty amazing slide library of enamels," Darty said.

"We are unique in that we are one of the few schools in this country that has an emphasis on enameling."

Not only has the book brought further recognition to the school of art and design, it has further cemented Darty's contribution to contemporary enameling.

"I have gotten lots of positive feedback," Darty said.

"A lot of universities are accepting it for use as their text."

Darty's book is currently ranked 18,502 on the Barnes and Noble sales chart, surpassing works from popular authors like Tom Clancy. At a book signing in Chicago, *The Art of Enameling* sold 200 copies in two days.

"I think it is a real contribution to the field," Darty said.

That sentiment is echoed by many of the students and professors at ECU.

Timothy Lazure, assistant professor in the school of art and design, thought the book was a success.

"The book is great ... it is very informative reading," said

Lazure.

Lazure, with no prior experience with enamel, was able to make his own stylized dish with the step-by-step instructions Darty provided.

Lindsay Hardin, a student in the metals program, also raved about the book.

"It is one of the most important enameling books there is," said Hardin.

Another student, Barbara Hutchins, commented on a non-artistic aspect of the book.

"It really makes you relate to the history of metal working and enameling," said Hutchins.

Although Darty is the author of the book, she made it clear that without the staff and students in the school of art and design, the book would never have been as successful as it is today.

"I'm proud of it. I am glad that it is out there," Darty said.

Darty's book is currently available at amazon.com and Barnes and Noble, and will be available in the Dowdy Student Store shortly.

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did attend.

"When we find even one student knows something they didn't know, it's been successful," Turner said.

"I think several students have learned more than they knew."

An upcoming event Turner said he would like the ECU community to be aware of is the art exhibit, featuring a personal collection of famed photographer Moneta Sleet Jr., an artist and photographer of the Civil Rights era.

[Sabina Kahn contributed to this report.]

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## Black History Month Events

Black Student Union Reclaim Your African Name at Wright Plaza from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday.

Klan-Destine Relationships featuring author Daryl Davis who will discuss a story of a black man's interactions with the KKK at 7 p.m. at Hendrix Theater.

tion represented from many different regions.

Sigurdardottir said gauging the effectiveness of the trip will take time due to the fact that many of the students who showed interest in attending ECU were freshmen and sophomores.

But Sigurdardottir said she has already seen a few applications from students she contacted while visiting the military bases in Germany.

"I've already seen some apply," Sigurdardottir said.

Daniella Graves, sophomore marketing major, said she traveled from England to Greenville to attend ECU and would recommend making the journey overseas to other international students.

"You get to learn a lot of different things ... it's been really good," said Graves.


Chris Williams, junior finance major, agrees with the priority to make ECU a more diverse university and said a more diverse campus would help recruit students and make for a better atmosphere.

"The more diverse it is ... the better it is," said Williams.

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The survey period is March 3 - April 25. During that period you can complete the survey by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

*Mendenhall Computer Lab, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, and Joyner Library East.*

Your initial email notice will have a link to the "One-Stop". During the survey period you will be sent a reminder email message and later a postcard, if you have not yet completed the survey.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on **March 3rd**-certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 28). This will also help you avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. All remaining tags for this survey will be removed from the student records on April 26, the day after the survey closes.

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## Our View

### Many ECU students don't show their support

From the many events TEC has attended this year that were cancelled or shortened due to a lack of student involvement, it's beginning to look like a large group of ECU students stopped caring about anything of importance.

Last semester, a march was scheduled for sexual assault awareness. It is such an awful problem that must receive as much recognition as possible, yet no one showed up.

The people responsible for the event went. A photographer and a reporter from TEC went, as well as a photographer from *The Daily Reflector*, but not one student.

One of the largest audiences of the year - *The Vagina Monologues* - those who attended didn't even interact with the performers as they had in previous years.

TEC feels most educational events on campus are ignored by a majority of students. Members of campus organizations do not bother to show up to meetings half the time and many professors have to make attending educational events a requirement in order for students to go.

There must be something ECU students care about other than dollar pitcher night downtown. Those are great too, but what is it going to take to get students to show support for issues that concern the university? The state? The world?

To all of you who have spent time raising money for the tsunami victims: Thank you. For all the members of SGA and the Student Senate, both the college Democrats and Republicans, the Student Union and all other organizations who have tried to make a difference, thank you for making our school a better place.

TEC urges you to remember that you only have a few years at this institution and there is no time like the present to get involved. It's up to the students to make ECU what it is - an institution of higher learning, not simply a party school.

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## Opinion Columnist

### Drug enforcement laws cripple penal system

#### Marijuana should be swept under the proverbial rug

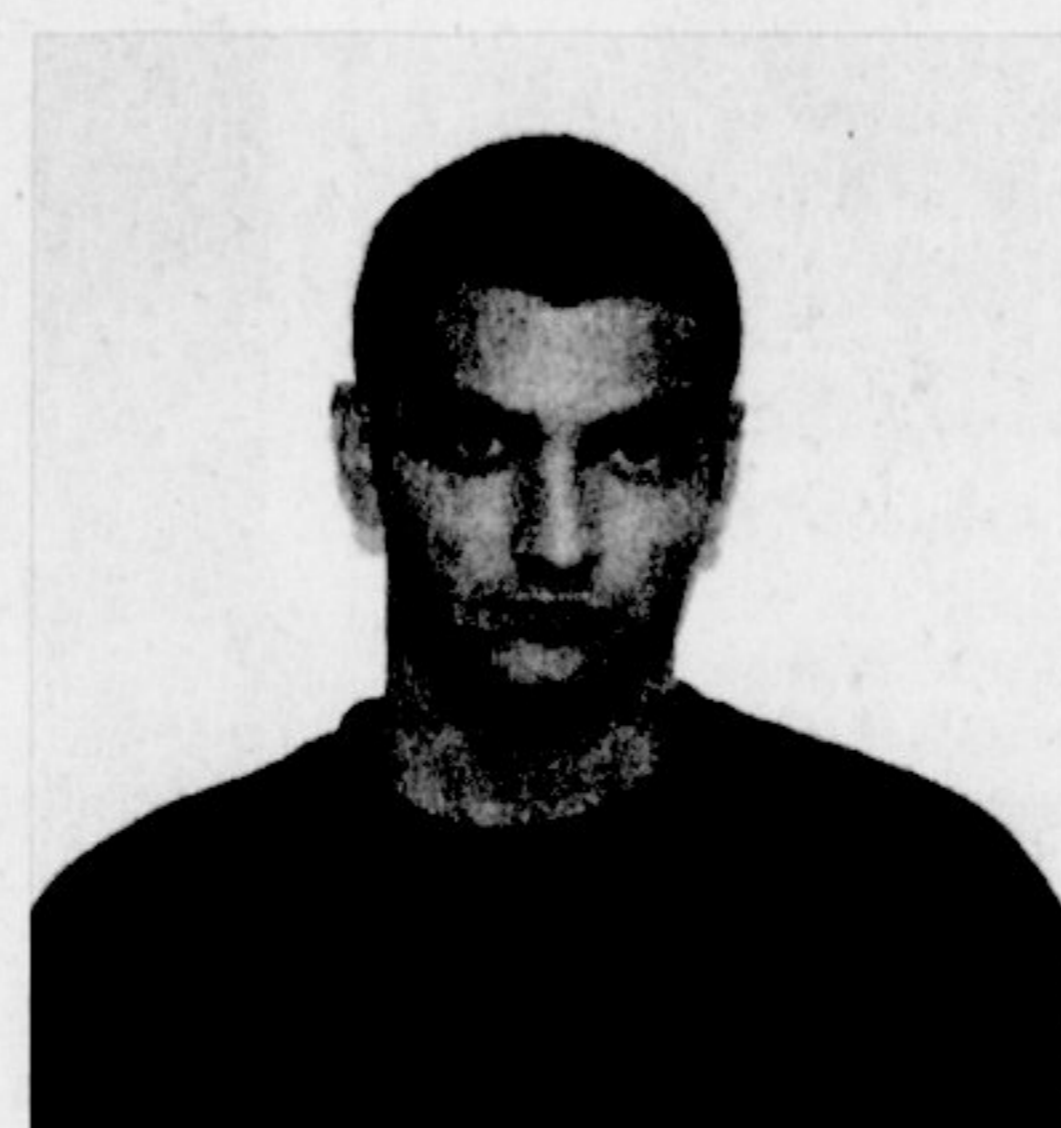
PETER KALAJIAN  
ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE

When I was 17-years-old, the long arm of the law unceremoniously embraced me. While attending a party, I was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and sentenced to probation and community service, a sentence that was due, in large part, to my status as a minor.

I received the expected reaction of vicious punishment from my parents, spending the next 10 Saturdays chopping wood before the sun came up and being completely stripped of even the most basic social allowances. School, work, home. School, work, home. That was my routine. I was never angry at my parents for their reaction, but there was one issue which came into focus for me about two weeks later, casting serious doubts on my faith in the American judicial system and forcing me to ponder the true meaning of the word "justice."

The event which cast me into the black abyss of frustration and judicial impotence some time later would forever shape my ideas about the moral implications of drug use and punishment and how badly those social boundaries need to be changed. As is not uncommon in the halls of high schools across the nation, a fight broke out between several students. When it was all over, one of the boys had received serious internal injuries from being repeatedly kicked by his assailants and spent the next month in a hospital bed. The two attackers were promptly arrested and escorted from the premises by police. As he was the son of a local attorney, the ringleader (for the purposes of this exercise let's call him Sam) quickly disposed of his case and was sentenced to no probation, no jail time and less community service than I had received.

I was dumbfounded. How could someone who had inflicted possibly life-threatening injuries on a fellow student be given a more lenient sentence in a court of law than someone who had simply been caught with a small quantity of marijuana? The ridiculousness of that situation prompted me to



do some research into the matter. What I found was alarming.

Our national penal system is absolutely clogged with non-violent drug offenders, most of whom have been convicted of simple possession. In 2004, the Federal Bureau of Prisons reported that 54.1 percent of all inmates were convicted of drug-related charges. Prisons are staggeringly overcrowded and the United States, the land of the free, boasts the world's largest prison population at more than two million persons currently incarcerated; hundreds of thousands of those for simple possession offenses or other non-violent crimes. And since marijuana is the most popular illicit substance in America today, a large percentage of those convictions are for the possession, or distribution of marijuana.

There exists in American culture today a great stigma about marijuana. Though cigarettes (the greatest single Bain on public health in American history) and alcohol are responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people every year, both industries are represented in Congress by powerful lobbies, essentially guaranteeing that the two most dangerous legal substances will continue to permeate our society, while marijuana is demonized as the "gateway" drug, which will enslave our children and fund the proliferation of international terrorism (those are by far the funniest commercials on television today).

It is true that most individuals who end up as crack heads or heroin addicts begin their journey down the road of drug dependency with marijuana, but not for the reasons that are often stated by the Office of Drug Control Policy and the rest of the federal establish-

ment. In fact, the statistic that is often excluded from the propaganda about marijuana as a gateway drug is that most people begin their saga of drug addiction not with marijuana, but with nicotine. Unfortunately, due to the bottomless pockets of the tobacco industry, that little tidbit is all too often left out of the arguments about the evils of marijuana. Unlike alcohol, which remains the only drug whose withdrawal can cause death, marijuana has never directly killed anyone. There is no record of someone overdosing on marijuana and its effects are far less profound than, say, drinking a six-pack.

And as for the argument about funding international terrorism whenever you smoke a joint, the fact remains that for some time now the majority of the marijuana smoked in this country is also grown in this country, and if not, is smuggled in from Canada or Mexico - those world-renowned exporters of state-funded terrorism. Buying heroin might support rebel governments in Asia, or snorting cocaine could line the pockets of narco-terrorists in South and Central America, but the idea that a few kids smoking marijuana should bear some responsibility for terrorism is not only irresponsible, it is simply untrue.

All in all, marijuana is one of the most benign drugs available to the American public today. Not physically addicting like nicotine, alcohol or opiates, marijuana, in my opinion, should not be legalized. Legalization would pose a great number of other questions, tax issues and so forth - so instead, I am an advocate for decriminalization. In Canada, if you are caught by police with a small amount of marijuana for personal use, you receive the equivalent of a parking ticket. Small fines, no permanent records, end of discussion. It frees up space in the prisons for violent criminals and provides the government with a new and constant flow of revenue.

The simple fact remains that the punishments need to fit the crimes in this country, and no pot smoker deserves prison. Jail does not reform anyone, only turns people into more effective criminals. Let's focus our attention on real problems, not continue to ruin the lives of innocent people for the simple fact that they chose to smoke marijuana.

## In My Opinion

### Prius patriots: Conservatives give up their gas hogs

(KRT) - Since when do right-wing Washington he-men drive Priuses, the compact Toyota hybrid cars that get an estimated 60 mpg on the highway? Aren't those supposed to be the cars of choice for pale-faced tree-huggers and liberal college professors too timid to roar down the highway in an eight-cylinder SUV? How come some prominent neo-conservative hawks have been spotted motoring along the Beltway behind the wheel of a Prius?

Patriotism, that's why. Former CIA Director Jim Woolsey and defense analyst Frank Gaffney, both backers of the Iraq war, have come to realize that the national security of the United States depends on freeing ourselves from dependency on Mideast oil. Driving gas guzzlers keeps our nation in debt to the kinds of regimes that do not have our best interests at heart.

Besides, where do you think the Saudis have acquired the money to spread Islamic extremism and the terrorism it engenders worldwide? Largely from American consumers.

These conservatives know that oil industry experts predict the world's petroleum output will peak sometime in the next decade - this at a time when India and China are rapidly expanding their industrial economies, making the global competition for increasingly scarce oil supplies more fierce. Barring some miracle, the price of oil will rocket skyward in the coming years and decades. The days of cheap fossil fuels are gone for good. As Gaffney put it recently, weaning ourselves from foreign oil is "a national security imperative."

A generation ago, President Jimmy Carter gave a memorable televised address in which he urged the nation to

learn to conserve energy, to live within limits, in order to break our dependency on oil-producing thugocracies. The speech was a disaster - it's now remembered as the "malaise" speech - and no American president since then has ever proposed the same sensible policies. Rather, as historian Andrew Bacevich points out, every president has made defending our oil supply Priority No. 1 in the Middle East.

If Americans are unwilling to make personal sacrifices like Gaffney and Woolsey are making, argues Bacevich, then they will fight war after war in the 21st century. Bacevich is no peacenik, but a conservative who understands the gravity of the situation facing the nation he loves. Conservatives are becoming gas conservationists not for the sake of Mother Earth, but for the sake of America.

Three cheers for the Prius patriots.

## Pirate Rant

How do you give up a seven-point lead with two minutes left in the game? If you ask me, I think our basketball team needs to learn how to finish a game instead of letting it slip away.

Why did Kyle Billings make no mention of Melissa Etheridge in his article about the Grammy's? Not only did she honor what I would consider one of the greatest female artists ever (Janis Joplin), she did it bald undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

What the hell is this jungle everyone is talking about?

I am a veteran and my spouse is active duty. I think I provided enough respect for the country that was not able to defend itself on 9/11 and that supports in killing our children, spouses, parents for an idealistic and pointless war that brings Iraq closer to theocratic Iran than to American democracy.

What is up with the kids ages 10 and under running around the library at night? I thought this was a university library, not one for little boys and girls to come in and get on the computer to listen to the newest Mario song.

It became normal to ask if a woman's breasts are real when every girl decided to wear miracle/water bras. I am so bombarded with large breasts they don't even make an impact anymore. It sucks to get home and realize that half the breast is still in the bra. That is false advertising ladies.

George Bush isn't dumb eh? So when your own fuzzy math makes the national debt soar, when you get the lowest possible score on a pilot aptitude test, you've lost jobs, you refuse to admit any mistakes on the job, you reward incompetence by promoting failures, you refuse to enforce United States trade policies and cost NC jobs, you lie to the American people about a war waged on false pretenses and because of you, 1,500 soldiers died and 10,000 soldiers were wounded for nothing. Somehow this all reflects some kind of intelligence? I don't respect incompetence. No one in this country should either.

Wanna know why Eagles' fans are crying? Because they could have beaten the crap out of the "field goal" dynasty but instead got out-coached and outplayed down the stretch. You heard it here first - it will be the Panthers vs. Eagles in the NFC championship game next year and the Panthers will get revenge against the Patriots in Super Bowl 40.

Why can't there be more uplifting and benign rants?

This rant is for the self-righteous individual who claimed that Democrats are causing the moral decay of this nation by supporting the "killing of innocent children." Let me remind you that the stand is "pro-choice," not "pro-Death." Stop trying to push your lofty Christian agenda on those simply trying to think for themselves.

To all of you who have a better car than my 1994 Saturn (which is most of you), I have decided that I am going to go ahead and let you hit me. I will no longer dodge you just because your car is prettier and faster than mine. So the next time you cut me off at 7:30 a.m. trying to get your kid to school (yeah I'm talking to you, Miss White Lexus) or the next time we're both driving opposite directions on one of those roads off Fifth Street, be ready to pay for my new car because I am not going to almost kill myself trying to get out of your way so you can have the road to yourself.

I can't wait until Spring Break. To me it means the semester is half over and I am closer to getting rid of my current professors.

There is nothing worse than a lazy person except a lazy person that has every excuse in the book as to why they are not lazy.

*Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.*

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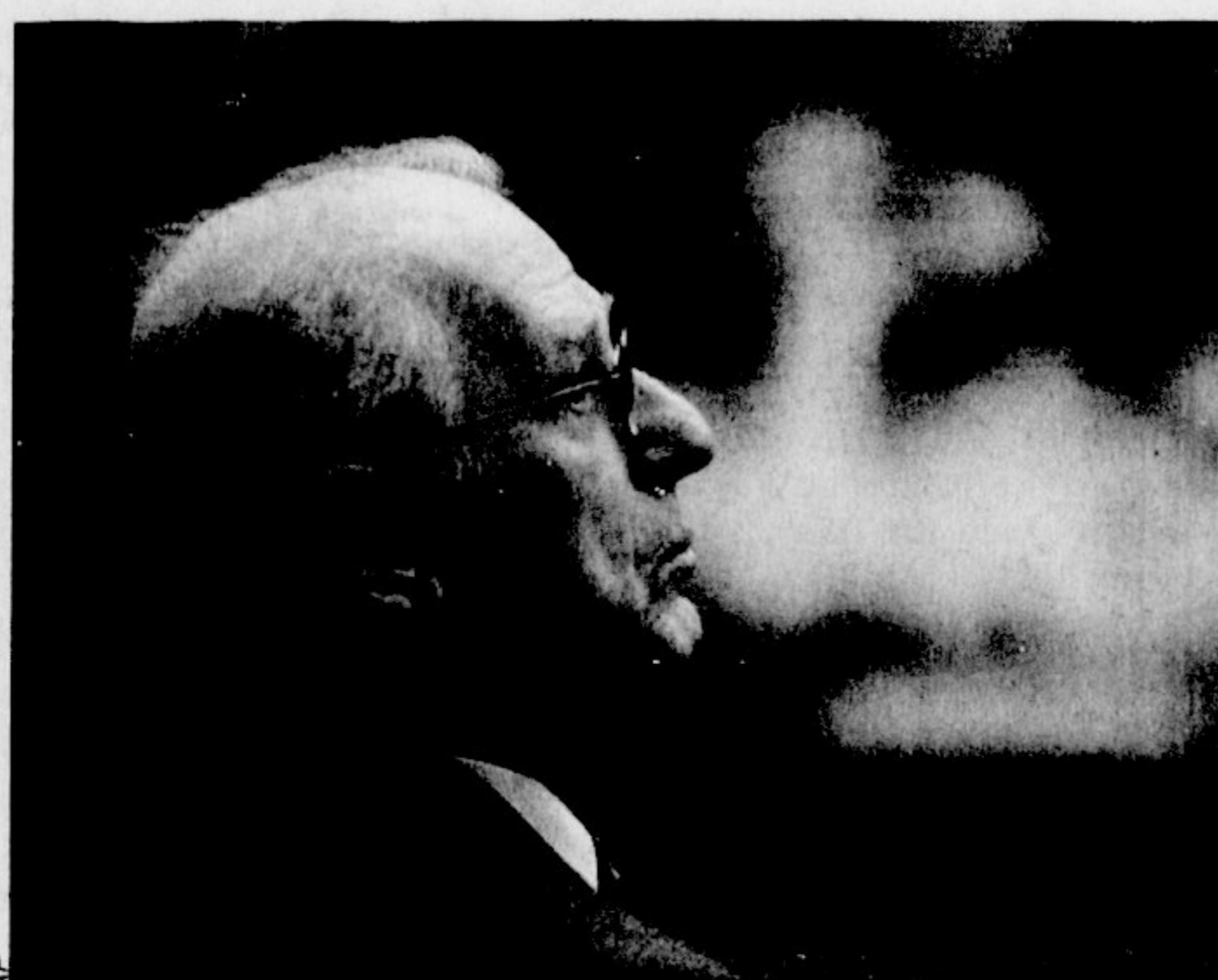
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# Judge sentences defrocked priest 12 to 15 years in prison for raping boy



Paul Shanley looks up during his sentencing.

BOSTON (AP) — Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, a central figure in the Boston Archdiocese clergy sex abuse scandal, was sentenced Tuesday to 12 to 15 years in prison for raping a boy repeatedly in the 1980s, sometimes in a church confessional.

"It is difficult to imagine a more egregious misuse of trust and authority," Judge Stephen Neel said in imposing the term. But he turned aside a prosecutor's request for a life sentence.

Shanley, 74, once known for being a hip "street priest" who

reached out to troubled children and homosexuals, was convicted last week of two counts each of child rape and indecent assault and battery on a child.

He will be eligible for parole after serving two-thirds of his sentence, or eight years. He was also sentenced to 10 years' probation.

The case hinged on the reliability of the accuser's memories of the abuse, which he said he recovered three years ago as the clergy sex abuse scandal unfolded in the media.

Prosecutor Lynn Rooney had

recommended a life sentence, saying Shanley used his position of authority to gain the trust of the boys he then molested.

"He used his collar and he used his worshipped status in that community," said Rooney. "There has been no remorse shown on the part of this defendant. There has been no acceptance of responsibility."

Shanley's lawyer, Frank Mondano, did not suggest a specific term, but asked Neel to allow Shanley to serve his sentence in a county lockup rather than state prison. The judge refused. Another notorious pedophile priest, John Geoghan, was killed in a Massachusetts state prison, allegedly by a fellow inmate.

Mondano said the prosecution's case was built on "villification, half truths and lies." He has said he plans to appeal.

Among the spectators who packed the courtroom for Shanley's sentencing hearing were other people who accused Shanley of sexually abusing them but were not part of the criminal case. As Shanley was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, they burst into applause and one man called out "Goodbye."

Victims of abusive priests and their advocates were pleased by the sentence, saying it could amount to life in prison given Shan-

ley's age and a heart condition. "The important thing is that he's off the streets," said David Clohessy, national director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "We're relieved and grateful and believe Massachusetts is a safer place because of this decision."

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter in a suburb of Boston, said the former priest would pull him from Sunday morning catechism classes at St. Jean's parish in Newton and rape and fondle him. The abuse began in 1983, when he was six years old, and continued for six years, he said.

Rooney read a written statement by Shanley's accuser. "I want him to die in prison," the man's statement said. "I hope it is slow and painful."

The accuser's wife addressed Shanley in court, saying "no words can ever explain my disgust for you. You are a coward. You hid behind God."

"You robbed my little boy of his innocence," the accuser's father told Shanley. "You destroyed his understanding of good and bad and right and wrong."

During the trial, the accuser broke down on the witness stand as he described in graphic detail being abused by Shanley in a church bathroom, rectory, confessional and pews.

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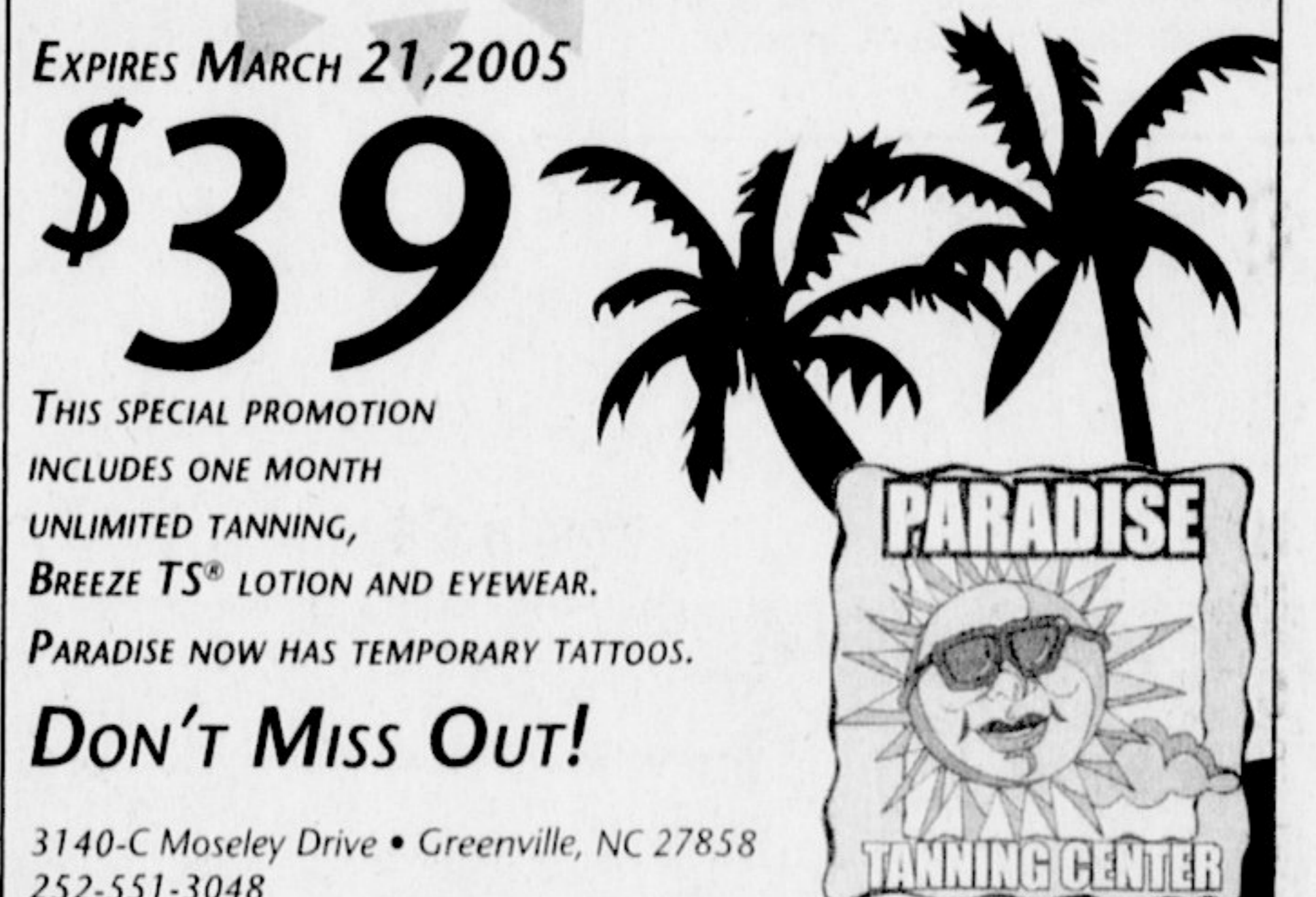
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Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi visits a museum in Tehran.

## Iran claims U.S. has been spying in nuclear sites

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The United States has been flying spy drones over Iran's nuclear sites, Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said Wednesday, responding for the first time to reports of American unmanned surveillance craft over Iran.

"Most of the shining objects that our people see in Iran's airspace are American spying equipment used to spy on Iran's nuclear and military facilities," the minister told reporters.

His remarks supported a report Sunday in *The Washington Post* that quoted unnamed U.S. officials as saying the drones have been flying over Iran for nearly a year to seek evidence of nuclear weapons programs.

The newspaper said the drones had been leaving from U.S. military bases in Iraq and were equipped with air filters designed to pick up traces of nuclear activity.

"U.S. spying activities over Iranian airspace have been going since a long time ago," Yunesi said.

"These activities won't reveal anything to them," Yunesi said of the Americans. "That's to say, it won't give them anything new."

"Our nuclear activities are open and very transparent. Our military activities are all legal," Yunesi said. He spoke while visiting a prison for dissidents under the Shah that has been turned into a museum.

In December, the Iranian air force was ordered to shoot down

any unknown flying objects. At the time, there were reports in Iranian newspapers that Iran had discovered spying devices in the pilotless planes that it had shot down.

"If any of the bright objects come close, they will definitely meet our fire and will be shot down. We possess the necessary equipment to confront them," Yunesi said.

Last month, Yunesi said the United States had been conducting aerial surveillance, but he didn't mention drones or nuclear sites.

Iranian media has been gripped by a kind of "flying object" fever with dozens of reported sightings in recent weeks. State-run media has reported numerous sightings of unknown objects flying over parts of Iran where nuclear facilities are located.

The objects were spotted near Natanz — which has a uranium enrichment plant — and Isfahan, which has a facility for producing uranium hexafluoride gas, the feedstock for enriching uranium.

Uranium enriched to low grades is used for fuel in nuclear reactors, but further enrichment makes it suitable for atomic bombs.

The United States accuses Iran of having a secret program to manufacture nuclear weapons. Iran denies this, saying its nuclear program is entirely for the generation of electricity.

## 'Baby 81' reunited with parents

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka (AP) — "Baby 81," the infant claimed by nine couples after he miraculously survived the tsunami, was reunited with his parents Wednesday in the joyous conclusion to an agonizing custody battle that captured hearts around the world.

Smiling with relief, Jenita Jeyarajah took the baby, dressed in blue, from a doctor's arms in a courtroom packed with onlookers after the judge said DNA tests confirmed the baby is her 4-month-old son Abilass.

"Look how happy he is! He knows the scent of his parents!" gushed the father, Murugupillai Jeyarajah. "After returning to us, he still hasn't cried."

The couple went straight from the court to a Hindu temple to give thanks for their son's return and smash a coconut in ritual fulfillment of a vow. Relatives joined them, chanting prayers and raising their hands in worship as the father carried the child around the shrine.

It was just the first of many temples the couple planned to visit Wednesday.

The relieved parents also paid a brief visit to the rubble of their home, where the raging waters snatched the boy from his mother's arms on Dec. 26.

He was later found on a beach among bodies and debris and taken to the Kalmunai hospital.

Baby 81, so-called because he was the day's 81st admission, was quickly claimed by nine couples, including the Jeyarajahs, symbolizing the anguish of thousands of families who lost children in the disaster.

Later Wednesday, the Jeyarajahs reached their temporary residence — a modest, concrete, one-story house where Jenita's aunt lives with her family.



Abilass Jeyarajah, or baby 81, is seen shortly after being reunited with her parents.

The hospital refused to release the baby until the matter was settled in court although the other couples never pursued their claims.

It has been a wrenching seven weeks for the couple.

Forbidden to even pick up their son, the Jeyarajahs at one point barged into the hospital to get the baby and were briefly detained after a scuffle with the staff. The parents then threatened to commit suicide unless the baby was returned to them.

On Feb. 8, the couple and the baby traveled separately to a Colombo clinic for DNA testing, paid for by UNICEF.

At Wednesday's court proceedings, Kalmunai Judge M.P. Mohaideen officially declared the couple to be the boy's parents, apologized for the inconvenience and wished Abilass a prosperous future.

Murugupillai, a barber, said he planned to stay with Abilass for several days before returning to work.

"I want to teach my child well and bring him up as any other parents would," Murugupillai told *The Associated Press*, cradling the boy in his arms.

According to U.N. estimates, children accounted for a staggering 40 percent, or 12,000, of Sri Lanka's tsunami death toll of nearly 31,000. About 1,000 children were orphaned by the tsunami and another 3,200 lost one parent.

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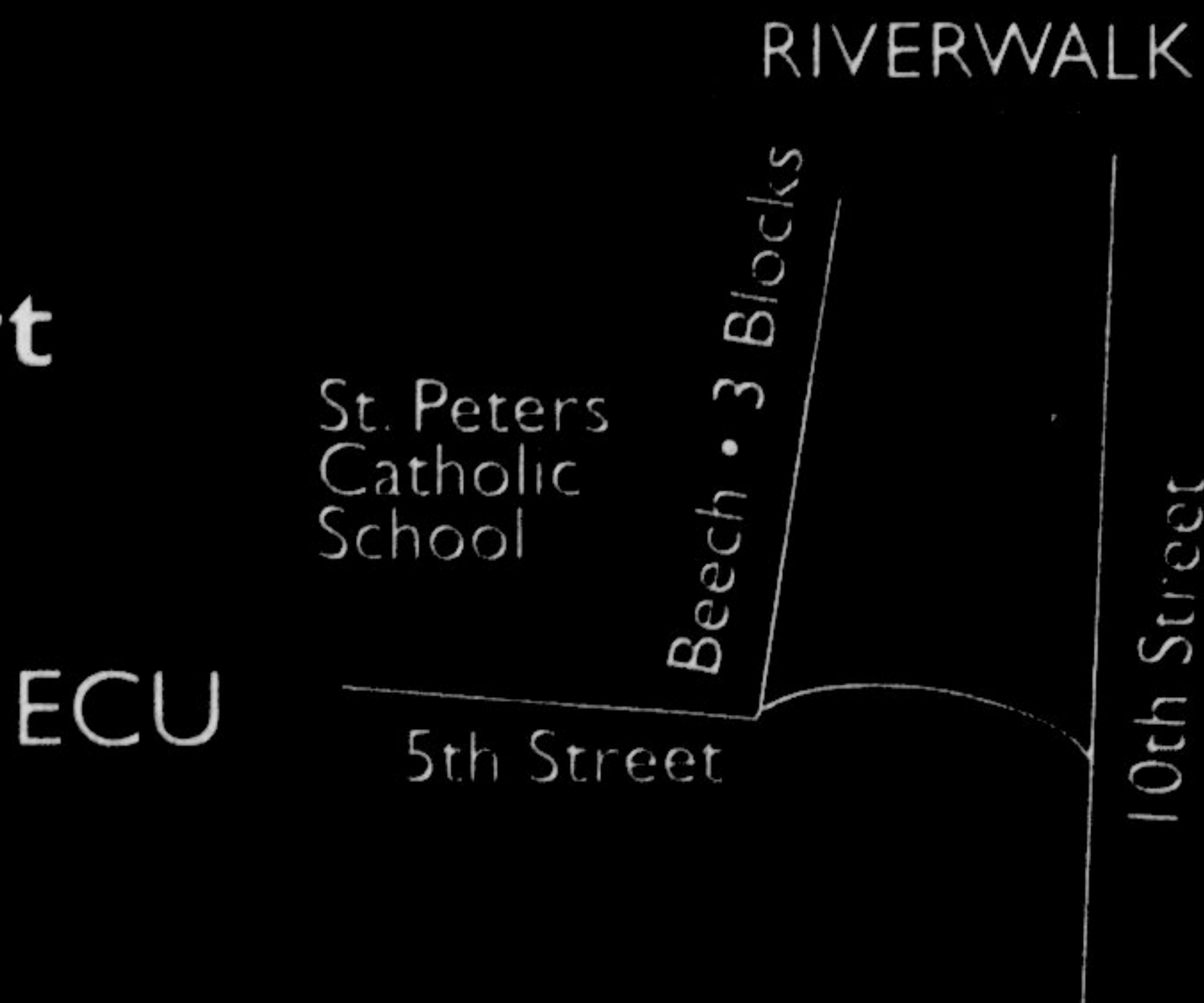
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**Local Concerts:**

Hoobastank will be playing at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets range from \$17.50 - 19.50.

Bowling for Soup, featuring American Hi-Fi, MC Lars and the Riddlin Kids will be at the Lincoln Theatre Feb 17.

Rascal Flatts featuring Blake Shelton will be at the Colonial Center in Columbia, SC Saturday, Feb. 19. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Jimmy Buffett will be at the Charlotte Coliseum Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Interpol featuring Blonde Redhead will be at the Disco Rodeo in Raleigh Sunday, Feb. 27.

Universoul Circus will be performing at the Alltel Pavilion in Raleigh, March 8 - 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Elvis Costello and The Imposters will be at the Grady Cole Center in Charlotte March 8.

The Juliana Theory will be at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro Wednesday, March 9.

The Eagles will be performing at the RBC Center in Raleigh March 11. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley will be in Raleigh Sunday, April 17. The location has yet to be announced.

Ani DiFranco will be at the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro April 23.

Kenny Chesney will be at the Colonial Center in Columbia, SC Saturday, April 23.

**Recipes****Low Carb New York Ricotta Cheesecake**

24 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1 cup extra-fine whole milk ricotta cheese  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 1/2 cups sugar substitute (Splenda)  
1/3 cup heavy cream  
1 tablespoon no sugar added vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
2 eggs  
3 egg yolks  
Special Equipment:  
1 (8-inch) springform cake pan  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Spray the springform pan with nonstick vegetable oil cooking spray. Set aside. In a shallow roasting pan big enough to fit the cake pan, pour about 1-inch of water and place it on the center rack of the oven to preheat. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat softened cream cheese, ricotta, sour cream and sugar substitute on low speed for about 1 minute until well blended. In a separate bowl, using a wire whisk, mix heavy cream, vanilla, lemon juice, eggs and egg yolks until blended. Turn the mixer on medium speed, and slowly pour the egg mixture into the cream cheese mixture. Beat just until blended and then turn off - be careful not to over- whip. Pour batter into the greased springform pan. Place pan into the heated water bath. Bake for 15 minutes and then lower the oven temperature to 275 degrees F. Continue baking for 1 1/2 hours, or until top is light golden brown and cake is pulling away from the sides of the pan. Turn the oven off when finished cooking and leave the cake in the oven to cool for 3 more hours. (This will keep the cake nice and tall.) Then remove cake and refrigerate before serving. Serve chilled.

**Grilled Honey Lime Chicken Sandwiches**

1 lime, juiced  
2 tablespoons honey  
1 rounded teaspoon cumin  
Cilantro, about 1/2 tablespoon  
2 tablespoons oil  
4 boneless skinless chicken breast  
1 teaspoon grill seasoning  
Toppings: lettuce, tomato, red onion and sliced avocado  
1 cup prepared salsa verde  
4 crusty rolls, split

Combine first 5 ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle chicken with seasoning blend or salt and pepper. Coat chicken in dressing and set aside for 10 minutes. Grill chicken on an indoor electric grill for six to seven minutes on each side or pan fry over medium high heat in a large nonstick skillet uncovered six minutes per side. Slice chicken breasts on an angle and pile meat roll bottoms. Top with lettuce, tomato, red onion and sliced avocado. Spread salsa on roll tops as a condiment. Serve the sandwiches with Five Vegetable Slaw Salad and assorted tortilla chips.

**Tradition may be unhealthy**  
*Fast food - the good, the bad and the ugly*TOMEKA STEELE  
SENIOR WRITER

Fast food is as much a part of American society as apple pie. Its popularity has crossed deserts and oceans and the world is feeling its effects. Fast food is convenient because most people live life on the go but it's one of the reasons why America is becoming a "fat" country.

"In 2003, 15 states had obesity prevalence rates of 15-19 percent - 31 states had rates of 20-24 percent - four states had rates more than 25 percent," according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The percents of obesity prevalence have increased in the past two years to astonishing levels. Some of the main causal factors of obesity are an inactive lifestyle, environmental factors and behavior. Today, many people seldom have time to cook a well balanced meal and fast food has become a way of life.

"The only good thing about fast food is that it is right there, you get it in five seconds and it is convenient. It is very unhealthy and fast food chains can get away with it because people need to get quick meals on the run. I like how some places are trying to replace certain items with healthy things like Wendy's letting you get a side salad or chili or a potato instead of fries. There needs to be fast food places that actually serve healthy food instead of strictly burgers, fries and chicken," said Misty Mann, junior elementary education major.

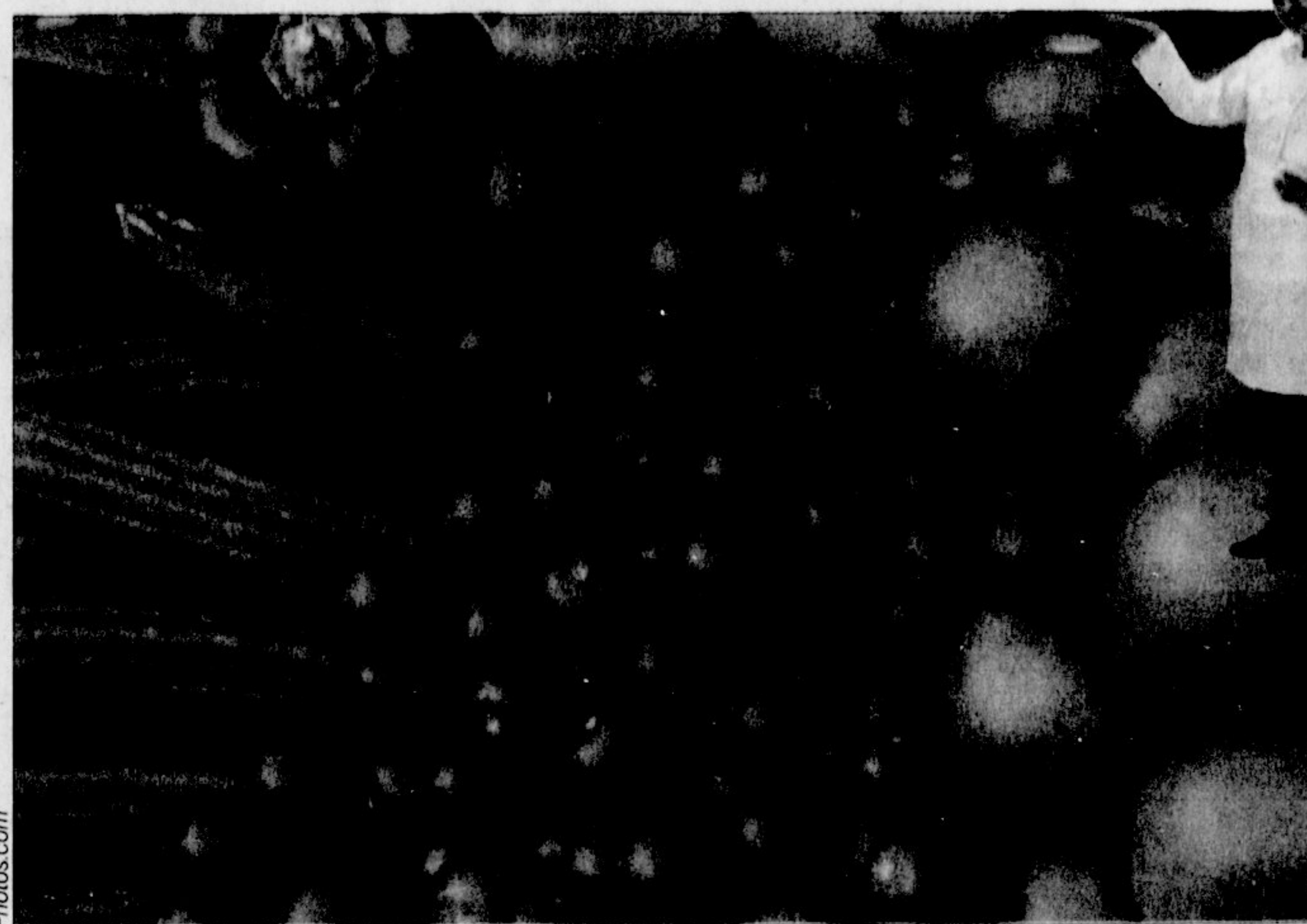
Many people blame fast food restaurants on their health problems. In 2002, Caesar Barber, a 272 pound 56 year old, filed a lawsuit against McDonald's, KFC, Wendy's and Burger King. Barber claimed that he'd become addicted to fast food since he couldn't cook and because of it suffered two heart attacks and was diagnosed with diabetes over a 30 year period.

In New York, the same year, another case was filed by Gregory Rhymes. Rhymes, a 15-year-old boy, filed suit because he claimed his addiction to McDonald's put him at a weight of 400 pounds, even though he wasn't very tall. His mother believed McDonald's didn't accurately describe the levels of cholesterol, fat and salt their food contained.

Fast food, mainly McDonald's, was put in the spotlight by the documentary *Super Size Me* this year. Directed by and starring in the movie was Morgan Spurlock. The film documents many interviews Spurlock had with various credible and non-credible sources about the increase in America's weight. Spurlock also shows the horror of the fast food phenomenon by subjecting himself to eating nothing but McDonald's everyday, three times a day for a month.

"Fast food is gross and of course it's not healthy. I cook for

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STAFF WRITER

Funny things happen sometimes, like the satellite or cable blacking out. A 150-channel satellite dish can be reduced to just TV Land and Food TV. Sheer curiosity will lead some people to their first viewing of a food show.

Once under the spell of the Food Network, part of a network that includes 80 million United States' households and 4 million surfers, according to the Food Network Web site, addiction occurs. Programming today on the Food Network isn't just "mix this, whip this, bake this for ten minutes and enjoy" television. The shows feature likeable personalities who spend the airtime introducing you to the cultural background of the food, or the scientific makeup of the food. Some of the shows are solely about the backgrounds of dishes and don't teach how to make them.

Consider Emeril Lagasse, a chef from Massachusetts who now rivals Julia Child in terms of image and fame. His trademark "Bam!" and upbeat attitude in the kitchen have earned him fame beyond the

food community. His shows, "Essence of Emeril" and "Emeril Live" have turned him into a personality so large, he even starred as himself in a comedy show for a few months on NBC in 2001. Lagasse still works with enormously popular live shows where he cooks for the audience, entertaining as well as filling them.

The Food Network has transformed the art of cooking by putting aspects of the industry out for a TV audience to see. Following the Discovery Channel and their behind the motorcycle hit "American Chopper," the exposure has generated far more interest in the food industry. Food Network welcomes viewers into the kitchens of the world and shows them food with the depth of an "El True Hollywood Story."

"Good Eats" and host Alton Brown had an episode dealing with macaroni and cheese, entitled "For Whom the Cheese Melts," teaches how to find the right cookware and ingredients, as well as explaining some of the science behind the dish. The approach of this show, mixed with some dry yet chuckle-worthy comedy, goes beyond the blue box and turns anyone who watches into a de-facto macaroni and cheese expert.

As with any major television network, Food Network

features shows that cater to all demographics. There's "The Naked Chef" with chef Jamie Oliver taking his act to the streets, cooking food for friends in a show that seems to aim at the 20-something generation. For the kitchen-disabled individual, there's "Food 911" with host Tyler Florence, who goes around teaching America's helpless would-be cooks how to make amazing dishes. To serve the group that watches its weight, "Cooking Thin" with Kathleen Daelemans unveils her weight-loss secrets, and viewers should pay attention - she lost 80 pounds on her diet. Italians who crave the best in Italian food should tune to Mario Batali and his show, "Ciao America." Food Network even serves up a sporting culinary show, "Iron Chef," which serves as the battleground between a seasoned cook (no pun intended) and an ambitious challenger. This show is taped in Japan and broadcast with English voiceovers and the network recently adapted an Americanized version in English.

Tracy May, freshman math education major, happens to enjoy a show called "\$40 a Day," where host Rachael Ray travels the world eating some of the best food on only \$40.

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**Italian food, traditions, how Americans adapt own ideas****Having a traditional Italian meal**TIFFANY CURRY  
STAFF WRITER

Everyone can think of at least one Italian dish they love, whether it's pizza, spaghetti, lasagna or chicken parmesan. There is a dish for everyone to choose from.

"I love Italian food," said Shannon Spence, sophomore health education major.

"It tastes the best in Italy though."

That may be true, but not

many of us will be lucky enough to travel to Italy and experience the taste of traditional Italian food. There is much more to Italian food than just the great taste, Italian food is all about family, traditions, values and culture.

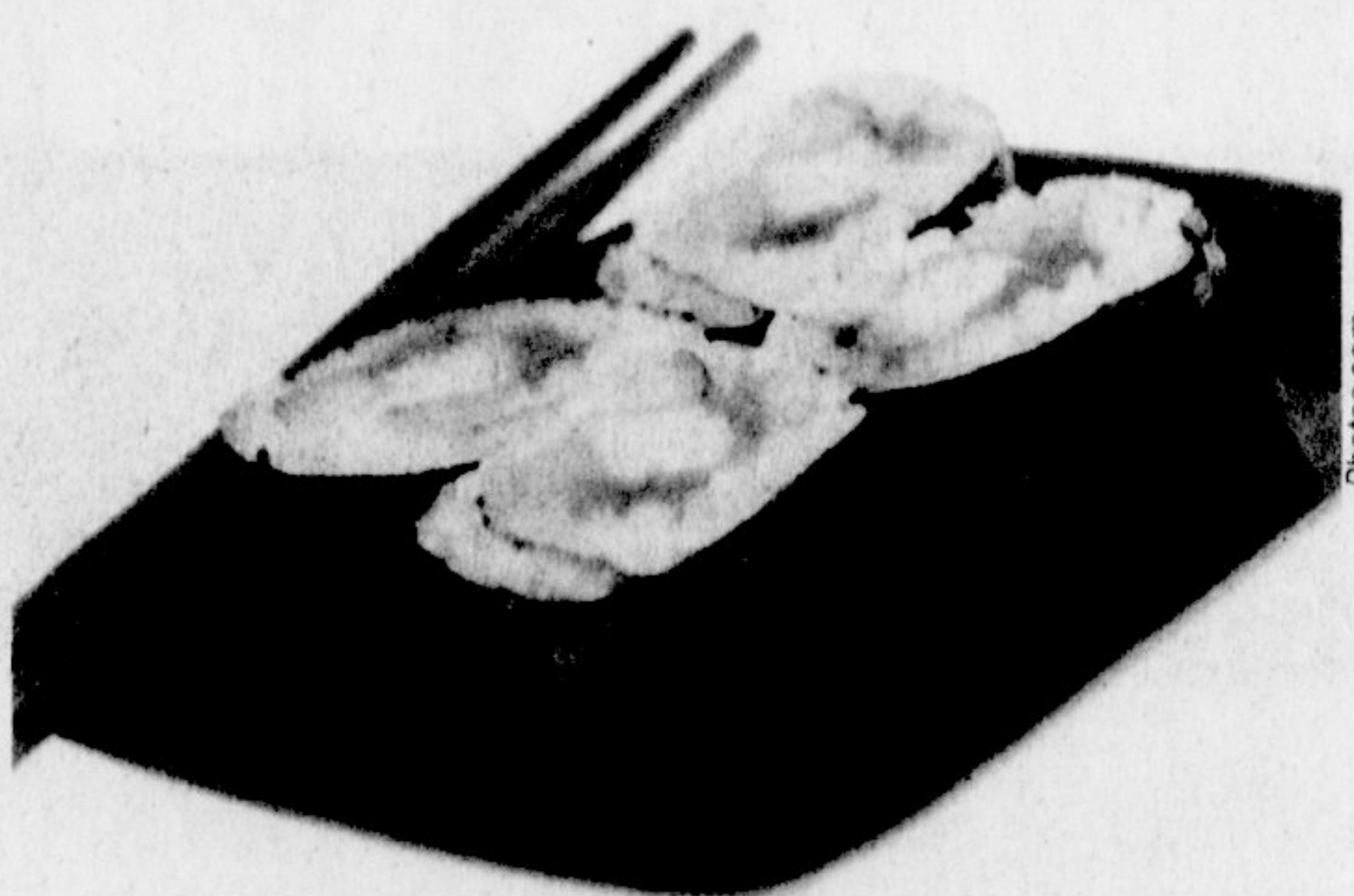
In Italian culture, spending time with your family consists of sitting around the table having a big meal. Good food is of great importance to Italians and they put a lot of time and effort into making their dishes perfect. Customarily lunch was the main meal and families always ate together, but unfortunately this tradition is slowly disappearing because people are working

longer hours and businesses are no longer closing for lunch.

The main meal would normally consist of an appetizer, pasta and a main course of meat or fish. The appetizers are made up of cold meats and vegetables such as prosciutto (a type of spiced ham), salami, olives and artichoke hearts. Italy is a producer of a lot of wine for export and most of the time wine is served with the meals.

Each region of Italy has its own variations on pastas. In the north, ribbon shaped pastas served with cream sauces are the

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**Asian food, style, culture combine locally****Traditional Asian foods making way into America**KRISTIN MURNANE  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India. Food isn't the first thing that comes to mind when these countries are mentioned.

Asian food has always been an important part of both Asian culture and their economy and is quickly becoming a part of American culture as well. Sushi bars, Mongolian grills and Chinese restaurants are just a few examples of Asian food establishments in Greenville alone.

Popular Asian meals consist of fish, seeing as southeastern Asia and Japan are bordered by the Pacific and Indian Oceans,

but can also include meats like chicken, beef and pork. According to a Northern Illinois University study, twice as much fish is consumed in southeast Asia than any other form of animal protein. Rice is the most widely used carbohydrate in Asia, which has been harvested in the region for centuries. Rice is used in most every Asian meal.

Asian food is generally cooked in a wok, a deep frying pan, and all meats are chopped into small pieces to make cooking faster. Also, instead of using forks and knives like most Western cultures, chopsticks are used as Asian utensils. Examples of Asian food include stir fry, in which vegetables and meat are mixed with a variety of spices in a deep wok and sushi, a mix of raw fish and/or vegetables wrapped in seaweed and rice. Many East Indian foods are spiced with curry powder, which can be added to any kind of meats or vegetables.

For those of you who happen to like cooking, Food Network has a recipe for Asian spring rolls.

Begin by gathering rice paper, a bowl of warm water, sprouts, julienned carrots, julienned Napa cabbage and julienned red peppers. Dip the rice paper into the bowl of warm water to soften it. Then lay it out on a damp towel. Arrange a few sprouts, carrots, cabbage, red peppers on the lower bottom of the rice paper. Fold the right and left sides over the filling and roll up tightly. Place seam side down on serving platter. This should make for an enjoyable Asian treat.

There are many Asian students on this campus who feel food is a very intricate theme in the lives of the healthy Asian people.

"My favorite Korean foods are baechu kimchi, gimbab and yaki mandu. My mom is Korean and the best cook in the world. I can't go to Asian restaurants and eat egg rolls because hers are so much better," said Nicholas Walters, senior industrial technology major.

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**Spicing it up***Hispanic food important to U.S.*DANIELLE WIGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

Hispanic food is rapidly becoming one of America's top food choices. Ever wondered if the restaurant you are eating at offers authentic recipes? Truth is, there is a different recipe for every group, family and region. All Hispanic food is different and equally as mouthwatering as the next. Some Hispanic foods have been Americanized, but only those who are familiar with authentic food can distinguish one from another. There is no right or wrong way to prepare Hispanic foods, as long as it is shared with your family.

The three largest groups in America are Cubans, Puerto Ricans and Mexican. Hispanic ingredients vary by regions or countries from beans to spices. For example, Cuban food (much similar to Puerto Rican food), uses black peppers, oregano and black beans, while Puerto Ricans may use pigeon peas and rice. Mexican food has more



Traditional meat, vegetables.

corn, wheat and pinto beans, also considering down the road adopting a little American ingredients to their cuisine. Many identify Hispanic food as spicy and extremely hot, however mild chili and peppers are usually used as ingredients. In preparing your own versions, the cuisine is only as spicy as you make it.

Ethnic foods have many cultural influences contributing to Spanish cuisine, like many European ingredients.

"Hispanic cultures have a big influence on American foods," said Natali Justice, Chico's Mexican Restaurant manager and bartender.

"Spanish food is the mother of all foods, it's all like a big melting pot," said Miguel Hernandez, employer of El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant.

The support of Hispanic foods has caused a major increase in both restaurant chains and super markets. The more Hispanic food becomes a household 'usual,' the more products and restaurants there will be.

"Hispanic shoppers spend more on food purchases because of their large families and their home cooked meals," according to the Hispanic American Influence Web site. Hispanics usually purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from the market. Like many other cultures, food is an important aspect of all Hispanic cultures, therefore, the bigger the appetite, the healthier you are considered to be.

So, what restaurants in Greenville offer true authentic Hispanic food? Try El Ranchito, located on 10th Street next to McDonald's.

"The top items on our menu are quesadillas and sopa de pollo (chicken soup)," Hernandez said.

If not try, El Tapatio, located on Arlington Boulevard.

"Our ingredients are all original from Mexican recipes," said Mario Rodriguez, manager of El Tapatio.

If you are looking for something a little closer, visit Chico's Mexican Restaurant, located on Cotanche Street, across from U.B.E.

"My personal favorites are the fajitas, pollo cusesera, which is a chicken dish and our famous shrimp taco," Justice said.

"Chico's offers all authentic Mexican spices and recipes."

Get out there and try something different. If you don't get a chance to visit these places, try some cheese flan from Mexican, com.

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"The Food Network helps students learn how to spend their money wisely. They also teach us how to prepare meals, which is really important when you are first living on your own," said May.

"Plus, they get us hungry."  
So, is food television really making a noticeable splash? Ask Lagasse. According to his Web site, emerils.com, he was voted as one of *People* magazine's "25 Most Intriguing People of the Year" in 1999 and as of 2003, 3.5 million of his books had been sold. United Media Licensing identified the network itself in 2003 as one of the top five fastest growing cable TV networks.

It's not the USA network, it's definitely not HBO and it will never be Comedy Central. Perhaps most of the network's chefs are hardly recognizable and can safely make it down the street without being noticed and mobbed by a sea of admirers. It is no guarantee - at best it is a remote thought - that one episode of "The Naked Chef" will empower you to produce breathtakingly good quiche or cook the perfect rack of lamb.

Yet, the Food Network is a staple of television and will continue to be as long as people like to eat, because it has transformed from directions and stirring pots under the camera to a cultural educational experience that everyone wants to know, even in passing.

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Cooking can bring different cultures together.

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most popular. In the south, macaroni served with tomato sauces are the favorite. Pizza is another dish you can find different variations on when traveling from one region to another.

Since most of us will never travel to Italy we have to make do with what we have right here in our own towns. Places such as Olive Garden are a favorite of many students on campus. But chain restaurants are not the only places you can find great Italian food.

"I think the best Italian food is served at the family owned restaurants," said Kendra Shaw, sophomore psychology major.

"My favorite Italian restaurant from back home is run by a local family and I can not find that restaurant anywhere else but there."

For those of us who can't afford to go to Italy, but also can't afford to go out to eat, here is a quick and simple recipe for Baked Ziti. Gather ingredients which include one pound dry ziti pasta, one onion (chopped), one pound lean ground beef, two (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce, six ounces provolone cheese (sliced), one and a half cups sour cream, six ounces mozzarella cheese (shredded) and two tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes - drain. In a large skillet, brown onion and ground beef over medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce and simmer 15 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9x13 inch-baking dish. Layer

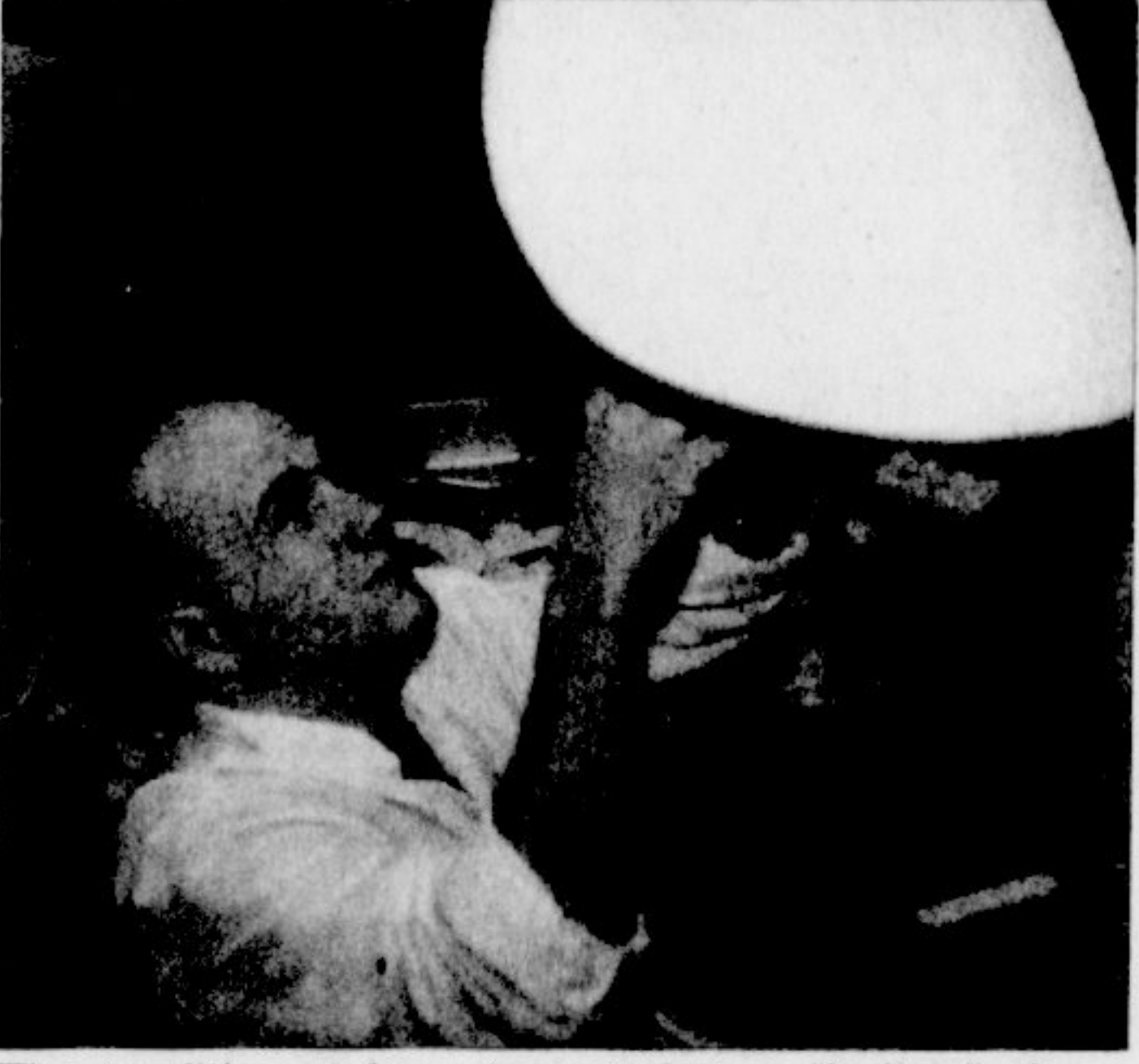


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The traditional American twist on "Italian" pizza at Upper Crust Bakery during the night shift.

half of the ziti, provolone cheese, sour cream, half of the sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese. Bake for 30 minutes in preheated oven or until cheese is melted.

Italian food is filled with heritage as well as taste. Step outside the box for dinner tonight.

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myself and make sure I eat by portions. *Super Size Me* was an awesome movie and everyone should see it. It showed that people and companies have a responsibility when it comes to what they eat," said Ashley Williams, junior social work major.

McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Pizza Hut, Bojangles' and Subway all have one thing in common ... they're everywhere and most not so healthy. McDonald's has the most items on its menu with the most total calories and is second to Burger King in fat calories when compared to these other fast food chains. A 10 piece of Chicken Selects Strips Alone has 590 fat calories. They do offer some salads that have 150 fat calories or less.

Next up is Burger King which has the most items with fat calories. One Double Whopper with cheese packs 620 fat calories. Then there's the infamous Wendy's with their lovely dollar menu. A Classic Triple burger with everything has 510 fat calories. Wendy's does seem to be trying to make healthy improvements.

Wendy's recently started the promotion of its substitute menu which allows customers to substitute a healthy option such as a side salad or potato instead of the 200 fat calorie french fries. Speaking of french fries, Bojangles' is highly praised here at ECU, but just one order has 171 fat calories. Oddly enough, Pizza Hut comes in fourth place. An extra large pepperoni pizza, 16 inches wide has 210 fat calories.

Lastly is Subway, which has been made the most popular health conscience fast food restaurant because of their subs with seven grams of fat or less. Subway has a variety of soups and subs with 35 fat calories or less. With all the types of healthy meat and vegetables, this idea is hard to resist.

Now that we all know the dangers of excessive fast food hopefully we will all make better decisions when it comes to food. It's sad that the rate of overweight children is growing to atrocious numbers. We all need to re-evaluate what's more important. Is it getting food fast or slowing down and enjoying a more healthy life with well balanced meals?

"Fast food is only as good as the person willing to work it off," said Everson Godfrey, junior sociology major.

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# American food traditions popular throughout country, events



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*The well recognized and the not so well recognized*

ASHLEY WHEDBEE  
STAFF WRITER

Food is one of the things we need for survival, but it is also something that has become a part of many American traditions. We have those certain foods we eat on holidays and many geographical locations

are known for certain foods. Not only that, but fast food was started in America. America is a melting pot of cultures and their foods.

When many people think of holidays, one of the first things that enter their thoughts are the foods we eat. We love them, we look forward to them and we can call them out quicker than our professors' names.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas, many of us look forward to turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, collard greens, cornbread and casseroles galore. We can hardly wait for the morning to come so we can open presents, meet with family and then eat until we feel like we could explode without feeling guilty. It's a great sensation.

"Holidays are good, not just for the food, but for the company. It's one of the few times a year when your family actually sits down to dinner together and it makes the food that much better," said Diane Lareau, senior

communication major.

Other holidays also have their traditional foods. On the fourth of July, you can smell Americans cooking out from one neighborhood to the next. Hotdogs and hamburgers covered in ketchup, mustard and all the dressings. We fry up french fries or snack on chips. We indulge in cookies and cakes. The list is never ending.

And don't forget about sporting events and barbeques. Americans carry on these traditions and the food served at these events is a tradition in itself. It is difficult to imagine going to a Major League Baseball game without getting a hotdog or a bag of peanuts.

We as Americans love fried chicken and macaroni and cheese or barbeque plates with hush puppies that are featured at picnics.

Of course, some foods in America are not quite as traditional, or at least, we don't think of them that way. The fast food industry was born in America.

Everyone knows that person who loves McDonald's, Burger King, KFC, Taco Bell or Bojangles'. Some people just can't stay away from the quarter-pounder or the 5-piece bucket of chicken. And although they may not seem like much of an American tradition, they're actually a part of some people's everyday routine. However, others try to stay away from the industry of convenience and timeliness.

"Fast food is extremely unhealthy. I try not to eat it any more except on very few occasions. It's also just cheaper to buy food and cook it," said Cory Arrowood, graduate student.

But the perks of fast food can't be denied. "Fast food's not completely all bad. It's more convenient to simply drive up, order and receive food. Americans are always pressed for time and don't really relax enough," Arrowood said.

America gave birth to the fast food industry and keeps it alive

with its changing society. According to Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*, about half of the money used to buy food today is spent in restaurants, particularly fast food restaurants. He also reports that the typical American now consumes three hamburgers and four orders of fries every week. With all the selections, it's not hard to see why many Americans choose this timely option.

There are also traditional foods by geographical locations and states. For example, the official muffin for Massachusetts is the corn muffin and the official cookie for New Mexico is the biscochito. The more commonly recognized geographical foods include Maine's lobsters, Mississippi mudpies, Maryland's crabs, Florida's fish, California for its pizza, Georgia for their peaches and the South for fried chicken. The point is clear.

Some places even have a state meal and the United States alone

is famous for its apple pies.

So whether it is turkey and ham, hamburgers and hotdogs or chocolate cakes and apple pies, we as Americans are surrounded by traditional foods. We walk by a restaurant and smell the steaks or drive by a fast food restaurant and can almost taste the chargrilled burger and we love it. We have options galore and never seem to get tired of eating.

People gather on holidays or make a quick stop on a trip. Calling ahead for orders or gather so everyone can bring a dish. We pick up a basket of fries and a soda at a football game or get our faces dirty with barbeque chicken at a cookout. Maybe we need a motto for our American food traditions. Keep on eating. That's it, let go of the diet every now and then and simply enjoy. Here in America, food is a tradition, so live it up. Be grateful, be happy and be full.

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# The season that never was

*Bettman cancels season at press conference*

**TONY ZOPPO**  
SPORTS EDITOR

During a press conference Tuesday afternoon, National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the cancellation of the 2004-2005 NHL season.

"This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided," said Bettman.

"When I stood before you in September, I said NHL teams would not play again until our economic problems had been solved.

"As I stand before you today, it is my sad duty to announce that because that solution has not yet been attained, it no longer is practical to conduct even an abbreviated season. Accordingly, I have no choice but to announce the formal cancellation of play for 2004-2005."

The cancellation marks the NHL as the first North American professional sports league to ever have an entire season wiped out due to labor disputes. It will also be the first time the Stanley Cup hasn't been awarded since the 1919 season when an influenza epidemic cut the post-season short.

Already low in popularity in various parts of the U.S., losing an entire season will surely further hurt the NHL in ticket sales (among other things) when the league does resume play. Bettman made a point to apologize to all the fans during the press conference.

"Every professional sports league owes its very existence to its fans," Bettman said.

"Everyone associated with the NHL owes our fans an apology for being unable to accomplish what is necessary for our game and our fans. We are truly sorry."

The announcement comes on the 153rd day of the lockout and after a flurry of offers and counteroffers exchanged between the league and players association.

Progress had seemingly been made in the last couple days when the players finally buckled and decided to concede to a salary cap while the owners backed off their demands for linking player costs to revenue. However, the bump in the road was how much the salary cap would be.

At first, the owners wanted no more than a \$40 million cap and the NHLPA countered with \$52 million. The NHL made what they said was their final offer at \$42.5 million and the players came back with one last counteroffer of a \$49 million cap which was ultimately rejected by the league.

Bettman stated at the press conference that although those proposals were put on the table, the two sides were not as close to an agreement as people may have thought.

From the beginning, the NHLPA has shown poor organization within itself and in trying to negotiate with league but many players are angry a deal wasn't reached so that the season could be saved. Among those players is Dallas Stars' forward Mike Madano who criticized Bettman in Tuesday's edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

"The NHL has totally deteriorated the last 10 years under Gary's regime," said Madano.

"The game isn't like it used to be. Now we're asked to fix a lot of

people's problems and as players we don't feel we should do that."

The NHL certainly isn't like it was ten years ago, particularly in relation to the issues at hand during the last lockout. Unlike the lockout of 1994-95, which was more about issues such as salary arbitration, entry-level salaries and free agency, the sticking point for the administration and owners this time around has been the salary cap and linking player costs and revenue. This would create a cost certainty in a league that has anything but, especially when it comes to player cost.

The NHL reported 19 clubs were losing money through the 2002-2003 and owners had lost over \$1.5 billion over the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, which spans back to 1993.

The primary reason for these losses are due to player salaries skyrocketing (\$50,000 to 1.8 billion from 1994-2002) and the fact that the players take a whopping 76 percent of the league revenue, by leaps and bounds more than any other professional sport in the U.S.

For younger players who have moved on to Europe for this season such as Vincent Lecavalier, Petr Forsberg, Teemu Selanne and Saku Koivu, there will be a league to come back to eventually. However, for older players such as Chris Chelios, Brendan Shanahan and Mark Messier, the cancelled season may cut their careers shorter than they would have liked.

[Quotes courtesy of the Associated Press with exception to the *Dallas Morning News* excerpt]

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## OPINION

*Goodenow and union largely to blame*

**TONY ZOPPO**  
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I don't pretend to know what Bob Goodenow's job is like day in and day out but I do know one thing - he is the key to this NHL season being cancelled.

The NHLPA is easily the weakest union in major professional sports today. I'll be the first to say that the players are my favorite guys in the world. I love NHL players. But this lockout was a joke. Goodenow and the players were unable to get together as an entire union and meet in the middle about the salary cap and revenue issue and put up a strong unified front against the owners. They had no negotiation credibility - simple as that.

You had players who stated they'd accept a salary cap as long as they got to play hockey. There were other guys who didn't want the cap but were open to the link in revenue and salaries. Some players didn't want either. Oh, and when the NHLPA announced one of their first offers, that they would take a 24 percent pay cut, there were guys all over the league who had no idea that plan was going to be put on the table for the league to consider.

The other issue that makes the NHLPA rightful goats in this despicable charade is that the NHL is right. I've never been a big fan of Gary Bettman but this league absolutely needs a cap or a link in revenue and player cost - there is no cost certainty what-

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soever. The NFL has a system in which there is a salary cap and players receive 58 percent of what is called the Defined Gross Revenue, which is simply the total revenue the league receives. The main difference between the NFL and NHL however is the NFL made over \$5 billion last year whereas the NHL made \$1.9 billion and almost 1.5 of it went toward player costs. For

an even better example of how much player cost is hurting the league, check these numbers out. In 1993, for every 56 cents a player made, a team lost \$1.54. In 2002, for every 1.79 a player made, the team lost \$9.09. That's over a 300 percent increase in nine years. Over these last nine years, revenue has grown 173 percent while player costs shot to 263 percent.

What is there to argue about? Take the cap, take the link in revenue and costs, shut up and go make hockey better. Like it or not, Bettman holds all the cards and he's right. You can't bluff your way out of it and you're drawing dead. So much in fact that you killed an entire season.

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## NASCAR set to wave green flag on season at Daytona

Racing organization continues to rise to top

**MATTHEW SAUNDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

This is always a tough time of year for diehard football fans like myself, a time of year where I try to come up with new ways to spend my Sunday afternoons for the next six months.

After some careful deliberation and some soul searching I have come up with the perfect solution ... NASCAR racing. NASCAR is both exciting to watch and is widely regarded as the fastest growing professional sports organization in the United States. In the past five years, NASCAR's popularity has grown leaps and bounds - it's no longer just a regionalized,

"good ole boys" sport. There are tracks all over the country now, from New York to California to Texas and Illinois and, of course, the hotbed of NASCAR, North Carolina.

The case can legitimately be made these days that NASCAR is the second most popular professional sports organization in the United States, only behind the mega-popular NFL.

At a time where Major League Baseball is dealing with a steroid's scandal, the NBA is dealing with a severe image crisis and the NHL is on its deathbed, NASCAR now has a better than average chance to become, without question, the number two spectator sport in the U.S.

With Fox and NBC paying record deals to broadcast NASCAR

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**NASCAR** from page B5

in 2001, the sport has enjoyed unprecedented exposure as well as success. NASCAR's TV ratings have grown considerably since the move to those networks. This past weekend was a prime example of how far NASCAR has come as far as TV viewership, with the Budweiser Shootout going up against the NFL Pro Bowl on Sunday. In last Thursday's *USA Today*, columnist Rudy Martzke wrote, "Five years ago the NFL's Pro Bowl dominated this weekend. Its 8.6 rating (percentage of TV homes) on ABC more than doubled the 3.8 rating on CBS for the weekend's NASCAR race," Martzke wrote.

"But with Sunday's Pro Bowl now on cable (ESPN), Saturday night's Budweiser Shootout on Fox figures to be this weekend's ratings king. NASCAR has seen a surge in popularity on television since it moved most races to broadcast networks, and Saturday's race is expected to continue that trend."

NASCAR didn't just happen upon all its success though. Every sport needs great performers, great personalities and great storylines.

NASCAR has just that.

You have your fan favorites like Dale Earnhardt Jr., who is a great performer and has a storyline better than any Hollywood producer could ever dream up.

Then you have other drivers like Jeff Gordon, who is also a great performer, but is despised by legions of fans because of his perceived arrogance and overwhelming success. Then there are up-and-comers like Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch and Kasey Kahne as well as old-hats like Dale Jarrett, Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace. All of these drivers make for must-see TV when they take to the track on weekends.

With all that being said, NASCAR is set to begin its 2005 campaign - the "Super Bowl of Racing" or as others have come to know it, "The Great American Race" - The Daytona 500. The race is set for Sunday at 1 p.m. Last year's Daytona winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. is expected to have some stiff competition in the way of his quest to become the first back-to-back 500 winner since Sterling Marlin in 1994 - 1995. Two of the up-and-comers Jimmie Johnson and last season's points champion Kurt Busch are expected to battle Earnhardt Jr. Pole-sitter and two-time 500 champion Dale Jarrett, as well as Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Earnhardt Jr.'s DEI teammate Michael Waltrip are also expected to compete with Earnhardt Jr., Johnson and Busch for the 500 title.

There have been some great moments in the 500 over the years like Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s first 500 win after numerous attempts, in 1998, Jarrett's battle with Earnhardt Sr. in 1993 on the last lap, to win and Earnhardt Jr.'s first 500 win last season.

Before last season, NASCAR experienced some major changes with the loss of its title sponsor after 34 years and the implementation of a brand new playoff system, aptly named the "Chase for the Cup."

Neither move was popular before the beginning of the season. After 34 years the familiar Winston Cup Series was replaced as the Nextel Cup Series. The new "Chase for the Cup" playoff system made it possible for only the top-10 drivers, after the first 27 races of the season, be eligible to win the points standings during the final 10 races of the season.

Even though the "Chase for the Cup" was met with heavy opposition at the beginning of the season, the same couldn't be said at the end of the season. With the "Chase for the Cup" in play, NASCAR saw its tightest and most exciting points race in years, with Kurt Busch edging out Jimmie Johnson by just a mere eight points. The "Chase for the Cup" will draw heavy anticipation this season, meanwhile the title sponsor, "Nextel Cup Series" will still take some getting used to.

NASCAR might not have quite the same rich tradition as the NFL and it might not be quite as exciting, but I plan on giving NASCAR a chance this season. In this day-in-age NASCAR doesn't seem to have any dull moments. Last season we were treated to Earnhardt Jr.'s slip of the tongue, Gordon's car being showered with beer bottles after a Talladega win and President Bush's surprise appearance at last year's Daytona 500. Expect more of the same this season.

Gentlemen, start your engines.

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## ECU men's golf kicks off spring schedule in Florida

Team places 16th in weekend tournament

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The ECU men's golf team returned to action this past Monday and Tuesday after an almost three month layoff to place 16th at the UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate in Orlando, Fla.

The team showed a bit of rust in their return to action. Although the Pirates didn't finish the way they expected to, there were still some solid performances. Senior Adam Howell led the Pirates once again in scoring for the fifth time in seven tournaments spanning the fall season up until now, carding a

seven-over par score of 223 for a tie of 37th place.

Junior Robin Smith also had a decent showing with a 17-over par score of 231, which was good for a tie of 66th place.

The Pirates started out slow in the first round on Monday with a total team score of 317, but progressed as the tourney wore on. In the second round, the team had a score of 307, then in the final round ECU posted a score of 294.

Senior Brandon Pace carded a 1-under par score of 71 in the final round to go along with Howell's even-par performance of 72, also in the final round.

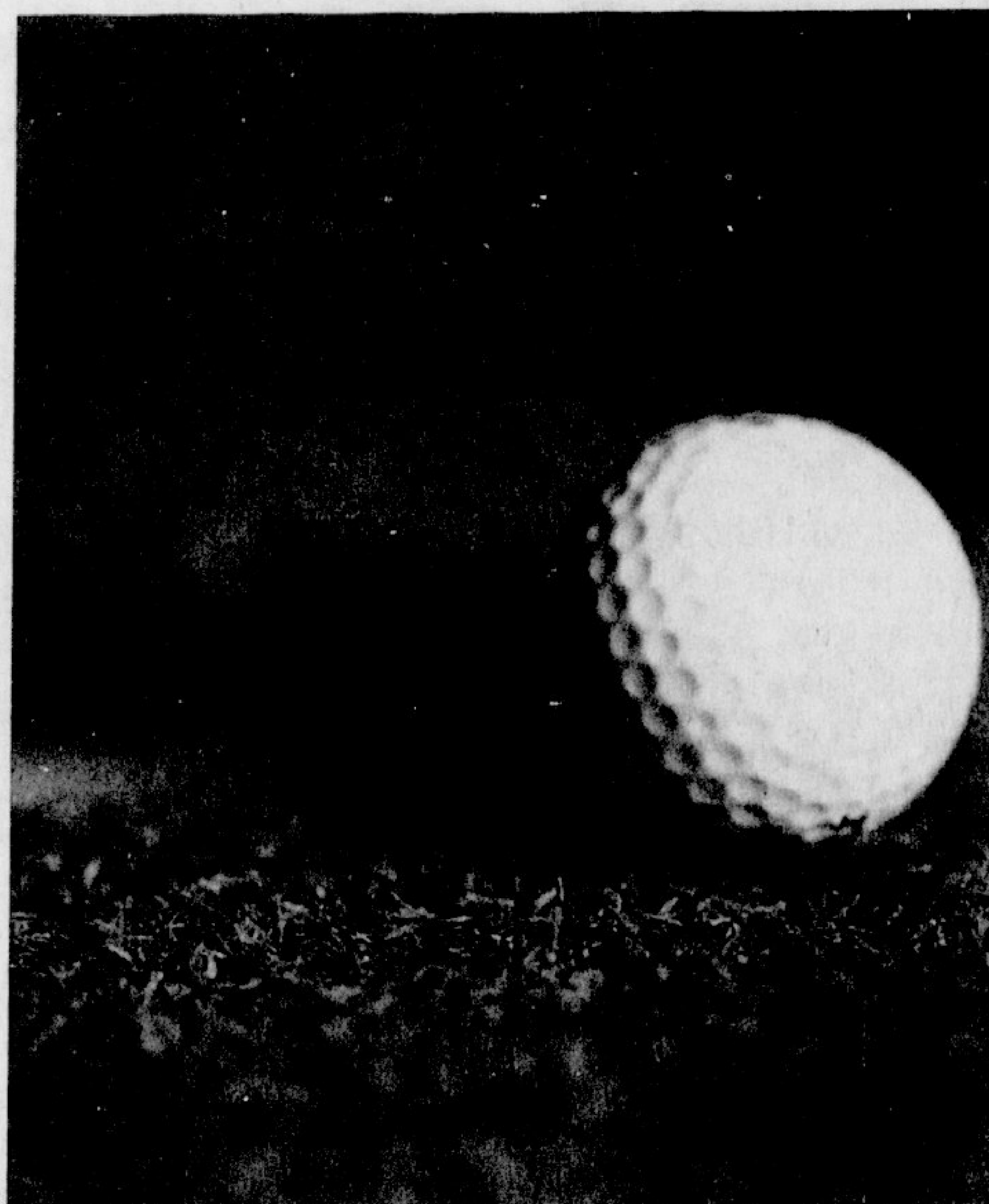
The Pirates are hoping they can have more performances this spring similar to their collective 2nd place finish at the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate this past October.

which was held here in Greenville at Bradford Creek Golf Club.

Overall, this past tournament featured Conference USA rivals UNC-Charlotte, Louisville and South Florida. The host team, Central Florida, came away with the victory led by their lone Senior Andreas Hoegberg who posted a total of 5-under par 211 which was also good enough to win the individual honors in the tournament.

Next up for the Pirates is the Cleveland Collegiate Championship in Aiken, SC on March 14-15 and then the team will play host with the Bradford Creek Intercollegiate in Greenville on March 18-19.

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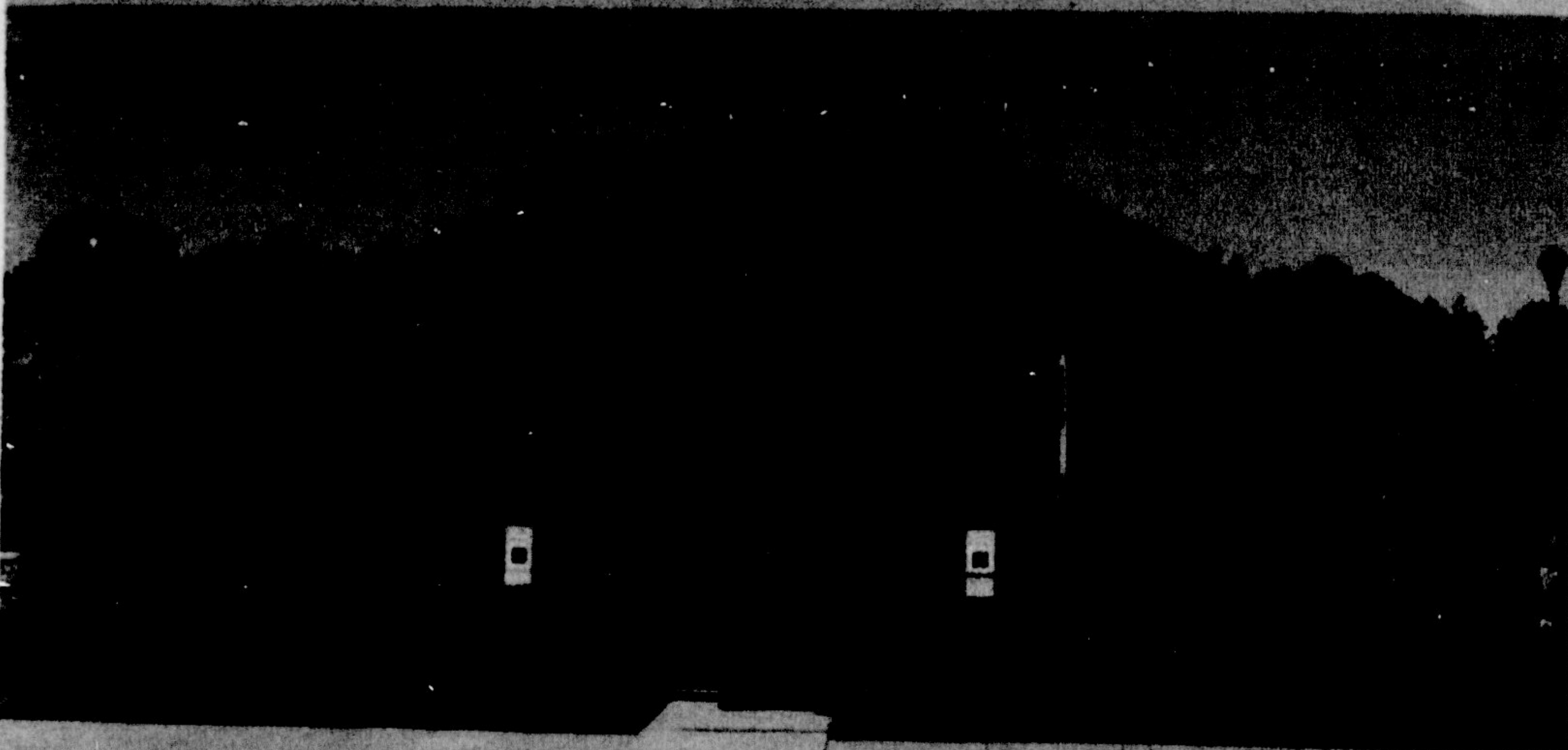
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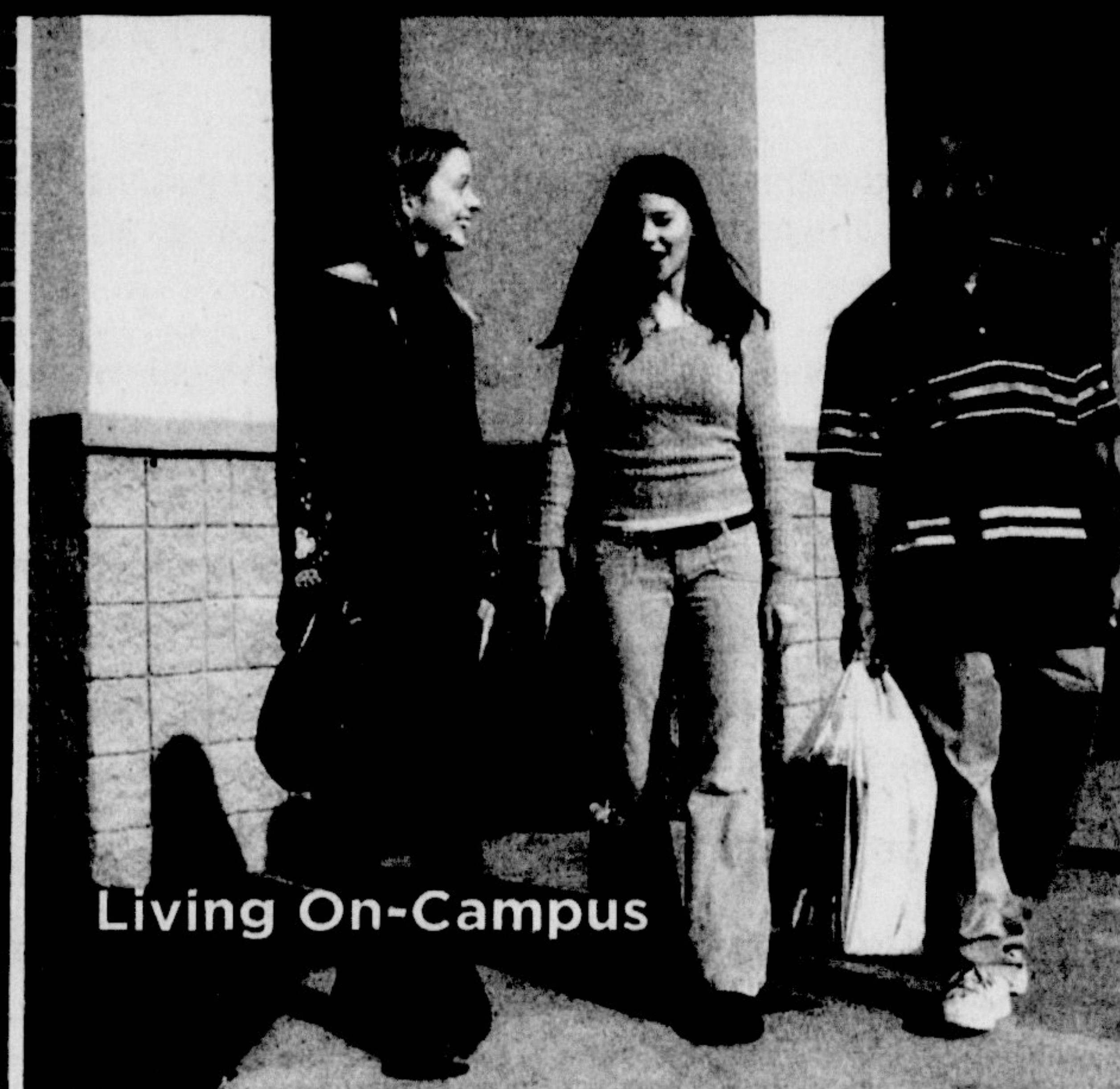
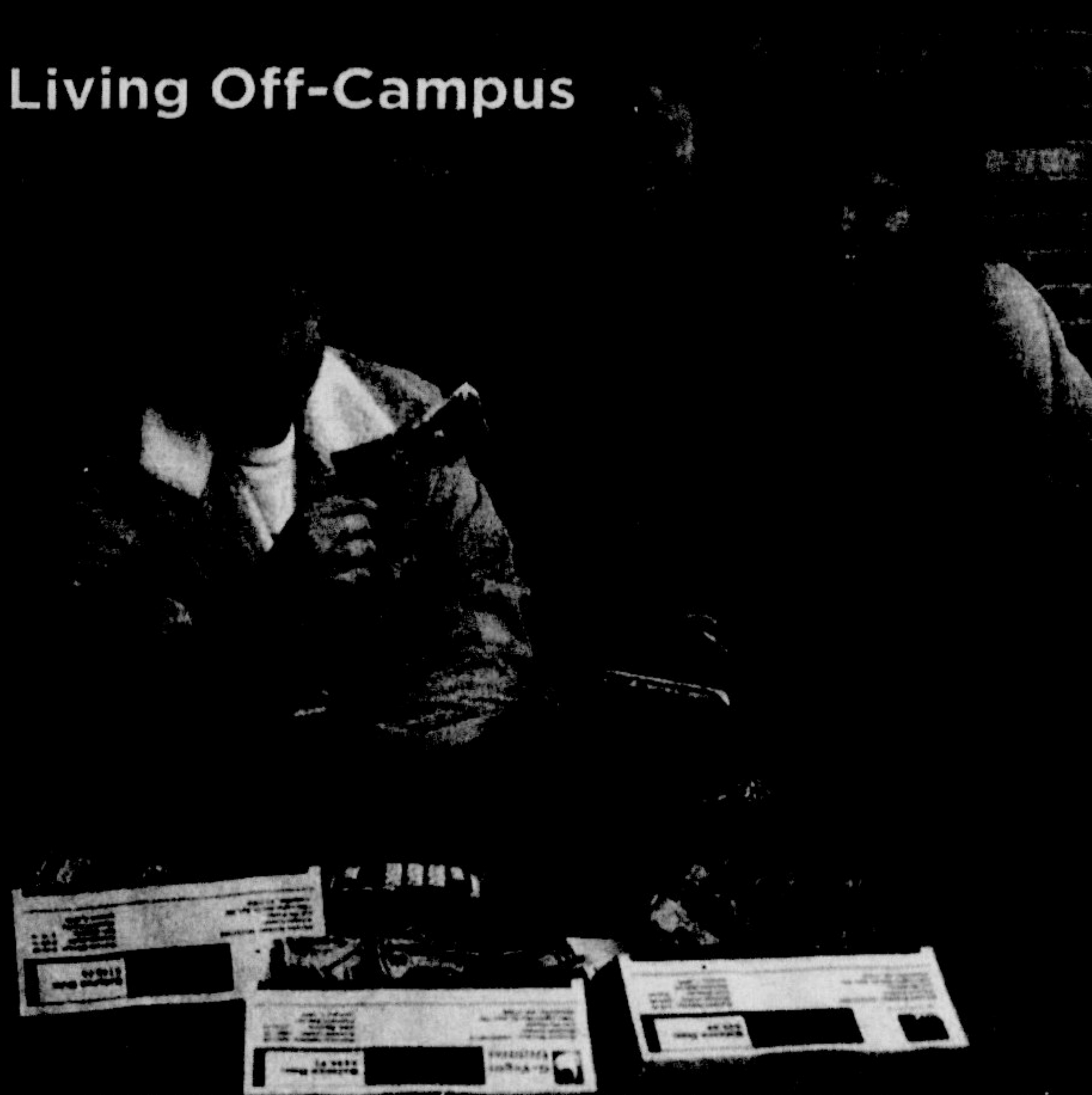
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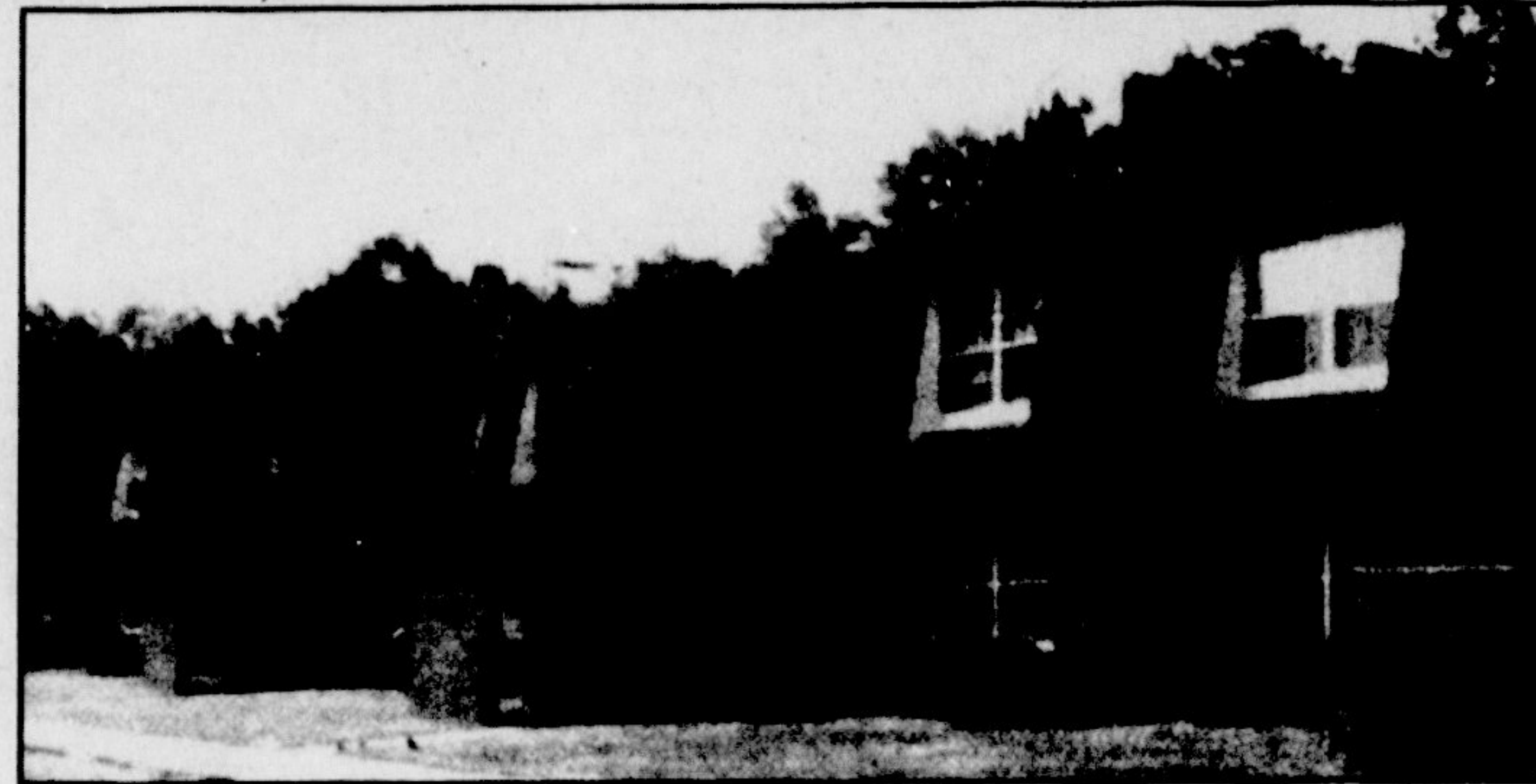


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- Schedules: when to designate quiet time and social time. Discuss what you would do in a situation in which one roommate wanted to have friends over, while the other roommate needed to study.
- Cleaning schedules: What level of cleanliness do you expect from your roommate? How would you deal with a situation in which you needed to confront a roommate whom you felt wasn't doing their share?
- Personal belongings: How do you feel about your personal belongings? Is it alright for your roommate to borrow items without asking?
- Guests: How often can they come over? What would you do in a situation in which you felt a roommate's guest was annoying or destructive?
- Bills: Who pays which bills each month? Who is responsible if a particular bill is late?
- Groceries: How will groceries be purchased? Is it all right to eat a roommate's food?
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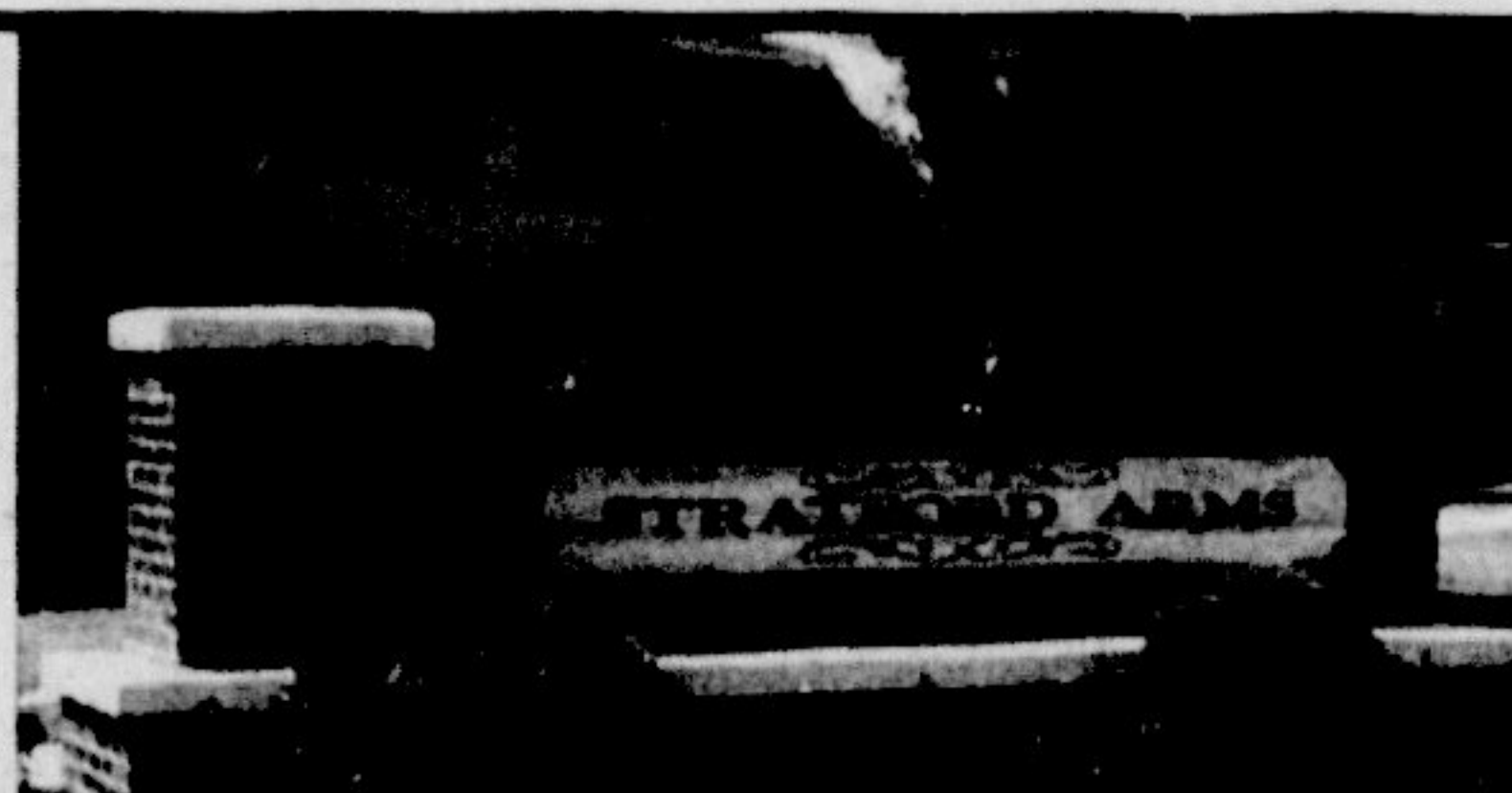
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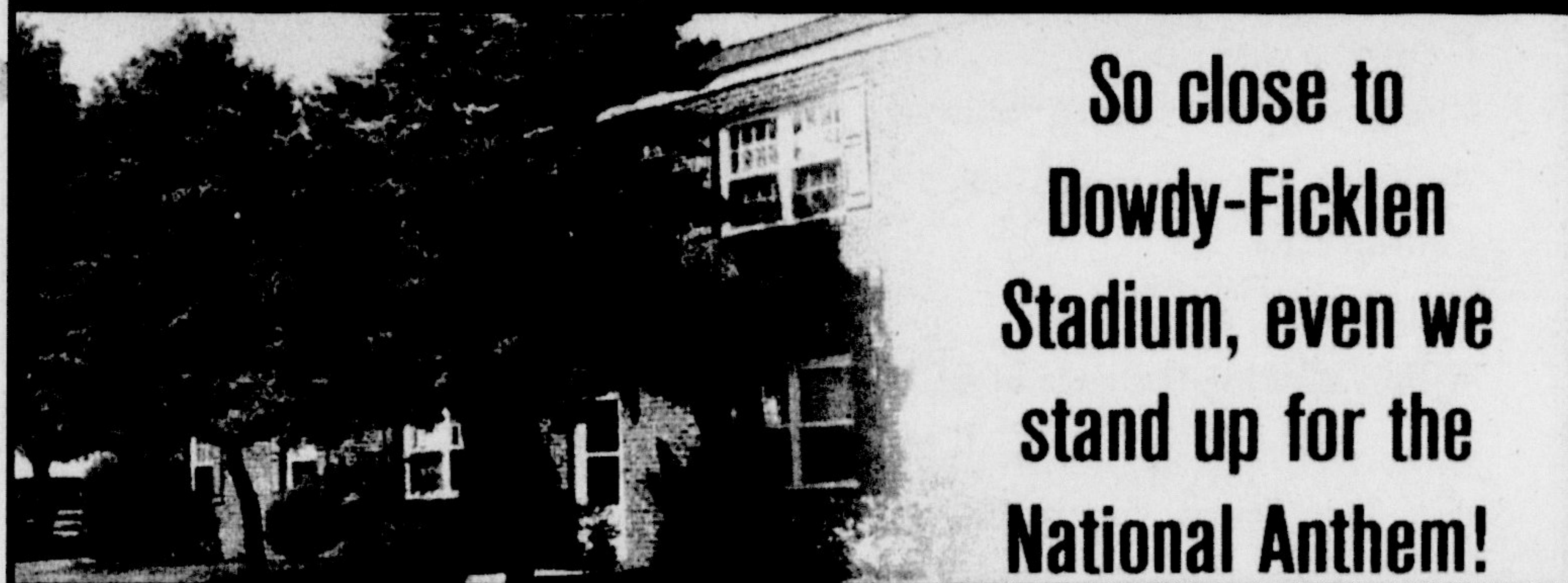


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# Terms to look for in a rental lease

A lease sets out the rules landlords and tenants agree to follow in their rental relationship. It is a legal contract that needs to cover the basic terms of tenancy, including the following items:

### Names of All Tenants

Every adult who lives in the rental unit should be named as tenants and sign the lease or rental agreement. This can settle any rental payment disagreements with any roommates.

### Limits on Occupancy

The agreement should clearly specify that the rental unit is the residence of only the tenants who have signed the lease. This guarantees the right to determine who lives in the property and to limit the number of occupants. This clause gives the landlord grounds to evict a tenant who moves in a friend or relative, or sublets the unit, without their permission.

### Term of the Tenancy

Every rental document should state whether it is a rental agreement or a fixed-term lease. What's the difference between the two? Both rental agreements and fixed-term leases cover basic details such as tenants' names and rent provisions; they differ mainly in the length of the tenancy they create. Rental agreements usually run from month-to-month and self-renew unless terminated by the landlord or tenant. Leases, on the other hand, typically last a year. The choice will depend on the agreement with your landlord.

### Amount of Rent

The lease should specify the amount of rent, when it is due (typically, the first of the month), and how it's to be paid, such as by mail to the office. To avoid confusion, there will be details such as: acceptable payment methods (such as personal check only), whether late fees will be due if rent is not paid on time, the amount of the fee, and whether or not there's any grace period, and any penalties if a rent check bounces.

### Deposits and Fees

The use and return of security deposits is a frequent source of friction between landlords and tenants, especially in college environments. To avoid confusion and legal hassles, the lease or rental agreement should

be clear on: the dollar amount of the security deposit, how the deposit may be used (for example, for damage repair) and not used (such as for last month's rent), when and how the deposit will be returned and account for deductions after you move out, and any legal non-refillable fees, such as for cleaning or pets. It's also a good idea (and legally required in a few states and cities) to include details on where the deposit is being held and whether interest on the deposit will be paid.

### Repairs and Maintenance

Clearly set out your and landlord's responsibilities for repair and maintenance in your lease or rental agreement, including: the tenant's responsibility to keep the rental premises clean and sanitary and to pay for any damage caused by their abuse or neglect, a requirement that you are alerted to defective or dangerous conditions in the rental property, specific details on procedures for handling complaint and repair requests, and restrictions on repairs and alterations, such as adding a built-in dishwasher, installing a burglar alarm system or painting walls without permission.

### Entry to Property

To avoid tenant claims of illegal entry or violation of privacy rights, the lease or rental agreement should clarify legal right of access to the property (for example, to make repairs) and how much advance notice the landlord will provide the tenant before entering.

### Restrictions on Tenant Illegal Activity

To avoid trouble among tenants, prevent property damage and limit exposure to lawsuits from residents and neighbors, include an explicit lease or rental agreement clause prohibiting disruptive behavior such as excessive noise and illegal activity such as drug dealing.

### Other Important Rules and Restrictions

If pets are allowed, specify any special restrictions such as a limit on the size or number of pets or a requirement that the tenant will keep the yard free of all animal wastes. Important rules and regulations covering parking and use of common areas should be specifically incorporated in the lease or rental agreement.

# Furnishing your apartment, house

## Ideas, tips for decorating on a tight budget

You have just moved into your new apartment and besides paying for the monthly rent and bills, furnishing your new home is a priority.

Putting together your perfect living space on a small budget may seem impossible, but it can be done. It just takes a little imagination to create a look that represents your unique style.

Decorating on a budget begins with organization. The best way to get organized is to make a list of items you absolutely need, such as a bed frame or a kitchen table. If you need help getting ideas, housing supply stores like Linens 'N Things offer a detailed checklist of the essentials to get started.

When shopping, compare prices between stores and look for sales before making any quick decisions and purchases.

Sharing expenses with a roommate can also relieve the burden of spending so much money on furniture sets.

"I plan on having a roommate when I get an apartment. That way we can split the expenses for furniture, and we can have furniture we both like. At the same time, after splitting the cost we'll be able to spend the money we saved on other decorations and necessities for our place," said Caitlin Hayes, freshman business major.

A fully furnished apartment is another option. Even though the cost to live at the complex would typically be higher per month, you wouldn't have to worry about spending so much money on furniture. That cost already is taken care of.

"Moving into a fully furnished apartment saved me a lot of money in the long run. Besides that it helped me save time and the hassle of having to move furniture," said Brandon Ikard, senior information technology major.

Gift registry is another alternative. You can register your checklist at any store. This is a helpful way to let people know what you really need.

Target is a great place to register. They have a wide variety of house ware and other apparel. From July

to September the store sponsors a special promotion featuring a wide variety of decorating ideas for college students.

Other great, cheap places to look include local thrift stores, classified ads, garage sales and flea markets. You never know what you can find and sometimes the outcome pays off nicely.

A used plaid sofa in decent condition can be transformed with a fitted slipcover. An old, scratched nightstand might just need a little sanding and a couple coats of paint to make a conversation piece. The total price of these minor projects should add up to a fraction of what a new item would cost.

Recycling pieces of furniture from other rooms, your parents' basement or attic can also reveal ideas.

"I brought a lot of random things that my parents didn't use anymore with me," said Layne Barnard, senior nursing major.

Salvaging furnishings is by far the most economical way to go. Maybe a desk that doesn't get used often can be placed in the bedroom as a vanity. An old bureau can be converted to an entertainment center. Small, simple changes can go a long way.

Even if you do not consider yourself handy, according to Bedbathandbeyond.com, the small things you change or add to a room are what make it feel complete. You can create your own artwork by gathering memorabilia from around the house and putting it together as a colorful collage. Curtains can be dyed or sewn for a brighter look. Carpet can be cut into area rugs. Even something as cheap and easy as covering the walls with posters and pictures is a great alternative to painting or wallpaper, especially in rental apartments where you are forbidden to paint.

Once decor is matched by paint, pulled together with fabric and accented with your own color and style, no one will know how much (or little) you spent to accomplish your personalized and unique look.

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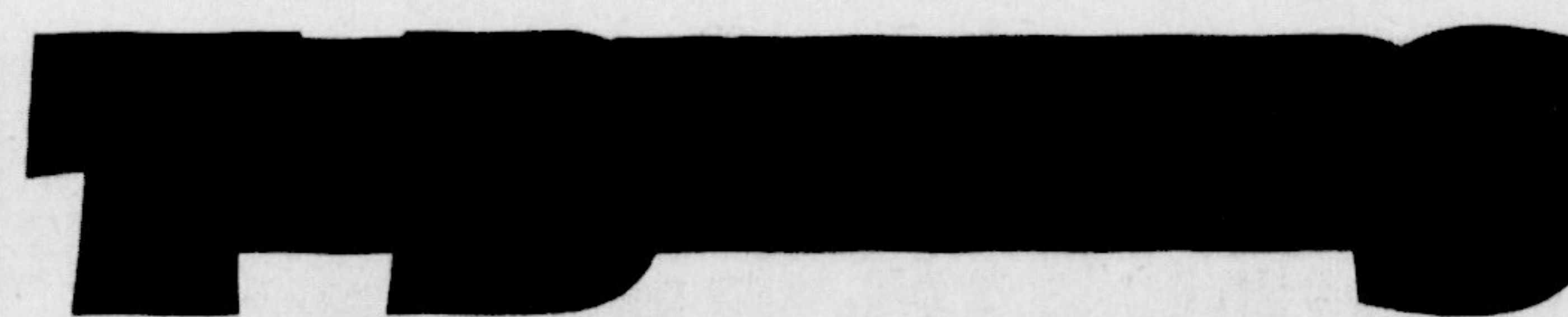
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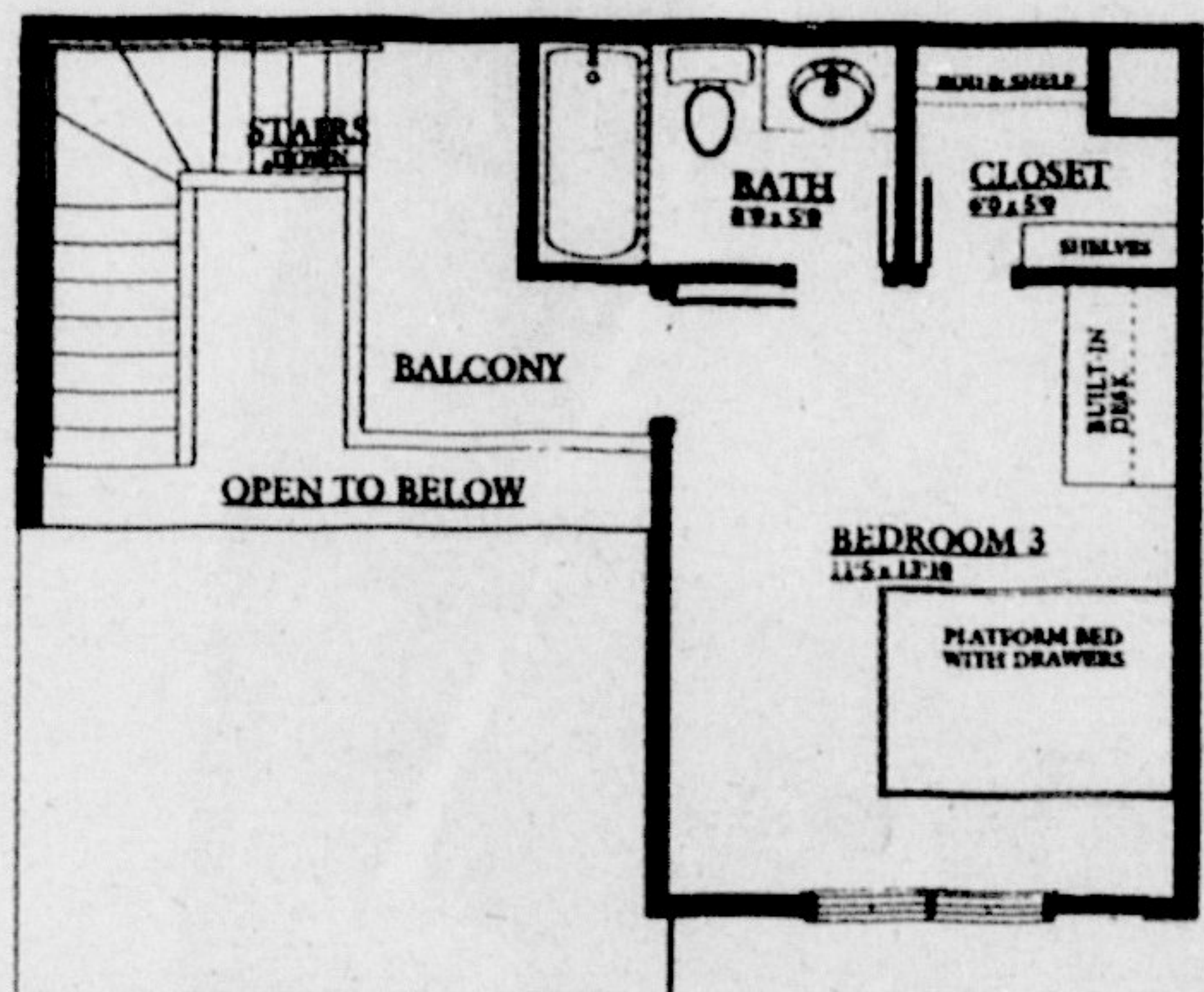
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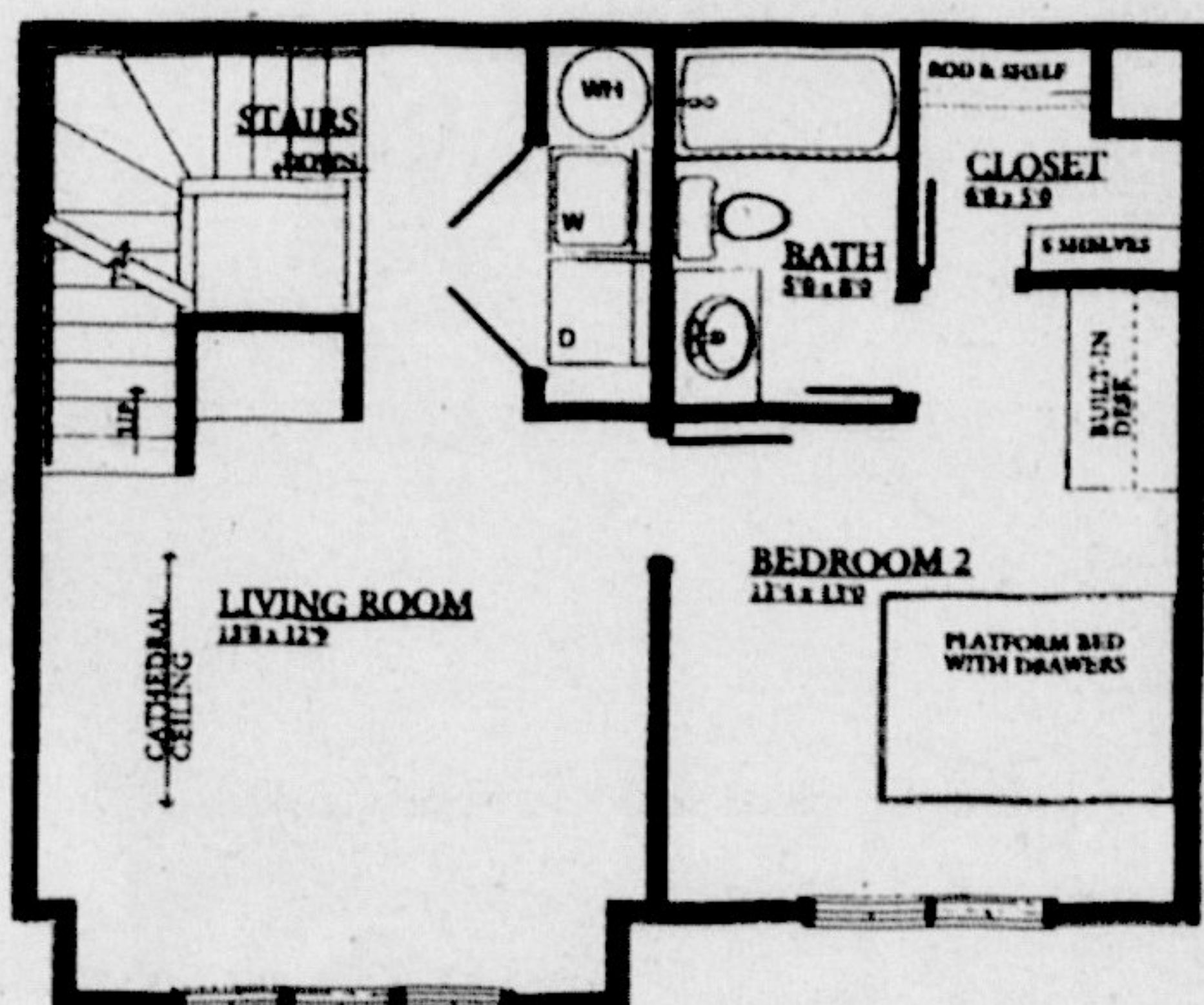
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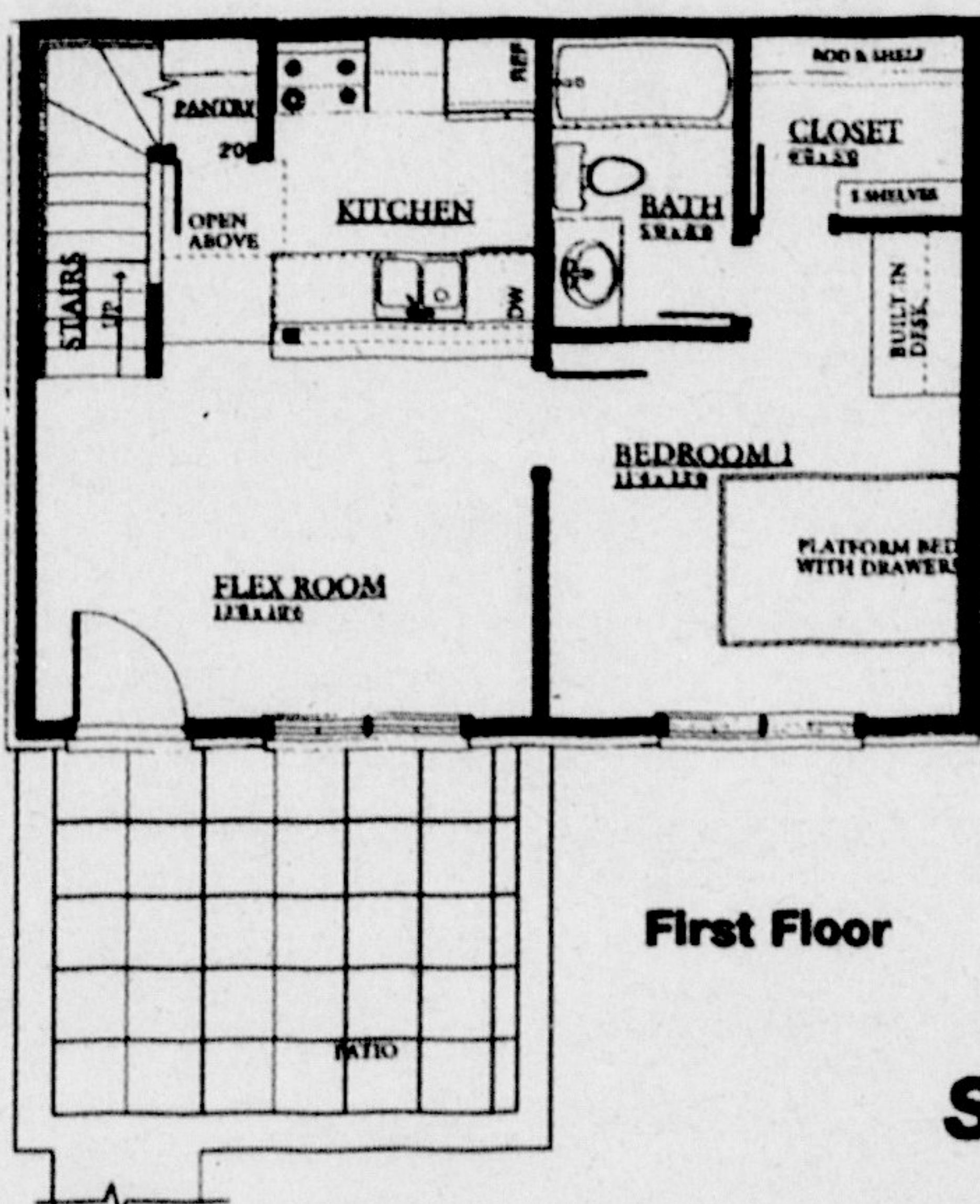
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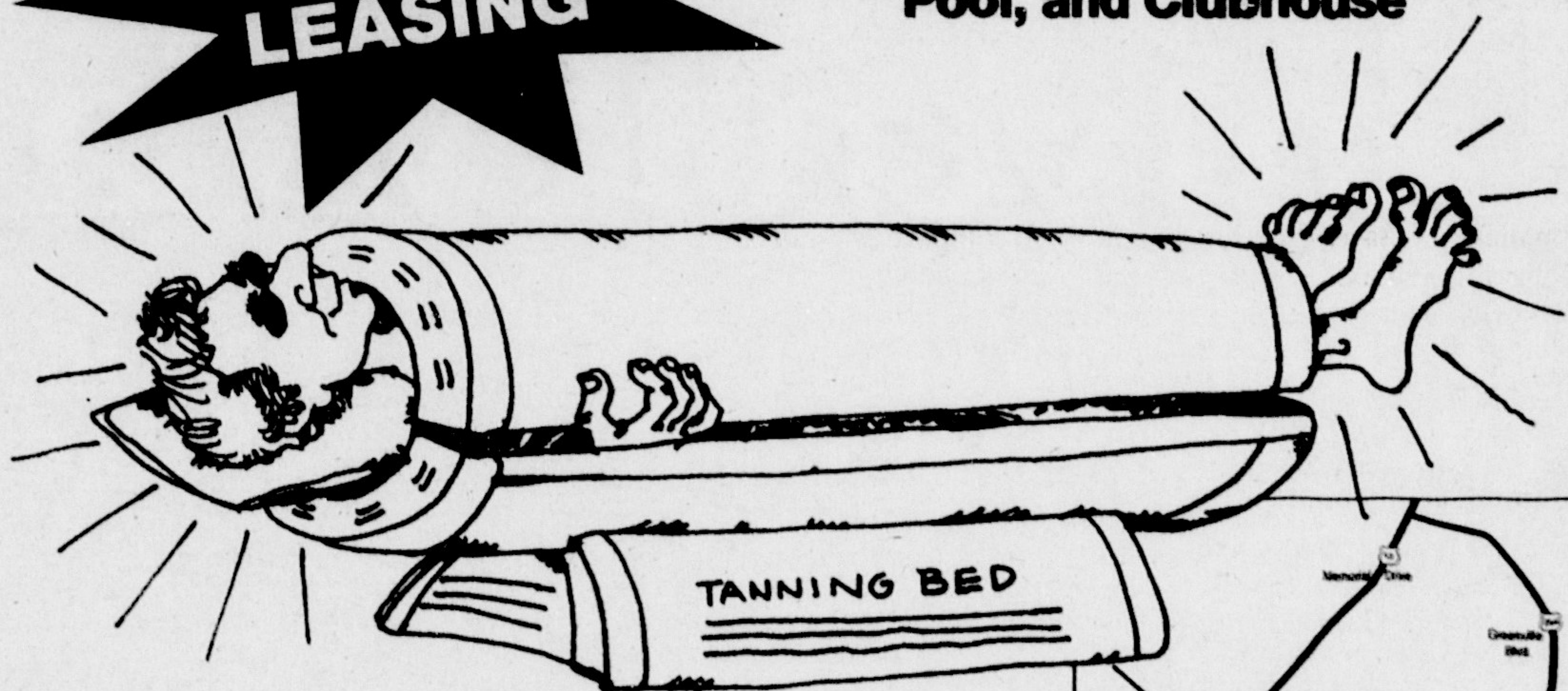


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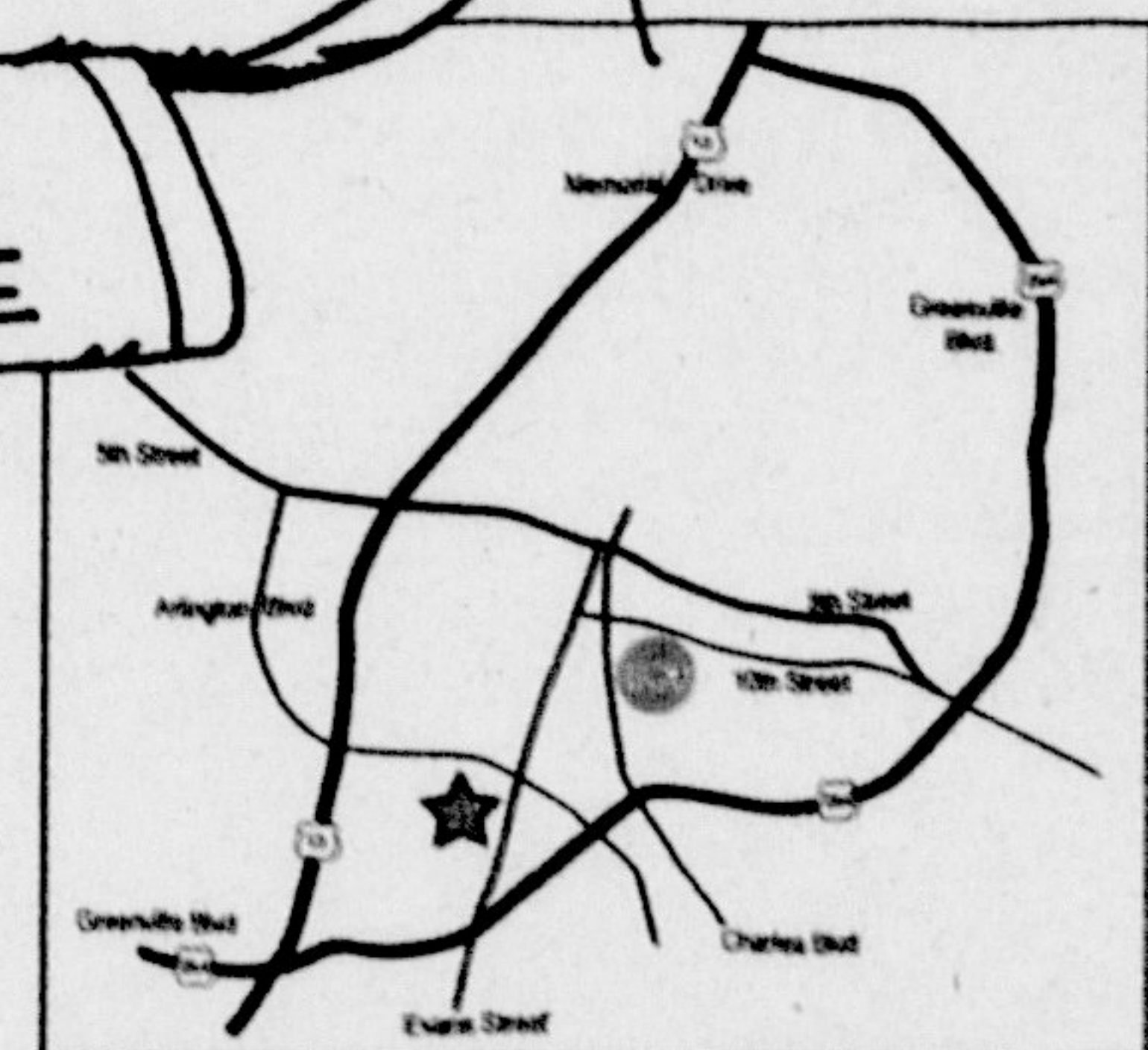
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## Patience and respect, keys to roommate relationships

*Advice for healthy and happy situations*

**CARMIN BLACK**  
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In the earlier part of your life, you may never have had to share much of your space at home with another person. Once you arrive at college, however, this often changes and quite dramatically.

Unless you are very independent or willing to shoulder the burden of all your housing costs alone, you will probably share your collegiate experience with at least one roommate. Having a roomie can be a defining factor in shaping your experience at school.

If a college freshman isn't planning to room with a friend from home, they go "pot-luck," meaning they are matched with someone they didn't know beforehand. Getting an assigned roommate can be like receiving an automatic new friend. Having a roommate can prove to be a comfort in times of need, especially during those awkward first few weeks when you are suddenly disconnected from everything you have ever known to be stable.

However, once you've adjusted and moved past the homesickness, you may actually start enjoying your new life away from the parents. It's time to begin a journey for yourself and your neighbor whose own bed just happens to be feet from your own.

It may be strange at first living with this new person, so it is best to remember to keep an open mind. There is no set standard for what a roommate must act or look like. In fact, don't be alarmed if this new person is the opposite of you. Just think of it as a chance to learn and grow.

Also, don't forget to be respectful of your roommate's belongings. If

you want to borrow something, you must ask and get their permission - if you don't ask, you don't borrow. One good way to avoid potential problems like this is to establish some simple guidelines regarding each other's items as soon as you move in together. Make it clear verbally or in written form what you mind or don't mind your roommate using. It's your stuff and you have the absolute right to total control over what is and isn't done with your belongings.

Always keep in mind that accidents do happen, things may get broken and sometimes roommates don't act the way you wish they would.

"I totally live with five of the nastiest roommates ever. One of them has two cats and they are always crawling all over my fabric swatches, one has enough clothes to fill a warehouse, which bugs me and the other guy chews tobacco all day and watches soap operas," said Chad Crafford, sophomore interior design major.

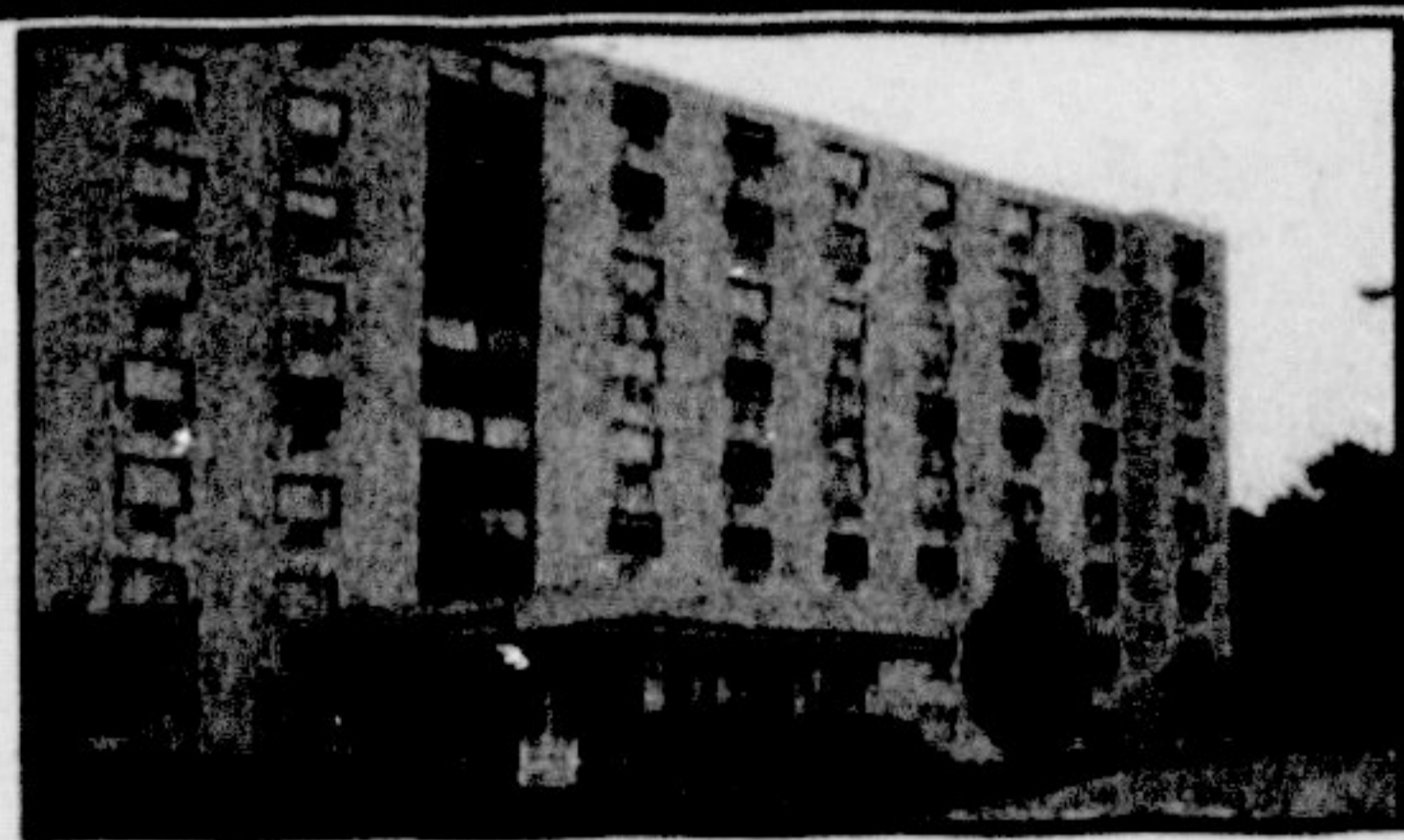
Pick your battles and don't fuss over every little thing your roommate does that rubs you the wrong way. At the same time, don't let anyone take advantage of you or your things. It may sound old-fashioned but do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"Having a roommate brings a lot of pros and cons," said Carly Callahan, senior apparel merchandising major.

"I love always having someone to hang out with but sometimes things don't get put back where you left them and this can be a problem."

The main thing to always remember when living with other people is to try to be patient and respectful. If there is a mutual trust and camaraderie among roommates, the situation will run much more smoothly.

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1110 Oakbend Dr. Duplex	551-1002	1 yr.	3	1	no	w/ fee	no	Bradford Creek
5035 Devron St.. Duplex	551-1002	1 yr.	3	1	no	w/ fee	no	Bradford Creek
Allenton Estates Allen Rd.	756-6209	1 yr.	2	10	no	yes/fee	no	5 miles
Ayden Duplexes (Remco East)	355-1313	6 months & 1 yr.	1 and 2	6	no	no	no	12 miles
Beech Street Villas	756-6209	1 yr.	3	18	no	no	yes	1.5 miles
Branch Apartments 1809 East 5th Street	758-3781	1 yr.	1	60	yes/no	no	no	1 to 3 blocks
Brasswood Apartments 3216 Brasswood Court	355-4499	6/12 months	2		no	w/fee	no	5 miles
Brookhill (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2 and 3	6	no	no	no	5 miles
Caldwell Court (Remco East)	355-1313	6 & 12 months	1 and 2	54	no	yes	no	5 miles
Campus Pointe (Remco East)	355-1313	6 & 12 months	3	26	no	no	no	less than 1 miles
Cannon Court A-1 Luci Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	2	58	no	no	yes	1 miles
Cedar Court Cedar Lane	756-6209	1 yr.	2	29	no	no	yes	1 mile
Cedar Creek Cedar Creek Rd.	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	24	no	no	no	4 miles
Clubway Apartments 75 Clubway Drive	756-6869	1 yr.	2	128	no	yes/fee	no	4.5 miles
Collindale Court (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2	2	no	w/fee	no	8 miles
College Town Row 1103-1209 South Evans St.	756-6209	1 yr.	2	20	no	with fee	no	3 blocks
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Cypress Gardens 1401 East 10th Street	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	45	no	no	yes	4 blocks
Dogwood Hollow 1110 E. 10th St.	752-8900	9 & 12 months	2	125	no	cats/fee	yes	2 blocks
Dresend Place 1016 Charles Street	756-1234	1 yr.	2	6	no	no	no	2 blocks
Eastbrook Apts. 204 Eastbrook Dr.	752-5100	1 yr.	2 and 3	180	no	sm. dogs	yes	2 miles
Eastgate Apts. Moseley Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	2-Jan	-	no	no	no	2 miles
English Village 1010 and 1012 Peed Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	32	no	no	no	3 miles
Forbes woods Remco East	355-1313	1 yr.	1 and 2	12	no	no	no	3 miles
Forrest Acres off 10th Street	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	10	no	no	no	6 blocks
Forest Glen (Remco East)	355-1313	6 & 12 months	1 and 2	66	no	no	yes	5 miles
Fox Hollow Apts. Stokes Rd.	756-6209	1 yr.	2 and 3	32	no	with fee	no	4 miles
Georgetowne Apts. P.O. Box 30883/2730 Stantonsburg Rd.	757-0079	1 yr.	2	25	no	no	yes	1 block
Gladiolus 1333 E. 10th St.	756-6209	1 yr.	1,2,3	27	no	with fee	yes	4 blocks
Greenville Manor (Remco East)	355-1313	6 & 12 months	1 and 2	7	no	no	no	2 miles
Holly Glem	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	16	no	with fee	no	4 miles
Jasmine Gardens 1303 East 10th Stret	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	18	no	with fee	yes	4 blocks
Johnston Street (Remco East)	355-1313	6 & 12 months	1 and 2	26	no	no	-	3 miles
King's Row Apartments 200 GO Verdant Dr.	752-3519	6-9 months	1 and 2	108	no	no	yes	2 miles
Kingston Condominiums 3002 Kingston Circle	758-7575	9/12 months	1,2		yes/no	w/fee	yes	2 miles
Medical Center	156-6209	1 yr.	1	56	no	with fee	no	4 miles
Monticello Court 500 and 504 Paladin Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	30	no	yes/fee	no	4 miles
Monticello Court II 409 and 314 Paladin Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	1	30	no	yes/fee	no	4 miles
Moss Creek Lake Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	1	-	no	no	no	by hospital
Paladin West Paladin Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	28	no	yes/fee	no	4 miles
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Parkview 3002 Kingston Circle	758-7575	9/12 months	1 and 2		yes/no	w/fee	yes	2 miles
Park Village 3005 and 3017 Adams Blvd.	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	32	no	no	yes	1.5 miles

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Park West Apts. Park West Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	2-Jan	-	no	no	no	2 miles
Peony Garden 1323 East 10th Street	756-6209	1 yr.	2	16	no	yes/fee	yes	4 blocks
Peyton Circle Apartments Peyton Circle	756-6209	1 yr.	2 and 3	24	no	yes/fee	no	4 miles
Pinebrook Apartments 121 River Bluff Road	758-4015	6/9/12 months	1 and 2	120	no	yes/fee	yes	2 miles
Pirate's Cove 3305 East 10th Street	752-9995	1 yr.	4	264	yes	no	yes	2 miles
Pirates Place 1526 S. Charles Blvd.	321-7613	1 yr.	4-Mar	144	no	no	yes	1 mile
Quail Ridge (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2	2	yes	no	no	5 miles
Reedy Branch Apts. 2201 and 2203 East 10th St.	830-2072	10 & 12 months	2	40	no	sm. Pets	yes	7 blocks
Ringgold Towers 635 Cotanche Street	752-2865	1 yr.	2-Jan	155	yes	no	no	next to campus
R.J. Rentals Property Management 2204 Trotters Ridge Court	355-2295	1 yr.	4-Jan	28	no	no	yes	6 blocks
Rollinwood (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	3-Feb	3	no	no	no	4 miles
Rownetree Wood 2902 Cedar Creek Road	756-6209	1 yr.	3-Feb	8	no	yes/fee	no	4 miles
Shenandoah Court 1130 Greenville Blvd.	756-6209	1 yr.	1	16	no	no	no	3.5 miles
Sheraton Village Landmark St.	355-1313	1 yr.	2, 3	11	no	no	no	6 miles
Sherwin Court 3100 Sherwin Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	2	16	no	yes/fee	no	3.5 miles
South Haven Apartments South Square Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	1 & 2	56	no	no	no	6 blocks
South Square Patton Circle	756-6209	1 yr.	2-Jan	-	no	w/fee	no	
Summerfield Peed Drive	756-6209	1 yr.	2-Jan	-	no	w/fee	no	
Summer Place Summer Place Dr.	756-6209	1 yr.	1 & 2	18	no	yes/fee	no	3 miles
Sterling Manor 3535 E. 10th St.	758-5551	1 yr./10 months	4,3	168	no/yes	yes	yes	2 miles
Stratford Arms 1900 S. Charles Blvd.	756-4800	6/12 months				w/fee	yes	2 miles
Tanglewood (of Farmville) (Remco East)	355-1313	-	2	27	no	no	no	3 miles
Tar River Estates 1725 E. 1st St.	752-4225	-	1, 2, 3, 4	220	no	yes	yes	5 blocks
Treetop Villas off E. Fire Tower Rd.	756-6209	1 yr.	1	-	no	no	no	
Treybrooke Apartments 701 Treybrooke Circle	830-0661	6/12 months	1,2	456	yes/no	yes/fee	no	5 miles
Twin Oaks (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2,3	4	no	no	no	3 miles
Twin Oaks Townhomes 102 David Drive	355-8731	1 yr.	2,3	12	no	no	no	5 miles
University Apartments 2901 East 5th Street	758-7436	1 yr.	2	47	no	no	yes	1 mile
University Suites	551-3800	6/12 months	3		no	no		2 miles
Upton Court (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2,3	4	no	no	no	8 miles
Village Green Apartments 204 Eastbrook Drive	752-5100	6/12 months	1,2	134	no	cats w/fee	yes	1 mile
Wellingham	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	80	no	no	no	3 miles
Westpoint Duplexes	756-6209	1 yr.	2	10	no	no	no	4 miles
West Hills (Remco East)	355-1313	-	1,2,3	54	no	yes	no	8 miles
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Willoughby Park Victoria Court	355-1313	1 yr.	2	107	some	no	no	4 miles
Windy Ridge (Remco East)	355-1313	1 yr.	2,3	4	some	no	no	3 miles
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Woodcliff	756-6209	1 yr.	1 and 2	60	no	no	yes	4 blocks
Woodside Apartments 98 Brookwood Drive	756-1234	1 yr.	1	22	no	no	no	3 miles
Wyndham Circle Brownlea Dr.	756-1234	1 yr.	2	8	no	no	no	1.5 miles

## All-inclusive apartments provide tempting alternative to dorms

### Reaction to off-campus living can be mixed

**JOHN BREAM**  
SENIOR WRITER

Roommates share a lot of things – radios, bunk beds and most importantly, space. Chances are after a year or two of dorm life, students will begin searching for more private and roomier domains to spend the remainder of their college careers.

While off-campus prospects are tempting, locating a place with the convenience afforded by the dorms at a comparable price is challenging. Many students find that all-inclusive apartments such as Pirate's Cove, River Pointe, Campus Pointe and University Manor provide the best alternative.

"I really just wanted to get out of the dorms," said Matthew Roehrich, junior jazz studies major. "I often practice my horn until the late hours of the night, so it was disturbing to my roommate to come in late all of

the time. At Pirate's Cove, I can come and go as I please."

Finding the right apartment complex for your personality can be a daunting task. Each complex offers a certain atmosphere and different amenities that may or may not be to your liking. Each of the major complexes – Pirate's Cove, University Manor, River Pointe and Campus Pointe – guarantee electricity, Ethernet, cable television, individual washer and dryer, furniture, a full range of kitchen appliances and fitness facilities. The differences in these complexes basically boil down to miniscule details such as the number of premium channels offered within the cable package, the number of tanning beds, basketball courts or tennis courts. Prices fluctuate between \$387 and \$435 per month for rent.

The trade-off for an all-inclusive and fully furnished apartment as opposed to a traditional apartment without furnishings is that your creativity is restricted. Pre-chosen fur-

niture and carpeting limit the décor that can be tastefully displayed. Such is the advantage of complexes like Pirate's Place where you must provide your own furniture, which also causes the rent to be cheaper. However, utilities are an additional cost, whereas the charge for utilities is already figured into the price for all-inclusive apartments.

"Usually, it runs about \$400 to \$425 for me to live in Pirates Place per month," said Cindy Hill, junior chemistry major.

"It's also close to campus, which makes it especially convenient."

Any apartment has its disadvantages when compared to the dorms. While students may grumble about the quality of food provided at the dining halls and other campus eateries, there is no denying the convenience of being able to walk five minutes and eat a buffet-style meal. Additional time must be budgeted into the day of an apartment dweller to prepare meals. As a result, eating healthy is more difficult, especially

for less-than-kitchen-savvy students who opt for frozen pizzas and meals made by the likes of Banquet and Hungry Man.

Additionally, apartment residents must become accustomed to catching the bus to campus. If you wake up at 8:50 a.m. for a 9 a.m. class, you might still be able to make it to your seat on time if you live on campus. However, if you live in an apartment, it is likely you have missed the bus at least once and had to wait 20 more minutes before making it to class. One extra push of the snooze button in an apartment complex is tantamount to an unexcused absence instead of a tardy if you live in the dorms. The buses generally run on a 20 to 30 minute cycle in the all-inclusive complexes.

Even worse than the loss of convenience, some students miss the social aspects of the dorm.

"In the dorm it was a lot easier to make friends and get involved in things like intramurals. It was kind of forced on you," said Luke Spencer,

junior political science major.

"I still go eat at Todd for lunch a couple of times per week because it's so convenient. It's the little things like daily newspapers and the ability to walk to the Galley and use decline that made the dorms hospitable."

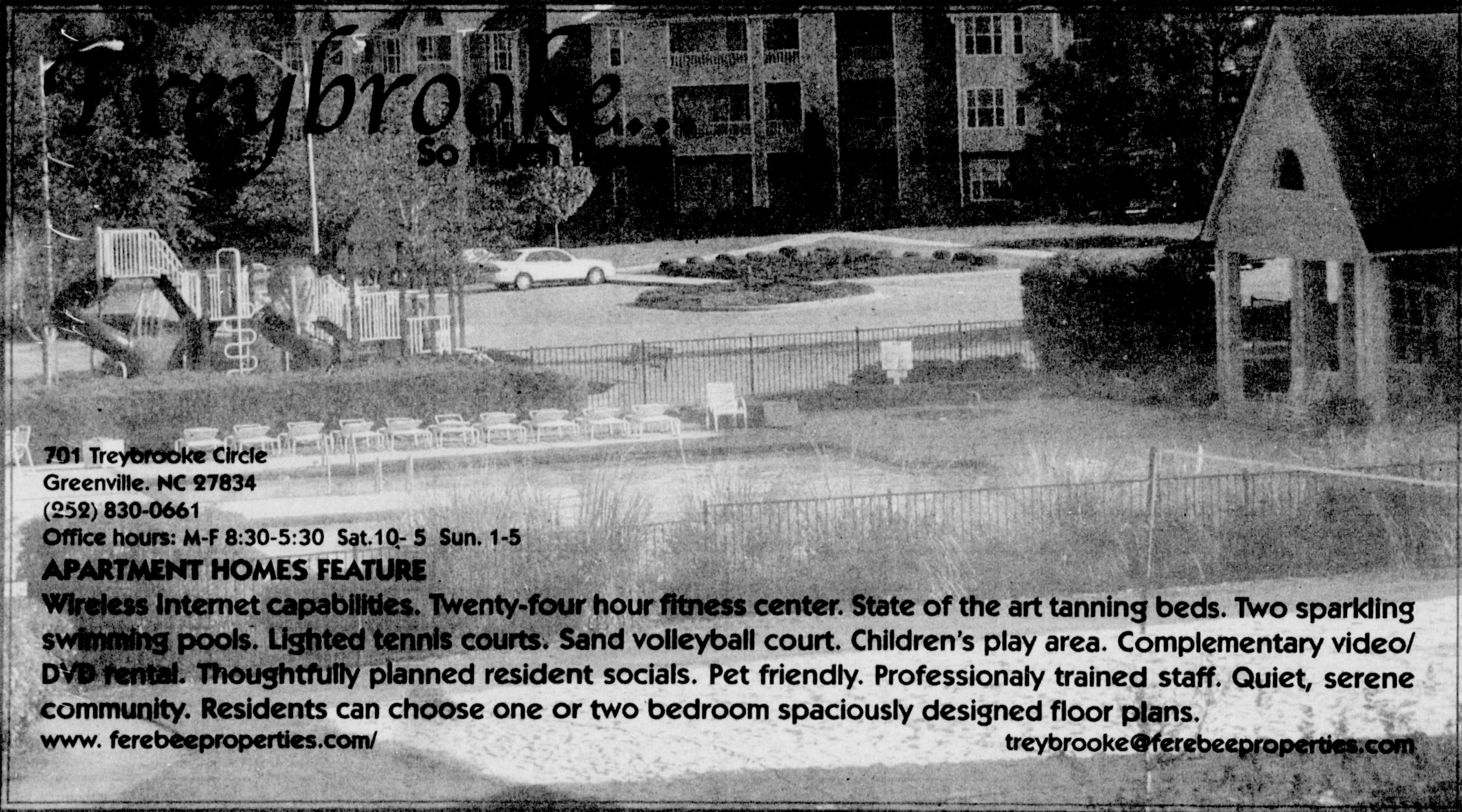
While the dorms are convenient, most students are more than satisfied with their apartments.

"I can do what I want, when I want," said Matthew Cook, senior biology major.

"I have my own room with a door I can lock when I need my own space, and I don't have to feel guilty for hogging the room and impeding on my roommate. It's been worth every penny to be free of the dorm."

If you wish to live in an all-inclusive apartment, it's important to move fast. Last year, Pirate's Cove was full by the latter part of March and space in the other complexes was taken soon after.

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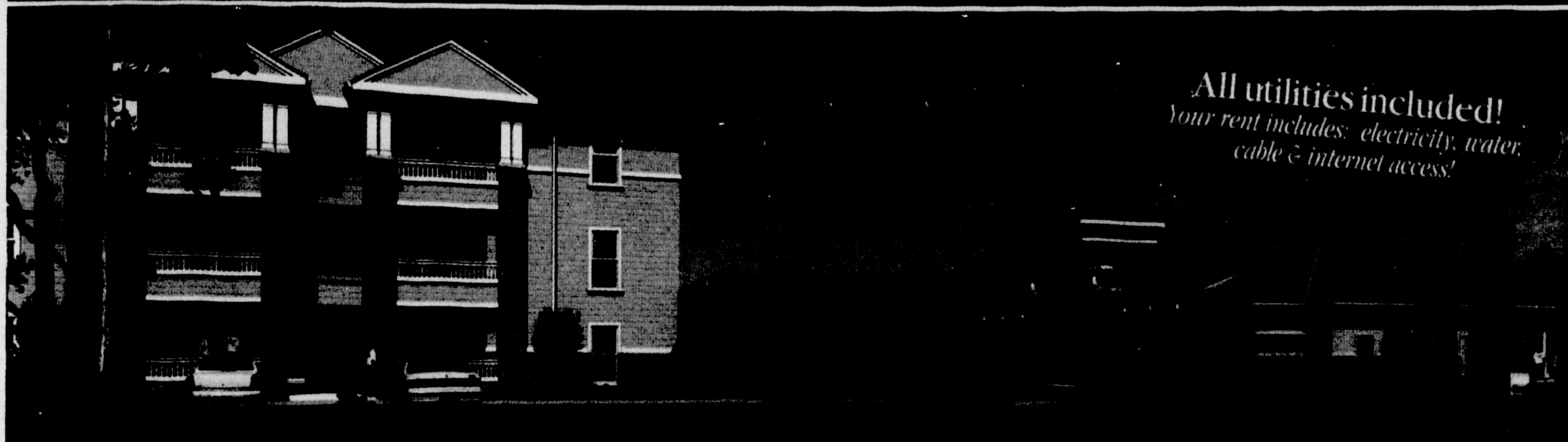
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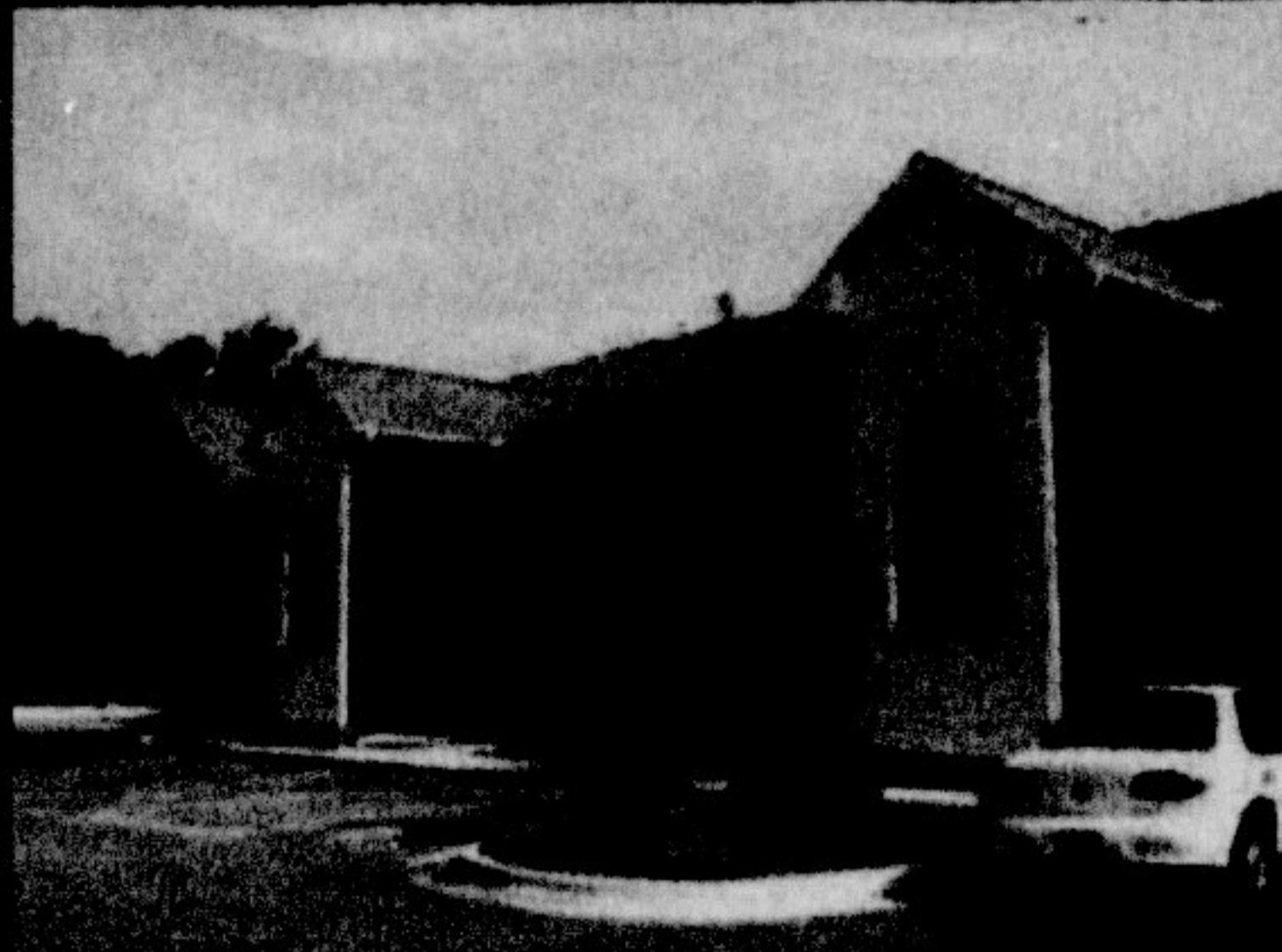


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