

# Former medical school dean dies at 83



LAUPUS

## Laopus' achievements fondly remembered

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NEWS EDITOR

Dr. William Laopus, former dean of the Brody School of Medicine and founder of the four year medical school at ECU, died last week. He was 83 years old.

Dr. Laopus and his family moved to Greenville in 1975 when he was appointed dean of the Brody School of Medicine. He did a number of things to expand and improve the school through his leadership and knowledge.

"I'd call him a gentle giant, he was extremely knowledgeable, an excellent leader ... [He] had great vision in working with development of the school," said Jon Tinglestad, former chair of pediatrics at the Brody School of Medicine.

Laopus had many supporters and was faced with some opposition at times during his career, but moved forward because he knew what he was doing was right. He related well with patients and their families.



Friends of Dr. Laopus, who also spoke during the ceremony, listen and reflect during the funeral held Monday afternoon.

"I'd call him a mentor, teacher, a role model," Tinglestad said.

Tinglestad said Dr. Laopus was the right person at the right time to serve because he fit the needs of the school and was able to put the pieces together when the future of the medical school was under question.

"There was a lot of resentment about the school from other parts of the state that didn't think there should be a medical school in Greenville," Tinglestad said.

"With his diplomatic ways ... he moved ahead, the school was advanced."

Tinglestad said the combination of the Brody School of Medicine, ECU and the hospital, have been major factors in the growth and development of Greenville and have become "the centerpiece of eastern North Carolina."

Joseph Zanga, Jefferson-Pilot distinguished professor in primary care and assistant dean of generalist programs, agreed with Tinglestad.

"He had come here to take a medical school that had been approved by the state legislature and make it a reality," said Zanga.

"Without him and the medical school, the Pitt County Memorial Hospital would not be what it is today and Greenville would not be what it is today."

Laopus brought faculty he knew from the Medical College in Virginia to ECU, while others came from other parts of the country because of his strong national reputation as an educator and administrator. He brought the medical school from its first class of approximately 20 students, who took some classes in trailers, to the present 72 students in each entering class.

He came here from the Medical College at the University of Virginia in Richmond, where he was a professor of pediatrics and chair of the department of pediatrics.

"He built the department of pediatrics there from a small local program to a very busy national recognized pediatric program. He came here to do the same," Zanga said.

Dr. Laopus has worked as an administrator and a clinician who worked well with faculty

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Meters have been spinning faster due to winter weather.

# Cold weather causes utility bill increases

## Local business suggests how to save money on heating

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STAFF WRITER

In light of the recent cold spell, the cost for utility bills among ECU students and Greenville residents has increased. Greenville Utilities suggests students use other methods of combating the cold instead of increasing the heat.

Andy Yakim, energy supervisor at Greenville Utilities, said when using a heat pump, students should set the system at a comfortable temperature and leave it. "Setting your thermostat at 68 degrees is a national recommendation," said Yakim.

Each degree over the recommended 68 degrees will cause consumers to pay 7 percent more. "If someone keeps their thermostat set at 78 degrees and doesn't move it up or down, they will still pay 70 to 80 percent more for their heating," Yakim said.

Continually resetting a thermostat's temperature can triple heating costs, no matter how much it was reset. The reason behind this is heat pumps are equipped with backup systems and turning the heat up one degree causes this system to turn on, which can triple a person's heating costs.

Many older homes are not equipped with heat pumps. Therefore, they use electric furnaces, oil, gas or baseboard heating systems.

Yakim said homes not equipped with heat pumps should turn off their systems as much as possible. It does not cost more to reheat a building than to keep it heated when no one is home.

Greenville Utilities permits customers to view the utility history of homes or apartments prior to renting.

Yakim said he recommends checking these past bills, especially when looking at an older home.

Students who receive a bill from Greenville Utilities on a monthly basis are not only receiving an electric bill. Water, sewage, gas and some additional bills from Greenville Utilities are also included in this summary, all of which students need to consider when analyzing their statements.

"The biggest complaint from students is their parents' bills are lower, until they realize what their bill entails," Yakim said.

Sixty percent of a student's electric bill consists of heating and cooling their home, 20 percent consists of water heating and the other 20 percent consists of lights, computers, washing

## Winter Chills

The following months are listed from coldest to warmest in past winter seasons:

- January
- December
- February
- March
- November

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Audience members listen to Chestnutt's Saturday lecture.

# Great Decisions covers U.S. job outsourcing

## CEO explains threat to American employment

CHRIS MUNIER  
STAFF WRITER

A business CEO addressed the Great Decisions audience in Rivers Auditorium on the phenomenon of outsourcing U.S. jobs to other countries.

James Chesnutt, president and CEO of National Spinning Company, considers the outsourcing of American jobs to be a huge crisis that could leave a burden on future generations.

Chesnutt's company manufactures textiles and he has seen a number of his jobs go overseas, yet his company has not been afflicted by outsourcing as much as others. National Spinning Company has had manufacturing jobs moved to El Salvador. His other plants are scattered across eastern North Carolina in places like Washington.

Since 1994, the United States' manufactured goods balance has gone deeply into deficit. Chesnutt provided data indicating the deficit has reached more than \$2.8 trillion. This mounting deficit climbs at a rate of \$896,187 per minute.

Chesnutt said technology is putting people out of jobs. On top of that, companies are going to cheap foreign labor out of desperation. He said he is in favor of free trade but there has to be a way to make free trade fair.

"We need to craft agreements that make sense," said Chesnutt.

People in Greenville may not notice the effects of job outsourcing, but the rest of eastern North Carolina has wearily felt it.

"This doesn't happen as much in Greenville, this is Boom Town," Chesnutt said.

The manufacturing and services industries have been damaged the most by this phenomenon, but this is something that

## Great Decisions

Next Saturday, Feb. 26, the Great Decisions series continues with a look at Sudan and the Darfur. Suzan Bradley from the U.S. State Department is scheduled to talk about this topic.

impacts the entire economy. It affects everyone, from those who are unemployed to consumers. Many consumer items are produced in other countries."

Chesnutt told a story about a woman who once worked for him, lost her job and was forced to work multiple part-time jobs. She went from having a comfortable job with benefits to working at hotels without any retirement, health care or vacations.

The North American Free Trade Agreement was established in 1994 to open trade with Mexico and Canada. At that time, the Clinton administration predicted the national account balance would reach a surplus of \$10 billion by 2005. Unfortunately, our trade debt with Mexico is closing in on \$50 billion.

U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is worried about the harmful effects of trade deficits as well. The dollar is weakening, inflation has been a problem recently and interest rates will increase dramatically. Increases in interest rates have adverse effects on the housing market, stunts GDP growth and puts a burden on future generations.

Chesnutt said the U.S. is the world's largest debtor, and we have outstanding debts to Japan, China and various oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

He said China, in particular, presents a problem for the U.S.

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# ECU helps promote camp for children with heart disease



Children play a game where they have to work as a team to escape a web of panty hose during Saturday's meeting of potential campers called "Come Out of Your Shell."

## Event raises awareness for heart disease

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The Hampton Inn in Williamston, NC hosted an informative meeting meant to raise awareness for congenital heart disease Saturday in honor of Congenital Heart Disease Day, celebrated on Feb. 14.

The event sought to raise support for The Heart Camp, a three-day program scheduled for April 15 - 17 to aid children who suffer from congenital heart disease.

The pre-camp event was designed to raise awareness of congenital heart disease and allow the children who suffer from this disease to meet each other before the actual camp in April. This event also allowed the parents of the children to meet the counselors who will be participating in The Heart Camp.

Priti Desai, child life coordinator in the college of human ecology, designed the event to have a fun and social environment.

"It was very fun," said Desai. "We wanted the children to come out of their shells."

The pre-camp was entitled "Come Out of Your Shell." A turtle was the logo for the event and illustrated the desired outcome for the day's activities. Games and activities took place allowing the children to participate with each other and understand there are others just like them.

The event had a successful draw of children and parents.

"Approximately 50 people were in attendance, which is a good starting point for an event like this," Desai said.

"It makes the children know that they are not alone with heart disease."

In addition to focusing on children who suffer from this disease, siblings of affected children also received attention.

"Our goal is to raise support for families with heart problems," Desai said.

"Siblings of patients also have their own needs."

The day's events were well received from its attendants.

"The reactions were great, as well as the synergy of the event," Desai said.

"We wanted to improve the children's self-esteem while allowing them to have a good time. It was absolutely a success."

Jessica Browning, a senior child development family relations major who serves as the Student Liaison between ECU and The Heart Camp, found the event a success.

"We had great success ... more than we could have ever hoped for," said Browning.

"This event made the parents feel more comfortable and excited about The Heart Camp."

The Pitt County Memorial Hospital Foundation provided a grant that allowed this initiative to take place.

"We are very grateful to the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Foundation for supporting this

## Heart Camp

Those who are interested in this cause can contact Priti Desai at 328-2866 for more information on how to get involved with The Heart Camp.

event," Desai said.

"This is all about teamwork and getting together for a good cause."

This initiative is important because of the seriousness of congenital heart disease. One out of every 100 children is born with congenital heart disease.

"Congenital heart disease that remains untreated is the highest cause of morbidity in children," Desai said.

"Addressing the emotional and psychological needs of these children helps enhance their quality of life."

Dr. Charles Sang, a cardiologist, was in attendance, as well as Sharon Welsh, a pediatric cardiology nurse.

Nancy Harris, the honorary camp dietician, also attended Saturday's events. This initiative has succeeded in bringing together many different departments of ECU.

The department of child development and family resources raised \$680 in a fundraiser for the day's events.

The Heart Camp itself will be held at Camp Don Lee Center in Arapahoe, NC. Children who suffer from congenital heart dis-

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## Campus News

### Correction

In the article "City mandates heightened fire safety measures in Greek houses" in the Feb. 16 issue of *TEC*, the writer received faulty information from an interviewee concerning the house at UNC Chapel Hill that had a house fire. The fraternity reported, Delta Chi, does not have a chapter at Chapel Hill. In 1996, Chapel Hill's chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity suffered a fire, which killed five young men and injured three.

### Correction

In the article "Great Decisions speaker discusses the Middle East" from the Feb. 1 issue of *TEC*, Joseph Kickasola did not say terrorists use Muhammad's angry episodes and messages as justification for violence against non-Muslims. He said the Quran contains peaceful verses and warlike verses. The Islamic theocrats interpret the peaceful verses in view of the peaceful verses. He said during the Cold War it was necessary, in view of nuclear exchange, to put stability before reform and to support even dictators that were anti-Soviet. Kickasola also said that some U.S. leaders at the time said Islamic dictators are "bastards" but they are "our bastards."

### Good Morning Commuter Breakfast

Adult and Commuter Student Services will hold various events throughout the day Feb. 22 at the Student Recreational Center to celebrate National Health and Fitness Day. Begin the day with a healthy breakfast offered from 8:30 - 11 a.m. From 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., there will be sit-reach tests and other related activities while Tara Barber will provide nutrition information. The All Access Workout will take place from 12 - 1 p.m. and body fat testing will begin at 4:30 p.m. An Aqua Fitness class begins at 5:30 p.m.

### Cancer Prevention

Look for Phi Kappa Delta tables promoting cancer prevention outside Wright Plaza Feb. 22 - 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Get informative pamphlets and enter to win great prizes.

### ECU Graduation Expo

ECU May graduates are invited to a special Graduation expo featuring everything students need for graduation including graduation announcements, diploma frames, class rings and other accessories. The expo will take place in the rear dining room of Wright Place Feb. 22 - Feb. 24. On Tuesday, vendors will be available from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 328-6731 or visit studentstores.ecu.edu.

### Mac Users Meeting

The ECU Mac Users Group will have its February meeting Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7:15 p.m. in the Willis Building. Meetings are free and open to anyone. Agenda includes the latest Apple news update, a demonstration of new Mac software from iLife '05 and iWork. The \$1 raffle prizes include a new iPod Shuffle 1GB, iLife '05 and iWork software. For more information visit ecumug.org.

### 'My Three Angels'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse is sponsoring this comedy about three convicts on a work furlough. Employed by a family they became fond of, they learn the family may lose their business and inheritance. Possessing criminal minds and hearts of gold, they set matters right and in doing so redeem themselves as real life angels to the grateful family. The performance will be Feb. 24 - Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday in the McGinnis Theatre. Call 328-6829 for more information.

### Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Feb. 25 at the Willis Building. Beginners lesson is at 7:30 p.m. and the dance is from 8 - 10:30 p.m. A string band will perform live, old-time and Celtic music. Costs for admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call 752-7350.

## News Briefs

### Local

**Trial set for former board chairman accused of assault**  
RALEIGH, NC - A March 4 trial date has been set for a former chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors charged with assaulting a teenage girl in the elevator of a Hilton Head, SC hotel. Ben Sylvester Ruffin, 63, of Winston-Salem, turned himself into Hilton Head, SC police Thursday in connection with a 16-year-old girl's claims that she was inappropriately touched last summer.

An arrest warrant was taken out in August against Ruffin, who is charged with one count of simple assault and battery, according to court records. Ruffin was released from jail on his recognizance, the records show. Police believe Ruffin inappropriately touched the girl as the two rode in an elevator at the Hilton Head Island Marriott Hotel during a conference in July 2004. Ruffin previously said he was not in the elevator with the girl. His trial is slated for municipal court in Hilton Head.

Ruffin was the first black chairman of the Board of Governors and remains an emeritus member.

**UNC system probes improved health plan for workers**  
DURHAM, NC - North Carolina's public university system wants to create its own employee insurance program, one that is cheaper and less restrictive than the existing health

plan for state employees. The University of North Carolina system's Board of Governors recently approved the experiment as one of its priorities for the current legislative session. The plan would need approval from the General Assembly. The university system would provide health insurance directly to the 37,000 state university employees and about 24,000 dependents statewide while still operating within the state health plan. "The goal is not to get separated from the state plan. The goal is to get better benefits," said Leslie Winner, the university system's general counsel.

### National

**Florida couple accused of torture**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Fla. - Only after John and Linda Dollar's 16-year-old son was hospitalized with a head wound did investigators find what they say were signs of abuse at the home - a cattle prod, pliers and what appeared to be toenails.

The Dollars - regarded by state social workers a decade ago as model parents - now stand accused of monstrous acts against five of their eight children, including the 16-year-old, who weighed just 60 pounds when he was hospitalized. The couple appeared briefly in court Sunday in Lecanto, where a judge denied them bail.

"It's a tragedy, and I wish there was something we could've done sooner," said Florida Department of Children & Families spokesman Bill D'Aluto.

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machines, small refrigerators and other similar appliances.

"Turning lights and small appliances off is a good thing, but it isn't something that will show a significant difference on your bill," Yakim said.

Students have felt the effects of this winter's fluctuating temperatures.

"Rather than turning the heat up or down when the weather changes, I usually just put on a sweatshirt," said Katelin Finch, sophomore psychology major.

Finch said since her apartment is small, she can tell a differ-

ence when she opens her blinds to let the sun in.

"The sunlight warms up my apartment most of the time without the heat on at all," Finch said.

Emily White, sophomore nursing major, opted to turn her heat down instead of off during the warm weather.

"Since it was warm for a few days, we turned the heat down to 62 degrees, but now it's cooler we've had to turn it up to 70," said White.

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"But if we don't know about it, or if the school system doesn't know about it, or if a neighbor doesn't know about it... there's nothing that us or law enforcement or anyone else can do."

The children have told investigators they were starved, shocked with a cattle prod, beaten with a hammer and had toenails yanked out with pliers. Police compared their emaciated bodies to victims of Nazi concentration camps.

### Gonzo Journalist Hunter S. Thompson commits suicide

ASPEN, Colo. - Hunter S. Thompson, the hard-living writer who inserted himself into his accounts of America's underbelly and popularized a first-person form of journalism in books such as *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, has committed suicide. Thompson was found dead Sunday in his Aspen-area home of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, sheriff's officials said. He was 67. Thompson's wife, Anita, had gone out before the shooting and was not home at the time. Besides the 1972 classic about Thompson's visit to Las Vegas, he also wrote *Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72*. The central character in those wild, sprawling satires was "Dr. Thompson," a snarling, drug- and alcohol-crazed observer and participant. Thompson is credited alongside Tom Wolfe and Gay Talese with helping pioneer New Journalism - or, as he dubbed it, "gonzo journalism" - in

which the writer made himself an essential component of the story. Thompson, whose early writings mostly appeared in *Rolling Stone* magazine, often portrayed himself as wildly intoxicated as he reported on such historic figures as Jimmy Carter, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

### International

#### Bush faces Iraq critics, calls for trans-Atlantic unity

BRUSSELS, Belgium - President Bush, hoping to thaw relations with European leaders skeptical about U.S. involvement in Iraq and the Middle East, pressed on Monday for greater trans-Atlantic relations. "In a new century, the alliance of America and Europe is the main pillar of our security," he said.


Bush pledged to move forward to long-running conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis and "raise the flag of a free Palestine." "The world must not rest until there is a just and lasting resolution to this conflict," Bush said. Belgium Prime Guy Verhofstadt, who introduced Bush, said the U.S.-led invasion was divisive, but with problems in Africa and other parts of the world, "It makes little sense arguing about who was right." Turning to another volatile spot in the world, Bush called on Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon. As Bush spoke, thousands of opposition supporters in Beirut shouted insults at Syria and demanded the

resignation of Lebanon's pro-Syrian government, marking a week since the assassination of Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's most prominent politician. Syria must end its occupation of Lebanon, Bush said to applause. "The Lebanese people have the right to be free, and the United States and Europe share an interest in an independent, democratic Lebanon," he said, adding that if Syrians stay out of Lebanon's parliamentary elections in the spring, the vote "can be another milestone of liberty."

### U.N. refugee chief resigns, proclaims innocence

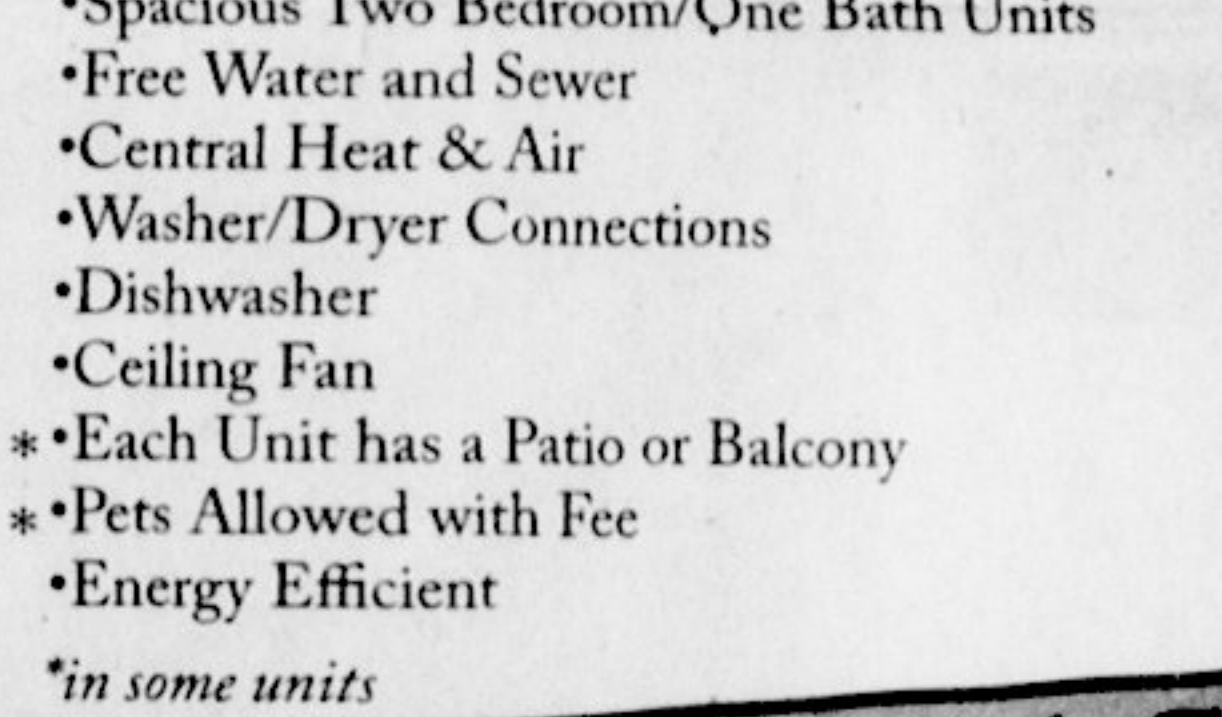
UNITED NATIONS - After months of criticism, Secretary-General Kofi Annan decided that U.N. refugee chief Ruud Lubbers had to go because of the growing controversy over allegations that the former Dutch prime minister had sexually harassed female staffers. Lubbers didn't go easily. He resigned Sunday but proclaimed his innocence, saying he felt insulted and accusing Annan of giving in to "media pressure." At a meeting with Annan on Friday, U.N. diplomats said the secretary-general offered the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees two choices - resign or face suspension and charges of breaking U.N. rules. Allegations first surfaced last year that he had made unwanted sexual advances toward a female employee, identified in media reports as an American.

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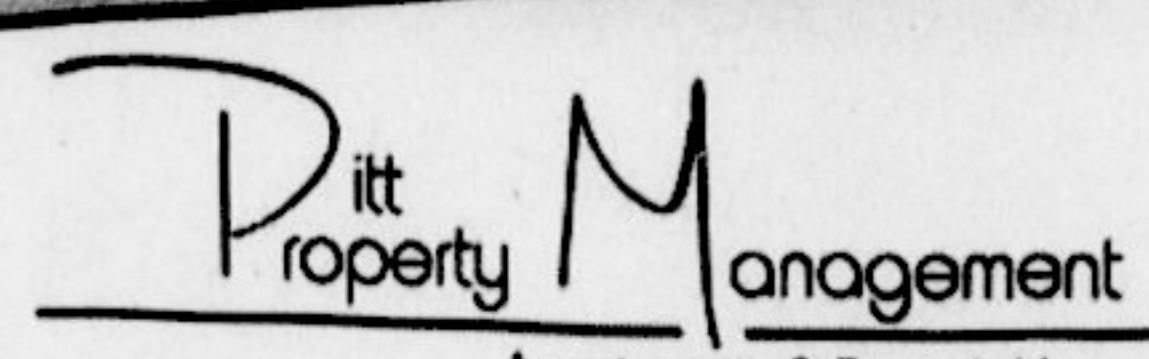
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and patients. He helped Zanga, started him out on his career, first assisting him to do fellowship in general pediatrics in primary care and then assisting him in securing a fellowship at the University of Rochester in New York.

*"I'd call him a mentor, teacher, a role model,"*

**Jon Tingelstad**  
Former chair of pediatrics at BSOM

Dr. Laupus also introduced Zanga to the American Academy of Pediatrics and to some of the officers of the academy. Dr. Zanga was eventually elected the president of the AAP after serving on the Board of Directors of the organization before he came to the Brody School of Medicine.

"Dr. Laupus was a fine teacher and excellent administrator," Zanga said.

"He not only taught the science of medicine, but he taught all of us the art of medicine as well."

Zanga said Laupus was able to make patients feel well and recover faster by taking the time to talk to them and by caring about them in addition to prescribing medicines.

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ease or childhood onset cardiac disease, are within the ages of 2 - 18 and live in Pitt County are eligible for participation. The camp is designed to develop the children in ways that will impact their lives.

The theme of the camp is "Rhythm of Our Hearts," which allows the skills of the department of music therapy to be utilized in an effective way.

According to the Congenital Heart Information Network, congenital heart disease occurs when the heart is formed improperly and results in structural abnormalities. This condition is the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth-defect related deaths.

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They have far fewer environmental and human rights regulations, which allows them to commandeer many manufacturing jobs from the United States. He said the biggest problem for him and his company is trying to "jump through hoops" to meet U.S. environmental regulations that

other countries do not have.

This problem is not isolated to the United States though. Several European countries have endured this as well. However, this dilemma has afflicted the U.S. the most. This country currently has a \$40 billion deficit in advanced technology—even those

jobs are being shipped overseas.

Chesnutt enjoyed speaking at the Great Decisions forum because it gave him an opportunity to visit his alma mater. He graduated from ECU in 1963.

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## Our View

Reading this column could improve your quality of life

In 50 years, reading for pleasure may be a concept that will cease to exist. Fiction novels will drop from the shelves, newspapers will stop publication and magazines will become a thing of the past.

While this may be a slight exaggeration, researchers maintain this scenario could be entirely possible.

According to a recent study by the National Endowment for the Arts, the amount of people who enjoy reading is in a serious decline - especially in the age group of those 18-24.

In this age group, the rate of decline in reading rates is 55 percent greater than the total adult population. At this rate, the NEA warns, literary reading will virtually disappear in as little as 50 years.

While this fact is alarming to us as employees of a newspaper, we can't help but think how this statistic will affect our society in the upcoming years. Can you imagine a world where our kids (or our grand kids) have no idea who Huck Finn is? No knowledge of Harry Potter?

The study also found a total decline of 10 percentage points in literary readers from 1982 to 2002 - a loss of approximately 20 million people.

Not only does a decline in reading strike against our culture, but it also affects us mentally.

Brain researchers report mental exercises, such as puzzles, doing math and even reading, contribute to living a healthy life. And no, reading the scrolling text on CNN or TRL doesn't count.

The NEA survey revealed readers are more likely to be involved in cultural, sports and volunteer activities than non-readers. Keep our society lively - pick up a book.



## Opinion Columnist

### Intrusion rises with proposed laws

Time to stand up and defend your rights

TONY MCKEE  
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

A few weeks ago I mentioned that Fairfax, Va. had passed a law that no one under the age of 18 would be allowed to use a cell phone while driving, whether it was a hands-free unit or not. I also warned that unless something was done the law would be copied by other states. Guess what? I told you so.

Currently on the books in the NC Legislature - the state senate to be exact - is Bill S102. This piece of legislation is the same as Virginia's: No cell phone usage by anyone under the age of 18 while driving. Unless it is an "approved" emergency call, that is.

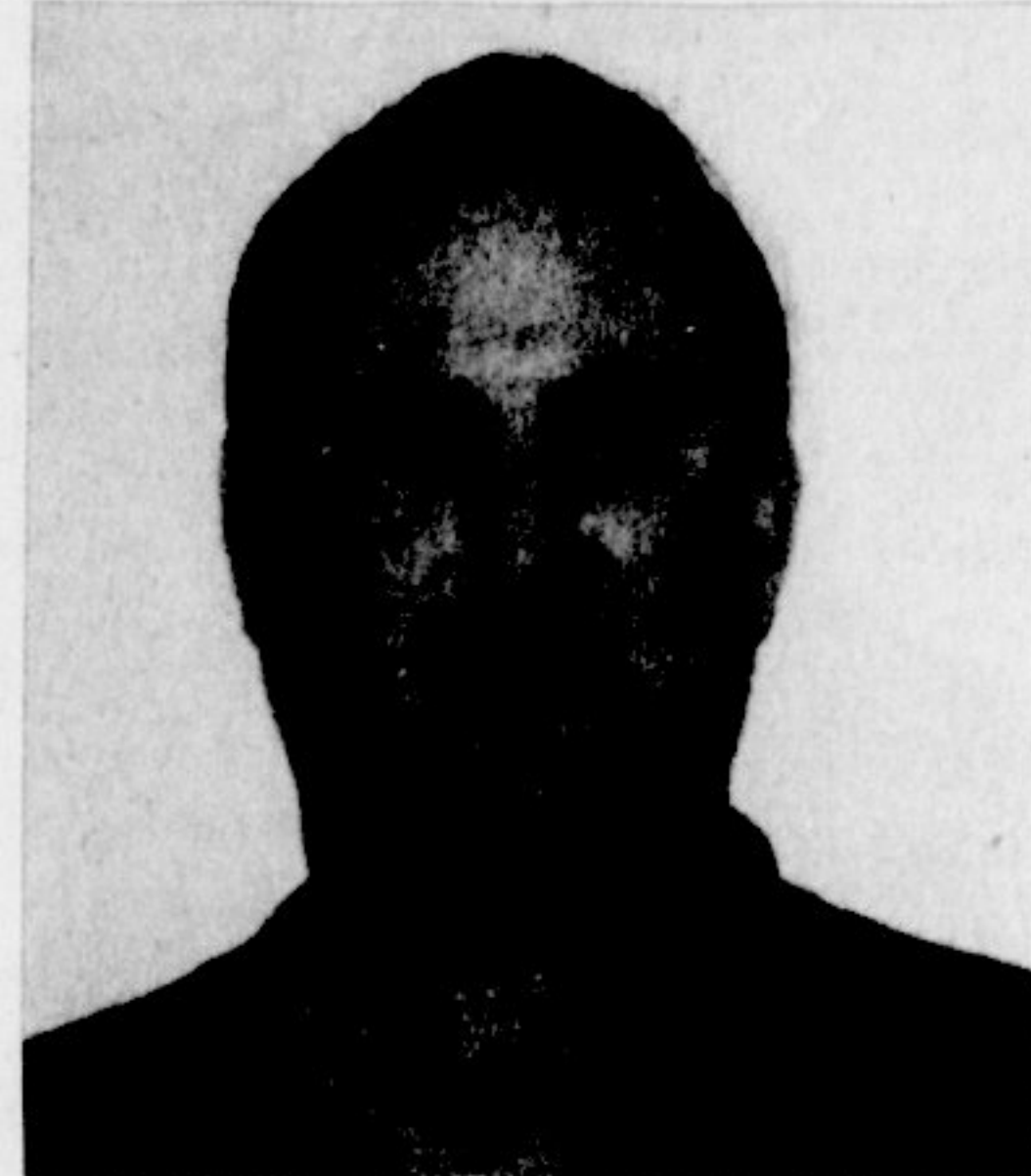
As was the case in Virginia, this is a bad law based on false premises that is restricting the actions of a select group of people.

You do realize that if this bill is passed, as of Dec. 1 of this year there will be students at ECU, and every other college in the state, that will not be allowed to use a cell phone while driving, don't you? Fellow collegians, maybe even your brother/sister/friend, will be profiled for "driving while talking."

Feel a little differently now that the government intrusion into our private lives may hit closer to home? Feeling a little less liberal, perhaps? Or are you even now trying to justify this to yourself and others? Are you telling yourself, "it is for his or her own good" like a good little hypocrite? Yes, hypocrite. You know full well that you would be howling, "foul!" if you were currently under 18.

Well, most of you would anyway. Probably.

Just for fun, let's look at a few more proposed pieces of legislation that the



NC Legislature will consider. We'll stay with the Senate bills for now.

**S104: DWI-Zero Alcohol When Transporting Child.** Introduced by the same Senator that wants to target teenagers, this bill, if passed, would make it a DWI offense for a driver to have any (yes any) alcohol in their blood when "transporting a person 17 years or less." Note the wording "any alcohol in their blood." Not .08 as is the legal limit now. A whole new definition of DWI will be created.

While the Senate has its Big Brother moments, they have nothing on the State House. Let's check a few of their bills out.

**H286: Increase Cigarette Tax.** Raise the tax from two to four cents per cigarette. Also raises the tax on non-cigarette tobacco from 2 percent to 32 percent of cost price. This bill is written so that it seems to be protecting "the children."

**H15: Cigarette Tax Increase For Public Health.** Raise the tax from 2 to 6 cents per cigarette. Note the words "Public Health." I thought that was what the multi-billion dollar tobacco company lawsuit money was to be used for. Oh yeah, that's right. That money was misappropriated. Again, bills targeting certain groups and/or behaviors. Where you be, libs?

**H39: Motorcycles - No Passengers Under Age 10.** Again, an intrusive law to protect "the children."

**H106: Expand Medicaid Eligibility to Children/200 Percent.** This is a cute one. It will expand eligibility for ... drum roll please ... children to the State Medicaid program to 200 percent of the Federal poverty level. End result? Expansion of the Medicaid rolls and more money spent. Coincidentally, this dovetails nicely with Governor Easley's current budget, which increased by 5.5 percent over last year.

Did you know Easley says it will "cost too much" to drop the "temporary" 1/2 percent tax increase that was to expire this year? Why? Well, because the State needs the money for, among other things, an increase in Medicaid spending. Well, duh. If you continually expand eligibility you spend more money. Nice logic. Let's continue.

**H12: Left Lane For Passing Only.** This one I like, sort of. It says that on four lane or greater highways, get your slow little butt out of the left lane unless you are passing, turning or exiting. I like it because maybe now I won't have to ram people out of my way. Only kidding, kinda. I don't like it because it legislates what is a legal, if annoying, action. Oh well.

All these proposed laws, and many more here and across the country, are dangerous intrusions into our personal freedoms, whether you agree or not. The day may (will?) come when something, be it a law, court ruling, whatever, will be handed down that will profoundly and negatively affect you. Some of these laws, and their predecessors, are doing so to others at this moment.

If you do not stand up and defend other's rights, even if it is the right to be stupid and self destructive, who will defend you when your rights are curtailed?

## Pirate Rant

The clock tower serves no purpose. It can't be there to give people the time because it never gives the correct time.

Props to sports writer Robert Leonard for his article last week and every week. It's pretty obvious he knows what he's talking about and he tells it like it is.

To those who are saying, "baseball season is here, finally something we are good at"... you need to wake up. The ECU swim team continues to be the school's best sport and this year they were ranked first in the nation. Pay attention.

Anyone see a NC State game on TV? Man, their student section is terrible. Goes to show how awesome Pirate fans are.

Ronald Reagan might be dead, but as long as tuition goes up by 10 percent every year, his economics will live on.

I hate not being able to get into a section that would fit into the rest of my class schedule because it's closed. Every semester, after the last drop-day to be exact, the classes all of a sudden shrink to 50 percent of its original size because the other 50 percent are space and time-wasting bozos. If you're not going to stick with it, why sign up in the first place?

Stop with the presidential pirate rants. There isn't anything you can do about it. Stop complaining and get the hell over it.

I am just continually amazed at how many people cannot speak or write the English language. Have the school systems stopped teaching proper grammar skills? I'm astounded at e-mails and correspondence from staff members who continually slaughter the English language. It's shameful. And some of these folks I know have a college education.

It is fine to smoke - many people make a living from tobacco - but please note, you smell really bad.

Tony Zoppo, you are the sports editor and somehow you let Matt Saunders publish his article on NASCAR. Not only is there a picture of Dale Jarrett labeled Jimmy Johnson but also he doesn't even get the facts about the sport right. NASCAR is the number one spectator sport in the U.S. and in second world wide behind only soccer. The NFL would love to have the number of spectators that NASCAR has. Matt, I am glad you are going to give NASCAR a try this race season but before any more pieces on the sport please do a little research and get the facts straight.

Pro-choice is pro-death, or more correctly, pro-murder. You're killing a human being who can't defend itself. Maybe you should have "thought for yourself" before you got pregnant. If you're responsible enough to have sex, you're responsible enough to deal with the consequences.

Well, it all makes sense now. No wonder Peter "I hate America" Kalajian has such hated views on our great country. He's just another every day criminal trying to get his record cleaned up so he can get a job when he leaves ECU. Isn't it funny that if you don't break the law you don't have to worry about going to jail? Problem solved.

Why don't local apartments have leases based on a nine-month school year that don't cost \$50 extra a month? I thought this was a college town.

To the writer of the NASCAR article: I am happy for you that you finally realize there is something other than football to watch on Sunday, but maybe you should do your research and label the pictures in your article correctly.

Hasn't anyone ever heard of the courtesy flush? Because of you, I go into the bathroom smelling sweet and come out smelling like Duke... Blue Devils, that is.

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## In My Opinion

### Bloggers vs. bosses: Caught in a tangled Web

(KRT) - Nothing's been hotter in the blogosphere in recent days than news accounts of the Durham, NC Herald-Sun reporter fired after she posted a workplace rant - "I really hate my place of employment" - on her personal Internet diary, or blog.

It wasn't the first time an employer had dumped cold water on this free and easy world of online musings. With as many as two-dozen cases documented, more bloggers are being asked to clean out their cubicles.

Some employees who blog ran afoul of their bosses for Internet postings made on company time at their office computer terminals. Others post items from home that anger their workplace's powers-that-be.

While still rare, employer reprisals are a troubling response - if only because they're an overreaction to the online carping from real-life Dilberts.

Issuing pink slips can backfire in the court of public opinion, too. Delta Air Lines flight attendant Ellen Simonetti now blogs semi-famously on her "Diary of a Fired Flight Attendant" site, after having her boarding pass torn up for posting photos of herself in her Delta uniform on an empty plane.

As for the Herald-Sun execs who thought it was a dandy idea for a newspaper to squelch free expression, well,

they might want to remember they're in the free-speech business.

Though they may be practicing the fine art of overkill, these employers are within their legal rights. Employment law experts report that businesses have broad latitude to crack down on behavior that clashes with "the business mission," however they define it.

So the byword is: Bloggers beware. A dose of caution might not be the worst thing to hit the blogosphere, either.

As with e-mail a decade ago, bloggers are discovering that the ease and freedom of the medium that they celebrate also can bring costs they'll want to avoid. Little things such as pink slips and lawsuits.

Bloggers may post their thoughts from the kitchen table in their pajamas. Yet they operate in the public world of publishing. They write things for strangers to read. And the First Amendment guarantee of free speech is not the only rule that applies in the publishing world.

For instance, there are those pesky laws on defamation and libel. And in America, at least, publishing commentary on public events implies an allegiance to truthfulness.

Those are the rules of the road, anyway, for the MSM - the mainstream

media that many bloggers like to mock and pillory. Part of what bloggers mock in the MSM - its caution and slowness - stems from the old guard having lived much longer in a world where error and hyperbole can have painful consequences.

Blogging will mature through its brushes with harsh realities. That doesn't mean blogging has to become less interesting or useful. It just has to come to grips better with its public nature. (Private, password-protected blogs should be accorded more protection since they amount to private conversations).

For now, employers should familiarize themselves with this growing, powerful practice and come up with sensible blogging policies that are conveyed clearly to employees. Sensible implies that workers shouldn't be given carte blanche to trash co-workers or expose trade secrets, but neither should they be harshly punished for speech that damages only a boss' ego. It also suggests that the medium offers some benefits to companies that value openness and feedback from workers.

By the same token, more bloggers need to understand that, at times, indeed, the whole world - not just people who think as they do - could be watching.

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## College of education excels

### Announcements:

#### Education Job Fair

ECU's College of Education is holding a job fair Friday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. - noon at the Murphy Center. Employers on-hand will include people from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina recruiting professional educators, student support staff and school administrators.

#### Majors Fair

There will be a Spring 2005 Majors Fair on Wednesday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the first floor in the Bate Building. Find out the right major for you.

#### 'Love Letters'

*Love Letters*, starring Eva Marie Saint and John Hayden will be performing at Wright Auditorium Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - 25.

### Names in the News:

#### New FX Sitcom

Move over Clint Eastwood and Denis Leary. Rob McElhenry, of Philadelphia, will write, executive-produce and star in the FX sitcom "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," scheduled to premiere in the summer.

McElhenry, 27, got bored after looking for acting jobs in Hollywood for a few years. So he made the plot with some friends "for the price of a couple of pizzas and the tape," pitched it a few places, and sold it to the cable network.

"It got close to a bidding war," McElhenry says. The show, which will be shot in Philadelphia and in L.A., is about a group of friends who open a bar in Philadelphia. The new mogul is already living large. FX took him to the Super Bowl, and he figures he'll have enough bread to pay off his 2000 Toyota Tacoma.

#### 'Starved' for Attention

In other FX news, the network will debut a new comedy this summer about eating disorders. Variety reports, "Starved," written and directed by and co-starring Eric Schaeffer ("My Life's in Tumorland"), will chronicle the life and times of four 30-somethings (three guys and one gal) as they struggle to deal with their illness. We think this is a surefire hit. After all, there's nothing quite as funny as watching a fellow human being starve to death.

To be fair, the show is intended to be one of those sappy, life-affirming dramas about folks overcoming misfortune.

#### Anna Nicole's Newest Loss

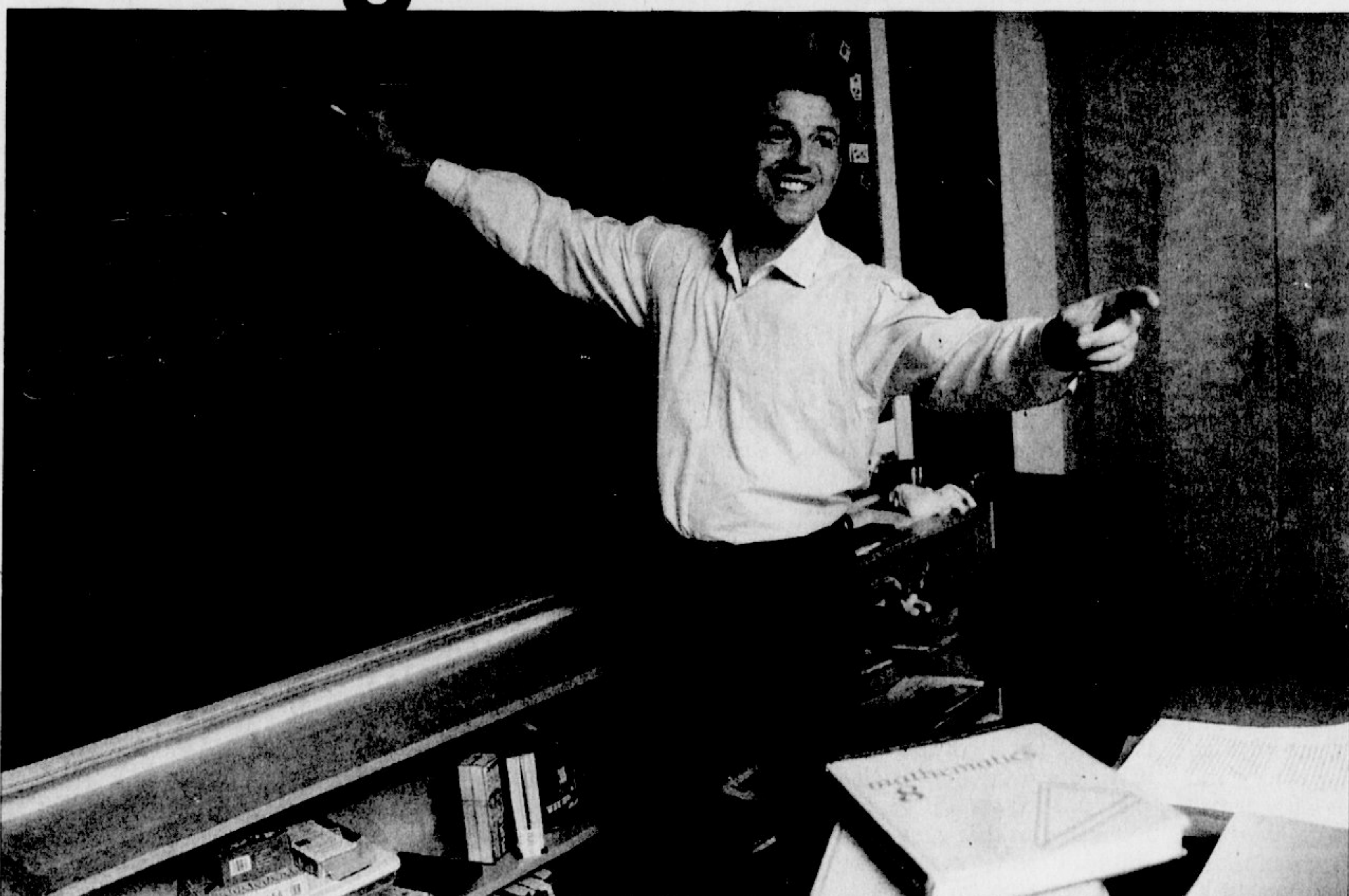
Self-obsessed reality TV star Anna Nicole Smith is not a happy camper this week. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has declined to reconsider a December ruling that the former Playboy bunny is not entitled to pocket \$88.5 million from the estate of her late husband, oilman J. Howard Marshall II.

Marshall, who was a sprightly 89 when the then-26-year-old stripper captured his heart, died in 1995, leaving his son, E. Pierce Marshall and Smith in mortal combat over the estate. The court's decision upholds a ruling by a three-judge panel from the same court that E. Pierce is J. Howard's sole heir. Smith's attorney, Howard K. Stern, says he'll appeal. Now Smith will have to stick to her multi-million dollar endorsement with TrimSpa to pay the bills.

#### Stallone: 'Contender' Not Guilty

Sylvester Stallone, one of the producers and a host of "The Contender," says the boxing reality show is not culpable in the suicide of Philadelphia boxer Najai Turpin, 23, who shot himself Monday. "This unfortunate occurrence seems to have nothing to do with boxing but other personal issues that we really don't know much about," said Stallone.

Meanwhile, series co-producer Mark Burnett says since multiple episodes featuring Turpin have already been shot, he will remain in the NBC series, which will debut March 7 and will include a tribute to the promising welterweight.



The college of education educates many successful and enthusiastic female and male teachers each year.

### Interesting Facts:

- ECU was originally called East Carolina Teacher's College.
- College of Education is often called 'The Flagship College of Education in North Carolina.'
- ECU-COE is one of four programs nationwide recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for developing 'cutting edge programs that will provide powerful examples for others.'



THE SPEIGHT BUILDING

### Boldly growing like no college has grown before

SCOTTY WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

In 1907, the eastern part of North Carolina was glaringly short of teachers. East Carolina Teacher's College was founded that year to turn out good teachers to face the gap. That college became ECU, and the university's education program continued to excel. Today the ECU College of Education is still a leader in producing the best teachers not just for the state, but for the nation.

The college of education currently has around 3,700 students in programs, and offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees, as well as alternative licensure programs, educational specialist certificates and distance education programs to students.

The college proclaims quite a laundry list of honors and distinctions. The program for middle grades mathematics preparation was selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of only

four exemplary teacher education programs in the nation. The NC State Board of Education has declared the college to have an "exemplary professional preparation program," according to their Higher Education Performance Report. College of education graduates have been recognized as Teachers of the Year at every level, and in 2002 the college was ranked the highest of all the teacher education programs in North Carolina by the State Board of Education.

The college of education's mission statement declares that it aims to prepare "professional educators and allied practitioners including professionals in business information systems, counseling, electronic media and librarianship." It claims to also promote effective teaching and work with state agencies to nurture and create the state's educational policy.

However, the true measure of the college of education lies in the halls of the Speight Building, the only lightly bricked building on campus. On the walls of the building are pictures of classes at the college since its inception, including a picture of the original

1907 building. On the other end of the pictures is a photo of current dean, Marilyn Sheerer experiencing the future of education through technological glasses. This is a microcosm of the college, which stands on its history and works to improve it.

Dean Sheerer said the college has worked from its past and "continued to produce more teachers, administrators and other education professionals for the public schools than any other UNC institution."

The college of education has not even been a college for very long, as its growth took it from a school to a college in 2003, which demonstrates how it grows even up to now.

The faculty of the college is a group that somehow manages to match the energy of their spirited leader, and their Web site boasts a huge list of accolades that their faculty have received. Since 2003, this faculty has increased 30 percent, and continues to get federal money and donations to keep working for education.

One aspect of the college that keeps growing and services more than 1,200 of the 3,700 students is the distance educa-

tion program. Yokima Cureton, the director of communication for the college, said she feels "our distance education program sets us apart from any other teacher prep programs across the state."

"We are delivering quality instruction to students across the state in ways that the students want to receive it," said Cureton.

"We are not delivering 'one-size-fits-all' degrees."

Numbers would certainly agree with Cureton: more than 125 faculty members teach more than 100 distance education courses every semester, many of which are entirely online, empowering students who are nowhere near Greenville to receive an education.

Another part of the college that both Cureton and Sheerer feel is growing and should distinguish ECU's College of Education from the rest is the use of technology. Technology is important to a teacher in today's classroom, and the college requires an entire course on the uses of technology in the educational environment.

Sheerer also said "a major advancement in the making is

the development of a Center for Applied Research in Education. We want to increase our research productivity and mentor new faculty to become scholars with respect to the field of education."

ECU's college also is one of 14 universities in North Carolina with a North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program, which is a scholarship that is given to 400 high school seniors every year to aid them in becoming teachers. This program is specifically designed to produce quality educators to address a critical shortage of teachers in our state.

The ECU College of Education is a part of North Carolina's effort to improve its educational status, and in many ways is the state's foremost piece of its effort. Being nationally recognized, the college stands at the forefront of educational efforts, and continues to address the educational gap in North Carolina and the United States with the same energy and enthusiasm with which Dean Sheerer greets new guests in her office.

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Healthy options are seen above at Mendenhall Dining Hall.

## ECU's new spin on food guide pyramid

New additions to dining service

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STAFF WRITER

Eating, it's something we all do. In fact eating may be the one thing that all human beings have in common. However, when you're a college student all the rules you previously held about your eating habits seem to just fly out the window.

With places like Mendenhall and Todd dining hall, many students feel that overeating is a real issue. All the food is placed out in front of the students and they have the opportunity to come back for more as many times as they want in a single sitting. Some students feel they should try and get their money's worth and at the same time consume enough to keep themselves full until the next meal time rolls around.

"They could make more variety," said Lindsey Parker, sophomore art major.

This is the complaint made by many students, it's not that there is not enough to eat, rather the

main courses available sometime seem to contrast with the sides that go with them.

"I want more normal food, I feel like everything is so random, but I dig the salad bar," Parker said.

It seems that having quesadillas and quiche all in the same sitting doesn't go over too well with many of the students who eat at the campus dining facilities.

"Everybody likes choices, we try to design the menu according to what a college student would eat," said John Marshall, ECU alumnus and manager of Mendenhall.

Marshall said the food prepared is based on a "cycle menu," meaning that the food cycle changes every three weeks, "we try to change up on our starches and sides."

He said the dining halls are always looking for new student employees to hire.

"Student employees seem to be the most reliable," Marshall said.

The pay is above minimum wage and the hours are flexible. Marshall himself was an ECU

## Chorale singers gearing up for collaborative concert

University and Women's Chorale Singers to perform

TREVOR WORDEN  
STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the music department at ECU is presenting a concert Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held in the Wright building, and it will showcase the talent of the University Chorale Singers and the Women's Chorale Singers. The theme of the concert is love, with its title "Love is in the Air: Choral Music from the Heart." Poetry will be read and classical love songs will swarm from the building.

This will be a romantic evening for the couples of ECU and abroad to continue the mood of Valentine's Day. However, if you simply enjoy seeing live talent perform priceless pieces

of music, then this evening is bound to be enjoyable for you as well. Whether you are single, or coupled this will be a classy way to spend Friday night. There isn't a better way to break up the monotony of house parties, and clubs than to attend a piece of living art, and enjoy the sounds of the human voice.

It's important to the choirs that the student body come out and enjoy the selections they have worked so hard on. Many of the students are involved in both choirs, requiring even more time and attention. Being a part of the choirs means not only does one have to learn multiple pieces in a short amount of time, but each member has to acclimate their voice to being in a large choir. Blending is a major part of being in a choir, and learning how to not overpower others is a skill that takes many hours of practice and dedication.

"People should attend our concert so they have the oppor-

tunity to hear college students sing an awesome selection of songs they have worked so hard on perfecting," said Brent Usrey, a junior communication major and member of the University Chorale Singers.

Both choirs are under the talented leadership of Daniel Bara, Ph.D. and Janna Brendell, Ph.D. Bara received his DMA in conducting at The Eastman School of Music and has received many awards for his conducting. His acclimates include first place in the graduate division of the American Choral Directors Association National Conducting Competition at the national convention in San Antonio, and the Walter Hagen Conducting prize.

Janna Brendell received her Ph.D. from Florida State University, her M.M. from ECU and her B.M. from Mars Hill College. Focusing in music education, she rigorously works on grant-funded

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### CHORALE

Who: The University Chorale Singers  
The Women's Chorale Singers

What: Chorale Concert

When: Friday Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

Where: Wright Auditorium

Why: To listen to an enchanting array of songs close to the hearts of people all over campus, sung by a collaborative group of talented ECU chorale singers.

How: Intensive practice sessions, MWF 12 p.m.



The ECU Chorale singers practice for their upcoming show.

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hospitality management major, who worked for ECU food service his freshman and sophomore years. After he graduated he was offered a job with ECU, and he feels this is a great place to learn and later move on to other endeavors.

With some 20-30 employees and anywhere from 600-900 students coming through daily and eating, the staff must be doing something right. However, Marshall admitted there are some cons to the food service setup.

"The biggest con is that people don't measure out their portions like they should. What they don't realize is that not only are they hurting their bodies, but wasting so much will make our prices have to rise," Marshall said.

It seems the people in charge of the dining services here at ECU are keenly aware of the problems with the food system at our school. They have chosen to make dramatic improvements,

not only to fulfill students' wishes, but to look after health issues and aesthetics.

Allison Metcalf serves as the marketing program manager for dining at ECU and the things she said about the drastic changes being made could prove to impress the most cynical of students who eat on campus.

Metcalf said the new dining facility, West End Dining Hall, is a completely new concept. It will seat more than 600, and everything is prepared right in front of you.

"A Mongolian Grill, a wood burning pizza oven, smoothies for breakfast, a separate omelet station, a rotisserie section and a new convenient store, which has a Subway inside," are some of the new additions.

Not only are renovations being made to the brand new facility but "brush-ups" are being done to already standing facilities as well.

"Sbarro is coming to the Wright Place, and we are going to re-vamp the look inside, Quiznos is going to be added to the Galley and we are planning to move The Spot into Mendenhall and add a Chick-Fil-A, which we decided to do because of a student survey that was taken, which showed students really wanted one on the west end of campus," said Metcalf.

"[The ECU dining services] are excited about bringing in so many national brands."

Students get excited when they see they can have access to their favorite restaurants without having to leave campus.

One of the most beneficial plans that are going to be implemented is called the "JUST-4U" plan. On top of growing concern about eating enjoyable food, students also want to make sure that they are treating their bodies right.

"JUST-4U" is a new program

that ECU has been chosen to participate in. Many different food options are going to be offered which will be labeled according to the category they fall into. The categories include, low-fat, cal-smart, carb-counter and vegetarian.

This program will be available at most retail locations as well as dining halls. Some foods may have multiple labels depending on which category they complete.

Student feedback is one of the biggest reasons this is all possible. Dining services is on campus for the students.

"Student feedback is very important to us, please feel free to use comment cards in our dining locations and look for our upcoming survey, which is being e-mailed to every student on campus," Metcalf said.

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projects for elementary education. She has served as Elementary General Music Specialist in the Buncombe County public school system for Asheville, NC, as well as teaching choral music in middle school and high school forums.

Each director is equally talented and lead their respective choirs with grace, optimism and a professional attitude.

The diversity of the choirs adds to their unique sound and the blend that they put forth. The choirs are not entirely composed of music majors, but this does not subtract from their

talent. Both choirs put forth an amazingly professional tone and perform each piece with perfection. However, allowing everyone to participate in the art of music making is quite commendable. For a choir director to open his doors to everyone or anyone that wants to join is difficult to do. Nevertheless, Bara and Brendell take this feat in stride. They are able to take a group of people on completely different talent levels, from completely different backgrounds and are able to execute difficult pieces of classical music.

The classical music selection

is enjoyed by all of the members of their respective choirs. It is not everyday you see college students interested in that genre, but the sound it creates is one that will bring you back for more.

"I enjoy the music we rehearse and perform, there is so much diversity and I have learned so many new types of songs, even songs in other languages," Usrey said.

"University Chorale has helped me decide to be a music major," said Stephen Howell, University Chorale member.

"Anyone who loves music can participate without having to be

a music major."

The choirs exude a sense of excitement and confidence in all who hear them. The choirs are more than just a few singing groups, they are communities. They enjoy each other and making music to perform for others. Their aura is infectious and it's guaranteed that the concert on Feb. 25 will be one to remember. Those in attendance will be guaranteed an eventful and pleasurable evening.

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### Sophomore Survey

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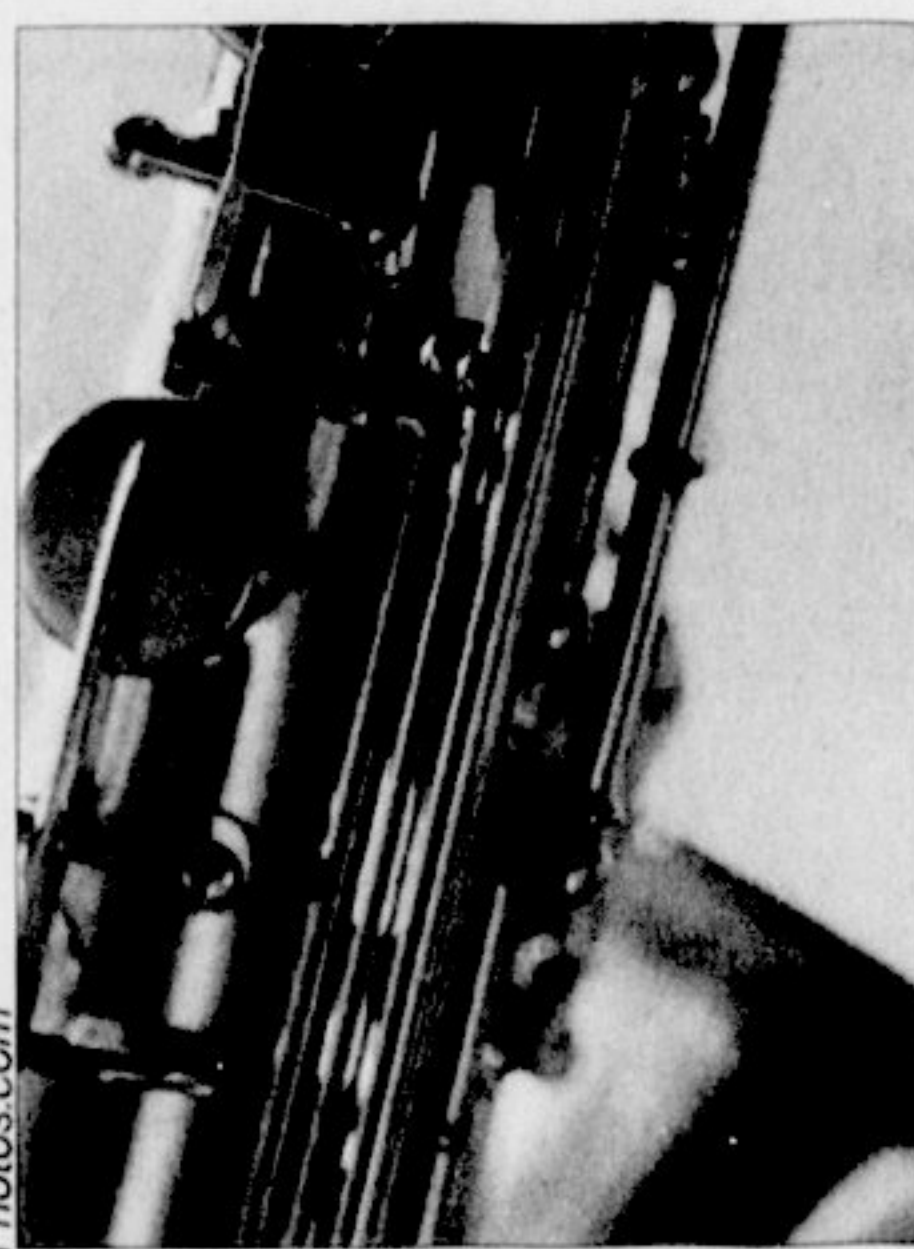
The survey period is March 3 – April 25. During that period you can complete the survey by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

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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.

## Motown comes alive at ECU



A saxophone is typical in Motown.

### A tribute to music of the past

MICHAEL MULLIES  
STAFF WRITER

Motown, a group of record labels founded by Gordy Berry, became one of the most recognizable names in the 1960s. Throughout the last 40 years, Motown has gathered an impressive roster of artists like Sammy Davis Jr., The Supremes, The Temptations and

the Commodores. Still today they continue to sign artists like Erykah Badu, India Arie and in the early 1990s, Boyz II Men.

This impressive roster of artists has made songs such as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "My Girl," "Stop In The Name of Love," "What's Love Got To Do With It" and "Brickhouse." All these songs have become ingrained in the memories of people from all walks of life. The songs and their artists have enabled Motown to become entrenched in the American psyche as a company of feel-good songs. On Saturday, Feb. 19, Motown paid a visit to ECU.

This visit caused the masses to flow from their homes, being reminded of an era that does not exist these days. This time of music was a period of songs that could make you stand up and shout or sit down and weep.

"This is wonderful. This was the era of real music. This is when you have to know how to sing. Today there are so many computer devices that help a person sing. Not in this era. This was the era of real voices," said Wren Locke, a gentleman from

the Greenville community, while viewing the show.

Through a Tribute to Motown, the emotion could be seen in the music and the performers. In its ninth year, a Tribute to Motown welcomed to the stage an impressive band from all over the country that strived to perform the songs from their original feeling and they accomplished their mission.

It could be seen throughout the crowd, from those dancing in the aisles to those singing along, the emotion was still as strong today in the music as it was all those years ago. A Tribute to Motown offered the public and ECU students a glimpse into a musical timeframe in history that offered some of the best known and well loved songs in history. These songs have been used in countless television shows and movies. It also offers a chance to learn some of the history of African-American music and culture. A Tribute to Motown brought to ECU, only for a night, the emotions, way of life and memories that only Motown has.

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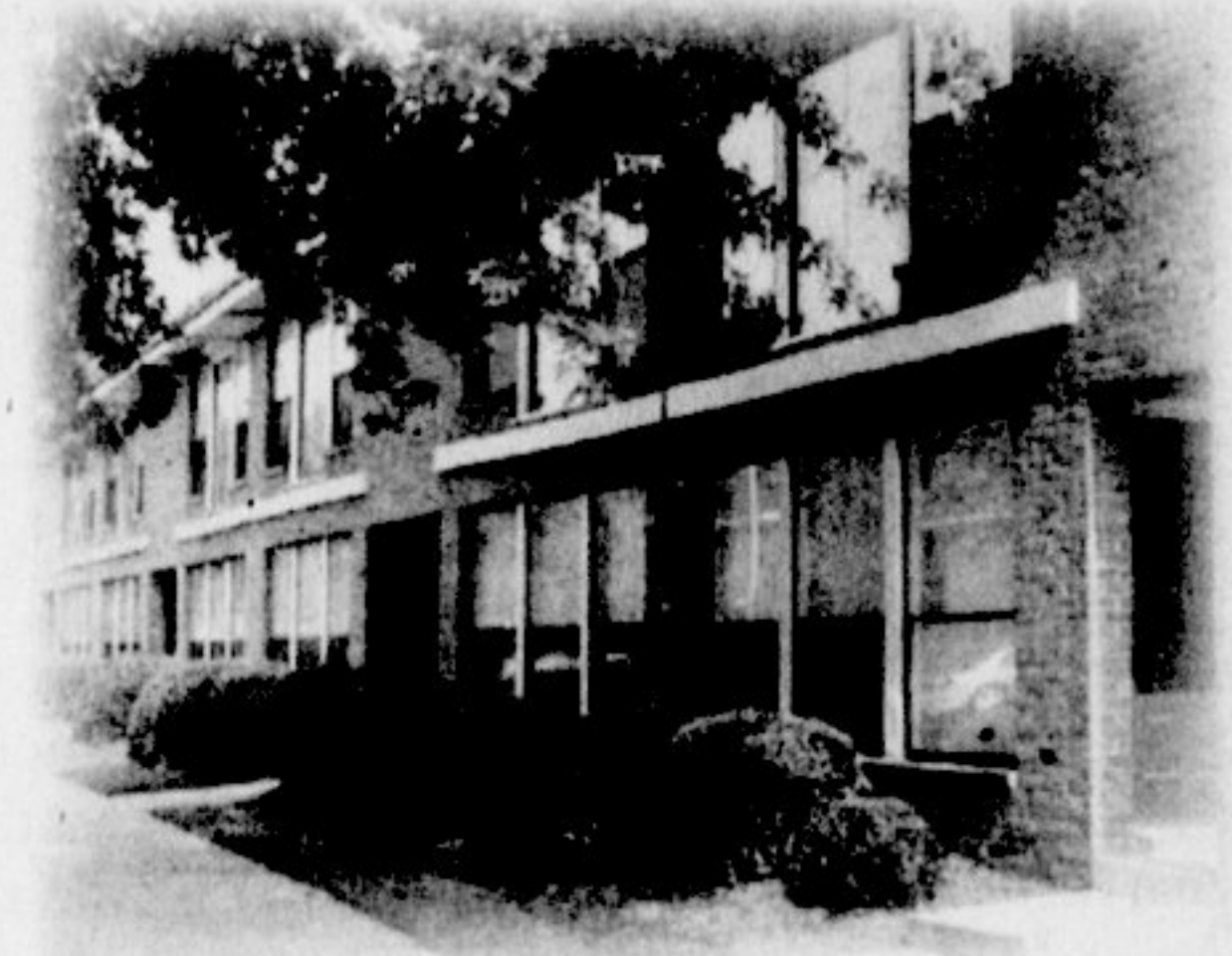
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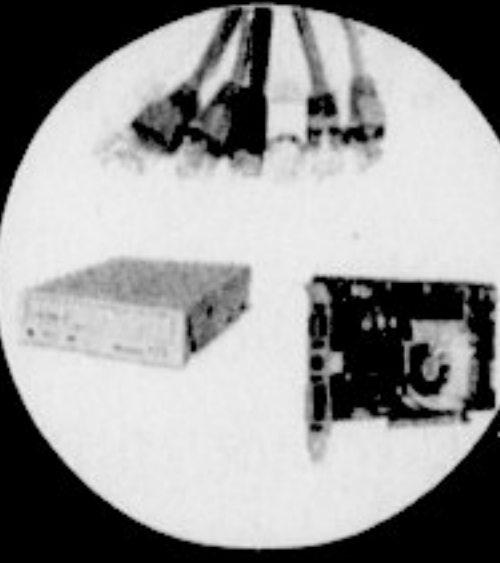


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## Sports Briefs



### Flye Named C-USA Pitcher Of The Week

ECU sophomore pitcher Mike Flye was named the Conference USA Pitcher of the Week league officials announced Monday. The Greenville native and former J.H. Rose standout made his first career start Sunday against nationally-ranked Clemson, throwing seven shut-out innings, allowing only three hits while walking two and striking out five. He earned his second win of the season leading the Pirates over the Tigers. Flye's seven innings pitched in the 10-0 win over Clemson set a personal career-high innings pitched. Flye, who pitched in relief in all of his 19 appearances as a freshman in 2004, currently owns a 2-0 record with 2.53 ERA in 10 2/3 innings pitched this season. He leads all Pirate pitchers with seven strikeouts and is holding opponents to a .189 batting average this season.

### Redskins may cut Coles loose

First Rod Gardner, now Laveranues Coles. The Washington Redskins could lose both their top receivers after an unsatisfying season in coach Joe Gibbs' offense. Coles has met with Gibbs twice to state his desire to leave the Redskins, including a forthright conversation the day after the season ended, an official within the league told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday. The Redskins, in turn, have told Coles they want him to have surgery on the chronic toe injury that has plagued him the past two seasons, a procedure Coles has been reluctant to undergo, the source said. Sources told the Washington Post that the Redskins owner Daniel Snyder and Coles' agent, Roosevelt Barnes, have reached an oral agreement that the wide receiver likely will be released, making him an unrestricted free agent. A trade would be difficult, though, since the Redskins would absorb a salary cap hit in excess of \$9 million. "They can't have it both ways," said one source. A source told the Washington Post that should Coles be released, he has agreed to pay back part of his \$13 million signing bonus he received when he signed a seven-year, \$35 million contract as a free agent from the New York Jets two years ago, to minimize the cap hit the Redskins would absorb. Gibbs called reporters to Redskins Park on Monday to address the Coles situation, but the coach offered few details.

### NHL Board of Governors to meet

The Sports Network of Canada is reporting the NHL board of governors will meet March 1 in New York City to discuss its next step in trying to resolve a labor dispute that has canceled the entire 2004-05 season. The league and commissioner Gary Bettman would prefer a deal be in place by May. It would not only allow sufficient time to save the NHL entry draft, held every year in late June, but also give teams and the league plenty of opportunity to reach out to fans and corporate sponsors and market new rules meant to open up the game. The players' timeline could be a little different. They aren't due a paycheck until next October.

# Pirates throttle No. 21 Clemson

ECU takes two of three in Myrtle Beach

BRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR WRITER

It's not the way you start, it's the way you finish.

The Pirate baseball team started the weekend with an 11-5 loss to host team Coastal Carolina, before finishing with wins over West Virginia and No. 21 ranked Clemson in the annual Baseball at the Beach Tournament.

ECU did more than just win the final game of the tournament over the Tigers, they annihilated them in a 10-0 shutout. While scouts were at the game anticipating a knock out performance from major league prospect and Clemson starter Kris Harvey, what they got was a dynamite exhibition of talent from Mike Flye, who made the first start in his career as a Pirate.

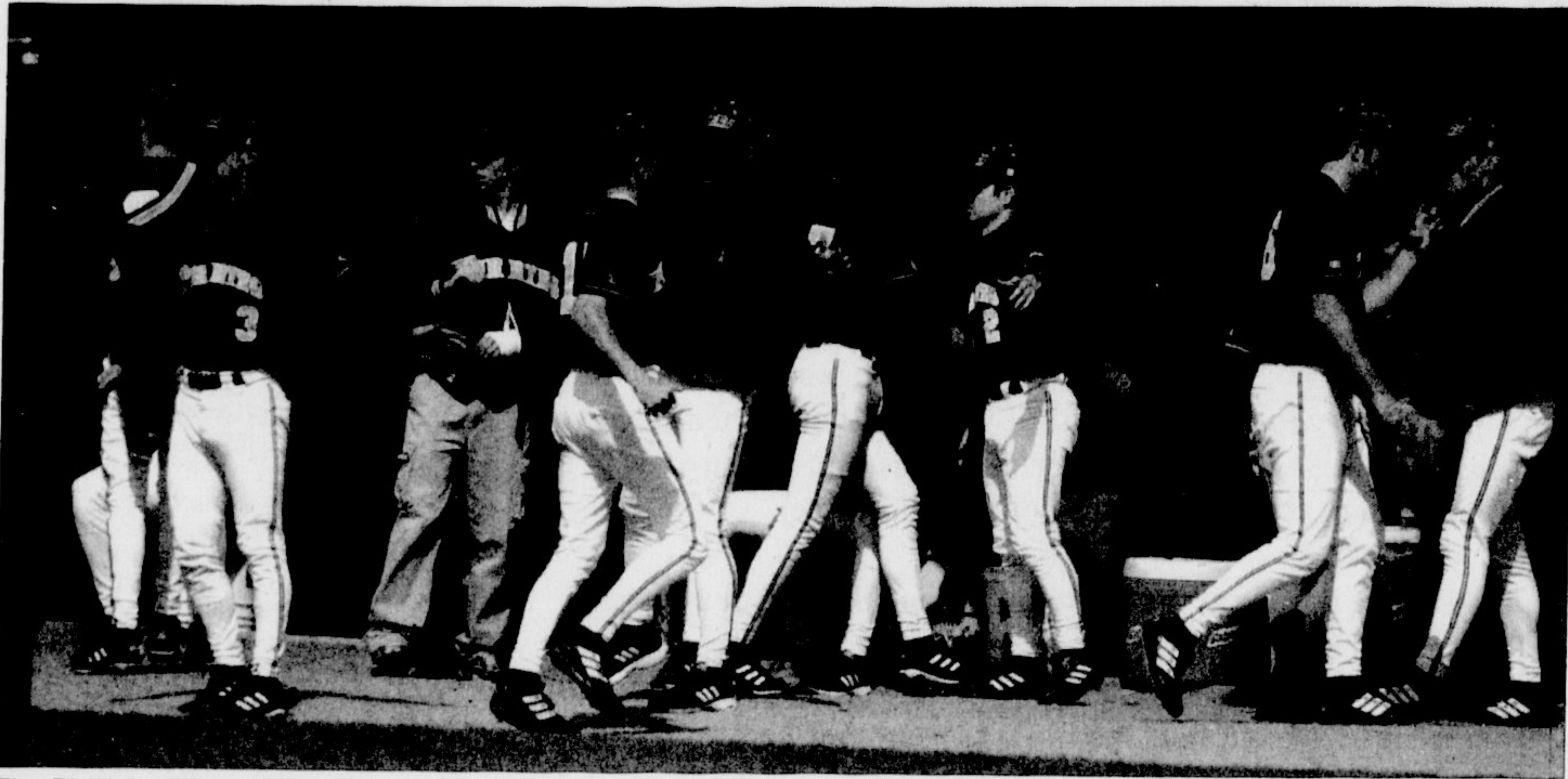
Flye demoralized the Tigers' bats for seven strong innings, surrendering just three hits while striking out five. The super sophomore, who normally comes out of the bullpen for ECU, found himself auditioning for a spot in the starting rotation, and he did not disappoint.

His counterpart, however, did. Harvey was chased after 3 and 2/3 innings, giving up five runs on seven hits and four strikeouts. The rest of the Tiger staff didn't have much luck either, as they shuffled through four more pitchers before ending the game with freshman Chris Howard.

The Pirates opened up the scoring in the second inning. Mike Grace singled to center field and advanced to third on a single by Jake Smith. Grace then scored when Adam Witter flew out to centerfield. Smith scored later in the inning on a fielder's choice by freshman Harrison Eldridge to put the Pirates on top 2-0.

After scoring once in the third and twice more in the fourth, the Diamond Bucs delivered the knockout blow with five runs in the fifth.

With one out in the frame and Witter on first, freshman



The Pirates move to 3-3 on the season after wins against West Virginia and nationally ranked Clemson this past weekend.

Jamie Ray doubled to put runners on the corners. After Brett Lindgren was hit by a pitch, Eldridge singled up the middle, scoring Witter and Ray. Senior shortstop Billy Richardson then singled to left, allowing Lindgren and Eldridge to scoot home for a 9-0 Pirate lead. Drew Costanzo then added the icing to the cake by tripling in Richardson to close the scoring at 10-0.

Mark Minicozzi homered for the first time this season, and joined Richardson, Costanzo, and Ray, to lead the Pirates with two hits apiece. Eldridge led the squad in RBI with three.

Mike Flye improved to 2-0 on the season, and likely has earned a spot in the Pirate starting rotation for the time being.

The Pirates had similar success against West Virginia on Saturday, rolling to an 8-2 win over the Mountaineers. P.J. Connelly picked up the win for ECU, going 7 and 1/3 innings, scattering seven hits and two runs while striking out five.

The Pirate offense produced six runs in the third to take control of the game. After back-to-back doubles from Richardson and Costanzo, Richardson scored on a wild pitch from Chris Amedro. Minicozzi then reached on an error, which also allowed

Costanzo to trot home for a 2-0 Pirate lead.

The Diamond Bucs added to it when Ray was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, followed by a walk issued to freshman Dale Mollenhauer. Brian Cavanaugh then singled, scoring two more, and giving the Pirates the early 6-0 lead.

West Virginia scored twice in the fourth and the Pirates answered with two more in the seventh to close out the scoring.

Richardson had a big day at the plate, leading the Pirates with a 4-for-6 performance with two runs scored and an RBI. Costanzo, Smith and Cavanaugh each added two hits.

Game one of the tournament pitted the Pirates against host team Coastal Carolina, and the result was an ugly one, as ECU fell 11-5. The Chanticleers scored once in each of the first five innings before scoring five in the sixth to break the game wide open. The Pirates managed just one run during Coastal's six inning barrage.

Junior transfer Jeff Ostrander took a beating on the mound for ECU as he went seven innings, giving up seven runs on eight hits, four walks, while striking out only one. Coastal scored again in the eighth, and allowed

### ECU Box Score

Position	Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
SS	Billy Richardson	5	2	2	2	0	0
LF	Drew Costanzo	5	0	2	2	0	2
3B	Mark Minicozzi	5	1	2	2	0	2
DH	Mike Grace	3	1	1	0	1	1
C	Jake Smith	4	1	1	0	0	1
1B	Adam Witter	4	1	0	1	0	0
CF	Jamie Ray	5	1	2	0	0	0
2B	Brett Lindgren	2	2	1	0	0	0
RF	Harrison Eldridge	4	1	1	3	0	2

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mike Flye	7.0	3	0	0	2	5
T.J. Hose	2.0	0	0	0	1	1

four Pirate runs in the ninth to produce the final score. Freshman Ryan Peisel led the Diamond Bucs with two hits, and Richardson added two RBI.

ECU has survived the first two brutal weeks of their season with a 3-3 record. The Pirates will travel down to South Carolina one more time this weekend before returning home to Christen Clark-Leclair Stadium in the Keith LeClair Classic the following weekend.

ECU will take on West

Virginia again, this time in game one of the Homewood Suites Shootout, hosted by The Citadel. First pitch is scheduled for noon.

The rivalry between ECU and the Wolfpack of NC State will be renewed on Saturday as the two will battle at 11 a.m. on day two of the tournament. The Pirates will then face The Citadel on Sunday at 3 p.m.

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## Pirates fall to Bulls once again

South Florida seniors carry team to victory

TRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR WRITER

Coming off a huge road win against a very tough opponent in UAB, the ECU men's basketball team was looking to go two for two on its recent road trip as they faced the South Florida Bulls this past Saturday night.

However, Bulls' seniors Terrence Leather, Brian Swift and Marlyn Bryant combined to score 53 points and dashed the Pirates' hopes at consecutive road victories as USF downed ECU 60-50.

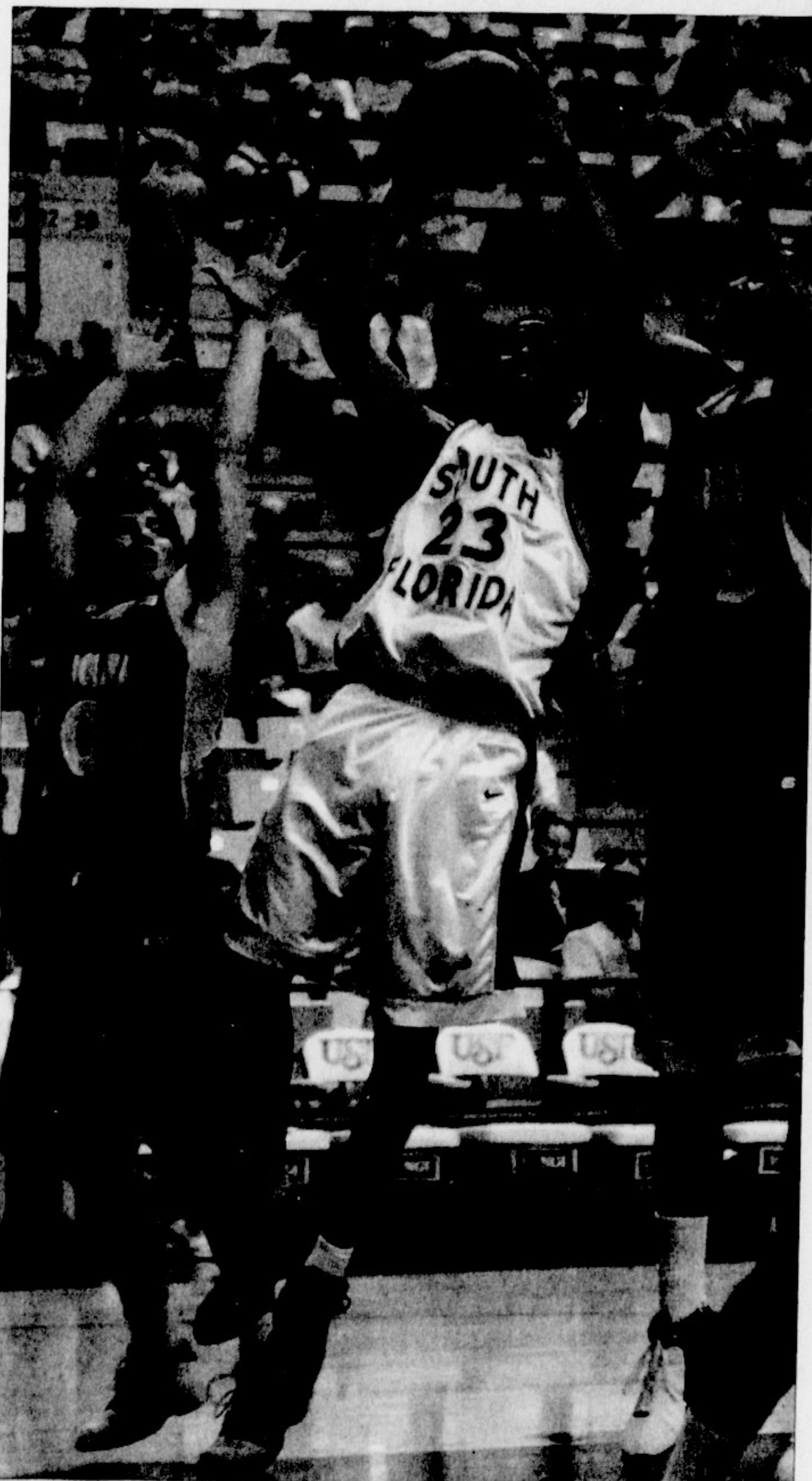
The Pirates once again had trouble putting the ball in the basket, shooting just 31 percent from the floor and 62 percent from the charity stripe. ECU only managed to put two guys in double figures, one being Corey Rouse who recorded a league leading 10th double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Cook finished the game with 11 also, eight of which came in the final 5:19.

ECU got off to a good start, gaining the early advantage over the Bulls 15-11. Moussa Badiane would give the Pirates their last lead of the game after sinking two free throws and making the score 19-17.

Bryant then converted an easy lay up at the other end on a pass from fellow senior teammate Swift, and the Bulls never looked back.

Trailing by as many as 13 in the second half, the Pirates showed some character and cut the USF lead down to five with just under three minutes to play at 53-48. The Bulls then protected their home court by sinking seven out of 10 free throws down the stretch, securing their second victory over ECU this season.

USF's senior trio of Leather,



South Florida guard Colin Dennis shoots between Josh King and Corey Rouse during the first half at the Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla.

Swift and Bryant finished the game with 23, 17 and 13 points respectively in the win.

With the loss, the Pirates drop one half of a game behind Tulane for the 12th and final Conference USA tournament spot.

ECU returns home this week

and will take on Southern Mississippi tomorrow night inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. Tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Head Coach Tracey Kee speaks to the Lady Pirates before the Radford game Friday afternoon.

## ECU softball comes up short in Pirate Classic

Lady Pirates fall one run shy of title

DAVID WASKIEWICZ  
SENIOR WRITER

The ball was gone as soon as ECU senior Kate Manuse made contact in the Lady Pirates first game on the Pirate Classic against Radford. It was not the first, but the second home run in the game as Manuse returned to her true form, kicking off the tournament with a bang.

"It felt great. I have been sort of struggling to find my bat and once I made contact I knew that I had all of it so I guess I feel good," said Manuse.

"I feel like I have got back on track and continue to help the team out."

The two blasts helped the Lady Pirates roll on to their seventh straight win of the year by posting a 10-3 score. Head Coach Tracey Kee was glad to see Manuse get her stroke back on the way to the win.

"It is good having Kate Manuse back on the ball and

her banging her home runs," said Kee.

"That was a huge spark to have for our team."

ECU's momentum carried over into the second game of the afternoon, this time against Towson. Keli Harrell struck out eight for the Lady Pirates allowing only one run in the 2-1 win. The victory was the eighth straight of the year for ECU.

"I am pleasantly surprised with the team's performance," Kee said.

"I knew we had talent, I wasn't sure how they would come out in the games. They have come out with confidence and a lot of energy. We pitched better, we played better defense and our sticks were there."

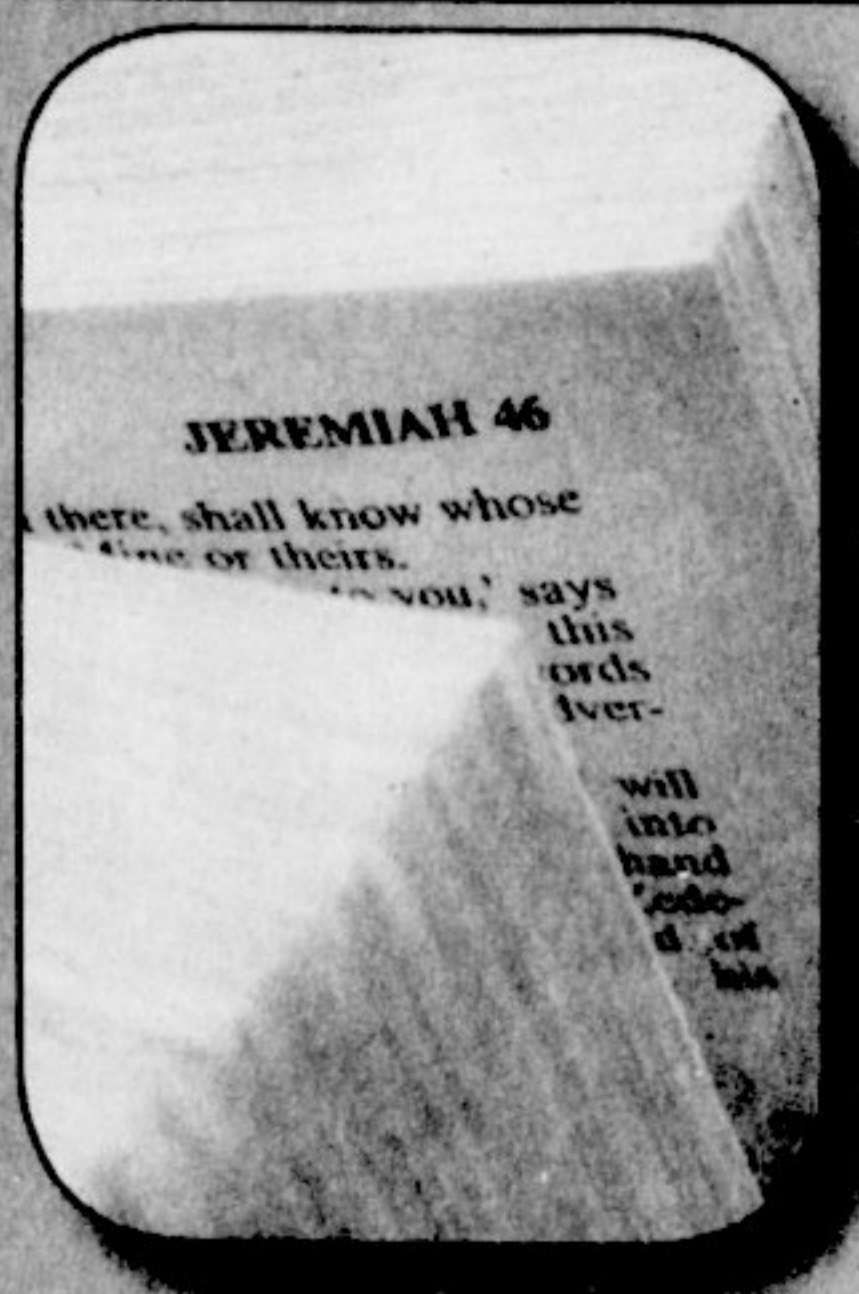
Unfortunately for ECU day two of the tournament got off to a rocky start against Fordham. The Lady Rams led off the game with a solo home run. ECU recovered, scoring from their own solo shot in the fifth from freshman Beth Nolan, but Fordham was able to score again in the sixth giving

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## East's Iverson edges Wade for MVP honors

(KRT) — It went about like Shaquille O'Neal predicted. In the days before the All-Star Game, the Miami Heat center and Eastern Conference All-Star starter said the game would be about flash early, substance later. The players want to entertain, he said, but if the game was winding down and the score was close, they would play to win.

That's what happened Sunday. The clowning of the first three quarters, led by O'Neal, eventually gave way to reasonably competitive basketball, sparked by Heat guard Dwyane Wade.

Wade scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the East pull away to a 125-115 victory at the Pepsi Center.

In the end, not many will remember an insignificant detail like the score. Instead, they'll talk about O'Neal's in-game cell phone call to rapper P. Diddy, actor Chris Tucker dancing with the mascots or how the world's best basketball players put on a show.

But once the West pulled to within 110-105 in the fourth



Iverson

quarter, there was less slapstick and more basketball as the East secured the victory. Like O'Neal, Spurs forward Tim Duncan, a seven-time All Star, figured that's the way it would go.

"It's more about fun and having a good time, and put-

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## Jeff Gordon wins Daytona 500

(KRT) — For a moment, with the 47th Daytona 500 building toward a heart-pumping climax, Jeff Gordon thought he knew how the drama unfolding all around him Sunday was going to end.

He'd seen it all before. "When I saw that 8 car get the lead, I thought it was over," said Gordon of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Chevrolet "Done."

As it turns out, Gordon was wrong.

Blissfully wrong. Not only was Nextel Cup's biggest race a long way from over on Lap 197 when Earnhardt Jr. pushed into the lead, it turned out that for the first time ever the Daytona 500 wasn't even done after 500 miles.

When it did end, however, it was Gordon heading to Victory Lane with his 70th win and his third in NASCAR's equivalent to the Super Bowl.

He'd won it in 1997 and 1999, too, but over the past four seasons Chevrolets owned by Dale Earnhardt Inc. had won 11 of 16 races here and at Talladega, Ala., where restrictor plates are used. DEI cars had won three of the past four Daytona 500s, including a victory by Earnhardt Jr. last year.

That kind of record makes



Gordon poses with team owner Rick Hendrick after the victory Sunday afternoon.

DEI and, because he's the face of that company if not the sport itself these days, Earnhardt Jr. the favorite by acclamation when the sport holds a plate race.

But hold the phone.

Last year, Earnhardt Jr. won once at Talladega and the 500 here. Gordon, though, won the other races at those tracks. Rick Hendrick, Gordon's car owner, had won the Daytona 500 four times since 1986 and another of

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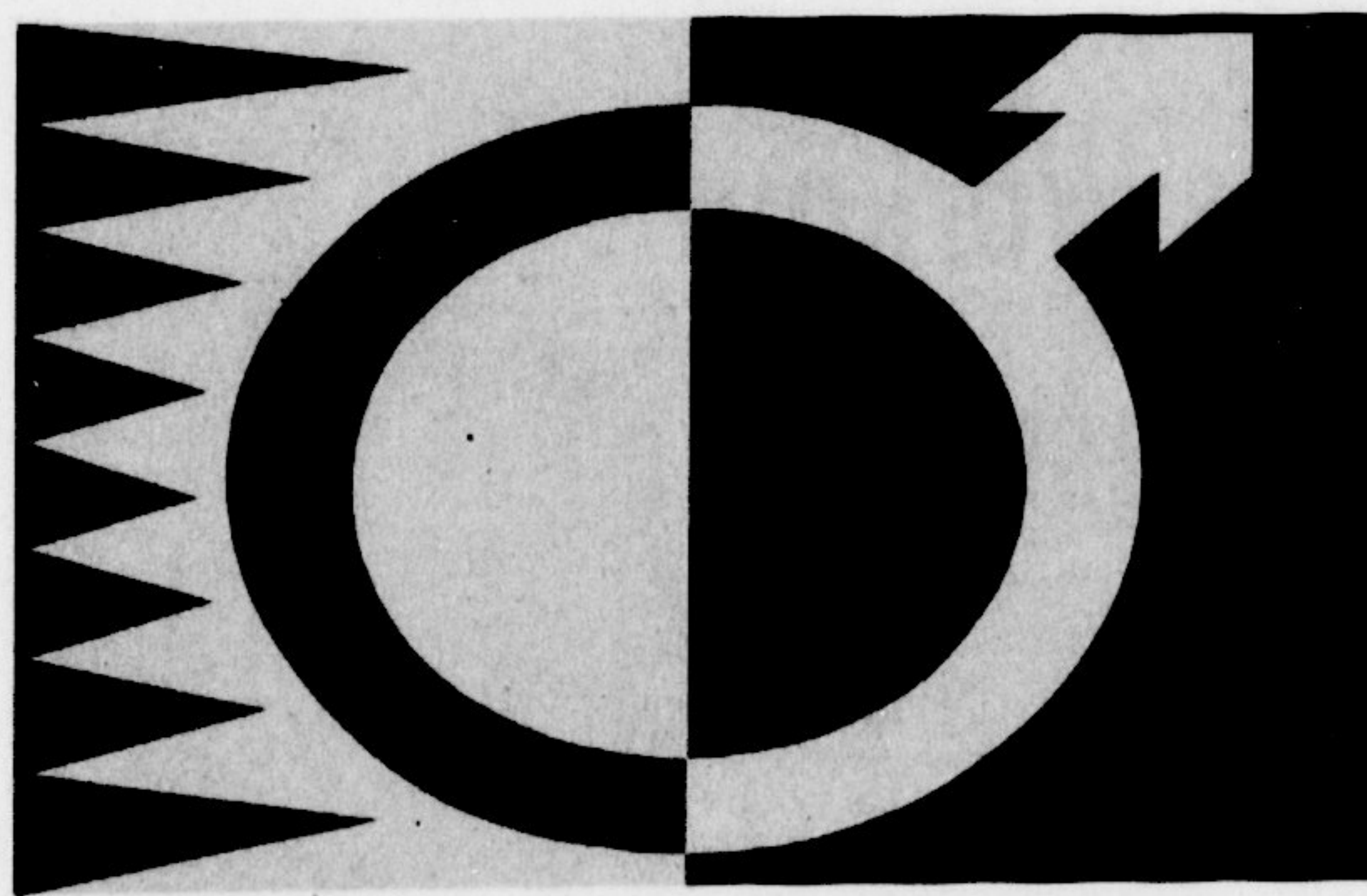
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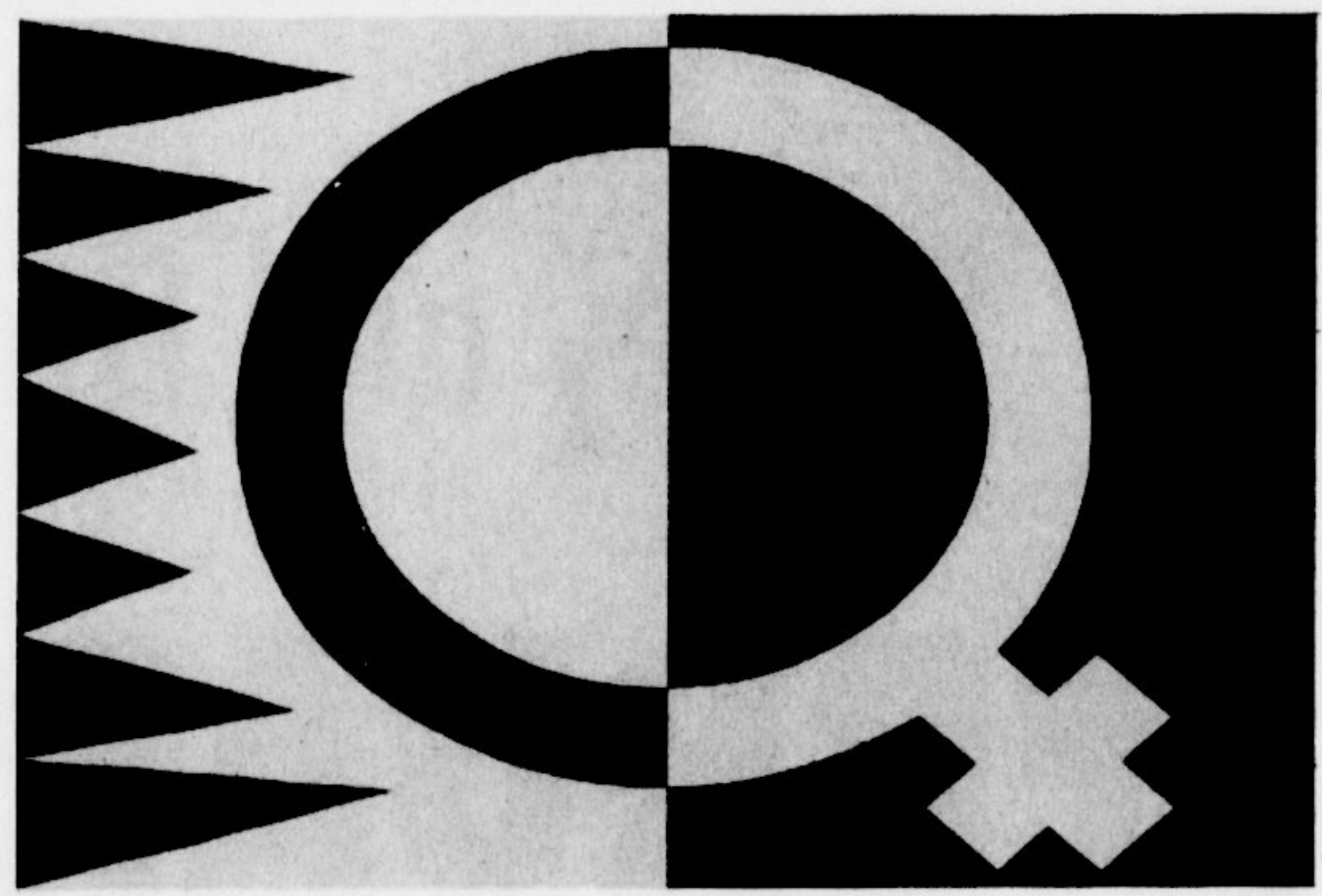
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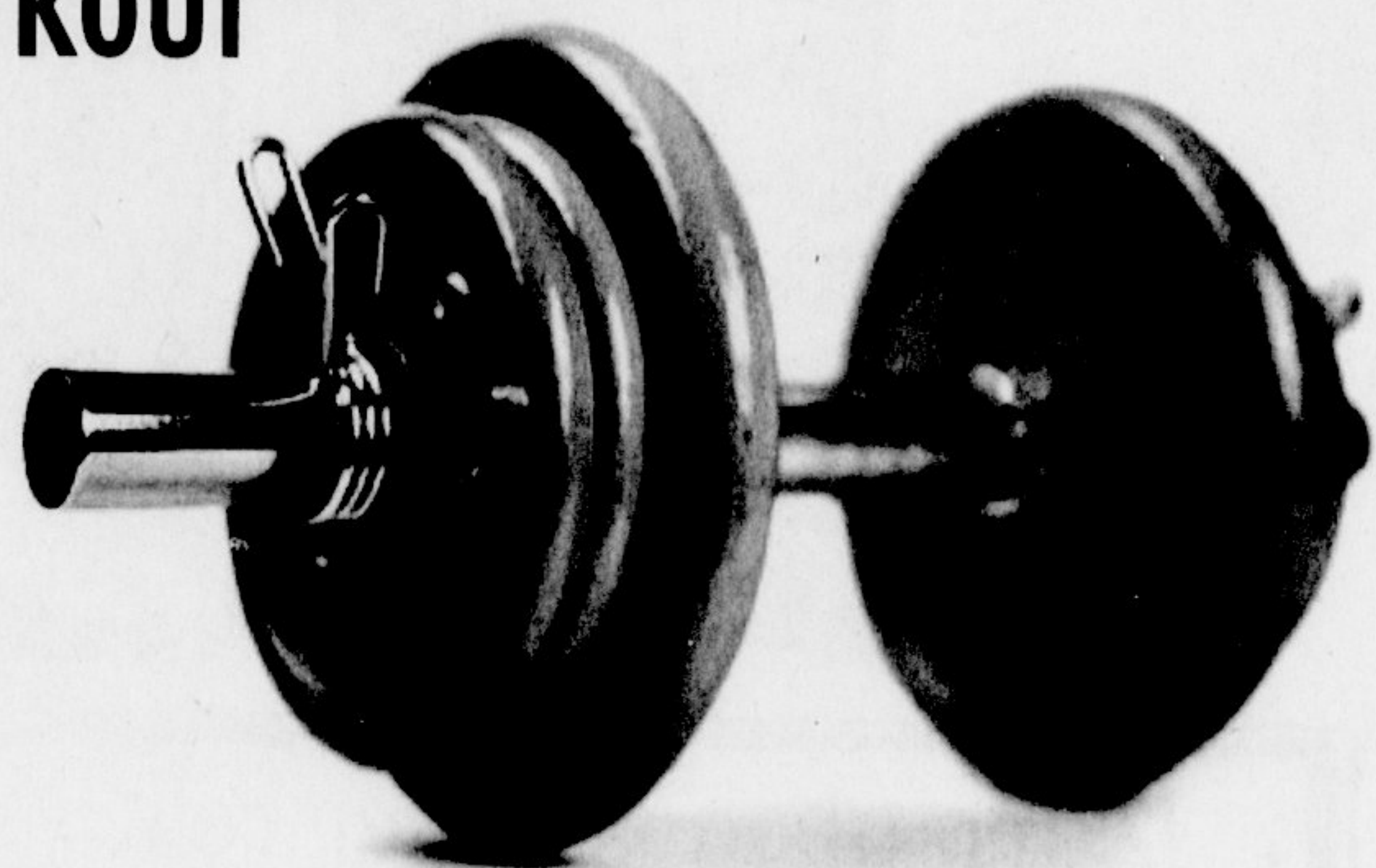
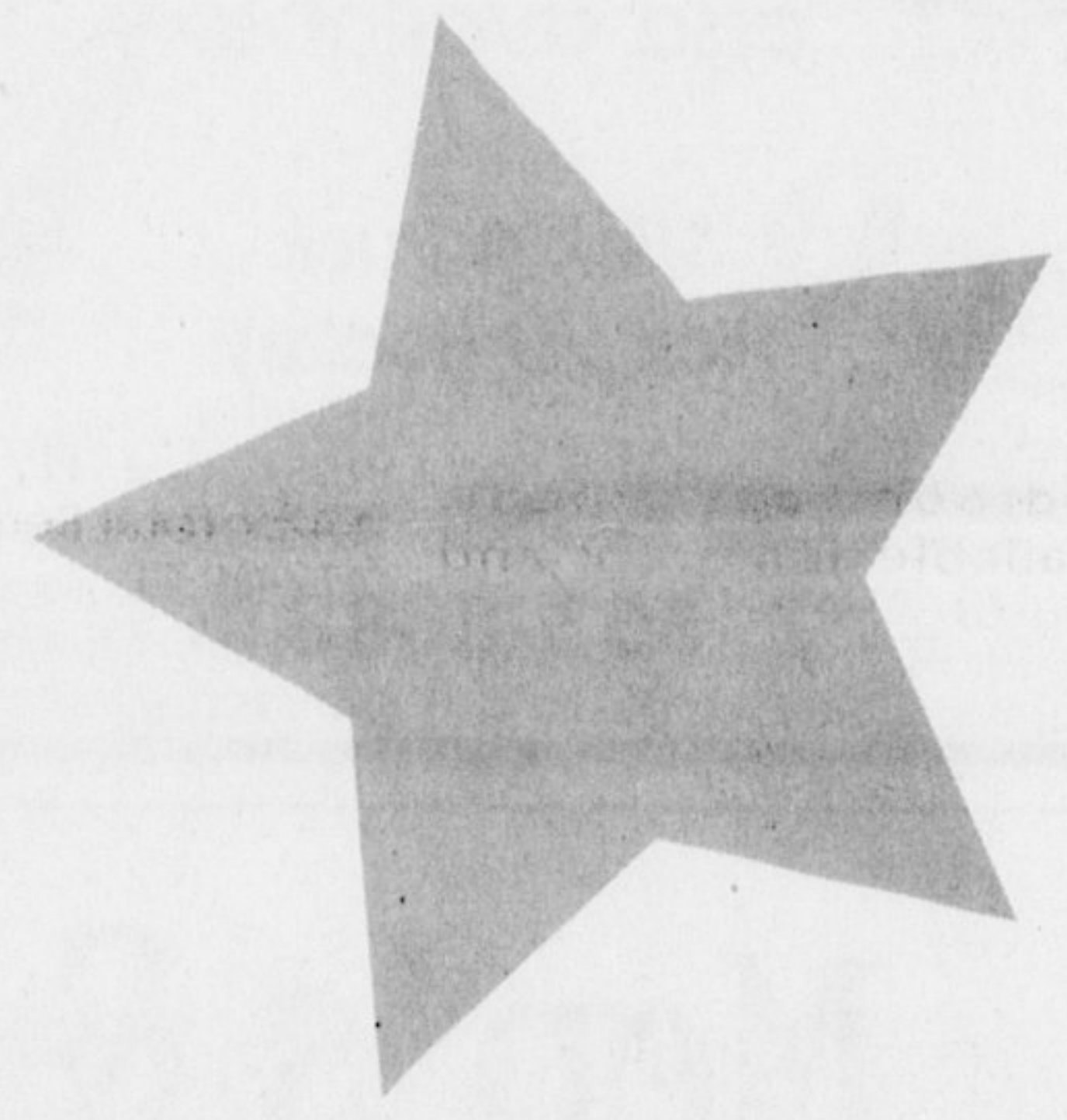
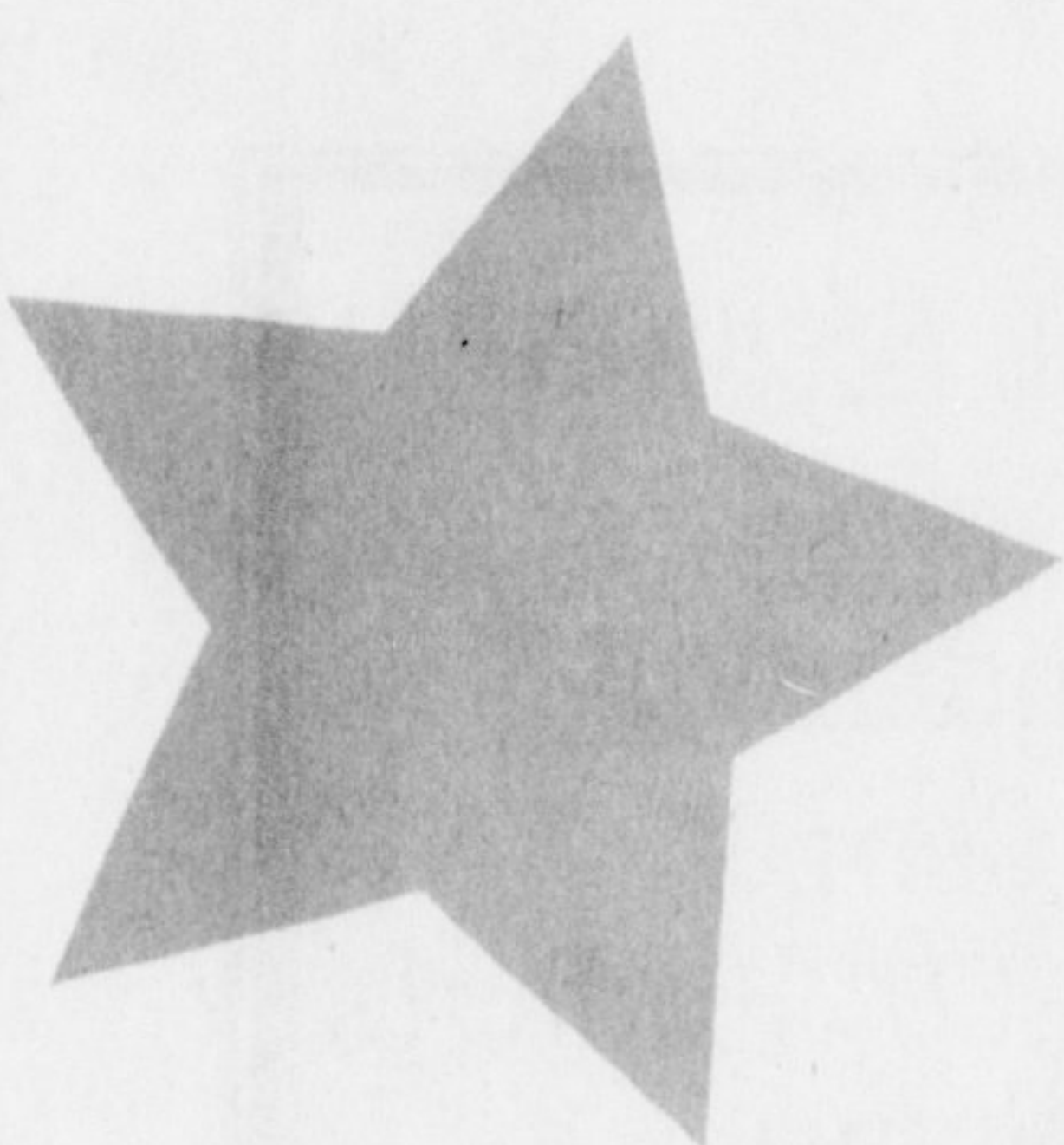
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Alpha Omicron Pi would like to thank Kappa Delta for attending our dinner. Hope to do it again soon!

Pi Kappa Alpha will host its 3rd Annual East Carolina Goddess Bikini Contest March 4th at The Cavern. Interested in being a contestant, call 252-552-6164. Doors open at 9. Guys \$8 Girls \$2.

The Sisters of Delta Zeta would like to tell all of the beautiful new members how excited we are about having you all. You are amazing and we look forward to getting to

know you. (Lauren Cooklin, Lydia Armacost, Ashley Chapin, Leigh Fauchbach, Jaime Haire, Sarah Winsted, Melissa Fanelli, Jenn Jacobs, Julie Goldfarb, Nichole Hermich)

Zeta Tau Alpha would like to thank everyone of the ECU and Greenville community for your support in our breast cancer awareness fundraiser this past weekend!

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## Summer School 2005

**Gordon** from page A9

his drivers, Jimmie Johnson, was the winner of this year's Speedweeks opener, the Budweiser Shootout eight days earlier.

Still, when Earnhardt Jr. shot by after coming from 17th on Lap 173 to take the lead with less than four laps to go, Gordon's confidence level sagged.

"Let's not say I gave up, but I thought it was over," the four-time Cup champion said. "He hadn't been anywhere all day long."

True enough. While Earnhardt Jr. had struggled with a car he aid was "way, way off at one point," Gordon said he'd been marking time running with Tony Stewart and Michael Waltrip at the front of the field.

"There were times when I knew I could make some moves on those guys," Gordon said. "But it was too early. I just tried to stay patient."

He spent most of that time patiently chasing Stewart's Chevrolet.

Stewart, coming off a victory in his qualifying race Thursday and a virtuoso driving display en route to a Busch Series win Saturday, led for 107 laps, 95 between Laps 88 and 194 when he kept his No. 20 car glued to the bottom groove so effectively it became clear anybody wanting to pass him would have to take the long way around - on the outside.

The intensity level ratcheted up beginning on a restart on Lap 173, after Waltrip's strong DEI Chevy fell out of the picture with an engine problem.

Before a 10-car wreck in Turn 4 that sent Scott Wimmer's Dodge flipping on its nose, Gordon, Kurt Busch, Johnson and eventually Earnhardt Jr. had started to parry with Stewart, testing how they might wrestle the lead from him. After the crash, and an aborted restart when nine cars piled up behind the leaders, the green flag waved.

And it was on. Gordon, in second, knew Stewart would protect the bottom. He guessed, correctly, that if he went to the outside Earnhardt Jr., who was third by that point, would go with Stewart and try to draft by the No. 24 on the inside. It happened precisely that way.

Off Turn 4 on Lap 195, Earnhardt Jr. moved out to challenge Stewart. Earnhardt Jr. led that lap, then Stewart was a nose ahead the next time by. On Lap 197, though, Earnhardt Jr. popped to the point.

Gordon was dismayed, but he stayed in the throttle.

Coming down the front stretch on the next lap, Johnson pulled in behind him and gave Gordon's car a huge drafting shove. Entering Turn 1, Gordon had pulled even and, by now, it was Earnhardt Jr. feeling a sense of dread.

"I never stopped trying to win the race."

**Iverson** from page A9

ting on a show early on," said Duncan. "In the last six or eight minutes it gets competitive and people really take it seriously."

Wade, playing in his first All-Star Game, led the way. O'Neal had urged Wade to go for the Most Valuable Player award if there was an opportunity for him to do it, and he made a case with his fourth-quarter performance.

Wade, coming off the bench, finished with 14 points but the MVP award went to Philadelphia guard Allen Iverson, who scored 15 points for the East. O'Neal, a 13-time All-Star, had 12 points and six rebounds.

Wade threw down a reverse dunk on a breakaway in the fourth quarter and a soaring slam in the fourth, but otherwise didn't get too many chances to show off his athleticism. O'Neal got his share of dunks, including one over Houston center Yao Ming, but mostly joked around.

**Softball** from page A8

the Lady Pirates their first loss of the season.

ECU stormed back the rest of the day outscoring Ohio and Army 23-6. Coach Kee knew the importance to get the wins in the tournament.

"I think any win is important especially when you are hosting a tournament," Kee said.

"I think everyone wants to go after the host. At this point every win that we can put in our win column is crucial to us."

In the final day of the tournament ECU came out strong shutting out Ohio for the second time in two days, this time 12-0. Senior Mandi Nichols went 3-for-3 at bat and drove in four runs including a three-run shot in the fourth inning.

The second game of the day pitted the Lady Pirates against Radford for the second time in the tournament. The game went into eight innings before ECU was able to defeat Radford again 3-2. The win gave the team the right to play in the

tournament finals against the College of Charleston.

After starting the final game with a solo home run from senior Shirley Burleson, the Lady Pirates fell 2-1 when the Lady Cougars hit two home runs of their own. Charleston eventually went up 7-3 heading into the seventh inning. ECU attempted to mount a come back but fell one run short, losing the game 7-6.

The loss gave the ECU softball team an overall record of 12-2 this season.

"We still need to improve on all aspects," Kee said.

"We still need to improve our pitching, it is good but it can get better. Defensively we need to be able to make routine plays."

Next weekend the Lady Pirates will have their chance to improve as they travel to Wilmington, NC to take part in the Seahawk Classic.

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