



SGA plans trip to protest tuition increases

Rally will have representation from all 16 UNC-system schools

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The Student Government Association, in conjunction with the UNC Association of Student Governments, will participate in a protest against a proposal to raise ECU's tuition by \$900 over the next three years.

The rally, scheduled for March 19 at 9 a.m. on the steps of the UNC Board of Governors building, will draw an estimated 16,000 students - 1,000 per 16 UNC system universities.

The SGA has no plans for organized transport to the site. However, if more than 100 students sign up, buses will be chartered.

Ian Baer, ECU SGA president, said since the date of the rally is during ECU's Spring Break, SGA's goal

was scaled down to 125 students.

Baer said he was confident students would support the rally and send a strong message to the BOG.

"We believe very strongly that the proposed tuition increase would be harmful to ECU students and hope that many will come out to support this cause," Baer said.

ECU students are involved in other activities that will strengthen the message of the rally.

The ASG recently published a collection of personal testimonials by students from across the UNC-system telling how tuition increases would negatively impact their access to higher education. They also are in the process of preparing a DVD with selected portions from the book of personal stories that will be presented to members of the BOG and members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

A bus tour of personal stories is planned to send a group of ASG representatives to cities around the

state to raise awareness of the tuition issue.

Matt Cohen, sophomore political science major and director of athletic affairs for the SGA, said even if students aren't able to attend the rally, there are other contributions they can make against the tuition increase.

Cohen encouraged students to write letters to BOG members or to their state legislators opposing tuition increases, and most importantly, to register and vote.

"We just really want to encourage students to get involved and take an active role fighting what we see as a violation of article nine, section nine of the North Carolina Constitution, which states that 'higher education is to be extended to the people of North Carolina as inexpensively as is practicable,'" Cohen said.

"We feel that in recent years, we have been paying more and getting less."

Maggie O'Neill, sophomore political science major and SGA director of internal affairs and

public relations chairperson, said she is excited by the prospects for advancing students' interests provided by the rally.

O'Neill said the most important thing is that students come out to support the cause and make their voices heard.

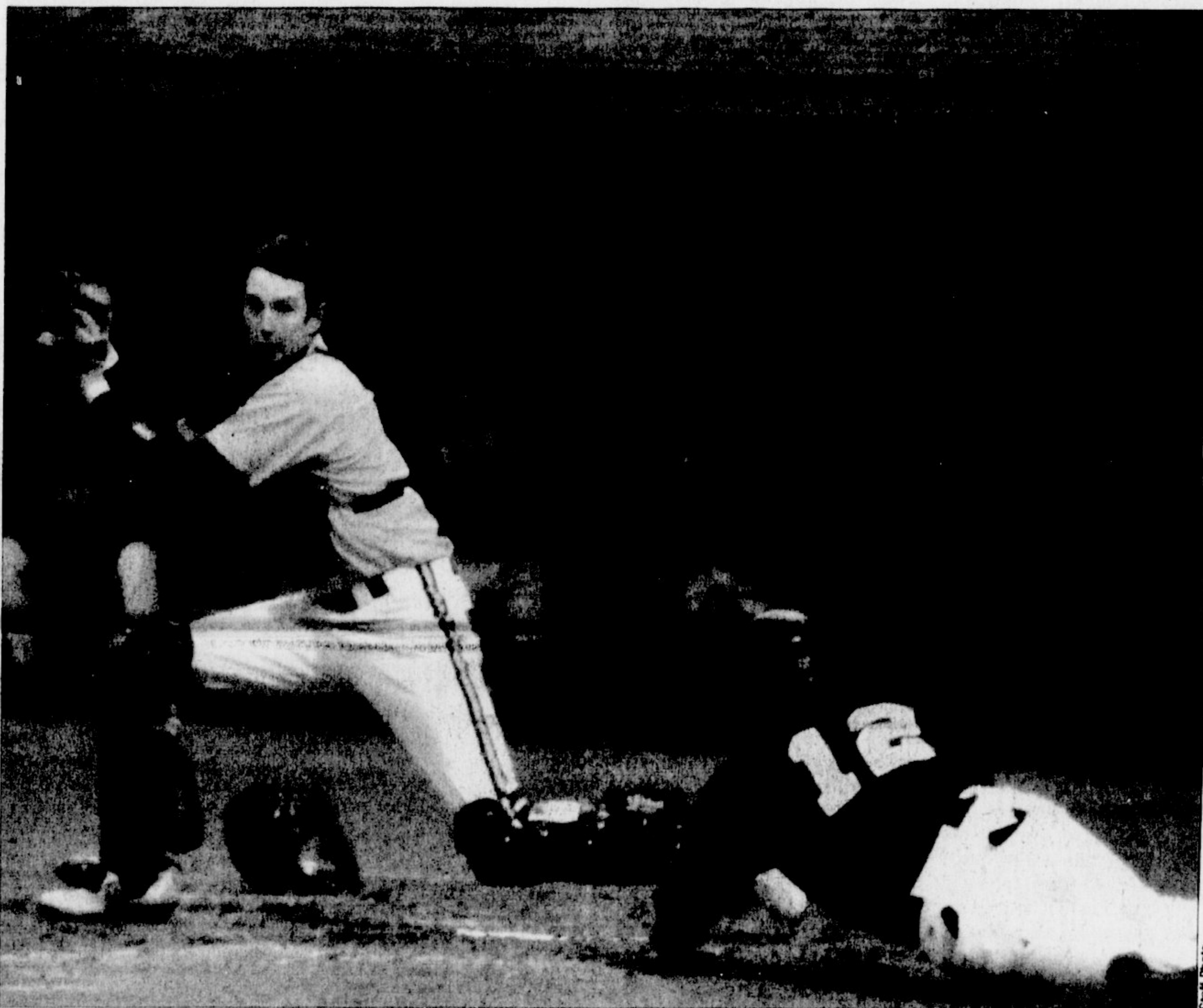
"I just think that it is very important for students to show that they are serious about protecting their access to quality higher education here in North Carolina," said O'Neill.

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For more information on the protest, visit www.uncasg.org.

Pirates plate another victory



Third baseman Mark Minicozzi slides in for a close one against a North Carolina A&T Aggie Tuesday at Harrington Field. The ECU Pirates (8-0) continue their undefeated season, beating the winless Aggies 2-0. See page A8 for more coverage on the game.



Faculty Senate members discuss downfalls of hiring history.

Three candidates left in chancellor search

Former officials' acts questionable but legal

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ECU's Faculty Senate met last night to ease concerns about past hiring practices and discuss the search for a new chancellor.

Jim Talton, chairman of the Chancellor Search Committee, updated the Faculty Senate on candidates for ECU's chancellor.

Talton said they narrowed the number down to three candidates, and the committee is trying to designate a time for all three to come to an open forum on campus.

However, Talton said they should decide as soon as possible to ensure candidates' availability. Talton said he wants a decision

made by early March.

"This is the time of the year that individuals make commitments," Talton said.

Talton said if they do not act soon and miss the chance to hire, they will have to begin the project all over again next year.

James Leroy Smith, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, submitted the Hiring Review Report at the Faculty Senate's request after concerns arose about hiring practices and salary increments in academic affairs during the 2002-03 school year.

Four senior administrators investigated six administrative hires and eight faculty hires.

Although they found that some practices were questionable, they were still within uni-

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Business school travels abroad

College offers trips to three countries

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ECU business students interested in traveling to different countries while learning about the economy can study abroad with the College of Business this summer.

Led by professors Roy Simerly, Tope Bello and Elaine Seeman, students can travel to Argentina, Italy and Australia, a new addition to ECU's international studies.

This program was started in 1996 to help students better understand the global economy.

"Students can't get this from textbooks, [they] must experience it," said Roy Simerly, Ph.D., professor in the management department.

Students studying abroad will visit manufacturers and businesses while learning about the country's culture and economy.

Other majors are welcome to travel abroad with the school

"This program tries to attract people from various majors and backgrounds," Simerly said.

Students will live with a host family, allowing them to learn more about the language.

Prices for the trips vary. Students who wish to travel to Italy will spend \$4,200.

Australia costs \$6,500, but that cost includes a 21 - 25 day stay, airfare, accommodations, entry fees and in-country transportation, said Simerly.

If money is a problem, students can look to financial aid and scholarships, depending on their qualifications.

"It's an excellent opportunity to be immersed in the culture and see how other businesses conduct in other areas of the world," said Jeremy Ballard, graduate student.

"[It's an] opportunity to go somewhere, get class credit and experience first-hand international business."



Trips look at global business.

The trips to Argentina, Australia and Italy are scheduled for the first summer session.

There must be at least 10 students traveling to each place for the excursions to happen, and there is a maximum student load of 20.

Simerly said the Argentina session is full, but there are still openings for Australia and Italy.

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Job market looking up for 2003-04 college graduates

Survey shows overall increase in hiring

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Seniors preparing to graduate and enter the job market may have worries about the recent instability of the economy, but they can find some consolation in a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The survey predicts the job market for graduates of classes 2003 and 2004 will be fair, hiring 12.7 percent more new college graduates than last year.

The service industry led the field with an expected 22 percent. The manufacturing sector reported more mod-

erate expectations with 3.4 percent new college graduates.

However, jobs given to new college graduates in the government or non-profit sector are expected to be cut by 10 percent.

Hiring is expected to be up 7.2 percent in the southern region. The top majors that employers are looking for in the region are mechanical engineering, business administration, electrical engineering, accounting, economics and finance.

"This a normal increase [in jobs]," said Suzanne Martin, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"It's coming back up, but it's still not where it was five years ago."

Martin said the most crucial thing students can do

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Industries expecting to hire the most college graduates are service and manufacturing.

Black History Awareness throughout February

Malcolm X was assassinated at age 39 on Feb. 21, 1965.

Feb. 25, 1964 Muhammad Ali defeated Sonny Liston for the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship



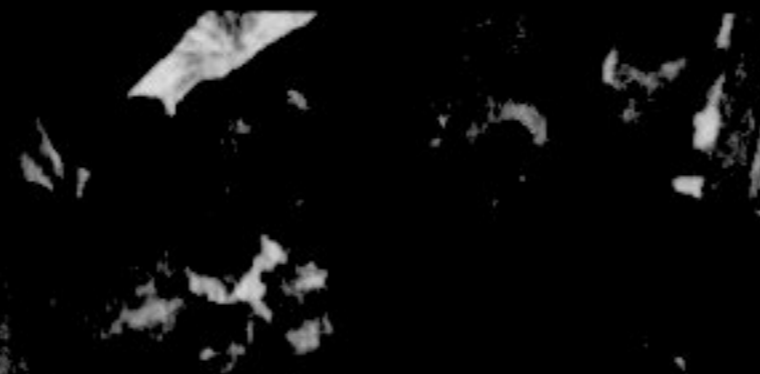
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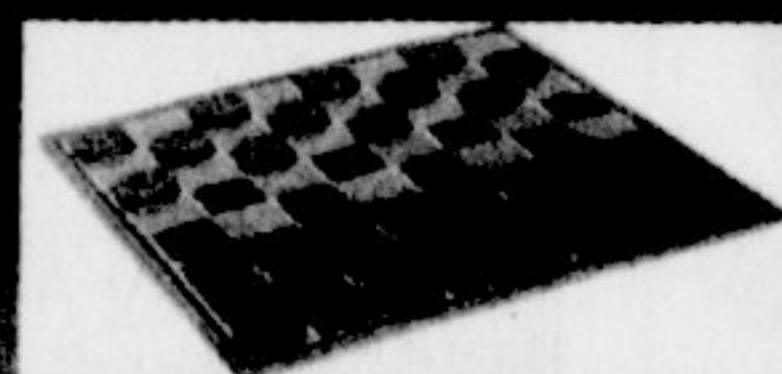
TEC REQUIRED READING



Opinions Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to read more about Bush backing ban on same-sex marriage.



News page A2 Guy Philippe, leader of the Haitian rebels seeking to overthrow President Aristide, talks about his plans for Haiti's future.



Features Board games are becoming popular among students. TEC takes a look at the new games popping up on shelves.



Sports Fight Back! Fight up against the winless NC A&T Aggies and improved their winning streak to eight games.



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Announcements

Lunchtime Learning Series

The Lunchtime Learning Series today at noon in 204 Joyner East will feature Charlie Justice speaking on improvements and enhancements to the ECU e-mail system. Faculty, staff and students can attend.

Blood/Bone Marrow Drive

The Chancellor's Staff Senate Diversity Committee will sponsor a blood and bone marrow drive today from noon - 6 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room.

How to Work a Job Fair

Career Services presents a workshop on how to work a job fair today from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

Domestic Violence Forum

The School of Social Work will sponsor a community forum on domestic violence in the eastern North Carolina African-American community, Thursday from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

Resume Blitz

Career Services presents a Resume Blitz where students can have their resumes critiqued on site Thursday from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

Mars Exploration Presentation

Shawn Laatsch, Greenville resident and astronomy education professor who was selected as a NASA teaching ambassador to North Carolina, will speak tonight at 7 in the Willis Building. The presentation will focus on the two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, and feature the latest imagery and video clips from the red planet mission.

Doing Business with Government

A session on how existing business can set up and get contracts with local, state and federal government will be held Thursday from noon - 2 p.m. in the Willis Building Conference Room.

Sigma Xi Seminar

The ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi presents a Spotlight Seminar feature the work of physics John Kenney, Ph.D. Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in SZ 309 Science and Technology Lecture Hall Annex.

Education Career Fair

There will be an Education Career Fair Friday from 9 a.m. - noon in Mendenhall.

Fulbright Lecture

Shagufa Kapadia from New School University will speak on adolescent-parent relationships in India, Friday from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in 218A Ragsdale.

Resume Workshop

Career Services offers a resume-writing workshop on Monday, March 1, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

English TAG Lecture

Biodun Jeyifo, English professor at Cornell University, will speak at the annual English TAG Lecture Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in 1031 Bate. Jeyifo's lecture is titled, "On Being Anglophone Now: Meditations on Globalization, Language and Desire." A reception will follow the lecture.

Dances of Universal Peace

The Office of Adult and Commuter Students Services sponsors the Dances of Universal Peace Sunday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall. The participatory event features simple circle dancing and singing led by a trained leader and accompanied with live music.

Carter Center Internships

Peter Mather, director of educational programs for The Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga., will hold an information session on internship opportunities Friday, March 5, in 221 Mendenhall from 10:30 a.m. - noon. The session is open to all faculty and students who are interested in international development and humanitarian issues.

SRC Family Fun Day

The Department of Recreational Services and the Office of Adult and Community Students will co-sponsor Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the SRC. Events will include group fitness, sports, a climbing wall, bowling, a movie and arts and crafts. There is no cost for students, spouses and dependent children of students above age six.

Sophomore Survey

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, 30 from ECU, must take the Sophomore Survey before pre-registering for summer or fall 2004 semesters. The survey will be available on OneStop beginning March 3.

Paper Person

The student at the top of today's paper is Nick Careslas, sophomore business management major.

News Briefs

Local

Two Concord teens face hearing Friday on rape charge

CONCORD (AP) - Two Concord teenagers accused of sexually assaulting a female classmate in January are scheduled to face a district court judge Friday to determine whether they should be tried as adults.

The boys, both 14, are charged with attempted rape and first-degree sex offense, police said. They haven't been in custody and have remained in school since a police report was filed Jan. 15.

The girl's mother said she understood why the boys haven't been suspended from school or taken into custody, but said she feared for her daughters' safety.

According to police, the girl, 14, went to visit one of the boys - a childhood friend - in his home in a mobile home park in Concord near her home.

Reading program could stir more controversy at UNC-Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - For the third straight year, a freshman reading requirement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is causing a stir.

But this time, it's happening before the book is even picked.

The university's reading selection committee met for three hours Sunday night, but was deadlocked between "Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point" by David Lipsky and "Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age" by Bill McKibben.

Each book offers the potential for the kind of political dynamite that has followed the program in its first two years.

"Absolutely American" follows the lives of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy,

case studies sure to lead to debates about patriotism and the war in Iraq. "Enough" explores the dark side of scientific advances in genetic engineering at a time when cloning poses perhaps the human race's most difficult ethical dilemmas.

A final decision is expected Wednesday, because one member was not available to break Sunday's 4-4 vote.

National

Compromise studied on still-unreleased school investigation on Columbine shootings

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) - School officials may offer a compromise on public access to an unreleased report on the Columbine High School massacre.

Nearly two dozen Columbine staffers who were interviewed for that report may be asked to give a second round of interviews that might then be made public, Jefferson County Schools spokesman Rick Kaufman said Monday.

The school district's lawyers compiled a 200-page report based on the interviews shortly after Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 13 people and then killed themselves on April 20, 1999.

School officials have refused to release it, citing attorney-client privilege because it was compiled to prepare for lawsuits.

Under the potential compromise, the Columbine staffers interviewed for the report would speak with researchers at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado.

School officials had not settled some key questions, including how information from the second interviews might be made public, whether the staffers would be

identified and when the interviews would take place.

Education Secretary Paige calls teachers union 'terrorist organization'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Education Secretary Rod Paige says he chose poor words in calling the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization," but he stands by his claim that the group uses "obstructionist scare tactics" in its fight over the nation's education law. Paige used the terrorist reference Monday in a private White House meeting with governors while answering a question about the National Education Association, which has 2.7 million members. His words startled members of his audience, triggered outrage from prominent Democrats and deepened the divide between the country's top education official and its largest union.

The flap comes as the Bush administration faces increasing state opposition to the No Child Left Behind law, widely considered the most significant federal education act since Congress approved its original version in 1965. The law, approved in bipartisan fashion, requires a range of testing, teaching and school-choice changes to help children succeed.

World

Earthquake strikes northeast Morocco, at least 150 dead

RABAT, Morocco (AP) - A powerful earthquake struck northern Morocco early Tuesday, toppling houses and killing at least 150 people, the official Moroccan news agency reported.

The 6.5-magnitude quake shook rural areas near the coastal city of Al-Hoceima, officials said, and there was concern about the fate of three villages - Ait Kamra, Tamassint and

Imzourn - where 30,000 people live in mud homes unable to withstand a major tremor.

The death toll steadily climbed throughout the day as rescuers began reaching the hard-hit areas. Military and civilian rescuers were dispatched to the scene to help survivors and search for victims trapped under rubble, while helicopters filled with emergency supplies were preparing for takeoff.

However, rescuers reported difficulties in reaching the affected area, located in the foothills of the Rif Mountains and served by narrow, poor roads.

The death toll was expected to rise throughout the day, the Interior Ministry said.

Chief U.N. nuclear inspector says work on nuclear black market puzzle making progress

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) - Libya, which was able to work on a secret nuclear arms program for two decades because of imports of black market technology, can likely be declared free of the last traces of such activities by June, the U.N. nuclear chief said.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Monday that meetings with Libyan officials were producing more names and companies involved in supplying renegade nations with the technology for their arms programs.

During his two-day visit to Libya, which ends Tuesday, ElBaradei pried more details on the illicit nuclear network from his hosts and checked on the progress in Tripoli's pledge to rid itself of its nuclear arms program.

Libya's cooperation may prompt an end to the U.S. ban on American travel to the North African country that was imposed in 1981. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the ban would be reviewed at 90-day intervals.

Bush swipes at Democrats in campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, casting aside his desire to appear above the political fray, struck back at his Democratic critics, portraying presidential front-runner John Kerry as a waffler and warning that Democrats would raise taxes, expand government and fail to lead decisively on national security.

Bush had hung back for months, despite constant pummeling by the Democratic presidential candidates. But he leveled his sharpest criticism yet at his rivals in a speech Monday night. Bush recalled terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, signaling his willingness to use the strikes for political gain, which his aides long had promised would not be done.

"September the 14th, 2001, I stood in the ruins of the Twin Towers. I remember a lot that day," Bush told 1,400 Republican donors at a fund-raiser for GOP governors, recalling his trip to New York after the attacks.

"As we all did that day, these men and women searching through the rubble took it personally. I took it personally," he said.

"I have a responsibility that goes on. I will never relent in bringing justice to our enemies. I will defend America, whatever it takes."

Kerry, a senator from Massachusetts, found himself fending off both Bush and his chief rival, fellow Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, heading into nominating contests Tuesday in Hawaii, Idaho and Utah.

But both Democratic rivals are looking ahead to the 10 states, California and New York among them, with nominating contests on March 2, also known as Super Tuesday, where Kerry hopes to knock off Edwards.

Kerry will spend more than \$1 million this week - nearly five times as much as Edwards - to run campaign ads in media

markets in Ohio, Georgia and New York, which vote March 2, aides said. Edwards has bought about \$270,000 of ad time in those states thus far.

Bush, meanwhile, has prepared ads for an advertising onslaught that is to start March 4. His re-election campaign will buy airtime over the next two weeks in selected broadcast markets and nationally on cable stations, including CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC, according to a Bush-Cheney campaign source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Edwards was campaigning Tuesday in Atlanta with Georgia lawmakers, before heading to Houston for a rally. Kerry was in Ohio, touring a closed steel mill with laid-off workers and talking with workers at a revitalized factory.

In his 40-minute address, Bush mentioned none of the Democratic presidential candidates by name, but some of his sharpest criticism was unmistakably intended for Kerry.

"The other party's nomination battle is still playing out. The candidates are an interesting group with diverse opinions," Bush said.

"They're for tax cuts and against them. They're for NAFTA and against NAFTA. They're for the Patriot Act and against the Patriot Act. They're in favor of liberating Iraq, and opposed to it. And that's just one senator from Massachusetts." His supportive audience erupted in laughter and applause.

Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter disputed Bush's list of purported flip-flops. Kerry opposed Bush's tax cuts for the richest Americans and stands by that; voted for NAFTA and stands by it; voted for the Patriot Act, but believes the Justice Department is using it to trample civil liberties; and stands by his vote to authorize force in Iraq, but believes Bush's prosecution of the war "created a breeding ground for terror" and

Bush **Kerry**

The issues

- Proposes cutting \$921 billion over the next five years via higher taxes on income from a carbon emissions tax in domestic spending
- Supports without conditions, accountability through the CIA and State Dept. which required Osama bin Laden to be captured for prosecution in a court of law
- Opposes, may support congressional amendment that would define intelligence as union between a smart level of terrorism
- Supports plan to help small businesses band together to provide worker coverage with refundable tax credits to help pay workers afford health insurance
- Proposes \$40.2 billion for homeland security across all government agencies for 2005. Includes \$1.5 billion for port security
- Gays war was necessary because Iraq was "grave and gathering danger" war was part of Bush's post-9/11 policy. Against increased pay to U.S. troops
- Wants Congress to create minimum for all tax cuts enacted since 2001, which are scheduled to expire by 2011
- Advocates open markets, free trade via regional pacts. World Trade Organization wants trade zone for all Western Hemisphere nations except Cuba

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versity law. The six administrative hires were questioned based on lack of search committee presence, search length, waivers and involvement between campus officials and potential administrative employees.

Faculty hires were questionable because of targeted hiring which, according to reports, led to "a significant salary equity issue within the hiring unit."

Lack of faculty involvement and short searches also contributed to questionable faculty hires.

Smith and the review committee made recommendations to prevent such cases in the future.

Among these suggestions was to make it more difficult to get a waiver and follow a better search process for administrative and faculty hires.

In Smith's report, he said the review group still feels the university has benefited from the hires that were in question and they gained some outstanding people.

The Senate also approved an amendment to the sick leave policy.

The policy now states faculty can receive paid medical leave for "up to 60 calendar days" minimum.

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alienated allies, said Cutter.

Edwards denounced Bush's new rhetoric. "The American people want this campaign to be about the future, not the past," he said.

"We offer leadership and hope, the Republicans want to exploit fears and relitigate the past."

Bush said the Nov. 2 election presents "a choice between keeping the tax relief that is moving this economy forward, or putting the burden of higher taxes back on the American people."

"It's a choice between an America that leads the world

with strength and confidence, or an America that is uncertain in the face of danger," he said.

Kerry said Bush sounded as if the past three and a half years had never happened.

"But the American people haven't forgotten this president's failed record, because they have to live with it every day," he said in a statement.

"George Bush's credibility is running out with the American people. They want change in America, and I'm running because I am determined to bring that change and put America back on track."

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for themselves is prepared. This means setting goals, finding out what must be done to accomplish the goals and following through. Students should explore their interests, and then pick a career path that is suitable, Martin said.

Experience is vital to any person's resume. Students should try to gain experience in their field through work experience, volunteer programs or co-op programs.

"Employers will hire someone with a lower GPA if they have more experience in the field," Martin said.

A strong resume is also a key part of getting a job. Candidates may have several resumes for different fields that

cover a broad area of interests and skills.

The survey also found employers look for good communication skills above all others. Employers complained of difficult communication between employees, mainly because of a lack of verbal and written communication skills.

"Students should make use of all their resources, especially faculty and staff," Martin said.

"There are always jobs. You just have to know yourself and what employers are looking for. Getting a degree says I have the ability to learn. It opens up everything."

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Rebel leader says he wants an army, not another dictatorship

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's rebel leader told The Associated Press on Tuesday he did not want to install a military dictatorship but is seeking to re-establish the army that was disbanded after ousting President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991.

With the rebels threatening to attack the capital of Port-au-Prince, the United States tried to broker a last-ditch peace plan that did not require Aristide to resign. Opposition politicians were weighing the plan, after being persuaded by Secretary of State Colin Powell to delay their formal response to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Rebel leader Guy Philippe, still in the second-largest city of Cap-Haitien that was seized Sunday, said in an interview with the AP that his movement wants to re-establish the army but is not interested in installing another dictatorship in Haiti.

A military dictatorship is "not good for the country," said Philippe, formerly Aristide's assistant police chief for northern Haiti. "The military should stay in the barracks."

Even if the opposition coalition accepts the U.S. peace plan, the rebels insist they will lay down their arms only when Aristide is out of power.

Asked if he was in contact with opposition politicians, Philippe smiled and said "not

officially." He refused to elaborate.

Opposition leaders disputed that.

"We refuse to have contacts with the rebels, as well as with Aristide," said Mischa Gaillard, a spokesman for the opposition coalition.

"We don't want to be tainted with any suspicion of condoning violence."

The opposition has said they are a nonviolent movement that supports the rebel goal of getting Aristide to step down. Aristide maintains that opposition factions are supporting the rebellion and the rebels are an armed wing of the political opposition.

Premier Yvon Neptune appealed to the political opposition coalition to agree to the peace plan, which Aristide has accepted.

The plan would allow him to remain president with diminished powers, sharing with political rivals a government that would organize elections.

Philippe said he was on his way to a Western Union office to pick up donations being sent by Haitians in the United States and Canada. He said his rebellion also was being funded by businessmen in Haiti.

An attack on Port-au-Prince was unlikely Tuesday, as Philippe said his fighters had spent the



Guy Philippe led rebels in seizing Haiti's largest city Sunday.

night searching in vain for government forces.

French President Jacques Chirac said Tuesday his country is ready to consider contributing to any eventual peacekeeping force approved by the United Nations.

"France does not exclude contributing to a civilian force for peace," he said, adding however that such a deployment "depends on a decision of the Security Council."

In Port-au-Prince on Monday, about 50 Marines in full battle gear rushed off a U.S. Air Force transport plane and secured a perimeter around the international airport. Some Haitians stood on cars or high walls to peer at them.

The Marines then drove to the U.S. Embassy in a convoy of trucks and cars. Western diplomats and a Defense Department official said their mission was to protect the U.S. Embassy and staff.

Ten years ago, the United States sent 20,000 troops to end a military dictatorship that had ousted Aristide in 1991, a year after he became Haiti's first freely elected leader.

But Washington has made clear it won't commit a large number of troops this time.

Aristide, hugely popular when he was elected especially among the destitute in the Western hemisphere's poorest country, has since lost a lot of support.

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Our View

Bush is undergoing political trouble lately, and election time is closing in. Fiddling with the Constitution of the United States during such a crucial time is, shall we say, chancy.

Bush is President George W. Bush gave his admonition of homosexual marriage Tuesday when he backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Conservative Bush said that marriage should not be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots.

He also said a change in the most fundamental institution in the nation (marriage) creates confusion on an issue that requires clarity.

We agree that marriage is sacred and should not be severed.

However, before latching onto Bush's judgment, we think the public needs to consider his motives.

Bush is undergoing political trouble lately, and election time is closing in. Fiddling with the Constitution of the United States during such a crucial time is, shall we say, chancy.

To say the very least, an attempt to deny to some what everyone else has is rather hypocritical of an American president, the leader of a nation known for its freedom and justice "to all."

After years of working to rid the country of discrimination against African Americans and women, why on earth are members of our government trying to add discrimination against homosexuals into the Constitution? And is it really necessary?

To prohibit homosexuals from marriage is like telling Americans they are only allowed to follow one religion.

To divide the American people in this way is neither just nor sensible.

As a politician, Bush should know this, if nothing else.

The goal of the TEC Opinion page is to evoke discussion as well as action on topics pertinent to the ECU community.

We encourage a response from our readers. If you have an opinion in reaction to one of our columns or perhaps in regard to the overall presentation of TEC, please express your view in one of four ways: direct a letter or fax to the editor, email a response to the editor or simply phone in a response.

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Columnist

Ignition interlocks ask all Americans be guilty until proven innocent

Drivers may have to pass breathalyzer before driving

ANTHONY MCKEE
OPINION COLUMNIST

Once again, personal liberties and freedoms are being viciously attacked by the very people who are supposed to safeguard them.

This time, it is Ken Martinez and the New Mexico legislature leading the charge. Martinez sponsored a bill, which the New Mexico legislature approved and sent to the state Senate for consideration, that would require ignition interlocks on all new cars sold in that state by Jan. 2008 and on all cars, new and used, by Jan. 2009.

For those of you not familiar with the technology, ignition interlocks are the devices installed in vehicles that only allow them to start if the operator is not legally drunk. They are portable breathalyzers.

Currently, these devices are installed only by court order and if an individual has been convicted in a court of law of a crime. Martinez wants to force everyone in his state to be required to use one, regardless of whether they drink or not.

These devices cost more than \$1000.00 per unit. That's just the base unit price and does not include any other considerations. Since Martinez and the New Mexico legislature obviously have not thought this through, or don't care, let's take a closer look at the hidden costs of this abomination.

First hidden cost, installation charges. On new cars, the New Mexico car dealerships will have to install them since they probably won't be shipped from the factory installed.

That means that mechanics will have to be properly trained to install them. So, add the cost of actually installing the devices as well as the deferred cost of training to the price of a new car. Who pays? The new car buyer.

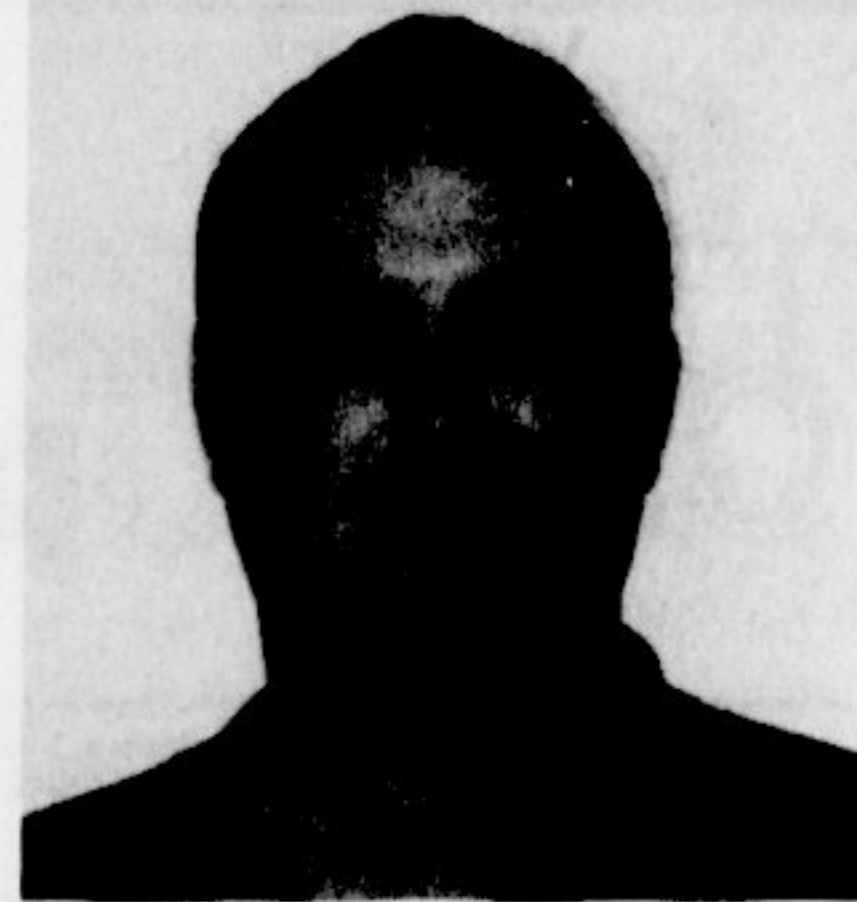
For the used cars, the owners will have to incur the costs directly also. That means adding more than \$1,000 to the price of a vehicle at resale time.

For those who have had to trade-in or attempt to sell a used car, you know how hard it is to try to recoup your money at the best of times with vehicles in good conditions. Adding an excess of \$1,000 to some vehicles not only is prohibitive, but would more than double the value of the vehicle in some instances.

Second hidden cost, maintenance of the units. Who has to pay to make sure these things operate properly? It can be safely stated that the government won't be the one paying.

Third hidden cost, verifying the units are working. This entails such an extra added burden on the public as taxpayers that the program should never even get off the ground. Consider:

1. Having mandated that the units be installed, there has to be someone responsible for ensuring that they remain



working. I envision a program like State Inspection Stickers, with yearly checks to ensure compliance. This means that some agency will either have to take on the extra added responsibility of overseeing the inspections or a whole new department will have to be created. The taxpayers (consumers) foot the bill.

2. Whoever ultimately has to do the inspections will have to be trained. This will take time and productivity away from those establishments while training is completed. The consumer foots the bill in deferred costs.

3. A fee will have to be established for the inspection. Whatever the cost, the consumer pays the bill.

4. A penalty will have to be enacted and enforced for non-compliance or broken equipment. This penalty will be compounded by "court costs."

Again, the consumer. The initial \$1,000 for the unit is just the tip of the iceberg - a Titanic-sized iceberg. These are just the monetary problems. The personal liberty issues involved are immense, too.

This bill tramples on the civil rights of law-abiding citizens and violates the Constitutional provision against unreasonable searches and seizures.

People who have never had a drink in their life will be forced to prove it before they can drive their own vehicles. Everyone will be considered "guilty until proven innocent." Martinez is attempting to stand the Constitution on its head. How does he justify his actions?

"People called seat belts and air bags inconvenient at first, but it's just an issue of getting used to it. I think, in the long run, it will save money and lives," Martinez said.

That's interesting, and seriously flawed, reasoning. Seat belts and air bags do not prevent a person from using their vehicles. Seat belts and air bags do not violate Constitutional and civil rights.

Drunk driving is a serious crime that destroys life and property. Laws are on the books already making it illegal in all 50 states. Instead of punishing a whole population of innocent people with a new law creating higher fees and hidden taxes, and undercutting the foundation of the Constitution, tighten and enforce the current laws.

This is an example of "touch-feely, feel good" legislation that will cause more problems than it could possibly fix. It's a bad idea that needs to be stopped in its tracks.

Guest Editorial

Preserving access and quality remain UNC's top priority

Tuition increase is justified

J. BRADLEY WILSON
UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CHAIRMAN

In considering tuition proposals for 2004-05, the UNC Board of Governors is striving to strike a balance that ensures affordable access to our 16 campuses for North Carolina residents and sustains academic excellence.

Low tuition without high quality is no bargain.

Tuition decisions are among the hardest facing the governing boards of public universities, and rightfully so.

Higher education has never been more important to our economic future and funding decisions we make now will affect our state's educational progress for years to come.

As chair of the Board of Governors, I have spent a considerable amount of time traveling to our campuses and talking with faculty, students, administrators and staff.

I have seen and heard compelling evidence of the erosion of quality that is occurring in our University at an unacceptable pace.

Based on this experience and after reading hundreds of student anecdotes compiled by the UNC Association of Student Governments, I am convinced that the quality of a UNC education is now at risk.

In a sense, this tuition debate is really about whether we are going to permit the erosion of the quality of public higher education in this state.

Over the past three years, University-wide enrollment has grown by more than 20,000 students to 183,000. That is akin to adding the student body of ECU, along with the faculty and student services needed to support it. Nearly 7,000 additional students are expected to enroll this fall.

While the Governor and the General Assembly have provided funding for enrollment growth, increased need-based financial aid and other Board priorities in recent years - and we are very grateful for that support - these new funds have been largely offset by cuts elsewhere in the University's budget and by required reversions and with holdings.

During this time of dramatic growth, the state dollars we have had available to spend per budgeted student have actually dropped by about 8 percent, or \$700 per student, resulting in larger classes, fewer course sections and disruption of students' graduation schedule.

We know that many students and their families have been hard hit by the state's struggling economy. We are all in agreement that tuition should not become a major

source of funding public higher education in this state.

That is why the Board of Governors called for a one-year freeze on tuition rates last year, even in the face of growing enrollment demand and repeated state budget cuts. The legislature ultimately imposed a 5 percent increase.

According to the latest national statistics, in 2003-04, UNC tuition and fee charges for in-state students actually became more affordable relative to peer institutions across the country.

These findings are consistent with a recent study by the State Education Assistance Authority, which concluded that despite rising tuition, the University remains affordable for North Carolina residents.

The creation and expansion of the UNC Need-Based Aid Program is largely responsible for this development.

In approving previous campus-initiated tuition increases, our Board has insisted that adequate need-based aid be set aside to offset the impact of higher tuition on needy North Carolina students.

The quality of a university is built on its faculty and the lack of state funding for salary increases in recent years has placed UNC at a growing competitive disadvantage.

The tuition sought by our campuses this year to support faculty salaries would not even bring us to the average of our peer institutions and our faculty benefits also lag far behind those offered by our peers.

Clearly, we will be hard pressed to maintain the quality of education that North Carolinians expect and deserve without additional revenues.

We agree wholeheartedly with Governor Easley and others that salary funds and other basic support for UNC should come from the state's General Fund.

While we are hopeful that North Carolina may be in a better fiscal position in 2004, there is little hope that the state can meet all our needs in another tight budget year.

In fact, within the past two weeks, the state budget office has asked the University to provide scenarios of how we would exact permanent cuts to our operating budgets of up to 3 percent, or approximately \$50 million.

One thing is certain. If North Carolina is to rebuild and strengthen its economy, it cannot afford to lessen its historic commitment to affordable access to our 16 campuses and it cannot afford to let the quality of a UNC education erode further. Low tuition without high quality is no bargain.

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Did You Know?

- Beatle George Harrison (1943), talk-show host Sally Jesse Raphael (1943) and comedian Carrot Top (1965) all call today their birthday.
- This month is North Carolina Sweet Potato Month.
- Today marks the beginning of Lent (lasts through April 10).
- On this day in 1964, Cassius Clay became the Heavyweight Champ.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *21 Grams* today at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Elf* is showing today at 9:30 p.m., Thursday 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.

Art Awards Ceremony

The 2004 School of Art Undergraduate Exhibition Awards Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in Speight Auditorium. The exhibition will run through April 17.

Guitar Ensemble

The School of Music presents a Guitar Ensemble directed by Elliot Frank at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

Movie Night

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents an African American Movie Night at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery.

Volunteer Opportunity

Help Operation Sunshine get their new home ready for open house by painting, trim work, yard work and little odds and ends at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. Contact Jessica or Elizabeth at 328-1554 or eac0513@mail.ecu.edu. Space is limited.

Pirate Underground Band

The Student Union presents Annika Bently - Chamber Rock at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Pirate Underground.

Top Fives

Top five movies



1. *50 First Dates*
2. *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen*
3. *Miracle*
4. *Welcome to Mooseport*
5. *Eurotrip*

Top five singles



1. "Yeah!", Usher featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris
2. "Slow Jamz," Twista featuring Keyne West & Jamie Foxx
3. "The Way You Move," OutKast featuring Sleepy Brown
4. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce
5. "Hey Ya!," OutKast

Top five albums



1. *Feels Like Home*, Norah Jones
2. *The College Dropout*, Kanye West
3. *When the Sun Goes Down*, Kenny Chesney
4. *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, OutKast
5. *Closer*, Josh Groban

Top five DVDs



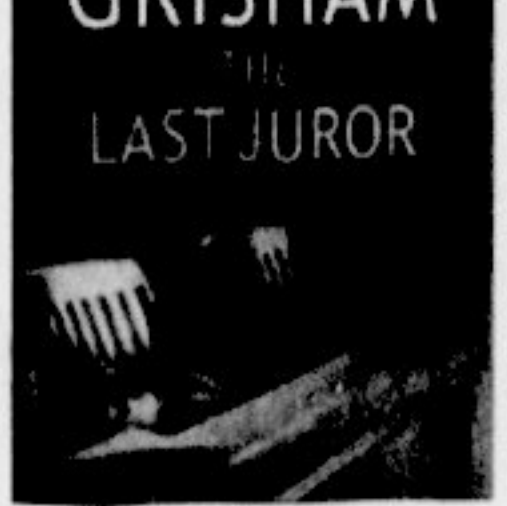
1. *Radio*
2. *Secondhand Lions*
3. *Lost in Translation*
4. *Under the Tuscan Sun*
5. *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*

Top five shows



1. "CSI," CBS
2. "Friends," CBS
3. "American Idol," - Tuesday
4. "E.R.," NBC
5. "CSI: Miami," CBS

Top five books



1. *The Last Juror*, John Grisham
2. *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown
3. *The South Beach Diet*, Arthur Agastson Rodale
4. *Angels and Demons*, Dan Brown
5. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven: A Novel*, Mitch Albom



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Games are new craze

AMANDA LINGERFELT
FEATURES EDITOR

Despite their hectic class schedules, students will ultimately find themselves with some free time to relax and unwind.

Many students use this time to get together with friends around a table and play board games.

Many new board games on shelves have found their way into students' dorms and apartments, such as Cranium.

Cranium is a game for four or more people that forces players to use all sides of

their brains - not just focus on one or two skills.

On their turn, players must choose between answering a trivia question, spelling a word backward, humming a song, drawing with their eyes closed, acting like a famous person or sculpting an object with clay.

"Cranium is fun because everyone can find something that they are good at in the game. It doesn't leave anyone out," said A. B. Kendall, junior education major.

Cranium was first introduced in 2002 and developed such a following that the Cranium company had to create the "Booster Box" - an additional set of cards for craniacs who have memorized the cards that come with the original box.

"Cranium is great for parties. Everyone gets to make a fool of themselves, and you can't stop laughing," said Ashley Joswick, junior creative arts major.

Other hidden-talent oriented

board games include Taboo, Pictionary, Outburst, Guesstures and Mad Gab.

Another recently released game popular among students, the Trivial Pursuit Pop Culture DVD by Hasbro provides a new twist on an old favorite.

The game has the same objective as original Trivial Pursuit (to collect all pieces of the pie) but introduces six new categories: television, movies, sports and games, buzz (celebrity gossip), music and fads.

In order to gain their pieces of the pie, players must answer a multi-media question off the DVD. However, other players are given the option of stealing the pie piece if the player doesn't answer in time.

"This version of Trivial Pursuit is definitely more fun than the others, but I still think that the 20th Anniversary Edition is easier. You really have to know a lot about pop culture to be good at this game," said Lauren Andranka, junior elementary education major.

Other popular trivia games

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Out with Yoga, Pilates is new fad

New workout popular among students

TOMEKA STEELE
STAFF WRITER

Pilates is the new exercise trend sweeping the nation. It's practically impossible to turn on the television without seeing some celebrity testifying about their wonderful life-changing experiences through practicing Pilates.

Pilates focuses on building a healthy body using controlled and concentrated movements. It helps focus the mind using techniques that involve deep breathing. Pilates concentrates on the entire body and is a conditioning program made up of a series of 500 movements on a mat or with special equipment.

Although it seems relatively new, Pilates has been around since the 1920s when Joseph Pilates introduced his method of exercise to the world. Pilates was a boxer in England, and at the outbreak of World War I he was placed under internment

with other German nationals in England.

There, Pilates taught his fellow camp members the concepts of exercising, yoga, Zen and ancient Greek and Roman exercises. At this time, he developed a series of controlled movements on the floor, today known as "mat-work."

Pilates was transferred to another camp where he became a caretaker of those suffering from disease and physical injury. He began rehabilitating his patients using the movements he developed.

He also made equipment to aid in the rehabilitation of bedridden patients. Many of the pieces he used such as spring tensio (straps to hold hands or feet) and supports are still used in Pilates today. Pilates and his wife, Clara, opened a Pilates studio in New York in 1923.

"I learned about Pilates by watching an infomercial about it. There were celebrities that were telling stories about how it worked for them. They showed some celebrity before and



Pilates emphasizes repetition to build mind and body.

after pictures, and I saw a great difference. Soon, I'm going to order the Windsor Pilates tape so that I can see if it will work for me," said Tieren Evans, sophomore family community services major.

Pilates was once the secret of dancers, athletes and celebrities but is now gaining more recognition from personal trainers and physical therapists because of its effects on general fitness.

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Seniors getting ready for real world



Improving interview skills assists greatly in landing a job.

As graduation looms ahead, seniors prepare

SENIOR WRITER
BETH GUNDERSON

Even though graduation is still a few months away, seniors should be hard at work

preparing to enter the job market. They have many things to consider: resumes, cover letters, interview skills, professional wardrobe and the state of the job market.

ECU's Student Professional Development Office, located in the Career Services Building on Fifth Street, has many resources

students can utilize.

"Seniors should have their resumes done, and if not, come by the Career Center immediately," said Suzanne Martin, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

She also went on to say Student Professional Development is having their fourth job fair of the year. The education career fair will be Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon in Mendenhall Student Center. The fair is geared toward education majors, but is open to all students. Martin suggests that seniors come to every job fair because it gives students experience interacting with employers and "you never know who will be there."

The Career Center offers many opportunities and workshops for students. The upcoming events are the "How to work a Job Fair" workshop today at 5 p.m. in 129 Speight. There will also be a resume blitz Thursday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. in 129 Speight.

Besides workshops, the Career Center's Web site also has a lot to offer. Seniors can post resumes on e-recruiting, which has job vacancy listings employers can view. They also offer mock interviews for students to review their interviewing skills and learn what to improve.

"Right now I am researching the companies that I would like to work for to see what different options are open, since it is too early to start applying," said Jessica Jones, senior communication major.

The job market has recently been in a slump, but it's up seven percent from last year and climbing.

"[The job market] is always what you make it as a person," Martin said.

Informational interviews can help with networking. Keep resumes on hand at all times just in case an opportunity comes along.

"Seventy five percent

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Black History celebrated at ECU

Performers salute music of Motown

STEPHANIE BRINCEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

February, commonly known as Black History Month, is designated to studying and recognizing the triumphs and tribulations of African Americans. ECU offers many programs to educate students about the journey African Americans took to hold the freedom and power they possess today.

Activities included a walk through the "Tunnel of Oppression" to an African American Reading Day - both held earlier this month.

However, the learning doesn't stop there. Listening to the music of Motown is another way to experience Black History Month at ECU.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, Carroll V. Dashiell, director of the ECU Jazz Ensemble, wants to focus on the celebration of this musical genre.

"A Tribute to Motown will

celebrate the artists who fought for equality in the recording industry and concert hall, and broke down racial barriers with music," said Michael Crane, director of the School of Fine Arts and Communication.

A legacy of Motown is still heard on the radio today with hits like the Temptations' "My Girl" or Otis Redding's "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay." Millions of songs are still popular, exemplifying the success of African American artists.

"Motown marks the first time in American history where music written, created and produced by African Americans not only reached widespread audiences but also returned revenues back to the individuals who created the artistry in the first place," Crane said.

Berry Gordy created the most successful independent record label in 1964, Motown Records. This label is responsible for the development and popularity of countless musical favorites. The Temptations, Diana Ross and The Jackson Five are just a few.

Musicians from across the

nation such as Aishah, a jazz vocalist from Washington, D.C., along with Aaron Graves and Bill Ford on keyboard, are set to perform at the concert. Student musicians and area artists will also be included.

A Tribute to Motown will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 28. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and are available at the Central Ticket Office.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

Event Info

A Tribute to Motown
Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
Tickets are \$5 for students
and \$10 for general admission
Contact Central Ticket Office
for more information

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of people get jobs through networking ... you need to expand who you know," Martin said.

"If it was easy to do then everyone would have a great job ... it doesn't just happen."

"I'm sending out graduation announcements to family members. As far as career preparation goes, I've gone to the career center for resume preparation assistance and interviewing or job finding tips," said Jeanne Riley, senior communication major.

Many factors should be considered when entering into the job market, including what you have to offer to prospective employers.

Martin said isolate your best skills and learn how to market yourself. When actually starting to look for vacancies and applying for employment, certain things need to be taken into consideration such as appropriate wardrobe, trans-

portation, living independently, cost of living and location.

"I am also checking out the cost of living in the various cities where I am looking at moving to, because that's a factor that you have to keep in mind," Jones said.

Martin suggests making a game plan for the next six months with goals and objectives. Make sure goals are realistic. Most people only get a 10 percent return on the resumes they send out.

Martin said the general rule is for every year of education the person has, it takes one to two months to find a job. So, for those graduating with a bachelor's degree, expect to be job hunting four to six months.

For more information call 328-6050 or visit www.ecu.edu/career.

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Events

"How to work a Job Fair" Workshop
Today at 5 p.m.
129 Speight

Resume blitz
Thursday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.
129 Speight

Education Career Fair
Friday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m.-Noon
Mendenhall Student Center

Attention ECU

Sophomores

(Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours)

If at least 30 of your credit hours were completed at ECU (not counting Math 0001 or 0045), you are required to complete the

Sophomore Survey

before you can pre-register for either Summer or Fall 2004 courses. When you submit your survey responses, a "tag" is removed from your records so that you can pre-register. Registration staff can verify that your responses were received and that the tag was removed.

You can complete the form beginning March 3rd by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." Messages will also be sent to your ECU email account with links to the "One-Stop". You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

ECU on-line kiosks at Mendenhall Student Center, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, Joyner Library East, and Cyber Café units located near the center stairway in Mendenhall.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on March 3rd—certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 29). This will also help avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. The restriction on registering will end on April 26 when this Sophomore Survey ends.

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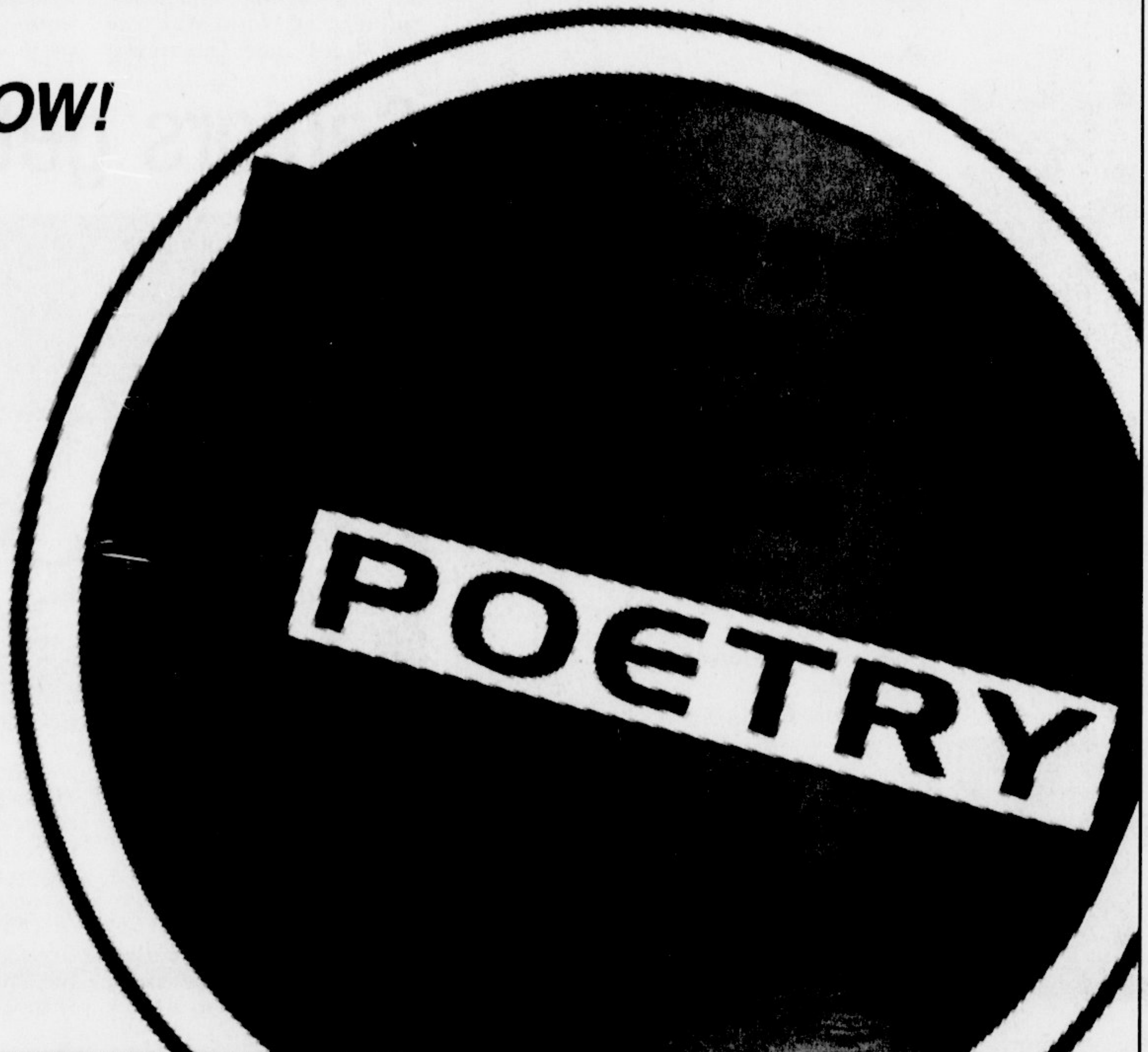
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Names in the News

There are a few days before the opening of *The Passion of the Christ*, Mel Gibson's hotly debated film about the final hours



of the life of Jesus. Gibson's father, Hutton Gibson, seems to have gone off the deep end, again. In a surreal radio interview with Steve Feuerstein of New York's WSNR, set to air Monday, Hutton Gibson said that deaths in the Holocaust have been exaggerated, arguing that many European Jews counted as death camp victims of the Nazis had in fact fled to countries such as Australia and the United States. According to the New York Daily News, the elder Gibson, an 85-year-old practitioner of Catholic traditionalism who has written many tracts about his religious beliefs, went on a rant against Jews. "They're after one world religion and one world government," said Gibson. "That's why they've attacked the Catholic Church so strongly, to ultimately take control over it by their doctrine." This is probably not the best way for Gibson to help market his son's

film, given the fact that *Passion* has drawn the ire of many Jewish groups for allegedly portraying Jews in a negative light.

About historical reports on the Holocaust, Gibson said, "It's all — maybe not all fiction — but most of it is." He also described a conspiracy theory involving the Vatican (the elder Gibson is an outspoken critic of the pope), Jewish bankers, and the U.S. Federal Reserve, sharply attacking its chairman, Alan Greenspan. "Greenspan tells us what to do. Someone should take him out and hang him," said Gibson. Mel Gibson's spokesman, Alan Nierob, would not comment on the rant. Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League told the New York Daily News that Hutton Gibson's words were those of a "classical anti-Semite," adding, "If it wasn't so sad, it would be funny."

ANOTHER JACKSON LAWSUIT
Apparently when Michael Jackson flew from Las Vegas to surrender to authorities in Santa Barbara, Calif., in November, he forgot one thing: to pay for the trip. So, he's being sued. Travel agent

Cynthia Montgomery, who filed the \$50,000 suit Wednesday, said she has handled the King of Pop's travel arrangements for three years. Her suit says she has always paid for charter air travel in advance and been reimbursed by Jackson. But she never saw any of the \$18,000 it cost to charter the Xtrajet plane Jackson and his lawyers used. No comment from Jackson's lawyers.

A NEW SUGAR MOMMY?
Cynics have suggested that David Gest is a major gold digger. Why else marry the kooky, vodka-loving Liza Minnelli? We think he's a true romantic. And we're happy to report that the music promoter, who's in the middle of a nasty divorce battle with the diva, may have found himself a new love. According to *Us Weekly*, Gest has secretly become engaged to someone else who seems to enjoy the bottle: Motown goddess and convicted drunken driver Diana Ross. Sources tell the mag the 59-year-old singer hooked up with Gest, 49, when he comforted Ross after her arrest for drunken driving in Tucson, Ariz., in 2002.

American Idol Watch

AMANDA LINGERFELT ★★
FEATURES EDITOR

After the performances the first two weeks, I had really started to doubt the talents of season three. However, last night's performances were enough to restore my faith, leaving me begging for more. Of course every week there always has to be someone who's not up to par — this week it was "pen salesman" Jon Peter Lewis. His version of "Tiny Dancer" ensured his "Idol" time is over. It's a tough pick for who will make it tonight. Expect pink-haired Amy Adams, country-girl Charly Lowry and LaToya London to be in the top three with Adams and London advancing to the finals.

JOHN BREAM ★
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Last night was a lot different than nights in the past because I found myself not agreeing with the judges. Perhaps it can be attributed to last week's abysmal performances, but the judges were far too lenient on the contestants. The Simon comments we have come to love were nowhere to be seen — and Randy was a bit tougher than normal. Although I don't believe LaToya London's performance was as great as the judges did, it will be impossible to keep her out of the next round. Amy Adams, Charly Lowry, and Leah Labelle each have an equal chance at second — but my money is on the N.C. native, Lowry.

MICHELLE MCLEOD ★★★
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I was disappointed by last week's performances to say the least. However, last night's eight contestants put the competition back on the right track. Week three reestablished the purpose of the competition — to find talented singers. Honorable mentions (and possibly wild cards) go to Eric Yoder, Jon Peter Lewis and Charly Lowry — they all sang well, but not well enough to make the top two. Two California natives dominated last night's competition. Amy Adams, a 24-year-old from Bakersfield, CA, and LaToya London a 25-year-old from Oakland, CA are my picks to move on to the finals.

★ = Number of accurate predictions

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method. Pilates has benefits for all who practice. Pilates increases flexibility and elongates the muscles. Muscles will appear leaner and will be stronger. Pilates enhances performance in sports and activities of daily routine. Increased circulation, lung capacity and improved posture and balance are some health benefits of Pilates. Pilates DVD and video sets are an alternative to practice without having to venture to a health center. There are many different types of Pilates to think about when choosing a proper DVD or videotape. Windsor Pilates is the new trend created by Mari Windsor. This style focuses more on toning and sculpting the body while losing weight. It does this by providing a low-intensity, calorie burning workout. Windsor also utilizes sequencing of controlled movements in order to achieve lean muscles and a defined body. Her set of videos has sold more than four million copies. Pilates is so hot right now, even MTV has their own set of DVDs on it. MTV Pilates is a 39-minute video for beginners. Kristin McGee is the instructor and is impressively flexible and strong as she talks the viewers through the breathing exercises and the controlled movements with simplicity. "My roommates and I tried Tae-bo together and then Pilates using a video. We did it because we wanted to try out new, fun ways to exercise," said Lori Cherry, senior accounting major. "I enjoyed doing Pilates better because of the breathing techniques. The breathing made me focus more on my movements and it's a lot slower than Tae-bo." Many Pilates videotapes are available, but make sure to research the product before purchasing. Pilates has many imitations, and that's why the Pilates Method Alliance (PMA) was created. PMA was formed in 1999 as the national professional organization for the Pilates method of exercise. The PMA set guidelines and recommendations for Pilates training programs to ensure that Pilates remains a credible practice and to discard instructors with quickie training licenses. *This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.*

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are The '80s Game, Battle of the Sexes and The Worst Case Scenario Game. Other popular board games force players to get to know each other or test how well competitors already know each other. Loaded Questions is a board game that asks players to predict how their teammate will respond to a series of opinionated questions. Questions to the group range from "If you could rid the earth of three creatures, which three would you dispose of?" or "On a scale of 1 - 10, how hard of a worker are you?" The person reading the question has to guess who answered in which way. Sometimes there is a reversal and everyone in the group has to guess how the person reading the question will answer. While many students play board games, some prefer to stick to a simple deck of cards. "The only games I play are card games. You don't need to spend money on a pre-packaged board game — you can play dozens of games with one deck of cards," said Ben McLawhorn, freshman undecided major. *This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.*

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Announcements

Softball Officials Meeting

The Intramural Department at the SRC is looking for softball officials for the spring 2004 season. The meeting will be today at 9 p.m. in 202 SRC.

Rock Climbing

The adventure program will be going to Pilot Mountain March 6-7. Harnesses and gear are provided. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27. Pre-trip meeting is March 2.

Spring Break trip

The Adventure program is organizing a multi-element Kayak trip to the Florida Everglades. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 3. Pre-trip meeting is Thursday, March 4. The trip includes Hiking, Kayaking, Climbing and Canoeing.

Smoke & Mirrors

Hollywood's Smoke and Mirrors, Fitness, is today from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Learn how the media manipulate images to fit an unreal ideal. You may not believe your eyes! This interactive program includes a short video and discussion on how to fight back and recognize and respect our uniqueness. For more information, call 328-6387.

Sports Briefs

Bing Named Conference USA Player of the Week

ECU senior Erroyl Bing has been named the Conference USA Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the period ending Feb. 22. Bing averaged a double-double to lead the Pirates to consecutive home wins last week over Tulane and TCU. Bing is the second player to earn the weekly honor since ECU joined C-USA in 2001-02. Fellow senior Gabriel Mikulas earned the accolade once last season. Bing helped ECU to two home wins last week over Tulane and TCU, averaging a double of 15.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game. He opened the week on Feb. 18 against the Green Wave with 12 points and 11 rebounds in ECU's 76-66 victory. Bing followed that performance with an 18-point, 15-rebound outing versus the Horned Frogs this past Saturday. His 15 rebounds against TCU were a season high. Bing's double-doubles were the fifth and sixth of the season and the 24th and 25th of his career, third most among active players. His 15-rebound performance against TCU propelled him into second place on the ECU all-time rebounding list with 907 career boards.

Water Polo defeats JMU on Saturday

The ECU women's club water polo team competed this past weekend at a tournament in Richmond, VA where they played to a 1-3 start for the spring season. The victory came on Saturday evening against James Madison University in a scrappy 4-3 match. Kristen Smith led the way for the Lady Pirates with a pair of goals while Christy Herron and Courtney Silliman each tallied a score for ECU. In a tournament where the Lady Pirates squared off against JMU, Richmond and UVA, Smith was outstanding in every match, combining for 11 goals in four games. Kristine Lindsey also had a great tournament with three assists and superior defense. Courtney Silliman played in goal as well as in the field showing her versatility and playing with great energy and enthusiasm. In addition, new team member Hunter Fink adjusted well to the fast-paced and physical game. See page A12 for statistics.

Cincinnati center leaving team

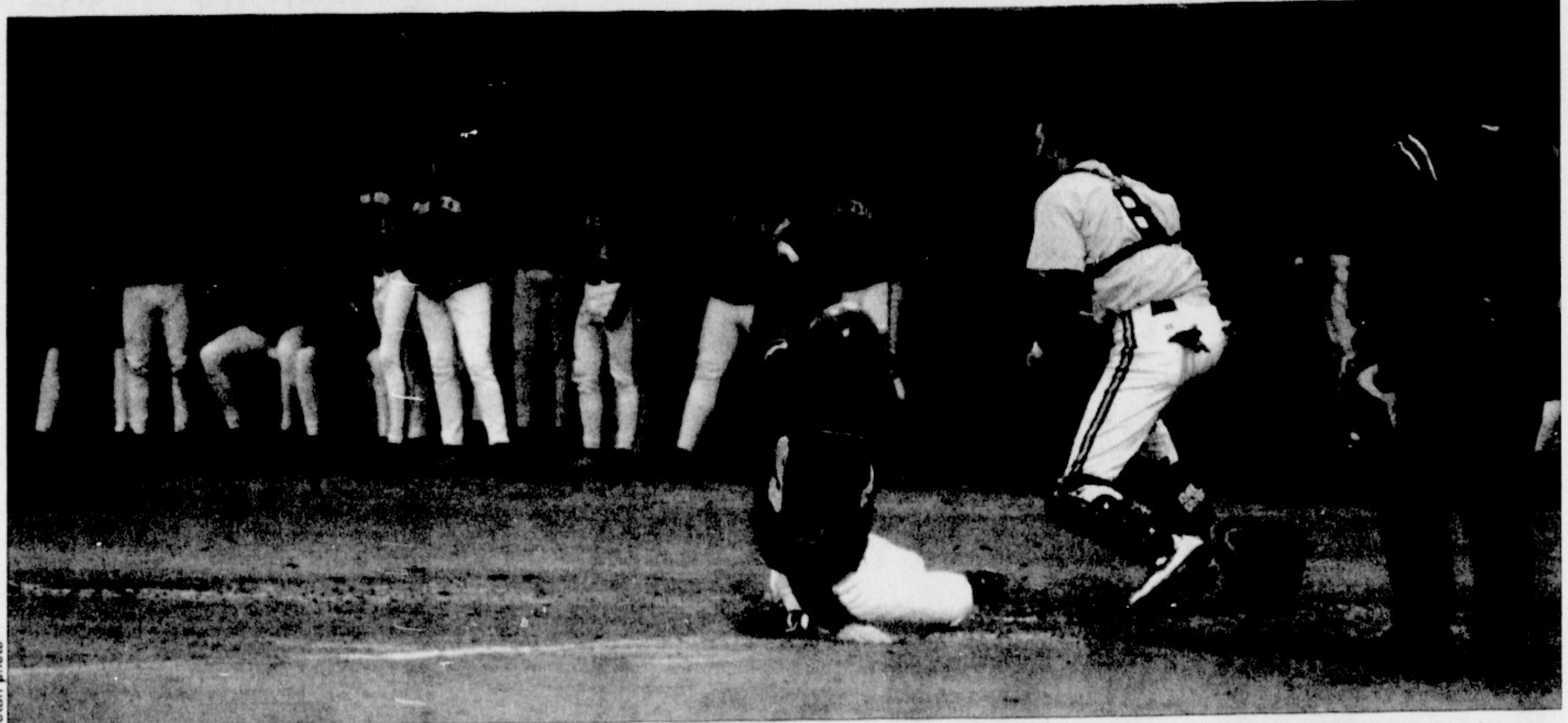
University of Cincinnati junior center Robert Whaley has left the basketball team for personal reasons, head coach Bob Huggins announced Monday. The 6-10, 260-pound Whaley was averaging 6.2 points and 2.7 rebounds in 20 games this season. Whaley, who started the first three games of the year, underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on Dec. 3. Whaley tallied a season-high 17 points in the win at Houston on Feb. 7. The Bearcats, who jumped to No. 12 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll and to No. 15 in the Associated Press rankings, host Saint Louis on Wednesday night in Fifth Third Arena at Shoemaker Center.

AP Top 25

Team	Record	Pvs
1. Stanford	23-0	1
2. Saint Joseph's	24-0	2
3. Pittsburgh	24-2	5
4. Gonzaga	23-2	6
5. Duke	22-3	3
6. Oklahoma St.	21-2	7
7. Mississippi St.	21-2	4
8. Connecticut	21-5	8
9. Kentucky	19-4	9
10. Texas	19-4	11
11. Wake Forest	17-6	15
12. North Carolina	16-7	16
13. Providence	17-6	13
14. N.C. State	18-5	17
15. Cincinnati	18-5	17
16. S. Illinois	22-2	20
17. Arizona	17-7	14
18. Georgia Tech	19-7	18
19. Memphis	19-4	23
20. Kansas	17-6	21
21. Louisville	17-6	10
22. Wisconsin	17-6	12
23. Illinois	18-5	18
24. Utah St.	22-2	22
25. Texas Tech	19-7	22

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 80, Charlotte 78, Kent St. 76, Michigan St. 68, Air Force 55, W. Michigan 45, South Carolina 39, LSU 28, Seton Hall 20, Dayton 15, Vanderbilt 15, ETSU 12, Manhattan 12, Boston U. 10, Florida 10, UAB 10, Oklahoma 8, George Washington 1.

Pirates blank winless Aggies, 2-0



ECU improved their winning streak to eight games for this season after squeaking out a 2-0 win over the NC A&T Aggies.

Lawhorn's solo homer propels ECU to 8-0

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

It was the perfect day for a classic defensive battle - cloudy and cold with impending rain on the horizon. Players from both squads were decked out in long sleeves, and the only thing hot on the diamond was the pitching. The undefeated Pirates were able to hold off the winless NC A&T Aggies on a chilly afternoon yesterday, despite suffering from a small offensive letdown.

"You got a team you're supposed to beat, they're 0-8 and

we're 7-0, if you look in the textbook under letdown, that's the exactly situation we got," said Head Coach Randy Mazey.

"We talked about it and we try to avoid it. There is not a very good crowd and it's a cloudy day with threatening rain and they're 0-8, just human nature tells you guys aren't going to play as hard and we were guilty of it."

Junior Carter Harrell got the nod for the Pirates on the hill. Harrell, along with relief from Scott Andrews and Dustin Sasser, helped ECU collect its' third shut-out in eight games this season. Aggie starter Toby Middleton was almost equally as impressive, holding the Pirates scoreless through six innings before

surrendering a run in both the seventh and eighth frames.

Harrell got off to a rough start in the first inning as NC A&T was able to move runners to second and third with only one out. But the right-hander pitched out of the jam and neither team was able to mount an offensive threat until late in the game.

Designated-hitter Drew Costanzo finally put the Pirates in excellent position to get on the board when he led off the bottom of the seventh with a double to left-center. Mark Minicozzi's sacrifice fly plated pinch-runner Brian Cavanaugh later in the inning.

The red-hot Trevor Lawhorn, who leads the team in hits and

RBI, added an insurance run in the eighth when his towering solo blast, his fourth of the season, gave ECU a 2-0 lead.

Andrews pitched three and one third innings, striking out three to pick up the win in his first appearance of the season. Harrell struck out five and walked one in four innings of work. Sasser capped off the shutout, avoiding a late Aggie rally in the ninth. The freshman left-hander struck out Charlie Gamble and forced catcher Ben Teasley, who was three for four NC A&T, to line out to Lawhorn at second to end the game.

"That's our third shutout in

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Men's basketball team playing inspired

The Pirates have two straight C-USA wins

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

Winning has not come easily for the men's basketball team this year. With a few exceptions and not counting preseason, there seemed to be a common theme of the games. Their inability to finish games and losing by less than 10 in games would make Dick Vitale go crazy. It's pretty obvious these two are related.

The Tulane contest started a stretch of games that were must-wins. So I sat in Minges last Wednesday in my usual seat, preparing for what I thought was the biggest game of the season.

I glanced over toward section 113, where the core of the Minges Maniacs sit, and saw the

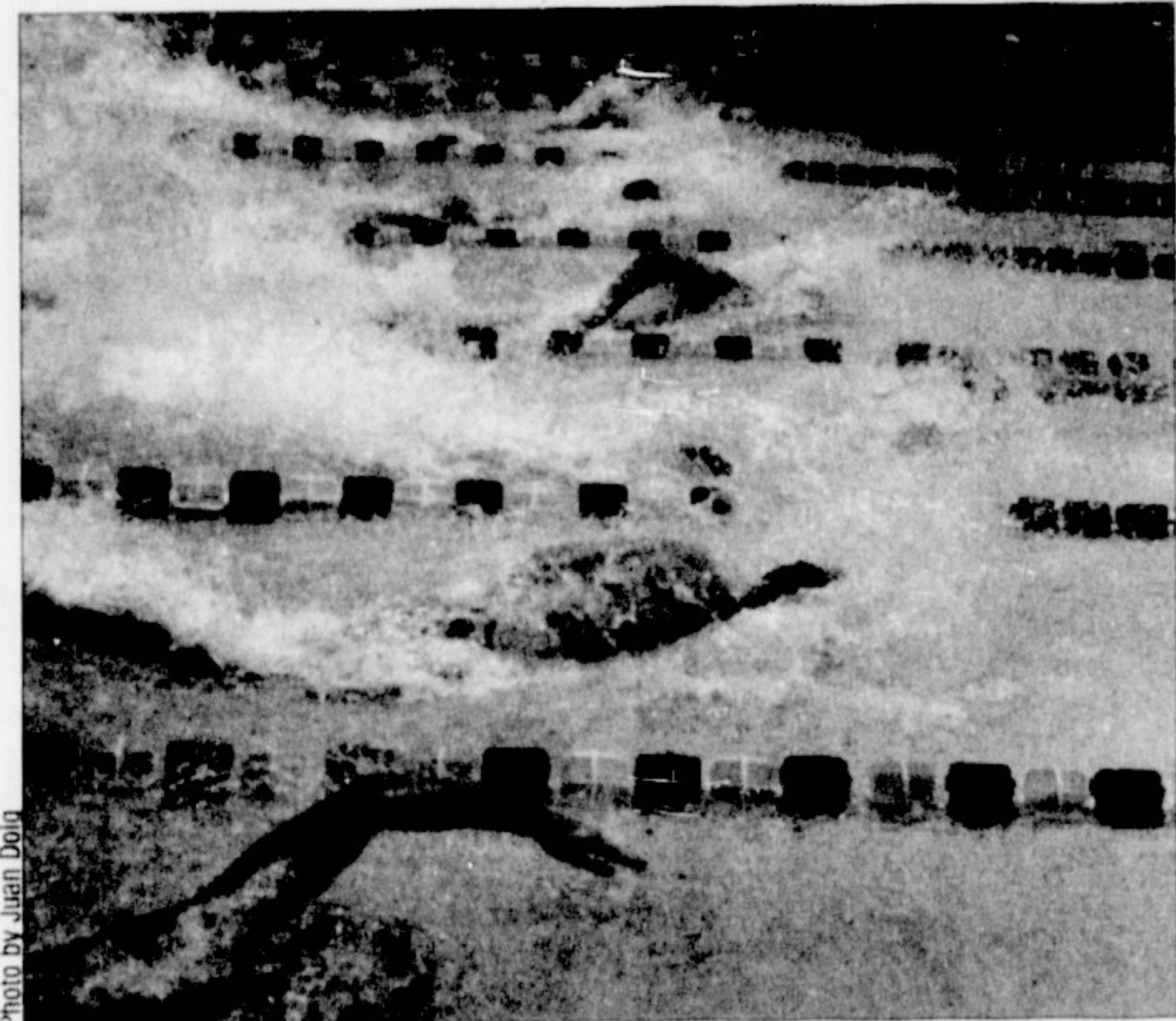
usual people. Future Maniacs President Seth Horton was there on the front row dressed in his Maniacs T-Shirt, and El Gringo was dressed in his usual attire - purple wrestling mask, a black T-shirt with a skull on it and purple sweat pants. There was the guy who calls himself Sign Guy - you guessed it, he had a sign.

The sign simply said "FINISH" in big letters.

ECU played well, but the scoreboard didn't reflect it with only a two point halftime lead. The Pirates fought hard and eventually won by 10. The dagger of close games was finally in ECU's hands instead of in their hearts.

This game was almost a mirror image of every conference game I've seen. One team got a big lead, lost it, and then ECU would get down, and whoever

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The Pirates had a big showing at last year's C-USA meet.

Pirates are ready to defend C-USA crown

TCU favored to win conference title

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates swim team finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and will look to win a conference championship. The Conference USA Championship starts today, Feb. 26, and will take place through Friday Feb. 28 in Houston, Texas. The ECU men finished their dual meet season 6-4 and will take place in the C-USA Invitational also in Houston, Texas Feb. 26-28.

"We're going in ready to rock and roll here. The girls are defending champs, so we have everybody gunning for us. Right now, on paper, TCU is the favorite with Cincinnati and us breathing down their necks. On the guys side was a solid second last year. TCU is favored there but again

it will be Cincinnati and ECU trying to dethrone them," said coach Rick Kobe.

"We're in the hunt and a lot of teams are never in the hunt. It's one of the fastest meets in the country. We're excited to be one of the players."

The Lady Pirates only fell to Virginia Tech and NC State on the road while posting impressive wins over Louisville, Duke and UNC-Wilmington. The Lady Pirates also finished eighth in the Nike Cup held in Chapel Hill. The women's swimming and diving team got revenge on NC State, beating them out even though losing to them in dual meet action.

The women will be led by junior Diane Parker. Parker was named C-USA Swimmer of the Week on three separate occasions. The junior will try to uphold her C-USA Swimmer of the Year, an

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The Pirates put everything together in the last two games.

Conference USA indoor track championships this weekend

Pirates travel to the Lonestar state

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's and women's track teams will travel to the University of Houston to compete in the Conference USA indoor championships this weekend.

The event will begin on Friday at 8 a.m. and conclude the next day with the award presentation at 5 p.m.

Men's Head Coach Bill Carson believes his team will compete strongly in a number of events.

"I think we'll do pretty well in the 400 meters. We have three kids ranked in the top eight. We should do well in the 800 meters. We have two kids ranked in the top eight in that event. In the weight throw, Eric

Frazier leads C-USA, so I expect him to do exceptionally well. We also should have a good showing in the 4 X 400 meters, the distance medley, the 60 meters with Demarcus Fox, and the 200 meters."

The Lady Pirates will be led by Darneshea Jones in the 60 and 200 meter races, Lauren Miller, Simone Baptiste and Brie Berkowitz in the 500, Tara DeBrielle in the 800, Johanna Allen in the 5,000 meters, Colleen McGinn in the High Jump, Tammie Mentzel in the Pole Vault, and Alisha Hopkins in the Long Jump.

The theme of defending champs is the same on the women's side, as Houston comes in as the favorite and defending champ. Tickets are on sale for \$5.

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Men's soccer club reaches final

The ECU men's soccer club reached the final of the A.C. Moore Invitational tournament at the University of Florida, but fell to number five, nationally ranked Auburn University on penalty kicks. That final capped a six-game run against highly competitive teams.

The team took on Georgia Tech to start out tournament group play. ECU won on Ty Taiste's only goal of the game early on when he slid in to beat the keeper to a ball played over the top.

The game proved to be rough for the team as both team captains DJ Jarmon Jr. and Chris Turnbull were taken out with knee injuries and were unable to play for the rest of the tournament.

"DJ and I had a tough time

watching our teammates play without us," said Turnbull.

"They played six games in less than 36 hours and never let up."

ECU's Saturday morning game would be the first of their two meetings with Auburn University. Two more players were sidelined with injuries, leaving the team only two subs for this game.

Victor penetrated the Auburn defense several times, but was unable to get the ball in the net. In all, the team played hard, but was unable to hold on and lost 0-2.

Still without a full bench, the Pirates took on the University of South Carolina in an afternoon match in the beautiful Florida

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sunshine. Goalkeeper Matt Hayek played big, keeping his slate clean with an awesome sliding save and also helped on offense when Taiste volleyed one of his punts into the USC net. Taiste would score again on a ball played through by Justin Lucas, helping ECU to a 2-0 win and a berth in the quarterfinals.

Clemson University was ECU's quarterfinal opponent and in this game something just clicked and the Pirates dominated. Clemson kept the game close, but Matt Clair, Doug Powell, Ahmad Kanu and Danny Gallegher were impenetrable.

Once again, Taiste came through for the Pirates and scored on a through ball. Justin Lucas and Garrett Cobb played strong in the middle. McGinnis saved a corner off the line to hold the shut out and advance the team to the semifinal.

Sunday morning's semifinal matches featured Auburn University against the University of Florida and ECU against Florida State. Taiste got ECU's first goal on a rebound from a shot taken by Victor.

In the second half, Victor got his first goal of the weekend when he ran onto a ball played over the top, faked out the keeper and slotted it into the back of the net. Florida State came back with a late goal, but ECU held on to advance to their first final in



Contributed photo

The soccer club played strongly in Florida last weekend.

over a year. "No one thought we were going to make it as far as we did, but the team stepped it up and played great" said goalkeeper and club president Matt Hayek.

In a rematch of a game earlier in the weekend, Auburn would take on ECU for the final. Auburn struck first with a header goal on a cross. Joey Parker countered for the Pirates on a breakaway to tie the score

at one. At the end of regulation and two sudden death overtime periods, the score remained deadlocked 1-1, sending the game to penalty kicks. Auburn made four shots to ECU's two and took the victory.

"We came so close. I applaud both teams for a great final match and I've got to hand it to our team for playing so strong despite all the injuries," said Justin Lucas.

ECU women's rugby team perseveres past problems

The ECU women's rugby team played NC State this weekend and only came out of the game with one try. Kristen Davis made a brilliant interception mid-field, ran the ball down and passed off to supporter Ryan Whited, who scored seconds before being tackled. Jack LeBlanc and Dianne Rodriguez put up a steady fight against NC State's tough backline, but ECU couldn't hold them.

The girls have a 1-2 record now and face Duke University on Friday.

ECU Women's Rugby team has had a rough start to the Spring 2004 season. With no coach and the loss of many girls due to graduation, course load and other circumstances, the girls have had a tough and interesting three games.

ECU Women's Rugby team won their first home game against Western Carolina University on Feb. 7 with an

overwhelming score of 88-10. Rookie Christina Jarosinski scored her first try 23 seconds into the game, followed by two additional tries later on. ECU's score just multiplied from there. Sophomore Amanda Winar, who spent last semester on the injured list, broke the women's current record by scoring five tries of her own. Other top scorers included Kristen Davis with three tries, Liz McBride and Tasha Pennamon with two tries each, and Ryan Whited scored once and kicked four conversions.

With such an ego-boosting start to the season, it is not a surprise that the girls held their own against the University of Greensboro on Feb. 14. In rugby, each team has 15 players on the field at a time, but ECU couldn't seem to match numbers and traveled to the muddy fields with only 13 players on board. While many teams would've given up and forfeited, the girls

were determined to battle for respect.

The game started out rough, with Greensboro scoring three tries and a kick before ECU even counterattacked. Captains Liz McBride and Ryan Whited pulled the team together and kept their spirits high, finally scoring before the half.

"At half-time our girls were ready to get back out there and win. The score renewed their spirit and we were ready to comeback," said McBride.

The final score was Greensboro 36, ECU 32. McBride, Winar, Davis and Nichole Peebles all scored and proved that a team of 13 can succeed under any circumstances.

"We've had a rocky start to this season because of our lack of players, but the girls we have put their whole heart into the game. It would have been great to win, but we'll take this loss with pride," said Whited.

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award that she won last year. Parker holds ECU records in the 200 Individual Medley and in three other strokes. Parker won the 200 IM at the Nike Cup and finished second in the 100-yard butterfly.

The versatile swimmer is seeded first in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 100-breaststroke heading into the conference championship. Parker has swum the event three seconds faster than anyone in C-USA thus far. The junior will take part in several relays that have been seeded first according to fastest times swum this year. Those relays include the women's 200 IM and the 800 freestyle.

Diving will also play a role in determining the conference winner. ECU sophomore Lucy Hicks will lead the Pirate attack. Hicks was named C-USA Diver

of the Week on two separate occasions. Freshman Ashley Gelsomin and sophomore Abbey Hillen will compete for the Lady Pirates in the platform diving competition.

The Lady Pirates have the best shot at winning the conference championship and should be the favorite. ECU will need strong performances from Parker, Jennie Meade and the relays in order to bring home the championship.

The men will take part in the C-USA Invitational. The men's swimming and diving team finished their season with wins over Louisville, Davidson and Duke.

Casey Cronin will lead the way on the men's side. Cronin is seeded first in the 200 free, fourth in the 200 IM and fifth in the 100 free. The junior will

also take part in the 800 free relay, which has the Pirates seeded third.

Robbie Derr will also play a part in the Pirates' chances to do well in Houston. Derr will lead the diving effort, which is an essential part of the meet because of the reliance on the select group of individuals. Derr is the favorite to win the one-meter, three meter and platform diving competitions.

Personal bests will be broken as both the men and women will have plenty of rest. Neither team has competed since a dual meet against UMBC on Feb. 7. The nearly three-week layoff has given the Pirates the drive to bring home a conference championship.

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Omicron Pi, April Mallett; Alpha Pi, Stephanie Warren & Jessica Davis; Zeta Tau Alpha, Laura Lever; Alpha Zeta Delta, Brandy Albracht, Kelly Kline, & Jenni Hatman; Delta Zeta, Victoria McIntosh; Sigma Sigma, Whitney Lewis; and Kappa Delta, Carrie Oneal. Also, we would like to recognize our new members of the week: Alpha Delta Pi, Amanda Davies; Alpha Omicron Pi, Kate Guntesk; Alpha Phi, Dena Mazie; Zeta Tau Alpha, Lindsay McCargo; Alpha Zeta Delta, Kristi Vestal; Delta Zeta, Megan Boutchyard.

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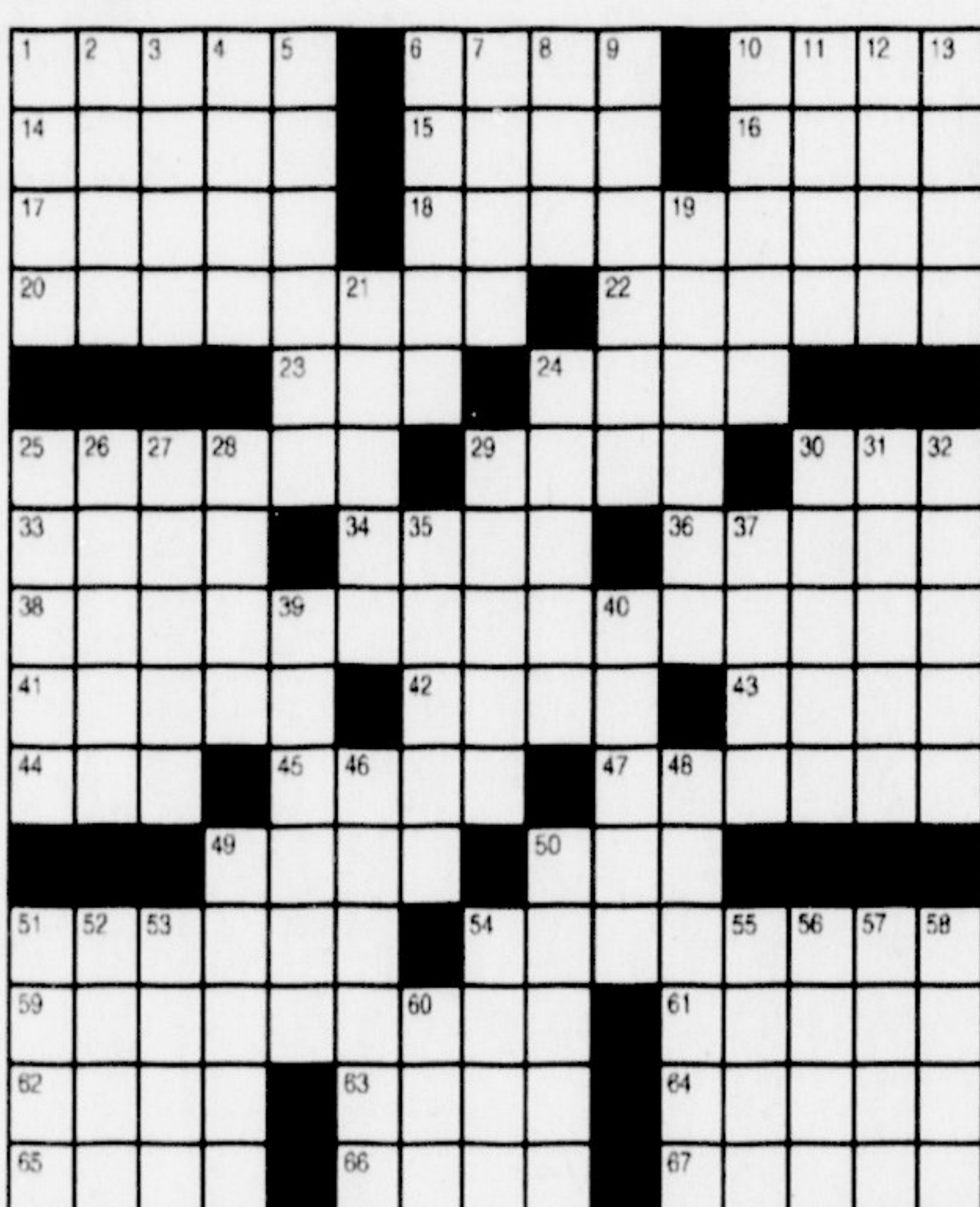
Crossword

ACROSS

- Ladd and Hale
- Military vehicle
- Comic Johnson
- Burgundy wine
- Water pitcher
- Child's profession?
- Word on a door
- Call
- T-bars
- Did some garden maintenance
- Wages
- Andrew Lloyd Webber play
- Stock-still
- Computer connection
- Ill temper
- Radames' love
- Give a hand
- Lawn tool
- 2000 Olympics city
- Yarns
- Large, indefinite amount
- Cabin material
- Arch
- So long
- Whichever person
- culottes
- Kick the bucket
- Groups of eight
- Reports
- Per-unit payment
- Reader's card
- Small pie
- Buffalo's lake
- Bring joy
- Chips off the old block
- Beatty film
- Continue a subscription

DOWN

- Learns via monkey see, monkey do
- Connection
- Against: pref.
- Carol
- Rank indication
- Harbor protection
- Merino mamas
- Moray
- Before hostilities
- Dull pains
- Crude cross
- Sound quality
- Just got by
- Caresser
- Capricious notion
- Thicket
- Abstains from eating
- Qatar currency unit
- Strangely
- Billy of "Titanic"
- Singer Abdul
- Ice house?
- of terror
- Expunge
- Goes on and on and on
- Tim of "The Fugitive"
- Contents of a will
- Singer Shania
- Solution
- Homesteader
- Splinter groups
- Mitts
- Chooses
- Hello, Paolo!
- Beach bird
- Crisscross framework
- Hearty mate?
- Algerian seaport
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- Fret
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Feb. 22

Game 4 - 10:00 a.m. vs. UVA
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Goals: Kristen Smith 3

Olympics last hope for women's basketball

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (KRT)— Sheryl Swoopes already has won an NCAA title at Texas Tech, two Olympic gold medals with USA Basketball and four WNBA titles with the Houston Comets.

She has given birth to a son, returned to form after major knee surgery and toured the world playing games.

Nothing should scare her, anymore. But it does.

The future of women's professional sports leagues in America frightens her terribly.

"From what I can see, it just doesn't seem fair," said Swoopes, 32.

"But they tell me, life isn't always fair."
Swoopes was in Jacksonville this past weekend training with the USA Women's Basketball team, preparing for this summer's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

For the USA men's team, these Games will be just another platform for the NBA's well-oiled,

worldwide marketing campaign. Win or lose, very little will change.

For the USA women's team, it's about survival now, an almost circle-the-wagons, last stand for the WNBA, a league in serious need of new enthusiasm, new fans and new life. Success or failure — both on and off the court — in Athens could change everything.

Attendance leaguewide has slipped slightly from the first couple of seasons. Crossing gender lines has been difficult. Television ratings have been tepid. There was no real outcry when the Orlando Miracle left for Connecticut two years ago. There was never any real attachment here.

The WNBA almost collapsed last spring, before its seventh season, when owners threatened to cease operation unless the players agreed to a labor agreement that capped salaries at a minimal level.

Still there was an average team-operating deficit last season of almost \$1 million. Then the warning light really started flashing when the WUSA — a women's soccer league with marketable stars launched in 1999 — folded in September.

"When the soccer folded, I started calling friends and said 'Guys, we're in trouble.' It's scary where we are now," Swoopes said after practice Friday.

"It not only hurt women's soccer, it hurt us. It's no secret our league is struggling. I've heard too many people say, it's only a matter of time before it happens to us."

Val Ackerman, president of the WNBA, said she believes the future is bright for her league.

The demise of women's soccer was startling. After the USA Soccer team attracted 90,000 fans in the Rose Bowl for a World Cup match the league looked primed to flourish.

Still, it failed.

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their opponent was had a 100 percent free throw shooter that would just end it right there.

Finally, ECU was able to get to the line and make their free throws when it counted — at the finish.

Bill Herrion walked through the line with his drenched light blue dress shirt and half-done tie and shook the hands of Tulane players and coaches.

He then turned right to section 113 and raised his hands in victory. The crowd was going crazy and Herrion never looked happier.

To make things even better, TCU comes to town. Their 71-46 whipping of Louisville gave them extra momentum. The game was close and ECU hit free throws

down the stretch again to hold on to a five-point victory giving the Pirates three conference wins and Herrion another dramatic victory celebration in front of screaming Maniacs.

With this team starting to do exactly what Sign Guy had hoped for, FINISH, I can easily say that no one will want to play this team in Cincinnati at the Conference USA tournament.

While they are not officially in yet, they should get there. Hopefully, ECU will be able to bus Sign Guy and his sign to Cincinnati as a reminder of what they are finally starting to do — FINISH

The writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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eight games and that's hard to beat," Mazey said.

"As long as we keep pitching the way we are, we're going to win a lot of games."

Lawhorn went 2-of-4 as his batting average climbed to .469 for the year while Costanzo, Jamie Paige, Darryl Lawhorn and Ryan Jones also picked up hits.

The Pirates will face Clemson

and Georgia Southern twice in three days in the Keith LeClair Invitational this weekend.

"Some guys are going to have to compete at the plate, both of these teams are loaded with pitching. We're going to face the best arms we've faced all season," Mazey said.

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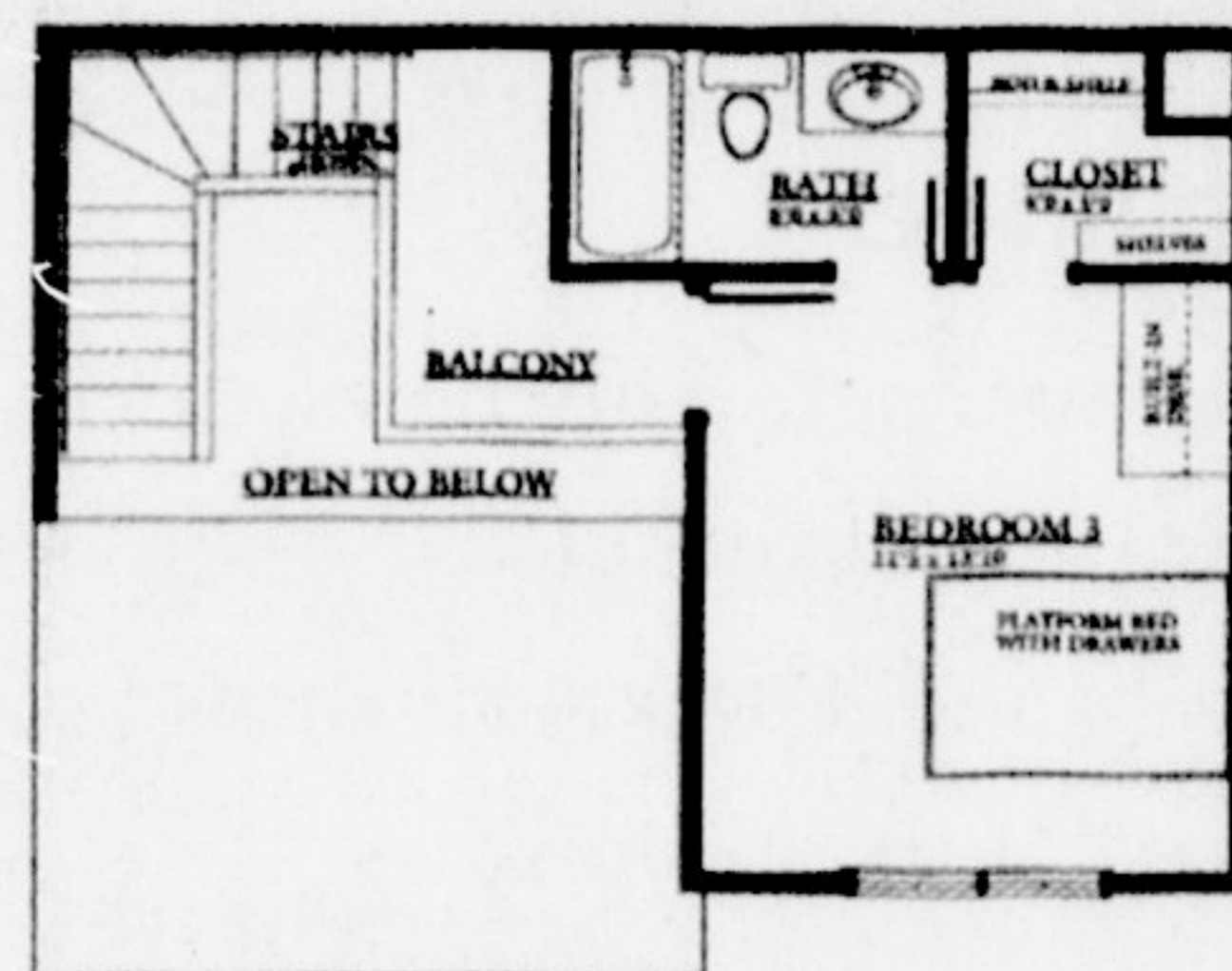
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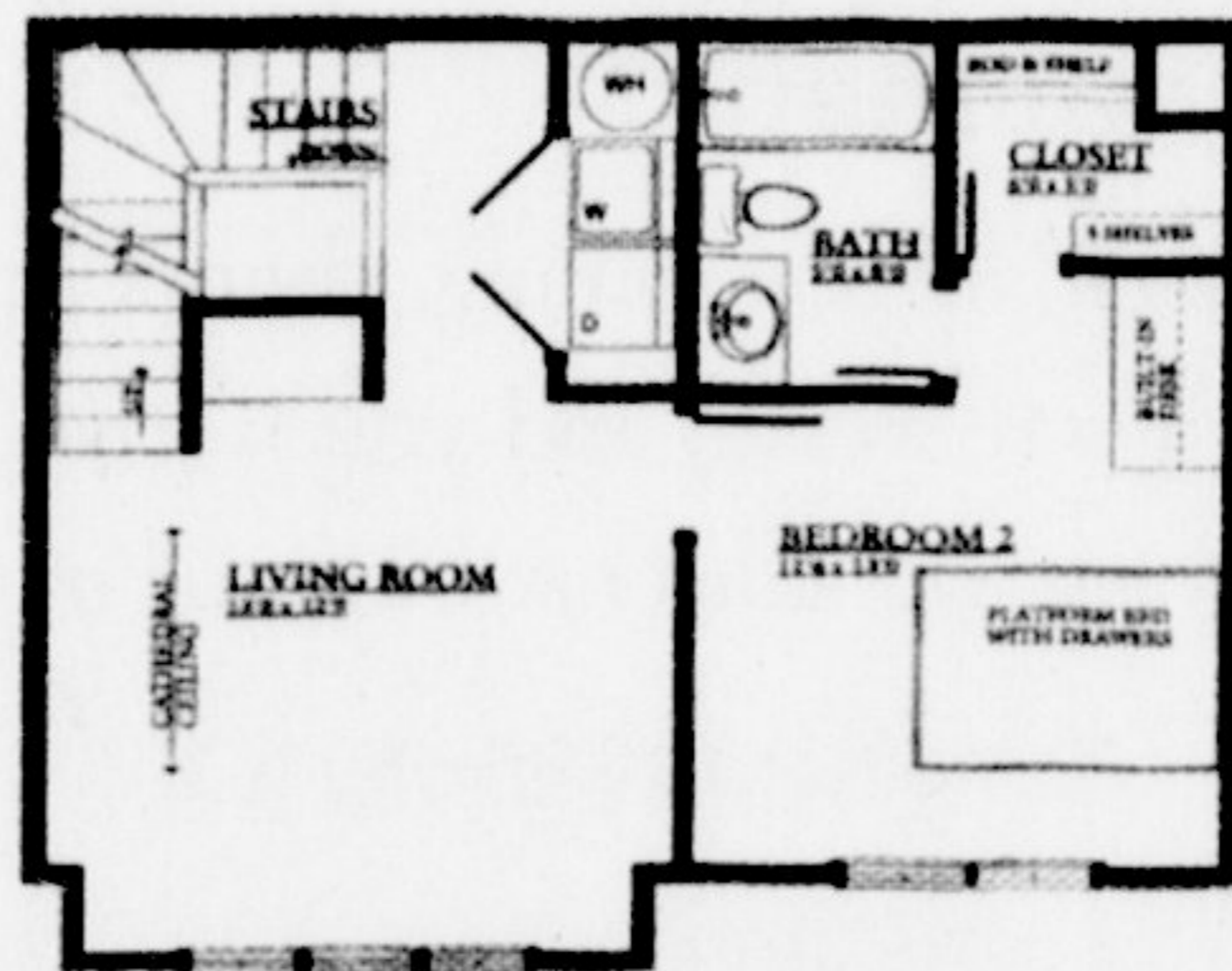
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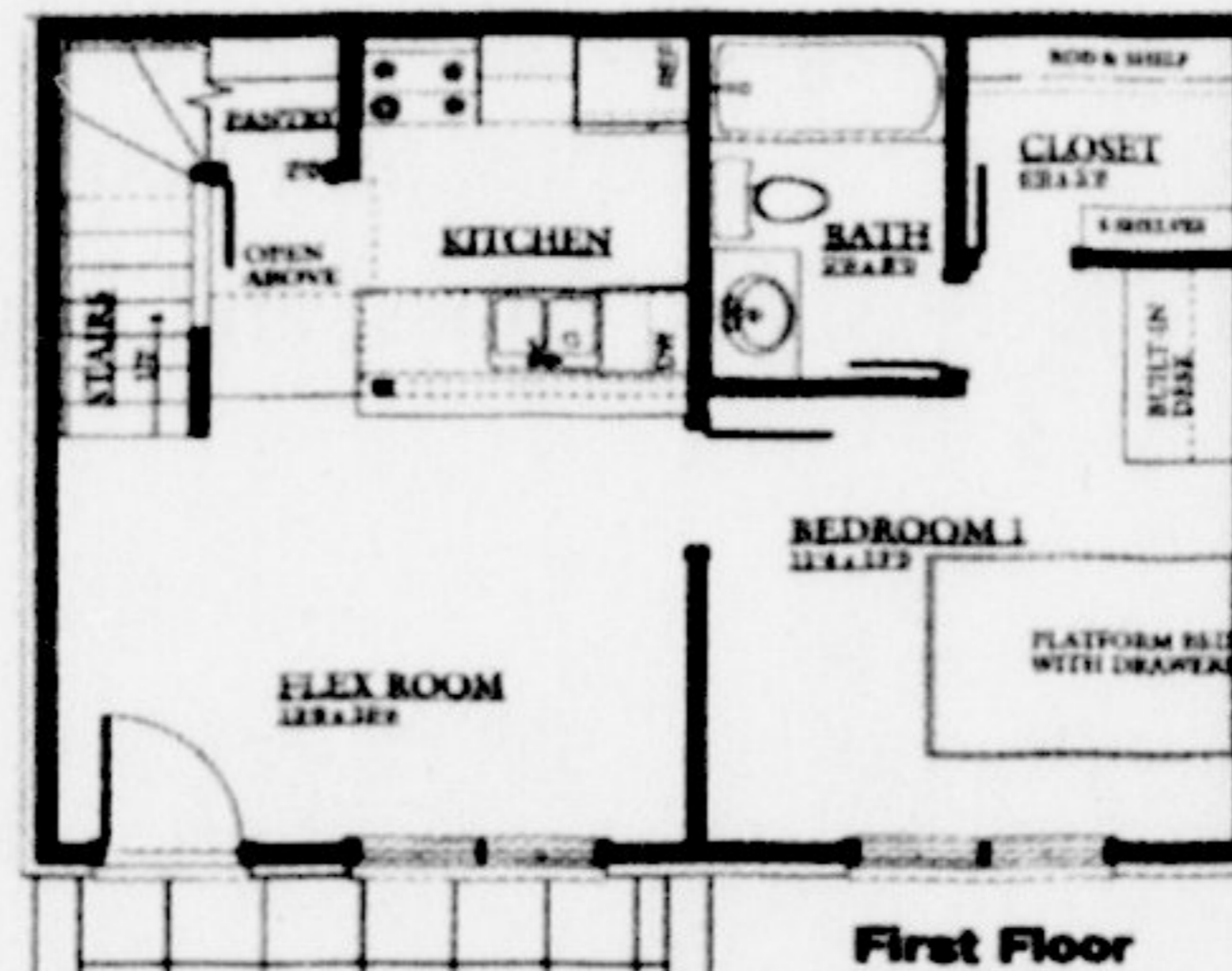
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