

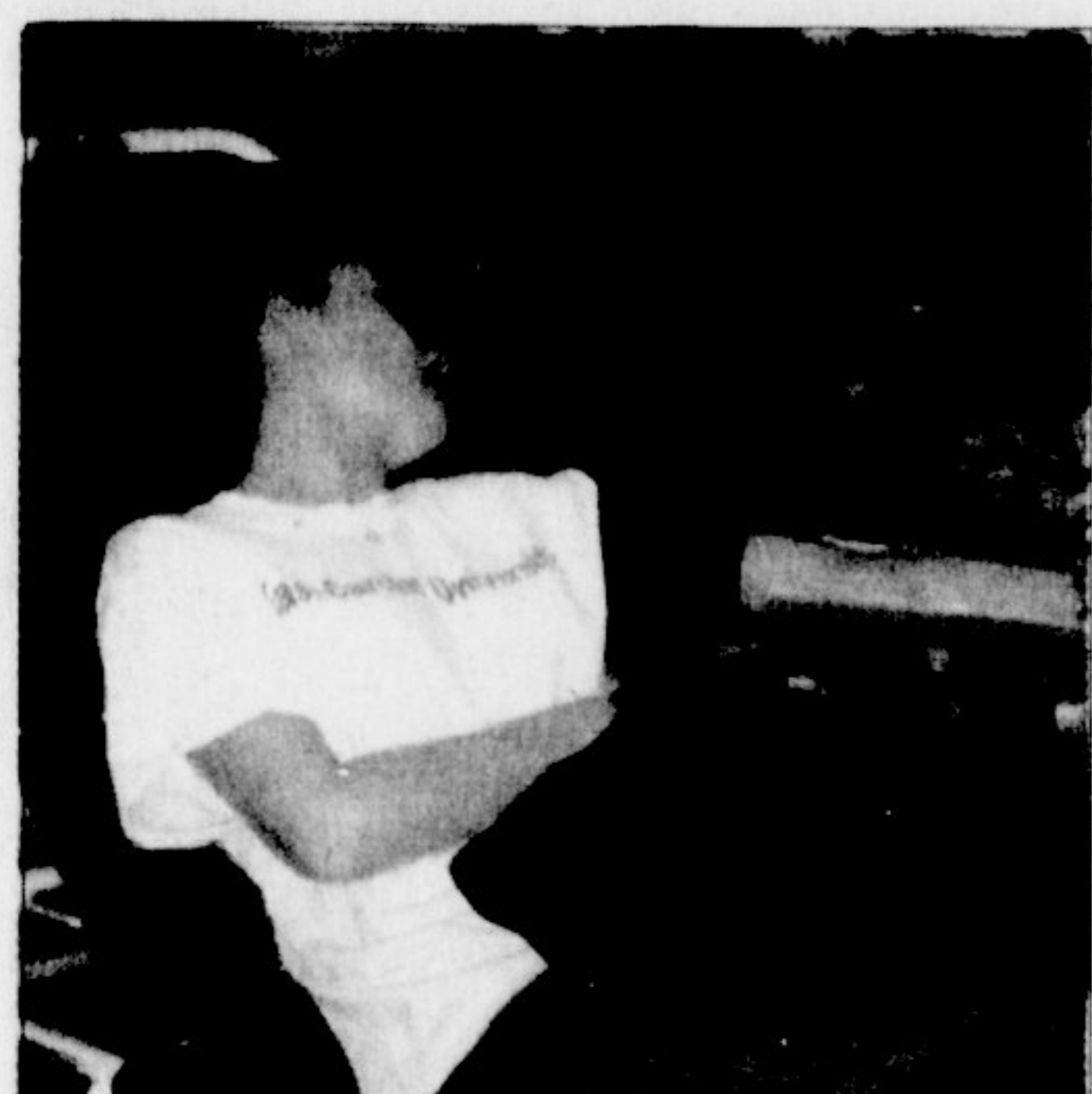
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Lindsay Kilpatrick, freshman nursing major, donates blood to the Red Cross Tuesday in Mendenhall.

## Blood drives yield low participation

Red Cross falls short of 100 pints per day goal

TABATHA JAMES  
STAFF WRITER

One hundred pints per day was too high of a goal for this week's Red Cross-sponsored blood drive.

"It's very unfortunate that so few people managed to show up," said Jeannine Whitaker, sophomore nursing major.

"I wish more people would realize how much blood we lack for people in need. God forbid a family member need a transfusion, and they can't find a match."

The country's blood supply is at a 10-year low, said Debbie Page, account manager for donor resources of the Red Cross.

Only 131 pints were collected during Tuesday and Wednesday's efforts, said Treasa Whitley, Red Cross team supervisor.

"Things were really slow. I think we need to have more signs and more advanced e-mails and articles to promote the drive," said Whitley.

Dale Forman, administrative assistant for the Red Cross, said he was happy with the turnout overall, but he would have liked to receive at least 30-45 more donations each day.

Approximately 43 individuals gave a vial of blood to be tested as a bone marrow match, but that number also fell short of its goal.

From here, the blood from those that were tested will be placed on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, and individuals who are a match will be contacted and further work will be done, said Forman.

Red Cross workers said they wanted to remind students and faculty that they can benefit from the process of giving blood.

Treasa Whitley said men and post-menopausal women that give blood at least three times a year reduce their chances of heart disease, heart attack and stroke by 50 percent.

Red Cross workers said they would like to thank those who donated their time and blood for the cause.

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## Domestic violence discussions planned for town hall meeting

Cases among college students, African Americans are topics

ADRIANNA DRAKE  
STAFF WRITER

Every nine seconds, a woman falls victim to domestic violence.

To promote awareness of specific environments where domestic violence occurs, ECU will host a Town Hall meeting titled "Opening the Dialogue: Responding to Domestic Violence among African Americans in eastern North Carolina," tonight from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

The meeting is spon-

sored by ECU's Division of Academic Affairs, the College of Human Ecology and the National Steering Committee for the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community.

The original founders of the IDVAAC Steering Committee will make presentations followed by open discussion.

Speakers will address topics such as "Domestic Violence on the College Campus: Reflections of an Innovative Social Work Program Making a Difference" and "Intersection of Domestic Violence, Black Women and Incarceration."

"We hope to learn from the presenters and the other participants [about] how to

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Anorexia and bulimia nervosa affects primarily men and women in their teens and twenties.

## Health experts educate ECU on eating disorders

Programs, services provided for students

NICK HENNE  
STAFF WRITER

As part of national eating disorder week, Feb. 29 - March 6, the healthy lifestyles team is sponsoring several programs including presentations, films and eating disorder screenings for students and faculty.

Karen Warren, director of wellness education, said because eating disorders are a sensitive topic, all services offered are confidential.

Warren said an increased

number of services will be provided this year, and it's important for students to participate and learn more about the issue.

"Eating disorders are much more common than anyone knows," said Warren.

"There are a lot of people who are suffering silently. It might be a friend, it might be you."

Warren said statistics show college students are the most susceptible to eating disorders.

"This is the age range where eating disorders are most prevalent. On college campuses, 19 percent of students will have an eating disorder, and that's much higher than the national [stat-

tics]," Warren said.

Though eating disorders have negative, sometimes long-lasting effects, recovery is possible.

An ECU alumna who chose to remain anonymous, suffered from anorexia for 11 years before seeking treatment and said her lifestyle has drastically improved since overcoming the condition.

"It affected every single aspect of my life ... I'm much more able to focus, finish tasks and last through a day, whereas before I didn't even have the energy to last through a day," she said.

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## 'Personal Stories' express discontent with UNC-system

Students discuss how increases, budget cuts affect them

JOSH SLONE  
STAFF WRITER

ECU students, like many others enrolled in UNC-system schools, have noticed tuition is on the rise, while school budgets are getting cut.

But most of us are not willing to accept these changes without a fight. ECU's Student Government Association has collected 89 true personal accounts written by students.

The Personal Stories Project started in September of 2003 and is "an effort to represent the voices of hundreds of students and their families who have come face-to-face with the reality of a university system that has become increasingly unaffordable and inaccessible," said Amanda Devore, vice president of legislative affairs for the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

ECU's SGA is working in partnership with the UNCASG, a statewide organization, and overall it has collected more than 800 stories from students at UNC-system schools.

Each story is written by a student, family member or alumni and addresses how raising school tuition and university budget cuts have affected their lives.

"I know students that have to work two jobs just to make tuition ... and they're only in-state students," said Shannon O'Donnell, student body secretary.

The stories were assembled in a book titled, *The Personal Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers*, and was released earlier this month to the North Carolina Legislature. The North Carolina General Assembly, the UNC Board of Governors and the 16 UNC-system chancellors also received a copy.

The UNCASG hopes this will open the eyes of students involved with the project as well as those who make tuition cost and university budget decisions.

"We want to get students heard, not just within the university, but also within the state," O'Donnell said.

"A lot of times, government officials will raise taxes, and they don't see the effects of the tax raises - they only see the number side, where it's more about revenue. We hope that we can give them a different perspective."

While hopeful the project will succeed in its goals, O'Donnell said she understands the difficulty students face when challenging state officials.

"When it comes down to it, we [students] are kind of overlooked by state legislature just because we aren't the highest voting population. I personally would hope they [Board of Governors] would not increase tuition, but their past record shows it is highly possible," O'Donnell said.

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### Information

To read the first volume of "Personal Stories," visit [www.personalstories.org](http://www.personalstories.org).

## Funny money pops up around Greenville

Recent arrest nets \$42,400 in bogus bills

KEITH S. BYERS  
STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of people who enjoy making money. There are also a lot of people who enjoy making money - literally - and wind up in jail as a result.

The counterfeiting of money is one of the oldest crimes in history. At some periods in early history, it was considered treasonous and was punishable by death.

Counterfeit bills have been appearing recently around Greenville, including the largest amount of fake bills ever seen by Greenville police.

The U.S. Secret Service has been investigating counterfeiting since its creation in 1865, and through the years - from

crude printing plates right up to today's sophisticated laser jet printers - has become an increasing problem for law enforcement nationwide.

The recent arrest of a Wilson, N.C. couple netted \$42,400 in fake cash - the majority of which was in a briefcase in the man's trunk.

Greenville police said the man, James Allen Toler, 39, had purchased ink jet cartridges and paper from the Office Depot on Greenville Boulevard on Jan. 19.

"He paid with \$120 worth of counterfeit currency," said P.T.L. R.J. Wright of the Greenville Police Department. Wright said the bills that he saw, \$20s, \$50s and \$100s were of high quality.

Toler returned to the store on Feb. 11 and was taken into custody. During questioning by Agent Anton Fickey of the U.S. Secret Service, Toler said he had



### Tips For Checking Your Bills

-The president's face is more life-like than on counterfeit money.

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-There are red and blue threads embedded in the paper of genuine bills.

-There is a watermark, or "shadow," to the right of the face on the bill that isn't visible unless the bill is held up to the light.

accidentally used the counterfeit money because his wife, Vivian Toler, 39, had tried to use a check, and Office Depot's scanner wasn't working. Police

searched Toler's car and discovered a printer, reams of paper and bills in the trunk - some of

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### Black History Awareness throughout February

Henry Lewis became the first African American to lead a symphony orchestra in the United States on Feb. 15, 1968.

Feb. 10, 1964 The Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed the House of Representatives on Feb. 10, prohibiting any state or local government or public facility from denying access to anyone because of race or ethnic origin.



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In response to California judges' allowing gay marriage, President Bush is urging a ban on same-sex marriages.



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TEC takes a look at the nominees of the 76th annual Academy Awards, which are set to air this Sunday at 8 p.m.



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ECU's home game against USF this Saturday also marks Senior Day. The Pirates will say goodbye to five players.



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A Tribute to Motown Saturday at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

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## Announcements

### Domestic Violence Forum

The School of Social Work will sponsor a community forum on domestic violence in the eastern North Carolina African-American community, today 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 today from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### Doing Business with Government

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

### Sigma Xi Seminar

The ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi presents a Spotlight Seminar featuring the work of physics John Kenney, Ph.D. today 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 Student 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 for 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.

### Belize Summer Study Abroad

There is an opportunity to study abroad in Belize, an English speaking country, and gain three credit hours in English, ethnic studies, humanities or other independent studies topics. The program runs from May 29 - June 20. Space is limited. For more information contact Gay Wilentz at 328-6678 or wilentzg@mail.ecu.edu.

### 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.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers can apply for two of the annual \$2,500 James M. Cox Jr. Foundation Scholarships offered by The Daily Reflector. Applicants must be a junior at ECU with a minimum of two full-time semesters remaining until graduation (excluding summer school), show interest in a media-related career, have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last academic year and no grades below a C in their major. Applications are due April 1 and can be obtained from Vicky Morris, director of Donors Stewardship, Greenville Centre, Suite 1100, 2200 S. Charles Blvd. For more information contact Morris at 328-9573.

### Special Olympics Fundraising

The ECU Police Department is raising funds for the Special Olympics of North Carolina this year. T-shirts, hats and car magnets are available in the Blount House from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Paper Person

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

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Easley names members of OLF study group

RALEIGH (AP) - A group tasked with studying the effects of locating a landing field in eastern North Carolina will consist of government, environmental and military officials, Gov. Mike Easley said Tuesday.

The group will examine the proposed landing field and make a recommendation within 60 days regarding the overall impact of the site.

The announcement comes after a series of meetings between Navy officials and Easley.

Sid Eagles, who recently retired as chief judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, is chairman of the group.

The panel also will include state Sen. Scott Thomas, D-Craven, Rep. Bill Culpepper, D-Chowan, Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Bryan Beatty, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Bill Ross, and two Navy rear admirals.

The group will observe a Navy FA-18 fly-over in Washington County on Friday.

#### Woman, 90, dies after assault at assisted-living home

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - Police are investigating the death of a 90-year-old woman who was assaulted in January at the assisted-living center where she lived.

Katherine Cromer Bovender died Feb. 13 after being moved to a different center. The assault on Bovender took place Jan. 16 or Jan. 17 at the Martin House of Winston-Salem, formerly Meadowbrook Terrace, said Winston-Salem Police Lt. Billy Riggs. "We feel confident that she has been assaulted, and we're investigating that as an elder-abuse case," Riggs said.

### "We've had to expand the scope of the investigation now into her death."

Police will try to determine whether Bovender's death was connected to the assault, Riggs said. Authorities have asked the Forsyth County Department of Social Services to investigate the Martin House, Riggs said.

### National

#### Judge lets government try to prove tobacco companies lured children

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government's claim that tobacco companies aggressively marketed cigarettes to children can proceed as part of a \$289 billion Justice Department lawsuit against the industry, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler denied a motion by the companies to dismiss a section of the case alleging a youth marketing campaign was part of a decades-long effort to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking in violation of federal racketeering laws.

"The government must be given the opportunity to prove its claim about defendants' youth marketing subscheme at trial," Kessler wrote in a 23-page opinion.

The government lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, seeks recovery of profits the industry made from sales of cigarettes from 1971 to 2000 to people who became addicted at a young age.

It points to such cartoon characters as Joe Camel as evidence of an effort to target children, along with advertising that glamorized smoking: placement of products in stores near schools, at movies and rock concerts, and ads in magazines that cater to young readers.

#### Bush urging international community to provide strong security presence in Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Wednesday that the United States is encouraging the international community to provide a strong security presence in Haiti as America and its allies continue to try to achieve a political solution to the island nation's escalating violence.

Bush said the United States was discussing such a security presence at the moment, but he provided no details.

Bush said he has been closely consulting with Secretary of State Colin Powell in an effort to reach an accord between Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and rebels who have seized control of large parts of Haiti.

"We will have a robust presence with an effective strategy," Bush told reporters following an Oval Office meeting with the president of Georgia.

He repeated the United States' often-stated policy in recent days that it will turn back any Haitian refugees trying to reach American shores.

### World

#### Millions of government workers strike against strike ban in India

NEW DELHI (AP) - Millions of Indian workers walked off the job Tuesday to protest a Supreme Court decision banning strikes by government employees.

Air, train and bus services were disrupted in Calcutta, and all financial institutions, including insurance companies, were closed in Bombay. State-run banks in New Delhi were shut down, and government-run institutions in Bangalore, India's

information technology hub, were also affected.

"We have a right to strike," shouted about 1,500 bank workers as they marched in Bombay, waving red banners associated with communist-led unions.

Tapan Sen, leader of the Center of Indian Trade Unions, estimated about 40 million workers took part and said many were from the unorganized sector.

India's highest court ruled in August that government employees cannot strike and those who do can be fired. Walkouts by state workers inconvenience citizens and hurt the economy, the Supreme Court said, and disputes should be resolved in the courts.

#### United States suspends imports of French cold cuts, foie gras, France says

PARIS (AP) - The United States is suspending imports of French cold cuts and foie gras because of food safety concerns, France's Agriculture Ministry said Tuesday. American veterinary experts inspected sites in France and found they did not conform with U.S. food safety requirements, the ministry said. It did not give further details or say if any other beef or poultry products were banned.

"France shares neither the observations of the American authorities nor the conclusions they felt should be taken," the statement said.

The statement said a high-level mission from the Agriculture Ministry, along with French veterinary officials, went to Washington on Monday to explain what France has done over the past several months to respond to the "specific requirements" of the U.S. system. The statement did not elaborate.

## Electoral College carries on past tradition

### Method of presidential selection continues

PETER KALAJIAN  
STAFF WRITER

Every four years representatives from every state are elected for a job most Americans feel should rest in their hands: choosing our national leader.

Article II of the United States Constitution lays out the manner in which the president and vice-president are elected, and with little variation, those methods are still employed today.

Section 1, paragraph 2 of the Constitution states, "each State shall appoint, in such a Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in Congress."

Today, that number of representatives ranges from 1 (Wyoming) to 55 (California).

Article II was written during a

time when national literacy and education were luxuries for the upper classes of society.

The Continental Congress of 1775 included a constitutional provision that would ensure average Americans would be involved in the political process, while guaranteeing that the final word would come from more knowledgeable individuals.

So the Electoral College was formed.

Originally, Article II stated that electors meet in their respective states, and vote for two people. The person with the highest number of votes became president, and the runner-up would be vice-president.

This clause was nullified by the 12th Amendment, which introduced the one vote, two-candidate system of today.

In a published report to Congress about the electoral college and its place in modern America, Thomas H. Neale of the Government and Finance division of the Library of Congress reported that the electoral college "seeks to reconcile differing state and federal interests,

provide a degree of popular participation in the election, give the less populous states some leverage in the process ... and generally insulate the election from political manipulation."

The theory of the Electoral College is simple: The first candidate to receive a majority of the 538 votes, wins.

When the average American casts his or her vote, they cast it not for a particular person, but for the state delegation of electors representing that political party in the national election.

The Constitution, while specific on the number of electors and the manner in which they are chosen, is ambiguous on the discretion of electors to make their own decisions; that is, to vote for a candidate contrary to the popular election on their state.

According to Heale's report, while rare, "faithless" electors, the name given to those members of the delegation who vote against the wishes of their constituencies, have exercised their constitutional powers of dissent a number of times, most recently in 1998 and with

a blank ballot in the hotly contested 2000 Gore-Bush election.

Heale is quick to point out; however, that never once in American history have "faithless" members of the Electoral College managed to affect the outcome of an election.

But in the ensuing legal battle between Texas Governor George W. Bush and then Vice-President Al Gore, the words "Electoral College" would be forever etched into the collective consciousness of the American public.

By winning the popular election by over 500,000 votes and initially being awarded the disputed electoral votes from the state of Florida, Al Gore felt he was entitled to the presidency.

Upon recounts though, Bush won Florida by the narrow margin since the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy race—less than 1,000 votes—and was awarded that states' electorate and eventually, after several weeks of legal wrangling by both sides, the presidency.

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Eastern North Carolina was chosen by the IDVAAC for a specific reason.

"The IDVAAC Steering Committee wanted to assess the perceptions surrounding domestic violence among African Americans in a rural part of the U.S.," said Peggy Novotny, marketing coordinator for the College of Human Ecology.

Coordinators are hoping for a large turnout since the meeting will be open to the entire community.

"We hope to fill Hendrix Theatre, which seats 750 people," Novotny said.

The IDVAAC will videotape the meeting for documentation.

There will be a park and ride offered for those without a

university parking permit and free parking and shuttle services will be available beginning at 5 p.m.

Attendees will need to park at the Belk Building on the corner of Charles Boulevard and Greenville Boulevard. The bus will pick up and drop off every 20 minutes.

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### Contact Info

For more information on the Town Hall meeting contact the College of Human Ecology marketing office at 328-2882.

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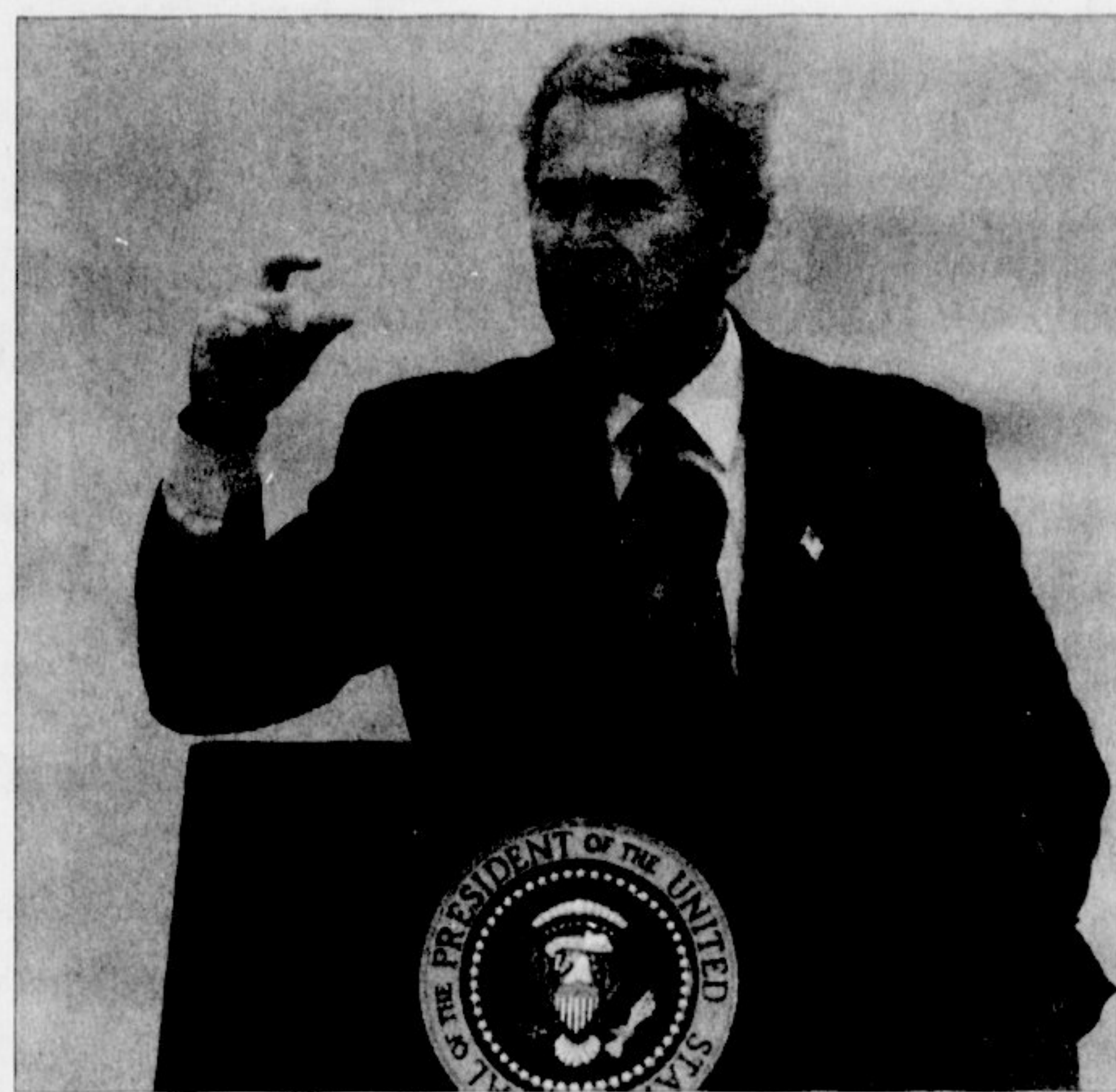
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President Bush backed the creation of a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages, claiming that the unions threaten the sanctity of marriage.

## Bush urges gay marriage ban, but Republicans in Congress aren't rushing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants quick election-year enactment of a constitutional amendment prohibiting gays from marrying each other, but Republicans in Congress are not rushing to heed his call.

After Bush's announcement Tuesday, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said it would take time to gauge the level of support in Congress for a constitutional amendment. He suggested the difficulty of passing one may cause lawmakers to take a different approach to preserving marriage as a solely man-woman union.

"We don't want to do this in haste," said DeLay.

The front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and his leading rival, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, struggled to make their opposition to Bush's stance clear as they carefully tiptoed around politically sensitive turf.

Kerry said he supports civil unions, "and I think that that is permissible within state law and it ought to be."

"If he really wants to help married couples, what he should be doing is helping them resolve

their economic problems, their health care problems," said Edwards while campaigning in Georgia.

Meeting long-held expectations of his most conservative supporters, Bush argued that same-sex weddings threaten the institution of marriage — and thus society — and that actions by several local jurisdictions allowing gay marriage make federal intervention the only recourse.

"If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America," said the president.

"Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society."

Bush called on Congress "to promptly pass and to send to the states for ratification" an amendment to define marriage as a union of a man and a woman. He had opposed legalizing civil unions as governor of Texas, but Bush left the door open for states to do so now — an alternative gay rights groups find insufficient.

Bush's conservative supporters who view prohibiting gay marriage as a priority were thrilled.

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which had yet to be cut up. "If you are going to do criminal activity, you are going to make a mistake at some point in time, and that's what he did," Wright said.

He also said that in Greenville, most of the counterfeit bills turn up at fast food restaurants, and he had about 60 calls to investigate counterfeit currency last year.

"A lot of times we get the call that a retail establishment has a counterfeit bill. We will do it as a fraud investigation and go pick the currency up. Ninety nine percent of the time the person who has passed it has already left," Wright said.

He also said the bills are kept until the Secret Service agent from Raleigh comes to pick them up. Wright said \$20s are the bills most counterfeited.

Local businesses in the downtown area have recently seen more bills popping up.

Sue Walton, a bartender at Buffalo Wild Wings on Fifth Street said last fall she was working when counterfeit money appeared.

"The manager on duty said it was easy for him to spot. She [waitress] wasn't paying attention," said Walton.

"I am pretty sure it was a \$50 bill."

Walton said recently Buffalo Wild Wings put up a memo reminding staff to check their bills.

Buffalo Wild Wings use a special pen to check any bill that looks suspicious. A simple mark drawn on the bill can usually prove if it's real or not.

However, according to Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police Department's investigative division says the pens are fallible.

Friday said holding the bill up to light and look for the hologram etched into the right corner detects a counterfeit bill.

A person who receives a bad bill as change or spends one accidentally will not be charged. In Toler's case, the state could ask for three to five years imprisonment.

If convicted in federal court, Toler could receive up to 10 years in prison, police said.

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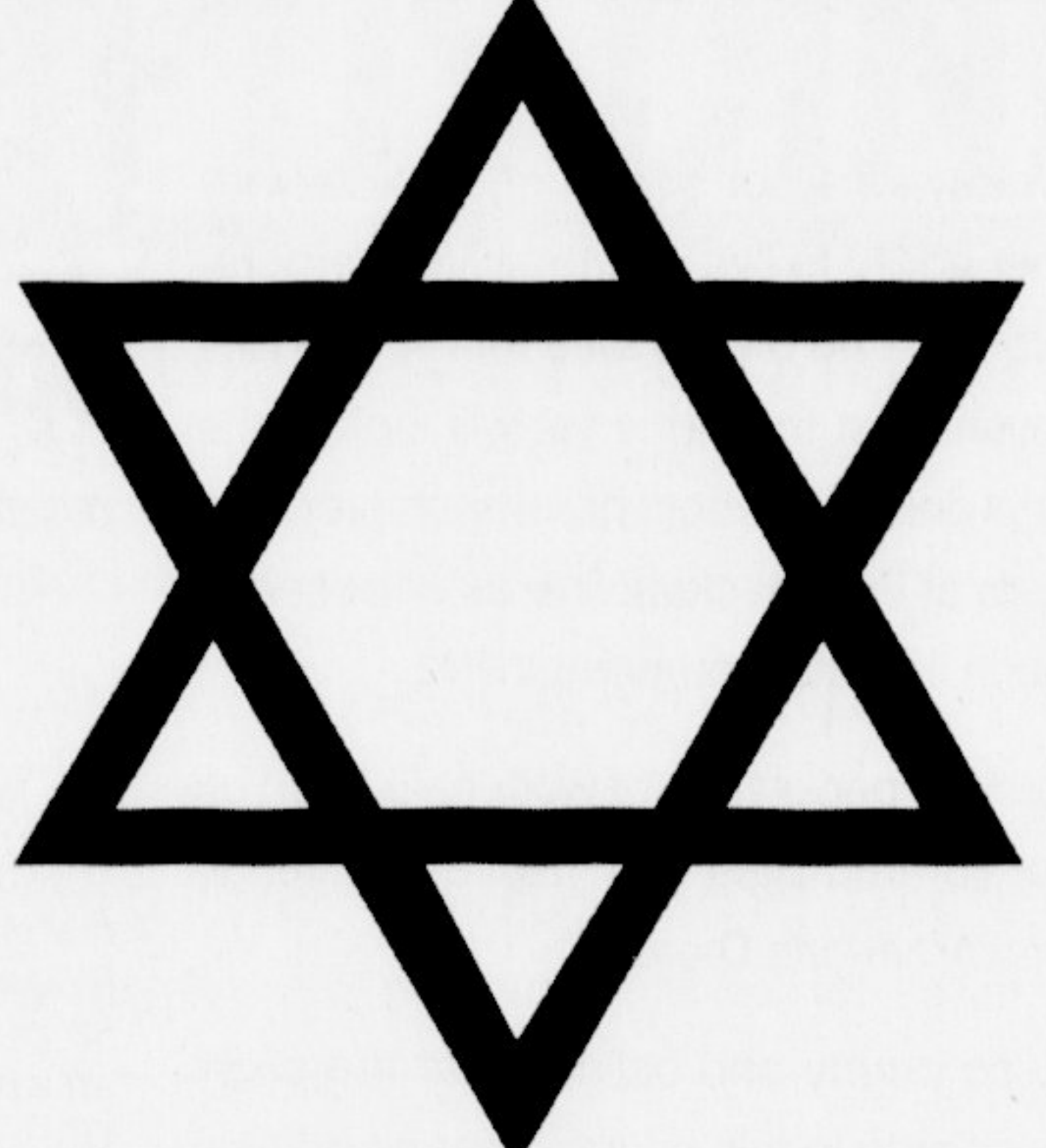
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## Announcements

### Domestic Violence Forum

The School of Social Work will sponsor a community forum on domestic violence in the eastern North Carolina African-American community, today 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 today from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### Doing Business with Government

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

### Sigma Xi Seminar

The ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi presents a Spotlight Seminar featuring the work of physics John Kenney, Ph.D. today 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 Student 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 for 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.

### Belize Summer Study Abroad

There is an opportunity to study abroad in Belize, an English speaking country, and gain three credit hours in English, ethnic studies, humanities or other independent studies topics. The program runs from May 29 - June 20. Space is limited. For more information contact Gay Wilentz at 328-6678 or wilentzg@mail.ecu.edu.

### 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.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers can apply for two of the annual \$2,500 James M. Cox Jr. Foundation Scholarships offered by The Daily Reflector. Applicants must be a junior at ECU with a minimum of two full-time semesters remaining until graduation (excluding summer school), show interest in a media-related career, have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last academic year and no grades below a C in their major. Applications are due April 1 and can be obtained from Vicky Morris, director of Donors Stewardship, Greenville Centre, Suite 1100, 2200 S. Charles Blvd. For more information contact Morris at 328-9573.

### Special Olympics Fundraising

The ECU Police Department is raising funds for the Special Olympics of North Carolina this year. T-shirts, hats and car magnets are available in the Blount House from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Paper Person

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

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Easley names members of OLF study group

RALEIGH (AP) - A group tasked with studying the effects of locating a landing field in eastern North Carolina will consist of government, environmental and military officials, Gov. Mike Easley said Tuesday.

The group will examine the proposed landing field and make a recommendation within 60 days regarding the overall impact of the site.

The announcement comes after a series of meetings between Navy officials and Easley. Sid Eagles, who recently retired as chief judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, is chairman of the group.

The panel also will include state Sen. Scott Thomas, D-Craven, Rep. Bill Culppepper, D-Chowan, Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Bryan Beatty, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Bill Ross, and two Navy rear admirals.

The group will observe a Navy FA-18 fly-over in Washington County on Friday.

#### Woman, 90, dies after assault at assisted-living home

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - Police are investigating the death of a 90-year-old woman who was assaulted in January at the assisted-living center where she lived.

Katherine Cromer Bovender died Feb. 13 after being moved to a different center. The assault on Bovender took place Jan. 16 or Jan. 17 at the Martin House of Winston-Salem, formerly Meadowbrook Terrace, said Winston-Salem Police Lt. Billy Riggs. "We feel confident that she has been assaulted, and we're investigating that as an elder-abuse case," Riggs said.

"We've had to expand the scope of the investigation now into her death." Police will try to determine whether Bovender's death was connected to the assault, Riggs said. Authorities have asked the Forsyth County Department of Social Services to investigate the Martin House, Riggs said.

### National

#### Judge lets government try to prove tobacco companies lured children

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government's claim that tobacco companies aggressively marketed cigarettes to children can proceed as part of a \$289 billion Justice Department lawsuit against the industry, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler denied a motion by the companies to dismiss a section of the case alleging a youth marketing campaign was part of a decades-long effort to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking in violation of federal racketeering laws.

"The government must be given the opportunity to prove its claim about defendants' youth marketing subscheme at trial," Kessler wrote in a 23-page opinion.

The government lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, seeks recovery of profits the industry made from sales of cigarettes from 1971 to 2000 to people who became addicted at a young age.

It points to such cartoon characters as Joe Camel as evidence of an effort to target children, along with advertising that glamorized smoking; placement of products in stores near schools, at movies and rock concerts; and ads in magazines that cater to young readers.

#### Bush urging international community to provide strong security presence in Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Wednesday that the United States is encouraging the international community to provide a strong security presence in Haiti as America and its allies continue to try to achieve a political solution to the island nation's escalating violence.

Bush said the United States was discussing such a security presence at the moment, but he provided no details.

Bush said he has been closely consulting with Secretary of State Colin Powell in an effort to reach an accord between Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and rebels who have seized control of large parts of Haiti.

"We will have a robust presence with an effective strategy," Bush told reporters following an Oval Office meeting with the president of Georgia.

He repeated the United States' often-stated policy in recent days that it will turn back any Haitian refugees trying to reach American shores.

### World

#### Millions of government workers strike against strike ban in India

NEW DELHI (AP) - Millions of Indian workers walked off the job Tuesday to protest a Supreme Court decision banning strikes by government employees.

Air, train and bus services were disrupted in Calcutta, and all financial institutions, including insurance companies, were closed in Bombay. State-run banks in New Delhi were shut down, and government-run institutions in Bangalore, India's

information technology hub, were also affected.

"We have a right to strike," shouted about 1,500 bank workers as they marched in Bombay, waving red banners associated with communist-led unions.

Tapan Sen, leader of the Center of Indian Trade Unions, estimated about 40 million workers took part and said many were from the unorganized sector.

India's highest court ruled in August that government employees cannot strike and those who do can be fined. Walkouts by state workers inconvenience citizens and hurt the economy, the Supreme Court said, and disputes should be resolved in the courts.

#### United States suspends imports of French cold cuts, foie gras, France says

PARIS (AP) - The United States is suspending imports of French cold cuts and foie gras because of food safety concerns, France's Agriculture Ministry said Tuesday.

American veterinary experts inspected sites in France and found they did not conform with U.S. food safety requirements, the ministry said. It did not give further details or say if any other beef or poultry products were banned.

"France shares neither the observations of the American authorities nor the conclusions they felt should be taken," the statement said.

The statement said a high-level mission from the Agriculture Ministry, along with French veterinary officials, went to Washington on Monday to explain what France has done over the past several months to respond to the "specific requirements" of the U.S. system. The statement did not elaborate.

## Electoral College carries on past tradition

### Method of presidential selection continues

PETER KALAJIAN  
STAFF WRITER

Every four years representatives from every state are elected for a job most Americans feel should rest in their hands:

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Article II of the United States Constitution lays out the manner in which the president and vice-president are elected, and with little variation, those methods are still employed today.

Section 1, paragraph 2 of the Constitution states, "each State shall appoint, in such a Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in Congress."

Today, that number of representatives ranges from 1 (Wyoming) to 55 (California). Article II was written during a

time when national literacy and education were luxuries for the upper classes of society.

The Continental Congress of 1775 included a constitutional provision that would ensure average Americans would be involved in the political process, while guaranteeing that the final word would come from more knowledgeable individuals.

So the Electoral College was formed.

Originally, Article II stated that electors meet in their respective states, and vote for two people. The person with the highest number of votes became president, and the runner-up would be vice-president.

This clause was nullified by the 12th Amendment, which introduced the one vote, two-candidate system of today.

In a published report to Congress about the electoral college and its place in modern America, Thomas H. Neale of the Government and Finance division of the Library of Congress reported that the electoral college "seeks to reconcile differing state and federal interests,

provide a degree of popular participation in the election, give the less populous states some leverage in the process ... and generally insulate the election from political manipulation."

The theory of the Electoral College is simple: The first candidate to receive a majority of the 538 votes, wins.

When the average American casts his or her vote, they cast it not for a particular person, but for the state delegation of electors representing that political party in the national election.

The Constitution, while specific on the number of electors and the manner in which they are chosen, is ambiguous on the discretion of electors to make their own decisions; that is, to vote for a candidate contrary to the popular election on their state.

According to Heale's report, while rare, "faithless" electors, the name given to those members of the delegation who vote against the wishes of their constituencies, have exercised their constitutional powers of dissent a number of times, most recently in 1998 and with

a blank ballot in the hotly contested 2000 Gore-Bush election.

Heale is quick to point out; however, that never once in American history have "faithless" members of the Electoral College managed to affect the outcome of an election.

But in the ensuing legal battle between Texas Governor George W. Bush and then Vice-President Al Gore, the words "Electoral College" would be forever etched into the collective consciousness of the American public.

By winning the popular election by over 500,000 votes and initially being awarded the disputed electoral votes from the state of Florida, Al Gore felt he was entitled to the presidency.

Upon recounts though, Bush won Florida by the narrowest margin since the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy race—less than 1,000 votes—and was awarded that states' electoral vote and eventually, after several weeks of legal wrangling by both sides, the presidency.

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Eastern North Carolina was chosen by the IDVAAC for a specific reason.

"The IDVAAC Steering Committee wanted to assess the perceptions surrounding domestic violence among African Americans in a rural part of the U.S.," said Peggy Novotny, marketing coordinator for the College of Human Ecology.

Coordinators are hoping for a large turnout since the meeting will be open to the entire community.

"We hope to fill Hendrix Theatre, which seats 750 people," Novotny said.

The IDVAAC will videotape the meeting for documentation.

There will be a park and ride offered for those without a

university parking permit and free parking and shuttle services will be available beginning at 5 p.m.

Attendees will need to park at the Belk Building on the corner of Charles Boulevard and Greenville Boulevard. The bus will pick up and drop off every 20 minutes.

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### Contact Info

For more information on the Town Hall meeting contact the College of Human Ecology marketing office at 328-2882.

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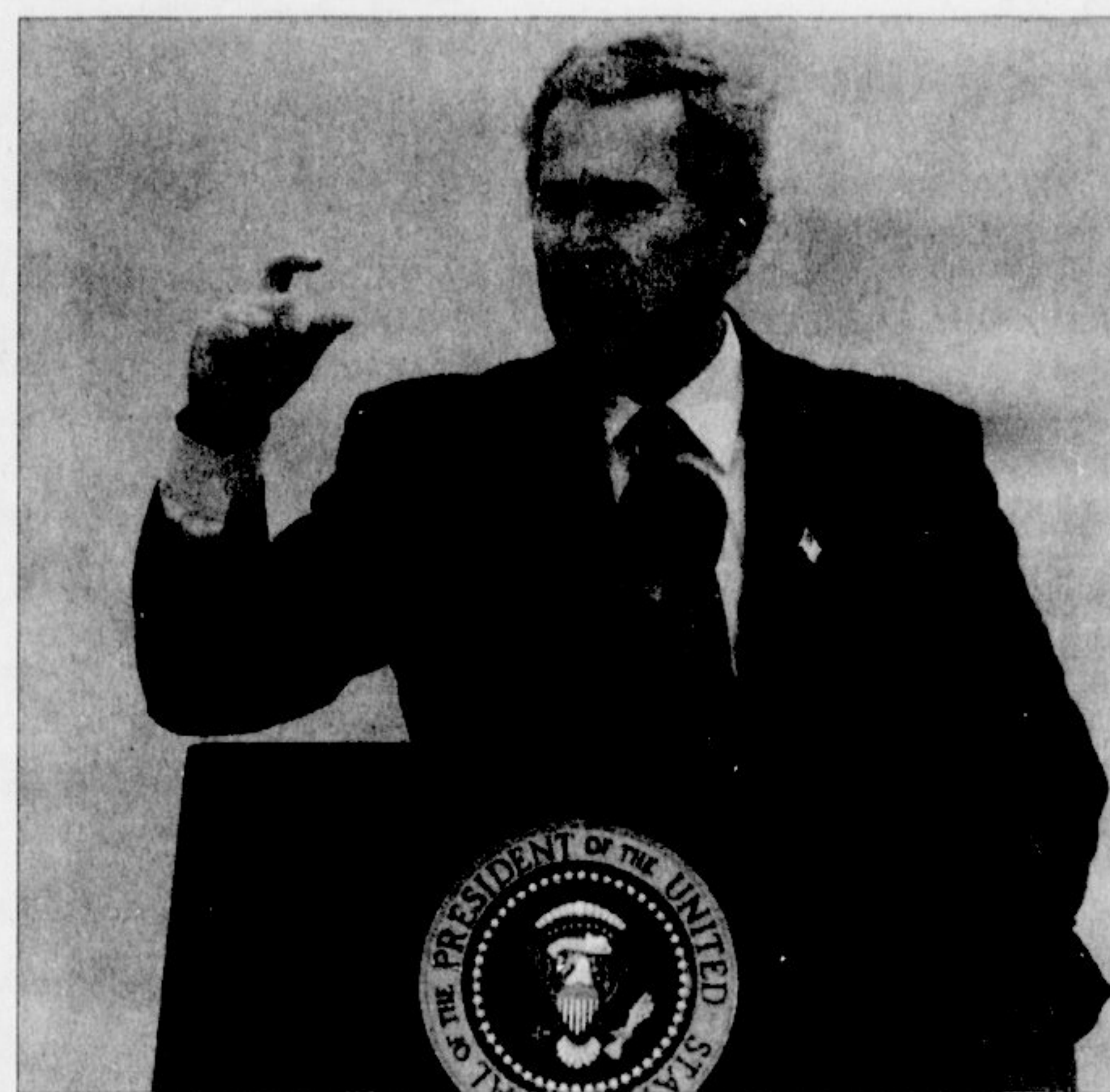
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President Bush backed the creation of a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages, claiming that the unions threaten the sanctity of marriage.

## Bush urges gay marriage ban, but Republicans in Congress aren't rushing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants quick election-year enactment of a constitutional amendment prohibiting gays from marrying each other, but Republicans in Congress are not rushing to heed his call.

After Bush's announcement Tuesday, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said it would take time to gauge the level of support in Congress for a constitutional amendment. He suggested the difficulty of passing one may cause lawmakers to take a different approach to preserving marriage as a solely man-woman union.

"We don't want to do this in haste," said DeLay. The front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and his leading rival, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, struggled to make their opposition to Bush's stance clear as they carefully tiptoed around politically sensitive turf.

Kerry said he supports civil unions, "and I think that that is permissible within state law and it ought to be." "If he really wants to help married couples, what he should be doing is helping them resolve their economic problems, their health care problems," said Edwards while campaigning in Georgia.

Meeting long-held expectations of his most conservative supporters, Bush argued that same-sex weddings threaten the institution of marriage — and thus society — and that actions by several local jurisdictions allowing gay marriage make federal intervention the only recourse.

"If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America," said the president.

"Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society." Bush called on Congress "to promptly pass and to send to the states for ratification" an amendment to define marriage as a union of a man and a woman. He had opposed legalizing civil unions as governor of Texas, but Bush left the door open for states to do so now — an alternative gay rights groups find insufficient.

Bush's conservative supporters who view prohibiting gay marriage as a priority were thrilled.

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which had yet to be cut up. "If you are going to do criminal activity, you are going to make a mistake at some point in time, and that's what he did," Wright said.

He also said that in Greenville, most of the counterfeit bills turn up at fast food restaurants, and he had about 60 calls to investigate counterfeit currency last year.

"A lot of times we get the call that a retail establishment has a counterfeit bill. We will do it as a fraud investigation and go pick the currency up. Ninety nine percent of the time the person who has passed it has already left," Wright said.

He also said the bills are kept until the Secret Service agent from Raleigh comes to pick them up. Wright said \$20s are the bills most counterfeited.

Local businesses in the downtown area have recently seen more bills popping up.

Sue Walton, a bartender at Buffalo Wild Wings on Fifth Street said last fall she was working when counterfeit money appeared.

"The manager on duty said it was easy for him to spot. She [waitress] wasn't paying attention," said Walton.

"I am pretty sure it was a \$50 bill."

Walton said recently Buffalo Wild Wings put up a memo reminding staff to check their bills.

Buffalo Wild Wings use a special pen to check any bill that looks suspicious. A simple mark drawn on the bill can usually prove if it's real or not.

However, according to Sgt. Joe Friday of the Greenville Police Department's investigative division says the pens are fallible.

Friday said holding the bill up to light and look for the hologram etched into the right corner detects a counterfeit bill.

A person who receives a bad bill as change or spends one accidentally will not be charged. In Toler's case, the state could ask for three to five years imprisonment.

If convicted in federal court, Toler could receive up to 10 years in prison, police said.

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## Our View

**Corporate bosses don't look at the human cost of the decisions they make, only the profit margins that will come with them.**

International business has been lauded by the current presidential administration as good for business and the economy. Access to foreign labor markets allowed many companies to send manufacturing jobs overseas where there are less stringent environmental standards and, above all, a much lower standard of pay.

Business leaders countered criticism of the practice by saying the policies allow the American consumer to save money on goods because they are cheaper to produce in other countries.

There is truth in that argument. Goods made in other countries by foreign workers do cost less than comparable goods made in the U.S. One example given in a report on "CBS News" pointed out that a bedroom set made in America, by American workers, costs an average of over \$600 more than a comparable item produced in China.

Each time a company closes a factory in the U.S. to make products cheaper for the consumer, honest American workers lose jobs and health insurance.

Corporate bosses don't look at the human cost of the decisions they make, only the profit margins that will come with them.

The value of a human life is nothing compared to the value of an inexpensively made refrigerator.

Taking away a person's livelihood takes away his or her ability to live a normal life. Corporations are banking on the idea that Americans who haven't lost their jobs yet will look at the price tags and think about how much products cost them at the checkout line as opposed to how much it costs the unemployed.

Does putting people out of work help build up stronger communities and inspire children to seek the "American Dream?"

Are we so empty and callous that the plight of other people in this country means nothing more to us than saving money at Wal-Mart and other discount stores?

We hope not.

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## In My Opinion

### A lot of talk, no action from ECU students

*Apathy speaks louder than words*

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Every place has character – from the busy, professional sidewalks of New York City to the calm valleys of the Appalachian Mountains. Sometimes it takes only a visit to identify it, sometimes it takes a lifetime to understand an area's complex composition.

College towns' identities are difficult to define. Comprised of an influential, transitory population at odds with the established community, these places have to synthesize diverse goals and backgrounds with geographical history to maintain an identity.

However, what happens when the mostly young college population has little affiliation with their institution's hometown? Or does nothing to engender cultural growth for their school and its community?

Many active, engaged individuals and groups are at ECU, but their presence has yet to create an identifiable culture for the college. This is not the fault of the few who lead and participate on and around campus – it's the fault of the majority who doesn't.

If you ask any truthful person enrolled at a North Carolina college to tell you about ECU, they'll say it's a party school. We, as members of the ECU community, know there's more: movies, concerts, the Cultural Center, athletics, poetry readings, art exhibits ... the list could go on.

However, what has ECU's effect on Greenville been? Clubs are the primary attraction in a potentially beautiful and interesting downtown; the campus becomes more barren and unattractive as trees are torn down for construction; there's an obvious segregation between Greenville residents and college students.



So, I guess it's not that ECU doesn't have an identity – it's more like our identity is built on apathy and stagnation. Because of that, it can't really encompass anything else.

Even with all the recent concern about safety following two rapes in residence halls, what have students done other than wait to see what the administration will do for them?

There have been meetings and attempts to bring students into the discourse on safety, but they haven't been well attended. Communication is key in times of fear and reexaminations of protocol, but there's a near silence from the majority of students, except in classroom conversations.

ECU has an undeniable effect on eastern North Carolina. As the major center of higher education between Raleigh and the coast, it represents the intellectual and cultural high points of this area.

Or, it should. It's hard to care about a place that no one else seems to care about and to try to bring enrichment to people who don't want it.

If ECU really is all talk and no action – and that's how it seems to some outsiders I've asked – then we don't have to worry.

However, if there's something more, those involved should speak up to let anyone interested hear.

## In My Opinion

### Nader announces presidential candidacy

*Democrats eye independent outsider with caution*

**PETER KALAJIAN**  
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After the 2000 Presidential Campaign, with the Democrats in America scratching their collective heads in disbelief, Ralph Nader and the Green Party took the brunt of the blame over the 11-hour Supreme Court decision, which ensured a Democratic loss in the Presidential election.

Nader declared his fifth bid for the presidency on "Meet the Press" last week.

This will be Nader's first foray into national politics since the hotly debated 2000 election which, in the end, awarded George W. Bush the presidency.

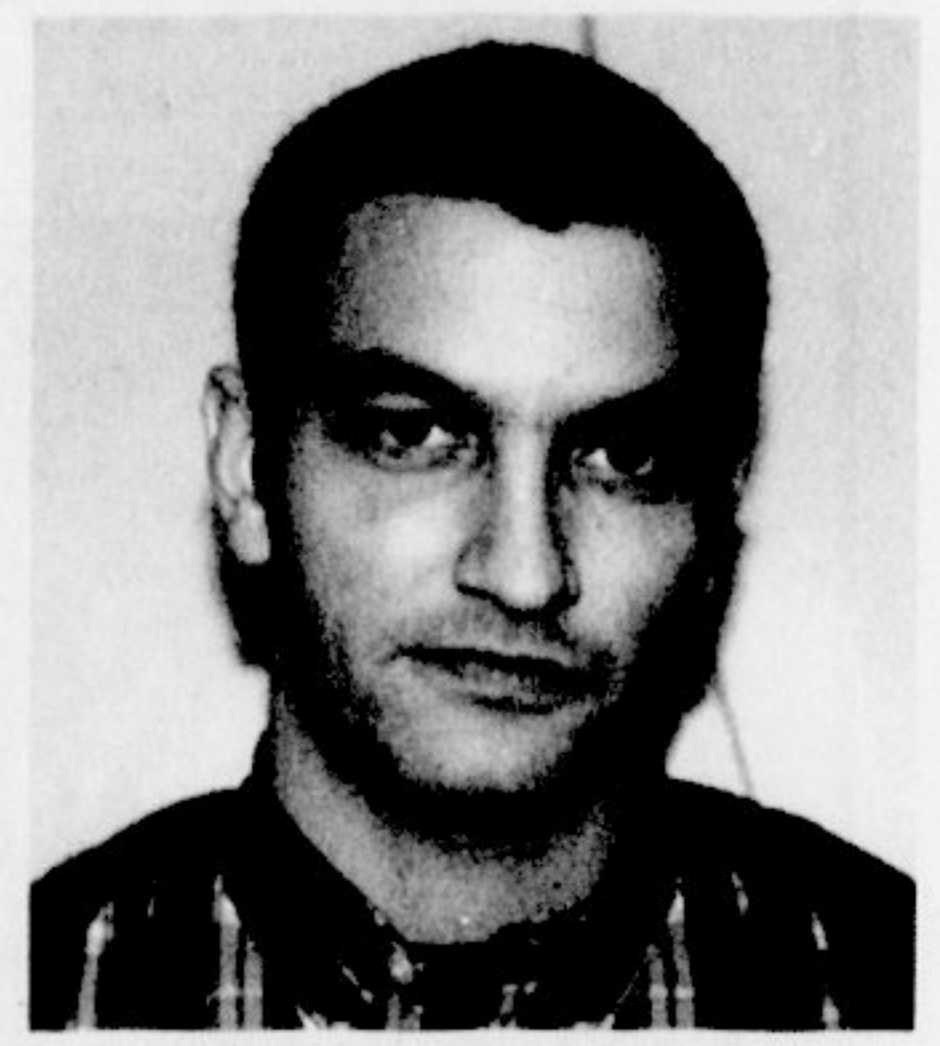
When the Supreme Court decision put an end to the Democrats' bid for the White House four years ago, much of the blame was heaped directly onto the shoulders of Nader's 2.7 percent of the national vote, which were votes siphoned from the former Vice President's campaign.

Nader has been the public face of the liberal, environmental Green Party for most of his political career, but has chosen this year to run as an independent.

In an interview last week with *USA Today*, Nader cited the June Green Party Convention as being too late to begin a serious campaign.

In the same article, Nader said, "This campaign will help beat Bush because we can expose the Bush regime's vulnerabilities and failures, in additional, effective ways that the Democrats are too cautious or too indentured to corporations to do by themselves."

However, Nader may be



the only one hearing his call to arms. Sen. John Kerry has already won 19 of the 21 Democratic primaries and in recent polls conducted by *USA Today* and CNN, has been beating President Bush consistently.

The Nader campaign may be over this year before it begins. His supporters have to raise enough money to be competitive on the primary circuit.

To be included on the ballots next week in the Texas primary, Nader must produce 65,000 petition signatures.

While not impossible, we may see Ralph Nader simply steamrolled by the spending power of the major national parties as the election heats up.

"This time around I don't see the Nader campaign getting much support ... It may be just a fraction of the votes he won last time," said David Condradt, Ph.D., professor of Political Science.

The biggest obstacle to the Nader campaign could be the combined democratic resolve to oust President Bush.

As the decisive Super Tuesday primaries approach and Kerry continues to strongly lead the democrats, Nader's campaign could become more difficult.

"He didn't make the Green Party. He's probably not going to get on all the ballots and there will be attempts to stop him getting on the ballot," Condradt said.

## Opinions in Brief

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#### Same-sex marriages continue to climb

Who knew so many same-sex couples were waiting to tie the knot?

So far, more than 3,000 gay marriages have been performed in San Francisco and surprisingly 58 percent of San Francisco Bay area residents support the union; the other 42 percent protest. However, times are changing, and if these couples are happy, then all I can say is good luck. Considering how many marriages end in divorce, let's see how long it takes before we see the "first gay divorce" in newspaper headlines.

#### Homosexuals deserve same rights as heterosexuals

Americans and politicians are still debating whether or not same sex marriages should be legal. I say let two women or men get married if they're in love and that's what they want. People

keep referring to the Bible to say homosexuality is a sin and a marriage cannot be between two men or two women. The Bible is ancient in our times. The Bible also says that women are property; women today are free and independent. We have to overcome this barrier. Homosexuals are a part of our society, so let them be like us and get married. I don't believe homosexuality is a choice. You know the ridicule that is to come if you are a gay or lesbian, so why would you choose to bring that upon yourself? We allow murderers to get married, and they're sinners. If homosexuality is such a sin, why not allow them to get married along with all of us?

#### Enough with Janet

Please, it's time to move on. Last month's Super Bowl should be remembered as one of the greatest football games of all-time, not for Janet

Jackson's breast. In reality, this wasn't as bad as what's shown on national television each day with murders and rapes, not to mention drugs. Television executives should focus on more important issues instead of something that merely rivaled 'Baywatch'.

#### The Crisis in Haiti

With the uprising in Haiti, people are questioning whether or not the U.S. government will send troops to stop the militant takeover as it did in 1994. Our government has made it very clear that it doesn't want to get involved in the situation in Haiti.

At least at this point, this uprising doesn't directly affect our country like in 1994 with the boatloads of Haitian refugees on an exodus to Florida. Seeing the same stories of Haitian refugees being picked up from waters off the coast of Florida as we did in 1994 will cause our country to find an interest in uprising.

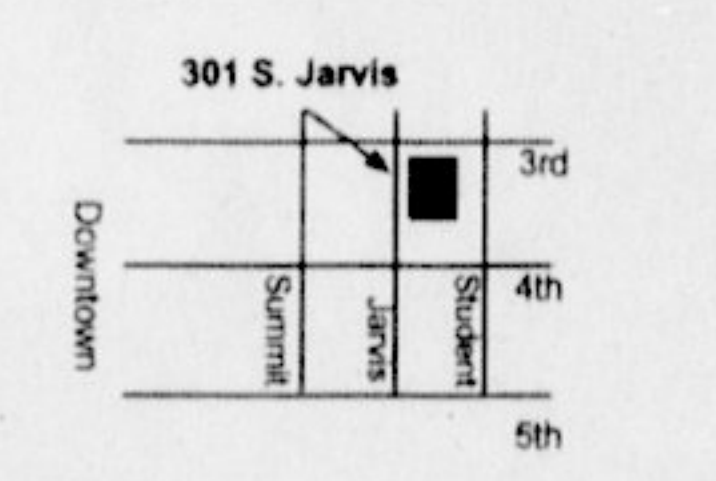
#### Students need to get up and get involved

Our campus is undergoing an intense period of change. Many top administrative positions at ECU remain unfilled. The Chancellor Search Committee is taking steps toward filling the top spot at ECU, and it's safe to say that person will fill the position for many years to come. This person will influence how the university operates including policies and procedures governing students. It's for this reason students need to become more involved in the search process. When a chancellor is found, it will be too late and quite ineffective for students to complain that he or she is not meeting their needs. We need a chancellor with innovation and insight into the workings of the university as well as how students fit into the puzzle. This is geared toward freshmen and sophomores especially – get up, get out and get involved.

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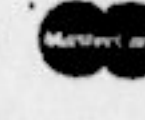
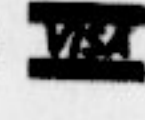
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**Weird News**

**Hong Kong steps up patrols after film company shoots porn video at airport**

HONG KONG (AP) - A porn star bared all by flashing open her silver raincoat in a movie shot secretly at Hong Kong's airport with backdrops that include the departure lounge. Red-faced airport officials have since stepped up security to help ensure Chek Lap Kok airport doesn't appear in any sequels to the hour-long film Exposure Trip in Hong Kong, reportedly produced by a Japanese company. "We were not aware of the unauthorized filming. Otherwise we'd have stopped it," Airport Authority spokeswoman Sylvia Chan told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The Sun, a tabloid newspaper, reported earlier that about 20 minutes of the video were filmed in and around the airport, and copies are available in pirate VCD stores in Hong Kong.

**British woman fined for again registering her cows as voters**

LONDON (AP) - Brenda Gould is in trouble again for registering her cows as voters. For the second year running, the woman from Newmarket, near Cambridge in eastern England, has listed two names on the registration form who turned out to be cows, East Cambridgeshire District Council said Thursday.

The previous year, in addition to registering two cows as Henry and Sophie Bull, she listed Jake Woolfes - later found to be a dog - as eligible to vote in local government elections, the council said. This year she indicated that her address had been split into two properties, that she resided in one part and that two other persons lived in the second, a council spokesman

said. The persons she claimed lived in the second property were, in fact, her cows, the spokesman said.

**Stellar funerals in the works for Taiwan**

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - There isn't much room for cemeteries in densely-populated Taiwan, so a U.S. firm is offering an alternative: shooting people's ashes into space. The Houston-based Celestis Inc. announced Thursday that it has signed a deal with one of Taiwan's biggest funeral homes, Baushan Enterprise, to provide "space burials" to the Taiwanese. Robert Tysor, chief executive of Celestis, said the ashes are packed into an aluminum tube about the size of a lipstick container, which is shot into space on commercial rockets from bases in the United States and Russia. The tube orbits Earth once every 90 minutes before re-entering the atmosphere and burning up, he said. It can orbit for months or even years, he said. "It helps one fulfill the instinctive desire to explore space," said Tysor.

**Hidden bullets compromise kitchen safety**

HOWARD, Wis. (AP) - A man and his wife took cover behind a refrigerator when bullets began exploding in their oven, authorities say. Capt. Craig Kohlbeck of the Brown County Sheriff's Department said the husband had put the ammunition and three handguns in the oven before the couple left on a vacation. He told officers he thought the items would be safe there in case someone broke into the home while they were away. They had apparently forgotten about the bullets by the time they returned.


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# Nader acknowledges difficulty in getting on '04 presidential ballot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ralph Nader, facing the wrath of Democrats who blame him for Al Gore's loss in 2000, on Monday offered words of advice to party members who fear his candidacy will help re-elect President Bush.

"I urge the liberal establishment to relax and rejoice," Nader told reporters at a news conference. "This is a campaign that strives to displace the present corporate regime of the Bush administration."

Nader faces a daunting task in simply getting his name on the ballot in all 50 states. The consumer advocate, who turns 70 next week, is an independent without major party support or significant financial resources.

Nader's first target is Texas, where he said he needs to garner more than 60,000 signatures in a 60-day period from voters who are not participating in the Democratic or Republican primaries. "It won't be easy," Nader said.

As an independent, Nader won't be eligible for up to about \$18.6 million in government funding for the primary season, said Federal Election Commission spokesman Bob Biersack.

## Nader and the 2000 election

Ralph Nader ran in 2000 as the Green Party presidential candidate. Nationwide vote total

Gore (D) 50,992,335 (48.4%)	Bush (R) 50,455,156 (47.9%)	Nader (Green) 2,882,738 (2.7%)
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### The Nader factor?

FLORIDA			NEW HAMPSHIRE		
	Total votes	Percent		Total votes	Percent
Bush	2,912,790	48.8%	Bush	273,569	48.1%
Gore	2,912,253	48.8%	Gore	266,348	46.8%
Difference	537		Difference	7,211	
Nader	97,488	1.6%	Nader	22,198	3.9%

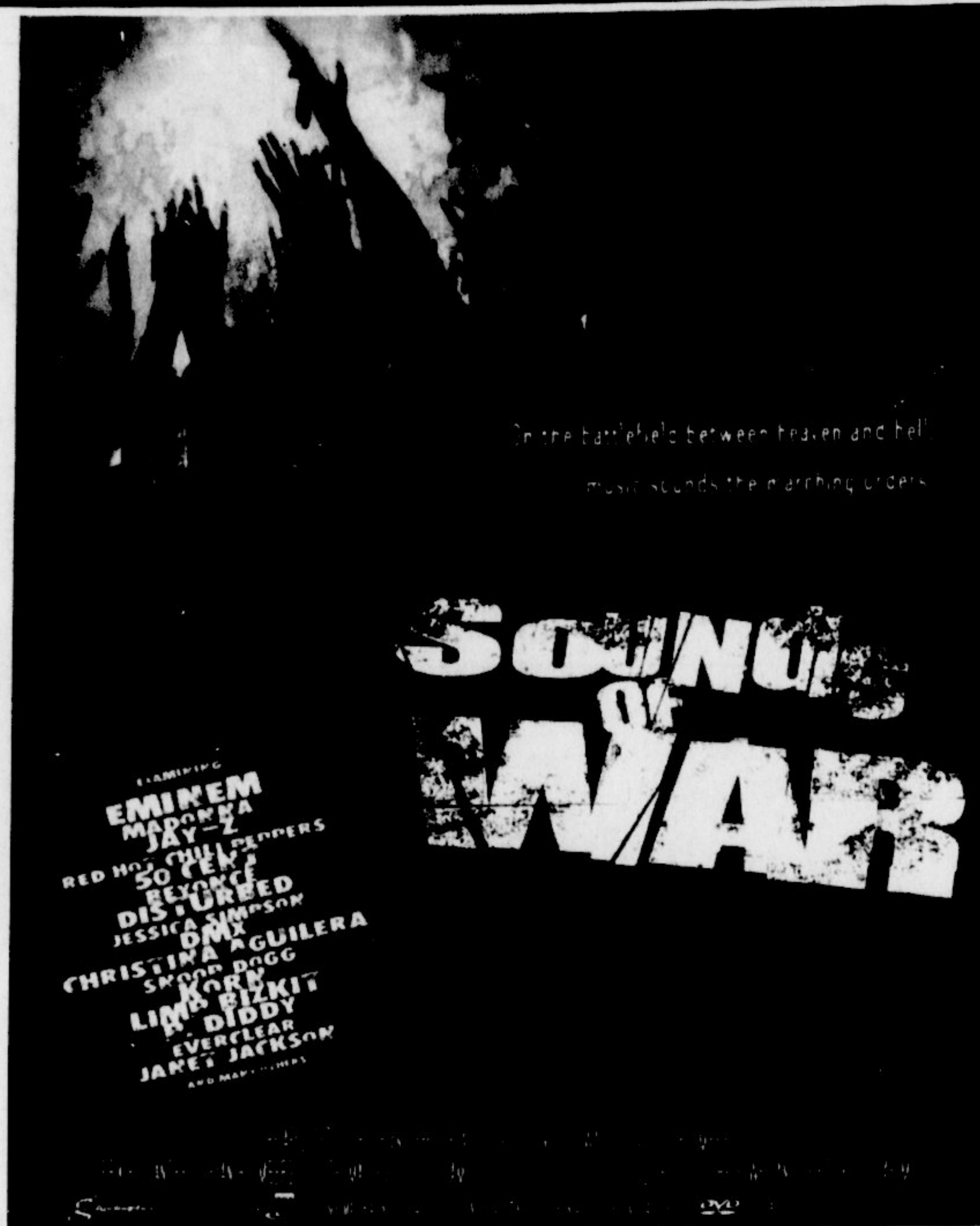
### Nader's highest percentages

Alaska	10.1%
Vermont	6.9%
Massachusetts	6.4%
Rhode Island	6.1%
Montana	5.9%
Hawaii	5.9%
Maine	5.7%
Colorado	5.3%
D.C.	5.2%
Minnesota	5.2%

### Nader's highest vote totals

California	418,707
New York	244,030
Massachusetts	173,564
Texas	137,994
Minnesota	126,696
Ohio	117,799
Illinois	103,759
Pennsylvania	103,392
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Florida	97,488

And his failure to capture 5 percent of the vote in 2000—he got 2.7 percent as the Green Party's candidate—also prevents him from receiving taxpayer funding in the general election.



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THE CARD post Report #397 Multiply Inn/Olivia's V-Day in the Land of Wuv (part 3). morning afta...the day afta "Mighty kind of Olivia fix'n extra eggs for Budgie before those two stepped out back" said Bubber. "Sumptin about his coat need'n to reflect these smiles you got back for us"...replied Reba"...and I...like her (point'n her spoon at him)...wish to say you are mighty mighty kind...our kind". "Welllll" said Bubber "...from the day we were born...the same day...my two brothers have considered me the mean one". Hearing that Reba jumped up, opened the screen door & hollered "Olivvvvial!" TKD

Report #429 Trip Inn/OV-DLW in the Land of Wuv...Part 4 (Ev'nz 'ell alone...& though 2 is company...3 is a party!) "NOW...Olivvvvvia...telli me more...abouttheboyyzznxdooor."

said Reba as her fingers ran through Olivia's hair... from the nap to the for musSinGaSmUchASPOssibLEaLLonGt HewAy. "Wellll..." replied Olivia's eyes in the mirror...& then say'n. "Began with share'n cribs, bibs, then play pens, then kindergarten, playgrounds, pups, stages, sages, rages...of fashion that is...& NOW the World, the Universe...& best & most of all... y'all!!!" "So...you think Mosey'll help reenout our triple date?" asked Reba

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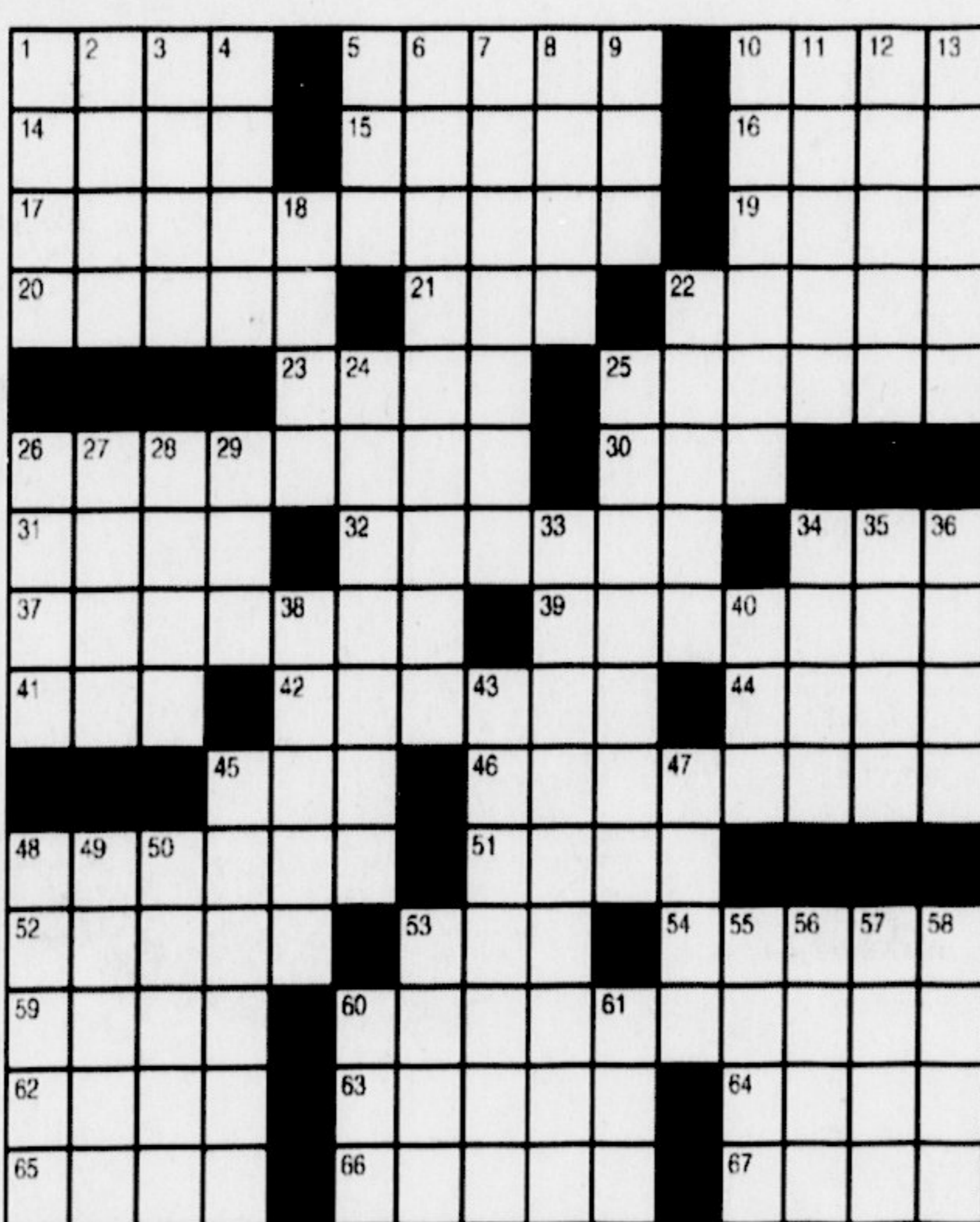
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 10 Knife wounds  
 14 Earthenware pot  
 15 Tilts to one side  
 16 Jot  
 17 Lacking a seacoast  
 19 Actress Foch  
 20 Avoid capture  
 21 Shade provider  
 22 Indiana pro  
 23 Protuberance  
 25 Warhol's movement  
 26 Sentimental feeling  
 30 Rage  
 31 Met highlight  
 32 Guarantee  
 34 Dined  
 37 Cocktail choice  
 39 More mean  
 41 Ernie of the PGA  
 42 Tidy up  
 44 Notion  
 45 TV adjunct  
 46 Clam's siphon, e.g.  
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- DOWN**  
 1 Shoe part  
 2 Norway's patron saint  
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## Did You Know?

- The late country singer Johnny Cash (1932), pop singer Michael Bolton (1954) and R&B singer Erykah Badu (1971) all call today their birthday.
- This month is Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month.
- Today is For Pete's Sake Day and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.
- On this day in 1998, Oprah Winfrey beat the Texas Cattleman in court.

## Announcements

### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *21 Grams* today at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Elf* is showing today at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information, call 328-4700.

### Art Awards Ceremony

The 2004 School of Art Undergraduate Exhibition Awards Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. today 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. today 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. today 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.

### Black History Concert

The School of Music presents *A Tribute to Motown* at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Wright Auditorium. Tickets are \$5-\$10.

## Greenville LIVE

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<b>Christy's Euro Pub</b> 301 S. Jarvis St. 758-2774 Tuesday, March 2, 10 p.m. Open mic night	<b>Player's Choice</b> Community Square, Memorial Drive 355-4149 Thursday, Feb. 26, 10 p.m. Karaoke Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 p.m. Live Music
<b>City Hotel and Bistro</b> 203 S.W. Greenville Blvd. 355-8300 Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m. Live music	<b>Players Retreat</b> 1631 Pactolus Road 758-6856 Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. Karaoke Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 p.m. Take 3
<b>Corrigan's</b> 122 E. Fifth St. 758-3114 Friday, Feb. 27, 10 p.m. Live music Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 p.m. Live music	<b>Professor O'Cool's</b> 605 Greenville Blvd. 355-2946 Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:30 p.m. Karaoke
<b>Courtyard Tavern</b> 703 S.E. Greenville Blvd. 321-0202 Sunday, Feb. 29, 7 p.m. Live Music	<b>Wimpie's Steam Bar</b> 206 Main St., Winterville 355-4220 Friday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Canyon Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Victor Hudson
<b>El Ranchito</b> 315 E. Tenth St. 561-7336 Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. Mariachi Band	
<b>Ham's</b> 701 Evans St. 830-2739 Thursday, Feb. 26, 10 p.m. Karaoke Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 p.m. Mickey David Sunday, Feb. 29, 10 p.m. Open mic night	

# And the Oscar goes to...

## Picks for 76th Annual Academy Awards

**MICAH MASSEI**  
SENIOR WRITER

As the major awards season begins to draw to a close, perhaps the most significant (and overly-hyped) awards ceremony of them all, the Academy Awards, will answer the predictions of both film critics and filmgoers alike wondering who's the best of 2004. Here is a breakdown of some of this year's nominees.



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## Oscars

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*the Rings* trilogy to capture the Oscar gold.

### Best Director

Nominees: Peter Jackson, Peter Weir, Clint Eastwood, Sofia Coppola, Fernando Meirelles.

Coppola's nomination for *Lost in Translation* is deserving, but unexpected because for only the third time in Oscar history, a female has been nominated for Best Director. This inspires the never-ending debate involving the "all too familiar" nominating process that seems so one-dimensional. Much like the competitive race between *The Lord of the Rings* and *Mystic River* for Best Picture, the Best Director category has *Mystic River's* Clint Eastwood and *The Lord of the Rings* director Jackson eagerly vying for the directing prize. Although an "Oscar-split" is fathomable (i.e. Oscar's occasional decision to split the Best Picture/Best Director winner), look for Jackson to be honored for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy as a whole.

### Best Actor

Nominees: Sean Penn, Bill Murray, Jude Law, Johnny Depp, Ben Kingsley.

Both Penn and Murray gave the performances of their (well-respected) acting lives, and either nominee would be deserving of Oscar gold. However, the Academy tends to honor the dramatic over the comedic, and although Murray's performance is more poignant than "laugh-out-loud-funny," watch for Penn to capture his first Oscar after three previous nominations.

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### Best Picture

Nominees: *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, *Mystic River*, *Seabiscuit*, *Lost in Translation*, *Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World*.

The winner of the coveted Best Picture prize comes down to two films: *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* and *Mystic River*. Although all of the nominees are worthy, it's the inspired battle between technical (*The Lord of the Rings*) and dramatic (*Mystic River*) masterworks that will decide the Best Picture winner. With no acting nominations, the majority of the 11 nods awarded to *The Lord of the Rings* are for technical achievements, while three of the six nods given to *Mystic River* honor the performances. Even though *Mystic River* is the type of deep, dramatic work Oscar normally tips its hat to - having noted Academy-favorite Clint Eastwood as its director never hurts - expect Peter Jackson's third and final installment of the *The Lord of*

## Small budget movies make Oscar cut



Keisha Castle-Hughes, Best Actress nominee for her performance in *Whale Rider*, is only 13 years old.

### Lesser-known films get Academy nominations

**ADAM PARR**  
STAFF WRITER

Believe it or not, there are some movies that just don't make it down here to Greenville. Despite our seemingly endless abundance of highbrow cultural entertainment, eastern North Carolina rarely screens movies that don't have their own Happy Meal action figure.

Before unknown people from movies you've never heard of start walking off with awards on Sunday, we're here to give you

a heads up.

For the most part, the Oscars are following tradition this year, with a parade of big dramas controlling the headlines. Well-deserved blockbusters such as *Lord of the Rings* and *Mystic River* collected a slew of nominations, which is no surprise. However, there is hope for fellow film geeks as some smaller, lesser-known films receive some credit this year.

Of course most of the buzz this year centers around *Lost in Translation*. The quiet, careful film by Sofia Coppola is not commended for bowling you over while you watch it but rather

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## Fashion anticipated at Oscar ceremony

### BEST DRESSED



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### Awards show promises unforgettable outfits

**JESSICA CRESON**  
STAFF WRITER

Journalists and paparazzi try their hardest to catch a glimpse of each celebrity in passing on the red carpet before awards shows, asking, "Who are you wearing?"

There is always a great deal of hype about what the celebrities are wearing and who is with whom on the awards pre-shows and in the magazines. The Oscar Awards is definitely one of those award shows.

Most often, the designers make the gowns specifically for an actress. In order to get the particular look the actress/actor is looking for, there has to be a connection with the designer. For that reason, it means a lot for the actors and actresses to give credit to the designer they are wearing.

The actresses and actors reveal a little bit about their personality when we see the outfits they show up wearing. Some look trendy, sexy, classy or even tacky. With all these styles on one red carpet, the excitement is inevitable.

This year, pink has been a popular color for both men and women. Justin Timberlake and Hillary Duff both sported pink at the Grammy's, as well as Carson Kressley from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" at the Golden Globes. A retro look from the 1940s with a jazz influence, as seen on Gwen Stefani, might also appear at the Oscars this year.

Valentino, Vera Wang,

Armani, Chanel, Gucci, Jean Paul Gaultier, Christian Dior and Versace are some of the most common designers of red carpet celebrities.

"The best outfits are the ones worn by actors who look like they just woke up," said Clay Stille, junior history education major.

However, according to the fashion critics, hair and makeup not done by a professional is noticed. The messy, just-got-out-of-bed, look is out and the well-groomed is in.

A political opinion mixed with the formal look of the red carpet is definitely a don't. With the presidential election getting closer and closer along with many celebrities who have already spoken against Bush, the stars might want to use the red carpet as a chance to voice their opinion.

Since the Oscars are more traditional, daring styles really stand out. For the most part, elegance is what makes the grade for the fashion police.

"Nicole Kidman needs to get a little bit more advice on her attire. She is a pretty woman, but no sense of fashion," said Carita Powell, criminal justice major.

Ironically, Kidman was judged as best dressed for the Oscars in 2003, winning an Oscar for *The Hours*. She wore a black Jean Paul Gaultier couture gown with unusual straps. Her hair was tightly pulled back with gold makeup. It will be interesting to see if she will go with something more playful this year.

Renee Zellweger was another actress named Best Dressed in 2003. She wore a scarlet red Carolina Herrera gown, who

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### WORST DRESSED



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## Cinema Scene

### Student Union Films

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**Elf** – starring Will Ferrell, Ed Asner and Bob Newhart. A toddler accidentally ends up in Santa's bag and lives out his childhood at the North Pole. Now grown, Buddy no longer fits in with the other elves and journeys to find his biological father. Rated: PG.



**21 Grams** – starring Benicio Del Toro and Sean Penn. The complex interconnected story of Paul (Penn), a drug addict and his mother, a terminally ill mathematics professor, and a spiritual ex-convict, Jack (Del Toro) that intersects tragically and redemptively following a car accident. Rated: R.

### In Theaters

**21 Grams** – starring Benicio Del Toro and Sean Penn. The complex interconnected story of Paul (Penn), a drug addict and his mother, a terminally ill mathematics professor, and a spiritual ex-convict, Jack (Del Toro) that intersects tragically and redemptively following a car accident. Rated: R.

**Against the Ropes** – starring Meg Ryan and Omar Epps. The true story of Jackie Kallen, a Jewish woman from Detroit, who became the boxing manager of James Toney, Bronco McKart and Thomas Hearns by overcoming all odds. Rated: PG-13.

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

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



**Broken Lizard's Club Dread** – starring Bill Paxton, Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffeman. Broken Lizard is back – surrounded by limber, wanton women on a Jimmy Buffet-wannabe's booze-soaked island resort. But a machete-wielding killer is loose on the island, turning this tropical bacchanal into Club Dread. Rated: R.

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

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

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

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

**Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** – starring Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia and Alison Pill. A girl

moves from the Big Apple to the suburbs and finds herself out of place when competing for the lead in her new school's drama department. Rated: PG.

**Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** – starring Romola Garai, Diego Luna and Mika Boorem. The updated version of the 1987 classic tells a timeless story of a young woman's discovery of love, sensuality and independence – but with a new sizzling style and rhythm – set among the context of the revolutionary-eve Cuba. Rated: PG-13.



**Eurotrip** – starring Scott Mechlowica and Jacob Pitts. An American teen discovers that his German pen pal who helped him translate his homework is a beautiful girl and sets off to Europe to meet her. Rated: R.

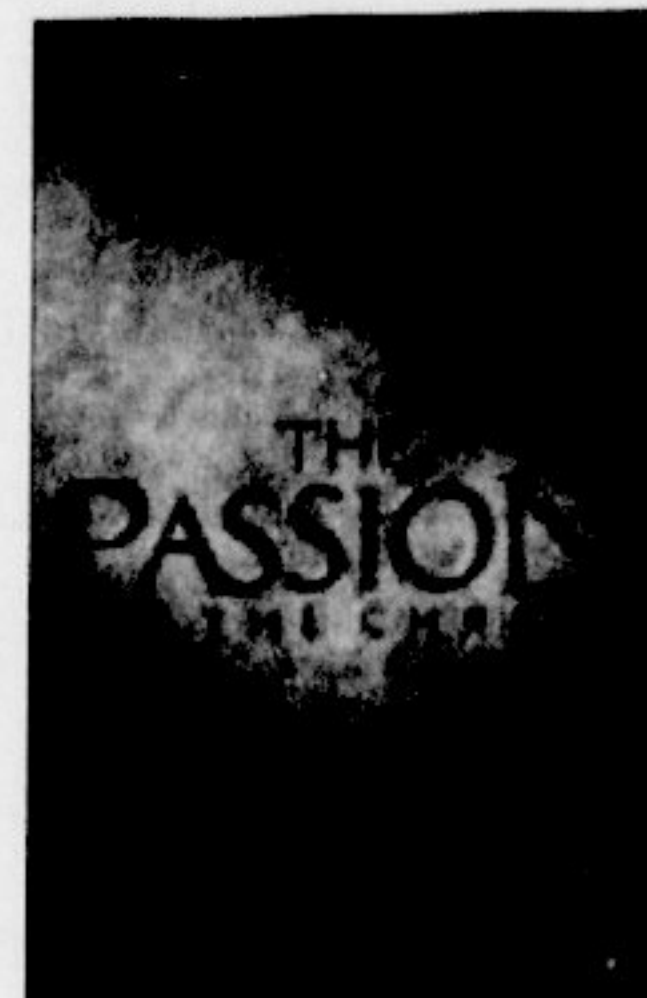
**50 First Dates** – starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. A veterinarian in Hawaii falls in love with a girl who has short-term memory loss and must repeatedly get her to fall in love with him so she'll remember their relationship. Rated: PG-13.

**The House of Sand and Fog** – starring Jennifer Connelly and Ben Kingsley. A man who struggles

to make ends meet sees his golden opportunities in a house that is being sold back for taxes. The house was wrongfully taken from its owner, who vows to get it back at any cost. Rated: R.

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

**The Passion of The Christ** – starring James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci and Maia Morgenstern. Controversial story of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ as told by director-screenwriter-producer Mel Gibson. Rated: R.



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

**Twisted** – starring Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson and Andy Garcia. Newly appointed police detective, Jessica Shepard (Judd), is on the

trail of a serial killer whose victims appear to be men with whom she has had a sexual encounter. However, she becomes the prime suspect since she blacks out right before these murders occur. Rated: R.



**Welcome to Mooseport** – starring Ray Romano, Gene Hackman and Fred Savage. A two-term president moves to a small New England town to retire and write his memoirs, but instead becomes involved in a tough race for mayor with the local hardware store owner (Romano). Rated: PG-13.

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

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

## Movies from page B1

for picking away at your brain for days after. *Translation* is up for four awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director.

Best Picture is a stretch for *Translation*, but Bill Murray is a serious contender for a role so seamless that, at times, he appears to be playing himself. Coppola is the third female director ever nominated for best director, and deservedly so – if nothing else for

having the guts to make such a personal film – one that teeters so precariously between monumental and meaningless.

Another smaller film, *21 Grams*, has made a huge impact on critics and audiences alike. Naomi Watts gets some well-deserved attention for her leading role next to Sean Penn, who would have been nominated for this movie had he not already been picked for *Mystic River*.

Benicio Del Toro, who would be entertaining in his sleep, is recognized for it with a nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

Ben Kingsley and Shohreh Ashdashloo are both recognized for impressive roles in the little known film *House of Sand and Fog*, a movie about an Iranian immigrant trying to return to America. Kingsley is consistently

impressive and Ashdashloo is quietly brilliant, but the movie itself is simply not entertaining enough to warrant an Oscar.

As for the rest of the Supporting Actor category, Alec Baldwin gets noticed for his supporting role in *The Cooler*, a movie about a gambler where he all too naturally scares the hell out of William H. Macy.

Dijmon Hounsou is nominated for his riveting part in

the New York drama *In America*.

Best Actress is dominated by Watts' turn in *21 Grams* and an eerily-good transformation by Charlize Theron in *Monster*, a film about Aileen Wuornos, a prostitute executed last year in Florida after being convicted of murdering six men.

The relatively unknown Keisha Castle-Hughes gets a nod for her leading role in the powerful drama *Whale*

*Rider*, a movie about the indigenous people of New Zealand. Samantha Morton also gets a nomination for her role as an Irish housewife with a bad haircut in *In America*.

If you happened to have missed some of these movies, you still have time to do your homework before the show on Sunday.

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## Oscars from page B1

### Best Actress

Nominees: Keisha Castle-Hughes, Diane Keaton, Samantha Morton, Charlize Theron, Naomi Watts.

No nomination for *Lost in Translation's* Scarlett Johansson just shows the Academy's love of using the "snubbing-to-shock" technique to throw off all Oscar predictors.

Johansson won critical acclaim and several critics' awards for her performance in *Lost in Translation*, as well as two Golden Globe nominations (the other for *Girl With A Pearl Earring*). At 19, her expected nomination would make her the youngest Best Actress nominee ever, yet the Academy opted to nominate unknown 13-year-old actress Keisha Castle-Hughes for her film debut in Niki Caro's *Whale Rider*.

Keaton could walk away an

Oscar-winner for the first time since 1978, when she won for *Annie Hall*.

But watch out for "eye-candy" turned "dramatic-actress" Theron to capture the prize for her startling work in *Monster*.

### Best Supporting Actor

Nominees: Alec Baldwin, Benicio Del Toro, Djimon Hounsou, Tim Robbins, Ken Watanabe.

A few of Hollywood's most cherished and beloved actors finally received their due with a first-time Academy Award nomination.

Though Robbins was noticed for his wonderful directing work behind the 1995 *Dead Man Walking*, the 20 year movie veteran has appeared in more than 40 films but never landed an acting nomination ... until now.

Perhaps just as

notable was Baldwin's nomination for *The Cooler*, in which this self-described "Hollywood every-man" finally captured the eyes of both film critics and Academy voters.

Eventhoughtheyareallstellar performances, the Academy tends to repeat itself sometimes when it comes to the nomination process.

Hounsou's nod for the little-seen *In America* is more of a "make-up" nomination for 1997's *Amistad*, where he was an early candidate to not only be nominated but win.

The last few years, the Academy has gotten into the habit of consistently nominating the same people.

Though quietly praised, Del Toro's performance in *21 Grams* received little notice from award groups (including the Golden Globes). However, this is the

first serious film-outing he's had since his Oscar-winning turn in 2000's *Traffic* ... hence the nomination by process. Best bet: Robbins.

### Best Supporting Actress

Nominees: Shohreh Aghdashloo, Patricia Clarkson, Marcia Gay Harden, Holly Hunter, Renee Zellweger.

The Best Supporting Actress category seems easy to predict but is always shocking.

Lauren Bacall, Winona Ryder, Kate Hudson and countless others were expected to take home Oscar gold for their respected nominated years. Yet, if you look on their mantles, you won't find an Oscar. Because of this ongoing trend, look for Aghdashloo to upset this year's unfortunate certainty, Zellweger, for the award.

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## What do you think will win the Oscar for Best Picture?



**TABATHA CARROLL**  
SOPHOMORE  
MERCHANDISING AND  
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"Seabiscuit. I don't like those magical movies."



**DAWN REID**  
JUNIOR BUSINESS MAJOR

"Seabiscuit. The Lord of the Rings was nice, but there's something about the little horse's heart."



**CHERITA HARRIS**  
JAVA CITY EMPLOYEE

"I have seen the preview of Seabiscuit and it looked alright"



**SEAN HERRITT**  
SOPHOMORE PHYSICAL  
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"Lord of the Rings. I love action."

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## Fashion from page B1

also designed her the year before at the 74th Oscars. A Herrera gown is most likely going to show up again this year on Zellweger, who is also nominated this year for Best Supporting Actress in *Cold Mountain*.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Johnny Depp this year. His style is always different from the average black tux, but he still looks great anyway," said Barb Kuchar, sophomore special education major.

Depp, who is nominated this year for Best Actor in a Leading Role for the popular *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, definitely will dress outside of the box compared to the other nominees. Bill Murray is also nominated for *Lost in Translation* and Sean Penn for his performance in *Mystic River*. Ben Kingsley is also nominated for *House of Sand and Fog*.

Although fashionable looks

are noticed by all, everyone waits for the "what was she/he thinking" ensembles.

Diane Keaton is nominated this year for Best Supporting Actress in *Something's Gotta Give*. She was considered one of the worst-dressed for the Golden Globes in 2004, so we'll see if she will redeem herself at the Oscars.

Scarlet Johansson was another worst dressed actress of the 2004 Golden Globes. She wore a beige Stella McCartney dress that did not flatter her figure.

Jennifer Lopez and Meryl Streep were both considered worst dressed last year at the Oscars.

According to fashion guru Mr. Blackwell, the ultimate worst dressed for 2003 was Paris Hilton.

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

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Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on March 3<sup>rd</sup>—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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## Announcements

### Intramural Basketball Championship Night

The finals of five-on-five intramural basketball will be held tonight at the SRC. Champions will be crowned for co-recreational, fraternity gold and purple, sorority, men's gold and purple, graduate students/faculty and staff and women's leagues. Games start at 6 p.m. on courts one and two. Admission is free.

### 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 Tuesday, March 2.

### Spring Break trip

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

## Sports Briefs

### Athletics director search meeting

The ECU Athletics Director Search Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. Both meetings will be held at the offices of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership, 1000 Trade Drive, Suite 124, RDU Airport. Both meetings will move to closed session immediately to consider the qualifications, competence, performance and conditions of appointment of prospective public officers or employees. The committee is chaired by Stephen Showfety, vice chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees.

### Redskins cut Smith, Armstead, two others

Bruce Smith, the NFL's career sack leader, was cut by the Washington Redskins Tuesday along with Jessie Armstead and two other veterans in moves to help the team get under the \$80.6 million salary cap. Smith's release was expected. The 40-year-old defensive end had indicated he would retire after passing Reggie White for the all-time sack record in December. The release of Armstead will have the biggest on-field impact. The five-time Pro Bowl linebacker signed a three-year, \$4.5 million contract two years ago after nine seasons with the New York Giants. Armstead, 33, had 9 1/2 sacks and 216 tackles in two seasons with Washington and provided veteran locker room leadership. Barker, who turns 40 in June, spent three years with the Redskins, with the last two among the worst of his career. He had a career-low 30-yard net average in 2002, raising it to 34.3 last season. Dalton was acquired in a trade with Denver last August as the Redskins tried to patch up their defensive line. He started the last nine games and finished with 17 tackles.

### Third witness describes chaotic scene

Former NBA star Jayson Williams ran naked from a bathroom in his New Jersey mansion and handed some clothing to an acquaintance after a hired driver was fatally shot, a witness testified Tuesday. Gordnick said he "assumed" Williams wanted him to get rid of the clothes, prompting an objection from defense lawyer Billy Martin. Gordnick said he put the clothes in a black garbage bag, placed it in his car, put other clothing from Williams' bedroom floor in the car of another friend, Kent Culuko, and hid both bags at a highway underpass. Gordnick is the third witness to describe a chaotic scene after driver Costas "Gus" Christofi was hit with a single blast from a shotgun held by Williams on Feb. 14, 2002. None were with Williams and members of the Harlem Globetrotters when the fatal shooting occurred; all three have said they saw Williams wiping down the shotgun.

### Bryant case gets political

The district attorney prosecuting NBA star Kobe Bryant on a sexual assault charge will run for re-election while the case proceeds. District Attorney Mark Hurlbert was appointed by Governor Bill Owens in 2002. The Republican announced his plans Monday to seek another term in the district that includes Eagle, Summit, Lake and Clear Creek counties. Bryant was accused last July of raping a resort worker. The Los Angeles Lakers guard says the sex was consensual. Hurlbert began his career in Eagle County in 1994 as a deputy district attorney. For now, he faces no GOP opponent. Debbie Marquez, a chairwoman of the Eagle County Democratic Party, said she expected a Democrat to run.

### Young switching to shortstop for Rangers

Michael Young wanted to get the issue settled. He's ready to be the Texas Rangers' shortstop. Young told manager Buck Showalter on Tuesday, the day before the team's first full-squad workout, that he would move from second base to fill the void created by the trade of American League MVP and Gold Glove winner Alex Rodriguez. That means two-time All-Star Alfonso Soriano, the player Texas got from the New York Yankees in the A-Rod deal, will remain at second base. Young figured if he might end up playing shortstop anyway, he wanted as much work as possible there during the six weeks before the season opener.

## TEC Rankings

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1 Stanford (5)	23-0	100	1
2 St. Joseph's	24-0	93	2
3 Duke	22-3	88	3
3 Pittsburgh	25-2	88	5
5 Gonzaga	23-2	77	7
6 Miss. St.	21-2	75	4
7 Oklahoma St.	21-3	72	6
8 Connecticut	21-5	64	NR
9 Kentucky	19-4	61	8
10 Texas	20-4	54	9

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# ECU hosting USF on senior day

Pirates say farewell to five veteran players

TRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

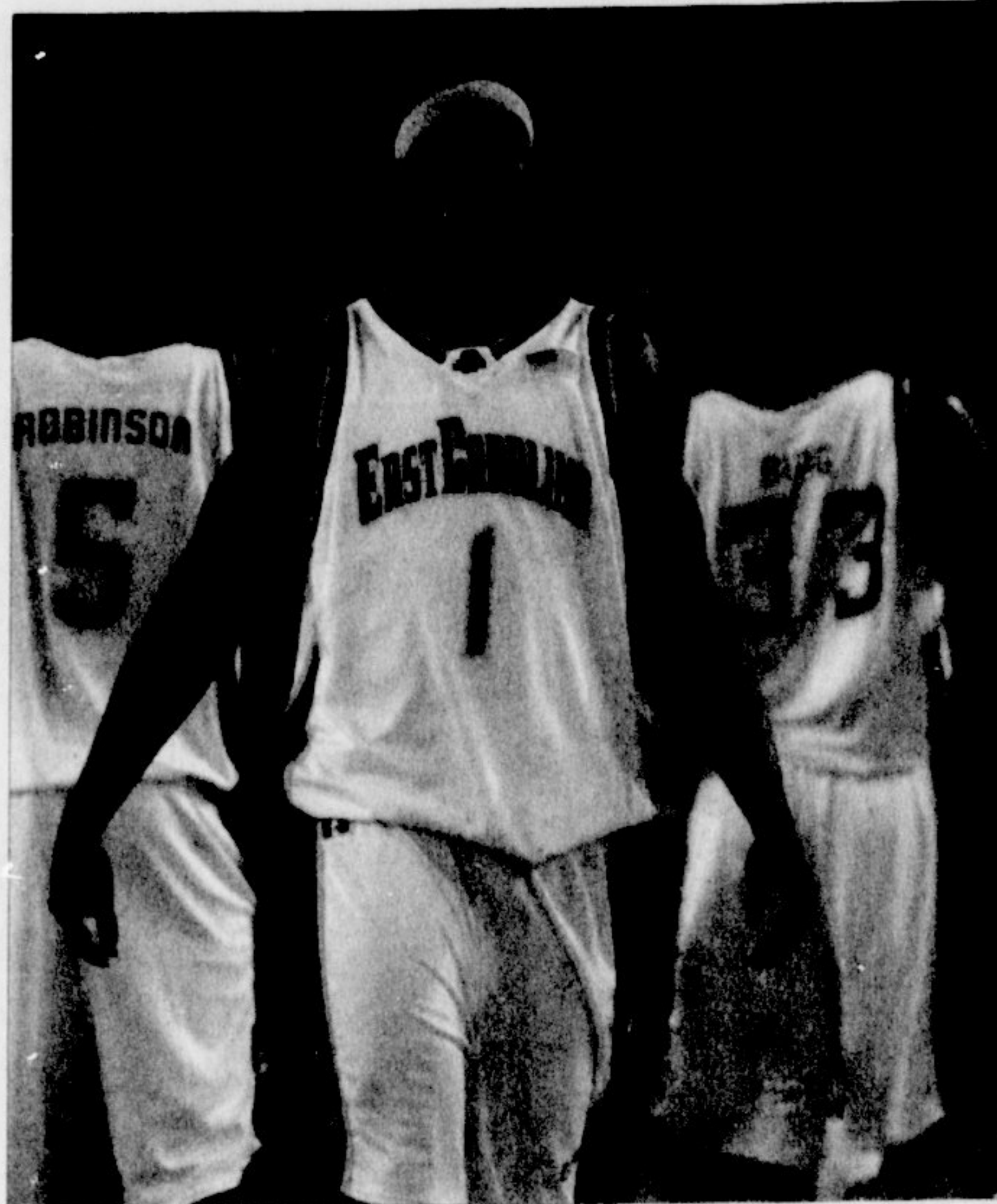
After two emotional home wins against Tulane and TCU, the Pirates will face another emotional game this Saturday when they say goodbye to five seniors in Minges Coliseum.

Derrick Wiley, Erroyl Bing, Luke Mackay, Garth Grindley and injured Gabriel Mikulas will play their last game as a Pirate against the University of South Florida – a team struggling to find their way in Conference USA.

The Bulls only had seven wins this season and one in league play against Southern Miss.

They still have three starters averaging double-digits and a human eraser inside, Gerrick Morris, who averages four blocked shots a game. Terrence Leather and Bradley Mosley will be ECU's main threats as they score 15 and 14 respectively in each contest.

In the first meeting between the two teams, the Pirates got the best of the Bulls in a 59-57 road win, a win that snapped a huge road losing streak for the



Belton Rivers has come on strong for the Pirates as of late.

Pirates that had been with them ever since they entered the new league.

That game proved to be

another emergence of Pirate talent as freshman Frank Robinson, seven of 10 shooting from the field, led the way with

19 followed by Derrick Wiley's 14 and Erroyl Bing's 10.

The Bulls' Brian Swift posed problems from the outside as he shot his way to 20 points on six of 11 shooting from behind the arc.

South Florida made nine three-point field goals in the contest.

Coming down the stretch, the Pirates knew they would have to win at least half of their remaining six games to get a bid in the conference tournament.

So far, so good.

ECU chalked up two home wins in a row and still has three games remaining on the season.

With a win this weekend, ECU could move into the last spot for the conference tournament. If the Pirates and the Cougars (Houston) were to both lose or win the same amount of games to complete the season, Houston will enter the tournament before ECU because of an earlier win in the season.

ECU will need the seniors, diaper dandies, coaching staff and plenty of fans to close out this home stand with another win.

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# Leclair Invitational starts Friday

Tournament held in honor of former coach

BRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

Keith Leclair battles every day of his life. Stricken with Lou Gehrig's only a couple of years ago, the disease slowly deteriorated his nervous system. ALS ultimately paralyzes patients as the disease kills brain and spinal cord nerve cells. With the motor neurons dead, the brain can't initiate or control muscle movement.

That won't keep Leclair from fighting, however, and this weekend is the chance for Greenville and the surrounding areas to join Leclair in his corner. Clemson and Georgia Southern, whom Leclair has very strong ties with, will be traveling to Harrington Field for round-robin action. Leclair played under Clemson Head Coach Jack Leggett at Western Carolina and was later an assistant to Leggett before assuming the Head Coaching duties in the early 1990s when Leggett stepped down.

Georgia Southern Head Coach Rodney Hennon was an assistant on Leclair's coaching staff with the Catamounts.

With some of Leclair's connections coming back to Greenville, Pirate Head Coach Randy Mazey thinks it's a great

opportunity to honor such a wonderful man.

"It's an opportunity for all of Keith's friends to get back together," said Mazey.

"This is a great event for a great person. It's in his honor, and we would like to continue this tournament every season in his honor."

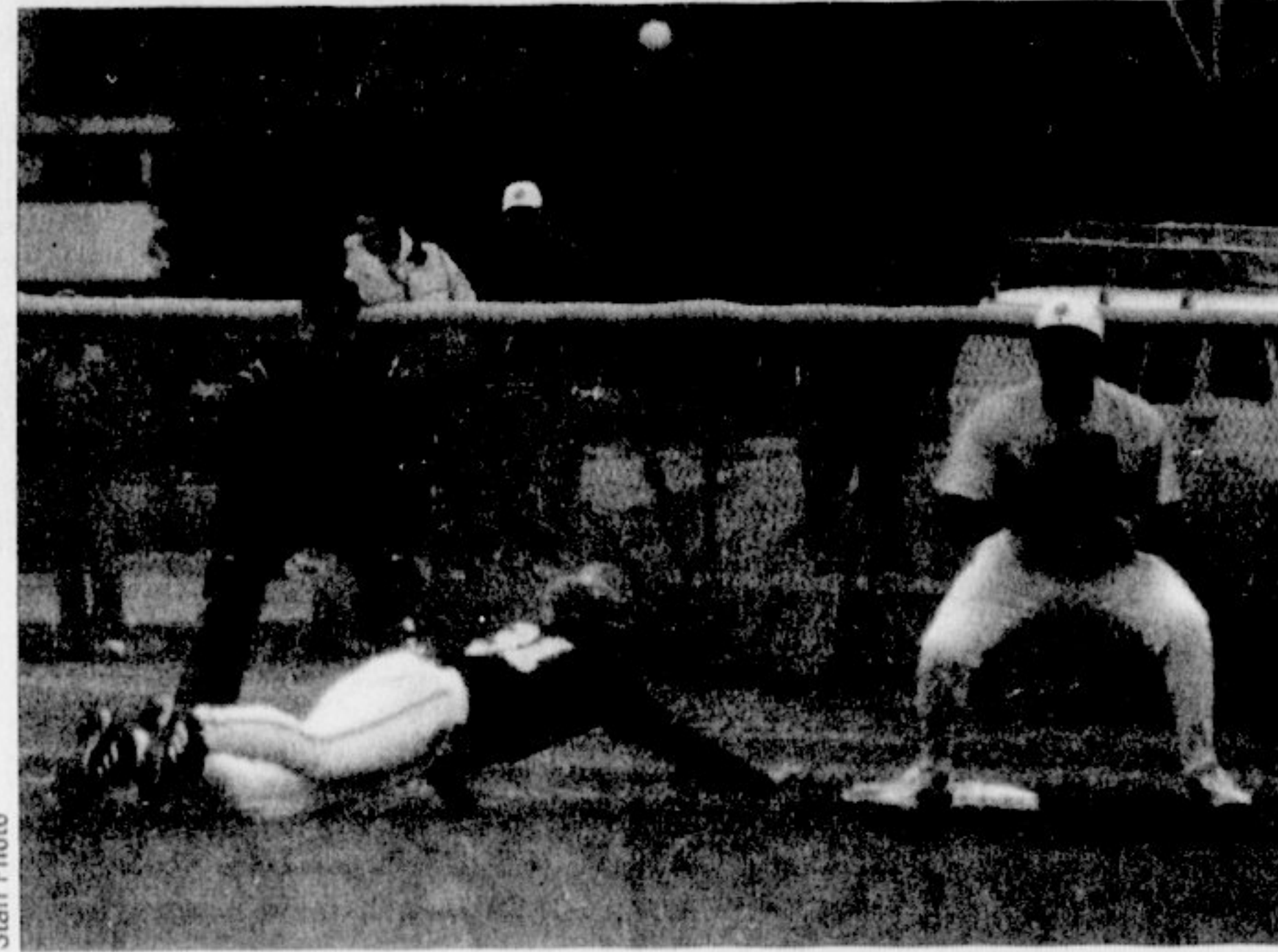
As for the competition, Clemson enters this weekend ranked No. 11 in the nation in the latest Baseball America Top 25 Poll. Nonetheless, the Tigers dropped their season opener to Charlotte 5-4, so expect this Tiger squad to come into Greenville hungry for victories.

Georgia Southern enters the tournament with a 5-5 record. Both squads, according to Mazey, have great pitching.

"The teams we're playing this weekend are loaded with pitching, so we're going to face the best arms we've seen all season," Mazey said.

The tournament format allows each team to play the other two teams twice, so all teams will have four games in three days. This is a tough task against even bad teams, let alone squads like nationally ranked Clemson and Georgia Southern.

"Four games in three days is a lot, no matter who you're playing. Against the competition we're playing, it's going to be hard. We are really going to have to pitch well and do some



The Pirates face two nationally ranked teams this weekend.

timely hitting," Mazey said. "But our guys believe they can win."

Jamie Paige, senior left fielder for the Pirates, has been wearing and will continue to wear Leclair's number (23) in honor of the man who has done so much for the Pirate program in so little time.

"Like I said so many times, it's the biggest honor I've ever received and I will try my best to represent coach Leclair in a positive manner," said Paige.

The Pirates enter the weekend with an unblemished 8-0 mark on the season and will begin action on Friday at 1 p.m. against Georgia Southern.

Thirty minutes after game

one, ECU will take on Clemson in game two of the invitational. Saturday, the Pirates return to action 30 minutes after the Clemson/Georgia Southern game facing Clemson for the second time.

Sunday, the diamond Pirates take on Georgia Southern for the second time at 4 p.m.

If you're a true ECU baseball fan, then you should be there this weekend to honor one of the greatest men to ever come through the Pirate program.

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# Minges Maniacs buck profane trend

Vulgarity in stands an explosive issue

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It's Thursday night, you are watching what may be the best rivalry in sports at home on your television – Carolina vs. Duke. Naturally, you're a Heels fan and they're playing some of the best basketball they've played all season. Sean May gets the ball inside and misses a hook shot, grabs the rebound, misses, grabs another board and misses the follow once again.

The first thing that comes out of your mouth is a slew of vulgarities that would make your grandmother turn in her grave.

What if you were at the Dean Dome and did that same thing? Would you expect to be thrown out, or would you parade your right to free speech?

This is the problem affecting colleges across the nation, and the controversy is only growing. Sporting events, particularly college basketball games, held by public institutions in public facilities are bound by the First Amendment.

Then again, one has to consider the well-being of others, especially children, who are exposed to foul language at these games.

President of Utah State University, Kermit Hall, is an expert on the First Amendment and said free speech at public universities is "at once the most obvious and paradoxical of constitutional principles."

Freedom of speech is a must and a necessary component in academic freedom, but the

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paradox is created in the need to uphold civility and respect for the surrounding community.

Where exactly is the line drawn between constitutional rights and protecting a degree of civility?

Hall believes universities have the right to eject students for using foul language, and they also carry a responsibility to do so in order to maintain a safe environment for other fans.

"I think that's legally justifiable and sustainable," said Hall in a recent *USA Today* interview.

"There are two interesting and controlling factors. First, the process of admission to an athletic event is a license, which can be revoked.

"Second, there is an exemption to the First Amendment for 'fighting words' used to try to



The Minges Maniacs have been lauded for their enthusiasm.

incite or intimidate."

In recent years, many people have seen and been exposed to student sections of universities using profanity.

The University of Maryland, specifically, had problems on Jan. 21 against the Duke Blue Devils. Each time Blue Devils guard J.J. Redick stepped to the free throw line, fans would cheer, "(Expletive) you, J.J.!"

Issues with this kind of behavior have also been seen throughout the Big Ten at hockey

games for the University of North Dakota and in early February at the Cincinnati – Xavier game.

However, at one university, you can count on rarely ever being exposed to that kind of behavior is ECU.

The Minges Maniacs is the student section that keeps the home-court advantage strong in Greenville.

Head Coaches Rick Pitino and Tom Crean, of Louisville

see NCAA page B8

## Lady Pirates finish up season

Women will take on Charlotte this Friday

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The women's basketball team will conclude their regular season as they take on in-state rival and conference foe Charlotte this Friday, Feb. 27 at Halton Arena. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

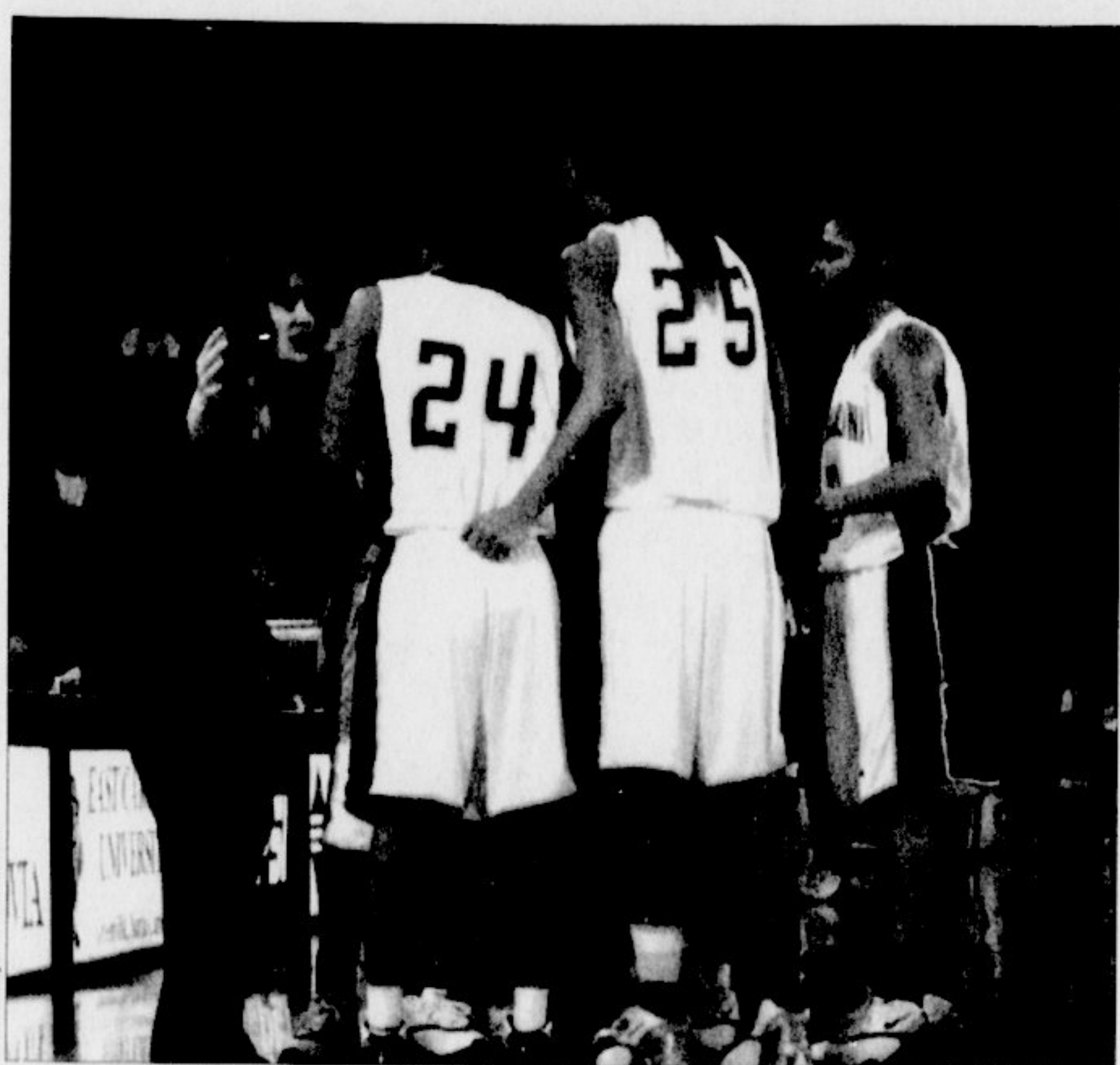
The ECU women (14-12, 5-8) are looking for a win before heading into the conference tournament. The Lady Pirates have lost eight consecutive games and posted their last win against Charlotte on Jan. 25. Out of the last six ECU losses, four have been in overtime.

Charlotte (14-12, 7-6) comes into the match-up having lost four straight. Losses to nationally ranked Houston and TCU at home, coupled with losses on the road to Louisville and Cincinnati, the Lady 49ers are starving for a win. Charlotte won the regular season conference title last year, but has struggled in their campaign to repeat.

They are currently in sole possession of seventh place in Conference USA, but could move as high as sixth or as low as eighth.

The game will have seeding implications going into the conference tournament and will help to determine the final conference standings. A Charlotte win would almost solidify a first round match-up between the Lady 49ers and the Lady Pirates as the seventh seed is pitted against the tenth.

ECU will attempt to rekindle the spirit of the last match-up between the two teams, which ended up as an 80-55 blowout over the Lady 49ers. The Lady Pirates only saw a two-point advantage at 28-26 at the end of the first half. However, after the intermission, it was all ECU. The women outscored Charlotte 52-29 in the second half thanks to the stellar play of stars Courtney Willis and Jennifer Jackson. Willis contributed 26 points and nine rebounds, while



The Lady Pirates are looking to end a losing trend on Friday.

Jackson posted 24 points and nine boards.

Peaches Harris led the Lady 49er attack as she scored 18 points and nine rebounds. Charlotte shot four of 30 from behind the arc, while the Lady Pirates shot 44.1 percent from the field. However, that game was the peak of the women's season. It was their eighth consecutive win and the Lady Pirates were a perfect 5-0 in conference. A month makes quite a difference as the women have currently dropped eight straight, all in conference.

Courtney Willis will lead the Lady Pirate attack for the last time in a regular season game. Willis is averaging a double-double at 19.5 points per game and 10.5 rebounds. The senior's totals are good for fourth and third in the league respectively. Willis has posted double-doubles in 14 games this season and has scored double figures in each. The standout senior needs just five points to move into fifth in career scoring at ECU, which would help Willis pass Sylvia Bragg who played from 1982-1986.

Jennifer Jackson has also helped to provide some scoring

as she is averaging 15.3 and 6.8 rebounds. The junior recently became the 18th Lady Pirate to score 1,000 points in her career.

Charlotte's best win came over a DePaul team 74-70 at home. No. 18 DePaul became a victim of the home court advantage at Halton Arena.

Nationally ranked Houston and TCU both scraped by with four and nine point wins respectively. Charlotte ranks fourth in the conference in attendance and the crowd will be geared up as five 49ers will be honored in senior activities. Peaches Harris, Tiffanie Hoey, LaShanta Johnson and Ivi Mandic will all play their final game in Halton Arena.

Harris is one of the best Lady 49ers to play in a Charlotte uniform. The senior is one of twelve Charlotte players to score 1,000 points in a career.

The match-up will help for one team to gain much-needed momentum headed into postseason play. Both teams are assured of playing in the Conference USA tournament, which is slated to take place in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas on March 4-7.

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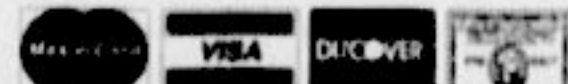
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## NCAA from page B6

and Marquette respectively, have both commented on how powerful the home-court advantage is for ECU. Crean even felt sorry for anyone who has to play at Minges Coliseum.

"My condolences go out to the teams who have not been there yet," said Crean.

However, he isn't sending his condolences because the Maniacs are known for acting inappropriately.

"You're breaking a code of civility when you use language like that," said Jon Medford, president of the Minges Maniacs.

"There are children and families around, and it reflects negatively on you because you can't think of anything more creative. One of the main goals for our organization is to be creative. We want to get in the players' heads, but not in a vulgar way."

"We have been really lucky at ECU to not have many problems with bad language," said Seth Horton, who will be taking over presidential duties for Medford next year.

"There will always be one or two rotten apples, but as a group, our students are intelligent enough to realize the harm it can do. We represent the Pirate Nation very well."

What about those rotten apples who believe it is their right to mouth off?

"I think universities should start implementing two-strikes-you're-out rules, so you can be banned from attending games for the rest of the season if you are caught being ridiculously vulgar," Medford said.

"I just don't know if rules like this could be enforced and still co-exist with the First Amendment. We are going to have to rely on creating a more knowledgeable fan base, which is what we try to do with the Web site we have running."

Medford believes that those who insist on using profanity should not only take an example from the Maniacs, but also from another well-known and well-respected program - Duke University.

Back on Dec. 12, 2003, the Blue Devils squared off against St. John's at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Mike Jarvis was still the Head Coach for the Johnnies and the Red Storm played terribly. During the game, the Cameron Crazies started a chant of "Fire Jarvis, Fire Jarvis."

After that night, many of the fans that attended the game, and especially those who

participated in the chant, wrote Mike Jarvis e-mails apologizing to him. The Duke fans felt ashamed for chanting that way and admitted it was completely out of line and unnecessary. Jarvis went on to call 'Coach K' to let him know what the fans had done and told him how classy he thought it was.

Vulgarity and obscene behavior at these games will burn on, but something must be done in order to put out the fire.

The NCAA is looking into the situation and formulating ways to reduce the occurrence of these obscene and profane behaviors.

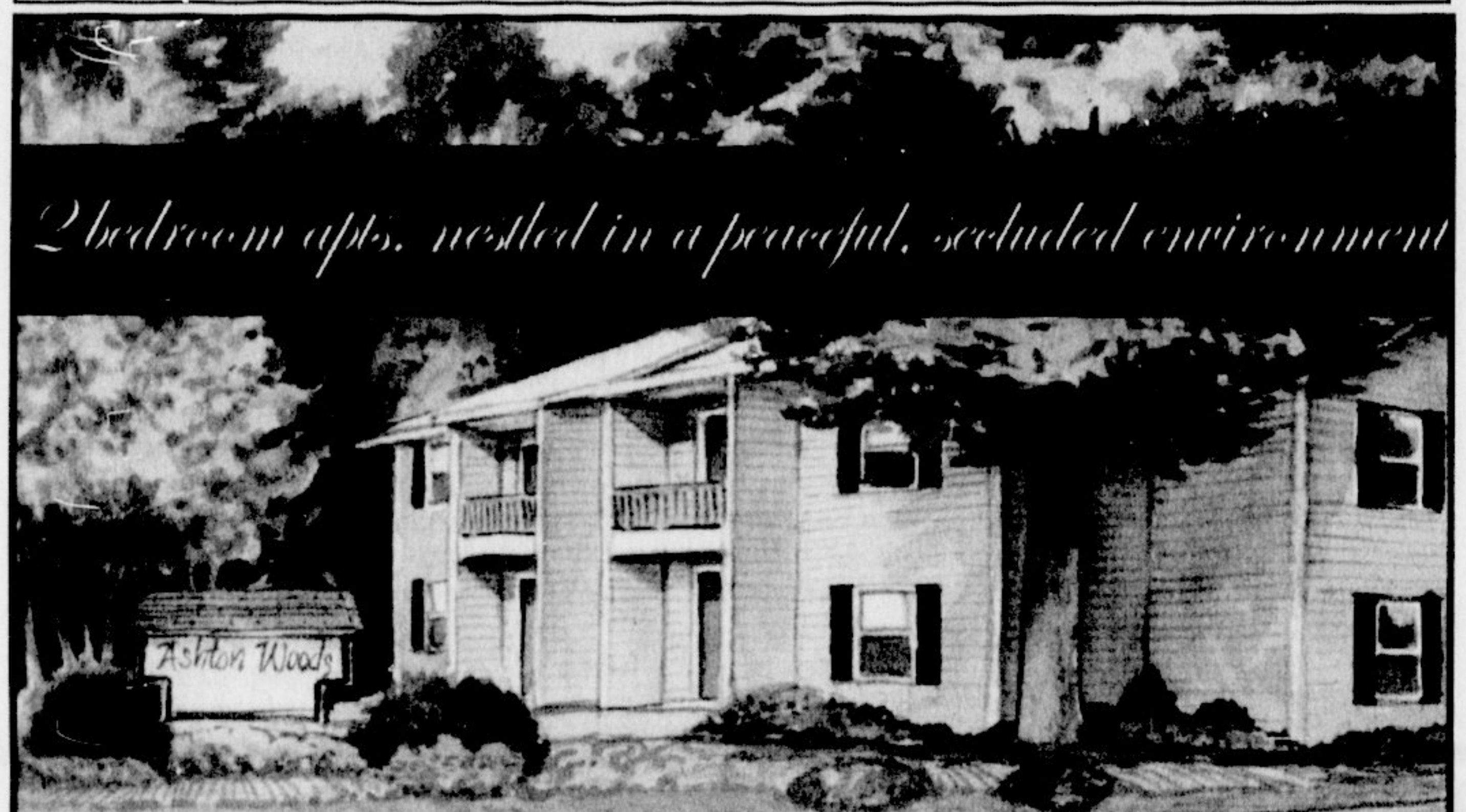
Until a plan of action is decided upon, if you're a fan and you go to watch a game in person, remember that you're not in the privacy of your own home.

Be conscious of the people around you, and then make up your mind of how you'd like to act when May misses that fourth follow up shot or when the Pirates' Derrick Wiley shoots five of 25 from the floor.

Your reaction may be slightly different if you stop to think about it.

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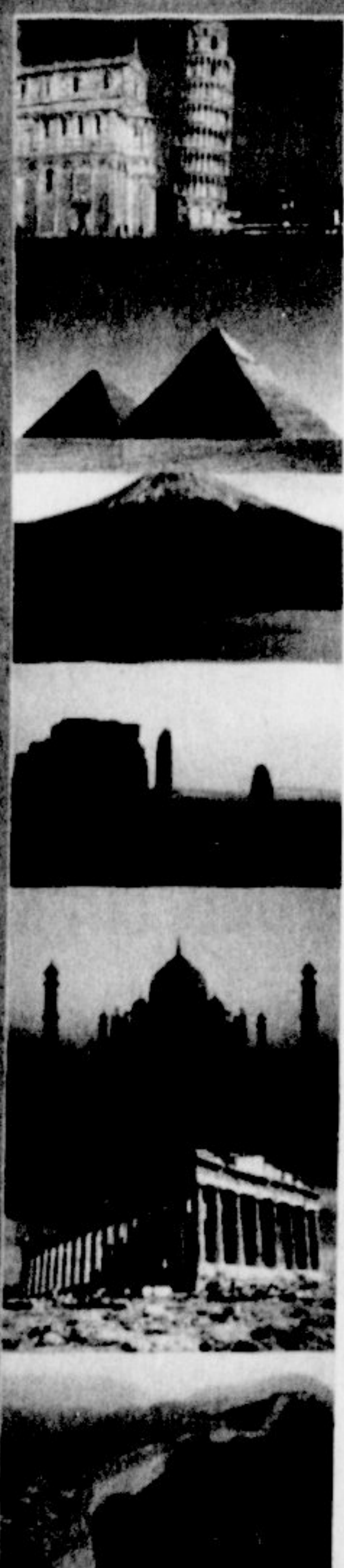
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