



Guards are the newest security measure in ECU residence halls.

## Students react negatively to dorm security

*New measures clash against students' sense of privacy*

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Responding to needs for more security in the wake of recent violent crimes, ECU added security guards in the dorms, modified the doors and increased police patrols. However, students say the new heightened security, especially the guards, has hurt rather than helped.

ECU Housing Services and ECU Police Department have taken steps as a result of two rapes early this year and an unclaimed handgun found by a student in Tyler Hall's bathroom last month. On top of that, a student was burglarized at his apartment at Ringgold Towers on Cotanche Street last week. ECU police say the rape incidents are still under investigation, and there are no new leads.

Still, the added security has left students feeling violated.

"Just whenever you come in [the residence hall], the person [guard] is waiting at the door," said Angelo Boyce, a sophomore middle grades education major and Aycock Hall resident.

"I feel like my privacy is being invaded," Boyce said.

He complained about the rule mandating a male resident be escorted when visiting female students between the hours of 2 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The penalty for violating this rule could result in a campus appearance ticket, according to Boyce. This would be considered a housing violation, and ECU Housing would handle the disciplinary action.

Other students say they even feel forced out of their rooms at night because of the guards.

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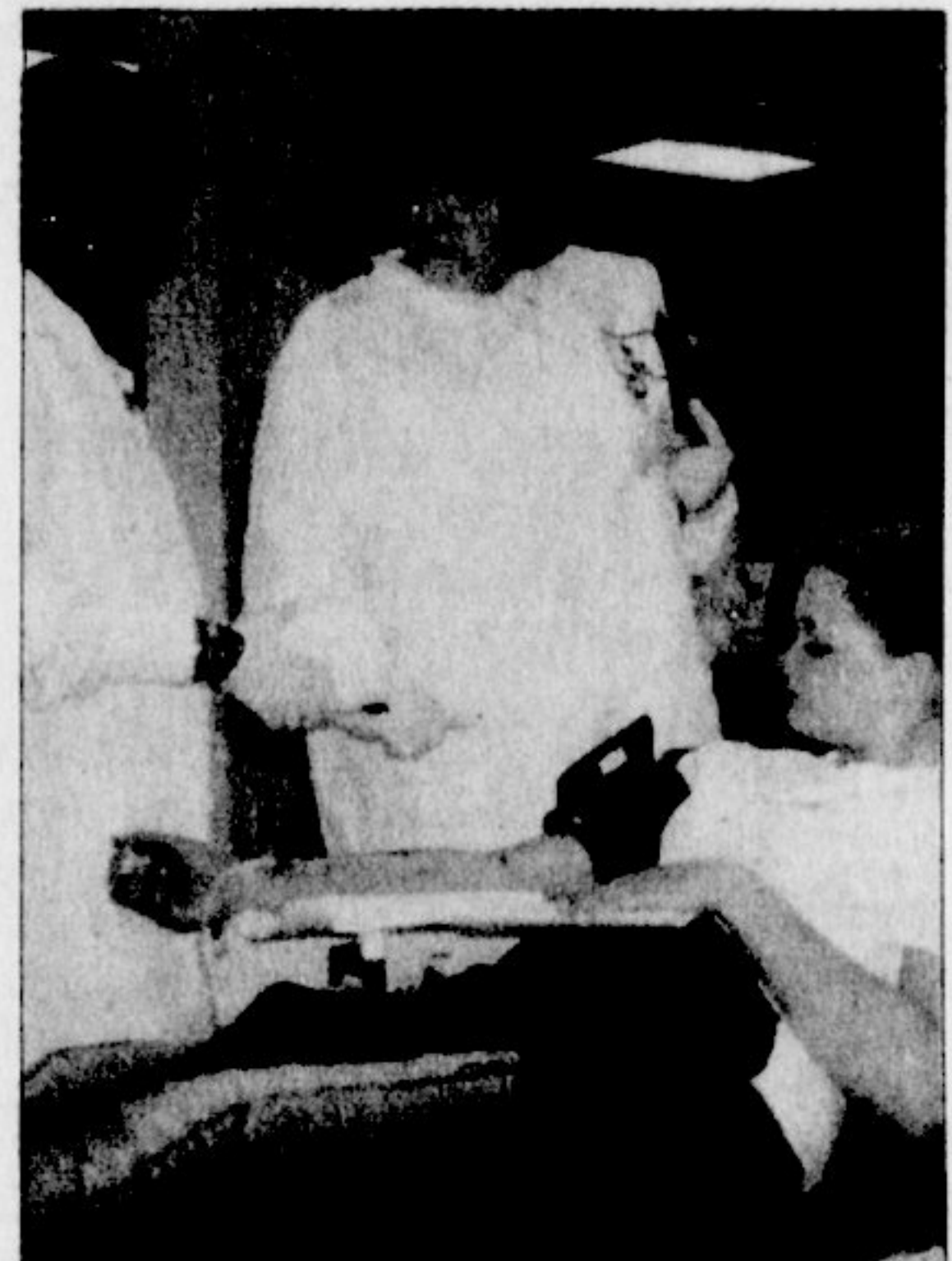
## Supplying life to NC



Michael Barrar, freshman criminal justice major, donates blood at the ROTC sponsored blood drive in Mendenhall. The drive will continue today from noon until 5 p.m. in MSC to help replenish low blood supplies.



David Conner, junior construction management major and ROTC cadet, reads material about his donation.



Kristin Briley, freshman elementary education major, is prepped for her blood donation.

## Fulbright allows students, faculty overseas study

*Teaching, research, educational scholarships provide new cross-cultural view on way of life*

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China. Japan. Russia. Nigeria. Italy. Overseas educational opportunities in countries like these are available for ECU students and faculty through the Fulbright scholarship program.

Charles Lyons, director of international affairs, said Fulbright offers two programs - the senior program, which is for the exchange of scholars, and the junior program, for the exchange of students.

The majority of the people in the senior Fulbright program are professors and various other professionals including lawyers, architects and museum employees. The applicant applies directly to Washington, D.C. at the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars.

The Junior Fulbright program, open to students who have completed their undergraduate degrees, must be accepted through the university Fulbright committee before the application is sent to Institute of International Education in New York City for approval.

Lyons said a major part of the application process is organizing and presenting a plan for a research project for what they will do while overseas.

"You have to convince the committee on this campus, and then you have to convince the selection committee of New York that what you're proposing is valuable, it is doable, and you have the particular skills to see it through," Lyons said.

He said while an applicant's GPA is considered in the selection process, other factors like extracurricular activities, other study abroad experience and whether they speak the language of the country they are visiting are important.

"Most of the students going overseas are affiliated with a college or university overseas, but there are some programs where the students can do a multi-country comparative study," Lyons said.

The first step of the application process involves talking to David Harrison, professor in the school of social work and chair of the ECU Fulbright Committee. Students should also review the

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## Special Education department receives \$1 million donation

*Grant will help fund technology lab*

MICHAEL JACOBS  
STAFF WRITER

Technological assistance for children with special educational needs is closer to reality now that the Special Education department of the College of Education received a \$1 million donation for the enhancement of the Assistive Technology Lab.

"Our goal is to also expand the lab eventually to make it more prominent and accessible for students," said Yokima Cureton, director of communications for the College of Education.

The College of Education, led by Dean Marilyn Sheerer, will benefit from this grant because the students will have access to the latest assistive technologies and training for children with exceptional needs.

Irene Howell, founder of the Howell Centers for the developmentally challenged, made the donation. Howell began her work with the mentally retarded in the late 1950s when she started taking developmentally challenged residents from state centers to live and work in her day care program.



Sheerer

"We are extremely delighted about this wonderful donation from Mrs. Howell," Cureton said.

"She truly understands the importance of preparing well-trained special educators for our classrooms and what that means for student achievement."

Using technology to benefit children with special needs is vital to the focus of special education.

"The money will be used to train high quality

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## ECU gets new engineering program

*Four-year program will see students fall 2004*

KRISTIN DAY  
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ECU created a program for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering that differs from any other in the UNC-system.

Ralph Rogers, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science, said ECU's program is different from other schools because it concentrates on systems engineering.

Instead of focusing on one discipline, systems engineers, or "team leaders," will integrate each field. Students in the program get a broader view of engineering and are able to solve problems using that knowledge.

The program will use a learning process called a "cohort system" that many other schools do not follow. This means students will work closely with their faculty and classmates.

The engineering curriculum is part of the program Integrated Collaborative Engineering Educational Environment, or ICE3.

It is designed to make engineering more exciting and attractive.

Rogers said the program allows students to work with engineering their first year,

instead of waiting until they are juniors.

ICE3 incorporates ECU Engineering Inc., a business run by students. Employees will work with real projects from businesses and organizations so students can gain experience.

Rogers said a B.S. in engineering should be sufficient to enter the job market.

"There's a tremendous demand, I know, in certain areas for systems engineers," said Rogers.

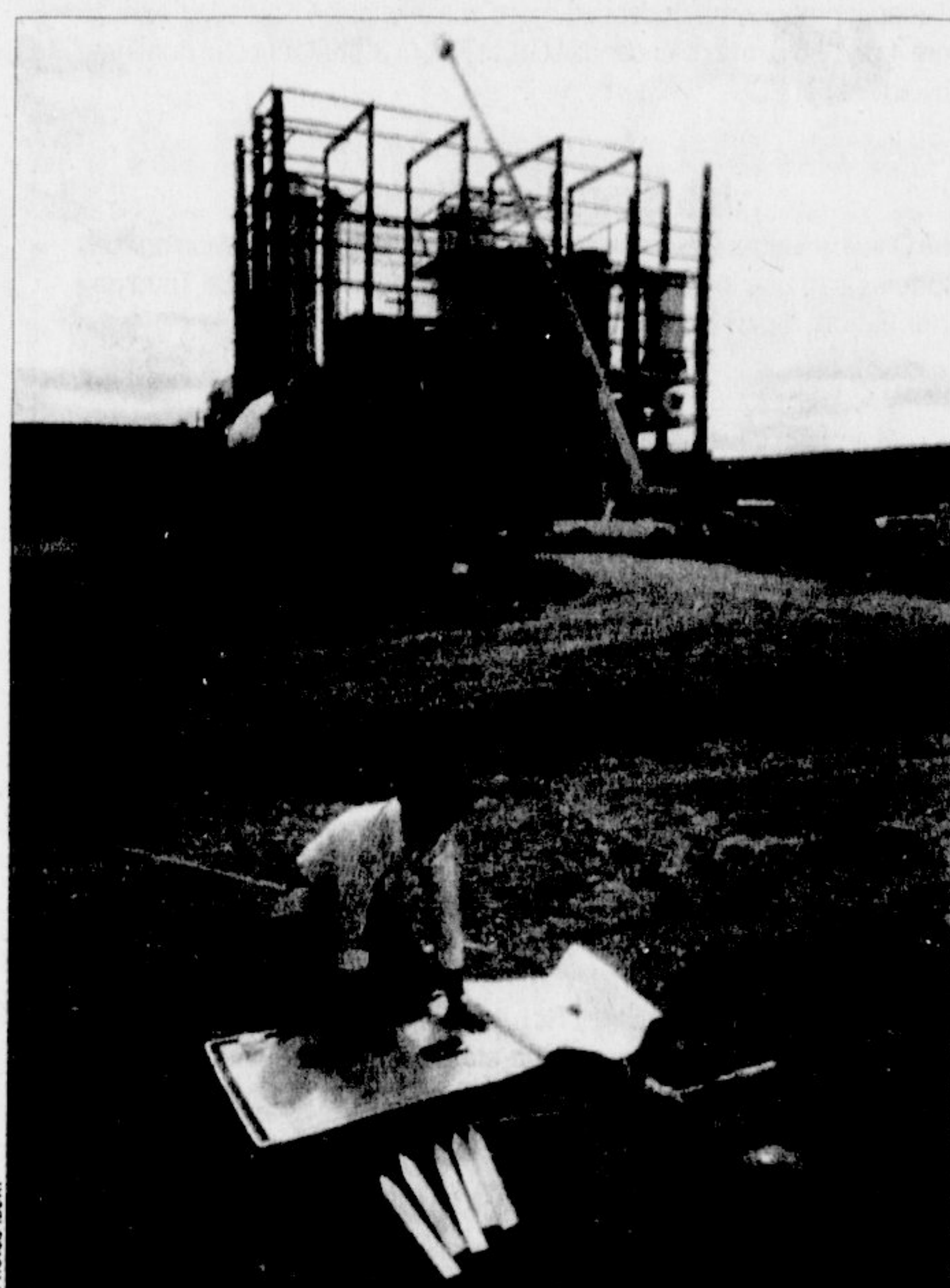
He said systems engineering isn't a program you can decide to join junior year. A B.S. in engineering takes four years to complete and is designed for freshmen or students transferring from a community college.

Students planning to enter the program must have an SAT score of 1100 or higher and have completed at least a second year of high school algebra with a B or better.

They must also have a laptop computer capable of running engineering analysis software.

Rogers said the program would attract students who would otherwise not attend ECU. The university will hire faculty and make classrooms available to students who plan to attend the new engineering program and will begin accepting students for the fall 2004 semester.

Rogers said the ECU community has given a tre-



ECU's new systems engineering program will allow students and faculty to work closely to solve problems.

mendous amount of support that enabled the program's short-term development.

He said he believes the new program is unique and accommodating to engineer-

ing students who want to learn all the different areas of the field.

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### Sexual Assault Awareness throughout April

- Women are 10 times more likely than men to be victims of sexual assault.
- A study among college-aged women showed one out of every five reported being forced to have sexual intercourse.

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**TEC REQUIRED READING**

**Online**  
Visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com) to read about the U.S. Marines that were killed in a firefight in Fallujah.

**News** page A2  
Spirit rover has finished its tour of duty on Mars after 90 days, but it continues to roll over the red planet.

**Features** page A5  
Getting a date doesn't have to be disastrous. A confident approach could mean a lasting impression.

**Sports** page A8  
ECU's baseball team hopes for a win as they take on the Duke Blue Devils tonight at 7 p.m.

**FYI**  
Physical Therapy students will provide cheap massages tonight from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the first floor of the Belk Building.



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## Announcements

### Summer and Fall Registration

Registration for summer sessions and fall 2004 semester is currently open.

### Integration Lecture

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. the Board of Education decision, The College of Education features William A.C. Polk speaking about his role in the integration process at the McKeesport Area School District in Pennsylvania. The lecture will be today at 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### Peace Workshop

Learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully at the SENIOR'S Elite workshop today from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 MSC.

### PT Massage Clinic

Students in the Physical Therapy Program will provide massages tonight from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the first floor of the Belk Building. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes, \$10 for 20 minutes and \$15 for 30 minutes. Patients receive \$1 off with an ECU student or faculty ID. No appointment is necessary.

### State Holiday

Classes will not be held Friday and Saturday, April 9 - 10.

### Business Ownership Workshop

Learn how to get started in business at an introduction to business ownership workshop Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Willis Building Auditorium.

### Deadline

Wednesday, April 14 is the last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades.

### Technology and Teaching Conference

The College of Education will co-sponsor the Southeastern Regional Technology and Teaching Conference at the Greenville Hilton Wednesday, April 14 - Friday, April 16. Contact Diane D. Kester at 328-6621 for more information.

### Adviser's Appreciation Reception

A reception honoring student advisors will take place Thursday, April 15 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room 3. Students can nominate any adviser at ECU.

### Job Searching Workshop

The Office of Student Professional Development offers a workshop on tools students can use in their job searches. The workshop will be Thursday, April 15 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

### Deadline

Thursday, April 15 is the last day to submit thesis to the graduate school for completion of a degree in the current term.

### Social Justice Institute

NPR broadcaster and author Juan Williams will speak in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision Thursday, April 15 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Room. Tickets are required but free at the Central Ticket Office in MSC.

### Integration Discussion

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. the Board of Education decision, historian David Dennard, Ph.D., political analyst Tinsley Yarborough, Ph.D. and attorney Robert White will discuss the historical, political and legal landscapes of the state before and after the decision. The discussion will be Tuesday, April 20 at 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

### Oratorical Exhibition

The School of Communication sponsors an oratorical exhibition Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, featuring the best speakers in COMM 2410 and 2420.

### Co-ops and Internships Workshop

The Office of Student Professional Development offers a workshop Thursday, April 22 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 1012 Bate to assist students looking for co-op and internship opportunities.

### Education Graduate Fair

The College of Education will hold a graduate programs fair Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - noon at the Speight Building. Information will be available for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree for work in educational settings or obtain alternative licensure. Registration and reception begin at 8:45 a.m.

### Commencement Registration

Degree candidates who wish to participate in the May 8 ceremony must make a reservation through Onestop.

### Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Cynthia Coward, senior marketing major.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Workers in danger of losing jobs at Bank of America

CHARLOTTE (AP) - Bank of America Corp., now the No. 3 bank in the country, will cut 12,500 jobs - or nearly 7 percent of its 190,000-employee work force - over the next two years. The Charlotte-based financial giant completed its merger FleetBoston Financial Corp. last week and said Monday it will cut nearly 7 percent of its work force from North Carolina to New England to California. The \$47 billion deal became official last week.

#### Another defendant in Phipps case pleads guilty

GREENVILLE (AP) - Another player in the Meg Scott Phipps campaign corruption case has pleaded guilty in federal court. This time a Rocky Mount businessman who lied about what he and the former state agriculture commissioner knew about the case. Norman Y. Chambliss III pleaded guilty Monday in the U.S. District Court in Greenville to one count of obstruction of justice. Judge Malcolm Howard tentatively set his sentencing for July 6. The maximum penalty for the felony

is 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, although a lesser sentence is likely. Senior Assistant U.S. Attorney Dennis Duffy hinted that Chambliss could receive leniency if he cooperated with federal authorities in the ongoing investigation related to extorting payments from carnival operators interested in working the North Carolina State Fair.

### National

#### New York City mayor says Statue of Liberty should reopen, 'can't let terrorists win'

NEW YORK (AP) - Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who donated his own money to the effort to reopen the Statue of Liberty, blasted the federal government's decision to close the icon after the 2001 terror attacks and its plans not to immediately reopen it. "You can't let the terrorists win," the mayor said Monday.

Last week during a news conference at the base of the statue, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton said that an observation area in the statue's pedestal would be reopened in July but that the crown, reached via narrow and winding stairs, would remain closed because it cannot accommodate large numbers of people and does not meet local fire, building or safety codes.

But Bloomberg said the 118-year-old statue should be reopened, even if every tourist who visits it has to be escorted inside by a police

officer. He contributed \$100,000 to the effort.

#### Blackout showed need for grid rules, but they're mired in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - A seven-month investigation into the nation's worst blackout is putting new pressure on Congress to boost the reliability of power grids - but legislation addressing the problem remains in limbo.

On Monday, nearly eight months after all or parts of eight states and sections of Canada went dark, a U.S.-Canadian task force called for urgent approval of mandatory reliability rules to govern the electric transmission industry.

The task force said in a 228-page report that the Ohio power company and others whose failures led to the blackout largely ignored many of the voluntary rules, managed by a private, industry-sponsored group.

### World

#### American death toll climbs as U.S. and Iraqi forces surround Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. troops battled Iraqi guerrillas Tuesday on the edges of Fallujah, which hundreds of Marines and Iraqi troops have surrounded in a major operation to pacify one of Iraq's most violent cities. The military reported four Marines killed in the area. The Americans were killed by

hostile fire Monday, bringing the number of Marines killed that day to five. The military did not give details on the deaths, saying only that they took place in Anbar province, where Fallujah is located.

In northern Baghdad's Khazimiya district, three U.S. soldiers were killed, all members of the 1st Armored Division.

One was killed Monday when his convoy was attacked with small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. A second soldier died later the same day when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. The third died after a grenade hit his Bradley vehicle Tuesday. Their names were not released.

#### China tells Hong Kong it needs Beijing's approval for any political changes

BEIJING (AP) - China made a major ruling Tuesday on how Hong Kong chooses its leaders, saying the territory must submit proposed political reforms to Beijing for approval. Hong Kong activists immediately decried the decision.

The Chinese government's National People's Congress issued the ruling in an interpretation of the Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution.

"The right to amend the law belongs to the National People's Congress," said Qiao Xiaoyang, deputy secretary-general of the NPC's Standing Committee.

## ECU student selected for elite youth summit

### Edwards sends three NC students to first leadership conference

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An ECU student has been chosen by Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) as one of three North Carolina youths and will attend the first ever Democratic Youth Leadership Conference in Washington

this April.

Kelly Sanders, senior social work major and an intern in Edwards' Greenville office, along with students from N.C. A&T and Davidson College will participate in lectures and presentations on the economy, education, globalization and the environment.

According to a press release from Edwards' office, a keynote address will be followed by a town hall meeting moderated by MTV correspon-

dent Gideon Yago featuring panelists Anna Greenberg, a democratic pollster, recording industry mogul Russell Simmons, 24-year-old Tallahassee city commissioner Andrew Gillum and U.S. Representative Linda Sanchez.

"Working in the senator's office has been a great experience," said Sanders, who was chosen out of a pool of 300 possible candidates to attend the summit.

"I've learned a lot about both the senatorial side of his

job and the campaign side. I volunteered for his campaign in South Carolina, where he won, and that made me more interested in politics."

The summit will primarily address issues concerning 18-30 year-olds.

"They will be addressing issues for people our age, and since it's the first of its kind, I'm not really sure what to expect," Sanders said.

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## Security from page A1

Recently, the back door of Scott Hall has been "pinned," or had its keyhole blocked to deny entry. One resident of Scott made a sign urging other students to "rebel" and to "prop open the doors," according to Sean Bowen, sophomore communication student and Scott Hall resident.

"It's a real inconvenience, especially when loading and unloading," said Bowen.

One door at Scott Hall was forced open with an unknown object resulting in \$300 worth of damage, said Troy Arrington, residence coordinator of Scott Hall.

Arrington said the decision to pin the doors came from a joint committee comprised of campus security, upper-level campus administration and Campus Living, led by the chancellor.

He said security guards are now on duty from 9 p.m. - 5 a.m. every night.

"We in Campus Living are always looking for ways to make the halls safer and more secure," said Arrington.

"We are always evaluating and looking to implement measures that will keep our students safe."

The new security guards hired by ECU came through a firm called Security Services of America, said Waz Miller, assistant vice chancellor for Student Experiences. Miller would not comment on how much the new guards are costing the university.

She said she heard of incidents where security guards may have overstepped their authority.

Rebecca Sutton, freshman

undecided major and resident of Belk Hall, said she had the volume up on her computer speakers and watched a guard walk by her window and put his ear up to it.

"Their [security guards'] role is not to take over the ECU police role in any way," said Miller.

"If they see something, they are supposed to contact the RA on duty, who can then determine if someone else needs to be called. This firm is working in tandem with the ECU police."

She said last week she notified the colonel in charge of the security guards about the problem.

The security guards can be distinguished from ECU police officers by their light blue shirts and dark pants; they also carry no badges or guns, Miller said.

"We have to weigh safety

or inconvenience to the students, and we chose safety," Miller said.

"We are trying with Aycock and Jones [Halls] ... a lot of students park behind the halls, and you have people going all the way around to get in. What we are trying to do is get some cameras between now and the next several weeks," Miller said.

She said after the cameras are installed, they would consider unpinning the doors.

Miller said the main reason for pinning the doors is so security can identify who is coming in the front door. She said the security guards are watching for "tailgaters" who may try to gain entry without using their own key.

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special educators," said Tara Jeffs, Ph.D., director of the Assistive Technology Lab.

"The more high quality special educators we have in the classroom, the more confident we are that the achievement levels of these children will rise."

The lab is used to train special education students.

It has an array of assistive technologies, including text-to-speech readers to assist individuals with difficulties reading text, voice recognition to assist in writing and alternative microphone to reduce carpal tunnel syndrome or repetitive motion pain.

"Because there will be students that have learning difficulties in the classroom, it is vital that future teachers become as educated in the field as possible," said Morgan Jones, sophomore elementary education major.

"With this grant, teachers will be more capable to handle a variety of students because they have been better educated."

The College of Education has received close to \$5 million in grants and donations specifically for special education during the past three years.

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# Spirit rover completes primary Mars mission while Opportunity continues

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover has finished its primary mission to Mars yet continues to roll along, moving toward a cluster of hills that could yield evidence of the planet's wet past.

By Monday, Spirit's 90th full day on Mars, the unmanned robot and its twin, Opportunity, had accomplished nearly all of the tasks before NASA would consider their joint mission a full success.

"Spirit has completed its part of the bargain and Opportunity doesn't have much left to do," said Mark Adler, manager of the \$820 million double mission.

The tasks included a requirement that one of the rovers travel at least 1,980 feet — a mark Spirit surpassed on Saturday.

Between the two of them, the rovers also had to take stereo and color panoramas of their surroundings, drive to at

least eight different locations and operate simultaneously for a minimum of 30 days.

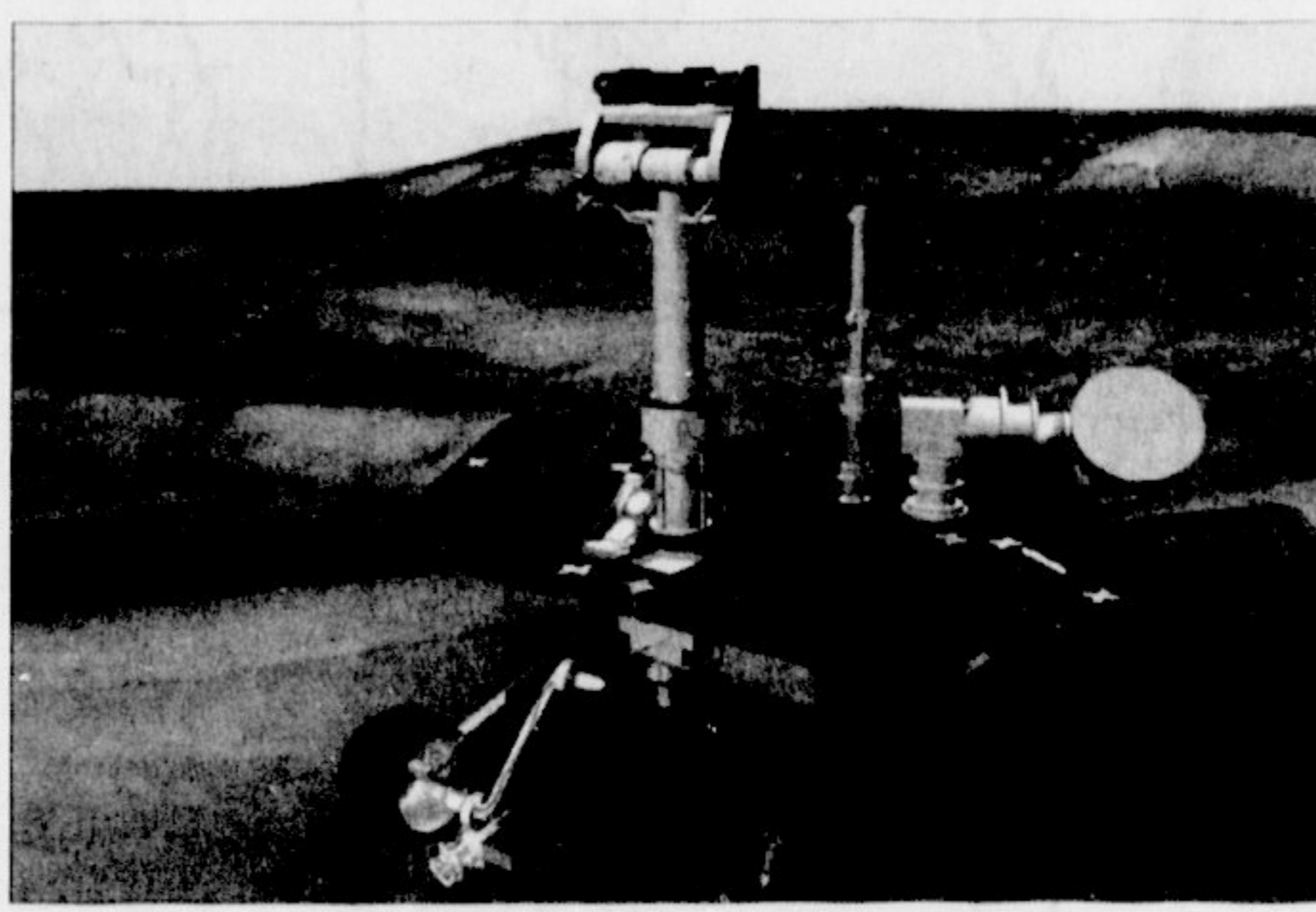
NASA assumed technical and other problems would ground the rovers fully one-third of the time they operated on Mars.

Despite computer memory problems that left Spirit sidelined for 2 1/2 weeks, it still spent more days at work than expected, Adler said.

For Opportunity, it still must function for another 20 martian days — which are nearly 40 minutes longer than Earth days — before it meets all of its targets, Adler said.

"It's better than we could have possibly imagined," he said.

Spirit landed Jan. 3 in Gusev Crater, a 90-mile-diameter depression scientists believed once contained a lake. Spirit has found traces of limited past water activity in rocks it has examined, but none of the lake deposits scientists hoped it



Spirit has completed its tasks after 90 days on Mars.

could uncover.

Spirit is now several days into a trek toward a cluster of hills that may contain geological evidence of a more substantially wet environment, possibly including layered rocks formed in standing water.

Opportunity has found

such rocks at its landing site, halfway around the now frozen and dry planet, since it landed Jan. 24. Scientists believe a salty sea or swamp once covered that site, called Meridiani Planum.

NASA has extended the joint mission through September.

# U.S. opens defense in abortion procedure case

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The U.S. government began defending a federal ban on a certain type of abortion, by calling doctors who testified that the procedure has not been studied enough to determine whether it is safe or medically justified.

Dr. Watson A. Bowes, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, testified Monday that he knew of no instance where the banned procedure — known as "intact dilation and extraction," or D&X — has been needed to protect the health of the mother.

He also said he knew of no studies proving that the procedure would be more dangerous than any comparable technique.

"I don't think we know the relative risks of these procedures," Bowes said.

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, signed by President Bush in November, has not been enforced because judges in Lincoln, New York and San Francisco agreed to hear evidence in three simultaneous, non-jury trials on whether the ban violates the U.S. Constitution.

The Bush administration

has argued that the procedure, referred to by opponents as "partial-birth" abortion, is "inhumane and gruesome" and causes the fetus to suffer pain.

Conducting a study of D&X surgery would be difficult because of the relatively small number of people who have them done, but it would not be impossible, Bowes said.

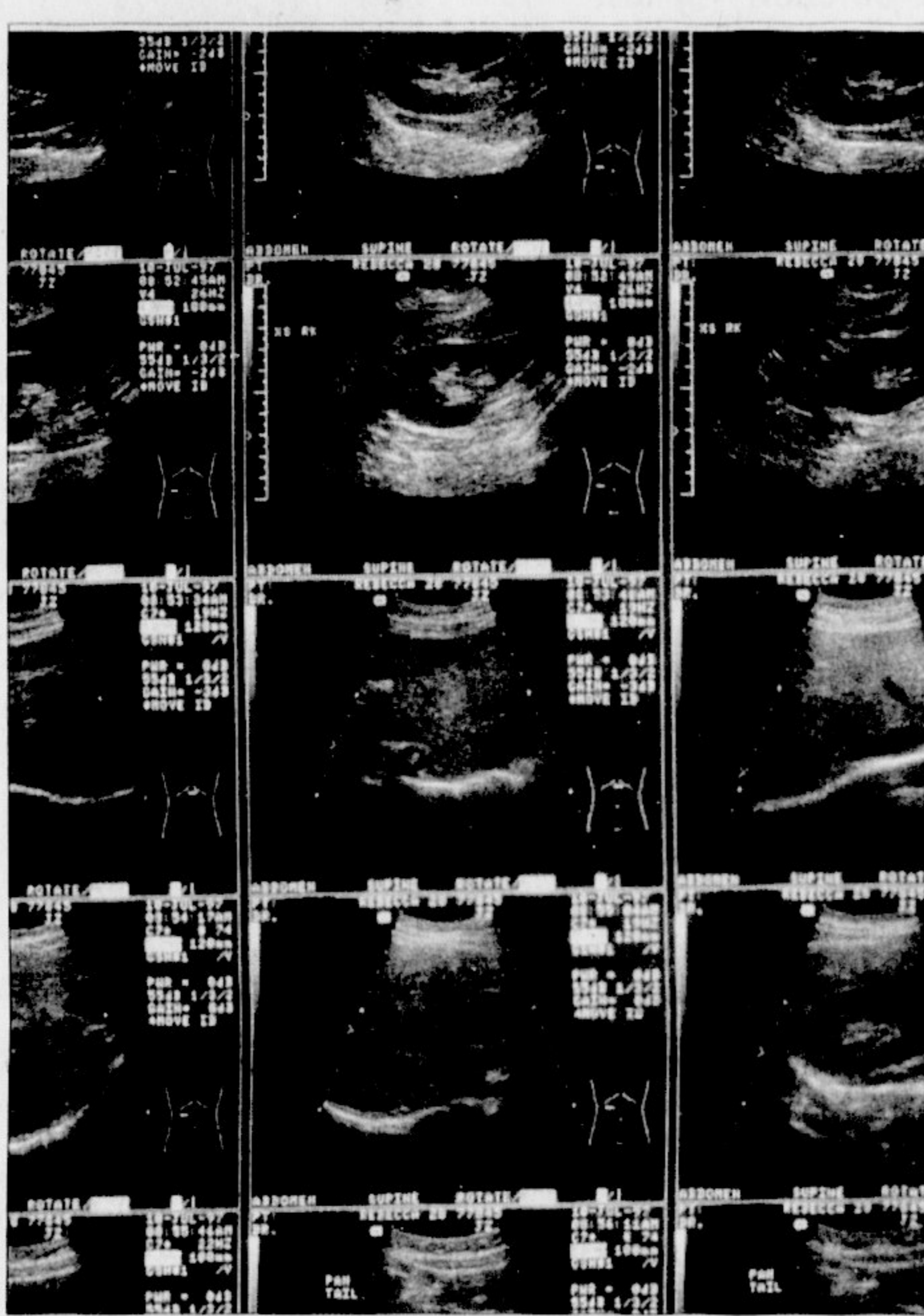
During a D&X, a fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull is punctured. It is generally performed in the second trimester. Abortion rights advocates argue the procedure is sometimes safest for women.

Dr. George Mazariegos, a pediatric surgeon at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, told the court Monday that new clinical procedures need to be properly documented to determine their rationale and whether they are safe.

Under cross-examination, plaintiffs' attorney Nan Strauss asked Mazariegos if outlawing a new procedure would allow for such further study.

"No," Mazariegos said.

In San Francisco, a doctor testifying for the plaintiffs said the banned procedure is often performed and is safe.



President George Bush signed a partial birth abortion ban.

## Fulbright from page A1

Fulbright Web site, Lyons said. "If you're thinking of a Fulbright, the best time to start and think of it is in the spring semester of your junior year ... don't wait until the senior year," Lyons said.

Applications are due by Sept. 15, and the final applications are due in New York City by Oct. 15.

Katherine Hill, senior English and Russian studies major, is applying for a Fulbright scholarship next year at a university in Saratov, Russia.

Hill is doing a project on the novel, *What Was To Be Done?* by Nikolai Chernyshevsky, a native of Saratov.

For her project, Hill will research the circumstances and critical response of the novel. She will focus on how literary critics have changed their opinions about the work over time.

Hill said any student interested in doing a Fulbright should go to the Fulbright Web site to learn more about the application process and the country they are planning to visit.

Hill, who studied abroad in Saratov, said living in different countries expands a person's view of everyday life.

"You're in a country, and you're learning about their culture, but you're also learning about your culture, because you start to see how another culture is different from your own," said Hill.

"People are always asking you many questions about your own way of life."

"The whole idea behind the Fulbright program ... is to spread peace and mutual understanding among people of the Earth," Lyons said.

The program was started after World War II by people trying to promote understanding among countries, Lyons said.

Harrison said he agrees Fulbrights help the spread and understanding of different cultures.

"The most common thing is students and faculty Fulbrighters living deeply in the culture ... they come back, and most of the things they do are affected ... it rubs off into their relationships with their jobs, colleagues, students and communities," said Harrison.

Andy Reiss, senior program officer who spoke to ECU faculty members in a Fulbright faculty workshop, informed the faculty of all the different Fulbright opportunities offered to faculty members and how Fulbrights are beneficial to any person in any

## More Info

The Fulbright program was founded in 1945 by J. William Fulbright and other people right after WWII to promote understanding among nations. For more information, visit the Fulbright scholarship Web site at [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org).

profession. "When you get out of your comfort zone and teach with other people who share different cultural values and educate differently ... you're going to learn a great deal," said Reiss.

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## Our View

*He is probably laughing his way to the bank, because eventually the craze over him will fade away - but until then, he's making more than enough money to pay for his college tuition.*

By now, everybody unlucky enough to tune into Fox knows William Hung. Hung, if the name doesn't ring a bell, is the Berkeley engineering student who took what anybody who enjoys music would call a disastrous performance on American Idol and turned it into what he has already admitted is more than his 15 minutes of fame.

If the guy showed up at a karaoke bar, most patrons would order another drink to drown themselves rather than listen to him.

The funny thing though is that Hung has signed a record deal and has an album debuting this week. He will even have a video. What does this mean for America?

Well, nothing really.

While some would call Hung's fame the end of sanity, we see it as the latest in the line of unintelligible tripe that gets forced down our throats by marketers and the torrent of pop culture.

In 10 years, we will see the Olsen twins dancing and singing "She Bangs" off key and hear commentary from the guy who played Screech on *Saved by the Bell*.

Hung may not sing or dance well, but the eyesore will be paid well.

It's interesting, though. Hung could not possibly take himself seriously.

He is probably laughing his way to the bank, because eventually the craze over him will fade away - but until then, he's making more than enough money to pay for his college tuition.

Good luck, Hung. Just make sure you do something with your life when you're done looking stupid.

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

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## In My Opinion

### U.S. Marines surround Iraqi city

*Operation Vigilant Resolve' marks escalation of hostilities*

**PETER KALAJIAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. military announced yesterday a new operation in Iraq focused on removing resistance within the Sunni city of Fallujah.

Dubbed "Vigilant Resolve," the mission is in response to the death of eight U.S. soldiers and the public torture and display of two American civilian workers in and around the historical resistance city 35 miles west of Baghdad.

When the Bush administration began its P.R. campaign concerning the War in Iraq - which consisted mostly of false intelligence about weapons of mass destruction and shoot-first-ask-questions-later political maneuvering - they failed to effectively consider the American exit plan after the "evil dictator" had been removed.

Historically, nation building has been a decades long process which involves permanently stationing troops in the area in question and committing to a long, slow restructuring process.

In Japan and Germany, two nations whose modern incarnations are a direct result of American influence



after WWII, the United States still maintains a strong military and political presence, and that's 50 years after the fact. Does President Bush plan on keeping the U.S. military active in Iraq until 2053?

The President knows as well as anyone that Germany and Japan are not Iraq and Afghanistan, and the armed resistance which has been a major problem for ground forces in Iraq will only worsen as time goes on.

By the time the United States was founded, Iraq had already seen thousands of years of social development and political upheaval, so this idea of foreign occupation and armed resistance is nothing new.

Another more serious problem is beginning to become apparent. Who is the enemy? With 1,200 U.S. Marines now surrounding the city of Fallujah, blocking it off with a series of huge earthen dams and no doubt preparing to commence house-to-house searches for the "enemy," who exactly

are we looking for?

During Vietnam, the line between enemy combatant and innocent civilian was often blurred. As a result, that nation is still recovering from a decade of American occupation. Is every Iraqi opposed to American forces who decide to throw a rock or shout some obscenities a legitimate target? Do they have to be armed? Are those citizens who are sympathetic to resistance forces, but personally unwilling to raise arms against the U.S., fair game?

Public support and cooperation are all a person needs to elude even the most sophisticated military searches.

Osama bin Laden has been moving house to house within one region of Pakistan for years with one of the largest manhunts, military or otherwise, close on his heels.

If the people - those teeming masses of Iraqi citizenry - refuse to cooperate with American forces and bitterness continues to grow within the Iraqi population about the presence of an occupying army on Muslim soil, the United States will tuck tail and run.

Just like we did during the first Gulf War, just like we did in Somalia, just like we did in Vietnam.

The political war drums of a calculated invasion always grow fainter as the American death toll rises.

No presidential administration can afford an

unpopular war with no end in sight.

Lyndon Johnson learned that in 1968, and it cost him a second term in office.

And if Bush thinks that Iraq will be prepared to enter into the democratic utopia which he has envisioned for them by June 30 he is sorely mistaken.

The constant attacks against American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in the United States will blossom, and the administration will see the writing on the wall.

Politics is about survival, and although he can never seem to remember the name of the Australian prime minister or how the hell he ever got into Harvard Bush is smart enough to know that empty deadline and news reports about dead American civilians hung from the bottoms of bridges do not re-election make.

For me, the first American military loss in Iraq was also the first nail in his administration's casket.

Perhaps after he is voted out of office in November, Bush will finally see the error of his ways.

Arrogance and economic intimidation should never be used as diplomatic weapons, and unfortunately, it is the American people who shall reap the whirlwind of these policies.

Maybe next November will see some change in our national leadership ... hopefully for the better.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wasn't able to give my two cents about the proposal made at Monday's SGA meeting regarding the removal of Student Union from homecoming activities.

I was busy with our Kevin Smith program (which lasted for five hours and captivated an audience of 1,400 - mostly ECU students).

When I read the proposal, my first reaction was to laugh. If you are going to make a proposal, please try to include at least one factual statement. First of all, Student

Union has been participating in homecoming for seven years, and we have won the last four - not three - spirit cups.

When we first started competing, we didn't win anything, but we had the determination to keep on trying, and eventually we found what it takes to win.

This winning streak should not make organizations sick of losing, but fuel them to try even harder and step up their level of competition.

Directly quoting SGA Senator Michael Fust, "It is not fair that the Student Union sponsors, judges and competes in all homecoming competitions."

I'm sorry that you are not aware of the responsibilities of your own organization. SGA is responsible for sponsors, judges and anything homecoming-related, not Student Union.

We simply compete on the same grounds as any other student organization.

Student Union has never used student fees to pay for homecom-

ing. We use our winnings from the previous year to fund our expenses.

We bank on winning, and recently this strategy has worked. Our "budget" has nothing to do with homecoming. Our budget is for the students - that's how it always has been and will be.

Throughout the year, Student Union members work endlessly to bring quality programs to the students.

This level of programming and hard work continues throughout homecoming. For this reason, I think it is amazing and a true test of our teamwork and dedication that we are as successful as we are in homecoming competitions.

It is my understanding that in writing a proposal, you include factual statements that have supporting evidence.

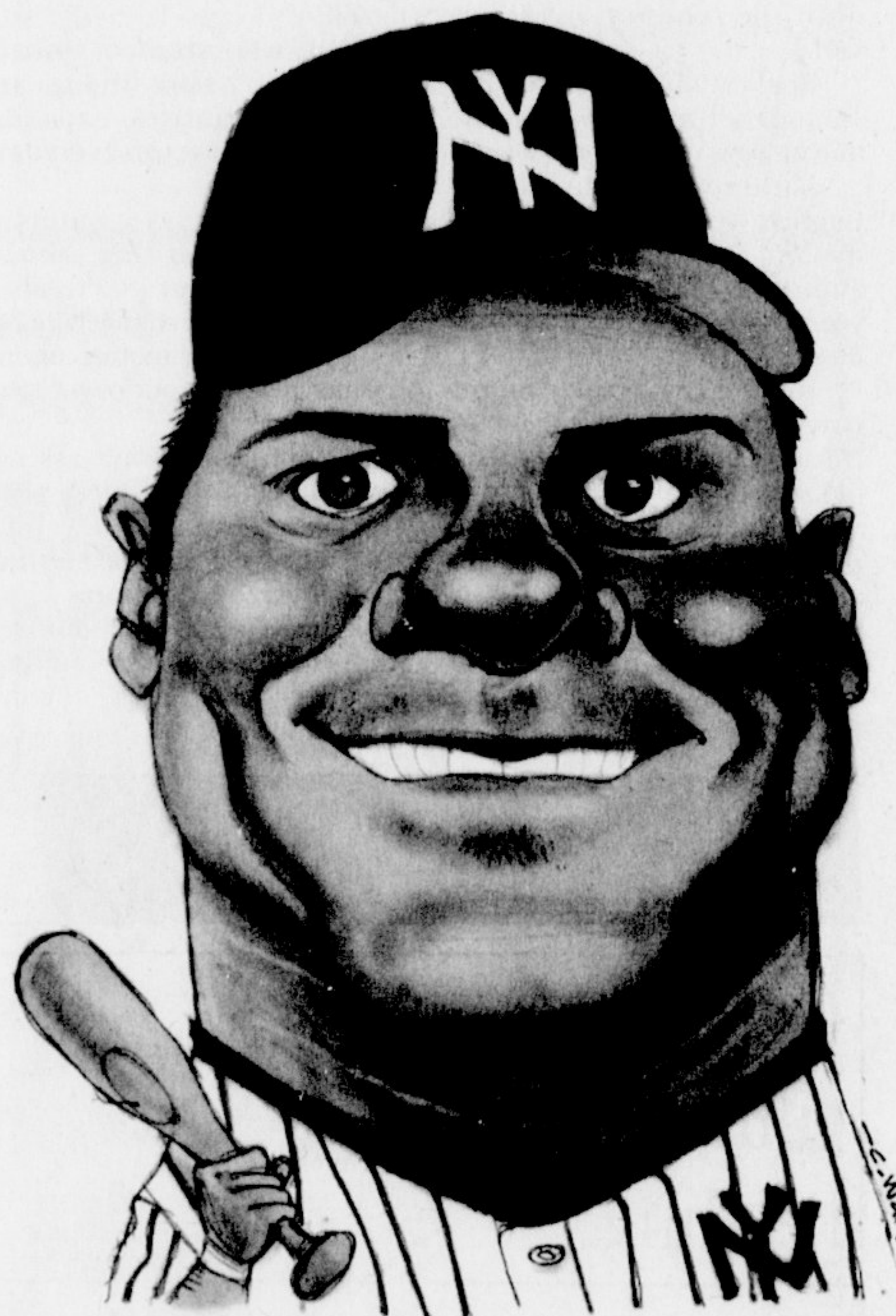
It is apparent that this proposal is completely inaccurate. Thank you for recognizing our success.

However, there is absolutely no reason Student Union's eligibility should be revoked. Before Student Union began winning, the

Ambassadors had a winning streak as well and their eligibility was never questioned.

Instead of trying to disqualify Student Union from competing in homecoming, my advice to you is to put your focus into winning instead of finding fault in other people's success.

Lisa Crouse  
Student Union President



*I've always said it's the ultimate place to play baseball. It's the sports capital of the world. It doesn't get any better than that.*

Jason Giambi  
on playing in Yankee Stadium

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### Did You Know?

- Film director Francis Ford Coppola (1939), martial arts actor Jackie Chan (1954) and former MTV VJ Bill Bellamy (1968) all call today their birthday.
- This month is Couple Appreciation Month.
- Today is No Housework Day and Para-Professional Day.
- On this day in 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.

### Announcements

#### Freestyle Competition

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee is sponsoring a freestyle competition featuring a DJ competition and an MC competition from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. today on the Mendenhall Brickyard. This event is free.

#### Bingo

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents Bingo at 7:30 p.m. today in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room. This event is free.

#### Films

The Student Union Films Committee will not be showing any films this week.

#### Percussion Players

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

#### Symphony Orchestra

The School of Music presents the ECU Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hisao Watanabe at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 in Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

#### Game Night Tournament

The Student Union is sponsoring a game night tournament from 11 p.m. - 3 a.m. on Thursday, April 8 in the Mendenhall Student Center. This event is free.

#### Potluck Dinner and Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a potluck dinner, concert and dance on Saturday, April 10 at the Willis Building on First and Reade Streets. Dinner is at 6 p.m., the concert begins at 7 p.m. and a contra dance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

#### Relay For Life

The Pitt County Relay for Life recently kicked off this year's effort by celebrating the Relay's 10-year anniversary. The 2004 Relay for Life will be held on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at the Pitt County Fairgrounds. Relay is now seeking volunteers who are interested in helping form teams and join in the fight against cancer. If you are interested in volunteering, forming a team, or donating time or money, please contact Alis Irwin at 317-5803.

### Top Fives

#### Top five singles

1. "Toxic," Britney Spears
2. "Yeah!", Usher featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris
3. "My Immortal," Evanescence
4. "This Love," Maroon 5
5. "With You," Jessica Simpson

#### Top five albums

1. Usher, *Confessions*
2. Various Artists, *Now 15*
3. Guns n' Roses, *Greatest Hits*
4. Carl Thomas, *Let's Talk About It*
5. Norah Jones, *Feels Like Home*

#### Top five movies

1. *Hellboy*
2. *Walking Tall*
3. *Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed*
4. *Home on the Range*
5. *The Prince & Me*

#### Top five DVDs

1. *Mona Lisa Smile*
2. *School of Rock*
3. *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*
4. *Cold Creek Manor*
5. *The Missing*

#### Top five books

1. *Against All Enemies: America's Inside War on Terror*, Richard A. Clarke
2. *Angels & Demons*, Dan Brown
3. *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown
4. *The South Beach Diet*, Arthur Rodale
5. *The Ultimate Weight Solution Food Guide*, Phillip McGraw

#### Top five TV shows

1. "American Idol" - Tuesday (FOX)
2. "Apprentice" (NBC)
3. "C.S.I. Miami" (CBS)
4. "American Idol" - Wednesday (FOX)
5. "Everybody Loves Raymond" (CBS)



# Use of profanity is becoming popular, less controversial

*Curse words have become prevalent part of society*

JESSICA CRESON  
STAFF WRITER

Swearing has become something we are learning to be more and more desensitized to hearing and using.

The "A-word" and the "B-word" are all over television. Even on reality shows, mainly "The Osbournes," the use of profanity is put right in front of our faces. There used to be strict rules and regulations of what can and cannot be said on TV and in movies, but the restrictions have gotten looser.

There is censorship of foul language, but what was said can easily still be determined. Viewers - especially children - pick up foul language and think since it's all over television, it must not be too bad.

"I believe in freedom of speech, but I don't agree with the abundance of cussing on TV, especially with all the children who are watching," said Katie Carr, freshman elementary education major.

Bono, Diane Keaton, Courtney Love and Nicole Richie are just a few examples of celebrities who have let a few curse words slip at prestigious award shows or on late night TV.

Even though these famous people have said some "bad words" in front of America, many viewers think no differently of them. In fact, to some this slip up shows a human side of them that viewers like to see.

In the 1950s and 1960s, television shows were incredibly modest compared to shows now. The Cleavers from "Leave it to Beaver" were the ideal American family who became loved and accepted by America. "The Osbournes"

is an extreme example of a family television show that portrays more than the average family. It makes an impression on its audience, just as the Cleavers did years ago.

Television is not the only media letting loose. Morning shows on the radio are also pushing the boundaries in topics and casual banter.

The profanity that surrounds us effects our vocabulary more than any other input.

Teenagers hear the words from their friends, pushing the likelihood that they will use them, too.

Children often repeat what they hear from television, other kids at school and even parents. This display of profanity is a direct model of what is determined as socially acceptable for the child.

"With the rate at which society is allowing cussing, who knows what we can expect for our children's generation? I think there is a line, and society is definitely crossing it," said McKenzie Baisden, freshman pre-health major.

College students are the best example of how we can let our tongues slip a little too often. At football games, downtown on a weekend and around campus you get an earful of curse words.

In an atmosphere where free speech is encouraged, it's hard to think twice about the words that stream out of our mouths.

Foul language is a habit - some might say a bad one - and it doesn't go away without effort. Regardless of societal changes, the way we speak is a direct reflection of our education and self-representation.

As students who someday desire to be professionals, we should avoid the heavy usage of profanity because it offends some people.

"Damn" and "hell" are probably the most two common curse words. They are



The use of profanity in the media has gained more acceptance in recent generations, but still offends many.

probably the least offensive and most expressive. Using these words can help make a point clearer or stronger.

When "damn" was used in *Gone with the Wind* in 1932, it was very controversial, and the producers were heavily fined.

Movies and television have almost caught up to how people really speak and act.

Adults should be mature enough to deal with profanity, whether heard or spoken. "Swearing is becom-

ing almost accepted in most every facet of life outside some families' homes. You hear it in music, jokes ... even small forms of swearing are showing up in some classrooms of middle, high school and college," said Jackson Kavanagh, junior physical education major.

"Before you know it, swearing might show up in elementary schools, but let's hope not."

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A good, confident approach makes a great first impression.

## Don't stay lonely, ask someone out

*Using proper approach will land you a date*

TOMEKA STEELE  
STAFF WRITER

Asking someone about a date is one of the hardest things to do. You can get nervous, your hands get clammy and you break out into a sweat - just to chicken out when that special someone comes near. It takes courage, but everyone should know a few do's and don'ts when it comes to asking someone out for a date.

You can meet a potential date almost anywhere. Classes and on campus are perfect places to meet someone. Places that aren't so great to find a date are parties and at the club. It's too noisy to strike up a conversation and get someone's number.

At parties, there is most likely alcohol and it does influence the senses strongly. Don't ask someone if you are impaired or if they are drunk as well. You can end up with a wrong number, or worse, with a date you hate once you are sober.

Meeting or scoping out the person you may want to ask on a date is the easy part. The hard part is actually building up the nerve to ask him or her out.

It's sad, and sometimes a bad thing, but first impressions are everything. A person can make a judgment in mere seconds, so the approach is critical.

"I don't ask people out. I let them come to me. That is a sign that they really want to get to know me," said Emily Carter, sophomore communication major.

Prepare before asking the person. Make sure to look presentable. What is seen on the first meeting tends to make a lasting impact. Take time to make sure there's no food caught in between your teeth and you have fresh breath.

Males should, at the very least, smell good. Women absolutely love a guy in cologne. Women should do the same.

How you dress is also important. You don't have to go as far as a three-piece suit or a prom dress, but plan to look nice the day of asking a person - it can only help.

Never IM, call, text message, email or offer the date through a mutual friend. It shows that you have no guts and makes you look either ashamed or embarrassed. Such approaches are too impersonal. You don't want to be left guessing what he or she is thinking on the other end of the phone.

Never ask a person out in public - their friends or other bystanders may be around and could cause a scene. You don't want to be laughed at or walked away from in public. Find a time to ask the person out in private. That way, if they reject you, at least the whole town won't be there.

Have something in mind to say when approaching the special person. It is probably a good idea to find out whether they have a significant other before asking them out. Don't go asking everyone, though, if that special someone is taken.

Keep it low key when getting information about them. This campus is a small place, as well as Greenville, so word travels fast. You don't want a potential date to find out prematurely and think they have a stalker on their hands.

Pick-up lines are a definite no-no and many of them have been overused, which makes them well-known. They sound unintelligent in every way. If you absolutely have nothing to say and must use a pick-up line, at least use something original.

"To ask a person out, you just throw the miggity miggity mack on them, then bam, you have a date," said Justin Gulliver, sophomore communication major.

Being you is the safest route to go when approaching someone to ask them for a date. Using pick-up lines may make the person feel you are a player, and remember, first impressions can determine a yes or a no.

It may be easy to begin a conversation by asking them a question like, "Do you know what time it is?" You can then easily strike up a conversation. Another ice-breaker is giving the person a compliment on what he or she is wearing.

Simply saying "Hi" is the most effortless way to getting that special person's attention for the moment.

Perhaps the easiest method is being honest. Walk up to them, say hello, then proceed to tell them that they seem cool and you want to get to know them better. This way is

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### What is the best pick-up line you've heard?



**KATE ADAMS**  
SENIOR GERMAN MAJOR  
"If I get knocked out, would you give me CPR?"



**CHRIS MORGAN**  
SOPHOMORE MUSIC MAJOR  
"If you were a parking ticket, you'd have 'fine' written all over you."



**JESSICA NASH**  
FRESHMAN MUSIC MAJOR  
"If I had created the alphabet, I would have put 'U' and 'I' together."

# American Idol Watch



**AMANDA LINGERFELT** ★★★★★★  
FEATURES EDITOR

I had really got my hopes up when I heard the theme for tonight was Elton John, but many of the contestants made my hopes drop. John Stevens' performance of "Crocodile Rock" was exceptionally bad, along with Camille Velasco's performance of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." George Huff took a relatively unknown song ("Take Me to the Pilot") and made it unforgettable. Hands down, it was the best performance last night. Tonight, it will be a close one between Velasco and Stevens. Expect America to vote Stevens off.



**JOHN BREAM** ★★★★★★  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The final nine gave us a little bit of everything tonight — the great, the average and the really ugly. As usual, Fantasia Barrino and George Huff were amazing, as well as Jennifer Hudson. John Stevens and Camille Velasco showed why they belong in the bottom three again this week, but you never know with America's voting (Amy Adams voted off the show last week and John Stevens not in the bottom three? Come on!). If America has any eye for talent this week, Velasco gets her well-deserved, long overdue plane ticket home for a dreadful performance of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road."



**MICHELLE MCLEOD** ★★★★★★  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last week threw me for a loop — for those of you who aren't avid "Idol" watchers, Amy Adams, one of this season's best contestants, was voted out of the competition — so, I feel like I'm out of my element. However, since I can't control America's votes, the only thing I can do is vote off the worst singer of the week. To me, this week's Elton John renditions didn't showcase the contestants' best talent. But the worst of the worst was Camille Velasco, again, and I think this week is her last.

★ = Number of accurate predictions

# Date options abound for students in town

Local places, activities to share with your significant other

**LAURA PEKAREK**  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes Greenville can only offer so much for students in relationships. Dinner and a movie can get repetitive, not to mention expensive after a while.

However, couples can go out and do plenty of other things that are different from the norm.

If you are low on cash, ECU has plenty of on-campus entertainment events, from arts to sports which are a good way to save and still be involved.

The School of Music is constantly having concerts. Hendrix Theater always plays newly released movies as well which are free for students.

Taking advantage of the Student Recreation Center, couples should work out together. It's always good to have a chance to exercise with someone.

Even checking out the library and studying is a great way to spend time together and maybe grab a study buddy.

If you and your significant other want to head off campus, the Greenville-Pitt County area has a lot to offer.

It is home to 28 parks, 36 tennis courts, six private and one public golf course and five health clubs.

These facilities are a great way to get a change of scenery and are commonly used by couples for recreation and relaxation.

If that isn't enough, the Greenville Convention Center on Greenville Boulevard has tons of extra ideas for places and events happening in Greenville.

If you're into jazz, a festival sponsored by the Center is coming up at the end of this month.

"My boyfriend and I enjoy getting off campus and going to the park," said Emily Enochs, freshman political science major.

"We take our duck and let



Students have a variety of options for places to go on a date, ranging from a home-cooked meal to a trip to the beach.

him run around. It's really relaxing to just have a day to do nothing."

The mall is a pleasant place to resort to when looking for alone time. Most couples like to take their partner to places where they shop.

The bowling alley even offers an inexpensive way to play a couple friendly games of competition.

If you get tired of campus food or just fast food in general, cooking a well-balanced meal with a boyfriend or girlfriend can be a delicious change.

"Sometimes, instead of going out and spending money, I like to cook for my boyfriend at a friend's apartment," said Shemelia Lynth, a freshman nursing major.

"Eating real food is a nice change from going to Todd Dining Hall."

Downtown Greenville is an awesome place to take a partner for a fun night offering many spots couples can go dance the night away.

If that's not what you're looking for, you can go to places and participate in karaoke or a game of pool.

Live entertainment offers an exhilarating time for couples, as well.

"When my boyfriend comes down to visit, we usually go downtown," said Danielle Vacca, freshman secondary education major.

"Where he goes to school, they don't have a downtown like ours, so we usually go to one of the clubs and have a great time."

Even taking a weekend trip is a nice getaway. Atlantic Beach is only a drive from ECU.

Freshman business major Sean Gregory loves the beach.

"I've taken a couple of trips down to Atlantic Beach," said Gregory.

"My girlfriend and I go. I've been teaching her how to surf. We like to get away from Greenville for the day."

As long as you use your imagination and don't focus too much on money, you'll be sure to have fun with your significant other no matter what you do.

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honest and straight to the point, but also puts the asker up for a blunt rejection.

Once the question has been asked, always go with the recipient's first answer. If the person says no, don't ask them again right then. Give it some time and if you really like them, try again later.

Don't be afraid of rejection.

If they say no, that doesn't mean something's wrong with you. Dust yourself off and keep looking.

If you take all the right steps and your special someone agrees on a date, get their phone number right then. Ask them about a good time to call and call that day so that they do not forget.

On the first date, great

places to go are the bookstore, the museum, the park, out to dinner or bowling. Never take a first date to a movie — you can't talk and get to know each other in that setting. Stay confident and be yourself — that way you can't go wrong.

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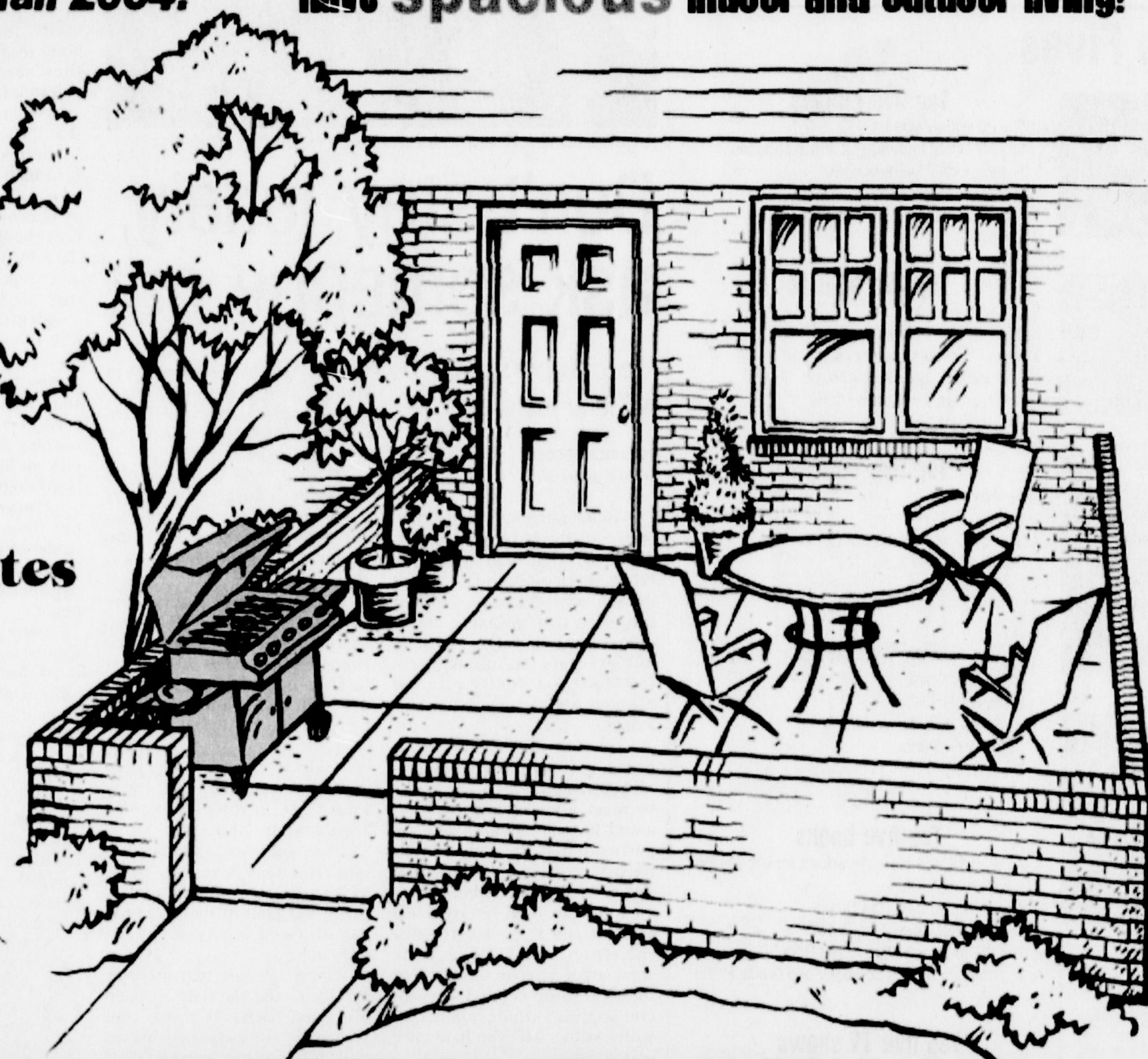
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## Announcements

### Tar River Canoe Trip

The Adventure program is organizing a jaunt down the Tar River for April 16. Students must register by Thursday, April 9. The pre-trip meeting is April 13.

### Board & Boat Surfing

The Adventure program will head to Masonboro Island for a fun time of board and boat surfing April 17-18. Participants must register by Thursday, April 9. A pre-trip meeting is April 13.

### Rock Climbing

Students will be given a chance to put their rock climbing skills to the test when the Adventure program will head to Pilot Mountain April 18. Participants must register by Thursday April 9. A pre-trip meeting is April 13. Harnesses and gear will be provided.

For more information on any of the above programs, call 328-6387.

## Sports Briefs

### Drexler leads new Basketball Hall class

Former Rockets and Blazers star Clyde Drexler has been selected for the basketball Hall of Fame. Drexler was one of six former players, coaches and team executives announced Monday as the newest members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. Joining him are Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and first female Harlem Globetrotter; coach Bill Sharman, already in the Hall as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA Rookie of the Year; Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star for Yugoslavia. Drexler, who in 1997 was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, was humbled to be a new member. In college, he played in two Final Fours. In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992, and won a championship with Houston in 1995. He is one of three players in league history to accumulate 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

### Clarett runs slow 40 during workout

Maurice Clarett ran, jumped, lifted weights and caught footballs for pro scouts on Monday. By and large, they came away impressed. Clarett had declined to work out at the NFL combine in February, so this was the first time scouts had seen the 20-year-old who could force his way into the draft later this month depending on the decision of an appeals court. Clarett weighed 230 pounds, exactly his playing weight when he last took the field for the Buckeyes 15 months ago. He had times of 4.66, 4.63 and 4.67 seconds in his three 40-yard dashes, a standing long jump of 9 feet, 5 inches and a vertical jump of 36.5 inches. He lifted 225 pounds 19 times. Almost every NFL team sent a scout. Clarett was joined in some of the drills by cornerback/wide receiver Chris Gamble and wide receiver Drew Carter, teammates on Ohio State's 2002 national championship team.

### Mirer signs one-year deal with Detroit

Unrestricted free-agent quarterback Rick Mirer signed a one-year contract with the Detroit Lions on Monday. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. Mirer, entering his twelfth NFL season, spent the last two years with Oakland. He started eight games for the Raiders in 2003, completing 116 of 221 passes for 1,257 yards and three touchdowns. Before coming to Oakland, Mirer played for San Francisco and Lions coach Steve Mariucci from 2000-01. The former Notre Dame star also has played for Seattle, the New York Jets, Green Bay and Chicago.

### Jets DB injured in bike accident

New York Jets cornerback Jamie Henderson was hospitalized in critical but stable condition Monday following a weekend motorcycle accident. Grady Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Denise Simpson confirmed Henderson's condition, but would not give additional details. The Jets said in a statement that Henderson was injured Saturday night, but did not comment further. Henderson was a standout defensive back at Carrollton High School, 40 miles west of Atlanta. He later played for Georgia before the Jets drafted him in the fourth round in 2001. The 6-foot-2, 202-pound Henderson, who also is a top special teams player, has 30 defensive tackles in 32 games with the Jets. He also has 41 special-teams tackles. Last season, he played in 14 games with 11 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble. Henderson's agent, Pat Dye, did not immediately return a phone message.

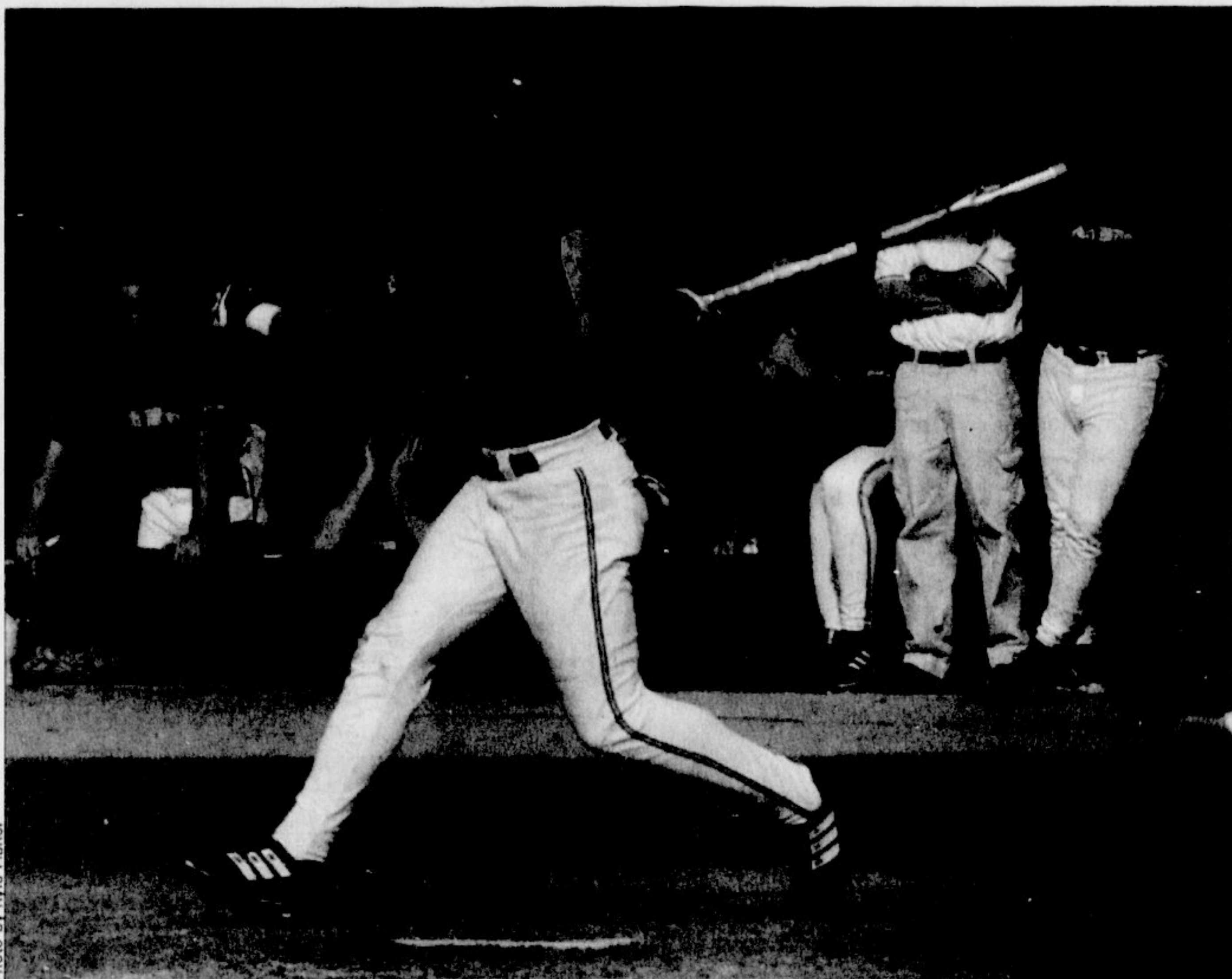
### Second C.U. coach put on leave

Colorado placed assistant defensive coach Vance Joseph on leave amid a recruiting scandal that includes rape allegations and other misconduct by football players. Joseph was put on administrative leave last week, the school said Monday. It called the suspension a "personnel matter" and refused to say why he was suspended. University spokeswoman Pauline Hale said only that the school "will take appropriate action upon completion of the investigation." Coach Gary Barnett was placed on leave in February pending the outcome of investigations into whether the football program used sex and alcohol to entice top recruits. Three women have filed lawsuits against the university claiming they were raped during or right after a 2001 off-campus party for football recruits. A total of eight women have said they were raped by Colorado football players or recruits since 1997. Joseph, 31, has been a full-time assistant for two years. He was a quarterback at Colorado from 1990-94 but was a defensive back in the NFL for two seasons. His younger brother, Sammy, is a sophomore cornerback for the Buffaloes.

### Alabama's Shula restores Croom's name on award

Coach Mike Shula reinstated Sylvester Croom's name to a spring award Monday, reversing a decision that angered some former players and Crimson Tide fans.

# ECU to face Duke



Ryan Jones has been on fire for ECU this season, hitting .429 with nine homers and 29 RBI.

## Pirates in Durham for showdown tonight

**BRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate baseball team will look to mimic their performance of last weekend, their greatest offensive series of the season, when they travel to Durham today for a 7 p.m. battle against Duke.

The Blue Devils will be looking to rebound in the mid-week game after being swept in a three-game series by Virginia.

The three losses dropped Duke to 15-17 overall and 3-6 in the ACC.

Two of the three ACC wins came against the former 17th

ranked NC State Wolfpack.

The Blue Devils dropped the opener in this series but rebounded nicely to take games two and three.

ECU will not be Duke's first series against a Conference USA foe.

The Devils took two of three from Cincinnati earlier this season. The Bearcats are 4-22 overall.

Duke's pitching staff has struggled at times this season against mediocre competition.

They will be facing the opposite this week as ECU boasts one of the nation's elite offenses.

ECU will enter the game against Duke, riding a five-game winning streak.

During the five games, the Pirates have smashed 14 home

runs, 10 coming in the series against Charlotte.

Because of his efforts in the Charlotte series, Trevor Lawhorn was named C-USA hitter of the week.

Lawhorn hit a home run in each game batting .500, with a three hit game and a career-high four hit game.

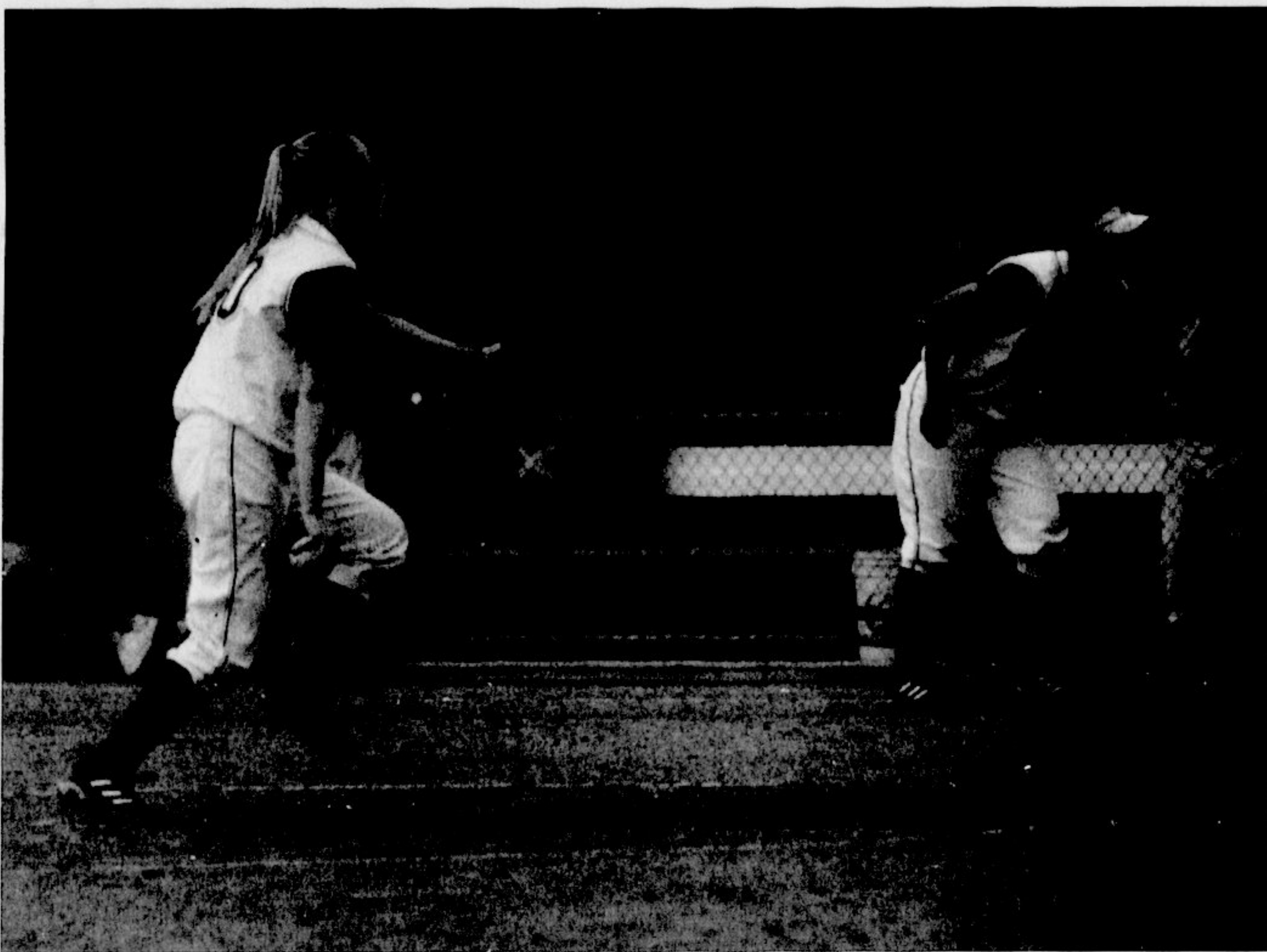
It was Lawhorn's first C-USA weekly honor.

Lawhorn leads C-USA in home runs with 12 and has a team-high 31 RBIs.

With someone different getting hot every week, the Pirates seemed poised to end their nine-game road trip with a win.

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## Lady Pirates prepare for UNC-W



The Lady Pirates are off course after beginning the season with a 14-game winning streak.

## ECU looks to end four-game skid

**DAVID WASKIEWICZ**  
STAFF WRITER

After falling to Louisville in a three-game series last weekend, the Lady Pirates will look to get back on track today as they play UNC-Wilmington in a doubleheader.

ECU defeated the Seahawks earlier this season and will try to repeat the task. The Lady Pirates currently stand at 35-11-1 overall and 4-8 in conference play this season.

ECU swept both games of a doubleheader in the first meeting with the Seahawks this season, winning 4-0 in the first game and 8-7 in the second.

The wins extended the Lady Pirates winning streak to 14, their longest winning streak since 1998. The streak was also the longest winning streak the Lady Pirates had since joining Conference USA in 2002. Unfortunately for ECU, the streak was snapped in their next series against DePaul.

With a couple of victories over the Seahawks, ECU will be looking to start a new streak against the same team that was at the end of their last one.

The Seahawks are coming off a series loss against James Madison last weekend and the Lady Pirates will be looking to add salt to the team's wounds with a win in both games.

Leading the way for ECU is junior infielder Kate Manuse. Manuse currently leads the team

in hitting average, homeruns, base hits, doubles and RBIs. She is only three doubles away from breaking ECU's single season record set by former ECU player Angela Manzo in 2001.

Wins in both games against Wilmington would put ECU's all time record against the Seahawks at an impressive 63-10.

The wins would also give the Lady Pirates the momentum they need heading into conference play this weekend in a three-game series against South Florida, who is currently on a 16-game winning streak.

The Lady Pirates will open play against the Seahawks in Wilmington today at 4 p.m.

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## Fuchs wins 800-meter run

Sophomore Trent Fuchs recorded a time of 1:54.98 in the 800-meter run to earn top honors at the Duke Invitational last weekend at Wallace Wade Stadium.

The men's 4x100 team, comprised of Reginald Williams, DeAndre Hyman, Thomas Lewis, and B.J. Henderson also claimed first place honors as they posted a time of 40.39.

During the two day event, the Pirates placed 13 members in the top 20 in 14 events.

Kyle McKenzie recorded a sixth place finish in the 1500-meter run with a time of 3:58.82.

In the 400-meter seeded dash, ECU had three runners in the top 15 with Domonick Rich-

mond finishing 10th (48.23), Darrus Coefield (48.53) 13th and Micheal Hillian (48.80) placed 15th.

For the women, senior Colleen McGinn recorded a fourth place finish in the high jump at the Duke Invitational with a jump of 5 feet, 7 inches (1.70m) on Friday at Wallace Wade Stadium to pace a solid effort by the Lady Pirates. ECU had 10 ladies post top 20 finishes in 16 events.

Distance runner Tara DeBrielle continued her solid performance this spring as she posted a time of 2:12.35 in the 800-meter run for a sixth place finish.

Brie Berkowitz placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a

time of 1:08.25, while freshman Sharon Heilig posted a time of 16.31 in the 100-meter hurdles for a ninth place finish.

In the field events, Nicole Marchewka placed 17th in the pole vault (10-10), Emily Thompson finished 33rd in the discus throw (113-01) and 34th in the shot put (35-00.50), and Chelsea Salisbury placed 11th in the javelin (128-07).

ECU will compete in the Sea-Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. on April 8-10, before heading to Charlotte, N.C. for the USTCA Collegiate Challenge on April 10.

See track chart for complete results from both of the weekend's events.

## Track Chart

### Men's Results

**Hammer Throw**  
15. Mayso Porch 151-10 (46.28m)

**110-Meter Hurdles**  
20. Mark McGee 17.45

**1500-Meter Run**  
6. Kyle McKenzie 3:58.82  
52. James McLellan 4:10.70  
63. Tom Gorman 4:13.96

**400-Meter Dash**  
25. MarQues Woolford 49.48  
52. Jeff Walls 50.72

**800-Meter Run**  
1. Trent Fuchs 1:54.98  
19. Vance Stevenson 1:57.83  
33. Greg Marci 1:58.78  
60. Wes Ricci 2:01.10  
91. James McLellan 2:04.54

**110-Meter Hurdles Seeded**  
9. Hector Cotto 14.55

**800-Meter Run Seeded**  
12. Ricky Bell 1:52.61

**4x100 Relay**  
1. ECU 40.39

**400-Meter Dash Seeded**  
10. Domonick Richmond 48.23  
13. Darrus Coefield 48.53  
15. Micheal Hillian 48.80

**3000-Meter Run**  
13. Graig Schmidt 8:54.08  
22. Steven Tausend 9:03.13

**400-Meter Hurdles Seeded**  
6. Ron Pollard 52.89

**4x400 Relay**  
6. ECU 7:42.82

**Shot Put**  
18. Eric Frasure 43-06.00 (13.26m)

**Discus Throw**  
8. Eric Frasure 156-01 (47.58m)

## Women's Results

**High Jump**  
4. Colleen McGinn 5-7 (1.70m)

**Hammer Throw**  
23. Jessica Georgio 137-05 (41.88m)

**100-Meter Hurdles**  
9. Sharon Heilig 16.31

**1500-Meter Run**  
14. Johanna Allen 4:50.84  
20. Caitlin Littlefield 4:52.00 (Finished 4th in Sectional)

**400-Meter Dash**  
24. Rebekah Bishop 4:52.83  
46. Jenna Prendergast 5:07.96 (Finished 1st in Sectional)

**100-Meter Dash Develop**  
38. Samara Joseph 14.22

**400-Meter Dash**  
37. Simone Baptiste 1:00.17  
78. Kim Lash 1:04.55

**400-Meter Hurdles**  
7. Brie Berkowitz 1:08.25

**800-Meter Run**  
13. Lauren Miller 2:20.93 (Finished 1st in Sectional)  
45. Carla Wabibi 2:28.94

**100-Meter Dash Seeded (Preliminaries)**  
28. Darneshea Jones 12.51 (Finished 3rd in Sectional)

**400-Meter Dash**  
38. Kelsey Walker 12.64 (Finished 4th in Sectional)

**100-Meter Hurdles (Preliminaries)**  
32. Nicole Callahan 15.47 (Finished 7th in Sectional)

**200-Meter Dash**  
17. Darneshea Jones 25.20 (Finished 3rd in Sectional)

**400-Meter Dash**  
40. Jenee Moore 26.09  
51. Simone Baptiste 26.96

**800-Meter Run**  
6. Tara DeBrielle 2:12.35

**Pole Vault**  
17. Nicole Marchewka 10-10.00 (3.30m)

**Discus Throw**  
33. Emily Thompson 113-01 (34.46m)

**Javelin Throw**  
11. Chelsea Salisbury 128-07 (39.19m)

**Shot Put**  
34. Emily Thompson 35-00.50 (10.66m)

**Long Jump**  
47. Jenee Moore 16-02.25 (4.93m)

61. Sharon Heilig 15-04.75 (4.69m)

## Three Final Four teams fail to make grade

(KRT) — The top basketball teams in the country started battling for a national championship in San Antonio on Saturday, with Georgia Tech and Connecticut deciding who's the best team on Monday night.

Well, at least the best when it comes to on-the-court matters. When NCAA representatives introduce players during the tournament as "student-athletes," there are often twitters and raised eyebrows through the press corps.

Three Final Four teams have graduation rates at or below 33 percent, according to data collected by the government and released by the NCAA.

That, and the fact that four teams in the original field of 65 graduated no players, is "a shameful situation" in the words of William C. Friday, the chairman of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and president emeritus of the University of North Carolina.

"We bring 'em in, use 'em up and let 'em go," Friday said.

The commission is a watchdog group that has pushed for reform in college sports since 1989. In 2001, it recommended schools be required to graduate 50 percent of its players to be eligible for postseason competition.

This year's summary of how the NCAA men's basketball tournament field of 65 fares included such eye-openers as:

A total of 44 schools failed to meet the 50 percent threshold.

Ten schools didn't graduate even 20 percent of their players.

Only three of 33 games in the play-in and first rounds pitted two schools that achieved 50 percent rates: Mississippi State vs. Monmouth, Gonzaga vs. Valparaiso and North Carolina vs. Air Force.

Those are red-flag numbers that draw attention to academic issues in the athletic departments across the nation.

The Knight Commission also points to academic transgressions, a financial arms race among Division I schools and commercialization as problem areas in big-time athletics, but the graduation rates are perhaps the "sexiest" of its focus issues because the statistics provide apparent black-and-white measures.

Of course, use of these rates

has brought criticism from coaches and athletic directors who quickly point out the methodology punishes them for students who transfer, sign professional contracts or have personal problems.

To combat these perceptions, the NCAA, which recently beefed up progress-toward-degree requirements, plans to roll out additional measures of academic performance to provide additional motivation to schools to improve results.

The next step in approval comes at an NCAA board meeting later this month, with adoption virtually a given because there's "significant momentum at all levels," according to Kevin Lennon, the NCAA's vice president whose staff oversees eligibility, compliance and certification issues.

The organization will collect graduation rates separately from the government so the Department of Education's recent changes in reporting won't be cause "to blot the sunshine from how intercollegiate athletics is doing with its more important objective," as NCAA president Myles Brand said in a press release earlier this month.

Additionally, the graduation rates will be compiled in such a way as not to punish schools when athletes transfer while academically eligible.

The NCAA also has generated a new measurement, the Academic Progress Rate, to provide a snapshot of year-to-year academic progress.

That's lacking in the graduation rates, which are compiled six years after a class enters school and may not reflect current status of the program.

The APR awards two points per semester, one for being academically eligible and another for returning to school the following semester, to calculate the rate.

A system of incentives and disincentives is planned to reward and penalize a team that fails to meet various thresholds.

Proposed penalties range from public warning and monitoring to scholarship and recruiting limitations to making a team ineligible for postseason competition.

This latest reform effort started in 1999, when the NCAA decided to try to improve aca-



Duke fell to U-Conn Saturday.

ademic performance while limiting impact on lower socioeconomic communities.

There are potential problems to these efforts, at least according to David Boles, Mississippi State's associate athletic director for student services. The progress-toward-degree requirements, which, for example, mandate athletes complete 40 percent of their degree requirements before starting their third year of school, are starting to whittle down the number of degree options.

"We have raised the in-house standard so high that our kids have absolutely no flexibility," Boles said. "Once they come in here and choose a major, they can't change."

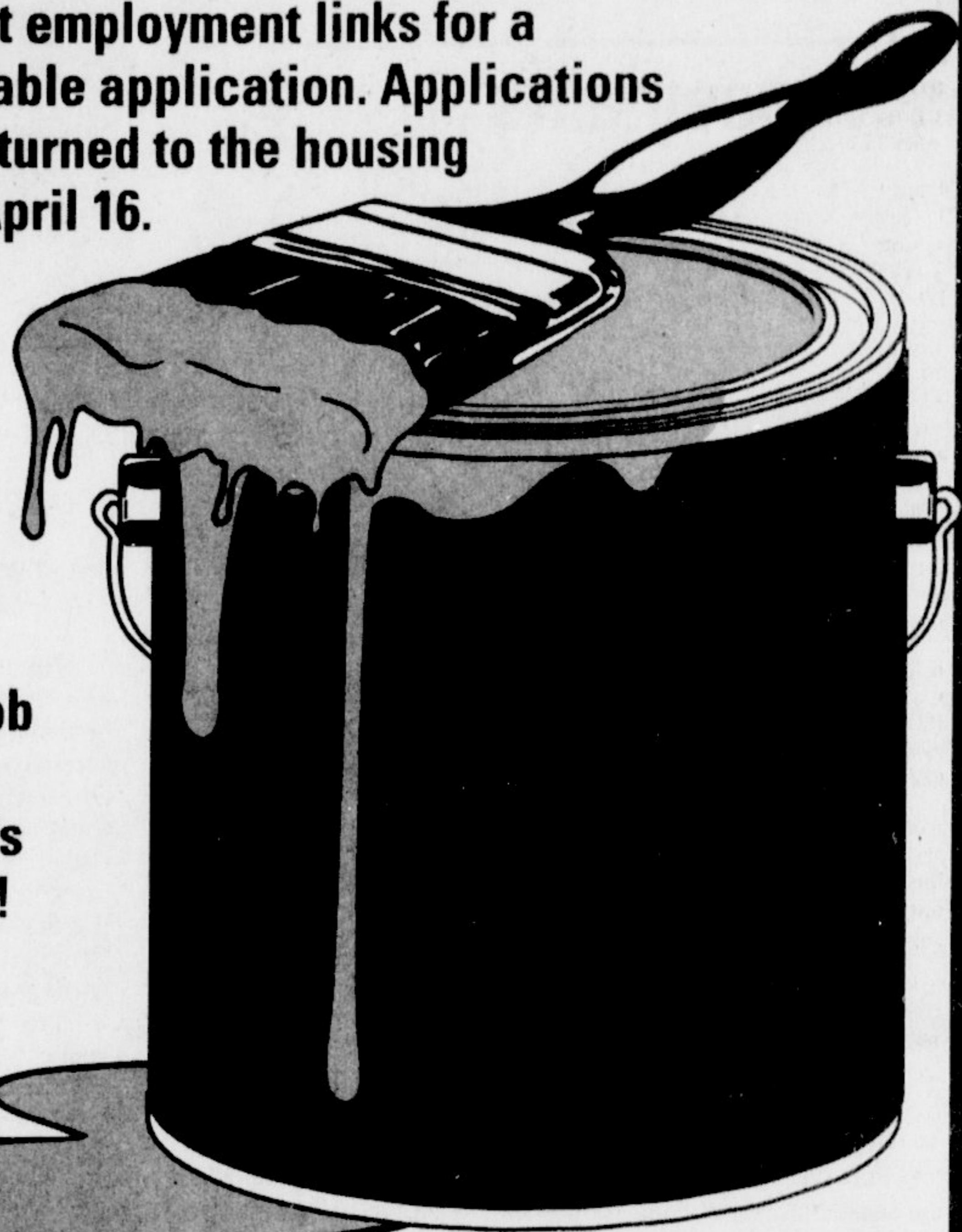
He used former Long Beach High standout pitcher Bobby Reed as an example. Reed lettered at State from 1988-90 and ranks second in wins and winning percentage (35-5, .833) in school history behind Jeff Brantley.

He graduated with a mechanical engineering degree that took him five years to earn with a lot of summer school to complete the 130 or so semester hours necessary.

"No, I'd tell Bobby to forget it (nowadays)," Boles said. "That 40/60/80 percent of a degree is a mountain to climb."

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## Doherty not winning over everyone

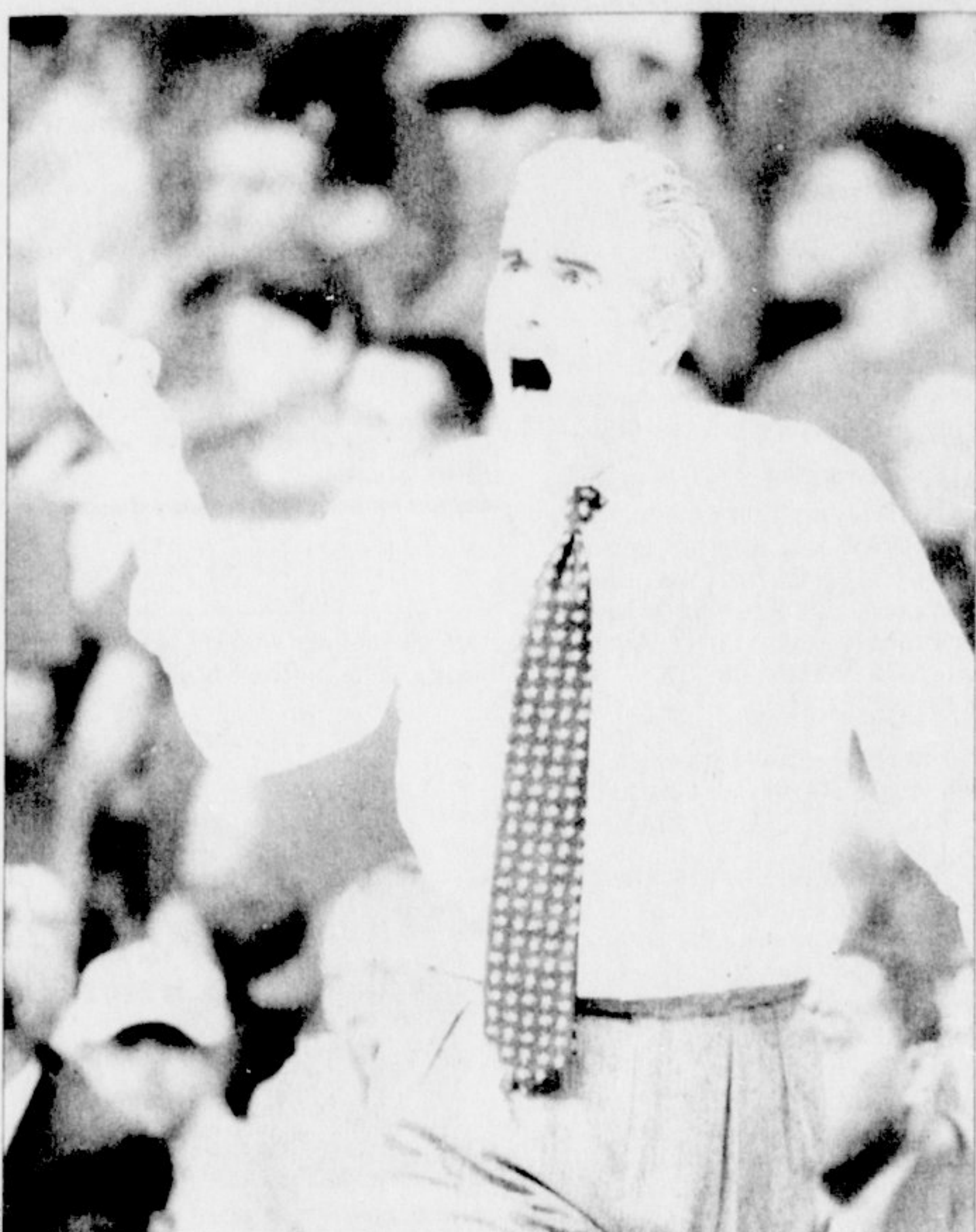
(KRT) — Former Notre Dame and North Carolina coach Matt Doherty has emerged as the front-runner in St. John's search for a new coach, but not every Red Storm supporter is in favor of hiring the 2001 National Coach of the Year.

At least one of the factions that does not support Doherty's candidacy has approached the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, St. John's president, with the suggestion of bringing back former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins to a college sideline.

Cremins has not coached since retiring from Tech in 2000, but is said to want to get back into the game. Cremins spent much of the winter talking to members of the city's high school basketball community who felt disenfranchised during the Mike Javis era. When he was at Georgia Tech, Cremins was successful with recruits from the city, notably Kenny Anderson and Stephon Marbury.

"He wanted to see whether we would come back to St. John's and he wanted to know if we liked the sound of him becoming the coach," said one member of the city's high school basketball ranks. "The answer to both was 'yes' - people want to get back behind St. John's."

The powerbrokers who have been trying to sway Harrington in his decision have already had an impact. Memphis coach John



Doherty is one of the choices for the open spot at St. John's.

Calipari - at one time considered one of the favorites - saw the fragmented support for the program and wanted no part of the overpoliticized situation.

Cremins, 56, attended All-Hallows in the Bronx before becoming

the point guard at South Carolina under Frank McGuire.

In 19 seasons as head coach at Georgia Tech, Cremins went to the NCAA Tournament 10 times, including a trip to the Final Four in 1990 with Anderson.

## Hornung's comments lingering

(KRT) — When Paul Hornung spoke the other day, saying Notre Dame needs to lower its academic standards to "get the black athlete" because the Irish football schedule is so tough, it left him sounding like he was speaking from the front porch of a plantation. Now he gets to live with that, even after his apology.

But what if he had said this: "Notre Dame needs to lower its academic standards to get the black athlete because one of the missions of this university should be its commitment to diversity."

Would there have been an outcry?

Or, what if he had said this: "The SAT discriminates against minority high school kids, so Notre Dame needs to lower its academic standards to get more black athletes into the school."

Would anyone have yelled?

Or, what if he had said this: "College athletics should be about winning and about opportunity. And given that most of the difference-making athletes in big-time college football are black, we can do our school a service and we can help fulfill a social goal by lowering our academic standards and expanding the pool of potential recruits to include more black athletes."

Would this have caused an uproar?

Probably not like this one.

This isn't to defend Hornung, whose words painted him as a Neanderthal. I don't know if he is or not. I don't know the guy at all. But the words are what they are, and the apology he issued the next day is what it is - too late. The only hope is that the man's

life isn't forever judged by a few minutes on a radio show. Nobody deserves that.

So, Hornung was wrong, underlined. The reality is that Notre Dame has a black coach, and it has been reported it has more black players than the national average. The problem is that it just doesn't have enough good players. So Hornung was wrong. Again: wrong, underlined.

So that's settled, which means that the only reason for writing this column - and for bringing up the alternative phrasings listed above - is to say that this isn't a subject of which we should be afraid anymore.

It's OK to say that most of the star football players, in big-time college football and in the NFL, are black. I mean, we all have eyes, don't we?

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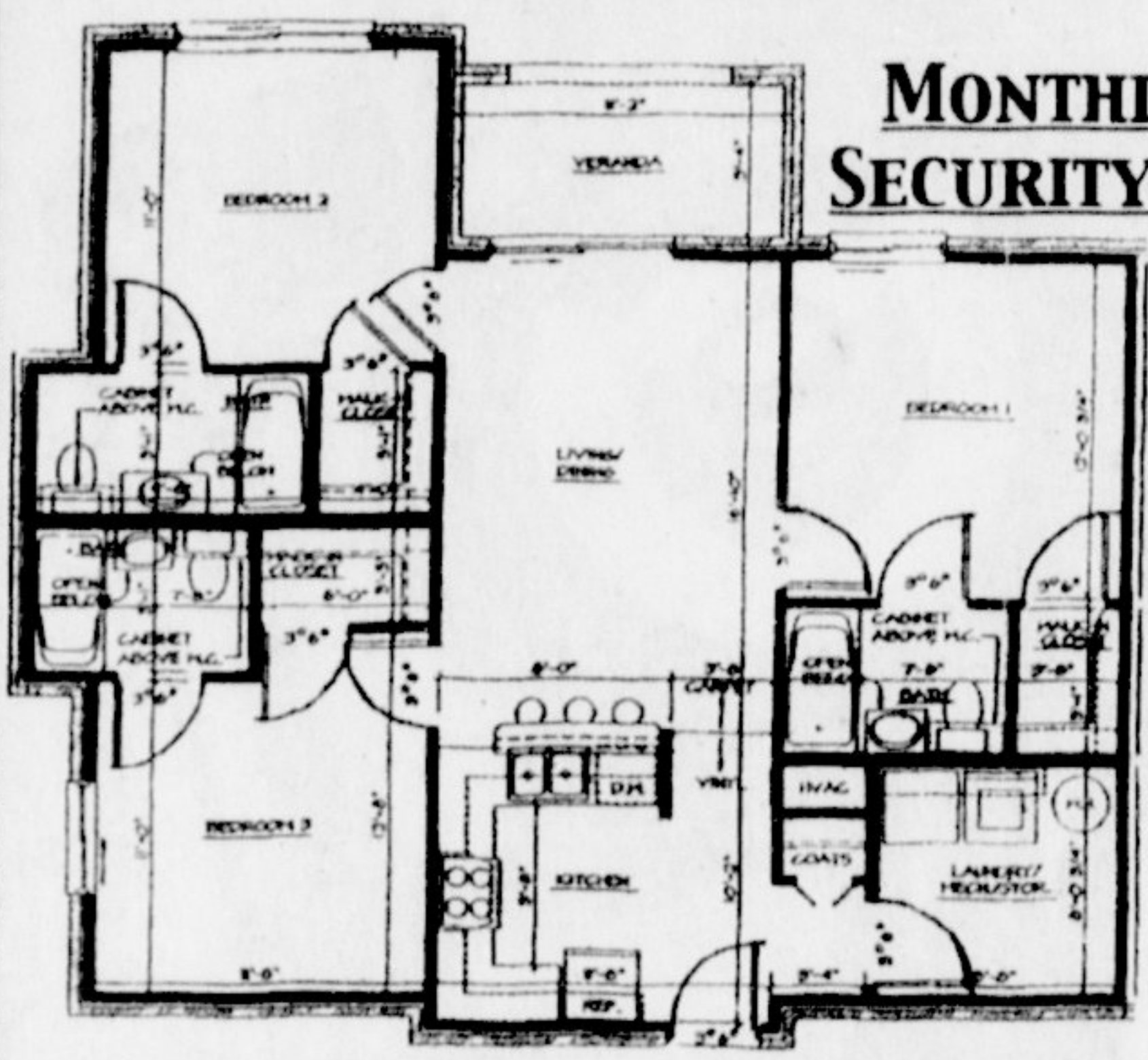


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