

ECU researchers file lawsuit against company



SpeechEasy creators designed a device to help stuttering.

Anti-stuttering device copyright in question

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NEWS EDITOR

ECU researchers Andrew Stuart, Ph.D., and Joseph Kalinowski, Ph.D., filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against Janus Development Group, Inc. claiming the company sold their copyrighted "SpeechEasy" device without permission or payment.

Stuart and Kalinowski spent more than 12 years getting their

anti-stuttering device to a marketable point.

The team's research eventually led to a patent, and in accordance with ECU policy, was assigned to the university.

The two researchers put the anti-stuttering device on the market in 2001 after ECU granted a license to Janus.

Stuart and Kalinowski were concerned that those marketing the device weren't properly trained, so the researchers helped Janus train the individuals that would be fitting the device.

Stuart said they later found Janus was providing workshops all over the U.S. using the researchers' material, but the company had taken out all reference to them.

Stuart said between May and July of 2003, the two parties tried to negotiate the issue of copyright but could not come to an agreement; therefore they were forced to file a complaint in the U.S. District Court against Janus.

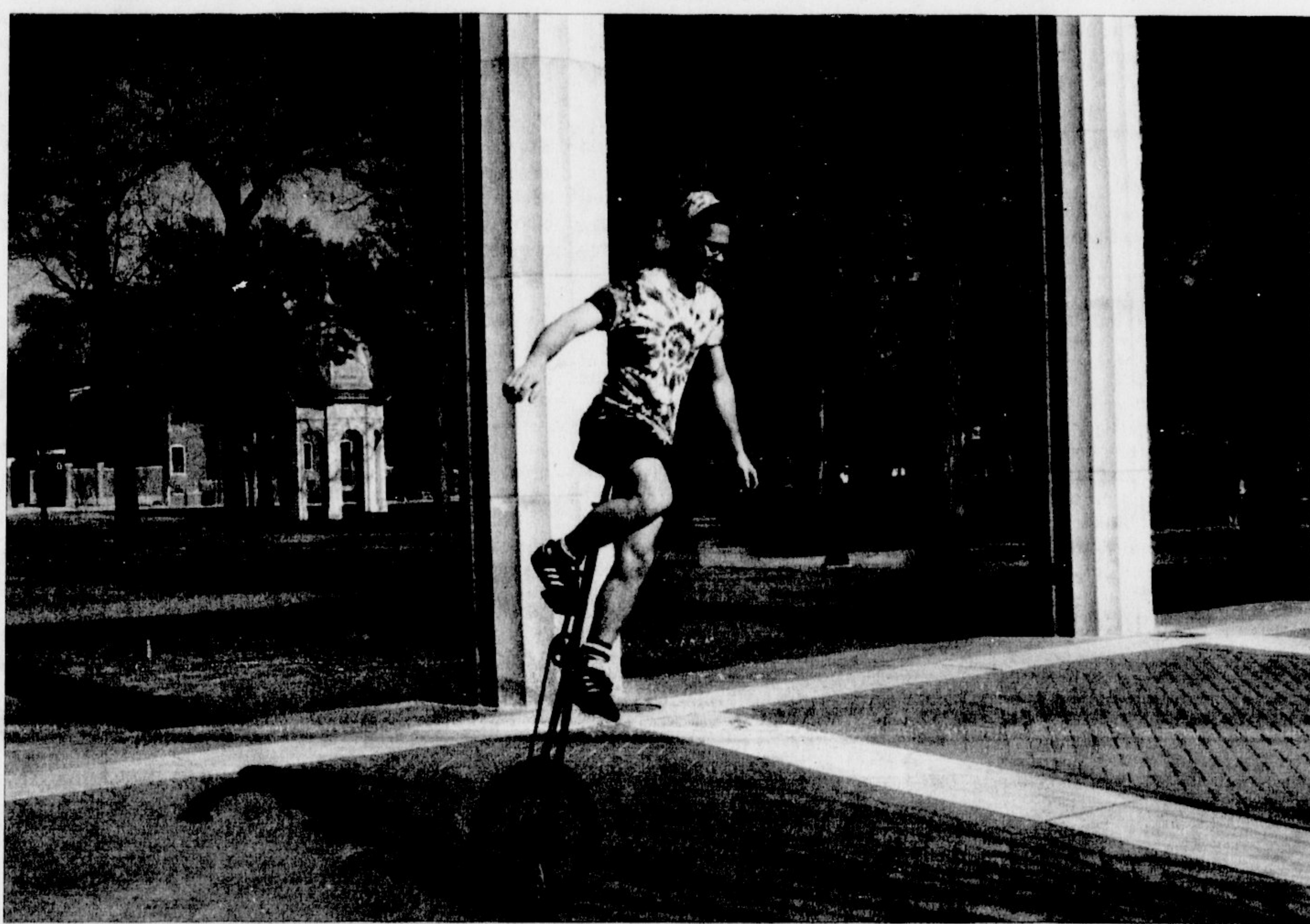
"It came to what we felt was a violation of copyright and our intellectual property," said Stuart.

"It is unfortunate that we are left in this situation. These people [Janus Development Group, Inc.] have taken the fruits of our labor and been rewarded quite handsomely. Someone must be held accountable."

Don Parrott, chairman of the Janus board of directors and mayor of Greenville, said attorneys were handling the situation and he had been advised not to discuss the matter.

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Balancing school work with extracurricular activities



The walkway between Joyner Library and Joyner East is a stage for many student performances such as unicycling.

Atkins attacks: options at every dining location



Tenika Smith, junior chemistry and mathematics major, eats an Atkins-friendly diet on campus.

Dieters find foods to fit their needs

KRISTIN DAY
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ECU students and faculty are jumping on the Atkins diet bandwagon to lose weight fast.

As the trend continues, people hear more success stories supporting the plan.

"I met a guy the other day who started it for his New Year's resolution and has already lost 21 pounds," said Dan Scheffer, junior business management major.

Many students and faculty started the diet and have turned to university dining services for food options on campus.

Associate Food Service Director Scott Lamond said ECU first introduced low carb products about a year ago.

"We started on campus at the juice bar in the Rec Center," said Lamond.

"We were getting a lot of new requests. Not power bars and protein bars, but actually low carb bars."

Since the bars sold well, they moved to other retail stores on campus. Now they can be found, along with low carb shakes, in places such as The Spot, The Galley and Wright Place.

Bill Kazda, location manager for Wright Place, said they received bars and shakes a short time ago, but faculty and students requested nuts, so they stocked almonds and cashews.

"We try to offer enough of a variety of stuff to have available for Atkins, vegetarian or any other diet," said Kazda.

Nutrition Director Robin High said the dining halls and retail stores on campus have always had low carb choices, even before Atkins became popular.

"For those who have chosen to try the low carb diets, we always offer tuna salads, chicken salads, lean meats of your choice at our deli area, hamburgers and other meat entrees," said High.

Specific low carbohydrate meals are hard to find on campus, but as vendors begin to offer more options to the dining services, students may start to see more of a variety.

Lamond said when ECU first started providing Atkins-friendly bars and shakes, the choices were limited, but new products are introduced all the time.

"With low carbs, there was a very small variety at first, but it's getting a lot better every week," Lamond said.

Dining Services won't have any promotions

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North Carolina Republican primary approaches

Seven candidates to fight for Gov. Easley's post

HOLLY O'NEAL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

election 2004 A recent ruling against using temporary districting by the North Carolina Supreme Court may push back the date

of the Republican primary, but candidates have already begun campaigning.

So far, seven Republican hopefuls entered bids to run against Democratic incumbent Governor Mike Easley. Here's a quick synopsis of the current contenders:

- State Sen. Patrick Ballantine is the current Senate Republican leader and a practicing attorney. He endorses tax cuts, modernized Medicare and support for community colleges

and universities.

- Dan Barrett is touted as a political outsider for the people, with a background in local government as county commissioner and experience as a hospital official. His focus is running the state government more efficiently to redirect finances to essential services, such as affordable health care.

- Bill Cobey is chairman of the Republican Party and

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Election

Visit www.ncgop.org for links to each Republican candidate's Web site and information about how to be a campaign volunteer.

Gov. Easley's Web site is www.governor.state.nc.us.

Laupus library receives \$370,000 in rare books



Ruth Moskop looks through a rare book.

Collection dates back to 15th century

ADRIANNA DRAKE
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The William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library is now the proud owner of rare books and journals appraised at almost \$370,000.

Dr. Karel B. Absolon, a pioneer in the medical field who has published more than 500 articles and 20 books, donated the history of medicine collection to the library as a gift.

The collection is made up of almost 2,300 books, journals and prints in 115 boxes. Dr. Dorothy Spencer, director of Laupus Library, said the collection is extensive and dates back to the 15th century.

The books were given to Laupus Library officially in 2001, but arrival was delayed because of space issues at the library.

Many of the newer books are still boxed in banker's boxes while the older and more rare books and folios (larger books) are being held in controlled environments. The library's interim

plan is to shelve the books temporarily until the new library is complete in 2006.

The collection will be housed in what used to be a conference room, but the room will be redecorated to accentuate the age of the books.

The current table and chairs will be replaced with a table from the 17th century and two side chairs believed to be from the 18th century.

Because of the frailty of the books, they were each placed

Black History Awareness throughout February

April 9, 1816 The African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized, becoming the first black denomination in the U.S.

Aug. 21-22, 1831 Nat Turner slave revolt occurred in Virginia



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Online

Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to view updates about the Carlie Brucka kidnapping case.

News

Students on campuses across the U.S. can now rate their professors teaching and grading online.

Features

The Grammy Awards will air this Sunday, check out the nominees and their categories.

Sports

Marquette has been invited to join the Big East Conference. However, they haven't decided whether they'll accept the offer.



Don't forget to attend the discussion on HIV and AIDS on Monday at 6 p.m. in Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

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Announcements

Job Fair Workshop

Career Services presents a workshop to inform students how to get the most out of a job fair today from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 1003 Bate.

HIV/AIDS Discussion

Wellness Education and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host a Dialogue on Diversity on HIV/AIDS in the African-American community on Monday at 6 p.m. in LWCC.

Resume Blitz

Career Services offers a Resume Blitz for students to have their resumes critiqued Monday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Both sessions will be in Bate Lobby.

Career Readiness Workshop: Interviewing

Career Services offers a workshop on how to prepare for an interview Monday from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in 1012 Bate.

Women in Academic Medicine Seminar

The Office of Academic and Faculty Development presents a seminar on women in academic medicine Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the Ironwood Golf and Country Club. Call 744-3420 for more information.

Construction and Industrial Career Fair

There will be a Construction Management and Industrial Technology Career Fair Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Science and Technology Building.

Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair

There will be a Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair Thursday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Carol Belk Building.

Deans and Issues Forum

The ECU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa will host the Deans and Issues Forum on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall Student Center. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for Student Life, will moderate open discussion on diversity, campus safety, transportation, parking, expansion, faculty involvement and student organizations.

Science and Chemistry Career Fair

There will be a science and chemistry career fair Friday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the third floor of the Science and Technology Building.

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. at 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.

Book Drive

The ECU NC Teaching Fellows Program will sponsor a book drive on Saturday, Feb. 14 at Greenville Nissan and Greenville K-Mart. Books and donations will be distributed to area schools affected by Hurricane Isabel. All contributors (books or cash) will receive a chance to win a dinner for two at one of several participating Greenville restaurants. Books may be dropped off at the book drive or sent/delivered prior to the Teaching Fellows office in 204 Spellman. Contact Mary Beth Corbin at 328-4126 for more information.

Negro Spiritual Presentation

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will sponsor "The History of the Negro Spiritual" presented by Dorthea Taylor, soprano, and Louise Toppin, piano, on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Hooker Road.

Criminal Justice Applications

The deadline for students to apply for admission into the criminal justice program is Monday, Feb. 16. Applications are available outside 104-B Ragsdale. Contact Virginia Parker at 328-4192 for more information.

Latino/Hispanic Education Conference

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

Drop Deadline Extension

The last day for undergraduate students to drop term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades has been extended to Wednesday, Feb. 25. Block courses may be dropped only during the first 40 percent of their regularly scheduled class meetings.

Paper Person

The person featured at the top of today's paper is Daniela Jones, sophomore psychology major.

News Briefs

Local

More deputies quit in missing property scandal

CHAPEL HILL, NC (AP) - An on-campus salad bar appears to have been the source for a family of viruses that sent about 300 UNC-Chapel Hill students to the doctor last month, Orange County health officials say.

Officials last week said lab specimens tested positive for norovirus, a number of highly contagious viruses that cause nausea and vomiting. The Orange County Health Department said Monday it managed to narrow the norovirus source to the salad bar at Lenoir Hall, the main cafeteria at UNC-Chapel Hill. Student surveys found that those who ate in the dining hall, particularly at the salad bar, were more likely to be exposed to the norovirus or get sick, health officials said.

Officials were unable to determine if any one particular item at the salad bar made students sick, said Donna King, a health department spokeswoman. They also couldn't determine how the contamination occurred.

The health department has reviewed "all procedures used by UNC dining services and found no procedural problems with sanitation and food-handling processes," said officials.

Mother pleads guilty in daughter's drowning death

GREENSBORO (AP) - A woman who twice tried to kill herself has pleaded guilty to killing her daughter, whose drowning death originally was ruled an accident.

Trianice Lynn Akins pleaded guilty Monday in Guilford County Superior

Court, two years to the day after her daughter's death, to second-degree murder in the death of 8-month-old Milalia. She was sentenced to between nine years and 11 years and seven months in prison, where she will receive psychiatric treatment.

Akins confessed to holding Milalia underwater in a bathtub.

Akins' confession came after she had walked onto Interstate 75 in Atlanta and stepped in front of an oncoming 18-wheeler.

She survived the June 2002 incident, fracturing her skull and a leg. In a hospital's psychiatric unit, Akins finally confessed her secret, saying she heard voices telling her to kill the baby.

National

Teen charged with first-degree murder in killing of classmate in Miami school

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. (AP) - A 14-year-old boy is charged with murder in the slaying of a classmate, a musician and baseball player who was found bleeding to death in a school bathroom.

The two boys "knew each other very well," said Chief Pete Cuccaro of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department. He refused to elaborate on their relationship.

Jaime Rodrigo Gough, 14, was found early Tuesday at Southwood Middle School, a magnet school specializing in visual and performing arts, authorities said.

Police would not comment on the boy's wounds. The Miami Herald said his throat apparently was cut.

Michael Hernandez was charged with first-degree murder late Tuesday, police said. There was no immediate

word on a court appearance.

Bush faces dilemmas in new Iraq intelligence panel

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's decision to appoint a commission on Iraq intelligence was intended to take pressure off a potentially explosive political issue. But setting up the commission offers its own dangers.

If the commission is truly independent, as the president has promised, it could examine not only the work of intelligence agencies, but also how the administration handled intelligence. It could make demands for access to Bush's secret intelligence briefings, as has the congressionally created commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But if the commission members are seen as too close to Bush, the panel's credibility could be questioned. Democratic leaders have already expressed doubts that a commission appointed entirely by the president can be impartial.

Bush may formally announce the investigation as early as Wednesday. The White House already has begun defending it.

World

Bird flu death toll rises to 15; China sets up new flu headquarters

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Asia's human death toll from bird flu rose to 15 Wednesday while China addressed its broadening zone of infected poultry with a new bird flu headquarters and Singaporeans turned in pet chickens for slaughter.

Health experts say the wide range of the bird flu striking Asia's poultry boosts chances that the virus

could mutate into a global menace for people, but say the disease is "nowhere close" to being declared a pandemic.

Most human cases have been traced directly to contact with sick birds, and although human-to-human transmission has not been ruled out in the case of one Vietnamese family, the experts say there is no sign of a new strain that can easily infect many people.

Serbia-Montenegro marks first birthday in limbo

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) - The creation of Serbia-Montenegro was meant to stop the final dissolution of Yugoslavia by keeping its last two republics together. But a year after its birth, the successor state to the Balkan federation appears a limited success.

There were high hopes when Serbia-Montenegro was created Feb. 4, 2003 under an EU-negotiated deal that created a country with two nearly sovereign republics loosely linked by a small, central administration. The deal aimed to defuse a strong pro-independence movement in Montenegro and an emerging one in Serbia. Back then, the republics' leaders grudgingly pledged to rebuild joint institutions, a common market and run defense and foreign affairs together.

One year on, however, the republics cooperate very little, and separatists in both republics eagerly await 2006, when the EU-brokered deal allows for independence referendums.

While defense and foreign affairs are mostly run jointly, a common market remains an elusive goal - the republics have failed to fully harmonize taxes and customs rates for dozens of key agriculture products.

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in bankers' boxes, wrapped in white paper with the spine down to avoid damage on the trip from Maryland. The collection includes books that discuss the discovery of Anthrax, the first heart surgery and a great deal on Military medicine.

There is also one written by Paracelsus in 1566 in a mixture of German and Latin and talks about the relationship between environmental settings and

certain diseases. Paracelsus is sometimes referred to as "the father of modern medicine."

"He [Paracelsus] believed that diseases came from elsewhere ... that they were external. That was a big deal in the 16th century," said Ruth Moskop, Ph.D, curator of History Collections.

Another rare piece of the collection is a large folio by Ashley Cooper, one of the well-known authors of medicine in the early

19th century. The book talks about the condition of hernia surgery, new in its time.


Spencer said what really sticks out are the magnificent illustrations made from natural dyes in multiple layers.

She also said details like those in the folio are uncommon for that era.

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Information

Dr. Karel B. Absolon donated the new History of Medicine collection to Laupus Library, but books will not be available for student viewing until Founders Week.

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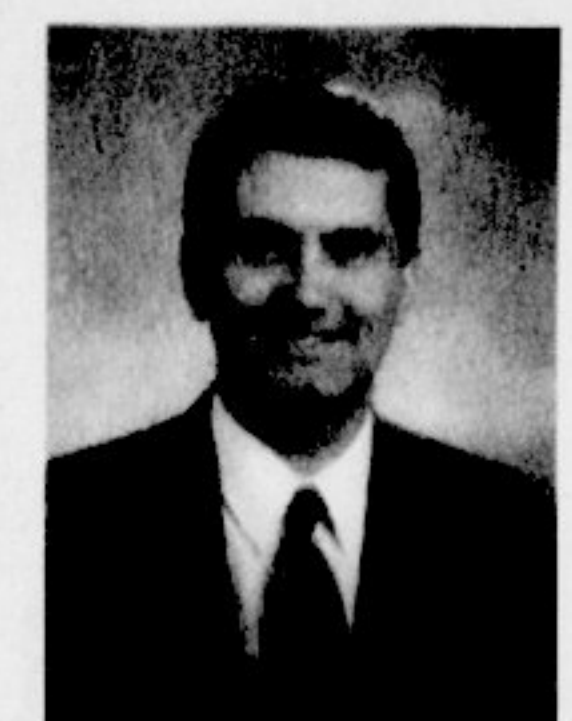
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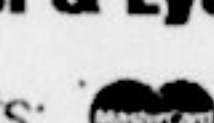
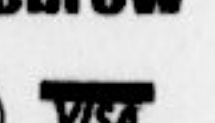
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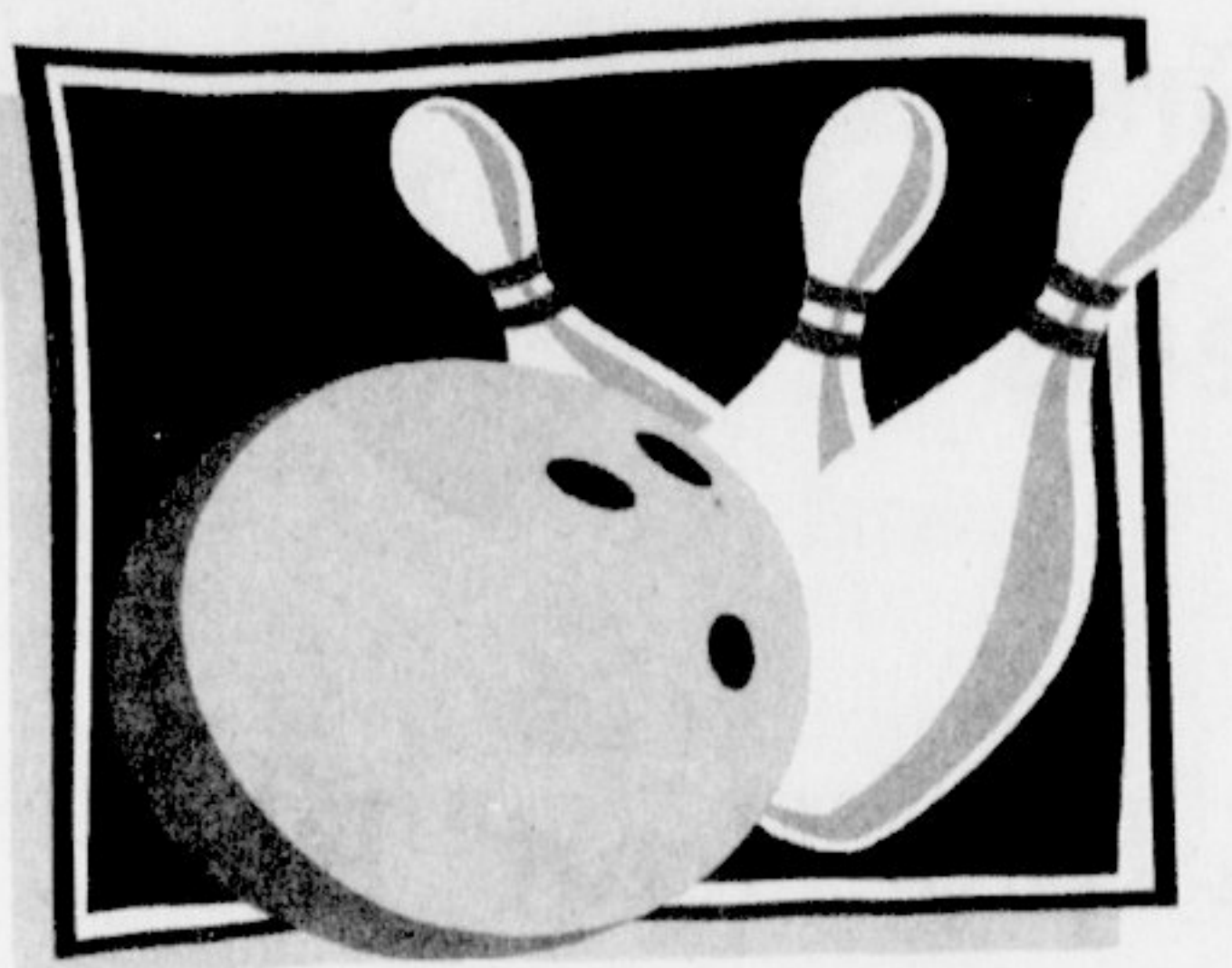
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Rating professors is online trend

Reliability of Web sites questionable

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Stats

RateMyProfessor.com
Ratings: 1,503,714
Professors: 312,452
Schools: 3,720

As ECU expands and more professors are hired each year, many students worry about taking a class with an unknown professor.

However, a few Web sites have developed to allow students to view other students' opinions of professors.

Sites such as RateMyProfessors.com, Rateaprof.com and Pickaprof.com allow students to post ratings of professors they've had based on easiness, helpfulness, clarity, appearance and additional comments.

At RateMyProfessors.com, 1,014 ECU professors are posted at least once out of 1,386 total faculty members — almost 75 percent of the total.

Many students openly embrace the sites as a great way to learn about professors' teaching and grading styles.

"It's a good idea because the size of ECU prevents you from getting to know much about professors, especially when it comes



Students get a chance to judge their professors outside the classroom with the anonymity the Internet provides.

to general education classes," said Joe Lytle, sophomore classical civilization major.

Of course, participation in these ratings is completely voluntary and therefore isn't in any way a scientific survey of student opinion. Both students and faculty are mindful of this and warn others to be as well.

"These sites can be helpful to students if they want basic information about professors, but that's only if students fill out their comments in an honest and truthful way," said Dorothy Clayton, Ph.D, coordi-

nator of the Center for Faculty Development.

"Comments on things, such as appearance, however, are really unnecessary and can be a distraction to the good such sites could perform."

Clayton said at the end of each semester students are given the opportunity to complete the Student Opinion on Instruction Survey in order to give the departments feedback on their professors and classes. The surveys are carefully stud-

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Weird News

Man takes a software approach to naming his son - version 2.0
 HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) - Tacking Jr. or II onto a boy's name is too common, a new father decided, so the self-described engineering geek took a software approach to naming his newborn son.

Jon Blake Cusack talked his wife, Jamie, into naming their son Jon Blake Cusack 2.0.

Version 2.0 was born Tuesday at Holland Community Hospital, and the proud parents took him home Friday.

"I wanted to find something different to name him besides Jon Blake," Cusack, who is self-employed with Westshore Design and Cusack Music, told the Holland Sentinel.

He said he had the idea for a few months, and spent the better part of that time persuading his wife to go along.

There's nothing fishy about the tale of Dory

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) -Teacher Linda Krienke said a fire broke out on a desktop in her classroom around 1 a.m. Saturday, causing enough smoke to set off

the alarm at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School. But when firefighters arrived, they found only glowing embers on the desk. The heat had caused a fish bowl on the desk to explode, and the water put out the fire, Krienke said. One of the firefighters spotted the fish, Dory, alive on the floor and hollered for a glass of water. "She's a Beta, so they're used to breathing air," said Krienke. "They're a Chinese fish and if they're in China they just live in puddles. If one dries up, they flop to the next one."

Camel roams Sweden road during snowstorm

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - It took some convincing before police would respond to reports of a camel on a southern Sweden road in the middle of a snowstorm.

"We were somewhat doubtful at first," said police spokesman Sten-Ove Fransson in Skoevde, 162 miles south of Stockholm, of Friday's incident. "But then more people called, so we were finally convinced that there really was a camel gone astray on

the road."

Before police arrived, friends of the camel's owner came and led it back to a stable, where it has been kept while awaiting a home in a new barn.

Owner Anneli Arvidsson said in a telephone interview that the 22-year-old Siberian camel, Emat, might have wandered off because of the absence of his usual companion, a horse.

"On Friday, the horse had been taken inside the stable and the camel was left alone in the pasture, which probably made him feel lonely," she said.

"Go before you go."

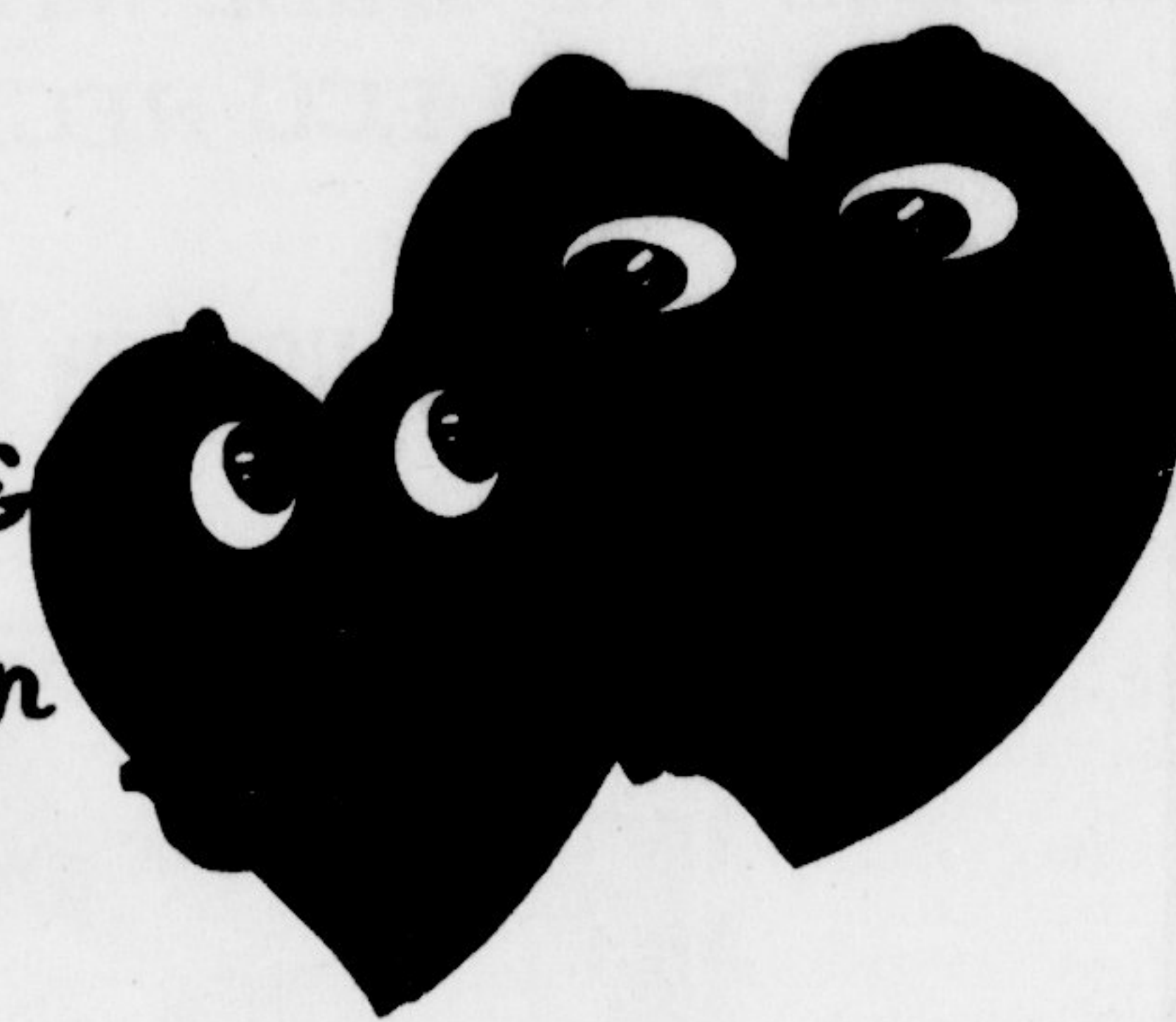
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - That's the slogan under consideration for a new campaign in Minneapolis to combat public urination.

The bar business is thriving in the city's Warehouse District, and many patrons are apparently leaving with a full bladder.

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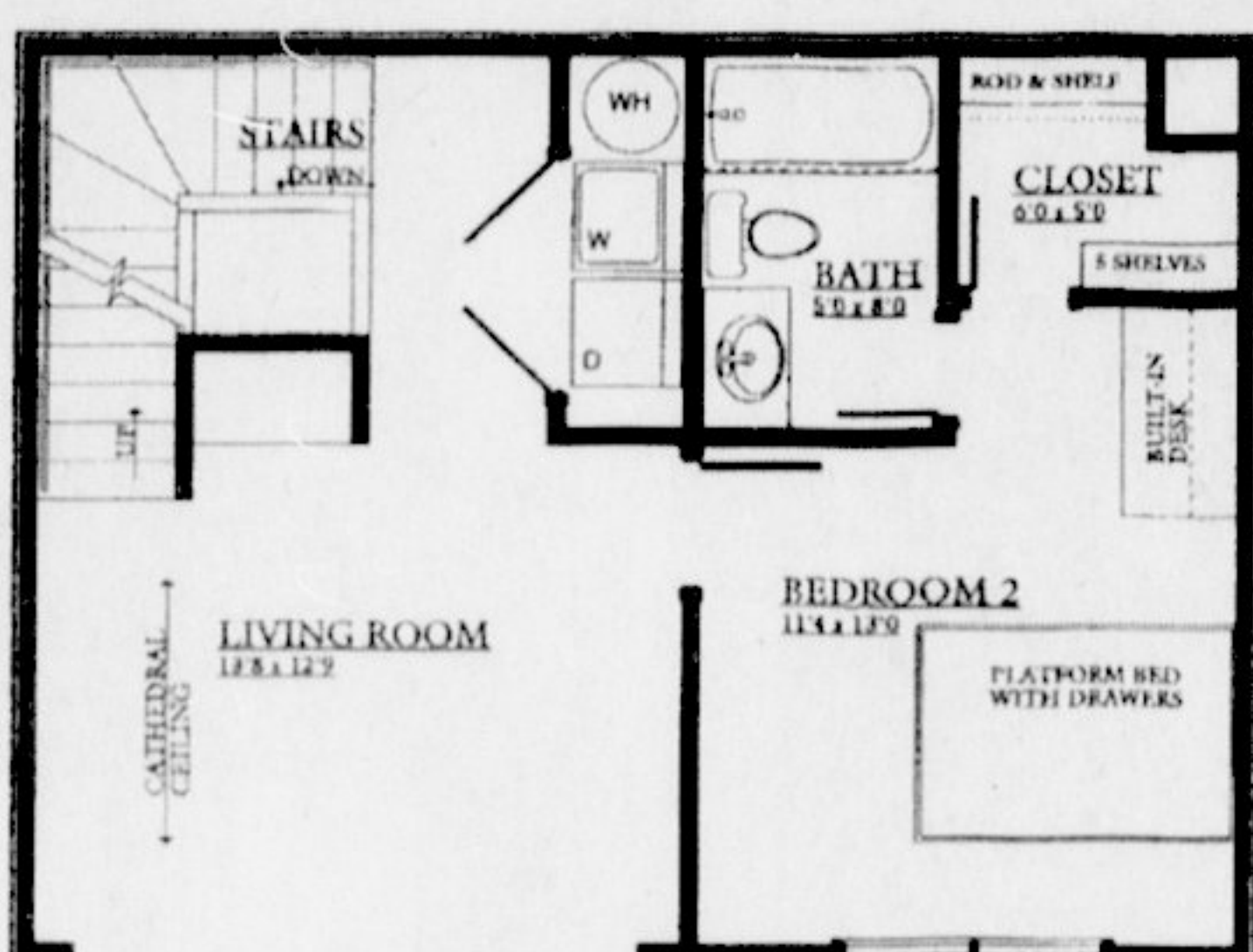
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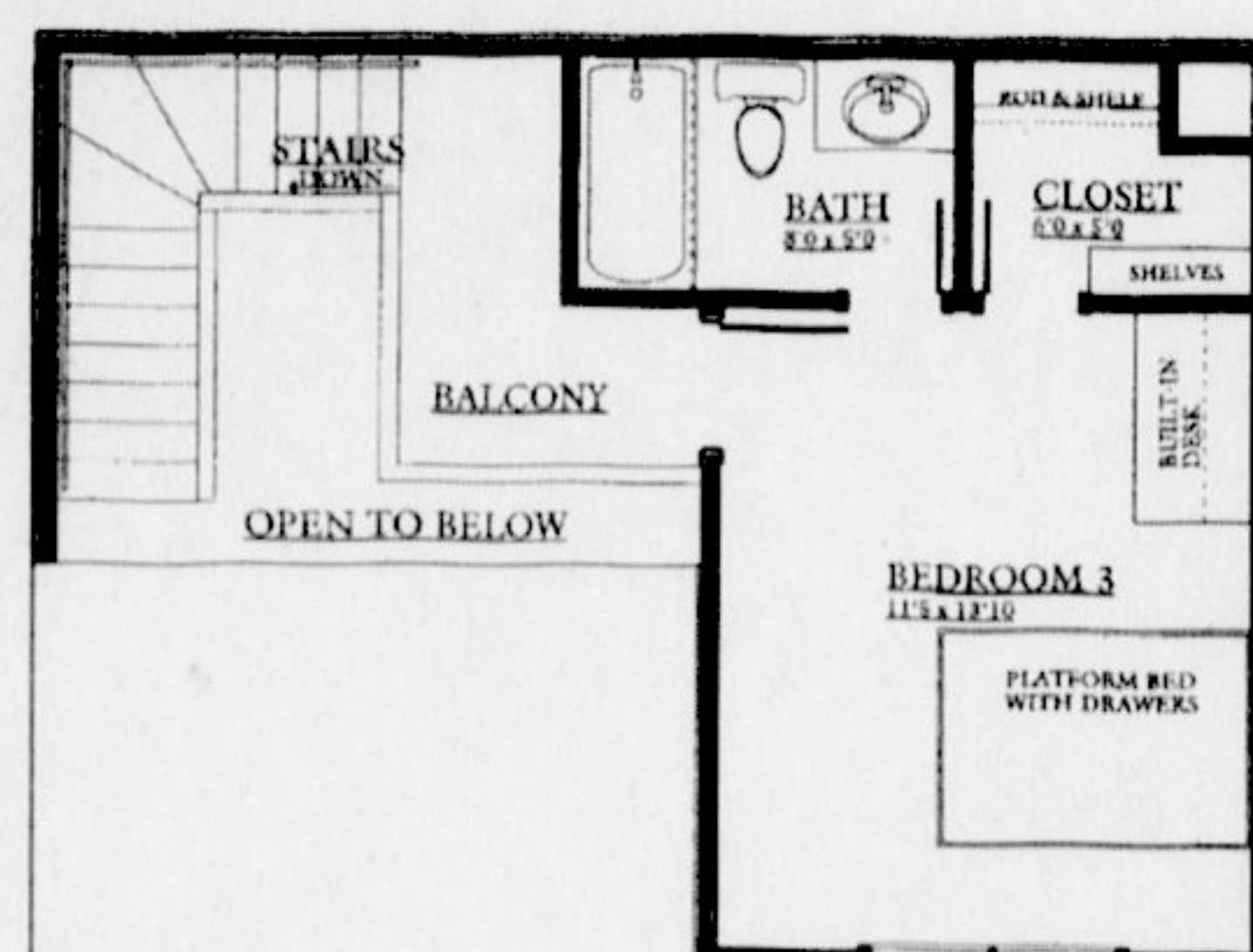
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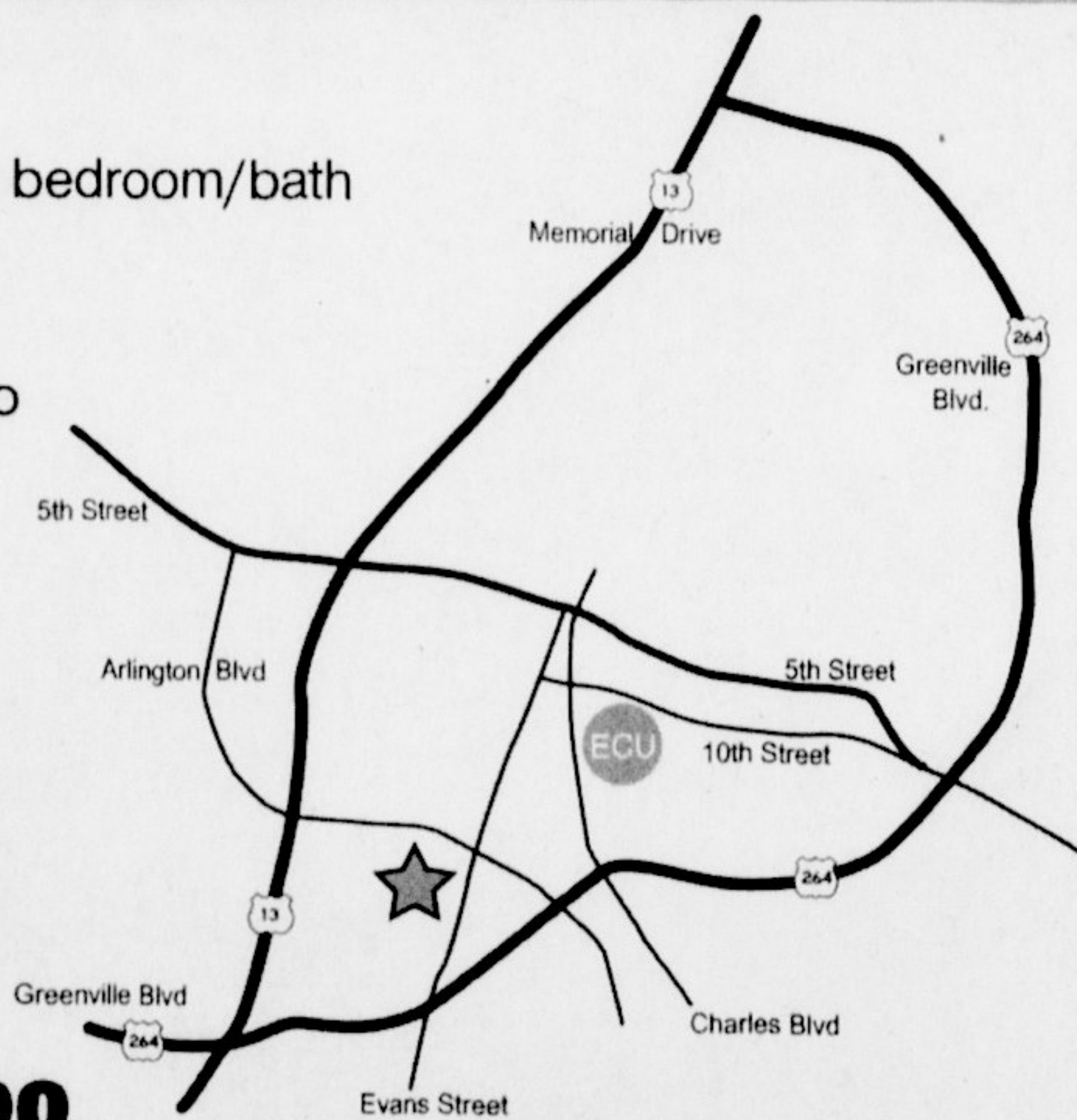
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Our View

And he's right We're proud of the ECU men's team for the effort they continue to display on the court every play of every game.

— "It's time" for students to don their purple and gold and support our basketball team every minute of every play at every game. Regardless of the score of the game, the talent level of the team we're playing against and whether or not there are a lot of fans in attendance, the guys play with a tremendous amount of heart and pride.

port our basketball team every minute of every play at every game. In a college-hoops crazy state, ECU has to compete against the other major schools to get good players.

every minute of every play at every game. Kudos to Head Coach Bill Herrion for getting the most out of his players every game and for always having a solid game plan that usually gives us a chance to win.

game. Regardless of our win/loss record, we're certain we have the right man at the helm.

ECU made a tremendous jump from the Colonial Athletic Association into one of the toughest basketball conferences in the nation.

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What's indeed sad is the lack of fans at home basketball games. At a school of 22,000 students, we only average about 5,000 fans per game.

The only time games sell out or are even remotely full is when students flock to the games to see the other teams play.

As Pirates, we should support all of our sports teams — not just football. What's even more embarrassing is the complete lack of attendance at women's basketball games — and they're the best sports story ECU has seen this year.

While we know that ECU is not the caliber of basketball school as Carolina, Duke or Wake Forest, our players deserve admiration for what they do night in and night out.

As Herrion said earlier this year, "It's time!"

And he's right — "It's time" for students to don their purple and gold and support our basketball team every minute of every play at every game.

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In My Opinion

ECU officials should consider students', safety, well-being

Administration decides to hold classes despite ice, snow

MIKE MASHBURN
WEB EDITOR

I'm disappointed in the administration at ECU, and that's to say the least.

After Sunday's snowstorm mixed with ice that left roads completely covered, ECU officials planned Sunday night to resume classes at 11 a.m. Monday morning.

Wow, was I surprised, especially since Greenville Boulevard was coated with an inch of ice. All other area roads — especially Fifth Street — were solid sheets of ice.

Only after checking the Web site Monday morning at 7:50 a.m. did I, along with many other students, see that officials had finally given in and closed ECU for the day.

How could they even expect to hold classes on Monday? The solid ice covering the roads wasn't going to magically disappear overnight. Forecasters predicted temperatures well below freezing, along with more snow and ice.

The decision to close ECU should have been made on Sunday, instead of Monday morning.

Commuters and other students who had traveled out of town for the weekend were forced



back to ECU in very hazardous conditions on Sunday to 'attend' class Monday, only to find out on Monday morning it was closed.

First hand, I saw four people fall down on campus ... which wasn't surprising since several walkway areas around campus had little to no salt or sand.

In the administration's defense, some areas were well-coated, but these were mostly areas surrounding the Whichard complex, which happens to be administrative offices. I strongly doubt this was coincidental.

ECU's official alert Web site asked students to "... use caution when on campus." To the administration: a word of thanks for your "overwhelming" concern about the safety of ECU's faculty, staff and students. A word of caution — along with common sense, should be passed along to officials making decisions that subject us to those conditions faced last Tuesday.

In My Opinion

Fixing the Patriot Act

It is ironic that the USA Patriot Act, enacted just six weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, contains some provisions that seem to abridge certain constitutional rights.

These flaws either were ignored or trivialized when the measure was enacted, and the need to correct them remains a matter of great importance. Instead, as he said in his State of the Union address, President Bush wants Congress to renew the act as is rather than permit several of its provisions to "sunset" at the end of next year.

There's no good reason to make a decision on sunsets quite yet; Congress would do better to reassess the act in an open debate sometime in early 2005. Meantime, several of the flaws contained in the original measure do deserve the prompt attention of Congress, beginning with the House Judiciary Committee and its chairman, Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis.

A worthy reform bill called the Security and Freedom Ensured Act would rein in the federal government's immense power under the Patriot Act but wouldn't undermine the effectiveness of law enforcement. The SAFE bill has united activists on the political left and right: Senators such as Russ Feingold, D-Wis., Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., John Sununu, R-N.H., and Larry Craig,

R-Idaho, and organizations such as the American Conservative Union and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Perhaps the most odious feature of the USA Patriot Act is Section 215. It allows the FBI to order any person or organization to surrender "any tangible thing" — including library, medical and financial records — so long as the agency certified that the order was part of an investigation against terrorism or secret intelligence activities. The FBI is not required to supply any reason for believing that the target of the investigation is a criminal.

The SAFE bill would not repeal Section 215, but it would require the government to show "specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe" that the target of the search is a suspected terrorist or a spy.

The change would not cripple the fight against terrorism; instead, it would require the FBI to focus its attention on criminal suspects, not law-abiding citizens.

The SAFE bill does not challenge these changes. Rather, it addresses blatant flaws that resulted from the hasty drafting of the Patriot Act and that probably would have been deleted had the measure been fully scrutinized by Congress. Now, more than two years later, it's long past time to repair this law.

In My Opinion

Janet's got nothing on ... Budweiser

Oops! Did I say "genital"? I meant general! Hey — it was a completely unscripted, unforeseen vocabulary malfunction. Don't sic the FCC on me!

But ... now that we are talking about body parts, how 'bout that Super Bowl?

Janet's peekaboob may be getting all the attention (and how do you think her other boob feels?), but actually it was just one brief entry in the evening's gala Salute to Sexual Humiliation.

Shaken, shattered and shaved — that's how CBS served up all-American manhood on Sunday.

And much of the credit must go to Budweiser, which seems single-handedly to have invented the new marketing strategy "Buy our beer and something terrible will happen to your whoozit."

In one ad, for instance, Man No. 1 has his dog fetch a Bud Light, then asks his friend, "What can your dog do?" Whereupon Man No. 2's dog chomps into Man No. 1's privates, causing him to relinquish his beer and, presumably, any hopes of having children.

Makes me scared to get anywhere near a Bud, and I don't even have a you-know-what.

Working that emasculation magic for all it's worth, another Bud ad features Cedric the Entertainer sauntering into what looks like a massage parlor only to learn, too late, he is in for a bikini wax.

Ooh! Painful and girly. Two points!

As for the ad where the carriage horse pulling a romantic couple cuts more cheese than Kraft, what can I say?

Sure, it reinforces the crucial pass-some-gas/pop-a-Bud connection, but it delivered no real crippling sexual consequences. How did CBS let it slip in?

Perhaps next year the horse can mistake part of the man for a carrot.

Fortunately, the ad in which a monkey puts the moves on a major babe makes up for any dip in Bud's deviancy level by suggesting that a guy who leaves his girlfriend on the couch may face serious competition from a primate. Message: Drink Bud — lose out to a monkey.

These ads were interspersed with about a million more for ED drugs (not to be confused with LED drugs, which make your penis light up). One even warned viewers to call the doctor if their erection lasted more than four hours.

And then, of course, there was the halftime show, which featured so much bumping and grabbing, most men were left wondering, "Am I the only one without a four-hour erection?"

It's enough to make a guy grab a beer. Or a Levitra. Or ... never mind.



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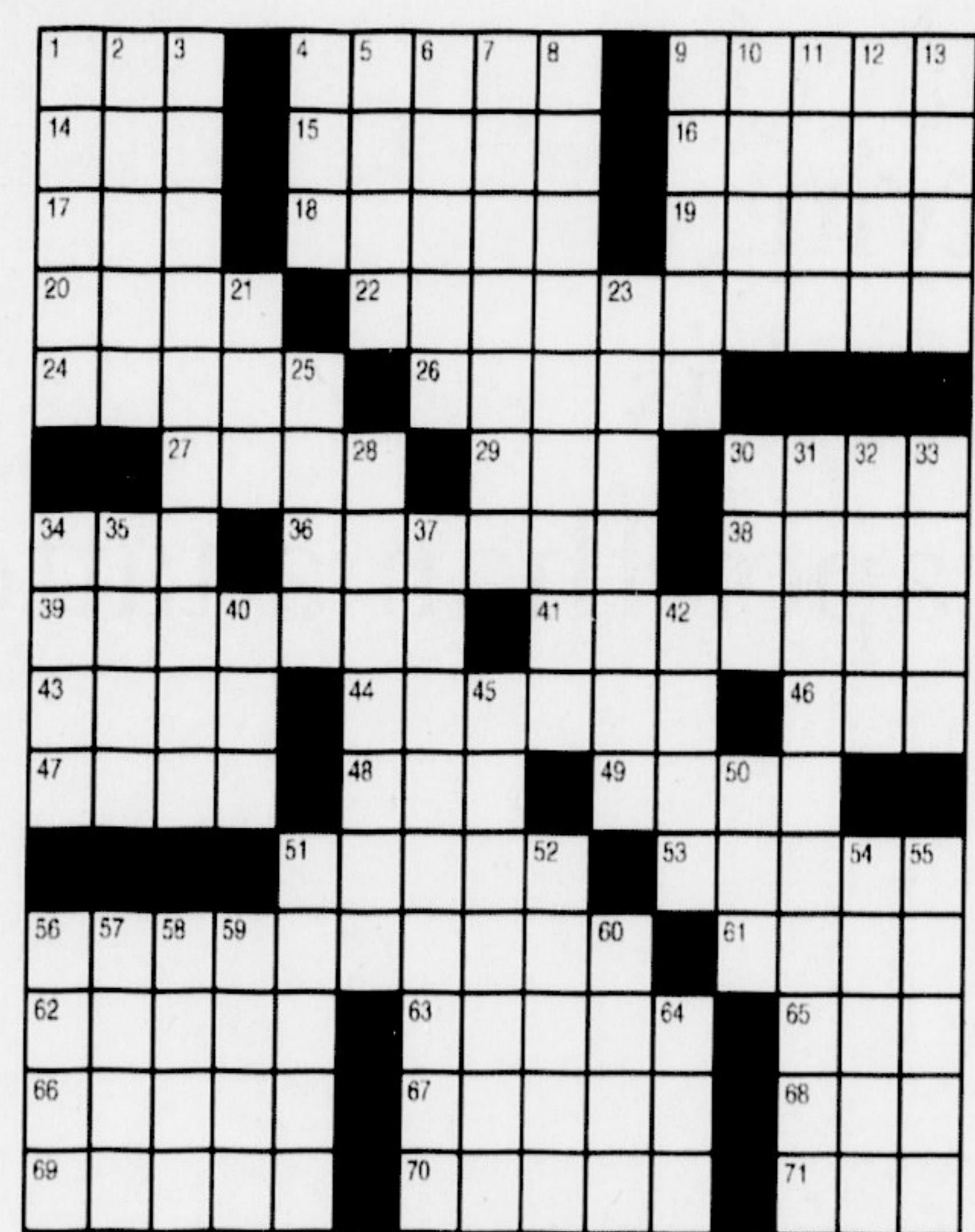
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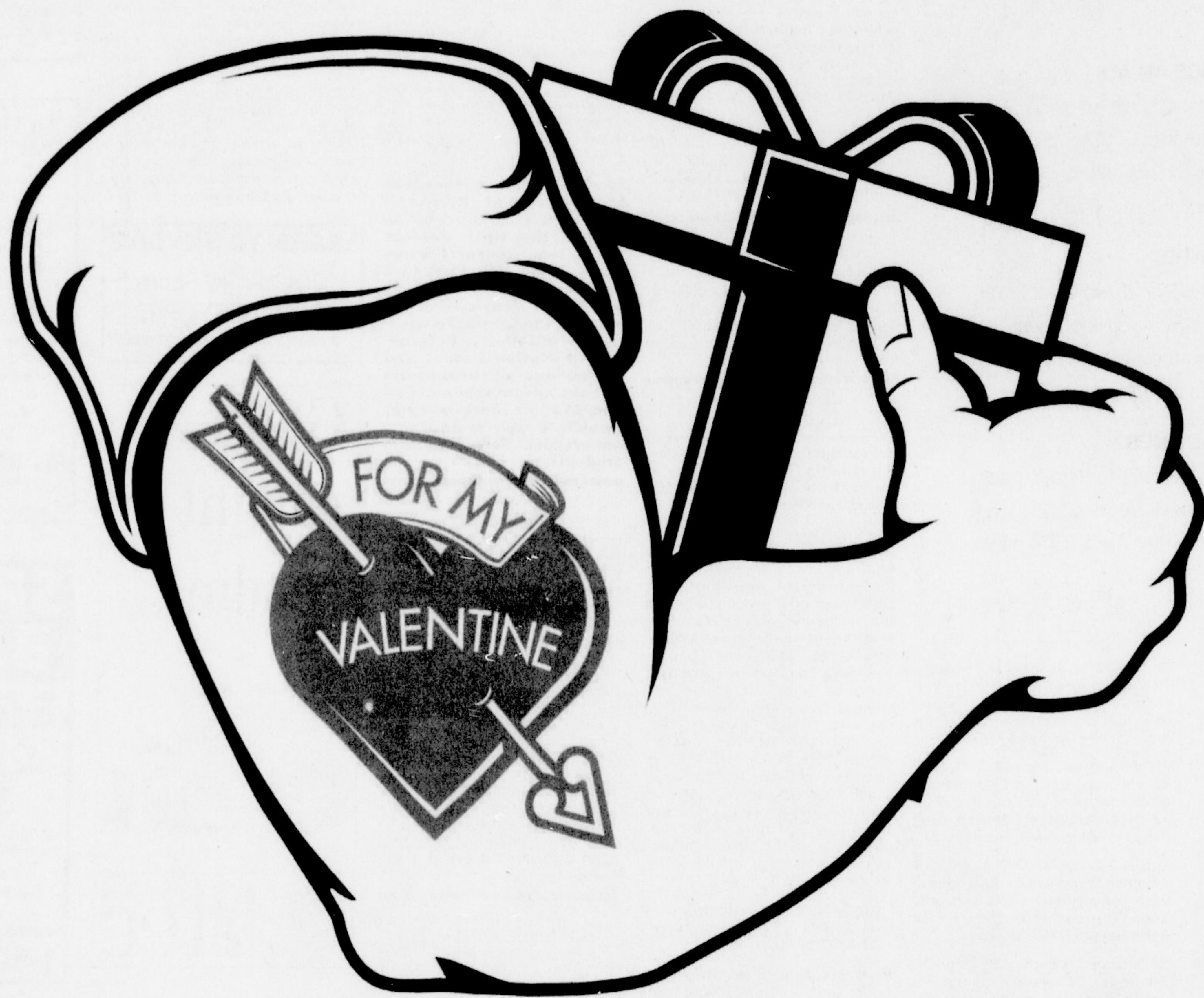
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British intelligence experts had doubts about Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Interrupted by shouts and heckles, Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday defended his decision to launch an inquiry into prewar intelligence on Iraq but not to examine whether the war was justified.

"That is a question for the government first, then for parliament and finally for the people to decide. There will carry on being a debate about whether the war was justified or not. That is democracy. We don't need a committee to tell us that."

Blair spoke at the opening of a parliamentary debate on the reasons for war in Iraq and the conclusions of an investigation by Lord Hutton into the death of a government weapons scientist.

Shouts from anti-war demonstrators in the public gallery drowned out the prime minister five times during his statement, forcing the speaker to clear the gallery and adjourn the proceedings for 10 minutes.

"Murderer!" shouted one protester. "Whitewash!" yelled

another. "I somehow feel we're not being entirely persuasive in certain quarters," Blair quipped after one of the interruptions, drawing a laugh from legislators.

Before the break, Blair defended Hutton's report, which cleared his government of allegations that it "sexed up" an intelligence dossier to justify war and mistreated adviser David Kelly before his July suicide.

Hutton found that the British Broadcasting Corp. had wrongly reported that Blair's office overrode objections from intelligence officials to claim that Iraq could deploy biological and chemical weapons within 45 minutes, and that the BBC reporter was also wrong in saying the government "probably knew" that claim was wrong.

"Not a single shred of evidence was presented to his inquiry that would have justified an alternative finding," Blair said.

The prime minister had to ask one lawmaker to repeat a



Prime Minister Tony Blair's decisions are under criticism.

question about the report after the hecklers drowned him out. Hutton's report has been met with skepticism by some Britons and many of Blair's political opponents, who have derided it as a "whitewash" that was too easy on the government

and too harsh on the BBC. Pressing that theme, several protesters splashed white paint on the gates of Downing Street, home to the prime minister's official residence. Police said five people were arrested.

Election from page A1

serves in the local government since the 1980s. He urges the government to better fund schools and opposes illegal immigration.

- Timothy Cook is a research scientist who focuses on agriculture, textile and high-tech job industries, reduced taxes and ensured payment of child support.

- Candidate George Little has been involved in Republican politics since the 1970s, including serving in the governor's Cabinet as secretary of Natural and Economic Resources and Vice Chairman of the N.C. Board of

Economic Development. Little is against restrictions on businesses and supports community colleges as a way to improve the state's economy.

- Fern Shubert is vying to be North Carolina's first woman governor. She served in the N.C. House of Representatives working on education committees, and is a CPA. Shubert endorses DMV reform for tighter control on illegal immigration and state employee pension funds, and she is against unnecessary portfolio requirements in schools.

- Former mayor of Charlotte,

Richard Vinroot, lost to Easley in the 2000 election for governor. He proposes tax-free manufacturing, emphasizes charter education and higher salaries for teachers and is against a North Carolina lottery.

A January survey by McLaughlin and Associates shows Vinroot the leading choice among voters in the upcoming Republican primary.

According to the Associated Press, the Republican primary is scheduled for May 9, but could be delayed if a districting plan is not approved by the deadline for candidates to enter the election. Patrick

Ballantine, Bill Cobey and Ferrell Blount are among those working to block the new districts.

North Carolinians elect a governor every four years. Until 1992, a governor could serve only one term, but an amendment to the state constitution increased that limit to two.

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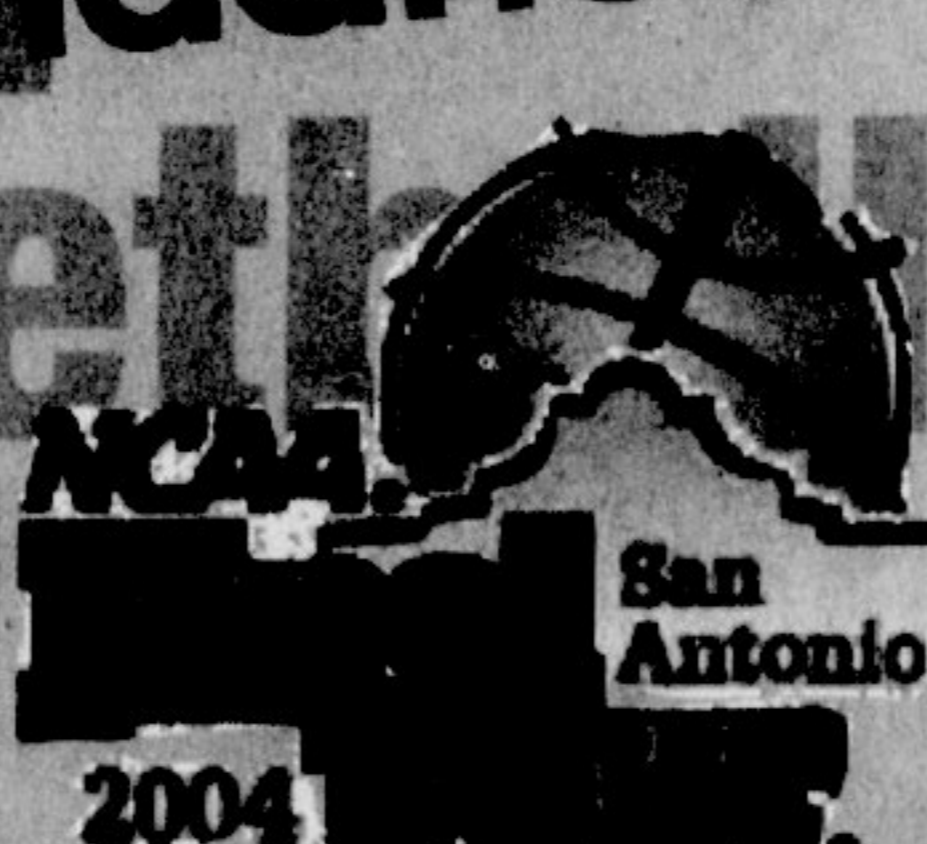
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Ratings for Spanish-language station high in North Carolina

RALEIGH, NC (AP) — Forget ABC, NBC and CBS. The big ratings winner these days in the heart of North Carolina is WUVC-TV, a six-month-old Spanish-language station.

The channel, owned and operated by Los Angeles-based Univision, posted prime-time ratings during November's sweeps period that rivaled and even outdistanced some English-language network affiliates among adult men.

North Carolina's Hispanic population grew more than fivefold in the 1990s — the highest rate of any state in the nation — and Hispanic leaders say the latest ratings prove the tremendous buying power in the community.

"(Advertisers) have a ripe

opportunity here," said Jose Isasi, president of Que Pasa ("What's Happening"), which owns Spanish-language radio stations in the Research Triangle and Piedmont Triad areas.

"We've spent close to half a million dollars in the past four years doing qualitative and quantitative research to understand our market, and there are billions of dollars in buying power out there. Billions," Isasi said.

Fayetteville-based WUVC's strong numbers are partly attributable to a lack of viewer choice. It is the only Spanish-language television station in the state, while dozens of network affiliates and cable channels fragment the English-language viewership.

But they also reflect the

growing influence of the state's burgeoning Hispanic population.

In Miami, where Hispanics make up more than 40 percent of the local TV market and several Spanish-language stations are on the air, the Telemundo affiliate's local newscast is the highest-rated news show — period.

"The local news here beats out even the local NBC news," said Diane Sousa, a spokeswoman for Miami-based Telemundo. "It's the number one-rated news show, English or Spanish."

Telemundo Communications Group Inc. trails only Univision among Spanish-language programmers in the United States. The broadcaster was acquired in 2002 by NBC, but has not yet set up shop in North Carolina.

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for Atkins any time soon. The reason is the diet is not well balanced. High and Lamond advocate a diet with variety, balance and moderation, like the All Foods Fit program.

"When we do our menu planning, we back our own program ... we do design our menus where every day, every meal period, there are healthy options available," Lamond said.

The AFF items include foods that are low in calories, fat and sodium and have been taste-tested by students.

High said diets like Atkins sometimes leave the dieter deprived of certain things their body needs.

"Sometimes with the Atkins diet, or any low carbohydrate diet, there may be factors involved such as vitamins and minerals and fiber that may be restricted in that type of diet," High said.

High also warns that quick weight loss may be due to the body using water reserves, and that once the person returns to normal eating habits, the weight will return as well.

Campus Dining Services are always looking for new ideas and listen to every request.

Lamond said many students have requested healthier items including soy milk. For the past two years, soy milk has been used in the frozen yogurt at dining halls, and is now available upon request.

Dining services will introduce a Nutrition Nook where all health food will be organized into one section in the retail shops. For those on Atkins, there will be more choices including fruit cups with yogurt made from soy milk available.

To eat healthier on campus, you should look for the AFF sticker, but avoid starches if following a low carbohydrate diet.

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Low Carb

Low Carbohydrate options at campus retail stores

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- Advant Edge Carb Control Shake - 2 grams
- Advant Edge Carb Control Nutrition Bar: Blueberry - 4 grams, Chocolate Chip - 3 grams
- Cashews - 8 grams
- Almonds - 7 grams

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ied by department heads and the professors themselves.

Clayton said by honestly and thoughtfully filling out the SOIS, students could make a positive difference in their education.

Some schools, such as Kansas State University, are alarmed at negative comments and overloads. As many students all try to get the same professor, the university took a more proactive approach to these problems by banning professor-rating sites all together.

The sites themselves, however, have not experienced restriction or lack of use.

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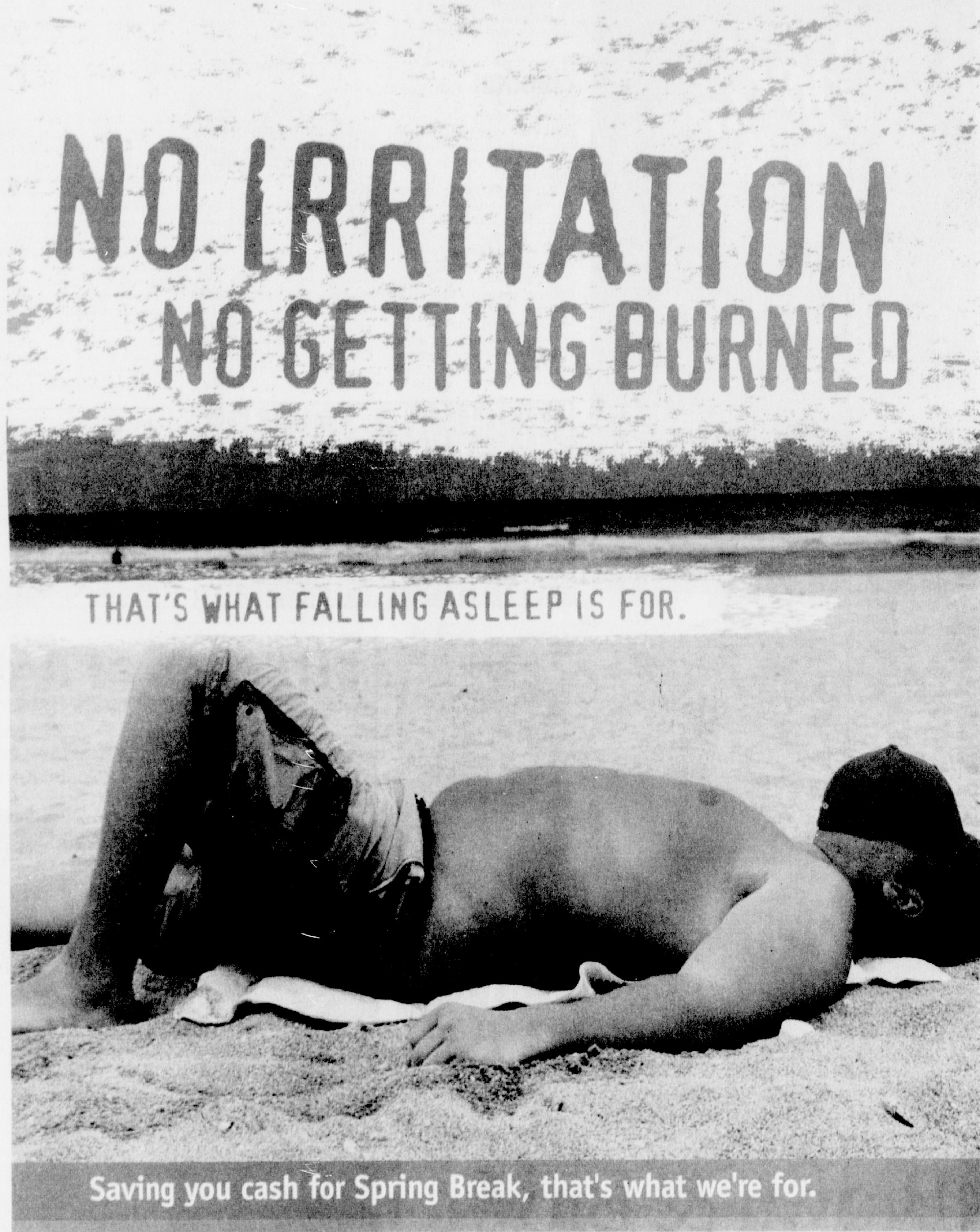
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Did You Know?

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- Today is Weatherman's Day.
- This month is International Expect Success Month.
- On this day in 1981, the largest Jell-O ever made (9,246 gallons of watermelon-flavor) was displayed in Brisbane.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *In America* today at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Love Actually* is showing today at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information call 328-4700.

Percussion Ensemble

The School of Music presents a Percussion Ensemble directed by Jonathan Wacker today at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

African Storyteller

Shindana Cooper, an African Storyteller, will give a presentation on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the MSC Great Room.

Jazz Concert

The School of Music presents the ECU Jazz Ensemble A and the ECU Wind Ensemble in Concert directed by Carroll V. Dashiell Jr. and Scott Carter on Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

Hip-Hop Festival

The Student Union presents The Five Elements (Hip-Hop Festival) featuring a DJ, emcee, Drop Heavy and graffiti art on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in the Pirate Underground.

Band Concert

The School of Music presents an All-District Band Concert directed by Scott Carter on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

Percussion Performance

The School of Music presents the ECU Percussion Players directed by John Neal on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

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Rockers, rappers dominate nominations

MICAH MASSEI
SENIOR WRITER

The awards race is on, and those in the music industry are eagerly awaiting their award show counterpart - the 46th Annual Grammy Awards, which airs live on CBS, Sunday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

Each year, Grammy Awards are awarded to winners who make up more than 104 different categories and 520 total nominations.

Album of the Year

Nominees: Outkast - *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, Missy Elliott - *Under Construction*, Evanescence - *Fallen*, Justin Timberlake - *Justified*, The White Stripes - *Elephant*

Who Should Win: Outkast. In an era where very few musical acts (be it rock, rap, country, etc. ...) are creating music that transcends the times and influences the musical aspirations of a generation, Outkast joins the likes of Radiohead and The Strokes as being one of the few future "hall-of-fame" bands to make an indelible musical mark on the 21st century.

Speakerboxxx/The Love Below is a remarkable album - not just for its daring artistic leaps and original presentation - but it excels even higher with songs and arrangements that push the boundaries of not just hip-hop but also the music world in general.

Who Shouldn't Win: Quite honestly, every nominee in this category is deserving (yes, that includes Justin Timberlake's *Justified*, which is the closest any artist has ever gotten in reaching the creative brilliance of Michael Jackson's classic 1979 *Off The Wall* album).

Who Will Win: Unless your Lauryn Hill - be it solo or with The Fugees - the Grammy Awards rarely honor rap/hip-hop acts outside of their respective cat-

egories. However, look for this year's ceremony to be "the year of the Outkast" as Andre 3000 and Big Boi walk away winners of the Album of the Year award.

Record of the Year

Nominees: Beyoncé - "Crazy in Love," Black Eyed Peas - "Where Is the Love," Coldplay - "Clocks," Eminem - "Lose Yourself," Outkast - "Hey Ya!"

Who Should Win: Outkast (again). If James Brown were scribbling down lyrics while listening to Pink Floyd during his daily walk across the moon, he'd still fall a few steps short of matching the mad-genius of Outkast's "Hey Ya!"

Who Shouldn't Win: The Black Eyed Peas' "Where Is the Love." Sadly, radio, MTV, and Grammy voters waited until the Black Eyed Peas made a "soft" song - that falls way short of what these guys are capable of - to get the long-awaited attention they truly deserve.

Who Will Win: "Crazy in Love" and "Hey Ya!" will duke it out for the coveted award. Unless Outkast begins to sweep the awards ceremony early on, expect Beyoncé's ever-catchy dance-smash narrowly edging out Outkast's party-jam of the century.

Song of the Year

Nominees: Eminem - "Lose Yourself," Christina Aguilera - "Beautiful," Avril Lavigne - "I'm With You," Luther Vandross - "Dance With My Father," Warren Zevon - "Keep Me In Your Heart"

Who Should Win: Warren Zevon. With both extraordinary grace and patience, the late singer/songwriter recorded one of the most beautiful, introspective songs of the year ... all while staring cancer dead-in-the-eye.

Who Shouldn't Win: Avril Lavigne's "I'm With You" is respectable, Eminem's "Lose Yourself" (though overrated) is worthy, and Luther...well, there will never be a day where a Luther Vandross song doesn't hit the mark.

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Exploring five elements of hip-hop

Event to feature many aspects of culture

RYAN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to pinpoint the exact date it all started. Some say it started with the commercial success of the Sugar Hill Gang record "Rappers Delight." Others say hip-hop truly arrived with "The Message," a cultural wake up call to life in the hood by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five. One thing is for sure, hip-hop all started in the "Boogie Down" Bronx and it has grown into a billion dollar industry today.

But what is the true essence of the hip-hop culture? You can witness the origin and essence of the genre first hand without the glitz and glamour on Feb. 7.

The Five Elements Hip-Hop Festival is on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. This festival will be an appreciation of the true roots of the hip-hop culture incorporating the five elements of hip-hop: B-boying, DJs, graffiti art, emceeing and knowledge.

The event will feature campus b-boy group, Drop Heavy. There will also be b-boy crews from as far west as California and as far north as New York City to take part in the festivities. For those unfamiliar with what exactly a b-boy is, think of a club where

people meet up and break-dance.

The backbone of the whole genre is the DJ. The DJ, in actuality, is quite different from what you may know DJs as now. A true Hip Hop DJ is more of a "turntablist" who specializes in creating break-beats, mixing, scratching and cutting records. The verb "rapping" was started by DJs at house parties when they would rap over break-beats about what makes them the best DJ.

Graffiti art, the written word of Hip Hop, is another element that will be explored at the festival. Graffiti is the ability of an artist to draft pictures expressing themselves through painting. Many graffiti murals take days to complete and are works of art.

Emceeing is the spoken word of hip-hop, providing messages to the listeners. A lot of times the realities of African American culture are told to the listener to give them a better understanding of where the emcee "is coming from." The emcee keeps us up to date on the current slang, fashions and trends in the hip-hop culture. Some purists say that commercialism has deteriorated the genre to some extent, however, it is undeniable that it has helped the genre grow to what we know it today.

The final element of hip-hop is knowledge. The knowledge of the entire culture of hip-hop is important to those young and old. It is necessary to know the history and the essential ele-



Drop Heavy, an on-campus b-boy club, will attend the event.

Event Info

The Five Elements Hip-Hop Festival

Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. Pirate Underground

Free for students

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Quick Picks: Album Review

Cure's B-Side box gets grade A from true fans

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With a prolific career spanning over 25 years, The Cure certainly produced a huge catalog of albums and pop hits, not to mention rarities and B-Sides. Frontman Robert Smith, the only member of the group who has been around the whole time, reviewed more than 4,000 tapes to procure *Join the Dots: B-Sides & Rarities, 1978-2001 (The Fiction Years)*.

Smith's signature sloppy, red lipstick and mad-scientist hair may scare away the average listener, but fans know that there's more to The Cure than the lead singer's gothic fashion sense.

The Cure is one of the best ever Brit-Pop bands, mostly known for their ethereal lyrics and wind-swept melodies.

Join the Dots features 71 chronologically arranged obscurities, revealing that some of The Cure's best work was hidden on the backs of hit singles.

At a cost of around \$55, which isn't bad by box set standards, *Join the Dots* is a mostly satisfying journey through four disks and over four hours of music. Unfortunately, fans of quick and painless modern pop hits will find it a long, strange trip.

Disk One begins with "10:15 Saturday Night," probably the most well known of The Cure's B-Sides, and continues through

21 tracks of what Smith calls "trifles and oddities" from the band's early days.

The highlight of Disk Two is the ultra-rare, ultra-beautiful "To the Sky," previously released only on a 1989 Fiction Records sampler. The three Cure versions of The Door's "Hello, I Love You" become monotonous.

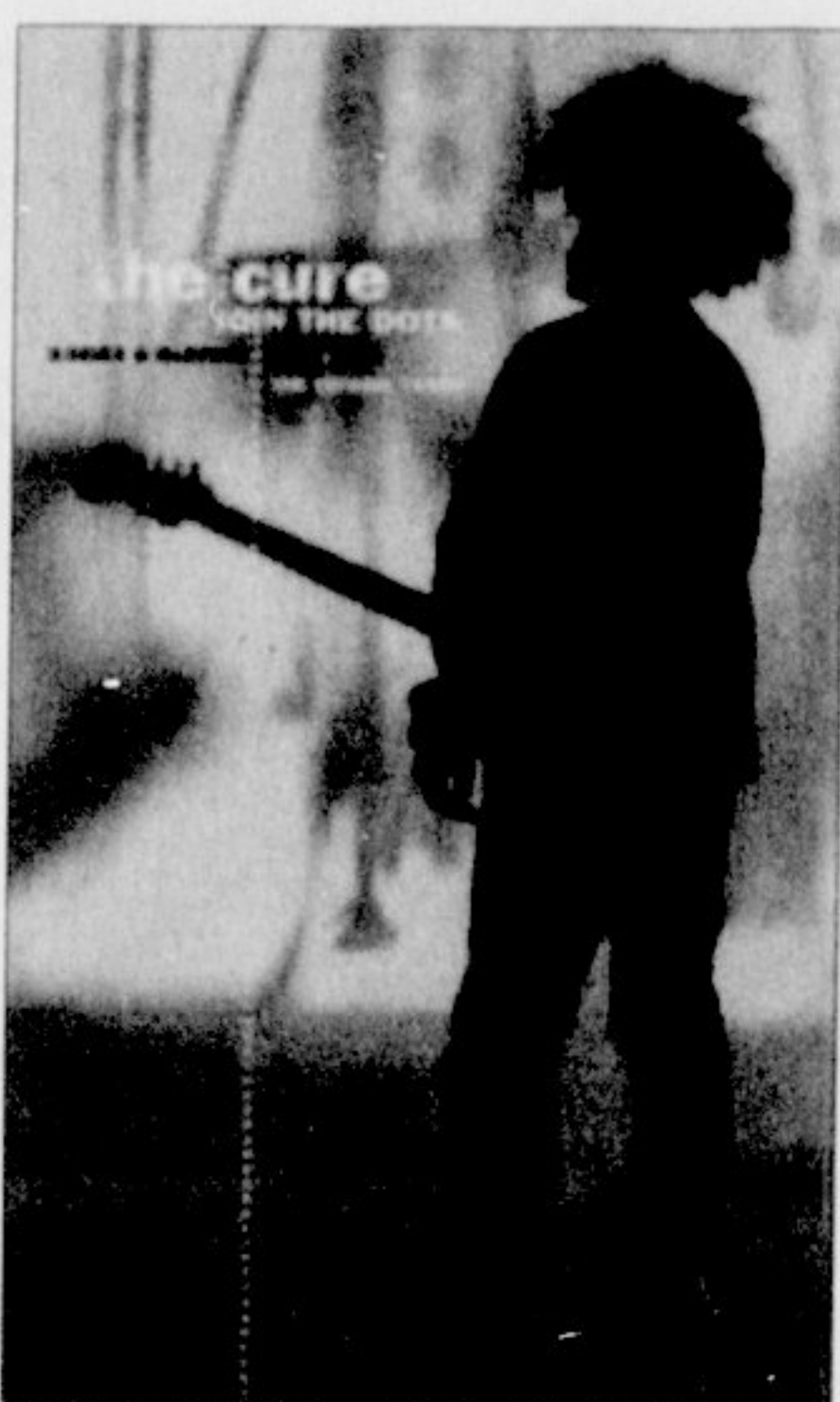
Disk Three is the strongest of the set, featuring 15 songs from the 1992-1996 era. Among them are movie songs like "Burn" from *The Crow* and "Dredd Song" from the *Judge Dredd* soundtrack, and covers of Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" (one very good live version, one not so good studio version) and David Bowie's "Young Americans."

The fourth disk suffers from far too much techno remixing. However, a cover of Depeche Mode's "World in My Eyes" quickly redeems it, and the disk ends with an interesting Earl Slick drum and bass remix of "The Forest."

A 76-page booklet, filled with insightful anecdotes, track-by-track commentary and never before seen photos, rounds out this anthology. Even with its boring moments, this collection is far better than most of its overproduced counterparts.

"When I was growing up, there were two types of artists," Smith told *Rolling Stone*.

"The ones that cared enough to put something good on the B-Side were instantly more respected. Then there were the ones that put a cover on the B-Side, or slapped something together that was filler. Even at a



Album Info

Artist: The Cure

Title: *Join the Dots: B-Sides & Rarities, 1978-2001 (The Fiction Years)*

Release Date: Jan. 27, 2004

young age we saw through that cynicism."

The Bottom Line: Only true music lovers are entertained by box sets, B-sides and rarities. If you're a fan of The Cure, this collection is the remedy for today's ailing pop charts.

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Quick Picks: Film Review

(KRT) — Rarely do you encounter a movie without a shred of originality. *You Got Served* is such a cinematic vacuum.

Welcome to the world of competitive dancing. Teen poster boys Omari Grandberry (also known as Omarion) and Marques "Batman" Houston of the R&B singing groups B2K and IMX, respectively, star as David and Elgin, the leaders of a street dance troupe. They take on all comers in an oversized boxing ring in a warehouse owned by neighborhood sage Mr. Rad (Steve Harvey).

This entirely derivative film

swipes pieces from a raft of movies, including *Breakin'*, *Krush Groove*, *Drumline* and *8 Mile*.

The plot — and there really isn't enough — revolves around a rift between the dancers that occurs when David starts paying too much attention to Elgin's little sister Liyah (Jennifer Freeman). Will the guys patch up their differences in time for the big dance contest? Duh!

The other B2Kers fill out the cast. MTV personalities La La and Wade Robson have cameos. But the acting is laughably bad and you can see every plot twist coming.

The real stars of the film, choreographers Dave Scott and Shane Sparks, are never seen. But they arranged the fantastic dance routines that are the only reason to buy a ticket to *You Got Served*.

The dance-offs include a curiously high percentage of break-dancing moves, as the crews execute a variety of eye- and limb-popping head spins and freeze poses. That fits in with the oddly retro mood of the film.

Apparently *You Got Served* was as painful to make as it is to watch. B2K broke up shortly after.

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so that leave's Christina Aguilera's pitiful, unconvincing "Beautiful" as being the sole mishap of the bunch.

Who Will Win: With Eminem being the only nominee of the group to also have his song nominated in the Record of the Year category, "Lose Yourself" is your best bet for Song of the Year, however, Zevon's recent passing could influence voters otherwise.

Best New Artist

Nominees: Evanescence, 50 Cent, Fountains of Wayne, Heather Headley, Sean Paul

Who Should Win: 50 Cent. In one year, 50 Cent has had the type of success that some artists spend decades trying to achieve.

If this category awards the artist/s that Grammy voters feel have the best shot at a long, successful career, they need look no further than 50 Cent.

Who Shouldn't Win: Fountains of Wayne. Not because these alt-rockers from New York lack talent or ability, but because they are far from being deemed "new artists."

Every bit as permanent as the road construction in Greenville, Grammy voters always seem to categorize "new artist/s" by what's "new" to them.

Fountains of Wayne has been around for nearly a decade now, but a brief venture inside the mainstream top 40 with "Stacy's Mom" appar-

ently caught the eye of Grammy voters.

Who Will Win: In any other year, 50 Cent would gladly accept the Best New Artist Grammy Award, however, this just happens to be "the year of the Outkast/s" and Grammy voters will have patted themselves on the back too many times for awarding Outkast to also include "other" notable rap/hip-hop artists.

Headley's a long shot, and Sean Paul should be happy he actually received a nomination in the first place. Best Bet: Evanescence.

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Cinema Scene

Student Union Films Free with a student ID.

Love Actually - starring Hugh Grant, Keira Knightley, Liam Neeson and Colin Firth. The story of 10 couples and their romantic, hilarious adventures in London. Rated: R.

In America - starring Samantha Morton, Paddy Considine and Sarah Bolger. An aspiring Irish actor moves his wife and two young daughters to New York to pursue his dreams. There, his children also develop a friendship with an intense artist who lives in the apartment next door. Rated: PG-13.

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Along Came Polly - starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston and Phillip Seymour Hoffman. A newly wedded husband (Stiller) is cheated on by his wife during their Honeymoon. Soon after, he becomes involved in another relationship with a free-spirited woman named Polly (Aniston). Rated: PG-13.

Barbershop 2 - starring Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and Queen Latifah. Sequel to this fall's runaway hit - spend another day with the crew of Calvin's barbershop in the South Side of Chicago. Rated: R.

The Big Bounce - starring Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman and Charlie Sheen. A mysterious drifter gets mixed up with a dangerous young woman and a powerful local businessman, neither of whom he can trust. Rated: PG-13.

The Butterfly Effect - starring

Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart and Melora Walters. A young man with a dark and troubled past discovers that he has the ability to travel back in time and occupy his childhood body. He soon finds that with every trip back in time, it alters his future, leading him to keep traveling back to repair the damage, with disastrous results. Rated: R.

Catch That Kid - starring Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu and Max Theiriort. A youngster who, with the help of two friends, robs the state-of-the-art bank where her mother works to acquire the cash needed for a costly operation to save her ailing father. Rated: PG.

Cheaper By the Dozen - starring Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt and Tom Welling. Story of a family of 12 children's move to Chicago and their often humorous adjustments to big city life. Rated: PG.

Cold Mountain - starring Jude Law, Nicole Kidman and Rene Zellweger. Story of the long journey home of a wounded Civil War soldier who journeys home to North Carolina to be reunited with his wife. Rated: R.

Miracle - starring Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson and Noah Emmerich. The amazing story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team, which stunned the heavily favored Soviet squad in the semifinals to advance to the championship game, inspiring the famous question: "Do you believe in miracles?" Rated: PG.

My Baby's Daddy - starring Eddie

Griffith, Anthony Anderson and Method Man. Three bachelors from the hood endure the trials of brotherhood and pregnancy when their girlfriends become pregnant at the same time. Rated: PG-13.

The Perfect Score - starring Scarlett Johanson, Chris Evans and Darius Miles. Five desperate high school students break into the Princeton Testing Center in order to steal the answers to the SAT. Rated: PG-13.

Torque - starring Ice Cube and Martin Henderson. Veteran motorcycle racer Cary Ford (Henderson) is framed for the murder of the gang's leader and it is up to his gang, the Machine, to help him elude the FBI. Rated: PG-13.

Win A Date With Tad Hamilton - starring Kate Bosworth, Josh Duhamel and Topher Grace. A small-town girl from West Virginia wins a contest to meet her big screen idol Tad Hamilton. Rated: PG-13.

You Got Served - starring Marques Houston, Omarion, J-Boog and Fizz. The social subculture of street dancing is explored through a pair of friends, David (Omarion) and Elgin (Houston), who want to open their own hip-hop dance and recording studio, but in order to do that, they must first win a street dance competition against another group of street dancers to prove that they have talent. Rated: PG-13.

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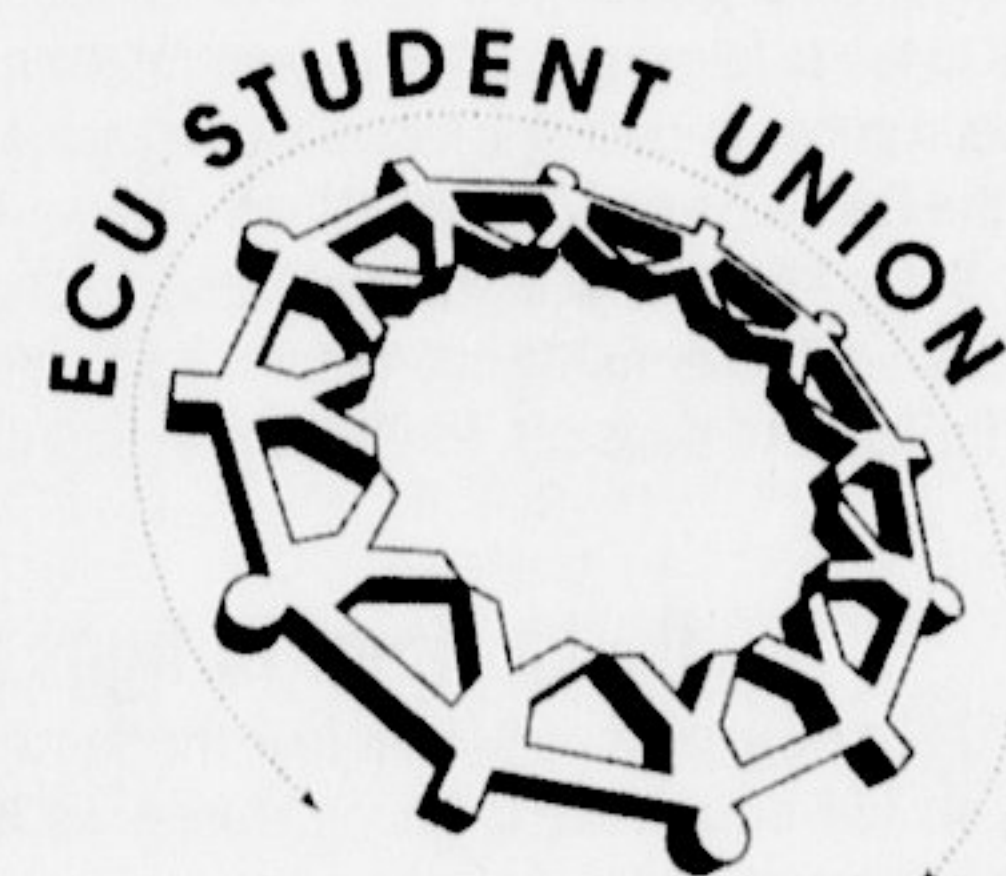
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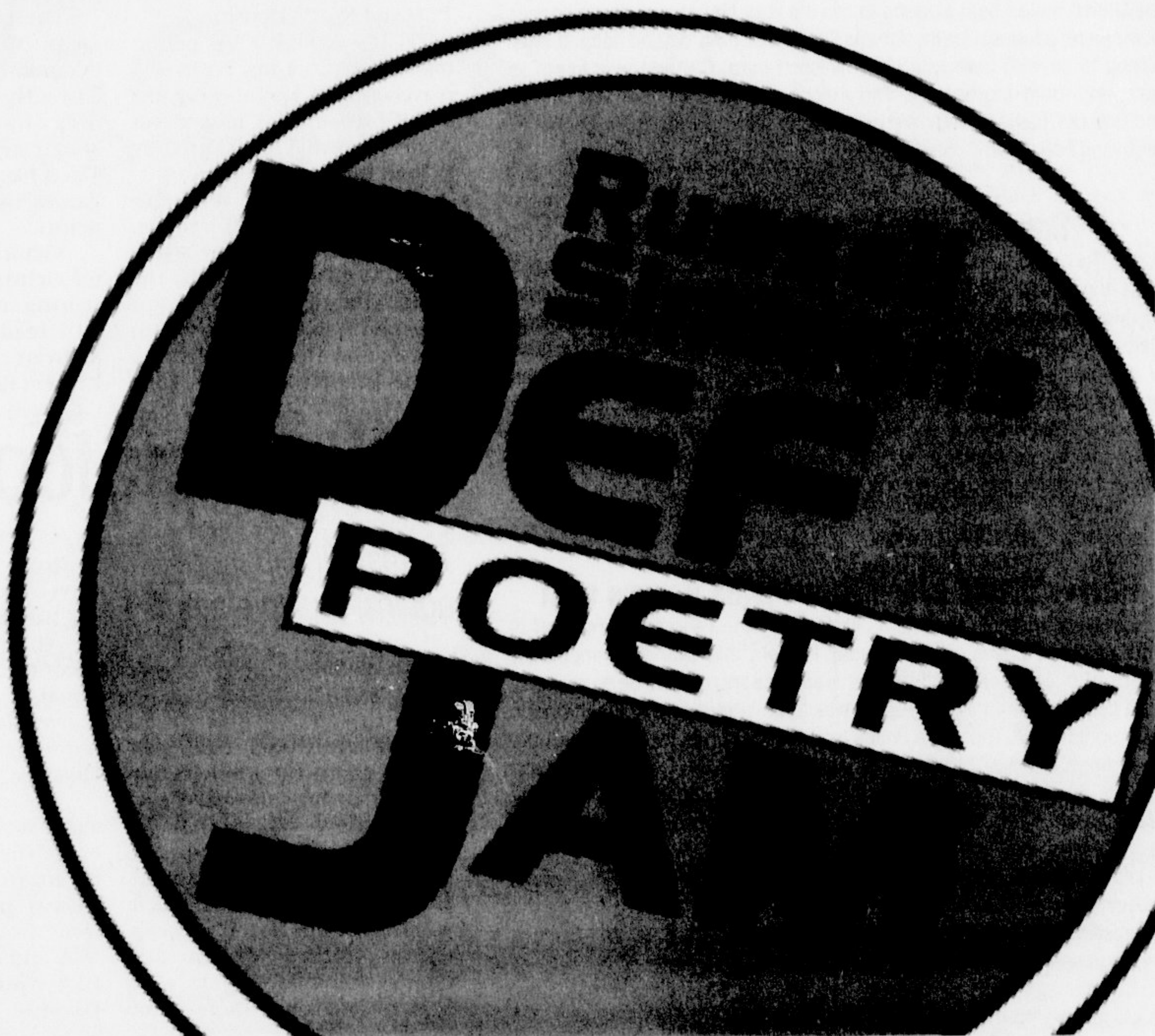


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Announcements

Pirate baseball set for intra-squad games

The ECU baseball team will make it a full weekend of Pirate Athletics beginning Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. ECU will play three intrasquad games this weekend in conjunction with a full slate of Pirate basketball. The Diamond Pirates will begin play Saturday afternoon at 11 a.m. - two hours before the Lady Pirate basketball team takes on Marquette. ECU will wrap up intrasquad play Sunday at 2 p.m. ECU returns 15 lettermen including 2004 Conference USA Preseason Player of the Year Darryl Lawhorn. ECU opens up its season in two weeks when the Pirates host UNC Asheville on Feb. 13 in the first game of a 12-game homestand.

Sports Briefs

Patriots celebrate win with fans

The New England Patriots held high their second Super Bowl trophy in three seasons before a raucous downtown crowd, celebrating a championship that was as thrilling as the first one. Before a shoulder-to-shoulder crowd in City Hall Plaza, Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady stood with team owner Robert Kraft, coach Bill Belichick and dozens of teammates amid a hail of red, white and blue confetti. Brady and Kraft hoisted the twin Super Bowl trophies as they led a parade to City Hall before hundreds of thousands of fans. Kraft and Belichick praised the players' work ethic that led to a season-ending streak of 15 straight wins and Sunday's 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

Marino quits new job

Dan Marino resigned as senior vice president of the Miami Dolphins, only three weeks after accepting a job that brought him back to the team he quarterbacked for 17 seasons. As recently as Sunday, Marino denied reports saying he was having second thoughts about assuming control of the Dolphins' football operations. But at 2:45 p.m., he made an unannounced visit to owner Wayne Huizenga's office and quit, spurning attempts the owner made to change his mind. Huizenga said the Dolphins will begin searching for a new executive with an extensive football background to join Miami's management team and oversee football operations. It has not been determined if that person would have the same title Marino was given in his short stint as an executive.

Gibbs forming staff

Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs will have two assistant head coaches, plus separate offensive and defensive coordinators, when he returns to the sidelines after an 11-year retirement. Nearly all of the names have been public knowledge for weeks, but some of the titles were surprises when the Redskins announced Gibbs' veteran-laden staff. Former Buffalo coach Gregg Williams was listed as "assistant head coach defense," while Greg Blache is defensive coordinator and defensive line coach. Blache spent the last five seasons as Chicago's defensive coordinator.

De La Hoya to fight again

Oscar De La Hoya said he will return to the ring June 5 for the first time since losing his 154-pound title to Shane Mosley last September in Las Vegas. In a statement released by his promotion company, Golden Boy Promotions, De La Hoya said he has not decided on an opponent yet for the fight.

NHL All-Star Shuffle

Brian Rafalski will replace fellow New Jersey Devils defenseman Scott Stevens on the Eastern Conference All-Star team. Voted in by fans as a starter, Stevens has missed the past 12 games due to a concussion. Rafalski will make his All-Star game debut Sunday in Minnesota. He was named to the North American All-Star team in 2002 but missed the game because of a knee injury. Also, the NHL named Vancouver Canucks forward Markus Naslund and Devils defenseman Scott Niedermayer captains for the All-Star game.

USA Women's soccer wins

The United States beat Canada to win the Four Nations women's soccer tournament, a tuneup for the Athens Olympics. China placed second after rallying to tie with Sweden, which finished third. Canada was fourth in the round-robin tournament. The Americans were without Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain. They are expected to return for Olympic qualifying beginning Feb. 25 in Costa Rica.

Runners complete unorthodox race

Rudolf Reitberger and Andrea Mayr won the men's and women's divisions in the annual race up the 86 flights of the Empire State Building. Reitberger and Mayr are friends from Julbach, Austria, and train together for the Empire State Building Run-Up. Reitberger covered the 1,576 steps in 10 minutes, 37 seconds. Mayr set the women's course record at 12:08, breaking the previous mark of 12:19 set in 1996 by American Belinda Soszyn. Finishing second and third among the men were Ran and Dan Alterman, identical twins from Israel. A total of 117 men and women from 11 countries took part in the trek organized by New York Road Runners.

Former Giants coach Fassel joins Ravens staff

Former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel joined the coaching staff of the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday. Fassel's title was not immediately disclosed, but it is believed he will serve an advisory role and be an assistant head coach to Brian Billick. Fassel was to be introduced at an afternoon news conference. The move unites the head coaches for the 2001 Super Bowl, when Billick's Ravens beat Fassel's Giants 34-7. Fassel was fired following the Giants' 4-12 season, which ended with an eight-game losing streak. Fassel hopes his job with the Ravens will keep him busy until he receives an offer to be a head coach. Until that time, he will work to improve an offense that finished last in the NFL in passing in 2003. The Ravens expect Fassel to assist offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh and aid the progression of the team's two young quarterbacks, Kyle Boller and Anthony Wright. Fassel is still under contract with the Giants, so New York will pay the balance of the \$27 million remaining for his final year -- minus what he will receive from the Ravens.

Pirates to host Charlotte 49ers

Team hopes to build on big conference win

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates looked dead and far from any chance at the Conference USA tournament heading into Tuesday night's contest with South Florida. The Pirates came in with an 0-7 record in the conference and the road monkey, which has been on their back ever since joining C-USA.

A huge, 19-point performance from Frank Robinson, however, led the Pirates to a 59-57 victory over the Bulls and helped them notch their first ever conference road victory.

"Frank can really shoot the ball and he's one of the hardest workers in this program," said Head Coach Bill Herrion on the freshman's efforts.

Since the conference tournament contains 12 teams, the Pirates would be the last team in if the season were to end today. South Florida and Tulane still have yet to record a conference victory.

"That's our first win, and like

I told our kids, right now today, we're in the C-USA tournament," Herrion said.

Now every ballgame becomes that much more key in the Pirates run for the tourney. This weekend ECU hosts Charlotte (13-5, 5-2) in a game that now has serious implications on the Pirates' chances. A win would put the Pirates two games up on the teams left out of the tournament.

In their first meeting, the 49ers beat the Pirates 81-65, a game in which the Pirates were still sporting a healthy Gabriel Mikulas.

Charlotte has also beaten the likes of Syracuse, Marquette, and Cincinnati already this season.

ECU's main defensive focus may be centered around perimeter defense due to Charlotte's trigger happy guard Brendan Plavich.

UAB and Memphis shut down Plavich's ability to shoot the trifecta, holding him to just five combined points in Charlotte's only two conference defeats.

The 49ers only scored 62 points against the Blazers and 69 against the Tigers, way below

see **PIRATE** page B5



The Pirates will be looking for their second C-USA victory.

Basketball

VISITORS: ECU 9-9, 1-7 C-USA

Player Name	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Reb.	Pts.	A	MIN
31 WILEY, Derrick	4-13	5-7	11	14	2	38
33 BING, Errol	2-5	6-14	10	10	0	38
25 BADIANE, Moussa	2-6	2-2	5	6	0	19
05 ROBINSON, Frank	7-10	2-3	1	19	0	33
34 COOK, Mike	3-12	1-2	5	7	3	33
01 RIVERS, Belton	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5
10 McNEIL, Japhet	0-2	0-0	0	0	2	9
13 MACKAY, Luke	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	8
55 GRINDLEY, Garth	1-3	1-2	4	3	0	17
Totals	19-53	17-30	36	59	7	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-32 28.1% 2nd Half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 35.8% DEADB
3-PT FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 30.8% REBS
F Throw % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 56.7% 5

HOME TEAM: USF 6-11, 0-6 C-USA

Number/Name	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	TOT	Pts.	A	MIN
02 GRAHAM, Brian	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	23
21 LEATHER, Terrence	4-10	1-4	11	10	2	36
20 MORRIS, Gerrick	3-6	6-7	6	12	0	38
03 SWIFT, Brian	7-13	0-0	2	20	7	40
12 MOSLEY, Bradley	6-17	1-3	5	15	7	40
04 BRIGMAN, Brandon	0-1	0-0	7	0	0	12
33 DIARRA, Konimba	0-1	0-0	4	0	1	11
Totals	20-48	8-14	37	57	17	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-21 38.1% 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4% Game: 41.7% DEADB
3-PT FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd Half: 6-16 37.5% Game: 33.3% REBS
F Throw % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 57.1% 3

ECU women will take to the road

Lady Pirates will try to rebound from losses

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team will take on conference foe Saint Louis Friday night and Memphis two days later. The weekend will provide winnable games for the Lady Pirates as they try to grab two conference victories on the road.

The women (14-6, 5-2) are looking to rebound from their current two-game skid. Despite the losses, the women are off to their best start since the 1985-1986 season when they started 15-5.

The Lady Pirates desperately need to pick up a win over Saint Louis (7-14, 1-7) after dropping into a tie for fifth place in the conference. The Billikens have dropped 12 of their last 13 games and are trying to claw their way out of the Conference USA cellar.

Memphis (15-6, 5-3) is just a half game behind the Lady Pirates in the conference standings. The Lady Tigers are one of seven conference teams to have gained 14 or more wins this season. C-USA is the only conference in the nation to boast that accolade. C-USA has three ranked teams in No. 15 DePaul, No. 19 TCU and No. 23 Houston.

ECU will need a big performance from Courtney Willis who is averaging 18.3 points per game and 9.4 rebounds. The standout from Fayetteville, NC is currently fifth in the league in scoring.

Willis has scored in double figures in every game this season pushing her consecutive streak to 20. With 1,220 points, the senior forward/center needs just nine points to move into eighth all time on the career scoring list to pass former Pirate great

Justine Allpress.

Jennifer Jackson is beginning to be the player that she was last season. The junior recorded a double-double against Marquette when she had 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. However, Jackson shot just 30 percent from the field and just four of 18 from behind the arc over the weekend.

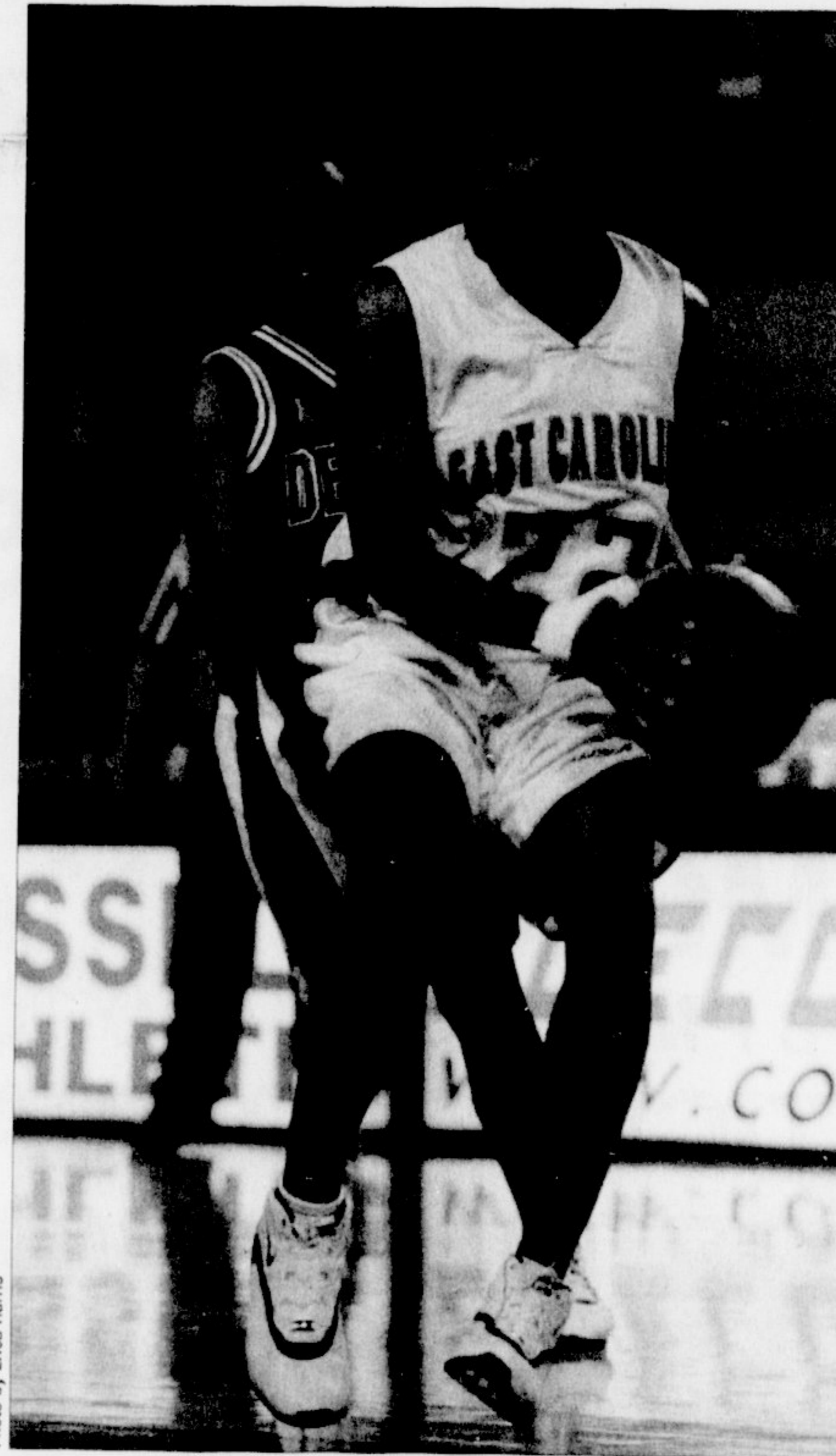
Senior guard Alisha Bishop notched 13 points against DePaul and will look to continue her momentum. Freshman guard Keisha Anthony has trailed off the past couple of games, but is still averaging double figures at 10.7 points in conference play. Guard Viola Cooper is fifth in the league in turnover ratio averaging 1.71 assists per turnover.

Saint Louis will be no easy match for the struggling Lady Pirates. Senior forward Angie Lewis will lead the Billikens. Lewis leads Saint Louis in scoring at 17.3 points per game. Senior Kristi Holloway is the only other Billiken averaging double figures at 11.1 points.

The Billikens could cause match-up problems for the undersized Lady Pirates. Saint Louis has seven players listed at six feet or above. The majority of the scoring comes from the paint, but the Billikens lead the league in three-point percentage at nearly 41 percent.

The Lady Pirates will have more of a challenge at the Pyramid in Memphis. Memphis currently has the longest winning streak in the conference at four straight games. The Lady Tigers have lost three conference games by a combined seven points.

Victoria Crawford who is tied for eighth in the conference in scoring averaging 16.4 points, will lead Memphis. Jennifer Sullivan complements Crawford in averaging 13.1 points per



The Lady Pirates will be looking to start a new win streak against two Conference USA foes this Friday and Sunday.

contest. Forward Raven Rodgers is coming off a 13 point, 14 rebound effort in a recent win against Southern Mississippi.

C-USA TV will televise the match-up on Sunday afternoon against Memphis with Amy Prichard and Don Russell

providing the commentary. After the weekend, the Lady Pirates will gear up for a home stand against nationally ranked TCU and Houston.

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ECU track looks to build on momentum

Teams will square off against multiple teams

BLAKE MELVIN
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The men's track team will look to churn out another successful showing this weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

The men responded well to the competition at the Gator Invitational last weekend and hope to keep things rolling. Coach Bill Carson will take 12 guys with him to take on a large field.

Senior Ricardo Bell from Havelock, N.C. will be looking to improve on his time in the 800. He finished seventh at the Gator Invitational.

"We're hoping to improve on our times and get sharper," said Distance Coach Len Klepack.

The women will compete against 15 teams this weekend, the majority of them hailing from North Carolina. The Classic provides competition from the ACC, SEC, Conference USA and also some mid majors like Appalachian State and Davidson. Teams from the ACC

include the Tar Heels, Duke and N.C. State. Georgia will represent the SEC and South Florida will come from C-USA.

"It's still tough to tell who will be our top performers this weekend as we are still going through a training process but we have a number of ladies performing strong," said Head Coach Matt Munson.

Munson said sophomore Jessica Collins is on the verge of a major breakthrough after finishing fourth this past weekend, while junior Tammie Mentzel has not finished below the top four this year. Munson

has also been pleased with freshman Jessica Georgio in throws, who has reached a new personal best each time out. Munson also believes senior and school record holder in the high jump Coleen McGinn will be the leader in C-USA after this weekend.

"We have a good, young team but we have red shirted some kids to bring them along and we expect to make a run for the conference title in a few years," Munson said.

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The Seahawks are the Pirates' last opponents this season.

ECU swimmers will travel to Wilmington

Pirates hungry for second straight win

TONY ZOPPO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will go to Wilmington this upcoming Saturday, looking for their second straight win.

After the victory over William and Mary last weekend, both the men and women improved on the season - the men to 5-3 and the women to 6-2.

UNCW will also be coming off wins against Davidson, William and Mary and Old Dominion. The Seahawk men are undefeated in the Colonial

Athletic Association (4-0) and are 5-3 overall while the women have posted a 4-6 record overall and 2-2 in the CAA.

Leading the way for the men will be sophomore Ben Pulskamp, who paced the men against their CAA foes last week by winning the 100 and 200 butterfly and the 200 backstroke. The women will look to Rebeka Teague to swim well again as she took the 50 free and 100 butterfly in their last contest.

The meet will be held in Wilmington, this Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 2 p.m. It will mark the last meet of the year for both teams.

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Duke stays ahead in TEC rankings

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Blue Devils could be tested at UNC tonight

BRANDON HUGHES
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The Duke Blue Devils and Stanford Cardinal maintained their No. 1 and No. 2 rankings for the second consecutive week. Both teams pulled out wins on upset Saturday, a day that saw eight nationally ranked teams fall.

Duke is clearly the best team in the ACC and has a huge match-up with UNC tonight, arguably the best rivalry in college basketball. The Cardinal did pick up one first-place vote and is ready to claim the top spot if the Blue Devils falter in Chapel Hill. Stanford will have their toughest game left on the schedule Feb. 7, against Arizona, a team that fell out of the TEC Top 10 after losing to Washington.

St. Joseph's is on a mission to become the first team to go undefeated in the regular season since 1991. The Hawks move up into the No. 3 slot after key wins over Temple and Villanova. Only Dayton and Temple seem to pose a threat to the Hawks before the NCAA tournament.

Pittsburgh picked up their 20th win over Boston College but the Panthers have one of the toughest schedules remaining in the Top 10 with the likes of Connecticut, Syracuse and

Providence rapidly approaching on the calendar.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs keep surprising everyone as they jumped up three spots to the No. 5 position. They are led by Lawrence Roberts and Timmy Bowers who are both averaging over 15 points per game.

UCONN also leapfrogs up three slots and is ranked No. 6 this week. The Huskies absolutely embarrassed No. 22 Syracuse 84-56 on Monday. Center Emeka Okafor had All-American numbers once again, scoring 25 points with 11 rebounds and four blocks.

No. 7 Louisville was perhaps the nation's hottest team, winning 16 straight before being upset by Marquette 77-70 last week. The loss dropped the Cardinals four spots but Francisco Garcia might be able to persuade All-American voters with a good performance down the stretch; seven of their final nine games will be nationally televised.

Gonzaga hangs in the Top 10 once again at No. 8 after easy wins over San Diego and Santa Clara. The Bulldogs should have no problem winning out with the rest of the WCC vastly over-matched. Gonzaga's only two losses this season have been to St. Joe's and to Stanford.

Kentucky is ranked No. 9 this week after falling to a very talented Vanderbilt squad on the road. The Wildcats redeemed themselves with a three-point

win on the road over No. 21 Florida on Tuesday, but it doesn't get any easier for head coach Tubby Smith. The Gators will be waiting in the regular season finale and upstart No. 24 South Carolina (18-3) will play Kentucky twice.

Oklahoma State cracks the TEC Top 10 this week and will round out the rankings with an impressive 16-2 record. The Cowboys revenged an earlier loss to No. 14 Texas Tech and are 3-1 against ranked opponents this season. The only real blemish on their season was an early loss to BYU where senior center Rafael Araujo pounded the Cowboys for 32 points and 11 rebounds.

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Top Ten

Rank	Team	Rec.	Pts	LW
1	Duke (5)	18-1	119	1
2	Stanford (1)	18-0	115	2
3	St. Joseph's	19-0	106	4
4	Pittsburgh	20-1	102	5
5	Miss. St.	18-1	94	8
6	Connecticut	18-3	88	9
7	Louisville	16-2	87	3
8	Gonzaga	17-2	77	10
9	Kentucky	15-3	73	6
10	Oklahoma St.	16-2	62	NR

their average of 80 points per on the season.

Another key ingredient for the Pirates to get the win this weekend comes with fan support. ECU's recent rut may look bad statistically to the fans, but the Pirates have been in almost every conference game this season with a chance to win.

"I don't think we're playing that bad, I really don't," Herrion said.

"We're getting a great effort, and athletically I think we match up with teams right now."

"We're a small basketball team, but these kids play with a lot of heart," Herrion said. "We're tough. We scrap. Don't ever discount the effort of these kids. I don't think I can get any more out of these kids as far as their effort."

A tough perimeter defense, a tough crowd, and a mentally tough Pirate basketball team could possibly spell win again for ECU.

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Bobby Knight in hot water with officials

(KRT) LUBBOCK, Texas—Texas Tech chancellor Dr. David R. Smith lives a charmed life. For at the end of business on Tuesday, he hadn't lost his job. He hadn't been suspended. Heck, he hadn't been fined or reprimanded in any manner whatsoever despite risking his career a day earlier at a local grocer's salad bar.

That was when he dared tell Red Raiders men's basketball coach Bob Knight that he thought Knight was doing an especially good job off the court this season managing his legendary fiery temper.

Knight took exception to what the compliment implied, that he had been, in fact, some sort of hothead during his short time in Lubbock. After all, although Knight played himself in the movie "Anger Management," the film was fiction. So Knight shouted down the chancellor, dogging him out of the grocery, snapping at him all the way into the parking lot, witnesses said.

The university had a crisis on its hands: What to do about the chancellor?

After all, since Knight fell on this campus, the chancellor, or the president, or the Board of Regents, or other administrators, or the faculty haven't run this supposed institution of higher learning. They're AWOL. They've abdicated their responsibilities. They've been absolutely emasculated.

Texas Tech has become one of the poster schools for what's wrong in big-time college athletics. It is the perfect example of an academic institution that has turned itself over to the folks in the gymnasium.

The Big Man on Campus in Lubbock is not in the office ostensibly entrusted with control. Knight is the one running things here. He's been doing it since the moment he officially arrived here and was feted with a welcoming party that resembled a revival. Everybody else associated with this school is just genuflecting in his presence, or staying the heck out of his way. He's the only one on campus with any chutzpah.

To be sure, just a few weeks ago Knight, consented to a nationally televised taped interview on ESPN before his Red Raiders played Iowa, coached by his former star Steve Alford, in Dallas. Knight cursed repeatedly and with great purpose throughout the interview. The so-called bosses at Texas Tech just got Knight to say he wouldn't use such language again in public. He apologized in part by pretending to curse some more.

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Marquette mum on Big East

(KRT) MILEWAUKEE — Marquette University athletic director Bill Cords confirmed Monday that the school had the option of leaving Conference USA for the Big East without paying an exit fee, but wouldn't say whether it will do so.

According to Cords, C-USA has offered the eight schools that are leaving the choice of doing so without penalty.

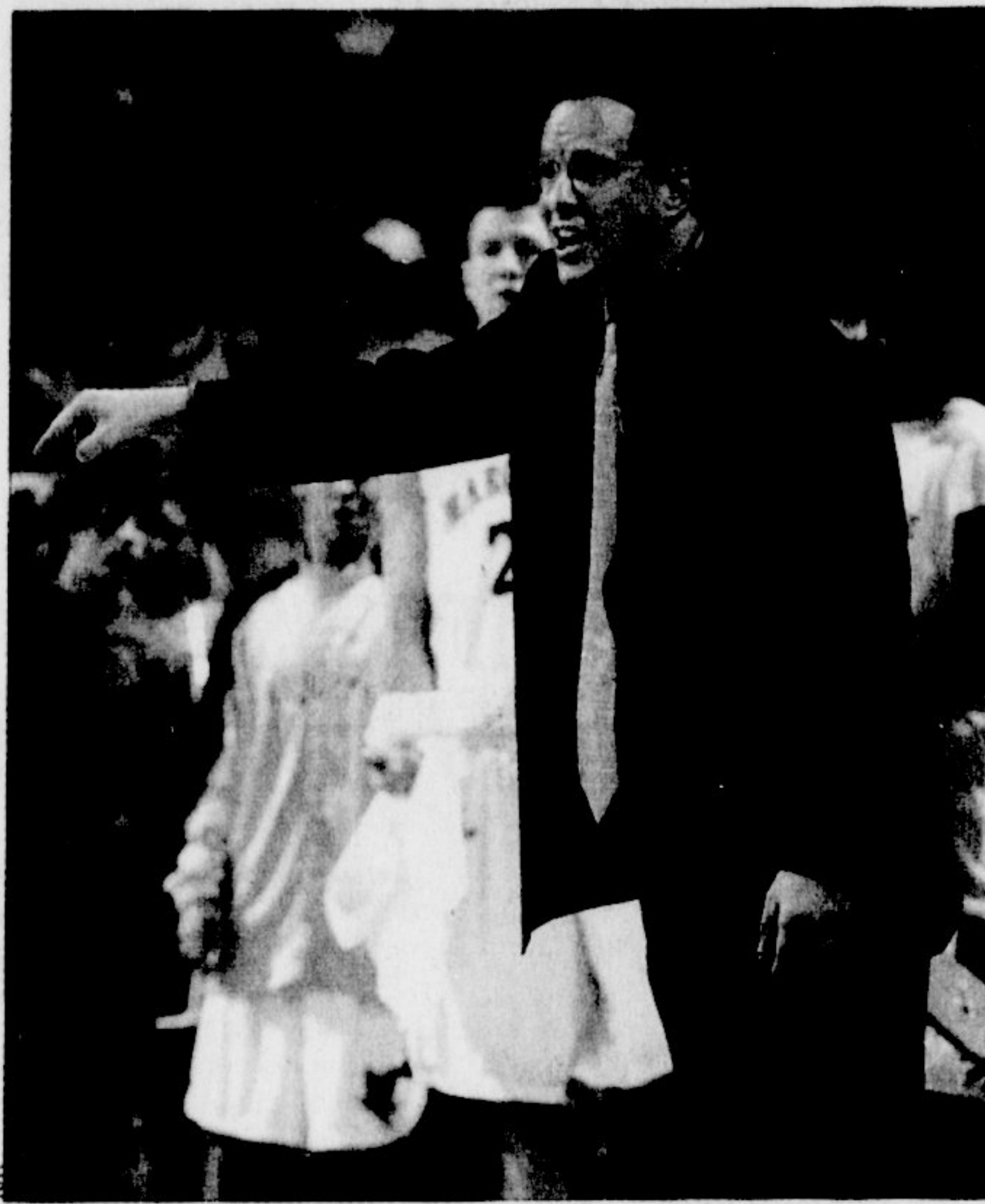
In exchange, they'd need to agree to play an unspecified number of games in both football and basketball each season against C-USA teams once they join their new leagues.

Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville and South Florida will join Marquette in the Big East after next season, and Charlotte and Saint Louis will leave for the Atlantic 10. Texas Christian recently agreed to join the Mountain West Conference.

"I think we've pretty much made up our mind but I'm not really talking about it right now," said Cords.

"There's still some stuff going around about shares and units and who keeps what. So until that gets resolved I would be premature in saying anything. But I think we've got a pretty good idea about what we want to do."

Marquette, which like DePaul doesn't field a football team, can offer only non-conference basketball games in a potential deal. Making things even more diffi-

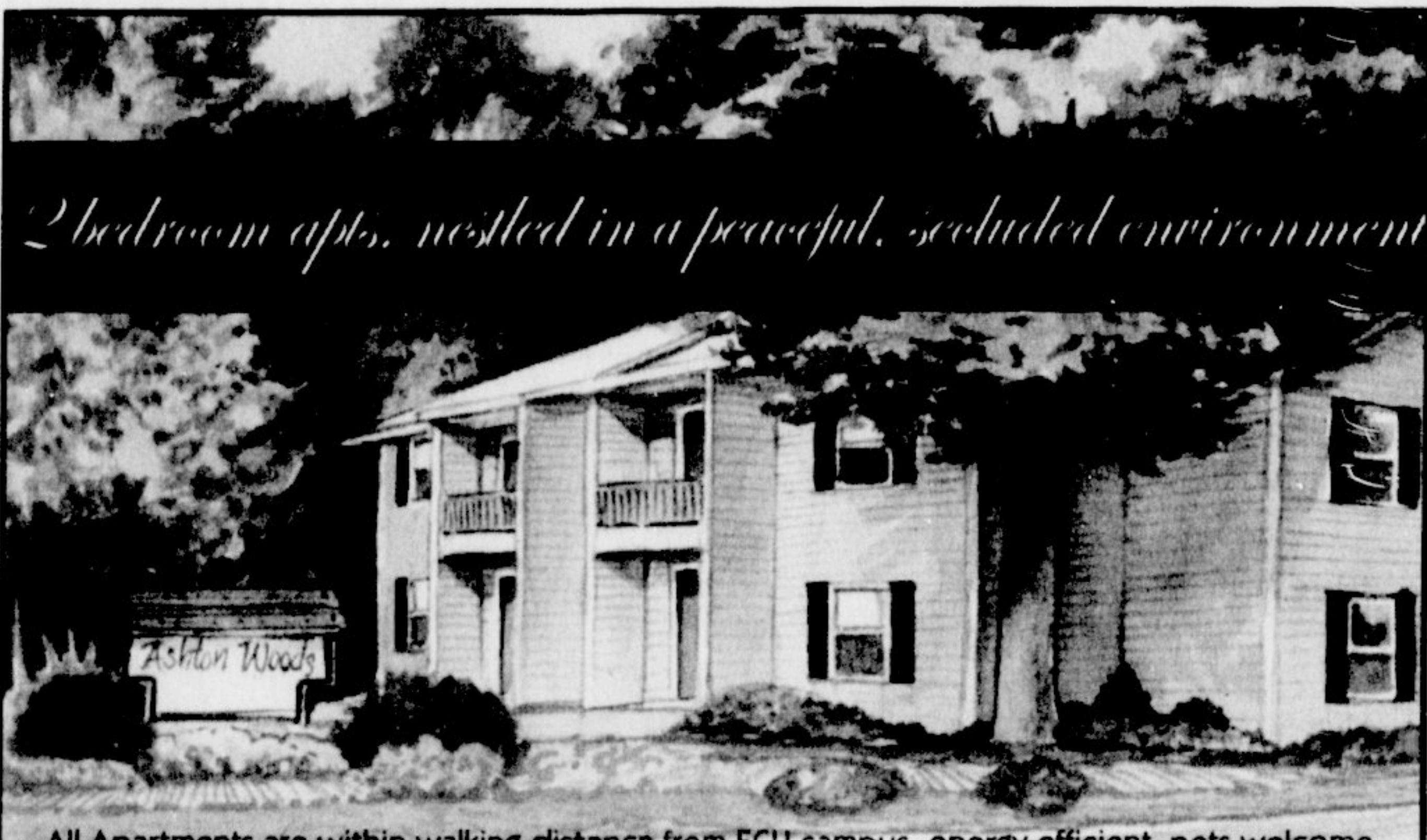


Marquette's Coach Tom Crean gives instructions to his team during the first half of their game at the Bradley Center.

cult will be that the Big East is expected to settle on either a 16- or 18-game league schedule.

Marquette's need to play 16 home games a season to generate revenue, Coach Tom Crean's desire to play more high-profile opponents and the annual

rivalry game with Wisconsin are also factors. When it's all said and done, the Golden Eagles will probably be able to play only one or two road games per year against non-conference opponents once they join the Big East.



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