

Ballard installed as ECU chancellor



Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr. (far right) swears in Chancellor Steve Ballard at the installation ceremony Thursday morning. UNC President Molly Broad stood by Ballard as SGA President Shannon O'Donnell held the Bible.

More diverse university is one of many goals

KRISTIN DAY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Chancellor Steve Ballard was installed as the 10th chief executive officer of ECU Thursday morning.

After Ballard was sworn in by Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr. of the NC Supreme Court, he received the chancellor's medalion and the university mace, a

medieval weapon symbolizing the power of his position, then gave his thoughts on the university and his mission.

"We are ready for a new beginning," said Ballard.

"Our future is in front of us — our aspirations are strong and bold."

Ballard said ECU is nearing the goal to be among the best eight schools in the nation.

"ECU will not be deterred from its vision, we will be recognized ... and we will realize our

aspirations," Ballard said.

He also said as a university, ECU would remain focused on the surrounding community calling it a "national university with a state focus." He said the university's commitment to the state could be summed up in three words: relevance, responsiveness and respect.

Student success, quality of health education, access and diversity are some of the reasons Ballard has pride in ECU.

"Our standards are high, we

compare ourselves to national benchmarks [and] we're committed to continuous improvement. Because of the talent of our people and the talent of their work, we have become a national university," Ballard said.

Ballard said he hopes that in 2015 all the financial aid needs for students will be met. He also wants to surpass the NCAA academic requirements for student athletes, become the first nationally in minority graduates and live up to the school's com-

mitment to teacher training. He said ECU is a national leader in preparing teachers, especially in science and math.

Chuck Middleton, president of Roosevelt University who worked with Ballard at Bowling Green State University at Ohio in the 1990s, was the first to make a greeting speech to the chancellor.

"When I was asked a little over a year ago if I knew anyone who had the skill, the vision, the experience and the good sense to be a successful chancellor here at ECU, I instantly suggested that they talk to you, Steve," said Middleton.

"You will have many moments of success and some periods of frustration, but you will not be alone in these feelings. The success of the university as in all other cases of higher education will come precisely from the reasons that all of us who serve as presidents or chancellors know guide us daily."

Craig Souza, vice chair of the Board of Governors, praised the ECU Board of Trustees for recommending Ballard to UNC President Molly Broad.

"I can't remember a time when ECU needed a bright, energetic, courageous leader," said Souza.

"Tomorrow does indeed start here."

Jim Talton, chair of the Board of Trustees, thanked Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, for choosing Ballard, calling him an individual with a "firm and clear vision of where the university should be

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Board of Trustee members discuss current issues Friday.

Board of Trustees discuss budget concerns

Officials work to help difficult situations

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

ECU's Board of Trustees met in their third meeting Friday and discussed various present and potential budget difficulties and what ECU needs to do to overcome these challenges to preserve its strengths.

Kevin Seitz, vice chancellor of finance, provided a look at ECU's financial situation. Seitz said the state legislature is preparing the budget. While the Board of Governors of North Carolina did not allow tuition increases for in-state undergraduate students, they did pass a tuition increase for out-of-state undergraduate students and an increase for graduate and professional students. All of the student fees increases ECU proposed were approved. Seitz attributed part of this to Shannon O'Donnell, ex officio of the Board of Trustees and SGA president who made a presentation at the Board of Governor's meeting.

Seitz said the Banner project, still undergoing planning by a steering committee and was originally scheduled for completion by July 2005 may be pushed back until January 2006.

Michael Lewis, vice chancellor of Health Sciences at the Brody School of Medicine, said there is a potential of a corporate state budget cut, which he said would have a severe negative effect on ECU.

"ECU at large gets increased funding for enrollment, the Brody School of Medicine gets no increased funds for enrollment," said Lewis.

The Brody School of Medicine, due to the demographics of its location, is subject to several factors that strain its finances.

Lewis showed a map of the United States indicating the amount of premortality rates within the nation, which indicated that eastern North Carolina was one of the highest.

"If eastern North Carolina were a state it would actually rank 50th in the nation," Lewis said.

Lewis said there is a large amount of poverty in eastern North Carolina. This creates a large percentage of people in the region who do not have health coverage who still receive treatment at the Brody School of Medicine. This makes there no guarantee the medical school would be reimbursed for its treatment to those people.

"Someone has to take care of these patients," Lewis said.

Lewis said the faculty at the Brody School of Medicine works very hard and generated a charge of \$186 million last year, but when various retractions are factored in from Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies, there is a net-based revenue of \$76.8 million.

"We are making a tremendous impact on the deficit that we presented to you last year," said Cynda Johnson, dean of the Brody School of Medicine.

Johnson said there has been record charges in February and indications March will be just as good.

While the Brody School of Medicine had a \$6.5 million budget deficit at the beginning of the fiscal year and Johnson said they will be able to get the deficit down to \$3 million.

Education leaders discuss future of public universities



Former Governor James Hunt (far right) looks on as James L. Oblinger, chancellor of NC State University, Charles Middleton, president of Roosevelt University and UNC System President Molly Broad, discuss the future of public universities.

Ballard, ECU challenged to improve eastern NC through service

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

Education leaders from throughout the state and country presented their views of public education and its future at the Chancellor's installation forum, entitled "The Future of the Public University: Serving Our Society."

The event featured Charles Middleton, president of Roosevelt University, James L. Oblinger, chancellor of NC State University and Molly Broad, president of the UNC System.

James Hunt, former Governor of North Carolina who served in the position for 16 years and has since then been active in working with public universities, moderated the event.

"We want to discuss the future of the public university serving our state," said Hunt.

"This school [ECU] was created by the people for the people and may and ever remain with the people as a servant of the people."

Hunt said Ballard demonstrated his commitment in his installation speech and is professionally accomplished in working on and leading service within universities.

"This man [Ballard] now has come in to take the reigns of leadership, he's called us to renew

the university's service and excellence and challenges all of us to be a part of it," Hunt said.

Hunt said Ballard has cast our eyes until 2015 to think about where we are going with service and leadership.

Broad said one of the most important characteristics of public universities in the United States is the linkage they create between the people and government.

"That, I think, is the foundation for service," said Broad.

Broad said the mission of the public university is changing continuously and evolving with our forever changing society and one of the ways public universities give back to the people is the way in which we deliver services to the people.

"I don't think we're talking about any revolution, but I do believe we are talking about an important evolution," Broad said.

Broad said the important parts of our mission will change with the explosion of technology and knowledge and it is the duty of the UNC System to be a major contributor to the transformation of North Carolina's economy. She cited the loss of the 200,000 jobs and the declining agriculture in North Carolina as important factors that put the responsibility of the UNC system to work to improve the state's economy.

Hunt agreed with Broad on the need for economic improvement within eastern North Carolina and challenged Ballard and the faculty in the various

schools within ECU, to make an impact on the economic development by addressing poverty that lies within numerous counties within the region.

"I would like to see a lot less poverty in eastern North Carolina," Hunt said.

"You've got a lot of resources here working on it already, but a lot more can be."

He said ECU needs to have on its heart the economic development of eastern North Carolina. He would like to see all of the schools of ECU out there making changes within the various impoverished counties in eastern North Carolina.

"Take five counties a year ... Don't wait until they call you," Hunt said.

Middleton agreed with the need for the public university to serve its community and region.

"Every university is not only in, but of the community it serves," said Middleton.

He said it is necessary for there to be an effective reward structure in place for the students, faculty and administration that would include a requirement in the curriculum for students to complete a service project.

Middleton said he does not think universities are unprepared, but they are not fully prepared when considering the year 2015, which is an ever-changing society. He said we could be perfect over the course of the

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ECU police officers stand on top of the Krispy Kreme on 10th Street Saturday to collect donations for the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Campus police work at Krispy Kreme for NC Special Olympics

Officers stand on top of roof, work for donations

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Officers with the ECU Police Department spent 12 hours Saturday working at Krispy Kreme and standing on the roof to collect donations for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the NC Special Olympics during the national event called "Cops on Doughnut Shops."

Pea Dee the Pirate and Crystal Knight from Eagle 94 also made appearances throughout the day.

Dee Dobson Harper, public relations coordinator for Krispy Kreme, said this is the first year the Greenville store has participated in "Cops on Doughnut Shops."

"Krispy Kreme nationwide is helping local law enforcement raise money for the Special Olympics," said Harper.

At these events, police officers work at the registers and collect donations, but it is their choice whether or not to stand on top of the building.

"We feel really great that the ECU Police Department is getting on the roof," Harper said.

Senior Officer Tim Dixon said he, the chief of police and a few more officers were on the roof for a few hours in the morning, even though it was raining.

Howard Anderson, assistant manager at Krispy Kreme, said the weather was really bad when the police were up there.

Barrett Jarvis, junior English major and employee of the year at Krispy Kreme, said the people who were donating to the officer standing outside by the drive thru were giving their change up to \$10. He said the donations were higher than he expected.

"They're all regular customers and they're donating \$3, \$5 [or] \$10 bills," said Jarvis.

"It's definitely a good cause and people are responding to it."

Anderson said the donations inside the store were not as large possibly because the parents were too busy keeping an eye out for their kids at the dipping station.

"Inside has been geared more toward the kids," said Anderson.

However, Anderson said the police sold more baseball caps than he expected.

Employees still did a fair amount of work around the shop. Jarvis said he had worked that morning at the drive thru because he thinks the sudden bursts of crowds can be intimidating for someone who has never worked there before. Harper said employees are accustomed to this sort of thing because they have worked with police departments before.

"They like having the policemen there," Harper said.

Around noon, once the morning crowd had dispersed, Dixon said the morning had gone relatively successful and they had sold a decent number of raffle tickets. The raffle tickets are there

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Announcements

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held every Wednesday at noon in 242 Mendenhall Student Center and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 14 MSC. For more information, call 760-500-8918.

HOSA Meeting

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

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 Bate. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at the event.

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.

Someone's Sister

Someone's Sister, the acoustic guitar group that played during the intermission of the *Vagina Monologues*, has a number of 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.

Symposium

Undergraduate studies is holding the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium Friday, April 8 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in MSC on the second floor. The symposium will present original research in Fine Arts, Humanities and Cultural Issues, Biological and Public Health Sciences, Social Sciences and Allied Health and Chemistry and Industrial Technology.

Public Lecture

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, department of History, department of Political Science, the African Studies Committee and the office of the vice chancellor of academic affairs are sponsoring a lecture entitled "Rwanda: Before and After the 1994 Genocide" April 8 at 2 p.m. in 209 Science and Technology Building.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Saturday, April 9 at the Willis Building at First and Reade Streets. Potluck supper is at 6 p.m., a concert at 7 p.m., beginners lesson at 7:30 p.m. and the contra dance is 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old-time and Celtic music will be performed by a string band. The cost of admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call 752-7350.

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News Briefs

Local

Archaeologists dispute claim that undersea wreck is Blackbeard's ship
GREENVILLE, NC - Three archaeologists are disputing the state's claim that an undersea wreck found near Beaufort is the flagship of the pirate Blackbeard.

In the first major challenge to the claim, two ECU professors and the state of Michigan's underwater archaeologist said there is no conclusive evidence to justify identifying the wreckage as the Queen Anne's Revenge. They said state officials and researchers have studied the wreck with preconceived notions of its identity and that pressure to capitalize on the Blackbeard connection caused alternative theories to be overlooked.

"It's an exciting shipwreck and an important shipwreck," said Wayne R. Lusardi, the Michigan researcher who previously worked on the Blackbeard project. "It just may not be the one everyone hopes it is."

Lusardi and ECU faculty members Bradley Rogers and Nathan Richards have disputed state claims in an article in the April edition of *The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology*. Both sides say the article in the British publication is the first to dispute the identity of the wreckage, which was discovered in 1996.

Mark Wilde-Ramsing, manager of the state's Queen Anne's Revenge project, and Richard W. Lawrence, director of the state's underwater archaeology branch, said circumstantial evidence continues to accumulate that the wreckage is the Queen Anne's Revenge.

They said the three authors had based some conclusions on early research and misinterpreted some reports, though he acknowledged that the evidence is not conclusive.

Violent gang with connections to El Salvador infiltrates NC

RALEIGH, NC - A dangerous gang that the FBI has labeled as a top priority has shown up in the Triangle area, where authorities already have

made arrests.

Mara Salvatrucha, better known as MS-13, is what *Newsweek* magazine described as "The Most Dangerous Gang in America." The FBI formed a task force to target MS-13 and dismantling the gang has become a top priority.

Three dozen confirmed MS-13 members have been arrested in North Carolina and will be deported. Almost all of the confirmed gang members were arrested in the Triangle area, said Tom O'Connell, resident agent-in-charge of the Cary office of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Raleigh police linked the gang to Jan. 9 shooting deaths of two men in downtown Raleigh. Two of the four men arrested and charged with murder for the shooting are members of MS-13.

"We have made contact with MS-13 gang members," said Lt. A.C. Davis, who supervises the Raleigh Police Department's six-member gang unit.

Chanda Brown Mwicigi, 26, was killed at the Palm Park Apartments in Durham on Aug. 29, according to Durham County Assistant District Attorney Kendra Montgomery-Blinn. The woman's assailant then dragged her body onto the sidewalk in front of the complex and continued to stab her, cutting her a total of 41 times. The symbol "MS" was carved into her thigh before he stomped on her head, Montgomery-Blinn said.

National

Michael Jackson tells fans 'God and truth are on our side'

SANTAMARIA, Calif. - Michael Jackson got a friendly boost before what could be another rough week in court. Jackson, in a speakerphone call from his Neverland Ranch late Sunday, told an estimated 200 supporters who had gathered at a hotel in support of the singer, "God and the truth are on our side. We will be victorious." On Monday, a vigil and pro-Jackson march was set to begin hours before

Jackson's child molestation trial resumes. Dozens of fans planned to carry flags of the nations they represent - including Japan, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Italy and France. Jackson said if he could, he would have been with them at Santa Maria's Radisson Hotel, where fans took over a ballroom for Sunday's gathering. It featured Jackson impersonators, singers and a friend of Jackson's who calls himself "Majestic Magnificent."

"You understand I can't be there today," Jackson said. "I wish I could... I know you've traveled from around the world and I'm glad you came." Jackson, whose comments were limited because he is under a court gag order, told the group, "I truly believe I have the most wonderful fans in the world."

All the fanfare, however, was not expected beyond courtroom doors Monday. Prosecutors planned to start introducing evidence in the case to show a pattern of alleged improper sexual behavior by the singer. Prosecutors have said that Jackson's behavior with boys in the past adds credibility to accusations of a 15-year-old cancer survivor who alleged the pop star molested him two years ago.

ChevronTexaco buying rival Unocal for billions in cash and stock

NEW YORK - ChevronTexaco Corp., the nation's second biggest oil concern, is buying rival Unocal Corp., the ninth biggest U.S. oil and gas exploration and production company, for about \$16.4 billion in cash and stock. Under the deal announced Monday, ChevronTexaco would also assume \$1.6 billion of debt in the deal.

Unocal has been evaluating a possible sale and reportedly had also drawn interest from the Italian oil company Eni SpA and China National Offshore Oil Corp., a large Chinese state-owned company. The deal would be the largest takeover in the oil sector in years and comes as crude oil futures prices have been hitting record levels albeit they are still lower than the peaks reached in the 1980s in inflation-adjusted terms.

With energy companies struggling to boost their reserves, Unocal, based in El Segundo, Calif., has represented an attractive takeover target. Many of its assets are in Southeast Asia and they could help meet growing demand from China and India. ChevronTexaco will issue about 210 million shares and pay about \$4.4 billion in cash in the acquisition, which provides an overall value of about \$62 per share based on the closing price of ChevronTexaco stock on Friday.

Unocal shareholders may elect to receive either 1.03 shares of ChevronTexaco stock or \$65 in cash for each Unocal share. Unocal currently has about 270.6 million shares outstanding.

International

Prince Charles' wedding moved to Saturday due to pope's funeral

LONDON - Prince Charles will delay his wedding by a day and attend the funeral of Pope John Paul II on Friday, his office announced Monday. The heir to the British throne was to have wed Camilla Parker Bowles on Friday, but instead of getting married in a civil ceremony that day, he will represent Queen Elizabeth II at the funeral at the Vatican.

Prince Charles and Parker Bowles made the decision to move the wedding to Saturday after he cut short his Swiss skiing holiday Monday, a spokesman for his Clarence House office said.

Charles returned to attend a Monday afternoon memorial service for the pope at London's Westminster Cathedral, which Parker Bowles also planned to attend, the spokesman said. She will not be going to the pope's funeral, the spokesman added.

Charles and Parker Bowles plan to marry in a civil ceremony in the town hall at Windsor, west of London. Meanwhile, a replica of Parker Bowles' diamond engagement ring went on sale at a British supermarket Monday - and immediately became the chain's fastest selling jewelry item.

Asda is offering copies of the royal ring in sterling silver and emerald-cut cubic zirconia that retail for \$34 and as of Monday morning, 30 percent of the 2,500 replicas had been sold, said Asda spokesman Ed Watson. Parker Bowles' ring formerly belonged to the late Queen Mother Elizabeth and is made of platinum with a square central diamond with three diamond baguettes - rectangular diamonds - on either side.

U.S. military says insurgents wounded in Abu Ghraib attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq - About 50 insurgents were wounded and at least one was killed during last week's attack on Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Monday. It refused to say whether any militants were taken into custody.

On Sunday, lawmakers elected Sunni Arab Hajim al-Hassani, Iraq's industry minister, as their parliament speaker, cutting through ethnic and sectarian barriers that have held up selection of a new government for more than two months since the country's first free elections in 50 years.

"It's time for the patient Iraqi people to be treated with the dignity that God has given them," al-Hassani said, accepting his new post.

Sunni Arabs are believed to make up the backbone of the Iraqi insurgency and the selection of al-Hassani was seen as a gesture toward the community that was dominant under ousted dictator Saddam Hussein. But some critics said al-Hassani has limited clout in the Sunni community.

Sunni Arabs, who largely boycotted the Jan. 30 elections or stayed home for fear of being attacked at the polls, only have 17 members in the 275-member National Assembly.

On Monday, a suicide bomber driving a tractor blew himself up in Abu Ghraib, but it wasn't clear if the attack was targeting the prison. Iraqi police official 1st Lt. Akram al-Zubayee said the blast west of Baghdad was near the prison's gate, killing the attacker and injuring four civilians.

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Ballard holds the university mace after being sworn in.

going." Jeff Passe with the UNC Faculty Assembly said faculty from all UNC campuses have expressed "interest and delight" in Ballard and they are pleased to be able to work with him.

Catherine Rigsby, chair of ECU faculty, said the university needs a great leader, which she thinks they now have.

"In the 10 months I've worked with him I can confidently say that Dr. Steve Ballard is the right person with the right skills at the right time to charter ECU's course toward promise," said Rigsby.

Shannon O'Donnel, SGA president, remarked on the student body's dedication to the university.

"Our student body is 22,767 students strong coming from all counties of North Carolina, 47 states outside North Carolina and 60 countries other than the United States," said O'Donnel.

"Though we students are diverse in backgrounds, beliefs and hometowns, we have one common thread. We all chose ECU as our home."

Franklin Freeman from the office of the governor praised ECU and Ballard on behalf of Gov. Mike Easley and all the North Carolinians he represents.

"It's the fastest growing university in the state and is constantly raising the bar," said Freeman.

"On behalf of the governor ... we welcome you and look forward to your results."

Former Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. also congratulated Ballard saying he was chosen well, yet reminded him of the work ahead.

"There is a lot of work left to be done, Mr. Chancellor," said Hunt.

"We are proud that you have come, we expect great things for you and we will help you and be behind you every step of the way."

Mayor of Greenville Don Parrot, who also graduated from ECU, said the growth of ECU has been amazing and he looks forward to working with Ballard.

"The city of Greenville and the university are not just joined at the hip, but they are also joined at the heart," said Parrott.

Broad gave support to Ballard in wishing him great success. She also gave a message to the community:

"Chancellor Ballard needs your support for the long haul, because this compact is one that links ECU to the men and women, across the centuries, who have loved learning, who have created and nourished it, who have applied it wisely and humanely and who have defended it well."

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to raffle off a jet ski, a scooter and many more prizes from local retailers June 25.

"We're trying to sell as many raffle tickets as we can," said Dixon.

"If we sell all the raffle tickets we have, we'll sell \$20,000 worth."

Manager Glenn Parrish said he had been there since 4 a.m. and the morning was very busy. By noon they had 1,012 customers, some who came solely to make donations. He said he thinks the crowd would have been bigger if the weather had been better.

"I think we would have had

a better turn out this morning [if it hadn't rained] and we're looking for things to pick up this afternoon," said Parrish.

Dixon said the afternoon was a little busier. By the end of the day they raised \$780 before knowing how much Krispy Kreme would donate. The business is giving \$1 for every dozen doughnuts sold Saturday to the charity. Dixon said this would probably bring their total to approximately \$800.

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Steve Ballard, chancellor of ECU, said he has concerns for the budget difficulties within North Carolina.

"No concern makes more of an impact on my life," said Ballard. "The possibility of not having the resources that we need to fuel the region that we have here at ECU."

Ballard said he would like to get to the point where as a state we could get to a three year budget process which would make the whole process more coordinated.

A budget concern Ballard brought up was the renewed proposal of the state to take the FNA money generated from federal dollars because of the research we're bringing in.

Ballard said he is concerned about the possible 4 percent reduction, the 161 percent malpractice insurance cost over the last two years, salaries for average assistant professors rising and increasing utility costs, which have risen by 41 percent in three years increasing our bill by more than \$4 million per year.

ECU continues to lead the state in Distance Education and is looking at ways to further improve the online form of learning.

Clayton Sessoms, director of continuing studies, said distance education is a direct response of the needs of the region and state and there are currently more than 4,600 students enrolled in

DE funded courses.

ECU offers programs, not just courses online. ECU offers a total of 39 degree programs through distance education and 14 graduate and post masters programs. The programs are taught by the same professors who teach the typical classroom courses and have shown to be just as effective in educating students in every aspect measured.

The students currently enrolled in DE are an average age of 36 and commonly have families and children making them rely on DE to complete their degrees.

"For many of the DE students ... DE may be the only option they have to return to school," said Sessoms.

"Busy work lives, time, distance [and] heavy family commitments all play a part in the large numbers of new students enrolling in online courses."

ECU is continuously learning how to better serve DE students and further improve the program as a whole so it can best serve the people's needs. An instant messaging system with DE courses is currently being looked into.

In the spring of 2001 ECU had a total of approximately 1,000 DE students compared to the 3,500 DE students at the beginning of the spring 2005 semester.

James Smith, provost, said DE

will allow ECU to expand on economic development in the region and better serve the state.

Chancellor Ballard agreed. "[DE] provides access and affordability, especially to the citizens of eastern North Carolina who we believe could not come and be full time residents here," Ballard said.

ECU's awards are up by 12 percent, there are increased trading opportunities and graduate enrollment figures are up 33 percent.

Ballard said it is alive and well and ECU is one of the best examples of shared governance across the system. He said with the recent search processes for the two vice chancellors and assistant to the chancellors were open, transparent and were shared governance affected.

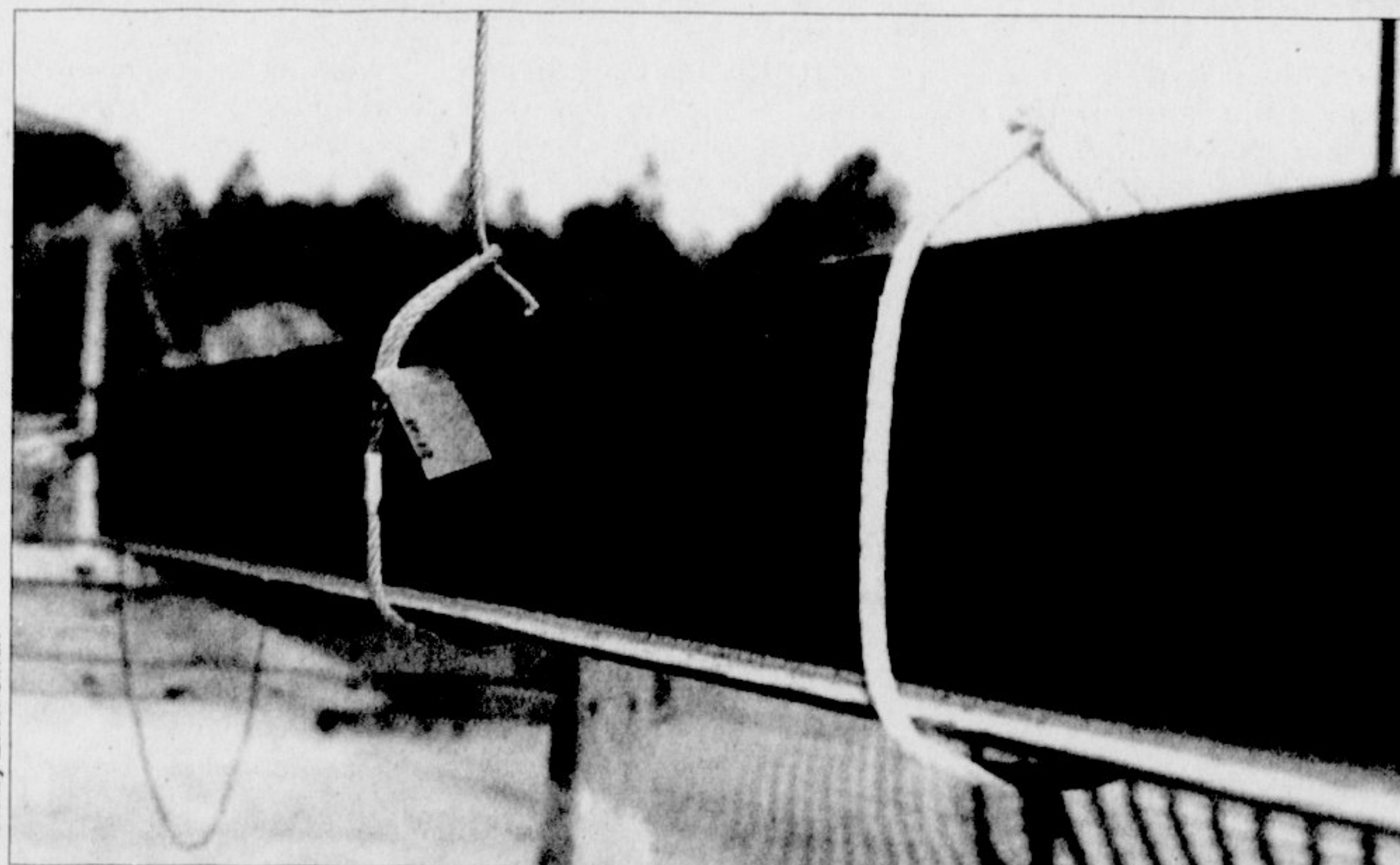
"Shared governance helps to ensure a great sense of community and I think that's what we see here at ECU," Ballard said.

Ballard said he plans to look into the multiple other sources of revenue so we can improve our financial situation and preserve the core of ECU, in which we are committed to student success and a great undergraduate experience.

"We will do everything possible to preserve these strengths," Ballard said.

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Signature beam added to new Allied Health building



Allied Health personnel autographed the final steel beam to be added to the new Allied Health building, before it was hoisted up and put in place into the building's structure at a Topping Out Ceremony last Friday. This ceremony marks one of the final steps in completing the more than \$60 million project.

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Youth arts festival a success



Children who attended the Youth Arts Festival work with clay Saturday afternoon.

First festival attracted crowds despite rain

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The inclement weather did not stop numerous attendants of all ages from going to ECU's first annual Youth Arts Festival on Saturday. More than 500 people gathered in the Jenkins Fine Arts building to see many talented artists perform their craft.

Richard Tichich, director of ECU's School of Art and Design and co-founder of the Youth Arts Festival said he felt the rain actually helped bring more families out to enjoy the art festivities.

"It's good to see children of a young age, that know creativity, being creative with our visiting artists," said Tichich.

More than 100 artists participated in the festival. Visual artists demonstrated furniture painting, tile making, watercolor, jewelry, collages, gourd carving, shrine making, quilting, weaving, clay figure making, puppet making, origami, coiled pin needle baskets, sculpture and caricatures.

ECU faculty and student artists demonstrated weaving, papermaking, painting on silk, sock doll making, stamping, metal working, oil painting,

bookmaking and throwing clay on the wheel.

Tichich said it was great to be able to use ECU's art resources to help put this event together.

Shigeo Yamaguchi, an ECU Japanese instructor participated in the festival by writing Japanese calligraphy for patrons.

"Today has gone really well. People are really excited to see their names and other words in Japanese," said Yamaguchi.

Emily White, sophomore nursing major said she thought the festival had many extraordinary artists.

"It was great, but inside everyone was so cramped together. It would've been much less confusing if it was outside," said White.

Even though the Jenkins Fine Arts building can seem maze-like, one area that was not confusing was the auditorium. Both musical and theatrical performances took place including mimes, ECU Storybook Theatre, swing dancing, the Silver Tappers, the Greenville Barbershop Quartet, the ECU Gospel Singers, the Pactolus Steel Drum Band and the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano Azteca from Georgia.

Dindy Reich, an ECU art professor and co-founder of the Youth Arts Festival said without the help of her Art 4000 class, the event would not have been possible.

"Without these incredible nine women, I couldn't have done this. They did an amazing job," said Reich.

Although the rain forced the artists and patrons indoors, everyone continued to be very cooperative, Reich said.

"Only a few artists were not able to come because of the high winds," Reich said.

Both Reich and Tichich said in next year's plan for the Youth Arts Festival they would like to do without adding rain onto their agenda.

"[The festival] has been the sunshine in my day," Tichich said.

Many student volunteers from ECU's Ambassadors and Greek organizations including Delta Zeta, Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Sigma came out to help with the day's festivities. Sponsors of the event included Pepsi, ECU, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, the ECU Student Involvement Team, the Student Union Cultural Awareness Committee, the Division of Student Life and Youth and Family Programs.

Anyone interested in participating in next year's Youth Arts Festival is encouraged to contact Dindy Reich at reichd@mail.ecu.edu.

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Vatican says pope's funeral will be held this Friday



An unidentified parishioner touches an image of Pope John Paul II following a memorial Mass for the Pope, Sunday, April 3, 2005, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II's funeral will be held Friday morning and his remains will be interred in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica where pontiffs throughout the ages have been laid to rest, the Vatican said Monday.

Chief spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls made the announcement after the College of Cardinals held two meetings over the course of two and a half hours in its first gatherings since the pope's death and ahead of a secret vote later this month to elect a successor to John Paul.

Vatican employees filed silently past the body Monday

morning to pay their last respects. Members of the public lined up by the tens of thousands in the glaring sun hours before the start of a public viewing and prayer service at St. Peter's Basilica.

Navarro-Valls said John Paul would "almost surely" be buried in the tomb where Pope John XXIII lay before he was brought up onto the main floor of the basilica.

That pope, who died in 1963, was moved after his 2000 beautification because so many pilgrims wanted to visit his tomb and the grotto is in a cramped underground space.

Under Vatican tradition, Friday is the latest the funeral

could have been held. Up to two million pilgrims are expected to converge on Rome for the 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) service.

"It will be a moment without precedent," said Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni, in an interview with Repubblica Radio.

"Rome will grind to a halt to guarantee the full development of the demonstration of love for the pontificate, guaranteeing the maximum security for all the heads of state who will arrive to pay homage to the pope," he said.

The funeral will include pagentry reserved for the highest prince of the church and in the presence of many of the world's secular and religious leaders. President Bush and his wife will be among the dignitaries attending, the White House said.

In the first meeting, the cardinals took an oath of secrecy. In the second one, they made their decisions on the funeral rites, Navarro-Valls said. There were 65 cardinals attending.

Archbishop Josef Clemens, secretary of the Vatican office for lay people and a former aide to top Vatican Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, said not all the cardinal electors had arrived in Rome in time to attend Monday's first session.

Asked about the atmosphere among the cardinals, he said: "Sad, but hopeful."

There had been speculation that the pope might have left orders to be buried in his native Poland, but Navarro-Valls said John Paul "did not show any such wish."

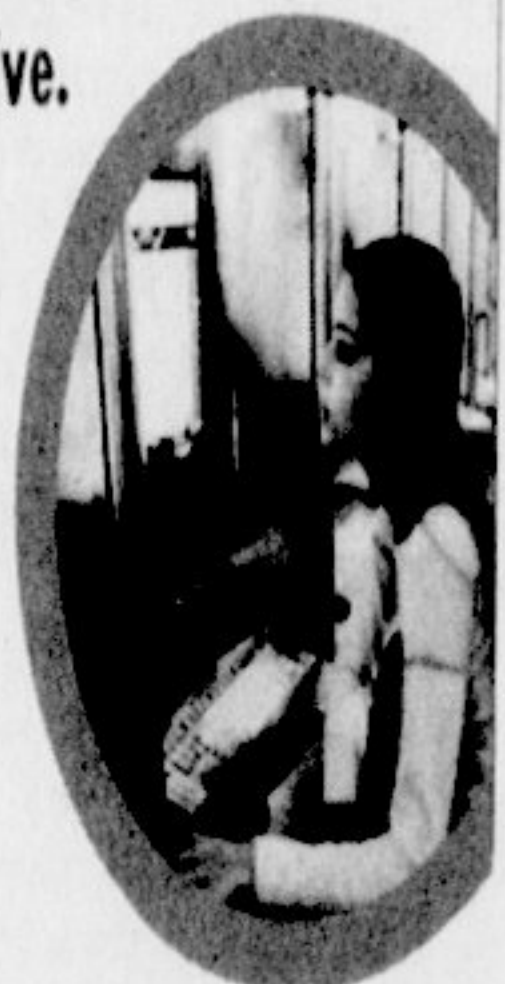
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next 10 years in meeting today's goals, but the year 2015 would be irrelevant.

"We are pursuing a moving target," Middleton said.

The key to moving institutions from where we are now into an unknown future which within itself is changing, is by creating effective benchmarks, ways of thinking about the service role in the context with fulfilling our other primary missions of teaching, promotion of scholarship and creation of technology.

"Service cannot be divorced from those things, it has to be integral to those things," Middleton said.

Middleton said we need to

use measures to determine if that service matters somewhere.

Oblinger said service no longer applies to faculty, students, staff or even public or private universities but it encompasses all of that. He said in present day, he hears more and more instances of people within academia being involved beyond campus. He said this service is important because universities will be judged by the service or engagement they provide.

Service activities involve the development, exchange and application of knowledge, information and expertise for mutual benefit.

One of the most significant impacts of universities is the quality of life within the com-

munity.

Oblinger said NC State has been examining the reappointment, tenure and promotion process since there are so many faculty members in different disciplines that are interested in service and being rewarded and receiving credit for it.

"We've engaged an extensive study of scholarship, in this case it's a scholarship for engagement... we went to those who were engaged in that type of scholarship and asked 'how do you measure impact? How do you measure quality of work?'" Oblinger said.

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Our View

Keep Major League Baseball substance free

Opening day of the 2005 Major League Baseball season came and went on Sunday with the New York Yankees emerging victorious over the Boston Red Sox.

The first victim of the new steroid testing policy was also named and as Alex Sanchez of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays received his 10-day suspension, MLB had a scapegoat.

Sanchez denied taking steroids, instead blaming his positive test on milkshakes and multi-vitamins. But how has baseball and sports in general established a well-defined line to which drugs or performance-enhancing substances are allowed?

Common knowledge tells you a high percentage of athletes utilize over-the-counter products to varying degrees. What is the difference between steroids and many enhancers that can be purchased at your everyday GNC store?

Creatine and various weight gain products obviously give the user certain physical advantages over a non-user. So are sports officials saying that drugs are OK as long as they don't give you too much of an advantage? You can gain a little muscle with the help of this stuff but not too much?

As blurred as the line currently is, new policies and renewed emphasis on weeding out "cheaters" will eventually completely wash away the black and white areas into a gray muddle. Invariably some will say more drugs should be banned and others will think they should be completely absent from athletics.

True, steroids are a primary target of proponents because of dangerous health risks and rightfully so. The death of Ken Caminiti contributed to the fear of steroids, but Caminiti had more serious issues than the "juice." The former National League MVP faced problems with other drugs, namely cocaine.

That isn't to say that steroids should be allowed, quite the contrary, if you rid sports of some of these performance-enhancing drugs, completely erase their existence all together. Level the playing field by ridding them for good.

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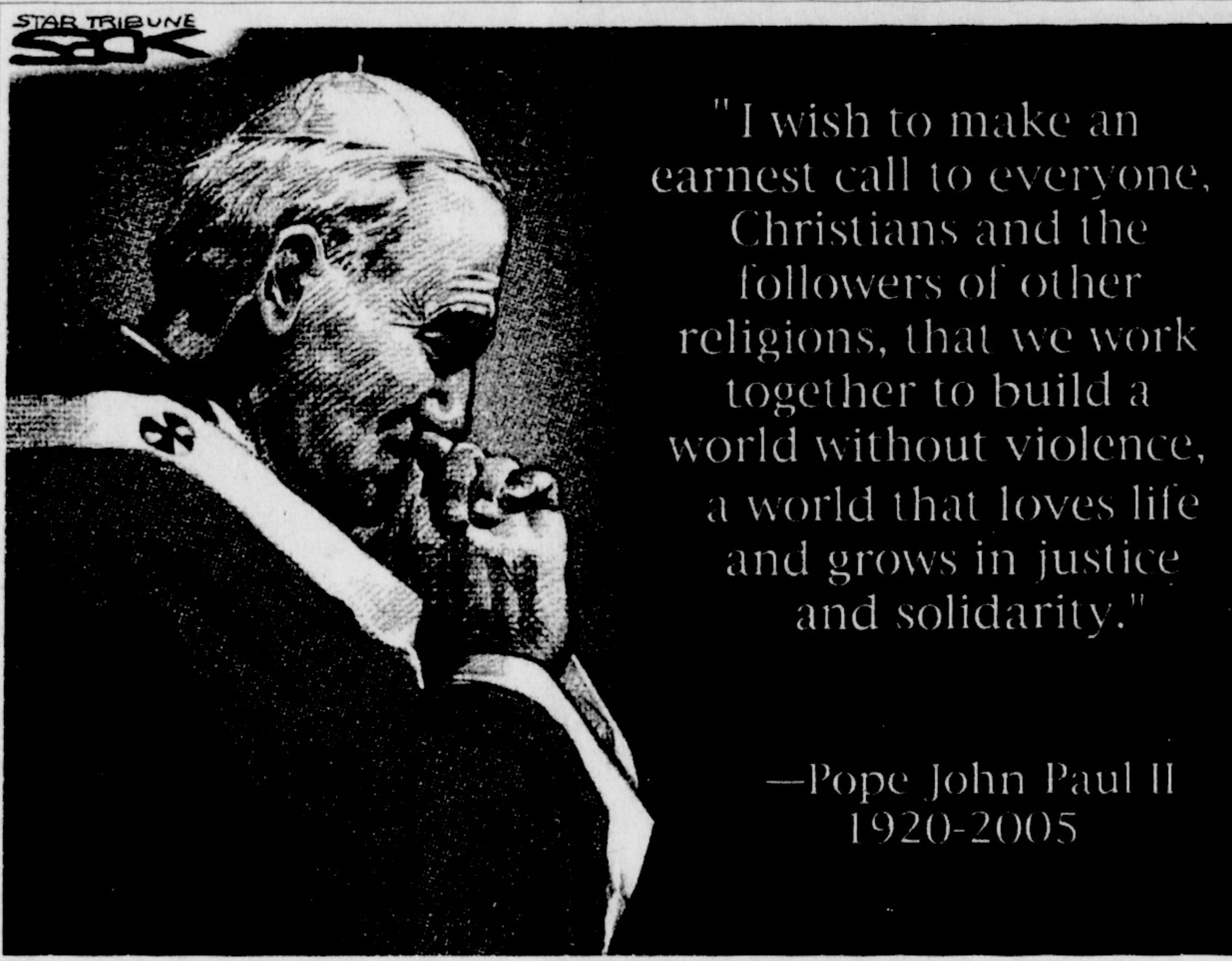
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—Pope John Paul II
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Opinion Columnist

Taking steps to fight a modern plague

Obesity in America is its own epidemic

RACHEL LANDEN
STAFF WRITER

By now, we have probably all heard the alarming statistics regarding the obesity epidemic in America. Although epidemic may seem a strong word — evoking images of the Bubonic plague instead of overweight Americans — it is actually quite appropriate.

After all, the three major epidemics of the plague — occurring during the sixth, 14th and 17th centuries — killed an estimated 137 million people. I'm not trying to downplay the magnitude of this historical tragedy, but rather, emphasize the enormity of this current health problem.

Today, approximately 127 million adults in our country are considered overweight, another 60 million are obese and 9 million are classified as severely obese. This condition isn't an automatic death sentence but obesity does account for at least 300,000 deaths annually in the United States, making it the second leading cause of preventable deaths. The overwhelming numbers look like those of a new kind of plague.

Fortunately, however, we are better prepared to deal with this American health issue today than Europe was capable of controlling the plague during the Middle Ages.

In 2004, Morgan Spurlock documented his month of McDonald's in the film *Super Size Me*. I didn't need a movie to tell me that eating fast food every day would be unhealthy but Spurlock's experience did shed some



light on the dangers of too many cheeseburgers and french fries. But while giving up Big Macs and replacing your sugary soda with a diet one may be a good first step, there are other steps — about 10,000 — that are just as important, yet sometimes overlooked in the fight against fat.

Recent studies have suggested that we all aim for walking about 10,000 steps a day. Small changes like taking the stairs instead of the elevator or parking farther away from the mall entrance can help us get to that goal. But unfortunately, while these actions are good, they're still not enough. It's nearly impossible to take 10,000 steps a day without getting on the treadmill or going outside for a walk.

Lucky for us at ECU, we have a fabulous recreation center stocked with treadmills and a second floor flanked by an indoor track. Yet as the weather turns to spring, I know that I get the itch to head outside for physical activity. I hate to be cooped up indoors when the sun is shining and the skies

are blue. But I don't want to forsake my exercise either.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a place in Greenville where we could go for a walk in a safe and scenic environment? There already is such a place but one that is still very limited. The greenway system that extends from Green Springs Park on Fifth Street to an area near Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium provides a jogging, walking or bicycling path for the city's citizens.

But at only 2.5 miles of greenways for 60,000 people, the current condition is rather disappointing. That's where Friends of Greenville Greenways comes in. The local organization known as FROGGS is working to raise money and awareness to help the city in developing a more extensive greenway system.

I was excited to read about their efforts in a recent TEC article and can only hope they will be successful. While combating obesity in America may not be their target, the steps they are taking put them on the right track, so to speak, to improving local health. Encouraging people to get outside and walk, for whatever reason, can have tremendous positive consequences for a community.

A more widespread greenway system would provide a place for local people to gather, enjoy the outdoors and engage in the physical activity recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. It shouldn't take a government entity to tell us that would be good for us. All it takes is a walk on the current greenway system and I'm sure you'll be convinced for the need for expansion. It's another great reason to get active.

In My Opinion

Countries should trade goods, not insults

(KRT) — Who would have expected a soccer game could be noteworthy?

On March 27, 100,000 fans packed a stadium in Mexico City to watch a game between Mexico and the United States. That's not really news. Soccer is a big deal south of the border. It's also not newsworthy that the Mexicans prevailed, 2-1. Most Americans were too busy watching NCAA basketball that day to care about a soccer game.

The real news is that, during the countries' national anthems, the Mexican fans booted "The Star-Spangled Banner." Some even chanted "Osama, Osama" after we scored our only goal. Shame on them.

But in that shame, an opportunity. After all, if they're booing our national anthem on a Sunday, maybe they've decided to remain in Mexico, rather than make a run for the U.S. border on Monday. And let's face it: The only way to prevent illegal immigration is to persuade immigrants to stay home. If they want to come here, there's no way to stop them.

Consider: The Department of Homeland Security plans to add an additional 500 agents along the border, to augment the 9,900 it already has. Also, a private group plans to launch The Minuteman Project. About 1,000 volunteers will watch a 40-mile stretch of border and report illegal immigrants to the border patrol.

That's fewer than 12,000 people, trying to guard 2,000 miles of border and block 2 million (or more) immigrants. The arithmetic doesn't add up.

Besides, Mexicans are motivated to come here. Per-capita income in the

United States is \$37,800, four times higher than in Mexico. Free-market economics says people are going to risk everything to cross that border. And not only is life better here, but it offers opportunities to those who remain behind. In 2003 Mexico's president announced that emigrants had sent back \$12 billion. Such payments "are our biggest source of foreign income, bigger than oil, tourism or foreign investment," Vicente Fox declared.

But there's a way to enable Mexicans to be as financially successful at home as they are here. Free trade.

For an example, let's look a little farther south, to El Alto, Bolivia. That city seems an unlikely place to find supporters of free trade. In October 2003 street protests there helped topple the country's pro-U.S. leader, Sanchez de Lozada. But during those protests, when rioters tried to destroy the United Furniture plant, Bolivian employees of the plant fought off those rioters.

No wonder. About 100,000 El Alto residents have jobs because they're able to export products to the U.S. duty-free. As Juan Carlos Machicado, a supervisor at the plant, put it, "I'm in favor of free trade. It's helping us move forward. I wouldn't have thought this way five years ago. But now I work here."

The people in El Alto probably don't love the United States. But they're gainfully employed, and they're not risking their lives to come here. The same thing can happen in Mexico, if we maintain our free-trade policies and convince the Mexican government to privatize inefficient state-owned industries.

Of course, charity begins at home, and so does the battle against illegal

immigration. It's pretty clear that illegal immigrants are working here; how else did they earn that \$12 billion they sent home? Not by hitting the lottery. But for some reason, our government isn't punishing those who employ illegals.

Time magazine reports that in 2002, even as millions of illegals poured across our border, the Immigration and Naturalization Service opened only about 2,000 investigations of employers. That's down from 7,000 in 1992. Even worse, the magazine notes that, "fines for immigration-law violations plunged 99 percent, from 1,063 in 1992 to 13 in 2002."

Employers see that they can easily hire illegal aliens, save money by not paying benefits to those employees or paying taxes on their wages, and never face any penalties. So why wouldn't they hire illegals?

The necessary laws already exist. In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which said employers could be fined as much as \$10,000 for each illegal they hire. Repeat offenders could be locked up.

This law's never really been enforced. But imagine if it was. Suddenly, employers would face a true risk for employing illegals. And if we made the risk greater than the reward, the problem would swiftly go away.

We can't round up everyone who crosses the border illegally. And we don't have to.

Let's help the Mexicans help themselves, by encouraging free trade and by enforcing our own laws. Then, maybe we can play soccer with our neighbors, without hearing from the boo-birds.

Pirate Rant

Would you please keep your 500 lame questions to yourself? We think you'd get the point every time the class grasps for air, smacks their lips or mumbles something. Just wait until class is over to make yourself look stupid and ask the professor those questions, because we sure don't want to hear them.

To all local employers: Please do not keep a person calling you for three months to check on their résumé, and then hire some random person because they have a connection to your family. It's really not fair.

Surprisingly, the installation ceremony Thursday was very well done. I have never felt so proud to be a Pirate than I do now.

After a nice workout at the Student Recreation Center, I thought a shower would be great until someone snatched the curtain open. If I were the girl you claimed to be looking for, why would you open the curtain knowing she was showering? Thanks to you, I'm no longer able to shower.

What's with the five million reruns a day of "Mad TV" on Comedy Central? Rerun a good show like "Saturday Night Live," "Kids in the Hall" or "Mystery Science Theater 3000."

To the RA that tries to write me up every other night for noise violations: Where were you Friday when there were five girls with water balloons yelling from floor to floor?

Please, if you're going to go to the movies, for the love of God, be quiet. I didn't pay to hear what you did yesterday with your best friend.

Apparently 10-15 people a day think I have a small penis and feel the need to tell me so via e-mail. Am I the only one with this problem?

It is 6:30 p.m. and Todd Dining Hall has only 24 diners. Where's the loyalty?

Am I the only May graduate that still hasn't found a job? Please let me know if you are still looking too, that way I can tell my dad to get off my case.

I wanted to go to the Canine Crawl on Saturday, but it was pouring down rain. Are they going to reschedule?

Do those e-Harmony commercials annoy anyone else but me?

I understand that the weather is beautiful and you want to take your dog for a walk, but please keep him out of the middle of the road.

British accents are so hot.

Lisa Marie Presley is releasing another album? When will she learn that she has half the talent and nowhere near the star quality of her father? It's time the media quit giving press coverage to the less-talented relatives of stars. Who really cares?

Conspiracy theory: Major League Baseball is trying as hard as possible to improve its image with the steroids scandal by suspending a small name. Is it me, or is it just a huge coincidence that the MLB's first player to "test positive" for "steroids" is Alex Sanchez? I know who he is but how many other people do unless they had him on their fantasy team or something last year? He's a leadoff hitter with no home run power, formerly of the lowly Detroit Tigers now playing for the equally low Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Something seems awful fishy about this.

Founder's Week was a great success. It's good to see so many campus organizations and administrators get together to celebrate what it means to be a Pirate. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

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Violinist at Wright

Violinist Janice Martin will be performing at Wright Auditorium Saturday, April 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - 24.

Minority Student Ball

The Fourth Annual Minority Student Ball will take place in the Murphy Center April 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples. Contact Bridgette Joye at 758-2376 for more information.

ODB Listening Session

There will be a listening session for ODB's first album since his death April 26 at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall.

Names in the News:

Simpson Honors Teens

Having tortured enough teens with her squawk, alleged singer Ashlee Simpson is looking to give back to the community. MTV.com reports that Jessica's little sis will co-headline "The Event to Prevent," a May 3 concert at New York's Gotham Hall organized by the Candie's Foundation, which works to raise awareness about teen pregnancy. Jewel will also do some warbling, and the event will take time to give kudos to any teen girl's vital role models, Katie Couric and Jane Fonda.

Booking Brooke

When you think Brooke Shields, you generally think sunny things. Yet the image of the model-actress as an ever-youthful and mirthful naif is only half the story. Postpartum depression is the other half. That's the story in Shields' finally completed memoir, "Come The Rain: My Journey Through Postpartum Depression." Out next month, the book explores Shields' suicidal state after her daughter, Rowan Francis, was born in May 2003. "I didn't feel joy at all," World Entertainment News Network quotes her as writing. "I was in a bizarre state of mind ... This was sadness of a shockingly different magnitude. It felt as if it would never go away." But it did. And Shields says, "I really want to have more children."

Nugent's Coup

"Cat Scratch Fever?" Heck, it's dollar fever for Motor City madman Ted Nugent this week. The avid outdoorsman and champion of gun rights has been awarded \$100,000 by a Muskegon County, Mich., jury which found organizers of the Muskegon Summer Celebration breached their contract with the rocker when they canceled his June 2003 concert. The music festival peeps said they pulled the plug because Nugent used a racial slur during a radio interview a month before. Nugent says the word was used in quotation: He was repeating what a black Motown musician once said to compliment him on his guitar skills.

A Lothario's Next Role

Smooth-mover actor Vince Vaughn will ply his devilish charms in the next picture by one of the most original voices in film, David O. Russell, director of I (Heart) Huckabees and Three Kings. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the untitled project will have Vaughn playing a wisecracking host of a radio talk show whose life gets tossed upside down when he begins to adopt his callers' various neuroses. Mindful of that great neo-pagan god, the box office, producers say they will aim to tap into Russell's oddball sensibilities "and deliver a commercial comedy."

Star's April Fools Day

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, known for their steadfast devotion to The Cause, played a prank on renowned yet ever-so-grating personality Star Jones Reynolds on April Fools Day, unveiling a new ad in front of ABC TV's studio which lambastes "The View" co-host's love of fur. The "Fur is a Drag" ad shows Flotilla DeBarge, a 6-foot cross-dresser, regally attired in a wedding gown and white fur coat splattered with blood. The faux-Star image references Star's well publicized and equally crass wedding last year to Al Reynolds. Perhaps most peculiar of all was Star's gracious response. "As long as no laws are broken, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," she told The Associated Press. "I hope his hair and makeup looks fabulous and he remembers to shave." But is she really that affable? The New York Post says Star's actually so steamed, she has threatened to sue PETA. They can't seem to stay out of trouble.

Students 'party for purpose'



The children of the Good Hope Primary School in Namungoona, Uganda need the monetary support of ECU students for school costs, food and clothing.

Greeks gather to give

CARMIN BLACK
TREVOR WORDEN
STAFF WRITERS

A diverse group of ECU students gathered in hopes of raising money for a needy cause Wednesday, March 30.

Nine separate groups from two public relations classes were created and given the project of preparing a campaign that focused on a specific target

audience. The students wanted to come up with a PR campaign that appealed to college age students in efforts to get support from their peers while showing them there is nothing wrong with having work and pleasure harmoniously combined.

The real brain behind the PR campaign is professor Kelli Munn. She is the one who came up with the idea of her students creating a mock campaign. Although the students receive no money for their work, they

are receiving valuable experience that they can apply to their intended vocation.

Each student is told to treat these campaigns as if they were real projects for major corporations and then present their finished project to their class. However, this year these students were in for a real treat as Munn decided to mix things up a bit.

Professor Munn was speaking with an ECU alumna, Ginger Dail, about her work with the Red Cross. Dail had been working on

raising \$2,000 for the Good Hope Primary School Located in Namungoona, Uganda and needed help in doing so. It was during this discussion professor Munn decided on what to focus this year's mock PR campaign. She thought it would be a great idea, instead of just coming up with a "pretend" campaign, to actually give the students more of a feel for a real life situation.

"I had always wanted to do something like this," said Munn.

Munn knew that if the students were given the chance to feel the real stresses, pressures and rewards of the PR field they would be able to understand how the business really operates. It's one thing to say you want to work in the PR industry, however, it's another thing to do work knowing that the turnout is affecting the lives of humans who depend on your success.

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Cultural outreach presents 'Consummate Elegance'



MARTIN

World-renowned violinist Janice Martin to perform

KYLE BILLINGS
STAFF WRITER

Violinist Janice Martin will grace the campus of ECU, April 9, as part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series. The series is drawing nearer to the conclusion of its 42nd year running, offering students and enthusiasts of all ages to come and enjoy the arts. The ECU press release for this event adds that this particular series "presents a variety of renowned artists and performances each year, including symphony, orchestras, operas, jazz, classical ballet, modern dance, folk musicians, Broadway hits and more," states the program synopsis. So for the classical music aficionados, The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents Janice Martin.

Martin, an accomplished violinist has constructed an impressive résumé through the years, emphasizing her musical clout and status. In a press release from the Performing Arts Series some of these accolades are described: "From the concert halls of the Czech Republic to the stages of New York City, Martin has captivated audiences the world over, performing with such ensembles as the Wash-

ington Symphony Orchestra, La Fundacion Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Santo Domingo, the Milwaukee Symphony and the Amadeus Orchestra."

"Awarded the 1999 Career Award Grant from the commission on the Arts and Sciences of the National Endowment of the Arts, Martin is also a recipient violinist of the Stradivari Society of Chicago. This induction marks her as one of a few violinists allowed to play instruments from the society's esteemed collection."

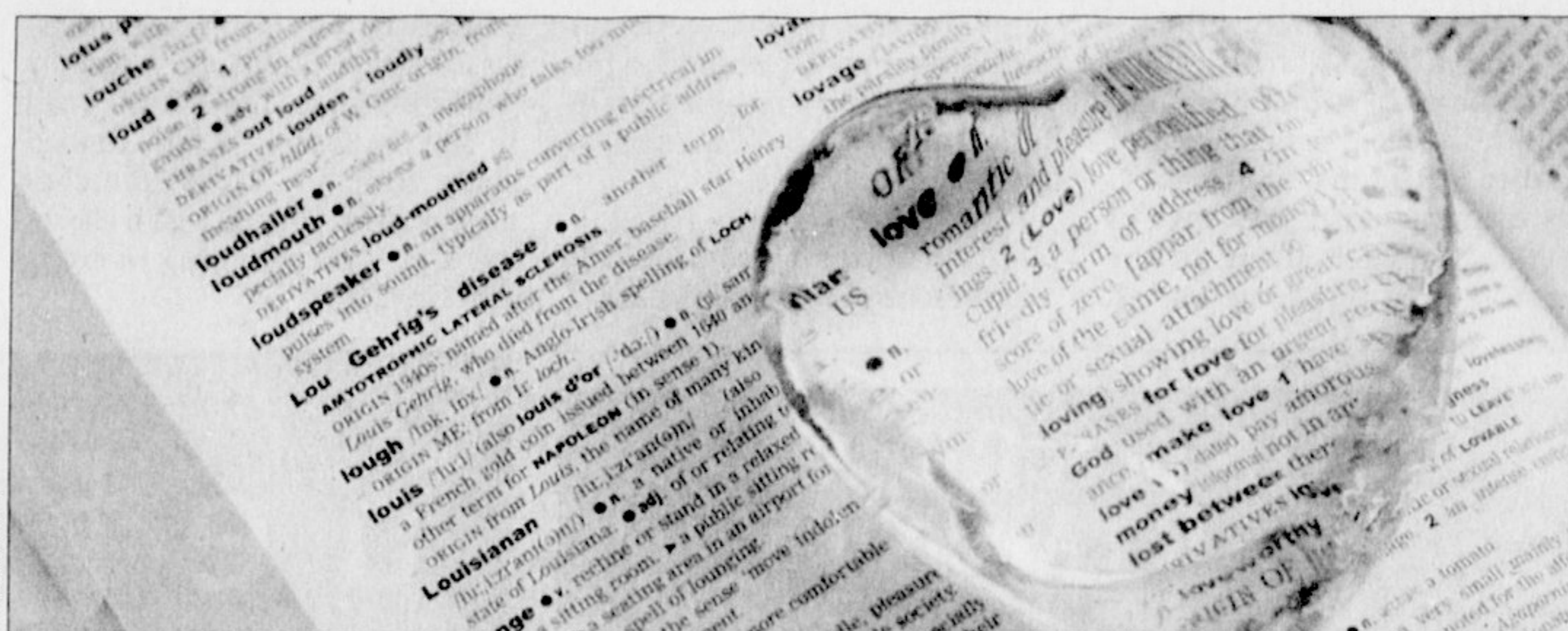
Her Web site janicemartin.com lists some of the competitions she's won across the country, including The Washington International Competition, The National Federation of Music Clubs National and District Competitions, The International Young Performers' Concerto Competition and The Amadeus Career Grant Award, among others. If her accomplishments and abilities with the violin weren't remarkable enough, Martin also dances, sings, acts, composes and is trained in piano.

Martin's journey included graduation from the prestigious Juilliard School of Music, and receiving her master's degree in music from the Indiana School of Music. Martin also joined the army to pay off her student loans. During her service, she performed with the White House Army Orchestra, with concerts conducted in front of the president and many other world leaders. She is well traveled within the states and has entertained fans in such far-reaching places as Osaka, Japan and Bangkok, Thailand.

Esteemed publications describe Martin as "a witty, elegantly perceptive performer" (The Strad), "a violinist with a strong personality" (New York Times), "a chamber musician of consummate elegance" (Washington Post) and "a stunning talent" (The Miami Herald).

Despite her seemingly insurmountable schedule, Martin finds time to stay grounded and enjoy her successes. Her Web site describes her as: "A light-hearted joie de vivre permeates Janice's playing and personality. She strives for perfection in her art

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Love is a theme in many students' lives and ECU, like many other schools, offers it as a course theme.

New 'Great Books of Love' course

Offering students a chance to be guided by eight professors.

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Decisions. We all hate to make them, but eventually we have to decide upon something, whether it is what toppings we want on our Subway sandwich, or what classes we want to take next semester.

ECU students who wish they could take a class that offers more than just homework and a grade, but a life-changing experience, should look into taking the "Great Books of Love" course for the upcoming fall semester.

The theme of this semester's Great Books course is "love" because it is a topic all college students can relate to, according to the coordinating instructor, Anoush F. Terjanian.

"The theme for this Great Books section focuses on all understandings of what love is like, where ideas of love have come from and how those ideas have not only changed through the ages, but also how it has stayed the same," said foreign languages professor Tricia Wilson-Okamura.

What makes this course a once in a lifetime opportunity is Terjanian is just the coordinating instructor. A total of around eight ECU professors from various fields will aid in teaching the class, including Wilson-Okamura.

Terjanian feels the entire department is excited about this new and innovative course. "The course is essentially a seminar in form, and I am just the coordinating instructor. There will be other

experts from various fields coming in to share their insight. The whole experience should be a joint effort on all parties, including the students," said Terjanian.

The Great Books program has provided students with an outlet into a different way of thinking, analyzing and learning, and this new course is expected to be no different.

According to Professor John Given of the Classics Department, the Great Books program launched about six to seven years ago out of a "need for centering of liberal arts in college."

"The Great Books program provides students with a way to learn by traditional ways, gaining a stable foundation of not only literature, but knowledge" Given said.

Not only will eight professors be bringing in their experienced knowledge and novels one at a time to expose the students to a different kind of 'look on love,' but the class will be fully dependent on the students.

"We will approach the text as a group of fresh minds. We will come to the texts as equals, and become experts together," Terjanian said.

The course is in book-seminar form and will focus on roundtable discussions with minimal background information provided by the current professor.

Terjanian and the rest of the professors are extremely excited about this course which exists at other great universities like Columbia and Stanford. They are enthusiastic that students will want to take a course that will not only teach them about great literature, but also provide them with an outlet into the world of analysis and intelligent discussion.

Terjanian added they carefully selected texts that will provide the students with a new outlook and spark some good discussions. Selections include Euripides' *Hippolytus*, Plato's *Symposium*, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and Denis Diderot's *The Indiscreet Jewels* to list a few.

"We have chosen things we expect will take on a life of its own. These texts we hope will be texts that will move you and affect you in a way. They will have lasting influence," Terjanian said.

Wilson-Okamura said during her assigned time in the class, she will be discussing the poetry of Sappho.

"I will argue that it is some of the most beautiful poetry. It is very relevant today, its beauty found in both love and sexuality in form," Wilson-Okamura said. Terjanian could not stress enough that there is limited enrollment for this course because of its special seminar set-up, and an honors section is available as well. The class will meet Tuesday nights from 5 - 8 p.m.

Interested students can find the course under Great Books, GRBK, in the Course Shopper section of OneStop under tools. The course is called GRBK 2000: Intro to Great Books. For students who are dedicated to learning, love to express opinions and need another class that is not so "run-of-the-mill," this is the one to consider.

For more information, students may go to the Great Books Web site at ecu.edu/greatbooks/ or contact program director John Stevens by e-mail at stevensj@mail.ecu.edu.

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The ultimate Irates put a whole new spin on ECU club sports.

Ultimate Frisbee flies

Fun times for all with the Ultimate Frisbee team

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

When students begin college, they leave behind all of the familiarities that are associated with high school. After-school sports and club meetings become distant memories. This leaves many students feeling the need to be involved in similar activities throughout their college careers. Clubs are easily accessible to every student, but athletic teams have a more competitive atmosphere. For students looking for a fun way to participate in athletics, club sports are the way to go.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club team is one of the most active club sports at ECU as well as around the world.

"It is estimated that about 100,000 people play ultimate in countries all across the world, with about half those players being from the United States," according to the Ultimate Players Association at upa.org.

The team currently consists of around 15 people, and rather than being Pirates like many of the other club teams, their team name is the ECU Irates. So where did this name originate?

"I have heard a lot of rumors about why, but I think the earlier teams got the name because of how rowdy and 'irate' they were on the field," said Jeffery Martin, Irate co-captain and senior history major.

"Combining the non-stop movement and athletic endurance of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football, a game of ultimate is played by two seven-player squads with a high-tech plastic disc on a field similar to football. The object of the game is to score by catching a pass in the opponent's end zone," said the UPA Web site.

What most people know to be a frisbee, ultimate players consider a disc. Rather than recreational discs that are more commonly seen, a heavier and sturdier 175 gram disc is used to play ultimate. Attributes such as weight, diameter, shape of the rim and type of plastic are all

vital factors in determining how well a disc will handle.

One of the best things about Ultimate is that no experience is necessary. If you pay your dues and come to practice, the coach and team are willing to teach you everything you need to know. Both males and females are welcome on the team, though at this time there are no female players. The team practices four times a week, with practices lasting about two hours. You can find them out at the Blount Intramural Complex on a sunny day, but if rain hits they head over to the bottom of college hill.

Graduate student Mark Grow coaches the team. Until two years ago he played on the team so he has an inside feel for how the team should practice and the best strategies to use during games. During practice he comes up with what the team is going to work on in order to prepare them for upcoming games.

Ultimate can be played all year long, but the ECU Irates play from August to May. They play mainly on the East Coast, against schools such as UNC-G, UNC-CH and NC State. Sometimes they have the opportunity to travel throughout the country. However, some of their most challenging matches are close to home.

"This past fall semester, we went to NC State for the Wolfpack Invitational and went 6-1 on the weekend and won the tournament.

"The team has been around since the mid to late 1980s, and has been to regionals every year except spring 2001. All through the early 1990s, ECU went to nationals every year. They won back to back national championships in 1994 and 1995," Martin said.

To find out more about the ECU Irates go to their Web site, ecu.edu/irates. Visit upa.org to learn more about the sport of ultimate frisbee. Don't miss the ECU Irates in action April 23-24 when they compete in the sectional tournament in Greenville. This year the regional competition will be held in Statesboro, Ga. April 30 and May 1.

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Freshmen get real

TV show eases agony of move-in day

SARAH CAMPBELL
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Moving away from home for the first time is one of the biggest milestones of our adult lives. Leaving behind the security of having family and friends in close proximity can be excruciatingly difficult. Every year Campus Living searches for innovative ways to ease the worries associated with the love/hate relationship of move-in day.

This year Campus 31, ECU's unofficial campus television station came up with the idea for a reality series titled "Freshman Reality." The idea originally came about in the form of a television pilot but evolved into a mini-movie.

"With 'Freshman Reality,' we wanted to relate the move-in experience to new students in a way that has never been done. We've printed guides, virtual tours of the rooms and instructional videos, but we wanted to push further. We want to do our best to answer every question about moving to campus before the student ever leaves their home, and I think this film is a huge step in that direction," said Mike Godwin, assistant director for Campus Living Marketing.

Topics that are addressed in the movie include academics, social atmosphere, roommate relationships and leaving behind family and friends. "Freshman Reality" will provide a first hand look at what move-in day is like, which will inevitably ease some of the tension that it may cause.

"This piece is layered with many dimensions. It is instructional, showing you how to prepare for your move to campus. Watching this family's experience helps new students recognize what to bring and what not to bring. It's also educational in the way it shows the move-in process to new students through check-in and parking. But most of all, I believe most views will find this

movie entertaining, because it pulls on so many different emotions. Joy, sadness, frustration, loneliness ... you are along for the ride as you watch what this family goes through," Godwin said.

The family which the movie is set around is from the small town of Rosewood, NC. Move-in day is already chaotic enough, try adding in three cameras to follow your every move and microphones clipped to your clothing. They will undoubtedly make move-in day easier for upcoming freshmen, but the strain which it already causes plus the production of the movie put even more of a strain on the family.

The production of the movie took place in August 2004 during a two hour period. Godwin, Heather Cwiakala, Campus 31 television coordinator and Scott Duke, Campus 31 student staff, conducted the filming. The staff listed above as well as two other Campus 31 student staff members, Kelly Harrell and Scott Taube combined to create a collaborative effort during editing and post production.

The 3,000 incoming freshmen moving to campus in August will be the first viewers of "Freshman Reality."

"Campus Living is in the process of producing its annual 'Move-In Packet,' which will include a DVD, hall and roommate assignment and pocket sized move-in guide," Godwin said.

Campus Living wants to make sure that those who will benefit the most from it, incoming freshmen, will have the opportunity to view the production before conquering the same experiences on move-in day.

Later, Campus 31 plans to schedule campus screenings during orientation and throughout August. Shortly after that, "Freshman Reality" will begin airing on Campus 31 and is expected to benefit students who are going through similar transitions in their lives.

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with patience and confidence, and her casual demeanor can be misleading. Inside this petite and pretty woman beats the heart of a fearless competitor."

She is also "a voracious reader whose interests range from physics to eastern philosophy, and she works out regularly on the road to stay in shape. In her limited spare time she kicks, punches and blocks in her Kung Fu classes or takes it easy jogging or doing Chi Gung."

She also offers classes and workshops for those who look to share her love of music. If you'd like to hear Martin in person, be sure to reserve your ticket at the ECU Central Ticket Office for the April 8 show to be held in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. For more information on this and other similar events visit ecuars.com.

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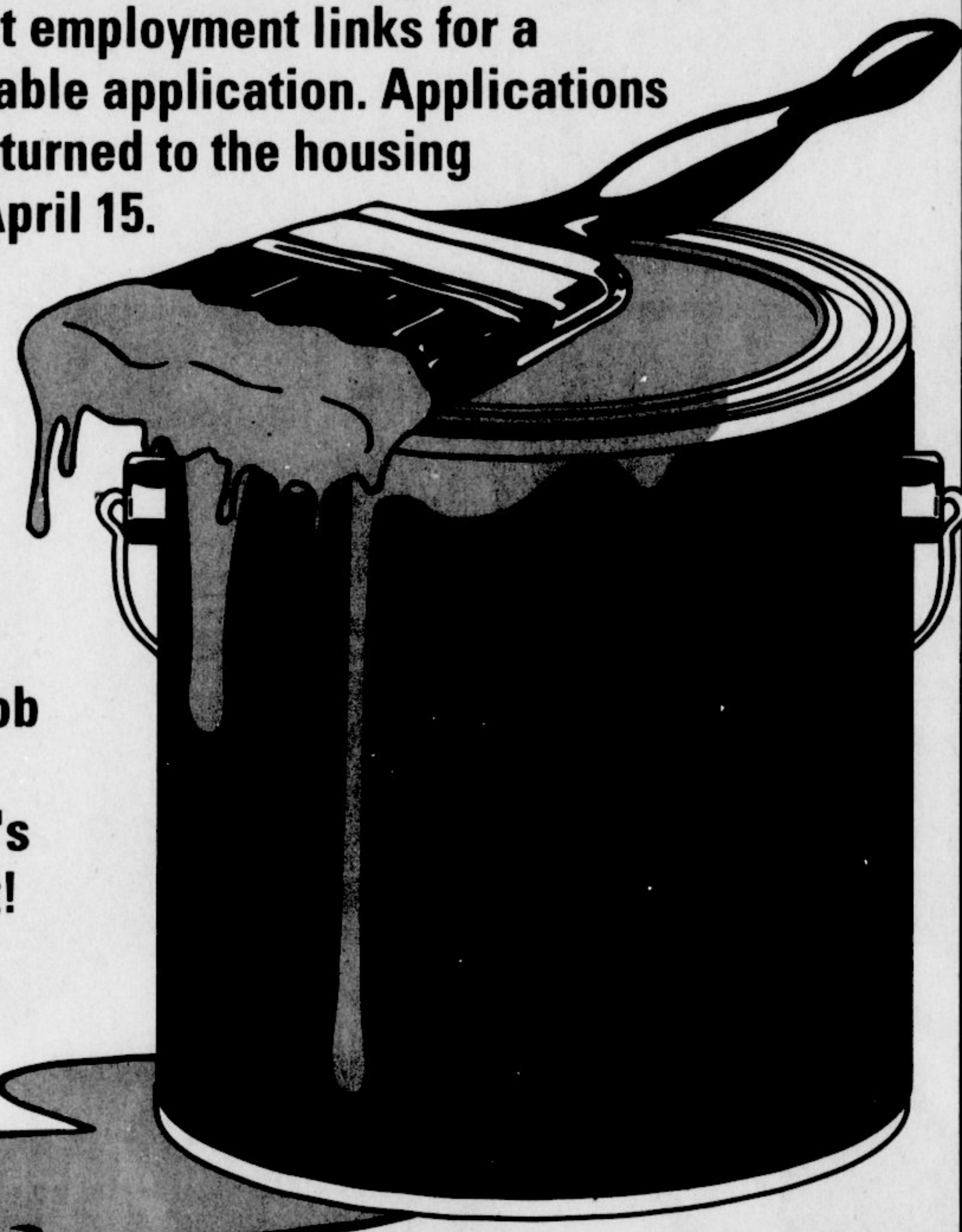
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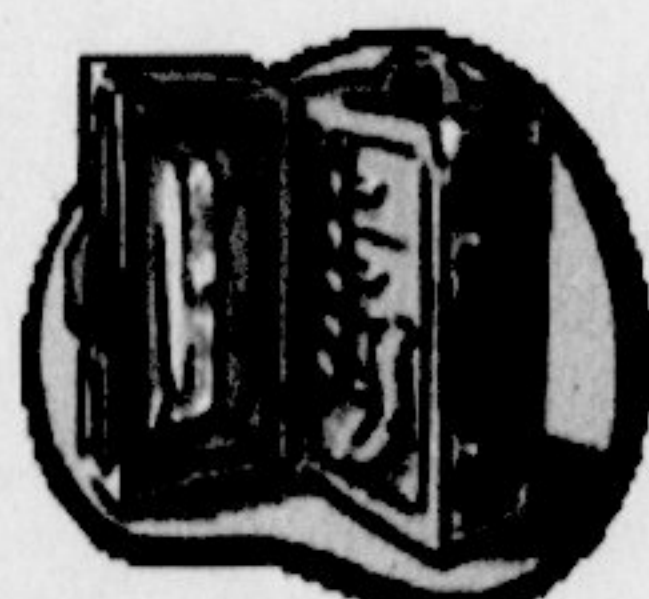


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After deciding that this year's campaign would benefit an already established organization, the next task was to decide which group to focus on. This is when Ginger Dail told professor Munn about the Good Hope Primary School located in Namungoona, Uganda

The Good Hope School is a small primary and nursery school which cares for and educates small children living in close proximity to the schoolhouse. Good Hope was opened in 1997 and currently has 450 students enrolled from nursery age all the way to seventh grade. Good Hope is an organization that is hoping to stress the importance of education, especially since only 35 percent of Uganda's children make it to fifth grade and only 12 percent can ever hold hopes of reaching secondary school. One hundred twenty of the students enrolled are orphans. In Uganda alone, somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 children are born infected with the HIV virus and orphaned because they are often times seen by their parents as unwanted problems which cannot be dealt with.

The need for education and disease awareness in Uganda is very apparent.

It was after seeing these numbers it became apparent to the PR strategies and tactics class which organization they wanted to devote their proceeds to.

Each of the groups from professor Munn's classes joined forces and decided to come up with some charity events they would invite the public to attend.

One group from the noon class decided to hold a daytime volleyball game, which included a cookout and a local band performance. As for their evening affair, the group rented out Cabanas. All of the money from the \$5 entry fee for the volleyball game, the money raised from selling food and half of all money made from the cover charge at the nightclub was donated to the Good Hope School.

The class had to pick a target audience and they decided that ECU's Greek life would serve as the perfect candidate.

"We got to pick a different target audience, so we decided on Greeks," said Kristina Oriolo, senior English major and PR minor. She continued saying that since so many Greeks already donate so much of their time

and money to philanthropy they seemed like the perfect candidates to fill the spot.

Each group was hoping to bring in at least \$250.

"The money we are making here is enough to supply lunch for an entire year," said John Yates who is a senior PR major.

"It's amazing how little money a year it takes to feed these children. An amount of \$15 can feed one child and send them to school for an entire year."

These students named their campaign H.O.P.E which stands for Helping Orphans Prosper Through Education. They partnered up with Alliance for Youth Achievement, an organization which deals with needy schools universally.

AYA has been working on a poultry project for the children in Uganda, where they raise money and buy children in these disparaged countries chickens, which they teach them how to raise and feed. In America such a gift may seem meager but when speaking in terms of impoverished nations, chickens are essentially the "gift that keeps on giving." When this idea was presented to the PR classes the students "ran with it," according to Oriolo.

As saddening as it may be, hunger is not the only epidemic that plagues this African country. In Uganda AIDS has become a common killer which affects the lives of millions daily. The average adult only lives to be about 43 years old in Uganda because of the AIDS virus. It is with the help of schools like that of Good Hope that children are being educated about AIDS, the causes and preventable measures that must be taken to ensure that this death machine is halted permanently.

In efforts to teach the small children such an adult and sophisticated lesson, the school has come up with an anti-AIDS school choir, which teaches through song, dance and drama how to avoid this disease.

At the volleyball game, which was hosted at Theta Chi's fraternity house, some of our own song and dance was provided to set the mood. The band Electric Wildlife played. Many of the students who attended this event said the band did a great job providing quality entertainment.

"We saw it as a good benefit for good people," said John Keffe, junior construction major and band mate.

The band mates include Brandon Allved, James Beale, John Keffe and Bobby Layden. These guys were all very happy to help out with such a worthwhile cause. In late May they will host a CD release party, more information about that can be obtained at electricwildlife.com.

Later Wednesday night Cabanas hosted a large get-together. The cover to get in was \$2, and half of that went to the AYA organization. The Greek organization with the largest turnout at Cabanas was also given a free keg in order to host their own party. Needless to say the event was a huge success. The girls of Alpha Phi proudly accepted the award for the competition.

All in all, Wednesday's events were a huge success. The goal was to raise \$250, and at the end of the day \$300 was raised. This is just the beginning of a huge movement that will sweep through ECU and Greenville. April 11-16 a faculty raffle will be conducted in Wright Plaza. Gift certificates will also be included in the raffle. The drive will be called "Change for Change." A basket auction will be held at Colonial East Mall April 16 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will also be an open mic night in the Jenkins building April 19 with all proceeds going to the Good Hope Primary School. Café Caribe is also joining in on the philanthropic movement. Teenagers, ECU students and adults who eat at the café between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. will have 30 percent of their proceeds sent to the campaign.

It seems even here in Greenville people of all ages realize it's time to make a stand against this growing disease, to help children like the ones in Good Hope Primary School to be able to live their lives to the fullest. It is time for change.

The events over the next month will greatly impact the town of Namungoona, Uganda directly. Their future is in our hands.

Please participate in the upcoming events, help those who cannot help themselves. If you choose not to attend the events it is also possible for you to donate directly to the AYA fund, in order to help visit allforyouth.com. We can make a difference overseas and we can do it now.

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Pirates drop second C-USA series

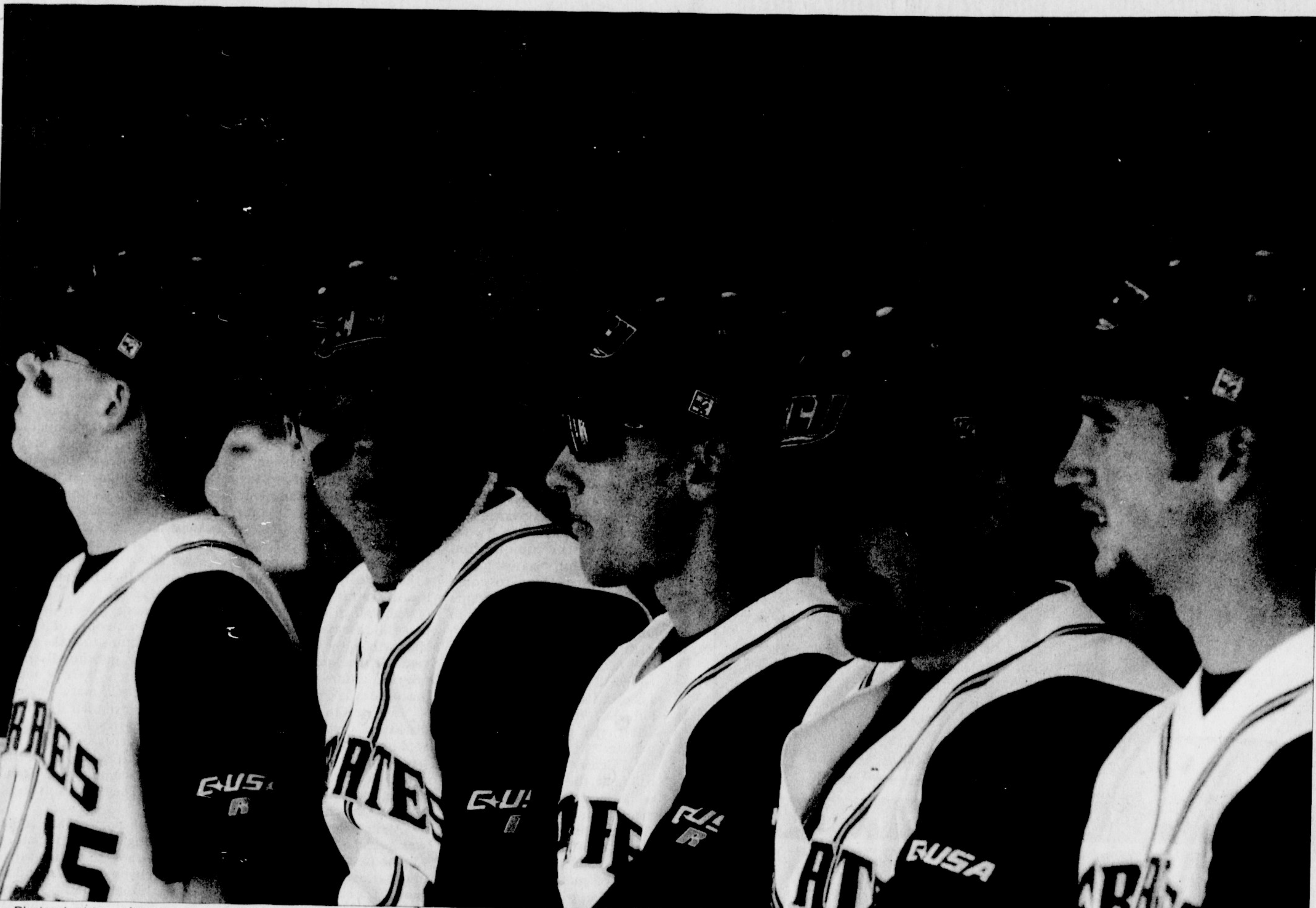


Photo by Kyle Fisher

The Pirates lost two of three games to TCU over the weekend, dropping to 16-11 overall and 2-7 in C-USA, but an opportunity for redemption will come Wednesday as they face NC State in Raleigh.

Diamond Bucs fall to 2-7 in Conference USA after losses to Horned Frogs

TONY ZOPPO
SPORTS EDITOR

As well as the season started for the Pirates this year, things may be unraveling at the seams for ECU right now. With Billy Richardson questionably out for the remainder of the regular season with a broken hand, pitchers Carter Harrell and Brody Taylor still unable to contribute on the mound, and unex-

pectedly dropping a weekend series to Charlotte last weekend at home, ECU needed to get back into the swing of things in Fort Worth, Texas this weekend against TCU.

It wasn't meant to be however, as the Pirates dropped two of three to the Horned Frogs, falling to 16-11 overall and 2-7 in Conference USA play.

TCU (18-10, 6-3) won the opening game Friday by a count of 8-5 and also came out on top Sunday afternoon to close the series, shutting out ECU 4-0. The lone bright spot for the

Pirates came on the second day of the series when they pounded the Horned Frogs 10-5 and rode another impressive outing from Ricky Brooks.

The series started out well enough for the Pirates as they opened up the first game with a four-run first inning after catcher Jake Smith hammered his fourth home run and ECU's third grand slam of this season.

However, TCU would strike back in the next inning as J.J. Estrada sent one deep over the centerfield wall, scoring Chad Huffman and cutting the deficit

to two. The Horned Frogs would go on to score another run in the fourth and then broke out with a big fifth inning, scoring four runs and building a 7-4 lead. TCU would plate one more run in the eighth and the Pirates' rally in the top of the ninth fell short as they could muster up only one run.

P.J. Connelly started the game for ECU, allowing three runs on seven hits in three innings but the loss was credited to T.J. Hose (1-3) after he replaced Connelly and gave up five runs on six hits in 3.2 innings of work. Cody

Leggett came on in relief of Hose, allowing one hit in 1.1 innings.

Despite the opening loss, ECU seemingly turned the series around Saturday afternoon as the Pirates turned in a very efficient day at the plate, collecting 10 runs on 11 hits, and were led by Brooks (2-1) on the mound as the sophomore finished the day with six innings of work, allowing two runs on four hits while walking five and striking out three.

Ryan Piesel led the Pirates on offense, finishing 3-for-5 with four RBI and two runs scored while Mark Minicozzi, Brian

Cavanaugh and Dale Mollenhauer also did well at the plate, combining for six hits (two apiece), four RBI and five runs scored.

However, whatever momentum ECU gained Saturday quickly ran out Sunday afternoon as TCU's pitching staff accomplished a rare feat by holding ECU scoreless. The game marked the first time the Pirates have suffered a shutout since suffering a 9-0 loss to Tulane on March 21 of last season.

Tim McGough (3-0) wasn't

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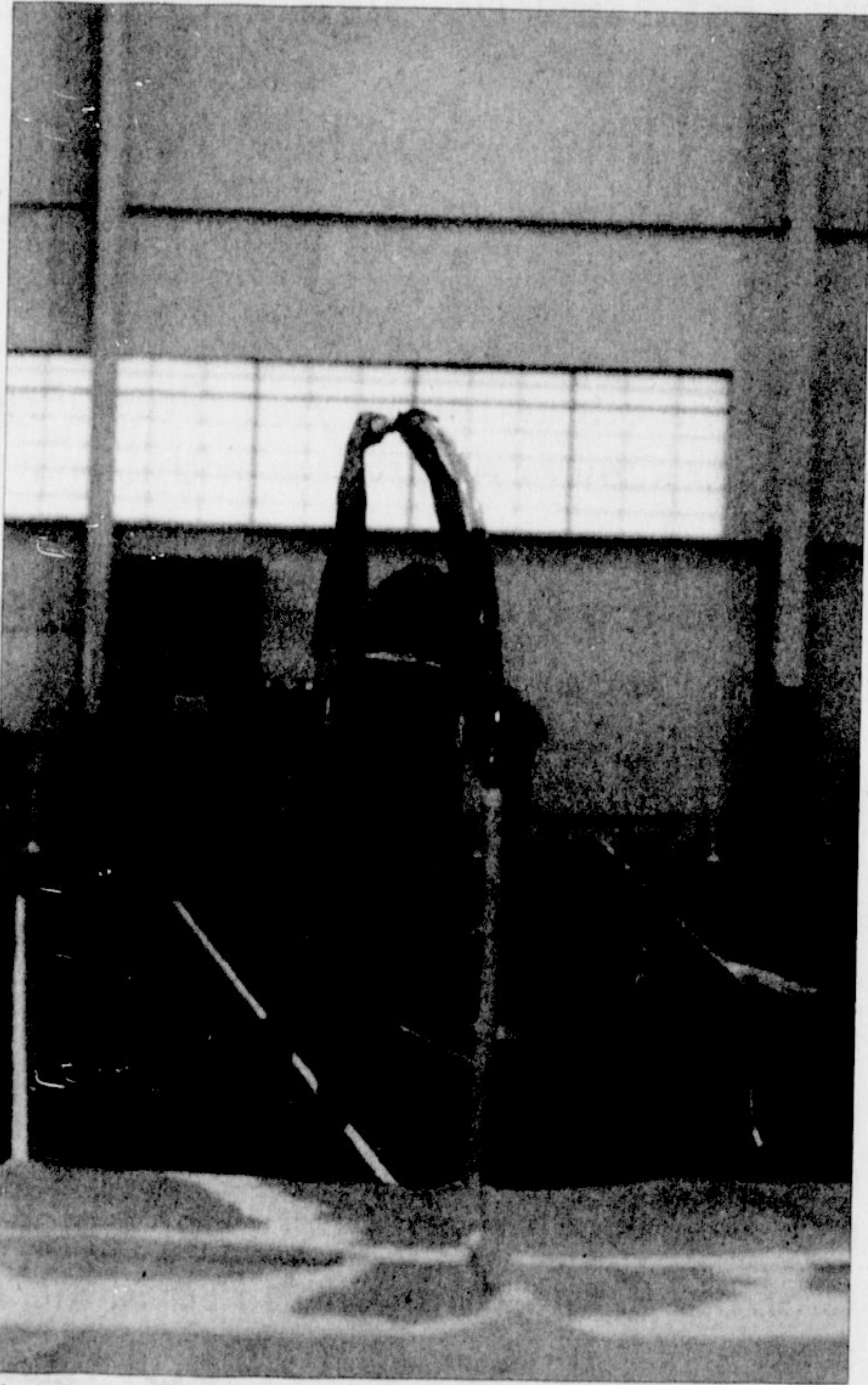
Rosales, Frasure lead ECU Track at Charlotte Invitational

(SID) — Sophomore pole-vaulter Lindsey Rosales and sophomore thrower Eric Frasure each established new school records and met automatic NCAA East Region qualifying standards while senior Tara DeBrielle recorded a first-place standing in the 800-meter run to lead the ECU women's and men's track and field teams to strong performances at the Charlotte Invitational over the weekend.

Rosales captured the pole vault event with a 3.80 clip, exactly matching the region qualification mark while setting a new ECU record to top the previous mark of 3.66 by Tammie Mentzel in 2003. Frasure's hammer throw of 61.79 meters stood third in the standings, but easily surpassed the qualification standard of 55.63 and crushed his previous ECU record of 55.35 set during the 2004 campaign. In addition, sophomore Terrance Myers contributed a career-long hammer throw of 55.65 to earn region qualification and will also advance to the NCAA East Region Championships, scheduled for May 27-28 at Randall's Island, NY.

DeBrielle headlined the Lady Pirates' track efforts, winning the 800-meter run in a time of 2:14.15 at the Irwin Belk Track Center. Senior Terri Davenport turned in a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash, recording ECU's second-fastest time in school history at 55.07, while Portia Baker followed with fourth-place standing in 56.40.

Other top women's performances include Erica Montgomery (4th in the 100/career-best 12.25), Aisha Bilal-Mack (6th in the 400 hurdles/1:05.14), Alisha Hopkins (3rd in the long



Lindsey Rosales attempts a vault in the Charlotte Invitational.

jump/career-best 5.83 meters), Jenee Moore (7th in the long jump/5.27), Mentzel (3rd in the pole vault/3.50), Amy Hart (4th in the pole vault/3.35) and Chelsea Salisbury (2nd in the javelin/43.12). The Lady Pirates' 4x100 relay squad, composed of

Baker, Davenport, Montgomery and Chante Sessoms, added a third-place finish with a time of 47.53.

In addition to Frasure's and Myers' efforts, junior Hector

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ECU Softball wins USF series



Photo by Russell Palmer

All three games in ECU's weekend series with the Lady Bulls were decided by one run.

Lady Pirates take two of three from USF to improve to 9-3 in C-USA

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team was determined to get back to winning last weekend after coming off a two-game losing streak at the hands of NC State. South Florida was the Lady Pirates' next opponent as they headed to Tampa for a three game series.

In the first game of play the Lady Bulls got on the board first in the bottom of the third as one run scored on a RBI single by junior Sarah Watson. ECU remained scoreless until the top of the sixth inning when they were able to respond. ECU senior Kate Manuse plated two runs with the bases loaded in what turned out to be the game-winning hit, giving the Lady Pirates a 2-1 lead.

ECU junior pitcher Brently Bridgeforth earned her 13th win in the victory. Sophomore pitcher Keli Harrell also picked up her seventh save, replacing Bridgeforth in the seventh inning.

The Lady Pirates started out strong in the second game of the day as senior Mandi Nichols hit a two-run shot in the top of the first inning. In the bottom of the third the Lady Bulls were able to cut the lead to one after scoring on a sacrifice fly to left field. In the top of the fourth ECU was

able to score one more run, but they could not hold off the late scoring charge by the Lady Bulls in the bottom of the seventh when they tallied three runs. The game remained tied until the 11th inning when Watson's RBI scored her teammate and USF won 4-3.

Harrell picked up the loss for ECU after pitching the complete 11 innings. Her record is currently at 20-9 this season with an ERA of 2.40.

In the final game of the series, ECU found themselves down again most of the game as USF jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning. The score stayed that way until the sixth inning when the Lady Pirates finally got on the scoreboard after Manuse hit an RBI double to tie the game. ECU freshman Beth Nolan also contributed to the scoring with an RBI of her own, driving in Nichols who reached base on an intentional walk. USF attempted a comeback in the bottom of the final inning but ECU was able to hold them off, winning the game and the series 2-1.

Junior Stephanie Hayes picked up her 10th win of the season, pitching a complete game while allowing only one run and two walks.

ECU (43-11, 9-3 C-USA) returns home this week for another in-state rival test as they face North Carolina (23-19). The game is set to begin at 4 p.m. Thursday.

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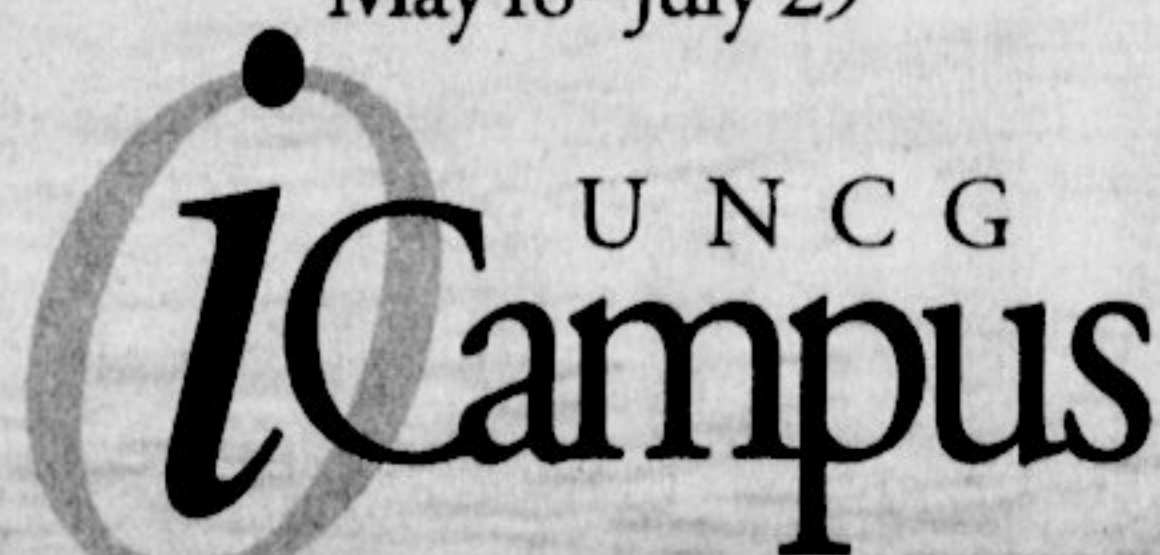
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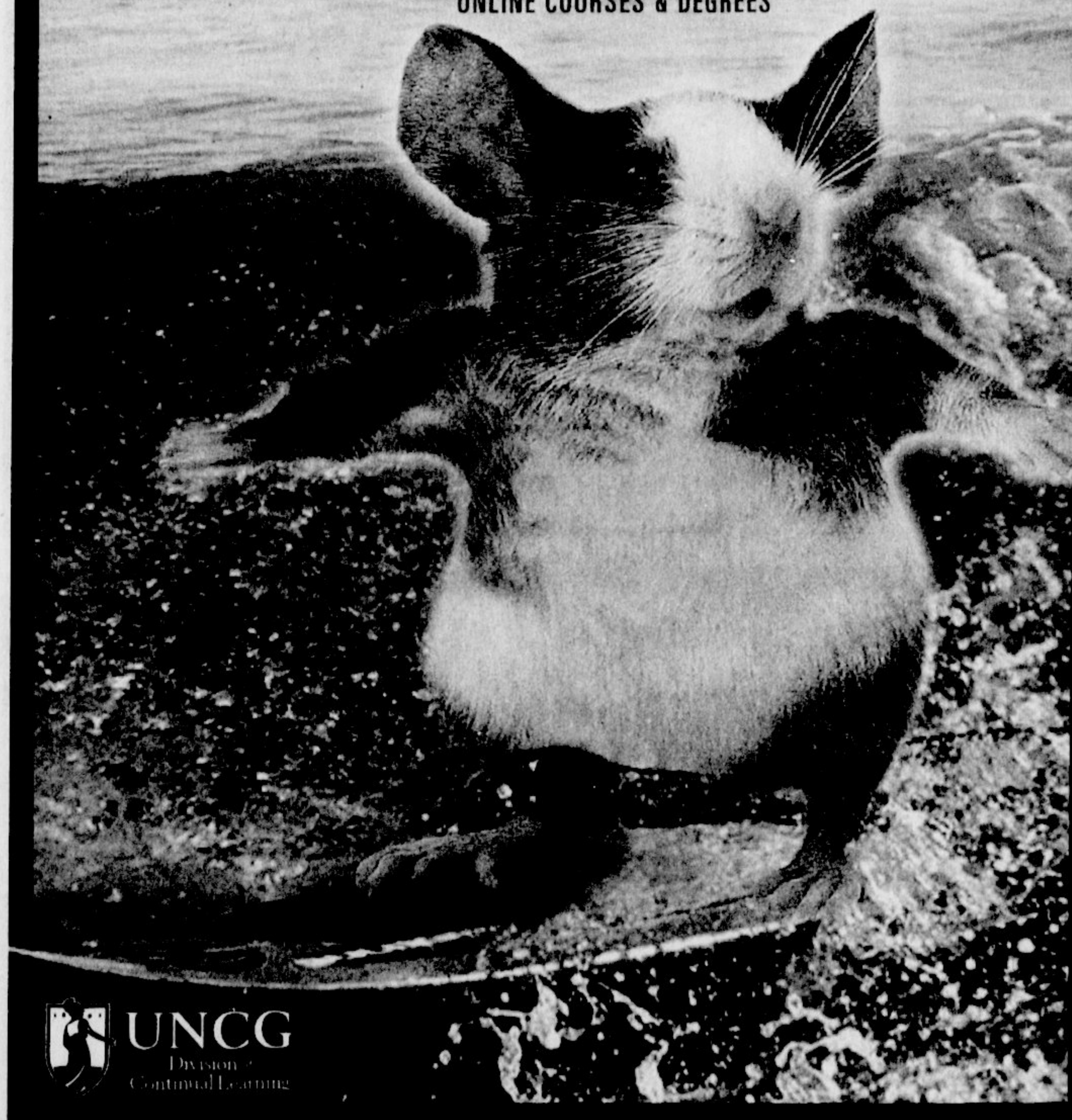
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Illini's Powell uses his shoes to glorify God

(KRT) — For Roger Powell Jr., it all started with a remarkably vivid dream.

"I had scriptures on my shoes and I was playing basketball and I was jumping," said Powell, a senior forward at Illinois. "I was just, like, flying. The scriptures on my shoes were lighting up. I did an interview and they said, 'How did you do it?' I said, 'I guess it's the shoes.' Ever since then I've just been putting all kinds of scriptures on it."

Every time Powell breaks in a new pair of high tops, he takes a black Sharpie and carefully covers the white leather uppers with a variety of religious messages. The ordained Pentecostal minister, whose teammates call the "Reverend," started doing this during his junior season.

His favorite Bible verses can be found all over his orange-and-white shoes.

There's Philippians 4:13 ("I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.") and Isaiah 41:10: ("Don't be discouraged, don't be dismayed, for I am God and I will hold you up with my right hand.") Links to a handful of other passages can be found on this unusual billboard.

"Things like that really give me motivation during the games," Powell said.

Powell also approaches a teammate before every game and gives him a rubber "Godstrong" bracelet. He points skyward after big baskets and began a nationally televised interview after Saturday's win over Louisville by thanking his "Lord and savior, Jesus Christ."

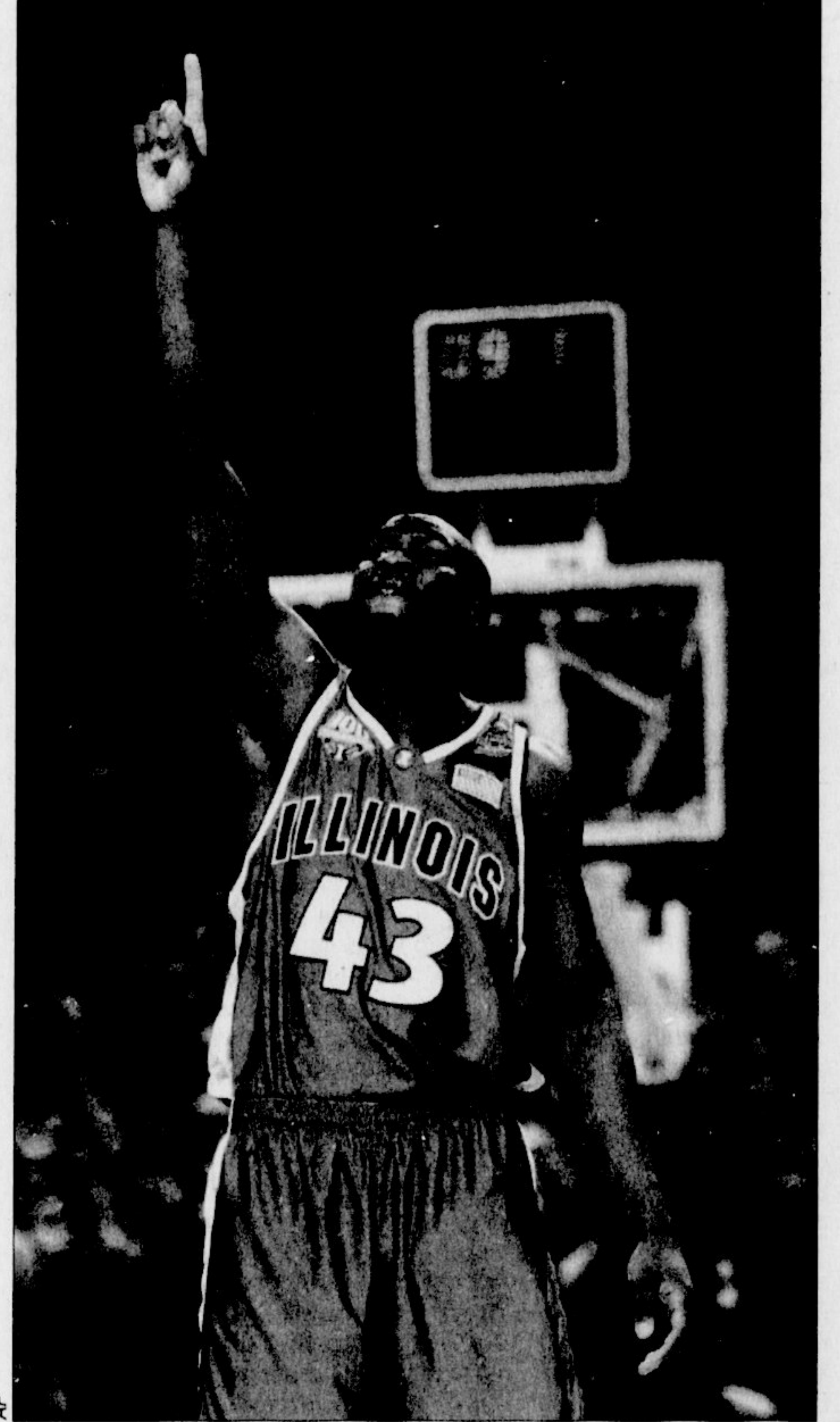
"Jesus means everything to me," Powell said.

"Look at my shoes. He's all over my shoes."

After the Illini stormed back from a 15-point hole in the final four minutes to beat Arizona in the Elite Eight, Powell was shown on television standing at mid-court, pointing to his shoes.

Opponents have taken notice, too, some even thanking him for the gesture.

"A lot of times they will approach me and say I've really affected their lives," Powell said. "They say they like what I'm



Roger Powell Jr. celebrates after the Illini's win over Louisville.

doing and it helps them out a lot. It's a blessing to see other players pay attention to that."

Rashad McCants sees opponents checking out his shoes during games as well, but there's a different vibe to those exchanges. Like Powell, the North Carolina small forward covers his blue-and-white high tops with messages, but aside from "God First" and "If God is 4 us, who can be against us?" most aren't religious.

"Log On," is one of the largest notations on his left shoe, a reminder to take smart shots.

There's also a shout out to his hometown of Asheville, NC, "Mystery Man," "NPOY" — the abbreviation for National Player of the Year — and the initials of several former and current NBA stars.

Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Vince Carter all draw mention on McCants' shoes. There's also "One Word 2 Describe Me. Spectacular."

Does this ever cause a reaction among opposing players? "No," said McCants, as

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'Clarification' renews Title IX debate

(KRT) — A one-page letter released March 18 by the U.S. Department of Education is either a welcome guideline or a chilling attack. It is the product of lengthy debate or a complete surprise.

It provides hope and fear, power and weakness, questions and answers.

How, you wonder, can a simple government letter contain all of that? Welcome to the world of Title IX and gender politics, where passions run high and middle ground is as narrow as a balance beam.

The DOE's Office of Civil Rights sent out a letter last month that has become the latest chapter in the debate surrounding Title IX, the landmark legislation that prohibits sexual discrimination in institutions that receive federal funds.

Title IX supporters credit the legislation for the vast increase in opportunities in women's athletics for the past 30 years, while critics say that present

methods of enforcement have caused dozens of men's athletic programs to be cut.

The government set out to clarify one aspect of the test that college athletic departments use to comply with the law. The OCR approved the use of student surveys in future years to gauge interest in women's sports, which may allow a school to be ruled in compliance.

In effect, the responsibility for compliance with Title IX has been shifted from the school to the students and to the Office of Civil Rights, which will monitor the testing and address complaints.

Neena Chaudhry of the Women's Law Center called the move an attempt to weaken Title IX. NCAA president Myles Brand said that as outlined, surveys "will not provide an adequate indicator of interest among young women to participate in college sports, nor does it encourage young women to participate a failure that will likely stymie the

growth of women's athletics and could reverse the progress made over the last three decades."

Meanwhile, Jim McCarthy, a spokesman for the College Sports Council, a group of coaches, parents and athletes of men's Olympic sports programs, called the measure an "enormously welcome relief from the long, dark days of the gender quota. Finally, at long last, schools are able to comply with Title IX by meeting actual student interest, rather than by applying an artificial quota on their athletic departments."

Some background is helpful: Title IX originally was passed in 1972 and was ruled to include athletic opportunities for women. The legislation is credited with a quantum leap in athletic participation for women. According to the NCAA, fewer than 30,000 women competed in intercollegiate athletics the year before Title IX was passed. Today,

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stellar but stayed unbeaten for the Horned Frogs as he tossed five innings, allowing no runs on three hits while striking out one and uncharacteristically walking six. Before Sunday's match-up, McGough had walked just four batters in over 25 innings of work. Sam Demel relieved McGough and went three innings while Shawn Ferguson came in for the last frame to shut the door on ECU.

Despite having a solid but short stint on the mound for the Pirates, Scott Andrews (2-1) suffered the loss as he allowed two runs (only one earned) on five hits in four innings. Mike Flye came on in relief of Andrews and also pitched four innings, allowing two runs, neither of which were earned, on four hits while striking out one. ECU played poorly in the field in the finale, committing four errors that led to three TCU runs.

The Pirates will look to bounce back this week in Raleigh as they take on ACC opponent and in-state rival NC State. The game is slated to start at 6 p.m. at Doak Field.

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Cotto paced the men's squad by topping all collegiate athletes in the 110-meter hurdles with an overall fourth-place standing (14.76). Freshman Matt Denish earned the top placement among all of the Pirates' track performers, finishing third in the 800-meter with a career-best mark of 1:56.17.

Additional performances of note by the ECU men's team include Thomas Lewis (7th in the 100/personal-best 10.85) and Kyle Yunaska (8th in the 800/career-best 1:58.83).

Both teams will return to action this weekend, utilizing split squads to compete at two venues - the Texas Relays (Austin) and the Duke Relays (Durham, NC).

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guarded as Powell is outgoing, "but I'm always catching them looking and reading during a game."

McCants, who started the practice as a college freshman, said he hasn't seen Powell's shoes but smiles at the idea of another prominent player using footwear to broadcast his beliefs.

"I always felt like I was the first to start it," McCants said, "but it's good to see the trend is spreading."

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approximately 150,000 women compete at the college level.

In 1979, officials developed a three-pronged test for compliance:

Proportionality the percentage of male and female athletes at a school must correspond roughly to the percentage of male and female students.

Track record a school has a history and continuing practice of expanding athletic opportunities for the under-represented sex, in most instances women.

Accommodation a school fully and effectively accommodates the interest and abilities of the under-represented sex.

A school is ruled in compliance if any of the three prongs are met. Yet because the second and third prongs were more difficult to measure, the first prong, proportionality, became what is known as the "safe harbor" under which schools would be in compliance.

Critics of proportionality said it was a quota system and that schools cut dozens of men's programs, such as wrestling, indoor track, golf and swimming, in order to meet the necessary numbers.

Advocates and many women's groups said that men's programs did not have to be eliminated if schools added women's teams and/or reined in the scholarship and roster numbers in football, for which there is no women's equivalent and which tend to skew the proportions.

The recent letter from the Office of Civil Rights addresses the third prong of the test. It says that a school may send out surveys more than likely they will be online or Internet surveys to determine the interest in a sport among the student body.

In order to start a women's team, survey results must demonstrate three conditions: a team is desired; it can sustain itself; and it can compete and schedule within the school's natural region.

According to the OCR letter: "Thus, schools are not required to accommodate the interests and abilities of all their students or fulfill every request for the addition or elevation of particular sports, unless all three conditions are present."

"Title IX has said from the beginning that you need to provide athletic teams based on interest," McCarthy said.

"There simply could not be an easier way to determine whether a student is interested in sports than by asking them. All a male or female college student has to do is click a mouse and have an opportunity created for them. It could not be simpler. The idea that it is somehow complicated or burdensome is ludicrous."

Rita Simon, a professor at American University who teaches in the law school and in the school of public affairs, was a member of the Title IX commission that met in 2002-03 to discuss ways to clarify and improve the legislation. A sociologist by trade, she is in favor of surveys and collecting data.

"I'm not saying that women aren't as interested in playing

varsity sports (as men) or as interested in playing at the university level," she said. "Let's have data to show it. That's what these surveys would do. And why not? What's wrong with having data to back up beliefs?"

Critics, however, say that surveying students who already attend a college does not create opportunities. A school without a women's volleyball team, the reasoning goes, will have few college-level women's volleyball players and may not be able to demonstrate viability through a survey. Yet the school will still be ruled in compliance.

Nancy Hogshead-Makar, a law professor, women's sports advocate and former Olympic gold medal swimmer, drafted much of the Women's Sports Foundation's rebuttal to the new measure. She told a story about the day she was inducted into the Duke University athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

She was seated next to then-Blue Devils athletic director Tom Butters. The two were having a conversation about the difficulty of attending Duke and excelling at athletics at the same time.

"He told me: 'If women really want to play sports, maybe they shouldn't go to Duke,'" she recalled, pausing for the weight of the remark to sink in.

"This policy is something along those lines. If a school doesn't offer any opportunities for women, if it doesn't go out and recruit women the same way it recruits its male athletes, then they'll be deemed in compliance with Title IX by this survey."

"As a part of compliance, surveying students no problem with that. But as the only measure? Absolutely not accurate and not consistent with what's been said previously by the Department (of Education)."

Critics also view the new survey "clarification" measure as essentially having been slid under the door. The letter and the accompanying 177-page user's manual, complete with sample online surveys, were released without fanfare on a Friday through the Department of Education's Web site.

In addition, former Secretary of Education Rod Paige said two years ago during the commission hearings that no measure would be adopted that was not unanimously approved by the 15-member board of the use of surveys was approved 10-5.

Also, critics say that the measure was implemented with no recent discussion or debate, a claim that others dismiss. McCarthy, for one, pointed out that much of the original language of the three-prong test came from women's sports advocates, with little outside input from others likely to be affected by the legislation.

"The very people who are complaining that the rule was done behind closed doors are the same people that created the problem by crafting a full rule behind closed doors," he said. "It's like someone with a mouthful of cheesecake telling everyone else at the table that they need to go on a diet."

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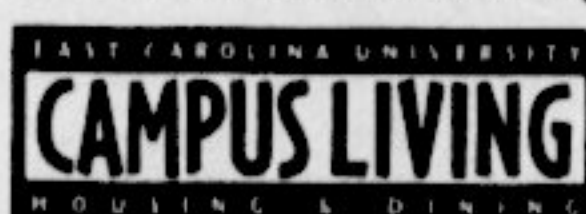
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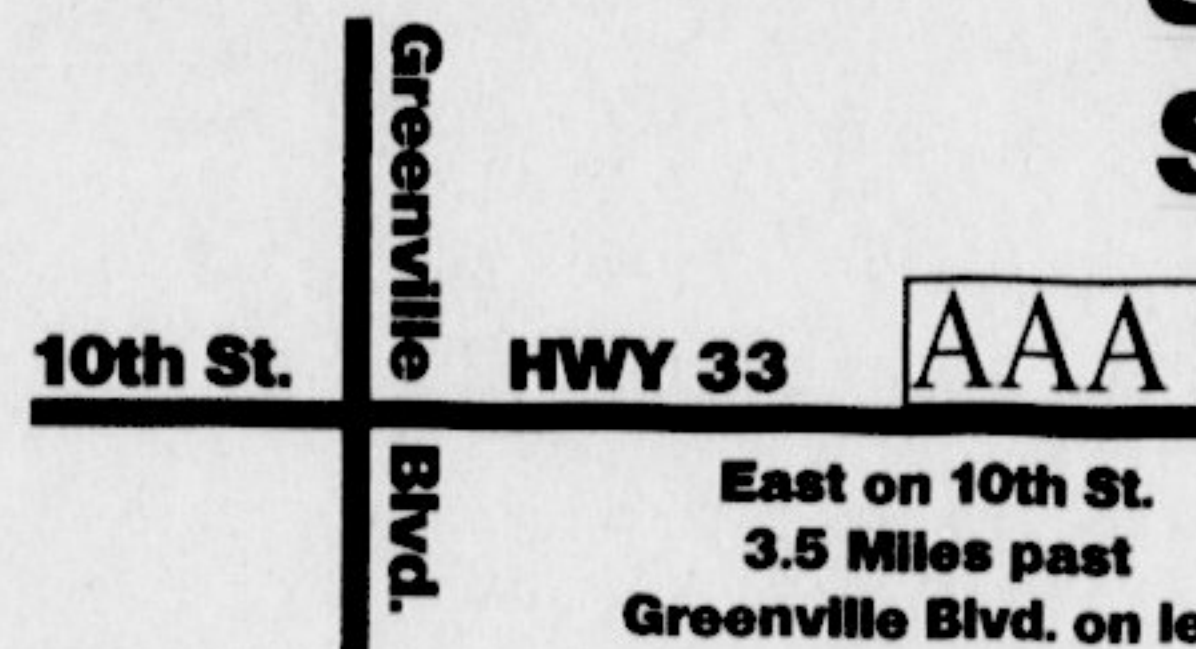


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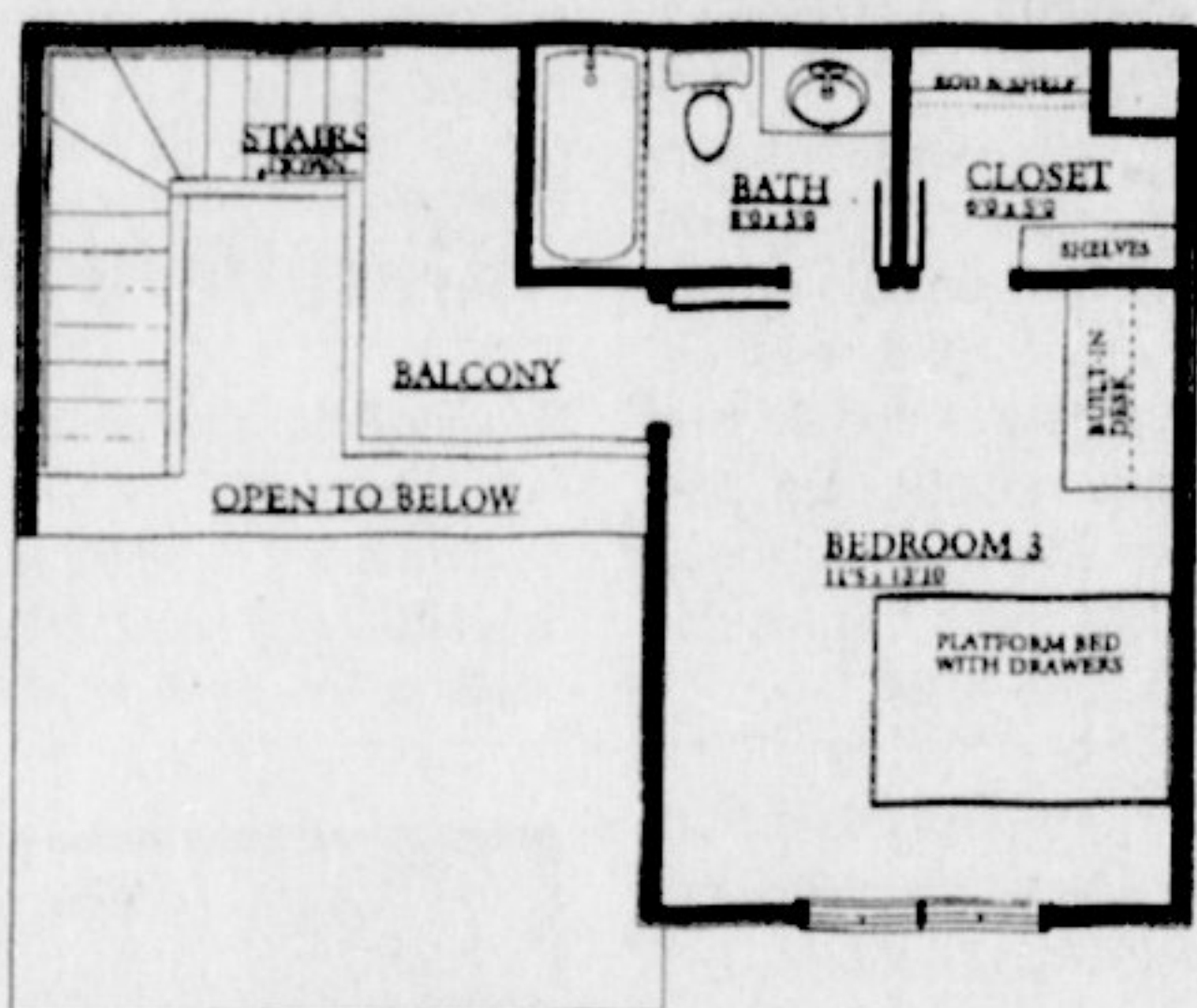
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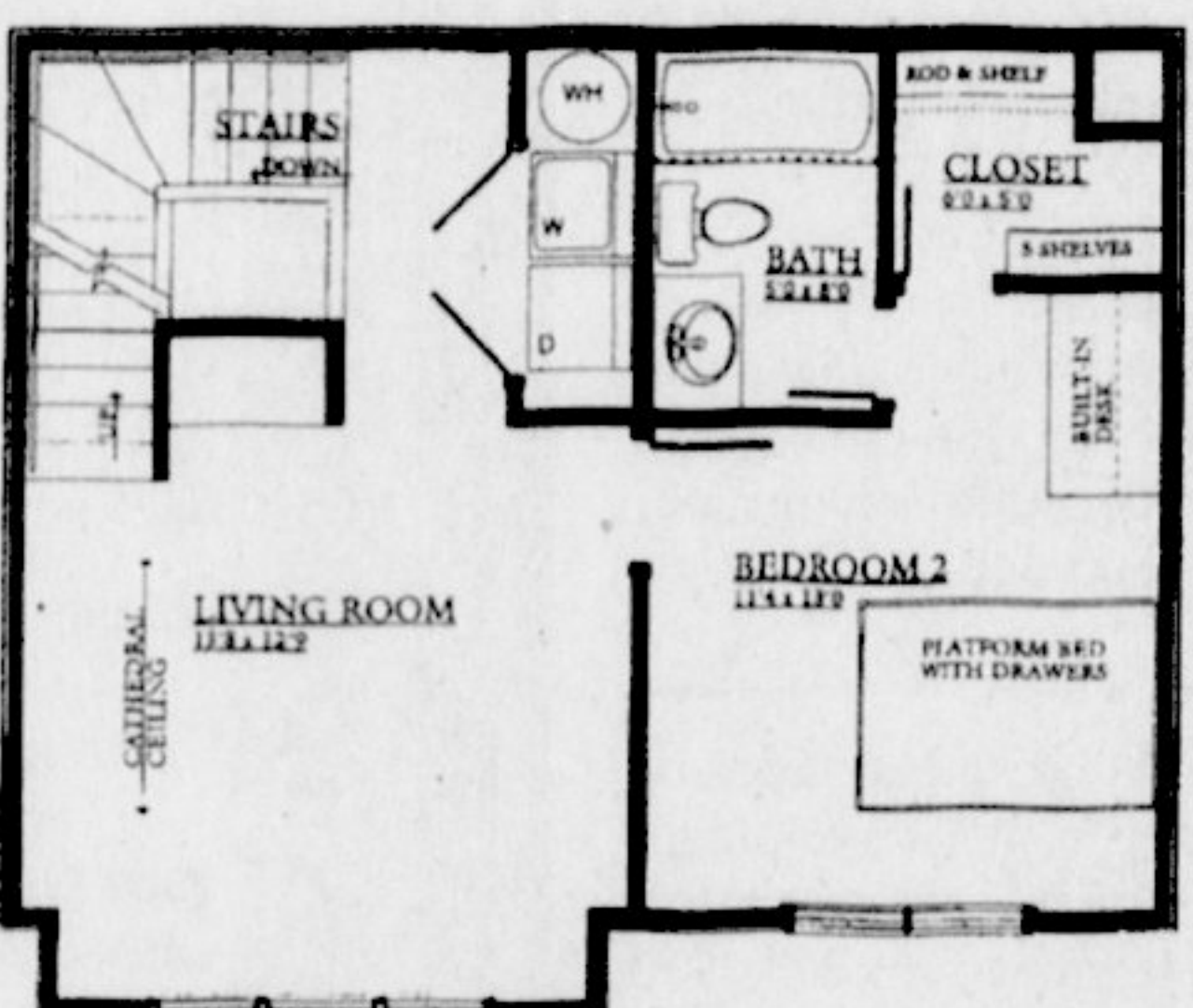
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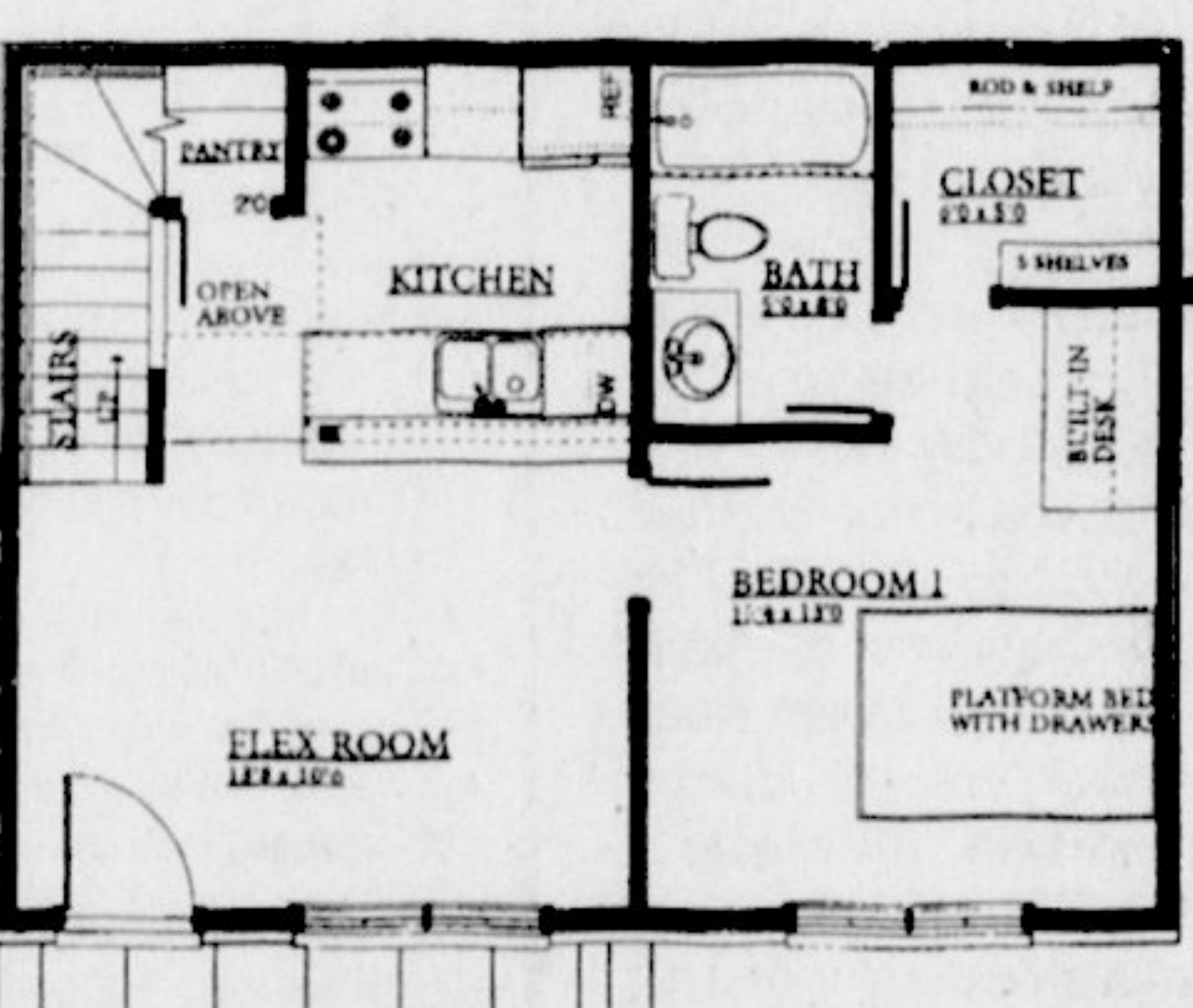
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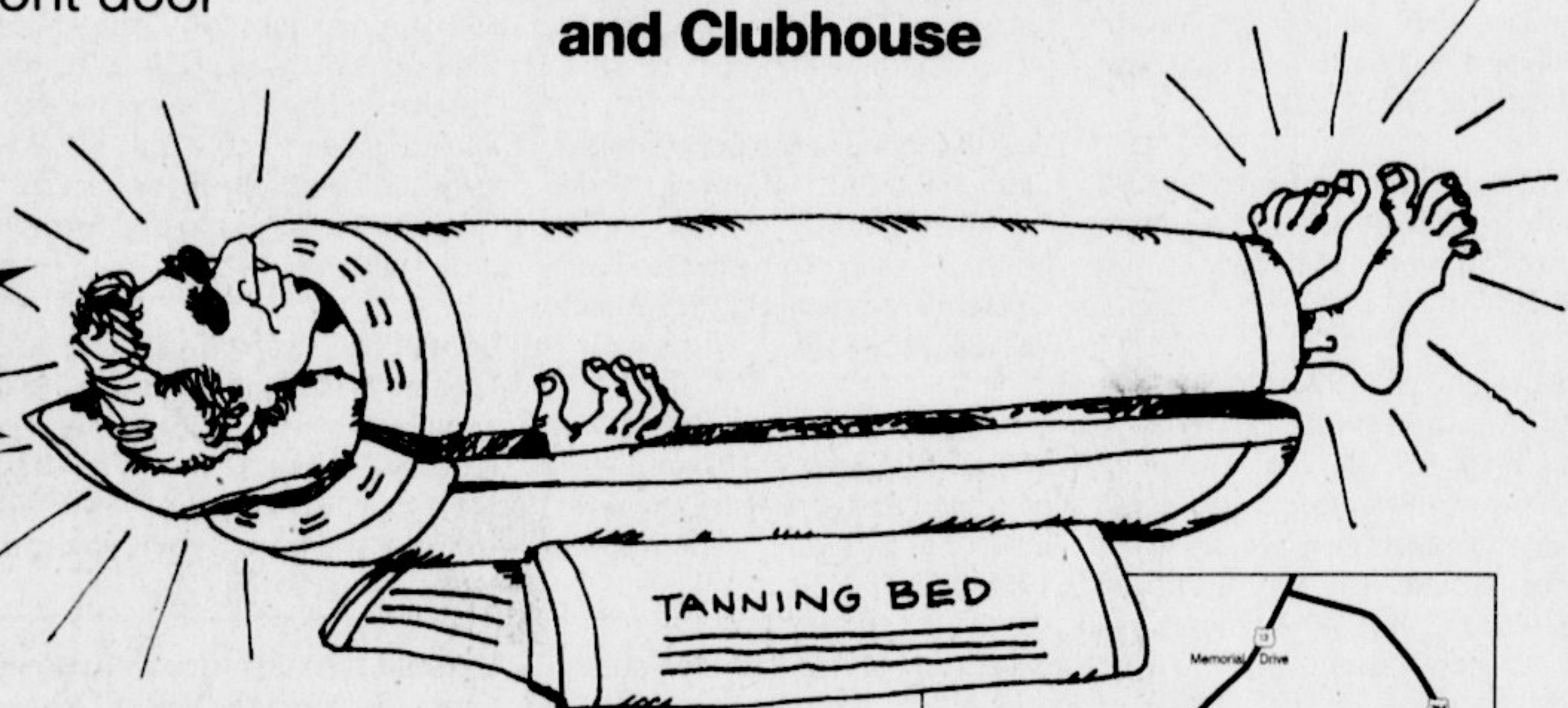


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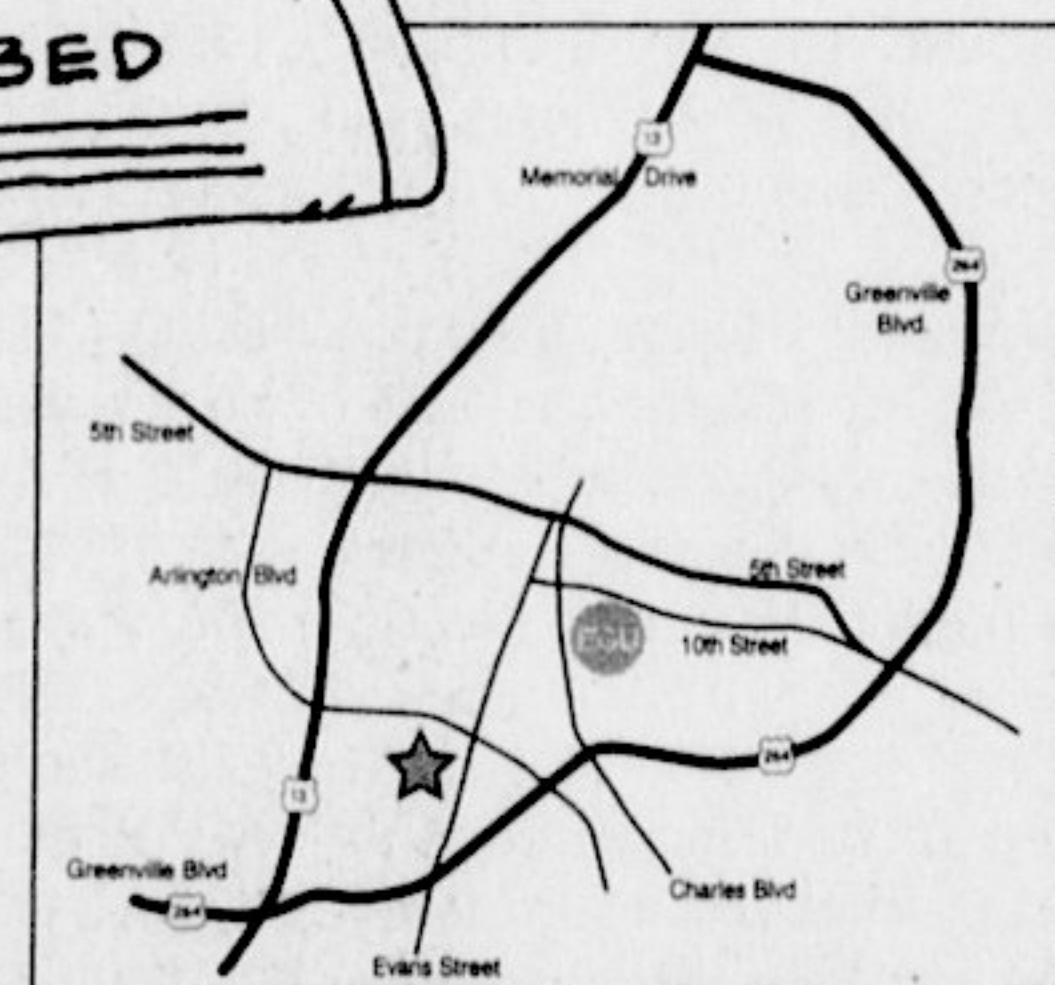
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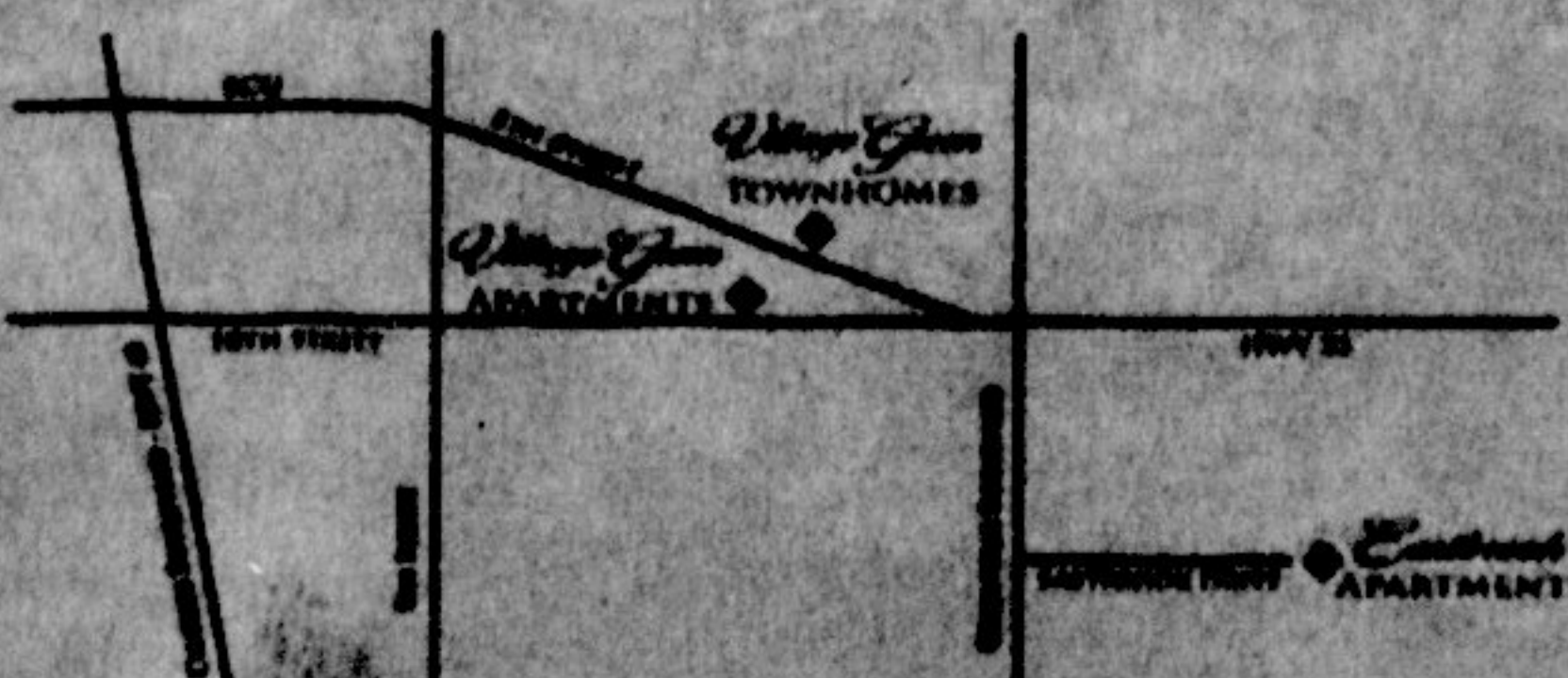
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