

Students wait to be seen in the financial aid office. The financial aid department has been under investigation for misusing student funding since November.

Financial aid under investigation

Students react to possible misuse of funds

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NEWS EDITOR

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation is inspecting a possible misuse of student funding at ECU's Financial Aid Department.

John Durham, director of news and communication services at ECU, told reporters the university called the SBI to investigate last Novem-

ber. Further information concerning the amount of money or how it was misused has not been released.

Many students said they didn't know what to think since they did not know how the money was being misused.

Kristine Doster, who has a BS in Biology from ECU, said she doesn't use much financial aid, and there is too little information released to form an opinion.

"I guess you would have to find out more," said Doster.

If the SBI finds evidence of misuse, students said it would be a major concern that should be solved.

"I don't like it ... of course I don't like it," said Err Bowen, senior criminal justice major.

Crystal Carter, senior English major, said the money should be used more responsibly.

"Those are funds that could be going toward building, parking ... to students who need it," said Carter.

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ECU student to run for Greenville mayor



COHEN

Cohen seeks more student representation in city government

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An ECU student has thrown his hat into the ring and decided to run for mayor during Greenville's next election.

Matthew Cohen, senior political science major, is campaigning to become Greenville's next mayor. Cohen said there is rumor that Mayor Don Parrott will not seek reelection, leaving the mayor's office vacant. Cohen does not yet know who he will be running against.

Cohen voiced his concern for the lack of student involvement in local policy making.

"I think Greenville is ready to have an ECU student in a position of influence within the city," said Cohen.

"We're a quarter to a third of the population, but we have no influence within the city government."

Cohen cited stories of students working in campaigns, running for city council and lobbying to get laws changed as examples of what students can do if they put their minds to it.

Cohen said although he wants to bring recognition to student efficacy in government, he also wants to be mayor of the entire city of Greenville. He wants to make an impact on everything rather than just select issues.

However, he did mention a couple of areas that were of concern to him. For one, he has a vested interest in improving the city's safety.

"I think we can expand our existing police and first-response force into more of a modern model of community-oriented policing," Cohen said.

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Local donations help send medical students to Kenya



Three of the students and Dr. Thomas Kerkering (upper right) pose during their spaghetti dinner fundraiser last semester.

Funds still needed to support overseas clinics

KRISTIN DAY
NEWS EDITOR

The group of third-year medical students hoping to go to Kenya this summer will begin working in African clinics this July, partly thanks to donations from ECU faculty and local organizations.

Ben Gersh, third-year medical

student at the Brody School of Medicine, said even though they have received help, a lot of the money - about \$4,000 each for expenses including medications and travel - is coming from their own pockets.

To date, the medical students have raised money through a letter campaign and a spaghetti dinner. Gersh said the Farmville Rotary Club donated \$400 to the group after the students helped them raise money,

and they have also received donations from the ECU community.

"We've got some good donations from faculty," said Gersh.

Courtney Edgar, a third-year medical student at Brody, said they are planning a fundraising party at Tie Breakers June 16. They will be taking donations at the door and the owner will match whatever they raise. She is hoping they will have pizza and a band at the event.

"Hopefully this is going to be a pretty big fundraiser," said Edgar.

Edgar said they are also waiting for the first week in June to hear from more businesses such as Walmart. So far, they have only raised about \$1,500, so they have much more fundraising to complete.

Gersh said there is always room for improvement.

"We're still well below our goals," Gersh said.

The students will continue to raise money while in the states and will hopefully earn some more when

they come home. After the trip to Kenya, they will hold various presentations of what they've accomplished to various groups who might reimburse some of their expenses.

Gersh said it's difficult for them to use their own money because as third-year medical students, they have student loans to worry about and their hours dedicated to school become too time-consuming to have a successful fundraising program. He also said they have not had enough time to raise money because they were just approved last semester.

Even though Gersh said he wishes they had more time to raise money, the trip is a great opportunity, and it is worth the price.

"Our hearts are sometimes too big, and we want to help everyone," Gersh said.

"I'm not even thinking about the money and I should ... Even if it costs \$4,000 to go to a reservation in Oklahoma, I would pay for it."

Edgar said she's excited to go, but a little nervous. The students are concerned about the political climate in Africa as well as the diseases they will run into. Many luxuries they are accustomed to, such

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Announcements

Sunday In the Park

The Tar River Community Band will be playing at the Town Commons on First Street June 5 from 7 - 8 p.m. The band is a wind ensemble and plans to play a mix of classical and popular music.

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life in Greenville. The City of Greenville/Greenville Utilities Commission Blood Drive will be held June 7 - 8 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Operations Center on Mumford Road.

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. The 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 Nissan Altima for hole in ones. Anyone can sign up for a four-person team with a \$400 donation. For more information, call Marley Fund at 215-0925.

'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 or call 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

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News Briefs

Local

Mecklenburg police departments using stun guns to subdue students

CHARLOTTE, NC - At least four students at Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools have been stunned by police weapons that zap targets with 50,000 volts of electricity.

Despite several cases around the country that have raised questions about using the Taser on minors - including a 6-year-old boy shocked by South Florida police in October - Charlotte-area police departments don't keep an official count of how many times the weapons are used in schools.

Police said they were justified in using the Tasers each time.

One case came in the second week of the school year last fall. A fight erupted between two students at Garinger High School in Charlotte, and neither the principal nor campus security could stop it.

As hundreds of students crowded around, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer assigned to the school pulled out a Taser and fired off enough electricity that the 16-year-old's muscles froze in place.

Tasers have prompted groups ranging from Amnesty International to the International Association of Chiefs of Police to call for additional study of their use. Amnesty International called for a temporary moratorium, citing 103 deaths after their use in the U.S. and

Canada. Activists specifically question their use on elderly, disabled and young people.

Advocates among law enforcement officials nationwide say Tasers provide alternatives to guns, pepper spray and bruising batons.

This month, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police released a study that showed officers' injuries dropped 56 percent since police began using Tasers throughout the department. Suspects' injuries also dropped 79 percent.

National

Bush labels 'absurd' human rights report alleging prisoner abuse

WASHINGTON - President Bush called a human rights report "absurd" for criticizing the United States' detention of terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and said Tuesday the allegations were made by "people who hate America."

"It's absurd. It's an absurd allegation. The United States is a country that promotes freedom around the world," Bush said of the Amnesty International report that compared Guantanamo to a Soviet-era gulag.

In a Rose Garden news conference, Bush defiantly stood by his domestic policy agenda while defending his actions abroad. With the death toll climbing daily in Iraq, he said the nation's fledgling government is "plenty capable" of defeating terrorists whose attacks on Iraqi civilians and

U.S. soldiers have intensified.

Bush spoke after separate air crashes killed four American and four Italian troops in Iraq. The governor of Anbar province, taken hostage three weeks ago, was killed during clashes between U.S. forces and the insurgents who abducted him.

Bush said the job of the U.S. forces there is to help train Iraqis to defeat terrorists.

"I think the Iraqi people dealt the insurgents a serious blow when we had the elections," Bush said. "In other words, what the insurgents fear is democracy because democracy is the opposition of their vision."

On another foreign policy issue, Bush said he expressed concerns with Russian President Vladimir Putin about legal proceedings against former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky. Once the richest man in Russia, Khodorkovsky was convicted Tuesday of fraud and tax evasion and sentenced to nine years in prison following a trial widely denounced as politically motivated.

International

Iraqi president says Saddam's trial expected in two months

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said Tuesday in an interview with CNN that authorities expected to put Saddam Hussein on trial in the next two months.

Talabani said that "the court of Iraq will decide the future of Saddam

Hussein" and that there was a strong public desire for him to be executed if convicted.

CNN said Talabani had said the proceedings would start in the next two months.

"Saddam Hussein is a war criminal," Talabani said, noting that he had committed "crimes against Iraqi people" in Kurdistan as well as Shiite areas of southern Iraq and in Baghdad.

Noting that he was a lawyer, Talabani said in English that he would have to await the outcome of the trial process "but the Iraqi people from now are starting to ask for executing Saddam Hussein and for sentencing him for death."

Last week, Iraq's planning minister, Barham Salih, said the chief justice of the special tribunal in charge of prosecution in Baghdad had told him that "within the next few months Saddam Hussein could be brought before the court."

U.S. forces captured Saddam in December 2003 hiding in a concealed hole near his hometown of Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad.

He faces charges including killing rival politicians during his 30-year rule, gassing Kurds, invading Kuwait in 1990 and suppressing Kurdish and Shiite uprisings in 1991. He was arraigned in July without defense counsel and will be tried before a special Iraqi tribunal.

California professors hope to stop discrimination against women

New data shows low female hire percentage

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The University of California, the nation's largest public university system, continues to discriminate against women when it comes to hiring faculty, according to a report released last week.

The report, called "Unprecedented Urgency: Gender Discrimination in Faculty Hiring at the University of California," was created by five professors at UC Davis and points to the most recent hiring data as evidence. This data shows that nearly all the campuses that comprise the UC system have failed to increase the percentage of women faculty hire above the 37 percent reached in the 1993-1994 academic year.

Martha S. West, a law profes-

sor at UC Davis and co-author of the report, said the percentage of women among new faculty hires fell from 52 percent in 1994 to 13 percent in 1998. This drop happened just as the UC system was preparing to hire new faculty to meet anticipated enrollment increases and a large number of retirements.

By the 1997-1998 year, UC Davis had a drastic decline of women hires, averaging 14 percent around the time Proposition 209 was passed in 1996. Proposition 209 states "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

According to the UC Davis Web site, "Proposition 209 had become an 'affirmative action' program for men: men were being given

'preference' by being hired at rates 30 percent above their availability in the Ph.D. pool."

"Discrimination against women is a general societal problem," West said.

"Studies have shown that women have to be better qualified to be on the same level as men. We need to be informed of general stereotypes and gender stereotypes as well."

Dr. Cindy Elmore, a professor at ECU, identifies with the report.

"Women in general are discriminated against," said Elmore.

"Women don't get as much mentioning as men do, and it's because they're not in the same networks. In every professional network, people move up in these circles, which in a way disadvantage certain women."

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Kenya

The students are having a fundraising party at Tie Breakers June 16 beginning at 7 p.m.

To offer a donation, suggestion or word of advice to the medical students, e-mail Ben Gersh and Courtney Edgar through their ECU accounts.

as access to clean water, sanitation and basic disease control are not as abundantly available in Kenya.

"We're unsure of what we're going to see," Gersh said.

"Diabetes, heart disease and cancer are not going to be our primary problem over there." The group will see approximately three to four thousand people over 15 days and 15 clinics during a three to four week period including travel.

The students are currently accepting donations, advice or any assistance.

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Matt Cohen takes notes during a judicial board meeting for SGA.

He said his plan is to strengthen community awareness and give more people a voice in what happens.

"I'd like to give community leaders in community watch programs a seat at the table," Cohen said.

Cohen is also concerned with Greenville's poverty dilemma. He said he wants to follow the mayor of San Francisco's plan, in which poor citizens were not just given handouts - they were given vouchers for housing and vocational training.

Cohen has been active in groups like the Student Government Association and College Demo-

crats and completed an internship for Erskine Bowles during his senate campaign.

In contrast to past student campaigns, Cohen said he wants to make sure he has a real campaign. He wants to have fundraisers and rallies, put up yard signs and do work around campus.

Cohen said he has a problem with the way students view themselves in relation to politics. He said most students do not believe they are real citizens. He thinks ECU students should get consideration from officials that is consistent with the portion of the population they comprise.

"The student body president

Student Mayor

Mayor's Duties
 "The mayor and city council are responsible for establishing general policies for the operation of the city as well as appointing the city manager, city attorney, city clerk, and members of the volunteer boards and commissions. The council enacts ordinances, resolutions, and orders; adopts the annual budget; approves the financing of all city operations; and authorizes contracts on behalf of the city."

From Greenville's official Web site, greenvillenc.gov.

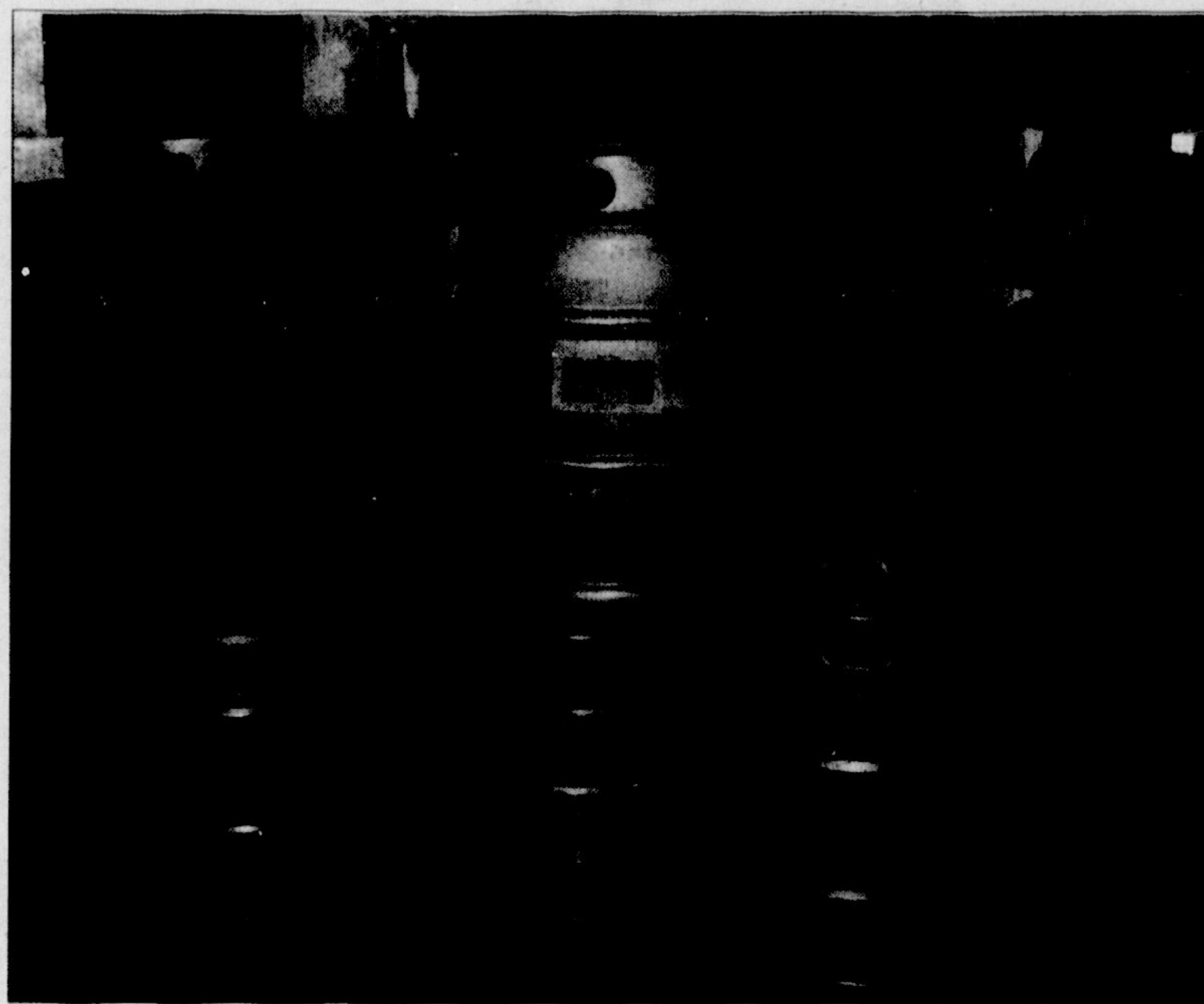
represents more people than any of the members of the city council," Cohen said.

Cohen thinks it is pivotal students assert themselves against what he calls "the establishment" that keeps students away from politics.

Mayoral elections in Greenville are held every two years in November on odd-numbered years.

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NC bill would combat underage keg purchases



Staff photo

The new bill would tag each keg sold to reduce underaged drinking.

RALEIGH, NC (AP) — As high school students graduate and prepare for the last hurrah of summer, police officers are getting ready as well - for the rowdy parties that draw crowds of underaged drinkers eager to tap a keg.

State lawmakers are as concerned as law enforcement about the keg parties and the potentially

dangerous situations they can create. Legislators are backing a bill to tag each beer keg with data about the person who bought it, which would allow authorities to track down adults who buy beer for people who can't legally buy it themselves.

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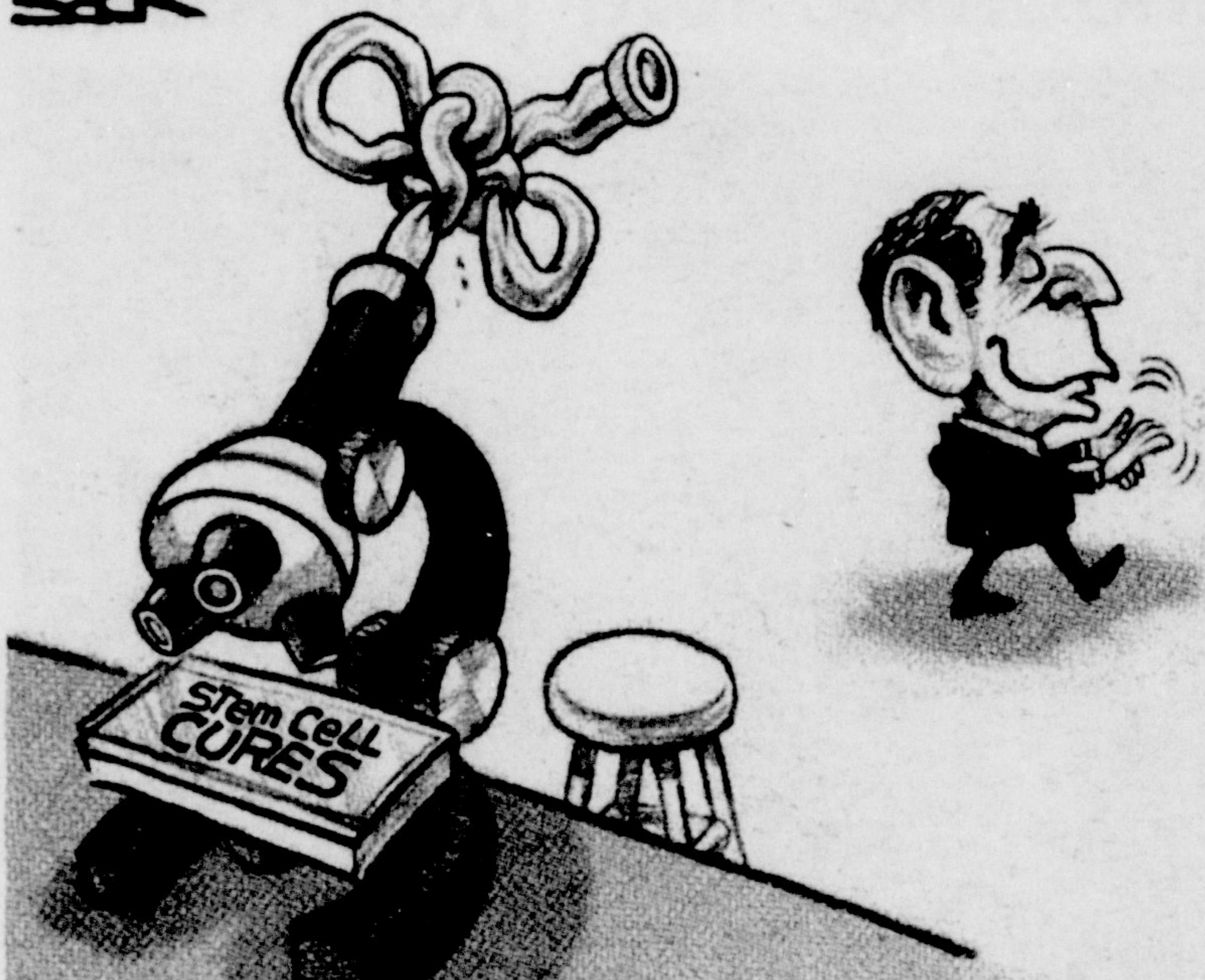


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In My Opinion

The law of unintended consequences

Getting back to our conservative heritage

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What is the most hilarious, and sometimes totally horrific, thing that can happen to what appears to be a good idea? The application of the law of unintended consequences.

Simply defined, this law states that almost every endeavor by man, and government especially, produces unexpected actions, events, whatever you want to call them. This is true in economics, politics, social programs – you name it – especially when liberals are involved.

Consider Congress. Action: Ever since Ronald Reagan became President in 1980, this country has been getting back to its conservative heritage. A Republican has been President for 17 of the last 25 years. Republicans have won increasing majorities in the House of Representatives as well as the Senate, even when a Democrat was President. The people have spoken, and they spoke loudly. Now, as the gentlemen (and ladies) that conservatives tend to be, they have treated the Democrat losers with respect and deference.

The direct, unintended consequence of this charity to losers has been the hijacking and maligning of the Constitution by a very small minority of Democrats in the Senate who refuse to accept the public's decisions at the ballot box. These left wing radical kooks have flipped off the American people and decided that they will do what they want no matter what the long term damage will be. If the Republicans had just treated the Democrats as the losers the American people have repeatedly told them that they are, we may not be facing a Constitutional dilemma.

Another fine example: It appears that as a result of a decision

by the (liberal controlled) Department of Health and Human Services in 1998, federal funds (i.e. our tax dollars) provided to state Medicaid programs had to be used to provide Viagra for eligible recipients. If the states didn't, they faced possible fines or loss of federal funds.

The direct, unintended consequence of this "seemed like a good idea at the time" decision became apparent recently when it was revealed that convicted sexual offenders (rapists, child molesters, etc.) in New York had been receiving Medicaid-supplied Viagra. Oops. When this was made public, New York Senators Schumer and Clinton's immediate knee-jerk reaction was to support and/or sponsor legislation making that a no-no. Despite the jokes from both liberal and conservative Web sites about the incongruity of Hillary Clinton supporting any criminal legislation dealing with sexual offenders after living with and supporting Bill, let's step back and look at this for a second.

I agree that it is a travesty that convicted sex offenders can get taxpayer funded Viagra. I was as outraged as everyone else when I read that. But knee-jerk reactions such as enacting legislation may not be the best way to go. Liberals constantly say that you cannot single out a specific group of people for prohibitive legislation. It is called discrimination. Yet here we have two extreme liberal lawmakers wanting to do just that. Where's the consistency? And more important, where will it lead?

As sure as the earth orbits the sun, if legislation is passed and upheld that targets sex offenders, that will only be the beginning. Liberals being what they are, more legislation will follow targeting other groups that they don't like (everybody in the red states perhaps?) until it will be illegal to disagree with them about anything. Kind of like Germany was under Hitler.

Do you begin to see how insidious unintended consequences can be? Not only are we dealing on a daily basis nationally with these unintended consequences, we here at ECU are experiencing one personally right now.

As hard as it may be to believe, my Liberal Wacko buddy, Peter Kalajian, has gone on to bigger and better things in life. It seems he was one of the group who believed graduation was a good idea. Normally that would be true, as once a person gets into the real world the liberal blinders usually start coming off their eyes, and they begin to realize that they were fed a load of garbage for 16 plus years in school. In this instance, however, there has been an immediate, extremely unintended consequence: I am now the lone columnist for the school paper.

Believe it or not, I have a slight problem with that. Unlike most liberals, I believe in the concept of fair and balanced. So, where are all you Liberal True Believers? You know who you are. You are the ones who mindlessly attack anybody who dares to disagree with your failed ideas. Your fellow liberals, and school, need you! Are you man (or woman) enough to accept the challenge?

I got this position by writing a Letter to the Editor and later filling out an application. Of course, I was eloquent, intelligent and able to put more than two (correctly spelled) words together to form a coherent sentence. While this may be difficult these days for people who came through the public school system, I'm sure there has to be somebody who can do so and wants to give it a shot. Any takers?

If you think you are up to it, contact the editor of this fine example of news dissemination. Go fill out an application. Take a chance. Put your money where your mouth is. Show a little courage. Show some belief in your convictions.

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ing around town. Good looking out for the ladies.

I absolutely love the Rec! I've always loved it but since everyone is gone for summer, it's gotten even better because I don't have to wait in a line to get on equipment. Not to mention that the

very high number of very good-looking young men seems to have increased. To make things even better, I tend to get hit on more at the gym when I'm sweaty, my hair is piled on top of my head and I have no make-up on than when I'm all dolled up. Did I mention that I love the Rec?

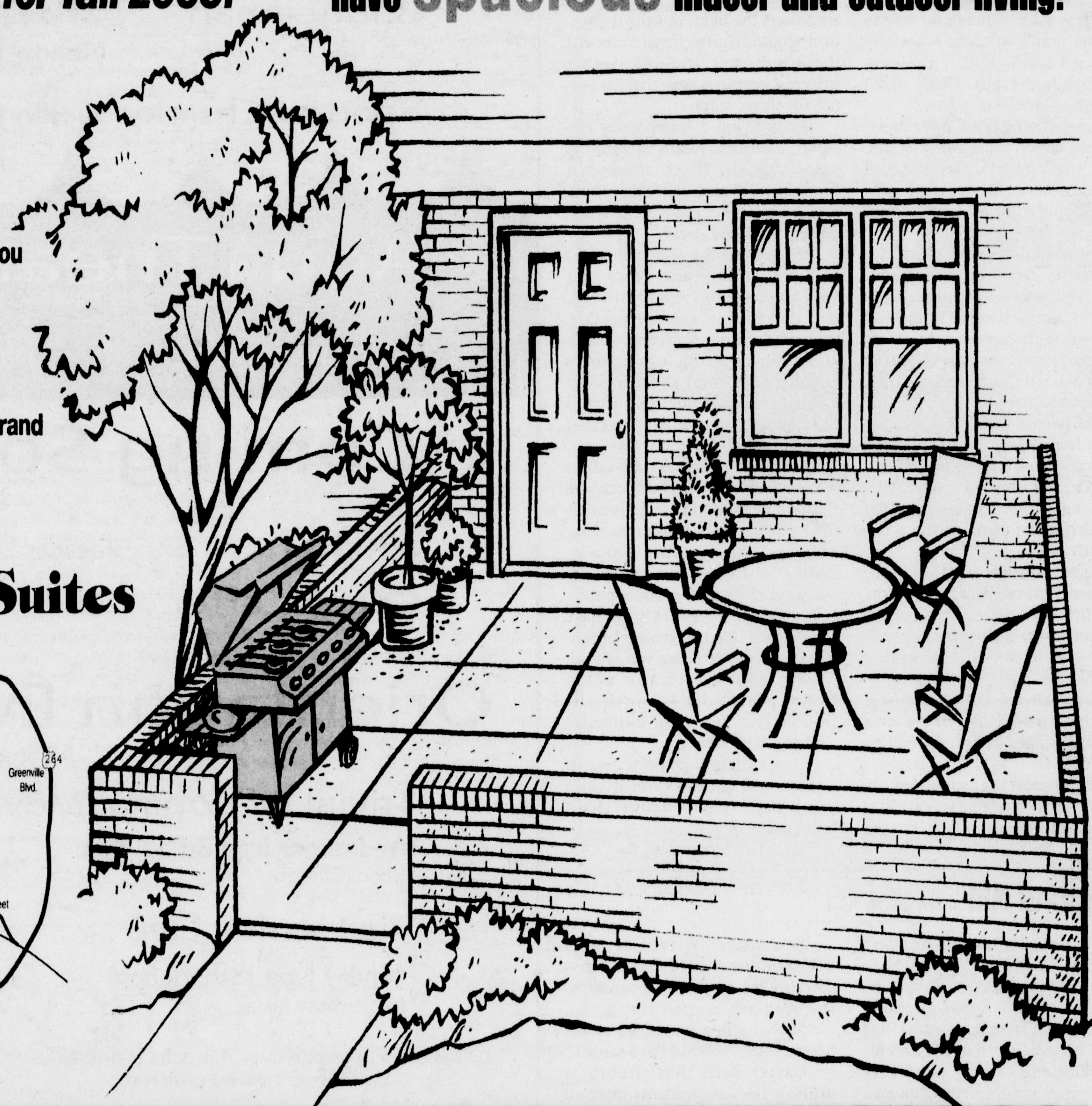
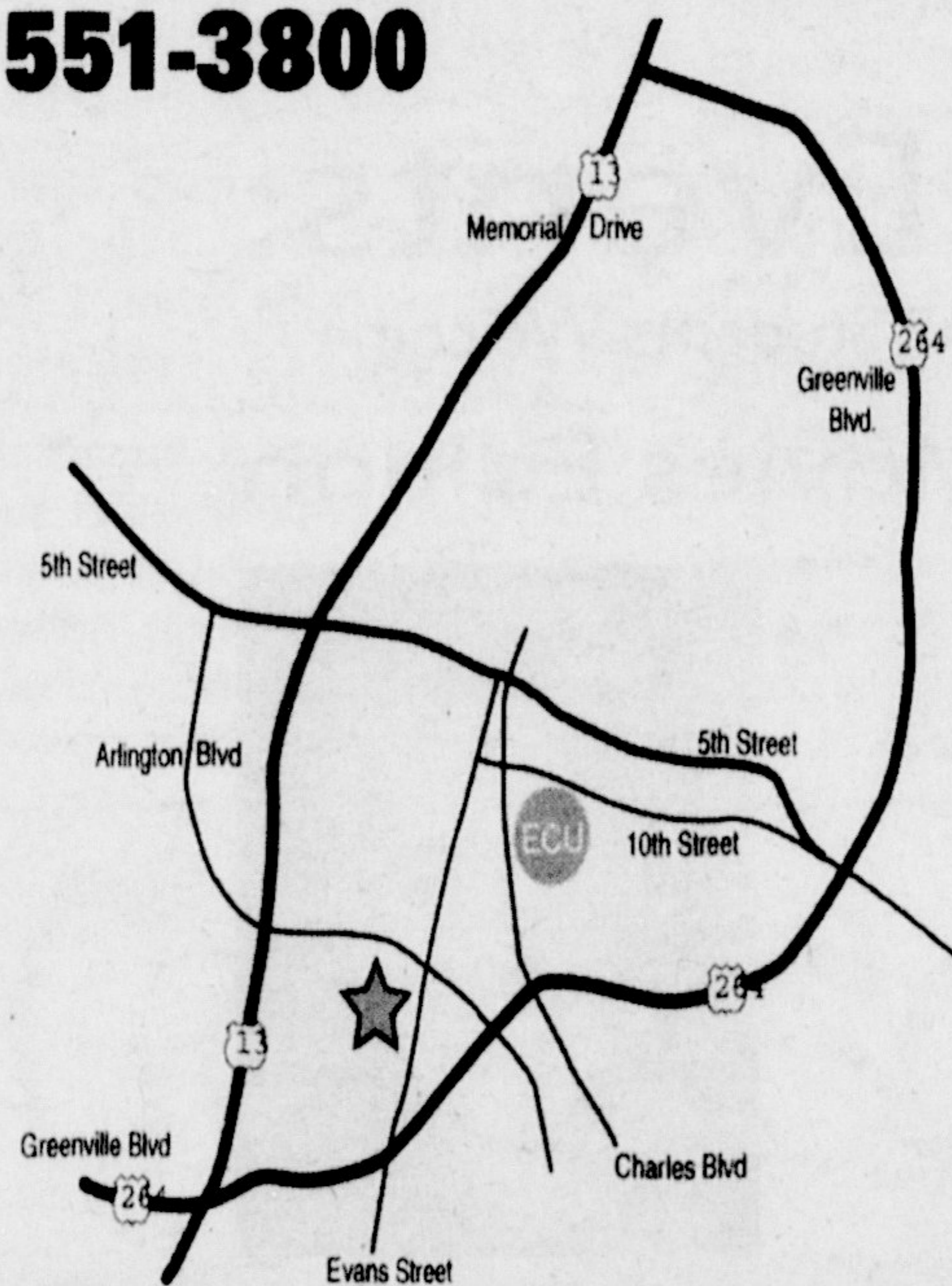
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer William Irby worked with Rep. Martha Alexander, D-Mecklenburg, to create the bill, which has been recommended for passage by the House Commerce Committee.

He said kegs are popular among young drinkers because they are inexpensive and contain a lot of alcohol. Over the past two years, three people have died in Charlotte in car accidents that involved minors who had been drinking keg beer, Irby said.

"I have to go to someone's house and tell them they lost someone," Irby said. "There's no way to become numb to that, especially when it's a kid. This is the easiest death to prevent. That's why I became so involved in this."

Similar programs have been put into effect in 25 other states, including Virginia, Georgia and Massachusetts. The cost of running the program for two years in Virginia was \$29,000.

The most dangerous season for keg parties starts around graduation and lasts all summer, Irby said. College kids come home and are willing to buy kegs for their younger friends, or parents either go out of town or buy kegs for their children themselves.

The parties tend to draw anywhere from 50 to 100 people and, when police arrive on the scene, Irby said, the most common – and dangerous – reaction is for underage drinkers to hop in their cars and drive away.

"During spring break they have a lot of free time on their hands," Irby said. "In the summer it's literally every weekend we are seeing [keg parties]."

Cheryl Jones, who serves on the state executive committee of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said the bill will likely save lives and discourage adults from buying kegs for kids.

"We support keg regulations 100 percent – anything that we can do to cut back on the alcohol that young

people can get a hold of," she said.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Deputy Chief Jerry Sennett said the measure would create another means to punish people who help supply underage drinkers.

"We're trying to prevent it from getting into the wrong hands," Sennett said. "People who sell alcohol are already held to a higher standard."

The bill would add responsibility to merchants who sell beer in kegs. Currently, they must check the identification of the person who buys the beer, but the legislation would require them to record the buyer's name, address and other information, then keep that data on file for three years.

Andy Ellen, a lobbyist for the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association, said the group supports prevention of underage drinking, but maintaining the mandatory paperwork is excessive.

"When a retailer checks the ID of a person and makes sure that they are of age and not intoxicated, and that it is an appropriate sale, we have done our legal duty," Ellen said. "What this bill is going to do is place additional paperwork on a merchant for something that is not going to have a big impact on underage drinking."

For example, Ellen said, retailers could be subject to harsher penalties than would individuals who provide the beer to minors. While removing a tag would be a misdemeanor punishable with a \$50 fine, merchants who don't fill out the proper paperwork can be fined up to \$500 or have their liquor license revoked or suspended, even if the sale was lawful.

But Jones said the additional paperwork is worth the trouble if it will help minimize underage drinking.

"For a little inconvenience, if it saves one person's life, I can't think they would be against that," Jones said.

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Many students thought it was suspicious that the office has been under investigation since November, yet no one knew about it.

"If [the investigation] has been going on since November, something is probably going on," said Chris Clement, senior communication major.

Carter said the ECU community has a right to hear from the university, rather than the news, when an investigation is underway in one of the departments.

"They still need to keep the students ... and especially the parents informed about it," Carter said.

The possibility that the department could have been offering an excess of money to the students united responses.

"I wish they would do that," Bowen said. "Too bad I'm a senior."

Carter said that theory is unlikely because students need all the financial help they can receive.

"You can't give a student too much because we need that money," Carter said.

Durham told WRAL reporters that no student was denied financial aid.

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SUMMER MOVIE SEASON UNDERWAY

What's after 'Star Wars'?

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With the anticipated release of *Star Wars* now in the past, we finally have a clear view of all the other films coming out this summer.

Shattering box office records, *Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith* officially rang in the start of the summer season. Bringing in approximately \$150 million in its first four days of release, the final chapter in the *Star Wars* saga attempted to pull the box office out of a 12-week slump. This time last year, we had already seen two films that were going to be on the top 10 grossing films of 2004 list: *The Passion of the Christ* and *Shrek 2*. So far, we have yet to see any movie that will be on that list this year, except for *Star Wars*.

Now that the hoopla from the *Star Wars* camp has calmed down and the popular Memorial Day weekend rush has calmed down, we can finally step back and look at the other movies that will rival *Star Wars* for the number one top grossing movie of the year. Here are a few of the biggest releases to look forward to this summer.

Lords of Dogtown (June 3). Here's one for the skateboarding fanatics. A few years ago, a documentary titled *Dogtown and Z Boys* won the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival, becoming a popular underground hit once it hit video stores. It looked at the beginnings of the groundbreaking Zephyr skateboarding team in the 1970s. This year's film, *Lords of Dogtown*, is a more Hollywood-style look at the same story. Directed by Catherine Hardwicke (*Thirteen*) and starring Emile Hirsch (*The Girl Next Door*), Heath Ledger and Johnny

Knoxville, this film has the potential to not only be great, but also do some serious and surprising damage at the box office.

Batman Begins (June 15). Christopher Nolan's rendition of the famous comic book character is not to be mistaken with the series of four films with Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer and George Clooney. *Batman Begins* is a film that stands alone from any other film about the Batman character. This version is based on a story by screenwriter David S. Goyer featuring Bob Kane's famous characters. It shows us how Bruce Wayne became the guardian of justice for Gotham City. Christian Bale leads the all-star cast as the caped crusader. Starring along side Bale are Michael Caine (as faithful butler Alfred Pennyworth), Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, *The Last Samurai's* Ken Watanabe (as the villain Ra's Al Ghul), *28 Days Later* star Cillian Murphy (as The Scarecrow) and Katie Holmes (as Bruce Wayne's girlfriend).

Bewitched (June 24). This is not a remake of the famous television series. Will Ferrell stars as Jack Wyatt, a fallen actor who, in a last attempt to save his career, decides to update the famous television series of "Bewitched" and bring it back to TV. He casts an unknown woman named Isabel Bigelow (Nicole Kidman) to play Samantha Stephens, the famous witch with the funny nose twitch. Wyatt, however, is unaware that his new star is actually a real witch who is not looking to get used by this guy. Michael Caine stars as Kidman's father, Nigel, in what will be a very different role than the one he played in the previous week.

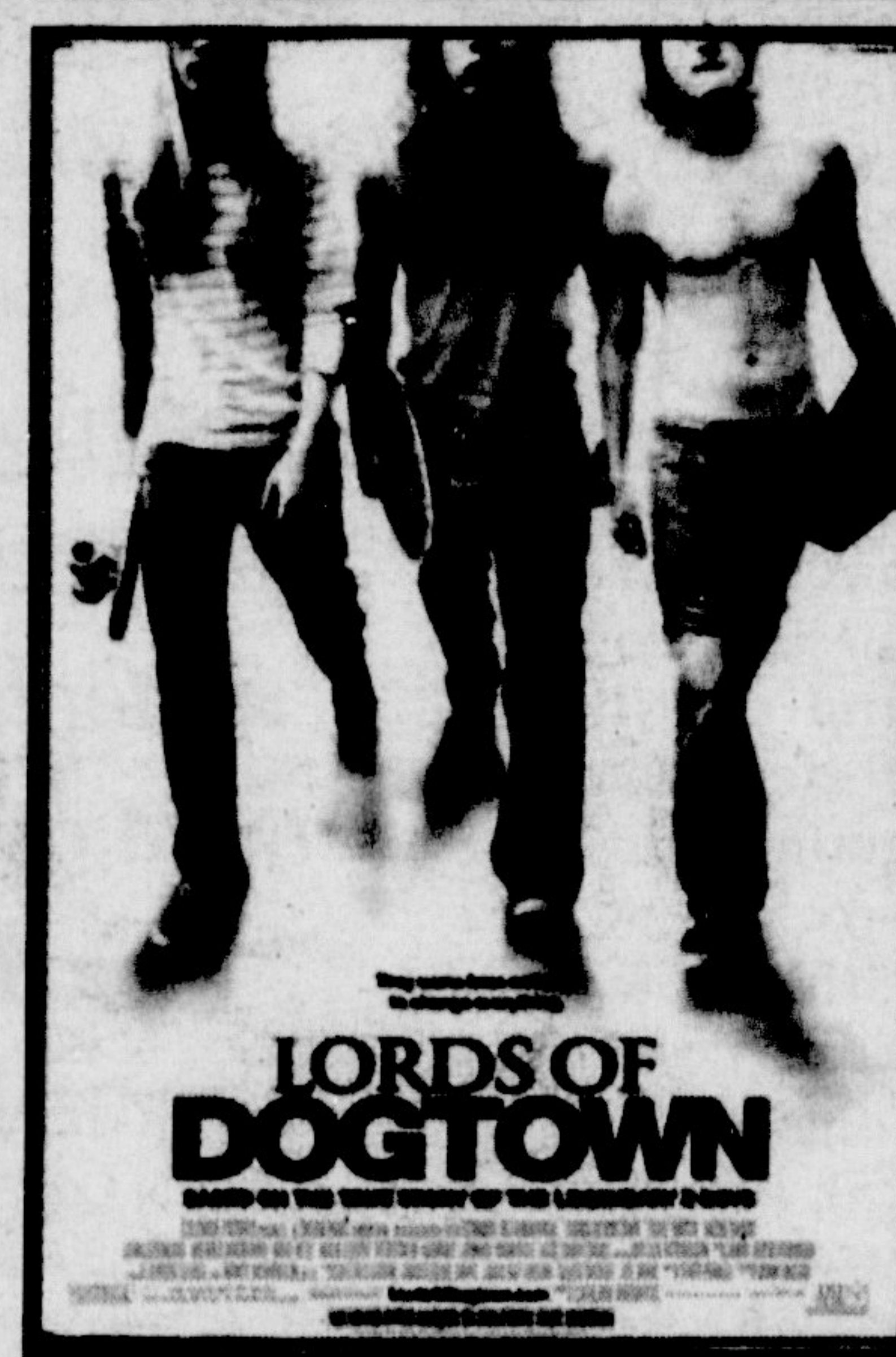
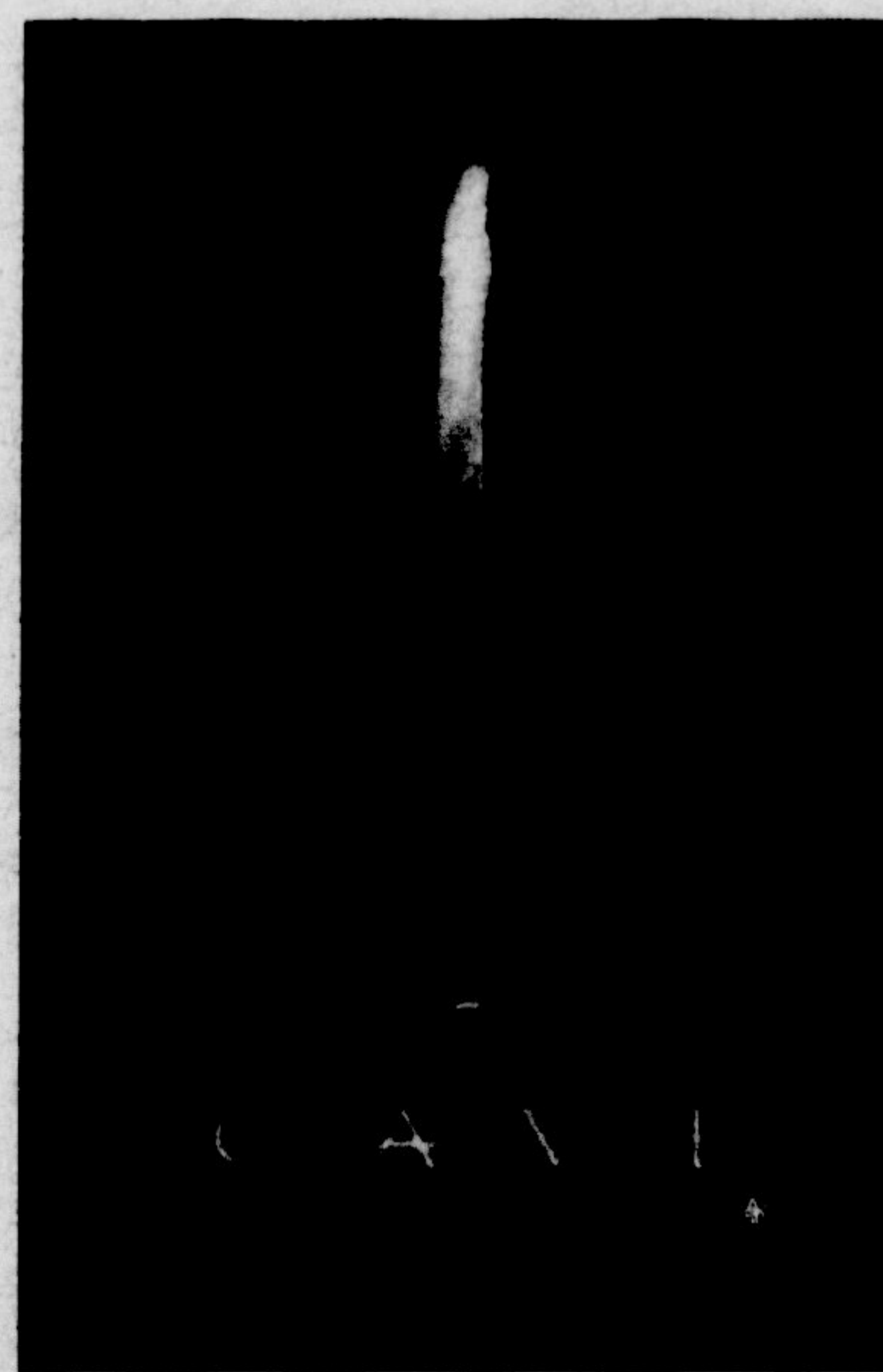
War of the Worlds (June 29). If any film has a chance of coming anywhere near topping *Star Wars* in box office percentages, Steven Spielberg's remake of the H.G. Wells classic is it. Tom Cruise stars

as Ray Ferrier, a man with two kids (Justin Chatwin and Dakota Fanning), who must escape and fight back against sinister alien invaders who are out to destroy the planet. Spielberg has updated this film with a modern twist and has it taking place in New Jersey rather than London. It looks to be one of the more dazzling films in terms of special effects that we will see this summer. *Lord of the Rings* star Miranda Otto and Oscar winner Tim Robbins costar in this terrifying science fiction film.

Fantastic Four (July 8). After years and years of trying to get a script and a cast in order, the famous Stan Lee comic book is finally coming to life. Ioan Gruffudd leads the cast as Reed Richards (Mr. Fantastic) with Michael Chiklis as Ben Grimm (The Thing), Jessica Alba as Susan Storm (The Invisible Woman) and Chris Evans as Johnny Storm (The Human Torch). Together, they do battle against the evil villain Dr. Doom (Julian McMahon).

The Island (July 22). Michael Bay is back with another big budget sci-fi action film. *The Island* is a futuristic film about a contained utopian society. One of its residents is Lincoln Six-Echo (Ewan McGregor), who hopes to be taken to "The Island," the most beautiful, luxurious and the last uncontaminated spot on Earth. He soon discovers that he and the other residents are actually human clones whose only purpose is to be used as spare parts for their original copies. Lincoln and his new pal Jordan Two-Delta (Scarlett Johansson) plan a daring escape before they are "harvested." This sounds very similar to George Lucas' first film *THX-1138*, but not exactly. Djimon Hounsou, Steve Buscemi, Sean Bean and Michael Clarke Duncan costar.

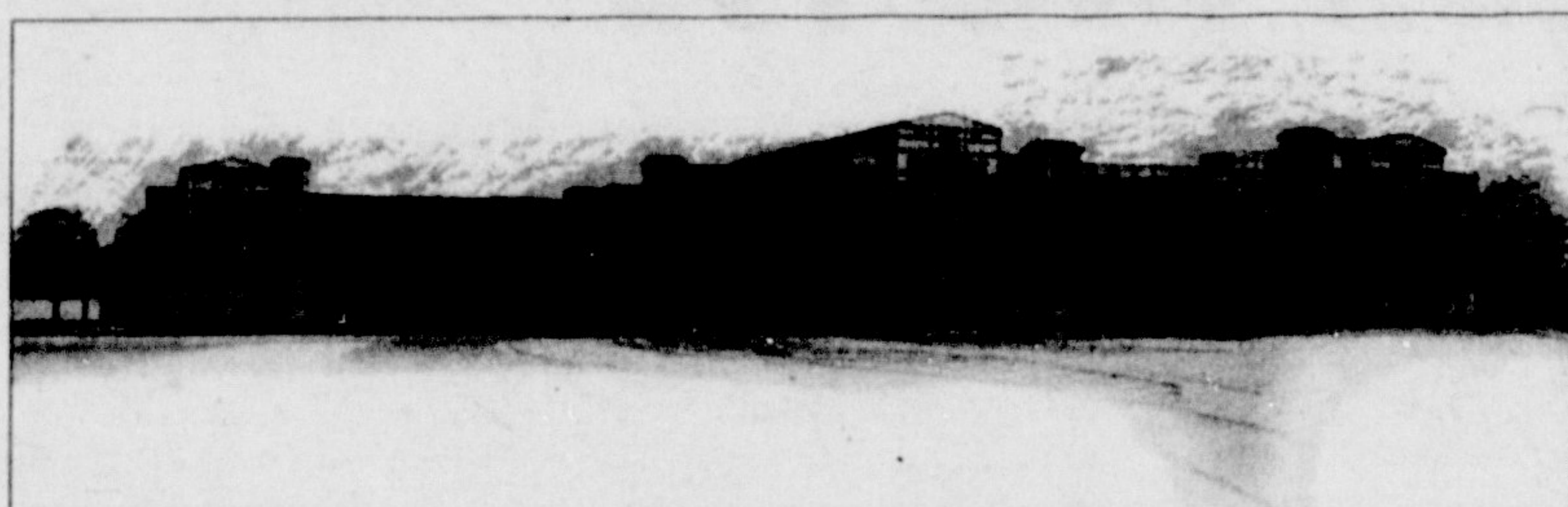
Stealth (July 28). Rob Cohen's latest action film is set in the near future and is about a new super weapon developed by the Navy. It's a fighter jet built on artificial intel-



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School of Allied Health Sciences



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New Health Sciences Building will be an improvement for students.

Improving Health

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STAFF WRITER

The hands-on learning experiences that ECU students gain here play a vital role in their education. By interacting in real life scenarios, students are able to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in the career of their choice. The School of Allied Health Sciences offers some of the most interactive programs available.

The School of Allied Health Sciences' mission as found at ecu.edu/ah is "to improve the quality of health through leadership, excellence and innovation in the delivery of progressive baccalaureate, masters, doctoral and continuing education programs, providing professional and clinical services and conducting basic, clinical and applied research."

The school has an enrollment of approximately 500 undergraduate and graduate students within its nine departments and offers a range of degrees in the areas of biostatistics, clinical laboratory science, communication sciences and disorders, community health, health services and information management, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies and rehabilitation studies. ECU is home to 40 percent more allied health professionals than any other four-year state institution.

Because ECU is the largest provider of allied health professionals for the state, mostly due to the fact that it has the first and only school

of allied health sciences, there is a rising need for expansion to meet the demand of increasing student enrollment. One way to meet this demand is to build a new academic facility. To be completed in 2006, a new health sciences campus will include a Family Practice Center and Health Science Library as well as a new building for the School of Allied Health Sciences.

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DEAN OF SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

"The opportunities for new student-centered instructional research, service and clinical activities in an interdisciplinary health care environment will ring in a new era for our school," said Stephen Thomas, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, in his dean's message at ecu.edu/ah.

Accreditation is an important factor for most students when they are trying to find the best school to suit their current needs as well as their future goals. It allows graduates of that school to take required state licensure and national certification and registration exams. The School of Allied Health Sciences has accreditation from national accrediting bodies for all professional preparation programs.

The School of Allied Health Sciences also holds some distinction to its name. *US News & World Report* ranked the Rehabilitation Counseling Graduate Program 15th in the nation. The development of the Speech Easy device, created by

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ATTENTION ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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The 'House of Wax' soundtrack brings new names to the party

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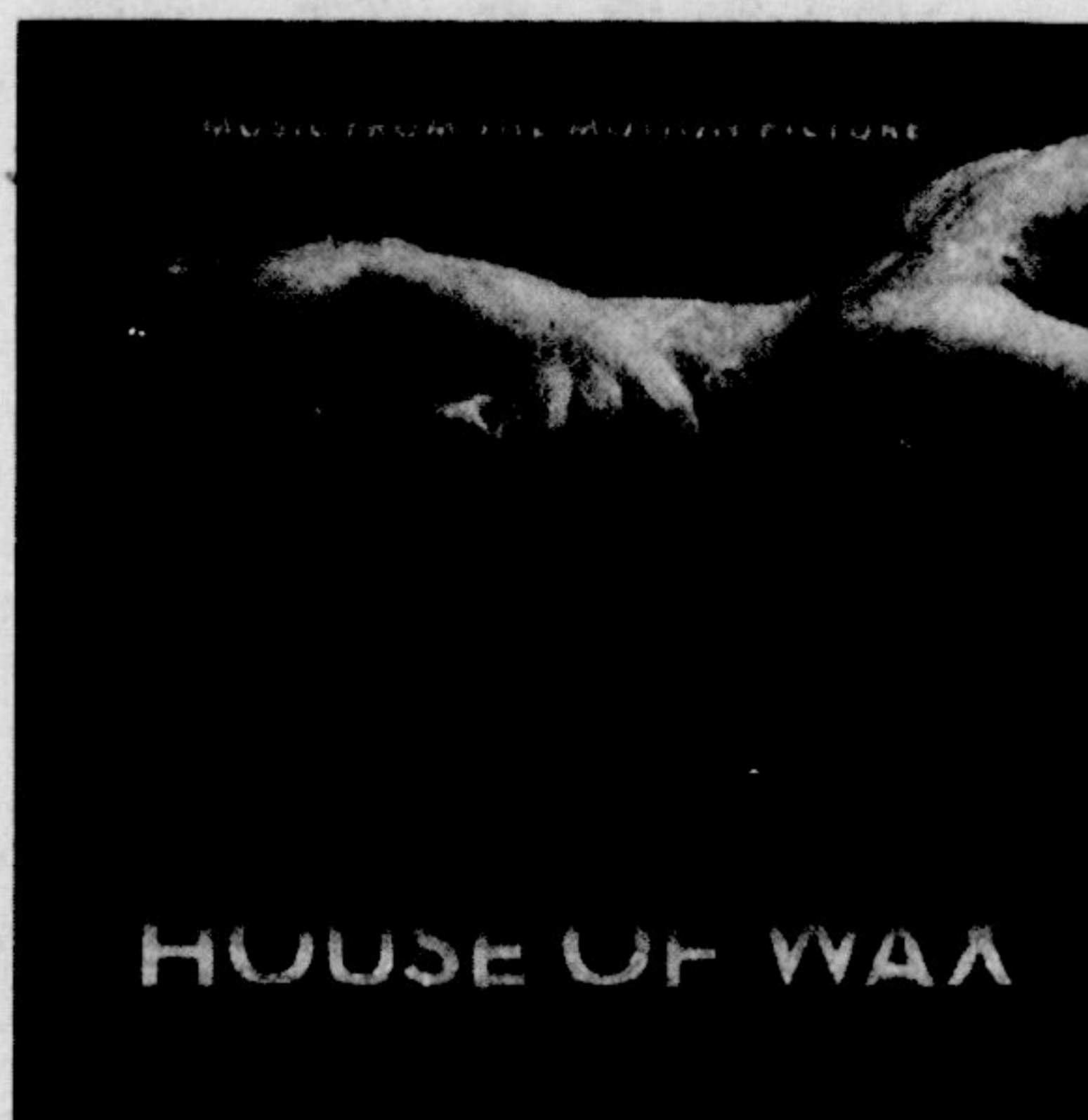
When the time comes to put together a soundtrack for a new horror movie, there are a number of approaches one can take. A popular approach, as in the case of *Freddy vs. Jason* and *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, is to put together a collection of the best in a genre, usually hardcore rock, throw in a few up-and-comers and give the public some music they know and some songs to grow on them.

The soundtrack to the new movie *House of Wax* plays with that approach by mixing some genres and times, but still inserting a few surprise up-and-coming bands. Along with some veteran bands like The Prodigy, Disturbed, the Deftones and Marilyn Manson, the album mixes in some old school music with contributions from Iggy Pop and the Stooges and Joy Division. The result is an energetic yet eclectic mix of different genres sure to entertain – and possibly expand – a music fan.

The point of the album certainly isn't to introduce the world to a host of new artists. Some of the songs on this album date back to 1970, and most of the well-known groups have several successful albums under their belts. Rather, some newer artists get to share album space interwoven with established groups and get into the stereos of some listeners who didn't buy the album for their name. It's much like selling a ticket to a huge concert – you get to open for and share the stage with big-name groups and rock some people who didn't know you existed.

The biggest benefactors from this tactic are Dark New Day, Stutterfly and Bloodsimple. Bloodsimple's contribution, a hard-rocking tune called "Path to Prevail," sits nestled in the musical intermission between Disturbed and Manson. The band's first album, *A Cruel World* (released in March on Warner Brothers Records), and their appearance on this album could likely bring in some new listeners. Their contribution makes a case with a power-driven song showcasing the voice of lead singer Tim Williams.

Dark New Day and Stutterfly, on the other hand, haven't even



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released their first albums yet. Dark New Day's *Twelve Year Silence* and Stutterfly's *And We Are Bled of Color* won't hit stores until June.

As the last song on the album, Dark New Day's "Taking Me Alive" gets to close the album out after Iggy Pop and the Stooges, The Von Bondies, Har Mar Superstar and Joy Division, a distinctively indie/British lineup. Although the placement of this song stands a bit unusually on the end instead of in the middle with its genre, the guys still make it work. The band hails mostly from North Carolina, and they sport some big names – Clint Lowery joined his brother Corey in Dark New Day after a seven-year stint with Sevendust and other band

members come to the group from popular groups like Skrape and Steeromud. Their sound is impressive also, and they will likely snare some fans with their appearance.

Stutterfly is luckily nestled in the heart of the rock lineup between the Deftones and Disturbed, and their song "Gun in Hand" literally serves as a nice bridge between the two songs. Their singing style is a mix of soft harmonic voice and hard driving screaming, fitting nicely between the hauntingly soft voice of the Deftones' Chino Moreno and the guttural, almost animal wailing of Disturbed front man David Draiman. It's interesting to hear the transition literally in mid-song and works out better for Stutterfly. After all, Disturbed and the Deftones don't desperately need the publicity, now do they?

The trick is people won't buy the album for Stutterfly, Dark New Day and Bloodsimple – they'll buy it for some of the bigger bands that throw in some nice material. The Prodigy's "Spitfire" lays some hard-rocking foundation for a good album, mixing in some electronic beats and blending it like only they can. My Chemical Romance's "I Never Told You What

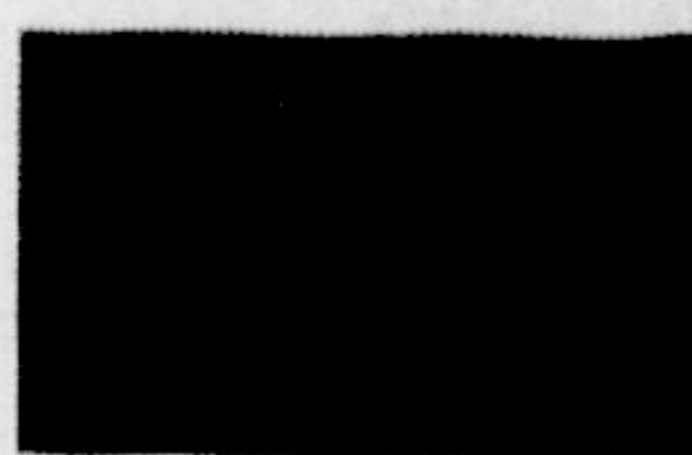
I Do For a Living" continues the energy and gives way to the heart of the tracks, the rockers. The Deftones' "Minerva" is already a well-known song from their 2003 self-titled release, and Disturbed's "Prayer" came out as the feature single on their 2002 release *Believe*. Along with Manson's "Dried Up, Tied and Dead to the World" (originally released in 1996), the accomplished artists give some songs for listeners to chew on.

The original *House of Wax* came out in 1953, and this one takes the idea and throws in some appealing curves, like Paris Hilton and Elisha Cuthbert (yes, pun intended). This album does much the same thing, appealing to listeners with well-known groups and then adding some quality stuff the world will hear more from in the future. The music from the movie is full of power and energy that will take the hearts and ears of rockers and punk lovers alike. The rocking won't stop for a break, either – not even when those smaller bands hit the stage.

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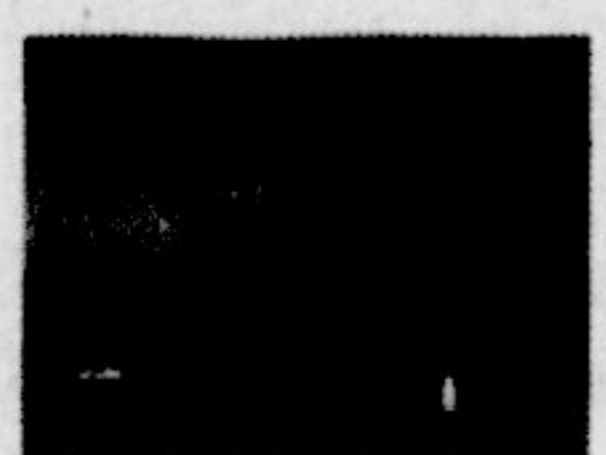
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ligence that learns its combat moves from pilots onboard the ship. However, it develops a mind of its own, and those on board have to stop it before it starts a war. Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx, Sam Shepard and Joe Morton star in this thriller that is sure to put a new spin on how we look at Naval Intelligence.

The Pink Panther (August 5). Steve Martin stars as Inspector Jacques Clouseau in this continuation of the famous crime capers. It's not a remake, but rather a continuation with new faces, like the *James Bond* series. *Cheaper By the Dozen* director Shawn Levy's cast includes

Kevin Kline, Beyonce Knowles, Jean Reno and Emily Mortimer.

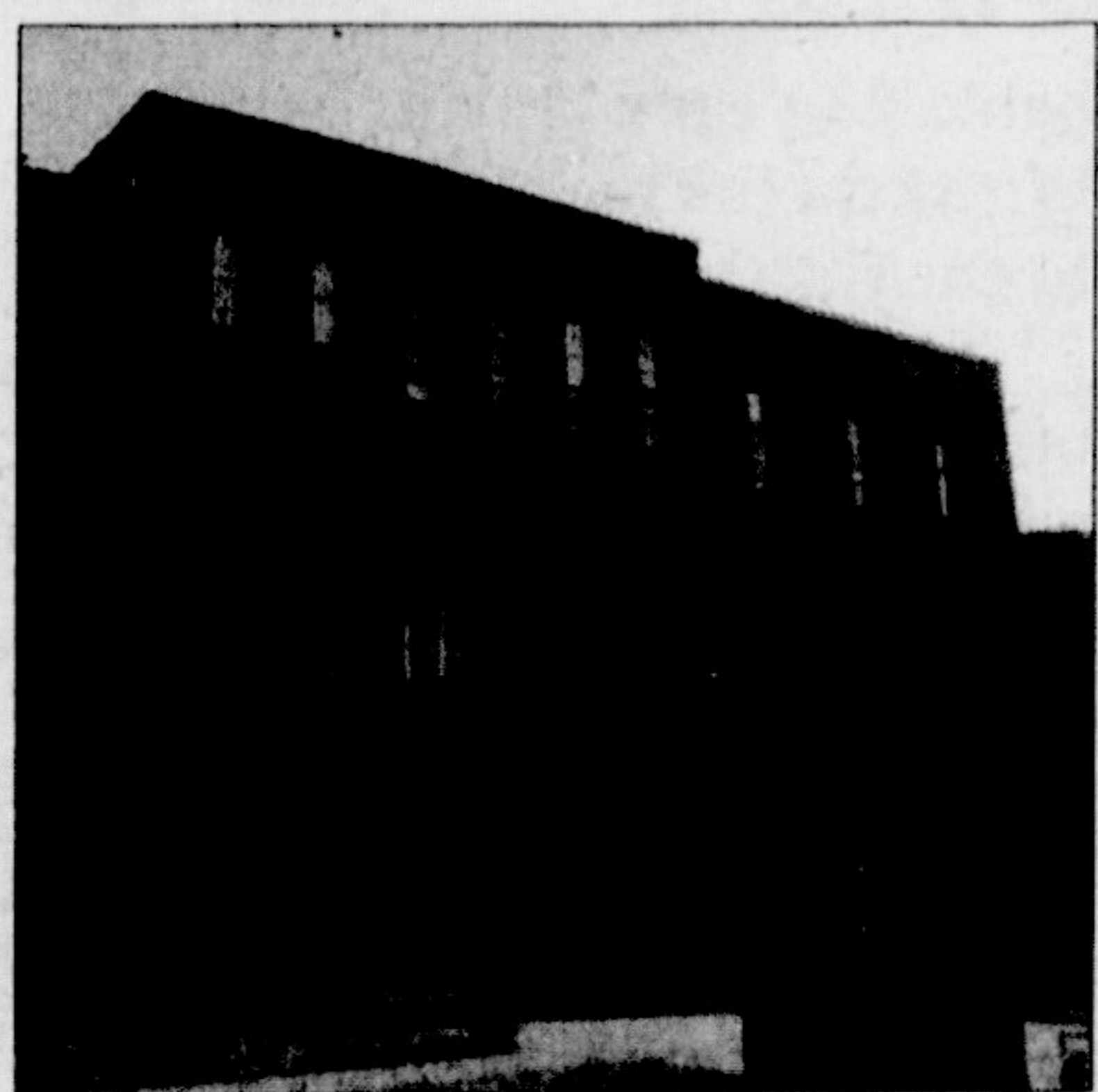
Deuce Bigelow: European Gigolo (August 12). This one needs no introduction. Rob Schneider returns as the character he made famous six years ago. This time, T.J. (Eddie Griffin) tricks Deuce into being a man-whore in Amsterdam. Once there, he discovers that there is a society of these he-whores and that he is at the very bottom. However, someone out there is killing those in the upper ranks of the society.

The Cave (August 26). What's a summer movie season without

a horror film? *The Cave* is about a group of European scientists who discover an old thirteenth century Abbey in Romania. They soon discover that it is built upon an elaborate system of caves. They call in a group of American cave explorers to investigate. What they find is a new species of bloodthirsty cave dwellers. Cole Hauser, Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian, Rick Ravanello, Marcel Lures, Lena Headey and Piper Perabo star in the horror film directed by Bruce Hunt.

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the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Stuttering Research Lab, has attracted attention of national television stations.

The school's interactive environment can be found in community-based programs. One such program, Operation Sunshine, gives students the opportunity to create and implement after-school programs for rural communities. Another project, called the Tillery Project, allows students to provide in-home

services to a rural community.

The School of Allied Health Sciences looks to the future to improve leadership, excellence and educational opportunities, in turn improving the quality of community health. Students can look forward to the new health sciences campus to provide a more interactive environment in which to further enhance their knowledge.

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Pirates receive NCAA regional at-large bid

ECU will face Arizona State in opening series

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Pirate Nation, you can now breathe a sigh of relief. The ECU baseball team received an at-large bid into the NCAA regionals Monday morning, marking their seventh consecutive tournament appearance. Only 11 other Division I schools can say that, and say it with pride they do, as parity in college baseball continues to grow.

A fan of the Pirates surely began to worry Monday around 11:45 a.m. when the selection show, which aired on ESPN2, was cruising through the announcement of the field of 64.

In the week leading up to the show, several different baseball publications had projected the Pirates to play in one of three different regionals. Those three were the Georgia Tech regional, the Tennessee regional or the Clemson regional. As a fan and a reporter, I watched as the teams in those regionals were revealed, none of which was ECU. Teams like Oklahoma, Creighton and St. Johns were all getting at-large bids. I could only think that as each one of those was announced, our chances worsened by the minute. After Auburn received a number two seed when they were considered to be a "bubble" team, I decided that we were through, because the committee would surely take 11 SEC teams if the Tigers were a two seed. So as the show went to a break, I dropped my head and began to

think of what I was going to write about for my year-ending story.

ESPN2 comes back from break and almost immediately begins to reveal the Arizona State regional. I, of course, wasn't even paying attention because I figured that if three regionals we were projected to participate in had passed, there were no more spots for a fourth Conference USA team.

Ah, the sweet sound of Dave Revsine's voice finally woke me from my pity party as he said, "and the host team Arizona State gets the number three seed East Carolina out of C-USA."

I silently pumped my fists, knowing that the Pirates deservedly had got what they had worked so hard for throughout the season.

Having to go to Arizona may prove to be a blessing in disguise, because surely the Bucs haven't forgotten the sweep they were dealt last season at the hands of the Sun Devils at Packard Stadium. As for the freshmen who weren't on the team last year, you can rest assured that they have been informed.

Oddly enough, Coastal Carolina is actually the No. 1 seed in this regional. However, since they do not have the facilities to host a regional, Arizona State's bid to host was granted, thus the reason for a No. 1 seed having to travel across the country to play.

The Chanticleers will get the No. 4 seed Running Rebels of UNLV in game one of the regional. The Rebels (34-27), who received the Mountain West Conference's automatic bid by winning the conference tournament, sport one of the

nation's most explosive offenses, averaging just over eight runs a game at 8.2. Sophomore catcher Justin Tellam leads the Rebels in home runs with 16. Nine players are batting over .300, as well as three batters who have 50 or more RBI. UNLV will give Coastal a little more than they bargained for as a one seed, and an upset is highly possible, as the Chanticleers are coming off of a loss in the Big South Championship game to Winthrop.

Coastal Carolina, the Big South regular season champion, flaunts a gaudy 48-14 record, as well as a convincing 11-5 win over ECU earlier in the season at the Baseball at the Beach tournament. The Chanticleers also beat national powerhouses Georgia and North Carolina on consecutive days with a 7-6 win over the Jackets and a 14-5 dismantling of the Tar Heels. Coastal cakewalked through their conference season, posting a ridiculous 21-3 regular season mark. They'll try to counter the explosive Rebel offense with stellar pitching. Ricky Shefka anchors the staff with an 11-2 record. The Kinston native has compiled a fantastic ERA of 2.51 in 111.1 IP.

Just as ECU relies on a Costanzo for help, the Chanticleers also have a Costanzo who they lean on for not only offense, but pitching as well. Mike Costanzo leads the team with a .388 BA, as well as 15 home runs and 61 RBI. Oh yeah, he's also 8-1 with a jaw-dropping 1.75 ERA in 51.1 IP and 65 Ks. If you're keeping your eye on this game - and you

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Patrick makes her mark at Indy



Patrick prepares for the Indy 500.

(KRT) — She did not win the 89th Indianapolis 500 Sunday but, boy, did Danica Patrick leave her mark on the race.

She made history when she became the first woman to lead the race. She deftly avoided two crashes, triggered another and then got back to the front of the pack again.

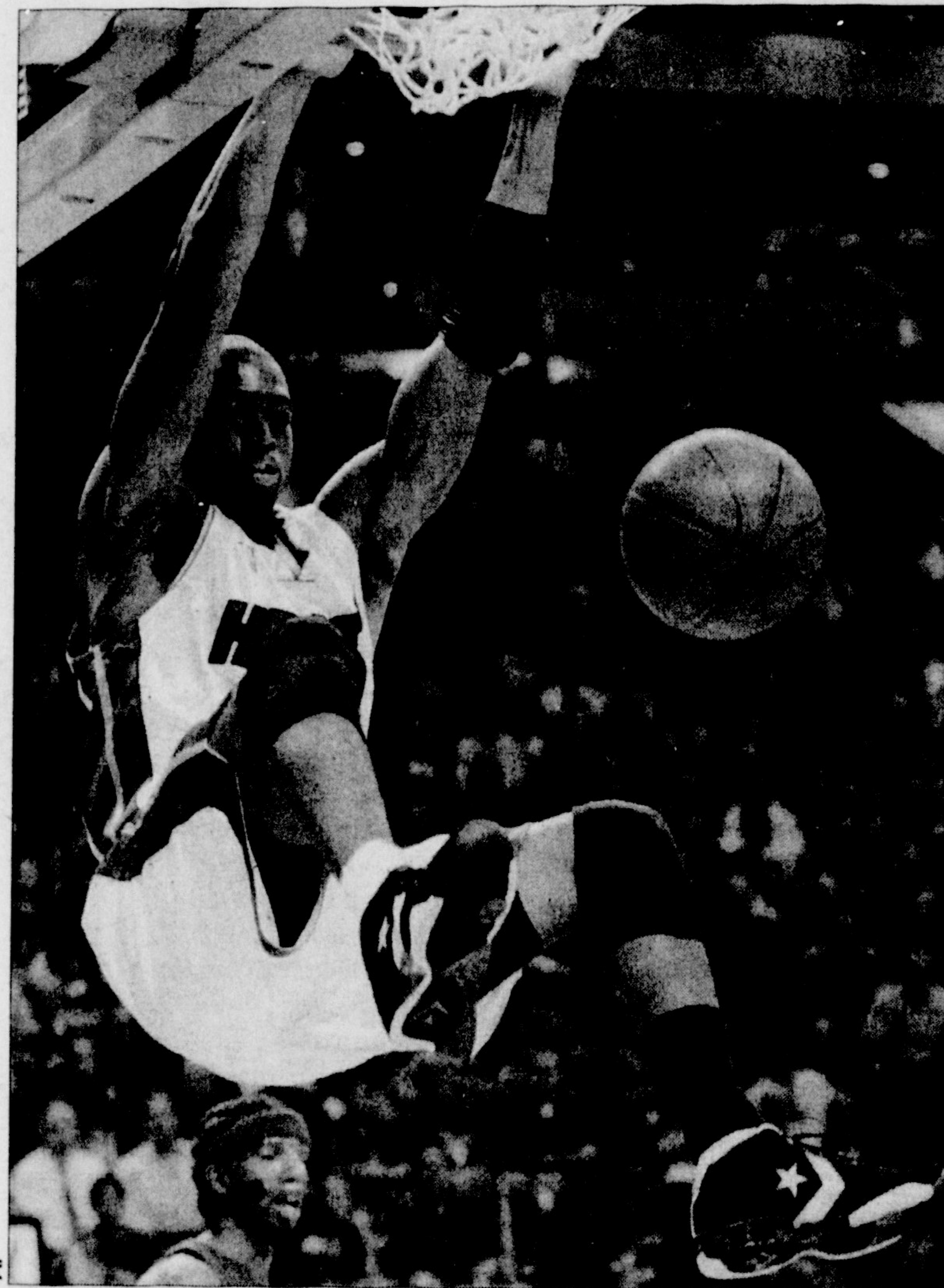
After bringing more attention to the race this year than the other 32 starters combined, the unflap-

pable 23-year-old native of Beloit, Wis., kept her new fans mesmerized to the finish.

She contended, nearly pulled off an upset and left very content with a fourth-place finish as some 300,000 people stood and cheered.

"I made a hell of a point for anybody, are you kidding me?" Patrick gushed in a rare show of self-satisfaction.

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Dwyane Wade dunks against the Detroit Pistons in the playoffs.

Hometown humility still guides Wade

(KRT) — At the far end of a long, musty hallway here at H.L. Richards High School, past vending machines, bulletin boards and classrooms, a fleck of light glimmers from under a row of unmarked metal doors.

Open a door. Go ahead. Pull it in the direction of the trophy case displaying shoes worn by Dwyane Wade at the 2004 Olympic games. Push the lever toward the framed shot of the Heat star as a skinny junior. Bang! The door shrieks and a stream of light rush through the dust of an old gymnasium.

"This is it," says Wade's former high school coach, Jack Fitzgerald. The gymnasium is empty save for three kids bouncing a ball at the far end of the court. The yellow-and-white paint on the concrete wall is dull, the bleachers are folded back and the wood floor creaks.

It's like a thousand gymnasiums at a thousand other high schools. But this one... this is the one where Dwyane Wade's legacy was born.

On this floor under that basket.

"He was the man out there," said Wade's sophomore coach, Jeff Kortz, looking out across this 40-year-old gym. He was the polite, quiet kid with the sharp moves who spent hours here... who still does come summer. The kid who spent four years answering Alysia Porrello in math class, 'Yes, ma'am. No, ma'am.'"

You want a story? How about the day Wade scored 90 points against two opponents?

"I know how things can sometimes become embellished over time," said Ball State University coach Tim Buckley, who recruited Wade when he was an assistant at Marquette University. But this isn't one of them. Buckley, Fitzgerald and Kortz were there. "He had 42 points against Tilden and then 48 points against Steinmetz," Fitzgerald says without hesitation. "He was same after the game as before. Quiet."

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"I came from the back twice. That sucks back there."

"I definitely got a lot of experience in different situations. So it was frustrating to be leading the race with so few laps to go and not be able to finish hard ... but I also knew that I was not in the same strategy and something had to give."

"I stalled and spun in the race, so with all that stuff happening, for me to have to sacrifice a couple of positions to save fuel, so be it."

Patrick, who started fourth, fell to sixth in the initial laps, but her crew got her out of the

pits third after their first stop. Patrick ran fourth for a time until Sam Hornish Jr., Dario Franchitti and Tony Kanaan made their second stops under the green flag, putting her into the lead for the 56th lap.

On her next stop, though, Patrick lost all the ground she had gained, and then some, when the engine in her Rahal Letterman Racing Panoz-Honda stalled as she tried to leave the pits.

"I pushed the throttle and dropped the clutch and it went, 'Boom,'" said Patrick, who

dropped to 16th. "It took awhile to restart it. That's frustrating."

In the middle of the race, the handling on Patrick's car changed and she nearly spun, much like her first lap of qualifying two weeks earlier. Then she escaped unscathed from side-to-side contact with Kosuke Matsuura while they battled for 12th on the 131st lap.

Patrick's good fortune appeared over, though, when the field was about to take the green flag for a restart on the 154th lap. She spun mid-pack, triggering an accident that took out Tomas Enge, Tomas Scheckter, Patrick Carpentier and Jeff Bucknum.

Enge clobbered Patrick's car broadside, but the damage was confined to the nose cone and front wing, a relatively easy fix.

"It just seemed like everyone was going slow (for the restart)," Patrick said. "So whether they had checked up at that very second and I didn't have time to react, I don't know. It seems weird that I wouldn't be able to react at a hundred (mph) when we can react at 230," said Patrick.

"I can't believe that my car didn't completely demolish because I got hit, like, twice. Spun it around. I can't believe I kept the engine running."

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should because the Pirates will play one of these two teams - then keep your eye on Mr. Costanzo, as he has proven why he's one of the best two-way players in the country.

The host team Arizona State opens up with a familiar foe in ECU. The two teams have met four times in the last two seasons with the Sun Devils taking all four, the most recent being a 10-3 victory over the Bucs in front of the largest crowd to ever watch a baseball game at Clark-LeClair stadium, during the Keith LeClair Classic. State has been solid all season, compiling a 34-22 overall record, including a 22-7 mark at Packard Stadium. The Devils have nine guys with a batting average over .300 led by Travis Buck, who is currently batting at a .388 clip with four homers and 38 RBI. Jeff Larish leads Arizona State in home runs and RBI with 17 and 56 respectively.

As far as pitching goes, it's anyone's guess as to who is going to start game one for the Sun Devils. While they do have three clear-cut starters, six different players have started four or more games. The ace of the staff is Erik Averill. The junior is 8-4 with a 3.84 ERA. He leads the team in IP (96.0) and Ks (77). The Pirates have seen Averill twice during his career, once in their only meeting of the season in a starter role and in last year's game one of a three-game

series as a reliever. The Bucs should have a good idea of what to expect out of Averill, so I expect the ECU bats to jump on him early and get into the Sun Devil pen.

Deliberations are likely still going on in the Pirate camp on who to start against Arizona State. While ECU is undefeated in games in which T.J. Hose starts, I do not expect Head Coach Randy Mazey to put a freshman out there to pitch the first game of the regional. Last year he did, but let's not forget our opponent in Stony Brook, who was making their first ever tournament appearance.

The Sun Devils are a legitimate title contender, so I expect Mazey to go with his best big game pitcher in Ricky Brooks. Brooks has struggled lately with health problems, but it hasn't shown on the mound. I can only speculate, but I have a good idea it will be Brooks taking the mound against the Devils.

It's time to put up or shut up. No one cares about injuries anymore, so the Pirates are going to have to take what they have and be ready to fight for their lives in every game. If it becomes a contest of who wants it more, I like our chances.

The road to Omaha begins in Arizona.

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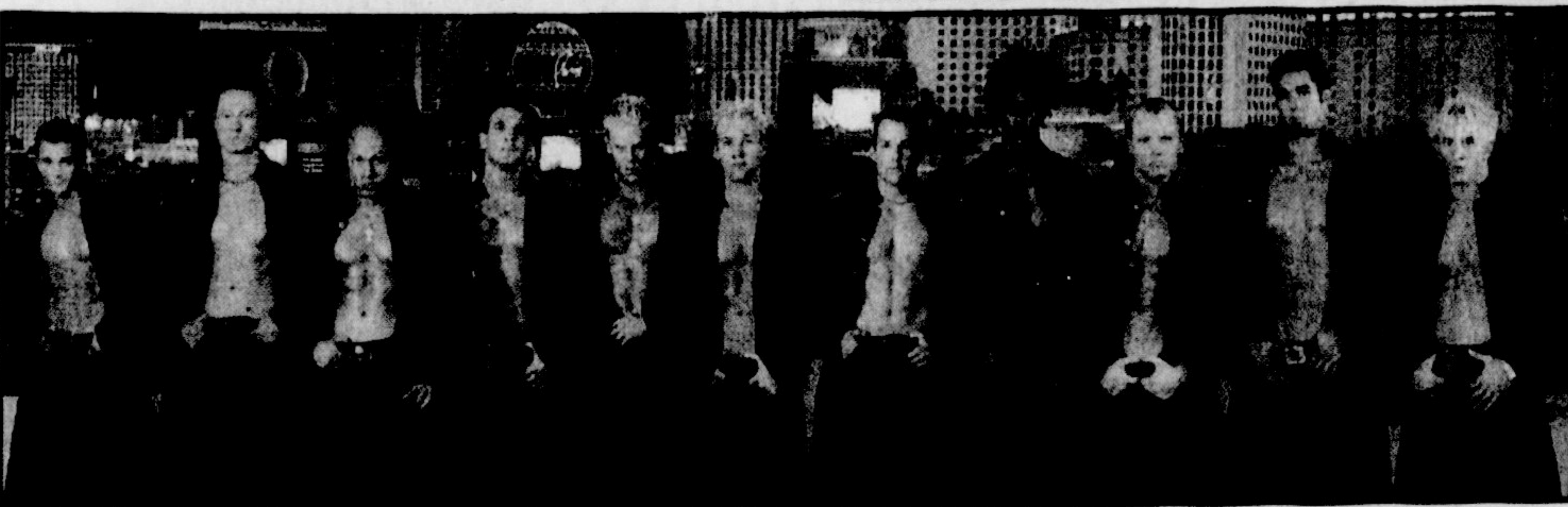
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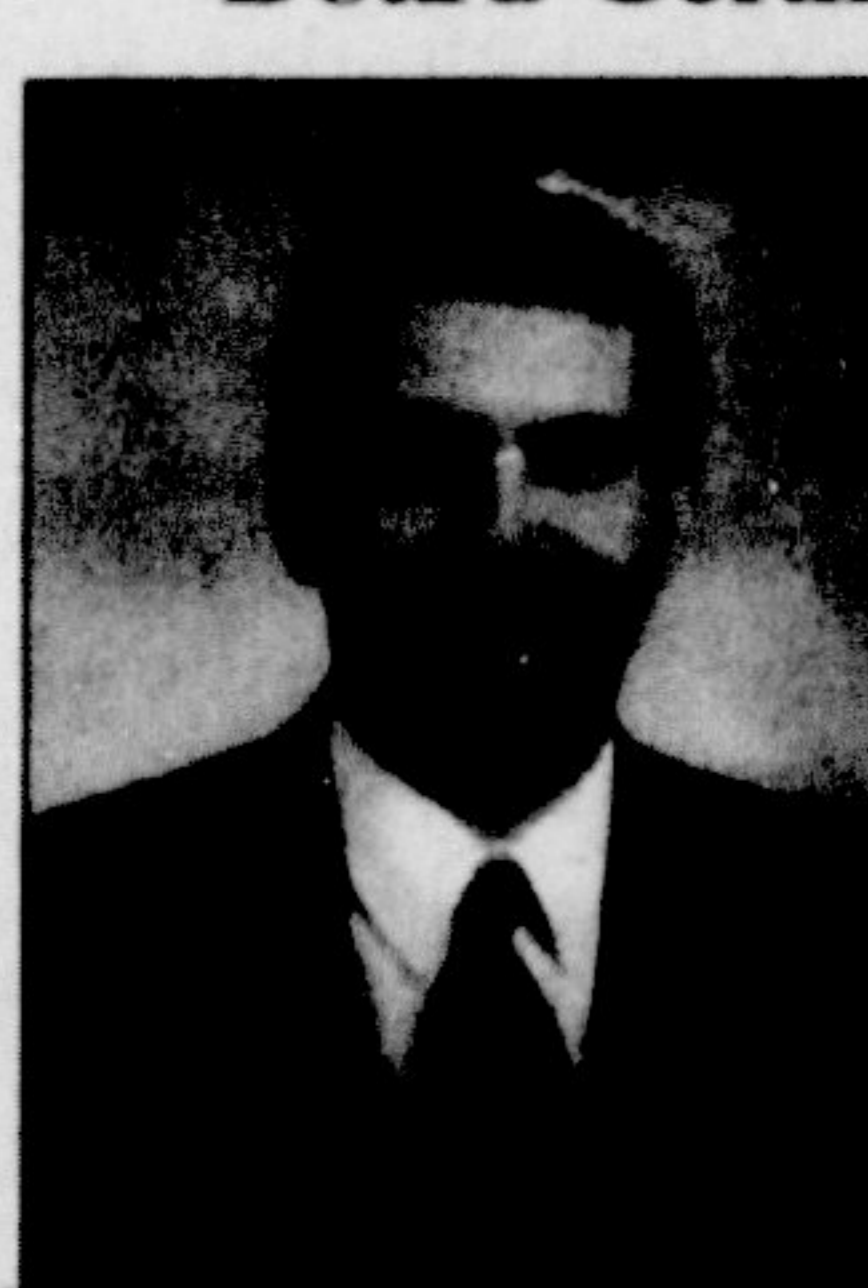


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No one at Richards has forgotten Dwyane Wade, and the Heat star hasn't forgot where he's from or the people who helped him. This place means something to him. These are his roots. So when he played poorly last week in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Pistons, Wade made a few phone calls. One to Tom Crean, his coach at Marquette. One to his sister, Tragil and one to Coach Fitz.

"I was on the 17th tee at River Oaks (Golf Club) when Dwyane called," Fitzgerald said. "It was nice. I don't tell him anything specific, but I reminded him that he stunk up the floor one night against Thornton High his senior year. Worst game he ever played, but the next game was one of his best."

Sure enough, after his conversations (which included a late night discussion with teammate Shaquille O'Neal), Wade scored 40 points Wednesday to help the Heat even the series, then scored 36 more Sunday to give the Heat a 2-1 lead entering Tuesday's game.

"With Dwyane it's about loyalty," Crean said. "He doesn't forget the people who helped him."

Four years after Wade graduated

from Richards, Porrello got a letter in the mail from Marquette University. "It was from Dwyane," she recalled. "He wrote to tell me how much he enjoyed being in my class and how much it meant to him. And at the top of the letter he had written, 'The NBA awaits.'"

Meet Tragil Wade-Blackman. She's sitting comfortably in a home just off the Dan Ryan Expressway. She's sister to Dwyane Wade. Hero to Dwyane Wade. And if you're looking for a person who keeps Wade as humble as is he talented. . . look no further.

When Wade told Tragil he was modeling Puff Daddy's clothing line, she joked, "You mean from the neck down?" When he was named one of *People's* 50 most beautiful people and photographed with his shirt unbuttoned, she asked, "What's wrong? Someone forgot to put buttons on that shirt?"

Tragil is Wade's older sister, the person who made it her business to watch over her little brother when they were growing up in the city or when he went to live with his father in nearby Robbins, a tough, lower-class neighborhood in the south suburbs.

Fun fact about Wade: His favor-

ite show growing up was "Knight Rider." You know, the talking car? Loved Michael Jordan, too. "He even had Michael's walk and chewed gum like him," says Tragil, letting go an infectious laugh.

Tragil explains why Wade, who married his high school sweetheart and has a child of his own, still listens to his high school and college coaches.

"It's respect," she says. "We were brought up to listen and respect others. I'm not talking about listening to people who are just older, but those with experience. Our parents used to say, 'Why do you think you have two ears and only one mouth?' He knows he hasn't reached his maximum level, so he's still going to listen and learn."

And he always did.

"When I go to coaching clinics people always ask how you develop players," Fitzgerald said. "I tell them a kid has to be coachable, and that means listening to find out what it will take to get to the next level. A lot of kids are gifted, but they don't listen and it hurts their game. Dwyane always listened. He always wanted to get better."

Rob Jeter, head basketball coach

at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, remembers watching Wade at Richards when he was an assistant at Marquette. "You know, Dwyane didn't just work on his strengths, but he worked a great deal on his weaknesses in an effort to improve," he said. "He had the three things every coach wants. He was talented, he was coachable and he loved the game."

And he held those three gifts no matter what the situation. A red shirt freshman at Marquette, Wade was asked in practice every day to go against Brian Wardle, "a tough senior who took no crap and wanted to see what Dwyane was made of," Jeter said.

"He came in raw and he struggled at first," recalled Wardle, now Marquette's director of men's basketball operations. "But the most impressive thing about Dwyane was he picked things up quickly. He improved a little each week, and you could visually see it. His basketball IQ was very high, and he had the physical abilities to do things you couldn't teach. But he worked on being consistent and paid attention and was quick to realize you can't take days off. He was always the best player on our scout team, and it got harder and harder on me to go against him."

Ask the Pistons if they know the feeling.

Last summer, the phone rang at Richards High School. "Dwyane wanted to know if the gym was open," Kortz said. In came Wade, still as quiet as he'd always been - still saying "please" and "thank you" and signing jerseys emblazoned with his name for the local students.

Same Dwyane Wade.

"When he gets around people he's comfortable with he opens up and shows his sense of humor," said Travis Diener, a teammate at Marquette. "But he's still the same guy who first stepped on the floor at Marquette. He doesn't think he's one of the best in the game, even though he is. He doesn't draw attention to himself. He still wants to go out and prove himself and learn, and that's why he calls Coach Crean and Coach Fitzgerald like any good player would or any great player should. He listens to the people who gave him the best advice."

"I really believe he sees himself as a work in progress."

Tragil, Coach Fitz and Crean like this work in progress. Crean thinks so much of him that he established the Dwyane Wade Legacy of Leadership Award in December at Marquette. Celebrating with Wade that evening were eight of his Heat teammates, including O'Neal.

"That's my baby brother," Tragil says with a smile.

A few miles away from Richards High School, there's a small sign outside Aspen High School where Fitzgerald and Tragil teach. "We wanted to do something because, after all, this is where his sister and high school coach are," Tragil said. But just like Wade, it couldn't be pretentious. The sign couldn't be enlarged. So in the town Dwyane Wade's legacy was born, the sign is small and plain and understated. It simply reads:

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