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New position to market innovations

Entrepreneurial initiative planned for campus

CHRIS MUNIER
STAFF WRITER

ECU faculty members have coordinated with small business entrepreneurs to start an entrepreneurial initiative at ECU in the near future.

The initiative is to be organized by Marty Hackney, regional director of small business and technology development center. Her aim is to harness the qualities of four groups to create marketable products originating from academia.

The project will include a business board, faculty/staff, a student group and an advisory council.

Hackney thinks the best way to do this is to utilize ECU's main campus and medical school.

She said faculty and students have such brilliant ideas and it would benefit society if those ideas could be marketed.

"Our mission is to create an entrepreneurial culture on this campus and to create an entrepreneurial culture throughout eastern North Carolina," said Hackney. Students will also have an opportunity to market their ideas as well as get involved with technical writing.

"We will have two types of student teams," Hackney said.

"We will have students from the business school who assist in writing business plans, doing marketing research and actually working on projects. Then we will have entrepreneurial teams that can choose an idea that can come from any department at the university."

Hackney is already a proven entrepreneur. She has done business for herself with video stores and was part of a company that came up with the first colored contact lenses. She said she saw the colored contact business go from zero to \$9.5 million.

Hackney stressed the importance of making the right moves at the right times in business.

"Sometimes being able to get out of a business is just as smart as getting into it," Hackney said.

"Your timing is critical in making money."

She is already working with a number of faculty members who are interested in this initiative. She hopes this idea spreads to the rest of eastern North Carolina as well. UNC Chapel Hill is already part of this and Hackney is looking forward to seeing other universities take part as well.

Hackney said some of the best money makers have come from colleges.

Social studies books for primary school students are worth quite a lot. It does not have to be an exotic publication that nobody has ever done before to make money.

This work is also focused on establishing a marketable system, specifically educational systems. The demand is not always on creating new products but establishing a system or infrastructure that will benefit everyone.

The goal of this initiative is to help people get their innovations off the ground. It is to help them do research, find costs and set an agenda.

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According to the Small Business and Technology Development Center Web site, 10,000 people in North Carolina have benefitted from SBTDC help. They have leveraged \$80 million in capital.

ECU receives \$1 million gift from BB&T Corp.



Ken Chalk, executive vice president of BB&T Corporation (left) converses with Chancellor Ballard after the announcement of the \$1 million gift to ECU from BB&T Corporation.

Money will support leadership development

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SENIOR WRITER

BB&T Corporation, as part of ECU's Founders Week, announced at a March 30 press conference their decision to donate \$1 million to ECU to support leadership development efforts.

Previously, BB&T has donated funds to ECU leading to the creation of the BB&T Center for Leadership Development in 1982. The recently announced donation will build on these earlier contributions.

"This is another great day at ECU ... it's an indicator of what we can achieve and it's also an indicator of the commitment we are making to make a difference to our state of North Carolina," said Chancellor Steve Ballard.

The BB&T Center for Leadership Development has helped ECU students by giving them real leadership experience and training them in those aspects of leadership that make a difference, Ballard said.

"This is something that is a proven success, it's already shown what a difference it can make in students," Ballard said.

The contribution will allow some extra funds for other academic units for leadership development, Ballard said.

Ken Chalk, executive vice president for BB&T, said the bank's rooting in eastern North Carolina is a factor that has led to the corporation's donations to ECU.

"The bank was established in eastern North Carolina ... in 1872 and that heritage in eastern North Carolina we take seriously," said Chalk.

"The core of our bank is still here."

Chalk said the purpose of the donation is three-fold. One purpose of the donation is to honor Henry Williamson, who recently retired from BB&T and is an alumnus and supporter of ECU.

"BB&T's success would not have been possible without Henry's leadership in our organization," Chalk said.

"You also know that Henry has been a leader at ECU, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees ... the primary purpose is to honor and recognize Henry Williamson's leadership."

Chalk said the other two purposes are to continue the development of the BB&T Center

for Leadership and to support Chancellor Ballard.

"All of us at BB&T are supporters of the center," Chalk said.

"We've been very pleased about what the chancellor is saying about the future of ECU. We support his vision of the university."

James Bearden, director of the BB&T Center for Leadership Development, said he feels universities go about preparing leaders.

"We believe that leadership development is not foreign or even tangential to the mission of any university," said Bearden.

"Our motto is to serve and you know, some things have to go before that. We are preparing leaders to serve."

Bearden said ECU has the best chance now to advance leadership because of the Chancellor's support and programs in place.

"We've got the right players on the team, I think that we can tip this university toward a really major role in leadership development, not only in this state but nationally," Bearden said.

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Founders Day Events:

Upcoming Founders Day events on Thursday, March 31:

10 a.m.
Convocation and the Installation of Chancellor Ballard in Wright Auditorium.

2 p.m.
Chancellor's Installation Forum, titled "The Future of the Public University: Serving our Society" is taking place in 244 Mendenhall Student Center. Former Governor of North Carolina James Hunt Jr. will be in attendance, along with Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, Charles Middleton, president of Roosevelt University and James Oblinger, chancellor of NC State University.

4 p.m.
Topping out ceremony. The last structural steel beam for the new home for the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences will be hoisted into place. The \$60 million facility will provide more than 300,000 square feet of space. Parking is available at the Warren Life Sciences building.

ECU students robbed

Victim suffers injury

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STAFF WRITER

Two ECU students were recently victim to robberies, both occurring near ECU grounds.

Police say Brandon Sumpler, 19 and a Tyler Hall resident, was walking back from the Ecker's pharmacy on Charles Boulevard around 10:30 p.m. when he was approached by two men standing near the 14th Street railroad trestle.

According to the police report, Sumpler said he was attacked by one man and was hit and knocked to the ground when he attempted to fight back. The other suspect held him down and stole an undisclosed small amount of cash. The police report said the victim was cut with a knife during the robbery but his condition is not known at this time.

The suspect who assaulted Sumpler with the knife was described as a black male around 18 years old and 6 feet 2 inches tall, with a medium build, a black T-shirt and green shorts. Sumpler said the second assailant was about the same age, approximately 5 feet 11 inches tall with a medium build and was wearing a black T-shirt and pants. Both men were wearing black ski masks.

The second robbery took place near Jarvis and Fourth Street early Saturday at 3:30 a.m.

The victim, Patrick Toupees, 22 and a resident of White Hall said his leather chain wallet was ripped from his person.

Toupees described the victim as a 6-foot-2-inch black male who was wearing baggy black jeans and a white long-sleeved shirt. Toupees said the suspect took his ECU OneCard, a debit card and his dorm room key.

The police report indicated that Toupees did not notify police until 12 hours later because he "was intoxicated and wanted to sleep."

"College students who are walking alone have often been victims of these kinds of crimes," said Sgt. Sharri Williams, Greenville police spokesperson.

"[If I] were leaving a store at night, I would take another route."

Williams warns students walking alone who may be intoxicated can become easy targets and that they should always be care-

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Iraqi children receive school materials from Greenville



SFC Smith hands out school supplies donated by the ECU community.

Video tape shows gratitude from village children, residents

KRISTIN DAY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Sgt. First Class with the NC Army National Guard Jimmy Smith, who returned from Iraq in December, revealed the impact ECU's donations to Iraqi school children had on local villages.

Smith said when he first went to Iraq, he noticed how impoverished the villages were, especially the schools. He said some schools had nothing more than a blackboard.

"You've got a country being rebuilt from scratch," said Smith.

"The poor here [in America] live in relative luxury compared

to the people there ... the need is tremendous."

Last spring, Smith sent out an e-mail asking for help donating supplies to the Iraqi schools.

"Let's show them that in spite of all the violence and adversity that they face in their daily lives that Americans care," Smith said in the e-mail.

Jane Rahm, employer relations specialist with student professional development, contacted Leslie Craige, director of marketing for business services who has coordinated ECU's holiday drive for 10 years, to begin gathering donations on campus and from the community.

Craige made flyers that included Smith's e-mail, a wish list and a picture of Smith with Iraqi school children. Craige also set up donation stations with the

help of the office of student professional development. Stations were set up from Memorial Day weekend to June 14 at the Wright Building, the Old Cafeteria Complex, the Student Professional Development building, University Printing, Materials Management and the medical bookstore at Brody. Rahm got additional donation boxes set up at local businesses including Wal-Mart, Target and Office Depot. ECU's Phi Delta Kappa chapter also donated a total of \$300 used to buy more supplies.

Craige said people donated everything from paper, crayons and magic markers to blackboard paint. Craige and Rahm sorted out the donations and gave them to the National Guard.

Rahm said by the end of the drive they had a van load of supplies. The National Guard took the donations and sent them to where Smith was stationed, approximately 50 miles northeast of Baghdad. Smith and the other soldiers then took the supplies to schools in nearby villages. They gave a toy and some school supplies to each child and teacher.

In a video Smith made during his nine and a half month stay in Iraq, he captures the process of passing out the donations. The video depicts the poverty of the schools. Small classrooms do not hold many students and it appears as though many age groups learn in the same classroom.

Smith said he cannot say for

sure how their educational system works, but he saw a pattern in many classrooms different from the schools in the United States.

"You tend to find the girls in separate classrooms than the boys ... you tend to see the ages grouped together," Smith said.

During the video a sign reading "Welcome to our school Zanyari" greeted the soldiers in one village. Children gathered around a soldier in another village grabbing at supplies while he attempted to hand them out. Meanwhile a soldier stood off to the side watching for any signs of violence. Afterward, the kids stood in a row with smiles on their faces and thumbs in the air for the camera.

"I think it [the donation drive] had a tremendous impact on the children," Smith said.

The video also shows soldiers with roses the Iraqi people gave them.

"It's things you ordinarily don't get to see," Smith said.

Smith said the video combats the idea that all Iraqis hate Americans.

"As you can see that's not the case. There are some people who were very thankful," Smith said.

"There are a lot of people being helped that the American public just isn't aware of."

Smith said they received some donations from other schools and offices, but the ECU drive was by far the biggest.

Craige was satisfied as well

after seeing the pictures from Iraq.

"It was really nice to see that we were having a positive effect," Craige said.

Rahm said this was an important project because it shows the children that American soldiers are there to help.

"When they're grown, their opinions are made and it's really hard to change their hearts," Rahm said.

Craige said even though the project is minuscule when compared to what the U.S. military does every day, it was still important for the community.

"It was important for people here on campus and locally to be able to do something overseas and have a small part in helping out," Craige said.

Smith is currently working to find a place and time for students on campus to view the video he made in Iraq.

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A child holds her new teddy bear.

Announcements

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 14 Mendenhall Student Center. For more information, call 760-500-8918.

2005 GPD/Special Olympics Golf Tournament

The Greenville Police Department is sponsoring this year's Special Olympics Golf Tournament April 1 at Bradford Creek Golf Course in Greenville. A 2005 Nissan Altima will be offered as a prize for a hole-in-one on a designated hole this year. For more information, call 329-4357 or 329-4703.

Cops on Doughnut Shops

ECU police will be on the roof of the Krispy Kreme store 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 2. They will lower buckets to collect donations from passersby and will also be inside serving customers and talking to people about Special Olympics and the Torch Run. The ECU cheerleaders and PeeBee the Pirate will be there and the dipping station for kids will be operating.

Youth Arts Festival

ECU will host its first Youth Arts Festival April 2 at the mall on main campus. This is a day long event including more than 100 visual and performing artists. Children will also have the opportunity to create their own artwork. For a schedule of events, visit ecu.edu/cs-admin/foundersday/youthartsfest.cfm.

Home Run

Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County will be sponsoring the sixth annual Home Run April 2 at the City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville. The Home Run is a major fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Events begin at 8 a.m. behind the hotel. To register or obtain additional information, visit habitatforhumanity.com or call 758-2947.

HOSA Meeting

HOSA will hold a monthly meeting Tuesday, April 5 from 4:30-5 p.m. in 241 Mendenhall Student Center. Members will be discussing Relay for Life fundraising. For more information, please contact joellenb@gmail.com.

Technology Fair

The Laupus Library at ECU is sponsoring a technology fair called "Technology to Go ... Mobile Healthcare at ECU" April 6 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Brody School of Medicine. The fair will exhibit the latest technology integrated into health care providers' practices. Seminars will be held in the Brody Auditorium and exhibits will be in 2W-40 Brody Medical Sciences Building.

Greeks for Breast Cancer Awareness

Sigma Omicron Epsilon is hosting a breast cancer awareness event April 6 noon - midnight at Courtyard Tavern. Proceeds from this event will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Each Greek Organization gets 30 coupons to represent their group. Any organization that needs more than 30 coupons should contact Sigma Omicron Epsilon President Ericka S. Williams at ew0309@mail.ecu.edu.

Choosing Child Care

Adult and Commuter Student Services and Childhood Development and Family Relations with Sharon Ballard will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding finding the right child care place for you and your children April 5 at 6 p.m. in 2006 Bale. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at the event.

Someone's Sister

Someone's Sister, the acoustic guitar group that played during the intermission of the *Vagina Monologues*, has local performances during the next month. The group plays April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sci-Tech Auditorium at ECU and opens for Michelle Cliff as part of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference.

News Briefs

Local

Dispatcher who lost job files suit against NC cohabitation law

WILMINGTON, NC - A former Pender County sheriff's dispatcher who quit her job after her boss found out she was living with her boyfriend has challenged North Carolina's nearly 200-year-old law against cohabitation.

The legal arm of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina filed the lawsuit Monday on behalf of Debora Hobbs.

The lawsuit in Pender County Superior Court seeks to abolish the law that prohibits unmarried, unrelated adults of the opposite sex from living together. North Carolina is one of seven states with such a law.

"Enforcing such a law just defies logic and common sense," said Jennifer Rudinger, executive director of the ACLU-NC Legal Foundation. "We've come a long way in terms of recognizing privacy rights. The government has no business meddling in the private relationships of consenting adults."

Hobbs had been living with her boyfriend for about three years when she was hired as a Pender County 911 dispatcher in February 2004.

When Sheriff Carson Smith learned of her living situation, she was told to get married, move out or find another job, Hobbs said.

The couple decided, for personal and financial reasons, they didn't want to marry. She chose to quit last May rather than be fired.

Hobbs declined to comment Monday about the lawsuit, saying she wanted to speak to her lawyers first. She is represented by lawyers for the ACLU as well as attorneys with the New York law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

Apex youth minister charged with exploiting minor

RALEIGH, NC - A Presbyterian youth minister is charged with exploitation of a minor by authorities who say he sent pornographic pictures by e-mail to a 16-year-old in Illinois.

Jeffrey Morgan Smith, 41, of Apex was held on \$1 million bail, charged Tuesday with nine counts of second-degree exploitation of a minor and one of third-degree exploitation.

Arrest warrants accuse Smith of sending pornographic photos of boys to the teenager, who lives in Rockford, Ill. Investigators don't believe he took or created the photos, Apex police Sgt. Ann Moore said.

Smith also had a pornographic picture of the Illinois youth, the warrants said.

Apex police began investigating in early March, when authorities in Rockford said an Apex resident had exchanged pornographic photos with someone in their city.

Smith's home was searched March 15 by detectives who seized items including a video camcorder, a digital camera, various papers including church documents and computers, a search warrant said.

Smith worked as a pastor for youth and family at Peace Presbyterian Church in Cary, a parish of the Presbyterian Church in America, church officials said.

Church officials said Smith had no computer in his church office.

National

Federal court rejects latest appeal by Schiavo's parents

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. - With time running out for Terri Schiavo, a federal appeals court Wednesday rejected her parents' latest attempt to get the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reconnected.

The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to consider an emergency bid by Bob and Mary Schindler for a new hearing in their case, raising a flicker of hope for the parents after a series of setbacks in the case. But the court rejected the bid 15 hours later - the fourth time since last week the court ruled against the Schindlers.

"Any further action by our court or the district court would be improper," Judge Stanley F. Birch Jr. wrote. "While

the members of her family and the members of Congress have acted in a way that is both fervent and sincere, the time has come for dispassionate discharge of duty."

Birch went on to scold President Bush and Congress for their attempts to intervene in the judicial process, by saying: "In resolving the Schiavo controversy, it is my judgment that, despite sincere and altruistic motivation, the legislative and executive branches of our government have acted in a manner demonstrably at odds with our Founding Fathers' blueprint for the governance of a free people - our Constitution."

To be granted, the parents' request would have needed the support of seven of the court's 12 judges. The court did not disclose the vote breakdown. The Schindlers visited their daughter Wednesday morning at her hospice and urged their supporters to keep trying. "I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw," Bob Schindler said. "So she's still fighting, and we'll keep fighting."

"We know that some of her organs are still functioning. ... It's not too late," he said.

In requesting a new hearing, the Schindlers argued that a federal judge in Tampa should have considered the entire state court record and not whether previous Florida court rulings met legal standards under state law.

Son of tribal chairman may be charged with conspiracy

RED LAKE, Minn. - A government official says prosecutors are considering a conspiracy charge against the son of an Indian tribal leader in last week's deadly school shooting, but federal authorities refuse to say what role the teen may have played in the killings.

Louis Jourdain, 16, the son of Red Lake Band of Chippewa Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr., appeared in federal court in Duluth Tuesday. The hearing was closed to reporters and court officials would not comment because it was a juvenile proceeding.

A government official briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press that prosecutors were considering charging the teen as an adult with conspiracy to commit murder. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The *Washington Post*, citing family members and law enforcement officials, reported the conspiracy charge was already filed.

Jourdain's attorney, Jon Hopeman, told the AP he could not comment because it was a juvenile proceeding.

Jeff Weise, 16, killed his grandfather and the grandfather's companion, then went to Red Lake High School and killed five students, a teacher and a guard, before killing himself. It was the worst U.S. school shooting since the attacks by a pair of students at Columbine High in Colorado in 1999.

International

Car bomb in western Baghdad kills one

(AP) BAGHDAD, Iraq - A car bomb exploded Wednesday in western Baghdad, killing one person and injuring at least six others, and attackers opened fire on Shiite pilgrims heading to a major religious festival that draws some 1.5 million people.

The car bomb struck near a U.S. convoy in Baghdad's Abu Ghraib neighborhood, said police Lt. Akram Al Zawobale. No coalition soldiers were injured, the U.S. military said. Near Mahaweel, about 35 miles south of Baghdad, gunmen opened fire on Shiite pilgrims, killing one and injuring two, police Capt. Muthana al-Furati said.

The pilgrims were among thousands of Shiites filling roads across Iraq as they headed to Karbala to celebrate the al-Abbaeen religious festival Thursday. The holiday marks the end of a 40-day mourning period for one of the Shiite religion's most important saints, the grandson of Islam's Prophet Muhammad, Imam Hussein, who was killed in a seventh-

century battle. Officials have feared violence during the gathering, with two attacks against pilgrims reported Monday. During one, in Musayyib, 40 miles south of Baghdad, a suicide bomber on a bicycle blew himself up near a police patrol protecting pilgrims, killing two policemen.

The other bombing took place at the Imam al-Khedher shrine compound in Khalis, 50 miles north of Baghdad. That attack killed a pilgrim and wounded two other people.

Authorities say about 1,000 dead in latest Indonesian earthquake

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia - Firefighters freed a man trapped in a crumpled house on remote Nias Island Wednesday, 36 hours after he was buried in rubble. As the first foreign military help arrived, officials said an estimated 1,000 people had died in the region's latest large earthquake. Residents swarmed over collapsed buildings in Nias island's main town of Gunung Sitoli, searching frantically for survivors of the country's second catastrophe in three months, after December's massive quake and tsunami.

French firefighters from the agency Firefighters Without Borders - who rushed to the island from Aceh province's west coast - used a car jack to free the legs of 25-year-old television repairman Jansen Silalalahi, who had been pinned between a motorbike and a cupboard.

As he was lifted out of the rubble of what was once a three-story building, Silalalahi smiled weakly and gave a thumbs-up.

"People knew I was there but it was difficult to reach me. I kept screaming whenever I heard anyone," said Silalalahi, who did not appear to be badly injured. "I feel relief because now I am safe."

The improvised rescue highlighted the crisis situation officials face here: there are thousands of collapsed buildings and no machinery to help search through the rubble for survivors.

Flu season slowing down for the year

Doctors still concerned over vaccinations

KRISTIN DAY ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As the flu season comes to a close, doctors continue to stress the importance of vaccinations and prepare for next year.

Michelle Camarena, nurse manager at Student Health Center, said the flu season has slowed down significantly.

"You'll see a few stragglers ... but for the most part the worst of it is over," said Camarena.

She said compared to last year, this flu season was not as extreme. The Student Health Center reported fewer than 300 cases since Christmas break.

"That sounds like a lot, but when you consider that the student health service typically has more than 3,000 visits a month, it's not that many," Camarena said.

Dr. John H. Marrow, director of Pitt County Health, said this flu season is similar to two years ago. He said the number of cases has peaked across the state but now is beginning to decline, although it is hard to estimate an actual number because influenza is not a "reportable communicable disease." However, Marrow said Pitt County has one of the best surveillance systems in the

state for influenza-like illness.

"The University Health Center participates, as well as several private providers in the county, in providing public health with weekly data on how many patients appear to have influenza," said Marrow.

"Some of these patients are also cultured for influenza through the State Public Health Laboratory."

Camarena said they cannot estimate how many ECU students got the flu because many of them stay at home, but she thinks many students go to the Student Health Center because it is convenient.

The nation-wide vaccine shortage put a strain on many medical facilities across the country. A manufacturing facility in Liverpool that makes the vaccination Fluvirin had their license suspended due to concerns of contamination.

"They couldn't ship to the United States and they supplied more than 50 percent of the U.S. flu vaccines," Camarena said.

"The other 50 percent [of vaccines] from other companies went to the high-risk areas and everybody else got what was left."

The Student Health Center didn't know if they would receive any vaccines this year. When they did, they could only give

vaccinations to high-risk patients.

According to Camarena, people are considered at high risk if they have a chronic health problem, such as asthma or chronic bronchitis, if they are pregnant or have some other chronic disease like multiple sclerosis. The elderly and very young are also at high risk. While healthy people will be sick for about 10 days from influenza, high-risk people could die.

Marrow said the vaccination process went relatively smoothly at the Pitt County Health Department.

"We did a good job of vaccinating our county's high risk population this year, despite the limited vaccine supply," Marrow said. "The vaccine is also well-matched to the prevalent strain of flu virus that is affecting communities. This is a type A flu called the Fujian strain."

This vaccine protects against three strains of flu: Two type A and one type B.

Camarena said a vaccination is only good for one year and is redeveloped each season to prevent the strains that are predicted to be the most dangerous at the time. To prepare for next year, student health services is looking to split vaccine shipments between two companies.

To stay healthy next flu

season, Camarena suggests students should always wash their hands, cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing, rest, drink lots of fluids and have a healthy lifestyle. Many students who survived the season influenza-free said they followed similar rules to stay healthy.

"I took vitamins, drank orange juice and tried to stay away from sick people," said Heather Harrison, senior marketing major.

"I exercise, drink water, wash my hands and take multi-vitamins," said Sean Hildreth, freshman theatre major.

Laura McCarn, freshman special education major, said she eats right and has good sleeping habits.

Marrow said even though it is now spring, there is still a chance to catch the flu.

"Remember the flu can come more than one time a year, so it is still a good idea to get vaccinated if you haven't been yet," Marrow said.

Marrow said the Pitt County Health Department and the University Health Center have flu shots available. The Student Health Center ran out toward the end of February.

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Five-year plan laid out for local greenway systems



Photo by Kyle Fisher

Two women exercise on the existing greenway system. FROGGS plan is to add 10 miles throughout Greenville.

Greenville community involved in planning

SHANNON KEITH
STAFF WRITER

A five-year priority plan to add an additional 10 miles of greenways throughout the city is in the process of becoming a reality with the continual effort of the local organization Friends of Greenville Greenways.

FROGGS, a non-profit organization incorporated in 2004, hopes they will soon receive their non-profit status from the government so they will be able to start raising and donating money to assist the city in the development and construction of a comprehensive greenway system.

The group was founded after the city of Greenville sponsored the Greenway Master Plan in

2003 in response to the severe shortage of greenways in the area.

This master plan, although aimed at constructing 120 miles of greenways throughout the city, is scheduled to take approximately 23 years to complete.

"There are only 2.5 miles of greenways in the whole city of Greenville, which is pitiful for a city of 60,000 people," said Jill Twark, president of FROGGS.

Members of FROGGS hope they can shorten the project time to 10 - 15 years.

"I think if we can get even 10 miles built in the next five years we will be looking a whole lot better," Twark said.

The group is in the process of discussing various strategies that will enable them to promote their cause to the general public.

First are plans for activating

the group's Web site, frogs.org. The site will be active within two weeks and will provide up-to-date information about the group's activities and progress.

Two upcoming events open to the public are taking place in April to promote awareness of the organization and help gain more community support.

April 16, representatives from FROGGS will be at the International Festival from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Town Commons.

FROGGS will also be hosting a Treasure Hunt April 17, from 2 - 4 p.m.

The Treasure Hunt will feature various prizes hidden along the 2.5 miles of greenways throughout Greenville, giving participants an opportunity to explore the natural settings that the trails provide.

Twark hopes that through these events, FROGGS will be able to foster the public's awareness of the importance of greenways and the many advantages to Greenville residents in having an adequate greenway system within the city.

"We would like to connect the entire city on this greenway system," Twark said.

"It provides people with a safe alternative to riding or walking on the street."

Students who wish to get involved are encouraged to attend the upcoming events and learn more about the organization and the greenway project as a whole.

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Women's Studies program to host Conference

Event will feature students and speakers from Southeast

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The South Eastern Women's Studies Association 2005 conference is being held at ECU.

The name of the event is "Boudicca's Legacy: Feminist Champions and the Future of Feminism."

The event, sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and hosted by ECU's Women's Studies program, is held at different universities each year. This will be the second time ECU has hosted the event.

"The reason we asked to hold the event at ECU this year was because it is the 20th anniversary of the women's studies program here," said Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, professor of women's studies and co-director of ECU's Women's Studies Program.

The event will feature approx-

imately 100 feminist scholars.

"We have a diverse group speaking at the event," Dudasik-Wiggs said.

"There are some sessions about activism, like women against OLF and some sessions about violence and Dancers for Universal Peace are going to perform as a sort of relaxation to the audience."

The event will span a three-day period from April 7 - 9.

The main speakers include Michelle Cliff, Winona LaDuke and Peter Romary.

"Winona LaDuke describes herself as a native environmentalist," Dudasik-Wiggs said.

"She works with Native Americans to help the environment and people."

Peter Romary, a local attorney who does pro-bono work to help women, will speak during the third day's session.

"Peter Romary was honored by Lifetime Television last year as one of 52 men who have worked to end violence against women,"

Dudasik-Wiggs said.

Aside from the primary speakers, there are going to be different panel and roundtable sessions. These events allow the audience to listen to works the speakers have produced and to participate in discussions.

Dudasik-Wiggs said the events will not be like sitting and listening to a lecture - most of the sessions are reading sessions and discussion sessions.

Dudasik-Wiggs hopes this event will help make the women's studies program and other programs like the one at ECU, more known to the public.

"We have been here for 20 years now and there are still students and even people who work here who do not know the program exists - or they believe the stereotypes they have heard," Dudasik-Wiggs said.

Heather Holt, sophomore biology major, said she did not

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know a women's studies program existed until she heard about the upcoming event.

"I think it is good that ECU is hosting an event like this because the students need to realize they have many different options on campus as far as majors and scholarships goes," said Holt.

The first event will be held Thursday, April 7. This session includes Caribbean author Michelle Cliff. After her speech, there will be a reception and book signing session. This is the only event that will take place on campus and be free to the public.

The next two days begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. There are many different sessions taking place during these two days giving attendees many options. The sessions range from yoga instruction to panels of student and scholar discussions.

Winona LaDuke will speak Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m.

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Johnnie Cochran Jr., who won acquittal for O.J. Simpson, dies



Cochran relaxes before speaking to students at Winston-Salem State University in 1999.

(AP) LOS ANGELES — Johnnie L. Cochran Jr.'s legal career representing both victims of police abuse and celebrities in peril converged under the media glare when he successfully defended O.J. Simpson from murder charges.

Cochran, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in December 2003, died Tuesday at his home in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles. He was 67.

With his gift for courtroom oratory, Cochran became known for championing the causes of black defendants and for the iconic phrase, "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit," in Simpson's murder trial.

"He was a brilliant strategist who never lost touch with the common man," said Sanford Rubinstein, a former colleague.

"He took particular pride in standing up with those who were wrongfully treated. He truly loved people and the public

adored him."

While Cochran represented celebrities who included professional football players and rappers, he also stuck up for - as one colleague put it - the "common man."

Cochran represented a Haitian immigrant tortured by New York police, a 19-year-old black woman who was shot a dozen times by police as she sat in a locked car and a white trucker who was videotaped being beaten by a mob during the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

He proudly displayed copies in his office of the multimillion-dollar checks he won for ordinary citizens who said they were abused by police.

"The clients I've cared about the most are the No Js, the ones who nobody knows," he once said.

Over the years, Cochran represented football great Jim Brown on rape and assault charges, actor Todd Bridges on attempted murder charges, rappers Tupac Shakur on a weapons charge, Snoop Dogg on a murder charge and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs on gun and bribery charges stemming from a nightclub shooting.

Cochran used the "if it doesn't fit" phrase in his closing argument at the Simpson trial, describing the moment when the former football player tried on bloodstained "murder gloves" to show jurors they did not fit. One glove was found at the murder scene - the defense said racist police planted the other glove at Simpson's home.

Jurors found Simpson not

guilty of the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I've got to say, I don't think I'd be home today without Johnnie," Simpson said Tuesday by telephone from Florida. "I always tell people, if your kids or your loved ones got in trouble, you would want Johnnie. Even his adversaries respected him."

After Simpson's acquittal, Cochran appeared on countless TV talk shows, was awarded his own show on cable's Court TV, traveled the world giving speeches and was parodied in films and on such TV shows as "Seinfeld" and "South Park."

In other cases, Cochran also represented former Black Panther Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, who spent 27 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. When Cochran helped Pratt win his freedom in 1997 he called the moment "the happiest day of my life practicing law."

He won a \$760,000 award in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of Ron Settles, a black college football star who died in police custody in 1981. Cochran challenged police claims that Settles hanged himself in jail after a speeding arrest. The player's body was exhumed and an autopsy revealed that Settles had been choked.

His clients included the family of Tyisha Miller, a 19-year-old black woman shot to death by Riverside police who said she reached for a gun on her lap when they broke her car window in an effort to disarm her.

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ful around ATM machines and not carry large amounts of cash.

"Suspects think that college kids will have money on them," Williams said.

Jennifer Bogart, 21 and a business management major, said people should only travel in groups.

"Girls should probably carry a whistle," Bogart said.

"People are more vulnerable when traveling alone."

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Our View

Women often forgotten on road to Final Four

Many sports fans are drooling this week over the upcoming Final Four tournament for men's NCAA basketball. With skilled teams such as North Carolina, Michigan State, Illinois and Louisville competing for the national championship, the amount of attention and accolade these teams receive is no doubt warranted. It is no surprise that the championship game April 4 is the day most people are eagerly waiting for.

The following day fans will celebrate the day after a great victory and anxiously wait another March for more championship madness. But why wait? The women's finals are April 5.

TEC challenges every person who intends to watch the men's finals to also watch the women's finals and judge them not as athletes of equal talent. Many may be surprised to find the games are just as exciting as the men's.

At press time, the women are down to the their Final Four: LSU, Tennessee, Baylor and Michigan State. These four teams are incredibly talented and the championship game is definitely a must-see moment in sports television.

Some of the statistics surrounding women's Division I basketball are so outstanding that they surpass many of the accomplishments of the men's teams. For example, Louisiana Tech and Tennessee have appeared in the tournament every year since 1982 - that makes 24 appearances in a row.

Pat Summitt, women's head coach for Tennessee, surpassed Dean Smith's win record during the second round of this year's tournament with an overall record of 880-171 in only 31 years. Smith's record when he retired was 879-254 overall during his 36 years with UNC Chapel Hill.

So take a break from celebrating (or moping) the day after the men's championships and watch what the women can do. You just might get hooked on women's basketball for life.

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Pirate Rant

Note from the Rant Manager: There were some glitches with our submission form at the beginning of the week. If you didn't see your Rant this week, please re-submit. Thank you.

Where are the great dancers that used to line the streets to get into the Cavern? I was in there Friday night and I couldn't find anyone who could back, back, back it up. How am I supposed to practice for the Wayne Robson Project if I don't have anyone to move and groove with?

In a fight between President Bush and the Incredible Hulk, the Hulk is at an obvious disadvantage because if he were fighting the president, he'd have to do it with Toby Keith's boot in a compromising position.

To the idiot who thinks the flu is caused by bacteria: Take a biology class before you start telling other people how diseases are contracted.

What is the point of having online registration if Onestop never works during the registration period?

I hope the person who called Iraq a success was being sarcastic. I'll tell you exactly when Iraq will become a success - when their elected government actually convenes for once and our troops can get the hell out of there.

Wow, I never knew Tony McKee was a doctor and qualified to comment on what Mrs. Schiavo can or cannot feel.

Hey Tony McKee: You are way out of line accusing everyone of killing Teri Schiavo. If your reasoning actually works in the real world then I blame you for all the bad things that happen to me.

Are any of our students' parents teaching them manners? I'm talking about the common courtesy of allowing elderly people to get off the elevator first, giving them a seat, holding the door for them, etc. What's with our "entitlement" generation? We think we're entitled to everything - cable TV, new cars, cool Spring Break vacations, cell phones, iPods, disrespecting the elderly, etc.

Let's put Tony McKee in a "Persistent Vegetative State" and see how he likes his new life.

To the person who was wondering where the girls are who love to fish and have a boat: Well, I'm out here. But because I don't wear a size two and look like I fell out of Abercrombie Quarterly you don't want to see me.

Smile for once - it's spring.

Hulk vs. Bush: That's easy. Bush would win. All Bush has to do to get rid of something green is sign legislation - look at ANWR.

To all of the too-smart-for-your-own-good college students who continue to spend your time bashing Bush: Be thankful. Be thankful that your over-privileged self is sitting in a temperature-controlled room typing on a new computer and not going through the hell of what could be if he wasn't president. There's a reason why he's running the country, and you're not.

Hey, TEC: What happened to the crossword puzzles?

Words are overrated. All Bush needs to beat the Hulk is one phrase: "I suspect the Hulk has weapons of mass destruction." At this, the Justice League swings into action and whoops up on Hulk.

What is "Sponge Bob Square Pants" teaching our children? His pants aren't square, they're rectangular.

Registration is slowly driving me insane. I'm running from building to building to try and get the classes I need like a chicken with my head cut off. There has to be an easier way, right?

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In My Opinion

So, this is what PR is really like?

Jobs portrayed inaccurately on TV shows

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I was shamelessly tuning into MTV the other night when I saw a preview for a new reality show called "Power Girls."

No, this isn't a show giving you a glimpse into the everyday lives of superheroes - just the lives of four "up-and-coming" public relations specialists who work for a Lizzie Grubman at her PR firm in New York City.

As a public relations major myself, I was excited to see the topic I've been studying for the last three years is now hip enough to make it onto MTV. Holy cow, I had to tune in. I must tune in. I could hardly contain myself. For the next 30 minutes I sat staring, in shock at how inaccurately the station portrayed a career that I hold in such high esteem.

In this particular episode, the girls had the benefit of traveling out to the Hamptons and working at P-Diddy's annual summer bash. That's pretty



exciting for an entry-level job. But after about five minutes of tuning in, my head began to hurt. The rest of the episode was useless bickering back and forth between the girls over whose boyfriend would sleep where. The climax of the half-hour disaster occurred when one of the girls met Paris Hilton and left with her in her limo at the end of the night, only to be called a "stalker" in the gossip columns the next day. Wel-

come back to high school everyone.

In my three years at this lovely establishment we call ECU, I've learned that working in public relations requires hard work, dedication and research and persuasion skills.

Public relations practitioners are a major part of businesses, helping to promote their clients. I never envisioned it as a job surrounded by grown-up, rude girls whining over how excruciatingly hard it is to sort names on a guest list. How very naive of me.

Another show with an equally poor portrayal of real world jobs is "Will and Grace." Will is a lawyer, but not once (and I've seen the DVD series of each season and like the show) is Will seen in a courtroom. He's seen in his office chatting with friends and going out to dinner with other, more businesslike people. Just because the man has an office and throws in a few lawyer-type words like "habeas corpus" and "malpractice" doesn't make it a precise representation of people in the law field.

Then again this is Hollywood, the land of plastic people, so why would we expect any real world representations out of anything they produce?

In My Opinion

Grad rates are March's true madness

(KRT) - The Big Dance should be renamed the Big Dunc.

As many of us watched the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament these last few weeks, most of us did not hear about a recent report on the graduation rates of the tournament's players. It is a scandal, to say the least.

Not only were the overall graduation rates for most schools poor for all students, but the rates for black players were even more disturbing.

Richard Lapchick, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports, compiled the report based on graduation rates from 1993-1998. He pulled no punches in his comments when considering the racial disparity in the numbers. "When an African-American comes to a campus with the expectation of getting a degree and making the pros, he often leaves with neither," Lapchick wrote for the Orlando Sentinel.

Some of the nation's most successful programs on the court have been complete failures in the class-

room.

According to Lapchick's report, of the 65 Division I teams that qualified for the Big Dance this year, 42 didn't even graduate 50 percent of their players in the reporting period. Five of the participating schools graduated less than 10 percent of its black players. What's more, half of the schools have a disparity in graduation rates between white and black players of 20 percent or more. At two schools, the disparity rate was 50 percent. The overall graduation rate in 1997 for black athletes in NCAA schools was only 42 percent.

Although black players make up a significant percent of many Division I men's basketball programs (between 60 percent and 70 percent in any given year), it should still be troubling to know, as the report showed, that most black student-athletes in these programs did not graduate.

With the growing commercialization of Division I basketball programs, demand has increased for coaches who can "succeed" by winning games and by earning money for their programs.

Partly as a result, graduation rates have taken a back seat.

While it is not the schools' legal responsibility to see to it that these student-athletes apply themselves and graduate from college, it is their moral responsibility.

The NCAA and many schools are making millions off the backs of the talented players they lure to their universities. The NCAA makes \$6 billion from its current 11-year contract with CBS. The network, in return, gets the rights to broadcast the post-season tournament through 2014.

Successful teams eventually get some trickle down from the NCAA but much of a school's revenue comes from regular-season games, individual television or radio deals, ticket sales, luxury boxes and corporate sponsorships. During the 2002-2003 season, seven of the top programs earned more than \$12 million in revenue, according to CNN Money.

Is it too much to ask that some of that revenue be invested in the young student-athletes?

In My Opinion

Tighter personal-data security isn't enough

(KRT) - ChoicePoint and other commercial data brokers are working to convince Congress that security is the only issue with the massive breaches that exposed sensitive personal information about thousands of individuals. They argue that if they simply keep a tighter lid on the personal records they have amassed on virtually every American adult, the data won't fall into the hands of identity thieves and other crooks. End of problem.

While tightening security is necessary, it is not sufficient.

By now, everyone knows that ChoicePoint and other brokers have compiled billions of records with the most private details of individuals' lives. What the breaches exposed is the

extent to which businesses routinely use those records to make decisions that affect the lives of unsuspecting individuals. Pretty much any business in America can get access to the data and use it to grant or deny employment, housing, insurance, access to an airplane, access to a public facility and participation in scores of other activities.

When the records held by brokers are inaccurate, and they often are, individuals can be denied economic opportunities or even basic rights. And those who are treated unfairly have no way to find out why and no opportunity to correct mistakes in their files.

It was precisely these kinds of concerns that prompted Congress to enact strict regulations for the credit report-

ing industry in the 1970s. As a result, credit bureaus must ensure that records are accurate, give consumers access to their files, limit the purposes for which they are used and follow other rules that guarantee fairness and due process for individuals.

But the data brokers have created a parallel industry that evades those regulations, even though the companies often serve functions that are indistinguishable from those of credit bureaus.

Fortunately, some lawmakers understand this. Bills by Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., would establish regulations for data brokers that are grounded on the principles that govern the credit-reporting industry.

Local Concerts:

Ashlee Simpson with special guests Pepper's Ghost and The Click Five will be performing at Owens Auditorium in Charlotte, Saturday, April 2.

Lenny Kravitz will be on stage at Owens Auditorium in Charlotte, Sunday, April 10.

mtvU Campus Invasion Tour with Muse and Razorlight will be at the Disco Rodeo in Raleigh, Wednesday, April 13.

Backstreet Boys featuring Sister Hazel and Stroke 9 will be playing at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, Friday, April 15.

Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley will be performing at the Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh, Sunday, April 17.

Green Day and My Chemical Romance will be at the Cricket Arena in Charlotte, Wednesday, April 20.

Velvet Revolver featuring Hoobastank will be playing at the Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh, Thursday, May 5.

Alan Jackson featuring Sara Evans and The Wrights will be performing at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Charlotte, Thursday, May 5.

Sum 41 with Unwritten Law and Hawthorne Heights will be playing at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC, Thursday, May 5.

The 16th annual HFStival will take place Saturday, May 14 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md. Bands include Foo Fighters, Billy Idol, Garbage, Coldplay, Good Charlotte, Sum 41, Unwritten Law, Louis XIV and many more. Tickets go on sale Saturday, April 2 from Ticketmaster. Tickets are \$40-65.

Louis XIV and The Killers will be at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC, Friday, June 10.

The Bonnaroo Festival with Dave Matthews Band, Citizen Cope, The Allman Brothers Band, The Black Crowes, Gov't Mule and many more will take place June 10 - 12 in Manchester, Tenn.

Dave Matthews Band will be at the Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh Wednesday, June 29.

Recipes:

Chicken Florentine Style

4 chicken breasts (no bone, skin)
Salt and ground black pepper
All-purpose flour, for dredging
6 tbs (3/4 stick) unsalted butter
2 tablespoons shallots, sliced
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
1 cup whipping cream
1 tbs chopped fresh parsley
2 packages cut-leaf spinach

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in the flour to coat lightly. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook until brown, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a plate and tent with foil to keep it warm.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in the same skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic and saute until the shallots are translucent, stirring to scrape up any browned bits on the bottom of the skillet, about one minute. Add the wine. Increase the heat to medium-high and boil until the liquid is reduced by half, about 3 minutes. Add the cream and boil until the sauce reduces by half, stirring often, about 3 minutes. Stir in the parsley. Season the sauce with salt and pepper, to taste. Add the chicken and any accumulated juices to the sauce, stir.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter in another large skillet over medium heat. Add the spinach and saute until heated through. Season the spinach, to taste, with salt and pepper. Arrange the spinach over a platter. Place the chicken atop the spinach. Pour the sauce over and serve.

Recipe from foodtv.com

WORLD OF WORK

Common summer job ideas

Students cash in

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STAFF WRITER

The countdown to the days of summer has begun. Even the mere thought conjures up images too appealing to consider in the extended winter gloom we've had to deal with. Barbues, swimming pools and the ritualistic trek to the human sandbox that is the beach are common experiences of students. The escape from frustration, worry and overall stress of student life is actually within the near future. And while some may sit idly during their time off on the sofa watching "Looney Tunes" while consuming the largest bowl possible of Fruity Pebbles, others go out and work.

The summer job is an essential part of every student's summer vacation. Students have even more incentive considering the dent that nightlife in downtown Greenville can have on the wallet. The financial disparity students feel is often too much to bear, so a summer job is the perfect solution.

Restaurants, department stores and lifeguards are seemingly the most attractive positions for college students. The clothing discounts and the relatively low-stress workplace that come with a job at Abercrombie & Fitch or Pacific Sunwear makes it even more appealing.



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Throughout life, as well as in college, people find themselves grabbing for money anywhere they can.

Finding the perfect internship

The insider's guide

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

In order to enter the working world once students graduate from college it is essential that students have prior experience in their prospective fields. Internships are the way to gain extra experience and are sometimes required to attend certain graduate programs.

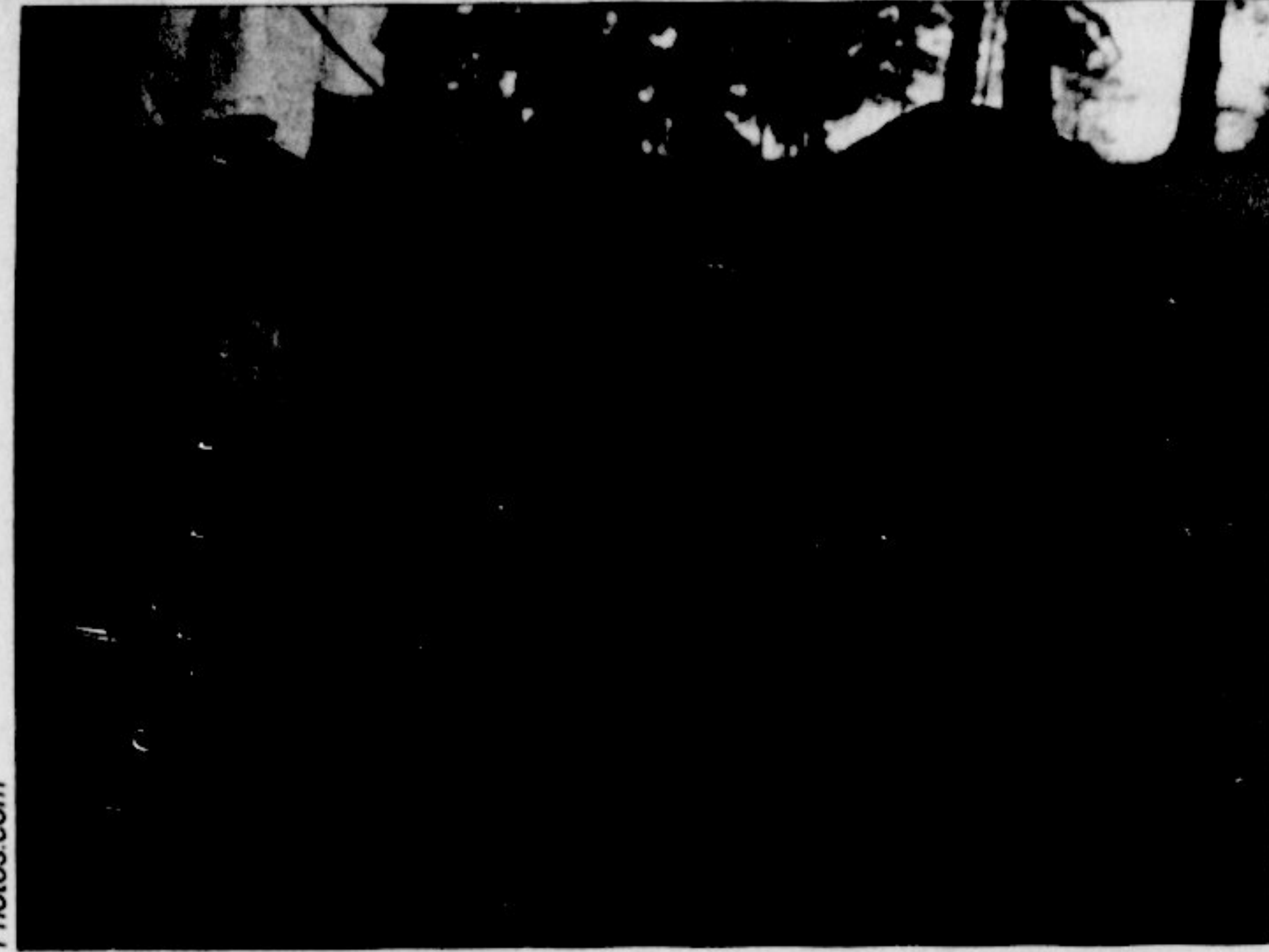
After one has chosen a major or decided what they want to do in life, interning is the perfect way to decide whether that occupation is really a perfect fit. Most students decide to do their internships during the summer when they have a lot of free time.

The first step to finding an internship that suits your needs is to prepare a professional résumé. A résumé should include your name, address, e-mail and a phone number where you can be contacted. It should also include education, job experience, any classes you have taken with significance, skills and references.

Once an applicant has a current résumé, the hunt for the ideal internship can begin. Many departments and major programs at ECU require and encourage internships, such as the exercise and sports physiology program, the history education program and the foreign languages program. Internships are a great way to figure out if you enjoy

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Help Wanted: No experience needed for these jobs



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Dog walking can be a fun, lucrative and an unpredictable odd job.

Odd jobs no one thinks about

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever had a job you considered a bit out of the ordinary? Well, there are many of these odd jobs out there.

Students sometimes end up with odd jobs because most jobs require higher education and a lack of it hinders them from obtaining more desirable careers. Telemarketing is one example of an easy job that requires little experience. Did you know you can buy your groceries online from a grocery store and pick them up when you get there?

Someone will actually go around with your shopping list and buy your groceries. This may be a great advantage for the handicapped or elderly, but ordinary people are treading on the lazy side if they can no longer go inside a grocery store and buy groceries. However, the demand for these services is high considering the growing number of stores that offer it.

Another job that goes hand in hand with personal grocery shopping is personal shopping. This involves helping clients buy clothing that is best fitted for their body type while keeping in mind current fashion trends among local stores as well as celebrity icons. Clothing is not the only priority however - acces-

sories such as watches, jewelry, belts and shoes are also essential wardrobe pieces that personal shoppers help clients pick out to ensure fabulous outfits from head to toe.

Along the lines of making lives easier, is that interesting line of work that entails being the personal trainer to a canine. Dog walkers can be paid to walk one dog at a time or to walk a group of dogs through a service. These professionals must not only love dogs but also should be strong enough that the dog doesn't walk them. Also along the lines of personally training a dog is doggie day care. People who have

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Channel 23: TV for inquisitive minds

Campus TV going strong

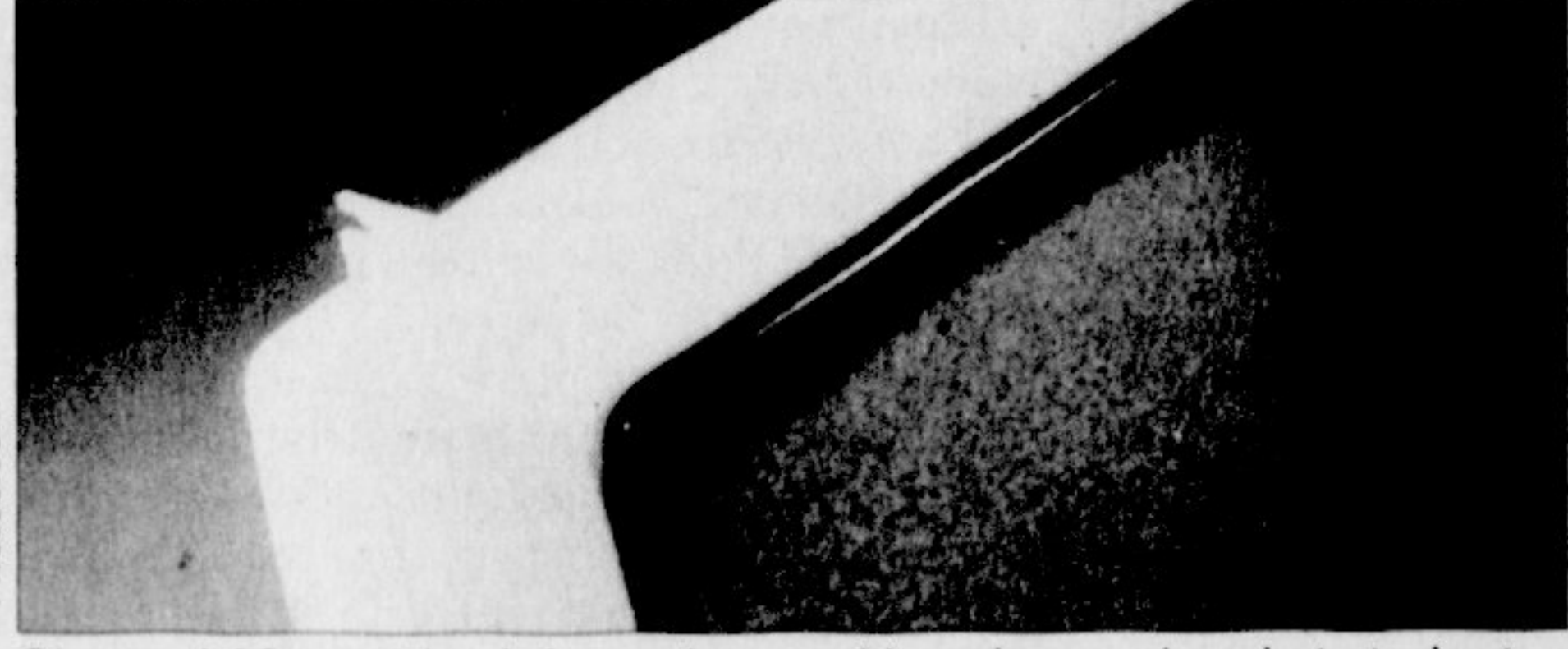
CARMIN BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Hey, guess what? ECU has its own government-funded channel. Oh, you didn't know? That seems to be the going trend around here. Actually it seems most people have no idea what Channel 23 is or what it does for that matter. A research poll was taken of 20 students who were randomly selected and asked, "So what do you think of Channel 23?" The responses were what led to the conclusion that not enough students know about Channel 23.

There were 12 who responded basically, "Huh? What's that?" Three other people said something to the effect of, "Oh, yeah, I know a kid who works for the station, it's like our school's 'public' channel, right?" One said, "Honestly I don't want to be quoted," and three other people said something basically translating into, "Wait, is that the band playing tonight at Pirate Underground?" Out of those 19 students, one person actually responded by saying, "I was actually just watching this thing on Jujitsu."

So, as you can see, it's time to get the word out. Chris Weaver of academic outreach said, "Channel 23 is a public cable station under the city of Greenville which works through a charter. The city has a few channels and the Greenville Public Access Television board is in charge of them."

The station was started to



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Channel 23 provides informative, exciting shows aimed at students.

create a "non-commercial forum" for the citizens in our town. Channels like 23 serve as outlets for educational institutions and governmental branches to voice their first amendment rights of freedom of speech.

Public Access channels are available for use by the general public. Any resident of a city, which supports a Public Access channel, may use the resources of the station to produce and transmit content to their community. Public access stations and production facilities are usually administered either by the cable operator or by a third party designated by the franchising authority, stated by the GPAT board.

To be a part of the station you have to sign up.

"It's a class, you need to sign up in order to get involved, because this station provides students with an excellent opportunity to be taught skills and work on numerous projects," said Weaver.

One factor many may find unique is this "operation" is run by Tracy Blake, a graduate student. Blake has an internship program, which trains students in the day-to-day activities of

broadcasting.

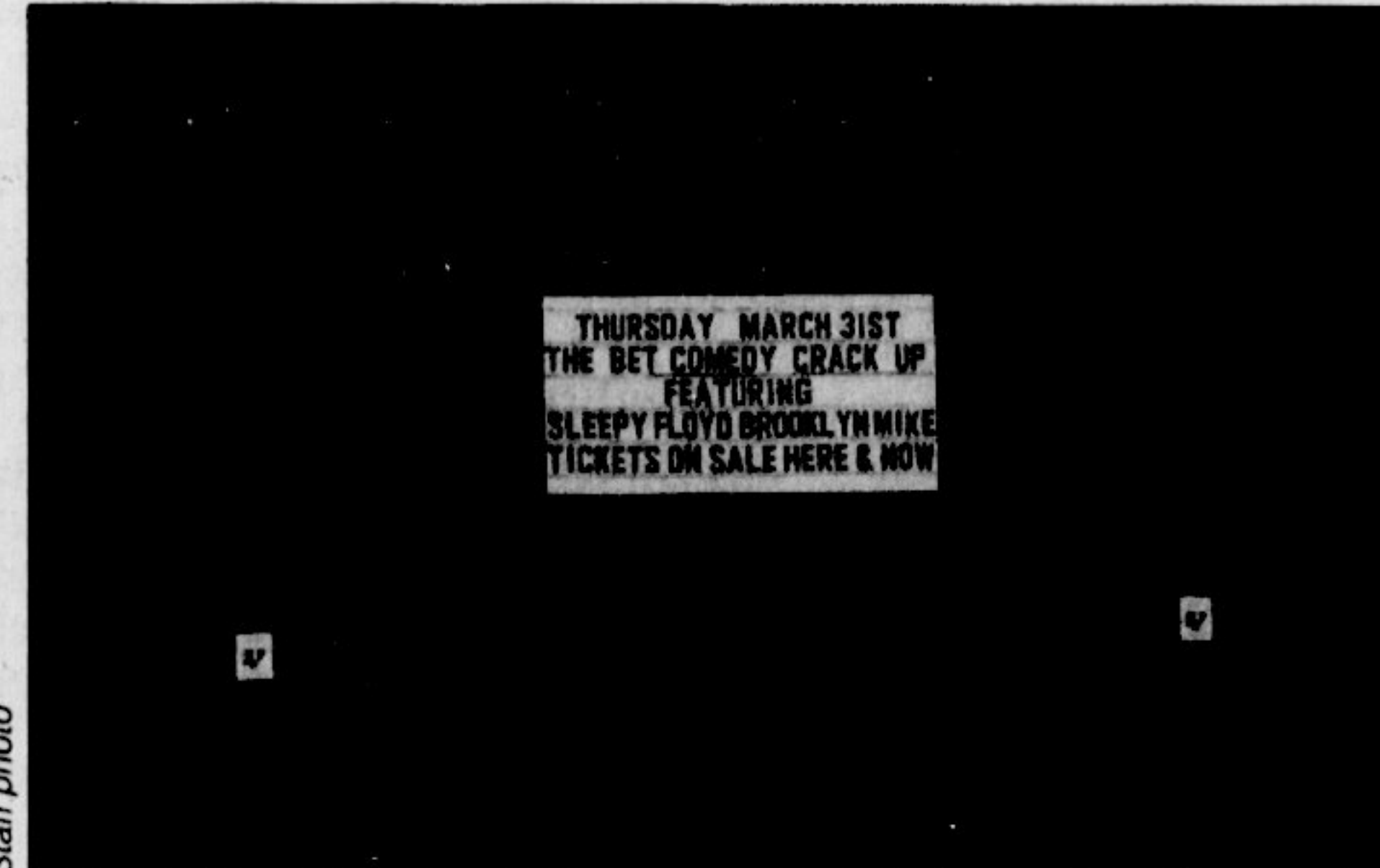
"In this class Tracy runs a combination of video tapes made by other organizations, since this is a community channel, not solely an ECU channel, it's more like informational television," Weaver said.

If you're interested in obtaining an internship with Channel 23 then contact Elizabeth Michelle, the person who runs the communication internship program.

When working with this station you'll find that you may not be tuning your viewers into "Pimp My Ride" or "The Sopranos," rather you will be prepping for more educational segments like that of "Army News" and "La Nuestra."

These segments may not seem like the most exciting television ever shown, but one must remember it is the experience you are after and the chance to work with broadcast quality equipment, shooting segments and editing various shows. The shows on Channel 23 really do have something to offer. Sit down in your favorite chair and enjoy.

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Scores is hosting the BET Comedy Crackup, Thursday, March 31.

BET Comedy Crackup comes to Greenville

Sleepy Floyd and Brooklyn Mike are the featured comedians

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

The BET Comedy Crackup is coming to Greenville, Thursday, March 31 at Scores Sports Bar in downtown Greenville.

This is a great chance to catch funny comedians because it is rare to see a good comedy show in our area. The closest spot to see the best shows are usually in Raleigh, but Greenville finally gets its chance to make you laugh.

On Thursday, you will be able to catch two funny up-and-coming comedians who have appeared on Comic View and BET's Club Comic View tour. Comedians Sleepy Floyd

and Brooklyn Mike will be the featured comedians at Scores. BET is known for finding and featuring funny, talented comedians and these gentlemen are no different.

Scores is located on Fifth Street across from LaVista's and The Tavern. It is one of the more popular spots in town to shoot pool and watch the big game on their large projection screen. Rarely does Scores set up their bar to accommodate anything other than billiards and sports but this show will be a welcome exception (aside from the weekly open mic nights).

Advanced tickets are \$12 and \$15 at the door on the day of the show. Call 758-6227 for more ticket information.

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College of Human Ecology

Preparing students to serve people's needs

SARAH CAMPBELL
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While flipping through the ECU catalog you may notice there are various colleges at ECU that offer each student an opportunity to explore their career goals. Each of the colleges gives students a chance to earn bachelor and master's degrees, minors and graduate certificates. They are very diverse, but all hold a common thread of educational excellence.

"We will give to the rising generation the purest inheritance of the nation and better preparation than has ever been given to a preceding generation. This school is an expression of that determination, it was built by the people, for the people and may it ever remain with the people as a servant of the people," said Robert H. Wright, the first president of ECU in the 2004-2005 catalog of ECU.

The ECU College of Human Ecology was formed July 1, 2003 from the ECU School of Human and Environmental Sciences and the Carolyn Freeze Baynes School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies. This college was established "to bring together the disciplines that address the individual, the family and the community. Having these disciplines together enhances opportunities to collaborate in the academy, especially in

research and community engagement. It also provides an avenue for ECU to accomplish its mission of serving the citizens of eastern North Carolina and beyond," said Karla Hughes, dean and professor of the college of human ecology.

The college of human ecology consists of child development and family relations, criminal justice, interior design and merchandising, nutrition and hospitality, management and social work.

The college of human ecology has various accreditations from a wide variety of agencies including, American Dietetic Association, Council on Social Work Education, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Foundation for Interior Design Education Research, National Kitchen and Bath Association and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. These accreditations signify the excellent educational values of the programs offered by the college of human ecology.

This particular college is also known for several things. The department of nutrition and hospitality management has the only online master's degree in nutrition in North Carolina and the department of child development and family relations has the first Ph.D. program in medical family therapy in the country. Also, it has established the inter-

disciplinary tourism center.

"The opportunity to review everything we do and establish a process for continuous improvement has been one of the advantages of the reorganization that occurred when this college was established," Hughes said.

"We are also involved in the campus strategic planning process which provides another avenue for improvement. We have established a culture of excellence in the college of human ecology and therefore, continuous improvement is part of what we do."

As the college grows it is essential to have means of improvement to ensure a quality atmosphere for students.

Many students know the Rivers building primarily houses the college of human ecology, however Ragsdale and Austin also provide faculty offices. On 10th Street they also have a Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic. So why the need for the Rivers building expansion? Well, faculty needs office space and there was also a need for a large smart classroom.

The college of human ecology is a thriving part of the curriculum of ECU. The education it offers students will inevitably influence the lives of individuals, communities and families throughout North Carolina, the United States and the world by providing invaluable services.

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daily jobs but don't want to leave their pets alone can take them to day care just like a child. These caretakers get to spend their day playing with these pets.

One of the saddest events in our lives is when someone in our family passes away. You have to go to a funeral home to make arrangements for a reception and burial. Being a grave digger is a job that many overlook, but once again the demand is definitely there. Digging graves everyday is not a glamorous job, but the service they provide is invaluable to providing the closure families find in being able to visit the grave of their loved ones.

A stark contrast to a grave digger is a wedding planner. Your wedding day is one of the happiest events in your life. They can help pick a location, flower arrangements, music, attire and various other things.

Card writers have a special job. They have the pleasure of bringing joy to millions of people. Receiving a card, whether it be a get well or birthday card, can often turn a bad day into a brighter one.

The assortment of jobs out there is so vast it could take days to name them all. If there is a demand for a service, then somewhere, someone, someone is providing it. Some people take these jobs to make money, some because they are fun. Some jobs may be more glamorous than others, but every job plays a vital role to the people it serves.

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DANIELLE WIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Most students at ECU find the balance between work, school and paying bills a little tough at times. Driving to work or not being able to work around your class schedule are all common elements of an off-campus job. For these students there are on-campus solutions. Working on campus is one of the most convenient ways to stay close to campus and earn some cash. It is close, safe, flexible and beneficial, especially when you are living on campus. Students overlook the many job opportunities offered at ECU, whether it is work study, self help or administrative work.

Work study is a program offered through financial aid services where the Federal Work Study funds are provided to ECU each year and 75 percent of your earnings are paid with federal funding.

Self help is a program that allows you to get paid through

ECU. There may be more work study positions offered, it will be best to check with financial aid services if you haven't applied for work study on your financial aid application.

Job fairs are offered at the beginning of each school year, where you can look at the many positions offered throughout campus and get a chance to collect a few applications. Be sure to bring a résumé though. Job openings are usually posted around campus. Resources such as the eRecruiting system at the Student Professional Development Web site is helpful when finding a job on campus. Most part-time working students hold positions such as office assistant, where they will be required to have word processing skills, answer phones, operate office equipment and perform tasks such as filing, copying and faxing. Being a computer lab assistant, students are required to have computer software skills and a little background experience with handling printers and other lab equipment. Of course there

are other jobs such as working with the Student Recreational services, Campus Living and student publications like *The East Carolinian*, *Expressions*, *Rebel* and ECU's radio station, 91.3 WZMB.

"I like interacting with the student population and I enjoy working on campus," said Amanda Fleming, graduate student.

"I like working here because I get to meet new people and help out whenever students have questions," said Justin Jones, sophomore undecided, West End NSO.

Most campus jobs start at minimum wage and others depend on the level of experience.

"Working on campus is beneficial to me because you don't have to drive, it's very laid back and I am allowed to do homework," Jones said.

On-campus jobs are usually flexible and understandable when you need time off, but many require working on some weekends. If you want a self-help

position, remember to search early and always make a good first impression. Many students are looking for the same position you are applying for, it is important to stand out and show that you will be the best person for that job.

"Working here is very flexible because they work around your schedule," Jones said.

If you are ready to get away from the usual part-time job and try something new, apply for an on-campus job.

"I highly recommend working on campus," Fleming said.

"I would suggest people try to apply on campus, there is no point in not trying," Jones said.

People who will work with your schedule, a variety of learning opportunities, great new people to meet on campus and building strong relationships with co-workers are some of the many reasons to utilize what is right under your nose.

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"I worked at Pacific Sunwear for a summer and the best thing about working in that environment is becoming friends with everyone and being in such a fun atmosphere," said Julia Johnson, psychology major.

Being a lifeguard gives you the best of both worlds, being able to enjoy the summer sun and getting paid at the same time. Rissa Finan explains why she enjoys being a lifeguard during the summer: "Being a lifeguard is fun because you get to spend your time outdoors in the sun interacting with people and the hours aren't too bad since most pools close early in the afternoon."

As diverse as ECU is, so is the variety of summer jobs that students undertake to enjoy financial freedom.

"I'll probably make around \$10 an hour working with a landscaping company this summer, so hopefully I can save up enough money to pay off all the parking tickets I'm going to get next year," said Kenny Walters, physical therapy major.

"The past few summers I've worked putting together computer parts, so I'll probably do that again this summer," said Zak Shelton, exercise physiology major.

Other students around campus listed numerous jobs they will do this summer, including giving guitar lessons, filing papers, working at an auto shop and even the most traditional summer job of mowing lawns.

For those students attending summer school, a job with campus living would be ideal. The hiring rate salary for students employed by Campus Living is a respectable \$7 an hour. You must have a 2.25 GPA and a clear judicial record. For more information look and apply online at ecu.edu/campusliving.

As the college life dwindles nearer to its omega for some students, many consider options that bolster their career opportunities. Internships and experience in your field are appealing. Elementary education major Angela Oakley, like many others, needs to do an internship for her major.

"This summer I plan on being a teacher's assistant for a year round school as part of my major," said Oakley.

Let us not forget that for some students the summer job will actually be the long-awaited transition into the "real world." Graduates look to cash in on an esteemed degree from ECU, and earn some serious greenbacks.

So whether you're looking to start a career or just retain the common summer post, it is all about earning a paycheck. So as the school year draws nearer and nearer to its conclusion, students can look forward to days without the woes of school and being productive citizens in the labor force. Just remember to save up for the incessant spending that will undoubtedly occur once school is in session again in the fall.

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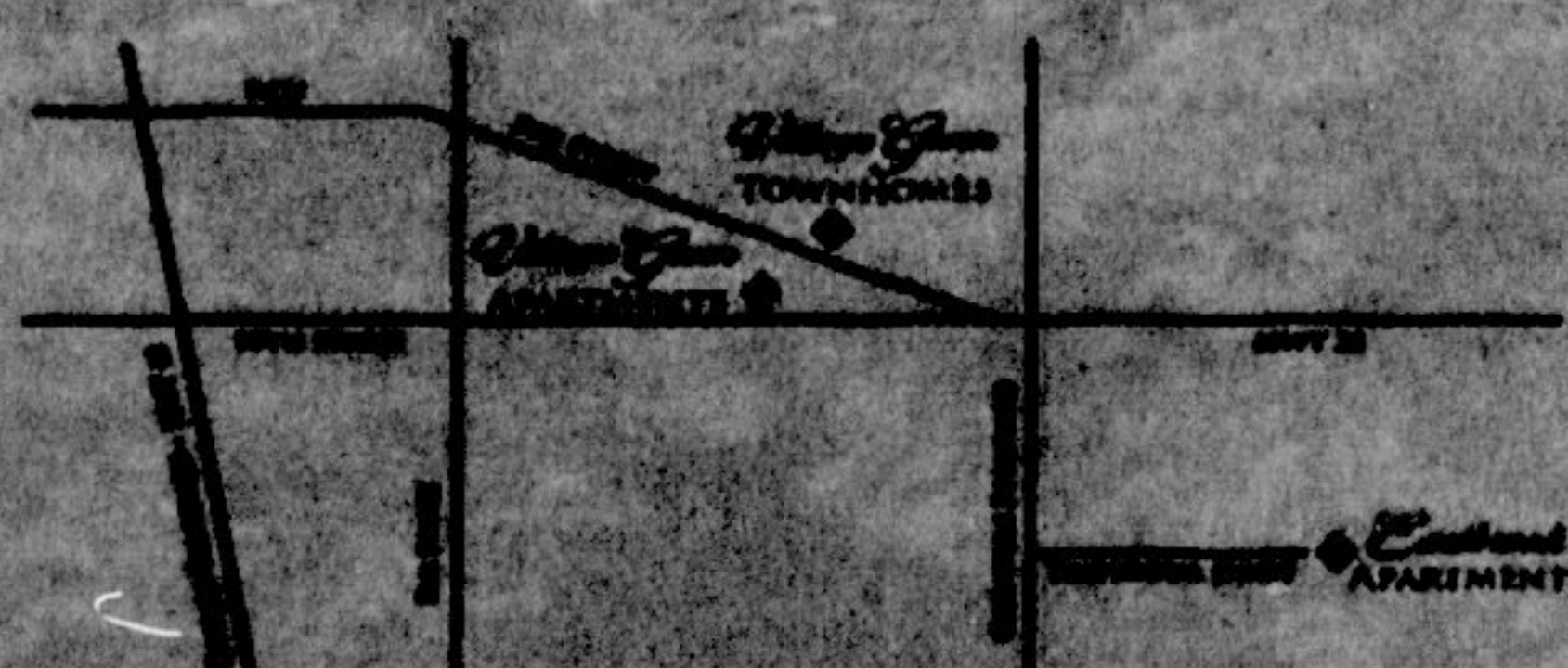
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A Final Four The Ages

Games leading to title should be classics

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North Carolina, Illinois, Louisville, Michigan State. Roy Williams, Bruce Weber, Rick Pitino, Tom Izzo. It doesn't get much better than this.

At the beginning of the season, everyone in the country with any basketball knowledge knew that North Carolina and Illinois were the teams to beat. Five months later, nothing has changed. The Tarheels and Illini have both survived scares throughout the NCAA tournament but managed to pull through and advance, which is what this time of year is all about. Great teams find ways to win and Williams/Weber coached teams that have done so, night in and night out.

As great as they have done this year however, it's the other two coaches who have a chance to make this one of the best Final Fours in the history of the tournament.

Rick Pitino and Tom Izzo have grown accustomed to playing in big time games as this will be the third team Pitino has taken to the Final Four and Izzo's fourth appearance in eight tries, including a stretch of three straight in the Mateen Cleaves era. The last time the Big Ten had two teams reach the Final Four was back in 2000 when Wisconsin and Michigan State both played their way through the competition. Izzo is hoping history will repeat

itself - his Spartans took scissors to the nylon that season.

But who will be cutting the nets down in 2005? Let's break it down.

North Carolina: By far the most impressive team in the opening two rounds of the tournament. With 20 plus point margin of victories against Oakland and Iowa State, the Tarheels looked as if they would march right into St. Louis unscathed. However, it is March and we all know what March brings: Madness.

North Carolina escaped a pesky Villanova squad and put up one of their worst offensive outputs of the year. In the regional final, the Tarheels used big numbers from Sean May and Rashad McCants to get the job done and advance to the Final Four. The Tarheels trailed early in the second half before seizing control and withstanding a final push from the Badgers. Raymond Felton made six key free throws down the stretch to ensure Carolina's place in St. Louis.

The Tarheels are athletic, quick, explosive and offensive machines.

This is the most talented baby blue squad since the likes of Vince Carter and Rasheed Wallace dawned the campus of UNC. They can beat you outside with McCants, Felton, Marvin Williams, Jawad Williams and Melvin Scott, as well as destroy you on the inside with some of the same names and the big man May, who averages a double-double every time out. Maybe the

biggest downfall of the Tarheels is their inconsistent play on the defensive end. UNC allows too many three-point attempts and get caught overplaying many times, which was exposed in the Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight. North Carolina, you have to defend to win the title.

Illinois: A will to win. Down 15 with four minutes to go, Bruce Weber told his team that they had come too far just to pack it in and end the season. They trained too hard to let someone rob them of their ultimate goal.

The Illini played at a frantic pace for the Final Four minutes, and won the contest in overtime. It was easily one of the best comebacks in college basketball history.

How did they do it? Deron Williams, Dee Brown and Luther Head. Wow, wow and wow. Three outstanding guards, who can all shoot, play the point and defend like maniacs. Don't forget James Augustine on the inside either, who was a key factor in Illinois' near undefeated regular season run. This team rebounds, defends, shoots well, penetrates and may even have destiny on their side since the recent passing of Weber's mother. Destiny can only take a team so far though.

Louisville: Pressure. Rick Pitino has been experimenting with the 2-3 zone as of late and found success in the Conference USA tourney and early on in the NCAAs.

However, you might not see the Cardinals play zone ever

again, at least for the rest of this season. In their regional final against West Virginia, Louisville attended the Mountaineers shooting clinic, watching the giant slayers gun it up from outside and hit their target a jaw-dropping 18 of 27 times. Louisville found themselves in a 20-point hole before Pitino decided to let his team loosen up and pick up the full court pressure. Twenty points and one overtime later, Louisville found themselves heading to St. Louis.

This team is scary. Their potential from the outside is out of this world. And having Francisco Garcia as your leader does not hurt either.

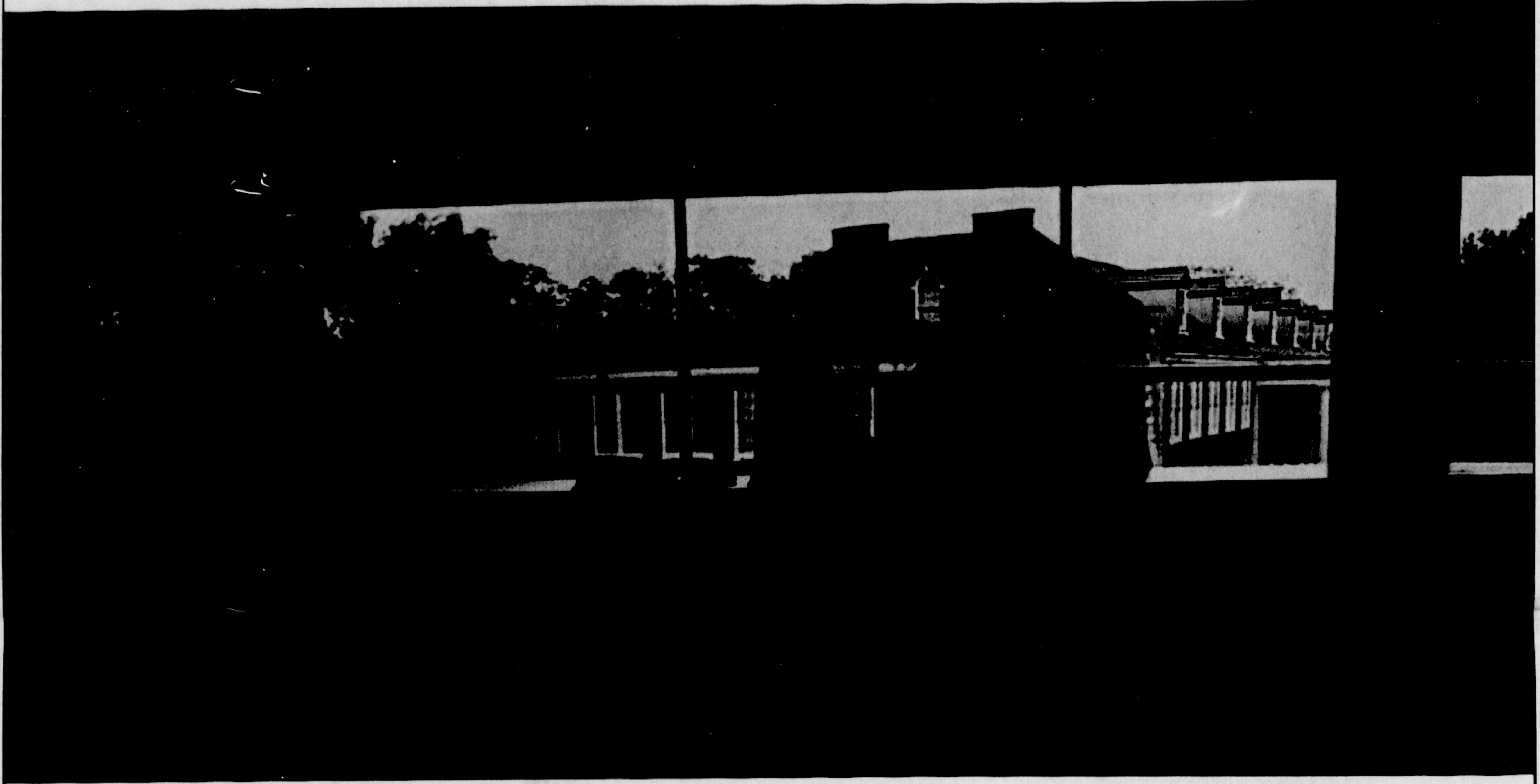
Louisville's weakness may be their inside game, though. Otis George and Ellis Myles have to show up against the Illini if Louisville wants another chance at a title.

Michigan State: A team expected to do little in the NCAA tourney after their loss in the Big Ten Tournament to Iowa. However, Head Coach Tom Izzo said that he never felt so sure about a team in his entire life like he did about this one. He, along with ESPN.com Tourney Challenge leaders, were the only ones giving the Spartans a chance to advance deep into postseason play.

MSU is here and they certainly didn't advance quietly. Many picked the 12/5 upset to occur when the Spartans took on Old Dominion in the first round. Michigan State took care of busi-

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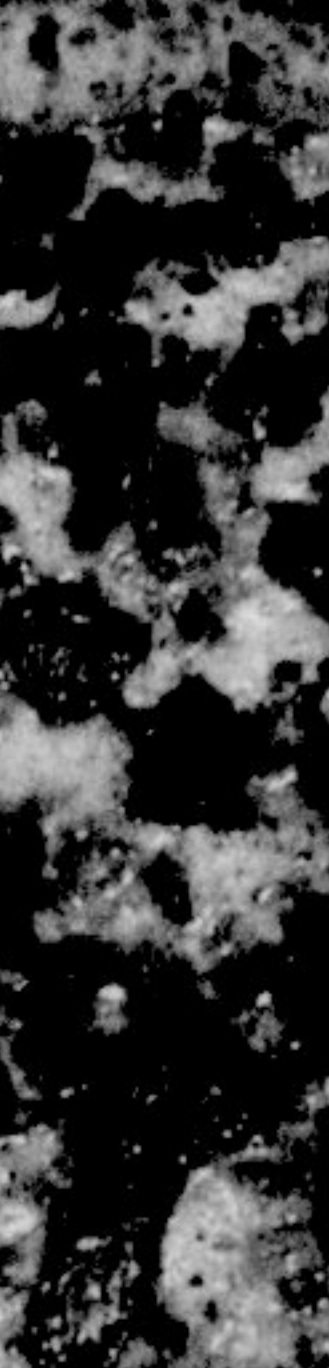


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Browns' Town: Illinois, MSU players from Maywood meet once again

(KRT) — Nobody ever got shot in the gym. So during summer months when adolescent boys had been known to find trouble on the streets of suburban Maywood, Sgt. Chris Brown pulled some strings to get the keys to the Proviso East High School gym and turn it into a playroom for his son, Shannon, and friends such as Dee Brown.

Talent galore filled it regularly. The roster also included Charles Richardson Jr., a reserve at Nebraska who was the point guard when the two Browns played at Proviso East. Former Manley standout Luther Head, suddenly an Illini legend, occasionally showed up. As did ex-Chicago high school stars Will Bynum, a standout at Georgia Tech, and Tony Allen, a current member of the Boston Celtics, among others.

"We used to joke with Mr. Brown that we could sell out the gym in about five minutes if we put all these names on a list and told people all of us were going to be playing basketball against each other at night," Richardson said on the phone Monday from Lincoln, Neb.


"But those games kept us off the streets."

Hour after hour, night after night, Sgt. Brown, a 22-year veteran of the Maywood Police Department, would sit alone inside the gym and monitor shooting that had nothing to do with bullets. He watched as tempers flared but never worried because all disputes were settled on the safe haven of the basketball court.

When Michigan State guard Shannon Brown and Illinois guard Dee Brown play under the same roof again Saturday inside the Edward Jones Dome at St. Louis in their respective NCAA Final Four games, Sgt. Brown will consider it a testament to a friendship forged during those summer nights and a victory for old-fashioned values.

"Shannon and Dee made a conscious effort to stay out of jail, not mess with drugs and shoot pool or go to the bowling alley to avoid things that some other kids were doing," Sgt. Brown said Monday at the police station.

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ness and beat the Monarchs comfortably. More doubters loomed in round two as the Spartans took on Cinderella Vermont. The Catamounts didn't hang around for long and Izzo's boys advanced with no problem.

So they made it to the Final Four. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that the Spartans beat those no names in the Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight, Duke and Kentucky.

I like this team a lot. Supremely athletic with a swagger that could have them celebrating come Monday night. Izzo has the experience as well as the team to become national champions once again. However, the Spartans can only go as far as center, Paul Davis, will allow. If Davis plays big, like he has the entire tourney thus far, watch out for this team.

Now let's match these teams up and play ball.

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Many a national champion-ship team has been led by outstanding guard play and these teams are certainly no different.

These two squads like to shoot and love to defend. I am going to take the defenses in this one though. I really like the way Louisville runs their full court pressure. It forces teams into a bad shot selection and a hurry up offense, which normally does not work in the long run. Expect the inside games to disappear in this one due to the Cardinal pressure. Illinois finally does not score enough to win, which is what I knew would be their problem from the beginning. Louisville is good, and yes, better than the boys from Champaign. The Cardinals and Pitino move to the final step, 83-77.

Louisville and Michigan State square off for the title and coach Rick Pitino will once again return to the top of college basketball, winning the national crown.

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"It was a sacrifice and wasn't easy, but they did it anyway, together."

Sunday morning, hours after Illinois had secured a spot in college basketball history and the NCAA Final Four with a 90-89 victory over Arizona, Dee Brown called his hometown buddy in Austin, Texas, where Michigan State was preparing to play Kentucky, and challenged him with an invitation. "See you in St. Louis," he said.

A couple of hours after Michigan State's double-overtime victory that guaranteed the high school reunion under the Arch, Shannon Brown returned the call. But not before sharing his mixture of joy and disbelief with his proud dad.

"Wow," Shannon Brown told his father, "this is crazy."

That was an understatement, Chris Brown thought to himself. Anxiety ran so high Sunday as the family gathered at the home of Betty Richardson, Shannon's grandmother, for Easter dinner to watch the game on television that Richardson had to leave the room during the overtime sessions.

"I couldn't watch," she said.

Her grandson could not miss. Shannon Brown led the way for the Spartans with 24 points, including 5-of-6 three-pointers, to earn Austin regional most-valuable-player honors. It clinched him a spot at the Final Four alongside the Big Ten Player of the Year, Dee Brown.

In Maywood, they reacted Monday by painting the town brown.

Proviso East athletic director Mike Caldwell pulled out old, navy blue jerseys and magazine covers. Former coaches such as Andrew Johnson, who taught both Browns how to drive a car, reminisced about the day the two met as teenagers at a basketball camp held by Michael Finley, the former Proviso East star who blossomed into an NBA star with the Dallas Mavericks.

A year older, Dee Brown became the first freshman to start on the Proviso East varsity. The point guard got noticed because of his quick feet, accord-

ing to Johnson, but made an even bigger impression with his fast-talking.

"I always told Dee that if basketball didn't work out, he could become a lawyer," said Johnson.

About the same time, Shannon Brown, at 6 feet 4 inches, a head taller than Dee, started drawing attention to himself, though with actions instead of words. As a freshman playing for the junior varsity, Shannon Brown shattered a glass backboard on a dunk during physical-education class.

As obvious as his physical gifts were, Brown still only became a starter as a sophomore after the guy playing in front of him was suspended for wearing his hair in braids, the style both Browns fashion now.

So ended Shannon Brown's days as a substitute, and Proviso East went on to win 76 of the 87 games he started. In the two years they played together, the two Browns operated on the wing while Richardson played the role of point guard and diplomat.

"It helped we were all such close friends," Richardson said. "There was only one ball."

They learned to share well enough for Dee Brown to win the Mr. Basketball of Illinois Award in 2002, an honor bestowed upon Shannon Brown a year later.

The two careers were so parallel that many expected Shannon to follow Dee to Champaign, but the presence of Head and Deron Williams made it too crowded for someone who wanted to start immediately.

"You think Shannon would have been playing now at Illinois?" his dad asked.

"Michigan State needed him more than Illinois did. But other than their choice of college, if Dee did something, Shannon did it, it was like a ladder."

"The chance for them now to do something on the same day, like win a Final Four game so they could play against each other in a national championship ... this week it's bigger than the Super Bowl here in Maywood."

Deep losses produce strong ties for Louisville

(KRT) — Francisco Garcia and Taquan Dean come from different countries and speak different languages. Yet it made perfect sense when they became roommates at Louisville. Personal heartbreak is their common bond.

Garcia, a 6-foot-7-inch forward who moved from the Dominican Republic at age 12, lost his younger brother, Hector, in December 2003. Hector Garcia was shot in the lobby of the family's South Bronx housing project. The case remains unsolved.

Dean, a 6-foot-3-inch guard from Red Bank, NJ, lost his mother at age six. He recalls leaving her alone to get something to eat, then returning 10 minutes later to find her lifeless on the floor.

Doctors discovered a blood clot in her head.

Today, the two Louisville juniors draw motivation from their past.

Garcia and Dean have national championship aspirations and both want to someday secure their families' financial futures via the NBA.

Illinois (36-1) is the next team standing in their way at the Final Four in St. Louis.

"For him not even knowing my past when we first met, I guess we saw something in ourselves when looking at each other," said Dean.

"We definitely came in with ambition and goals. We want to do everything in our power in order to accomplish that."

During the years, Garcia and Dean have found more common interests. Garcia lists *Friday* as his favorite movie. Dean's favorite? The sequel, *Friday After Next*. They both like late-night junk food. And like most roommates, they bicker over who rules the PlayStation and who does more push-ups.

It's clear each player is respectful of the other's background.

Garcia's mother, Miguellina, was already living in New York when he and Hector were growing up in the Dominican Republic. Garcia said his mother, who speaks only Spanish, wanted them to come to America and live a better life. In Hector's honor, Garcia writes "R.I.P." with black ink on his cherry-red sneakers.

Francisco Garcia was a third baseman in his home country but never really liked baseball that much.

"The sun was always in his eyes," said Garcia.

After arriving in New York, Garcia found playground courts near his housing project and fell in love with basketball.

Garcia's prep school encouraged students to try multiple sports. So, he strapped on a helmet and shoulder pads and gave football a shot.

"Went to one practice and that was enough," Garcia said.

Garcia stuck with basketball, and he averaged 16.4 points per game as a sophomore at Louisville.

Before this season, Garcia and coach Rick Pitino talked about the future. Garcia said he wanted to wait until April before deciding whether to jump into the NBA draft. But Pitino, who has NBA coaching experience, felt certain Garcia was ready. He announced in October that Garcia would be leaving Louisville in the spring and recruited another player to take his scholarship spot.

Garcia averaged a team-high 16 points per game this season while shooting 44.3 percent from the floor. Then the 23-year-old junior participated in Louisville's senior day activities.

Garcia, who wants to earn money for his mother, said there's no turning back now.

"The NBA says he's a little old," Pitino said, referring to scouts.

"If you want to turn around your pro franchise, why would you want a young guy? Don't you want somebody who has the maturity, who won't be spoiled by the professional amenities that they get?"

Dean has played with a heavy heart, as well. He went to live with his grandparents after his mother's death, but they both died within a year. He then lived with an uncle who died when Dean was nine.

While Dean was living with his aunt, his high school basketball career blossomed. He averaged 17.3 points per game as his high school team finished second in the New Jersey state championship.

Like Garcia, Dean has come too far to let minor problems keep him from achieving his goals. That's why Garcia and Dean make a good pair, either in the dorm or on the court.

"We have so much character, that's why we have been so good this year," Pitino said. "Character wins."

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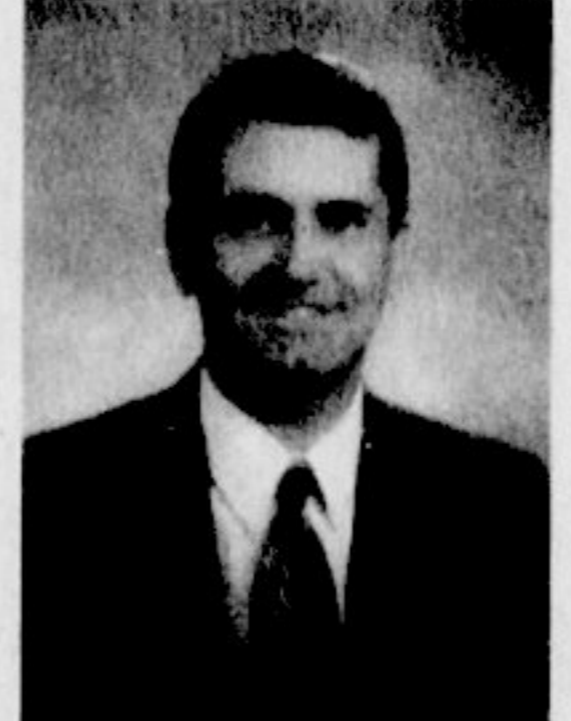


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TO BE A CONTESTANT
CALL FOR INFO



FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

MIXER NIGHT

EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS IS ENTERED TO WIN A DRAWING FOR

\$100 CASH & EMERALD CITY GIFT CERTIFICATES

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE PRIZES

\$1.00 BUD LIGHT & LADIES FREE

Open 7 Days

Nightly Drink Specials

Available for Private Parties

Ladies Always Free

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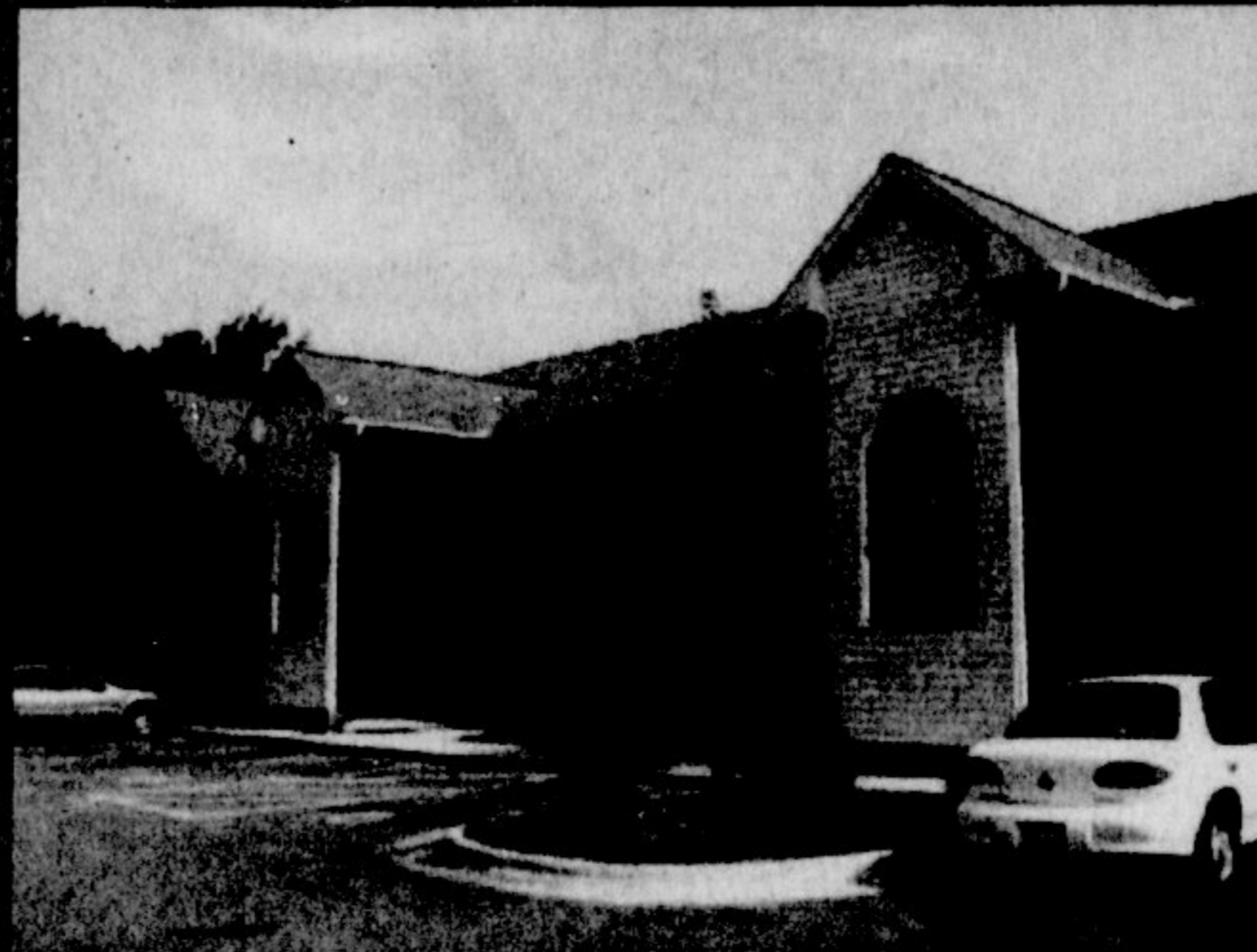
Located in the Rivergate Shopping Center behind Walgreens
Emerald City is a private club for members and invited guests only

AFFORDABILITY**CONVENIENCE****LOCATION****WYNDHAM COURT**

2 Bedroom And 1 Bath Apartment.
5 Blocks From ECU.
Energy Efficient.
Kitchen Appliances.
Washer & Dryer Hookups.
Central Air & Heat.
On ECU Bus Route.
Pets OK With Deposit.

**EASTGATE VILLAGE**

2 Bedroom And 1 Bath Apartment.
Fully Equipped Kitchens.
Washer & Dryer Hookups.
Central Air & Heat.
On ECU Bus Route.
24 Hour Emergency Maintenance.
Pets OK With Deposit.
Nightly security patrols.

**BRADFORD CREEK**

3 Bedroom And 2.5 Bath Duplexes.
Country Club Living Without The Price.
On Bradford Creek Golf Course.
Approximately 1,350 Sq.ft.
Covered Parking.
Fully Equipped Kitchens.
Washer & Dryer.
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**DOCKSIDE DUPLEXES**

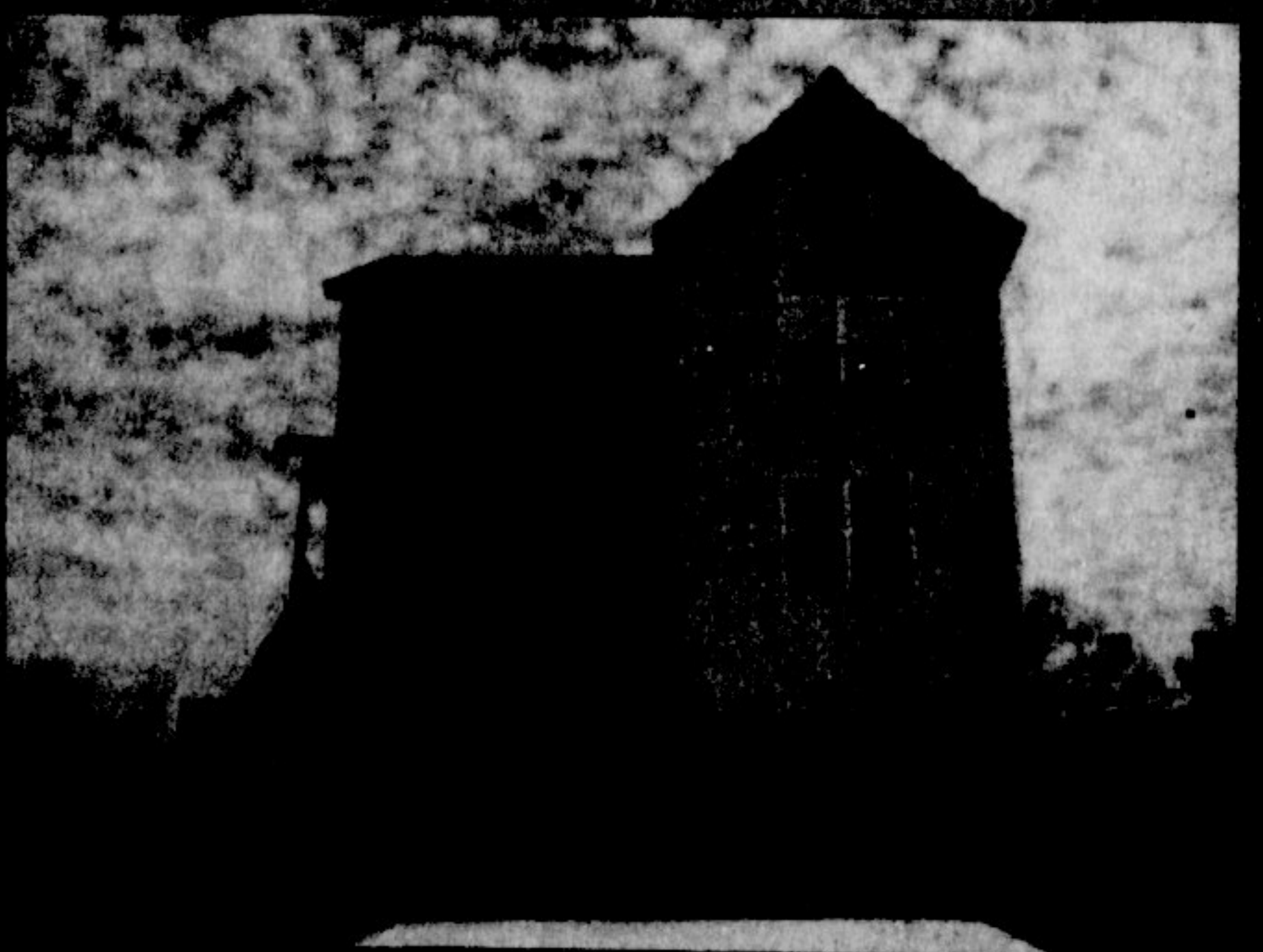
3 Bedroom And 2.5 Bath.
6 Blocks From ECU.
Approximately 1350 Sq.ft.
Covered Parking.
Fully Equipped Kitchens.
Washer & Dryer.
Pets OK With Deposit.

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