



## Board OKs tuition, fee increases

Decision will take effect fall of 2004

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The Board of Trustees approved both a student fee and a tuition increase totaling \$406 in their last meeting that will affect students in the fall of 2004.

The tuition increase, which was opposed at the Student Government Association meeting just weeks before, will hit students' and parents' pockets hard when an extra \$300 is added to tuition bills within the next three years.

"If we do not do this [tuition increase], three years from now we will be looking at it again, and it will require more money," said Chuck Hawkins, senior associate vice chancellor for financial services.

In the 2004-05 academic year, the tuition increase is expected to provide an additional \$5.4 million in revenue for ECU.

The revenue generated from the increase in tuition is planned to be used in the university's high-need areas.

The board set 42 percent of the revenue aside to attract and retain faculty members by increasing salaries; need-based financial aid will gain 30 percent of funds; 15 percent will provide salary increases to retain and attract staff and administrators; 13 percent will expand the academic advising system to accommodate more students.

Trustees also approved a staggered tuition increase for ECU's Brody School of Medicine.

Under the proposal, first year medical students attending Brody in the 2004-05 academic year will be affected by a \$1,200 increase that will decrease to \$700 in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years.

Second, third and fourth year medical students attending Brody in the 2004-05 year will experience a one time fee increase of \$700.

The board also approved a \$106 increase in student fees that

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# Community unites for peace



## "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Greenville residents gathered downtown early Monday to march for workers' rights and peace. Rose Glover, District 2 council member for the Greenville City Council, encouraged demonstrators to become more involved in their community.

The event was held on MLK Jr.'s birthday to honor his commitment to social action and human rights.



Photos by Tanasha Strunk

## Grant offers more housing for Pitt County's homeless

Area organizations promote Poverty Awareness Month

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The Catholic Campaign for Human Development designated January as Poverty in America Awareness Month in hopes to make the U.S. poverty crisis a greater concern for more Americans.

According to a study done by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2002, there are 34.6 million Americans living in poverty - 13.8 percent live in the south.

In Pitt County alone, 20.8 percent of households live in poverty.

In response to these disturbing numbers, the Pitt County Continuum of Care, an project that came from the work of Greenville Community Shelters, announced a proposal requesting federal funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and

### Poverty

For more information on poverty and how to help, visit one of the following Web sites:

- www.povertyeast.org
- www.foodbanknc.org
- www.nccbuscc.org/cchd

Urban Development.

This grant will provide five two-bedroom apartments for disabled homeless individuals who qualify.

"Ideally, this [providing homes] is [our] goal," said Lynne James, executive director of Greenville Community Shelters Inc.

James said the PCCC will work with property owners, who will be leasing the apartments.

She said this will help with the "revolving door" problem of homeless shelters. Because of the amount of homeless individuals and the limited housing options, many individuals remain in a state of chronic

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## Missed deadlines yield unexpected fees

Spring dates students should remember

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The beginning of a semester means new classes, teachers, pressures and bills. But many students may be surprised by the costly tuition and fee deadlines in the first few weeks.

Unless students officially drop or cancel registration, they are financially obligated to pay for their classes. This rule applies whether a portion or the entire schedule is dropped.

Full-time students who missed the deadline to drop to part-time or withdraw will not receive a full refund.

The amount of refund also decreases on a staggered date schedule requiring a \$25 processing fee be paid before remaining funds may be collected. After Feb. 6 no refunds will be given.

If a student wishes, he or she may use one of three allotted drops to leave a course with no fee, but this must happen after the fifth and before

the 30th day of that class.

Assistant Registrar Jennifer McMahon said after the last day, if a student wants to withdraw completely from a class, he or she needs a signature from the instructor, who will issue a Withdrawal Pass or a Withdrawal Fail, depending on class standing.

The withdrawal may or may not affect tuition refund if full-time status is maintained, but could affect student loans and other financial aid.

"Any time a student wants to drop a class or withdraw completely, they should probably check with financial aid and housing ... to see if there are any consequences," McMahon said.

Depending on the amount of classes and what used books are available, the cost of textbooks and other supplies could also catch you by surprise.

Wanda Scarborough, director of ECU Student Stores, said students should allot at least \$375-\$450 for textbooks.

She said if you are interested in returning your book, it must be done within 10 days of purchase and a receipt must accom-

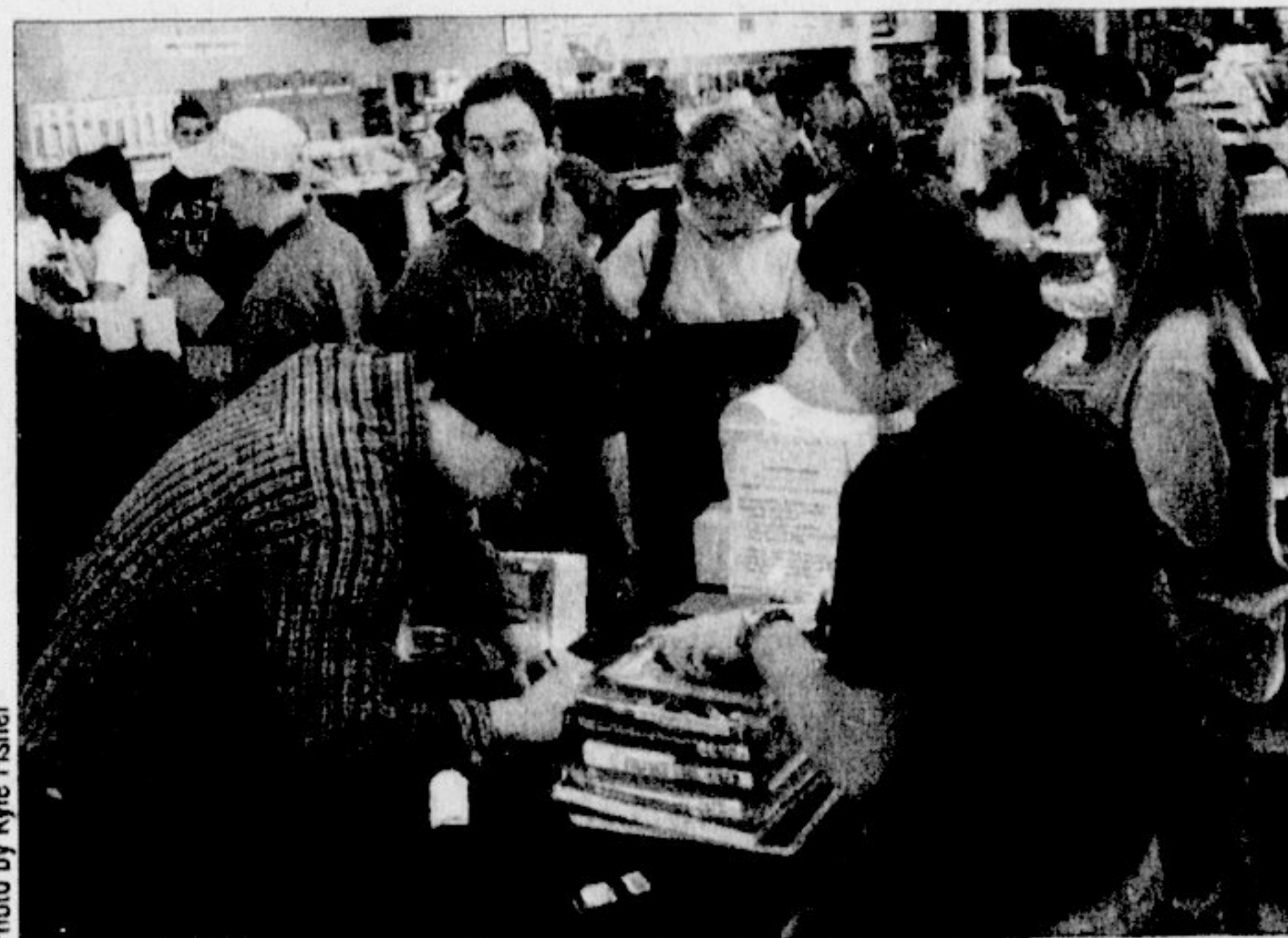


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Kaleb Hobson, senior business and industrial distribution major spends more than \$400 on textbooks this semester.

pany the return.

For those who miss the 10-day mark, your most profitable move may be selling your book on the Internet.

If you wait until book buy-back comes around at the end of the semester, you may get stuck with half of what you paid or even worse, nothing.

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### Dates to Remember

Jan. 23 is the last day for a 75 percent refund for dropped or withdrawn classes.

Jan. 30 is the last day for a 50 percent refund for dropped or withdrawn classes.

Feb. 6 is the last day for a 25 percent refund for dropped or withdrawn classes.

### Poverty Awareness throughout January

- The poverty rate for all individuals in Pitt County dropped from 22.1 percent to 20.3 percent from 1989 to 1999.
- Families in poverty that have a female householder make up 37.5 percent of those who live in poverty.

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Visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com) to view a slide show from Thursday's ESPN televised basketball game.

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An ECU faculty member speaks about how the Mars rover's search for life and water could benefit NASA.

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TEC has helpful tips for smokers who want to drop the habit with the new year.

**Sports** page C1

Despite their best efforts, ECU's Pirates fell to the Louisville Cardinals in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Thursday.

**FYI**

The last day to apply for May graduation is Friday. For more information visit [www.ecu.edu/commencement](http://www.ecu.edu/commencement).



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## Announcements

### Career Readiness Workshop: Correspondence

Career Services offers a workshop job search correspondence today from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

### Career Readiness Workshop: Resumes

Career Services offers a workshop on resume writing today from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

### Cost Sharing Teleconference

The Office of Sponsored Programs presents a teleconference on cost sharing management Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in 2E92 Brody. Contact the office at osp@mail.ecu.edu or 328-9540 to ensure the availability of informational material.

### Deadline

The last day to apply for May graduation is Friday. For more information visit [www.ecu.edu/commencement](http://www.ecu.edu/commencement).

### Pediatric Medicine Presentation

Loretta Kopelman, MD, will speak on "Current Guidelines and Controversies in Pediatric Research" on Friday from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 2E92 Brody.

### Career Readiness Workshop: Interviewing

Career Services will offer a workshop on how to have a successful interview Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

### Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 2:10 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Room.

### Medical Time Management Workshop

The Brody School of Medicine will offer a time management workshop for faculty in health science institutions Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 12:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in 2W40 Brody. Contact the Office of Academic and Faculty Development at 744-3420 for registration.

### Information Technology Seminar

Phillip Emer, a senior member of the technical staff in MCNC's Advanced Technologies Group and the Chief Architect of the NC Bogrid, will speak on North Carolina's initiatives to use grid computing in research, education and business Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

### Career Readiness Workshop: Job Search

The goal of this workshop is to share with students various tools they could utilize in their employment search. Following this session, students will be able to devise their own "game plan" for job searching all types of opportunities such as part-time employment, internships, and permanent positions. Workshop will be Thursday, Jan. 29, from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

### 1980s Lecturer

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents 1980s rock music lecturer Barry Drake Thursday, Jan. 29, from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

### Graduate Test Prep Courses

The College of Business (Office of Professional Programs) will offer review courses for the GMAT, GRE and SAT exams this spring. Direct questions and registrations to 328-6377.

GMAT courses will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5 - March 4, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$195 due by Jan. 29. GRE courses will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 4 - March 3, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$195 due by Jan. 28. SAT courses will be on Saturdays, Feb. 21 - March 20 from 9 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$125 due by Feb. 13.

### Childhood Chronic Illness Presentation

Julie Baines, MD, will speak on "The Best Time of Their Lives: Camping for Children with Chronic Illness" Friday, Jan. 30, from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 2E92 Brody.

### Language Arts Conference

The College of Education will sponsor the Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference Friday, Feb. 13, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Greenville Hilton. The conference will feature newspaper columnist and author Susie Wilde, children's author Pansie Hart Flood and 25 sessions on literacy issues. Contact Susan Ranson at 328-6830 for registration.

### Latino/Hispanic Education Conference

The College of Education and the North Carolina Center for International Understanding hosts the first Latino/Hispanic Education conference on Thursday Feb. 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the Greenville Hilton. Contact the Division of Continuing Studies at 1-800-767-9111 for registration.

### Volunteers Needed

The Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County need individuals to tutor English as a Second Language adult immigrants. Knowledge of a second language is not necessary. Sessions will be Friday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., continuing to Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 504-A Dexter St. Contact Sharon Schlichting at 353-6578 for more information.

### Directory Correction

The 2003-04 campus directory listing for the School of Communication is erroneously listed as 328-4284. The main office number is 328-4227, and all administrative offices are housed in Joyner East, not Erwin as indicated.

### Summer Study Abroad

An opportunity to study abroad in Ghana and receive class credit is offered May 20 - June 9. Contact Seodial F. H. Deena at 328-6683 for more information.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Two NC plane-crash survivors recovering in hospital

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - Two survivors remained hospitalized Sunday after a single-engine plane crash that killed the pilot. Thomas John Wood, 70, of Hays, died Saturday when his 1958 model Cessna 182A crashed into a field about 15 miles from Wilkes County Airport, which is about 50 miles northwest of Winston-Salem. Wood's son, John Wood, 38, and 12-year-old grandson, Seth Lytle, were in serious condition Sunday at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. Both are from Maiden. Thomas Wood's son-in-law, Thomas Lytle, 45, was treated at a hospital and released Saturday night, a spokeswoman said.

#### UNC-Chapel Hill faculty oppose sharp out-of-state tuition increase

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - Faculty members at North Carolina's flagship public university have formally voted against a proposed \$1,500 tuition increase for out-of-state students. The Faculty Council at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill agreed Friday in a unanimous vote to oppose the tuition proposal by the school's board of trustees. Council members said the increase could threaten graduate education at the school, harm students and break tradition by funneling extra revenues to pay for athletic scholarships. "There was very deep concern of setting the precedent of essentially taxing nonresident students to pay for athletic scholarships," said Lloyd Kramer, a history professor. "I think

that sets an incredibly dangerous precedent." The council opposed the increase even though much of the revenues would be used to boost faculty salaries.

### National

#### Two guards taken hostage by inmates at Arizona prison; negotiators called in

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) - Two state prison guards were taken hostage by inmates early Sunday, and negotiators were called in to try to defuse the situation. One inmate overpowered one of the guards shortly after 5 a.m. during breakfast preparations, then met up with another inmate in the prison yard and the two gained access to the officers' tower, said Jim Robideau, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Corrections. A male correctional officer taken hostage was injured, said Cam Hunter, a department spokeswoman. Officials did not release details of the injury, but said the other hostage, a female correctional officer, was not believed to be hurt. Two other officers and a staff member were injured in a scuffle, Robideau said.

#### Families grieve for friends whose hunting expedition ended in Lake Erie plane crash

KINGSVILLE, Ontario (AP) - Rescue workers battling heavy snow, shifting ice and low clouds gave up any hope of pulling survivors from the frigid waters of Lake Erie where 10 people were presumed killed in a single-engine plane crash. "Unfortunately, this has changed

from a rescue mission to a recovery mission," Constable Brian Knowler, of the provincial police in Kingsville, said Sunday.

The plane crashed in snowy weather late Saturday afternoon, and by Sunday was submerged in 24 feet of water about a mile west of Canada's Pelee Island, the Ontario Provincial Police said.

The Georgian Express plane, carrying eight hunters from Ontario, the pilot and a friend of the pilot, was bound for Windsor, about 35 miles to the northwest, when the pilot made a frantic call for help soon after taking off. The cause of the crash has yet to be determined.

### World

#### Suicide bombing kills about 20 on eve of crucial talks about a U.N. role in troubled Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A suicide driver set off a truck bomb at the gates of the U.S.-led coalition headquarters Sunday, killing about 20 people and wounding more than 60 in the deadliest attack here since Saddam Hussein's capture last month. The bombing, which occurred during rush hour on a chill foggy morning, came on the eve of a meeting between U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to discuss Iraq's future, including whether Iraq is safe enough for the world body to return. Witnesses said that at about 8 a.m., the driver of what the U.S. military described as a white Toyota pickup truck tried to bypass a line of Iraqi workers and a crowd of U.S. military vehicles, coming as close as possible to the entrance American troops call "Assassins' Gate."

The force of the blast, from a bomb containing 1,000 pounds of explosive, rattled windows more than a mile away. The attack was the latest inside the U.S.-controlled "Green Zone" along the west bank of the Tigris River, which insurgents have targeted in the past with mortar and rocket fire.

Most victims were Iraqis, many lined up for stringent security checks before going to work or attending other business inside the high-walled coalition compound, housed in what was once Saddam's Republican Palace.

#### U.S. helicopter hits house, killing 11: Afghan officials

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - A U.S. helicopter attacked a house in a village in southern Afghanistan, killing 11 people, four of them children, Afghan officials said Monday.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military.

The attack occurred at around 4 a.m. Sunday, a day after U.S. forces hunting for Taliban insurgents had searched Saghatho village, where the home is located, said Abdul Rahman, chief of Char Chino district in Uruzgan province.

"They were simple villagers, they were not Taliban. I don't know why the U.S. bombed this home. We have informed our authorities," he told The Associated Press by telephone in the southern city of Kandahar.

Maj. Steven R. Moon, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Kabul, had no immediate comment.

Moore said the 147 passengers were taken off and would be questioned by police.

## Former Justice addresses campus on King's birthday



Frye

### Speech encourages crowd not to give up

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The words of Martin Luther King Jr. rang clear in Hendrix Theater as ECU welcomed former Justice Henry Frye for a celebration of King's life and legacy.

Frye, the first African American elected as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, talked about the experiences that encouraged him to fight for what he believed in and not to give up.

"When you're right, when your cause is right, never give up," said Frye.

Frye spoke of how change was

made during the times of Martin Luther King Jr. activists' staged sit-ins, bus boycotts and other non-violent demonstrations to voice opinions and produce change, he said.

Frye said the only downfall of these acts was that law change came after the people who worked for the change could enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"We build on what others have done, and we try to take things a little further, a step at a time," Frye said.

"The race is not to the swift nor to the strong, but to he who endures to the end.

You get a setback, and you just keep on, keeping on. And I think in so many ways Dr. King taught us that - to never give up."

Frye was invited to speak at Hendrix Theater by the Martin Luther King Observance Committee.

"The MLK Observance Committee has developed a habit of trying to bring in individuals who can really tell us what it was like to live through Jim Crow," said David Dennard, chair of the MLK Observance Committee.

"We try to bring individuals who were involved, not individuals who heard about the Civil Rights movement. These are the individuals who add to the education that we get here at ECU."

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will bring the fee total to \$1,327 per year in 2004-05.

Although all the fees proposed at the Board of Trustees meeting were passed, they are still not final. Fees must go before the Board of Governors in their February meeting.

"I am hopeful that all [increases] will pass," Hawkins

said. "We [ECU] are a people-oriented organization, and in order to compete with other universities, we need these fees to pass."

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## Tuition Increases Passed by the Board of Trustees

### Main campus:

A \$300 tuition increase was approved by the board and will affect all students for the next three academic years.

-Tuition for in-state undergraduates will rise from its current rate of \$1,910 to \$2,810 in the 2006-07 academic year.

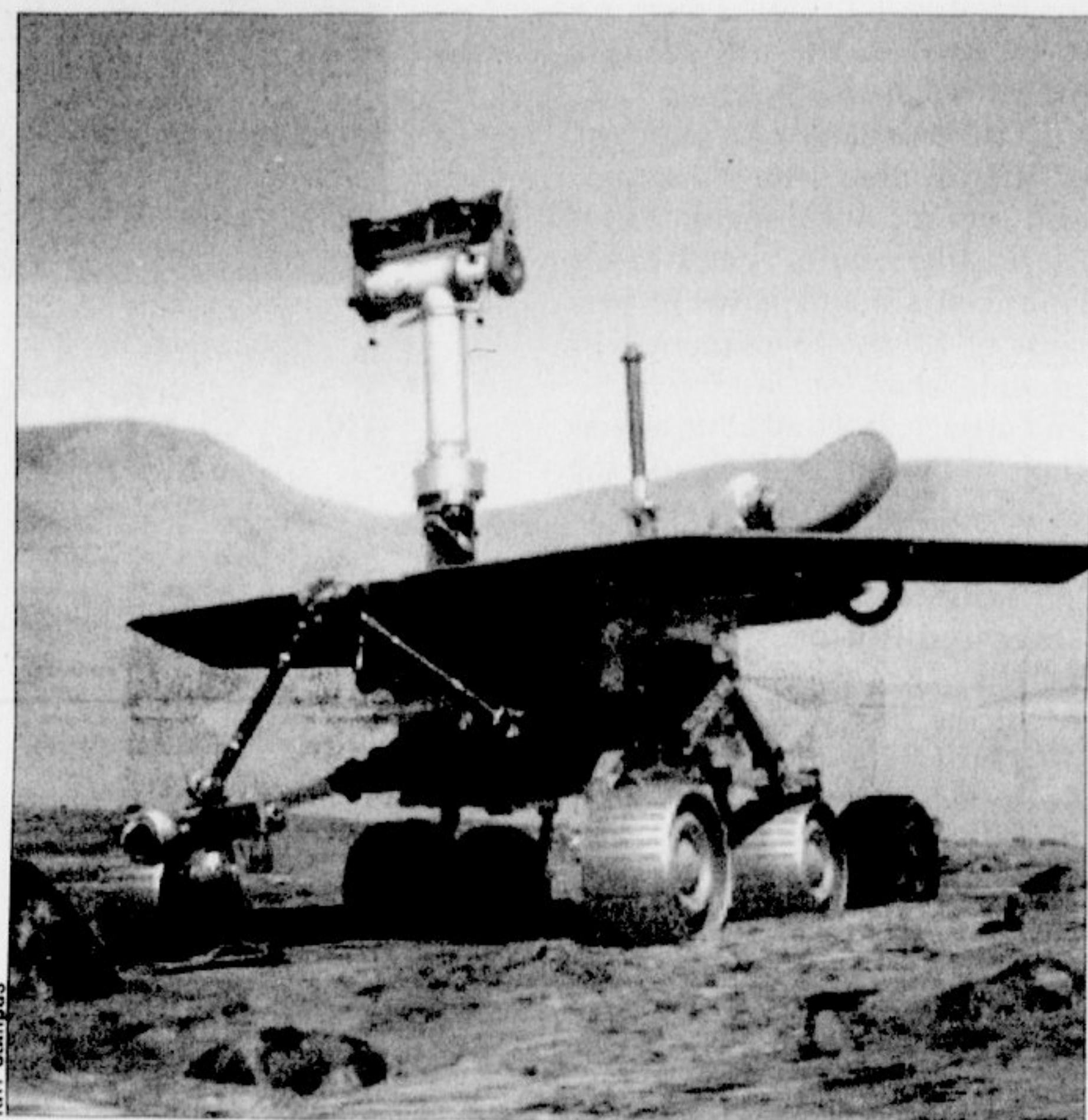
-Tuition for out-of-state undergraduates will rise from \$12,049 to \$12,949 in the 2006-07 academic year.

### Brody School of Medicine:

The medical school will experience a staggered increase in tuition for first through fourth year medical students.

-First year medical students' tuition will increase \$1,200 bringing it to \$4,809 in 2004-05, \$5,509 in 2005-06 and \$6,209 in 2006-07.

-Second, third and fourth year medical students will experience a \$700 increase that will bring their tuition to \$4,309 in the 2004-05 academic year.



Spirit rover collects thousands of images of Mars for NASA.

## Rover Spirit searching for water, life on Red Planet

### ECU's Shawn Laatsch explains Mars mission

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With the recent push by President George Bush to return to the moon and land on Mars, the space program has been launched back onto the nation's agenda.

And over the weekend, ECU Science Education Instructor Shawn Laatsch spoke to the public about NASA's efforts to make a manned space flight to Mars possible.

The presentation was held at Goose Creek State Park in Washington, NC, and it focused on the landing of the unmanned rover Spirit on Mars earlier this month. "We came to learn about the universe," said Diane Norris, an ECU biology lab manager.

A telescope presentation was also scheduled to follow the presentation, but was cancelled due to cloud cover.

"Mars is a lot like Earth" said Laatsch.

"Both planets are the right distance from the Sun to support life, both have four seasons, both have similar day lengths, and Mars' orbital tilt of 25 degrees is very close to Earth's."

Laatsch said due to Mars' thin atmosphere, scientist are looking for life in extreme climates, such as inside rocks and volcanos, where

water could form.

The rover is equipped with instruments such as drills and scrapers for investigating the surface's rocks and terrain.

The investigation of rocks is one of the key points of the mission. Scientists are currently focusing on the search for water on Mars, and clues to where water might be found is often found in rocks.

"Water is the key," Laatsch said. "Water is essential to life, and the rover has been sent to an area that is thought to possibly have water or contain rocks that would give definitive evidence of water."

Spirit will conduct various scientific tests on the rocks and surface as it roams across the planet, looking for signs of life and water.

The rover typically covers about fifty meters per day, but Laatsch said more may be possible as the rover continues its mission.

The rover will also send back thousands of pictures to NASA scientists during its mission.

The wealth of information provided by the mission can be vital to areas outside space exploration.

NASA is responsible for 80 percent of new medical technology and the development of many modern plastics used in health care.

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# Interracial dating remains controversial

Turner, Sanders offer ECU students insight

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Interracial couples comprised just two percent of all U.S. marriages in 2000. However, since 1980, the number of interracial marriages has more than doubled.

In response, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center held an open discussion on interracial dating, and those in attendance brought personal opinion and background to the topic.

"Most of the people that I've talked to find it more uncomfortable to see a white person with any type of non-white person than people of the same ethnicity," said Julie Ventura, senior Hispanic studies education major.

Lathan Turner, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, said while interracial dating is more common today, it's not a new topic in our society.

"Times have changed ... it's a different generation," said Turner.

"There's probably some evi-

dence, if not statistical data, that would validate interracial couples, interracial dating, marriage ... goes years and years back."

Turner said people of all races are pressured by family to date only within their race, but that college is a time of exploration. Students are more likely to go beyond the limits of restraint imposed on them at home, Turner said.

The media within the last century had an affect on the portrayal of U.S. ethnic groups, Turner said.

"There was a movie called *Rosewood*. *Rosewood* was set back in the 1920s and a woman simply stated that she had been raped by an African male, and it just destroyed the whole town," Turner said.

"Conversely, Spike Lee looks at interracial dating through his movie *Jungle Fever*, and it was from the standpoint of 'this is cool, this is imminent,' and it was pretty much accepted by society as a good movie."

Attendants at the meeting agreed that several modern television programs like "Sex and the City" and "Boy Meets World," deal with interracial



Toyia Sanders and Lathan Turner lead the discussion on interracial dating in the Ledonia Wright Center last week.

dating appeal to today's youth and could make interracial dating more acceptable.

Ian Baer, senior political science major, said he thinks the geographical location of ECU has an impact on the acceptance of ethnic groups and interracial dating.

"Eastern North Carolina is traditionally a non-tolerant area [of different ethnic groups], generally speaking," said Baer.

"In 1898, there were the race riots in Wilmington, NC - it's the only time in U.S. history where there's been a coup on the city.

Eastern North Carolina has a very bad history of that sort of thing."

Toyia Sanders, associate director for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, said interracial marriages used to be illegal in the United States.

In 1967 it was legalized after several court cases, the most significant being *Loving vs. Commonwealth* in Virginia.

Interracial marriage and dating is expected to increase in coming years, Turner said.

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# Bush to unveil job-training grants for colleges

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his State of the Union address, President Bush is expected to propose new job-training grants for community colleges to help prepare American workers for today's economy — a key issue in November's presidential election.

In his address to Congress and the nation Tuesday night, Bush plans to announce at least \$120 million in grants, administered by the Labor Department, to enhance work force training programs at community colleges, education officials said Sunday.

All of the major broadcast networks and the cable television networks planned to broadcast the speech live Tuesday night.

The president is expected to expand on the plan in a speech Wednesday at Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio, a re-election battleground state that Bush has already visited more than a dozen times.

"They are not putting the money into the Department of Education, they're putting it in the Department of Labor — the signal there is to focus on work force training activities," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, a trade association of 1,800 two- and four-year colleges and universities.

"I guess they think that training and retraining remains essential as we continue to see the erosion of American jobs, especially manufacturing jobs," Hartle said.

That is a particular problem in such states as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Job growth is expected to be an important issue leading up to November's presidential election and Bush could be vulnerable. The economy has lost about 2.3 million jobs since he took office in 2001, giving him the worst job-creation record of any president since Herbert Hoover.

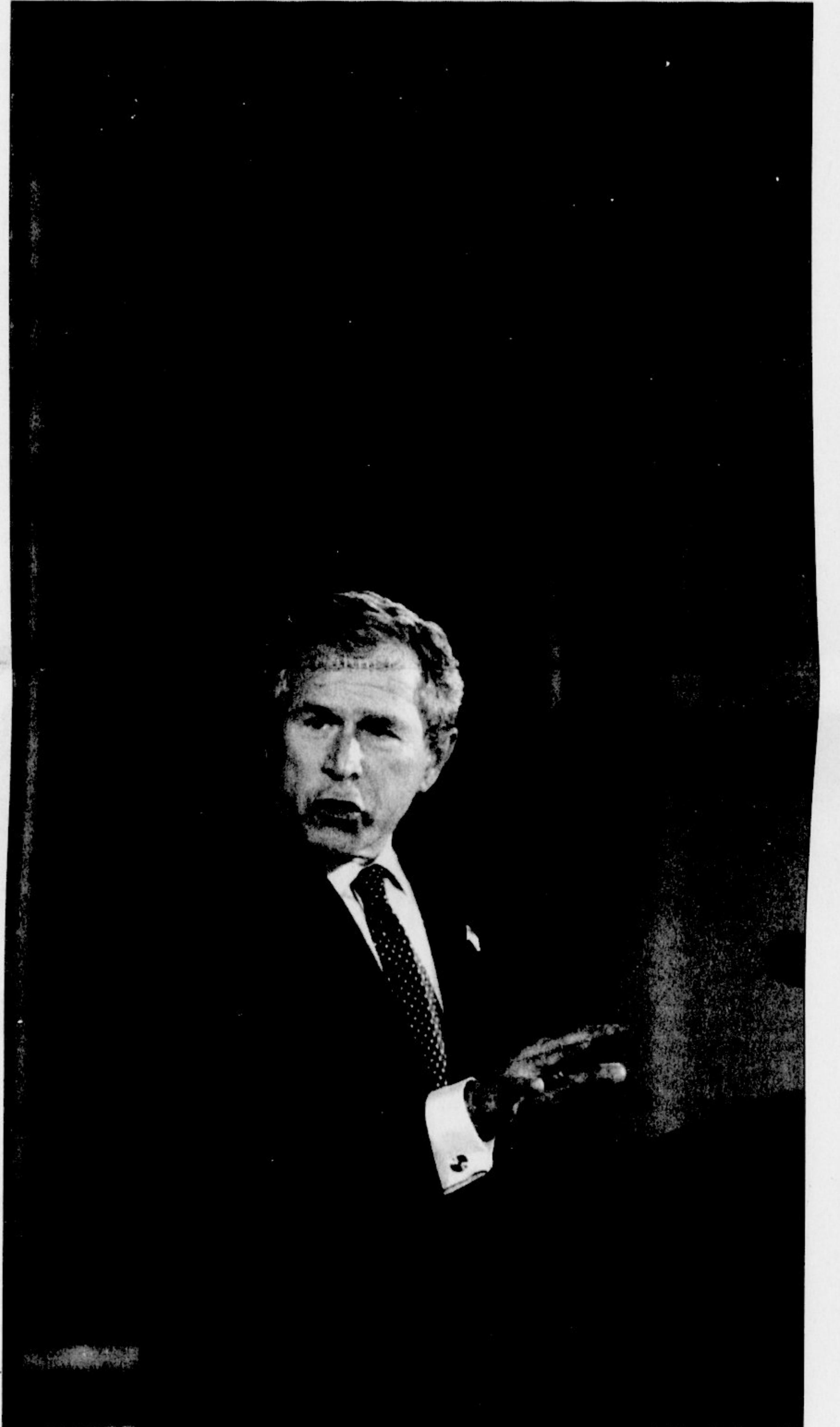
White House aides declined to comment on the proposal Sunday.

"We'll let the president make his speech on Tuesday," spokesman Taylor Gross said.

Gross said Bush worked on his speech for a couple of hours Sunday afternoon after having lunch with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice; Harriet Miers, deputy chief of staff for policy; and Karen Hughes, a former White House official and one of Bush's closest advisers, who flew in from Texas to help with the address.

George R. Boggs, president and chief executive officer of the American Association of Community Colleges, which represents 1,200 schools, said the grants would be targeted to workforce training programs in high-demand occupations, such as health care.

"Of course, on the national scheme, it's not a great amount, but it's certainly enough to help some of our colleges develop capacity for these programs, so we would be very supportive of this proposal," Boggs said.



President George W. Bush outlines an immigration reform proposal in the White House to allow illegal workers in the U.S. to join a new temporary worker program and not lose their jobs.

# Memorials, church services mark King's 75th birthday

ATLANTA (AP) — Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday tribute last week was marked by discord, with hundreds protesting President Bush's visit to the slain civil rights leader's tomb.

Organizers of ceremonies honoring the federal holiday for King were hoping for a bit more harmony.

On Monday, thousands were expected to gather and listen as King's son, Martin Luther King III, president of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, kicks off the annual commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist

Church, where his father preached until his assassination in 1968.

On King's birthday Thursday, about 800 protesters rallied against Bush's visit to the tomb on what would have been King's 75th birthday.

Beating drums and chanting, "Peace, not war; that's what Martin stood for!" and "Bush, go home!," many of the protesters said Bush's policies on the Iraq war, affirmative action and social service funding directly contradicted King's legacy.

The anti-war message was to be prominent again on Monday.



Crowds fill Auburn Avenue from curb to curb during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday march in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Some of the individuals that qualify for the grant, called "Solid Ground," will have the chance to qualify for Habitat for Humanity and become permanent homeowners.

"We have two [individuals] who have qualified for Habitat already," James said.

The CCHD plans to continue to raise poverty awareness by releasing public opinion surveys, an educational campaign and holding activities in Catholic schools and public settings.

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# Presidential candidates await Democrats' verdict



Presidential hopeful Howard Dean arrives at a Caucus for Change event in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Counting the hours before Iowans kick off the closest caucus race here in years for the Democratic nomination for president, candidates on Monday urged their supporters to ignore freezing temperatures and join what was expected to be a huge turnout.

The four candidates locked in a statistical tie at the top of the polls — John Kerry, John Edwards, Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt — planned one more day of intense campaigning before moving on to New Hampshire and its opening primary next week.

Typical of a caucus-day candidate, Dean spent part of the morning shaking hands and posing for photos with supporters.

At the Hamburg Inn, a tiny restaurant just off the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City, one employee told him, "You're going all the way, buddy."

"I think so, too," said Dean. Weeks of touting proposals and criticizing rivals in appearances across this farm state focused on getting people to precinct meetings from public

buildings to private homes Monday night.

"We all face the same test here," said Gephardt, the Missouri congressman who has said a loss might well end his campaign.

He told "Today" on NBC, "Everybody's got to do well or win. I think that's my test as well. I think I am going to win."

Kerry, who surged in polls last week, pledged to fight for support throughout the day.

"Almost everybody was writing off my campaign three or four weeks ago," he told "The Early Show" on CBS.

"I've always said there were three tickets out of Iowa and I was going to get one of them."

Edwards, too, contended his campaign could weather less than a first-place finish, pointing to a boost in interest in speeches relatively free of the sniping that has marked those of some of his rivals.

He told "Good Morning America" on ABC, "We've already accomplished so much here in Iowa, and the people's response to what I want

to do has been amazing."

Dean, his front-runner status in question, said his base would remain strong regardless of the outcome of the caucuses.

"I think we're going to do fine. I think we're going to win tonight," he told ABC.

"We can't beat George Bush with the same old folks we've been trying to beat him with. We've got to go back to our base. Reach out to real Democrats and get them to go to the caucuses again."

Two other major contenders — Joe Lieberman and Wesley Clark — skipped the caucuses to seek support for the New Hampshire primary Jan. 27.

By the numbers, Iowa's caucuses offered scant reward — first claim in a fight over 45 national convention delegates out of 4,322 who will attend next summer's national convention.

But Iowa Democrats had the power to confer more than that when they settled in for an evening of politicking in 1,993 precinct caucuses.

They offered instant campaign credibility for the winner — and potentially crippling setbacks for also-rans.

# U.S. vs. Stewart: One stock sale, two stories, one anticipated trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart, the creative force behind what was once a \$1 billion empire of domestic "good things," is due in court Tuesday to face trial on charges she lied about a well-timed stock sale that saved her \$51,000.

In a judge's private robing room, potential jurors will face Stewart and answer questions from lawyers trying to pick a jury. Opening arguments will begin once 12 jurors are seated — possibly as early as this week.

Stewart, charged with five counts including obstruction of justice and securities fraud, is by far the best-known figure to face a judge since the government's crackdown on white-collar corruption began two years ago.

Legal experts say the outcome is nearly impossible to predict, and will come down to which version of the stock sale convinces jurors the style maven's story or the government's account, backed by a former brokerage assistant who will be its star witness.

"It's going to be a classic battle of witnesses," said George Newhouse, who prosecuted obstruction cases for the Justice Department before going into private practice.

"The stakes have risen. The government's credibility is on the line."

The government said Stewart saved about \$51,000 by selling stock in ImClone Systems on Dec. 27, 2001 — just before a negative government report about a highly touted ImClone cancer drug sent the stock plummeting.

Stewart claims she sold because she and her broker, Peter Bacanovic of Merrill Lynch & Co., had a standing agreement to sell when the stock fell to \$60. Bacanovic faces five counts of his own and will stand trial with her.

But the government says she was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to unload his shares.

The government's case features one star witness and two highly intriguing bits of evidence.

The witness, former Merrill assistant Doug Faneuil, 28, is expected to testify that the government's account of the stock sale is accurate — and that he was paid with gifts in exchange for initially supporting Stewart's version. Faneuil changed his story in 2002, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and agreed to cooperate with the government.

The evidence includes a telephone message log of a call from Bacanovic that Stewart temporarily altered, as well as a worksheet that the government says Bacanovic altered to support the story of a standing agreement to sell at \$60.

But the defense presents a compelling argument as well: Why would Stewart, herself a former stockbroker, deliberately break the law and risk a fortune to save what was, for her, a small amount of money?

Legal experts say it will come down to whom the jury believes, and why.

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Researchers cautioned that the government's approval of what it called the first phase of human trials doesn't mean the vaccine can be produced for widespread use anytime soon, China Central Television said.

"There is still a lot of research work that needs to be done before this medicine can be effectively used," said Zheng Xiaoyu, director of the State Food and Drug Administration.

CCTV showed lab workers in head-to-toe jumpsuits lining up vials of the vaccine.

China had said it planned to inject volunteers this month with a vaccine made from the dead virus that scientists say causes severe acute respiratory syndrome. It said tests on animals have shown it to be effective.

The first phase of tests will be to find out if the vaccine is safe for humans, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Development of the Chinese vaccine began in April, state media have reported.

The World Health Organization has urged China to share the results of its tests with scientists in other countries to foster cooperation and verifiable adherence to safety

precautions.

In the meantime, WHO says that the best way to fight SARS is through proven methods of surveillance, early diagnosis, hospital quarantines and international reporting.

SARS, which scientists say is caused by a coronavirus, first emerged in southern China in late 2002. It killed 774 people worldwide last year and sickened more than 8,000 before subsiding in July. In China, 349 people died.

Since December, China has reported three new cases of SARS, two patients who have recovered and another who reportedly is hospitalized in stable condition.

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## Our View

Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28, 1963

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring." And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



## POINT

### Just know when to fold 'em

*Rose should never be let back in baseball*

**RYAN DOWNEY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Pete Rose recently made the "shocking" announcement that he had in fact gambled on sports. Even worse, he admitted he had gambled on baseball. To top it all off, Rose said he placed bets while he was managing. There are even unconfirmed allegations that he may have placed bets from the clubhouse.

I know that Rose has lobbied to get back into baseball as well as have a chance at the hall of fame for years. Since his ban, he has made an industry out of not being affiliated with the Major League. I think he should continue to invest in that stock because his recent admonitions cement the idea of how bad for sports Rose really is.

Some of you might wonder why I could be so tough on someone for gambling. Believe me, if he was banned from baseball for betting on whether he could eat 10 pounds of cheese in a sitting, this would not be an issue. He was betting on baseball, professional baseball, while he was a manager.

I don't care about the moral implications of gambling. I am concerned about the implications that a major league manager gambling on Major League baseball has on the integrity of the sport. There is usually a set of fans in half of the major league cities per week claiming that the umpires have been paid to call a game against their team. The last thing that baseball — and sports, in general — needs to do is give ideas like that fodder by allowing Rose



to come back into baseball.

As far as the Hall of fame goes, my previous argument pretty much spells it out. His crimes involved baseball. If he had retired as a player and then bet on football games while not working as a baseball manager, then nobody would care any more than they do about Michael Jordan's gambling. Pete Rose will make lots of money from his book. Let's hope for himself he will invest it wisely. Former Commissioner of Baseball Fay Vincent put it best when he said Rose should not be allowed back because he serves as a cautionary tale for current players and managers.

Former players are also speaking out against Rose, including Hank Aaron. Aaron and many other former players don't believe Rose is truly repentant about his actions and does not deserve to be reinstated or be enshrined in the baseball Hall of Fame. If the home run king — as well as one of the true legends of the game — feels that way, I don't see how Rose will get reinstated. Opinions like Aaron's carry a lot of weight in the baseball community, as well as with the hearts of the fans, who have been Rose's most ardent supporters.

## COUNTERPOINT

### No harm in second chances

*Despite faults, Rose belongs in Cooperstown*

**MIKE MASHBURN**  
WEB EDITOR

By most personal standards, Pete Rose is an awful person. Besides the obvious sin of betting on baseball, he was accused several times of infidelity, used illegal amphetamines and was a lousy father. And that's only a start.

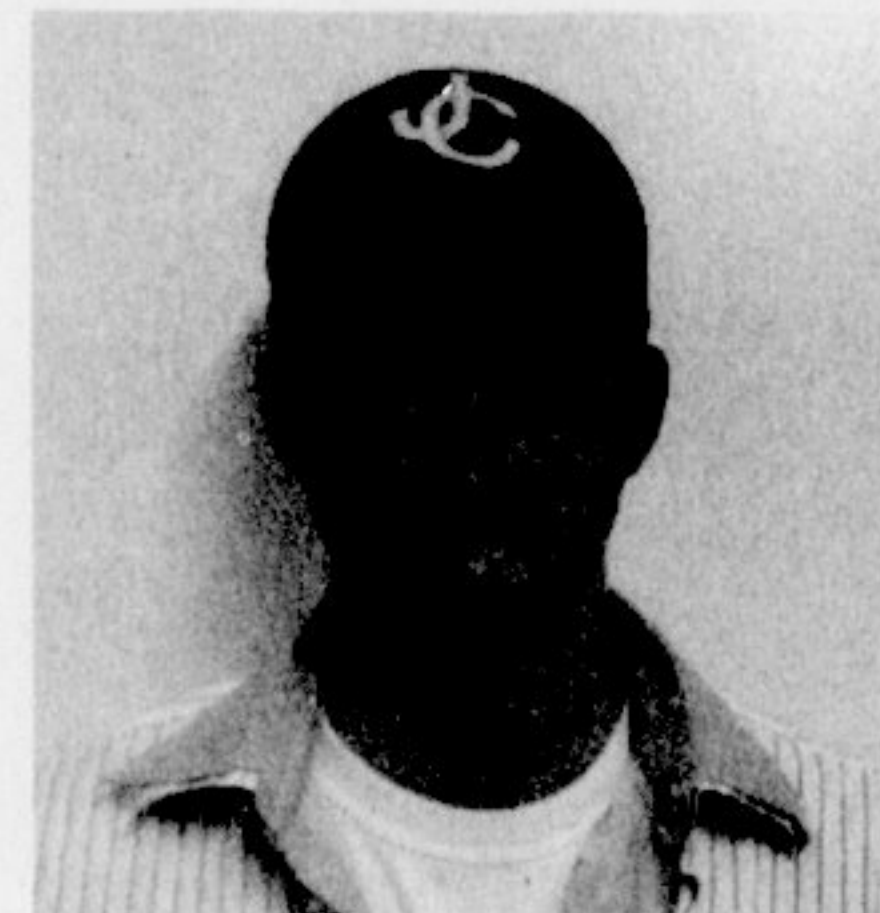
However, his accomplishments inside the lines of the baseball diamond are immeasurable. And for this reason only, Rose belongs in Cooperstown.

Rose is the all-time hit king of baseball and made more hits in his career than any other player, ever. 4,256, to be exact.

Not to mention the other 12 all-time Major League Baseball (MLB) records that Rose still holds: Most games played, most at bats, most singles, most total bases by a switch hitters, most consecutive seasons of 100 or more hits, most seasons of 600 or more at bats, most seasons with 150 or more games played, and the MLB record for playing in the most winning games. He played in 17 All-Star games, evidence enough that the majority of baseball fans love and respect him.

Not every aspect of his game was from the plate. Rose was an outstanding defensive player at every position he was asked to field. In 1980, Rose played first base for the Philadelphia Phillies, a team that some say had the best infield in the history of baseball.

Nicknamed "Charlie Hustle," Rose walked 1,566 times, but always sprinted to first base. Rose



gave 100 percent each night on the field, and his fellow players respected him for that. He was a leader inside the clubhouse and most importantly, a winner.

Rose knew how to win, and proved it with three championship rings. He is one of few players to have won World Championships with two different teams, the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies.

Cooperstown primarily honored players for their statistics on the field, not moral issues off the field. If the Hall of Fame restricted entry to only those with pure moral character, then Babe Ruth would have never been inducted. But he was.

Rose swallowed his pride with his confession last week. What more can we ask for, Rose realized the mistake and now should be placed alongside with the other baseball greats.

On the evidence of his book released last week, I think Rose should never wear a major league uniform as a manager or coach, but how can one of the all-time greats be denied entry into Cooperstown?

MLB Commission Bud Selig has the ultimate decision on the re-instatement of Rose — let's just hope he acts now and removes the ban.

## In My Opinion

### What to listen for in State of the Union speech

(KRT) — What will President Bush say Tuesday night in his State of the Union address?

Start with what we won't hear: 16 words that have to do with Iraq, Africa, WMD and uranium. And here's another 16 words you won't hear: "George W. Bush is commander in chief in a dangerous world, and the Democrats are not."

The difference is that, while never passing the president's lips, those 16 words will inform everything we hear Tuesday evening.

Pundits will be quick to tell us the speech to Congress and the nation is also "the first speech of the 2004 presidential campaign."

But a State of the Union is never a stump speech in the ordinary sense of that term.

Yes, the president and his speechwriters — like the rest of us — are reading their newspapers this morning to see which Democrat polled the most straws in Iowa.

Did Howard Dean survive the surge? Did Kerry or Edwards slingshot to a surprise win? Is there still room for Wesley Clark in New Hampshire? Whatever the answers, it won't change a single line in the State of the Union. Why? Because the first rule of the

State of the Union in an election year is to:

Rise above it all. For a sitting president in January of an election year, the best politics is anti-politics.

There are plenty of contenders, but only one commander in chief. Democrat hopefuls may bash Bush every time they take the stump; don't expect to tune in to hear a presidential critique of Dean's trade policy, or Gephardt's single-payer plan.

While Bush won't do any of his opponents the favor of raising them to the level of legitimate contender, he will cast his agenda to take politically delicate issues off the table. Look for him to wrap last year's prescription drug benefit in a compassionate conservative cloak, to steal an issue dear to Democrats — and watch the Democrats steam. Which leads to State of the Union Rule Number Two:

Keep 'em in their seats. The minute the speech ends, network pundits will tell us how many times the president's speech was interrupted by standing ovations. That's a given. But the key issue isn't how many times the president's GOP pals jump

up, it's when the Democrats stay stuck in their seats. A well-turned applause line can derail a Democratic attack before it begins.

Take Iraq, for instance. If President Bush is weak on WMD but a winner for grabbing Saddam, look for Bush to fuse the two into a sure-fire applause line, celebrating U.S. troops for collaring a "dictator who used chemical weapons on his own people." It's win-win: either the Democrats look sour for spitting hairs and staying put, or they've just joined the cheering section at a Bush-Cheney pep rally.

Like all presidents regardless of party, President Bush can be expected to assert that the state of our union is strong. But the claim won't carry unless he can:

Add a storyline to the statistics. Expect the speech to be peppered with positive economic news. Recently, there's been plenty to pick from: Interest rates are low, inflation's at bay, while housing starts, GDP growth, consumer confidence and job creation are all up.

The question now is who "owns" these positives? On this one, look for the president to seize on a late-breaking piece of December data that suggested the recent recession began in late

2000, not the spring of 2001. Sketch in how Sept. 11 stunned an already weakened economy only to be sparked back to life by several hard-won tax cuts, and the president is positioned to claim that the Clinton recession has become a Bush recovery.

To be sure, Tuesday night's address is not without its challenges for Bush.

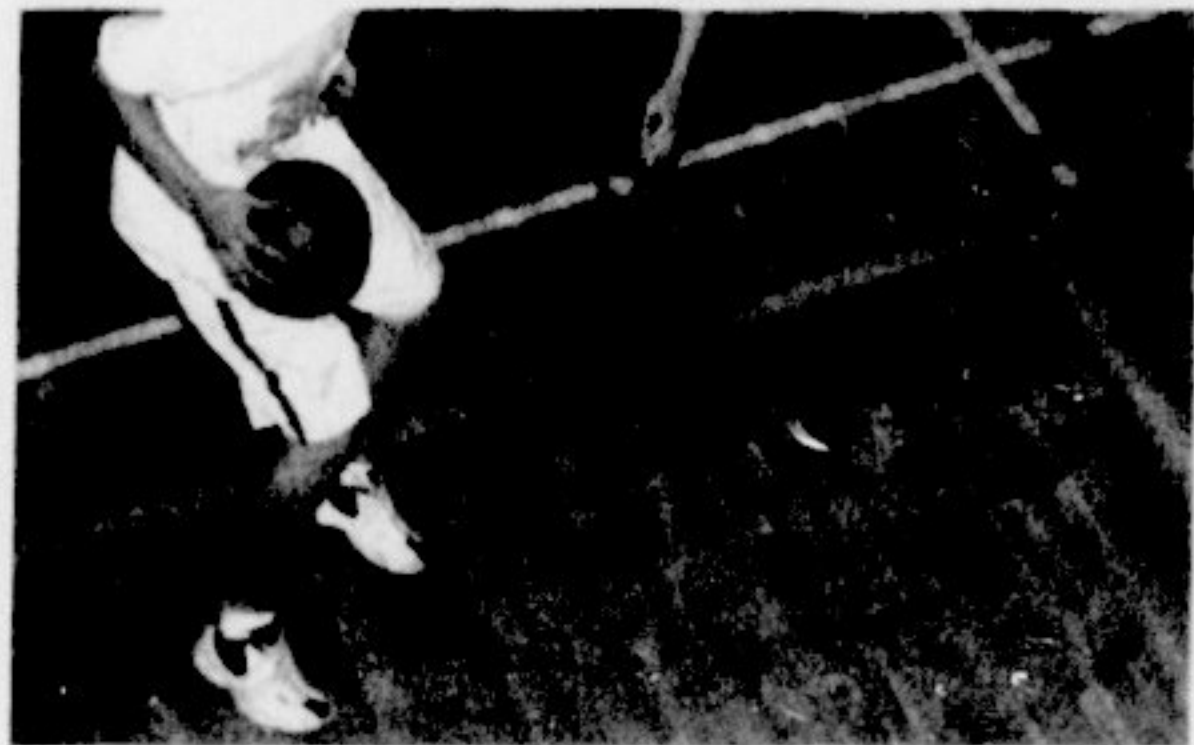
Democrats will be quick to conjure memories of last year's speech with its infamous 16 words, a still-smoldering snafu that led earlier this month to the appointment of the first special prosecutor of the Bush presidency.

There's the post-war pacification in Iraq with the near-daily loss of American lives, the WMDs that haven't been found, even if Saddam has: All of these issues will be present in the thought bubbles above viewers' heads, cutting against the storyline the president presents.

About the only thing both parties can agree on is that the stakes Tuesday night could hardly be higher. After all, fast forward to January 2005: there's no State of the Union on President Bush's calendar. He'll either be delivering his Second Inaugural, or his Farewell Address.

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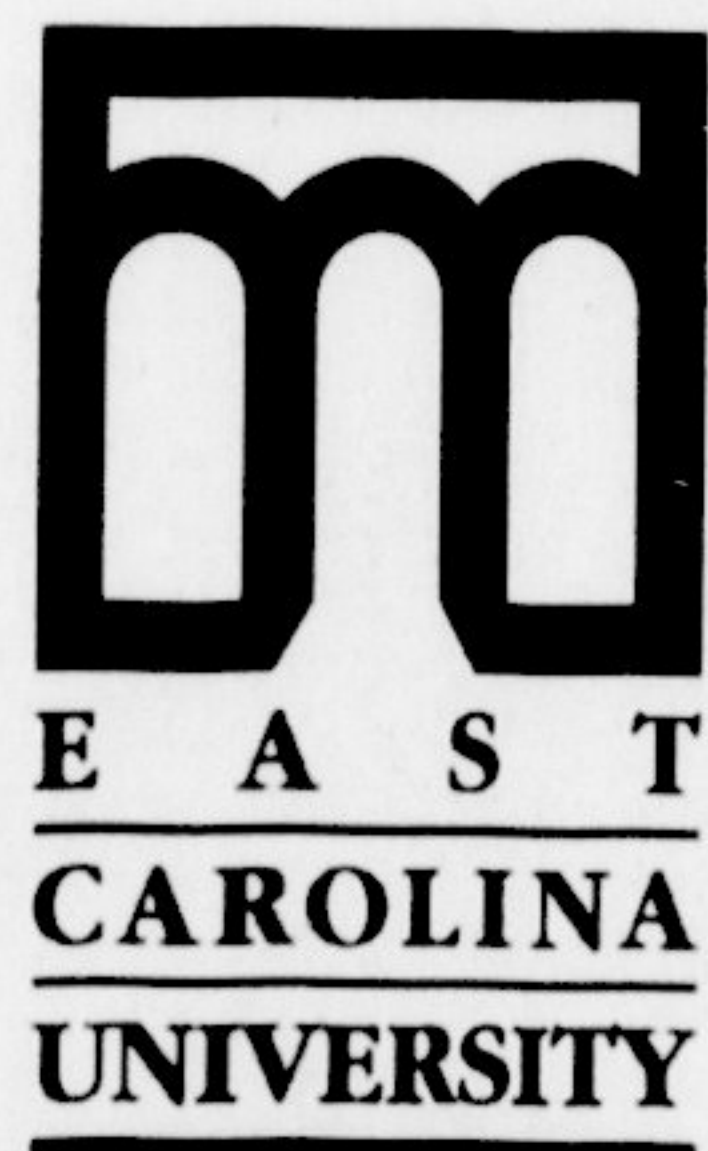
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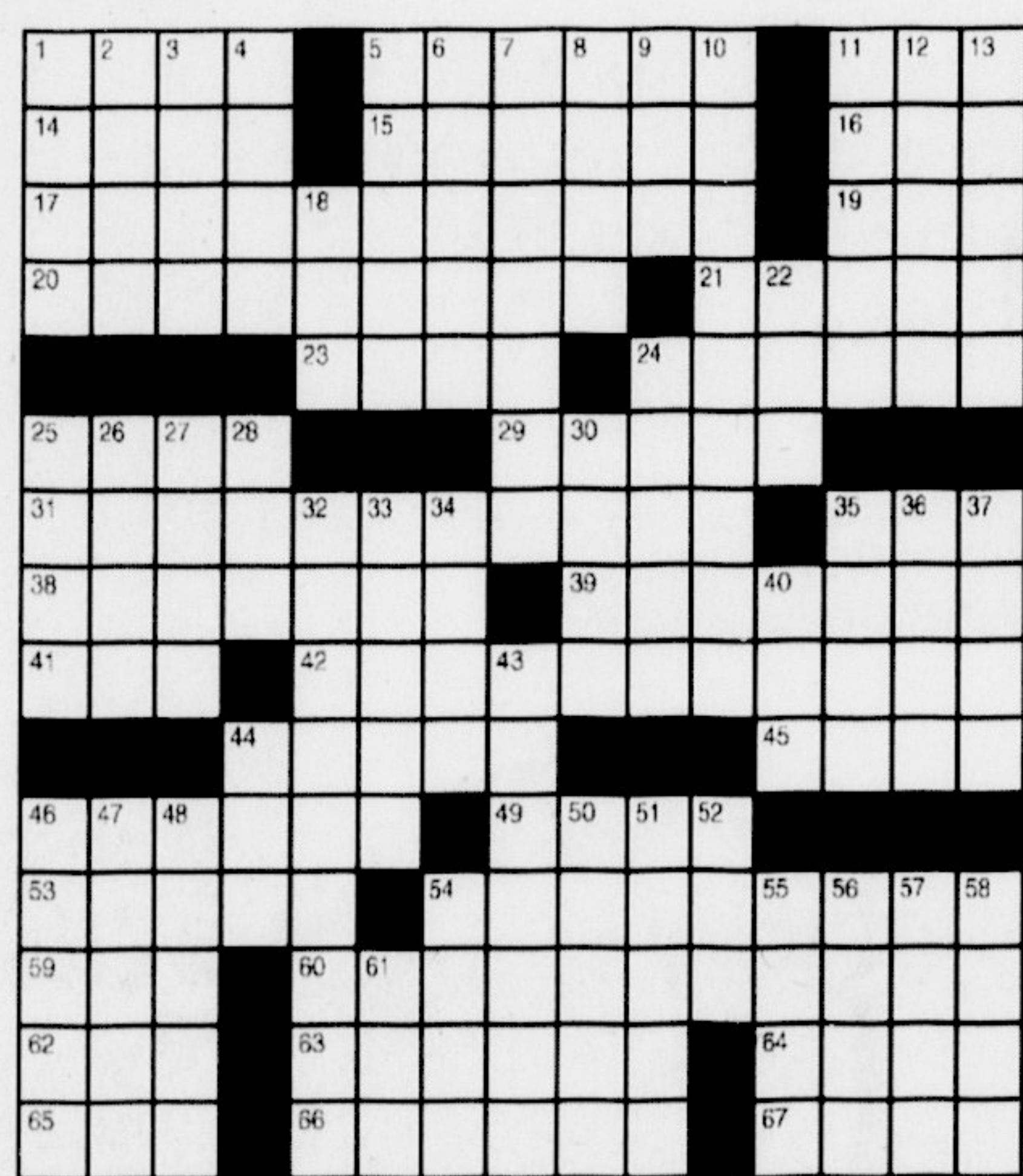
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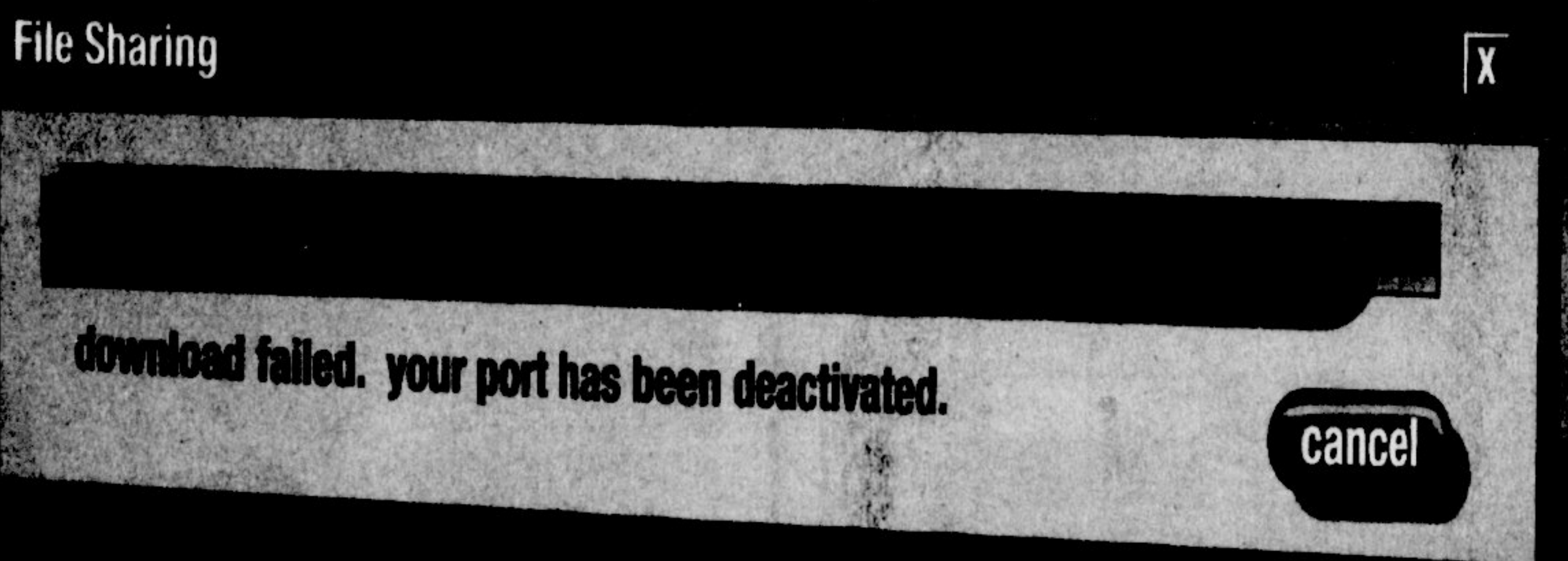
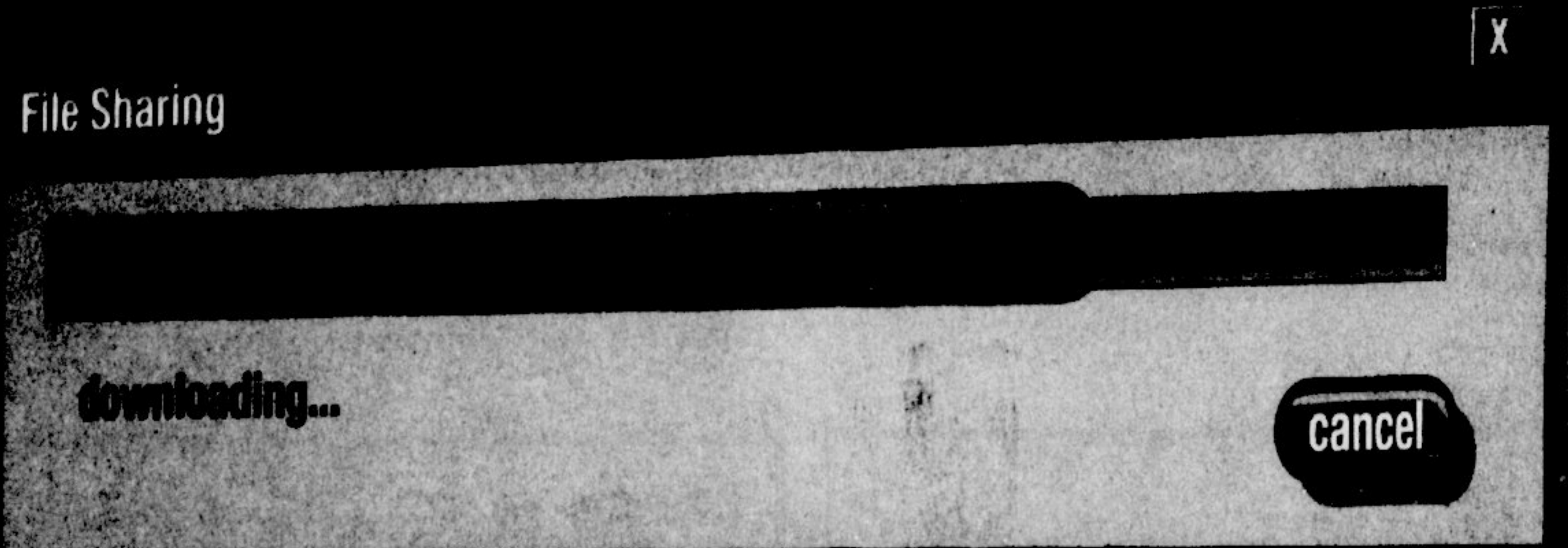
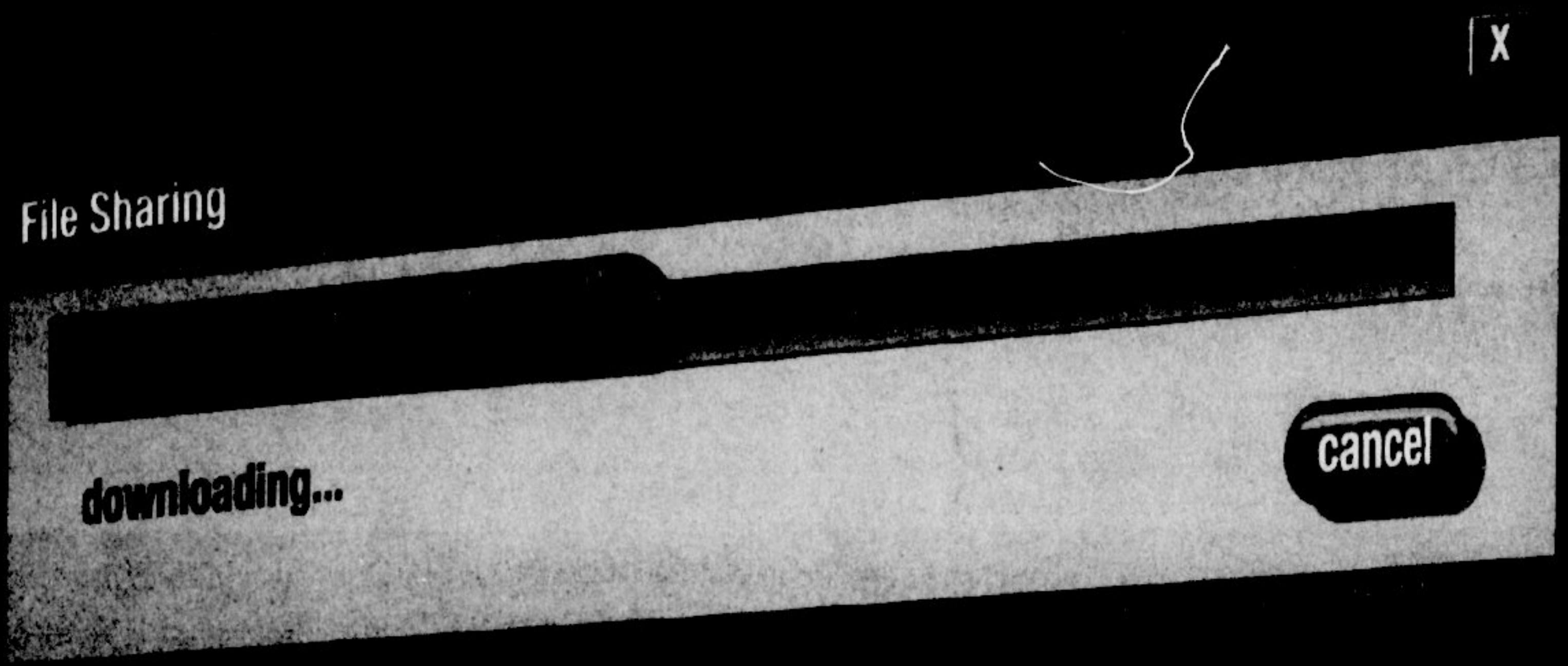
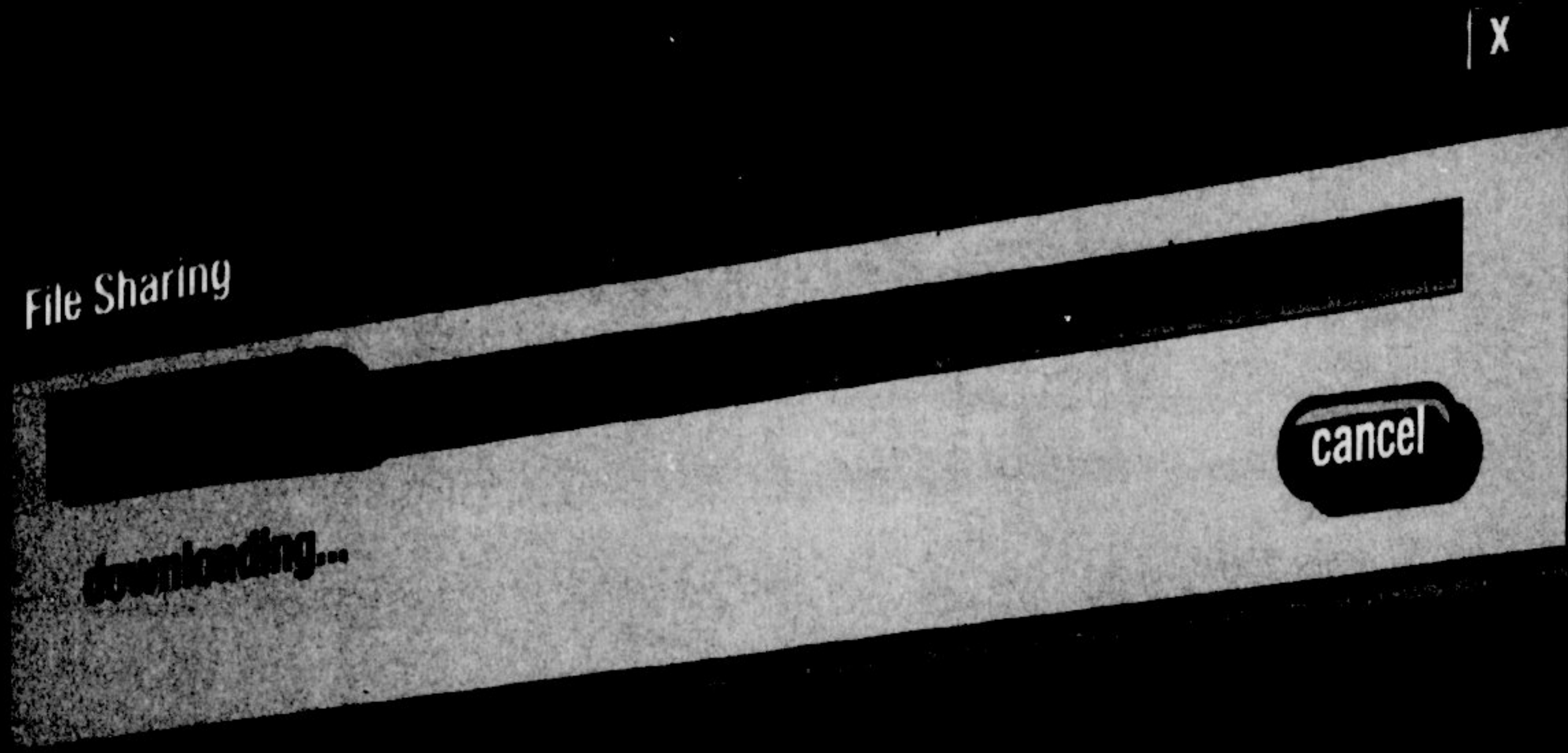
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## Sports Briefs

### Mavericks say nothing to Wallace rumors

Donn Nelson cautioned not to read too much into his meeting with Portland general manager John Nash. The Dallas Mavericks aren't looking to make a trade for troubled Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace. Nelson met with Nash on Saturday night before the Mavericks came to Portland and beat the Blazers 108-104. It was Portland's fourth straight loss and eighth in nine games. The rumored deal had Wallace going to Dallas for Antawn Jamison and various other players — something Nash wouldn't address. Wallace's salary and turbulent history with the team have pointed to him a prime trade candidate. Wallace is in the final year of his contract that pays him \$17 million this season. Wallace is in his eighth season in the NBA, his talent tempered by inconsistency. He gained notoriety during the 2000-01 season, when he was called for an NBA record 41 technical fouls. Last season, Wallace and teammate Damon Stoudamire were cited in Washington state on marijuana charges while returning from a game in Seattle against the SuperSonics.

### James to rest sprained ankle

Cavaliers rookie LeBron James will be kept out of practice on Monday to rest his sprained right ankle, which he injured in a win over Utah. James got hurt Saturday night when he rolled his ankle after missing a layup in the final seconds of regulation in Cleveland's 102-96 overtime win against the Jazz. X-rays taken Sunday were negative when James was re-evaluated by team doctors after the Cavaliers returned from Utah. A Cavs spokesman said an MRI was not performed. The team said James will not practice Monday and it will be a game-time decision if the 19-year-old star plays Tuesday night when the Cavs host the Seattle SuperSonics — the first of five straight home games for Cleveland. In all likelihood, James will miss a few games to make sure his ankle is 100 percent. Earlier this season, Cleveland forward Carlos Boozer missed six games with a sprained ankle. James, averaging 20.4 points per game, had scored 27 points with seven rebounds when he landed awkwardly after attempting a driving layup from the left side with 12 seconds to play.

### Lions hire former Bears coach Jauron

Former Chicago Bears coach Dick Jauron was hired as defensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions on Sunday. Jauron was fired Dec. 29 after four losing seasons in five years with the Bears. The NFL coach of the year two seasons ago, he had a 35-46 overall record, including one playoff loss. Jauron's only winning season was 2001, when the Bears went 13-3 and won a division title, a performance that earned him a contract extension. But that was followed by a 4-12 record a year ago. This season, the Bears finished 7-9. Jauron was drafted by Detroit in 1973, and had a team-high 17 kickoff returns for 405 yards as a rookie. After being waived by the Lions in 1978, he spent three seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals before his career was ended by a knee injury. Kurt Schottenheimer, the defensive coordinator last season, is still part of Detroit's coaching staff.

### Knight says Rose should be in Hall

Ray Knight knows former teammate Pete Rose bet on baseball, and he still thinks baseball's all-time hit leader deserves a spot in the Hall of Fame. In an interview with The Albany Herald, Knight blamed Rose's problems on an addiction to gambling. Knight said Rose took every opportunity to wager money on events during their five years together with the Cincinnati Reds. If the team was in San Diego, Rose went to the dog races, and in Los Angeles, it was horse racing. During the off-season, Rose would bet on NBA games.

### Clarett's May play for Ohio State

Suspended running back Maurice Clarett remains committed to trying to force his way into the NFL draft even though he hasn't ruled out playing again for Ohio State. Maurice Clarett, who helped Ohio State win the 2002 national championship as a freshman, was suspended from the team before last season because he accepted money from a family friend and lied about it to university and NCAA investigators. Clarett filed a federal lawsuit in New York in September challenging the NFL rule that says a player must be three years removed from his high school graduation before he can be eligible for the draft. Under that rule, the sophomore would have to wait at least one more season before entering the draft. The league wants the case thrown out. Judge Shira Scheindlin is scheduled to rule by Feb. 1. Clarett's attorney in the NFL case, Alan C. Milstein, said he is "supremely" confident that Clarett will win entry to the draft.

### LSU defensive end staying with Tigers

LSU defensive end Marquise Hill, a key player on college football's stingiest defense, withdrew his name from the list of early entrees into the NFL Draft on Sunday. Last week, Hill submitted his name as an early entry for this year's NFL Draft. Juniors who opt to put their name in for the NFL Draft have 72 hours to change their minds and withdraw. Hill started 13 games at defensive end for the Tigers this season, helping LSU rank first in the nation in scoring defense and total defense. Hill finished with 40 tackles and six sacks. He was credited with forcing 24 hurried passes, leading the team in that category. The Tigers won the Bowl Championship Series title by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4. The Tigers were voted No. 2 in The Associated Press poll, splitting the national championship with No. 1 Southern California.

### McDonald's cuts ties with Bryant

Kobe Bryant lost his sponsorship deal with McDonald's, costing the NBA star another endorsement while his sexual assault case proceeds in Colorado. The fast-food company said Monday its three-year agreement with the Los Angeles Lakers guard expired Dec. 31 and was not renewed. Ferrero of Italy, the maker of Nutella chocolate spread, earlier chose to not renew Bryant's endorsement contract. Bryant, a five-time All-Star who helped the Lakers win three NBA championships, is averaging 22 points. He recently hurt his shoulder and could miss several weeks. Bryant's once-wholesome image has been damaged since a 19-year-old woman accused him last year of sexual assault. Bryant contends the sex was consensual.

# Pirates looking to rebound season



ECU students cheered on the Pirates Thursday as they faced the highly ranked Louisville Cardinals.

## ECU struggling after the loss of Mikulas

**BRANDON HUGHES**  
SENIOR WRITER

All the hype surrounding the ECU men's basketball team is now beginning to fade.

Visions of dancing and moonwalking Pee-Dee Pirates in every East Carolinian's basketball head have now slowed to the tune of a mournful funeral procession.

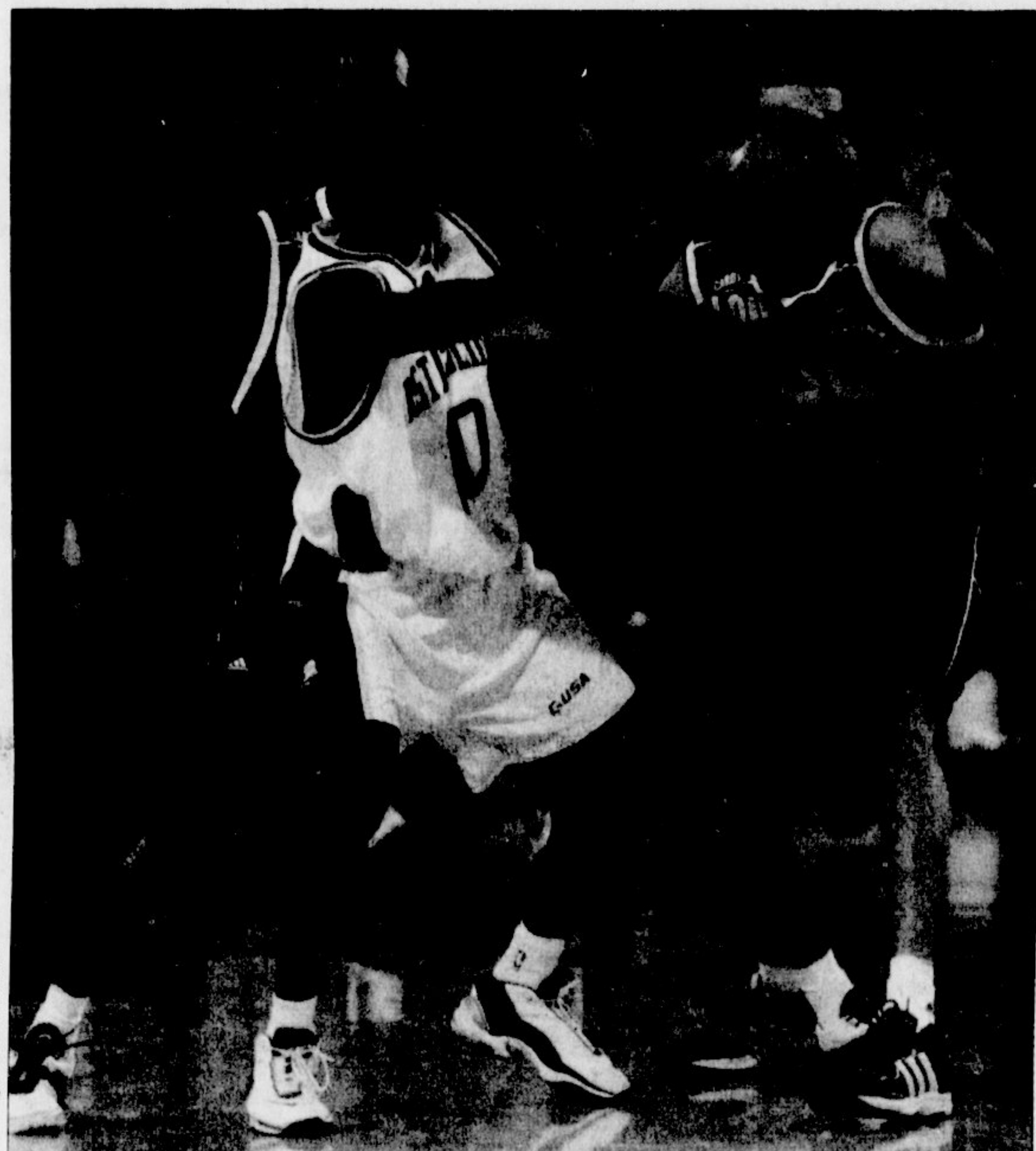
The Pirates, led by fiery Head Coach Bill Herriion seemed to have the program on the brink of a breakout season several months ago. ECU had a talented group of incoming freshmen with solid senior leadership, a mixture that every Division-1 college basketball coach envies.

The team dominated every phase of the game with few weaknesses in their preseason and non-conference schedule. Students and fans alike were abuzz with talks of a NCAA tournament appearance, the "third-in school history." Or at least an NIT tourney bid, the considerably lesser exciting post-season playoff. The C-USA tournament was a shoe-in, nevermind ECU failed to make it last season after the best start in school history.

The Pirates were deep and Herriion finally had a squad that could shoot and put the ball in the hoop night after night. ECU was running their opponents ragged up and down the court, resembling a NBA fast-break highlight nearly every play after Moussa Badiane blocked a shot or senior Erroyl Bing ripped down a rebound.

The Pirates were, in fact, third in the nation in rebounding margin before the Louisville game. ECU quickly racked up an 8-2 record before

see **REBOUND** page C4



Japhet McNeil fights for the ball against two Louisville Cardinals. The Pirates hosted the Conference USA favorite last week as well as an ESPN audience.

# Diane Parker heads up ECU swimming program

## Junior pushing herself to the next level

**TRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

Diane Parker of the ECU swim team was just tabbed as C-USA swimmer of the week for two consecutive weeks in the middle of November. Parker holds the varsity records in the 200 yard butterfly and the 200 yard individual medley with times of 2:01.87 and 2:02.37 respectively, both coming at the Nike Cup in Chapel Hill last month. She also holds the record in the 100-butterfly with a time of 54.66.

Parker, along with teammates Casey Cronin, Holly Williams and Kate Gordon, was selected to attend the U.S. Open held in

Washington. Parker's hopes of making the Olympic trials fell just 46 hundredths of a second short with her time of 1:02.85 in the 100 meter butterfly.

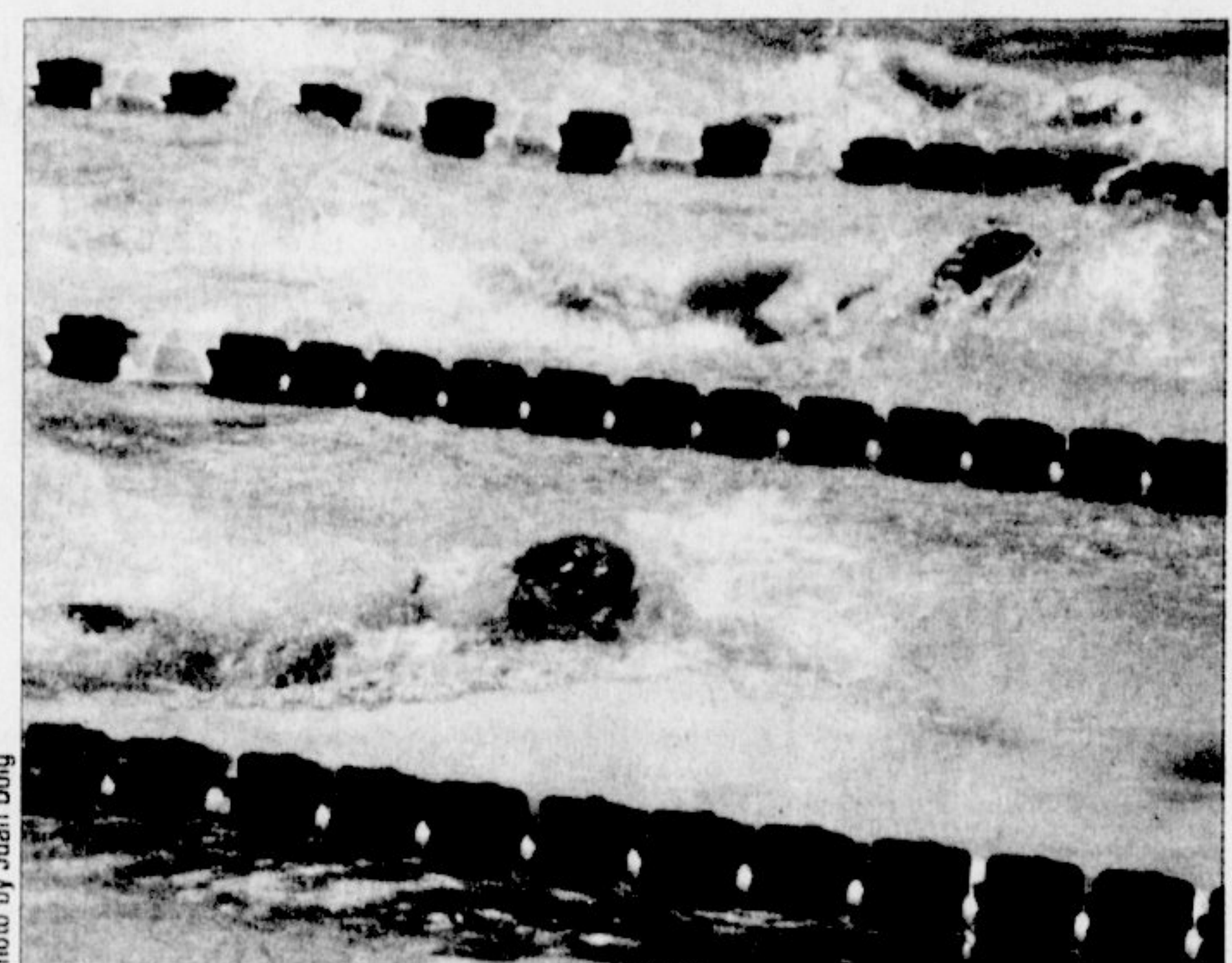
"I tried my best with the training that I had done, but we just don't get to train in a long-course pool during our season here at ECU," said Parker.

Although her push for an Olympic trial birth came up short, Parker still has an amazing season with several first place finishes.

"I am very happy with my swims so far this year. I just try to take one race at a time and learn from each one and try to improve my swims at the next meet our team attends."

Parker's efforts on the season

see **SWIMMING** page C3



The Pirate swim team continues to be one of the top programs on campus. Parker has given her all to make that happen.

# Underdogs prove to be NFC champions

## Panthers headed to Super Bowl

**RYAN DOWNEY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

I watched many teams go from worst to first in sports. I've seen teams go from first to worst in sports, too.

It feels good seeing my team be the center of a good story in sports this time around. The Carolina Panthers won the NFC championship Sunday in Philadelphia. This capped off one of the most exciting seasons of NFL football I've ever seen. This is, of course, my humble opinion. Those who call themselves Eagles fans would probably see it differently but that isn't what this rant is about.

The last time the Panthers made it to the NFC championship game, we Panthers fans were

a little ignorant to the process of struggling. After a 7-9 season to kick off, the franchise team made it to the NFC championship in season two. Most of us thought we would be back next year. We were wrong. Seven years and two coaches later we finally got back.

The Panthers are recognized as the best team in the NFC this year. How long they stay there will be determined by how well they do signing their own free agents as well as how they draft. Many football fans know those things aren't exact sciences. It looked last year as if the Bucks might be on their way to establishing a new Dynasty in the NFL, because just like the Panthers, they won with defense and ball control football. Even more so, they brought back nearly the whole team this year only to end

see **PANTHERS** page C6



The Panthers have won many games in the fourth quarter.

## Pirate basketball team moves on despite losing top returning scorer

Six tough games bring victory, defeat

ROBERT LEONARD  
STAFF WRITER

Ahh, Christmas break. Drinkin' eggnog and spending time with the family. It's a time to rest. But the word "rest" didn't apply to the basketball team. They played in six games, four in Minges and two on the road.

The team entered break at a 4-1 record. This would be a critical part of their schedule. Christmas featured road games with a Big East Team and a SEC team, non conference games that were must wins, and, oh yeah, the conference opener with a strong and underrated UAB team.

Friday, Dec. 19 played host to a game with the Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb. In what should have been a blowout, the Pirates played poorly. The Pirates went on a 15-2 run to take a five-point lead in the first half. Fortunately, the lackluster start wore off, and the Pirates never looked back, winning by 17. The poor first half performance left fans a little worried, but Wiley carried the team to the victory.

With that victory and a little anger about playing so bad, the Pirates faced their next test on Tuesday, Dec. 23 against Hampton. The 24 point win was the best game I've ever seen an ECU team play; and this comes from a guy whose seen Marquette come in twice as a number nine ranked team and lose and a Rick Pitino coached Louisville lose ... they played that well.

There was no doubt this game gave the team confidence; this confidence turned into momentum as the Pirates headed one state north to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Pirates squeaked by with a seven-point victory, but this proved to be a moral victory more than anything. ECU always struggled on the road; they've struggled to the point that they still haven't won a conference game on the road since joining C-USA. A win, on the road, against a Big East

school. Call me crazy, but this is one of the biggest wins for the ECU program and of Herrion's career.

The next match featured a return to Greenville of a Holcumb-Faye - not Travis, but his younger brother, Whit. Holcumb-Faye led Radford with 13 but could not overcome an ECU team that was just on fire as they coasted to a 37 point victory. This win put the Pirates at 8-1 with loads of confidence and momentum.

The team hopped on a plane and flew south to take on Ole Miss and must have forgotten to pack their momentum, losing to a talented SEC team by 16. The shooting woes for road performances continued as the Pirates only scored 49 points and fell to 8-2.

Hey, but no problem right? After all, conference play started the next game, at Minges, with the students back.

A pumped and emotional crowd of mostly students saw the Pirates come out ready to play, but 22 turnovers lead to a loss for the Pirates. The UAB Blazers were picked preseason fifth in the conference and featured a great player by the name of Mo Finley. Finley was one of four UAB players to score in double figures against ECU's defense.

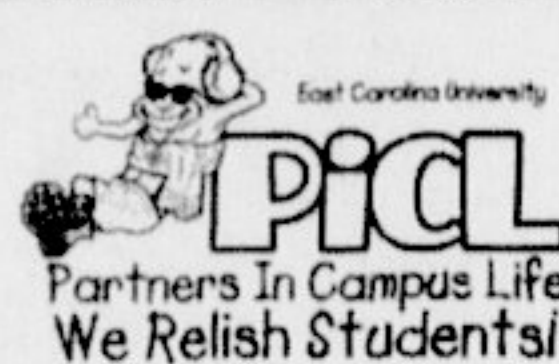
Did I mention ECU only lost by three? To play that poorly and only lose by three has got to be a plus for the team as it enters all C-USA games.

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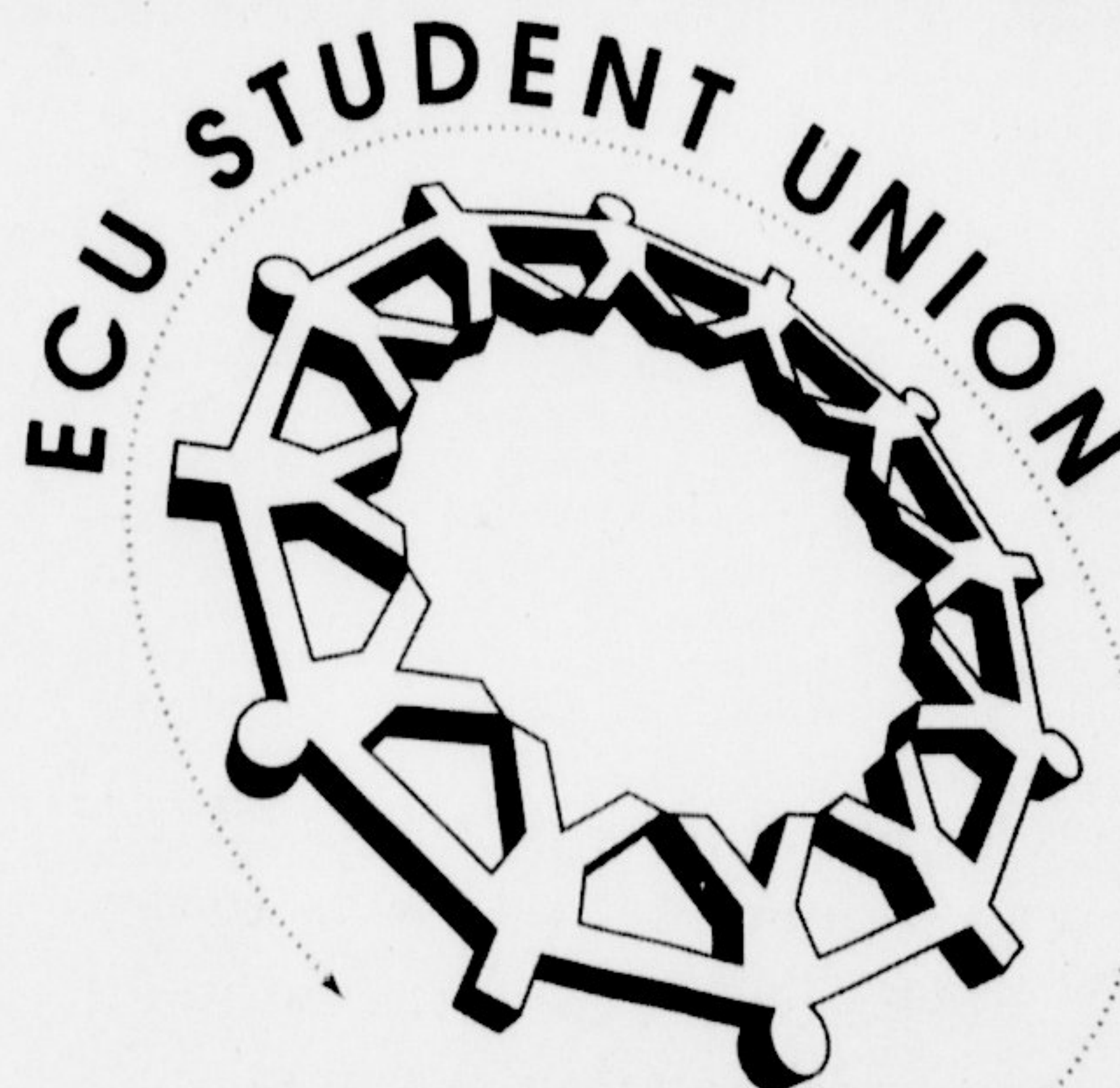
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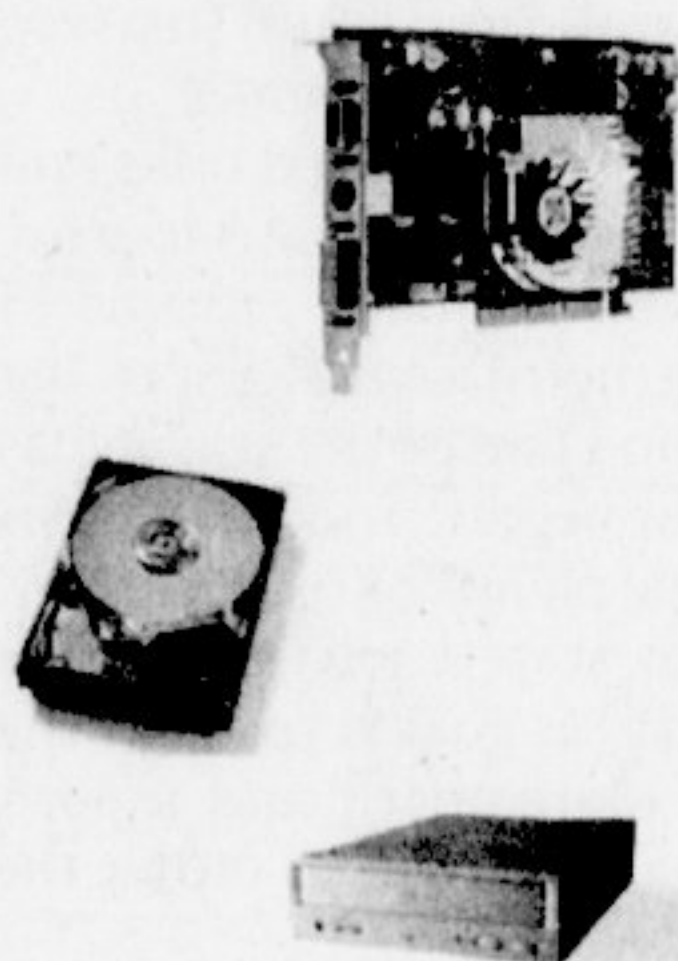
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## Swimming from page C1

helped the Pirates build a record of 5-1 heading into the conference meet in Houston, TX.

"Everyone has a good head on their shoulders, and everyone is getting pumped to travel to Houston to compete and hopefully win the conference title for a second year in a row."

With some good recruiting and added talent, the Pirates' chances of defending their title are extremely high.

"Our coaches recruited some great freshmen from all over, and the swim team overall is getting faster every year, which is very exciting to see."

Getting faster every year is something Parker has been trying to do ever since she began swimming at the age of six.

Parker's illustrious career

started in the sixth grade when she joined a year-round swim team called the Chesapeake Bay Aquatic Club (CBAC) located in Lexington Park Maryland, her residence for 17 years.

"My high school didn't have a swim team, but that was okay since I was swimming twice a day every day for my club team."

While attending Great Mills High School, Parker had a short stint on the cross country team.

"I ran cross country my freshman year of high school, but my coaches told me that I should concentrate more on my swimming, which I feel has helped me to be where I am today."

"I was able to make more swimming practices and had more time to concentrate on my races."

Parker does not model her swimming technique after any

professionals but does admire all professionals' work ethic.

"Swimming takes a lot of dedication and the willingness to give up your time for something you really love to do. At times swimming can be very trying on your body and mind."

Being able to race, Parker says, is the payoff for all the hard work.

"Racing, to me, is the best part. I get nervous before any race that I swim, but I just try to go out there and score points for the Lady Bucs and learn from each of my races."

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## Be A Part Of The Excitement!

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their lone losses coming to George Mason and Ole Miss. But four games later, the once mighty Pirates have been humbled once again by some stiff conference competition.

ECU still has trouble on the road against their conference opponents. In fact, the Pirates haven't won a road C-USA match-up since joining the league in the 2001-2002 season. Playing in Greenville where Williams Arena gives Herrion a highly underrated advantage.

The Pirates are inspired by the rowdy atmosphere, one that is growing in familiarity in the college ranks. Students were welcomed back for the spring semester with a Jan. 7, C-USA home-opener against the UAB Blazers.

The Pirates played well, but the Blazers were able to hold off ECU and the home crowd for a 71-68 win. Three days later, ECU was dominated by an always tough Charlotte squad that beat the Pirates handily 81-65 several hours west of

Greenville. These were the games that ECU needed to win in order to make it out of the C-USA basement where they have been sleeping so uncomfortably the past two seasons.

The schedule was only going to get tougher with nationally-ranked powerhouses

Louisville, Cincinnati and Marquette all looming in the weeks to come. Next up was No. 9 Louisville, a nationally televised match-up seen on ESPN2. The

Cardinals were the Pirates' first C-USA victims in their inaugural season, but last year's meeting on the ESPN network was one the Pirates would like to forget. Fresh off one of the biggest upsets in school history after beating

Marquette at home, a sold-out Minges Coliseum was rocking, at least until the game began. Head Coach Rick Pitino and his Cardinals embarrassed ECU in what could have been one of the biggest games in school history. The Pirates went on to finish 12-15 last season after faltering down the stretch.

The Pirates were out for some much-needed revenge and could once again exact it on the national stage. Louisville entered the locker room with a 38-28 advantage at the break. The Cardinals quickly silenced the Minges Maniacs with a 10-0 second half run for a commanding lead.

ECU was able to pull back into the game late behind the play of Derrick Wiley and Mike Cook, who scored 23 and 12 points, respectively. Belton Rivers nailed a three-pointer to pull the Pirates to within eight, but the

Cardinals calmly hit their free-throws down the stretch and escaped Greenville with a 76-66 victory.

Unfortunately, ECU was without senior and second-leading scorer Gabriel Mikulas and will be for the remainder of the season. Mikulas broke his arm in practice on Wednesday

which brought an end to the career of one of the best players in school history. Mikulas averaged 13.0 points and 6.8 rebounds his senior season and also broke the school record for free-throws made and free-throws attempted.

The Pirates lost their fifth consecutive game and fell to 8-6 (0-4) after an exciting finish against the Houston Cougars Saturday night on the road. ECU had a 28-25 halftime lead after holding the Cougars to just 30 percent shooting from the field. Neither team could find an offensive rhythm as both squads finished the game shooting under 40 percent.

Senior guard Luke MacKay has seen little action this season, but it was his two free-throws that cut the Houston lead to 54-53 with two minutes remaining.

The Cougars added another point from the line to take a two-point lead with under a minute to go. ECU had one last chance, but Derrick Wiley's game-tying shot attempt from 18 feet was blocked.

MacKay led the Pirates with 14 points on 4-of-6 three-point shooting. Wiley finished with 10 points and Moussa Badiane had 13 rebounds. Andre Owens scored a game-high 21 points to lead Houston.

It's not getting any easier for Herrion in his fifth season as Pirate Head Coach. Herrion's career record is under .500 and the last half of this season is

looking bleak, especially with the loss of Mikulas. The once deep bench looks very shallow. Freshman Mike Cook is coming into his own as a scorer but the development of freshman point guard Japhet McNeil is going to take time.

Sophomore Corey Rouse is talented but is still coming into his own. Hopefully Rouse can develop during the second half of this season and could step into a starting role next year.

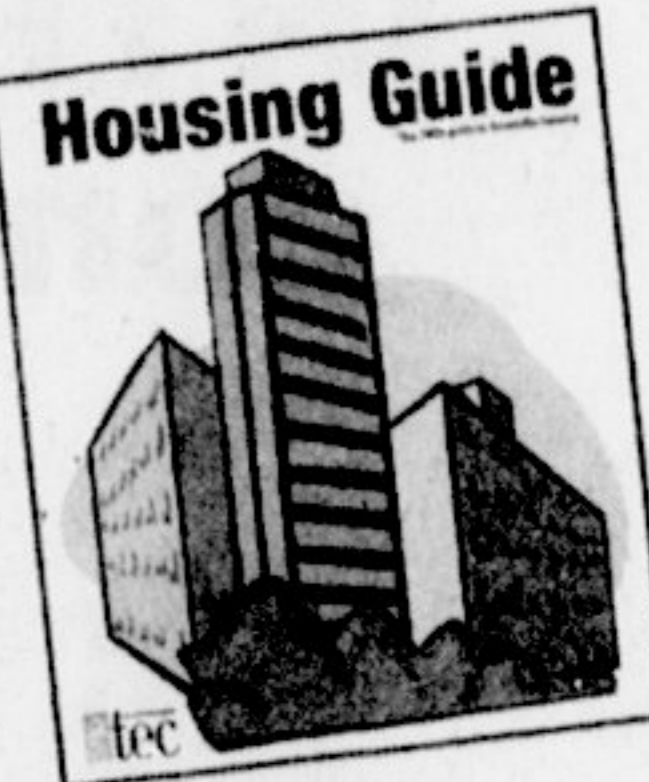
Indeed, the excited talks and conversations of a NCAA tournament bid have been reduced to nothing more than a whisper. But the second half of the season has only just begun, and the Pirates will have plenty of opportunity. Herrion stated earlier in the year that his goal is to make the C-USA tournament and a post-season appearance in either the NIT or NCAA.

Neither of the three is out of the question but with road games against Saint Louis and the undefeated Cincinnati Bearcats approaching before the Pirates can seek refuge in the friendly confines of Minges Coliseum, a C-USA tournament appearance is looking more and more like the realistic goal for Herrion. But all it takes is a spark to change the outlook of a season. And hopefully for the Pirates, that moment has not yet passed them by.

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# Pirates on winning streak

ECU sitting pretty at 4-0 in C-USA

ERIC GILMORE  
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The Lady Pirates seemed to gel over the Winter Break and are now blossoming as conference play heats up. Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener's team is the winner of seven straight and 12 of their last 13. Wins during that time span have come against an ACC opponent on the road in Wake Forest, conference foes UAB and South Florida at home, and Tulane and Southern Mississippi on the road.

The Lady Pirates (13-4, 4-0) earned wins over regional opponents such as UNC-Wilmington, Coastal Carolina, and Savannah State. The lone loss was to South Carolina State on the road which looks now to be a blip on the radar screen.

The new year brought hope to the Lady Pirate program. With the emergence junior college transfer Viola Cooper

combined with veteran leadership in junior Jennifer Jackson and senior Courtney Willis, the Lady Pirates find themselves in a three-place tie among the top of the C-USA standings. ECU found depth among their bench and a consistent starting five.

Willis is averaging a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds per contest. Willis, a senior forward/center, managed to stay out of foul trouble - having not fouled out of a single game thus far.

Jennifer Jackson, who averaged 17.3 points per game last season, saw her figures drop to 13.1 points per game in this campaign. However, players such as Cooper and freshman Keisha Anthony picked up their game.

Cooper adds a perimeter threat along with freshman point guard Tamekia Powell, who is starting to come into her own. Shanita Sutton adds a much needed post presence in the starting line-up.

ECU saw their roster grow a bit through the season. Senior forward Angela Sye has seen lim-

ited action after being cleared by the medical staff. Sye had countless knee surgeries and was told she would not play this year.

The rehab went well and Sye is quickly becoming acclimated to the system.

Coach Baldwin-Tener landed a Rhode Island transfer in Amanda Mills. Mills, who is enrolled at ECU, will become eligible at the start of next season.

The Lady Pirates, who are off to their best start in 30 years, have a conference championship in mind. ECU was picked to finish 11th out of 14th in Conference USA this preseason by conference coaches, but now see themselves competing for a number one seed. The Lady Pirates already tied their record of conference wins at four and will have plenty of opportunities to improve it through the season. is also 4-0 in-conference. The game is set for Sunday, Jan. 25

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## Panthers from page C1

the season out of the playoffs. I am not trying to rain on anybody's parade. I just want the fans to understand that moments like last night are not common, so cherish this one.

This team has been captivating all year and may be the story of the year in sports if they keep it up for two more weeks. There is reason to believe they have a shot.

The Panthers have been winning against all odds the entire season, especially in the playoffs.

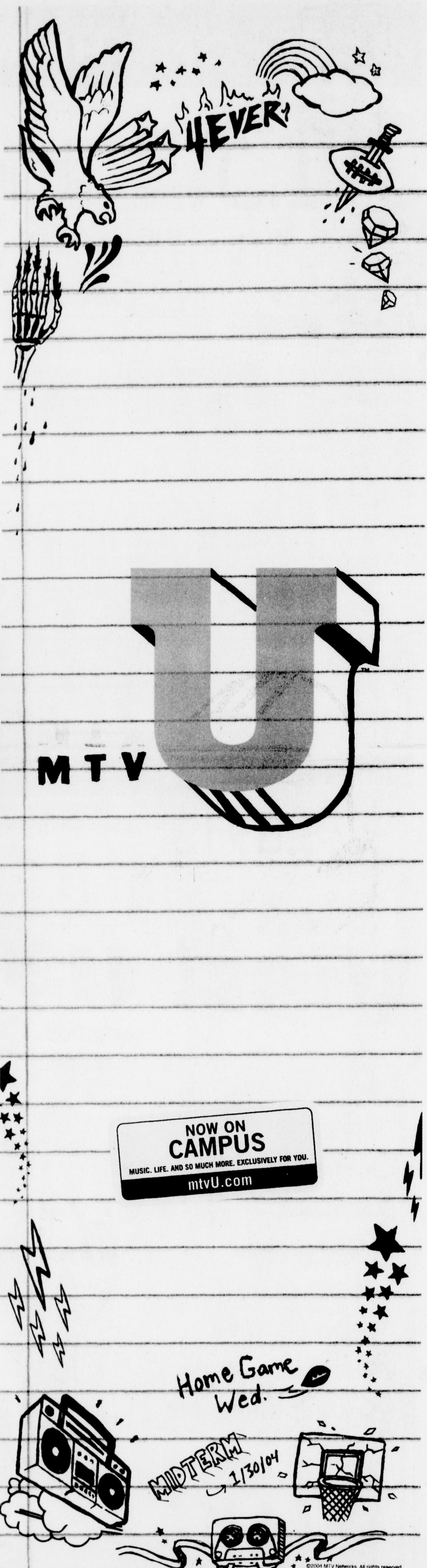
I may be wrong, but I don't think they were favored in any of the playoff games this year.

The popular perception going into the Cowboys game was that Bill Parcels Arc of the Covenant force over the outcome of any game his teams suited up for. The Rams had not lost at home

in nearly two seasons, and no team before the Eagles had lost two conference championship games in a row at home. Whether the team will continue to beat the odds against the Patriots is yet to be seen.

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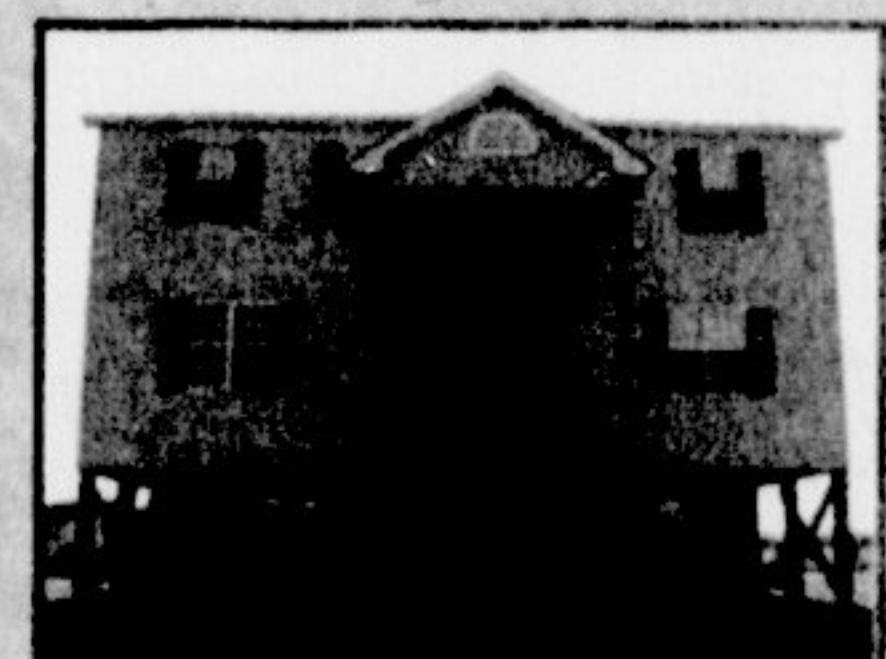



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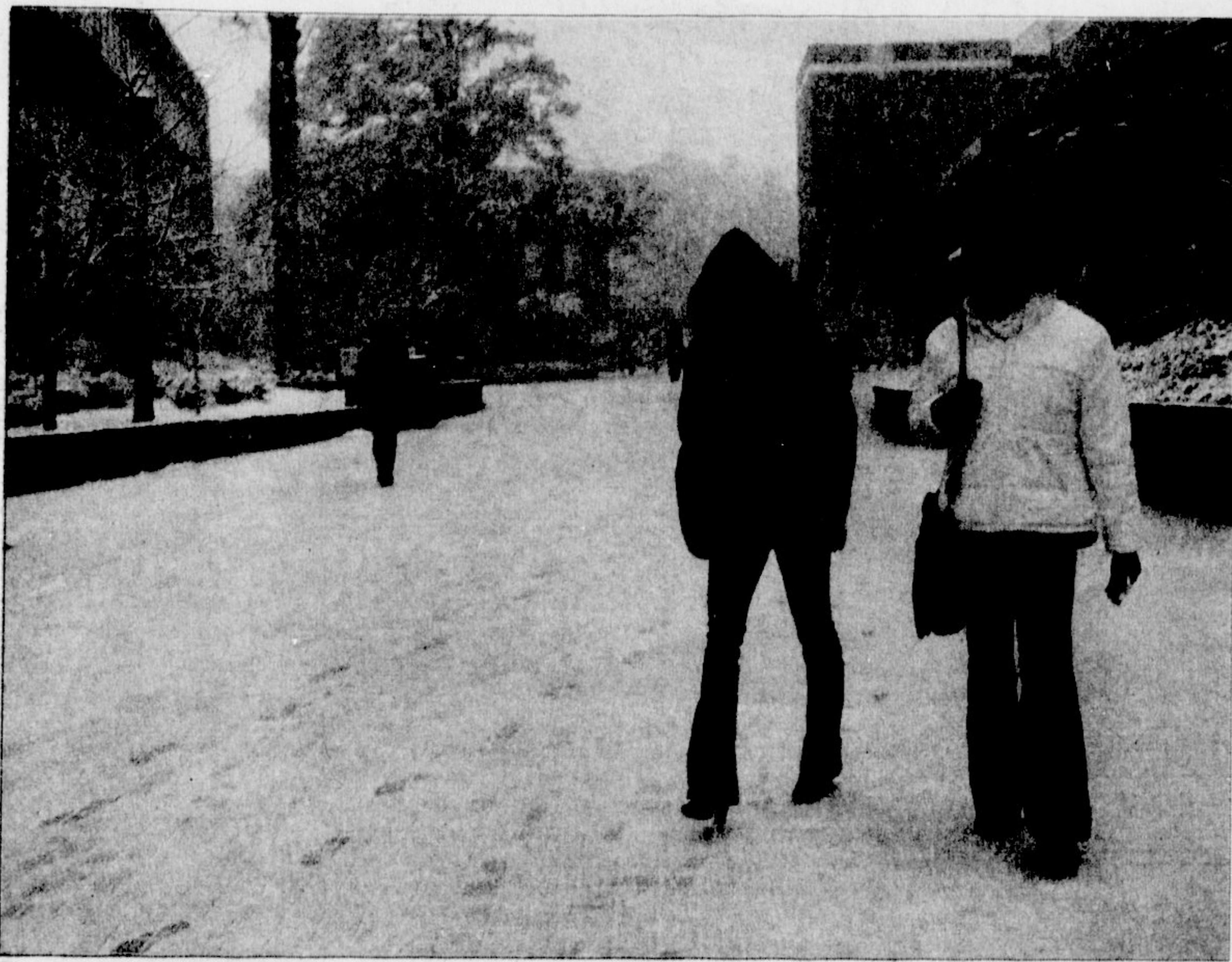
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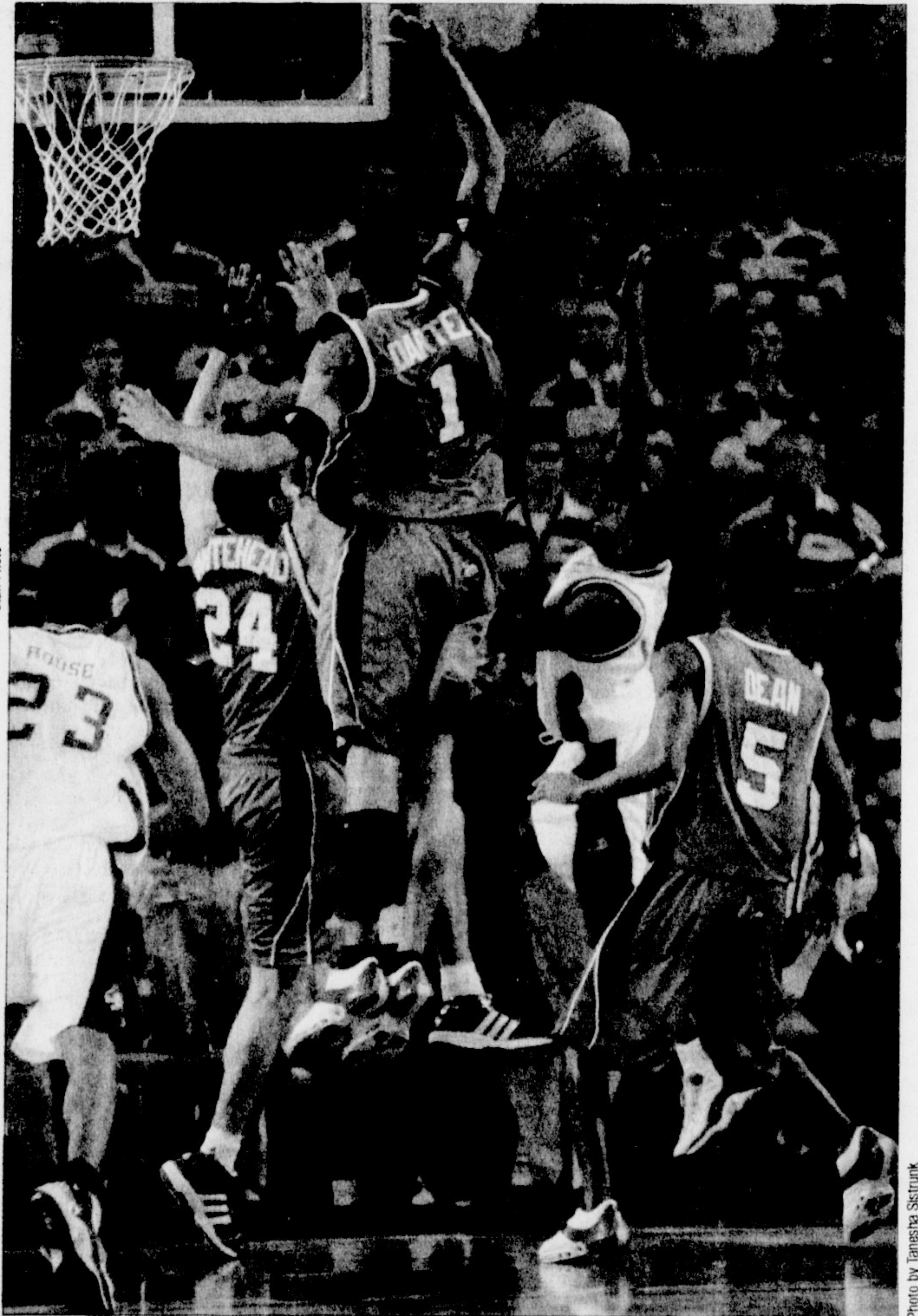
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Coach Herrion took a trip to Billville to round out his break and brought along some Pizza.



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Who will become the next pop sensation? Catch the third season from the very beginning. Part two of the three-day premiere airs tonight at 8 p.m. on FOX.

#### "Bands Reunited"

Each episode of VH-1's "Bands Reunited" chronicles the effort of host Aamer Haleem to reunite a popular band from decades past, long since broken up, and convince them to come together for a one time only performance. The show airs at 10 p.m. each night. Tonight, Haleem attempts to reunite Romeo Void. Also this week: A Flock of Seagulls (Jan. 21), Klymaxx (Jan. 22) and Frankie Goes to Hollywood (Jan. 23).

#### "The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's"

Actress Linda Hunt narrates this 90-minute documentary about Alzheimer's disease and its devastating effect on those afflicted. Following the film, David Hyde Pierce ("Frasier") hosts "Alzheimer's: The Help You Need," a look at new treatments for those battling the disease. The documentary airs on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. on PBS.

#### "Unseen and Untold: The Blues Brothers"

Spike TV's "Unseen and Untold" gives audiences a look at what went into creating the 1980 film, *The Blues Brothers*. The documentary features deleted scenes, never-before-seen storyboards from pre-production and an exclusive preview of the new *Blues Brothers* stage show created by Dan Aykroyd and Judy Pisanio (John Belushi's widow). "Unseen and Untold: The Blues Brothers" airs Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. on Spike TV.

#### "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica"

Can't get enough of Jessica Simpson's ditty one-liners and husband Nick Lachey's rolling eyes? Watch Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 10 p.m. on MTV for the premiere of the second season of "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica."

#### "Til Death Do Us Part: Carmen & Dave"

Watch as MTV cameras follow actress Carmen Electra and rocker Dave Navarro on their way to the altar. "Til Death Do Us Part" premieres on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 p.m.

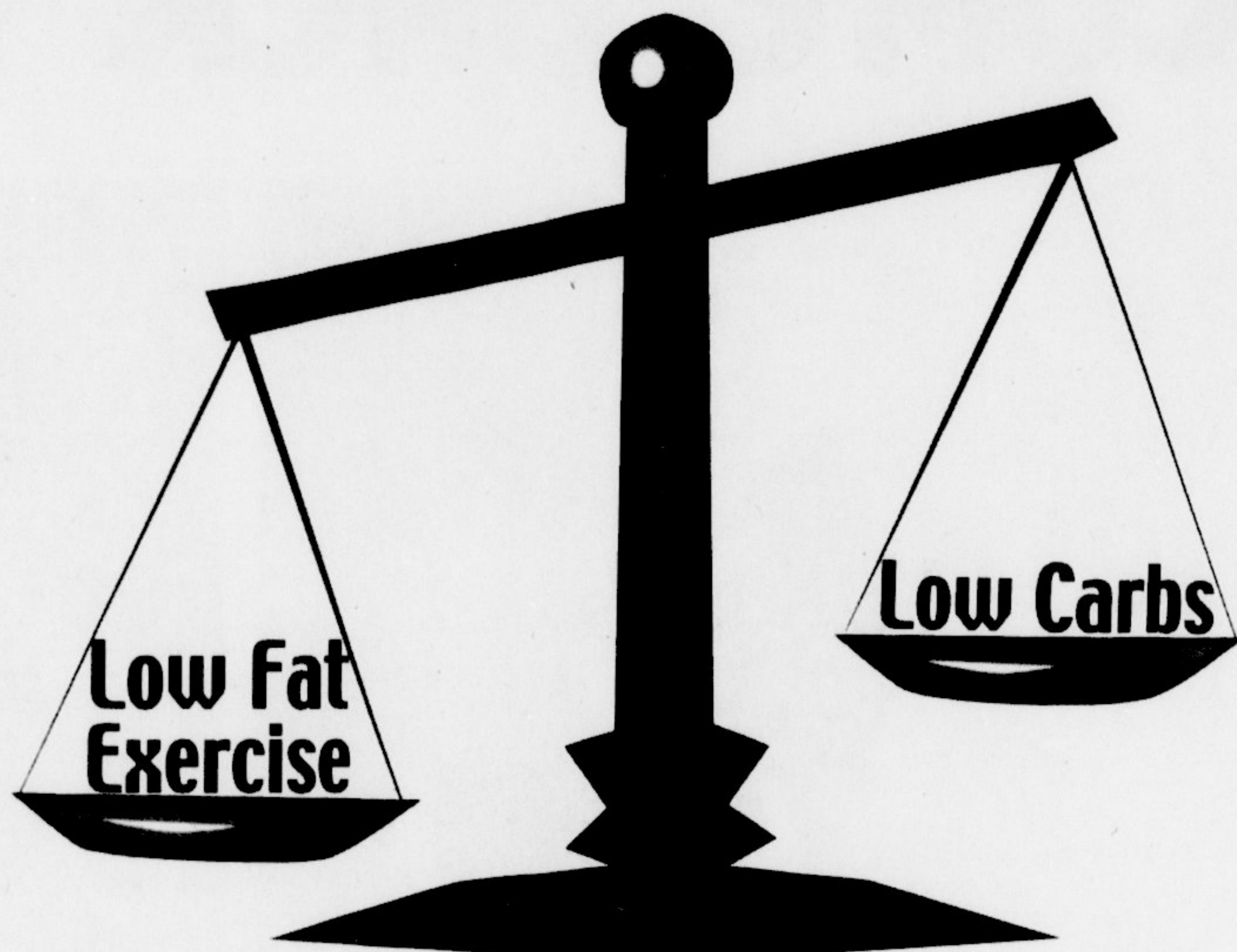
#### "Chappelle's Show"

Dave Chappelle's variety series returns for a sophomore season of outrageous sketch comedy. The premiere episode features skits like "Creative Solutions," where Chappelle positions himself as a political outsider running for office on a truly unique platform, and "Racial Draft," which sneaks a peek at a "forum" where people will decide the "racial standings" of celebrities like Tiger Woods, Mariah Carey, the Wu Tang Clan and Halle Berry. "Chappelle's Show" premieres at 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21 on Comedy Central.

#### "The 2004 Golden Globe Awards"

Tune in on Sunday, Jan. 25 to find out who are the big winners for the year 2004 in television and the motion picture industries. Presenters include Jim Carrey, Kim Cattrall, Ellen DeGeneres and Renee Zellweger. "The 2004 Golden Globe Awards" airs at 7 p.m. on NBC.

# Atkins diet weighs in



*Low carb diet keeps the burger, drops the bun*

**RACHEL LANDEN**  
SENIOR WRITER

The Atkins Diet is something of a weight-loss phenomenon, prompting nearly 32 million Americans to trade in their old dietary habits for new ones.

Dr. Robert Atkins published his original diet plan, emphasizing natural foods, over 20 years ago. Yet America is just beginning to notice, and more importantly, take action against obesity.

Nearly one-third of American adults, about 60 million, are classified as obese. Another 127 million are overweight, including approximately half of all men and women aged 20-34.

Atkins proposed to solve this problem through a four-step pro-

gram in which dieters severely cut back on carbohydrates and then gradually reintroduce certain carbs back into their diets.

The premise is that the bodies of most overeaters have an excess supply of insulin, the hormone that helps convert carbohydrates to fat. When the low-carbohydrate guidelines of the Atkins Diet are followed, the body produces less insulin, and therefore, stores less fat.

Although the first two weeks, known as the induction phase, permit only about 20 grams of carbohydrates per day from salad and vegetables, there is no limit on the number of high-fat foods that one can have.

However, the high-fat consumption associated with Atkins does not seem to thwart weight loss. In fact, most people lose 10-30 pounds during the first month of the diet. Yet, not all health pro-

fessionals are convinced.

"Although it may help people lose weight in the short term, over the long term people may regain what they lost," said Karen Warren, director of ECU Wellness Education and a registered dietician.

"And it is difficult to get all the nutrients that you need because so many foods are prohibited."

Whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables are associated with a decreased risk of cancer and heart disease, while large amounts of saturated fat are correlated with a greater risk of health problems. Yet on the Atkins Diet, adequate amounts of grains, fruits and vegetables are not allowed because of their high carbohydrate value.

"I am following a modified

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### How do you feel about the Atkins Diet?



**JOSH VAUGHN**  
JUNIOR ENGLISH MAJOR  
"It is too much work for the results."



**KATHRYN OXLEY**  
FRESHMAN ART MAJOR  
"The diet is very successful. And it's kind of a bandwagon that a lot of restaurants have jumped on."



**BRYAN RICHARDSON**  
FRESHMAN BIOLOGY MAJOR  
"It definitely works, but when my sister got off it, all the weight came back on."



**JENNIFER THOMAS**  
FRESHMAN GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR  
"My dad is on the diet, and it works."



**LAURA JACOBS**  
FRESHMAN SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

"My friend's dad did a moderation of the diet and lowered his cholesterol. In college it's the thing to do."

### Low-Carb Recipes: Variations on Your Favorite Foods

#### Crustless Pizza

(serves 4 to 6)

2 lbs. ground beef  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 tsp. ground oregano  
1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1 cup low-carb pizza sauce  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
12 oz. package sliced pepperoni salt & pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Add salt & pepper (to taste) to ground beef. Spread beef onto large cookie sheet (use nonstick spray). Mix sauce and spices together. Spread sauce over meat with pastry brush. Sprinkle cheese evenly over the sauce and place pepperoni evenly on top of cheese. Place it in the oven for 20-30 minutes. Drain off grease before serving.

#### Mock Mashed Potatoes

(serves 4 to 6)

2 heads of cauliflower, cut into chunks  
2 chicken bouillon cubes  
3 to 4 tbs. low-fat sour cream  
1 to 2 tbs. or more chopped chives  
butter, salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste  
grated cheddar cheese

In a large pot, add enough water just to cover cauliflower. Add bouillon cubes to the pot and boil cauliflower until very tender. Drain off water. Mash cauliflower with potato masher. With a whisk add sour cream and chives to taste. Add butter, salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste. Place mixture in casserole dish and top with grated cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts, about 10-15 minutes.

#### Cheesecake

(serves 6 with only 3 carbs per serving)

1 small package sugar-free Jell-O, any flavor  
2, 8 oz. packages Philadelphia cream cheese  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
6 packets artificial sweetener  
1 cup boiling water  
1 cup cold water

Soften cream cheese in mixing bowl by microwaving for two minutes on medium power. Blend in vanilla and sweetener. In a separate bowl, stir Jell-O mix into one cup boiling water until completely dissolved. Slowly blend Jell-O mixture into cream cheese. Add one cup cold water and blend thoroughly. Refrigerate for one hour in a round cake or pie pan until firm. Cut into six slices and serve with whipped topping.

## Ten tips to living the good life

*Simple healthy habits improve your lifestyle*

**JOHN BREAM**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Being a college student entitles you to enjoy different experiences that are usually held together by a common bond—an unhealthy lifestyle due to the stress, inactivity and the rigors of an erratic schedule. However, by incorporating 10 simple modifications into your daily routine, living a healthy lifestyle can be a lot easier than imagined.

#### 1) Eat Better

College students are victimized by eating on the run, whether it's a quick bite at the Wright Place between classes or indulging in a tasty Big Mac. Rarely do college students pay attention to the food pyramid or whether or not they eat enough fruit and vegetables. In fact, many new dieting phenomena, such as the Atkins Diet, encourage elimination of important food groups, such as carbohydrates, as a substitute for weight loss via monitoring what you eat and exercise.

"The University attempts to provide a nutritious diet, but college students go for what tastes good and is easy. Usually, that is a bag of chips or a candy bar instead of a well-balanced meal," said Matt Cook, junior biology major.

Eating properly will not only

help you look better but will improve your overall quality of life because your body will be supplied with the nutrients it needs to function normally.

#### 2) Reduce Alcohol Consumption

Drinking large quantities of alcohol can wreak havoc on your body. All types of alcohol, especially beer, are full of empty calories caused by an excessive amount of carbohydrates, which are stored as fat in the body and result in the "beer belly."

If eliminating drinking is not in your future, drinking light beer will significantly reduce the effect of beer's carbohydrates. Most companies market light beer with significantly reduced carbs. Michelob Ultra, for example, only has 2.6 grams of carbohydrates per beer.

#### 3) Cut Down On Stress

Stress is probably the most important health concern among college students. In fact, it is the underlying cause of the health obstacles that students face. Stress produces many undesirable effects in your body. Insomnia, high blood pressure, headaches, sexual dysfunction and immune deficiency can all usually be traced back to enduring excessive amounts of stress.

The key to reducing stress is incorporating enjoyable activities into your day and refusing to bite off more than you can chew. "No," is a word that probably ought to be used more by col-

lege students. But because of pressure to achieve, students try to do too much and as a result, are stressed.

#### 4) Reduce Caffeine Intake

Many students use caffeine to stay awake and get an energy boost to function. Besides the fact that soft drinks are loaded with empty calories, excessive caffeine consumption may cause "coffee jitters," insomnia and temporarily increase heart rate. According to information obtained from Dining Services, the easiest way to cut caffeine out of your diet is to gradually remove it, drink decaffeinated coffee and drink more water.

#### 5) Exercise

Exercising regularly is one of the most important things you can do to keep your body's performance optimal. Exercising three to four times per week keeps your muscles peaked and increases your body's immune system. Most importantly, it helps keep your weight down so walking on the beach during Spring Break won't be an embarrass-



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#### 6) Use Proper Protection in the Sun

College students are generally apathetic about skin care in the sun, but in the brutally hot Carolina summers, it's important to apply sunscreen when staying out in the sun for more than 20 minutes at a time. Wearing sunscreen will reduce the risk of developing sunburn, skin cancer and premature aging of the skin.

#### 7) Get More Sleep

When homework and exams pile up, the only way most students can find to gain extra time is by cutting back on sleep. Sleeping on a regular schedule is important because it enables the body to recuperate and prevents fatigue, irritability and the

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version of the Atkins Diet, mainly by cutting out desserts and eating more vegetables," said sophomore organ performance major Filippa Duke.

"I don't feel deprived because if I want to use my allotted carbs for fruit or sweets, then I do. I just have to budget for them and keep track of my carbs rather than counting calories."

Of course, it is important to understand that not all carbohydrates are equal. The concept of cutting out simple carbohydrates

and processed sugars like baked goods is a sound one. But including complex carbohydrates, like cereal, rice and fruit, provides the body with essential energy, nutrients and fiber.

In fact, the Japanese diet, consisting primarily of carbohydrates and very little animal protein, is essentially the antithesis of the Atkins. Accordingly, Japan has one of the healthiest populations in the world, with low rates of obesity, heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Still, some people swear by Atkins and the results they have achieved by following the diet.

"I did Atkins over the summer and then I just started back on January 1. I lost 18 pounds and was able to keep it off," said sophomore biology major Mary Catherine Knight.

"Once you do it for a while, it just becomes habit."

And as restaurants introduce new Atkins-friendly menu items, it is becoming easier to follow a low-carb diet even when dining

out. Subway began offering a Turkey and Bacon Melt Wrap and a Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, both of which boast 11 grams of net carbs or less.

Meanwhile, Hardee's has its own Low-Carb Thickburger. Replacing the bun with iceberg lettuce leaves and reducing the amount of ketchup saves 49 grams of carbohydrates per sandwich.

T.G.I. Friday's, Ruby Tuesday and Burger King are also among the latest restaurants to add Atkins' approved items to their menus.

Yet despite this growing trend of low-carb diets that is making its way from the bookstores to the grocery stores to the restaurants, it seems that old-fashioned common sense regarding nutrition and exercise is the surest bet for good health.

"Look at portion sizes because that is one of the areas where Americans tend to overdo it. Stop eating when you are full and make exercise a part of your routine," Warren said.

"If you look at the big picture, rather than at the short

term weight loss, you can make important behavioral changes."

You can lose weight on the Atkins diet, or on another diet without exercising, but it makes the weight loss more effective and healthier. It helps the body to burn more fat, as well as tone muscles. At the heart of any diet or exercise program is the formula that calories burned must exceed those consumed in order to lose weight.

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**Kick the habit: snuffing out cigarette addiction**

Resolve to be smoke-free in the New Year

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The New Year has started, and dreaded unkept resolutions from previous years have resurfaced and are waiting to be broken once again.

Ranked high on the list of resolutions that people hope to carry out is kicking the nasty habit of smoking.

The first step to quitting is to make up your mind that you want to quit. Trying to stop smoking without being truly ready can lead to smoking even more. Senior communication major Jen Frazier said she is a smoker, and even though she realizes smoking isn't healthy for her, she won't be making a resolution to stop just yet.

Quitting smoking may seem almost impossible, but it can be done. For smokers who have tried to quit and say it's hopeless, they should remember many successful quitters had to try repeatedly. Practice allows you to know what to expect each time you feel an urge to smoke. According to the American Lung Association, more than 45 million Americans have successfully quit.

The American Lung Association expects this number to rise significantly as the popularity of smoke-free public facilities increases across the country.

Smokers commonly feel they need to smoke because of boredom, stress and lack of motivation and support. Smokers, when trying to quit, should look into extracurricular activities to take their minds off the urge for nicotine. Trying to quit when you are under stress or during the holiday season should be avoided.

"I am not ready to quit, with the stress of my class load and work ... however, when I leave ECU I feel it will be much easier for me," said Lauren Shaffer, junior history education major. It's easy to turn to cigarettes when times are stressful, or even in a party atmosphere, but it's important to remember nicotine is an addictive and dangerous drug.

Smoking is an expensive habit. Paying a few dollars now and then for a pack of cigarettes may not seem too bad, but in the U.S. alone, smoking averages more than 92 billion dollars in health care costs each year.

When you're ready to quit, gradually remove smoking from your life. Cut back your smoking from two packs a week to one. With the extra money you save,

start a small savings to reward yourself. The money spent on cigarettes before Spring Break could buy that new bathing suit or special souvenir instead.

Brian Johnson, junior psychology major, said he hopes to spend the money he saves by quitting this year on his cruise for Spring Break.

Deciding to quit smoking can be difficult and may seem hopeless, but don't give up. Join support groups that help with the urges, talk with family and friends and keep busy. With enough determination, you too can join the millions of Americans that choose to take a healthier path in life each day when they lay down the cigarettes for good.

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**Tips For Quitting**

- Notice when and why you smoke. Try to find the things in your daily life you often do while smoking (such as drinking your morning cup of coffee or driving a car).
- Change your smoking routines. Keep your cigarettes in a different place. Smoke with your other hand. Don't do anything else when smoking. Think about how you feel when you smoke.
- Buy one pack of cigarettes at a time. Switch to a brand of cigarettes you don't like.
- Carry other things to put in your mouth, such as gum, hard candy, or a toothpick.
- Reward yourself at the end of the day for not smoking. See a movie or go out and enjoy your favorite meal.
- Consider the positive things about quitting, such as how much you like yourself as a non-smoker, health benefits for you and your family and the example you set for others around you. A positive attitude will help you through the tough times.
- If you slip and smoke, don't be discouraged. Many former smokers tried to stop several times before they finally succeeded. Quit again.

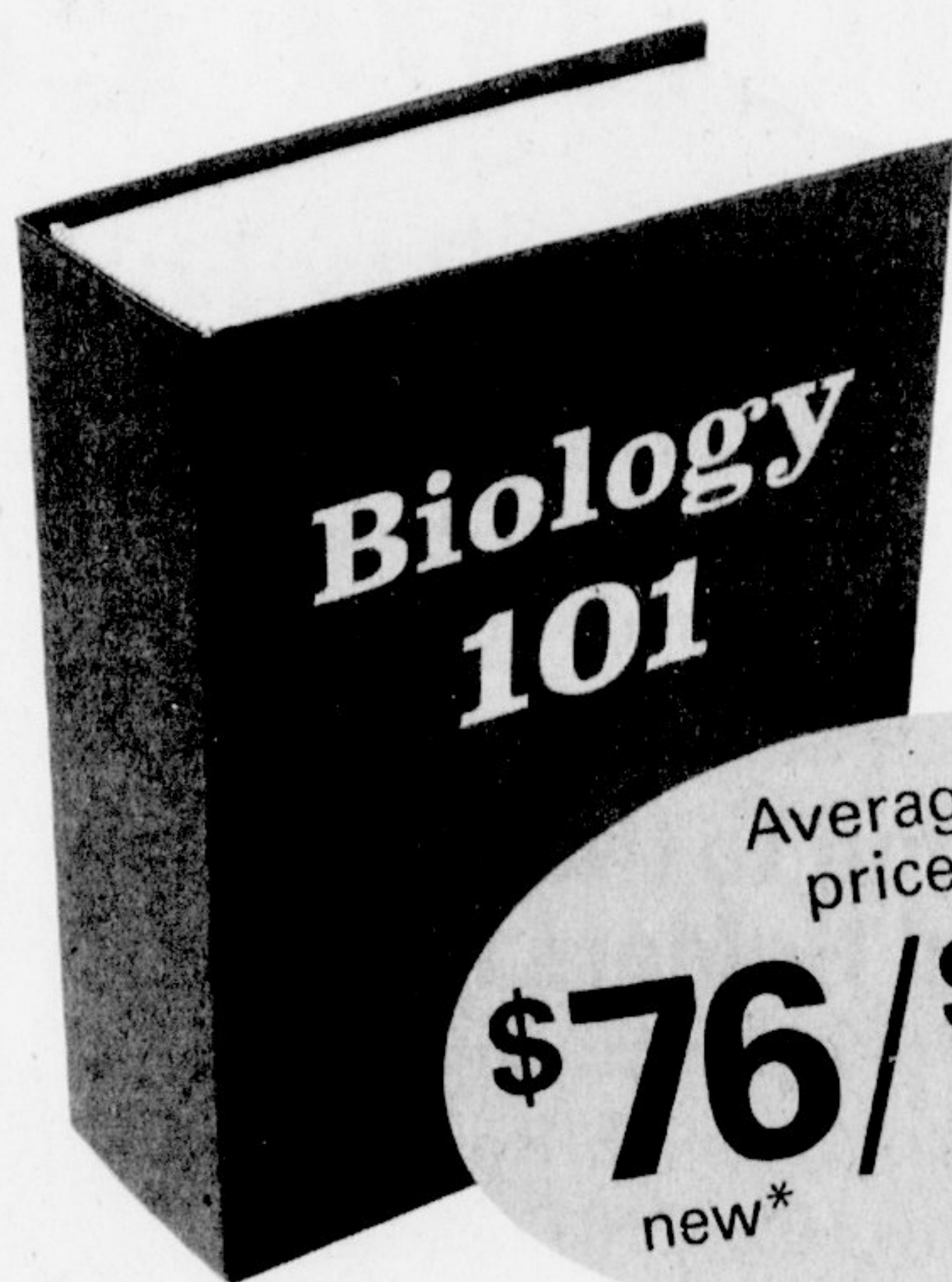
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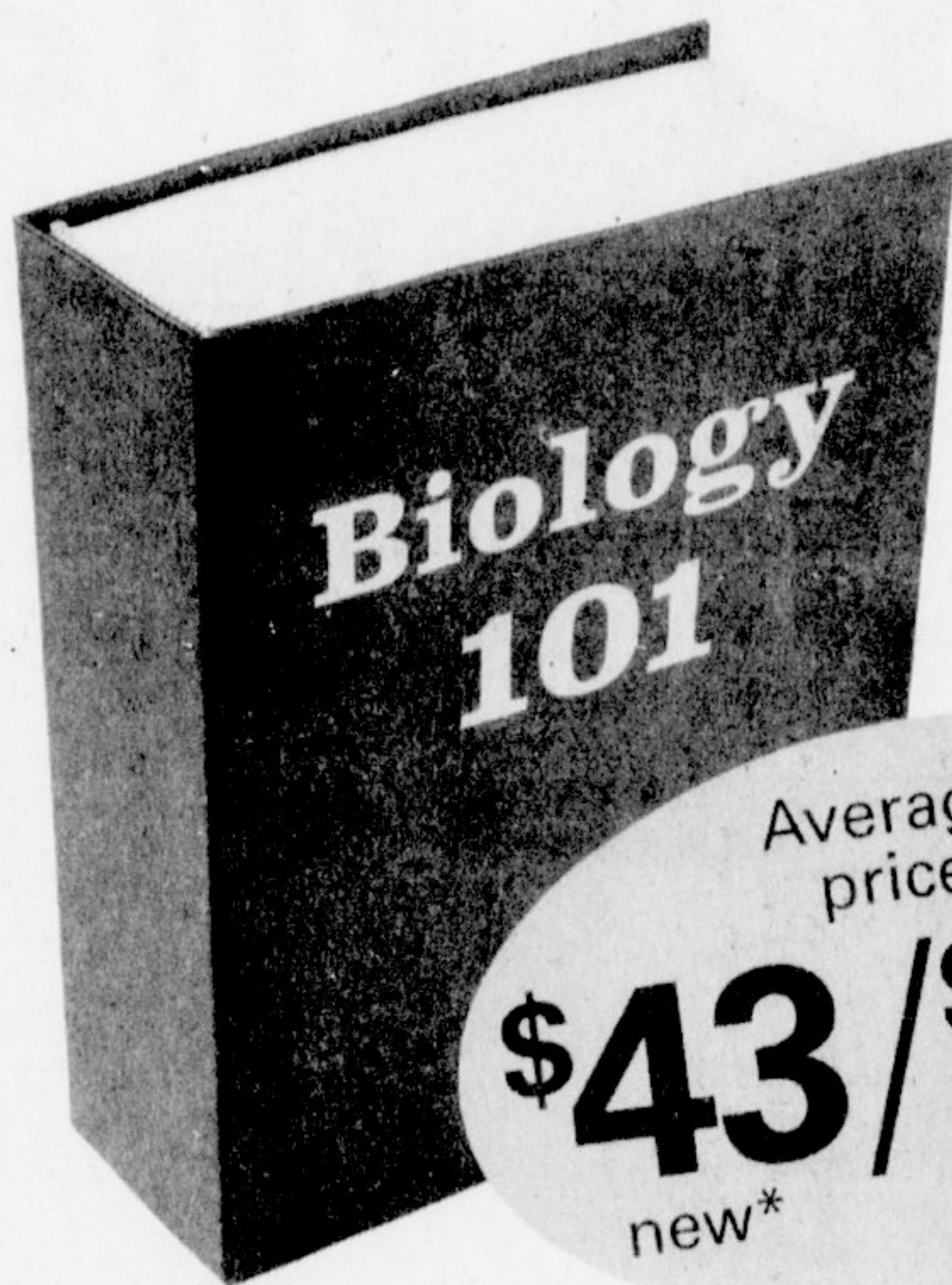
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inability to concentrate. While most college students sleep about six hours per night, it's recommended that the average adult gets seven to eight hours of R&R for maximum performance.

**8) Develop Better Study Habits**

Developing good study habits is of particular concern because it's an easy way to achieve stress relief and maintain a balanced schedule.

"Good study habits aren't usually thought of as a health concern, but if students adopt proper study habits, come exam time in April, students

will be a lot less stressed," said Tywana Jeffries, assistant director for wellness education.

**9) Lose Weight**  
Being overweight is a risk factor for developing many diseases. The incidence of high blood pressure, cardiac disease and diabetes increases among overweight people.

Determining whether or not you are overweight is easier than ever with quick indicators such as the Body Mass Index. Fortunately, losing weight is easier than ever due to increased understanding of dieting techniques and exercise. While students turn to means such as smoking

to control their weight, such unhealthy techniques should be avoided.

**10) Get an Annual Physical**

Whether or not you feel like you are in the best shape of your life, you should get a yearly physical. Many STDs, especially in females, are asymptomatic and can result in increased incidence in ovarian cancer and sterility. Males ages 18-35 are at an increased risk of developing testicular cancer. Getting a yearly physical is the most reliable way to avoid health problems, especially those that aren't visible to the untrained eye.

**Horoscopes**

**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Sudden impressions may clarify a strained relationship. After Monday, watch loved ones for subtle clues and unexpected hints. Social power struggles are easily resolved before midweek. Someone close may need practical advice or guidance. Don't delay; important property decisions may be at issue.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Before midweek, key financial decisions prove worthwhile. Friends and relatives may compliment creative business strategies. Ambition will slowly return. Late Friday, an unusual romantic or social proposal may be troublesome. Avoid complex triangles, mildly unethical flirtations or last-minute invitations.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Romantic overtures are gently persuasive over the next few days. Before midweek, expect new love affairs or unique friendships to trigger key decisions. Some Geminis will soon change their daily obligations and long-term family plans. Stay focused and watch for subtle invitations.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Colleagues may be mildly confrontational over the next few days. Before midweek, emotional reactions may be unpredictable. Avoid acting as mediator or adviser. Late Thursday, some Cancerians may also encounter a complex romantic or social invitation from a colleague. Private love affairs, hidden agendas or unusual triangles may be involved.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Intimate relationships begin an intensive

phase of planning. Early this week, some Leos, especially those born after 1963, will adopt controversial family ideas. Potential life partners may reveal their long-term plans. After Sunday, single Leos will encounter several new romantic invitations.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Home repairs or unexpected family expenses may be temporarily draining over the next few days. A delayed response may trigger unnecessary conflict. After Thursday, friends and lovers may insist on revised emotional rules or new daily routines. Fear of abandonment or social awkwardness may be concerns.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Late social invitations may prove emotionally complicated. Over the next two days, expect friends or colleagues to present conflicting facts, dates or times. Thursday through Saturday accent renewed career interest and rare financial opportunities.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).** Workplace differences and minor jealousies may be annoying this week. Before Wednesday, fresh ideas and creativity will be quickly challenged. Thursday through Saturday, family relationships will steadily improve. Loved ones, although emotionally needy, will allow for greater moments of relaxation or freedom.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21).** Compliments or rare group invitations indicate a new attitude of social acceptance. Monday through Thursday, watch for unique proposals

or unexpected opportunities for change. Late Friday also accents a minor disagreement with an older relative. Take time to clearly explain your position.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Old memories or forgotten friends may challenge present relationships. Friday through Sunday avoid excess spending or new investments. Added financial information and new demands may arrive early next week.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Before Wednesday, group plans may be postponed or canceled. At present, underlying family or romantic tensions may influence social decisions. Moodiness and hidden facts are best avoided.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Over the next four days, business relations may be briefly strained by private agendas. After Thursday, powerful romantic feelings may emerge. Don't hold back. Love relationships, shared sensuality and new friendships are strongly favored in the coming weeks.

**If your birthday is this week ...**  
Subtle health issues affecting the immune system, circulation or kidneys may be briefly bothersome. In the coming weeks, improved habits will greatly reduce minor ailments. After April 8, watch also for a sudden flurry of business openings, new job assignments or financial changes. June through October also accent complex romantic decisions and sudden changes in key relationships. Vital choices will trigger lifestyle changes throughout September. Stay alert.

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## Names in the News



**HALLE BERRY**

(KRT) - Life in that perverse soap opera known as the Carter family just got a little more weird. That would be the freak-show broken home of music managers Jane and Robert Carter, whose brood includes precocious superblonde pop stars 16-year-old Aaron and 23-year-old Nick, the Backstreet Boy (who's created a mini-soap of his own by dating the scandalicious Paris Hilton).

Some highlights from the past: The parents separated in March. Last month, Aaron took sides in that dispute, firing Jane as his manager and accusing her of nicking more than \$100,000 of his lunch money. But he didn't stop there. Aaron also filed for legal emancipation from Mom, so he could continue to live with Dad.

Things looked good Sunday, when Aaron had a sit-down with the parents and agreed to drop the emancipation business. Good thing Aaron and Mom buried the hatchet, because come Wednesday morning, she needed someone to bail her out of jail.

Which brings us to the present. According to police in Marathon, Fla., the 44-year-old matriarch showed up at her hubby's house late Tuesday night, allegedly smashed a window with a brick so she could enter the house, and allegedly proceeded to the bedroom, where she pulled



**NICK CARTER**

Robert's girlfriend, 29-year-old Ginger Elrod, out of the bed by her hair and beat her. Jane Carter was arrested and charged with battery. She'll be arraigned Feb. 3.

**ANALYZING HALLE**  
In the German magazine TV Movie, actress Halle Berry says she has entered therapy to help her avoid men who are bad for her. "So far, my relationships have all been the kind that make you throw up. ... I seem to have a hard time finding the right one."

**A FOND RETURN**

It has been 14 long years and a really, really rich husband since Jane Fonda last graced the silver screen (with Robert DeNiro in *Stanley & Iris*). Now, Ted Turner's 66-year-old ex is set to return in style. According to *Variety*, Fonda will play the mother-in-law from hell to J-Lo in *Monster-in-Law*. (Hmm, talk about a trend: First, there was *Monster's Ball*, then *Monster* now this). No word on who'll play Jennifer Lopez's fiance.

**SIBLING ENGAGEMENT**

They all swim in the same little pond, so it's no surprise that stars' minor siblings hook up with each other. Certainly true for Casey Affleck, who may very well beat his bro, Ben, to the altar. According to *E!Online*, the 28-year-old actor popped the question to Summer Phoenix, 25, over the holidays. Summer is, of course, sister to Joaquin and the late River Phoenix. She is reportedly pregnant with the couple's first child. No word on a wedding date. The baby's due in May.



**JANE FONDA**

**JACKSON'S JEWISH CHILDREN**

In his gossip column, The 411, FoxNews.com reporter Roger Friedman writes that Michael Jackson's ex-wife, Debbie Rowe, says their two children, Paris and Prince, are Jewish by birth, and that she's concerned about Jackson's new association with the Nation of Islam.

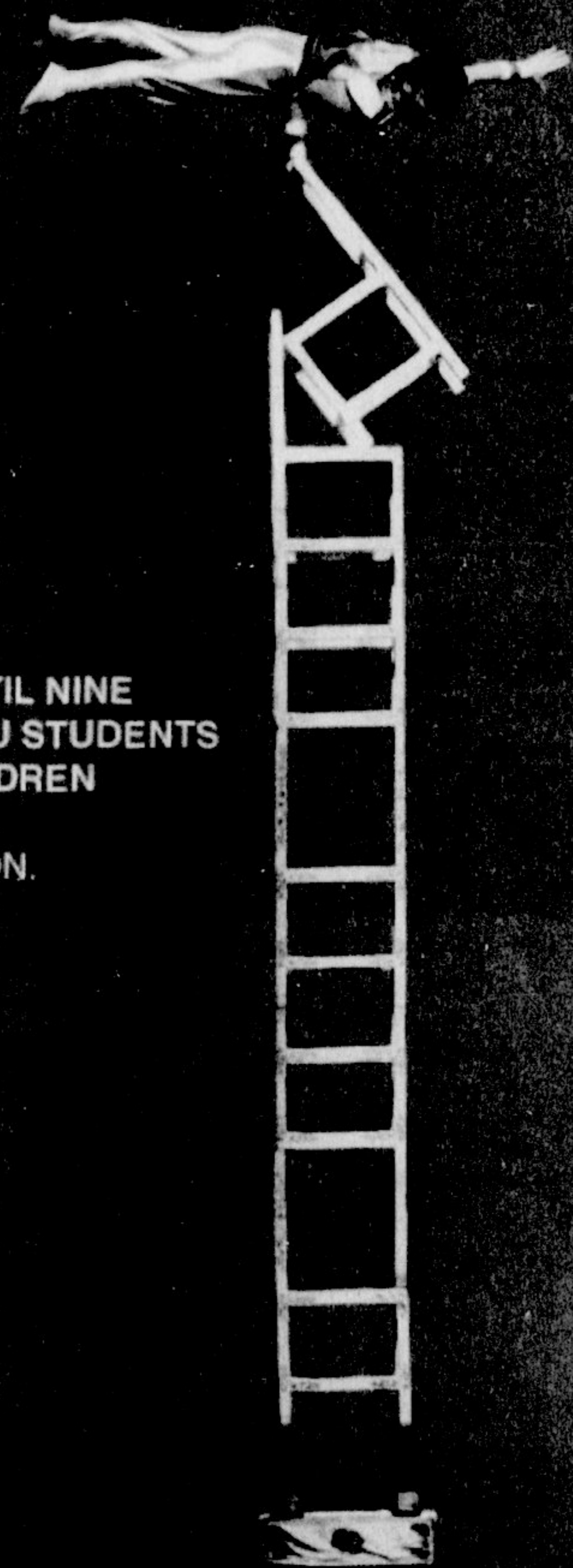
Quoting sources, Friedman says Rowe is worried that the Nation of Islam, which is monitoring the Jackson family's stay at a Beverly Hills mansion, might make her kids become Muslims.

Friedman notes two ironies here: First, Rowe signed away any rights she may have to the kids in exchange for monetary compensation, and second, "the more damning irony, of course, is that the Nation of Islam is an anti-Semitic group."

Rowe's attorney, Iris Finsilver, confirmed that Rowe is indeed Jewish, but she had no other comment on the situation.

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# CHECK OUT WHATS NEW AT STUDENT UNION!

## SEVEN OUT OF TEN AIN'T BAD!

### RUN FOR THE MONEY WIN \$300 shopping spree!

Attend any "7 out of 10" selected Student Union events from January 21st to March 10th. Card holder must present card to Student Union representative prior to event in order to be eligible. Enter your card at final event, March 10th, for shopping spree and other prizes. Winners must present a valid ECU One card in order to claim prize!

#### January

- 21st - Wings Over Wilmington (Cloning Hall)
- 24th - Symposium 9-11
- 25th - Chinese Acrobats
- 28th - Barry Diller 80's Lecture 7:30 pm Hendrix Theatre
- 29th - Jazz at Night 8pm Grand
- 31st - The Blue Party 8:30 pm Grand

#### February

- 2nd - Wings Over Wilmington
- 2nd - Jazz at Night 8pm Grand
- 4th - Shakespeare Festival
- 4th - African Storytelling 7pm MSC
- 7th - The Phoenix (featuring a DJ, MC, Fire) 8pm Grand
- 11th - Opera
- 12th - Jazz
- 18th - Wings Over Wilmington
- 20th - Underground
- 21st - Jazz at Night 8pm Grand
- 24th - Dixie Phish and Am. (Comedy Sketch) 8pm Hendrix Theatre
- 28th - Acoustic Band (Chamber Rock) 9-11 pm First Underground

#### March

- 2nd - Wings 7:30 MSC
- 4th - South Island group (concert) Underground
- 6th - Jazz at Night 8pm Grand
- 6th - Kellin Watson (Women) 9-11 pm First Underground
- 8th - Kaseki Simmons Del Poetry on Broadway 8pm Wright Auditorium
- 9th - Wings 8pm Hendrix Theatre
- 10th - The Keyhole (Garden Cover Band) 8 pm Hendrix Theatre

Pick up card at any of the SELECTED events, Student union office or MSC information desk

# we STILL do it after dark!

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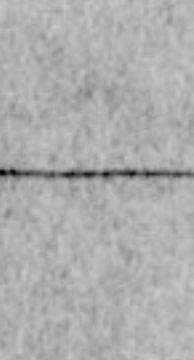
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