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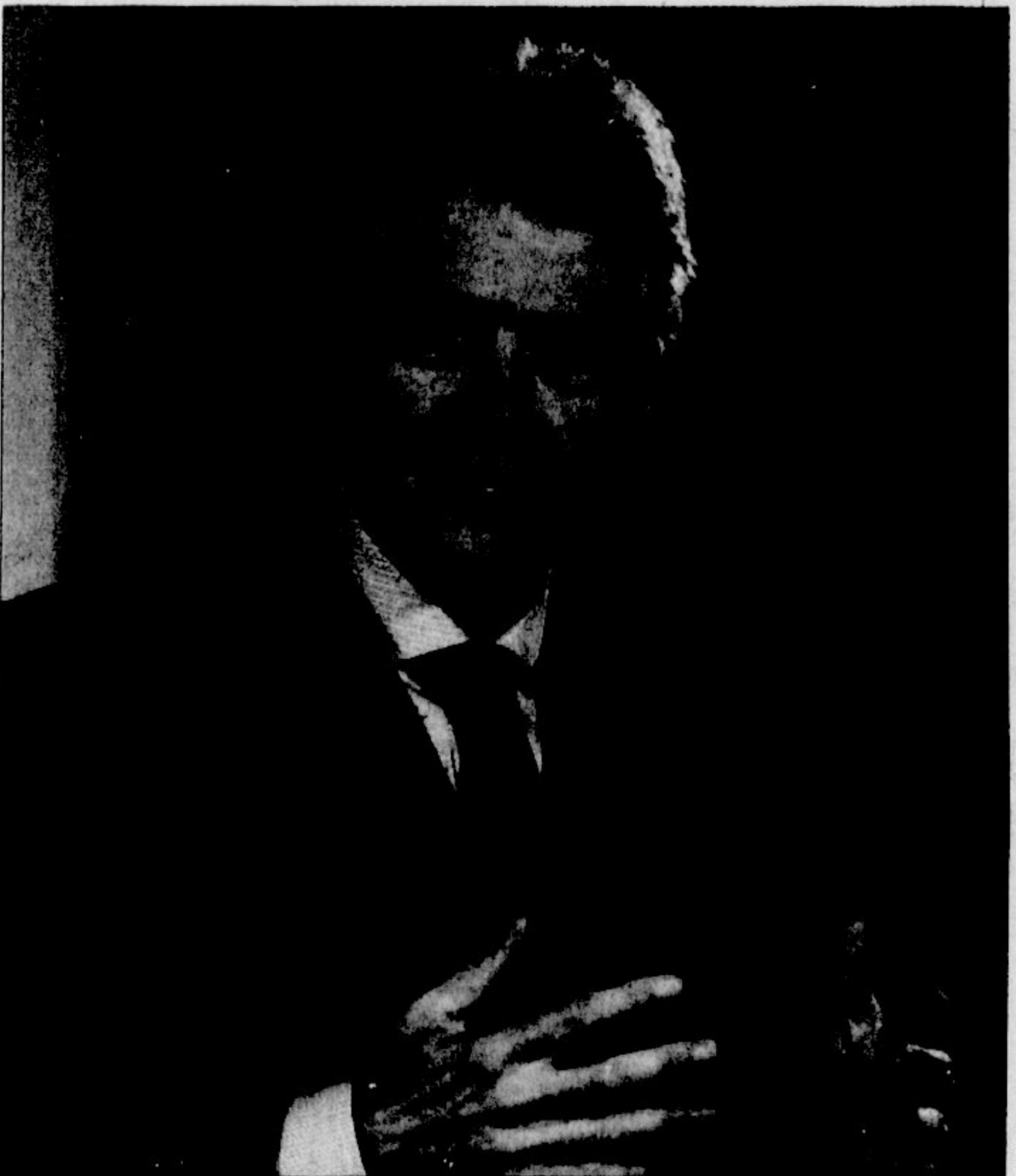
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Authorities had trouble keeping people from southern Louisiana from traveling through floodwaters in their boats to discover whether Rita wrecked their homes and livelihoods.

"I've been through quite a few of them, and we've never had water like this," said L.E. Nix, whose home on the edge of a bayou in Louisiana's Calcasieu Parish was swamped with three feet of water. "I had a little piece of paradise, and now I guess it's gone."

Randy Roach, mayor of Lake Charles, told CBS's "The Early Show" on Monday that his hard-hit seaport city of oil refineries and casinos was being patrolled by the National Guard and that clean-up was underway.

"The good news is that the water is going down, it's kind of back in the banks of the lake and our recovery process is well under way," he said. "The response has been tremendous. I really appreciate everything that the federal government has done to help us."

In Houston, which was spared the brunt of Rita, officials set up a voluntary, staggered plan for an "orderly migration" with different areas going home Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to avoid the massive gridlock that accompanied the exodus out.

By Sunday night, a seemingly endless stream of charter buses, cars and sport utility vehicles clogged the southbound lanes of Interstate 45 into Houston.

Coming on the heels of Hurricane Katrina, where many chose to ride out the storm with deadly consequences, the news coming from the aftermath of Rita was for the most part positive.

Petrochemical plants that supply a quarter of the nation's gasoline suffered only a glancing

blow, with just one major plant facing weeks of repairs.

The reflooding in New Orleans from levee breaks was isolated mostly to areas already destroyed and deserted. And contrary to dire forecasts, Rita and its heavy rains moved quickly north instead of parking over the South for days and dumping a predicted 25 inches of rain.

Along the central Louisiana coastline, where Rita's heavy rains and storm-surge flooding pushed water up to nine feet in homes and into fields of sugarcane and rice, weary evacuees slowly returned to see the damage.

Staring at the ground, shoulders stooped, clearly exhausted, many came back with stories of deer stuck on levees and cows swimming through seawater miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

"All I got now is my kids and my motor home," said Tracy Savage, 33, whose house in rural Vermilion Parish was four feet underwater.

More than 100 boats gassed up at an Abbeville car dealership Sunday before venturing out on search-and-rescue missions. Helicopters helped with house-to-house searches.

An estimated 1,000 people were rescued in Vermilion Parish,

said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Frith. About 50 people remained on a 911 checklist, and Frith said authorities would probably conclude rescue operations by Monday and begin damage assessment.

Some bayou residents who arrived with boats in hopes of getting back into their property were turned away by state officials, but many ignored warnings to stay away.

"How are you going to stop them from going to their home to check on their dog or something like that?" Frith asked.

In Cameron Parish, just across the state line from Texas and in the path of Rita's harshest winds, fishing communities were reduced to splinters, with concrete slabs the only evidence that homes once stood there. Debris was strewn for miles by water or wind. Holly Beach, a popular vacation and fishing spot, was gone. Only the stilts that held houses off the ground remained.

A line of shrimp boats steamed through an oil sheen to reach Hackberry, only to find homes and camps had been flattened. In one area, there was a flooded high school football field, its bleachers and goal posts jutting from what had become part of the Gulf of Mexico.

"In Cameron, there's really hardly anything left. Everything is just obliterated," said Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who has asked the federal government for \$34 billion to aid in storm recovery.

After a briefing with Blanco in Baton Rouge, President Bush said: "I know the people of this state have been through a lot. We ask for God's blessings on them and their families."

Just across the state line, Texas' Perry toured the badly hit refinery towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur area by air Sunday.

"Look at that," he said, pointing to a private aircraft hangar with a roof that was half collapsed and half strewn across the surrounding field. "It looks like a blender just went over the top of it."

Among the deaths attributed to Rita was a person killed in north-central Mississippi by a tornado spawned by the hurricane overturned a mobile home, and an east Texas man struck by a fallen tree. Two dozen evacuees were killed before the storm hit in a fatal bus fire near Dallas.

In the Houston area, John Willy, the top elected official in Brazoria County southwest of

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Accidents could again alter Chase results

(AP) — The knock on NASCAR's new championship format has always been that all the attention will go to the 10 drivers racing for the title, and the rest of the field will be overlooked.

Kasey Kahne and Robby Gordon changed that in the first of the 10 Chase races with acts of road rage. Kahne intentionally hit Kyle Busch and Gordon threw his helmet at Michael Waltrip, two instances that took the focus off the Chase drivers at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Their actions took the focus off winner Ryan Newman's down-to-the-wire battle with Tony Stewart and overshadowed Kurt Busch's devastating 35th-place finish.

Greg Biffle, who is second in the Nextel Cup standings, wasn't impressed.

"We looked like a circus. The NASCAR race at Loudon looked like a cheap wrestling match to me," Biffle said. "I don't think it was good for us. Drama and all that and excitement and who is going to beat who and seeing people's real personality

and people upset, that's going to happen, but I think it was a little excessive."

Still, it made for good television — something even traditionalist Mark Martin admits.

"My wife is a great indicator — she's not the biggest fan in the world — but she said that was the greatest race she'd seen all year because of all that stuff," said Martin, seventh in the Chase standings. "Be real honest about it, the people love that stuff."

But intentional wrecks and retaliation on the race track can be dangerous to everyone, as well as crippling to the 10 drivers in the Chase for the championship.

It happened to Jeremy Mayfield and Tony Stewart last year in New Hampshire, when Gordon wrecked Biffle as payback for contact earlier in the race. Mayfield and Stewart were caught in the melee, and it ended their championship hopes.

Neither recovered from those poor finishes to contend for the Nextel Cup title.

Although no Chase drivers were effected in Sunday's road-race incidents, the risk of get-

ting wrecked by a backmarker will always be there for the title contenders.

Stewart, the current points leader, believes there is little that can be done to eliminate that element from the Chase.

"You still have 43 drivers who want to win races," he said. "The guys who are outside of that top 10, they still have sponsors to impress, programs to get on track, and for some, jobs to earn. Other guys just have something to prove."

Kurt Busch was the first Chase driver to fall victim to an accident when he wrecked with Scott Riggs just two laps into Sunday's race. It dropped the reigning Nextel Cup champion to 10th in the Chase standings, with a huge hole to climb out of to win a second title.

Jimmie Johnson proved last season that one bad finish doesn't eliminate a driver from the title. He fell 242 points behind Busch last season, then won four of the final six races to lose the championship by eight points.

And Busch also had to overcome a terrible race — he blew an engine in the sixth Chase event and finished 42nd, but still went

on to win the title.

Still, he knows he has little room for error in the final nine events that begin Sunday in Dover, Del.

"We have to go and attack each race for a win," Busch said. "We have to go to Dover and expect to win and try to build our points back up."

That can be easier said than done.

Newman had a poor start to the Chase last season and never climbed higher than seventh in the standings. And Stewart and Mayfield — the two drivers caught in Robby Gordon's mess last season — stalled out at sixth and 10th.

Mayfield is hoping to avoid a similar fate this season, and thinks NASCAR will do its part to prevent any more intentional accidents.

"I don't see it getting any worse, because I'm sure at the drivers meeting this week we're going to hear a pretty powerful voice tell us this isn't going to continue on," Mayfield said. "We're going to have races where everybody is going to get carried away ... but I don't see it getting too far out of hand."

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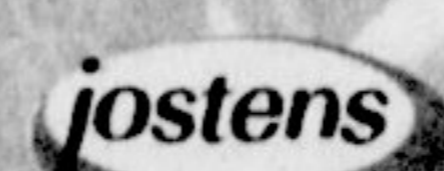
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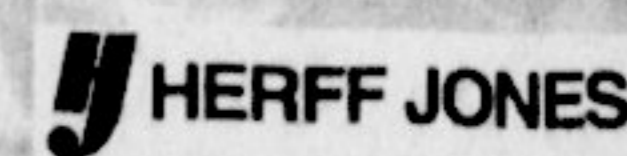
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Authorities had trouble keeping people from southern Louisiana from traveling through floodwaters in their boats to discover whether Rita wrecked their homes and livelihoods.

"I've been through quite a few of them, and we've never had water like this," said L.E. Nix, whose home on the edge of a bayou in Louisiana's Calcasieu Parish was swamped with three feet of water. "I had a little piece of paradise, and now I guess it's gone."

Randy Roach, mayor of Lake Charles, told CBS's "The Early Show" on Monday that his hard-hit seaport city of oil refineries and casinos was being patrolled by the National Guard and that clean-up was underway.

"The good news is that the water is going down, it's kind of back in the banks of the lake and our recovery process is well under way," he said. "The response has been tremendous. I really appreciate everything that the federal government has done to help us."

In Houston, which was spared the brunt of Rita, officials set up a voluntary, staggered plan for an "orderly migration" with different areas going home Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to avoid the massive gridlock that accompanied the exodus out.

By Sunday night, a seemingly endless stream of charter buses, cars and sport utility vehicles clogged the southbound lanes of Interstate 45 into Houston.

Coming on the heels of Hurricane Katrina, where many chose to ride out the storm with deadly consequences, the news coming from the aftermath of Rita was for the most part positive.

Petrochemical plants that supply a quarter of the nation's gasoline suffered only a glancing

blow, with just one major plant facing weeks of repairs.

The reflooding in New Orleans from levee breaks was isolated mostly to areas already destroyed and deserted. And contrary to dire forecasts, Rita and its heavy rains moved quickly north instead of parking over the South for days and dumping a predicted 25 inches of rain.

Along the central Louisiana coastline, where Rita's heavy rains and storm-surge flooding pushed water up to nine feet in homes and into fields of sugarcane and rice, weary evacuees slowly returned to see the damage.

Staring at the ground, shoulders stooped, clearly exhausted, many came back with stories of deer stuck on levees and cows swimming through seawater miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

"All I got now is my kids and my motor home," said Tracy Savage, 33, whose house in rural Vermilion Parish was four feet underwater.

More than 100 boats gassed up at an Abbeville car dealership Sunday before venturing out on search-and-rescue missions. Helicopters helped with house-to-house searches.

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Frith. About 50 people remained on a 911 checklist, and Frith said authorities would probably conclude rescue operations by Monday and begin damage assessment.

Some bayou residents who arrived with boats in hopes of getting back into their property were turned away by state officials, but many ignored warnings to stay away.

"How are you going to stop them from going to their home to check on their dog or something like that?" Frith asked.

In Cameron Parish, just across the state line from Texas and in the path of Rita's harshest winds, fishing communities were reduced to splinters, with concrete slabs the only evidence that homes once stood there. Debris was strewn for miles by water or wind. Holly Beach, a popular vacation and fishing spot, was gone. Only the stilts that held houses off the ground remained.

A line of shrimp boats steamed through an oil sheen to reach Hackberry, only to find homes and camps had been flattened. In one area, there was a flooded high school football field, its bleachers and goal posts jutting from what had become part of the Gulf of Mexico.

"In Cameron, there's really hardly anything left. Everything is just obliterated," said Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who has asked the federal government for \$34 billion to aid in storm recovery.

After a briefing with Blanco in Baton Rouge, President Bush said: "I know the people of this state have been through a lot. We ask for God's blessings on them and their families."

Just across the state line, Texas' Perry toured the badly hit refinery towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur area by air Sunday.

"Look at that," he said, pointing to a private aircraft hangar with a roof that was half collapsed and half strewn across the surrounding field. "It looks like a blender just went over the top of it."

Among the deaths attributed to Rita was a person killed in north-central Mississippi by a tornado spawned by the hurricane overturned a mobile home, and an east Texas man struck by a fallen tree. Two dozen evacuees were killed before the storm hit in a fatal bus fire near Dallas.

In the Houston area, John Willy, the top elected official in Brazoria County southwest of

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Our View

Tip your hat to Holtz, ECU

It is amazing the kind of difference one year, a new Athletic Director and a revamped coaching staff makes. Last year, the Gridiron Pirates went into Morganton, W.Va. and got completely hammered by the Mountaineers, 56-23. This year, the Pirates brought a brand new coaching staff and some new blood up to WVU and were a couple successful red zone trips from getting their first victory on Mountaineer turf.

Many were skeptical of Terry Holland's decision to hire Skip Holtz in early December last year. Any skepticism that is still lingering should be thoroughly stomped on after this past weekend.

The West Virginia game was truly a measuring stick for how far along this team has come under Holtz's new tutelage and you couldn't be much happier with how they measured up Saturday. There certainly were huge downsides (red zone inefficiency, turnovers, poor pass protection), but after considering all of that, a 20-15 defeat is impressive.

The run defense finally looked legitimate. Particularly in the second half, the Pirates completely shut down a very potent running attack. It's no secret Rich Rodriguez and the Mountaineers run the same game plan as the Demon Deacons over in Wake Forest - they pound the ball down your throat every single play. Last week, the Pirates choked on that game plan. One week later, they didn't like the taste so much and spit it back in WVU's face.

Something to think about here also is how the Pirates have played on the road so far this year, not just in Morgantown. Although they came out flat against Wake and could never quite dig themselves out of the whole they were stuck in, they showed a ton of heart during their comeback bid in the second half.

In the previous two years, the Pirates didn't look like a college football team on the road. They didn't look like a football team period. However, this year this team knows they have a chance to win every single week, no matter where they're playing.

This is a new team. It has more experience, better talent and maybe most importantly an entirely new attitude. Much of the credit for that is due large in part to Holtz and company, so tip your hat and get ready for what should be two very exciting home games against Southern Miss and Rice.

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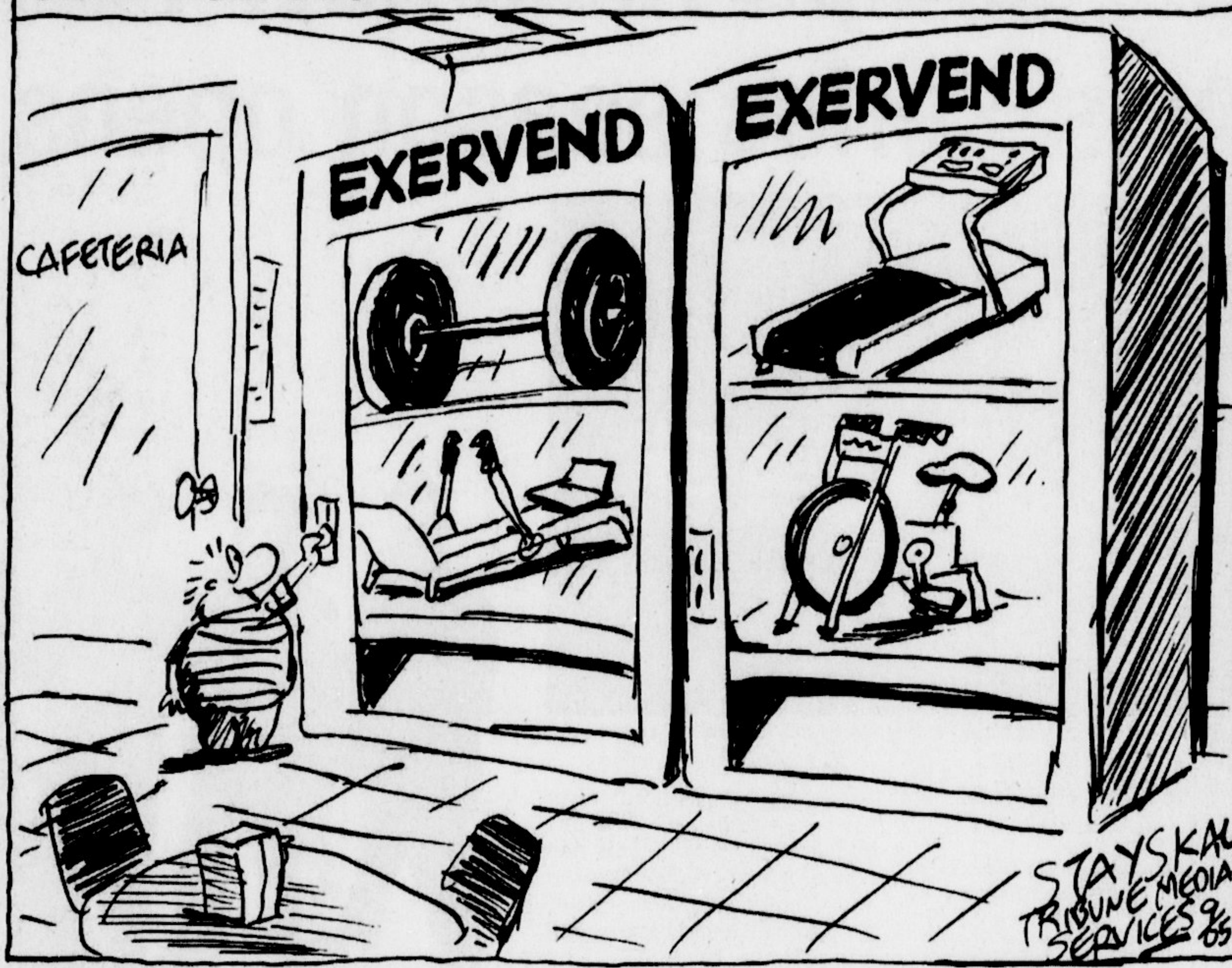
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Opinion Columnist

Are environmentalists to blame for our lack of oil?

Empty wallet and gas tank? Thank the environmentalists.

TONY MCKEE
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

Do you know that the deaths of many of our fellow Americans can be directly attributed to environmentalists each and every year? Are you aware that environmentalists are directly responsible for keeping some people locked in a seemingly inescapable cycle of poverty? Are you also aware that environmentalists are responsible for more money being transferred to oil producing, terrorist supporting Middle Eastern nations than any other single group?

For over 40 years, environmentalists have been at the forefront of a movement that has blocked oil and natural gas exploration and drilling. They have blocked energy generating expansion in the form of dams, new construction of hydroelectric, geothermal, coal fired, gas fired and nuclear powered electrical generating plants and the expansion of the electrical grid nationwide. They have even blocked the placement/building of "alternative" energy facilities in certain areas. Their record is clear: any attempt to expand our country's energy production will be fought at every turn.

A few facts for your consideration:

There are proven reserves of oil and natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic and the Pacific. There are extensive oil reserves in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. There is a huge reserve of shale oil, equivalent to or greater than the reserves of Saudi Arabia, under several of our states. Incidentally, this is the same type of oil reserve that our Socialist Canadian brethren have been reaping the benefits of for years. There is an absolutely massive amount of coal in this country that can be used for many purposes. The existence of these reserves has been public knowledge for decades. For just as many decades, these reserves have been the target of environmentalist

obstructionism and lawsuits to keep anyone from making use of them. They have been extremely effective.

The last refinery built in the U.S. was in Louisiana in 1976. That is almost 30 years without an expansion of our refining capacity. No new nuclear plants have been built for approximately the same number of years. Despite massive growth in electrical demands in the Northeast, the expansion of electrical generating and delivery capabilities there has been blocked repeatedly over the last 20-30 years. In even faster growing California, there has been practically no increase in electrical generating capacity in over 30 years.

Are you beginning to see a pattern here? Let's relate these little tidbits to current events, shall we?

California has had to resort to rolling "brown-outs" during the summer months to keep the grid from crashing for decades. I remember them doing that back in the late 1970s and early 1980s when I was there, and the practice is still prevalent. Not too many years ago (and not for the first time) Californians had to suffer through rolling blackouts to keep the grid stable. Just a few weeks ago it was reported that California was once again enacting these measures. Remember, no new generating or distribution expansion, courtesy of environmentalists.

Many of you remember the Great East Coast Blackout a few years ago. One station in the grid tripped out and caused a cascade effect that left millions of people in two countries without power. We discovered that the system had been at capacity for years, and that there was no backup or fail safe in the event of a problem. Again, thank the environmentalists.

Nuclear power is such a reviled subject among environmentalists that any mention of it elicits howls of protest and incomprehensible arguments. Incomprehensible because the U.S. has a little over 100 nuclear plants that provides a small fraction of our power. France, that Liberal sweetheart, has 59

plants that supply 75 percent of their power needs. Little Japan by itself has 53. If they have been built safely there, why are they being blocked here?

We hear and read stories every year about how some old, poor, sick person or group of people has died from the heat or cold because they couldn't afford to pay for oil, natural gas, or electricity. They can't afford them because the price is too high. The price is too high because the supply is low. The supply is low because for 40 plus years environmental obstructionists have blocked exploration and progress. How many people have died from exposure as a direct result of environmentalist's actions?

Here's a simple economic truth: when demand for a commodity remains the same or increases, and the supply decreases or is intentionally, artificially restricted, the more that commodity will cost.

The economies of the world run on electricity and fossil fuels. The cost of almost everything we use, drink, wear, eat, your college tuition, your phone, your game system and even the paycheck you receive depends on oil in some way. If we cannot develop known supplies of oil, or use some existing alternatives such as coal and nuclear power, the price of everything will continue to increase. If the cost of basic needs increases because we are being forced to ignore available resources, people with limited means (the poor) will have to spend more just to survive and will never be able to lift themselves out of poverty.

When is enough too much? How many more people have to die because of environmentalist intransigence?

The next time you fill up your car, the next time you can't go somewhere because you can't afford the gas, the next time your money doesn't go as far as it did the month before, the next time you read about someone dying from exposure because they cannot afford heat or A/C, raise your eyes to the sky and yell as loud as you can:

"Thank you, environmentalists!"

In My Opinion

Rita and U.S. energy supply: Comes yet another warning

(KRT) — Just as the oil industry was beginning to recover from Hurricane Katrina, Rita is threatening the Gulf Coast, shutting down another set of crucial oil rigs and refineries.

Mother Nature is unmasking the vulnerability of the U.S. energy supply and its potential to damage the economy and national security. The problem has been brewing for years, like a slow-moving tropical storm. Washington needs to stop ignoring the signs and change its supply-side myopia.

Hurricane Rita is likely to spike gas prices again, possibly worse than Katrina. Pump prices set a national record on Sept. 5. Even more natural gas and oil facilities are in harm's way this time.

One-third of U.S. refining capacity lies between Pascagoula, Miss., and Corpus Christi, Texas. Before Katrina hit, U.S. refineries were running near 97 percent capacity. Supply is so tight that even a small disruption — such as the March explosion at a BP refinery in Texas — can fluctuate prices.

Even if the Texas refineries don't take a direct hit from Rita, they'll need

several days to power back up after the precautionary shutdown, assuming they have electricity.

Congress needs to ease this economic rollercoaster by redirecting the United States' energy future.

As usual, decision-makers see "more oil" as the answer to U.S. energy woes. They want to drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or in deepwater offshore rigs.

Even if more crude became available — domestic or imported — U.S. refineries would be hard-pressed to process it. Although the industry has expanded existing plants, no new refinery has been built in 30 years, partly because of regulatory hurdles and local siting opposition. Congress should pass pending legislation to expedite permitting and construction.

But new refineries will take years to come online. In the meantime, consumers need help cutting demand.

Ford Motor Co.'s announcement Wednesday that it intends to offer more gas-electric hybrid models is a step in the right direction that other car makers should follow.

However, Ford's hybrid goal — 250,000 by 2010 — simply matches what Toyota expects to make this year. U.S. automakers will need a bigger push to abandon their gas-guzzler ways, just as they did to add seat belts and air bags.

Congress should update fleet fuel-economy standards, largely unchanged since 1985. With existing technology and without compromising safety, automakers can do better than President Bush's feeble proposal to nudge SUV gas mileage up 1.5 miles over a few years.

Reps. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., suggest a gradual increase from 27.5 to 33 miles per gallon over 10 years. That could save 2.6 million barrels of oil a day by 2025.

Consumers need to step up, too. While demanding investigations into price gouging and oil company profits, Americans aren't conserving fuel by reducing their driving miles.

The recent hurricanes are a harsh lesson that America's energy habits need to change — on a national and individual level.

Pirate Rant

I graduated in May, got a job in Raleigh. The News and Observer doesn't have Pirate Rants. This sucks.

I want to commend the person from Thursday's Pirate Rant who used the term "black." This person was correct, if you're not from Africa, you're NOT African-American.

Everyone was thinking it, Wolf Blitzer just had the balls to let it slip out.

To the group that sits on the steps outside of Tyler and smokes all day and night! DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR LIFE! Get off your butt and go walk around the block, we all know you need it! Yes you, the girl who stares at me when I'm walking my girlfriend home at night! The rule is you are not allowed to smoke 10-feet from the door.

Help! It's midnight I'm downtown and I just realized I don't have my sunglasses. What do I do? Sincerely, Every frat guy on campus

When will the White House come clean about the CIA leak that jeopardized national security and put our troops in danger? Fire Karl Rove. And do some research Tony McKee.

I'm convinced that most conservatives will never blame Bush for anything! He's the perfect president right? My gosh no one ever said that Bush was responsible for Hurricanes, or making people leave. But he does have a "duty" to "respond" when there is a state emergency!

I dropped my phone in the toilet what do I do?

To people that think they must nap in order to get through the day, or people that nap every day: There are no naps in the working world, and some of us have to make it through an entire day of class with no nap, and then go to work at night and come back to do homework. Grow up some and get some sleep at night.

I love how all ECU teachers relate all classroom materials to alcohol and drugs. Gosh I love ECU.

It's the 1 Card, not the OneCard or the OneStop Card.

TEC - where are your crossword puzzles? They were here at the beginning of the semester — did they transfer to another university? Every time I see a new edition of TEC, I get excited, but I search through its pages in vain. Please stop building me up, only to let me down.

Hey guy in my policy class that always walks in and says "oh \$@#!, we have a quiz today?" Why don't you look at the syllabus occasionally or drop out?

Roommates are just that - someone to share a place with. So stop eating my food!

Rugby is a fast-paced and brutal sport. Add females and you have a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. More people should come out and watch these ladies in action, their intensity and heart is really something to see.

To the professors that keep students "just one more minute" after class is over, you're making us miss the buses that only run every 30 minutes. So, in effect, you're wasting an extra 31 minutes of our day, not one minute. Please stop as we have a life outside of your class and things we need to get done.

To All: Stop being racist. You all suck.

I didn't have to do a strip tease to join a social group. So, I guess you are right, Miss Sorority girl, we are jealous of you.

To the professor that called students monkeys the other day in a pirate rant: You guys are the ones that make us this crazy. We have to release somehow.

Congratulations to Sara Spuller, the new Junior Class President.

Jennifer Hobbs' "Random Column" from last week was a refreshing change from the "Our View" column. Let's make that permanent.

To the girls at ECU — it must really suck to be like everyone else. You ALL look the same: fake blond hair, same clothes, same shoes, etc. Why don't you start being yourself?

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Picks of the Week

Music:

Coheed & Cambria - Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume 1: From Fear Through the Eyes of Madness

If you think the album title is long, you'll definitely get your money's worth with the handful of six and seven minute songs contained within Coheed's latest release. This album is no sophomore slump for these New York rockers. With crazy time signatures, talented guitar riffs and Claudio Sanchez's recognizable voice, not to mention a backing orchestra on a few tracks, this album really delivers. Enjoy banging your head to their current single "Welcome Home" and mellow out to "Always and Never."

Movies:

'Happy Gilmore'

Watch as Happy Gilmore (Adam Sandler) tries to raise money to buy his Grandmother's repossessed house back by becoming a professional golfer. With the help of his coach, Chubbs (Carl Weathers), Happy takes on the best golfers of the PGA tour. Funniest part of the movie - watch as Happy and Bob Barker get into a fist fight. "The price is wrong Bob."

Television:

'Boston Legal' Tuesday at 10 p.m. ABC

Step into the office of Crane, Poole & Schmidt for a second season of justice and insanity. With an Emmy winning cast of James Spader, William Shatner and Candace Bergen you'll witness life behind the scenes of the courtroom (however odd it may be). Can law partner Shirley Schmidt (Bergen) really bring order to the office? Tune in to see.

Books:

'All the President's Men' - Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein

An excellent book for all of you history buffs out there. Travel back a few decades into the life of Woodward and Bernstein, two Washington Post reporters who helped to uncover and dig deeper into the Watergate scandal. Read through their encounters with "Deep Throat" and the adversity they face trying to publish their revealing articles. For those who have been living under a rock, this is a true story.

S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series season opens with class



Dallas Brass is participating in the "Music in the Schools" project.

Dallas Brass at Wright Auditorium

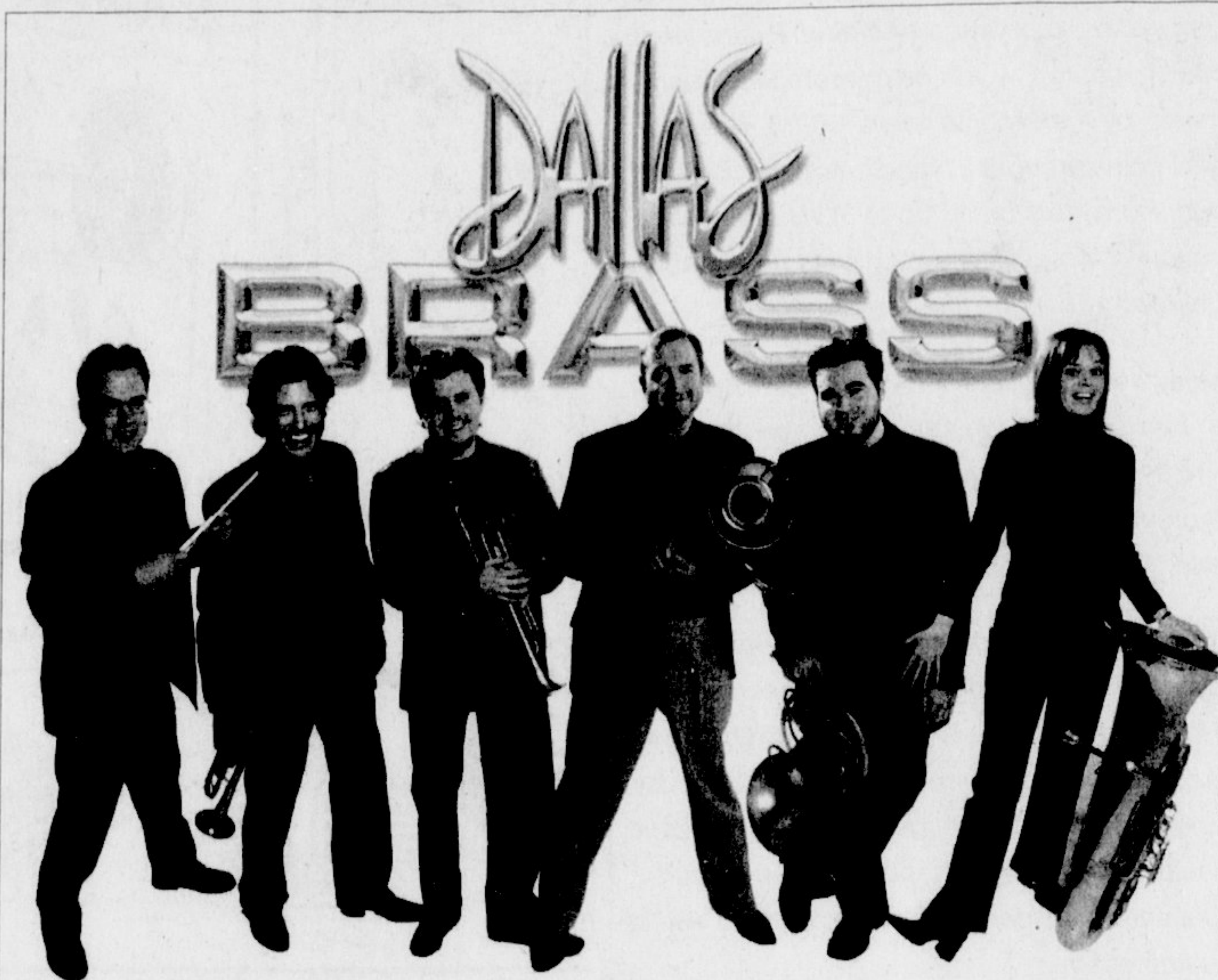
AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Schoolwork and frequent tests now loom over the heads of students and professors, a sign that the fall semester is well underway. Life can be overwhelming at times, which is part of the reason why Cultural Outreach Director Carol Woodruff said, "It's time to get this show on the road," in reference to the 2005-2006 S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series. Woodruff has coordinated for some top performances to grace Greenville with their presence this upcoming season, and should provide an enjoyable outlet for anyone who is stressed, overworked or simply looking for a great time.

Dallas Brass, a well-known brass sextet, will kick off the series Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

The sextet features horn player Chris Castellanos, who has mixed tunes with talents like Frank Sinatra, Wayne Newton and Charlotte Church - trumpet players Charles Lazarus and Brian Neal - tuba player and founding member John Wasson who acts as principal composer and artistic director - trombone player Michael Lavine and percussionist Walter White who has performed throughout the United States and Europe. The sextet's musical performances include pieces that stem from folk, ragtime, Tin Pan Alley and jazz. Woodruff said the performance will be a lively and interactive tribute to American music which includes their selections of popular, patriotic and also concert pieces.

Dallas Brass is also coming to Greenville as part of the "Music in the Schools" project, and will lead a residency clinic for 100 selected Pitt County School students during their stay in east-



Group members Charles Lazarus and Brian Neal play trumpets, John Wasson, group founder, on the tuba, Michael Lavine on trombone, Walter White with percussion and Chris Castellanos playing horns.

ern North Carolina. The clinic will not only enable students to receive tips on how to become better musicians, but they also will learn a specialized breathing technique specific to Dallas Brass, and practice their set pieces with the sextet.

"I am so excited about this event. The students will be sitting in the auditorium with their instruments in their lap during the performance. When Dallas Brass has concluded, the students will be invited on stage to do the last selection with the sextet. It

should be a fun event for all ages," said Woodruff.

Dallas Brass says they designed the project "to be a musical inspiration for the students and their families ... to help motivate students to increase their musical involvement, practice harder, strive to excel and to realize the lifelong enjoyment and satisfaction that being involved in music can provide," as was relayed by an International Press Release.

The sextet has been around since Lavine founded it in 1983, and has collaborated with the

Cincinnati Pops, New York Pops and the Philly Pops. Dallas Brass has performed in Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and has toured in Europe and the Far East.

The ensemble has released five recordings, including *Debut*, *Dallas Brass II*, *A Merry Christmas with Brass*, *Windborne* and *Nutcracker*. "This is a great group to open up our season with. They come from a highly successful background, which shows through

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A day in life of: SGA President M. Cole Jones

Names in the News:

'DASTON' WEDDING

Yet another event we're destined to remember for the rest of our lives. The phenomenon that is Dashton was made official Saturday night. Reports are sketchy, but indicate that would mean Ashton Kutcher, 27, must stop calling Demi Moore, 42, "ma." While Dashton reps have not confirmed any matrimony, both People mag and Us Weekly say the couple's Los Angeles-area wedding was attended by about 100 of their friends. However, for reasons unknown, the name of only one such friend is so far known: Lucy Liu. Family members included Demi's ex Bruce Willis and their three daughters. Ashton has become fast friends with his stepdaughters, Rumer, 17 - Scout, 14 - and Tallulah, 11, who refer to him as MOD, short for "My Other Dad." Ashton, best known for his MTV prank fest, "Punk'd," began dating the "G.I. Jane" and "Striptease" star in May 2003. This is his first foray into married bliss and Demi's third. (From 1980 to '84, she was married to musician Freddie Moore.)

LIKE A VIRGIN

Steve Carell, who took his shtick from Jon Stewart's "Daily Show" all the way to the heights of the Hollywood Hills and all in just one lifetime will host the season premiere of NBC's "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. The "40-Year-Old Virgin" star will share the glory with musical guest Kanye West.

NOT SO BLESSED

Yep, it's true: "Sopranos" star Jamie-Lynn DiScala, formerly Sigler, and her hubby, A.J. DiScala, have split up after two years of marriage. A.J. confirms the news to the New York Daily News, adding there may be hope for reconciliation after all, but as of now, "it's a separation." A.J. said rumors the couple were fighting over his alleged drinking and gambling transgressions are totally false.

RELIEF EFFORTS

As part of its New Yorker Festival, New Yorker magazine sponsored a concert Saturday night in the Big Apple to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Event tickets cost from \$50 to \$250 (all proceeds are to go to the American Red Cross), and afforded consumers of the arts a smorgasbord of Nobel-, Pulitzer-, Grammy- and Oscar-winning culture-makers including zydeco music, Toni Morrison, Lou Reed, Elvis Costello, Kevin Kline, Richard Ford, Willem Dafoe and Woody Allen.



SGA President Jones finds ways to show his Pirate Pride everyday.

M. Cole Jones handling his presidential duties

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

We never stop to think of all the work the Student Government Association does for the student body. We merely go about our day, attending classes, hanging out in the mall never thinking about what SGA truly does for us.

M. Cole Jones is the 2005-2006 SGA president. He was the immediate past president of Student Athlete Advisory Council and is the Assistant District Director of the North Carolina chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

It must be a busy job being SGA president and a student as well. This was proven when it took me two days just to get in contact with this busy man. Jones has an overpowering goal orientated presence and by just speaking to him one can see he is destined for great things. It's no surprise that a day in his shoes is hectic but fulfilling.

TEC: So Mr. Jones what is a typical day like for you?

M. Cole Jones: A typical day for me begins with preparing

myself for the activities of the upcoming day. I have to always be on my toes in case the schedule changes. There are often times emergency meetings and I have to be alert and expect anything. I have to be aware of everything that's going on. I come into my office three to four times a week for two hours just to prepare for events and meetings and do the work of SGA. I have to prepare forms and look at what needs improvement on campus and what needs to be implemented. It's real work but I am excited about my job as SGA president.

TEC: How do you manage being a student and SGA president and still have time to engage in a social life?

M. Cole Jones: Being SGA president can be an overwhelming full-time job if I'm not careful. The key to being a successful president is ultimately having excellent time management skills. I am still a student. If I didn't practice time management I couldn't be an effective president. I know I cannot do it all. I have to weigh out the issues and pick and choose where my attention goes and what other things can be delegated to other officers of SGA.

TEC: So it's safe to say that

you are a pretty busy man?

M. Cole Jones: I am extremely busy. I have to constantly check myself and my schedule in order to maintain a relationship with my family and my significant other. I have to make sure I dedicate equal time to them as much as I do to SGA. Like I said, there's only so much I can do. I focus on what's needed. I focus on what's primary and secondary but each student issue is treated as an important issue.

TEC: Do you see any problems within SGA?

M. Cole Jones: In the past, there have been problems with effective transition of leadership. It doesn't work if one school year things are going toward one direction and then the next term of officers come in and start from scratch all over again. That's not the way to make progress. So we've started to keep files and document all the things we've done this year so when new officers are elected they can have a template, something concrete to look at and follow. From this they will be able to see where SGA should go from that point.

TEC: As SGA president do you have to attend at least one

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Restaurant Review: Chico's Mexican Restaurant

The whole enchilada

EMILY JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

If you're craving Mexican food with an American touch, then Chico's is the place to go. Located downtown on Cotanche Street, it's just a hop, skip and a jump from west campus. From pollo quesero to buffalo wings, Chico's offers dishes for all tastes. And you don't have to drain your wallet for a good meal.

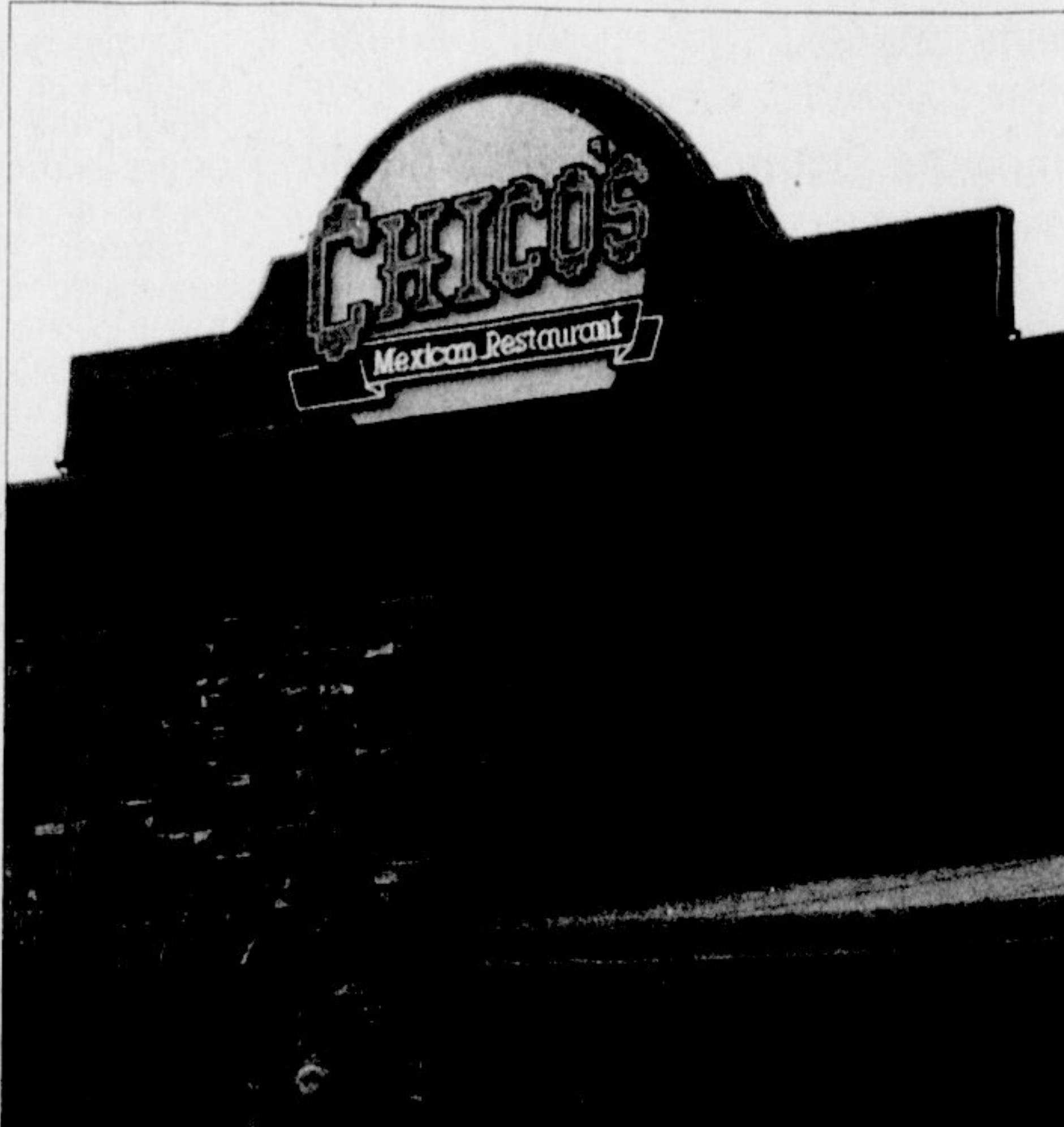
Upon entering the restaurant you are immediately greeted by the hostess and even servers passing by. You have a choice of three places that you may sit - the bar, the patio or the main dining room. The bar is a popular hangout for college students as the restaurant is near campus and the downtown nightlife. They offer various kinds of beers from domestic to Mexican imports. If you've never tried their margaritas, make that a must next time

you visit Chico's, you won't regret it. And of course you can order just about any kind of liquor drink you can think of. Specials are offered daily. One thing to be aware of is that Chico's is very dedicated to not allowing underage drinking. Your ID will be checked when you order a drink and if the server or bartender has a question about its authenticity, they can refuse service.

Open seasonally, the patio is a nice place to eat, relax and get some fresh air. The main dining room is a large room to the right of the entrance and the bar. It is a fairly large room with a quasi-authentic Mexican décor. The walls are adorned with colorful murals depicting Mexican themed scenes. Various shaped piñatas hang from the ceiling. Green plants fill in the empty spaces, adding warmth to the room. The lighting is not too dark, nor too bright. And over a hot plate of fajitas you can quietly jam to oldies music. The overall

ambiance of the main dining room is an inviting Mexican themed American restaurant.

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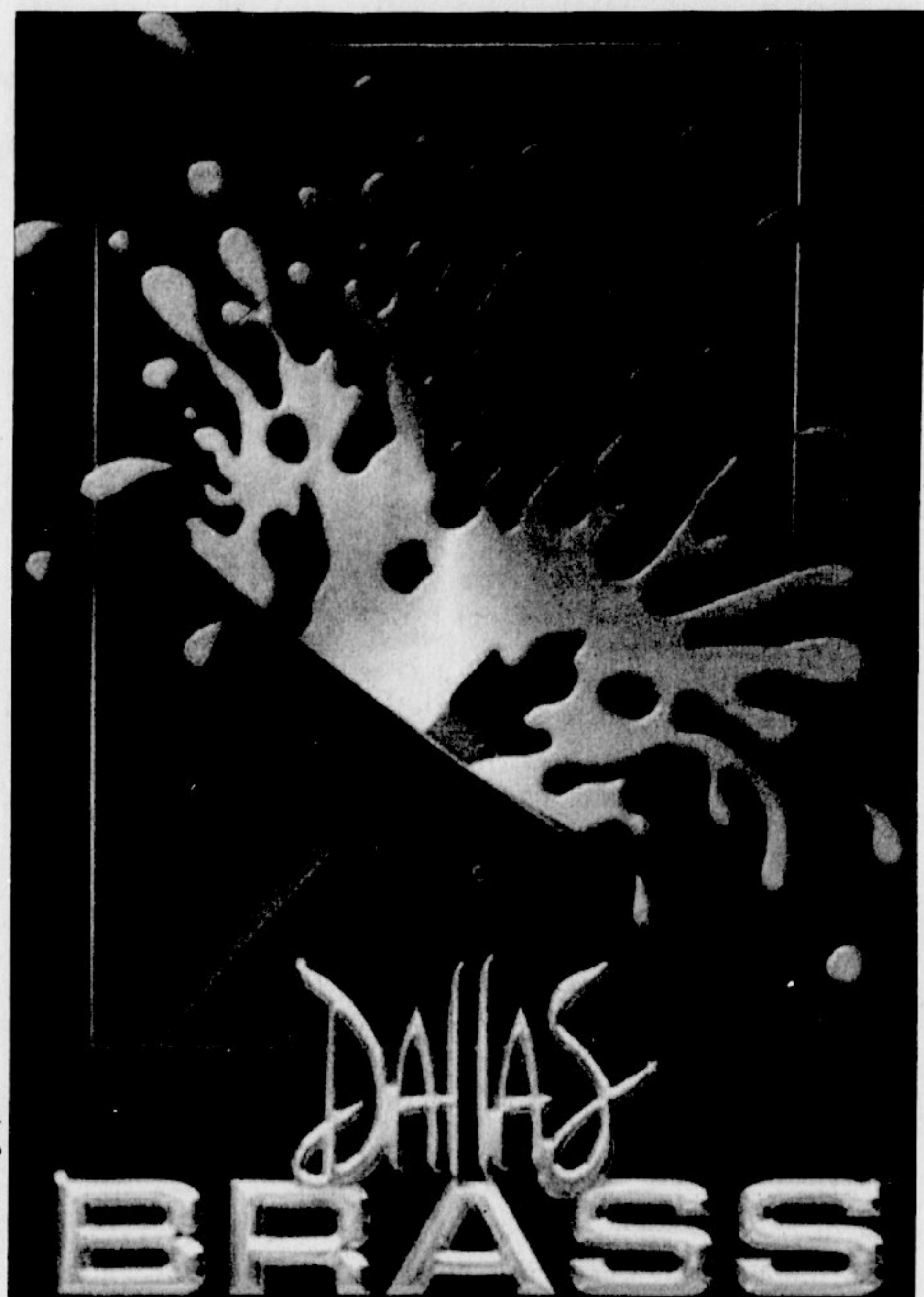
their music. Their performances are always full of high energy and friendly banter with the audience to keep it lively," Woodruff said.

Now in its 43rd season, the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents a variety of renowned performers during this 2005-2006 season, including Opera Verdi Europa's performance of Verdi's *Macbeth* and the dance company PilobolusToo.

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Dallas Brass tries to add new entertaining splashes of instrumental genius to their show each year as they grow and change as a sextet.

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of every student organization's events?

M. Cole Jones: I try to attend as many events as my schedule allows but what we are starting to do now is send SGA representatives to at least one meeting of every organization we provide money and funding to each year. That way the students in those organizations can voice their concerns directly to an SGA representative. We are working on getting that started.

TEC: What is the magic formula to getting things done within SGA?

M. Cole Jones: The key is to have a strong relationship with the SGA members and officers. To get things done we have to have a good relationship with one another. I have to have a rapport with every member. SGA was not this way in the past and I think

it hurt the leadership. There are always obstacles but I try not to get discouraged and I pray.

TEC: So why did you want to become SGA president?

M. Cole Jones: I decided to run because there was a need for a dynamic leader and that person was me. The image of SGA was deteriorating and it needed to be brought back to a dignified state. I feel that I have what it takes to get things moving and get the issues on campus solved.

TEC: How do you keep up with all the issues on campus and all the student concerns?

M. Cole Jones: I have to familiarize myself with all the issues of the university. I have to talk to students and I regularly read The East Carolinian to find out what are the common interest and concerns of the students.

TEC: What is it that you want

students to know about you are your position as SGA president?

M. Cole Jones: I want everyone to understand that SGA is not a dictatorship. Students have to remember that we didn't ask to do these jobs - we volunteered our services to serve the needs of the students. SGA officers and I were sworn in to represent the student body. It would be a disservice to do this paid job and not serve the needs of the students. At the end of the day, the welfare of each student is what really matters not those that are in the positions of leadership.

Next time you are walking around campus and see some kind of helpful change, think about how the hard work of SGA helped to create it.

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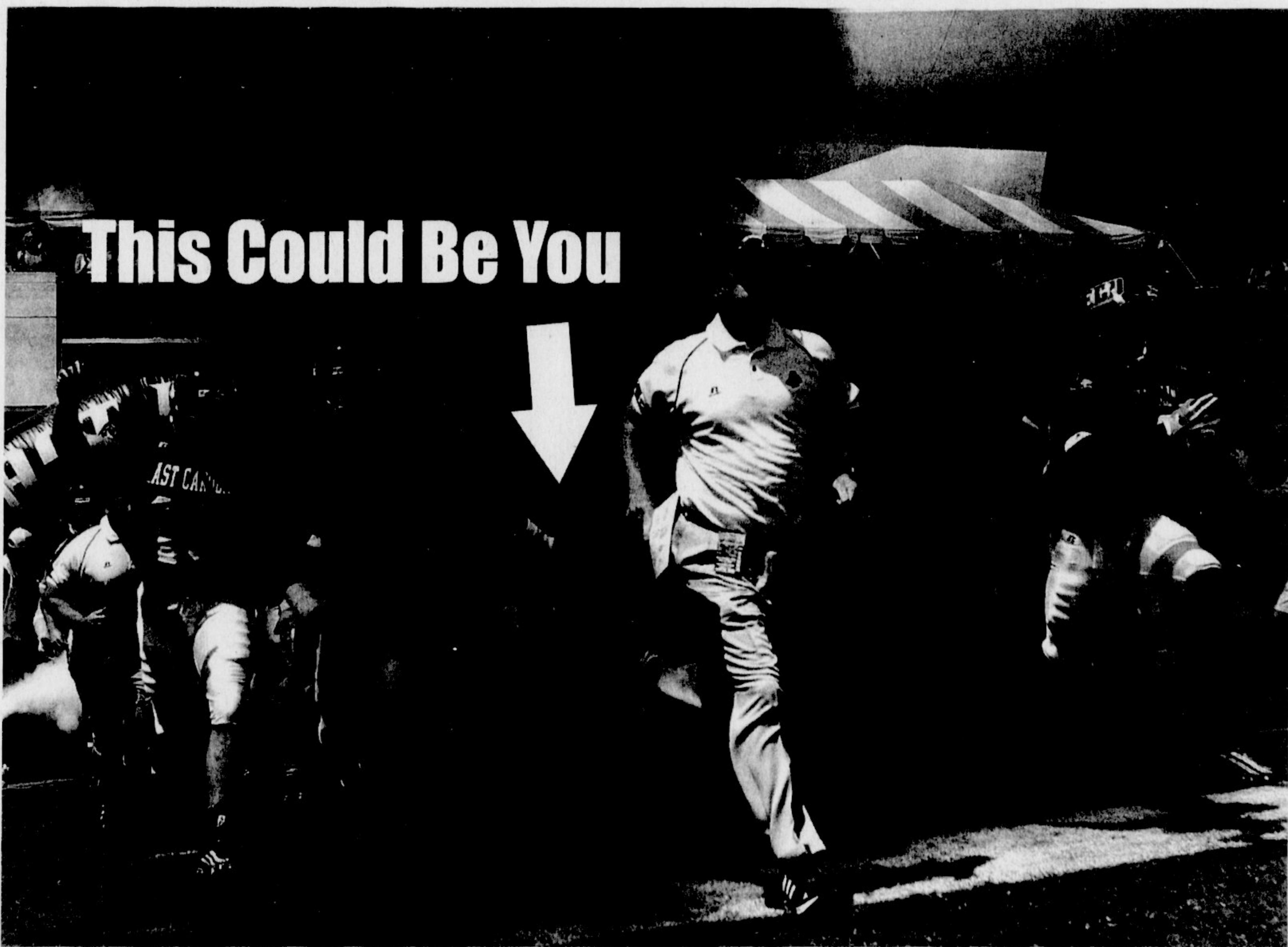
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Pirates come up short in Morgantown

Carolina trims four from roster as season nears
The Carolina Hurricanes trimmed their roster Monday by sending four players to its minor-league affiliate in Lowell. Defenseman Bruno St. Jacques and forwards Colin Forbes, Dave Gove and Gordie Dwyer joined the Lowell Lock Monsters of the American Hockey League as the team began training camp Monday. The moves leave Carolina with 26 players on their roster as they prepare this week for their final two preseason games. Carolina opens the regular season Oct. 5 at Tampa Bay. St. Jacques had two goals and 12 assists in 68 games last season with Lowell. He played in 35 games with Carolina in 2003-04 after making the team out of training camp. Forbes was Lowell's third-highest scorer last year with 27 goals and 37 assists in 76 games. He has played in 302 NHL games with Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, the New York Rangers, Ottawa and Washington, collecting 33 goals, 28 assists and 211 penalty minutes. Gove had 13 goals and 18 assists last season with Providence of the AHL. Dwyer had two goals, seven assists and a team-high 183 penalty minutes last year with Lowell. He has five assists and 394 penalty minutes in 108 NHL games.

Bills lose Spikes for season

Buffalo Bills Pro Bowl linebacker Takeo Spikes will miss the rest of the season with a torn right Achilles' tendon. The Bills announced the news Monday a day after Spikes was hurt in a 22-16 loss to Atlanta. The injury is a significant blow to a veteran defense being counted on to relieve the pressure on first-year starting quarterback J.P. Losman. Angelo Crowell will replace Spikes. Buffalo's defense has struggled even with Spikes healthy, allowing a combined 721 yards in its past two games, including a 19-3 loss at Tampa Bay on Sept. 18. Spikes was hurt in the second quarter pressuring quarterback Michael Vick. It's unclear what happened on the play, but Spikes was left lying face down on the field a few feet in front of Vick, who had overthrown receiver Roddy White. Spikes slammed his helmet to the ground when he rolled over and then grimaced as he tried to kneel. He required help getting to the sideline, unable to place much weight on his right foot. He was in tears when he was carted to the training room.

Bollinger to start for Jets

Third-string quarterback Brooks Bollinger is expected to start for the New York Jets against Baltimore after both starter Chad Pennington and backup Jay Fiedler injured their shoulders Sunday. Pennington and Fiedler were scheduled to undergo MRI exams Monday, but coach Herman Edwards said the results wouldn't be known until today. Pennington, who had offseason surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder, was sacked on consecutive plays during the Jets' first series of the second half of their 26-20 overtime loss to Jacksonville. On third-and-11, Pennington was taken down by Bobby McCray and the quarterback fumbled for the second straight down and recovered, but his shoulder was injured on the play. Fiedler came in, but was hit while completing a 16-yard pass to Justin McCareins - his sixth play in place of Pennington - with 13:09 left in the fourth quarter. Pennington came back to lead the Jets on two scoring drives, both capped by field goals, but clearly was hurting. Bollinger, in his third season with the Jets out of Wisconsin, has appeared in just one NFL game, last year against Arizona. He replaced an injured Quincy Carter in the Jets' 13-3 win and was 5-of-9 for 60 yards.

Wizards second-rounder Blatche shot in carjacking

Washington Wizards rookie forward Andray Blatche was shot during an attempted carjacking and remained hospitalized on Monday. Blatche's mother, Angela Oliver, told the Post-Standard of Syracuse, New York that her 19-year-old son was shot once in the chest while riding in a car near his home in Alexandria, Virginia but that the bullet did not hit any vital organs. He is being treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital, in Fairfax Virginia.

Gridiron Bucs run out of time in fourth quarter

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On paper, West Virginia was supposed to embarrass ECU with their lethal running attack. But when time expired, the Mountaineers barely survived their own embarrassment.

The Pirates' upset bid came up just short in a 20-15 loss to WVU in Morgantown, W. Va. on Saturday afternoon. Luckily for WVU, ECU only notched nine points out of their first four trips inside their red zone.

"It's frustrating," said first-year Head Coach Skip Holtz.

"It's disappointing. It's painful to be where we are right now with our [1-2] record. In the locker room after the game, there wasn't a lot of smiles. We've got to a point where we can close the door. We had our opportunities."

Trailing by five with less than four minutes remaining, ECU had chances two drives to take the lead. On the first drive, ECU went three-and-out pinned deep in their territory. The Pirates (1-2) were given another chance when the defense stopped WVU (4-0) on a fourth-and-short with 20 seconds remaining. With no time outs, quarterback James Pinkney couldn't advance the ball past the ECU 46. The junior was sacked as time expired.

Chances are the one thing ECU hasn't had many times in the previous two seasons. In the 2004 season opener against WVU, Kay-Jay Harris set a Big East record for single-game rushing with 337 yards.

But on Saturday, ECU stifled WVU's renowned running attack for only 127 yards, a 280 yard improvement from Wake Forest. Chris Moore tormented WVU for 12 tackles including three for loss.

"We moved our defensive line around a bit," Holtz said.

"I was pleased with the way we played defensively."

Touting the No. 1 pass defense coming into the game, ECU picked off three WVU passes. Cornerbacks Erode Jean and Kasey Ross notched their first interceptions of the season. Safety Zach Baker is second in the nation with three picks in three games.

Early on, WVU had the upper hand. After a Pinkney fumble on the opening possession, WVU quarterback Adam Bednarik hit Darius Reynaud on a 15-yard strike. After the teams traded pos-

sessions, a special teams blunder proved costly.

Antonio Lewis returned a Ryan Dougherty punt 76 yards in the second quarter. It was the second straight year that a Mountaineer had returned a punt on ECU for 76 yards. It was also the third straight game that a special teams mistake had directly led to opponent's points.

"We have to sure some things up," Holtz said.

"We have to sit down and look at one our personnel and two, our scheme."

Wake stretched their lead to 20-3 when backup quarterback Pat White hit Brandon Myles for 10-yards on a post route. The 11-play drive in the second quarter was the last time WVU would score.

ECU kicker Robert Lee continued his perfect streak on the season with 22, 25 and 35-yard field goals. Lee is 6-of-6 on field goals and 7-of-7 on PATs.

"Offensively, there were a lot of good things," Holtz said.

"Unfortunately, we didn't do them all at the same time."

Pinkney was pulled for a series in the second quarter in favor of backup Kort Shankweiler. Pinkney finished 20-of-33 for 204 yards. The Delray Beach, Fla. native often found his favorite receiver, but missed check-down reads. "James is in his fourth offense in four years," Holtz said.

"We've got to get him to develop fundamentally with his speed and his mind in his read progressions going from one to the other. He didn't have one of his stronger days."

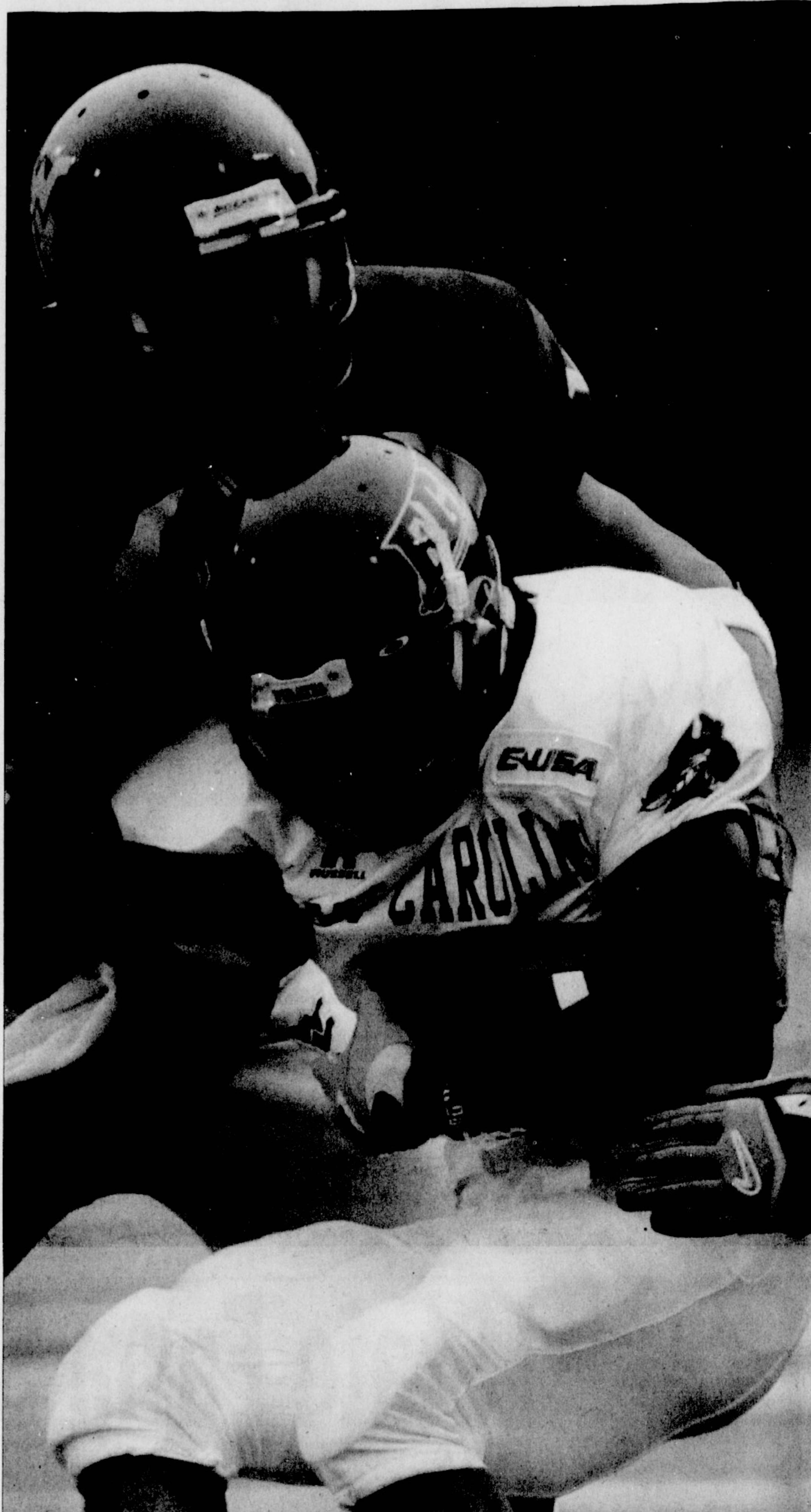
Pinkney passed often to Aundrae Allison, who continued his assault on opposing defenses. Allison finished with 10 catches for 123 yards and a touchdown. Currently, the junior wideout is No. 2 nationally in receiving yards averaging 148 yards per game.

ECU will try to bounce bay when they open conference play against Southern Mississippi (1-1) inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. The second home game will mark High School Band Day and Military Appreciation Day.

"We continue to be a work in progress," the first-year coach said.

"When we can put our offense together against Wake Forest, our defense together against West Virginia and our special teams together from Duke, we're going to be a heck of a football team."

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Chris Johnson is stopped for no gain by West Virginia defensive back Eric Wicks.

Lady Pirates win physical battle with St. Joe's



The Lady Pirates will have a double dose of C-USA opponents this weekend against Rice and UH.

Women's Soccer improves to 4-6, will start C-USA play this week

JOSH FERNANDEZ
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It could have been the ninety-degree temperature. It also could have been the tough loss last week against Furman. But for two teams that have never even met on the field, there was a fire burning in both the St. Joseph's Hawks (4-5-1) and the ECU Lady Pirates (4-6) soccer teams.

What started off as a typical match soon transformed into a battle when a Hawks' penalty occurred close to the St. Joe's goal. A free kick by ECU forward Allison Howell ended up in the box and was immediately put in the net by midfielder Jami Dickerson. "Ali [Howell] and our other outside midfielders did a great job finding players for goal opportunities," said Dickerson.

"We wanted to beat them with fitness as well as physicality. I think we did both of those well today in the game."

After the first blood was drawn, St. Joe's began to collapse. Momentum was in ECU's favor as the Lady Pirates managed to keep the ball on the St. Joe's side of the field for most of the game.

"Especially at the end of the first half, we could tell that St. Joe's was wearing down," Dickerson said.

But before then first half came to a close, team captain Rachel Hills got tangled up with Hawks goal keeper Andie Hinshaw. This resulted in a foul on Hinshaw and a Lady Pirate penalty kick. Freshman Madison Keller did the honors and hammered

it home for the second ECU goal of the game.

The third and final Lady Pirate goal saw the duo of Dickerson and Howell connect once again in the 63rd minute, as Dickerson tallied her second goal of the afternoon, putting ECU at an imposing three-goal lead.

The physical play continued as players on both squads were throwing their bodies around like they were in the NCAA national championship match, giving all their effort for a victory.

"There is...chemistry all over the field...and that is making a big difference in our games," Dickerson said.

"We plan to keep this up as we head into Conference USA play."

St. Joe's did manage to get on the board with only two minutes remaining as junior Kaiti McCaffrey put one by freshman goal keeper Amber Campbell. However, the goal was overshadowed by the dominating performance put on by the Lady Pirates.

"There is so much young talent on this team. Every game, each player is continuing to improve," said all-time ECU goal-scorer Meghan McCallion.

"As you can see, everyone on the team is capable of scoring, whether [she's] a defender, midfielder or forward."

The Lady Pirates head to Houston this weekend to begin C-USA play, first facing Rice on Sept. 30, and then Houston on Oct. 2. They will be back in Greenville to face second-place Memphis on Oct. 7.

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Pirates fight to 3-3 tie at High Point

SID - ECU senior Calvin Simon netted a pair of goals Saturday night as the Pirates and High Point battled to a 3-3 double overtime tie at Albion Millis Stadium.

ECU (0-6-1) scored the first goal of the match when Matt Kowaleski (Richmond, Va.) caught the deflection off Panther goalkeeper Adam Ross to put the Pirates up 1-0.

High Point (0-4-3) soon answered the Pirates' goal in the form of Dan Haywood who bounced a direct free kick off of an ECU defender to knot the game at 1-1.

The Panthers pulled ahead, 2-1, in the 20th minute when Chris Archer passed the ball to Haywood who then broke away from the defender to set up Cole Atkins for goal.

In the 26th minute Simon (Wilmington, NC) found the back of the net off of an assist from David Levine (Charlotte, NC) who passed the ball over the line of HPU defenders to pull the Pirates even and set the score at 2-2.

HPU's Josh Windley quickly retaliated with a goal in the 27th minute when he connected with a corner kick from Atkins to send the Panthers into the half with a 3-2 lead.

The second half only saw one goal when in the 51st minute ECU's Levine once again found Simon who sent the ball into the back of the net and set the score at 3-3.

ECU's Chris Hicks recorded four saves in 110 minutes of play in goal.

"I thought that we really competed hard and played well,"



SIMON

said Interim Head Coach Chad Halverson. "This was an intense, high pressure game for both teams. Now we have to turn our focus to conference play and get ready for South Carolina." The Pirates will open Conference USA play Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. when they host South Carolina in Bunting Field.

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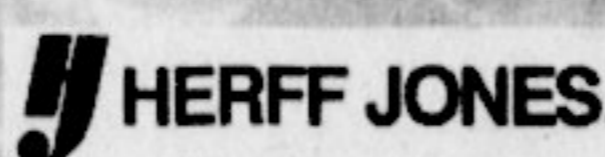
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ECU tops UTEP In C-USA Opener, 3-1



Heidi Krug sets for one of her teammates.

SID - Heidi Krug tied a career-high with 66 assists and Pam Ferris led the offensive attack with 22 kills as ECU defeated UTEP, 3-1, in the Pirates' Conference USA opener at Memorial Gym. The Pirates, who have now won four straight, won the first two games 30-26, the Miners won a close battle in the third game, 34-22, before ECU sealed the victory with a 35-33 win in the fourth game.

With the win, ECU improves to 7-4 overall and 1-0 in C-USA play while UTEP drops to 0-2 in conference play and 10-4 overall.

Krug matched her career-high in assists just over a week after she set the mark against Charleston Southern in a 3-1 win at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in Spartanburg, SC Sept. 19. With her 66 assists on the match, Krug has reached the 60-dig mark on four different occasions this season. Ferris came one kill short of tying her career-high of 23 kills that she set in the season opener at home against William & Mary. In addition to Ferris, three other Pirates recorded double-digit kills with Jaime Bevan, Erica Wilson and Mignon Dubenion all tallying 14 on the day. Dubenion also came within a kill of tying her career-best kill mark that she set on two occasions last season.

Ferris, Katie Jannusch and Trish Monroe all finished with 12 digs to lead the Pirate defense that finished with 69 digs to UTEP's 52. With her 22 kills and 12 digs, Ferris now has seven double-doubles this season and four in as many matches. Bevan picked up six block assists to lead ECU's defensive effort at the net while Dubenion picked up a solo block and four block assists of her own.

Kari Stacey led UTEP with 20 kills while Brooke Peugh and Christie Murphy contributed for the Miners with 19 and 13 kills respectively. Setter Jaymie Swift tallied 52 assists while Brittany Stowers led the UTEP defense with 19 digs. Peugh and Heather Brisnahan each picked up four block assists to lead the Miners.

ECU will remain on the road this week with a match at Campbell, Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. before facing C-USA foe Marshall twice next weekend. The Pirates will play in Huntington against the Thundering Herd on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. before finally returning home after a 12-match road trip to host Marshall in Minges Coliseum Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m.

FBI investigating racist hate mail

(AP) - Yankees star Derek Jeter has received a threatening letter reportedly warning him to stop dating white women or "he'll be shot or set on fire."

FBI special agent Scott Wilson, speaking by phone from Cleveland, confirmed the bureau's probe Monday, saying "we have an ongoing open investigation into racially threatening letters to Jeter and others across the country." He declined to comment further.

The New York Police Department has also investigated the

matter.

The Daily News reported Monday that the hate mail to the Yankees' 31-year-old captain called him a "traitor to his race" for dating white women. It warned him "to stop or he'll be shot or set on fire," the News said.

The Daily News reported that others received similar threats, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Miami Dolphins defensive lineman Jason Taylor, and the parents of tennis star James Blake.

Jeter, picked by People maga-

zine as one of the world's most eligible bachelors, has been linked with models, singers, actresses and athletes of various racial and ethnic backgrounds in New York's gossip columns. His mother is white and his father is black.

The NYPD's hate crimes unit recently completed a four-month investigation into the letter to Jeter - mailed to Yankee Stadium earlier this season, according to Detective Brian Sessa. The department has not made public the investigation's outcome.

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