

Civil War era caskets return from Smithsonian to Kinston for research

Anthropology department teams with Smithsonian in excavation

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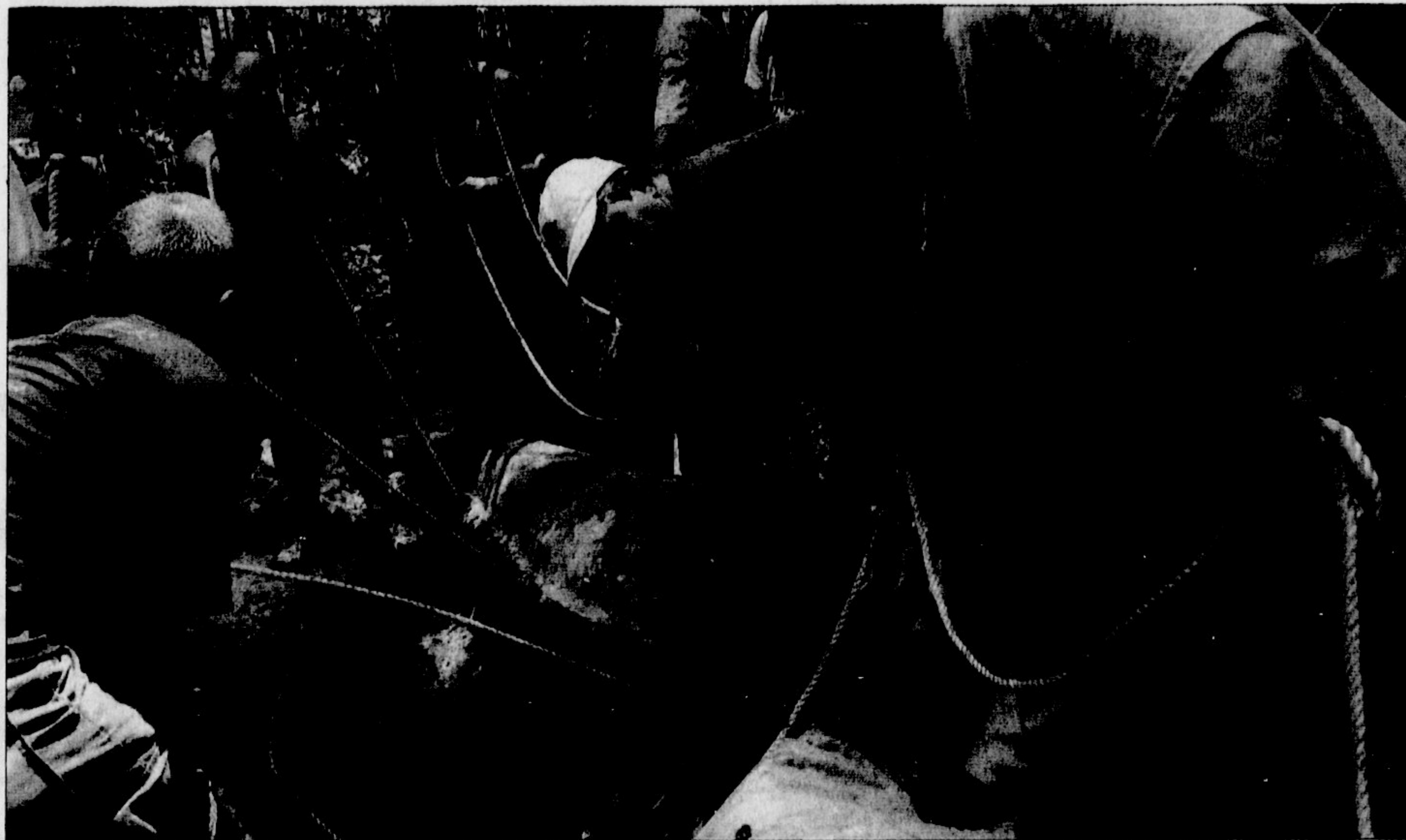
An ECU professor will bring two Civil War era caskets containing the remains of two middle aged women found in Kinston back to the area from Washington, D.C. on Labor Day weekend.

Charles Ewen, anthropology professor, and 12 students from the university were involved in the research and excavation of the coffins at Heritage Cemetery in Kinston. Two students got further exposure when they accompanied Ewen to study the remains at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., where the caskets have been since July.

"This was all started five years ago when Ted Sampley, a Kinstonian who was very interested in the whereabouts of North Carolina's first governor Richard Caswell's remains, wrote a letter of interest in the local paper about the subject," said Ewen.

"In his letter he spoke about the only marker to Caswell's grave, which was a large oak tree overlooking the site."

In response to this letter, a local woman, Martha Marble, wrote a letter to the *Kinston Free*



Charles Ewen and John Clauser, archaeological consultant (right), and several ECU students work with the second coffin.

Press about a hurricane 40 years ago that knocked over a large tree in a cemetery, Ewen said.

"That storm had uncovered a brick tunnel that led to a skeleton, but according to Marble, her mother made them place everything back the way they found it and covered the entrance,"

Ewen said. Another Kinstonian, Susan Hoffman, a genealogist and Kinston native who lived in Washington, still received the local paper and contacted Keats Sparrow, former dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, expressing a great

amount of interest in Marble's story, Ewen said.

"At the time, I was teaching a public archaeology class and when the dean thought this was a good lead to follow up on, I decided it would be a great experience for the students as well," Ewen said.

"It was a great exercise for them because you can't just go digging up a cemetery without the proper authorization, so the students were able to take part in that aspect of a dig as well."

As Ewen and his students

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Professors probe Albemarle Sound

Examining water quality

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Two ECU faculty members are conducting pioneering research on water treatment facilities on the Albemarle Sound.

Roger Rulifson, senior scientist in the department of biology, and Terri Woods, associate professor of geology, are venturing onto the sound with a team of ECU students to study what effect the salty discharge vented into the Albemarle is having on the environment.

The team's focus is on the Camden Water Treatment Facility. At the facility, water is pumped up from both shallow and deep confined aquifers, the Yorktown and Castle Hayne, respectively. The water is then fed through a reverse osmosis membrane to remove salt and provide usable water for the local population.

The process leaves an extremely salty solution that is jettisoned into the Albemarle Sound. The purpose of the project is to see how this briny leftover is affecting the wildlife in areas close to the facility.

"There has been a lot of concern by state and federal agencies with this discharge," said Rulifson.

This is because it is not yet known whether or not the solution, which is high in elements like calcium, potas-

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Calvin Mercer and study abroad students pose for picture during trip overseas.

Students get travel opportunity

Study abroad opportunities abound at ECU

LISA DEVRIES
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Adults usually advise the best time to travel is when you're in college, and usually students think it's the worst possible time. Rent could be late, textbook prices are increasing every year and that part-time minimum wage job doesn't seem like it can get you to France.

However, there is hope for students who want to travel.

Despite what many think, college is the best time to travel abroad. Costs are generally less when traveling in a group, and

international student rates are available for airfare on Web sites like statravel.com or studentuniverse.com.

Also, financial aid money can help pay for the trip because it counts as "educational fees," not to mention you receive school credit. ECU offers an average of 14 summer-study-abroad programs a year.

Some could be in your major like business, ecology or English. The largest summer study abroad is actually the religious studies program, which would count as a general humanities course and is worth six credit hours.

Calvin Mercer, director of religious studies, led one of the most recent trips this summer. Mercer has led a program every year for seven years, and it usu-

ally enrolls the greatest number of students. He has led classes to Egypt, Mexico, Spain and Morocco, and the most recent to Italy and Greece.

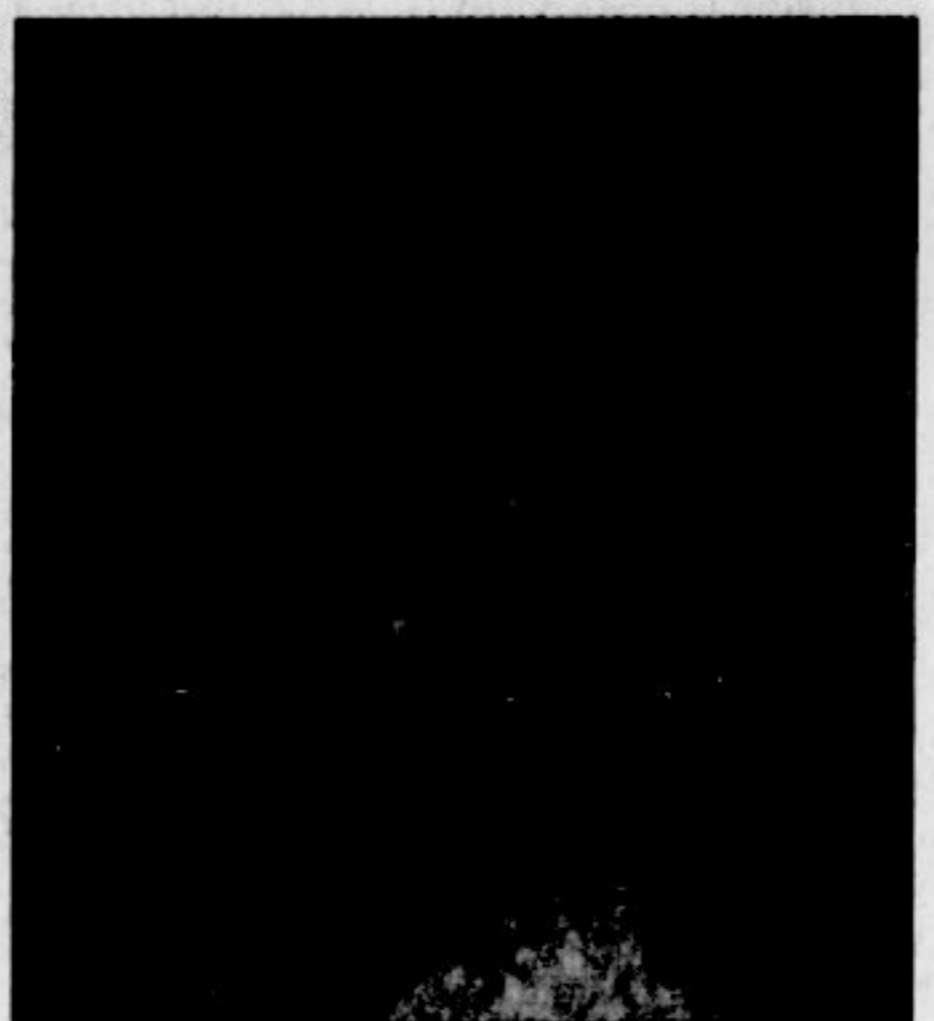
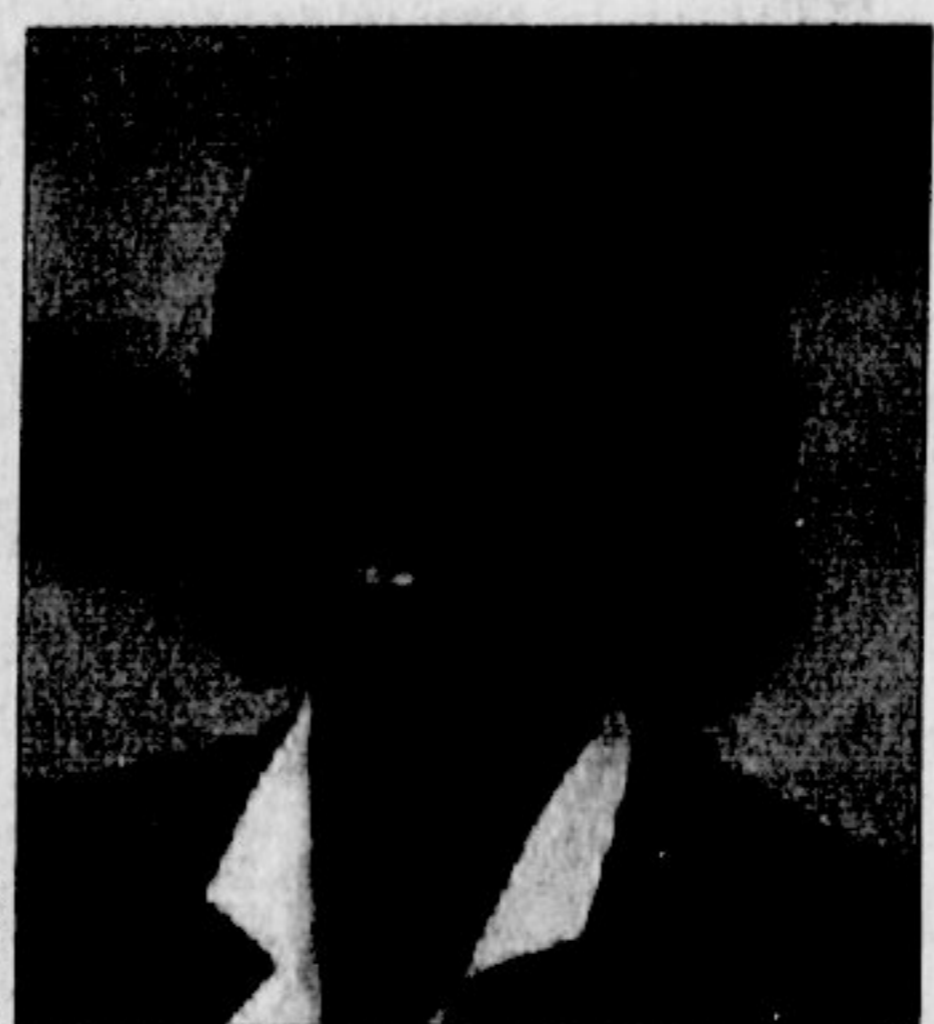
When asked how he chooses his destinations he said, "I choose countries where the interaction of religion and culture can easily be studied."

This summer 45 students accompanied him to Italy and Greece, with only one-third of them being religious studies majors. Among other activities, the group traveled to Rome to visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon and even the Colosseum.

Daniel Spuller, senior political science major, said, "I would definitely go on a study abroad

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Four administrators attend leadership workshops



Virginia Hardy, Karla Hughes, Catherine Rigsby and Sylvia Brown

ing assignments, case scenarios and more that will improve interpersonal communication."

She said this would be the case especially for cross cultural communication.

Hardy will be joined by Sylvia Brown, professor and associate dean for the graduate program of the nursing school, as well as Karla Hughes, dean of the college of human ecology and Catherine Rigsby, associate professor of geology and faculty senate chair.

"This is for women at the university level who are looking to learn more about leadership within the academic setting," said Hardy.

Hardy said the diversity that comes from having representatives of various colleges is quite important, and leadership is important in all aspects of education, job environment and at home.

"The program will also help us to focus on the uniqueness that women bring to leadership, such as nurturing and balancing multiple roles [at work and home]," said Hardy.

Hardy believes leadership is distinguished by the quality of decision making and not merely a bossy mentality.

"It is important for leaders to know when to hold and when to fold, meaning knowing when it is time to assess [a situation] and change when necessary... but to also have the skills to assemble the appropriate persons to help facilitate the necessary changes," said Hardy.

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Building leadership skills for females in academia

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Four female administrators from various ECU colleges will work with administrators from other public and private universities at Chapel Hill from Sept. 16 to Nov. 19 to promote women's leadership in the university setting.

The title of the workshop

series is BRIDGES XIII, and its goal is to help women establish personal awareness and understand their leadership roles better. This series has been taking place annually since 1993.

"The four sessions take place during the weekends from September to November," said Virginia Hardy, interim senior associate dean for academic affairs at the Brody School of Medicine.

"The curriculum of the program will allow us to engage in open discussions based on read-

Government denounces opposition-led protests, one dead

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The government Wednesday accused the main opposition party of hurting Jamaica's productivity, a day after widespread street protests that left one man dead, blocked roads and forced most businesses and schools to close.

Police began clearing roadblocks of fallen trees, burned-out cars, tires and other debris that demonstrators had pushed into the streets Tuesday to protest the rising cost of water, electricity and public transportation.

A 21-year-old man was shot to death by unidentified gunmen after he got out of a car and tried to remove a roadblock mounted by protesters just outside the capital of Kingston, police said.

A policeman was shot and injured while trying to clear a roadblock in a volatile area of Kingston, police said. It was unclear who fired the shot, and the officer's condition wasn't immediately known.

The protests came as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

met with Caribbean leaders in the resort town of Montego Bay. The leaders of nine nations gave final approval to an oil trading initiative offered by Chavez as an alternative to free trade deals backed by the United States amid rising world fuel prices.

Police reported isolated protests in Montego Bay but said they didn't disrupt the conference being held at a seaside luxury hotel.

The opposition Jamaica Labor Party, which has accused Prime Minister P.J. Patterson's government of hurting the poor by rais-

ing prices for public utilities and bus fares, led the demonstrations.

Opposition leaders had urged supporters to demonstrate peacefully, but the government accused the party of letting things get out of control.

"They came out and said the protests would be peaceful, yet a policeman is shot and roads are blocked," said Bobby Pickersgill, chairman of the governing People's National Party.

Another official said the protests hurt the Caribbean island's productivity and raised doubts about its stability.

"The protests ... have only harmed the country, moving us in the direction of reduced output and activity," Information Minister Burchell Whiteman said.

"The negative impact will be felt not only domestically, but also internationally, raising questions about Jamaica's stability."

Karl Samuda, the opposition's general secretary, rejected the claims, saying the protests were largely peaceful and noting that demonstrations ended in the afternoon, as instructed by the party.

"We are very pleased with the level of enthusiasm," Samuda

said. "The people were told that they should help in the cleanup process. The JLP have made it clear that the protest is over."

At the meeting in Montego Bay, the leaders signed accords that set out the details of Chavez's Petrocaribe initiative, which could help some of the more fragile economies in the region survive the shock of higher fuel prices.

Those signing the accords included the Dominican Republic, which has already proposed a series

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Announcements

Ebony Fashion Fair

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host an Ebony Fashion Fair in the Wright Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 31, 2005 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23 and will go on sale starting Sept. 1 through the Central ticket office. For more information contact 328-6495.

Decoration Contest

Are you ready for some competition? Get ready to decorate your office doors in commemoration of the signing of the US Constitution! How creative can you be? Beginning Sept. 12, ECU will be observing Constitution Day (Sept. 17) with a week long Celebration of events. All Department of University Union offices are encouraged to participate. Doors must be completed by Sept. 12, 2005. University students and staff will have the opportunity to cast their vote at the Welcome Center using the following categories: Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Most Historical, and Best Overall. Please contact Hank Bowen at 328-4965 with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to your participation.

Japan League

Thursday, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Bate 1010 Come out and join us for free showings of Japanese movies, television shows and anime. Check us out online: jlpatternblue.net.

Peace Week

Peace Week, Sept. 18-24, your participation is needed. This is a yearly event that celebrates world peace through a variety of programs that is meant to bring students together. This year Peace Week starts on Sunday Sept. 18 until Saturday, Sept. 24. We are looking forward for your organization to help, promote and support this program to make it another success.

Fall Bowling Leagues

Fall 2005 Outer Limitz Classic Bowling League. Bowling in the Outer Limitz every Thursday night for 11 weeks with Pirates like Yourself. Registration is \$5 per person and \$5 per week. For more details come to Outer Limitz Bowling. Come Get Your Bowl On!

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News Briefs

Local

Wilmington asks state to waive or reduce sewage spill fine

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) - The city of Wilmington plans to ask the state to waive or reduce the fine for a spill that dumped 3 million gallons of sewage into Hewletts Creek in July. In a document drafted Tuesday to the N.C. Division of Water Quality, the city requests that the state ask the agency to drop all or part of the \$51,492 fine.

It claims the spill was inadvertent and paying the penalty would reduce the funds available to upgrade the city's wastewater collection system.

According to the city's response, the sewage overflow was caused by the failure of a device holding two pipes together at the Hewletts Creek Pump Station.

The city contends that the coupling failure could not have been detected through inspections of the system and there was no reasonable basis to anticipate a failure.

In early August, DWQ fined Wilmington for making an outlet to state waters without a permit, failing to properly maintain the collection system and impairing use of the public's waters for shellfishing and recreation.

It was the second-largest fine in state history for a sewer system violation. The July 1 spill, which lasted about 18 hours, closed the tidal creek to swimming and banned shellfishing between the Wrightsville Beach drawbridge and Peden Point.

It also killed thousands of fish, soiled waterfowl and left an unknown amount of potentially dangerous bacteria in the sandy sediment on the creek bottom.

Ed Beck, supervisor of the Division of Water Quality's Wilmington office, said agency staff would make a recommendation about the fine to DWQ Director Alan Klimek in Raleigh.

Klimek should make a ruling within a month, Beck said. If the request is denied, the city will have to pay the penalty.

National

Tropical Storm Ophelia threatens Florida coast - erratic path has forecasters guessing

MIAMI (AP) - Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened Wednesday off Florida's Atlantic coast, following an erratic path that threatened parts of the state with heavy rain.

Less than two weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit South Florida, tropical storm warnings were posted along a 100-mile stretch from Sebastian Inlet to Flagler Beach. The storm's sustained wind increased to 50 mph from 40 mph earlier in the day, and forecasters said it could reach hurricane strength.

Forecasters warned that the slow-moving Ophelia's path remained uncertain. Some computer models have the storm moving to the east and away from the coast, others have it going west, closer to shore, and some show it heading east and then looping back toward the state.

"Anything is possible," said Lixion Avila, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Up to 5 inches of rain were expected over the next few days from central Florida to southeastern Georgia, with some isolated areas possibly getting 8 inches.

A tropical storm warning, meaning winds in excess of 39 mph are possible within 24 hours, was posted for about 100 miles of the peninsula's eastern coastline from Sebastian Inlet in southeastern Brevard County to Flagler Beach. A warning for areas south of Sebastian Inlet was discontinued.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Ophelia, the 15th named storm of the season, was

centered 85 miles east-northeast of Cape Canaveral. It was moving to the northwest at just 3 mph.

The storm was expected to gradually intensify and could reach hurricane strength, with winds of at least 74 mph, by Thursday, hurricane center meteorologist Eric Blake said.

Florida has been hit by six hurricanes in the past 13 months, including Katrina, which crossed South Florida on Aug. 25, killing 11, before devastating Louisiana and Mississippi last week.

Elsewhere in the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Nate intensified into a hurricane south of Bermuda, and Tropical Storm Maria was upgraded to a hurricane again over the open ocean.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Nate had strengthened into a hurricane with top sustained winds of 80 mph. It was centered about 230 miles south-southwest of Bermuda and was drifting north near 3 mph. It could pass near or just south of Bermuda by Thursday, but was not expected to threaten the United States, forecasters said.

Forecasters said new observations showed that Maria was still a hurricane with 80 mph sustained winds. They had earlier downgraded it to a tropical storm. It was moving northeast near 14 mph toward the colder waters of the north Atlantic.

Nate is the sixth hurricane in a busy Atlantic hurricane season. The season began June 1 and ends Nov. 30. Peak storm activity typically occurs from the end of August through mid-September.

International

Iraqi tribunal official: Saddam acknowledged ordering assault on Kurds, said it was legal

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein acknowledged ordering deadly retribution against Kurds in the north of the country and boasted that the killings were legal and justified, an official of the Iraqi Special Tribunal said Wednesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said Saddam made the statement last month during questioning in preparation for his trial before the tribunal scheduled to begin Oct. 19.

The official said Saddam demanded that a court decide if he was justified in ordering the so-called Anfal campaign in 1987-88, which killed more than 180,000 Kurds and resulted in the ethnic cleansing of numerous Kurdish communities in northern Iraq.

Saddam claimed Kurds in the region were aiding Iran in the war with Iraq that had dragged on for nearly a decade by then.

Late Tuesday, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said in a TV interview that Saddam had confessed to killings and other "crimes" committed during his regime, including the Anfal operation.

"Saddam Hussein is a war criminal and he deserves to be executed 20 times a day for his crimes against humanity," said Talabani, who heads the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan party.

He added that Saddam tried to assassinate him at least 20 times.

But Abdel Haq Alani, a legal consultant for Saddam's family, said Talabani's allegations sounded like the president was trying to prejudice the trial.

"Let's not have a trial on TV. Let the court of law, not the media, make its ruling on this," Alani said.

The tribunal official's remarks appeared to diminish Talabani's claim of a Saddam confession by saying the former Iraqi leader only acknowledged taking retribution, which was legal under his regime.

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sium, sodium, and magnesium, is harming the natural habitat.

"We're not talking about chemicals or elements everyone knows are nasty, we're talking about common ions that are in the water anyway," said Woods.

The problem may come from the drastically different concentrations and ratios of the chemicals found in the discharge.

There are other possible side effects. The discharged water being pumped into the sound is much cooler than the normal sound water. The cooler water sinking to the bottom may be endangering some sedentary life unable to adapt to the change in environment.

However, the news is not all bad according to Rulifson. Fish prefer cooler waters, and the discharge's cooling effect could act as thermal refuge, keeping the fish cooler when the sound heats up

in the summer months and possibly warmer in the winter months.

There are currently 17 water treatment facilities like the Camden facility operating in North Carolina and with the coastal population growing rapidly, others are on the drawing board.

The Camden plant discharges about 200,000 gallons per day. However, some of the proposed plants could discharge 1.5 million gallons per day. Counties such as Currituck and Pasquotank would like to know what the facilities are doing to the environment before continuing to build more.

Rulifson is proud of the way the counties are handling the research.

"They need the water, but they're putting up the money to get it in the right way," Rulifson said.

The current tests on the Camden plant will continue until the end of the year, with other

research continuing over the next few years if funds are available.

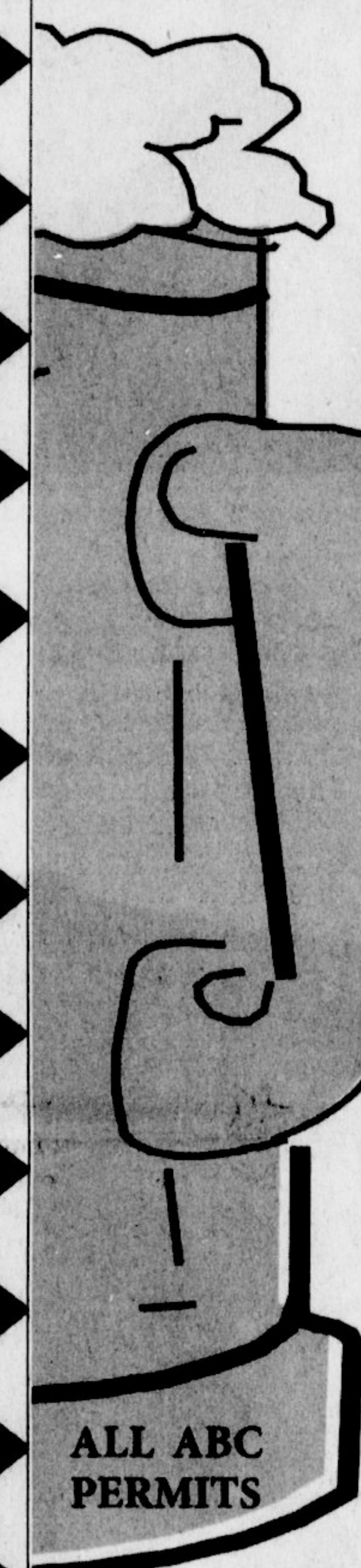
"We're all getting a lot out of this, and we know we're doing something important," Woods said.

The study is one of the first of its kind, and the ECU team is receiving a lot of attention from around the globe. With the need for similar water treatment facilities in parts of Africa and the Middle East, the study could have an international impact.

One of the most important aspects of the experiments is the work being done on macrobenthos by Roger Robbins, visiting assistant professor in the department of biology. Macrobenthos deals with species living on and in the sediment.

"His work will likely get more attention from regulatory agen-

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Police step up efforts to clear holdouts from New Orleans

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Using the unmistakable threat of force, police and soldiers went house to house Wednesday to try to coax the last 10,000 or so stubborn holdouts to leave storm-shattered New Orleans because of the risk of disease from the putrid, sewage-laden floodwaters.

"A large group of young men armed with M-16s just arrived at my door and told me that I have to leave," said Patrick McCarty, who owns several buildings and lives in one of them in the city's Lower Garden District. "While not saying they would arrest you, the inference is clear."

A frail-looking 86-year-old Anthony Charbonnet grumbled as he locked his front door and walked slowly backward down the steps of the house where he had lived since 1955.

"I haven't left my house in my life," he said as soldiers took him to a helicopter. "I don't want to leave."

Mayor C. Ray Nagin ordered law officers and the military late Tuesday to evacuate all holdouts by force if necessary. He warned that the combination of fetid water, fires and natural gas leaks after Hurricane Katrina made it too dangerous to stay.

In fact, the first government

tests confirmed Wednesday that the amount of sewage-related bacteria in the floodwaters is at least 10 times higher than acceptable safety levels. Dr. Julie Gerberding, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warned stragglers not to even touch the water and pleaded: "If you haven't left the city yet, you must do so."

As of midday, there were no reports of anyone being removed by force. And it was not clear how the order would be carried out.

Active-military troops said they had no plans to use force. National Guard officers said they do not take orders from the mayor. And even the police said they were not ready to use force just yet. It appeared that the mere threat of force would be the first option.

"We have thousands of people who want to voluntarily evacuate at this time," Police Chief Eddie Compass said. "Once they are all out, then we'll concentrate our forces on mandatory evacuation."

Mindful of the bad publicity that could result from images of weary residents dragged out of their homes at gunpoint, Compass said that when his officers start using force, it will be the minimum amount necessary.

"If you are somebody who is 350 pounds, it will obviously take more force to move you than if you are 150 pounds," the chief said.

The stepped-up evacuation came as workers trying to get into the city to restart essential services came under sniper fire. More than 100 officers and seven armored personnel carriers captured a suspect in a housing project who had been firing on workers trying to restore cell phone towers, authorities said.

"These cell teams are getting fire on almost a daily basis, so we needed to get in here and clean this thing up," said Capt. Jeff Winn, commander of the police SWAT team. "We're putting a lot of people on the street right now and I think that we are bringing it under control. Eight days ago this was a mess. Every day is getting a little bit better."

The police chief boasted that 7,000 more military, police and other law officers on the streets had made New Orleans "probably the safest city in America right now."

Across miles of ravaged neighborhoods of clapboard houses, grand estates and housing projects, workers struggled to find and count corpses sniffed out by cadaver dogs in the 90-degree

heat. The mayor has said New Orleans' death toll could reach 10,000. Already, a temporary warehouse morgue in rural St. Gabriel that had been prepared to take 1,000 bodies was being readied to handle 5,000.

The enormity of the disaster came ever-clearer in neighboring St. Bernard Parish, which was hit by a levee break that brought a wall of water up to 20 feet high. State Rep. Nita Hutter said 30 people died at a flooded nursing home in Chalmette when the staff left the elderly residents behind in their beds. And Rep. Charlie Melancon said more than 100 people died at a dockside warehouse while they waited for rescuers to ferry them to safety.

The floodwaters continued to recede, though slowly, with only 23 of the city's normal contingent of 148 pumps in operation, along with three portable pumps. The water in St. Bernard Parish had fallen 5 feet.

Because of the standing water, doctors were being urged to watch for diarrheal illnesses caused by such things as E. coli bacteria, certain viruses, and a type of cholera-like bacteria common along the warm Gulf Coast.

Given the extent of the misery, Louisiana's two U.S. senators

Democrat Mary Landrieu and Republican David Vitter wrote a letter to Senate leaders Wednesday urging them to put aside partisan bickering in assigning blame over the federal response and focus on providing for victims.

"Please do not make the citizens of Louisiana a victim once again by allowing our immediate needs to be delayed by partisanship," they wrote.

Patricia Kelly was driven out of her home by flooding in the low-lying Ninth Ward and took up residence under a tattered, dirty green-and-white-striped patio umbrella in front of an abandoned barber shop. Despite the warnings, she refused to leave.

"We're surviving every day, trying to tolerate the situation by the grace of God. He's keeping us holding on just one day at a time," she said. "I'm going to stay as long as the Lord says so. If they come with a court order, then we'll leave."

Sgt. Joseph Boarman of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, whose soldiers helped coax people from their homes, said he could almost understand the reluctance to leave: "It's their home. You know how hard it is to leave home, no matter what condition it's in."

of national measures aimed at curbing fuel consumption, along with smaller countries such as Antigua, Suriname and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Cuba and Jamaica had previously signed onto the plan.

"We have the opportunity to break from the path of imposed domination and servitude," Chavez told leaders and representatives of 16 nations gathered at a Jamaican resort.

Under the plan, Caribbean governments would pay market price for Venezuelan oil, but they would only be required to pay a portion of the cost up front and could finance the rest over 25 years at 1 percent interest, Patterson told the gathering.

Governments could also pay for part of the cost with services or goods such as rice, bananas or sugar, while oil-rich Venezuela would provide assistance in expanding shipping and refining facilities.

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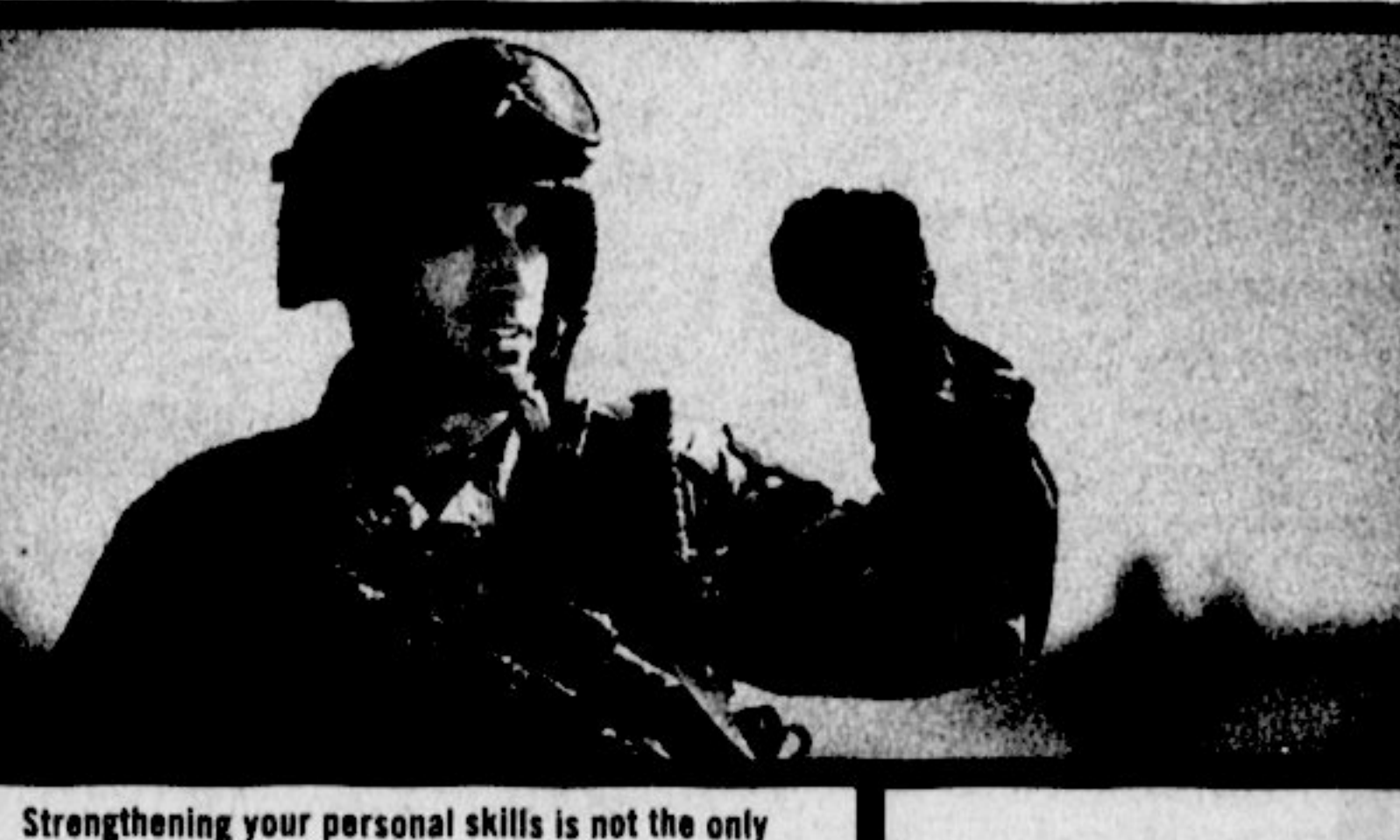


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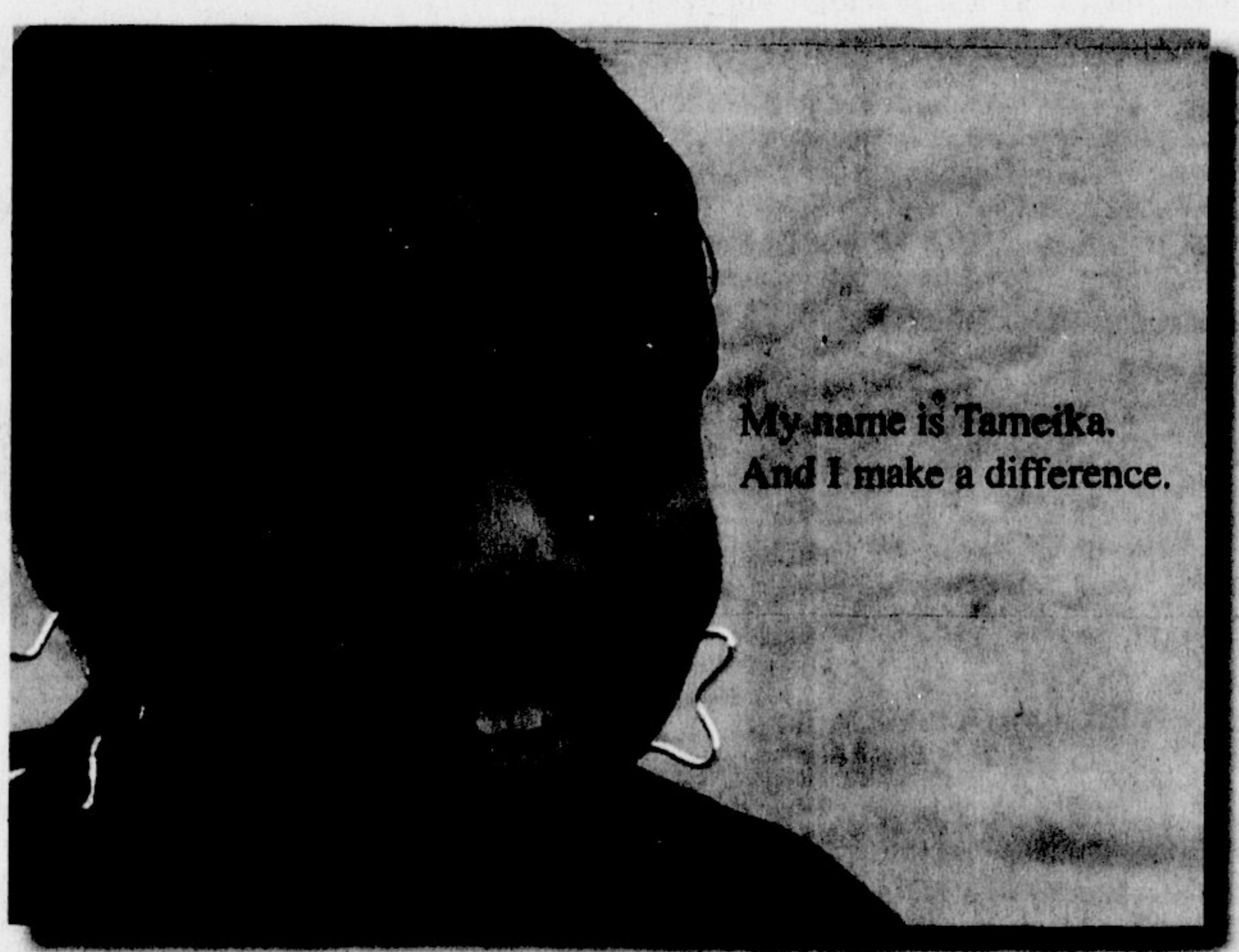
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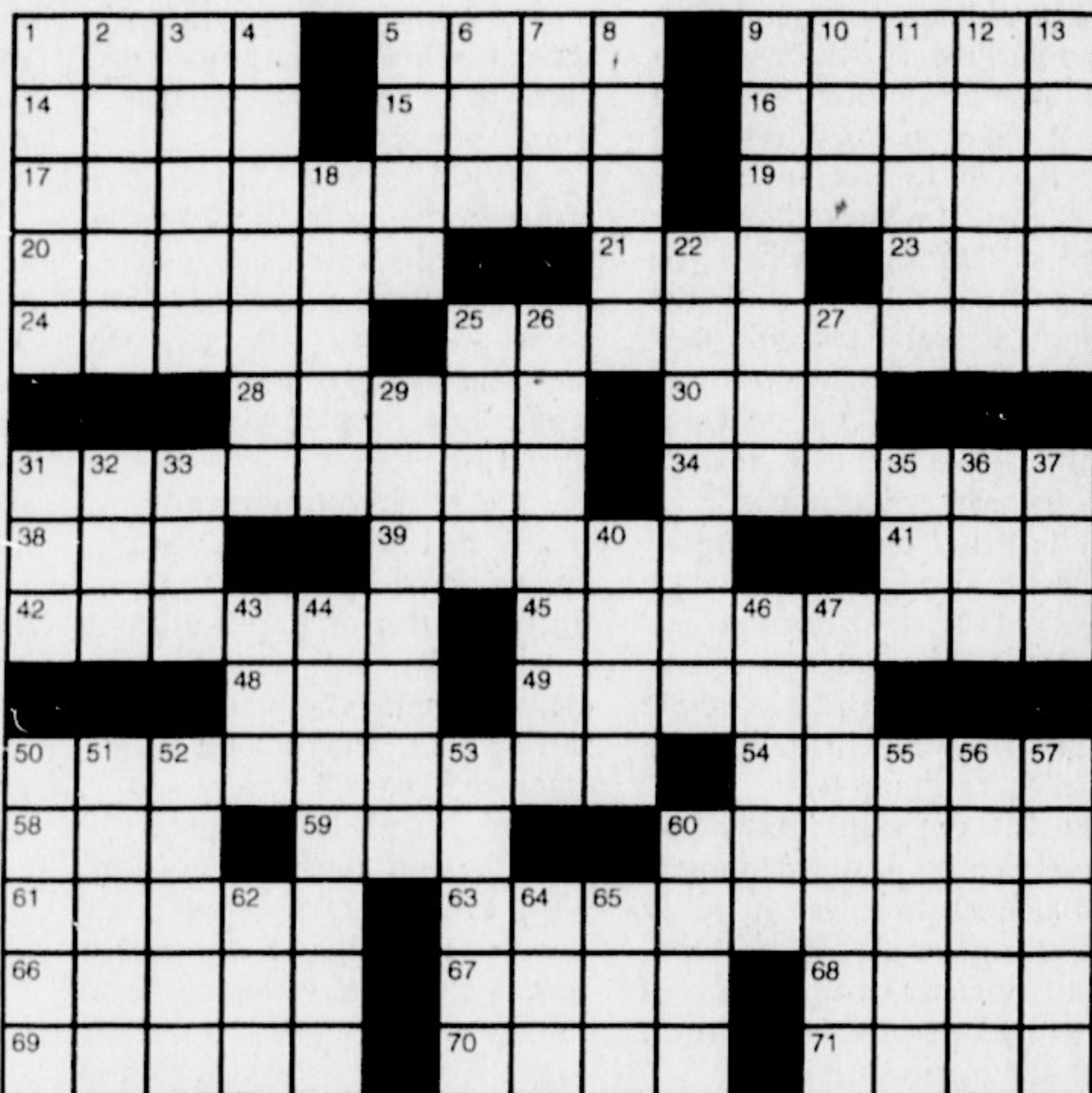
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by Aaron Warner



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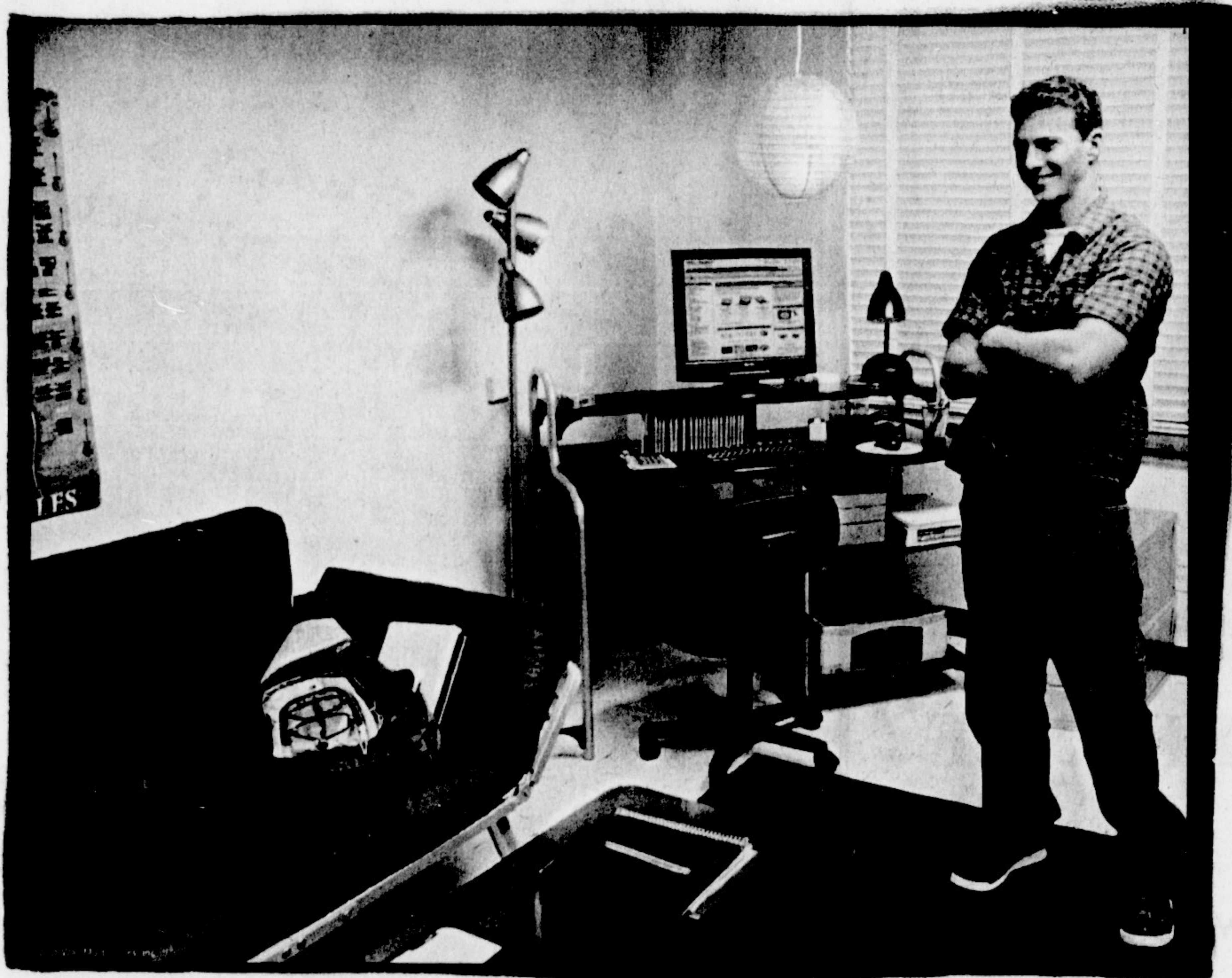


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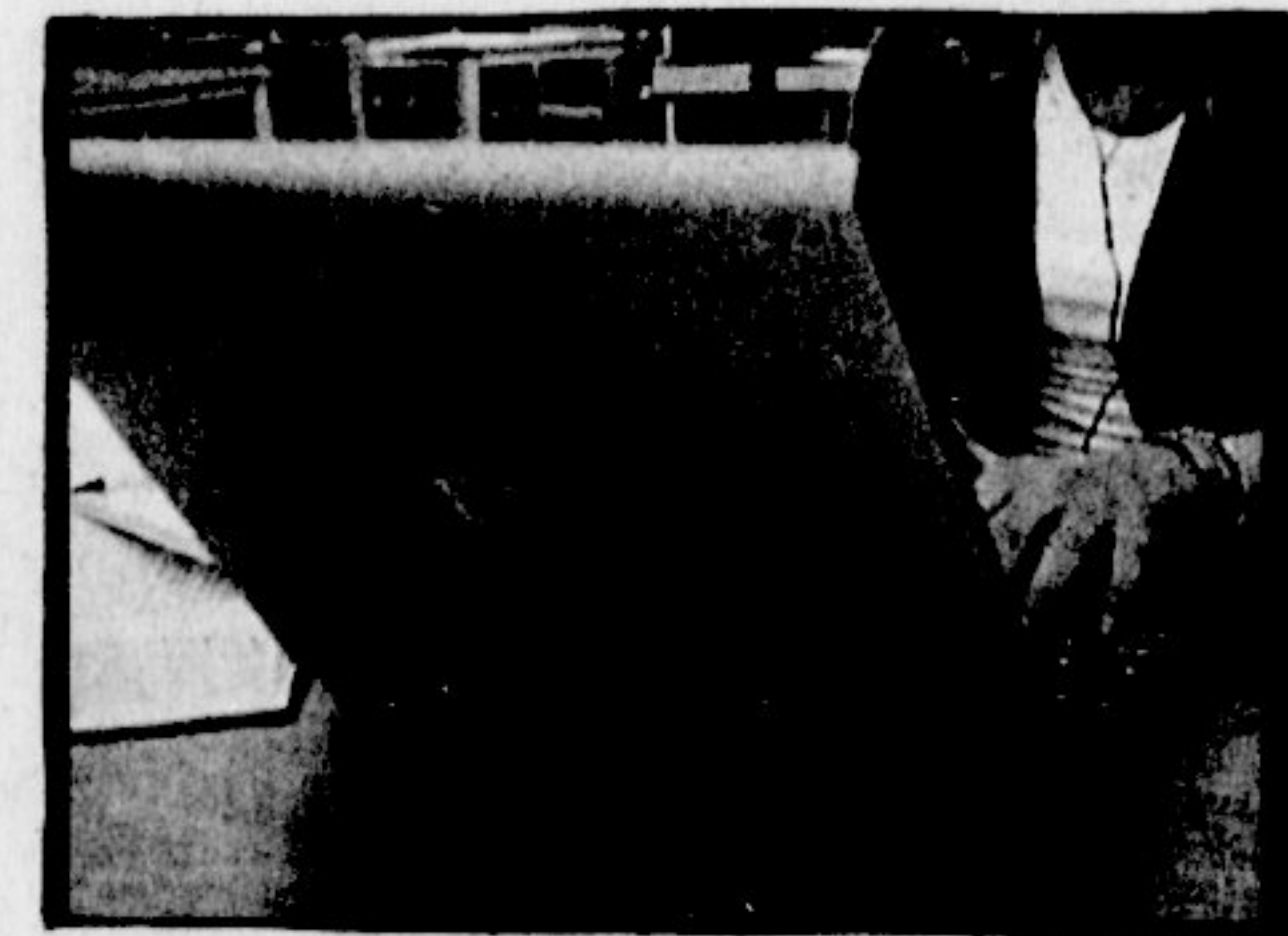


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My Random Column

Endurance, not power, is the issue with steroids

It has been popularly believed, and still is in many cases, that athletes, baseball players specifically, use steroids to simply bulk up. Many people think players want to be bigger, faster and stronger and if they can't do it by natural means, they turn to steroids.

In part, this is true. However, for baseball players, it's a much different situation.

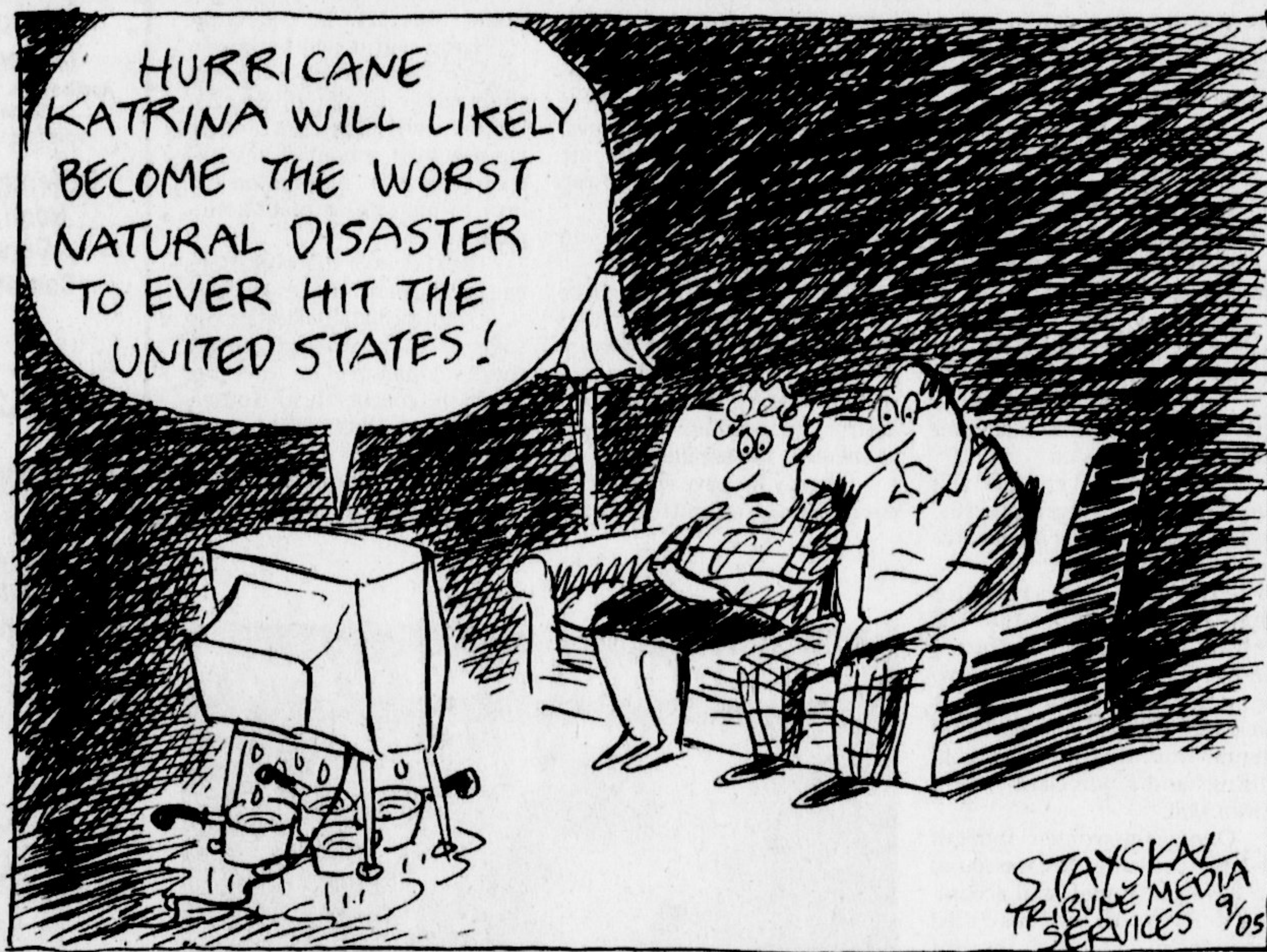
First of all, steroids don't help you hit a baseball, plain and simple. Superior hand-eye coordination and doggedly practicing and playing the game every day of your life help you hit a baseball. If steroids do anything to improve a player's ability to hit the ball, it's only how far the ball will travel. So, do steroids help players boost their home run production? If they are a decent hitter already, yes it can.

But pitchers don't want to hit home runs - they don't care about home runs (even if chicks really do dig the long ball). The only number hurlers want to see under the category of HR is a big fat zero, meaning they haven't given up any deep shots. And yet, out of the nine major league suspensions this year due to steroid violations, several of those players have been pitchers.

The reason is simple, for both pitchers and any position player to juice - recovery.

Ballplayers compete in a 162-game season in this league, which lasts roughly seven months (eight if you include training and the playoffs). A season that long will put a tremendous amount of strain and wear on the human body, even on those who have some of the most finely tuned and fit bodies on the planet.

Anabolic steroids block the hormone cortisol. This hormone, among other things, aids in tissue breakdown during and after exercise. When the steroids block the cortisol from binding to its receptor sites, muscles don't breakdown and this enhances recovery. Thus, anabolic steroids are supremely attractive to guys who have to go through a seven-month grind of putting their bodies through intense physical workouts every single day.



Opinion Columnist

Hope's light shines on New Orleans' dark waters

Relief efforts in place all over the country

BENJAMIN CORMACK
CAUSAL OBSERVER

I've seen and lived through my share of natural disasters - a tree fell on my house during Hurricane Hugo. I helped clean-up the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, I was stuck at school when a small but powerful storm suddenly occurred, and I've gone days without power in ice covered winter temperatures. After what I've seen in New Orleans, La. and in other cities near the Gulf of Mexico, some of the things I've been through seem almost like nothing.

I don't really know how to address all that has happened in the past few days in the aftermath of Katrina. The only things that I've really heard about on the news are discussions on issues like "who is to blame for the slow response" and "what could have been done to prevent damages and loss of life." While I understand the importance of these issues and I understand that it's the media's job to report this information, I can't help but feel that none of this gets anything done.

Instead of arguing about who is responsible for the slow response, we should focus on the fact that the only one responsible for what has happened was named "Katrina." What makes this event so catastrophic is the damaging effects of Hurricane Katrina extend through 12 states. Also, aside from typical hurricane damages there is the flooding in New Orleans to consider.

According to Wikipedia, the death tolls may make Katrina the deadliest hurricane since the Galveston Hurricane of 1900. From the damages and conditions I've seen on the news, it would seem almost impossible to organize an effort to retrieve so many people in such conditions at terrific rate of speed. These people were completely cut off from the world - no power, no communication, nothing. I honestly don't know what more could be done without more knowledge. If you have to blame anyone, then blame the hurricane.

A lot could probably have been done to prevent some of the damage and loss of life that New Orleans suffered, but the truth is that no one expected something like this would happen. Poignant as it may seem, it is the same reason for some of the events that unfolded on Sept. 11, 2001. Granted this event probably shows how unprepared we are for a major catastrophe, whether it is natural or man made, but what it does is instill in us the need to improve and to prepare even more. The truth is that we never truly prepare for things until they actually happen. All we can do from here on is to prepare for the same thing should it happen again.

One thing I can say about these recent events is how I continue to gain more hope for humanity. Looking back on events like Hurricane Floyd and Sept. 11 and now with Hurricane Katrina I have continued to see people give and give for their fellow man when times seem their darkest. To put it in some kind of perspective, I did a Google search and found more information on Hurricane Katrina relief than on

the actual hurricane. People across the country are giving their time, money and anything else they can spare to help those in need. These include people who don't even make it their job to help people, and those who do make it their job to help people give even more. All of this at a time when we are focusing on fighting a war hundreds of miles away from home with a slipping economy and increasing gas prices. To me this not only represents the spirit of America, but it also represents what it truly means to be human.

Here on campus, efforts are even taking place to provide aid for those in need. According to an email from Chancellor Ballard that I and I assume many of you also received, plans are in development to "accommodate affected students from flooded universities on a space-available basis, with preference given to students who are residents of North Carolina." Also members of the Brody School of Medicine's faculty are leading a "disaster-relief team...under the auspices of the North Carolina Emergency Medical Services" and cooperating with the Universities of Tulane and Southern Mississippi. This is a prime example of what I am seeing across the country: people working to help people without hesitation. This is what is needed now more than discussion and finger pointing.

With that I will leave you with an inspirational quote my grandmother always told me that I think fits this scenario:

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

Pirate Rant

Why is ECU not pregnancy friendly?

I just want to say that the reason so many black people are suffering in Louisiana is not because they are black, it's because they are poor, it's not a racial issue, it's a social class issue, it's not white people's fault any more than it is black people's fault. They had time to leave and find safety too.

Pirate Nation is 1-0. Road trip to bake Wake.

Supreme Court justice William Rehnquist's body wasn't even cold yet when Bush jumped to name his successor. Yet it took him three days to get back to Washington to coordinate relief efforts for Katrina. Tony is right (God help us!) in saying that the botched relief efforts can not be blamed entirely on Bush, but damn it's obvious where his priorities lie.

What is it with those professors that think they are funny? We pay to come to class and listen to a man whom we laugh at, not with.

Can we charge extra to students who wear Wake shirts on campus during the week WE ARE PLAYING THEM?

We need a Chucky Cheese, why does Greenville not have one?

Note from the Editor:

This information was taken from the Red Cross Web site redcross.org: "To ensure that your donation goes directly to the American Red Cross, you can make a secure online donation through our Web site or call 1-800-HELP-NOW to make a donation by phone, or contact your local American Red Cross chapter. You may also mail your donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Response Fund at P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013."

Other Web sites include usaf-reeddomcorps.gov and network-forgood.org. ECU and Aramark are also joining together with donation boxes all over campus for the students to participate in the relief efforts. Many businesses around town are collecting goods to help out people affected by the disaster.

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In My Opinion

College term has a stormy start for many students in New Orleans

(KRT) - Melany Troy was sleeping in her dorm room at Dillard University in New Orleans the morning of Aug. 27 when word came that students would be evacuated in four hours. She grabbed clothes, left her computer and boarded one of five buses taking out-of-state students to Shreveport, La.

One bus caught fire, and those students lost everything. But all the students, uninjured, made it safely to another campus, where they waited until their parents could get them home. She got on a flight back to Detroit, through Cincinnati - on two airlines - and arrived home Tuesday night.

"The school has been talking to us about when we're supposed to come back. Right now, it's set at next semester, but it depends on how the clean-up goes," she said.

Troy, a 19-year-old English major, is among the 75,000 to 100,000 college students in the New Orleans metropolitan area who have been displaced by the storm. More than 30 schools in the region have been affected, according to estimates from the American Council on Education that were reported in the Washington Post.

Schools across the country are opening their doors to displaced students. Wayne State University in Detroit on Thursday enrolled its first students from flooded New Orleans schools. WSU is waiving application fees and offering loans until students can get their tuition refunded from their former schools.

Nearly 135,000 of Louisiana's 727,000 public schoolchildren also have been displaced. School officials, according to the New York Times, have asked businesses and churches to provide temporary classrooms, asked teachers displaced by the storm to apply for work in the districts where they have taken shelter and asked neighboring districts to enroll homeless children.

While more younger students will be affected, the situation also will be confusing and frustrating for university students.

Carmen Krystyniak, a 23-year-old Tulane University student who grew up in Detroit, was supposed to graduate this December. She had been

in an intensive, accelerated master's program in social work.

"This semester was supposed to be our last semester," she said. "Since we're on our own schedule, I was on break when Katrina hit. Now I don't know what's going to happen. Even if the university reopens, we have to do a lot of field work."

In addition to classwork, Krystyniak is required to do 22 hours of social service work a week. She's worried that she won't have enough time to complete that assignment. But she is more worried about the clients who she knows have probably lost everything.

"I'm trying to be optimistic about it. My car is down there in the parking lot outside my apartment building and my apartment is mainly windows, and I didn't get to put anything away," she said. "But I just keep thinking about everybody else's losses."

Two great issues face parents of students in New Orleans, particularly those from out of state. Do you let them go back? And what do they do for the fall?

Melany Troy's mom, Jennifer Troy, an insurance agent, said that she and her husband, William, have been watching news reports that say it will take a few weeks to clean up and restore power. She doesn't care how long it takes. She doesn't really want her daughter to return to Dillard.

"At this point, we're still talking through it," Jennifer Troy said. "She still wants to go to a historically black school. So possibly she can go somewhere else, because I don't see that she's going to be able to go back to Dillard and be able to finish her studies. And instead of losing that time out of school, we're just going to have to find somewhere else."

It isn't just the cleanup that has Jennifer Troy worried. She also is sick of losing sleep. And her concerns are not unwarranted. This is the second year in a row that Melany had to be evacuated. Last year, students were moved pending the arrival of Hurricane Dennis. It passed by, but the scare stayed with a mom who works and worries more than 1,000 miles away.

"My dad called ... to say, 'You're on your way to pick her up, right?'" said Jennifer Troy. "I didn't

hear from her until Saturday afternoon. That's when she told me they were transferring her to Shreveport."

Jennifer Troy said that Melany will remain at home through January and possibly take some elective classes at a local university - unless she can enter another college right away, without her transcript and without tuition.

Texas Southern University has announced that it will accept all students from Dillard, Xavier and Delgado universities.

"We don't know (about tuition) yet. But we know the application for that has to be in by tomorrow," Jennifer Troy said Thursday.

She was less worried about tuition than about housing.

"Where are they going to live? They've already got their other students, so what are they going to do?"

She and Melany have been working on answers to questions facing many of the students: What will happen to her tuition and transcripts?

"That's what we're trying to find out right now," Jennifer Troy said. "We have no idea. I paid her tuition in full. I can't pay it again."

Does homeowners insurance cover Melany's computer? Insurance policies differ, but the Troy's doesn't cover her computer in case of flood.

"My understanding is the school will be responsible for damages if it was due to flood. She does not have a computer now," Jennifer Troy said.

What other things did Melany lose? Unlike art and engineering students whose portfolios may be underwater, Melany lost only personal items and books.

"She does have a couple of her books because she was assuming she was going back to school," her mother said. "She was doing her homework. But most of the kids didn't bring their books."

As the water remains steady while the worries rise, Melany Troy and her family watch and wait and, along with other parents and students, try to figure out what to do next. Jennifer Troy has no answers:

"We're in limbo."

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began to research the site and history of the area, it became less likely that the cemetery held the remains of Governor Caswell, Ewen said.

"Remote sensing, using ground penetrating radar of the area, found anomalies though," Ewen said.

"So there was something there, and in October of 2000, we began to dig at the site."

Ewen and the students immediately uncovered a brick crypt, just like Marble had described, according to Ewen. They also uncovered another brick crypt right beside it underneath an area where a tree had blown over years before.

"We found two coffins in the crypts, and naturally the students were very excited and wanted to open them up right there, but I wanted to be cautious before opening them," Ewen said.

"We were looking for the remains of a Revolutionary era governor, so I had the caskets dated and it turned out they dated back to 1855-1865."

After the dating, Ewen and the students placed the coffins back in the crypts and backfilled the area they dug, thinking they were done with the caskets.

"Susan Hoffman was very persistent, though, and wanted to know more about the identities of the remains in the coffins," Ewen said.

Doug Owsley, the division head for physical anthropology at the Smithsonian and a world renowned forensic anthropologist, had his interest sparked in the coffins and contacted Ewen to re-examine them.

"I told him I would do it on three conditions - we wanted to get some idea of who they might be, the project needed to be part of someone's research and we needed money to support the project," said Ewen.

"The dean supported us with funds and we decided to go forward with it."

The coffins were lifted out on July 28 and Ewen, along with Mattie Rasberry, anthropology graduate student, and Tracy Gurnsey, biology major, took the coffins to be examined in the

Smithsonian laboratories. Not only did the students watch as Owsley and his team opened the caskets and studied the remains, they took an active part in examining them, Ewen said.

"The whole experience was beyond words," said Rasberry.

"We had hoped to be able to stand in a corner and watch, but we were surprised and very grateful to have the opportunity to be directly involved."

Rasberry, also a Kinston native, recalled driving by the cemetery everyday.

"I never thought I'd exhume a grave for research from there later in life," Rasberry said.

Coincidentally, once the research began by genealogists, Rasberry learned that Marble was her husband's cousin. Although it was found that water had leaked into the coffins, the caskets were opened and it was found that the two women inside were probably well-off due to the jewelry and dental work that included gold fillings and a porcelain crown, Ewen said.

One of the women, thought to have died in her 30s, was found to have gall stones, and according to Ewen, she may have died from them. The other, thought to have died in her 40s, had a wedding ring and a hairstyle requiring hair treatment, as well as indications that she had had children.

"Genealogists in Washington are still working on finding out who they are, but even without that knowledge this has been a great learning experience for the students and for myself too," Ewen said.

"The point was, this was a good exercise in archaeology and the students absolutely loved it."

According to Ewen, there will be a reburial ceremony set up by Susan Hoffman by the end of September to commemorate the two women.

Ewen is also involved in a digging survey of the town of Bath and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in the same area - both are continuous projects.

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ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard also endorses this initiative and said it is important for the ECU community to expand their leadership abilities.

"By representing ECU in this distinguished program, these four women send a clear message of their intent to prepare for current and future leadership positions," said Ballard.

"The insights they gain will prove invaluable."

Hardy also thought it might be a good idea to begin discussions on bringing some kind of program like this to ECU. She said co-curricular events could be organized and faculty members could serve as mentors for female students.

"Already we have at least two committees, Committee on the

Status of Women and Women in Medicine, which have played instrumental roles in advancing women issues at ECU," said Hardy.

Hardy said it will be important for women to position themselves to get positions. Women will also continue to wrestle with gender issues like communication, negotiation and how to manage in male-dominated fields.

The theme of the workshops will be "Transforming Leadership."

"Transformational leadership suggests that leaders facilitate the development of leadership of others and collaborate with others to resolve conflict," Hardy said.

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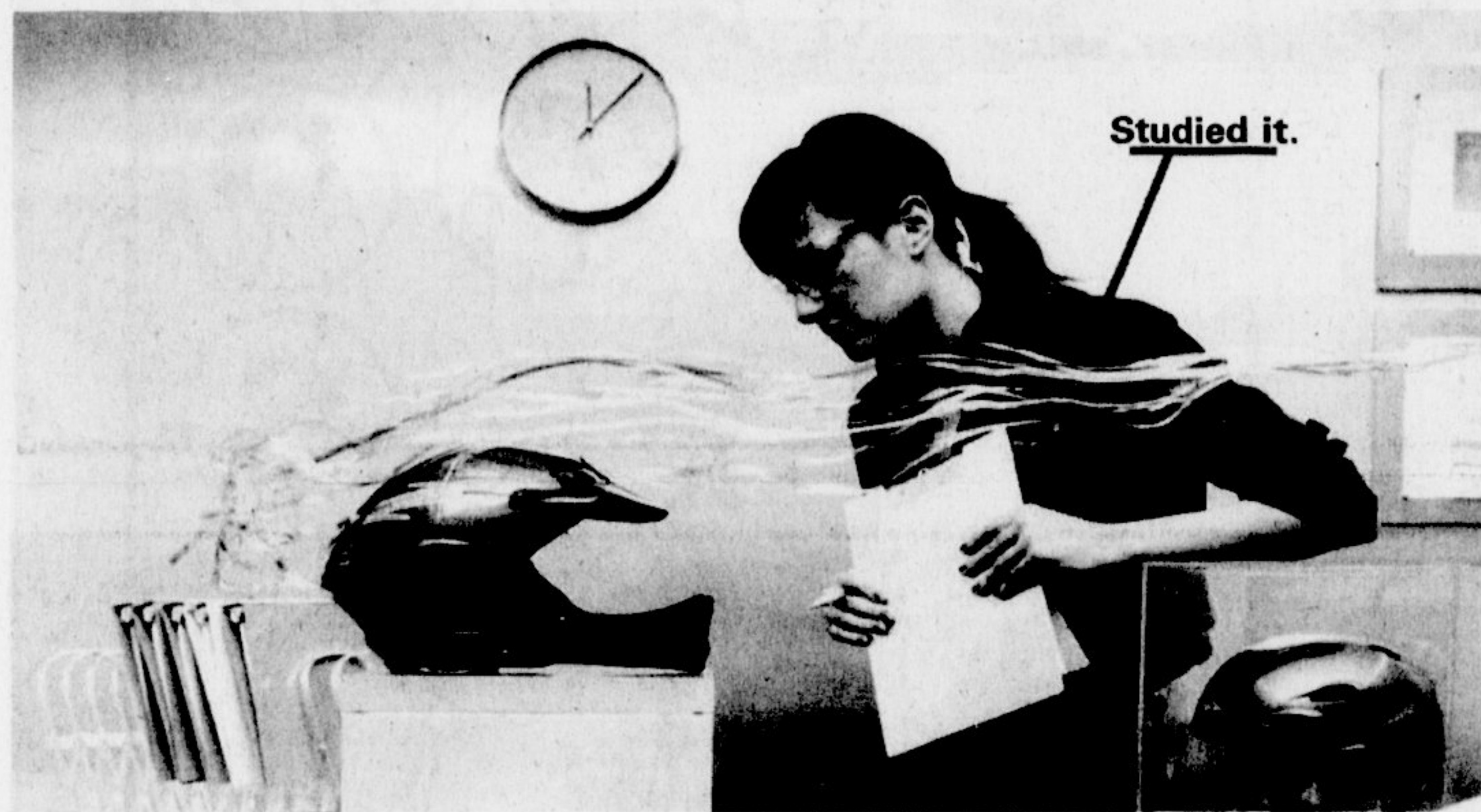
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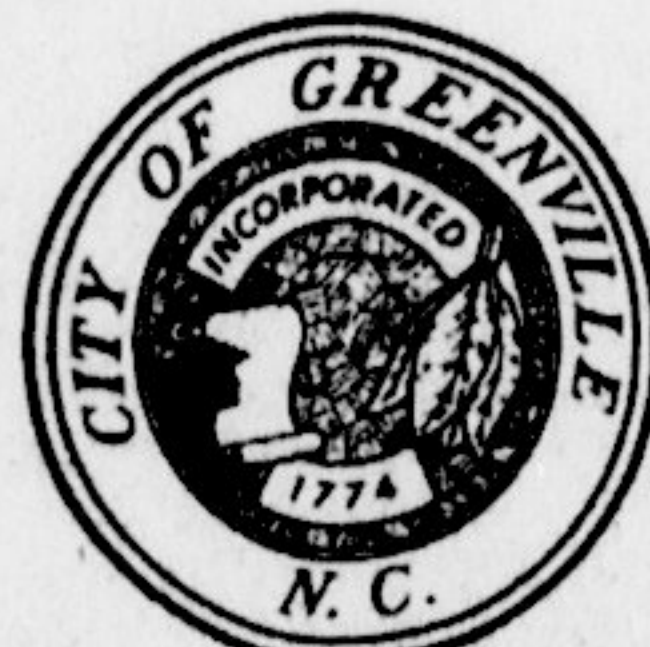
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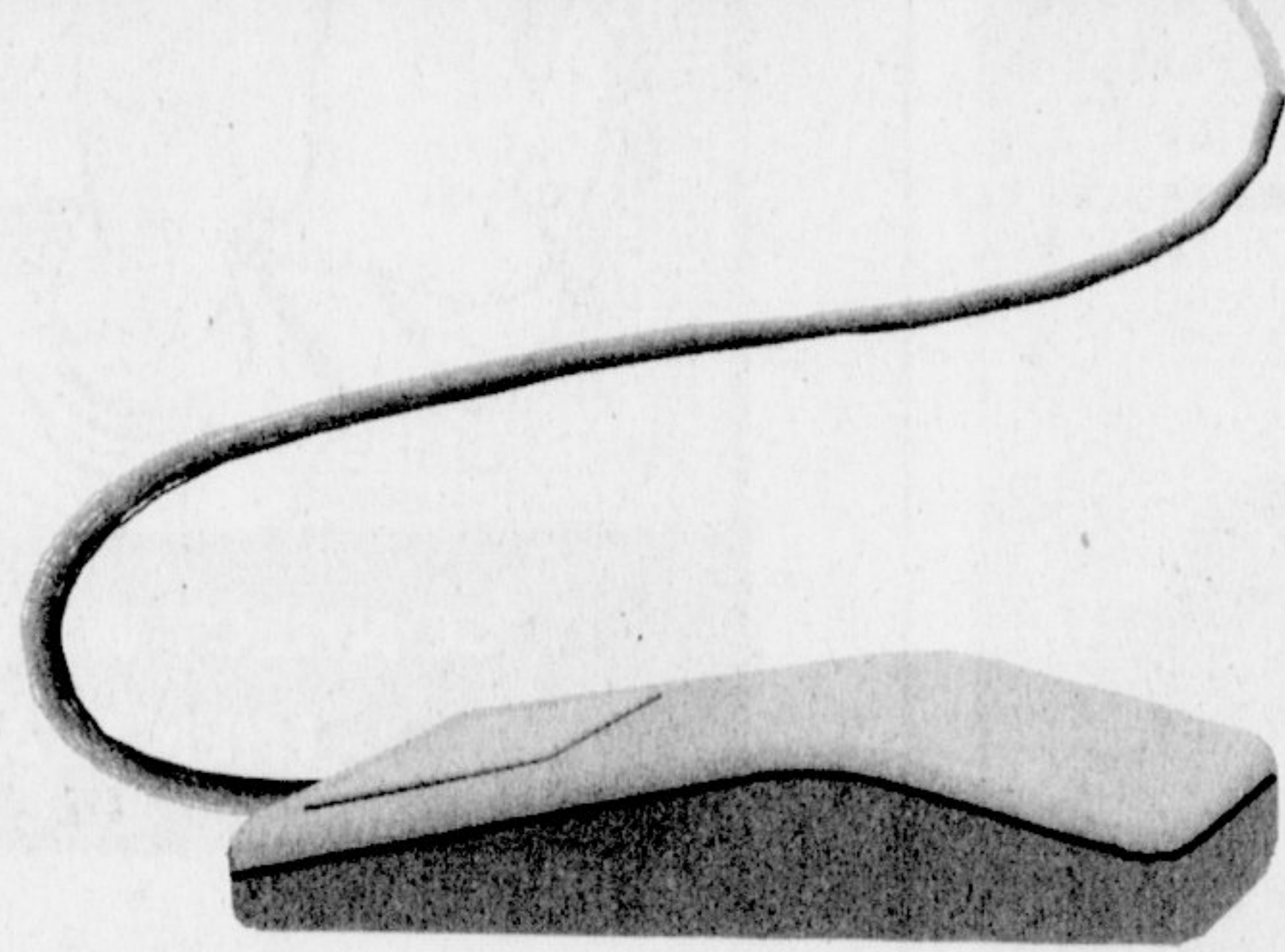
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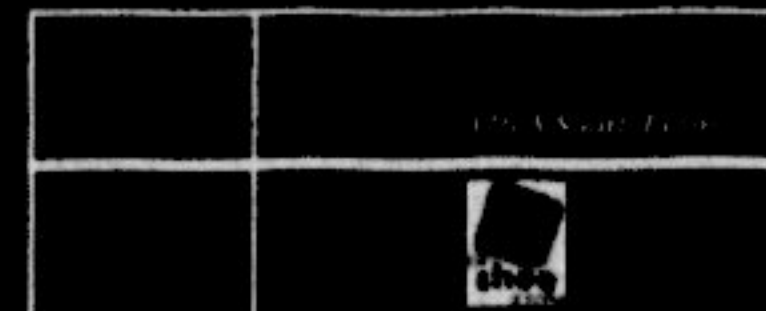
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trip again given the opportunity. It was an eye-opening experience getting to see other cultures."

Next summer Mercer will not be leading a study abroad trip, but he would eventually like to lead a class to Israel. It would only be possible, however, if the country can prove to be a safe educational travel spot.

Perhaps one obstacle that students must overcome in traveling abroad is the issue of personal safety. Since 9/11, student-international travel at ECU has decreased, though it could have been caused by factors other than the threat of terrorism. However, the danger is often exaggerated by many of the country's most prominent news sources. Television generally airs the most sensational version of a story to get the highest ratings and is not always the most objective source for news. It is good to be aware of this, as one should not let sensationalism keep them from experiencing new things. Because of America's current reputation in the international community, it is more important now than ever to be good cultural ambassadors to other countries.

Aside from summer study abroad there are also semester and year-long programs available. In recent years, students have traveled to Lithuania, Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. Those are the countries that you don't even have to speak the native language to attend.

There are also programs in France, Germany and Spanish-speaking countries (Spain and Mexico), for which students are required to take four semesters of the foreign language to attend these programs.

Why is it important to travel? Mercer recommends traveling for its transformative qualities.

"Being plunged into a culture alien to your own is both a challenge and an opportunity. On a practical level, traveling abroad can be useful in finding a career. We live in a global and interconnected world, and understanding other cultures is key in working with people from different backgrounds," Mercer said.

"On a personal level, this kind of experience can expand your heart and mind. It gives you a better understanding of the world and how people in underdeveloped countries live."

For more information about ECU study abroad programs, contact Brandi Dudley, the assistant director of study abroad in the International House, or Carolyn Dunn in the office of Continuing Studies located in the Self Help building on Third St. and Evans.

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cies than all the other aspects" Rulifson said.

To accomplish the research, several ECU undergraduate and graduate students have been accompanying Rulifson and Woods on their 24-foot research vessel. Once out on the water, they conduct a variety of tests including taking sediment cores, benthic samples, testing for water quality and trawling and setting nets to collect wildlife specimens.

"We're really lucky to have the students," Woods said.

"It's a good way for them to get research experience and see what fields of science there are out there and what field they might want to pursue."

"There's nothing like the students getting experience to help them get jobs when they get out," Rulifson said.

What might be the most insightful experience the students have gained?

"Probably the value of duct tape," Rulifson said.

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Yeltsin hospitalized after breaking leg in Sardinia

ROME (AP) - Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized Wednesday after falling and breaking his leg at a villa in a resort town on the Italian island of Sardinia, officials said.

Emergency service workers arrived early Wednesday at the home in exclusive Porto Rotondo where the 74-year-old Yeltsin was staying and took him to a local hospital, said Giuseppe Soro, director of the ambulance dispatch center in Sassari.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Vladimir Shevchenko, told Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency the former president broke his thigh bone in a bad fall. Russia's Interfax news agency quoted a source close to Yeltsin as saying the former president left on his private jet Wednesday evening for Moscow and was expected to be hospitalized immediately.

"Given his age, it's easy to break a femur," said Soro, referring to the thigh bone.

The Italian news agency ANSA said Yeltsin was initially cared for by his bodyguards after he fell at the home at about 6 a.m.

Dr. Maria Serena Fenu, medical director of the San Giovanni di Dio hospital in nearby Olbia, said Yeltsin was treated there then taken elsewhere. She declined to release further information, citing privacy reasons.

A doctor in the hospital's orthopedic department who said he was not authorized to have his name published said an X-ray revealed a broken thigh bone, and Yeltsin was taken to another hospital for surgery. He said he did not know which hospital.

It was unclear how serious Yeltsin's break was, and the outcome of an operation also would depend on his general health.

There is a high death rate among people over 65 who need surgery after breaking a femur, said Dr. Todd Schlifstein, an orthopedist and rehab physician at New York University Medical Center's Rusk Institute, who specializes in falls among the elderly.

"When you're over 65, falls are very common and they can be catastrophic at times," Schlifstein said.

The ensuing lack of mobility

during recovery also can produce its own host of complications, including possible blood clots, surgical wound infections and pneumonia, he said.

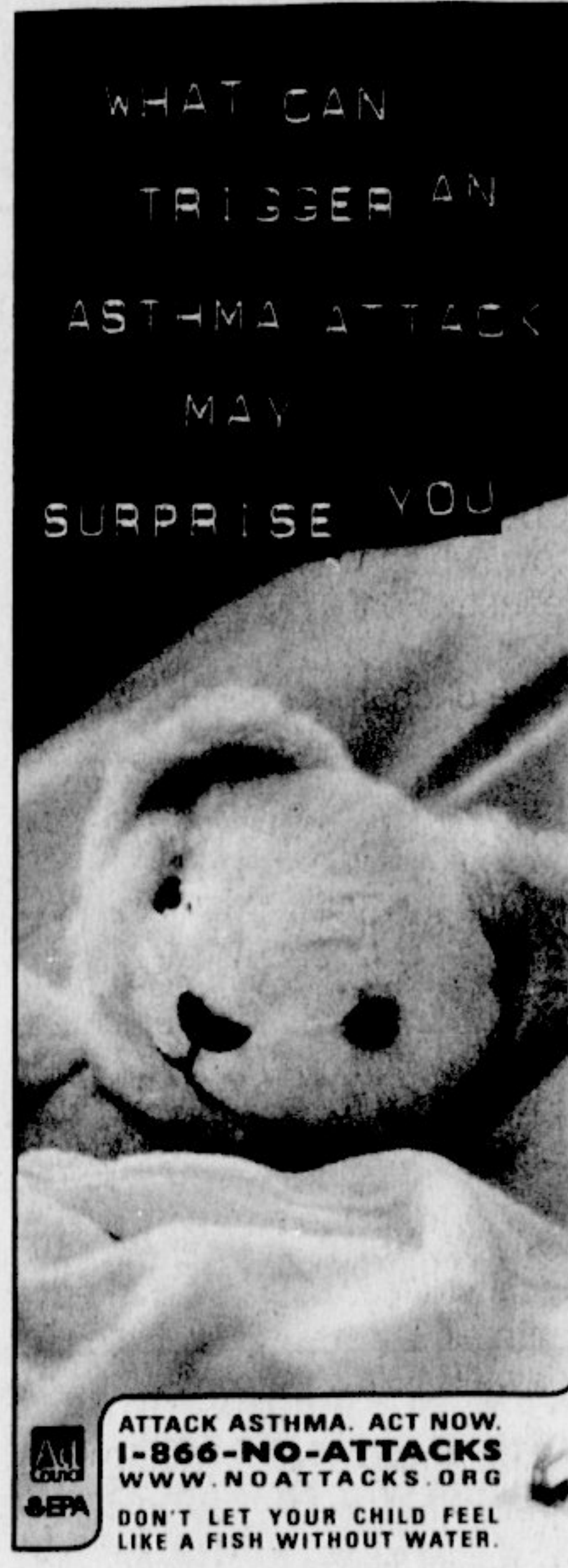
"Surgery is a big, dramatic event that can open a lot of other doors to other problems," Schlifstein said.

One of the most notable patients who had hip surgery after breaking a thigh bone was Pope John Paul II, who fell in his bathroom in 1994.

Dr. David Diduch, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Virginia Medical Center, said the high death rate often has to do with the patients' other illnesses, such as heart, lung and kidney ailments.

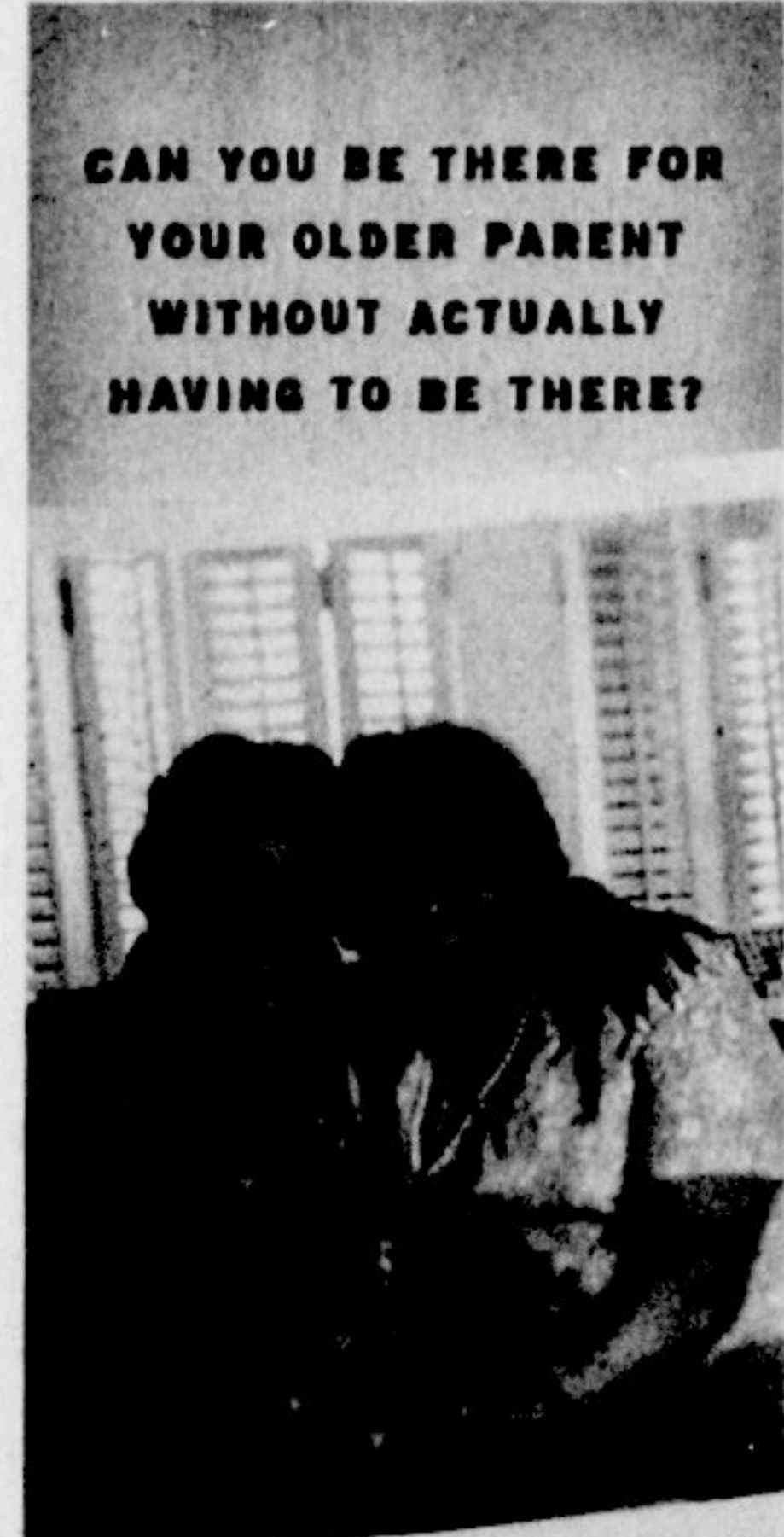
The Russian Embassy in Rome referred questions to Yeltsin's representatives in Moscow, who were not immediately available for comment.

Yeltsin, Russia's first elected president after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, has kept a low profile since resigning Dec. 31, 1999, appearing only occasionally at tennis tournaments or to greet foreign officials.



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Sunday, Sept. 11, the Faculty Recital, 'Quartets in E Flat' with Ara Gregorian on the violin, Jorge Richter on the viola, Emanuel Gruber on the cello and Paul Tardif on the piano will be held in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The show will start at 8 p.m. and will be free of charge.

Monday, Sept. 12, the faculty recital will feature the tenor Perry Smith at 7 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall free of charge.

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ON THE FEATURES FOLD:

Dear Features,
My boyfriend and I have been dating for about three months. We are not sexually active but would like to be. We have discussed our previous partners and history but we have not really talked about safety. I want to ask him if we can go together to get a STD test but I don't want to offend him. How can I tactfully ask?
Thanks,
Timid Tester

Dear Timid Tester,
Everyone knows it is not easy to get into a new relationship and wonder what your partner has or has not done. It is great that you thought about safety before just jumping into bed. Recent statistics show that one in four students at ECU have, or have had a STD, so you are right to be worried. Having an STD doesn't make you a bad person. Spreading an STD because you're too proud to have yourself checked out, however, does. So if you're sexually active at ECU, you have a 25 percent chance of contracting something. Your partner should understand that it doesn't mean you're accusing him of being dirty, just that you both should be safe. If he does not respect that notion, maybe you should not be with him at all. Student Health Services is a great place for both of you to go and get tested. They offer all of the necessary STD tests with student budgets in mind. For more information, visit their Web site at ecu.edu/studenthealth.

Dear Features,
I am a freshman at ECU and my girlfriend is a freshman at UGA. With both of our schedules and the large distance between Greenville and Atlanta, I am worried about how the distance will impact our relationship. I really love her and want to stay together but I need some advice about how to bridge that distance gap. How can I keep our relationship alive despite the distance? Please help.
Thanks,
Distance Dater

Dear Distance Dater,
Long distance relationships are not for the weak of heart, and are not recommended for who is not totally, 100 percent committed. Another issue that arises with long distance relationships is the element of trust that has to be present. Start by making a time everyday to talk on the phone, possibly even invest in a webcam so you two can at least see each other. Then look at your schedules and mark down times where you might be able to visit. Fall semester is easier with fall break, Thanksgiving break, and the December break. Spring is definitely tougher with only Presidents Day weekend, Easter and spring break. Again, it's going to take a lot of trust. You'll go through stages of anger, loneliness and jealousy, but try not to focus on the negative. Surround yourself with fun people, keep yourself busy and the time will fly by. Always be sure to end your conversations on a happy note too, then no one will go out and do something they will regret.

'Transporter' sequel seeks to thrill

Sequel to 2002 film is better than the original

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Jason Statham returns as Frank Martin, a sort of mercenary who moves goods around from one place to another with no questions asked in *The Transporter 2*, a sequel to the popular 2002 film created by producer Luc Besson.

In *The Transporter 2*, Stratham is not transporting any illegal goods - instead, he's playing chauffeur to the young son of a diplomat (Matthew Modine). Stratham picks the kid up from school, plays games with him on the way home and drops him off with his mother Audrey (Amber Valletta).

However, Modine's son is the target for an elaborate hostage situation being staged by the sinister Gianni (Alessandro Gassman). I won't go into too many details, but I will say that it is elaborate and quite evil at the same time.

Having not been a big fan of the original *Transporter*, I was not expecting much. Luc Besson, the creator of the Frank Martin character, is known for directing some pretty amazing films, most notably *The Professional* and *The Fifth Element*. He is, however, not known for his talents in the



Jason Statham plays the debonair Frank Martin, seen here driving the impressive Lamborghini Murciélago, in an impressive chase.

dialogue department.

The Transporter 2 sports some of the cheesiest dialogue I've ever heard from a Besson film. But this film does work better than its predecessor. The plot is actually better than the original, which doesn't happen very often

in the world of sequels. Good plots are common in Besson scripted films. This would have been a much better film had the dialogue been rewritten by someone else (and Besson's longtime writing partner Robert Mark Kamen, who co-wrote both *Trans-*

porter movies, wasn't enough).

But people don't attend these kinds of films for realistic dialogue - the individual character interactions are the least important part of the story. You can ready yourself for what type of action film this is going to be

when they give credit to a car chase coordinator and a martial arts choreographer in the opening credits. The car chase sequences are impressive, but not quite at the level of the car

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Finally a group with definite style

Stutterfly: 'And we are bleed of color'

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

These days it's very hard to develop your own unique sound as a band. Hundreds of groups have become popular, but a lot of them have the same sound, trademarks and style. In a musical world where it's hard to escape being labeled as a clone or knock-off of someone else, a group called Stutterfly has managed it pretty well.

To make a Stutterfly, take a pinch of Finch, a dash of Deftones, season with Story of the Year and lightly top with Pantera. A piece of each of these bands can be heard in the newest Stutterfly album, *And We Are Bleed of Color*. The fevered-pitch screaming in Finch, soft-spoken singing of the Deftones, emo harmonics of Story of the Year and creative, dynamic guitar work of Pantera collide on this album to create a curious, intriguing and exciting sound experience that has its own voice. It's hard to label Stutterfly as a knock-off or clone of any of the aforementioned bands because there are only shades



This group not only has a unique sound but portey a unique image.

of similarity. Just when you think you're hearing the Deftones, something else throws you. That sort of experience is somewhat rare these days.

The band formed in 1998 when a few friends from Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada started playing music together. Seven years later the band has two full-length albums under their belt,

and has signed with Maverick Records, the same label as the Deftones and Story of the Year. In the summer of 2003 they toured with Story of the Year, and just completed a stint on the Warped Tour. They're currently touring the United States. According to their Web site stutterfly.com, they have amassed more than 200,000 plays and reached number one

in their genre on mp3.com.

The album they are promoting on tour is an experience all to its own. Their single "Gun in Hand" was on the *House of Wax* soundtrack and with good reason. It is one of the stronger songs on the album and showcases their musical recipe. One impressive thing about the group is how their guitar work doesn't really level out during the song, it changes pace and keeps the tempo up, and also indicates a group of talented musicians who don't need to keep one melody going for one whole song.

Their chord progressions keep you guessing and listening throughout the album and the three-voice harmonies mix well enough for a good seamless experience. Produced by Ulrich Wild, who also produced for the Deftones and Taproot, the album has a nice feel of rock to it, but has enough pieces of several bands to warrant a listen. Unlike many hard rock groups these days, Stutterfly's guitars vary and it is hard to pick out songs. Sometimes that can be bad, but in this case it makes the album a good overall experience instead of one of those albums where you have to program your CD player so you can hear a few songs

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Great 'Pumpkin' stages comeback

Billy Corgan flies solo and disappoints

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

As far as Corgan concerned, The Smashing Pumpkins were never a group. Being a group implies that each member is vital to the union, bringing their own unique qualities to the music and actively contributing to the creative process.

In that sense, the Smashing Pumpkins were not a group. Corgan started the band. He also served as the primary songwriter, the lead singer and produced the band's albums. All decisions concerning the band were made by him.

Corgan's degree of control over the Pumpkins got to the point where, according to nationmaster.com, during the production of their breakout album *Siamese Dream*, Corgan unilaterally erased contributions from his band mates and rerecorded his own performances over them.

You may call him an egoist or a tyrant if you like. However, you can't argue with results. *Siamese Dream*, fueled by the hit singles "Gherub Rock," "Today" and "Disarm" made the Pumpkins international superstars overnight. To date, the album



Billy Corgan has always been known for his odd anatomy imagery.

has sold well more than 4 million copies.

The wave of success which the band rode following *Siamese Dream* was tremendous. In 1995, the Pumpkins released the massive double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*. With this album, according to Wikipedia, Corgan hoped to create "The Wall for the 1990s," a reference

to British rock band Pink Floyd's amazing concept album from the late 1970s.

Whether it was as great as *The Wall* is debatable, but in its own right, *Mellon Collie* was an amazing offering from the band. Expansive, progressive and littered with hit singles like "Bullet with Butterfly Wings," "Tonight, Tonight" and "1979," the album

was another triumph for the band.

Furthermore, with Kurt Cobain long dead and Pearl Jam aggressively avoiding the limelight, the album positioned the Pumpkins to take the reins as America's premier rock band.

However, it just wasn't meant to be. A series of tragic events followed. In May 1996, while playing a concert in Dublin, Ireland, a fan was crushed to death by the overzealous crowd. According to Wikipedia, Corgan considered quitting show business for good after the event.

In July 1996, touring keyboardist Jonathan Melvoin and drummer Jimmy Chamberlain overdosed on heroin in a New York City hotel room. Melvoin died. Chamberlain was arrested and subsequently thrown out of the band, though he would return eventually.

The following years were marred with turmoil within the band, lineup changes and a declining quality of music. Finally in 2000, Corgan announced the Pumpkins would disband following their final show at The Metro in Chicago.

As Corgan said in a recent press interview, "I was on top

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This week's entry: Harvey

A film that will stand the test of time

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Stewart played many roles in some of the most beloved films of all time. Who could ever forget him as George Bailey, the man who learned the true meaning of life in the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*? Or as the titular Mr. Smith in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, who fights for the little guy against a corrupt political system? Or as famous photographer L.B. Jefferies, who suspects murder while peering in on his neighbors in Alfred Hitchcock's classic *Rear Window*?

However, when asked about his favorite role in press interviews, above all others he chose a lesser-known performance as Elwood P. Dowd in the film *Harvey*, the first entry into the Features Hall of Fame.

I've seen many films in my short 22 years of life, but never one quite like *Harvey*. It's the story of two best friends. The first, Elwood P. Dowd, is a benevolent middle-aged man with a strong taste for alcohol. The second, Harvey, is a giant white rabbit who no one else can see.

Harvey has so many amazing aspects that it's hard to decide what is best about it. First and foremost, the film has one of the most original and bizarre premises that I've ever seen which keeps viewers guessing during the entire film. Is Harvey real or is Dowd just a drunk? You won't find out until the very end.

Another thing I love about *Harvey* is that, unlike most comedies that are more than 20 years old, it's actually funny. But in *Harvey*, whether it's the elaborate mix-up while trying to commit Dowd to the mental institute to something as simple as the ghostly look on the old aristocratic woman's face when 'meeting' Harvey, each scene is lively and hysterical and is as funny today as it must have been in 1950.

The highlight of the film though is the performance of

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chase sequences we were treated to all summer long. The martial arts sequences are also very polished. Today, martial arts fighting sequences have found themselves into American films, and the best scenes are when the hero of the film is fighting a lot of bad guys with a random object he finds in the room. This occurs quite often in the film, and the best one involves Stratham using a fire hose.

A slight suspension of disbelief is also required in seeing this film. Some of the vehicles in this film do some pretty amazing things that might not even happen in the "Grand Theft Auto" video games. And in some cases, the intense action sequences are ruined due to some of the most cheap looking computer generated images I have ever seen.

This is still an entertaining film. Poor usage of CGI and bad dialogue are negative marks, but *The Transporter 2* is not the type of film that is going to require good marks on these fronts. This is a very entertaining action flick that shows how solid of an actor Jason Stratham really is. It would be nice to see him as the action star of tomorrow. Based on some of the people he's up against for that position, it might not be such a far-fetched idea.

Grade: B-

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Stewart, who interacts more realistically with an invisible costar than most current movie stars do in normal movie roles. With a lesser actor, the role and the movie would be a joke. But with Stewart, who perfects every nuance of the role, he brilliantly brings Dowd to life as a kind, wonderful man who is looked down upon because he's different.

You don't typically find *Harvey* on lists of the best movies of all time and I'm always curious as to why. There is an underlying message throughout *Harvey*, one of understanding and friendship. After watching *Harvey*, you feel like a better person having done so. It gives you hope that maybe there are people like Dowd and Harvey in this world.

This week's overrated classic is Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. I'll be honest, before reading *Frankenstein* I didn't know the meaning of the word countenance. On its third use in the novel, I looked it up. By the time it appeared fifteen times, I probably knew every possible context in which it could be used. And by appearance 35, I put the book down and began developing a time machine so I could go back and hand Shelley a thesaurus.

I went in expecting a horror classic. What I got was a wry satire. I can handle that. But I was expecting a green monster demolishing things and what I got was an introspective, yellow monster who cried as much as he killed.

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'The Constant Gardener:' Constant mind bender

'City of God' director helms one of the best political thrillers ever

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It's typical of a political thriller to be a very edgy film with a very brainy plot. Screenwriters who can successfully write good political thrillers are far and few. One of the very best is John Frankenheimer's 1962 classic *The Manchurian Candidate*, and a more recent masterwork is David Mamet's *Spartan*. But what makes *The Constant Gardener* and modern day masterpiece and the best political thriller to ever grace the cinema isn't just its brainy plot with twists and turns from beginning to end, it's the subplots underneath it that add so much more depth to the story than anything preceding it. *The Constant Gardener* is both an intriguing and memorizing political thriller at one extreme and a beautifully told romance at the other.

The Constant Gardener stars Ralph Fiennes (*Schindler's List*) as Justin Quayle, a British diplomat who meets and falls in love

with a young woman named Tessa (Rachel Weisz), whom he will eventually marry. Tessa shares many of Justin's liberal political beliefs, yet she is so far on the left, she makes Justin look moderate.

The film actually opens with Justin finding out that his wife has been killed in a car crash. Justin, however, suspects that this wasn't a car accident at all. She may have been murdered.

We see through flashbacks that work that Tessa had done while on political trips with Justin to northern Kenya. It turns out that Tessa had been investigating a pharmaceutical company who had been distributing a new kind of drug to local residents there. Tessa suspects that the pharmaceutical company may not be trying to help these people, but instead testing the drugs on them before they try and market it to the world.

Justin thinks that Tessa's findings in a recent report may have been her death warrant. He decides that he will try and finish what Tessa had started in order to uncover the truth about her death.

Through the occasional flash-



Rachel Weisz and Ralph Fiennes star in Fernando Meirelles' film that impressed critics and audiences.

backs, we see the formation of Justin and Tessa's relationship. This reemphasizes for Justin how much he really did love this woman. This subplot is what separates *The Constant Gardener* from all other political thrillers. The moving romance story

within the thriller adds a certain depth to the film that is usually left vacant from other films in the same genre.

Actor Ralph Fiennes gives his best performance since he played an evil concentration camp commander in the holocaust

film *Schindler's List* 12 years ago. Fiennes' performance helps make this added depth to the story much more believable. His eyes say it all in many scenes. This minimalist style of acting has

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and skip others. This album is a good choice for a rock listener who wants to press play and let it ride.

The emotion of the album also ranges, but keeps at a fever pitch. The lyrics promote an ever-swinging spectrum of despair, passion, anger and determination. Some lyrics are a testimony to personal strength, like you'd

hear in their song "Silent Scream" while some are more desperate such as those in "Fire Whispers." Poetically, you'll hear some very strong symbols in their lyrics and some powerful personal statements. One thing you won't find a lot of is cursing.

Stutterfly's music has something worth listening for, with a sound that appeals to all kinds

of listeners. While you can't call them Pantera, Story of the Year, Finch or the Deftones, they've got something from all of these bands that a fan would recognize.

Even if you can't recognize that, recognize their sound. It's not something you hear every day.

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of the world with the Pumpkins when my band blew up. I went from being in one of the best bands in the world into some nightmare. All you can do is keep going and keep making records you believe in."

The first Corgan album after the fall of his band was in a new band called Zwan in 2003. Their first album, *Mary Star of the Sea*, received generous support from critics but never caught on with audiences. The album tanked and the band broke up within a year.

But Corgan refuses to throw up his hands and give up despite the setbacks of the past few years. Corgan is back to making music, but this time he's alone. On *TheFutureEmbrace*, his first solo record, Corgan is finally able to call all the shots, write all the songs and play all the parts — officially, that is.

While listening to *TheFutureEmbrace*, the same question kept popping into my head: If Corgan was able to single-handedly create

masterpieces like *Siamese Dream* and *Mellon Collie*, why, when he finally has complete creative freedom, is *TheFutureEmbrace* so lifeless and uninspired?

To say the album is bad would infer that it made me feel anything at all. To be quite blunt, this is the kind of record you might put on if you're having a party where you actually want to speak to people and don't care what's playing.

Nothing on *TheFutureEmbrace* is memorable or unique. Each song sounds exactly alike, which may work in certain cases with bands like the Strokes, who make nothing but variations of their biggest hit "Last Nite." But at least "Last Nite" is a great song. Everything on *TheFutureEmbrace* is nasally whining over a drum machine and over-synthesized guitars.

With the notable exception of "To Love Somebody," a cover of a very familiar Bee Gees song, I can't differentiate

between any of the songs on the album. When I listened to the album, sometimes I had trouble figuring out where one song ended and the next one began.

Hoping to be some sort of optimist, I tried in vain to find one quality I liked. When I tried to focus on the lyricism, I found them to be muddled and at times incomprehensible. When I looked for good guitar work, I found none. Even Corgan's voice, which I felt perfectly suited his work with the Pumpkins, is out of place with the backing music.

Considering everything, it isn't that everything contained in *TheFutureEmbrace* is bad — it's just there isn't anything good. I don't know what has changed for Corgan. Maybe he 'lost it.' Or maybe he 'never had it.' Or maybe he just needs his fellow Pumpkins more than he (or we) ever thought.

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been taking off more and more in recent years, led mainly by Bill Murray (who has mastered this acting technique in both *Lost in Translation* and this year's *Broken Flowers*).

The Constant Gardener also will solidify Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles as one of the greatest living non-American directors. His previous film was the stunning *City of God*, which followed two decades worth of life in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Meirelles brought his unique style of filming to this film, based on the best selling novel by John le Carré, and gave

it a look that will not be soon forgotten. Meirelles uses different types of shots when he's in different parts of the world. His camera angles (mostly handheld camera shots) and the use of a grainy style of film emphasize the poor areas of Kenya and the political realms of Great Britain, shot with better film and a more steady camera. This style was used in *City of God* and it helped send Meirelles to a best director nomination at the Academy Awards in 2004.

The Constant Gardener should also find its way to the same awards come February. This

film will make an impact on you unlike any political thriller. The goal of a political thriller is to make one think about what types of things are the governments on the international level really doing. Very seldom do you find yourself questioning the ideas of a film once you leave the theater. I am still questioning the ideas of this film as I write this review. This is a film that continues to get better and better the further away you get from it.

Grade: A+

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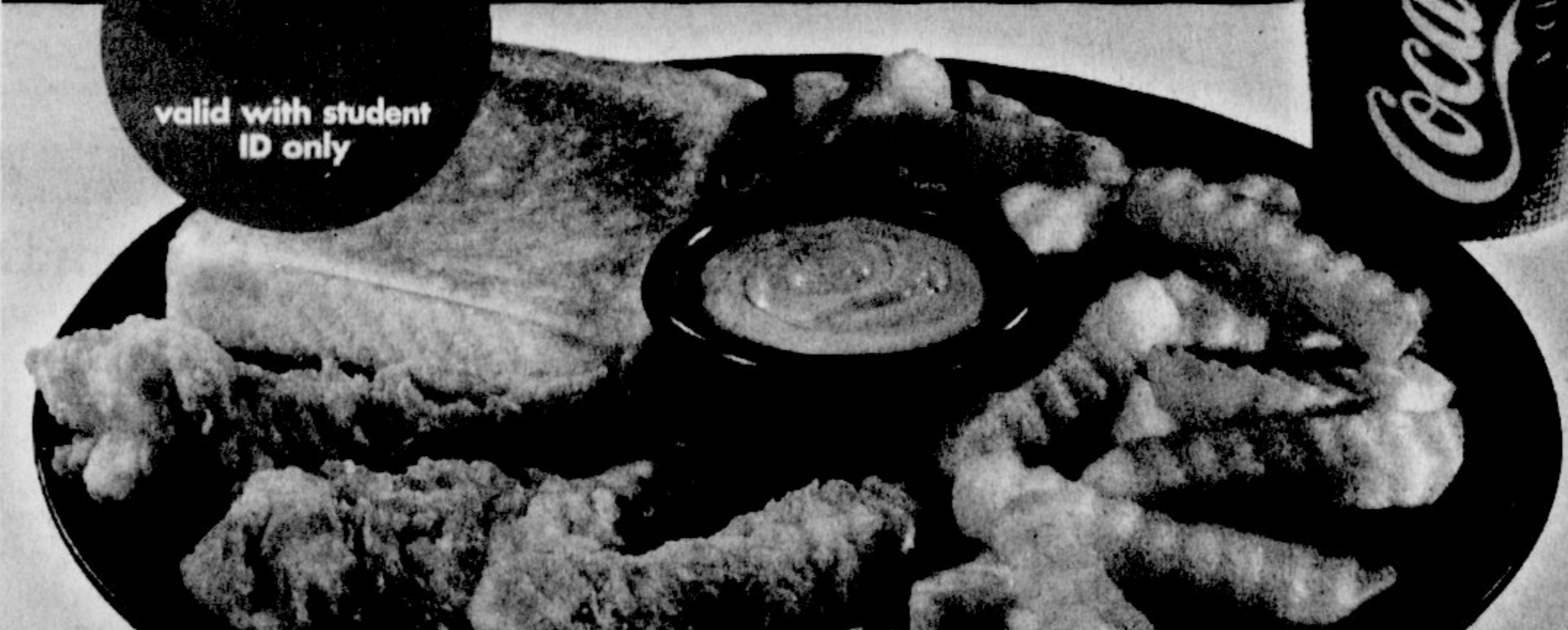
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Summer blockbuster 'Crash' on DVD

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In the same style as Robert Altman's *Short Cuts* and Paul Thomas Anderson's *Magnolia*, *Crash* follows the lives of several random people throughout a day in Los Angeles. Co-written and directed by *Million Dollar Baby* screenwriter, *Crash* is one of the year's absolute best movies and is now available to rent and buy on DVD.

Out of all the different characters in *Crash*, there is no central character to identify with throughout the film. There is no antagonist, and everyone in the film is a hero in their own kind of ways. This is a very unique way to approach a story, and when these types of films are done correctly, they are almost always masterworks.

Crash opens up with Detective Graham Waters (Don Chea-

le) and his partner Ria (Jennifer Esposito) who have just been involved in a car accident on their way for a homicide investigation. This brief prologue to the story then jumps to "yesterday." Here, we meet the vast collection of people who we will get to know and follow for the next two hours. They include Los Angeles District Attorney Rick Cabot (Brendan Fraser) and his wife Jean (Sandra Bullock), two car thieves (Ludacris and Larenz Tate), a television director and his wife (Terrence Howard and Thandie Newton), a bigot cop (Matt Dillon) and his partner (Ryan Phillippe), a Persian convenience store owner (Shaun Toub) and his daughter (Bahar Soomekh), and a Hispanic locksmith (Michael Pena) and his young daughter (Ashlyn Sanchez).

Each of these individuals will cross paths throughout the movie. In no particular order, the story will jump from one character to another until all have met and interacted in some form or

fashion.

This is one of the most powerful and intense films in recent history - nothing can come close to the level of intensity this movie achieves throughout its two hour runtime.

The subject matter that ties all these stories together is the topic of race. Even in today's society, this is still a very touchy subject. Much like Spike Lee's 1989 masterpiece *Do the Right Thing*, *Crash* is a film about racial tensions in society that does not take any sides. At the film's conclusion, we are not supposed to leave the theater thinking is one race is superior to the other, but instead we are left to think about how judgmental people in society truly are. We assume too many things about an individual because of the clothes they wear or the tattoos on their body and form our own opinions before we even get to know them. This is the lesson that both Paul Haggis and his co-writer, Bobby Moresco, are trying to teach in this film.

Haigis and Moresco's screenplay is the most polished work of screenwriting I have seen all year. You learn to hate a character before you even get to know them, and by the end of the film you find yourself in love with them.

The best example of this is Matt Dillon, who plays a bigot police officer. Dillon's role is the most memorable in the entire film, and he gives an Oscar worthy performance making audiences hate him, but then change their opinions on him by the end.

Crash was released on DVD Tuesday, Sept. 6. It is one of the year's absolute best films, yet will probably go overlooked come award season. Watch this film and try not to feel moved by it. There are a few scenes that will make one gasp from the sheer intensity that is shown on the screen.

Grade: A+

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Fall movies feature interesting twists

(KRT) Now starts the Oscar season. Those who feel that 2005 has yet to give birth to an Oscar winner should peruse the following candidates. For the fall season, you won't have to check your brain at the concessions stand.

'North Country' (Oct. 14). Some cynical critics are bound to call this "a 21st century 'Norma Rae.'" But its credentials are golden, with three Oscar-winning actresses (Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand and Sissy Spacek) playing the leads. Charlize is a single mother who toils in a mining company and roasts her female co-workers to stand up and be counted. Directed by "Whale Rider's" Niki Caro. But would you want to be represented in a court of law by Woody Harrelson?

'Prime' (Oct. 28). How about telling Meryl Streep your most intimate secrets? Actually, Madame Meryl might make a good psychiatrist, and that's what she plays in "Prime." Uma Thurman plays a patient who falls in love with her shrink's son. Any movie with Uma on Meryl's

couch sounds promising.

'Oliver Twist' (Sept. 30). Roman Polanski's first film since *The Pianist*. Sir Ben Kingsley should make a Fagin to remember in this Dickens adaptation.

'Proof' (Sept. 16), with Gwyneth Paltrow returning under the direction of Shakespeare in Love's John Madden. Besides Gwyneth, there's Anthony Hopkins, Hope Davis and Jake Gyllenhaal in a tale of possible inherited insanity.

'Two for the Money' (Oct. 7), with slick Al Pacino playing mentor to onetime football star Matthew McConaughey in a tale of high dramatic stakes in the global world of sports betting. Rene Russo and Jeremy Piven are also involved.

'Capote' (Oct. 21), with Philip Seymour Hoffman as scribe Truman Capote and Catherine Keener as *To Kill a Mockingbird* author and Capote pal Harper Lee. The movie follows Mr. Capote's relationship with the homicidal duo of In Cold Blood.

'Tim Burton's Corpse Bride' (Sept. 23). Risk-taking

Burton uses the stop-motion puppetry technique of his memorable "The Nightmare Before Christmas." The plot is both shivery and whimsical, as it relates the misadventures of a clumsy soon-to-be bridegroom who's haunted by a dead woman just as he's about to wed a living one. With Burton, the stranger the premise, the better the movie. So this looks promising, with Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Albert Finney and Christopher Lee providing voices and features for the animated figures.

'Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit' (Oct. 7) brings the claymation man and dog to the realm of feature films. The lovable duo started off as cult favorites, with their fan base growing each year. The *Were-Rabbit* saga affectionately echoes old horror movies, which Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" did to riotous results. Wallace and Gromit ponder who is sabotaging the harvest just days before the Giant Vegetable Competition. Wouldn't you know it, it's a mutant rabbit.

'Walking on the Moon 3D' (Sept. 23) has *Apollo 13* star Tom Hanks narrating an IMAX 3D lunar trek.

'Thumbsucker' (Sept. 30), with Tilda Swinton, Vincent D'Onofrio, Vince Vaughn, Keanu Reeves and Benjamin Bratt fretting over a teen with a strange habit.

'Waiting' (Oct. 7), low-brow comedy about raucous teens. So what's so unique about that? Nothing, except for its title.

'Strangers with Candy' (Oct. 21), in which an ex-junkie tries to start anew by returning to high school.

'Just Like Heaven' (Sept. 16). Industry types will be watching this romantic fantasy closely. Reese Witherspoon's last two movies, *Vanity Fair* and *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde*, didn't reach expectations. But the combined clout of *Just Like Heaven* and November's *Walk the Line*, with Reese as June Carter Cash, could restore her luster. There's also interest in how indie dudes Mark Ruffalo and Jon Heder (*Napoleon Dynamite*) will fare in the mainstream.

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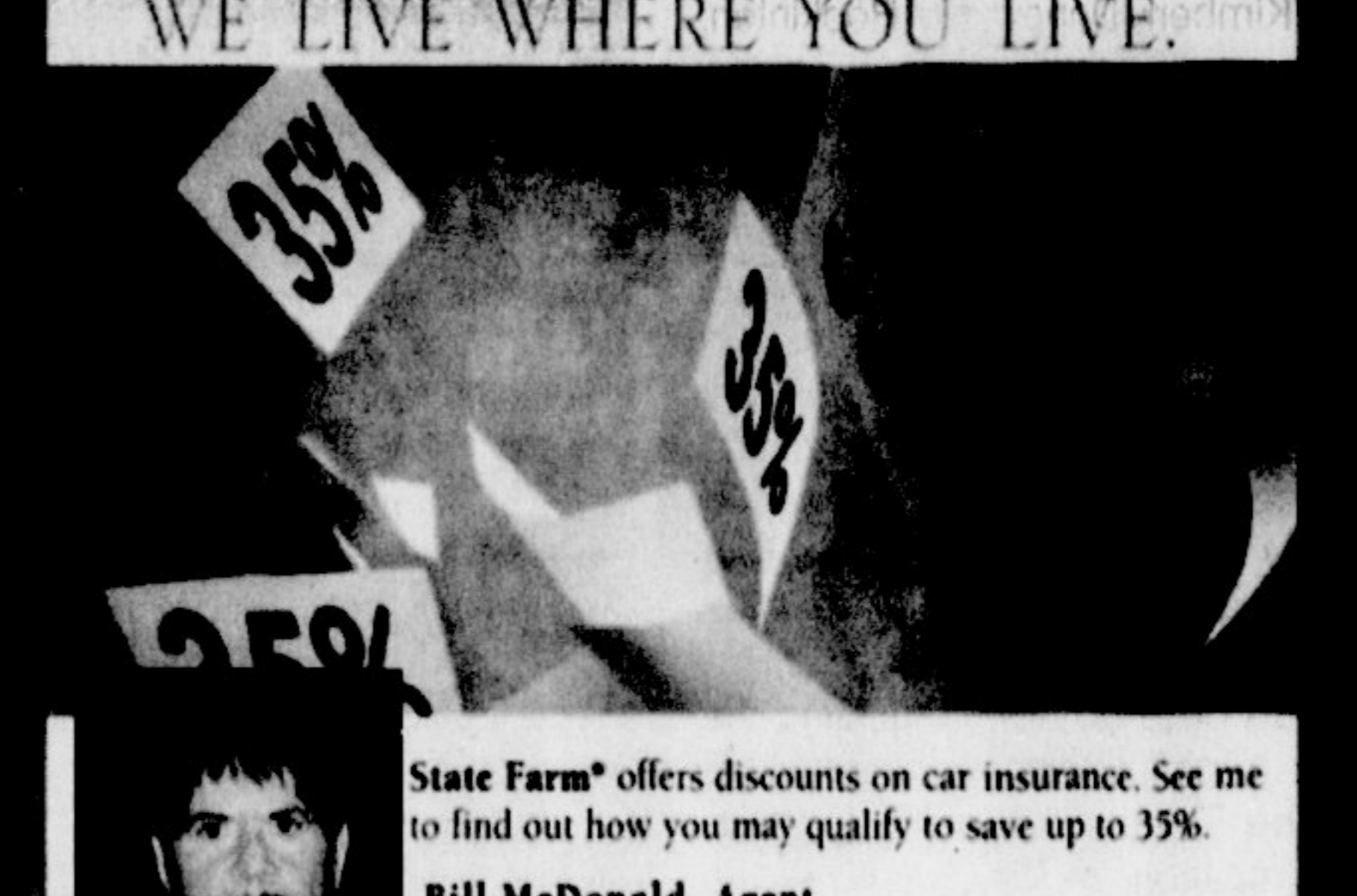
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Sports Briefs

Morse suspended for steroids
Mike Morse of the Seattle Mariners was suspended Wednesday



for 10 days for violating the steroids policy, the ninth major league player penalized under baseball's tougher drug rules. Morse hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning Tuesday night in a 3-2 win over Oakland. Morse, 23, was batting .287 with three home runs and 23 RBI in 209 at-bats since being called up from Triple-A earlier this season. The infielder-outfielder was acquired last season in the trade that sent pitcher Freddy Garcia to the Chicago White Sox. Earlier this season, Mariners pitcher Ryan Franklin and Seattle outfielder Jamal Strong were penalized for violating the steroids policy.

Krog picks up two wins

It will all come down to Wednesday's singles matches after Europe and the United States played to a 6-6 tie on Day One at the PING Junior Solheim Cup. The PING Junior Solheim Cup, conducted by the American Junior Golf Association and hosted by The Bridgewater Club in Westfield, Ind., matches the 12 top female junior golfers from the United States against their European counterparts. Players competed in four-ball and foursome matches Tuesday, and will battle in singles matches Wednesday. The Europeans hold the Cup and need to reach 12 points to keep it, while the United States needs 12.5 points to reclaim the third biennial PING Junior Solheim Cup. The morning four-ball matches ended with the United States clinging to a precarious one-shot lead. That lead turned into a deficit after Europe won the first of the two afternoon foursome matches. However, the United States swung the momentum back in its favor by winning two-and-a-half of the final four points. For the Europeans, Anna Nordqvist of Eskilstuna, Sweden, and Lene Krog of Drammen, Norway, teamed up for two points, winning both of their matches, including a 6-and-5 win over Kimberly Donovan of Hopkinton, Mass., and Sydney Burlison of Salinas, Calif., in the afternoon.

Armstrong to train with team

Lance Armstrong plans to train with his team this winter, increasing speculation he will end his retirement and attempt an eighth straight Tour de France win. When Armstrong retired in July after his seventh straight Tour win, Bruyneel had to decide whether to recruit a new team leader. He opted not to do so, suggesting the door might have been kept open for the Texan. The Amaury Sport Organization, which organizes the Tour, would not comment on the speculation. Armstrong, who turns 34 later this month, won this year's Tour by a comfortable margin - 4 minutes, 40 seconds ahead of Italian Ivan Basso and 6:21 ahead of Jan Ullrich of Germany. Armstrong, who announced his engagement Monday to rock singer Sheryl Crow, issued a statement Tuesday confirming that he's considering a comeback in part to rattle French media. On Aug. 23, sports daily *L'Equipe*, which is owned by the Tour organizer, reported it had evidence that six of Armstrong's urine samples from the 1999 Tour tested positive last year for the blood booster EPO. The substance was banned in 1999, but there was no reliable test at the time. Should Armstrong return, the media scrutiny surrounding him would be intense and he would likely receive a hostile reception from the French public.

'Canes Reddick tears ACL

Miami safety Anthony Reddick apparently has a torn knee ligament, and the 14th-ranked Hurricanes expect him to miss the rest of the season. Preliminary reports show that Reddick, who started six games in 2004, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in Miami's 10-7 loss to Florida State on Monday night. Reddick walked off the field with 10:50 left in the second quarter, after sustaining what was originally diagnosed as a knee sprain while playing on Miami's punt coverage team. With Reddick gone, Miami will have to tap into its depth in the secondary. Greg Threat, a preseason All-ACC pick, and Brandon Meriweather played last season.

Pirates preparing for 2006 season

Newcomers, returning players provide interesting cocktail

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Head men's basketball coach Ricky Stokes will have to wait his turn for the media spotlight. For him, he'd probably preferred it stay that way for as long as possible.

Stokes was hired on March 16, 2005. He didn't get the same fanfare as Holtz, but the message was still very similar. Stokes is charged with building the basketball program towards respectability. Something the hardwood Pirates never really have had.

"We've got a clean slate," said Stokes. "You've got to start somewhere and why not us. Big things happen to those who work hard and do the right things."

The former Virginia Tech head coach and South Carolina assistant fills the void created by Bill Herrion's forced resignation. Herrion's resignation with three games remaining became an awkward scene. Stokes doesn't want the Pirates fans reflecting on the past, but only toward the future.

"We're ready for the season." Upon Stokes arrival, it appeared that the Pirates were finally poised for Herrion's promised breakthrough. Moussa Badiane was the loss from last year's squad meaning four out of five starters would be returning. The expectations went south when star point guard Mike Cook decided to transfer to Pittsburgh.

"If one guy leaves, it presents an opportunity for another person," Stokes said. "I'm not one to look backward. I always look forward. We're going to play and compete with the guys that we have. I'd rather have guys to want to be here and be an ECU Pirate."

Nevertheless, the remaining Pirates are ready to carry the torch into a revamped Conference USA. With leaders such as senior Corey Rouse and junior Japhet McNeil, the Pirates look much improved.

Corey Rouse will look to add to his 2004-2005 breakthrough season with even more production due to Badiane's loss. Rouse, the lone four-year senior averaged a double-double last season with 10.6 points per game and 10.2 rebounds per contest.

Japhet McNeil is on pace to torch the ECU record books. McNeil, from Brooklyn, N.Y., broke the single season assist record last year with 122. Other prominent returning players are Mike Castro, Tom Hammonds and Jonathan Hart.

Mingus Mammes are going to have to buy game programs this year recognize the numerous roster changes. Nine of the 17 roster players have never suited up in a Pirate uniform.

Wake Forest transfer Jeremy Ingram and swingman David Bell both practiced last season, but were not allowed to participate in games. Junior college transfers Tyrone Beal and Courtney Captain hope to provide an immediate impact.

"We brought in a lot of kids from winning programs," Stokes said.

"Guys that are used to working hard, that are committed to doing the right things, and the little things to put a great production on the floor."

Late signees Jeff Robinson and Nick

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Japhet McNeil will lead ECU on offense in 2006 and is on pace to demolish the record books at ECU, having already broken the single-season assist mark.

Kros Examination

One ECU Professor's pigskin poll

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Imagine having to get together with a group of buddies and rate the top 25 teams in college football every week, including that ever-so-unpredictable preseason list. You have got to weed out the cream of the crop from 119 possible teams. Sound difficult? What if you had to rank all 119 teams?

Meet Dr. John Kros, a professor here in ECU's decision sciences department with a demanding hobby. Kros ranks all 119 teams in Division I-A college football before the season starts and publishes the list on his personal Web site. He also updates the list weekly.

Kros is an avid football fan, working in an office adorned with college logos. Having grown up in Nebraska, studied at Texas

and done graduate work at the University of Virginia, he's certainly been raised on it; he admits to being a fan of Earl Campbell during his time at Texas. While working on his dissertation in systems engineering at Virginia, he had been keeping an eye on the polls done by Jeff Sagarin in USA Today.

When the BCS became the college football system during the '97-'98 season, Kros noticed that his poll (which he published for the first time in 1994) used similar methodology as the BCS poll. He began distributing his poll to friends and family through e-mail around the same time as the BCS came out.

The poll isn't just his intuition and guessing; he uses a very distinct formula, which he believes creates a higher watermark of consistency than that of the BCS.

His preseason poll has Texas ranked number one followed by Southern Cal, Boston College,

Ohio State and Tennessee. To rank the teams in the preseason, Kros takes six attributes -- offensive and defensive returners, the strength of the starting quarterback, the experience of the coach, their win/loss percentage and their conference strength rating -- and gives them all a score from 0 to 1. He then combines the numbers with a function and ranks the teams. During the season he takes into account offensive and defensive statistics combined with what he calls the "true margin of victory" and strength of schedule to rank the teams from week to week.

ECU sits at 116 in his poll, but the good news is Kros doesn't feel his rankings reflect potential. The Pirates have the chance to beat conference foes Rice, Southern Methodist, Memphis and Tulsa and move up in the rankings, even if number one is a bit of a far cry.

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The Preseason JFK Poll (KRA, Kros Ranking Algorithm)

Rank	Team	JScore
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2.	Southern Cal	.9470
3.	Boston Coll.	.9242
4.	Ohio State	.9083
5.	Tennessee	.9079
6.	Colorado	.8872
7.	Michigan	.8857
8.	Iowa	.8832
9.	Texas A&M	.8823
10.	Auburn	.8735
11.	FSU	.8685
12.	Virginia	.8676
13.	Boise State	.8663
14.	Iowa State	.8624
15.	Pittsburgh	.8495
16.	Georgia	.8476
17.	Louisville	.8425
18.	Minnesota	.8325
19.	Fresno State	.8320
20.	Virginia Tech	.8274
21.	Georgia Tech	.8272
22.	LSU	.8270
23.	Arizona State	.8201
24.	Clemson	.8192
25.	Florida	.8160

The Sports Dic-tion-ary

Long Bomb — When referred to in football, it means a deep pass down the field. When referred to in baseball, it is one of the many nicknames for a homerun.

Blind Side — The side opposite a player is facing. You often hear the quarterback was "blind sided," meaning he was hit from behind.

Play-Action Pass — A play where the quarterback fakes a handoff to the running back as he drops back to pass.

Coffin Corner — The corners of a football field located between the end zone and five-yard line at each end of the field.

Crackback — An illegal block by an offensive player who is away from the formation and blocks an opponent below the waist or in the back.

A weekend at Fenway



Ortiz celebrates after blasting the game-winning solo shot against the Angels Tuesday night.

Boston sports experience is unlike any other

KYLE ROGERSON, CONTRIBUTED TO BY TONY ZOPPO
STAFF WRITER

Many people travel to Boston, Mass. with different motivations. Some aspire to master their sailing techniques in one of the most famous harbors in the world. Others simply want to soak up the diverse culture the city has to offer. One popular example is the Jazz festival that takes place each fall in the downtown area. Others want to see a ballgame.

And there is no better place to do just that than Fenway Park.

I had the opportunity to visit Boston this past weekend, home of the 2004 World Champion Red Sox. There was no question I went into this weekend trip knowing I was going to find thousands of people who are utterly nuts for their Bo Sox. What I didn't expect was the fervor with which Bostonians treat every sport in their city.

These people are crazy about sports. It's as if they believe the air in a ballpark or a hockey rink or a football stadium tastes sweeter. And it's not hard to see why because Boston has such a rich

history in all of the major sports.

No other NBA team comes close to the Celtic's record 16 titles, including a stretch of eight consecutive championships from 1959-1966. They won three more titles over the next five years, making it 11 in 13 years. They went on to win three more in the 1980's, with the help of Kevin McHale, Robert Parrish, and some guy named Larry Bird. And not only did they bring a championship swagger to Boston, Bird, along with close friend "Magic" Johnson, reinvigorated the NBA and it's fan base at a time when the league needed it most.

Boston also has a legacy on ice with their beloved Bruins. The Bruins are one of the NHL's "Original Six" and own five Stanley Cups, considered by some the most coveted trophy in all of sports. It was also home to one of hockey's greats - Bobby Orr. The Bruins drafted Orr in 1966, hoping that he would be the savior of the franchise. After another year in the cellar of their division, the Orr and the Bruins improved steadily, winning their first Stanley Cup in 1970 on one of the most famous, and acrobatic, goals in league history.

Let's not forget the New Eng-

land Patriots either. Though their stronghold on the NFL has come much more recently, they too have a history of success. The Pats were solid in the 1970's and 80's, making the playoffs five times in a 10-year span and reaching their first franchise Super Bowl in 1985. They reached the NFL Promised Land again in 1996, but didn't win their first title until 2002 in their comeback win against the St. Louis Rams. They have since gone on to win another two, making it 3 in four years, the last two victories coming back-to-back in 2004 and 2005.

And then of course there is Boston's golden child - The Red Sox. The Sox are the only team in Boston more popular than the Celtics. And although their history is easily just as rich and dramatic, entirely too many seasons ended without an MLB championship for Boston's loyal fans.

Before 1918, things went very well for Boston's baseball team, as they acquired some of the best players to ever set foot on the diamond throughout much of the first quarter of the 20th Century. The Sox picked up Deton "Cy"

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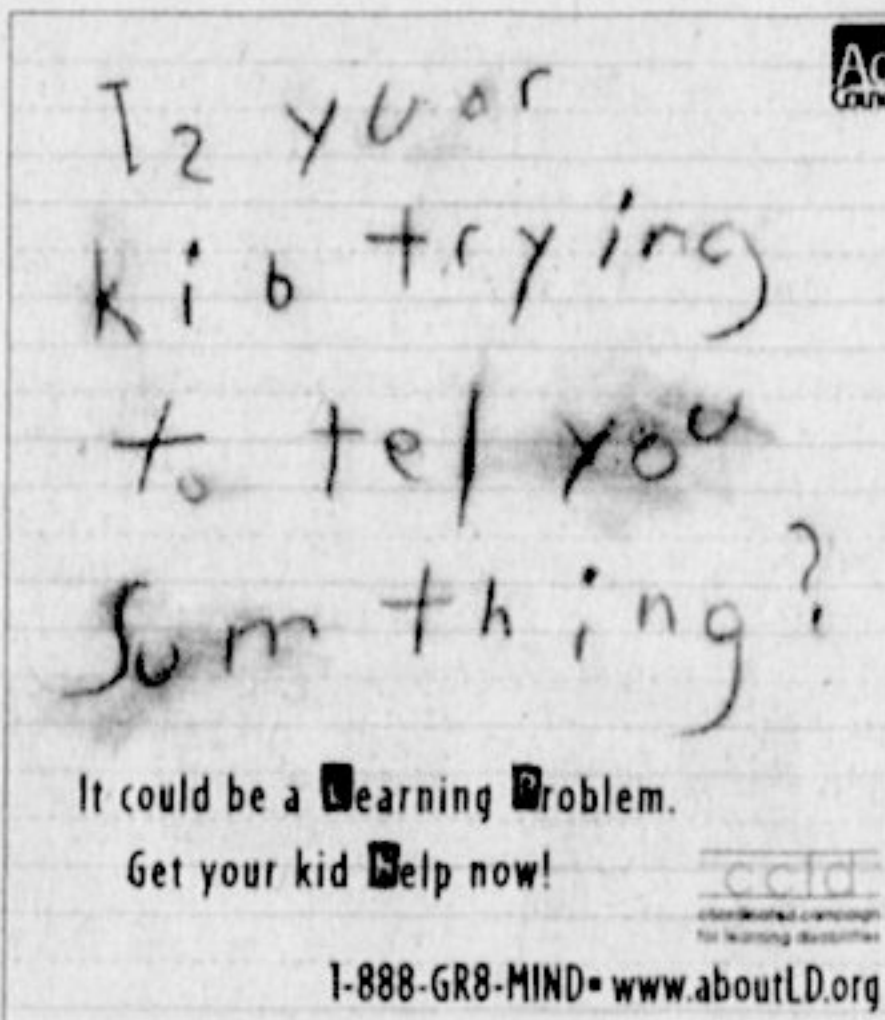
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Kros from page B5

Kros will not testify that his poll should be the final word on true rank. As a matter of fact, he thinks that the most accurate decision will be made on the field and not by a computer or a formula.

"You can't measure accuracy without something to measure against. You have to get it played out," said Kros.

To throw a little knowledge at you, Kros explained that the difference between his poll and BCS is that his poll is referred to as a multiplicative model whereas the BCS utilizes a weighted additive model.

In laymen's terms, the BCS score is A (the AP poll ranking) plus B (the Harris poll ranking) plus C (the computer average ranking) equals the score. Kros' poll multiplies all his attributes

together and takes the exponential root of the number. For example, if he too were to use three attributes in his poll, he would multiply A, B and C and take the third root of the result and then rank his teams.

The bottom line is that his poll tests a little higher on consistency than the BCS, and brings the playing field a little more level in rankings.

So, if the college football pundits can't decide who the best team is on paper, why not rush to a playoff system and trash the BCS?

According to Kros, "people are dragging their heels over their piece of the pie."

However, if and when a playoff system does make it to college football, Kros feels that a ranking system will still be necessary,

because as with the NCAA basketball tournament, a base ranking system needs to be there to match up teams.

When that happens, it probably will not be Kros' poll that does that, and he's not really interested in national attention anyway.

"I do it for the enjoyment, and the field is packed with polls. There's a lot of disenchantment with the current polls," Kros said.

Dr. Kros' poll can be viewed on his Web site at personal.ecu.edu/krosj/jfkpoll.html. For those interested, Oklahoma kicked off the season as number one last year. Could this be a kiss of death for Texas Longhorn fans? Only time will tell.

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Fenway from page B6

Young when he was 34 years old and having completed most of his hallowed major league career. However, he was phenomenal for Boston, compiling a record of 192-112 in eight years (1901-1908). Cy was the gold standard of pitching, and still is, tossing three no-hit games over his career, including what he called the most memorable game of his career when he pitched a perfect game on May 5 1904.

Then of course, there's the Babe. George Herman "Babe" Ruth came to Boston in 1914 measuring six feet, two-inches tall and weighing in at a powerful 200 pounds. The Babe could do it all - dominate from the pitching mound, hit for power, and he also showed a surprising

agility in the outfield.

The Sultan of Swat led Boston to three titles (1915, 1916, 1918), pushing the Red Sox' total to five, including a victory over the New York Giants in the first year Fenway was built (April 20th, 1912). Then the most infamous trade in baseball history took place when Boston sent the Babe packing for New York. The ensuing 86 years brought nothing but futility, frustration and heartache for the Sox and their fans until the "Curse of the Bambino" was broken last year as Boston beat St. Louis for the title.

Recent championship or not, I can now say that there is no feeling like stepping into Fenway on a cool summer day and watching the Sox play base-

ball. Over 35,000 fans fill the stands every single day. Fenway actually hold the second longest streak of sold out home games in MLB history. The memory of hearing those 35,000-plus roar in elation after David Ortiz sends a heater flying by Pesky's Pole in right field will not soon be forgotten.

I can honestly say I have fulfilled the dream of a lifetime. I sat in the original Fenway seats, those that sat in the very same spot when the park was erected some 93 years ago. I only hope that all of you reading today can someday share the same experience.

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Update from page B5

Mattone round out the five-member 2005 freshman class.

"We wanted to bring in guys that can shoot the basketball," Stokes said.

"We wanted to improve our perimeter shooting. You can never have enough good players that can play. Competition is always great. All in all, I think it's a great class."

The new players will have a chance to build confidence heading into conference play with a relatively weak out-of-conference schedule. Outside of an instate

trip to Wake Forest, the schedule lacks any power opponents.

"Some of the games were already scheduled," Stokes said.

"Some were inherited. We're ready for a winning season, something we haven't done in awhile."

Stokes is excited about interacting with the Minges Maniacs. While at Virginia Tech, Stokes experienced the Maniacs' first hand with a 76-60 loss to the Pirates in Greenville.

"Minges is an awesome atmosphere," Stokes said.

"The students are terrific.

We're going to look forward to being a part of the university and the student body."

But for now, Stokes is doing his part to improve his team and let Holtz soak up the headlines.

"My grandmother always told me to be careful what you wish for," Stokes said referring to the season opener.

"Everyday is a day to get better. It will be here before you know it."

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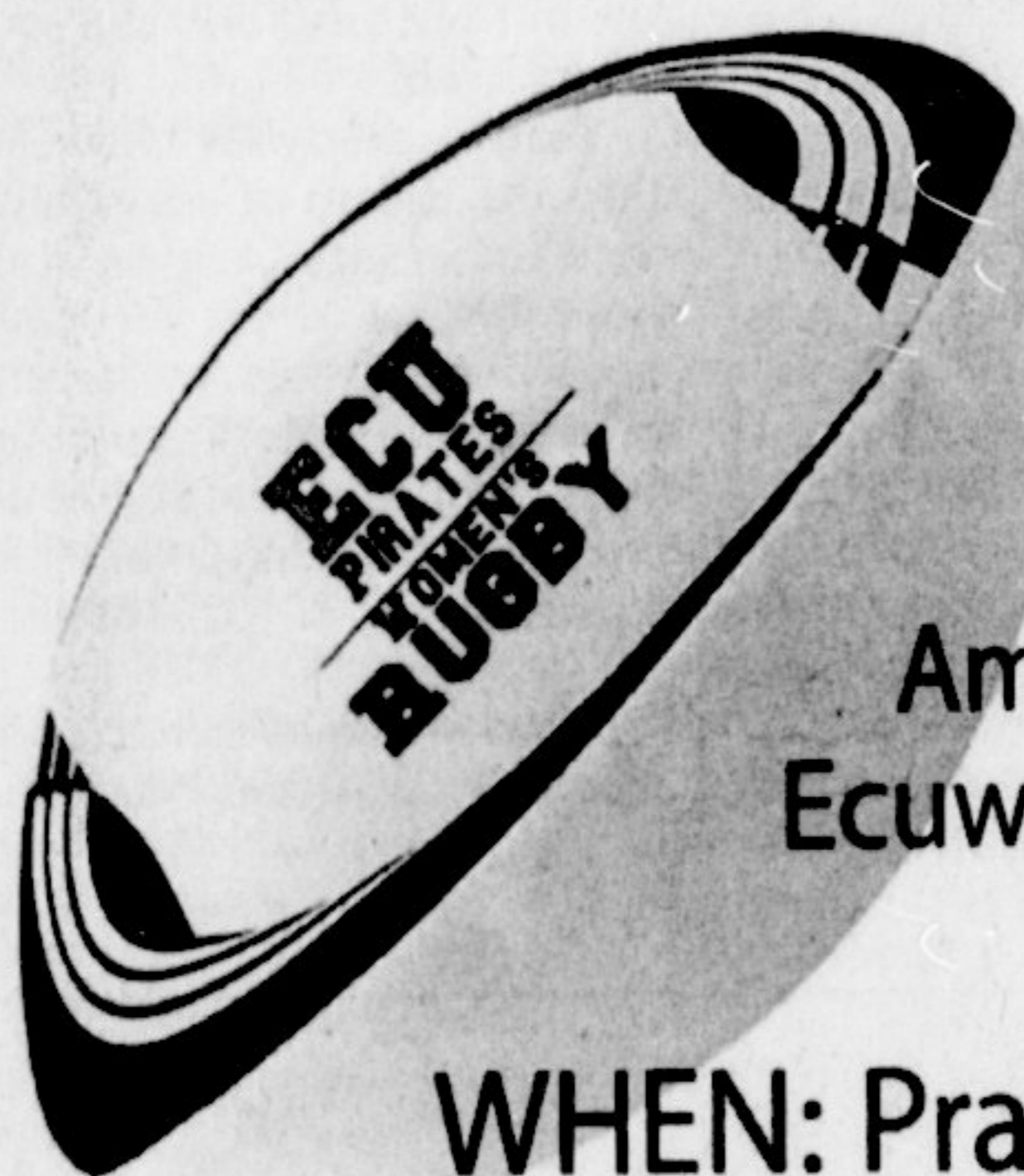
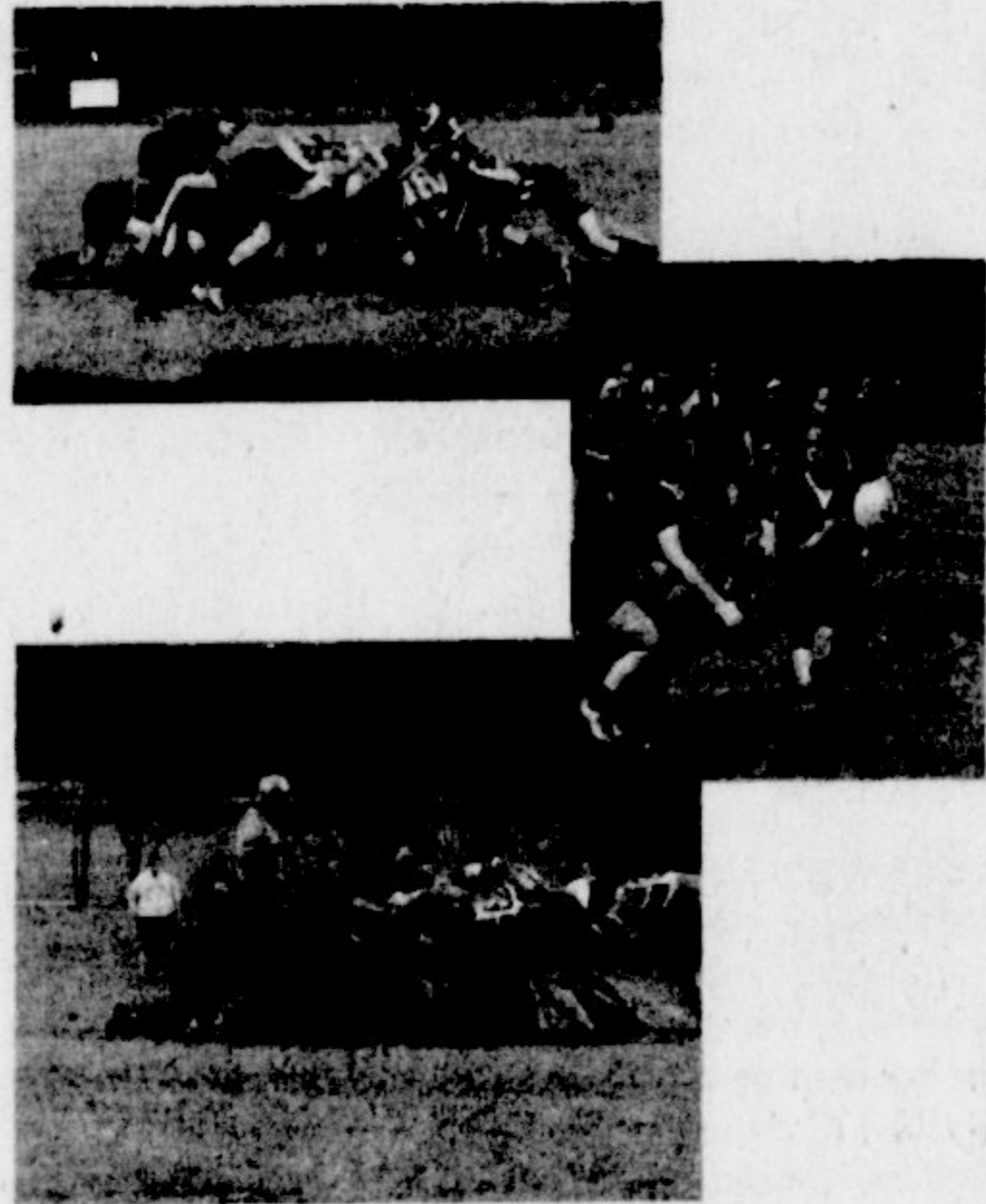
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