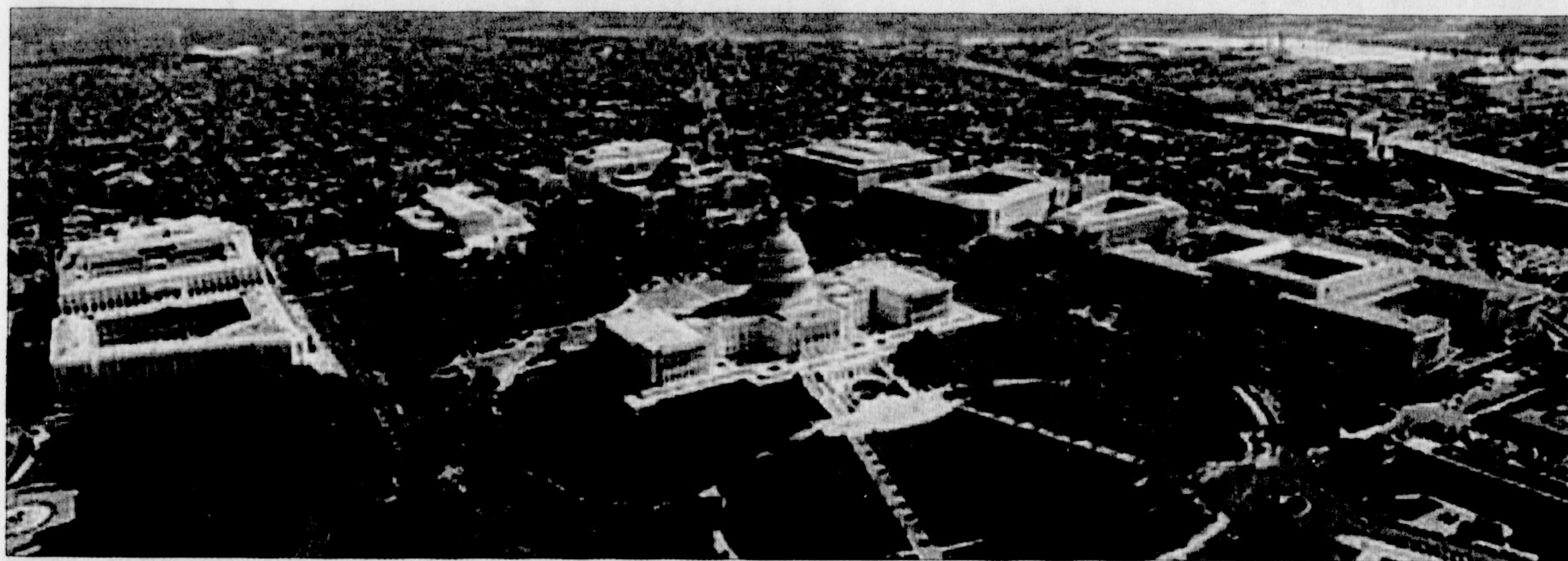


UNC system launches Washington D.C. program



Students attending school in the UNC system can participate in the Semester in Washington D.C. program for 10 - 15 weeks beginning this fall.

Students offered chance to study in nation's capitol

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ECU, along with 13 other schools in the UNC system, is now offering the Semester in Washington, D.C. program to students interested in spending a semester elsewhere.

This is a 10-week program in the summer session and a 15-week program for the fall and spring semesters that allows students to live, work and study in the Washington, D.C. area.

Dorothy H. Muller, assistant vice chancellor for Regional and Campus Academic Initiatives, explained the purpose of this program.

"Washington, D.C. is the center of so much... culturally as well as politically," said Muller.

"This program is designed to be a true experience where students can learn about the richness of Washington, D.C."

On days students have free time, trips and tours to sites such as the Smithsonian Museum, the Holocaust Museum and the Capitol Building will be available.

Participants would live in The Congressional, an apartment building leased to the UNC Semester in Washington program by The Washington Intern Stu-

dent Housing Foundation. Each apartment is fully furnished and is located in the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood. Landmarks such as the Capitol Building, the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court are all within walking distance of the apartment complex.

"It is really meant to be an immersion experience," Muller said.

"It is designed to give the students both the flavor of Washington, including the arts and cultural aspects and the work experience in Washington."

Students stand to gain great benefits from this experience.

"The biggest benefit is that students will have a real work experience in a setting where people from all over the country and the world live," Muller said.

"Students will gain a broader and more complete understanding of how government works. It is a great opportunity."

Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, designed this program with the intention of students and universities from North Carolina gaining recognition in Washington, D.C.

Kemal Atkins, director for academic and student affairs in the office of the president, worked in establishing the program and hopes students will take advantage of the new opportunity. He said Washington, D.C. is an international city that attracts people from all over the

world and would give students a good political experience.

"They will get a chance to see the political process and how it influences our lives," said Atkins.

"Students will have the hands on experiential kind of learning that goes beyond the textbook and traditional style of learning."

Atkins said students would have the chance to expand their network of contacts, which would provide them with more resources to expand their careers. He said the program and participation among UNC system students would be beneficial to the UNC system in general.

"We have very strong institutions in the system. People are already looking at North Carolina as a leader... it would certainly increase our presence on the national and international scene," Atkins said.

While there are a number of universities that have Washington, D.C. programs, when compared to the population of college students throughout the country, not many students have this type of opportunity.

Atkins said they worked to pull together a group from the campuses throughout the system and made presentations to academic officers at various campuses to see if they were interested in the program. They also spoke with the Student Government Association and asked what their ideas were regarding

this opportunity for students.

Students who participate in this program would be given a chance to gain real world experience in our nation's capitol. After a brief two-day orientation period, the students would begin an internship related to their field of study. The internship would consist of 32 hours per week and cover a large number of interests and different fields.

On Fridays, the participating students would be required to attend a course entitled "The Washington Experience" that covers topics such as politics, culture and the arts. The course will be taught by a faculty member from one of the 14 universities participating. The participating students would be required to be enrolled in no less than 12 semester hours from ECU while under the program. The internship provides six hours, "The Washington Experience" provides three hours leaving at least three hours to come from a distance education course or an independent study course.

Sarah Stipe, junior, seemed excited about the program.

"The program is a good idea for students who want to get away for a semester and experience a culture different from what is here at ECU," said Stipe.

"It will also give students a hands-on experience with the historical and artistic aspects of our country."

Students who seek to apply

should be primarily concerned with the practicality of the program.

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D.C. Bound

Students who seek to participate in the Semester in Washington Program must be a junior or Senior by the time of their selected semester. Students must also have a 3.0 GPA and endorsement from the head of the department of their major.

Deadline for application: The deadline for the fall semester is March 11. Applications are accepted for up to three terms in advance.

If interested in applying, contact Dorothy Muller at 328-2376 or mullerd@mail.ecu.edu for more information. Applications can also be printed from ecu.edu/aa/unc-washington.



New vice chancellor introduced to campus

Tuition, parking on Seitz's agenda

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Three weeks into the position, ECU's Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance has big plans and optimistic hopes for the university.

Kevin Seitz began his new position Feb. 1 after a long-term employment with the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Seitz said he began contemplating the position the second time he heard about it and decided it would be a good move after speaking with Richard Brown, the former vice chancellor of administration and finance. On a personal level, both of his children are married and he has friends and family in surrounding states, so North Carolina seemed like a great place to go.

Seitz said he wanted to take the position because it was a nice opportunity to do something different, to work with the chancellors and people in the community in moving the school and the region forward, and it is a challenge to take what he's learned at Buffalo and become part of this team. He said when he was interviewing for the position, he also liked the excitement toward the university from the community.

"You can't go anywhere in Greenville without seeing something about the school," said Seitz.

When he left Buffalo, he was the vice president for university services and was responsible for facility operations, business offices and coordinating legal services. He was also the university representative to the Research Foundation's Board of Directors.

Here, he will work with similar departments as well as IT operations, parking, human resources and auxiliary operations like the bookstore. He will also participate in the discussion for what the university proposes for tuition and fee increases, but he has not worked much with it yet.

"So far it's been more informational - understanding how the process works in the Carolina system versus how it works in the New York system... rather than getting into a discussion about how it should be," Seitz said.

"In the future, I'll be more involved in the discussions."

Seitz went to the Board of Governors meeting when ECU made its presentation for increased tuition. He said the chancellors had a responsible package with tuition increases.

"There's always this balance you have to strike with what you're charging and what services you'll be able to provide," Seitz said.

The BOG decided against raising in-state tuition but will debate fees and out-of-state tuition this month.

Seitz said fees allow for more programs at the university. He said SGA President Shannon O'Donnell told him ECU students were supportive of fee increases.

"As long as you can show how the money was used and what additional services people got... students in the most part are very supportive of the fee increases," Seitz said.

Salary increases for ECU employees is a concern because there has not been enough money from the state government. Seitz said this situation is difficult

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Candidates for provost, vice chancellor under consideration

Interview process currently underway

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A search committee has chosen four candidates to be considered for ECU's provost position.

The position has been held on an interim basis by James Leroy Smith since the dismissal of former provost James Swart.

Swart is currently a professor in the decision sciences department and has a lawsuit pending against the university over his firing.

Smith is one of the four candidates being considered for the provost position, along with Paul Ferguson, vice president for research and graduate studies at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Ronald F. Levant, dean of the center for psychological studies at Nova Southeastern University and Christina Murphy, dean of the college of liberal arts at Marshall University.

The search committee is comprised of 14 individuals from a variety of different areas to get as much consensus as possible with the choice.

Provost is the second highest position on campus and carries a great deal of job responsibilities.

"This person will be in charge of money, faculty positions, recruitment... this is the dean's boss, the top dog in terms of academics" said Patricia Anderson, graduate director in the department of education, who is on the search committee for the provost.

"Provost has the ability to shape our programs in some really dramatic ways."

Anderson said the search committee is looking for someone who

can take on a leadership role while also being a team player.

"I know the chancellor wants someone he can work with... and from the committee point of view we want that too," Anderson said.

"There were previous provosts who were less than willing to listen to faculty viewpoints."

Anderson said the search committee will also work to create an accurate picture of ECU for the candidates, so they know exactly what type of environment they would be working in if selected.

There will be multiple opportunities for students, administration, staff and faculty to get involved in the search process. Public meetings of the candidates are scheduled throughout the upcoming week.

On March 3, Smith will be in 221 Mendenhall from 3 - 5 p.m. and on March 4 he will be in the Brody Auditorium from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Levant will be available March 3 from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the Brody Auditorium.

Murphy will be available from 3 - 5 p.m. on March 7 in Mendenhall 221 and from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. on March 8 at Brody.

Ferguson will be available from 3 - 5 p.m. on March 9 in the Rivers Building room 105A and from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. March 10 in Warren Life Sciences 202.

At these events, candidate evaluation forms will be distributed which allow students, faculty, staff and administration to judge each candidate and provide feedback.

Anderson urged students to come out to these meetings and take an active role in the process.

"We'd love to have input from the students," Anderson said.

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Candidates

The candidates for provost are:

- Paul W. Ferguson
Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Ronald F. Levant
Dean of the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University
- Christina Murphy
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University
- James Leroy Smith
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at ECU

For more information on provost candidates, visit ecu.edu/cs-admin/mktg/VCAA-Search-committee.cfm.

- Finalists for vice chancellor for research and graduate studies are:
- Michael Allen
Assistant Vice President for Research at Texas Tech University
 - Dierdre Mageean
Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Maine
 - Marsha Torr
Vice President for Research at Virginia Commonwealth University.

For more information on candidates for vice chancellor of research and graduate studies, visit ecu.edu/cs-admin/mktg/VC-Search-committee.cfm.



Chancellor Ballard spoke to students about graduate school.

Students prepare for graduate school

ECU offers successful application strategies

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Chancellor Steve Ballard and graduate school directors spoke to students Wednesday at ECU Graduate School Information Day providing information on grad school.

Ballard said he urges students to take very seriously what they do after their undergraduate careers, understand that there are no perfect decisions and it is important to find your passion to make sure you end up doing something you love. He said today's society is filled with two types of jobs - jobs that pay lousy and will only pay less and less due to the increased number of workers who would be willing to take on those jobs and skilled jobs.

"My suggestion is that you get ready for a skilled job... a skilled

work force is what's happening in states that are doing well economically," said Ballard.

Fifty years ago, only 15 percent of the jobs in North Carolina were skilled jobs, whereas today that percentage is 65 and is predicted to increase to 80 percent by 2010. He said it is important to get the most solid foundation of an educational base possible in working to get these jobs, in which the skills required are changing rapidly.

"Forty years ago it was more of who you knew than what you knew... more and more of tomorrow it's what you know that will make a difference in your ability of going to something that you like to do and get some reasonable pay for it," Ballard said.

Ballard said every level of degree gives people a greater likelihood of surviving in the world. Getting critical competencies including communication and technical skills are

Campus News

AA Meetings

Alcohol Anonymous meetings will be held in Mendenhall twice a week. On Wednesdays, meetings will be in room 242 at noon. Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. Thursdays in room 14.

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. The second workshop is March 4 in 212 Mendenhall from noon - 1:30 p.m. These workshops will cover topics including money, roles in a relationship, sex, children, fun and relaxation. For more information, please call 328-6881.

Speaker Bev Smith

Bev Smith, African American award-winning investigative journalist and talk show host, will speak at Hendrix Theater March 4 at 5 p.m. Smith is the former host of Black Entertainment Television's talk show "Our Voices." Her radio and television career has spanned two decades, and she is the first African American consumer affairs reporter. This event is free and open to the public. Please contact Tonya Jacobs at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-6495 for more information.

Old Time Music Concert

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers and Folk Arts Society of Greenville will present a program of traditional bluegrass, western swing, gospel, old-time duets and fiddle breakdowns with the Hometown Boys reunion Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Willis Building. The Hometown Boys are an all-acoustic string band who originally formed 25 years ago in Greenville. Their music includes tunes from the bygone days accompanied by an ever-changing array of stringed instruments and outstanding vocal harmonies. Cost of admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call Mike Hamer at 830-0349.

Assessment Seminar

Having trouble deciding on a major? Attend an assessment seminar and take career and self-assessments to begin finding the right major and career for you. The remaining sessions will be held March 7 and 8 and March 21 - 23 from 3 - 4 p.m. in 1021 Joyner Library. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Academic Enrichment Center at 328-2645.

Social Work Fundraiser

Students with the social work department are hosting a fundraiser on behalf of the Little Willie Center, located on Martin Luther King Drive. They will be holding a raffle the week of March 7 and plan to have a table set up in Wright Place and Mendenhall March 7 and March 9. Raffle prizes include a \$100 Food Lion gift certificate, \$75 cash and a \$50 gas card. Their goal is to raise \$1500. For more information, please call Yolanda Burwell at 328-4201.

LSAT Prep Workshop

Sharpen your skills and receive help so you can know about the LSATs and how to approach them. ECU is offering LSAT workshops on Saturdays in April in 1418 Joyner Library with Ken Kleinfeld, an experienced admissions test preparation instructor. The workshop costs \$259 and includes 16 hours of instruction, a practice book, pretests and posttests. Seating is limited and you can pre-register before March 25. For more information or to register, call 328-6143, fax 328-1600 or send a letter to Continuing Professional Education, Division of Continuing Studies, ECU, Greenville, NC 27858.

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

News Briefs Local

Appellate court revives claim that vaccine disabled boy

RALEIGH, NC - A Cary couple who blames a childhood vaccine for their 11-year-old son's developmental disabilities has been given another chance to take their case to the state Industrial Commission. The state Court of Appeals sent the case back to the commission Tuesday because only two commissioners reviewed the appeal instead of the required three. The commissioners affirmed a ruling that denied the family's claim that their son's injuries were vaccine-related. Andrew and Catherine Goetz hope to recover the maximum of \$300,000 allowed under state law for their son's disabilities. "It brings the case back active again. It gives my son hope," Andrew Goetz said Tuesday. "We're doing this for our son."

Hayden Goetz was born May 14, 1993. He developed normally until he received a series of vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, his parents say. He suffered a high fever and irritability after receiving each of the three shots, according to court records. Afterward, his parents noticed that Hayden wasn't reaching the same developmental milestones as other children. For example, Hayden did not crawl until he was more than a year old and did not walk until he was 2, his father said.

Judge forecloses on sanctuary for 600-member church

GREENSBORO, NC - The 600 members of the St. James Home of Fresh Start Ministries have lost their sanctuary after a bankruptcy judge decided the church had no chance of surviving reorganization. A court administrator's report recommended that the church's assets be sold to pay its outstanding debt, including its \$1.65 million mortgage. "We went to court this morning

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because ECU wants to be competitive in salaries for everyone from grounds and house keeping to faculty members.

In Buffalo, Seitz did not work with parking, but it will be an important issue he expects to work with plenty during his time in Greenville. He said he understands the situation has progressed, but he is a firm believer in always being able to improve.

Right now, one of his main priorities is to get familiar with the school.

"Probably the practical first thing is to get to know people and start building relationships with my staff, the other vice chancellors and the people in the community," Seitz said.

Seitz has much responsibility with Board of Trustees and different foundations so he said he is trying to learn about his role with them as well. He is also working to learn ECU's relationship with the hospital and get a better sense of how they interact.

Chancellor Steve Ballard has made the budget a main concern for Seitz's first duties.

"We're going to be working on a budget process for the institution ... an effort to develop a more open transparent budget process," Seitz said.

His department is also concerned with the many construction projects on campus such as the new facilities for allied health and nursing students, the residence hall on College Hill, renovating Slay Hall into office space by the fall semester and preparing the new baseball stadium for the first home game March 4.

"We have a very talented and professional staff in the division so I know that they're keeping things running very well on day-to-day business," Seitz said.

Chuck Hawkins, former interim vice chancellor for administration and finance, said he was looking forward to Seitz's arrival when he heard the position was filled.

"I had a wonderful time as the interim vice chancellor and Kevin Seitz will be a great asset to ECU," said Hawkins.

Seitz said his new position has been challenging, but he is enjoying being here.

"You go from a place where you work 30 years ... to everything's brand new, so it's been fun," Seitz said.

"I'm enjoying the school, I'm enjoying the people I've met in the community and I'm really looking forward to my time here at ECU."

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under the impression we could get an extension under Chapter 11," said the church's pastor, the Rev. James Woodson, who was removing personal items he could fit in his car. "We were completely blindsided." In October, the bank agreed to give the church more time to find another lender to refinance the mortgage. The church had yet to find financing at a hearing on Feb. 10, when the court ruled they would have until Feb. 28, to pay the bank or leave the premises. "At this time, as before, the debtor is unable to propose and effectuate a confirmable plan and is unable to consistently improve cash flow," wrote U.S. Bankruptcy Administrator Michael West, in a document filed with the court on Feb. 10. "There appears to be continuing loss and diminution to the estate, no reasonable likelihood of rehabilitation, and no prospect that a feasible plan will be proposed and effectuated."

National

Hunter S. Thompson found seated in front of typewriter

ASPEN, Colo. - Hunter S. Thompson's body was found in a chair in the kitchen in front of his typewriter with the word "counselor" typed in the center of the page, according to sheriff's reports.

The word was typed on stationery from the Fourth Amendment Foundation, which was started to defend victims of unwarranted search and seizure, according to reports released Tuesday.

It was not immediately known what, if any, significance the word had to the founder of "gonzo" journalism or to his family.

Juan Thompson found his father dead Feb. 20 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. After reporting the death, Juan Thompson walked outside the Woody Creek home and fired three shotgun blasts into the air.

"Juan told me he had shot a shotgun into the air to mark the passing of his

father," Pitkin County Deputy Sheriff John Armstrong said in his report. Juan Thompson was allowed to go into the kitchen alone to drape a golden orange scarf over his father's shoulders, according to Armstrong. Jennifer Winkel Thompson, Juan Thompson's wife, said the family had purchased the silk scarf in Florence, Italy, and gave it to Hunter Thompson the night before.

Jackson's attorney hints singer will testify in own defense

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Michael Jackson's attorney strongly hinted in his opening statement that the singer would take the stand to refute allegations that he molested a 13-year-old recovering cancer patient. Thomas Mesereau Jr.'s statement Tuesday came just before jurors got their first look at Jackson's accuser and his family by viewing the documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," which features the singer holding hands with the boy and explaining that there is nothing sexual about his occasionally sharing his bedroom with children.

Twice in his opening statement Mesereau hinted that jurors would hear from Jackson - "Michael will tell you one time he got a very bad feeling at Neverland," Mesereau said at one point, referring to an incident with the accuser's family at his estate.

He also said, "Mr. Jackson will freely admit that he does read girlie magazines from time to time. He absolutely does not show them to children."

Mesereau's statements were designed to suggest to jurors that Jackson may testify, Jackson spokeswoman Raymonne K. Bain said in an interview.

"They have not made a decision yet. But clearly they have spoken about it," she said.

Jackson, 46, who could be cross-examined if he takes the stand, is not on the defense witness list.

In the Neverland incident Mesereau described, the boy's mother allegedly

grabbed the singer's hand, told her children to join hands, and insisted that everyone pray. Mesereau mentioned sexually explicit magazines because prosecutors allege Jackson showed them to his accuser and his brother.

International

Suspect had sketch of New York rail terminal

MADRID, Spain - A suspect in the Madrid train bombings was found to possess a sketch and technical details about Grand Central Terminal in New York, a report said Wednesday.

The sketch and data were on a computer disk seized about two weeks after the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people last year, the newspaper *El Mundo* said.

Spanish police turned the disk over to the U.S. agents from the FBI and CIA in December once they understood the scope of the technical data, the report said.

A U.S. Embassy official confirmed that American law enforcement authorities received information related to Grand Central Terminal from Spanish authorities in December. The official declined to go into detail.

However, a Spanish police official said Spanish and U.S. authorities don't lend much credibility to the sketch, saying it is not even clear it is supposed to be a picture of Grand Central Terminal.

The police official, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, confirmed that the sketch was found in the home of Mouhammad Almallah, a Syrian who was arrested in Madrid on March 24 but later released, although he is still considered a suspect.

Almallah was questioned over his alleged ties to two suspects jailed in connection with the attack after witnesses placed them aboard trains targeted in the string of 10 bombs, *El Mundo* said.

A total of 24 people are in jail over the attack, although at least 40 more

who were arrested and released are still considered suspects.

Iraqi judge, lawyer on tribunal to try Saddam slain in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Gunmen killed a judge and lawyer working for the special tribunal that will try Saddam Hussein and members of his former regime, the first court staff killed since it was set up in late 2003 after the dictator was toppled, officials and a relative of the slain men said Wednesday.

News of the deaths came as two car bombs exploded in the capital, killing 10 Iraqi soldiers and wounding dozens of others. The first blast targeted an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad, killing six troops and wounding at least 25. A second car bomb an hour later at an army checkpoint in south Baghdad killed four soldiers, police said.

Judge Barwez Mohammed Mahmoud al-Merwani and his son, lawyer Aryan Barwez al-Merwani, were shot and killed Tuesday in Baghdad's northern Azamiyah district, said the slain judge's son, Kikawz Barwez Mohammed al-Merwani.

The son said unidentified gunmen in a speeding car raked the pair with gunfire as they were trying to get into a vehicle outside their home.

The killings came one day after the court issued referrals for five former regime members - including one of Saddam's half brothers - for crimes against humanity. Referrals are similar to indictments, and are the final step before trials can start.

However, a tribunal official, who asked not to be named, said the judge was not killed because of his job.

"He was not killed because he was working at the tribunal," he said. "It was something personal. I don't have details, but investigations are still going on."

The judge's surviving son disagreed, saying the two were assassinated either because they worked for the court, or because they were minority Kurds.

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vital in getting by in the world. He said graduate school is not the only place to get those competencies, but it is a good place.

Ballard said more jobs and good careers are beginning to require several fields of study.

"The more education you have the more opportunity you have to design your future," Ballard said.

"The more education you have the more competence you will

have - the more ways you have about thinking about how different knowledge goes together."

Paul Tschedder, interim dean of ECU Graduate School, said it is important to first find information on graduate programs. He said it is necessary to look at catalogs or online resources their schools of interest offer. Making connections with people, including their professors is also important, in addition to speaking with directors and brows-

ing online sources in choosing your graduate program.

Max Poole, associate dean of graduate school, said he urges students to contact the program director or coordinator to make sure it is the program for you. A student must then contact the school and apply for the program. Common required aspects when applying to graduate programs include information sections, transcripts, statement of purpose, letters of recommenda-

tion and in some cases a portfolio. Standardized exams including GRE are also commonly required so programs can compare the applicant to the pool of applicants.

"It's really a combination ... If you are weak in one area you can concentrate on other areas," said Jim Decker, graduate director of the department of exercise and sports science.

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Majors fair to educate students



Students receive information on different majors.

Information on each major offered

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

The majors fair, held in conjunction with March Majors Month, took place Wednesday in the Bate building offering students the opportunity to learn about the degrees and majors within ECU.

The main group the event catered to included students who are undecided or reconsidering their majors. Edging on the time of registration for next fall, this is the prime time when students are deciding on their classes and majors.

Karen Floyd, assistant director of the Academic Enrichment Center, said within ECU there are 1,100 undecided students, the majority being freshmen and sophomores, but there are some upperclassmen within that population. She was pleased with the overall turnout.

"Just about every school and college is here, which is a wonderful turnout," said Floyd.

She said the issue of students being undecided on their major is consistent year to year and she feels most students are aware of the majors offered, but do not know the specifics about those majors and what they need to qualify for them. Helping students navigate the catalog and helping them understand the 102 majors offered at ECU were two main objectives of the event. Representatives from each major also guided students as to what career opportunities they had available to them with the specific majors.

"I think within a lot of fields [a] college degree gets your foot in your door ... if it is in an area that's in your major then its going to be more linked within your interest and abilities," Floyd said.

"Our role in this institution is helping students develop productive and happy lives ... part of that is helping them find a major and be able to be marketable about that major."

Floyd said she thinks there are a lot of people who have jobs that are not necessarily what they had majored on in college, which may be a result of students developing other interests as they age and come across new opportunities in the working world.

She said she felt the general reaction of students has been positive and many of them are in need of guidance in this area.

"I think it's a dilemma and crisis students go through regardless of their year in school," Floyd said.

She said she plans on making it an annual event and hopes to run it at this time of year when students are in the process of registering for classes.

ECU is making additional efforts in addressing retention rates among ECU students. One of the main reasons why ECU loses students between their freshmen and sophomore year is due to students not having a set career path in mind to concentrate on.

"It falls very strongly to those initiatives and supports those initiatives," Floyd said.

Michelle Eble, assistant professor in the English department, said the majority of the students have had an idea in what they wanted to major or minor in but students were not clear on the specific qualifications of the majors. With the ECU curriculum recently undergoing a significant change, many English students are unsure of the current program.

Chuck Singhas, director of undergraduate studies for department of biology said he thought the event was a wonderful idea and they had attracted quite a few students.

"I think the biggest thing that keeps a person undecided is not thoroughly understanding what it takes to major in an area," said Singhas.

Wayne Sampson, freshman communication major, said he thought the event was helpful and he benefited from the event.

"It gave me more ideas to explore ... everyone's been helpful and willing to answer any questions I had," said Sampson.

Michelle Dougherty, undecided freshman, said she thought the event was very helpful considering she did not have a major.

"I have to decide a major soon," said Dougherty.

Dougherty visited the communications, ecology, recreational studies and the school of nursing and received information.

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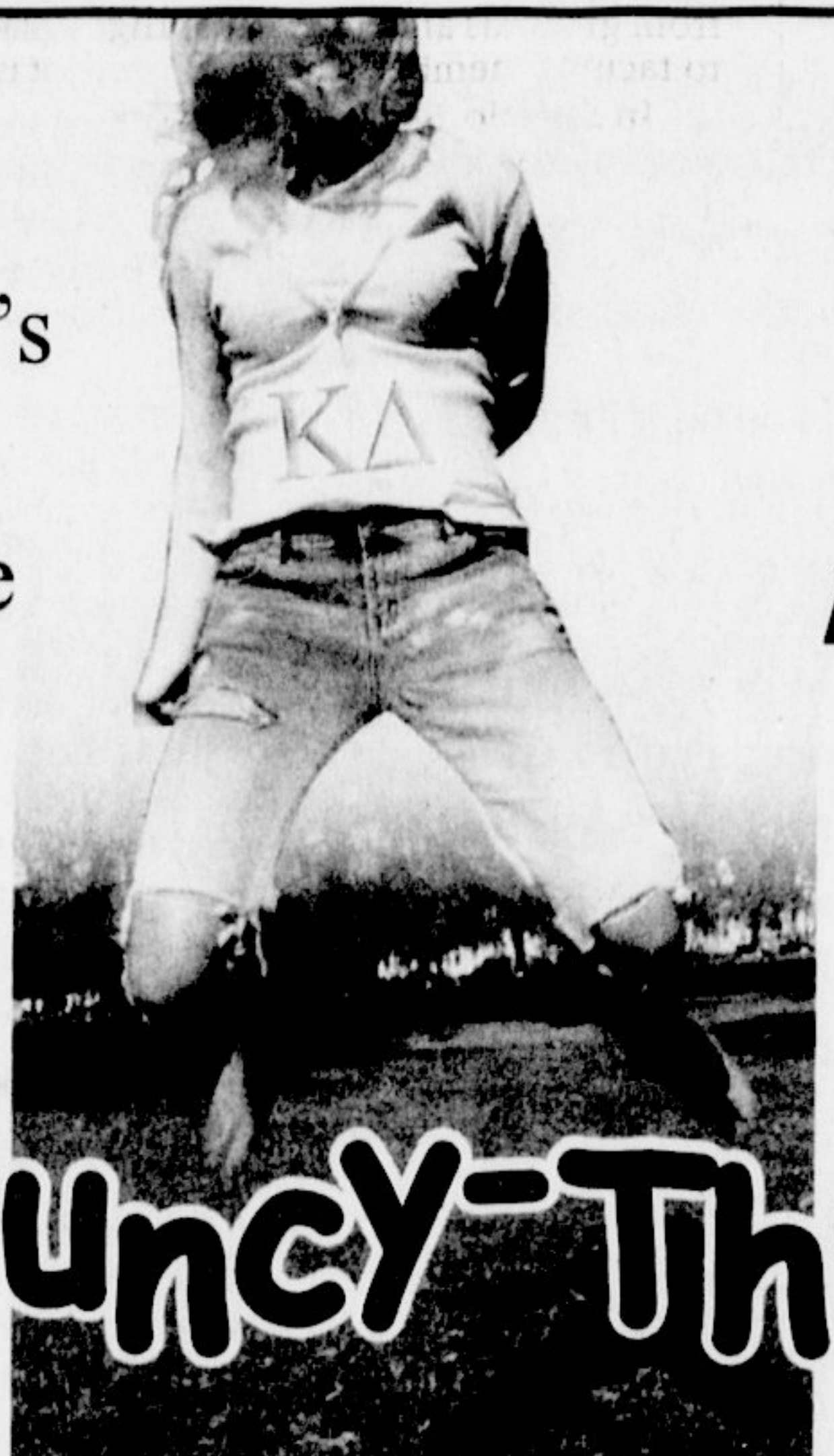
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Media has not-so-beautiful effects on general public

With more than 200 channels available through digital cable and satellite providers, not to mention the trillions of Web sites on the Internet, we're constantly bombarded with images of celebrities. Britney Spears, Paris Hilton and Jessica Simpson are just a few celebrities who grace magazine covers and TV shows. They also have another thing in common - they all have these so-called "perfect" bodies.

Over the last century, the appropriate body image has shifted dramatically. Marilyn Monroe was an international celebrity, as well as a centerfold, and she was a size 14. Nowadays, you'll be lucky to spot a model or celebrity in an advertisement larger than a size two.

The Center for Disease Control has stated that Americans now are 25 pounds heavier on average than they were 40 years ago. If this is true, then why isn't Hollywood accurately documenting this change?

Everywhere we turn we see advertisements of scantily clad women and bulked up men. Rarely do we see plus sized figures on television or in the movies.

We're constantly comparing ourselves to these "plastics." This, in turn, has spurred the rise of eating disorders. A Harvard study found that in Fiji, a country known for larger body images, a rise in eating disorders was linked to women's exposure to Western images. A girl interviewed for this study said that, "we can see [teenagers] on TV. ... They are the same ages, but they are working, they are slim and very tall and they are cute, nice. ... We want our bodies to become like that ... so we try to lose a lot of weight."

A study by Gregory Fouts and Kimberly Burggraf found people on TV with below-average weight are over represented, while those with above-average weight are under represented.

We at TEC want our readers to be happy as who they are. Do not let the media tell you who you should be or what you should look like. Stay healthy and stay confident in who you are.

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Opinion Columnist

ECU cracks down on second-hand smoke

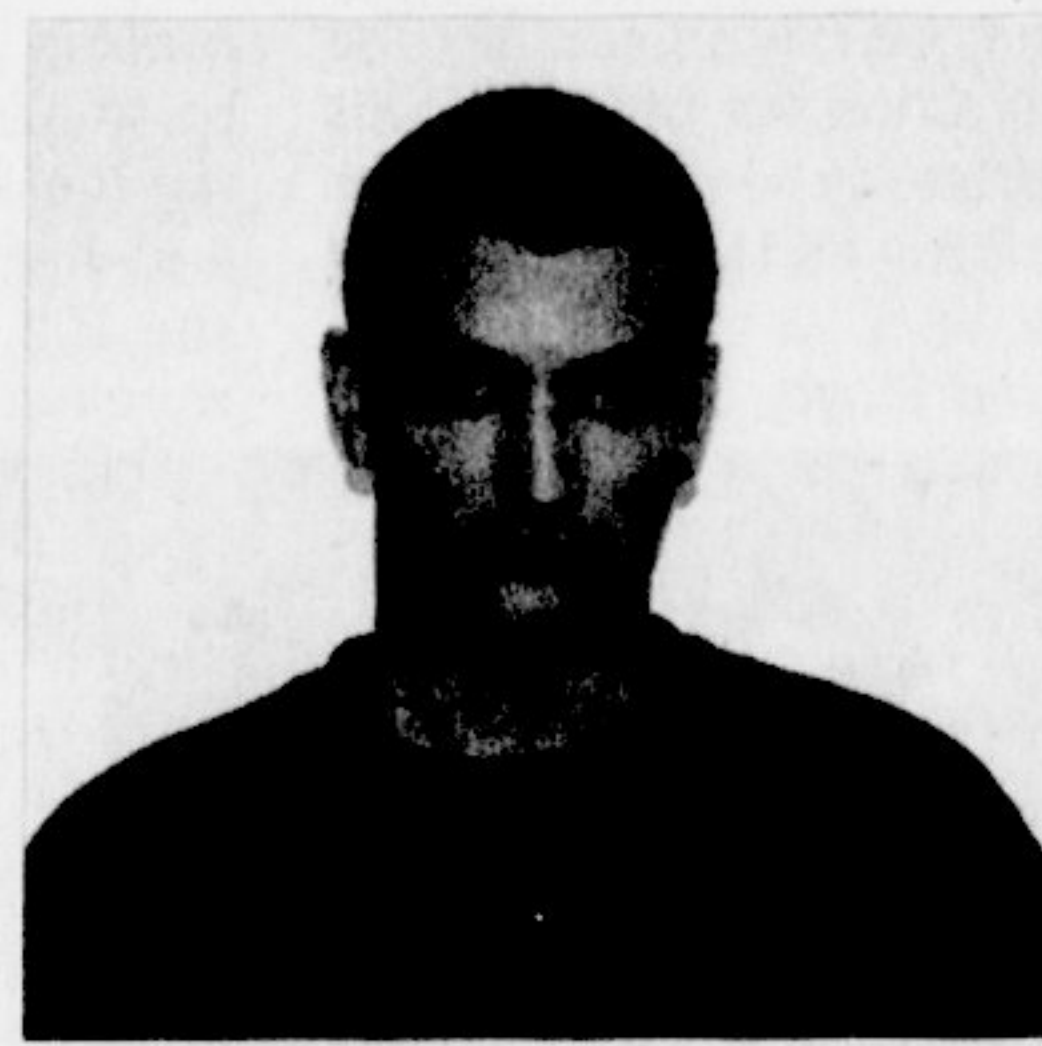
Tobacco users, beware

PETER KALAJIAN
DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY

If all goes according to plan, the ECU community will soon be cleaned of that most insidious of plagues - second-hand smoke. Innocent smokers are being driven from their most favored of stomping grounds by the fascist tyranny that is ECU - the jackbooted faculty thugs wielding chains and pipes against the defenseless student population. Well, not exactly.

The ECU Student Faculty recently approved a plan that would outlaw the public consumption of tobacco in many high traffic areas, including stairwells and outside classroom buildings all over the ECU campus. The ban, upon receiving the chancellor's approval, would slowly be implemented, allowing smokers ample time to conduct effective surveillance and stake out a new location, I imagine so as not to unnecessarily ruffle the delicate feathers of those tenured professors who enjoy a cigarette between classes. While no punishments have yet been announced, fines from campus police could eventually be levied against smokers who refuse to abide by the new regulation.

While tobacco prohibition in a state built on Big Tobacco dollars is something of a contradiction, it is my professional opinion that the tide has turned for mass tobacco consumption in America. The day the tobacco companies, who for decades have hidden behind their bottomless financial resources and high powered law firms, were forced by the government to publicly admit that smoking kills people, the die was cast. America began educat-



ing itself.

Though Hollywood continues to perpetuate the glamorous image of cigarettes, smoking has, for at least the last generation, been largely demonized by the media overall. Big Tobacco eventually found its advertisements banned by court order, billion dollar lawsuits by almost every state and every health organization in the world declaring them Satan Incarnate. But there is one weapon, one ever so genius ace-in-the-whole, which the tobacco companies are leaning on and shall continue to lean on, until the federal government one day classifies cigarettes as a class-A narcotic and bans their manufacture - nicotine.

As addictive as cocaine or heroin, nicotine is the one key ingredient that has consistently kept the bane of cigarettes available to a wide public audience. Even though millions upon millions of American citizens have been killed as a direct result of using their products, these businesses remain an indelible wart on the hindquarters of American business. Since the congressional lobby of Big Tobacco is one of the most powerful in Washington and a federal ban on cigarettes is about as likely as the re-introduction of the Volstead Act, there is little option left

for an American health care system sadly overburdened by the results of Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man. Local and state governments have a responsibility to their constituents and the generations who will pay for the treatment of 40 million baby boomers who smoked two packs a day for 30 years to slowly but effectively phase out the proliferation of smoking as a national pastime.

Every few months, with as little fanfare and public attention as possible, the price of cigarettes should go up. Little by little, nickel by nickel, the price shall rise. Ten, then twenty, then fifty dollars a pack. The sky is the limit. It is conceivable to eradicate the entire culture, over a long enough time frame, by simply raising the prices continually, until the expense becomes too great and the smoker is simply forced to choose between smokes, food and rent. Smoking would continue, naturally, but the vast majority of smokers would have been forcefully weaned by the iron hand of Uncle Sam.

If only this were Oz, anything could be possible, but since it is, in fact, America, many people will continue to smoke, probably until they die. As a man who appreciates a mid afternoon smoke as much as anyone, I do not think it unreasonable to politely respect the health and well-being of our fellow East Carolinians. Take a few steps back. I have no doubt the Pirate Rant shall reflect the overwhelming gratitude of the ECU community. And as for the argument that has been raised about the infringement of rights, or the Constitutional provision about smoking, it is a non-issue. Nowhere in the United States Constitution does it read, "Congress shall make no law concerning the public consumption of tobacco products."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article written by Peter Kalajian on Thursday, Feb. 24 titled "Televangelism good, breast-baring a sin?"

I would first like to say that I disagree with the majority of Peter Kalajian's asinine, radically left wing comments. As a Roman Catholic and a conservative, it is clear to me that Mr. Kalajian stands against almost everything I believe in. He seems to have just enough information to make him (maybe not dangerous but definitely) annoying.

Mr. Kalajian compares the Freedom of Speech of TV evangelists to Janet Jackson revealing her breast on live television, suggesting that if we can't have both, then "we should just forget about the whole business."

That "business" he refers to is the First Amendment. It is the absence of things like the First Amendment that is being fought against in Iraq. No, thanks. I'm not interested in tyranny. Mr. Kalajian lacks common sense and doesn't appreciate his own right to write his one-sided dribble.

Mr. Kalajian will be hard pressed to find an abundance of support for TV evangelists. He credits TBN with "leading the charge" in the FCC's new guidelines following the Jackson fiasco. He seems very confident in the power of TBN, I'm sure they would be flattered. In reality, if they had that much power, many things would be taken off the national airwaves. The truth is, a vast majority of Americans (Christians and non-Christians alike) object to the Janet Jackson peep show and to televangelism, but that doesn't call for removing the First Amendment.

We watch the Super Bowl for football and clean family-oriented entertainment. It is incorrect of Mr. Kalajian to compare opinions protected under the First Amendment, to revealing a breast for every man, woman and child to see.

America had no choice as to whether or not they were going to see Jackson's breast. If you want to see a woman's bare breast there are many venues to accommodate your lewd desires. To compare Jackson's bare breast to statements made by a few radical Christians, who very few people actually take seriously, is ridiculous. It would be like comparing some of the garbage Mr. Kalajian writes to the opinion of all liberals. Mr. Kalajian needs to stop taking every opportunity he gets to try to bring down the Christian community.

Billy Atwell
Freshman Political Science

Dear Editor,

Though I try not to pay attention too much of the "high-brow" affairs of the university, I have been baffled recently by the actions of the overzealous administration here at ECU. It seems that they have gone overboard with the "You're Fired" theme of Donald Trump's popular television show "The Apprentice." In the past year the football coach, basketball coach, former chancellor, provost, director of Joyner Library and long-time university attorney have left their posts. Maybe the affairs of the administration don't normally trickle down to the student level, but I feel like the people that made these decisions need to step outside of the box and realize that this much change in a period of one year is far from healthy. Community leaders are irate, alumni have written in with complaints and long-time supporters of the university's vision have turned their backs on the recent events. Good for them. It is absolutely ridiculous that a few power-hungry, knee-jerk, "change-the-world" administrators have the ability to hijack ECU's integrity and push their personal envelope on everyone. Maybe the university doesn't want good, honest, caring and

educated people serving the school. The administration and the specific individuals that made these decisions need not worry about "re-establishing the integrity of ECU." It's far too late for that my power-hungry friends.

Nathan Lean
Sophomore Music Major

Dear Editor,

I was in Greenville over the weekend and saw, once again, that tobacco use on campus is being discussed. As a recent graduate from ECU, I am familiar with the numbers of students smoking or dipping on campus. A few years ago, we had a forum, which discussed making the entire campus "tobacco-free." Many students felt it was a great idea. Tobacco users, as expected, were opposed.

I am currently the Clinical Health Educator at "the world's largest US Marine Base" - Cherry Point. Several years ago, they faced the same challenges here in restricting tobacco use. For some time now, the use of all tobacco products has been restricted from all areas on base except in designated tobacco-use areas. These areas have to be at least 50 feet from any building entrance and posted with a sign.

There are many excellent reasons why limiting tobacco use in public places makes sense. Having to walk through a cloud of smoke irritates non-smokers and can create asthma attacks as well as other extreme allergic reactions in many individuals.

An overall campus ban may be a bit drastic, but a compromise worth considering is to designate several areas where those who "have to use" can do so (until they come to their senses). In the long run, it will certainly reduce animosity from both sides and potentially reduce consumption of a terribly addictive and poisonous substance.

Michael Edwards, MA
Cherry Point, NC

Pirate Rant

To the person that thinks the smoking ban is stupid. You shouldn't be allowed to smoke in the stairwells because the healthy people here at ECU don't want to get a lung full of smoke from your cancer stick every time they walk by. If you're going to have a nasty habit of smoking you should be banned to smoke in the cold, rain and snow.

When Tony McKee isn't plagiarizing bad work, he's stinking even worse.

To the girl with the \$555 dollar outfit: Pull the \$225 dollar stick out of your ass. No one cares how much your outfit costs anyway.

No, the fountain is never going to work again. But they'll leave it up to remind us the world is an awful, horrible place.

To the dorks driving the "tricked out" cars: It doesn't matter how big or loud your exhaust pipe is, you still only have four cylinders

Keep your god out of my government.

To all of you straight people that want to keep treating us like second-class citizens: We'll still be sitting right beside you and your divorcee 10 years from now during PTA meetings, regardless of whether or not you allow us to get a marriage license or not.

If I want to smoke outdoors on campus it's my right. I pay just as much tuition as the rest of you non-smokers. When I buy a pack of cigarettes the taxes are going to help pay for things in NC. At least when I light up there is still some good in it for the non-smokers.

Believe it or not, there actually are people trying to sleep at 2 a.m., so to the drunk idiots coming back from downtown, shut up.

I'm all for the smoking ban, I just wish it was the entire campus and not just "high-traffic areas."

Did anyone else find it ironic, hilarious and/or discouraging that on the same day there was a table set up just inside Wright Place to inform people about eating disorders, an organization was outside promoting a bikini contest?

Hey girl who's man I supposedly "stole." I highly suggest you pick up a book called *Define The Relationship* and then when you realize he's with me, you will want to get the best-seller, *He's Just Not That Into You*.

Could someone please give Howard Dean a bone and put him back in his cage?

All I could do was laugh when I read a rant's response to the smoking ban. Let me get this straight, you smoke in public stairwells to stay out of the rain, cold, snow and other bad weather? Last time I checked rain provided water, not a malignant illness. Get your priorities straight and invest in an umbrella.

Since when is President Bush given the right to decide my tax money should be spent on Christian foundations? I'm not even Christian.

Stop sitting behind me sniffing for an entire fifty minutes and go blow your freaking nose.

To the kid who shows up drunk in my class: Just stop. You smell, you're annoying and you're certainly not cool. In fact, you're probably not even drunk. You were probably up all night watching "American Idol" and thinking about pretty things.

To the girl in my psychology class who has a crush on me: I only like girls who have the guts to tell me to my face they like me.

I hate all the Sperry Topsider posers out there. Listen, if you don't own a boat, have never been on a boat or don't even know what a boat looks like, please don't be a poser. Go buy some New Balances.

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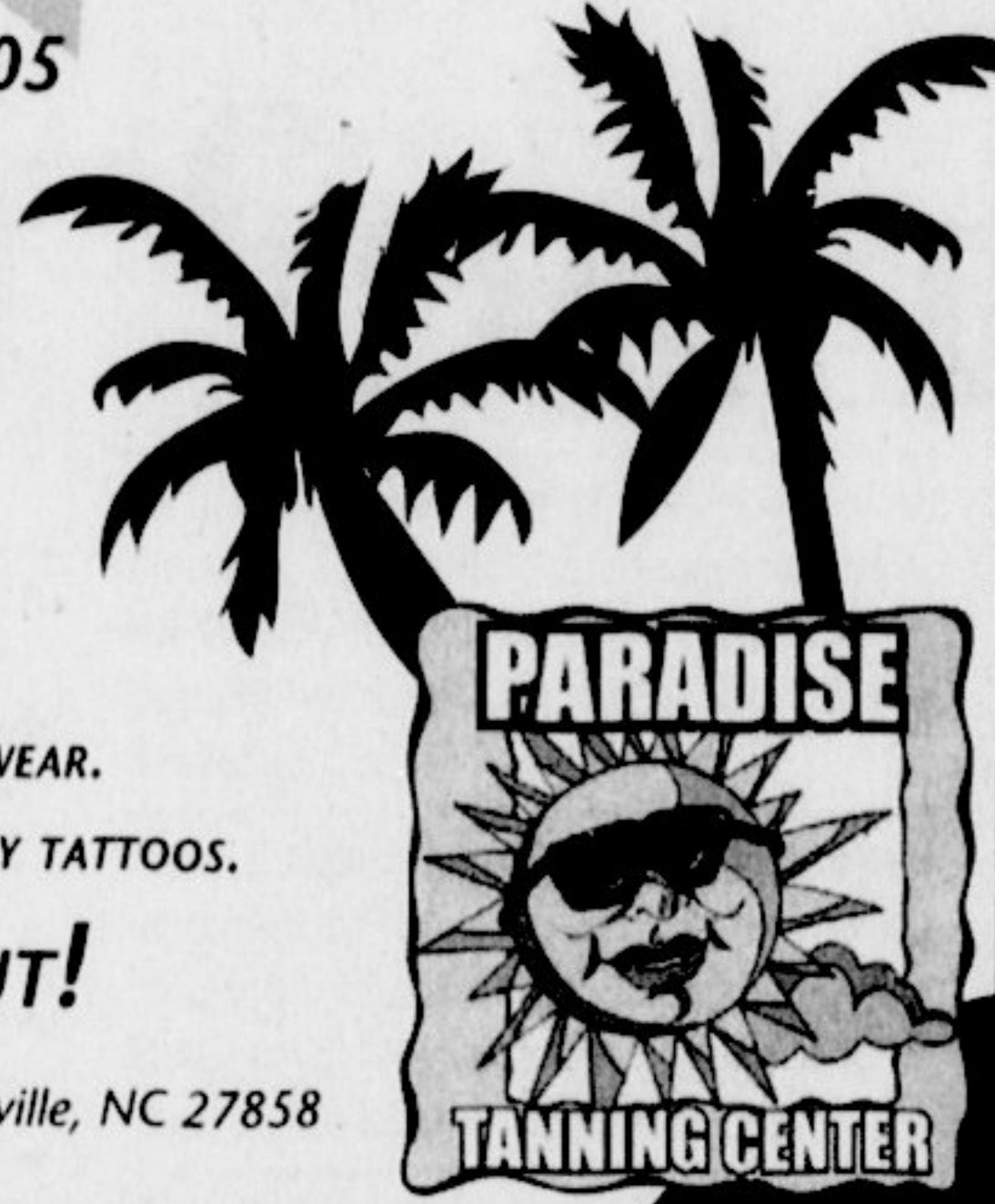
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MICHAEL HARRINGTON
SENIOR WRITER

A professional wrestling match is scheduled March 5 to raise money for the Station House volunteer firefighters.

Six matches will be held at Wellcome Middle School in Greenville featuring notable professional wrestlers such as Sting, Terry Taylor and Doink.

"It's our main fundraiser ... it keeps the ball rolling," said Billy Civils, volunteer firefighter at the Station House.

The money generated from the event will help purchase new equipment for the firefighters, such as turnout gear and air packs. T-shirts will be on sale with the proceeds going toward the firefighters.

A portion of the money raised will be placed in a fund that allows the Station House firefighters to give charitably.

Civils said this charity can include financially assisting struggling firefighters, sending flowers to those who have had a death in the family and sending aid to other departments that are strapped for cash.

North Pitt High School's Junior ROTC will also be raising money for their program at the event by operating a concession stand.

In the past they would hold annual barbecues, but Civils said because of the commonness of those types of fundraisers in the area, the Station House decided to make a change last year.

The Robersonville Fire Department has been holding wrestling fundraisers for a number of years, so they supplied the Station House with the contact information for NAWF

wrestling all-stars, a wrestling promoter.

Civils said he hopes the event is a success and the department raises a sizable amount of money.

"Everyone come out, watch and enjoy," Civils said. Jason Beasley, junior marketing major, said he would support any event that firefighters hold to raise funds.

"I think it's very important," said Beasley.

"They save lives on a daily basis ... it's something we should really respect and appreciate."

Jacob Bohanan, freshman nursing major, agreed with Beasley on the importance of raising money for firefighters.

"It's important to support all the local organizations," said Bohanan.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Match info.

Bell-time for the event is scheduled for 7 p.m. with the doors opening an hour before. Wellcome Middle School is located at 3101 North Memorial Drive.

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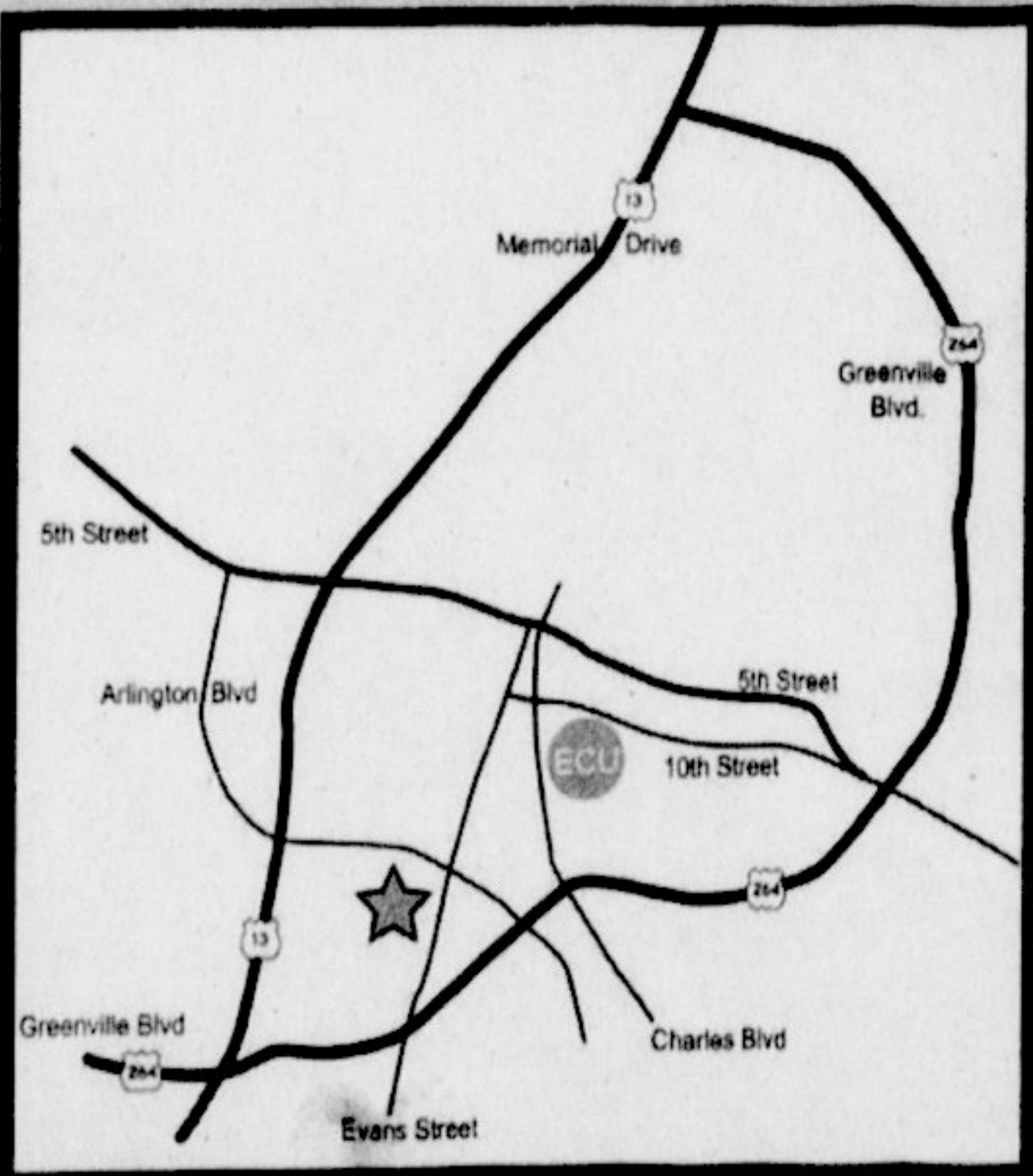
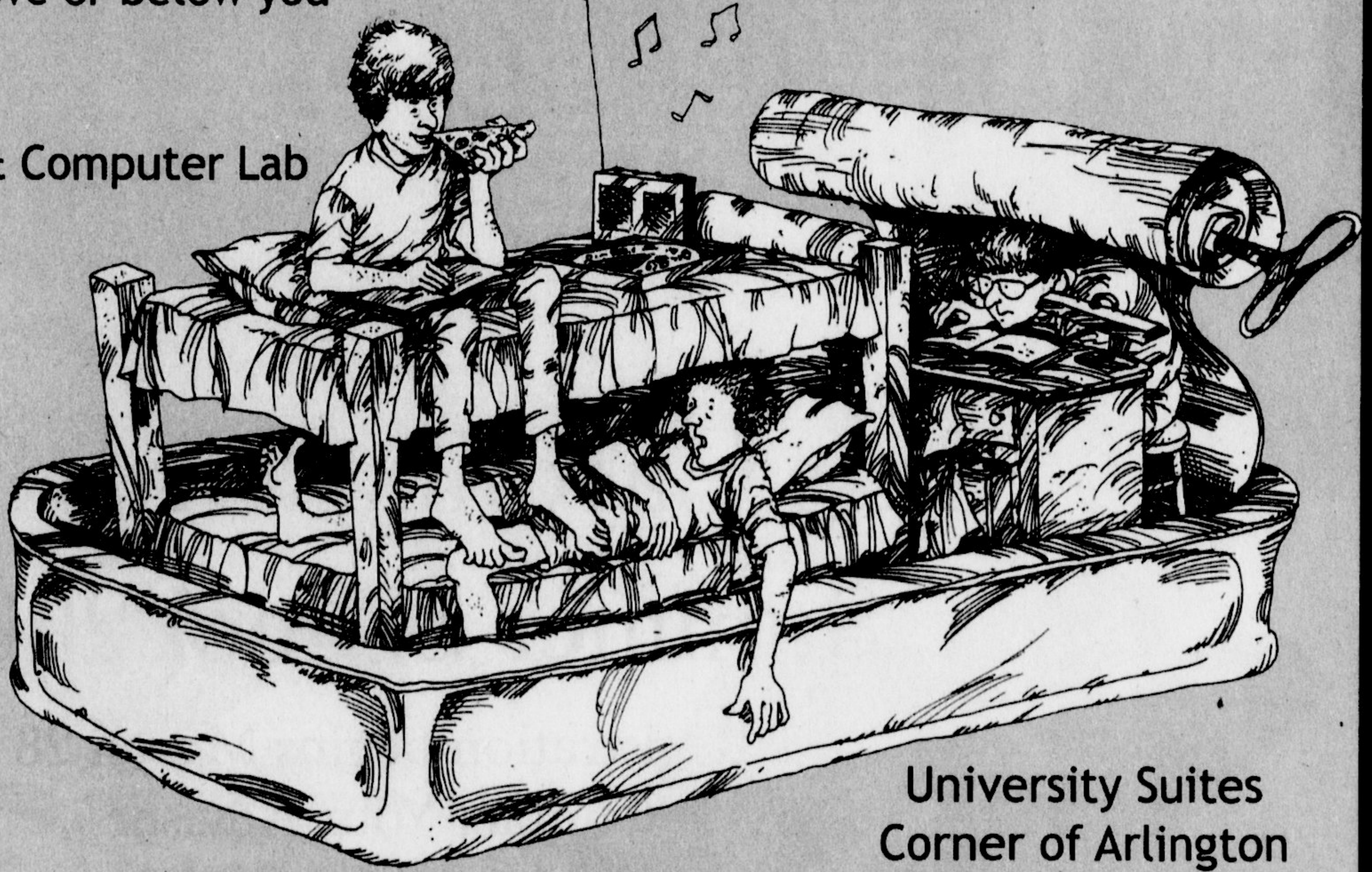
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The Sisters of Delta Zeta would like to thank Kappa Sigma for coming to the cookout yesterday! We all had so much fun hanging out with you guys!

The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the great social.

The sisters of Chi Omega thank those who participated in our annual Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser. Thank you for helping us make a child's wish come true!

Kappa Delta wants to thank the sisters of Delta Zeta for the great cookout. We need to get together again soon!

The sisters of Phi Beta Chi would like to congratulate Amanda Glisson on being our sister of the week. We love you!

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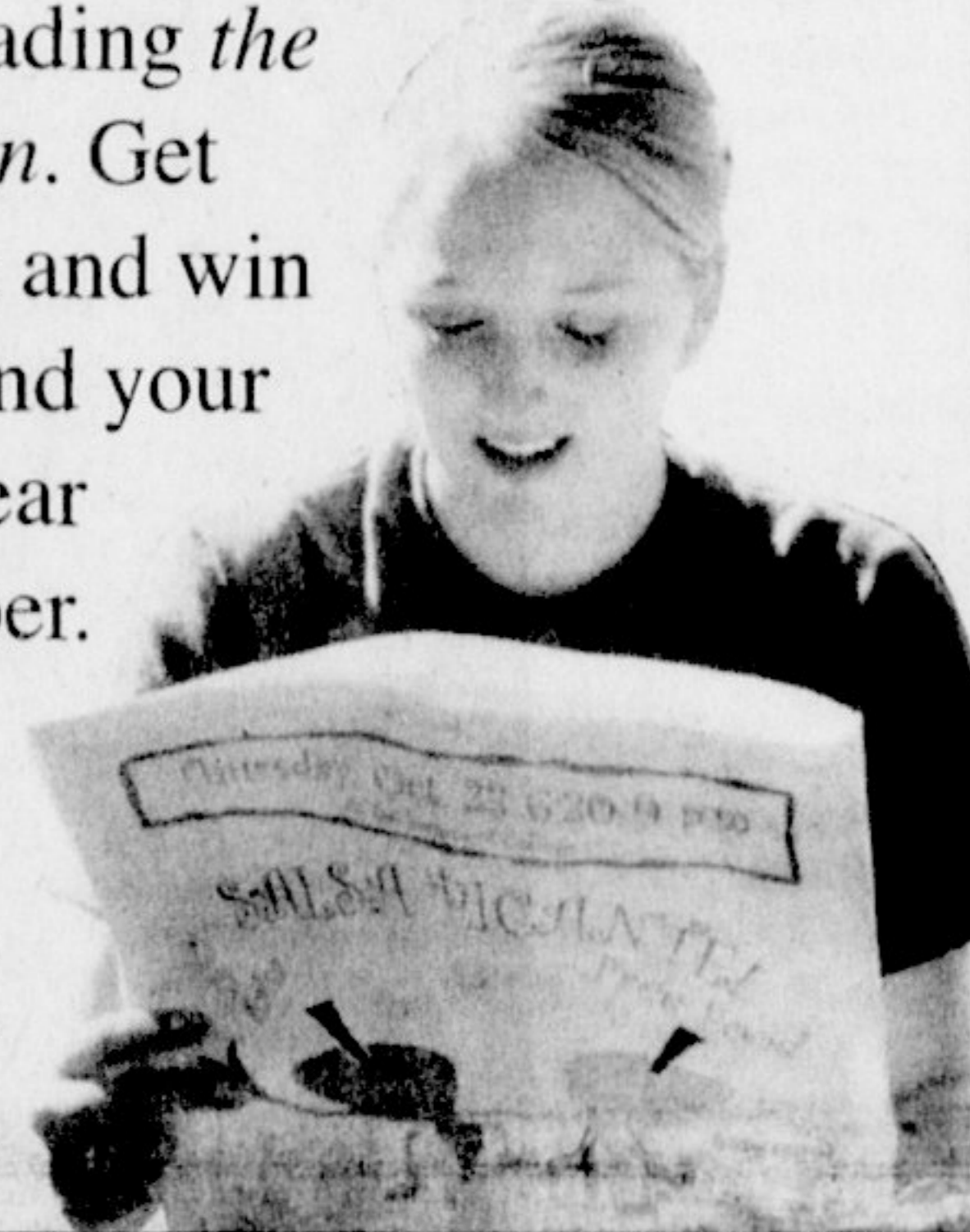
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- 3/21-4/22 Exercise Wisely for Faculty and Staff**
MWF 12:05 - 12:50 SRC 240
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- 3/22-4/26 Yoga at Noon**
Tues. 12:05-1:00 PM SRC. 239
\$25 mem/\$35 non-mem Begins Jan. 3
- 3/23-4/13 Self Defense**
Wed. 8:00 - 9:00 PM SRC 240
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- 3/23 Power Eating for Fitness**
Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 PM SRC Classroom
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ARISE PROGRAMS

- 3/1 ARISE Committee Meeting**
4-5:30pm SRC 202
- 3/1 Reg. Begins for Handcycle Wks.**
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- 3/1 Reg. Begins for Healthy Living Beach Retreat**
SRC 128
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8-9pm SRC Sports Forum
- 3/8 Wheelchair Rugby**
8-9pm SRC Sports Forum
- 3/9 Climbing**
7-8pm SRC Climbing Wall
- 3/21 NCAA Basketball Pick 'Em Begins**
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- 3/21 NCAA Basketball Pick 'Em Begins**
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President Bush sends message to Syria: Vacate Lebanon



BUSH

ARNOLD, Md. (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday demanded in blunt terms that Syria get out of Lebanon, saying the free world is in agreement that Damascus' authority over the political affairs of its neighbor must end now.

He applauded the strong message sent to Syria when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier held a joint news conference on London on Tuesday.

"Both of them stood up and said loud and clear to Syria, 'You get your troops and your secret services out of Lebanon so that good democracy has a chance to flourish,'" Bush said during an appearance at a community college in Maryland to tout his job training programs.

The world, Bush said, "is speaking with one voice when it comes to making sure that democracy has a chance to flourish in Lebanon."

The president's words, taken with those from Rice and others in the Bush administration this week, amount to the strongest pressure to date on Syria from Washington.

"Syria knows the concerns of the international community, and they know what they need to do to change their behavior and become a constructive member of the region and the international community," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said

earlier Wednesday.

Turkish ambassador Osman Faruk Logoglu urged the administration to offer trade and other economic and diplomatic incentives to Syria.

"The chances of Syria withdrawing are greater than ever before," Logoglu told reporters. "But it is obviously going to take a long time."

Rice, in London to attend an international conference on Palestinian security and government reform, had said Tuesday that Syria is "out of step" with a growing desire for democracy in the Middle East.

The Bush administration also on Tuesday blamed terrorists based in Syria for last week's deadly suicide attack in Israel.

McClellan said the White House has "firm evidence" that Syria was home base for the terrorist attack in Israel that rocked the latest efforts for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Bush made a similar point during a White House meeting

with congressional leaders, participants said, and so did Rice while in London.

On Wednesday, Rice returned to Washington and had lunch at the White House and an Oval Office meeting with Bush, McClellan said.

All key Lebanese political decisions are assumed to have a stamp of approval from the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Huge street demonstrations and Monday's resignation of the pro-Syrian Lebanese government marked the most serious challenge to Syrian authority in Lebanon since the end of the civil war that killed 150,000 and crushed the Lebanese economy in the 1970s and 1980s.

The events also were an opening for the Bush administration to press its wider goal of democracy across the Middle East and to throw a spotlight on what the United States contends is long-standing Syrian support for terrorists who are trying

to undermine progress toward Israeli-Palestinian peace.

At the news conference with Barnier, Rice said their two countries would support the scheduled election this spring in Lebanon, perhaps by sending observers and monitors.

She also suggested international peacekeepers might be needed eventually and could help secure democracy for the Lebanon if Syria were to withdraw.

Assad indicated in an interview with Time magazine that he would withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops from Lebanon "maybe in the next few months." Later, however, a Syrian official speaking on condition of anonymity in Damascus questioned whether it could occur within months.

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Satterfield, on Capitol Hill after a trip to Lebanon, was dismissive of what he called the "rhetoric" out of Damascus.

"Neither this government nor the people of Lebanon will believe anything other than what

we see with our eyes," Satterfield told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Separately, on the issue of Iran's nuclear program, Rice indicated that the administration was working with European leaders on a plan to offer Iran economic incentives in exchange for abandoning its nuclear ambitions. The United States has accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran denies.

"We are designing, I think, an important common strategy with Europe so that Iran knows there is no other way," Rice said in a brief interview aired Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Until recently, the administration had opposed any rewards for Tehran's cooperation. But during the president's trip overseas last week, European leaders urged Bush to join them in offering incentives such as possible membership at some time for Iran in the World Trade Organization and the White House suggested he would consider that route.

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Court debates displays on government property

WASHINGTON (AP) — Below a frieze of Moses holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments, the marshal having proclaimed his "God save this honorable court," the Supreme Court justices pondered anew how to define the boundary between church and state.

It's an issue this court and others have wrestled with many times over the years. This time justices heard arguments in two cases about whether Ten Commandments displays should be allowed on government property.

In their comments and questions from the bench Wednesday, justices were reluctant to adopt a blanket ban on such displays and struggled to formulate a constitutional rule that could render a new definition of religion's role in public life.

"It's so hard to draw that line," fretted Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at one point during the lively two-hour debate. She is expected to be a key vote in the case, which was heard Wednesday as about 100 demonstrators shouted religious slogans outside.

Back-to-back arguments in cases from Texas and Kentucky were the court's first consideration of the issue since 1980, when justices ruled the Ten Commandments could not be displayed in public schools.

Several expressed support for a 6-foot granite monument on the grounds of the Texas state Capitol but were less certain about framed copies of the commandments in two Kentucky courthouses.

"If an atheist walks by, he can avert his eyes," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in a courtroom filled with spectators.

Banning the Texas display might "show hostility to religion," he said.

But Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, while acknowledging the nation's religious history, wondered where the line should be drawn. The court ruled in 1983 that legislative prayer is allowable, citing its historical significance but in 1992 said prayer in public schools is not because students may feel pressure to participate.

What if every federal court had a Ten Commandments display over its bench and opened with a prayer? Ginsburg asked, brushing aside Justice Antonin Scalia's retort that the justices already open their sessions with "God save this honorable court."

"We would try and defend that," said acting Solicitor General Paul Clement, who argued on behalf of the Bush administration in supporting the Ten Commandments displays.

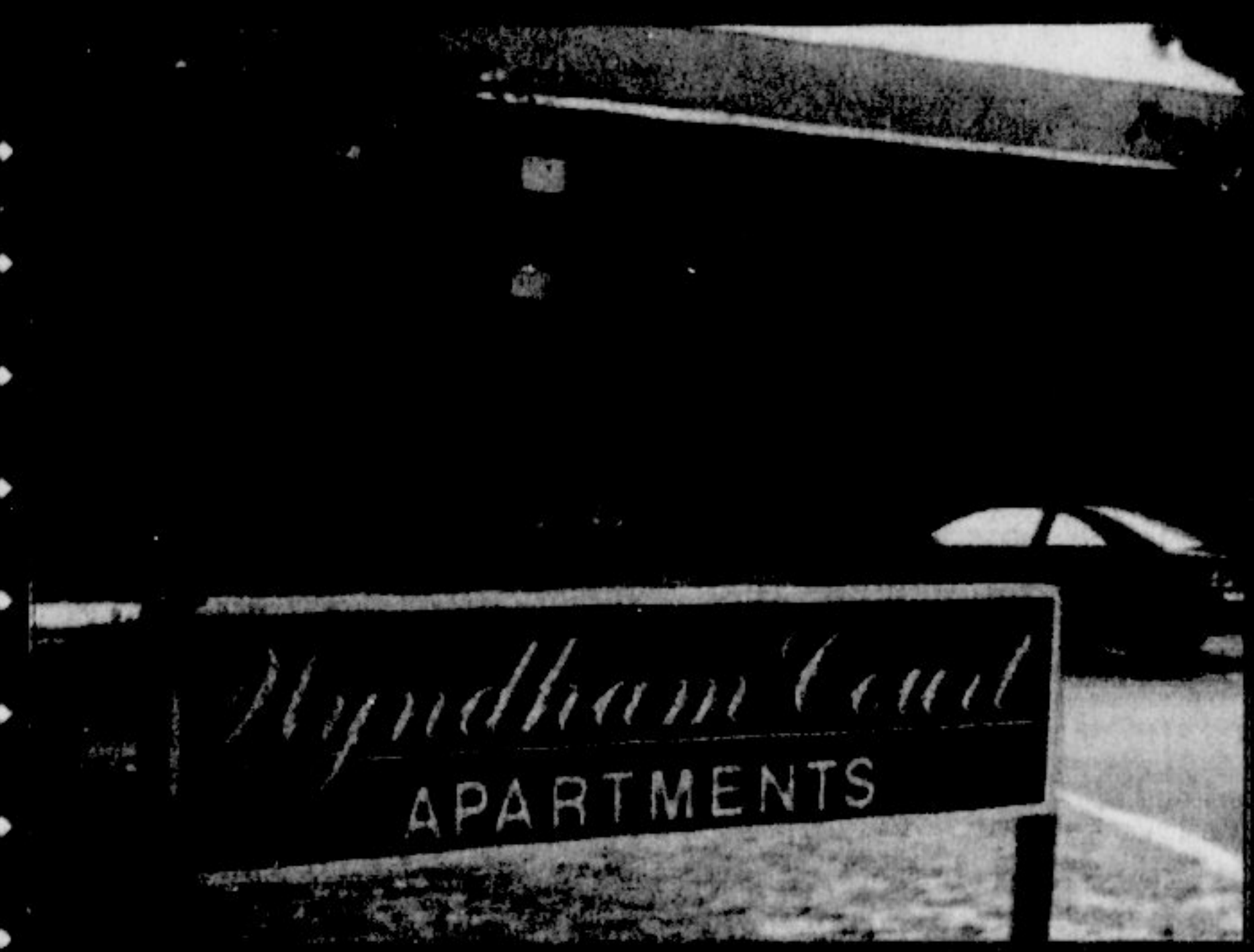
Monuments carrying the Ten Commandments are common in town squares, courthouses and other government-owned land around the country. Lawyers challenging these displays argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion."

While the cases strictly involve Ten Commandments displays, a ruling could determine the role of religion in a wide range of public contexts, from the use of religious music in a school concert to students' recitation of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. A decision is expected by late June.

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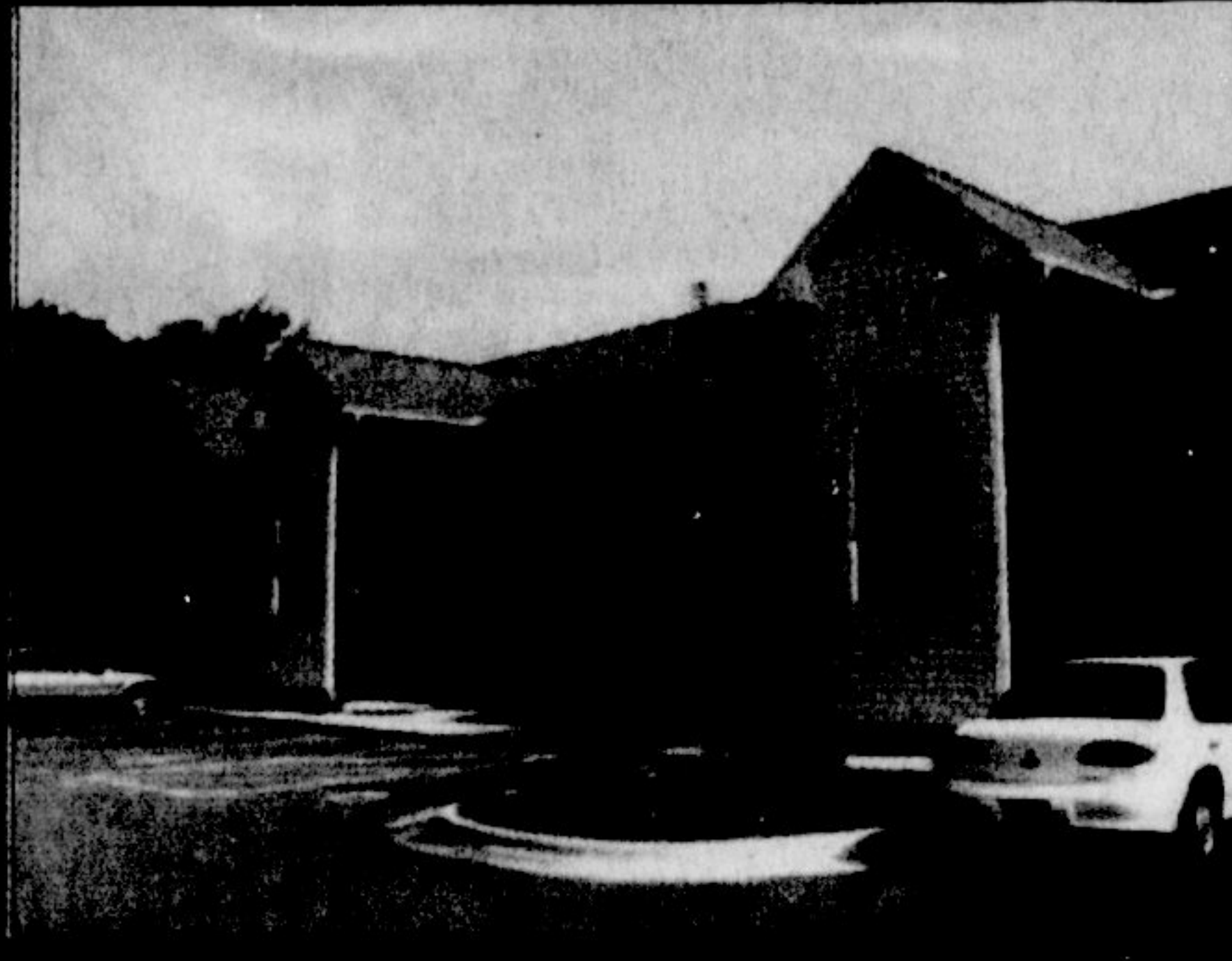
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Local Concerts:

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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.

Electric Wildlife, will be performing at The Other Place, a 21 and over club, uptown Greenville, Thursday, March 10.

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

Lenny Kravitz will be at Owens Auditorium in Charlotte, Sunday, April 10. Tickets are \$42.50.

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

Green Day, featuring My Chemical Romance, will be at the Cricket Arena in Charlotte, Wednesday, April 20. Tickets are \$35.

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:



Baby Shrimp Scampi and Angel Hair Pasta

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan
2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
1 large shallot, finely chopped
1 lemon, zested
1/3 pound baby shrimp, 300 count
1/4 cup dry vermouth or white wine, eyeball it
1/2 cup grape tomatoes
1/3 pound angel hair pasta, cooked to al dente
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons chopped or snipped fresh chives

Get your pasta water going. Start the scampi sauce when you drop your pasta into boiling water to cook. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add extra-virgin olive oil and melt the butter into it. Add shallots and cook a minute or two, stirring constantly. Add lemon zest and shrimp and heat shrimp through, another minute or two. Add vermouth or wine and tomatoes. Toss for another minute to heat the tomatoes all the way through. Add cooked pasta to the pan and toss to coat evenly in sauce and to distribute the shrimp. Season liberally with salt and pepper and add chives as a garnish and to spice up the presentation.

Strawberry and Cream Pie

Crust:
8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 (8-inch) graham cracker crust

Topping:
1 cup whipped cream
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups sliced and sweetened strawberries, drained

Whole strawberries, for garnish
Mint leaves, for garnish

With an electric mixer, cream together butter and powdered sugar. Next, add the eggs as you mix. Beat ingredients until fluffy. Spread mixture over crust. Chill. Meanwhile, mix whipped cream with 1/4 cup sugar. Toss strawberries with 1/4 cup sugar. Spread half the whipped cream over the pie, then add the strawberries. Top with remaining whipped cream. Chill for at least eight hours. Garnish your creation with whole berries and mint leaves for added flare.

Recipes from foodtv.com

TEC's travel on a dime

Ways to go see and do without spending much

LAURA KEELING
SENIOR WRITER

Traveling is a word most associate with adventures, sightseeing and spending a lot of money. Often college students refrain from taking trips because going to school doesn't make for much time to earn a lot of cash. Bottom line is it doesn't have to be this way. Traveling can be affordable and easy to budget if one is willing to take the risk.

"I am lucky because I have family all over the place so I can travel pretty much anywhere," said Jesse Pacchione, senior marketing major.

No matter what you do, in the end most visits with family allow for free room and board and showing you really care about them at the same time.

Many Web sites offer package deals for trips to anywhere in the world.

Usually these are sites that one might surf to go on a spring break trip. Many students are scared to buy

into package deals, yet in the end, these deals can provide hotel rooms and all inclusive food and drinks. Having to pay for each individual meal and drinks is a hassle that might cause an overdraft statement to be waiting in the mailbox when you arrive back home. For spring break this year, considering this deal would make your life a lot easier.

Another tip you might consider when traveling on a budget is to find bargain prices on flights. There are many sites online that specialize in reduced price plane tickets. These sites include orbitz.com, cheapflights.com, affordabletravel.org and flights.com. Each of the Web sites includes step-by-step instructions on how to book a flight and offer trips all over the world.

"I think flying is cheaper than driving because the gas prices are so high these days," said Kelly Szymanski, junior marketing major.

Indeed, gas prices are expensive and long distances can be traveled in a much smaller amount of time.

If you are not one for airplanes there are many places that are within driving distance. There are a number of neat places right here in North Carolina. Remember North Carolina offers

the best of the mountains and the beaches as well. The Appalachians and the Outer banks are two hot spots many vacationers enjoy and come from all over to visit. The most important thing is the scenery is changed no matter how far or close of a distance is traveled, allowing for a calm and relaxing getaway.

Not only does North Carolina offer many sites but Virginia and South Carolina are pretty close too. There are a lot of places as well that offer historic sights and breathtaking views that are free to the public. Take for example a place like Charleston, SC. Yes, it is expensive but there are many historic houses, museums and views that can be visited. There are also a lot of bars, clubs and restaurants that offer daily specials. By taking advantage of specials, a lot of money can be saved.

Hotel arrangements can also be arranged online as well as flights. Web sites such as hotels.com and cheaphotels.com have listings for hotels all over. By searching through Web sites, there might be several bargains for any trip you might be planning on. If this is out of the question, almost anywhere you want to go has youth hostels. These hostels can be a bargain and can go as low as \$15-20 per night.

All in all, travel-

ing is not as expensive as one might think. Taking the time to plan everything out is very important because the longer time there is for planning the more deals there might be. Make sure when planning your next trip to check out these Web sites and to not be afraid of the funds. A trip is sometimes exactly what you need and no matter how much you have in the bank, there is something that can be arranged.

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CARMIN BLACK
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Summer is around the corner and if you want an exciting adventure of any kind then it's time to start planning for it now. Can't decide where to go? Well luckily that's where the writers at TEC come in. We are going to tell you all the dos and don'ts of traveling and even give you ideas of "affordable" places to stay.

The first thing you need to know is how you and three of your best friends are going to get there, because after all who wants to spend a summer in Italy alone? You will be flying Delta, departing from Charlotte, NC and arriving in Milan. The cost of your flight is \$1,524.81 - this rate can be seen at expedia.com. You and your pals will be flying out June 15 and coming home June 21, not a long time for back-packing but people work during the summers and you can adjust your staying time accordingly.

Don't get freaked out by the ticket price, this is the bottom of the barrel amount and we said it would be cheap, not free.

So now that you have arrived you need to find a place to stay and it looks like Hotel Sabatino is right up your alley, it can be

viewed at travelpunk.com.

Hotel Sabatino is going to run you about \$25 a night and the amenities of this hostel can't be beat. The first great thing about it is your breakfast is included which equals a lot of savings for other activities. You can rent bikes, which you will find is a common mode of transportation in Milan. The hostel offers a travel desk to help you find your way around and there is no curfew, which many hostels have.

While there, it is important to take everything in and remember that being a tourist is OK. Some attractions close to where you'll be staying are the Duomo Milano's navel, Piazza del Duomo which have the atmosphere of London's Piccadilly Circus and much more interesting architecture. The cathedral was commissioned in 1386 and is the world's fourth largest church. When it's warm you'll want to escape to one of the many Alpine lakes for boating, water skiing or swimming. As soon as the snow starts to fall you can head to the mountains for plenty of world-class skiing and snowboarding.

Just walking around the city should be a blast, the architecture is said to be impressive and the shopping is in a class of its own.

At night you can check out the city's vibrant nightlife. Not even the most expert night life guru from Milan could possibly know all the clubs. There are

hundreds and hundreds of bars, lounge bars, wine bars, pubs, cafés, bistros and live music bars.

The Milanese night scene is so wide-ranging and changes continuously, just make sure to stay together and keep an eye on your belongings at all times.

You'll need to prepare in advance how to get to and from all of your destinations. Getting around is one of the downsides whenever visiting any type of big city. The bus system is rather difficult to negotiate - bus stations are scattered across town, so you'll need to know which line runs to your destination and go from there. A better option might be the train - lines from Stazione Central in the city center run to all parts of Italy and Europe, which you are more than encouraged to check out. There are two other stations, Nord and Porte Garibaldi that may offer better deals. Many of Italy's main motorways converge at Milan's ring road, known as the Tangenziale Est and Tangenziale Ovest.

Prepare to deal with unexpected traffic. Tickets are available at Metropolitana Milanese stations and some newspaper stands. You can sometimes get a free public transportation map from ATM offices at the Duomo Metro Station and Stazione Central. Don't bother trying to hail taxis as they generally won't stop, instead

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Caribbean on coconut budget

How to get there on a low fare

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

Of course we all dream of that far away place filled with palm trees and the fresh smell of the wide open sea. For a brief moment we think that place could be a reality if only we plan early and save. However, in the end, plans of a vacation always fall through whether it is because of lack of money, which all college students experience, or simply because we didn't plan carefully enough. Many students don't know there is a way to get around all these obstacles and make it to that far away dreamland known as the Caribbean.

The Caribbean is made up of many tiny islands off the coast of Florida in the Atlantic Ocean. Some of the most well-known islands are the Bahamas, Montego Bay, Jamaica, Tobago, the Cayman Islands and the Virgin Islands.

Many people crave to go to the Caribbean because it is the epitome of paradise. There are plenty of things to do or not to do when in the Caribbean. There are restaurants galore, serving only the freshest seafood and incredible nightlife filled with dancing and partying. Besides the food and nightlife, the Caribbean has the

perfect waters for snorkeling with the most amazing fish habitats.

Every student should get the chance to visit the Caribbean. The first place to start is creating a budget. One needs to get an estimation of how much money they will actually have in order to pay for a vacation to the Caribbean. Without deep investigation someone can end up spending entirely too much. Beginning the research can be overly exhausting so calling a travel agency can cut down on all the stuff you may not want to do.

"I decided to take a cruise to the Caribbean, stopping in Montego Bay and the Cayman Islands by going to a travel agent and booking everything five months in advance. By booking in advance it allows you to have

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TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

One thing many students at ECU would like to do at some point during their lifetime is take a trip to Europe. Some of us are fortunate to have already done this, others are not. One factor that causes people not to travel overseas is the money situation. If you were to book a flight for the United Kingdom for May, it would probably cost well over \$1,000 for a plane ticket, transportation while visiting, sightseeing and lodging. However, if you plan in advance, there are ways to see the sites of the UK for much cheaper.

One option is to travel to Eng-

land in one of ECU's study abroad programs. Not only will most of the trip be paid for by tuition fees, but you can also get credit for going there. What better way to enjoy the sites of one of the most beautiful countries in the world and get credit for doing it too? Most study abroad programs at ECU cost as much or less than a semester's worth of tuition. You can also be awarded financial aid for it as well. Also, with early planning, you can still graduate on time. Visit the Office of International Affairs behind Mendenhall Student Center for more information about these programs.

But what if you don't want to go with a class and live in a dorm for a few months in a foreign country? There are other options the typical traveler can take in order to

visit the UK for cheap prices.

Plan early. If you don't plan early and book a flight overseas at least a few months in advance, airline tickets can get pretty expensive for a roundtrip. Roundtrip tickets booked six to nine months in advance, according to cheapfares.com, can be as little as \$400 from Raleigh to London. Just remember, the key to getting there cheap is to book your flight as far in advance as you can.

An even cheaper way to get to the UK is to not fly directly into it.

"The cheapest way is to fly to anywhere in Europe, and backpack across it to England," said Lauren Rood, sophomore nursing major, who has made a trip to the UK before.

"Backpacking is a cheap and more interesting way to get there."

The cheapest possible flights to Europe may not be directly to the UK. You might find a cheaper one by flying into Belgium. You can find much cheaper forms of transportation once you're on the ground.

"Take the train. The train is the cheapest way to travel in Europe," Rood said.

By taking the train, you will also get a close up view of the European countryside. Depending on where in Europe you decide to fly into, a trip to the UK could take a little while, but what

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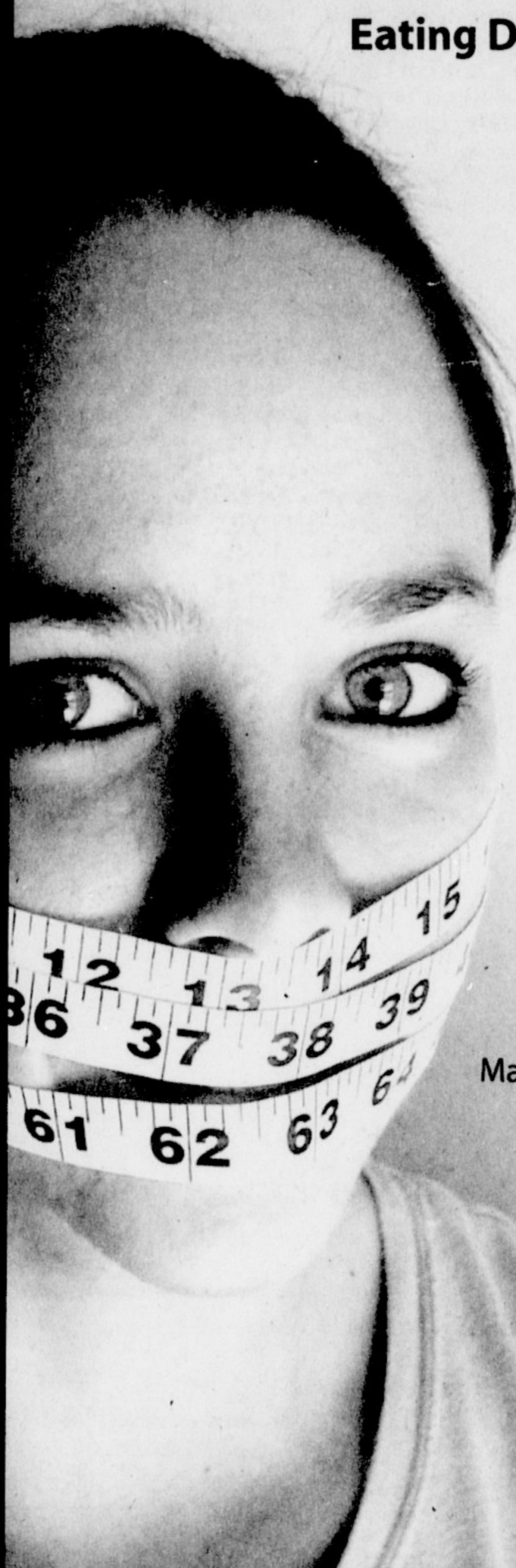
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a guaranteed room you can get upgrades on," said Waverly Nixon, junior business administration major.

Students can also find great Caribbean vacation package deals online. The cheapcaribbean.com offers packaged deals that include round-trip airfare and five to seven nights in a standard room at a hotel. These packaged trips range from \$400 - 700.

A cheaper way to go and see a whole lot more is taking a cruise instead. Most Caribbean cruises visit the top cities in three to seven night cruises. The three night cruises start at \$250. The possibilities are endless when it comes to a Caribbean cruise. Most cruise ships have exquisite restaurants, shopping galleries, pools and anything else one's heart could desire.

Some of the top cruise lines to the Caribbean are Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Costa Cruise Line.

Another way to keep things cheap is to find the lowest airfare possible. The discounts for student airfare are endless. There are

tons of Web sites such as orbitz.com, cheaptickets.com and priceline.com that offer discounted tickets for students. The trick is to find the specials and hop on them. Another option is to book a flight at least three months in advance. The closer to the actual vacation itself, the more expensive the tickets become.

If you want to save some money as far as lodging is concerned, choosing to stay in a hostel instead of a pricey hotel is a good option. Hostels are much like a dorm room. They have the basic necessities such as a bed and running water but aren't as glamorous as a hotel.

There are hostels in Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago. Some of the hostels are in the form of lodges and are set up in the rural but breathtaking parts of the islands. One bedroom hostels are as low as \$18 on some islands and can be as high as \$60 a night depending on the quality and amenities supplied by the hostel.

Before choosing a hostel it is

essential to find out the cost of the room in U.S. currency as well as what all the hostel provides so that you can determine what extra toiletries and amenities to be responsible for.

Planning a vacation can be hard work but the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. The Caribbean is one of the most beautiful vacation spots in the world. There are so many different cultures and activities that vacationers can explore. The trick is keeping it cheap yet keeping it fun. With lush tropical beaches, rolling plains, thick forest and never ending sun the Caribbean is a place that can become more than just a dream.

"I would love to visit the Caribbean one day. The thing that strikes me most about the Caribbean is the beauty people capture in photos. That, more than anything, is what makes me have to vacation there at some point in my life," said Vanessa Perez, senior biology major.

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The island of Japan has all the elements one would love in an exhilarating vacation - beautiful country, bustling cities, friendly people and an attitude that prefers to enjoy life instead of rushing through it. One of the greatest wonders of the land across the Pacific is when you arrive, you will be surrounded by a lot of people who cannot speak your language, but you will still feel their kindness and be treated with respect and courtesy.

Japan will not break anyone financially and many of the cultural things a visitor would want to experience are hardly bank breaking. The problem is, as the old saying goes, getting there is half the fun or funds in this case. Airline tickets to Japan for different times of the year can go

as low as \$950 or soar as high as \$3,000. Try looking on an airfare discount Web site for better rates. Many a budget-squeezed traveler would close the travel brochure and move on, but in this case, pretend that your local travel agent takes monopoly money and proceed to Japan. You won't be disappointed.

The first thing you have to do in Japan is exchange your American dollars for yen, the Japanese currency. One greenback typically fetches somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 yen, depending on the exchange rate. So, for this budgeted adventure, you get \$1,000, or 100,000 yen.

Of course, the first thing to arrange is a place to stay. In Hiroshima, a large hostel just a few blocks walk from Peace Park will cost around 2,000 yen. That buys a nice room with a soft bed that will hold two people, television with cable (so you can watch either Japanese baseball or sumo

wrestling) and a small, manageable bathroom. The room will have its own alarm clock built into the bed and hotel staff will thoroughly clean the room every day around 10 a.m.

Traveling in Japan is probably the second-most exciting adventure of the trip, second to the food, because of the many ways to get around. Walking is a great way to absorb the atmosphere of the city, but depending on where you go, you will get tired quickly. You could invest a little money and take a bus, taxi or train. For a taxi, the tab varies, but never gets over 700 yen. Taking a bus is another possible method and for a one-day bus pass, you can pay 500 yen to go anywhere in the city. However, if you want to go somewhere far away, you can take the Shinkansen, the Japanese bullet train, which can reach speeds of up to 100 miles per hour but keep the ride quiet and smooth. Many bullet trains

even have a quiet car specifically designated for people to sleep in. An all-day pass for five days costs barely 300 yen and individual fares can go as low as 20 yen depending on location.

McDonald's chain restaurants are easy to find in train stations and cities and for around 500 yen you can enjoy a value meal with fries, a drink and a teriyaki-style burger. There's also a 7-11 style convenience store on many street corners that carries basic food, and many also serve hot entrees. For 400 yen, you can buy a hot entree and a drink and leave change.

However, it's a betrayal of the adventurous spirit to simply eat McDonald's for three meals. One thing that is very regional in Japan is a dish called okonomiyaki, which is referred to as Japanese pizza. Don't ask for pepperoni, though - the Japanese pizza is made with cabbage, cheese and pork or chicken. Oko-

nomiyaki is always made fresh, grilled and served piping hot and can be topped with barbecue sauce and/or mayonnaise. It will run you around 700 yen, but it doesn't get much better than okonomiyaki.

If cabbage pizza doesn't make your mouth water, there are many other things in Japan to eat. In general, all the sit-down restaurants in Japan have a few common themes. They all serve water at no cost and with free refills, but don't expect the same for carbonated drinks. Also, if your Japanese isn't so good, most restaurants have a case outside with plastic models of all their entrees, so a foreign traveler can simply point and get a good meal without the confusion. Two thousand yen is typical if you buy an appetizer, entree and dessert.

One option for entertainment is to enjoy karaoke, which is a popular thing to do among groups in Japan. These places

charge by the hour, but again, 2,000 yen is a good mark. If you're in the mood to "gamble" you can play pachinko, which is a Japanese game that is cross between slot machines and pinball. You get a basket of small steel balls and you throw them into the slot machine and a few of the balls find their way into special holes. Once they do, it plays like a slot machine - if three of the same pictures appear, you win new steel balls. One thousand yen will buy you a short stint in front of a pachinko machine.

So, of the 100,000 yen you've brought, you spent around 20,000 of it living in Japan for two days. With the other 80,000, you can buy a lot of souvenirs for your friends back at home. Or put it towards the flight back, because that's where you'll really need it.

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does it matter if you're enjoying the scenic view of this beautiful continent. If you play your cards right, you might be able to take the train directly to the island. Train tracks are built under the English Channel.

Once on the island of the UK, finding a place to stay is the easy part. Staying in a hotel should be your last resort. From her experiences, Rood says either youth hostels or a Bed and Breakfast is your best bet for cheap places to stay. Some youth hostels in the UK will offer you weekly rates, instead of the high nightly prices that a hotel would charge.

If you book your flight, your train passes and your lodging early enough, there is no reason to think you can't get to the UK for anything more than \$1,000. The only thing left to think about is food. It would be nice to visit a five-star British restaurant while visiting, but if you're on a budget, you might need to rethink this. Keep in mind also, that beer is cheaper than sodas in some parts of the UK, so plan accordingly. So take an adventurous trip this summer instead of going down to Myrtle Beach for yet another year. Some people spend more than \$1,000 on a weekend trip to Myrtle Beach from all the food, beer and tourist trap attractions. You would get a much better appreciation for the world and your money by visiting someplace like the United Kingdom.

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head for one of the ubiquitous taxi ranks, which have telephones.

To find information about eating in Italy a great source is to check out your local Barnes and Nobles and look for books like Faith H. Willinger's book, *Eating in Italy*, which is a travelers guide to meals and prices. Another option is to check out amazon.com for books on related topics. Be sure to also pick up the *Time Out Guide to Milan*. This will tell you where to go, how much it will cost and if you can make a reservation.

Although this trip is planned for a city of "bright lights and exciting entertainment," it is good to note that Italy is an amazingly beautiful country full of lush mountainsides and many historical attractions in other famous cities on their map. Traveling to and from various parts of this country is easy and inexpensive. Live it up and see as much as you can.

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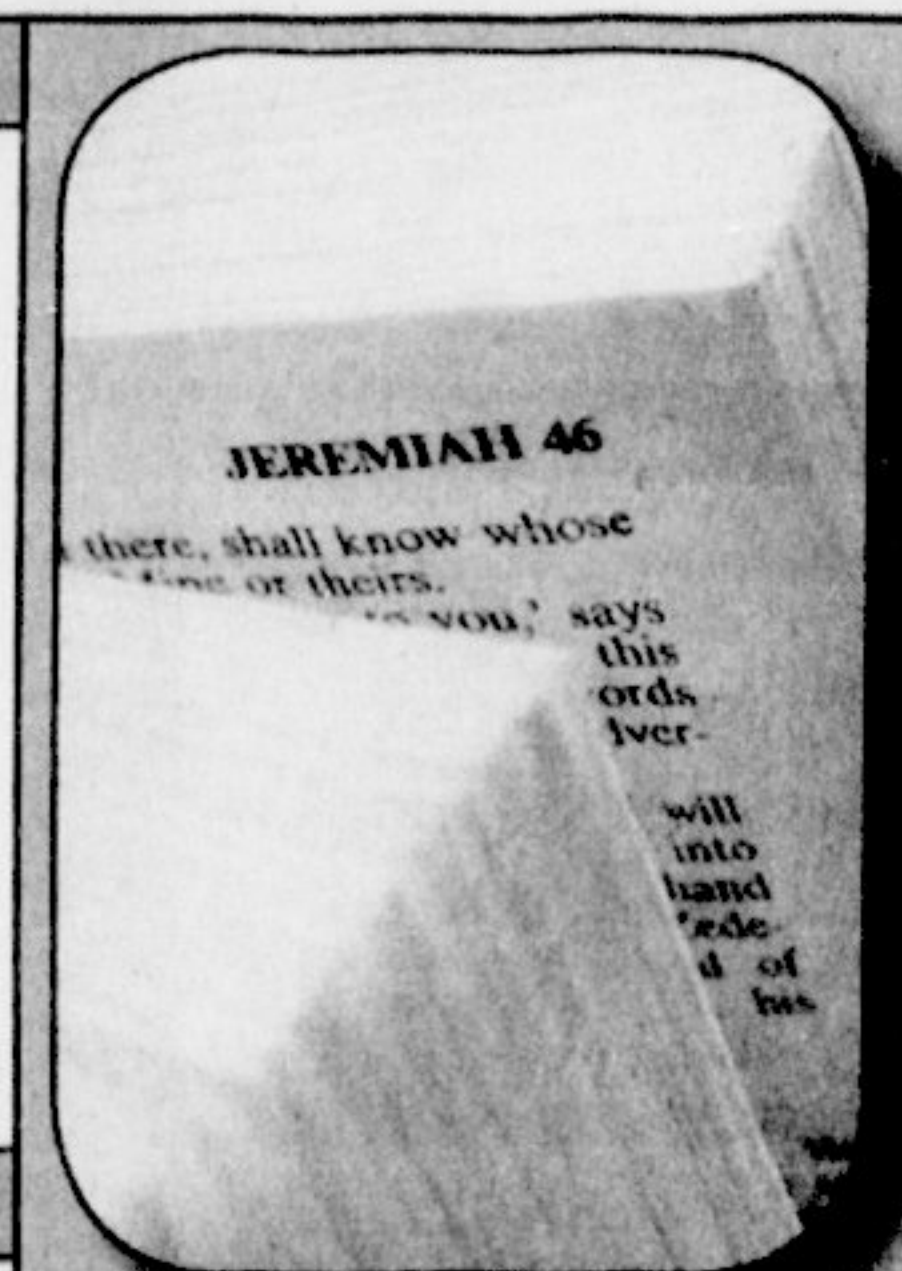
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Pirates prepare for the LeClair Classic

ECU to take on three nationally ranked opponents over weekend

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

This weekend marks a historic day in Pirate athletics. With the opening of the new Clark-LeClair Stadium, the Pirates hope to usher in a brand of baseball that, year in and year out will give them an opportunity to get to Omaha.

While the teams the Diamond Bucs will face this weekend are powerhouses and represent a chance for ECU to get well-deserved respect from the pollsters, ultimately the tournament is being held in honor of the man who help to set all of this – the stadium, an annual top 25 program and a great fan base – in motion.

That man is Keith LeClair, and while he quietly does battle off the field everyday of his life with Lou Gehrig's disease, the Diamond Bucs will continue to gut it out on the field in remembrance of him. This weekend's tournament presents another chance for the Pirates to play for the man who is ECU baseball.

If you haven't called in sick for Friday, you might want to go ahead and jump on that. Or, you could just take a really long lunch break when the Pirates take the field at 11 a.m. to play Michigan in game one of the tournament and the new stadium. The Wolverines haven't played many games yet, but have been quite successful in the few they have, taking two from Illinois-Chicago and one from perennial power Florida Atlantic. Their only setback occurred at home against St. Johns, when they lost a shootout 17-12.

The Wolverines don't have a lot of home run power, but they do have a lot of speed, which has been a major factor in their outstanding offensive production thus far this season.

They are led at the plate by Chris Getz, who is batting .500 on the season. The junior, who played his first year of college baseball at Wake Forest, was a preseason third team All-American choice by Baseball America, as well as the preseason Big Ten player of the year.

Pitching against the Pirates on Friday will likely be senior righty Michael Penn. Penn's one appearance was a start and victory over Illinois-Chicago in the Wolverines' season opener. He pitched five innings, giving up four hits and two runs, while striking out five. Penn's off-speed pitches will help to setup his fastball, which Michigan hopes will keep ECU off-balance.

The second opponent of the Pirates will be Arizona State, a team that swept the Diamond Bucs in a three-game set a year ago in Arizona. ECU will be looking to extract some revenge on the Sun Devils, and their quest to do so will begin Saturday at 5 p.m. ASU enters the tournament with an 8-10 record, but don't let that fool you. When four out of your first nine opponents are in the top 25, it is not going to be easy. The Sun Devils will be traveling out of the state for only the second time thus far when they come to Greenville this weekend. They will take on UNC Friday, before battling the Pirates the following day.

With the pitching sub par this season, Arizona State will rely heavily on its big guns to deliver at the plate. Leading the charge will be sophomore Colin Curtis. Curtis, who bats left-handed, is hitting .366 on the year with 15 RBI. With power to all parts of the field, Curtis will be a dangerous foe for Pirate pitching. Senior Tuffy Gosewisch is batting .352 with a home run and a team leading 17 RBI. A Johnny Bench Catcher of the Year Semifinalist last year, Gosewisch is considered to be one of the premier catchers in the nation this season and is the front-runner for the award in 2005.

Freshman Willy Fox, who has seen limited action this year, is second on the team in home runs with three in only 16 at-bats. Jeff Larish leads the squad in that category with four.

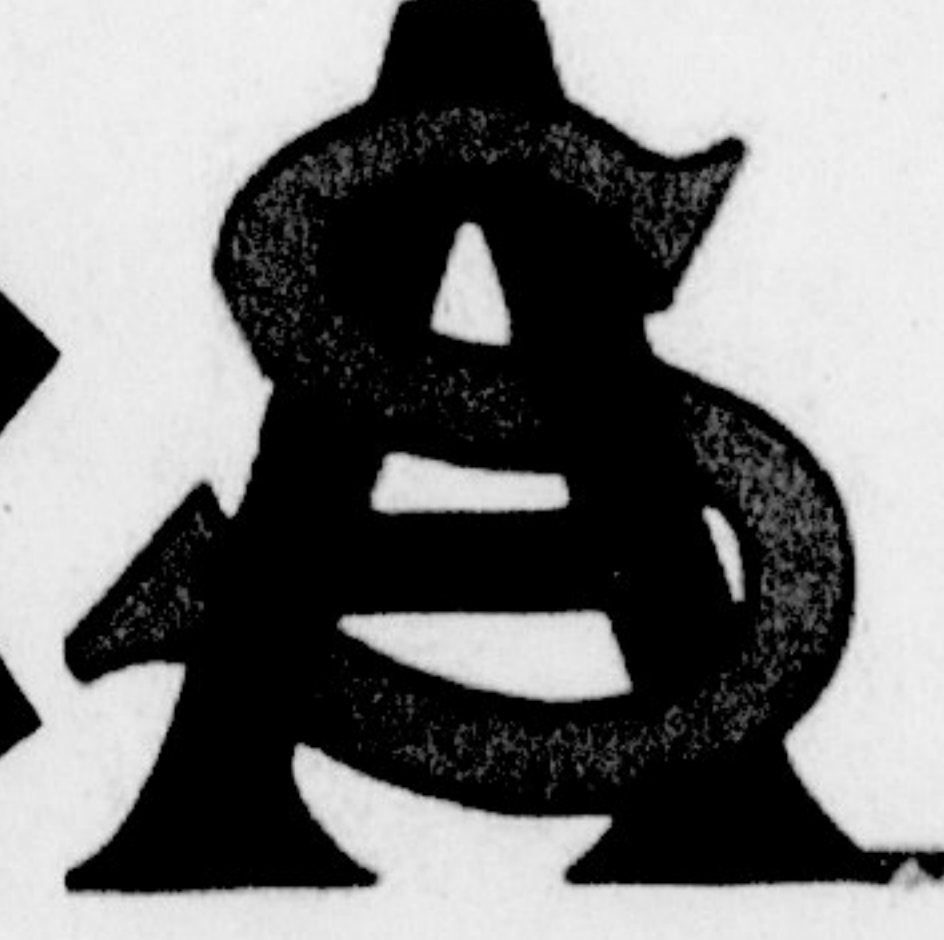
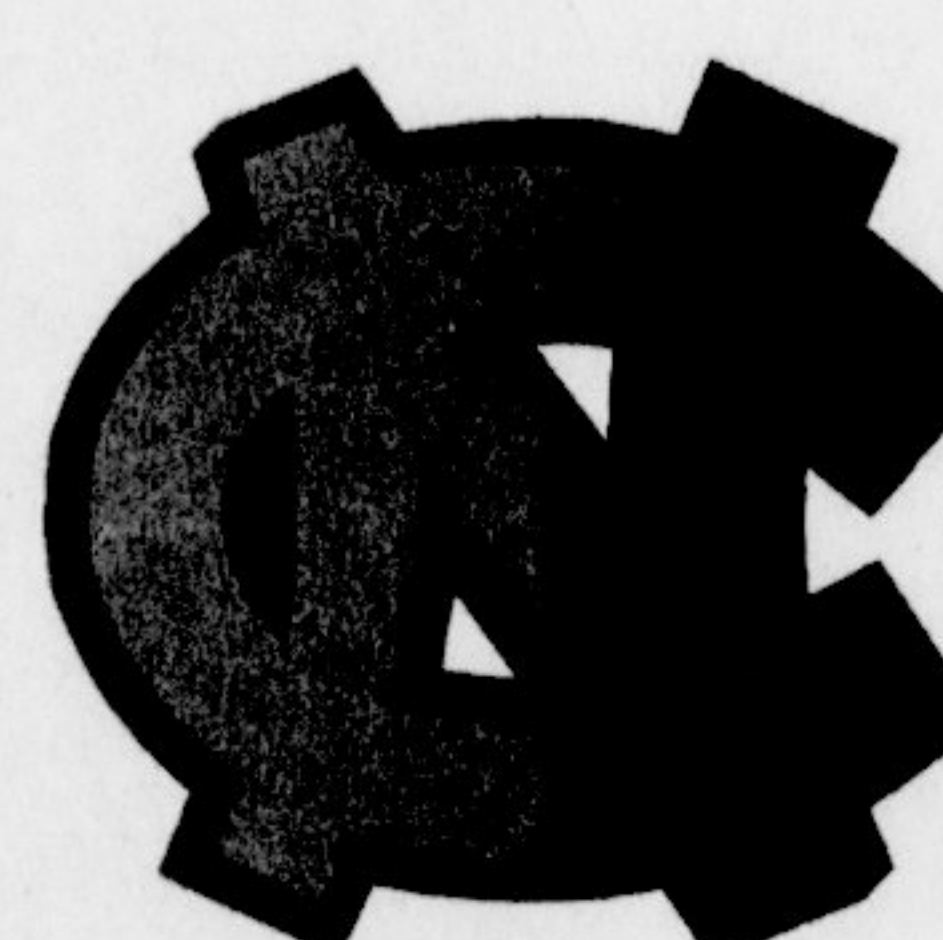
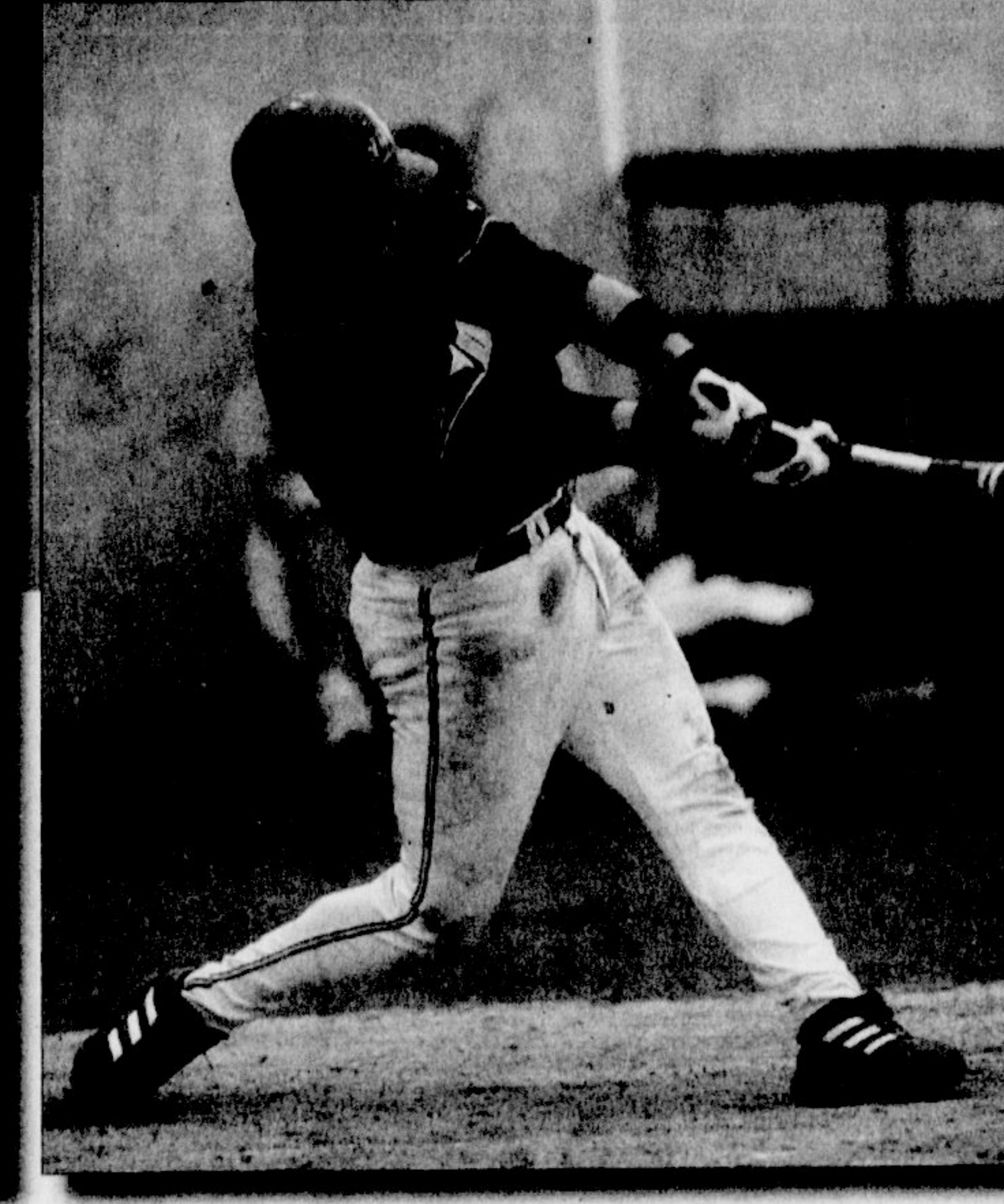
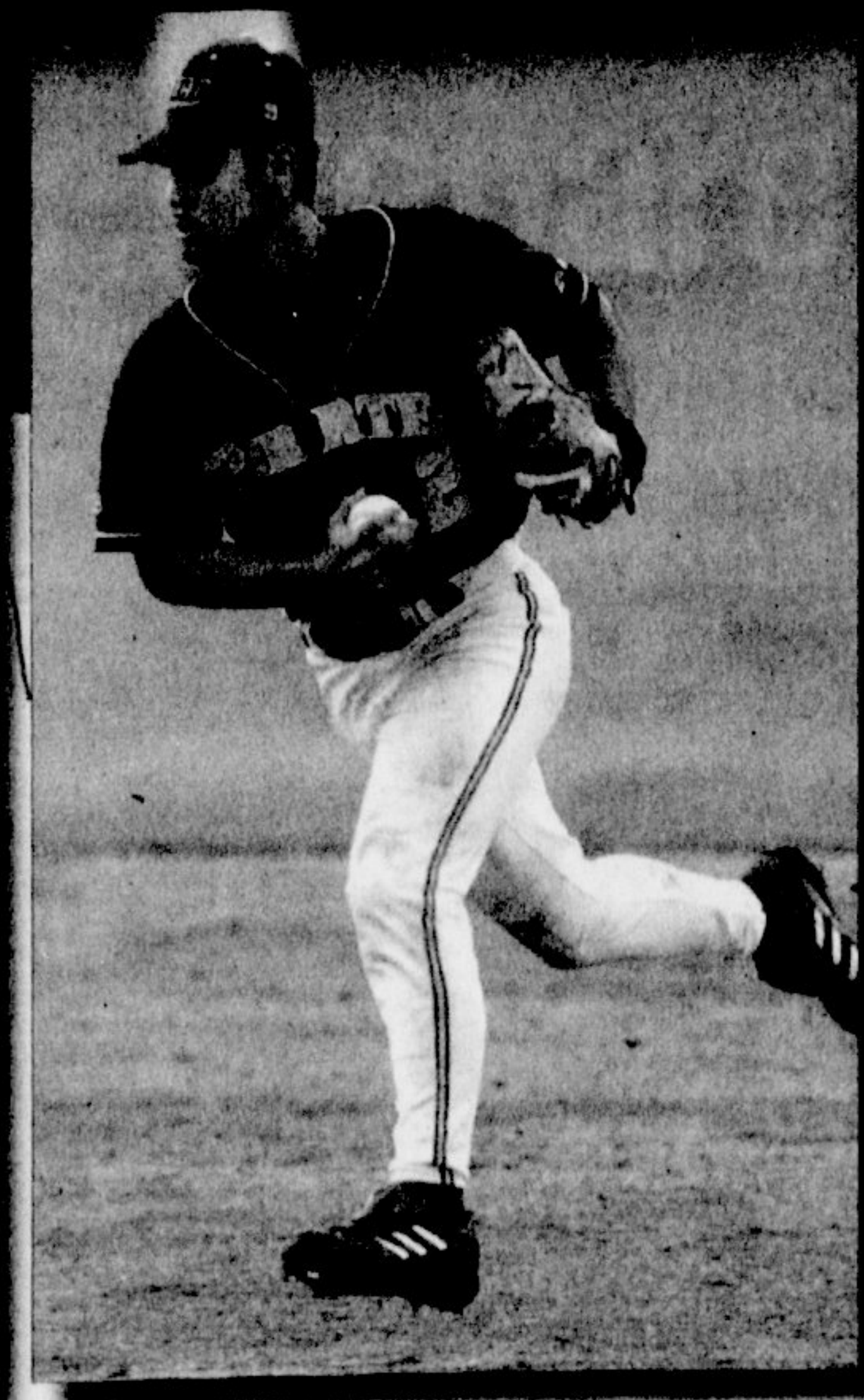
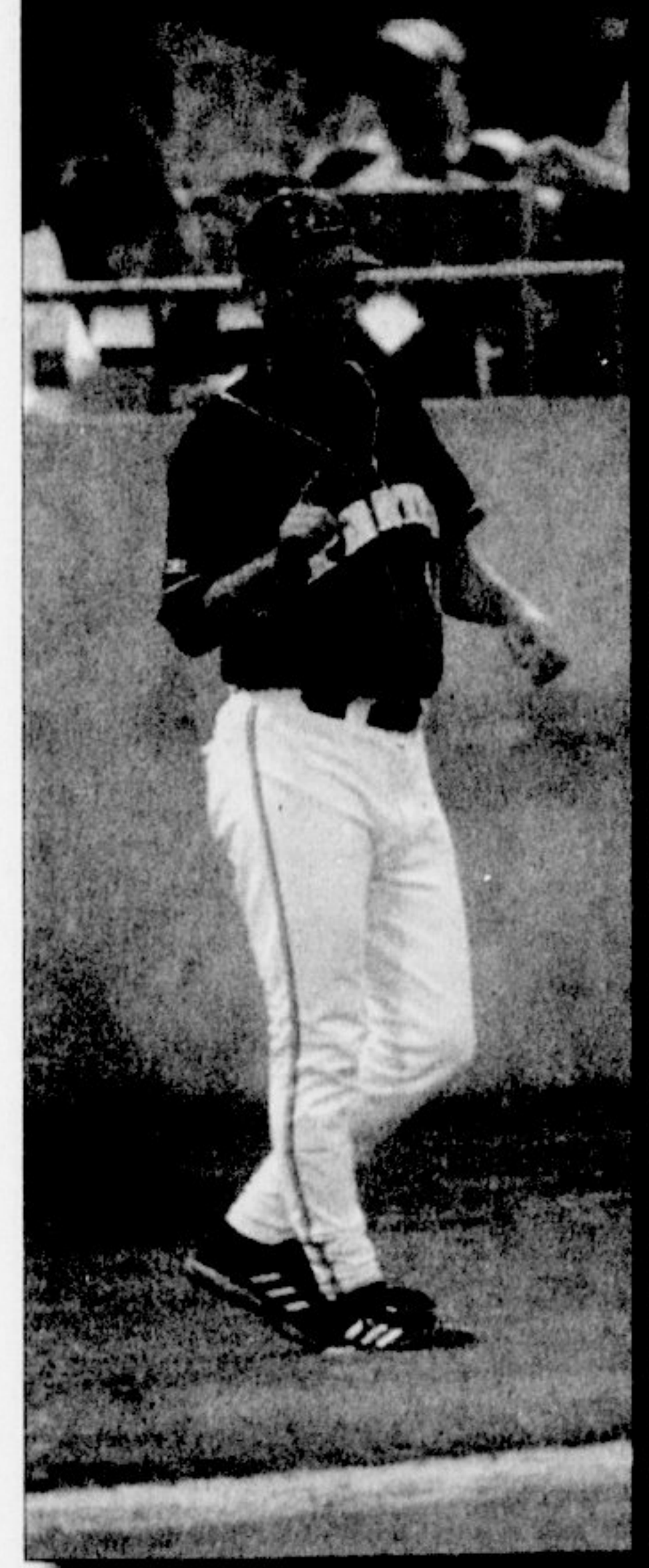
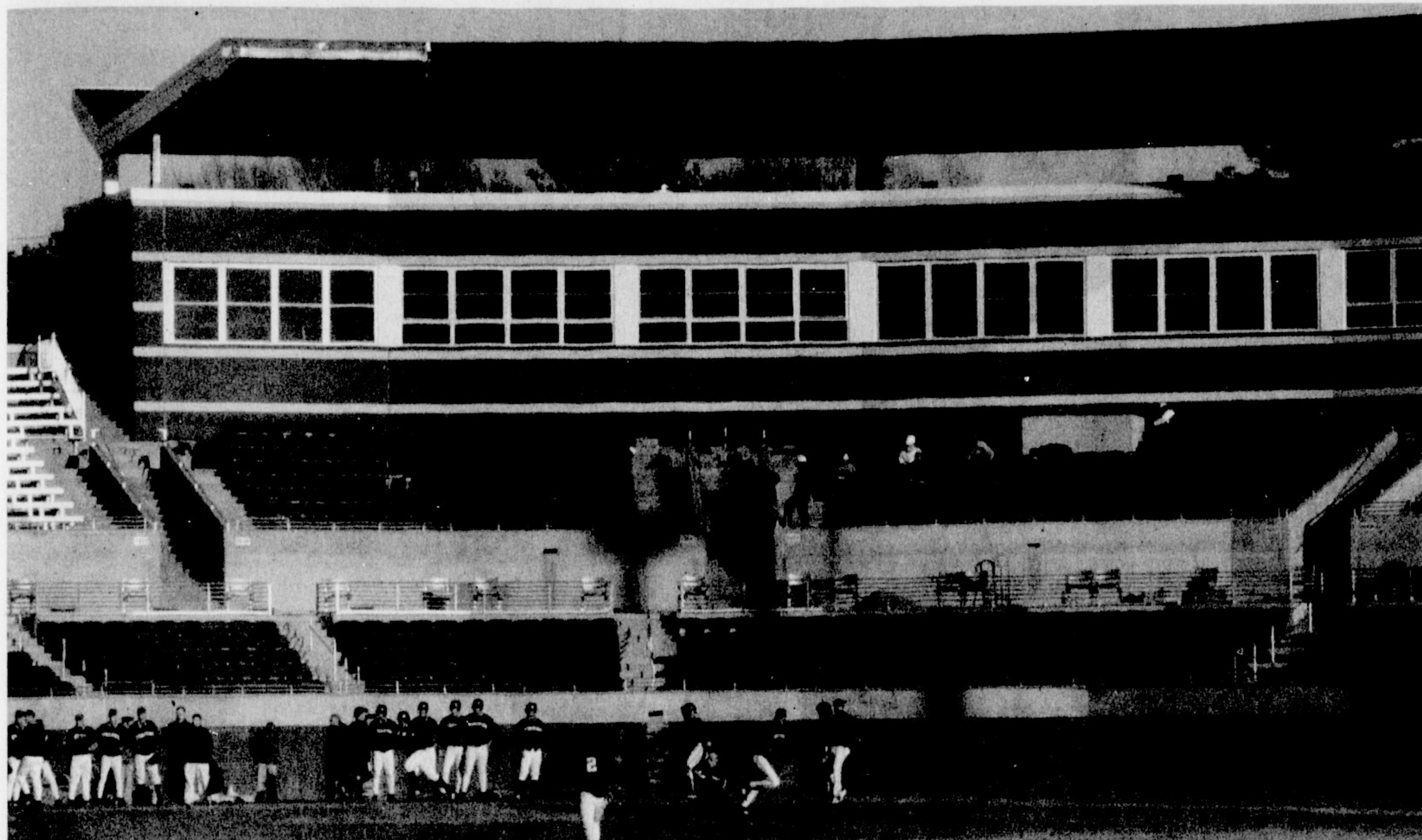
Concluding the weekend for the Pirates will be their game against No. 7 Georgia on Sunday. The Bulldogs, who appeared in the College World Series last year, are 5-1 so far this young season with a three game sweep of Elon and wins over Mercer and Georgia Southern. Southern picked up a split, winning game one of a two-game set 4-1. Georgia keys on great pitching, and so far that has been the case this year, as nine of the Dawgs' 10 pitchers have an era of 3.00 or better.

They are led by sophomore Brooks Brown, who has made two appearances for a total of nine innings pitched. He has allowed no runs on eight hits and a whopping 10 strikeouts. Whoever the Pirates get, Brown or no Brown, it will likely be the best pitching the Diamond Bucs have faced all season.

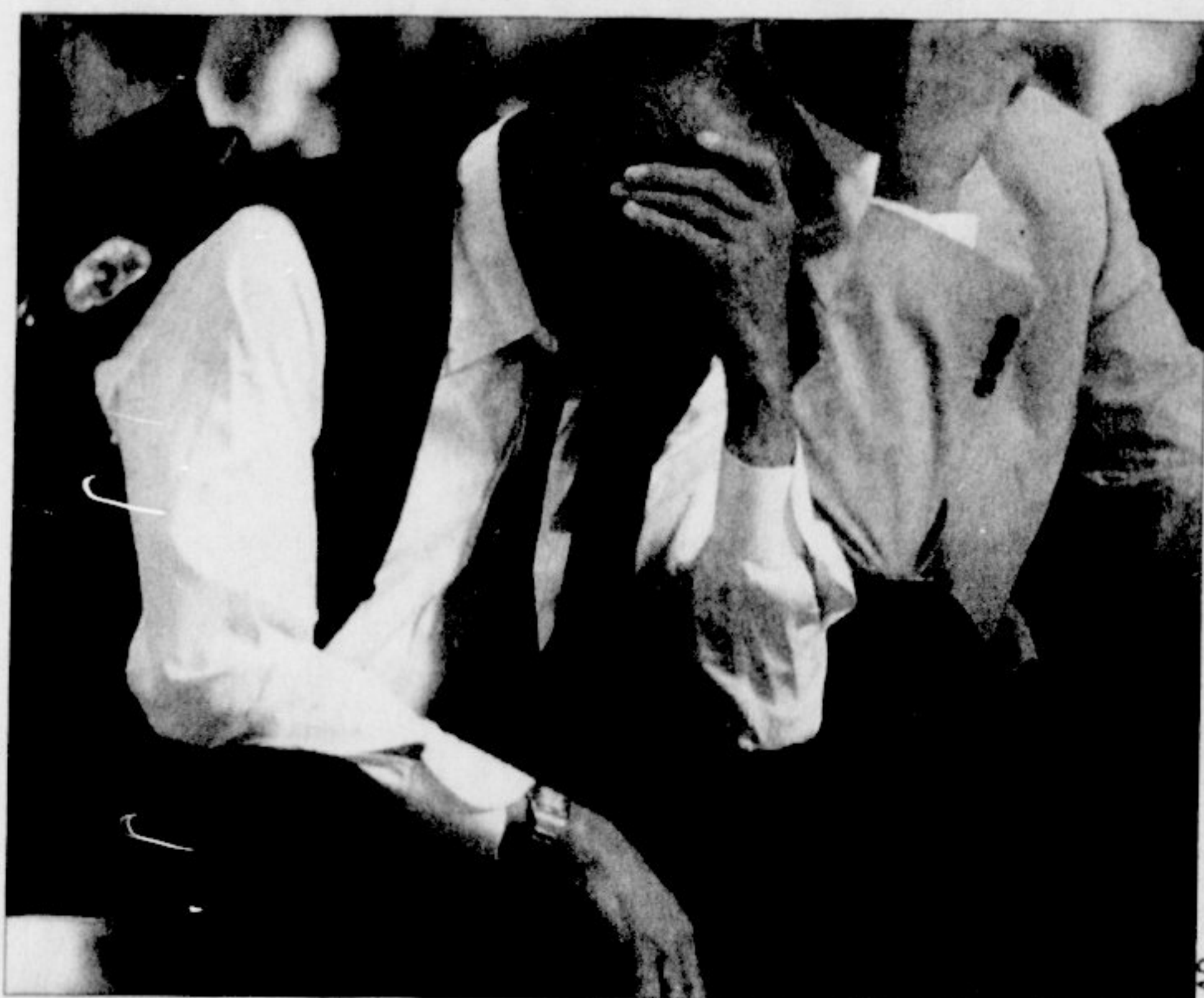
Senior Justin Niefer leads the Bulldogs in hitting at an astonishing clip of .545. Georgia is only averaging 5.6 runs per contest, so as mentioned before, they will turn to their pitching staff to keep the game a low scoring affair. The only knock on this club so far is that this will be their first trip out of Georgia, so playing in front of thousands of fans rooting against them will be a world of difference than thousands screaming their names.

North Carolina and Ohio State will also be participating in the tournament, but neither will play the Pirates. The format of the tournament is set up so that each team plays at three out of the five other squads in the tournament only once. There will be no overall champion, but the team with the best record is usually reflected as such.

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St. Joe's accepts Chaney's suspension for tournament



Chaney will be suspended for the entire A-10 tournament.

(KRT) — After a week of turmoil, St. Joseph's University finally seems satisfied now that Temple's John Chaney has suspended himself from coaching in next week's Atlantic Ten Conference tournament.

In a statement released before Tuesday night's 71-56 win at George Washington, St. Joseph's president Timothy R. Lannon said the university accepts Chaney's self-imposed suspension as appropriate.

The statement also makes it clear that until Chaney pulled himself out of the tourney on Thursday after a self-imposed one-game suspension followed by a two-game suspension by Temple, the people on Hawk Hill were not pleased with the

way Temple and the A-10 Conference had handled the matter.

The statement expressed St. Joseph's belief that either Temple University or the conference should have taken more immediate action against Chaney after an incident on Feb. 22, when Chaney inserted a player into a game against St. Joseph's to retaliate for what the coach perceived to be the Hawks' use of illegal screens. That player, Nehemiah Ingram, knocked St. Joseph's John Bryant to the floor, resulting in a broken right arm for the senior forward.

"On behalf of St. Joseph's University, I accept the measures taken in response to the events of last week," Father Lannon said in the statement. "The willingness

of Temple coach John Chaney to meet with John Bryant and family on our campus and later remove himself from the A-10 tournament is most appropriate.

"The overwhelming feeling within the St. Joseph's community is that the remedies first announced by Coach Chaney and Temple University did not fully address the severity of what occurred. We believe it is the role of institutional and conference officials, not solely an individual coach, to demonstrate the necessary leadership in upholding the league's code of conduct and assuring the safety of student-athletes in competition.

"It bears repeating that there was nothing in the conduct of SJU coaches or student-athletes intended to bring harm to an opponent. I ask the A-10 to foster a similar environment at the upcoming conference championships, and I encourage members of the extended St. Joseph's community to move toward reconciliation.

"St. Joseph's has previously withheld comment while the A-10 and Temple University reviewed the situation. Coach Phil Martelli has further requested that he and members of the St. Joseph's team be excused from commenting on this matter so as to focus on the season at hand. I support that decision and applaud their restraint during a very difficult time.

"Finally, I ask the media to respect the wishes of John Bryant and his family to refrain from public comment."

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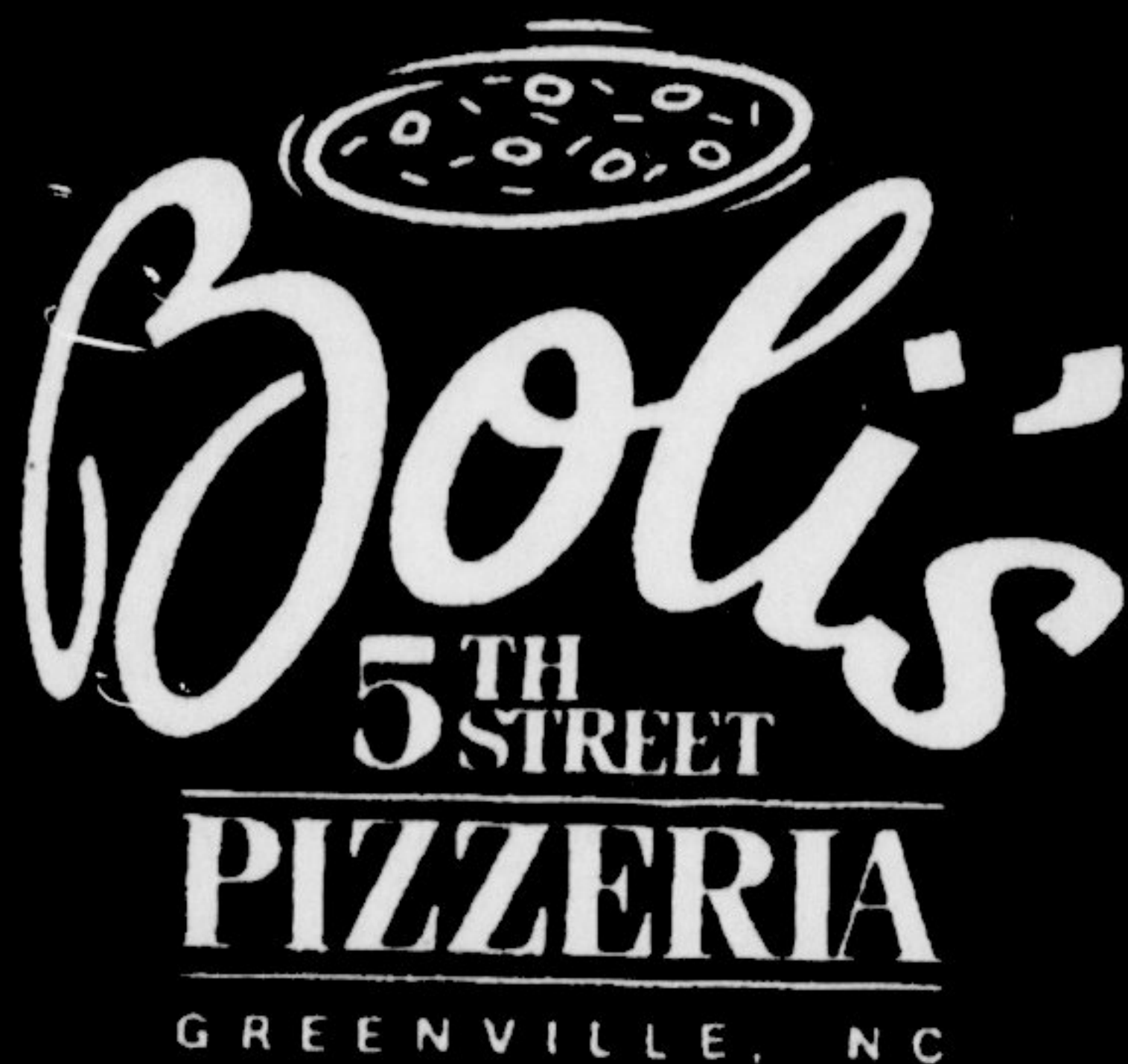


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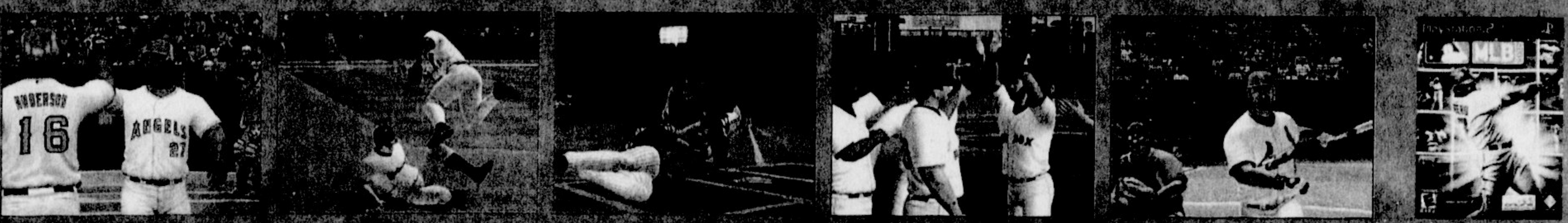


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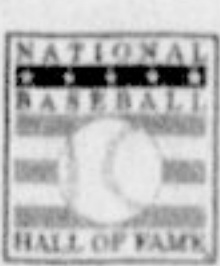
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The Waskiewicz Diet Diary: Part Four

Time to step it up a notch

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
SENIOR WRITER

My last time personal training at the Student Recreation Center was also the last time with my personal trainer, Leslie Warren. It was time to move on, and I was a little anxious, not knowing what to expect with my new personal trainer.

I sat down at the juice bar to wait for my new trainer. I made sure I had my athletic footwear because I was not looking to go through another day with the 10 pound brown casual shoes I had on last time.

My new personal trainer showed up right on time. He introduced himself as Narris Bethea. Bethea first struck me as a pretty built guy. I had a feeling my workouts were going to get a little more intense.

Bethea explained everything we were going to do that day as we headed to the fitness room to get started. The first thing Bethea had me do was strap on a heart rate monitor. It was a little uncomfortable but nothing serious enough to bother me much.

The first exercise I did was on the leg exercise machines on the second floor of the SRC. I was kind of excited because I was really familiar with these machines, but what I was not familiar with was the way I was going to work out.

I jumped on the machine as Bethea told me to knock the resistance up to six. At first the

workout started out easy. I had done six-resistance before on the machine so I was not even breathing hard. Three minutes went by and Bethea told me to knock the resistance up to eight. The workout got a little bit harder but nothing I couldn't handle. Then came the part that took the breath out of me, he told me to knock it up to 12. By this time, 10 minutes had gone by and I was already sweating on just my warm up.

Finally when time was up I jumped off the machine and looked at the heart rate monitor. It read 180, which meant I was working pretty hard.

Bethea told me to follow him downstairs as we headed to the last two basketball courts at the SRC near the climbing wall. He then shocked me by taking out a set of small hurdles. Bethea arranged the hurdles on the ground and described the next workout. It was a miniature obstacle course.

The object as Bethea described was for me to jog around one half of the basketball court, sprint the other, come over to the hurdles and shuffle sideways over them. Finally, I had to bunny hop over the last set of larger hurdles and repeat the process.

After I understood what I was supposed to do I took my mark and I was off. Racing around the course my first time, I was in pretty good shape. I got to the hurdles and made it by with ease. By my third lap though, it was a whole different story. I felt like I was going to pass out, barely making it over the hurdles, knocking

them down as I jumped.

I took a break after the lap expecting I was done. Then Bethea said something that totally took me by surprise.

"Alright good, I say you do about three more laps and then we can move on to the next thing," said Bethea.

I thought he was kidding at first, or I hoped he was kidding but he wasn't. I jogged my way around the course three more times, moving, but not fast. As I jumped over my last hurdle and finished the course I looked down at my heart rate monitor. It read 193. I had no idea the thing even went up that high.

I finished up the day lifting weights. Bethea had me work my biceps, triceps and back. Afterward, I wrapped everything up with some crunches.

I left that day of my personal training exhausted but not hurt. Maybe it was because I was finally starting to get used to working out again.

Bethea asked me what my favorite part of the workout was. I told him it was the obstacle course because it worked me hard. I was not looking forward to doing it again right away, but I did like how much I felt it pushed me.

One thing I knew after leaving the SRC was that my workouts I felt have just stepped up a notch. I am looking forward to the challenge. I'm not going to be able to have results without a hard workout.

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