

## 2,800 say 'goodbye'

Photo by Tanesha Sistrunk



Nursing students celebrate by traditionally spraying silly string during the 2005 spring commencement ceremony. Nearly 2,800 students received undergraduate degrees May 7. ECU Alumnus and Chief Operating Officer of BB&T Corp. Henry Williamson spoke at the ceremony.

## Things looking up for downtown Greenville

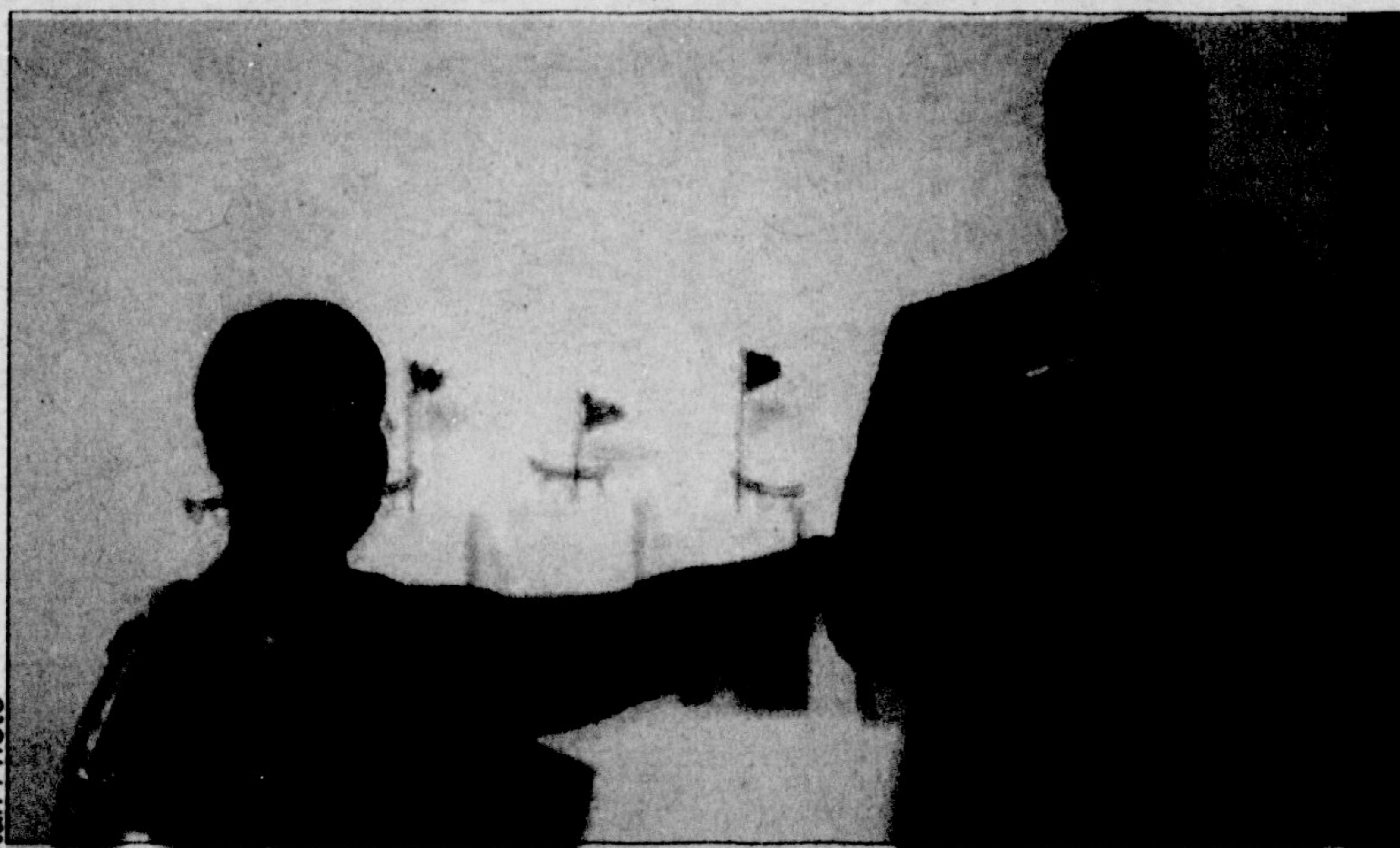
*Group excited about current progress and future projects*

**TAWANDA CARLTON**  
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Uptown Greenville, the organization dedicated to improving Greenville's downtown area, discussed upcoming events and the substantial progress of the organization last Tuesday at Emerge Gallery.

One main issue discussed at the meeting was the ongoing greenway expansion project.

Jill Twark, ECU professor and president of Friends of Greenville Greenways, a companion organization of Uptown Greenville, discussed the details for a five-year priority plan. This plan would include building a boardwalk to run from Charles Boulevard to Evans Street. Twark said their goal is to eventually have sidewalks on each side of



Jill Twark stands with Eric Clark as she discusses new plans for the greenway expansion project during their Tuesday meeting.

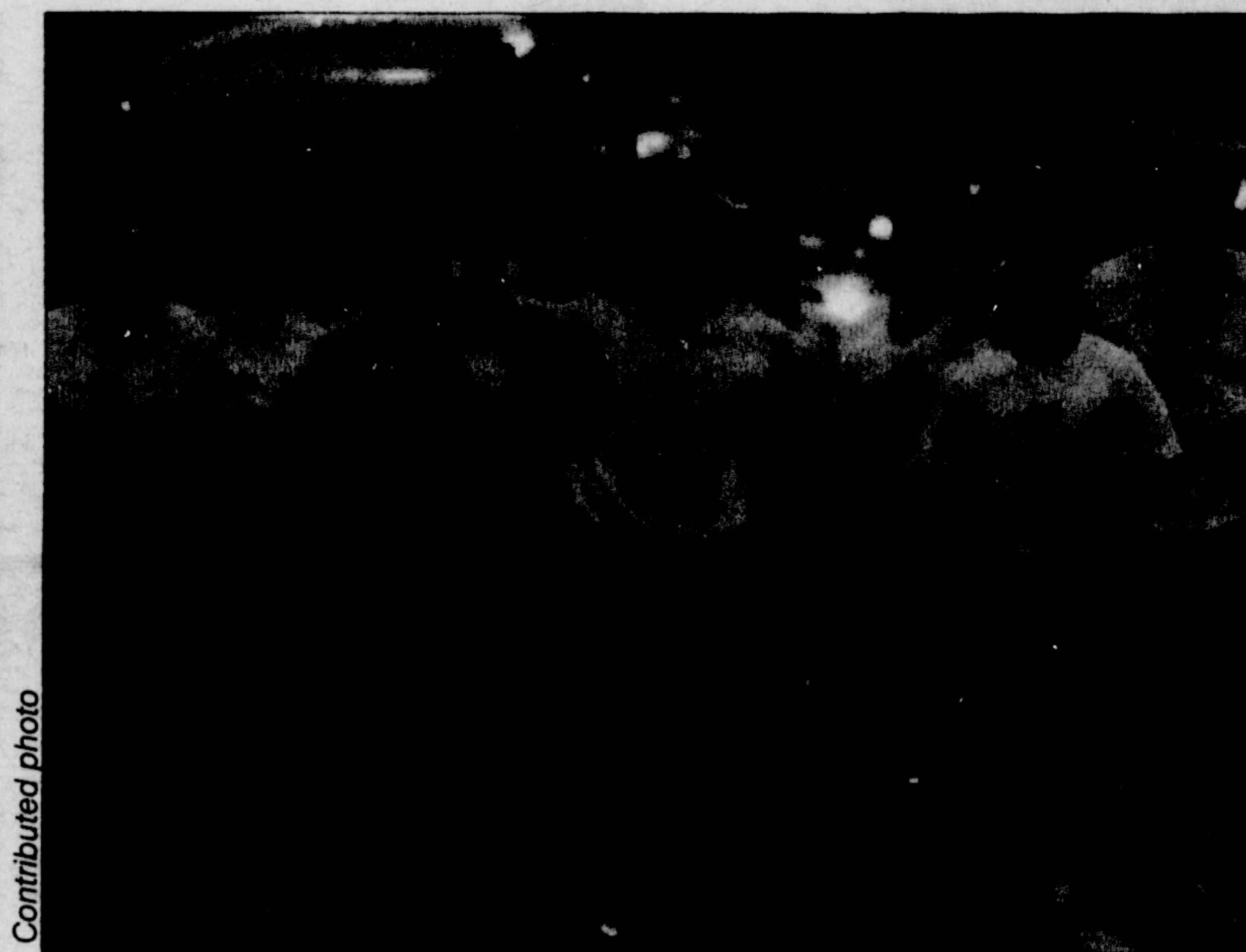
Charles Boulevard as an extension of the greenway system in preparation for an Evans Street connection.

The first goal for FROGGS is to raise \$60,000 for project design. The estimated cost for the final project is \$600,000, which would be spent on sidewalks, boardwalks and lighting.

Eric Clark, president of Uptown Greenville, also discussed new renovations occurring throughout the area, including the Blount Harvey Building, which will soon be open to the public.

Don Edwards of Uptown

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Police officers from North Carolina complete the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run before last summer's competition.

## ECU police, Greenville officers run torch

*Run to benefit NC Special Olympics*

**KRISTIN DAY**  
NEWS EDITOR

ECU and Greenville Police officers are scheduled to participate in the 2005 Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics of North Carolina Thursday morning. The run will begin at 9 a.m. at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheater.

Erin Miller, communications manager with the SONC, said the fundraisers police stations hold for the torch run raise about a quarter of their yearly budget. Each year, officers from around the state raise money in several ways from January to September and, combined, average about \$1 million per year.

Miller said officers usually sell hats and T-shirts, but some departments also hold bigger events.

"Some hold golf tournaments... or polar plunges," said Miller.

During a 'polar plunge,' willing officers dive into freezing waters in the middle of the winter.

The ECU Police Department has been holding fundraisers for SONC since the spring semester, including waiting tables at Texas Steakhouse for "Tip-A-Cop." ECU officers also stood on top of the 10th Street

Krispy Kreme and worked to collect donations during their "Cops on Doughnut Shops" event.

The ECU PD will host "Dyno Shoot Out," a motorcycle horsepower contest, June 11 at Ron Ayers Motor Sports.

Miller said it is common for both university police and city police to work toward the SONC in college towns. Both Greenville departments have helped the SOCNC for years.

The torch run is an annual event where officers carry the torch throughout the state leading up to the Special Olympics athletic events. Each year, the run raises money to fund sports training and competition. This year, more than 4,000 law enforcement officials representing more than 400 agencies will be participating.

The Special Olympics of North Carolina is a year-long event and includes 19 sports, according to Miller. Athletes spend much of this time training locally, and then there are five major state level competitions, including the spring basketball competition in Greenville.

This torch run leads up to the competition held June 3 - 5.

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## Announcements

### Click It or Ticket

The North Carolina police officers' campaign promoting seat belt use is underway. Patrolling police will be looking out for drivers and front seat passengers without seat belts, so buckle up!

### Fluff a Puff

The Pitt County Humane Society will hold its annual Fluff and Puff dog wash June 4 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Gold's Gym to raise money for the organization.

### Dyno Shootout

The ECU Police Department is holding a fundraising event at Ron Ayers Motorsports June 11 from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event will be a "Dyno-Shootout," which is a motorcycle horsepower contest. There will be music, food, door prizes and a motorcycle ride through Greenville. This event will benefit the Special Olympics of North Carolina. For more information, contact the ECU PD at 328-6787.

### Driving for a Cure

The Marley Fund will hold its third annual 'Driving for a Cure' golf tournament June 23 at Ironwood. Registration and lunch, provided by Outback Steakhouse, will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Coastal Beverage Company and Minges Bottling Group. There will also be a \$20,000 putting contest and prizes including a Harley Davidson and a Nissan Altima for hole in ones. Anyone can sign up for a four-person team with a \$400 donation.

### 'Grease'

The theatre classic 'Grease' will be performed June 21 - 25 at 8 p.m. in the McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, \$27.50 for senior citizens and current ECU faculty and staff and \$20 for youth or ECU students in advance, or \$30 at the door. For more information, visit [ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/mcginnis/SummerTheatre.cfm](http://ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/mcginnis/SummerTheatre.cfm) or call 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

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## News Briefs

### Local

#### Five injured when car plows into line outside Dairy Queen

GASTONIA, NC - Five people were injured - two seriously - when a car ran out of control on a busy thoroughfare and spun into lines of customers waiting outside a Dairy Queen, authorities said.

The impact threw people as far as 20 feet and knocked some of them out of their shoes, according to witnesses.

Witnesses said the car, a Chevrolet Camaro, appeared to have been racing a Mitsubishi Eclipse down Franklin Boulevard when it hit a utility pole, went out of control and ran into two lines of people outside the ice cream restaurant at 9:22 p.m.

"Two cars were speeding and they ran into the people in line," said Dawn Pappas, whose husband of three years, Nicholas, was injured. "My husband was the last one in line."

Police Officer Keith Quinn said both drivers fled after the accident.

Two people were taken to Gaston Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries, Gaston Emergency Medical Services operations supervisor Tommy Cleary said.

Three others were taken to the hospital, two with serious but non-life-threatening injuries and one with minor injuries, Cleary said. One victim was in a parked vehicle that was hit in the parking lot, he said.

None of the victims' names or conditions could be confirmed late Monday.

### National

#### States allowed to deny Viagra payments for convicted sex offenders

ALBANY, N.Y. - A federal agency has begun notifying all 50 states that they don't have to offer Medicaid-funded Viagra to sex offenders, a step taken after it was discovered that more than 400 convicted sex offenders in New York and Florida were reimbursed for the erectile dysfunction drug.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services acted swiftly Monday, one day after the New York comptroller's office said audits from 2000 through March found that 198 rapists and other high-risk sex offenders in the state received Medicaid-reimbursed Viagra after their convictions.

Their crimes included offenses against children as young as 2, Comptroller Alan Hevesi said. The report sent the Bush administration scrambling to find a way to close the loophole.

"The bottom line is, giving convicted sex offenders government-funded Viagra is like giving convicted murderers an assault rifle when they get out of jail," said Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat.

Auditors did not review situations in

other states, but Hevesi's spokesman, David Neustadt, said policies on Viagra under the health care program for the poor and elderly are apparently the same nationwide.

Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist noted that Medicaid has paid \$93,000 to provide Viagra to 218 sex offenders in that state over the last four years.

Gary Karr, spokesman for the federal Health and Human Services Department, said confusion over a 1998 federal directive apparently resulted in Medicaid-paid Viagra for sex offenders.

In a letter Sunday to HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt, Hevesi requested administrative action or an amendment to the Medicaid law. "It's great that the federal government has responded immediately," he said.

### International

#### Car bomb kills six near Baghdad school for girls

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A car bomb exploded Tuesday near a Baghdad junior high school for girls, killing six people, and eight American soldiers were killed in two days of insurgent attacks in and around Baghdad, the military said.

In the last two days, the military announced that 13 American troops have been killed since Sunday. Those reports came as insurgents carried out

a string of explosions, suicide attacks and drive-by shootings around the country that also killed 49 Iraqis.

At least 620 people, including 53 U.S. troops, have been killed since April 28, when Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new Shiite-dominated government. Washington hopes his government will eventually train police and an army capable of securing Iraq, allowing the withdrawal of coalition troops.

Three U.S. soldiers were killed Tuesday in central Baghdad when a car bomb exploded next to their convoy around 1:30 p.m., said military spokesman Sgt. David Abrams.

About a half-hour later, a U.S. soldier sitting in the back of a Bradley fighting vehicle at an observation post was shot to death by gunmen in a passing car, Abrams added.

Four were killed Monday after they were attacked in Haswa, 30 miles south of Baghdad, the military said. The soldiers were assigned to the 155th Brigade Combat Team, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

The U.S. military said Monday that three American soldiers were killed Sunday and one wounded in two separate attacks in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. Another soldier was reported killed when his patrol was hit by a car bomb just north of Tikrit, 80 miles north of the capital, and a fifth died in a vehicle accident in Kirkuk.

## National organization surveys 'Class of 9/11'

### Results show reluctance to government jobs after terrorist attacks

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The Partnership for Public Service revealed results from its national survey of the 2005 graduating class - the first group of students to complete four college years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 - concerning their ideas about government service.

Bethany Hardy, director of media relations with PPS, said random colleges and universities all over the country were surveyed. They chose 805 students; 101 were also invited to complete an in-depth interview through a chat room.

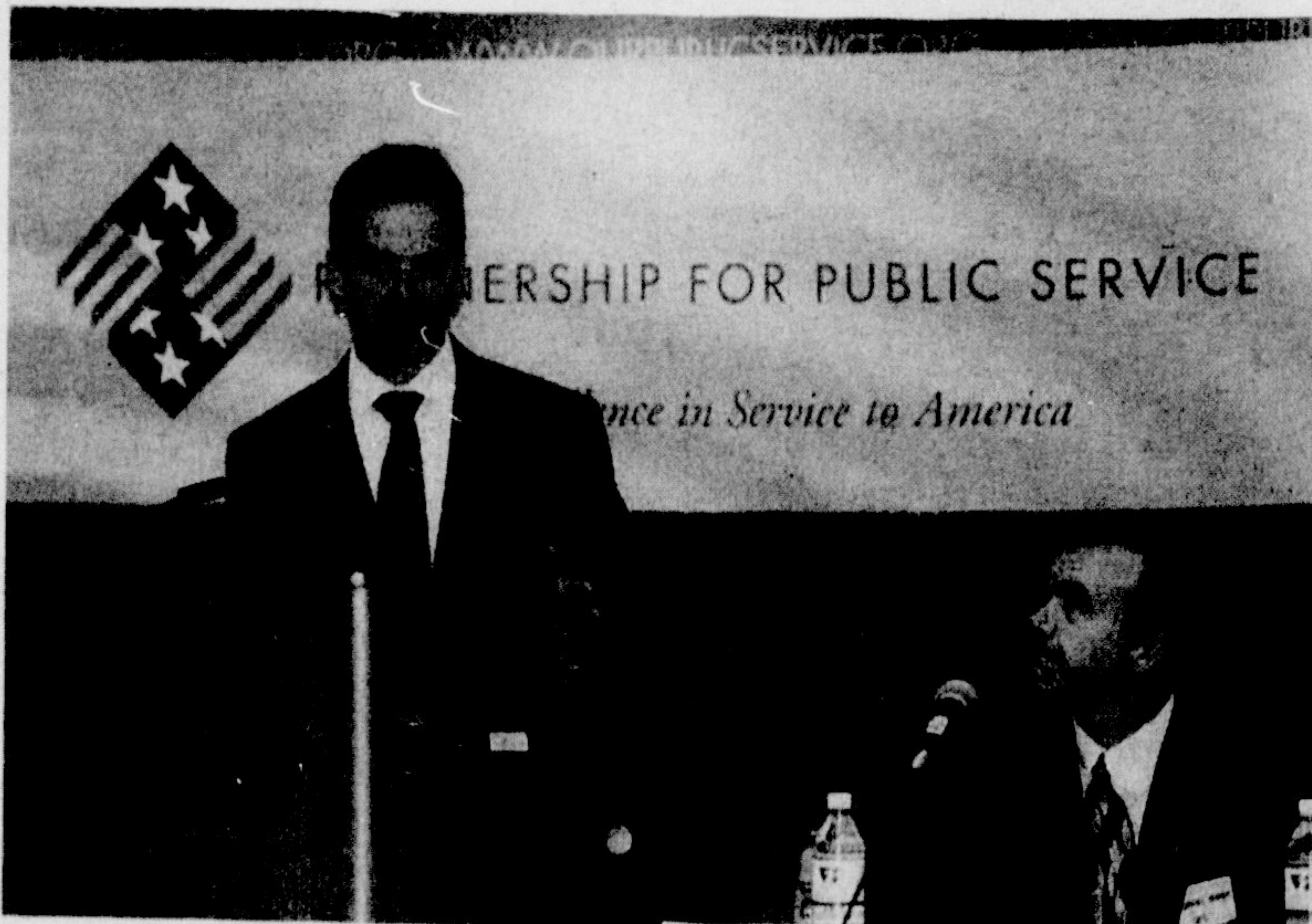
Hardy said they wanted to know what students are looking for in a career. This information also tells them what they need to do to recruit more graduates.

Choosing 2005 graduates allowed them to see the effects of the terrorist attacks on the ideals of young Americans.

"We thought it would be interesting to see if 9/11 affected them at all," said Hardy.

Tom Freedman, consultant of the partnership, analyzed the data and discussed the results to a live audience as well as others from around the country listening through a teleconference. He said the three major findings they discovered were that today's students are practical patriots, the opportunity to recruit a new generation to public service is over and the government needs a better sales pitch.

Freedman compared today's students with those of the 1960s. He said while those students focused on peace and love, students today are realistic and expect to struggle. This is clear through a survey question that asked if students thought another terrorist attack like 9/11 would occur. Most



Contributed photo

President of the Partnership for Public Service Max Stier speaks during an event for the organization in 2003.

surveyed said they expected it.

"That's a very serious reality for a generation to live with," Freedman said.

A significant number of 2005 graduates also said they do not expect the war on terror to end in their lifetime. However, they are more fearful of unemployment and

debt than another terrorist attack. They also feel that problems such as the federal budget and Social Security should be addressed first by the government.

Freedman said this shows that today's graduates understand the

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reality of the threat, but choose to live their lives without fear.

When asked which event affected their views of the United States, almost half of the students surveyed chose 9/11 and said it put the country in a positive light. The other half said the war in Iraq shaped their views of America, but in a negative light.

Freedman also noted that less than half, about 40 percent, said they trust the government.

"This is not a generation that trusts institutions," Freedman said.

Many students said they would consider a career with the government if the pay and benefits were good. Freedman said government jobs do offer these things, but people are not aware of it, so the government needs to do a better job of communicating these facts to the public.

Freedman said one interesting fact they found was students' idea of public service is skewed. They do not think working with the government constitutes public service.

"They think what you do personally ... is what demonstrates public service," Freedman said.

Harris Markowitz, Malena Brookshire and Patrick Schmidt, three students who participated

in the survey, were also present to discuss their ideas and possible solutions.

Brookshire said more people would get involved in volunteerism if there were a way to "get ahead" in future careers through it. Markowitz said students simply don't realize the recognition they get from volunteering.

The panel also suggested that applications for government jobs be more streamline and less rigorous. They said the government should also work to get the word out about opportunities.

Max Stier, president and CEO of PPS, said there is a lack of talent working with civic service, and the terrorist attacks did not help them with recruitment.

"We need a new call to public service, one that balances young people's patriotism with two factors that are just as important to them: pay and prestige," said Stier.

Freedman said this class is unique to the study because they have experienced 9/11 as well as Columbine and a lot of innovative technology.

"I think it will be one of the greatest study generations in history," Freedman said.

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# Leno testifies accuser was suspicious, didn't ask for money



Jay Leno testified for the defense during Jackson's trial Tuesday.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno testified Tuesday that the boy who is now accusing Michael Jackson of molestation was "overly effusive" and sounded suspicious in phone calls to him — but never asked for money.

Jackson's defense called Leno, who regularly skewers Jackson in his monologues, to support its claim that the boy's family schemed to get money from celebrities.

"I wasn't asked for any money,

nor did I send any," Leno said.

Leno testified that he makes 15 to 20 calls a week to children who are ill, and he began receiving voice mail messages from Jackson's accuser, a cancer patient, around 2000.

Leno said the boy called him his hero, and he thought it was strange that a young boy would be such a fan of a comedian who is in his 50s.

"I'm not Batman. It seemed a little unusual," Leno said.

The defense has said that Leno became so suspicious that he called Santa Barbara police to say he believed the family was looking for a "mark." But Leno said it was police who contacted him, though it was unclear why.

The comic said he probably did tell police that it sounded like the family was seeking money.

"It sounded suspicious when a young person got overly effusive," Leno said. "It just didn't click with me."

The comic said he once heard a voice in the background but said he wasn't sure if it was the boy's mother, a nurse or someone else. Defense attorneys have suggested that Leno heard the mother in the background coaching her son.

Leno said the calls ended when he asked comedian Louise Palanker, a friend who had become acquainted with the boy, to intercede.

Before he left the stand, Leno put in a plug for Tuesday night's show, saying, "We have Renee Zellweger."

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He dedicated much of his "Tonight Show" monologue Monday night to the Jackson trial.

Noting he has often poked fun at Jackson's expense, Leno quipped: "I was called by the defense. Apparently they've never seen this program." Referring to the heat wave gripping Southern California, Leno said he's been "sweating like a Cub Scout" at Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

Defense attorneys say Leno was one of several celebrities - including Jackson - who the accuser's family tried to bilk out of money. Comedian Chris Tucker also is among remaining defense witnesses.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting the boy in February or March 2003 when he was 13, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to rebut a documentary in which

the boy appeared with Jackson as the entertainer said he let children into his bed for innocent, non-sexual sleepovers.

Jackson's attorneys on Monday called witnesses who painted the boy's mother as a welfare cheat who exploited her son's cancer to get money and lived lavishly at Jackson's expense.

The defense tried to show the mother was behind several moneymaking schemes and angrily rejected people who sought to help her with anything but cash.

The mother's former sister-in-law testified that the mother used profanity to denounce blood drives held for the accuser when he was fighting cancer.

"She told me that she didn't need my [expletive] blood," said the former sister-in-law, bursting into tears, "that she needed money."

**Downtown** from page 1

Greenville said that with 180 members, Uptown Greenville's membership is at an all-time high and continues to grow. Along with FROGGS, he said Uptown Greenville hopes to continually renovate and update downtown Greenville.

The meeting concluded with a tour of one of downtown's new galleries, the Galleria Locale, above the Topsy Teapot.

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## It is not just the start of summer

*Memorial Day is just around the corner*

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Ain't my smiling mug a sight for sore eyes? Or is it just a sight that makes your eyes sore? Either way, I have returned once more to grace ECU and surrounding environments with all the wit, wisdom and witticism that you have come to expect and depend upon. The Conservative Corner is now open for business.

Okay, that ends the ego trip ... for now.

Seriously though, to those who are returning to this fine (at least according to the press releases the school issues) institution of higher education, welcome back. Hope you didn't miss me too much. And to all you newbies on campus, straight from high school and still wet behind the ears, I have one question: Are you crazy?

You do realize that this is summer school, don't you? This place just a few weeks (months?) ago was essentially the exclusive environment of educationally challenged underachievers - you are aware of that, right? Just checking. Whatever enticed you to enroll this summer, I extend a warm welcome also. Most importantly, I offer heartfelt thanks from everyone at TEC for your readership.

This is usually the part where I point out and expound upon the most recent examples of the hypocrisy, obstruction, obfuscation, immorality, lies, you name it of the Liba-Whacks (that's Liberal Whackos) in the world. While this is very tempting, and there is definitely a wealth of examples to use, there are more important issues to discuss this week.

Does everyone know what is special about this weekend? Memorial Day weekend. Lots of sales and no school Monday. The unofficial start of summer. Right? Wrong!

While next Monday is indeed Memorial Day, it has nothing to do with the gross commercialization that the holiday has become, or with the "official" rebirth of the beach and other warm weather communities for summer. This weekend in general, and Monday in particular, has been set aside for honoring the men and women who have died fighting for the freedom we so take for granted.

The first observance of Memorial Day, originally Decoration Day, was May 30, 1868, when flowers were laid on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery. Originally designed to honor the dead of the Civil War, by 1890 the day was observed officially by all the northern states. The southern states refused to go along, however, preferring instead to honor their dead on separate days.

The southern states did not officially acknowledge Memorial Day until after World War I, when it was decided to honor the dead of all of America's wars, not just the Civil War. To this day though, seven or eight southern states still honor their Civil War dead on days other than Memorial Day (this was how it was the last time I read up on the subject two years ago). Memorial Day was observed on May 30 from its inception in 1868 until 1971, when it was changed to the last Monday in May to ensure that Federal employees got a three-day weekend. From that point, Memorial Day has slowly morphed into the pre-summer shopping extravaganza that it is today while the true reason for the day has been forgotten.

Whether you believe in God, are an atheist, believe that man evolved from a pool of primordial slime or that aliens mated with monkeys and "poof" here we are, every one of us should get down on our knees and say a prayer of gratitude for all the men and

women who gave their lives for this country. It doesn't even matter if you despise the military and all it stands for or think we should turn the Middle East and North Korea into parking lots, you owe everything to those men and women. Think about that.

You are what you are and where you are because men and women you never knew were willing to lay down their lives. The freedoms you have, the health you enjoy, the cars you drive, all that you have, do or ever will own is possible because of those dead men and women. Who were they?

They were young, old, smart, retarded, rich, poor, tall, short, fat, skinny, handsome, ugly, male, female, homosexual, heterosexual, liberal, conservative, black, white, yellow, red, brown and at times black and blue. They came from every corner of the country and the globe. They were Americans, and every last one of them died for you.

With all that we owe these men and women, is it too much to ask for us to take some time out of our self-absorbed lives and quietly honor these heroes? I don't think so, and neither do many others. On the off chance that you may have entirely too much to do on Memorial Day to attend one of the organized observances, there is another option.

On May 2, 2000, President Clinton signed a memorandum asking all Americans to observe a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. (local time) every Memorial Day. He suggested that everybody stop what they are doing (if they can) and quietly reflect and give thanks to all who have died in service to our country.

There you go. At 3 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2005, take one minute out of your busy schedule to quietly acknowledge the debt we owe these people and give thanks for their sacrifice.

It is the very least we can do.

## Pirate Rants

**Rant from the Editor:**

To everyone who sent 'Rants' over the summer: Thank you. Here are a few that I received in the past month while we were taking our break. I hope everyone is having a great summer, not working too hard and keep the 'Rants' coming by sending them to [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com).

Instead of harassing college kids because you know you can make money off of them, why don't you cops try to keep all these thugs out of the areas around the school? Every weekend for the past few months someone has been robbed. Instead of having the whole police force standing around like gangs downtown waiting to pepper spray someone, get in your little cars and drive around areas kids might be trying to walk home through.

To the girl who wanted the nice guys to stand up so you could know where we were: We're standing up all the time, you girls just don't pay attention to us because we don't try to hit on you 24/7, and we're not in frats and we don't have nice cars or popped collars... just look around and you'll see us.

Here is a safety tip for everyone. Don't walk alone from downtown at 4 a.m., especially if you're a girl. If everyone would just be smart and do this, all the attacks on students would drop drastically.

Chemistry ruins my life and my GPA!

I find it very ridiculous that more than half of the people I met this semester are failing out and not going to be here with me next semester. Think for a second why you're failing out? Because this school is too much fun? Yeah it's a whole lot of fun, so why be stupid

and fail out and not come back? I just don't get it.

Thanks to Organic Chemistry and Cellular Physiology, I will be in summer school.

Why is that ECU assigns these obnoxiously long and confusing e-mail addresses when other schools with just as many students in North Carolina can assign normal e-mail addresses that actually make sense such as [first initial][last name]@blablabla.edu?

Kyle, TEC staff writer is sooo hot. I want a date with him!

To everyone who graduated on time: Congratulations, but you still suck because I'm here one more semester. Just kidding.

I am a liberal Democrat, but I do like to hear the opinions of others. After reading tons of rants from Republicans it seems like every time a legitimate point is brought up, all you have to say is you don't know what your talking about. Well I do know what I'm talking about. I'm very involved in politics and made my own decision. Can you actually have an intelligent discussion without throwing childish insults, or have you wasted all your time thinking up insults without actually learning about the issues?

I can't afford the food on campus. It's like I have to get a student loan just to eat on campus.

I wish the professor evaluations we fill out actually mattered because when the majority of the class is failing and the test average is a 52, something is wrong.

Thanks to all the hot boys at the SRC. Because of you, I have a great work out.

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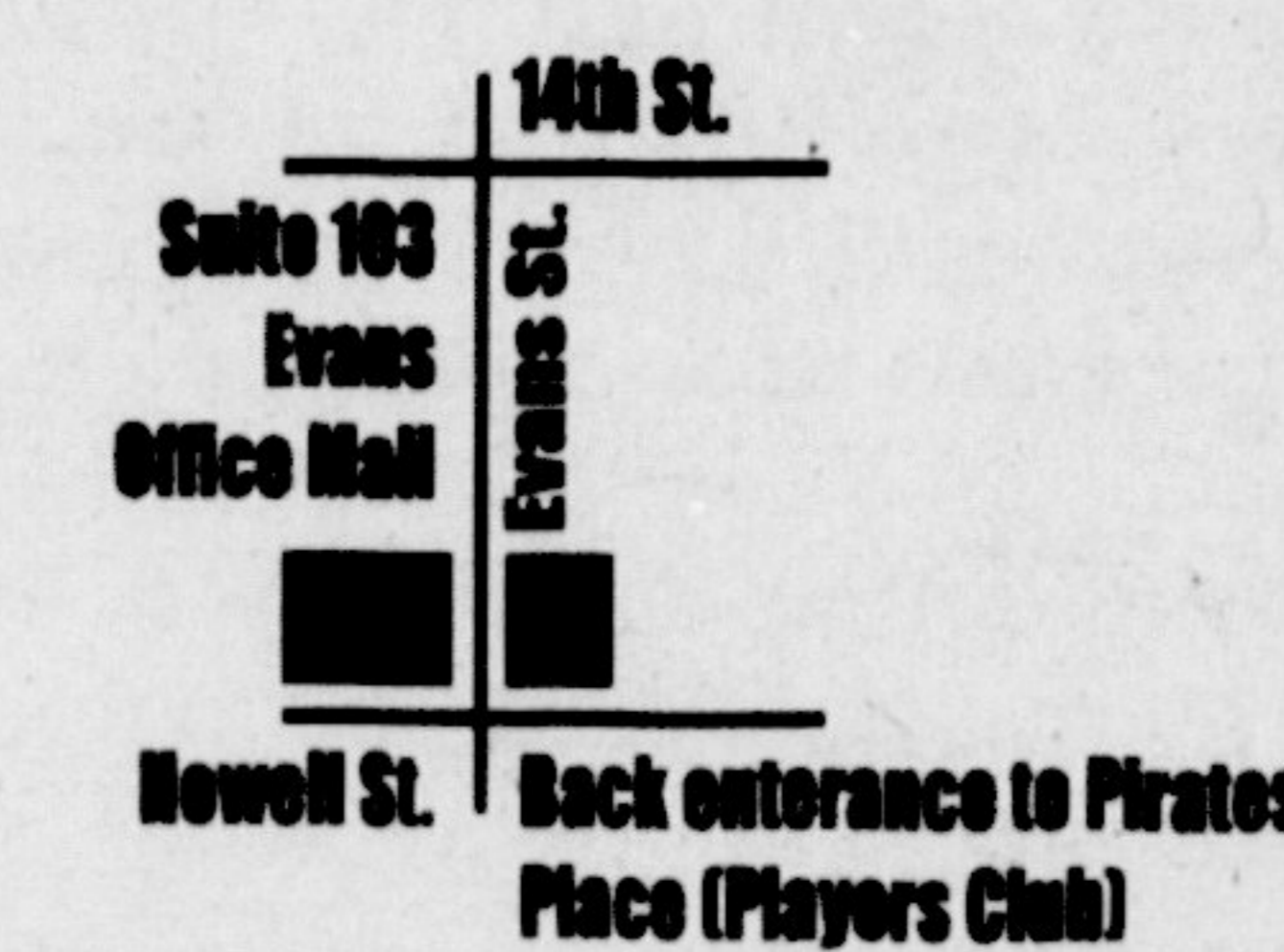



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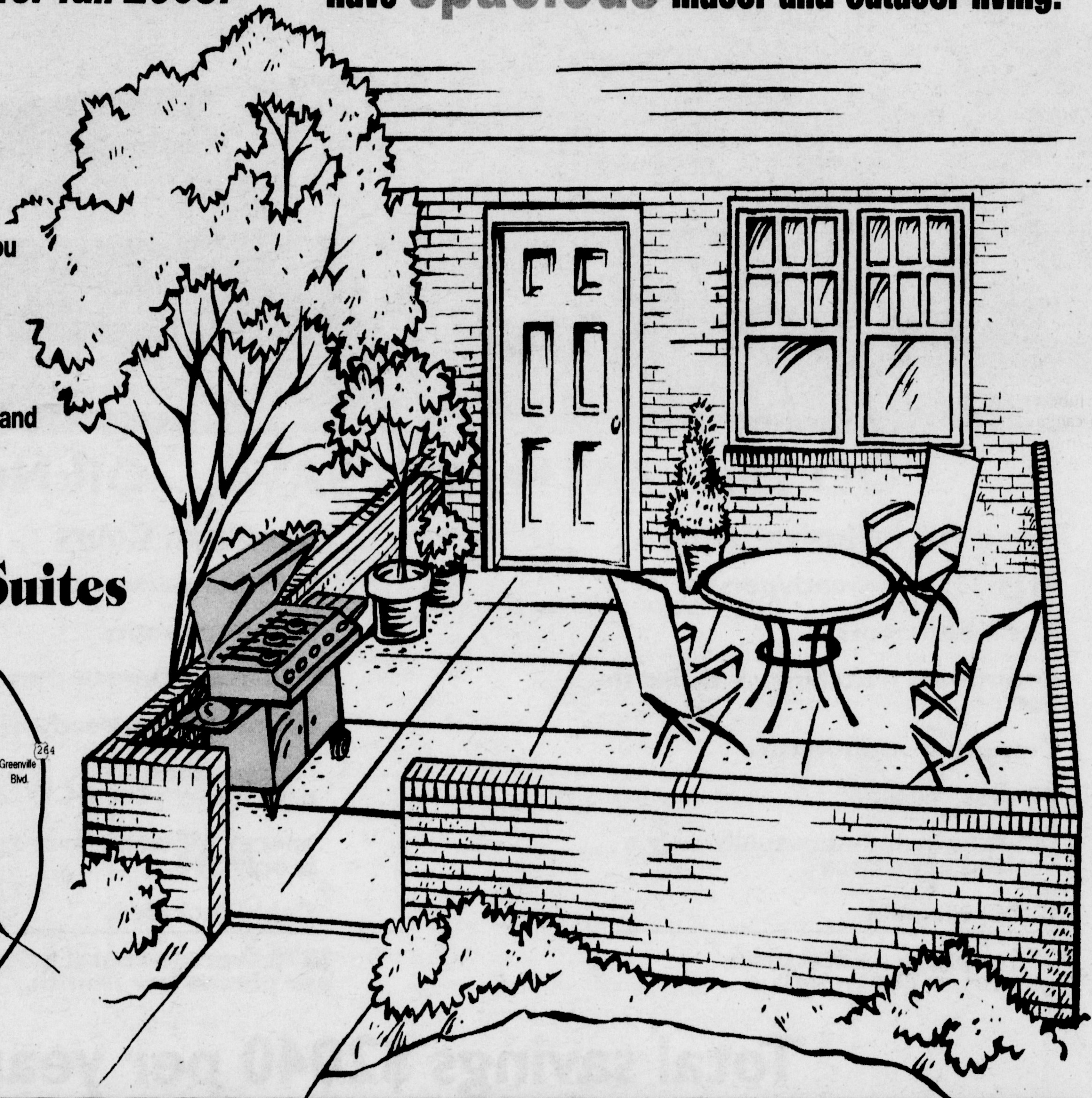
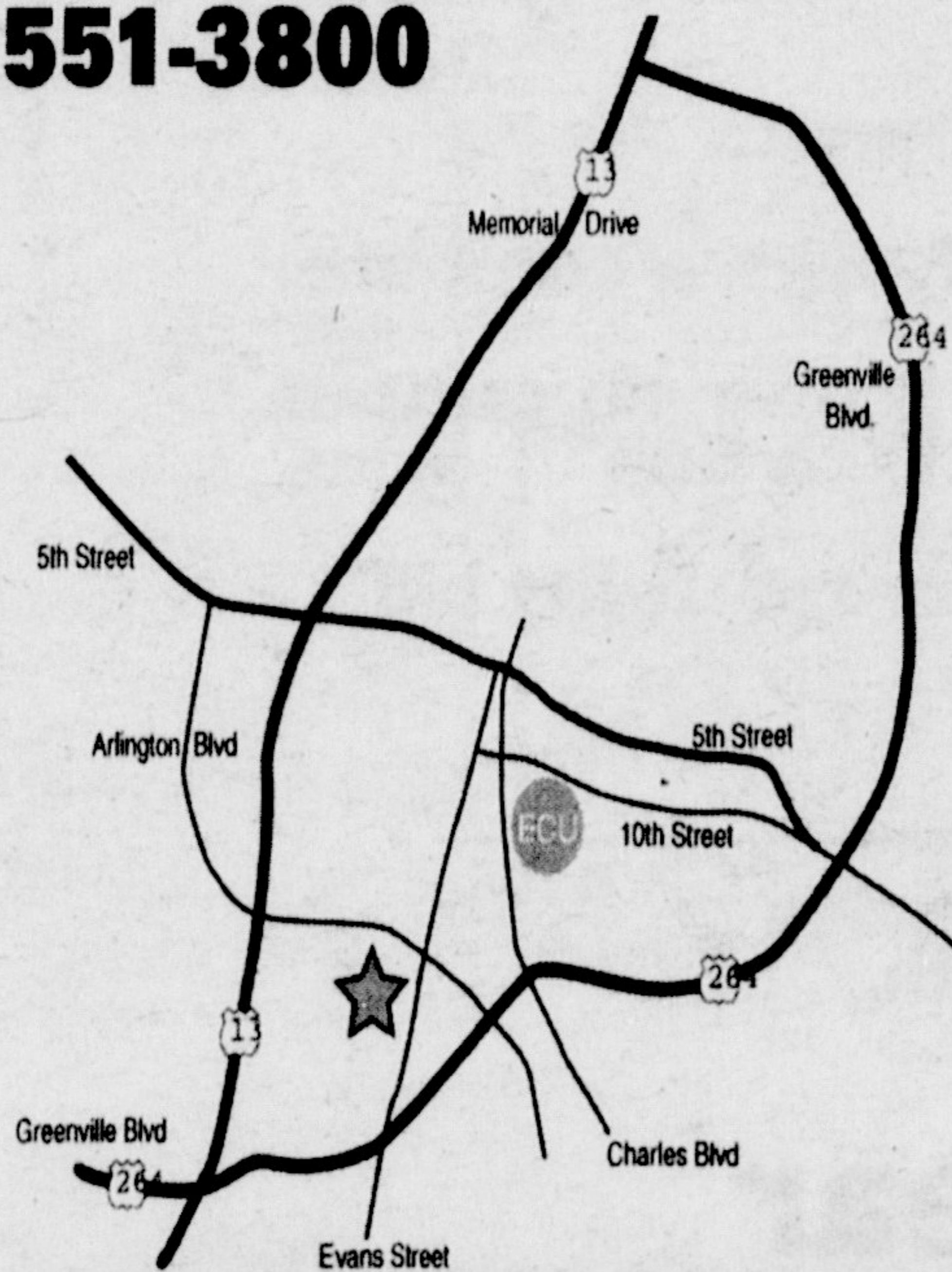
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## EPIISODE III

THE REVENGE OF SITH

# THE DARK SIDE IS UPON US



'Star Wars' series comes full circle with 'Revenge of the Sith'

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So this is it. After 28 years, the *Star Wars* series comes to a conclusion with *Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*. It is a very dark, yet very satisfying conclusion to the greatest film saga in history.

*Episode III* shows director George Lucas returning to the classic space opera that made him famous in the late 1970s and early 1980s with his original trilogy. There is more action in this *Star Wars* episode than in the previous two episodes combined.

The film opens with Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) attempting to rescue a kidnapped Chancellor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) from the evil Separatist General Grievous (voiced by Matthew Woods). Upon their return, Palpatine appoints Skywalker to the Jedi Council to be a sort of "spy." The council, led by the famous Yoda and Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson), distrusts the Chancellor and asks Anakin to "spy" back on him.

Anakin's choice is a difficult one. Who should he trust? Why should he trust them? This is where Anakin starts slipping toward the Dark Side of the Force at a more exponential pace. He also fears for the life his wife Padme (Natalie Portman) and the babies she's carrying (this will be, of course, Luke and Princess Leia in the original trilogy). His fear only helps him get to the Dark Side much more quickly and turn into the monster we all know.

The film also achieves a new level of greatness that no other *Star Wars* film ever has when Padme becomes fearful of her husband and is torn between her love for him and her fear of him. Portman does an exceptional job displaying this confusion to us. Her role is much more solid and complete than her embarrassing performance in *Attack of the Clones*.

This film is not about what happens to the characters, but how it happens to them and why. We all know who Anakin becomes, who the Emperor is and what the Galactic Empire is. What *Episode III* does for us is show us how these things happened. It shows us what drives young Anakin to become the evil Sith lord we are all familiar with (Sith, for those who are not up in the *Star Wars* lingo, are those who practice the methods of the Dark Side). People will not attend this movie to see what happens, but rather to see why it happens.

The center piece of this *Star Wars* episode, like the five others that preceded it, is the special effects. In comparison to the effects used in the 1983 film *Return of the Jedi*, *Revenge of the Sith* most certainly has the upper hand. Lucas built his film around the special effects. Almost every scene in this film was shot in front of a blue screen. This looks nice, but sometimes takes away from the overall effect of the scene. At some points, it's almost like we're watching two people standing in front of a cartoon. Lucas pioneered the thought of using massive amounts of special effects in movies, so we can't get too hung up on this notion.

As for the fighting scenes, they are jaw-dropping and spectacular,

'Star Wars' leaves behind a legacy no one will forget

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Go ahead and do it.

Make fun of the guy who went to the Greenville opening of *Star Wars: Episode III* dressed as Darth Maul, makeup and all, and the people who wore their trench coats and robes and waved their plastic lightsabers. They get it.

Laugh really hard at the skit where Triumph the Insult Comic Dog made fun of the thousands of geeks who lined up in costumes at the premiere of *Episode II*. They got it.

Make all the Jedi jokes you want about using "the Force" and poke fun at the little green guy who can't speak in even, straight sentences. They're more important than you may think.

The truth is, *Episode III - Revenge of the Sith* completed a circle that

started unceremoniously 28 years ago and has since captured the imaginations of generations. This chain of movies spawned an entire subculture of people writing books and separate stories based on these original characters. It inspired the use of more special effects and had an effect on cinema that no instrument on this planet (or any other for that matter) can measure.

Every child to see *Star Wars* since 1977 has had an imaginary lightsaber duel with a friend and has tried to move something without touching it by using "the Force." Everyone who has seen the movie can do a "wookie" voice and has spoken into a moving fan to hear their Darth Vader voice. It may all be funny, but honestly, it's pretty interesting to think of what life would be like if you could move stuff without touching it.

However, the great thing about *Star Wars* and the true legacy of this saga is the way it began - in the imagination of George Lucas.

From pure fantasy, it evolved to a story that caught the whole world up in its grasp, and everyone believed in it.

Even though *Star Wars* takes place in a galaxy that is far away from our own, the two places aren't that different, and our world could take some lessons from the war-torn universe. "The Force," while sometimes disputed and denounced as a challenge to religion and spirituality, offers an interesting example. The two sides of the Force, Jedi and Sith, come from different ideologies: the Jedi act on their thoughts and the Sith act on their passions. The best place to be is in the middle, where thoughts and passions guide equally.

Many theater viewers likely got a lively laugh out of seeing that one of the most powerful Jedi in the movie was a green man no taller than a fire hydrant and about as easy to understand as the drive-

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# HFStival rocks Charm City

*Behind the scenes of the biggest concert event of the summer*

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ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Saturday, May 14 marked the unofficial start of summer as more than 55,000 concertgoers made their way to Baltimore, Maryland, for the 16th annual HFStival sponsored by rock station WHFS on 105.7. With a stellar lineup including Foo Fighters, Coldplay, Billy Idol, Good Charlotte and Social Distortion among others, the HFStival is a date most east coast rock fans, specifically those in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia, look forward to all year.

After a rough few months fighting political battles over air time, WHFS was able to put on their annual concert event, which is what starts my recount of one of the most amazing concert experiences I've ever had.

I rolled into M&T Bank Stadium, also known as the place the Baltimore Ravens play, around 8 a.m. because all good concerts must be preceded by a tailgate of some kind. Nothing in this world beats beer,

nachos, buffalo wings and crab dip before the crack of dawn. Excitement was in the air as the parking lots quickly filled with cars full of everyone from the blue haired Billy Idol fans to the pre-teen Good Charlotte fans.

Around noon, I made my way to the stadium, making a quick stop to pick up my media credentials, then heading in through the press entrance. I was then escorted upstairs to the press box, which is mainly used to shuttle the press back and forth from the three different stages so they could take pictures of various bands.

My work officially began at 12:25 when I heard someone yell, "If anyone wants to see The Bravery, we're leaving now," and I jumped in line with my media peers, traveled down two levels into the basement of the stadium and made my way to the stage.

Like a 5-year-old at Disneyworld with wide eyes and a goofy smile, I walked through the basement passing by various bands and their dressing rooms, interview areas, and a massage room for the bands. I was armed with my camera and ready for action.

I'll admit that I'm not too familiar with the Bravery, one of the many

hometown acts to play the festival, but I do know that they played their single "An Honest Mistake," and they wore a lot of makeup.

I went immediately outside the main stadium to one of the street stages to catch one of my favorite acts of the day, Citizen Cope. He played at Barefoot on the Mall at ECU back in April. This local boy played a fun set including his singles "Bullet and a Target" and "Son's Gonna Rise" and also a few songs from his latest CD.

After that, I met up with some friends, watched a good deal of public debauchery and ate lunch before checking out Interpol play on the main stage. I'd already seen Interpol when they played with The Cure last summer, but I was delightfully surprised at how much I liked them the second time around.

Following Interpol was the first big temper tantrum of the summer. Echo and the Bunnymen singer, Ian McCulloch. McCulloch claimed that he had lost his voice but would try to sing anyway. The band started playing "Lips Like Sugar" for a few seconds, but McCulloch stormed off the stage, dropping the microphone, and didn't return. I'm

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Billy Idol, Sum 41, The Bravery, Interpol, Garbage and The Foo Fighters were among the many artists featured at the annual rock HFStival.

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sure the deafening boos didn't help much either.

I went back inside the basement of the stadium just in time for a press conference with Garbage. I have two words to sum up Shirley Manson: absolutely stunning. Manson, along with fellow big-name bandmates Duke Erikson, Steve Marker and Butch Vig were polite and witty, answering questions with ease and sticking around to sign autographs when they finished. They went on stage around 4:30 p.m. and rocked their way through their set.

Next up in the press room were hometown heroes Good Charlotte. Though I'm not a big Good Charlotte fan, I was impressed at how kind and personable they were. They stuck around to sign autographs, take personal pictures with members of the press and chat for a few extra minutes.

After the Good Charlotte press conference, I checked out Sum 41 on the street stage. Mosh pits broke out left and right and crowdsurfers were abundant. These Canadian rockers blew through an impressive set including "Still Waiting," "We're All to Blame" and "Motivation."

At this point in time, I was badly sunburned, thoroughly exhausted and chose to stay inside and have

dinner instead of photographing Social Distortion, but I still watched their set from a distance. They put on an impressive set including current single "Story of my Life."

As the sun started to set, Good Charlotte took the stage to the sound of thousands of shrieking teenagers. They played all of the songs so often featured on TRL.

The next man to grace the HFStival stage was none other than Billy Idol. Oh my tail was wagging like a little puppy's when he came on stage. Not only is he the sexiest 49-year-old man alive, but he tore the roof off the place (well, if there was a roof it would have been torn off, but you get the point). Not only did he play an amazing set consisting of "White Wedding," "Rebel Yell" and "Super Overdrive," but he also played a ten-minute cover of the popular song "Mony Mony."

After Billy Idol, we experienced the first severe weather delay of the summer concert season. With a spectacular lightning show overhead, people were told to clear out of the field and seats and wait under cover. Did some people listen? Yes. Did most people listen? No. As it was pouring, people decided to make a makeshift slip 'n slide out of plastic banners hanging around the stadium.

Clearly, the HFStival, or just the alcohol, brings out the stupidity in people.

With steam rising from the sweaty mass of people and faint lightning off in the distance, the mood was set for Coldplay to take the stage. Everyone was waving their lighters as Chris Martin and his band played their melodic songs "Yellow" and "Clocks."

Last but not least came the biggest, and arguably best, act of the night. At 10:30 p.m., roughly 11 hours after gates opened, concert headliners, and another hometown band, Foo Fighters took the stage and the crowd went nuts. Dave Grohl and his band tore through an amazing set before dedicating the closing song, "Everlong," to Ocean City, Maryland, and the good times he had growing up in Baltimore.

"This is one of the best bills HFS has had in a while," said Good Charlotte bassist Paul Thomas in their press conference.

Highlights of the day: meeting Garbage and Billy Idol and being about two feet away from Dave Grohl as he sang "My Hero."

Lowlights: paying \$20 for parking and not bringing enough sunscreen.

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thru employee at McDonald's. Yet in *Episodes I, II* and *III*, Yoda proves to be powerful and sits as a shining example that one should never judge a book by its cover.

The first three chapters of the saga, and the three most recent, showcase a commentary on politics with its revolutions and civil wars and an eventual dictatorship. Any person who sees *Episode III* will easily find in dialogue and scenes that there's a conflict between democracy and dictatorship that can boil down to a conflict between words and action.

One of the most important legacies of the *Star Wars* saga is powered by the way the story came to the world - in the middle. In *Episodes IV, V* and *VI*, you meet a man many consider to be the most diabolical villain ever to grace the screen: a cape-wearing, heavy-breathing, deliciously evil machine-man named Darth Vader. Terrorizing audiences with his orange lightsaber, he establishes himself as a heartless beast with no compassion and no tolerance for failure. But toward the end of the sixth movie, you feel some compassion for the broken man inside the box. Then in the first three episodes, you meet a man named Anakin Skywalker, who grows up on the big screen from an imaginative

young boy to a lovestruck teenager to a powerful Jedi. Without giving away anything in the third movie, the telling of the story plays the animosity toward Darth Vader against the sort of friendship forged with young Anakin, and the inner conflict teaches a powerful lesson: there's always more to the story than you think.

Everyone who walks into a theater to see *Episode III* knows what is going to happen. Everyone who watches the movie knows Anakin Skywalker joins the dark side and becomes Darth Vader. They know that people go bad and people turn on others, and because they know of *Episode IV*, they know the type of situation in which *Episode III* will end. No one comes to the movie expecting a surprise ending. What they will be surprised by is the same thing the world has come to enjoy about *Star Wars* - the journey.

The legacy of *Star Wars* in the end is the 28-year journey around that circle, where a collective people changes its mind about characters, finds new heroes, rejoices in old ones, and most of all, delights in the exploration of that far away galaxy inside the head of George Lucas.

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even more so than the scenes we saw in *The Phantom Menace* and *Attack of the Clones*. There's more action from beginning to end in this episode than in the aforementioned titles. Some of the better action sequences occur during the two lightsaber duels between Anakin and Obi-Wan Kenobi and another between Yoda and the Emperor. Both take place at the same time, and Lucas makes good use of cutting back and forth between the two duels, as not to bore the audience. However, audiences now have grown accustomed to seeing lightsaber duels at the end of these movies. So when these final duels take place, it seems that the magic and spectacle of the lightsabers is now lost, making it not the jaw-dropping, eye-popping and heart-stopping battle everyone expected.

*Episode III* does have its drawbacks. Lucas has never been one to write good dialogue in his films. Just watch the previous five *Star Wars* films and you'll see what I mean. But in this episode, Lucas takes the meaning of "bad dialogue" to a whole new level. The conversations of affection between Anakin and Padme are so dry and cheesy, it

sounds like something out of a John Hughes teen comedy film from the 80s. His characters also jump to solutions too quickly without even thinking about it. Some of the decisions made by characters should have had some thought put into them, but instead, they come up with an answer in about three seconds. No one ever went to a *Star Wars* movie for great acting or screenwriting, but this time around, it is so distracting that it is enough to consider it a drawback.

Audiences of new and old *Star Wars* fans will be satisfied with the final episode of the series. No other film saga of the past, present or future will ever have the status that the *Star Wars* films have had. *Revenge of the Sith*, as a whole, is the most exciting film of this new trilogy, and it can stand with the other three films from the original trilogy any day. This is an extremely dark and very sadistic film at times, making it the only *Star Wars* film to obtain a PG-13 rating. But the darkness only adds to how much fun this film is to watch.

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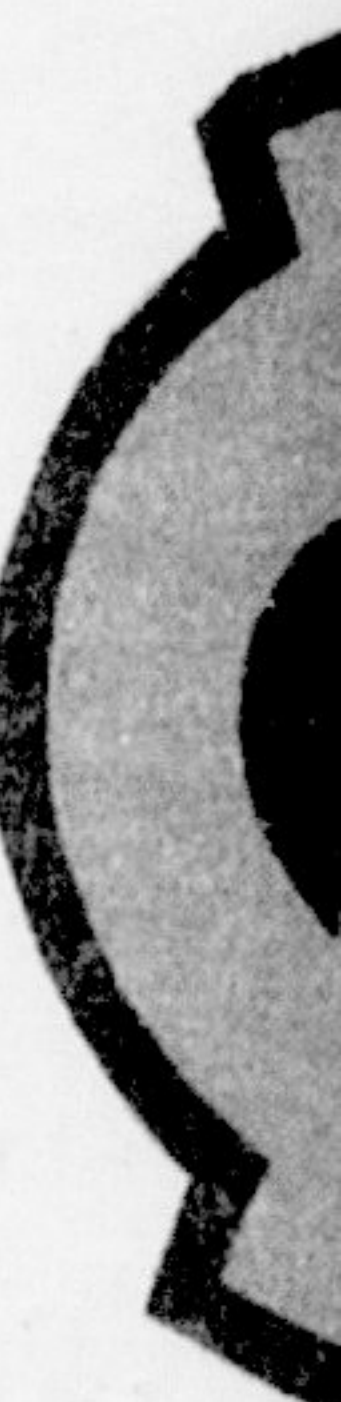
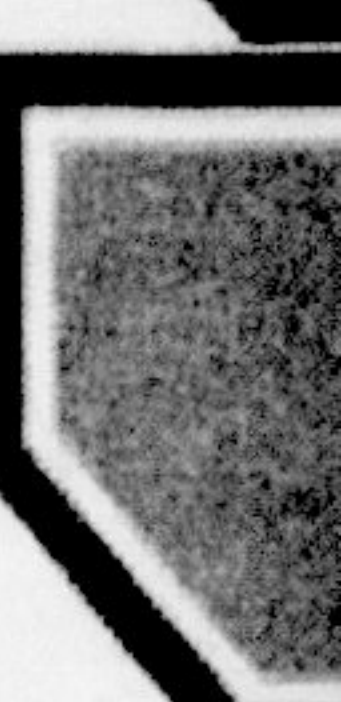
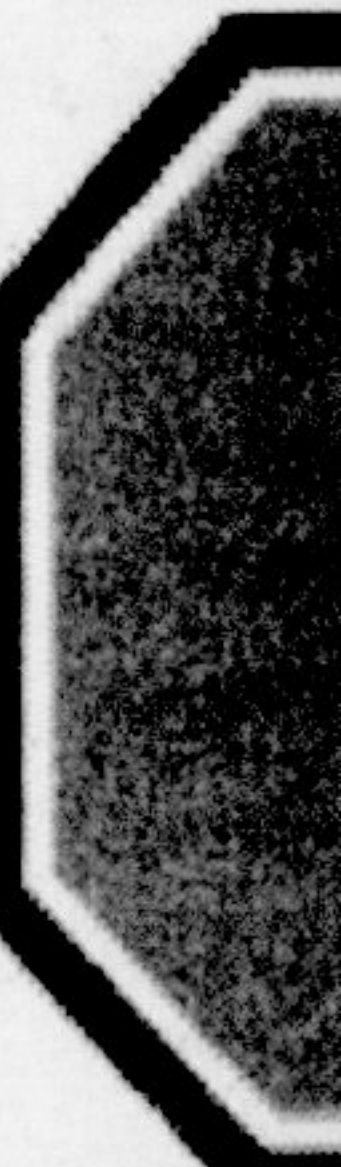


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## Tradition fizzling - Instate rivals ducking Pirates on gridiron



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Lady Pirates Softball

### ECU softball signs two new Lady Pirates

(SID) — Sarah Bibee (Knoxville, Tenn.) and Jessica Johnson (Laguna Niguel, Calif.) have each signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at ECU, announced Head Coach Tracey Kee on Monday. Bibee and Johnson join Angela Barrella (Holbrook, N.Y.), Vanessa Moreno (San Clemente, Calif.) and Brooke Swann (Callao, Va.), who signed with the Pirates during the early signing period, to comprise the incoming class of 2005-06.

Bibee is a versatile athlete who earned 13 varsity letters in three sports: basketball, cross-country and softball at the Webb School of Knoxville. She led her team to five high school state championships appearances, including its first in softball during 2004. A two-time all-region player, Bibee was also named All-Knoxville Interscholastic League and awarded the Spartan Award, which is Webb's highest honor for a student-athlete. Her father and older brother each lettered in baseball at the University of Tennessee, and her younger brother has signed with the Volunteers' baseball team for next season.

"It's not often that a baseball coach gives you a lead on a talented young softball player," said Kee.

"However, Coach [Randy] Mazey was instrumental in Sarah signing with ECU. Sarah is an unbelievable athlete with the determination and work ethic to be successful in Division I. Her versatility will allow us to use her in multiple positions. She is a fierce competitor with a desire to make a name for herself at ECU."

Johnson is a power-hitting first baseman/utility player who was a four-year letterwinner at Mater Dei High School, which was recently ranked by Sports Illustrated as the sixth best high school in the nation for athletics. A second team all-league player, Johnson is one of seven players on her team to have earned a Division I scholarship. She was awarded the Scholar Athlete Gold Award for posting over a 3.5 GPA, while receiving Honor Roll

The Pirates' defensive unit celebrates in a Conference USA game against Tulane last season but haven't had the same chance to do so against rival teams like Carolina and NC State.

game by the NCAA starting in 2006, teams are scurrying to fill out their schedules. The Pirates have a tentative deal set with national power Virginia Tech to fulfill their schedule for 2006.

Instead, in 2006 UNC will welcome Furman, and NC State will host Appalachian State. The Tarheels deserve a small reprieve as they have scheduled Utah and Louisville in back-to-back years. However, without a crystal ball, the UNC officials probably did not realize that either Louisville or Utah would be national powers when the teams signed the deal.

The guiltier Wolfpack just recently finalized an agreement that brings Middle Tennessee State to Carter-Finley Stadium for this upcoming season. Eastern Kentucky and Southern Mississippi are also on the slate for 2005. What local fan interest do these teams generate? Absolutely none.

Undoubtedly, the Wolfpack and Tarheels alike want to be considered among the nation's elite programs. How are the Blue Raiders, Paladins and Mountaineers the solution?

All of the teams sans Southern Mississippi were scheduled to ensure easy victories. Obviously, both schools want to inflate their records because Division I-AA teams can count toward bowl eligibility each season as opposed to once every four. The philosophy adopted most famously by Kansas State hasn't paid dividends. Ask Auburn.

The largest two NC schools are also doing it for financial reasons. Because most college athletic revenue is generated by football, the schools are ensured an extra portion of funds with another home game. Aren't these teams already in BCS and ensured millions each season for existing? All of this from the only two schools in the 16-school system that want to set their own tuition.

The Pirate Club estimates that the economic impact of an ECU home game generates over \$40 million to the local economy. However, Holland's approach won't have the Pirates scheduling cupcakes to stuff their wallets. And rightfully so.

Why are other schools taking

a similar approach to the Pirates? Marshall and West Virginia are bitter rivals and just completed a future five-game series. Tulane and LSU just signed a 10-year deal renewing a storied tradition that dates back to 1919.

The Pirates played NC State in Charlotte last season as a result of legislative pressure from the General Assembly. Both teams split the profits, but it did not generate the interest and appeal it most likely would have had it been located on either campus.

The Pirates will face NC State again in Raleigh in two seasons and at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in 2010. ECU will also travel to UNC in 2010. Games are also scheduled against the Wolfpack in 2013 and 2016.

Conference USA, the ACC and SEC all have 12 schools, meaning each team will play four out of conference games. Honestly, can these ACC schools not find more than two unfulfilled dates between now and 2016? In a span of months,

### Twelfth-game legislation should renew rivalries

ERIC GILMORE  
SENIOR WRITER

Athletic Director Terry Holland is screaming as loud as his vocal cords will allow. Whether he's on mountain tops, conference calls or talking to the media, Holland has only one problem - no one is listening.

Holland, hired nearly a year ago, is calling for local institutions within a two-state radius to schedule the Pirates. Finding little immediate success, the former Virginia coach and athletic director believes that should these schools seek the Pirates, both teams would benefit, especially financially.

With the adoption of a 12th

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they've already accommodated time for Middle Tennessee State and Appalachian State.

Leaders should adhere to the fans, students, boosters and players, all of whom are in favor of the schools competing. Grow up and

throw the records and politics out the window. Keep screaming Holland, someone is bound to listen eventually.

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recognition all four years.

Johnson was also very active in the Santa Anna community, completing more than 100 hours of volunteer service.

"She is the perfect prototype of our student-athlete," Kee said.

"She is unselfish in the community and is a strong academically-oriented athlete. Athletically, she is a very mature and highly-skilled player with national experience both against and with some of the best in the country. Her discipline and focus on the field and in the box

were what impressed us the most. We expect her to have an impact on our team and Conference USA over the next four years. Both players are committed to excelling both athletically and academically and being an active part of the community. We look forward to having these two wonderful families join ours and having an impact on their daughters' lives," Kee said.

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## Grading the nickname possibilities for Marquette

(KRT) MILWAUKEE — If this is the best they can do, why don't they just get it over with now and call them the Marquette Milquetoasts?

No attitude, no vision, no . . . War Eagles.

If you thought the Florida portion of the 2000 presidential election was a mess with all its rejected ballots, wait until you see the size of the scrap heap created by all the Warrior write-in rejects.

But since all that will accomplish is something really dumb with a majority of maybe six, we're here to guide you through the most momentous vote since Simon Cowell's last breathless verdict.

10. Blue and Gold: Don't these people get it? If Gold was lame (groan) enough to have created this 100-year backlash, how is sticking Blue in front of it going to change the perception that MU's decision-makers are nothing but a bunch of unoriginal jellyfish? All this says is Gold would not have been the worst nickname in the history of organized sports. Blue and Gold would've.

9. Golden Eagles: Although I stubbornly cling to the single-bullet theory from the Texas School Book Depository, I do love a good conspiracy theory. And no one can convince me that this whole Gold fiasco wasn't a plot to forcibly endear Golden Eagles on the easily distracted. If Golden Eagles was uninspired and weak 11 years ago, it's still uninspired and weak.

8. Golden Knights: Uh, no.

7. Golden Avalanche: See a pattern here? No colors, nothing remotely deriving from the Periodic Table, nothing whatsoever to do with Gold. No, no, no. Even if the nickname is part of Marquette tradition, an otherwise acceptable alternative has been tainted by association. Way to go, Board of Trustees.

6. Wolves: When in doubt, go the vicious animal route; only about 98

percent of the schools have chosen to be represented by wild beasts. However, the rapidly growing gray wolf population won't become indigenous to the Milwaukee metropolitan area for, oh, at least another 20 years. In the meantime, how about the Marquette Dead Alewives? Besides, I want nothing reminding me of Sam Cassell . . . or Latrell Sprewell.

5. Spirit: You can see where they're going with this one, what with its connotation befitting a religious-based institution. There is also the courage-and-strength thing, but there are a couple of problems. For one, it's a singular nickname; start throwing those things around, and the next thing you know whole leagues collapse. For another, it's too cutesy, too preppy, too Mandy Pepperidge-and-Greg Marmalard. On the other hand, it's pleasantly evocative of the Spirits of St. Louis, that wacky ABA team that brought Marvin Barnes, Fly Williams and a rookie named Maurice Lucas to the sporting consciousness. But that's probably a little too, um, free-spirited for what Tom Crean has in mind.

4. Voyagers: Too minivan-ish.

3. Hilltoppers: Yeah, and the Boston Red Sox used to be called the Somersets, too. I don't want to get into a whole history lesson here, but to return to your roots for no reason except nostalgia is probably a bad idea. Besides, the only hill on campus is being scraped away by the freeway redo.

2. Saints: Take it one step further and call them the St. Joans, in honor of the person who may have derived her inspiration from the chapel that sits in the middle of campus. Now there was a fighter.

1. Explorers: Accurately describes the good father's occupation. Unfortunately, there will be factions claiming some explorers were imperialistic and maybe even a little mean.



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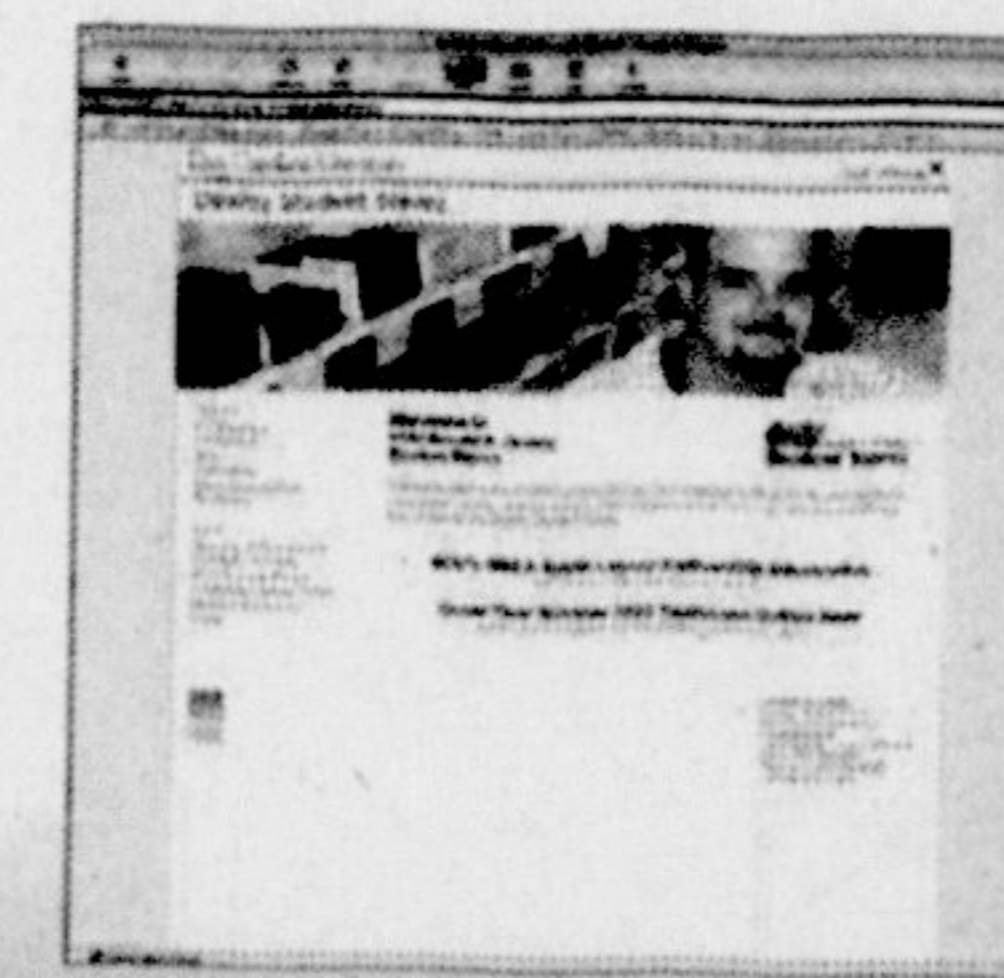
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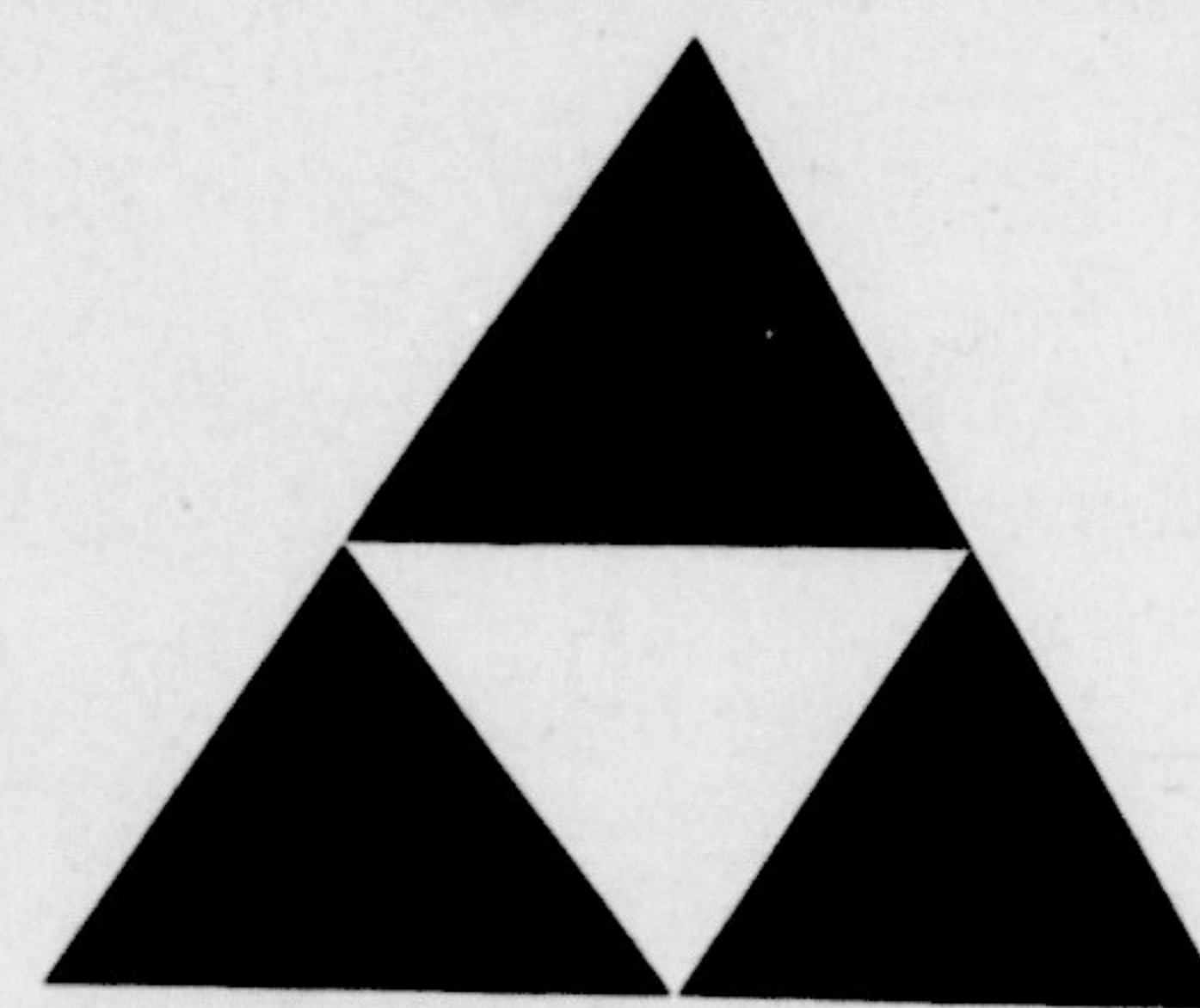
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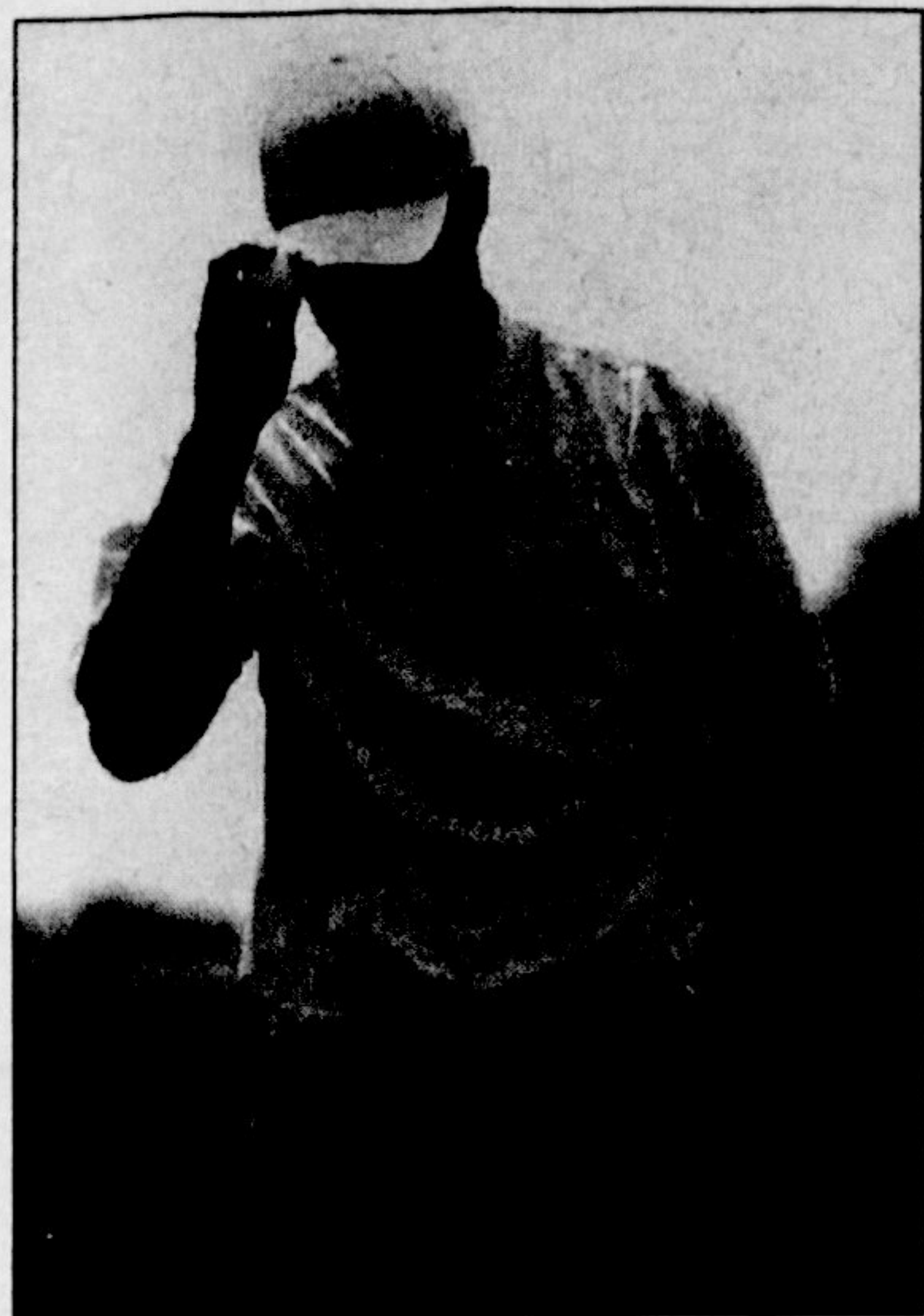
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# Tiger's run ranks in top five streaks of all time



Woods

*Woods streak was one of the greats, but is it No. 1?*

**RON CLEMENTS**  
STAFF WRITER

For the last seven years, three things have been certain - death, taxes and Tiger Woods playing a round of golf on the weekend. When Tiger Woods failed to make the cut at this year's Byron Nelson Championship, it marked

the first time in seven years that he failed to do so in a string of 142 consecutive tournaments. His record string easily surpassed that of the former record holder, ironically enough, Byron Nelson. Nelson's consecutive cuts-made streak ended at 113 in the 1940s.

To look at Woods' streak and see how it compares to others in his game is not even a comparison. Annika Sorenstam has the longest cuts-made streak of any golfer and has made the cut in 49 straight LPGA tournaments. Ernie Els now has the longest such streak on the PGA tour - 20.

Only three players in PGA history have ever had streaks of 100 or more tournaments - Woods, Nelson and Jack Nicklaus, who owned a streak of 105 tournaments.

To make the cut that many times in a row, Woods had to bring his game week in and week out, a tough thing to do in any sport. Woods' 142 tournament cuts-made run ranks as one of the all-time greatest streaks in sports, but is it the best? No. There are at least four that are more impressive.

Obviously, one of the most impressive and most talked-about

streaks in all of sports is Cal Ripken's iron-man streak of 2,632 consecutive games played. Ripken was a stalwart for the Baltimore Orioles' infield at shortstop for more than 16 years. Although he wasn't in the starting lineup every game, he played through injuries and started in more than 95 percent of those games. However, Ripken's is not the greatest streak in sports either.

What Johnny Unitas did from 1956 to 1960 has not come close to being broken. Unitas threw at least one touchdown pass in 47 straight games and had one stretch where he threw at least two in 12 straight games - both records. Brett Favre was getting there, but had his streak of 36 straight games snapped on December 5 last year at Philadelphia. Unitas tossed 102 touchdowns in those 47 games. Comparatively, Favre tossed 67 touchdown passes during his run. It was an extraordinary feat for Johnny Unitas, but not the most remarkable streak in sports.

Joe Dimaggio's 56-game hitting streak in baseball has been called unbeatable. For a guy who was married to Marilyn Monroe, the 56-game streak was his most notable accomplishment. Only

Pete Rose had a streak over 40 games and the next closest was Paul Molitor's 39-game streak in 1987. What Dimaggio did in May of 1941 was catch fire, and he remained that way for two months until finally held hitless against the Cleveland Indians on July 17. It would be close to 40 years before anybody thought someone would challenge Dimaggio's mark, but Rose's streak in 1978 ended after 44 games. Dimaggio's run of hitting safely in 56 straight games in the most remarkable feat in baseball, but not in all of sports.

Favre is to football what Ripken is to baseball. Brett Favre has not just played in, but has started 206 consecutive games in the National Football League - a run that spans more than 13 seasons. This September, Favre will resume pushing the streak number even higher and further out of reach for the next closest guy, Peyton Manning, whose 112 game streak is just four behind the former record holder, Ron Jaworski. Favre passed Jaws six years ago and has continued to play, even with a sprained knee in 1999 and a broken thumb in both 2002 and 2003. His father died on a December Sunday in 2003 and

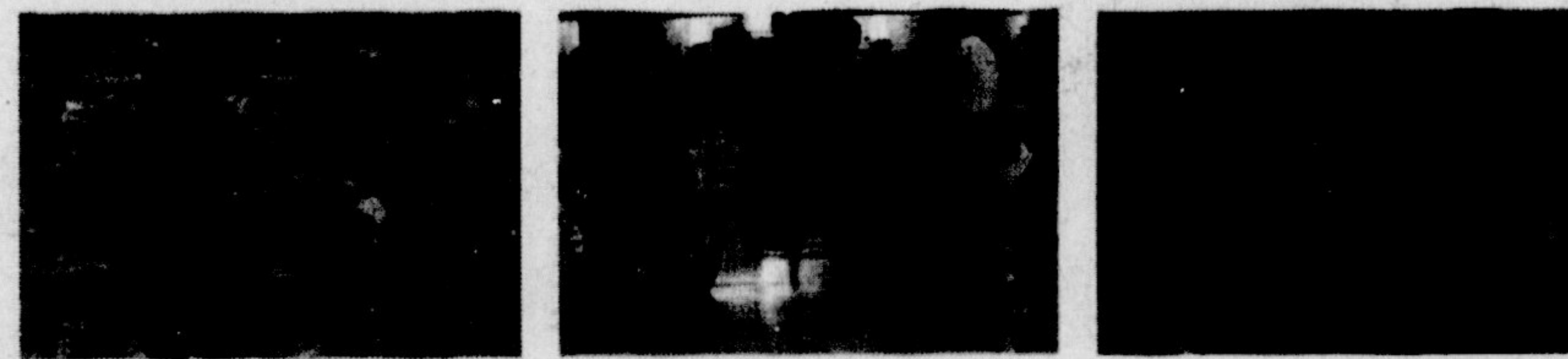
the very next night on national television, he played the best game of his career in a rout of the Oakland Raiders. Favre led the NFL in touchdown passes in 2003 and was second in MVP voting.

During Favre's streak he has won a Super Bowl and received the MVP award a record three times. Including the playoffs, Favre's streak reaches 225 games, which bests Jaworski's overall mark by more than 100 games. To start that many games in the NFL is amazing, but to do it at the quarterback position and escape injury is even more remarkable. Favre's streak has not lasted as long as Ripken's, but Ripken never had 300-pound lineman pouncing on him and trying to rip his arm off either.

When Favre's streak comes to an end, it will be because he decided to retire. With Dimaggio, his luck finally ran out and the same with Unitas. Cal Ripken had age catch up to him. With Woods - two weekends ago at the Byron Nelson Championship was just proof that everybody has a bad day at work, and we can all find solace in that.

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## SUMMER 2005 EVENT CALENDAR



### ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

6/4	<b>Coastal Ecology Day Hike on Bear Island</b> Registration deadline and Pre-Trip: 5/31	Cost. \$20/30	Sign up by: 5/27
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7/16	<b>Sea Kayaking at Goose Creek</b> Registration deadline and Pre-Trip: 7/12	Cost. \$225/35	Sign up by: 7/8
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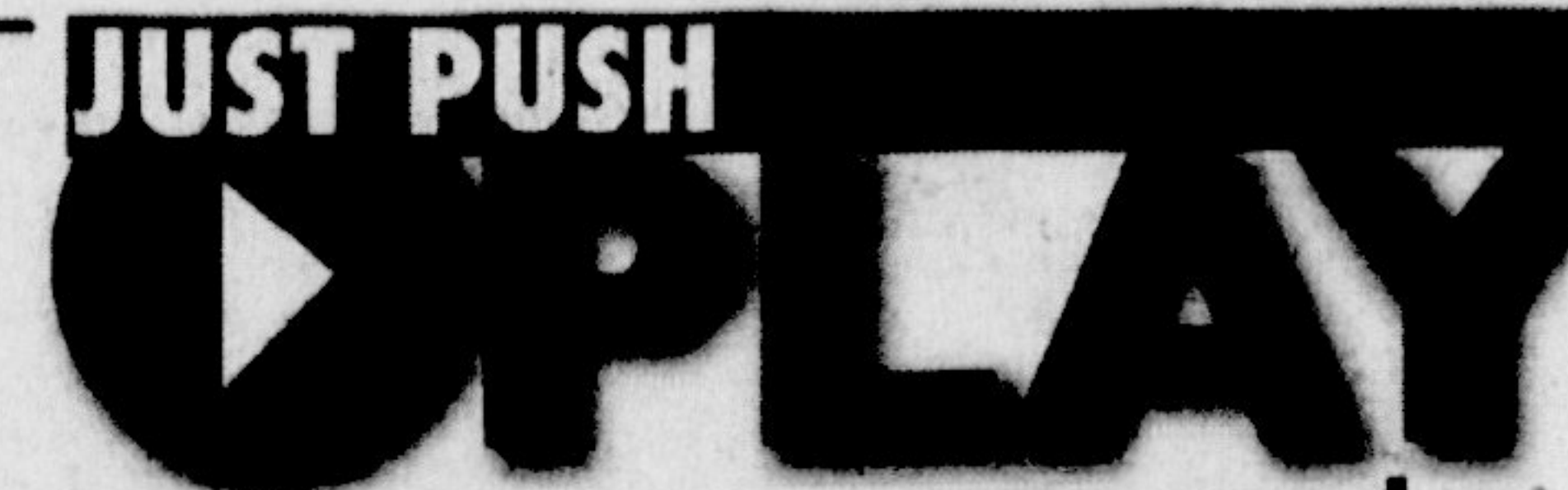
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