



Students cope with aftermath of early April apartment fire

Red Cross, ECU supply aid to victims

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Greenville residents and ECU students began picking up whatever they could find in their damaged Cypress Garden apartments after an early-morning fire ripped through 18 units last week.

Although Greenville Fire-Rescue Department is unsure of what ignited the fire, Battalion Chief Jeff Walker said they have ruled it as accidental.

Gary Coggins, interim fire marshal for the City of Greenville, said the investigation into the cause may take some time because investigators must interview all the residents, victims of the fire and those nearby, and that will continue after everyone has settled down.

"People are scattered around right now," said Coggins.

Coggins said the fire department is certain the fire began on a second floor balcony, but could not give a specific apartment number.

Charlene Lee, executive director for the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said at this time housing has been found for most of the 22 people that were affected. Some have chosen to live with friends, and others have moved back in with their parents.

Residents will not be provided food assistance until new housing has been found for them, Lee said.

After housing has been located, the Red Cross goes grocery shopping with the Food Bank of North Carolina, located on Ninth Street. Residents submit a request for items they want and the Red Cross will try to accommodate them.

"We provide them with a list, and they check off what they want. If they want Cheerios instead of Frosted Flakes we try to accommodate them," Lee said.

"The [residents] have been very complimentary of the services we provided," Lee said one student told her their "timing and quality of service was impeccable."

ECU Counseling Services stepped in to lend a hand the same night of the fire.

Lynn M. Roeder, Ph.D., assistant vice chancellor and director of Counseling Services, said that a "debriefing" — an urgent counseling session aimed at defusing shock and panic — was held the evening after the fire.

"We try to get students to talk about what they experienced and how they feel about it," said Roeder.

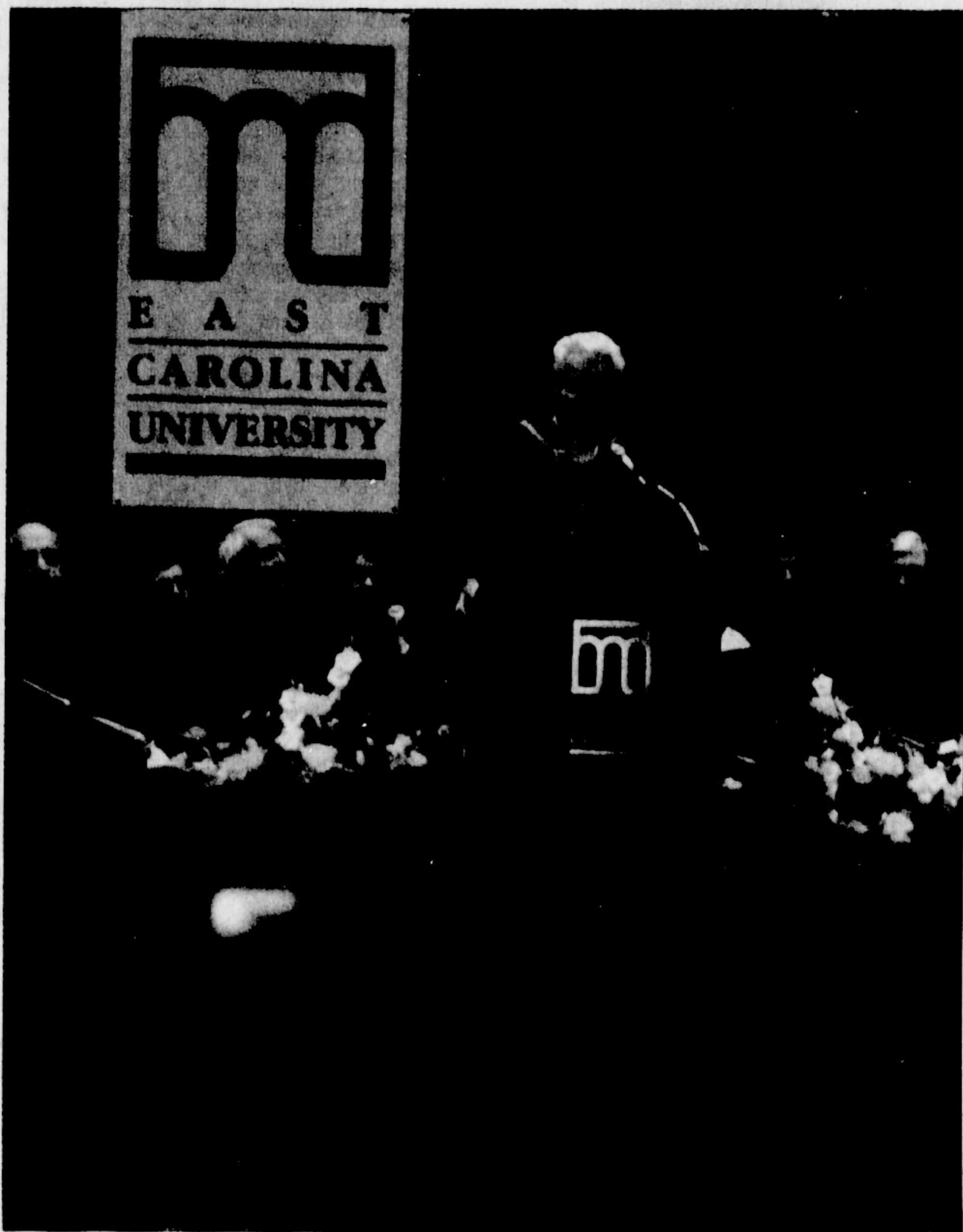
Roeder said the first 48 hours after a traumatic event, such as a fire, are critical to prevent longer lasting emotional problems, such as depression and loss of appetite from occurring.

Most students were stricken with "mode of survival" emotions and concerned about their schoolwork. One graduate student went back to try to salvage a thesis she had been working on, Roeder said.

Trauma, such as a fire, can literally burn itself into a victim's mind and result in panic and depression.

Roeder said many victims could not get the
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Students prepare for May 2004 graduation



Interim Chancellor William Shelton speaks to graduates in December's large ceremony.

Large dual ceremony, departmental events planned for graduates

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ECU's spring dual-graduation ceremony, which is scheduled for May 8, will honor more than 1,200 graduates.

The two ceremonies are taking place at Minges Coli-

seum. The first ceremony, for graduate and doctoral students, is at 10 a.m., and the second, for undergraduates, is at 2 p.m.

A total of 2,569 students are eligible to graduate in May and an additional 617 are eligible to graduate after the second summer session, said Liz Johnston, director of the department for disability support services.

Each ceremony has approximately 650 students signed up to attend

and will be preceded by a presentation by the university ensemble said Johnston.

"We encourage individuals to register on Onestop," said Johnston.

While summer graduates will not be able to register on Onestop for May graduation, they are still encouraged to attend the ceremony.

In December's graduation, the name of each student
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Members from the Board of Trustees break ground for the construction of the Learning Village.

Construction on Learning Village to begin in May

Medical complex will provide much-needed home for allied health, nursing, library

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Students in the schools of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences will have a new, larger academic home in 2006.

Construction on the Learning Village, which will house a building containing the two schools and the Laupus Health Sciences Library, will begin in May. During Founder's Week in late March, school officials broke ground on the medical campus west of the Warren Life Sciences Building, where the Learning Village will be located.

The new space is desperately needed to accommodate ECU's expanding health-related divisions.

Currently situated in the Belk Building on Charles Boulevard, the School of Allied Health Sciences is struggling to find room for its 513 students and more than 50 full-time faculty. By the end of the decade, the school projects that it could have 900 declared majors.

In addition to the Belk building, the school uses six trailers and a distant research site.

"We've run out of classrooms and out of office space," said Stephen W. Thomas, dean of Allied Health Sciences.

The nine allied health departments — including biostatistics communication sciences and disorders and physical and occupational therapy — are different and have distinct needs. Since each practical application is necessary to health fields, the school needs space so students can experience real-life settings.

The Learning Village will encompass 303,000 square feet; 127,000 of that will go to allied health, more than double the current space it occupies.

Classrooms, research labs and teachers' offices will have a central location, providing more unity for the school.

"It's really hard to have any department with any sense of collegiality, especially so spread out," Thomas said.

The move will unite the school and provide an opportunity for collaboration with other health
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Study looks into post-traumatic stress in sexual assault victims

Researchers hope to help prevent PTSD

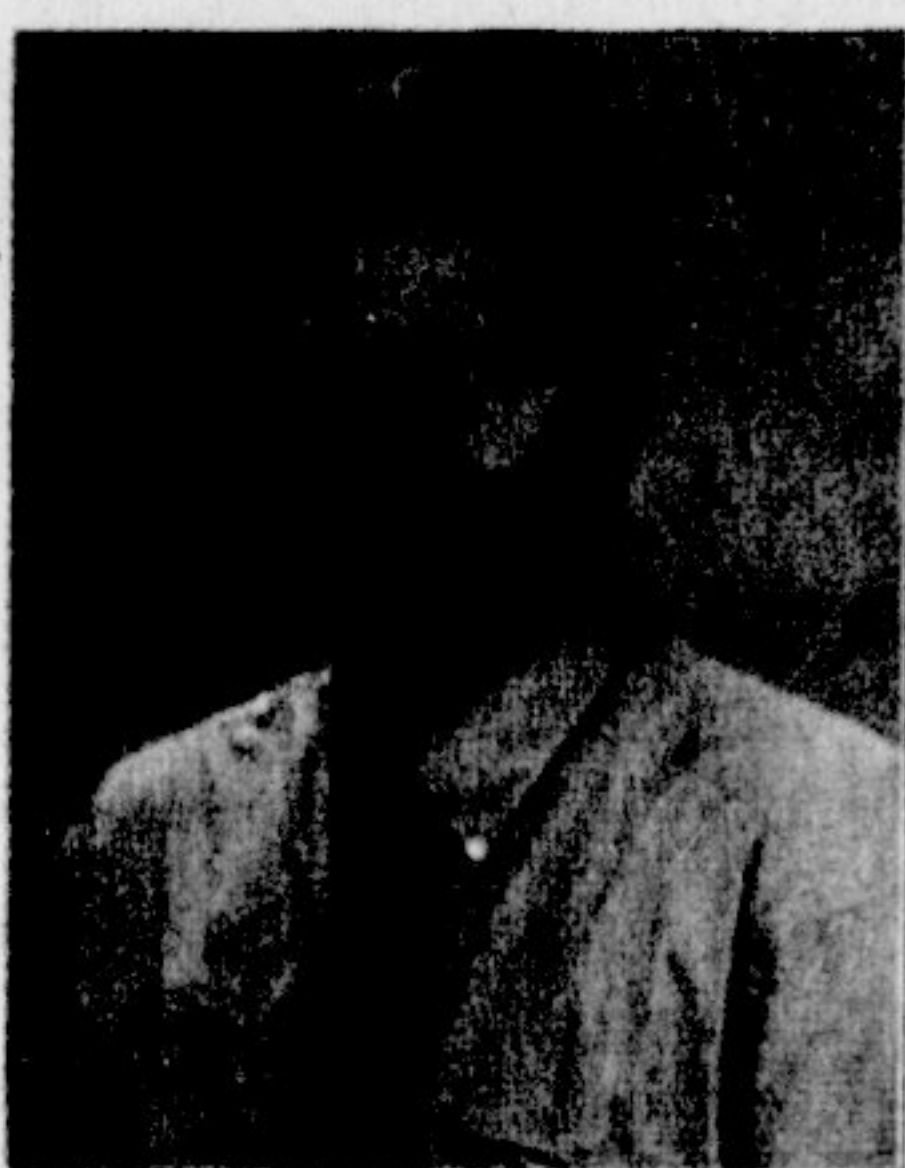
DANIEL SHUMAN
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Sexual assault victims who experience post-traumatic stress disorder are the focus of a new study by Dr. Gary Bawtinheimer, ECU's director of residency training for the psychiatry department.

"This is really an important area of psychiatry that we're entering into, it is the prevention of psychiatric illness," said Bawtinheimer.

"There's very few studies out there to show the ability to prevent a disease, and there's no studies yet available to show that we can prevent PTSD ... we're trying to show that this may, in fact, be possible through this study."

Bawtinheimer said he decided to do this research because of the enormous percentage of sexual assault victims



Bawtinheimer

that are affected by PTSD. He said 90 percent of women attacked experience PTSD onset within one month.

He said the disorder will be gone from one-half of its sufferers within six months of their incident, but one-third of them will experience it more than six months.

The National Center for

PTSD defines the disease as "a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events." Such events include military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents or violent personal assaults like rape.

People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping and feel detached or estranged.

These symptoms can be enduring and be severe enough to significantly impair the person's daily life.

According to the NCPTSD Web site, and estimated 8 percent of the U.S. population will deal with PTSD, and a women's likelihood of battling with the disease is twice that of a man's.

Participants in the 12-week study will be treated with a drug Paxil, which is often used as a medication for the disorder once it has already set in.

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EPA passes new storm water regulations

Environmental Health, Safety Office mark storm drains to raise resident awareness

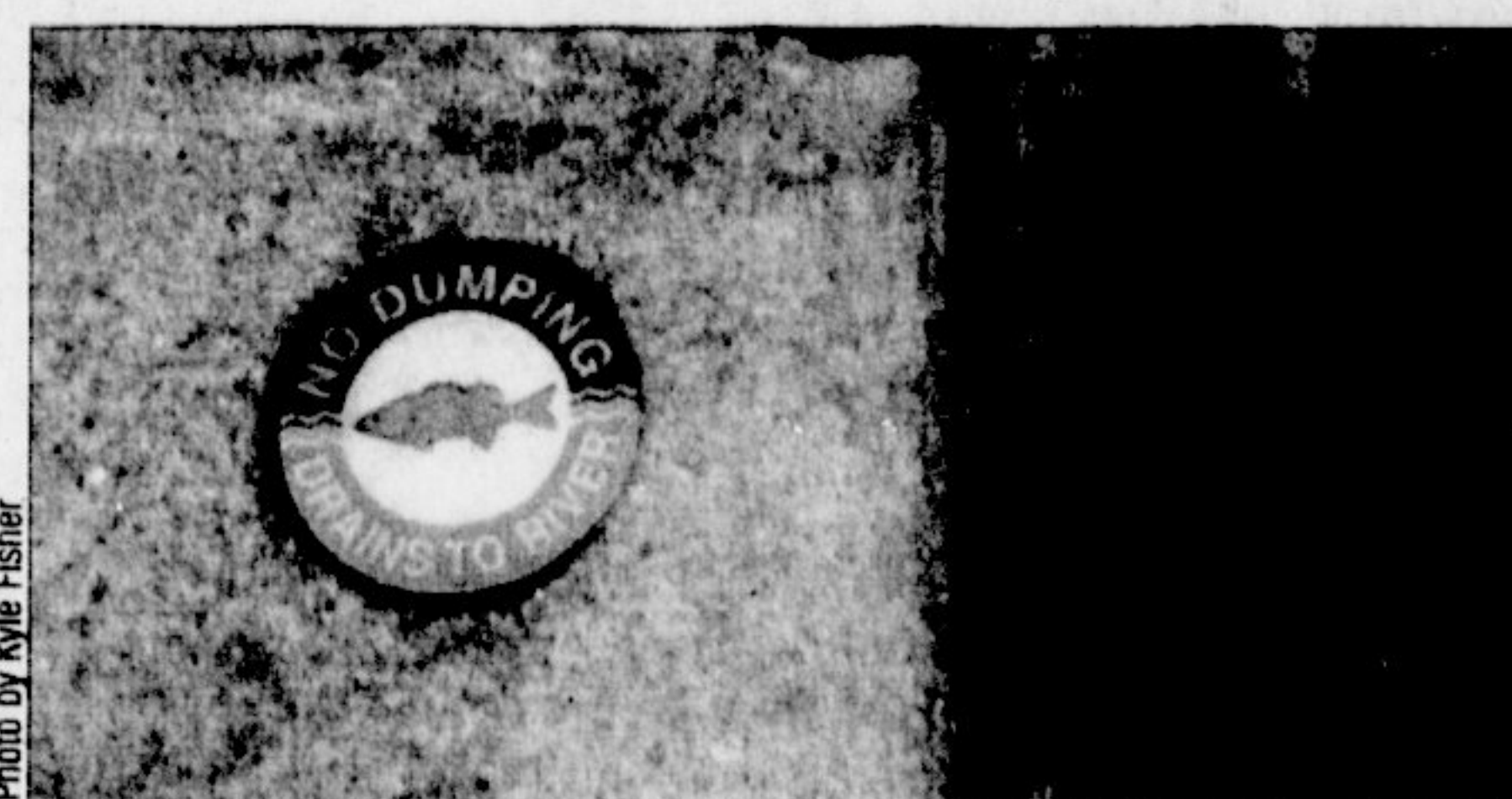
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To raise awareness of ECU's impact on the environment, the Environmental Health and Safety Office has initiated a project to mark storm water drains.

A brightly colored, circular sticker reading, "No dumping, drains to river" which includes a drawing of a fish in the center, marked most of the drains on campus.

Ross Reed, environmental specialist for EHSO, said the office hopes to raise student awareness of the impact their actions have on the Tar River.

Reed said the purpose of the signs are to get faculty, staff and students to protect the storm drains from pollutants by realizing the storm drains actually lead to rivers and other bodies of water.



Storm drains all over Greenville have been marked to alert residents about what littering can do to surrounding bodies of

the United States. When it rains, storm water, which carries pollutants, drains to local bodies of water.

This type of pollution is referred to as non-point source pollution, because its source cannot be attributed to a specific source.

An accumulation of non-point source pollution can become a large problem affecting aquatic life and water supply quality.

The Environmental Protection Agency recently named non-point source pollution as the largest contributor to contamination of surface waters in

In an attempt to solve the problem of non-point source pollution, the EPA passed the new Phase II Storm Water regulations, which require smaller cities, such as Greenville, to obtain storm water permits.

The permits require cities to develop, implement and enforce storm water management programs that make sure storm water runoff meets certain water quality standards.

Part of the plan calls for cities to initiate six control measures, one of which is a Public Educa-

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Sexual Assault Awareness throughout April

In rapes, attempted rapes and sexual assaults, 84 percent of the assailants were unarmed, 6 percent used a firearm and 10 percent used an edged or blunt weapon.

Eighteen percent of women who reported being raped before age 18 said they were also raped after age 18.

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Announcements

Adviser's Appreciation Reception

A reception honoring student advisers will take place today 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 today from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

Deadline

Today 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 today from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. Tickets are required but free at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

SGA Homecoming Chair

Applications for SGA 2004 Homecoming Chair are due by Friday at midnight. Forms are available at the Mendenhall Information Desk until Friday. Contact Joanna Iwata at 328-4790 for more information.

SGA Cabinet

Applications for the 2004-05 Cabinet are due by Friday. Contact Shannon O'Donnell at 328-4721 for more information.

International Festival

The City of Greenville will hold its International Festival this Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Town Commons. There will be multicultural entertainment, foreign cuisine, activities for kids, exhibitors, arts and crafts and ethnic wares. Admittance is free.

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.

Augustine Lecture

Meredith J. Gill, assistant professor of art history at Notre Dame University, will lecture on "Augustine's Renaissance" Wednesday, April 21, at 3:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.

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 program 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.

Dive for a Cure

SCUBA divers from ECU will raise money for the American Cancer Society Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Minges Coliseum pool. Games and events will be provided. All certified divers can participate. Contact Jamie LeLiever at 327-3391 for more information.

Dances of Universal Peace

The Dances of Universal Peace - sacred dances that honor the world's spiritual traditions through song, gentle dance and contemplation - will be Saturday, April 25 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall Student Center.

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 Chrystal Wiggins, junior sociology major.

News Briefs

Local

EPA to announce NC counties that violate smog standards

RALEIGH (AP) - The federal Environmental Protection Agency will announce Thursday which North Carolina counties violate new, tougher smog standards, beginning a three-year effort to clean up the state's dirty air. If North Carolina's most polluted areas - including Charlotte, the Triangle and the Triad - cannot meet the clean-air standards, they eventually could face the loss of federal funds that they depend on for crucial highway projects.

In addition to the Charlotte, the Triangle and the Triad, Division of Air Quality director Keith Overcash said other areas expected to be on the list include Fayetteville's Cumberland County and the Unifour counties of Catawba, Alexander, Caldwell and Burke that surround Hickory.

Sentencing changes urged to save NC millions

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK (AP) - The North Carolina chapter of Families Against Mandatory Minimums and other groups are backing reforms proposed by a state panel that has researched the impact of laws on the prison system.

If enacted, it is estimated that the reforms proposed by the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission's could save

the state from building at least five new prisons - costing \$1.3 billion over the next decade. Reform advocates believe that the cash-strapped state should not spend hundreds of millions of dollars building more prisons to accommodate a growing population of inmates, but should tweak the laws to ensure only violent criminals remain locked up for a long time. "Money going into prisons and operating prisons takes money away from education," said state Rep. Beverly Earle, D-Mecklenburg.

National

Sept. 11 panel to examine how to fix intelligence collection

WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA director George Tenet predicted Wednesday it will take "another five years of work to have the kind of clandestine service our country needs" to combat al-Qaida and other terrorist threats. "The same can be said for the National Security Agency, our imagery agency and our analytic community," Tenet testified before the commission investigating the worst terror attacks in the nation's history. Readily acknowledging that intelligence agencies "never penetrated the 9-11 plot," he added, "We all understood (Osama) bin Laden's intent to strike the homeland but were unable to translate this knowledge into an effective defense of the country."

LA police investigate new abuse

claim against Michael Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Detectives are investigating a new allegation involving a person who claims to have been abused by pop star Michael Jackson in the late 1980s, a police spokeswoman said. Jackson pleaded innocent to child molestation charges involving another alleged victim in Santa Barbara County. A pretrial hearing in that case is scheduled for April 30. On Tuesday, Jackson attorney Benjamin Brafman said he was unaware of the Los Angeles Police Department investigation of the new allegation.

"We have never been informed by the LAPD of any investigation that they are conducting of Michael Jackson," he said.

"I would point out that since I have been involved in this case I have addressed literally dozens of completely baseless rumors on a daily basis, and this appears to be just another one of them."

World

Firefight in Fallujah, U.S. troops massed outside of Najaf

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. warplanes and helicopter gun ships firing heavy machine-guns, rockets and cannons hammered gunmen as a truce in besieged Fallujah was strained by increasingly intense battles. With more troops killed, April became the deadliest month for American forces since they set foot in Iraq.

Elsewhere, a 2,500-strong U.S. force massed on the outskirts of the Shiite holy Najaf for a showdown with a radical cleric, raising fears of a U.S. attack on the city that would outrage the nation's relatively pro-U.S. Shiite majority.

Russia announced that it will evacuate its citizens from Iraq following a spate of kidnappings of at least 22 foreigners that erupted with the violence this month.

For third time in 10 years, South Africans of all races vote for new government

South Africans vote for third time

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - South Africans of all races voted Wednesday for a new government for the third time in a decade, with the party credited with ending apartheid poised for another sweeping victory. Long lines formed outside polling stations around the country, heralding a strong turnout sought by political leaders to show the strength of South Africa's young democracy. Some people arrived hours before polls opened at 7 a.m., braving a dawn chill in the southern hemisphere autumn, to cast ballots for a new national parliament and provincial assemblies.

President Thabo Mbeki was one of the first to vote, handing over his identity book and getting his hand stamped with purple ink to prevent double voting.

"The big day has come," he said at a booth in a park in the capital, Pretoria.

Event to honor 50th anniversary of historic Supreme Court decision

NPR Correspondent Juan Williams to speak on cases's impact

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Journalist, author and NPR senior correspondent Juan Williams will speak about the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision today in honor of the landmark ruling's 50th anniversary.

The presentation, titled *Brown v. Board of Education: Fifty Years Later*, will discuss the factors that led up to the 1954 decision, and its effects in the 50 years since the segregation of

schools.

The *Brown v. Board of Education* court case was a lawsuit filed by the family of an African American child who was denied entrance into a public school because of her race.

The family wished for their daughter to have equal opportunity for education.

Before the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, all the major North Carolina colleges including ECU were segregated, said Director of Intercultural Student Affairs Lathan Turner, Ed.D.

"Now, however, there are very few barriers in the way, and peoples' choices are open ... there is much more opportunity now," said

Event Information

The *Brown v. Board of Education* presentation will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. Tickets are required, but ECU students, faculty and staff may pick them up at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center at no cost.

Admission for the general public is \$5, and there is a reduced price of \$3 per person for groups of 15 or more.

Turner.

"Not many students understand the decision ... this event will be highlighting a most historic moment in the history of education."

Turner hopes students, faculty and staff will attend

the event.

"I encourage people to join this significantly important program. It will be well worth their time," Turner said.

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Bush braces nation for 'difficult' days

WASHINGTON (AP) - Giving no ground despite rising casualties, President Bush says more American troops may be heading for Iraq with authority to use decisive force in a mission that "may become more difficult before it is finished."

Bush said America's will was being tested by violence that has turned April into the deadliest month in Iraq since the fall of Baghdad a year ago.

"Look, nobody likes to see dead people on their television screens," Bush said.

"I don't. It's a tough time for the American people to see that. It's gut-wrenching."

The president went before the nation Tuesday night with a speech and question-and-answer session focusing on Iraq and the government's reaction to warning signs about terrorists before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Neither Bush's 17 minutes of opening remarks nor the 15 questions that followed strayed from those two topics, which the president has made central to his re-election bid on which his support in polls has declined markedly.

Nonetheless, the president expressed confidence he would win over voters this fall.

"I don't plan on losing my job. I plan on telling the American people that I've got a plan to win the war on terror. And I believe they'll stay with me," he said.

Though nearly half the questions Bush fielded offered him the chance to admit a mistake or express regret for his administration's actions in Iraq or on the 2001 attacks, he never did - except to apologize that he couldn't come up with any example of a failing.

"I don't want to sound like I have made no mistakes. I'm confident I have," he said.

"I just haven't - you just put me under the spot here, and maybe I'm not as quick on my feet as I should be in coming up with one."

A recent spike in violence has killed at least 83 U.S. troops this month as U.S. forces fight Sunni Muslim insurgents in the city of Fallujah, Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad

and on its outskirts.

In response, Bush said he has told military commanders to be prepared to use "decisive force" against insurgents and that he was ready himself to allow an increase, rather than the planned decrease, in U.S. troop strength in Iraq.

He promised "evidence in the months to come" of progress in Iraq, for both Iraqis and Americans growing weary of the instability and violence plaguing the country. But he also warned that success could come at an even higher cost than already is being paid.

"Our work may become more difficult before it is finished," the president said.

"No one can predict all the hazards that lie ahead or the cost that they will bring. Yet, in this conflict, there is no safe alternative to resolute action."

Looking longer-term, he tried to answer critics who have said the Iraq operation is too dominated by the United States. He touted efforts to devise a more formal role for NATO and to win the involvement of additional countries by giving a U.N. envoy the power to help decide which Iraqis would be placed in charge when power is transferred June 30 from the U.S. occupying authority.

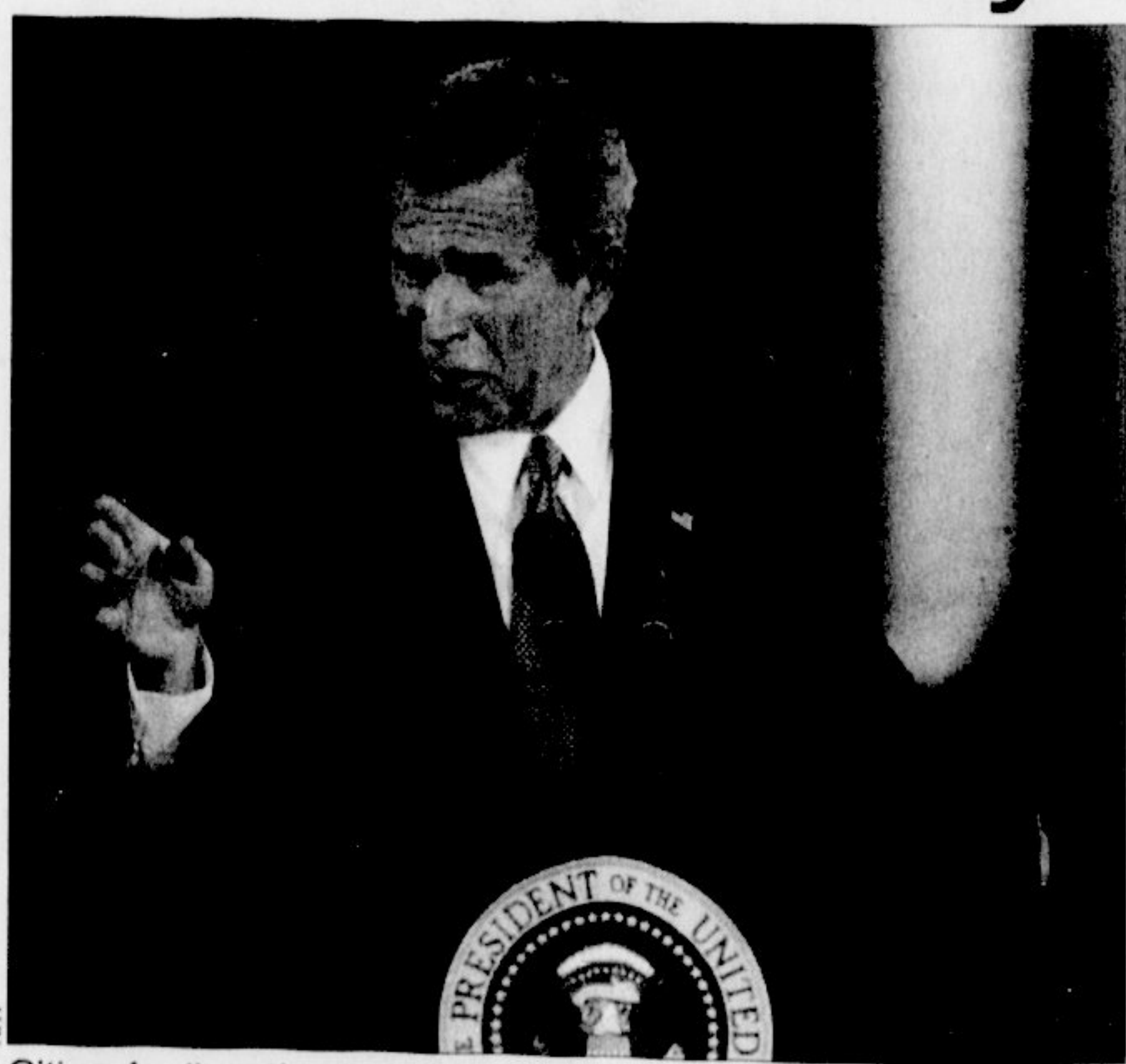
He repeated his resolve to see that the June 30 date is met, saying to do otherwise would lead Iraqis to feel betrayed and "those in Iraq who trade in hatred and conspiracy theories" to gain strength.

Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival, said the president failed to explain how he would stabilize Iraq.

"We need to set a new course in Iraq," the Massachusetts senator said in a statement.

"We need to internationalize the effort and put an end to the American occupation. We need to open up the reconstruction of Iraq to other countries. We need a real transfer of political power to the U.N."

Even as Bush outlined what he portrayed as a detailed road map to success in Iraq, his appearance was every bit as much about trying to shift public opinion on



Citing April as the deadliest months since the fall of Baghdad, Bush said more American troops may be heading to Iraq.

the U.S. mission.

Characterizing the recent violence as reminiscent of a litany of terrorist acts, from the 1983 suicide bombing that killed 241 servicemen in the Marine barracks in Beirut to the 2002 slaying in Pakistan of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, Bush called it "essential we win this battle in the war on terror."

"Over the last several decades, we've seen that any concession or retreat on our part will only embolden this enemy and invite more bloodshed," he said. "And the enemy has seen, over the last 31 months, that we will no longer live in denial or seek to appease them."

Perhaps most surprising was Bush's switch from a consistently upbeat view of the situation in Iraq to what he acknowledged was a "pretty somber assessment" on Tuesday of the difficulties there. He talked of "tough weeks" and "serious violence," acknowledging that recent developments have been hard on the military and their relatives, on the American public and even on his own administration.

He also admitted, for the first time, that Iraqis are not entirely pleased with the situation created by the U.S.-led war.

"They're not happy they're

occupied. I wouldn't be happy if I were occupied either," Bush said.

But he would only go so far, rejecting comparisons to the Vietnam War - which have come mostly from Democrats critical of Bush's Iraq policies - and insisting that most Iraqis are glad that the United States freed their country from Saddam Hussein's rule and are remaining there to help provide security.

"The violence we have seen is a power-grab by these extreme and ruthless elements," he said.

"It's not a civil war. It's not a popular uprising. Most of Iraq is relatively stable."

On Sept. 11, Bush said he "oftentimes" asks himself what he could have done differently before the attacks. He said, for instance, that he wished that a Homeland Security Department he initially opposed had been created sooner, that the Patriot Act had been passed earlier, and that the country - and the world - were more ready for action against al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

"There are some things I wish we'd have done, when I look back. I mean, hindsight's easy," he said.

But, he added, "The person responsible for the attacks was Osama bin Laden."

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Martha Stewart lawyers say they find new lies from juror

NEW YORK (AP) — Pressing again for a new trial, Martha Stewart's lawyers said Wednesday they have uncovered more lies and omissions by one of the jurors who convicted her last month.

Late last month, Stewart's lawyers said that Hartridge had lied in failing to disclose a 1997 arrest on charges of assaulting a woman he had been living with.

The defense has argued that it would have moved to have Hartridge stricken from the jury had they known about any of these facts from his past.

According to the papers filed in federal court, juror Chappell Hartridge confessed to embezzling from a Little League organization and admitted to a cocaine habit, but disclosed neither on his jury questionnaire.

The papers filed Wednesday asked U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, who oversaw the home-making authority's trial earlier this year, to grant a second trial or at least a hearing on the Hartridge matter.

Hartridge could not immediately be reached for comment. A listed number for him was out of service.

Federal prosecutors had no comment Wednesday. But last week, they said the disclosures about Hartridge were not enough to warrant a hearing, much less a new trial.

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying about her sale of a block of biotechnology stock just before it plunged.

She will be sentenced June 17. Legal experts expect her to get 10 to 16 months in prison.

Arab network says it has video showing killing of one of Italian hostages in Iraq

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An Arab network broadcast a report Wednesday that it has a video showing the killing of one of four Italian hostages being held by militants in Iraq.

Al-Jazeera told The Associated Press that the footage shows the four sitting on the ground, holding up their passports and surrounded by armed men. The satellite station said the tape showed the death of one of the hostages, but did not broadcast it to "protect the audience's feelings."

The four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company were abducted Monday.

An Al-Jazeera employee at the news desk in Doha, Qatar, did not know how the station got the tape.

A statement, from a previously unknown group called the Green Battalion, which threatened to "kill the three remaining Italian hostages one after the other, if their demands are not met," accompanied the tape.

In Italy, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told a television talk show that the government had no confirmation of the reported killing.

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smell of smoke out of their minds, and one student kept seeing flames when trying to sleep.

get out when neighbor Chris Farmer pounded on the door to warn them.

Lauren Berry, senior small-business management student and her boyfriend, John Paul Newsham, sophomore pre-nursing major lost just about everything they had.

"He [Newsham] grabbed the baby, I grabbed the bottle," said Berry.

Newsham, who didn't live with Berry at the time, still had plenty of his belongings at her apartment.

Berry and Newsham have since found a place to stay at Fox Hollow on Hwy 43, near Charles Boulevard.

"I had a poker table [that was lost]," said Newsham.

Students affected by the fire were concerned about having to withdraw or take incompletes for classes and assignments missed. Newsham said he received nothing but understanding from his instructors.

Newsham said Berry lost her couch, TV, pictures, movies and furniture.

Berry, the mother of a 6-year-old boy, didn't hesitate to


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tion and Outreach program. The storm water markings fall under this program.

The EHSO, who is helped in their effort by the ECU Environmental Health Club and the ECU Environmental Conservation Organization, wants the education they provide to stay with people.

We hope people won't just be more environmentally conscious on campus, but they will take that environmentally conscious attitude with them when they go home, said Reed.

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April 15 tax deadline underlines complex forms, longer chores

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers working feverishly to meet the April 15 filing deadline can take some comfort knowing they are not alone when it comes to scratching their heads over this year's forms. Tax returns are getting more complicated.

The government estimates that the average taxpayer filing a typical tax return with itemized deductions and income from interest, capital gains and dividends, has to spend 42 minutes more than last year doing the math and paperwork.

The total estimated time to finish these common forms is 28 hours and 30 minutes.

It is not only frustrating, but economically counterproductive, said David Keating senior counselor for the National Taxpayers Union and author of a new study on tax complexity.

"This is something that hobbles the nation's productivity because we have a lot of very talented people filling out paperwork," he said. "It's a real deadweight in our economy."

Even the simplest Form 1040EZ tax return takes 3 hours and 43 minutes to complete.

Some of this year's paperwork burden stems from changes in the taxpayers' favor, such as new laws that reduced the rates on capital gains and dividends and increased the child tax credit. The Internal Revenue Service reported Wednesday that the average tax refund increased 5 percent this year to \$2,090.

Occasionally, taxpayers find they have to complete, only to discover their work leads to a dead end.

To test for alternative minimum tax liability, for example, the average taxpayer can spend 3 1/2 hours filling out a worksheet only to find out no extra tax is owed. The alternative minimum tax prevents wealthy taxpayers from sheltering too much



Taxpayers working to meet today's tax deadline will find that tax returns are getting complicated. The government estimates the average taxpayer will spend 42 minutes more completing it.

income. Increasingly, however, it affects more middle-income families.

The paperwork estimates do not capture time spent in tax planning while making financial decisions, Keating noted. "It's a year-round worry you've done something the tax stupid way, not the tax smart way," he said.

To cope with the burden, taxpayers turn in droves to a professional or a software program to do the work, the National Taxpayers Union study said. More than 88 percent of taxpayers have used a paid professional or purchased tax software so far this year.

The popularity of tax software shows up in IRS statistics that measure a 20 percent increase this year in taxpay-

ers using home computers to file electronically.

Even the professionals rely on software.

Kathy Burlison, director of tax implementation at H&R Block, said the software is particularly helpful with this year's capital gains tax calculations. Capital gains can be taxed at multiple rates this year, depending when the asset was bought and sold.

"We are all grateful for good software. It's not a calculation we'd want to be making over and over on our own," Burlison said.

H&R Block wrote its own software program to break through the complexity in education tax credits and deductions. The education calculator prevents taxpayers or tax pro-

professionals from having to fill out their tax return as many as four different ways to find out which yields the lowest taxes.

Joseph Anthony, an enrolled agent who prepares tax returns in Portland, Ore., said he does his by hand every year as an educational exercise before turning to the computer.

He said he has seen the complexity rise with each of President Bush's tax cuts, and he blames the firepower of modern computers for making the complications possible. Tax cuts passed during Bush's administration start and stop, phase in and phase out, and apply to only parts of the taxpaying population.

"I blame Intel partly for the complexity of tax returns," Anthony said.

Weird News

Ohio man wins right to erect 30-foot hot dog

ALLIANCE, Ohio (AP) — An entrepreneur has won his wiener war with city hall.

A judge granted Walton "Wally" Armour permission to erect a 30-foot replica of a hot dog atop his new restaurant.

City officials had tried to halt the plans, saying it would lead to more and could make the city look like the Las Vegas strip.

The Alliance Board of Zoning Appeals granted Armour a variance allowing him to skirt an ordinance against rooftop advertising. Law Director Andrew Zumbard argued that the ordinance shouldn't be bypassed, but the judge said the city could not challenge its appeals board.

Intoxicated man seeks jobs with police

ORCHARDS, Wash. (AP) — A man who stopped by Washington State Patrol headquarters to ask about getting a job as a lawman found himself on the other side of the law.

Robert Gulley, an unemployed radio technician, was ticketed for alleged drunk driving as he drove away from the patrol office in this city near Vancouver. He had asked for a job application.

"I guess it was a bad time to go there," said Gulley, 25.

When Gulley walked into patrol headquarters Wednesday afternoon, he was slurring his words, had glassy eyes and his breath smelled of alcohol, Trooper Maureen Crandall said.

When she told him it wasn't a good idea to apply to be a trooper while intoxicated, Gulley denied drinking. So Trooper Rich Bettger offered to measure Gulley's blood alcohol level with a hand-held breath tester.

March said Gulley blew a 0.095, above the state's legal limit for driving of 0.08, indicating he'd had at least three drinks.

Actors whip Easter Bunny at church

GLASSPORT, Pa. (AP) — First, the Passion of the Christ. Now, the torment of the Easter Bunny?

It may not have been as gruesome as Mel Gibson's movie, but many parents and children got

upset when a church trying to teach about Jesus' crucifixion performed an Easter show with actors whipping the Easter bunny and breaking eggs.

People who attended Saturday's show at Glassport's memorial stadium quoted performers as saying, "There is no Easter bunny," and described the show as being a demonstration of how Jesus was crucified.

Melissa Salzmann, who brought her 4-year-old son J.T., said the program was inappropriate for young children.

"He was crying and asking me why the bunny was being whipped," said Salzmann.

Patty Bickerton, the youth minister at Glassport Assembly of God, said the performance wasn't meant to be offensive. Bickerton portrayed the Easter rabbit and said she tried to act with a tone of irreverence.

Thieves ditch cranky reptile

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Would you upset an alligator named Mr. Cranky Pants? Some thieves who chanced it soon changed their minds.

The four-year-old alligator was stolen from a reptile park north of Sydney over the weekend, but officials at the zoo said Monday the thieves may have underestimated his moodiness and let him go.

"Mr. Cranky Pants is a cranky pants, he gets moody and so they probably messed with the wrong alligator and dumped him," said Al Mucci, from the Australian Reptile Park in Somersby on New South Wales state's central coast.

Thieves had scaled two barbed-wire fences and climbed into an alligator pit before stealing the 4-foot beast. Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio said Monday. Park officials then raised the alarm, concerned for his safety.

Following a tip from the public, rangers found the reptile in a nearby creek.

"He looks relieved to be back. You can tell with alligators by their eyes whether they're stressed or not stressed, and he looks glad to be back," Mucci said.

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dent graduating was called, whereas in past years, individual names were not called.

A large majority of the students requested individual names not be called at this year's university graduation ceremony.

"We sent out almost 1,600 e-mails to students that applied to graduate ... and asked them what they would like," Johnston said.

"Their response was fairly overwhelming in favor of going back to the ... old way, which is the large events on Saturday and the smaller,

more personal events surrounding that."

Individual student names will not be called at the university graduation in May.

Johnston said some different departments are putting on smaller, more personal ceremonies for the graduates of their department.

Sandra Tawake, director of undergraduate studies in the English department, said the English department is going back to its traditional ceremony with a speaker, music, refreshments and recognition of both outstanding graduate and undergraduate

students.

"A lot of students have told me that they prefer coming to our small graduation, and many of them actually don't attend the university-wide graduation," said Tawake.

Departmental recognition certificates will be given to students who have completed the major, Tawake said.

This year's English department graduation is different from previous years, Tawake said, because the administration is allowing individual departments to have receptions honoring their students as long as they do not wear academic

regalia.

"We weren't supposed to do anything that would take away from or detract from student's attendance at the university wide graduation," Tawake said.

Tawake said she feels the conflict arose because students in the past have preferred to attend the smaller departmental ceremonies.

Tawake said students prefer the departmental graduation ceremonies because they are more personal.

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professionals, mimicking the workforce. Thomas said he was incredibly excited about the future prospects for ECU's health sciences.

"To be able to get into other places where we're working with nurses and have a library and have contact with patients can only enhance the quality of delivery health care," he said.

The nursing school, with an enrollment of 554, will also move to the new building.

Both are state leaders in medical training; according to the Office of the President of the UNC-system, ECU's allied health program produces the most allied health professionals of state universities, and the nursing school produces the most nurses of any school in North Carolina.

Architectural drawings envi-

sion a spacious structure with many windows. Developers hope to include an eating and relaxation area since it's so far from central campus. Wireless Internet will also be available.

Dorothy Spencer, director of the Laupus Health Sciences Library, called the building "beautiful."

She said with the relocation of allied health and nursing to the medical campus, the library's current 42,000 square feet couldn't serve everyone's needs.

"It also gives us an opportunity to update our technology, expand our history collection and make general overall improvements," said Spencer.

Currently, the library has 62,688 book titles and 159,564 book and journal volumes.

The entrance to the Learning

Village will come from Highway 43, leading to about 950 parking spaces. Transportation, however, is a concern.

Since allied health and nursing majors usually complete most of their general education requirements on ECU's main campus before taking major-specific courses, there won't be a significant overlap between courses on the main and medical campuses.

However, a higher number of students will undoubtedly have to travel between the two locations. New transportation methods will be used, Thomas said, though the specifics have not yet been determined.

Expansions to the Learning Village would include the Eastern Carolina Cardiological Center, which will go before the North Carolina General

Updates

To view updates on the Learning Village's progression in the construction phase visit www.ecu.edu/dhs/learningvillage.

Assembly to receive funds.

George Harrell, senior associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said the creation of the Learning Village will open up more space on campus to accommodate the university's projected growth. The vacated Belk Building will be remodeled and renovated, he said, but an occupant has not been chosen.

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However, Bawtinheimer hopes it will eliminate the onset of PTSD altogether. GlaxoSmithKline, the makers of Paxil, are sponsoring the study.

Along with his two assistants from ECU's Clinical Trials Office, Bawtinheimer will begin his research when they have the 20 participants needed to gather enough data.

This, however, might be one of the tougher aspects of the work since many sexual assault victims do not want to be known.

"It's understandable ... it's a very difficult time for them [victims] ... but it's an important study, and we would appreciate anyone who is able to come forward and participate in the study," Bawtinheimer said.

Those who agree to participate in the study will receive \$100, and research funding will pay for any necessary lab work. Patients involved in the study are not excluded from other forms of treatment. Bawtinheimer said his group would refer patients

to counselors and crisis centers if necessary.

Bawtinheimer said there is currently no published research into the prevention of PTSD, meaning there has only been small, preliminary research performed to see whether a larger study is useful, but it could have far-reaching benefits. Depending on the results of this research, a much larger, multi-institutional study might follow.

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Study Info

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Our View

Lying about health conditions is not only deceptive, but it puts people in need of physical healing at risk for developing even worse medical conditions.

The University of Missouri-Columbia collected enough pints of blood to earn recognition from the Guinness Book of Records as the largest single-site, single-day blood collection five years ago.

This year, the university's efforts in blood donation were recognized once again across national headlines. This time, however, the acknowledgment was not positive.

In an e-mail, sorority members were urged by Christie Key, a fellow member and the chapter's blood donation coordinator, to lie if they'd had recent tattoos, piercings or illnesses in order to boost numbers in a competitive campus blood drive.

The e-mail, which reached 170 members, read, "I don't care if you got a tattoo last week. LIE. I don't care if you have a cold. Suck it up. We all do. LIE. Recent piercings? LIE ... We're not messing around. Punishment for not giving blood is going to be quite severe."

The purpose of blood donation, according to the American Red Cross, is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace among all peoples.

Lying about health conditions is not only deceptive, but it puts people in need of physical healing at risk for developing even worse medical conditions.

Within her threats, Key has defined the purpose of her sorority and many other Greek affiliations - achieve success, no matter the cost.

Members of dictating affiliations should consider the value of their memberships in comparison to their self worth. Does the group care about your success, or is it consumed by its own?

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

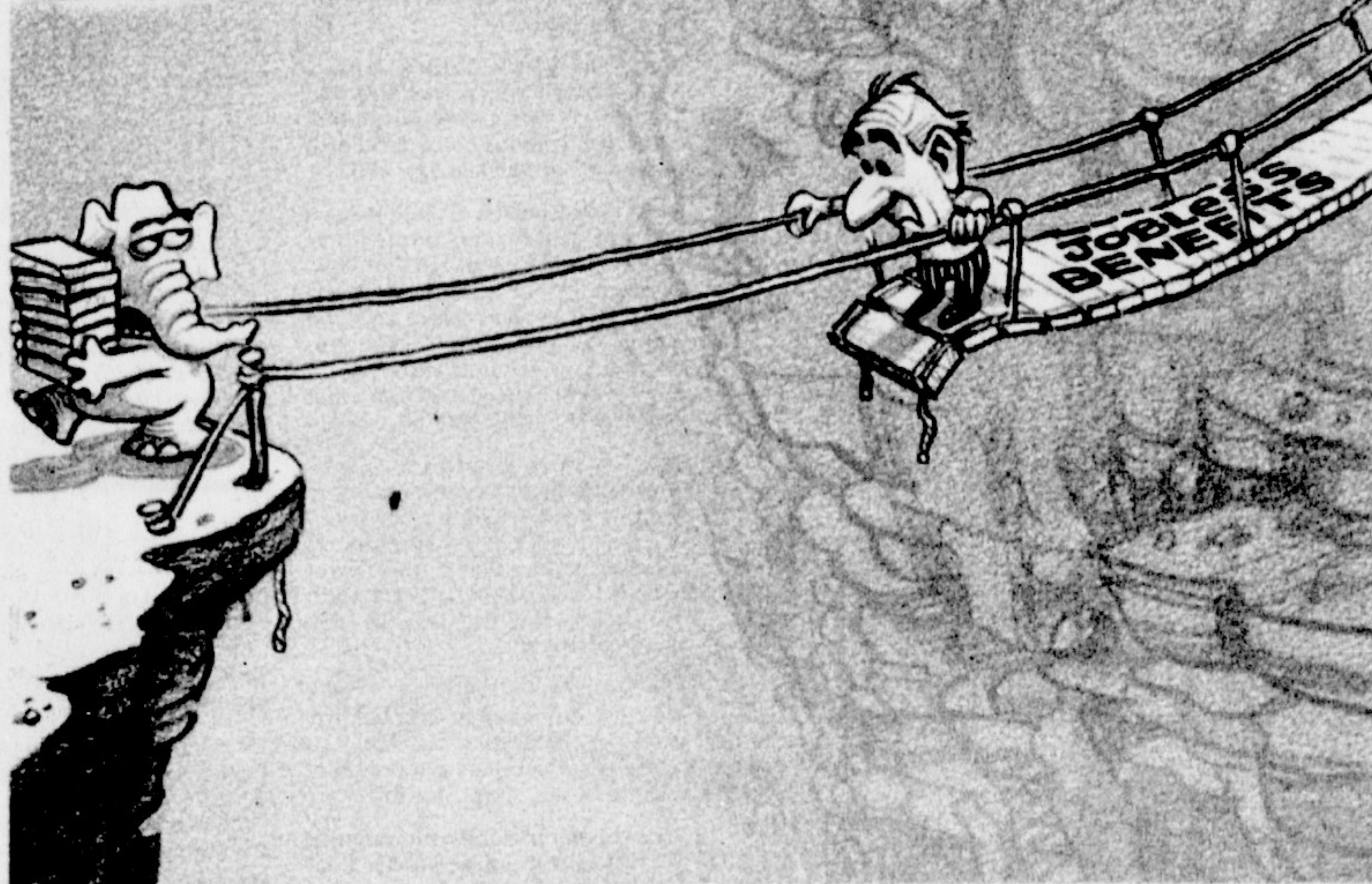
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Opinion Columnist

Christmas declared illegal by Supreme Court

Groups aim to remove all mentions of "a deity" from government

ANTHONY MCKEE
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In a decision that has shocked millions, the Supreme Court today ruled that the observance of Christmas by government entities is unconstitutional.

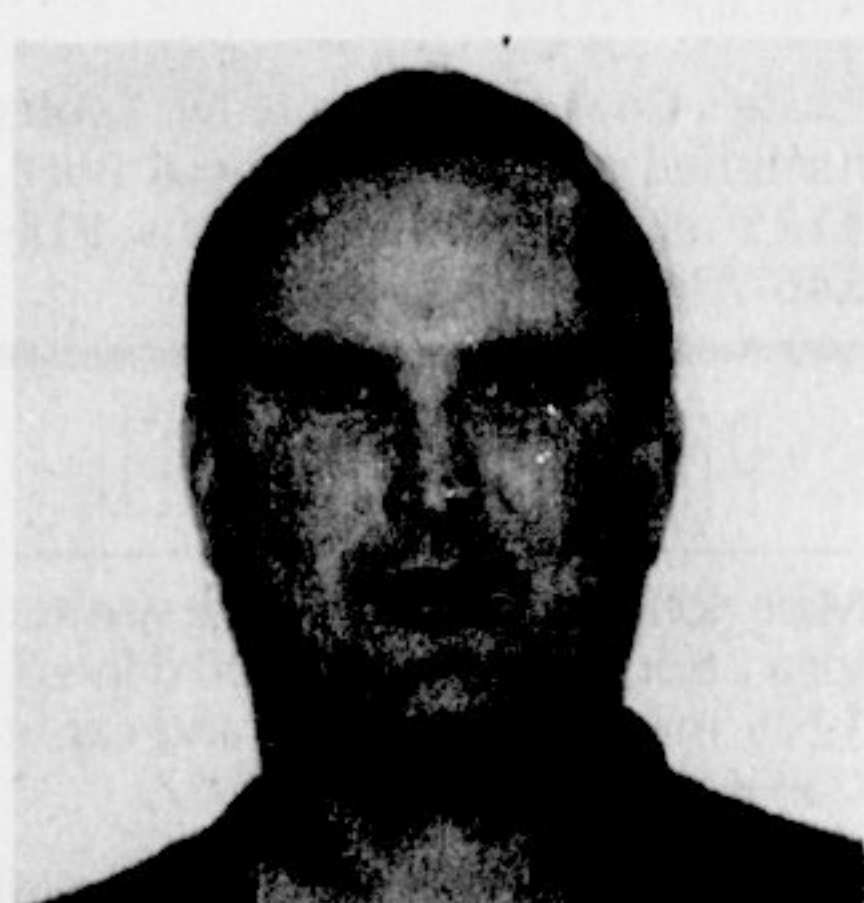
The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit brought jointly by civil liberties groups, atheist organizations and "Separation of Church and State" groups that alleged closing government offices for Christmas was the equivalent of "establishment of a state religion."

The lawsuit was initially brought by a single person, but was later joined by various groups who quickly formed a united front. Opponents viewed this as part of an ongoing strategy to remove any reference to God in this country that started decades ago with the decision banning prayer in schools.

Today's ruling means simply that no government entity, from federal to local, will be permitted to observe Christmas.

The traditional lighting of the Christmas tree on the White House lawn is now illegal. No decorations can festoon lampposts or buildings across the nation that have been erected or purchased by the local governments.

Parades containing government officials, police, firemen, etc. in their official capacity will no longer be allowed. Classrooms



cannot contain decorations. No governmental office, courthouse or legislative body anywhere will close.

The president and Congress have vowed that they will be at work Dec. 25 as a sign of compliance with the ruling.

The travel and retail industries will be the first, but not the last, to take a hit. Governmental workers will no longer have time off to visit family and friends or to do the last minute shopping that makes or breaks many retailers.

Companies that do business with the government will be required to remain open, and those employees will also be unable to engage in the usual Christmas activities. Families with children will be especially hard hit.

Since schools will have to remain open and children will have to remain in day care. That money, which many people count on for spending on presents or travel, will now have to go to child care.

Unfortunately, Christmas will not be the only observance

outlawed.

Easter can no longer be formally observed. Governmental recognition of Hanukkah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa and any other religious observances are now taboo.

Massive protests are occurring in Washington, D.C. and several major cities at this time. Further protests are expected as the public begins to fully understand the ramifications of today's ruling.

This report is fictional, of course. For now, whether it remains fictional is extremely questionable.

There appears to be a concerted effort from a very vocal minority to remove any reference to God from this country.

Anybody who doesn't believe this need only look at one of the current cases the Supreme Court is deciding - whether the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance are a form of state-sponsored religion and therefore a violation of the separation clause of the Constitution.

This case was brought to California by self-proclaimed radical atheist Michael Newdow who, supposedly on behalf of his daughter, is an active churchgoer. Newdow filed suit despite lacking custodial rights over his daughter, and his right to sue was tenuous at best.

Newdow has been joined in this action by - guess who - the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, and various atheist groups, to name a few.

All are supporting Newdow

and are urging the Supreme Court to rule in his favor. This is not the first, nor will it be the last, time that Newdow has filed suit.

According to reports, he filed suit over the reference to Jesus in President Bush's inaugural ceremonies as well as against the House and Senate who open every legislative session with a prayer from their private chaplains.

Ironically, in pursuing his case to the Supreme Court, Newdow is arguing before a body that opens all their sessions with a prayer also. Not for long, if he has any say in the matter.

Newdow stated bluntly that his ultimate goal is to remove any and all mention of God (he actually said "a deity") from government, its symbols and all officials performing any governmental duties.

This includes the removal of "In God We Trust" from all U.S. money and banning the singing of songs such as "God Bless America" at any event on government property (including schools) or government-sponsored events.

As a case in point, if this had already happened, the stirring sight of every available politician singing "God Bless America" on the steps of Capitol Hill after 9/11 would never have happened. It would have been illegal, so would the Easter break we just came back from, as well as Christmas and others.

That is Newdow's and his allies' vision for America's future. Is it yours?

Opinions In Brief

TEC EDITORIAL BOARD

Nowhere to go in Greenville

Greenville is a college town, so the college students want somewhere to go so they are able to have a good time with friends. That's hard to find in Greenville though. If you go downtown to a club, you have to be dressed in a certain dress code or have a membership. The membership part is what I don't get. None of the clubs downtown are nice enough to require people to have memberships in order to go inside. I'm not going to pay to get a membership to a club since I don't go that often, but I think that if I decide to go downtown, I should be able to go to any club that I want to without worrying about a membership. What is the point of having a membership? To keep the "bad guys" out? If that is the point, it doesn't work. I think the clubs lose a lot of money by requiring a membership, since many people come to Greenville to visit, go downtown expecting to go to a club and get rejected for not having a membership. Even those of us who live here get rejected for not having a membership. I could understand having a membership requirement if the club was elite, but this is Greenville, so why not let us in?

We may have been able to prevent 9/11. This country has been through enough over the last three and a half years. In trying times, people have to ask themselves what it is that they can truly depend on. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like the answer is the government.

Last Thursday, Condoleezza Rice testified in front of the 9/11 commission, a nonpartisan panel studying what the federal government and its law enforcement

agencies knew about terrorist threats in the country before the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

For those who missed the testimony, the panel and the viewing public was at once informed that there was a PDB (Presidential Daily Briefing) titled "bin Laden wants to strike in the U.S."

Rice said that the document did not warn of a strike in the United States as much as the document was a historical breakdown of other terrorist acts by bin Laden. Rice also testified that she did not remember if she had informed the president that there were Al Qaeda sleeper cells in the United States.

That is just a small portion of the revelations unleashed in her testimony.

If you folks want an informed opinion on the matter - and I'm sure you do - it would be helpful to read the whole thing for yourself or catch the replay on C-Span sometime soon.

The full transcript is not hard to find with a basic search on the net. Now, there are going to be more than plenty of people who will read up on the testimony and decide that this administration is the most courageous presidential administration since Lincoln, and there will be others saying that it is the worst since Nixon.

When I heard the testimony, though, I really felt let down. I want to be able to say, like many, that nobody could have done anything to prevent the attacks on 9/11, but the more I learn about the events leading up to the attacks, the more I think the administration dropped the ball.

Stewart's retrial bid unnecessary. Martha Stewart, queen of crafty do-it-yourself projects, is in the spotlight again after she was

accused by prosecutors of seeking a new trial after attempting to humiliate a juror with information about his past.

Prosecutors called Stewart's actions "an assault on the jury system itself."

I am glad to see Stewart is being reprimanded for her actions.

Celebrities are far from perfect and should receive the same penalties as normal citizens when they break the law.

I need money

Every year, the FAFSA dictates my life in the forthcoming year: Where I'll live and what degree of ghetto it'll be in, what sort of job I'll need to afford food, which textbooks I'll have to forgo, how I'll transport myself to school, and so on ...

Somehow, I'm also chosen for the process known as "verification," which only prolongs the stress related to determining these necessities of life. It's just another annoyance in my already too busy end-of-semester rush, but this isn't my main beef with the government's financial aid process.

There are holes in establishing how much aid a person is eligible for. When applying to colleges (based on affordability, of course), all the financial aid books I read gave this reassuring mantra: Everyone can receive some kind of aid, no matter your income.

So that means if Donald Trump had a child, he or she could get money from the government to attend college. It's a good thing, I guess - if Mr. Trump wanted to instill a little independence in his offspring and deter living off his fortune forever, he could do so without hindering his or her access to higher education.

This scenario brings up an interesting dilemma. Some families - from low, middle and high

incomes - don't contribute to their children's education at all.

However, there's no way to indicate one's parents don't contribute to college expenses, except by declaring independent status, which takes much more time than college kids have.

If the government really wants to help its citizens afford higher education, it should work on streamlining the financial aid process and making appropriate disbursements to applicants based on their unique situations.

Basketball hoops increase crime?

To much dismay, I walked down to the blacktop on College Hill this week to shoot some hoops - only to find the rims had been taken down because, as I was told, "they didn't want to attract the wrong crowd." How far is too far?

Who is "they"? Who is the "wrong crowd"? But, that's beside the point: We now have security guards, no privacy and no real sense of security. Crime happens on a large campus because it is a light-security target and often because alcohol is involved - not because of anything students have done.

So that's how we solve the problem - if we quit shooting basketball on the Hill, we'll stop the violence. What a ridiculous prevention method by the administration.

Fantasy sports?

Who came up with this idea of Fantasy Sports? I think it is one of the worst things ever conceived. It doesn't matter how it's explained, it's just another way to play games like PlayStation and Xbox. Aren't those games enough, especially with the new technology of online competition and Direct TV? It seems this Fantasy Sports thing is way out of control.



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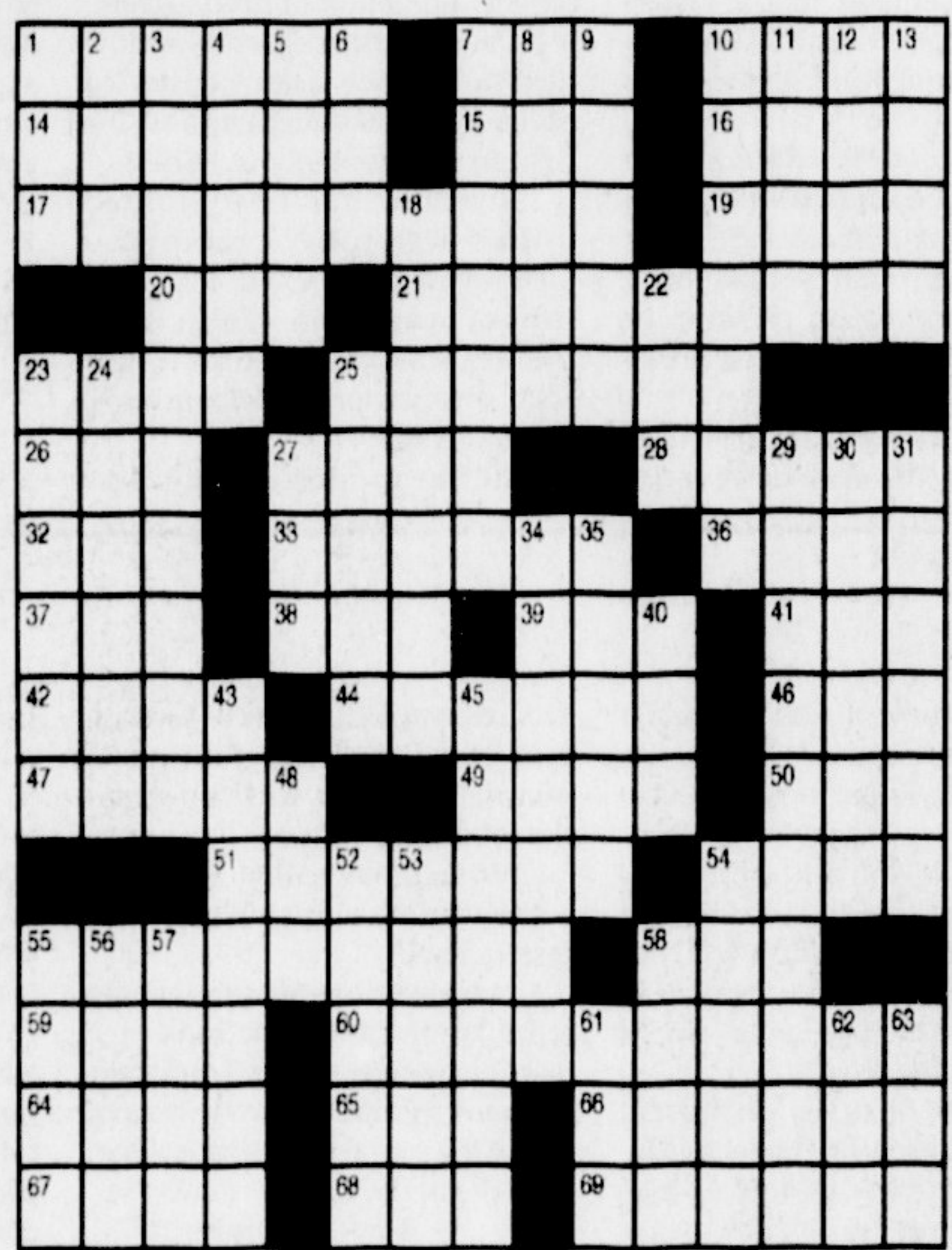
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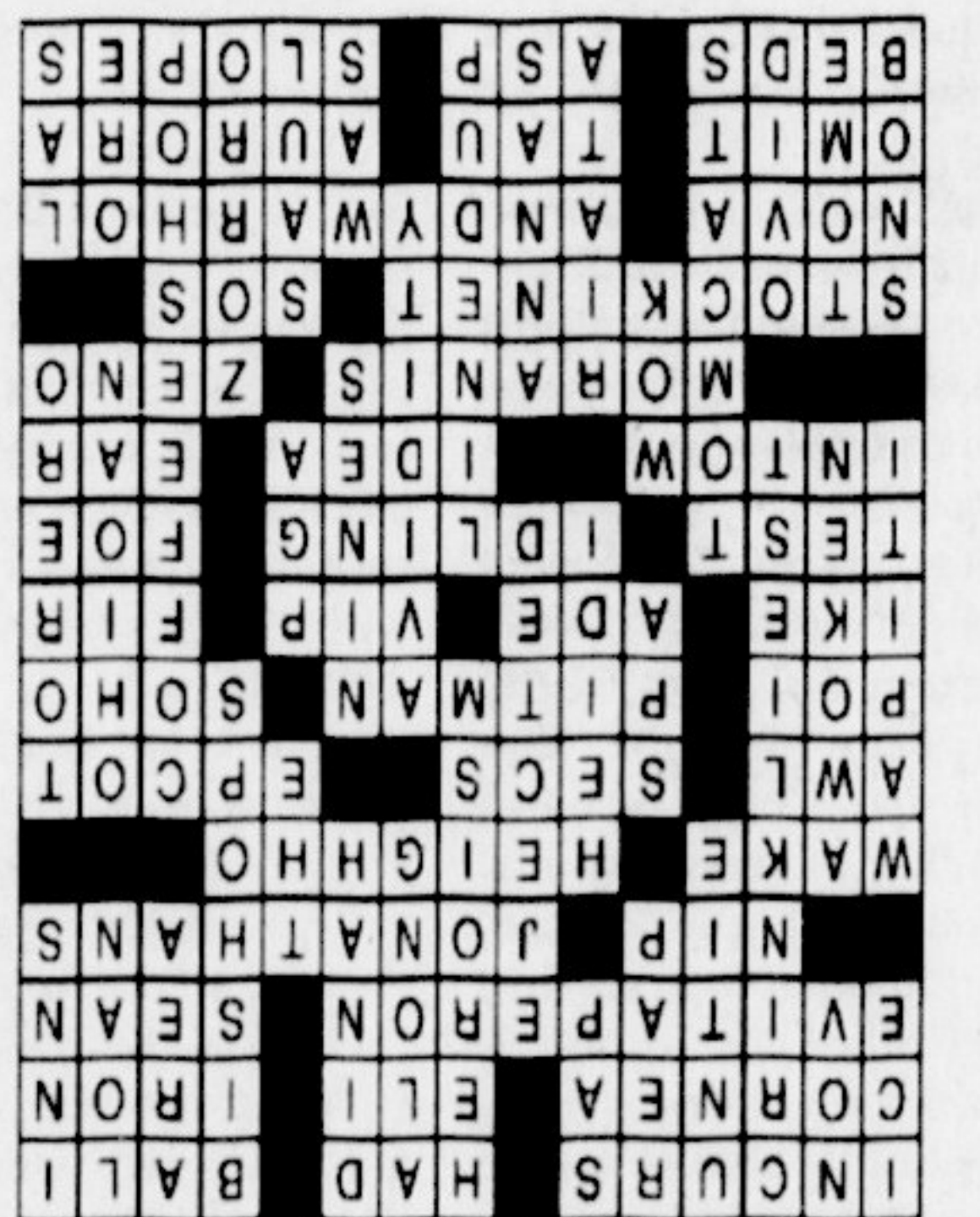
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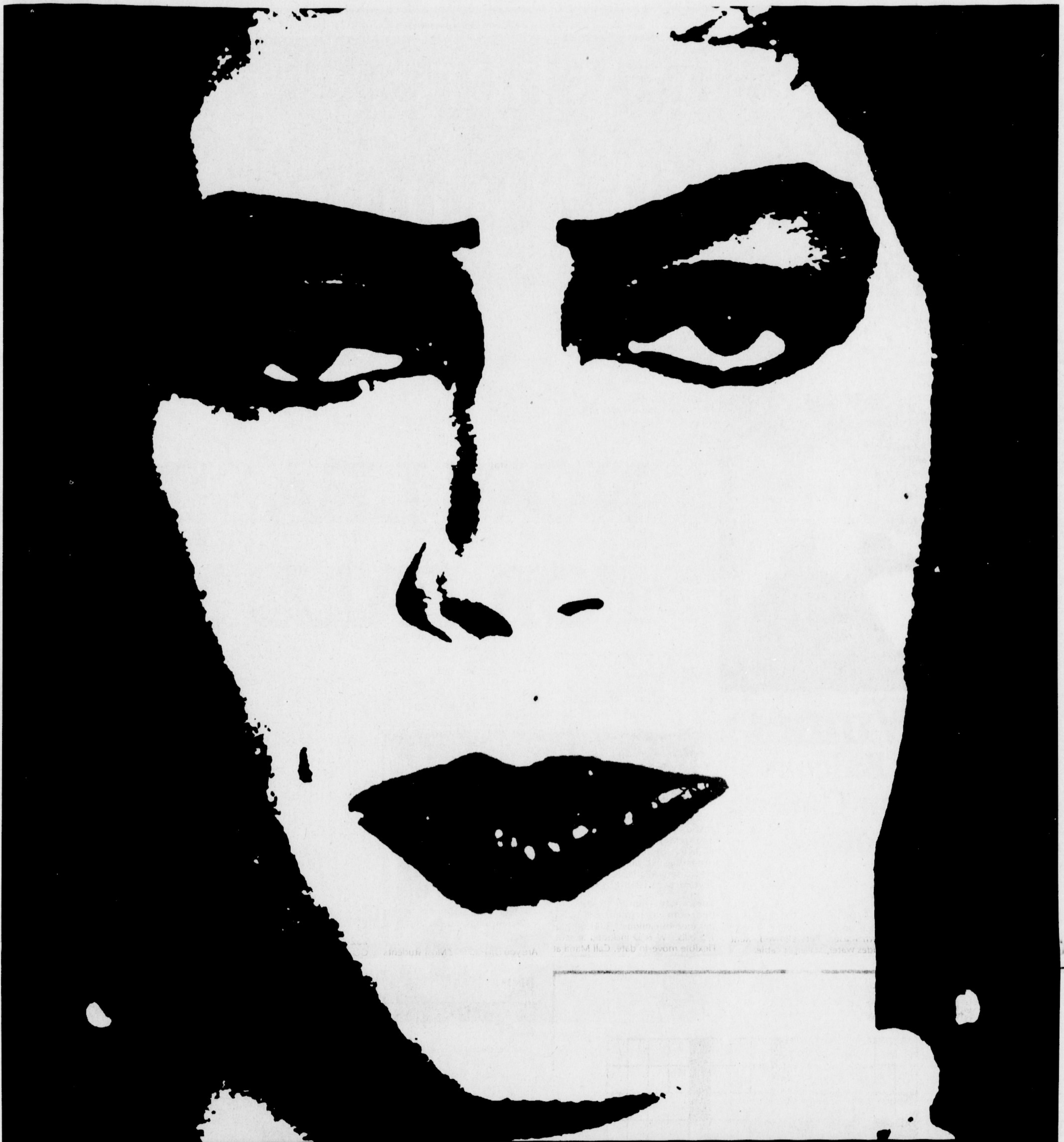
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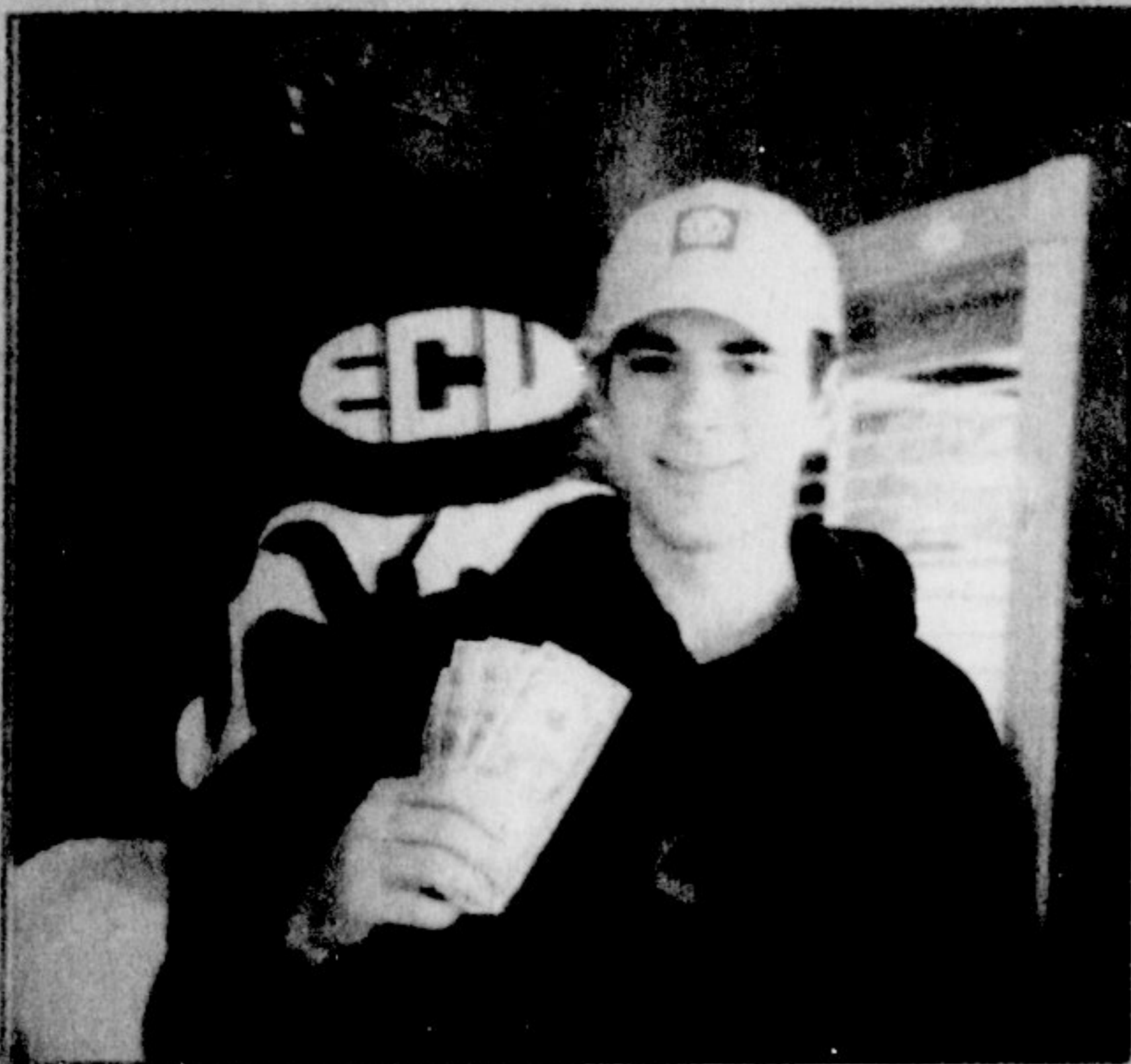


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Did You Know?

- This month is International Twit Award Month.
- Today is National Wear Your PJs to Work Day.
- On this day in 1912 at 2:27 a.m., the Titanic sank.
- On this day in 1955, the first McDonald's opened.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Girl With A Pearl Earring* 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. *Along Came Polly* 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.

Chinese Acrobats

The Student Union presents a performance by Chinese Acrobats at 7 p.m. today in Wright Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Central Ticket Office at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

'The Rivals'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents *The Rivals* today through Tuesday, April 20 in McGinnis Theatre. Shows begin at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 18. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ECU Central Ticket Office at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Salsa Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers will sponsor a salsa dance on Friday, April 16 in the Willis Building. Lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and the dance begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for Folk Arts Society members and \$8 for the general public.

'Don Giovanni'

ECU Opera Theatre presents *Don Giovanni* on Saturday, April 17 through Tuesday, April 20 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Weekend showtimes are at 2 p.m. and weekdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - \$10.

Bolcom & Morris

The S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series presents Bolcom & Morris at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ECU Central Ticket Office at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Live Music Performance

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents music by Battle Koalas and Art Lord and the Self Portraits from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free.

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Fat Baby

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Karaoke

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206 Main St., Winterville
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Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Live Music

Say goodbye to old-fashioned Spring cleaning



New products help reduce workload

LAURA KEELING
STAFF WRITER

Scrubbing and sweeping - a part of spring has sprung. For your relief, many innovative products are coming to the rescue to save you from your cleaning nightmares.

"Lysol mildew remover is fantastic. I simply spray and all those unsightly mold pores practically vanish," said Jordan Mills, junior geography major. Toilets should be number one on the cleaning priority list. Your "porcelain God" has seen more than it has ever imagined. Thanks to the Clorox Toilet Wand, you no longer have to pick up a brush or a bottle of cleaning solution. The disposable toilet cleaning system scrubs the mess and releases the disposable brush for a clean finish.

Random streaks on walls and floors are another pain to clean. Courtesy of Proctor & Gamble, use the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser and marks vanish. Simply wet the foam pad, and scrub away.

Once you discover it can clean almost any smudge, speck

or dot, it's hard to resist hunting for more.

Wipes aren't just for babies anymore. Once the idea sparked to marry wipes with cleaning products, it seems like every cleaning company had a field day. There are Pledge wipes for cleaning wood surfaces, Clorox wipes for disinfecting countertops and other surfaces and Windox wipes for cleaning glass.

The floors of apartments and houses can be nauseating. A variety of mops are available with disposable padding and attached cleaning solution to scrub dirt and grime in no time.

Each mop specializes in a particular type of floor. The Pledge Grab-it wipes clean wood surfaces. Just stick a wet or dry

wipe to the bottom and go.

The Swiffer solution dispenses liquid that is mopped up with a special pad. Throw away all of your old mops and clean your floors with the touch of a button.

Did you ever think cleaning the grout in your bathroom and wine stains on your favorite shirt had anything in common? Thanks to the Clorox Bleach Pen, they do.

The pen is designed to bleach tiny spaces that are hard to reach. Run the pen in between tiles - it works like a charm on grout. Grout goes from brown to white in seconds. Away with bleach and ruined clothes for a sparkling finish.

"I think the bleach pen is practical for cleaning the kitchen and bathroom, but not practical for clothing because it might

discolor the spot you used it on," said Erin Dehart, junior communication major.

Taking out the trash leaves you smelling pretty wicked. Glad has a new trash bag called "fresh protect bags." They are scented bags that leave trash smelling surprisingly fresh.

After all the hard work that comes with household chores, you'll need a pleasant fragrance to top off your clean home.

Glade has new scents and Plug-ins, including clean linen, lavender meadow and refreshing apple. These and many other scents from the company come in air and carpet fresheners and even candles.

Glade's newest invention is the "scented oil fan," which leaves a room refreshed after fanning scent through the room.

Be sure to look for these new products before you start your spring cleaning. You never know what innovations you'll find just by venturing down the cleaning aisle.

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ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents 'Rivals' comedy



'The Rivals' is a comedy that takes place in the 1700s.

Witty play sure to make audiences laugh

LISA TUMBARELLO
STAFF WRITER

ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents its final production of the year, *The Rivals*. R. B. Sheridan's humorous English play is making its first appearance on the ECU stage and will no doubt leave a lasting impression in audiences' minds.

The witty comedy of *The Rivals* pokes fun at its 18th century time period while taking the audience into a few different plots.

Aside from the dueling fights and outlandish costuming of the time period, all the entangled pursuits of relationships the characters endure will reach audiences on a personal level and keep them entertained.

"Any good play has many plots - it's the hallmark of a good piece," said Jeff Woodruff, managing director for the Department of Theater and Dance.

The Rivals is a story of romance and the comical lengths people endure for love.

The center of attention is the entangled affair between Lydia Languish and Captain Jack Absolute.

Lydia has concluded, much to her family's disliking, that in order to find true love, one must abandon thoughts of wealth and status. Thus, in order to win her over, Captain Jack Absolute disguises himself as a poor naval officer.

However, all becomes dismayed when Lydia's Aunt, Mrs. Malaprop, becomes involved. Upon discovering her niece's involvement with a commoner, she arranges with Sir Anthony Absolute, Jack's father, to marry the two.

This situation puts Jack between a rock and a hard place in the pursuit of Lydia's love. Lydia disapproves of anyone her aunt suggests.

Meanwhile, Jack's friend, Faulkland, has fallen in love with Julia, Sir Anthony's ward. Faulkland doubts Julia's love for him and subjects her to many preposterous tests. They crush her trust in the relationship and lead her to end their engagement.

All the while, several fictional and real characters are

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Quick Picks: Album Review

R&B inspired album filled with sexpлетives, reasons to rewind

MICHELLE MCLEOD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Janet Jackson's breast-baring Super Bowl half-time performance holds the record for the most Tivo'd moment in television history. Her eighth album, *Damita Jo* garners a similar - parental advisory stamped - reaction. Tracks filled with funky beats, whispered expletives and sex-themed lyrics will have listeners hitting the rewind button to clarify and reinsure what they heard.

Surprisingly, *Damita Jo* debuted at #2 on the Billboard top 100 - Janet's first album not to take the #1 spot since her 1989 multi-platinum *Rhythm Nation* - selling just under 350,000 copies in the first week.

Damita Jo - Janet's middle name - was largely produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, the team behind her since 1986's *Control*. And much like that breakout album, *Damita Jo* expresses Janet's current frame of mind - upbeat and happy. *Damita Jo* has more of an R&B sound than Janet's other albums, which fall into more of a Pop/R&B category. The new sound can be attributed to Kanye West, partial album producer and the only featured artist in *Damita Jo*.

The album begins with the upbeat title track that gives the listener insight into Janet, as a person. This track is probably one of the most well written on the album, and its "what did she say" lyrics are omnipresent in this song and the following track.

"Sexhibition," which begins with the lyrics "I wanna sexplore you ... I wanna feel your sexplosion, I'm gonna take you on a sexcapade," will certainly boost this album's sales, and with its upbeat rhythm and suggestive lyrics, it's sexual.

"Strawberry Bounce" is hip, upbeat and has one of the album's more R&B sounds. Produced by hit maker West, the song features a cameo sample from Jay-Z, two ingredients that make this track a smash. But it's the whispered expletives that will make you hit



rewind. It's odd, but this song takes the punch out of otherwise vulgar words.

Combining Janet's breathy vocals and West's sharp rap, "My Baby" has a smooth lullaby vibe that can't be overlooked.

"All Nite (Don't Stop)" opens with Janet whispering "this is sick" and that pretty much sums up the track featuring great lyrics and a crazy beat set by a bass guitar.

The pure disco, "old skool" beat of "R&B Junkie" will propel you back to a time of skate parties and colored Reeboks. This funky track would make anyone get out of his or her seat and hit the dance floor.

Down tempo "Thinkin' Bout My Ex," a collaboration with R&B great, Babyface, shows off Janet's vocals and feature lyrics that are autobiographical.

"Warmth" and "Moist," are, if you think about it, just what they sound like. But in case you're having trouble, the choruses include words like "erect," "up and down" and "just."

The album ends with the already released single "Just A Little While," which, in the context of the other tracks, seems out of place. You may be left waiting for a hidden track or another one of the six prior interludes to close the album.

All told, with 22 tracks and just over 65 minutes of music, *Damita Jo* is one of Janet's most inviting albums. Its feet thumping beats and funky lyrics make the album well worth the purchase.

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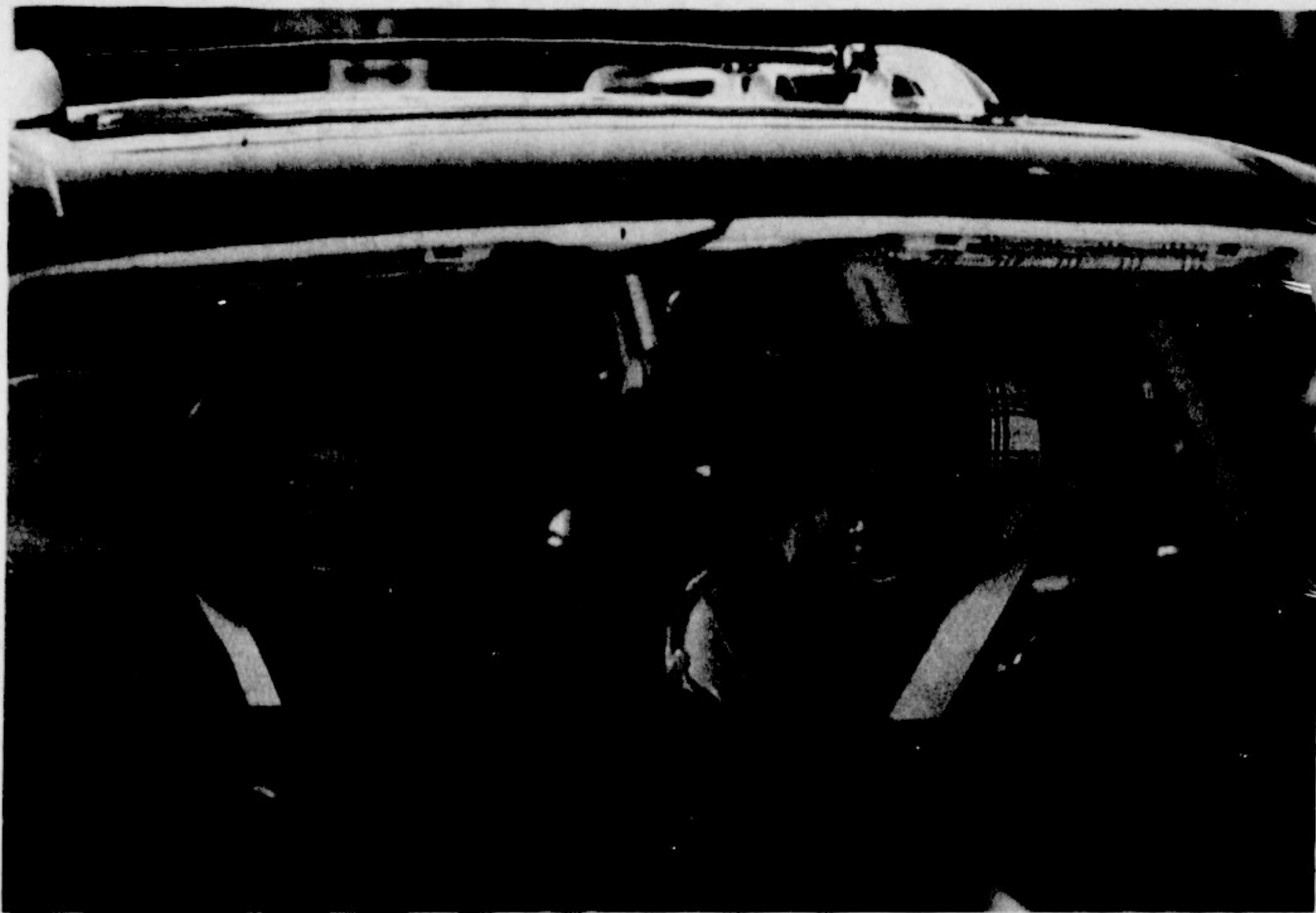
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Title: 'Damita Jo'

Release Date: April 6, 2004.

Quick Picks: Film Review



In *Family Vacation*, the Johnson family travels to a family reunion, causing lots of laughs.

'Family Vacation' offers fun family comedy

TOMEKA STEELE
STAFF WRITER

Johnson Family Vacation is a wonderful comedy for families to enjoy this spring.

The cast includes some of the latest top celebrities. Making a splash in the film is lead actor Cedric The Entertainer.

Cedric's character is Nate Johnson, a devoted father who is having problems with his wife, Dorothy Johnson (Vanessa Williams).

Nate and Dorothy round up their three children, and they

embark on a vacation they'll never forget.

Famed teen and child celebrities play the roles of their children.

Making her film debut is Solange Knowles (Nikki Johnson) who just released her first album titled *Solo Star*. She plays a sassy teen who enjoys being the eldest child.

Bow Wow also plays a part in this soon-to-be family classic. Bow Wow has a successful rapping career and, as such, his character (DJ Johnson) aspires to be a famous rapper.

The youngest child is none other than Gabby Soleil, who has been featured in many hit sitcoms.

Her character, Destiny John-

son, is the cute baby of the family whose endearing smile will always get things done her way.

The family packs up in a pimped-out SUV and drives from California to Missouri for the Johnson family reunion.

On the way there, they encounter a strange hitchhiker (Shannon Elizabeth from *American Pie*) and many car troubles.

At every stop along the way, something funny happens. The Johnson family aims to win the prize trophy for "best family" at the reunion and must pull off some interesting stunts in order to arrive at the reunion as a group.

Nate's older brother, Mack

Johnson, (Steve Harvey) is bent on winning the trophy for his family and proving to Nate that he's mama's favorite son.

Johnson Family Vacation is the debut film for Director Christopher Erskin, who does a great job portraying hardships while trying to maintain a close, loving family. Erskin has directed many music videos for artists such as TLC, Missy Elliot and Boys II Men.

Johnson Family Vacation is comedy-packed and the perfect movie for a family get-together, even though anyone can enjoy it and leave knowing what family is all about. The cast is explosive and does a dynamic job on this disastrous, out-of-control trip.

The Bottom Line: With a talented cast of celebrities and a down-to-earth theme, *Johnson Family Vacation* is a guaranteed hit. Family is a wonderful concept and hits everyone on a personal level. The film is also the epitome of funny and has its audience laughing the entire way.

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

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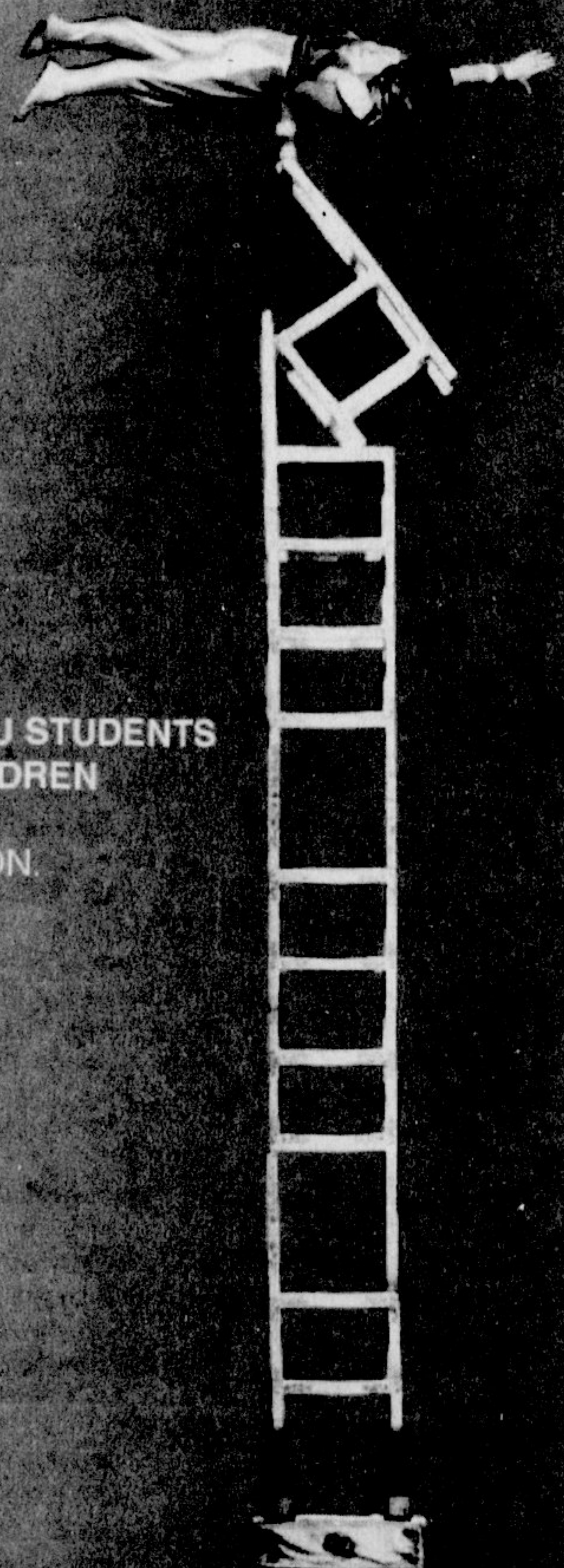
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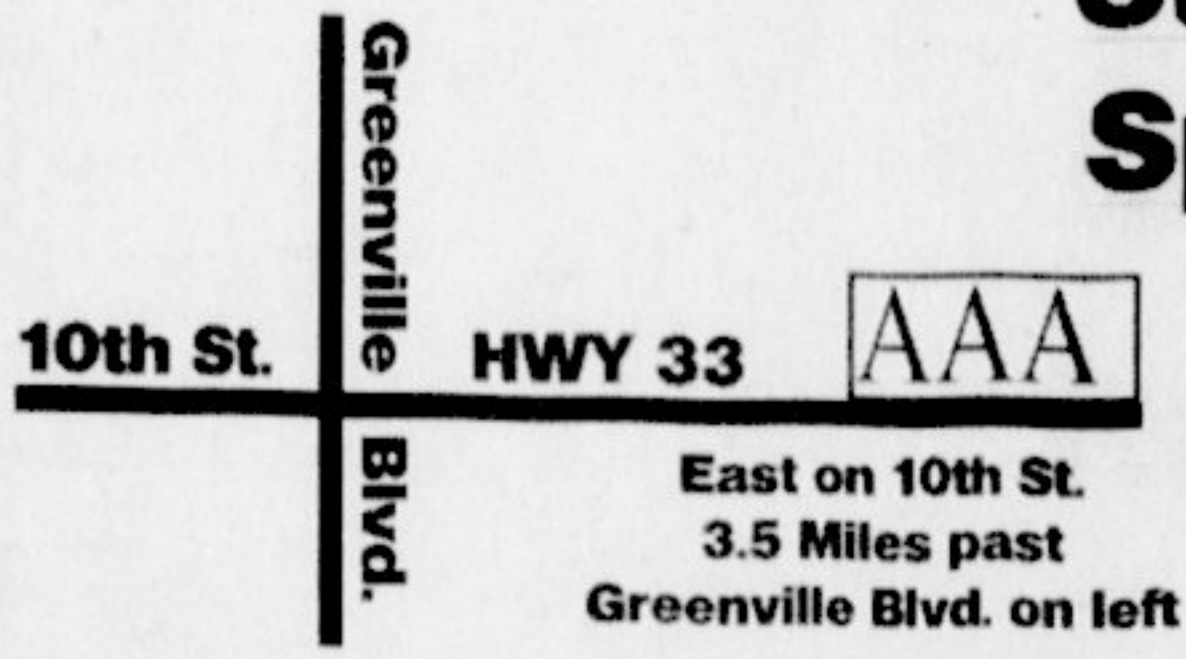
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Trump hasn't decided 'Apprentice' winner

(KRT) — Once "The Apprentice" got down to its final two candidates, Donald Trump wanted to see his potential future employees face some real stress.

He got his wish, thanks to executive producer Mark Burnett. "Donald wants to see them in a CEO-type role, not as a member of a team, but as a real boss," Burnett said.

"The final tasks are huge, and the pressure on these people — even the final two start to crack."

Following the elimination of sort-of lovebirds Amy Henry and Nick Warnock in the penultimate episode, Harvard MBA, Kwame Jackson, and cigar entrepreneur, Bill Rancic, were left to take on jobs that directly affect aspects of Trump's business. Rancic was put in charge of a golf tournament bearing Trump's name, while Jackson had to oversee a Jessica Simpson concert at Trump's Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City.

How they do will help determine the winner in Thursday's live, two-hour finale. Instead of uttering the show's catchphrase "You're fired," Trump will tell either Jackson or Rancic "You're hired."

As of last week, when Trump and Burnett talked to reporters about the show, Trump hadn't decided whether he would choose Jackson or Rancic to run one of his divisions, at an annual salary of \$250,000. He likes both men.

"Kwame and Bill seem similar, but they're very different,"



Donald Trump will tell one of the final contestants, "You're hired," on tonight's live finale.

Trump said.

"Bill's actually a much more aggressive person than he looks on television. Kwame, everyone loves this guy. He's a Harvard MBA — he left Goldman Sachs for this opportunity — not a lot of people would be leaving Goldman Sachs, literally, just for this opportunity."

Trump also hasn't decided which part of his empire

he'll have the winner run.

"I think certain people would be better at one thing than another," said Trump. "So to a certain extent it depends on who the winner is going to be."

The billionaire will also have to break the news to an employee that he or she is being pushed aside to let a reality-show contestant run the company for a year.

"Ay yi yi — why did you have to ask me that question?" Trump said.

"I've already prepared a number of my divisions. Depending on the job we're doing — in one case in particular it's a very big situation — we're gonna be watching this new president very closely. This is not gonna be a man who's gonna be running off half-cocked."

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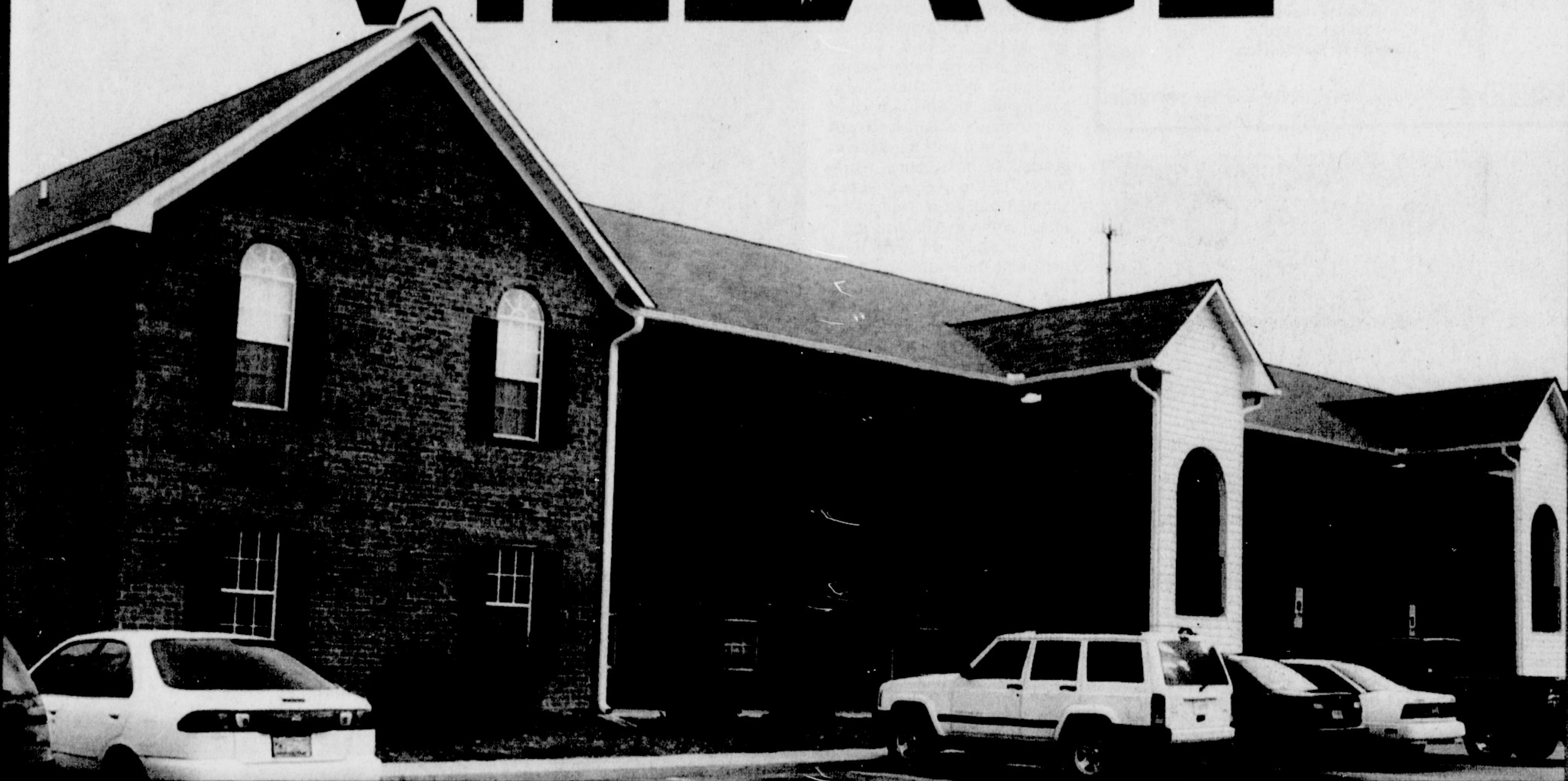
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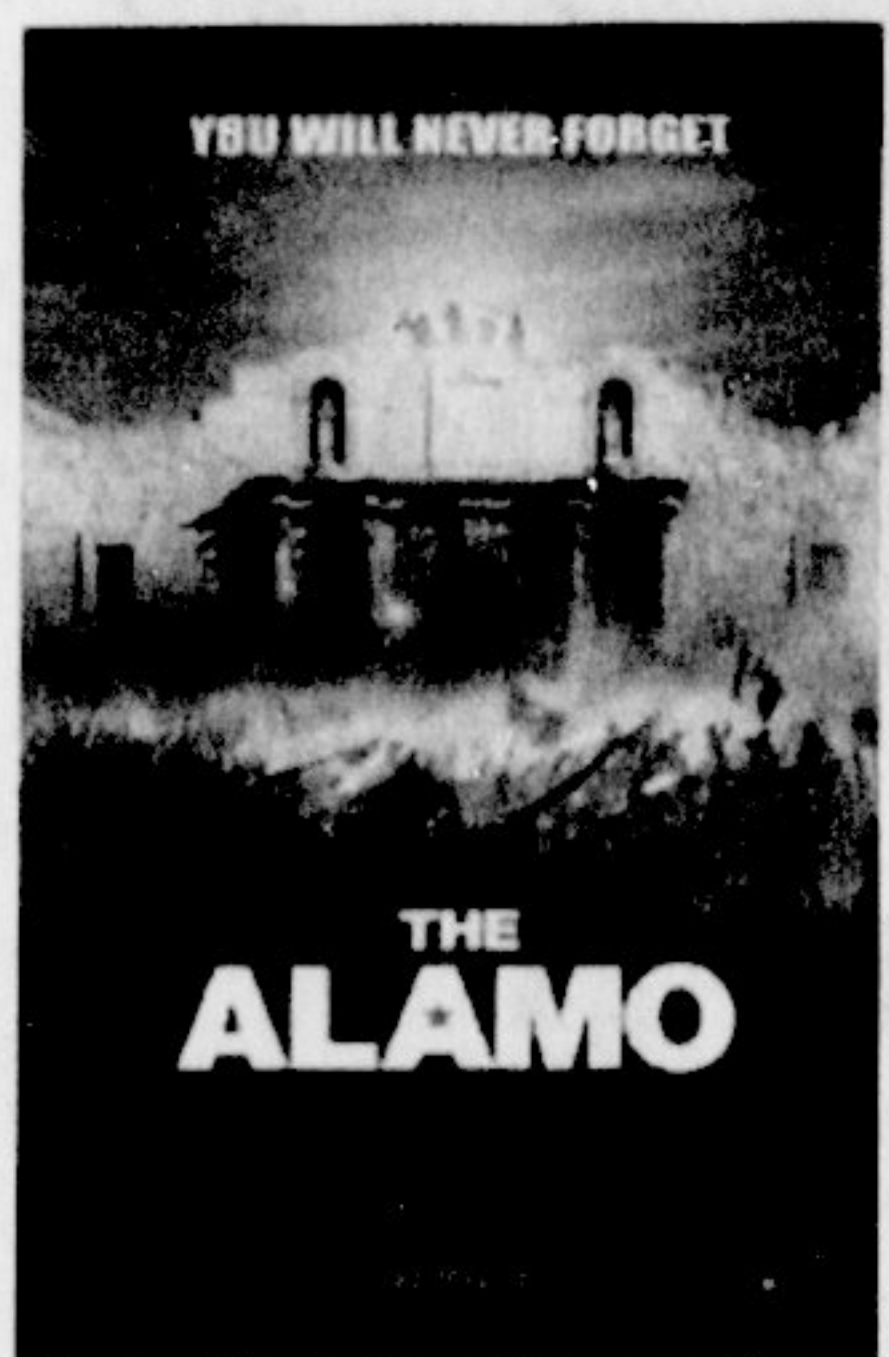
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Along Came Polly – starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston and Phillip Seymour Hoffman. A newly wedded husband (Stiller) is cheated on by his wife during their Honeymoon. Soon after he becomes involved in another relationship with a free-spirited woman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

Girl With a Pearl Earring – starring Scarlett Johansson and Colin Firth. This historical drama is set in 17th century Holland. Vermeer is about to paint his masterpiece, Girl with a Pearl Earring. The movie tells the backstory of the girl, Griet (Scarlett Johansson), a 16-year-old housemaid who looks after Vermeer's kids and his sickly mother-in-law. Meanwhile, the painter's wife looks on with envy. Rated: PG-13.

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The Alamo – starring Dennis Quaid, Jason Patric and Billy Bob Thornton. Disney's retell of the 1836 battle where 300 American troops held the San Antonio fort against the Mexican forces under General Santa Ana. Rated: PG-13.



Connie and Carla – starring David Duchovny and Nia Vardalos. Two Chicago dinner theater singers witness a mob hit and find themselves

on the lam. They decide to hide out in the one city they figure no one would suspect to find a couple of cultured girls – Los Angeles. Disguised as singing and dancing drag queens, they unexpectedly become a hit sensation. Rated: PG-13.

Ella Enchanted – starring Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy. This family film tells the story of Ella, who's blessed/cursed at birth with the gift of obedience. However, many people take advantage of her, and while on a journey to cure her problem, finds a prince with whom she falls in love. Rated: PG.

The Girl Next Door – starring Elisha Cuthbert and Timothy Olyphant. A straight-arrow high school senior falls in love with the perfect "girl next door" only to discover she is a former porn star. Rated: R.

Hellboy – starring Ron Perlman and Selma Blair. Born in the flames of hell



and brought to Earth to perpetrate evil, Hellboy (Perlman) was rescued from sinister forces by Dr. Broom, who raised him to be a hero. Rated: PG-13.

Home on the Range – starring Judi Dench, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Randy Quaid. A group of cows learn that their owner must pay a \$1,000 mortgage on the farm or she will be forced to sell. The animals band together with the lady's horse to come up with the money. Their plan is to collect the bounty on a no-good

bandit who's on the run. Rated: PG.

Johnson Family Vacation – starring Cedric the Entertainer, Vanessa



Williams and Bow Wow. The head of the Johnson family hits the highway with his brother, separated wife and three children on a trip to Missouri to make the Johnson family reunion. Along the way, they share a few colorful and comical adventures. Rated: PG-13.

Kill Bill Vol. 2 – starring Uma Thurman, Daryl Hannah and David Carradine. The concluding act of Quentin Tarantino's Kill Bill series finds The Bride (Thurman) continuing to seek vengeance against her employer and once fellow hit men who shot her and left her for dead on her wedding day. This time, her nemeses include Bud (Michael Madsen) and Elle Driver (Hannah). Rated: R.

The Prince and Me – starring Julia Stiles and Luke Mably. The story of a female student at a Midwestern university who has the dubious fortune to fall in love with a European prince spending the semester there incognito. However, the prince is forced to choose between love and royalty. Rated: PG.

The Passion of The Christ – starring James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Maia Morgenstern. Story of the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life, as told by director Mel Gibson.

The Punisher – starring John

Travolta, Thomas Jane and Laura Elena Harring. FBI undercover agent Frank Castle's (Jane) world is shaken to its core by a nightmare he has longed feared: his family is executed as a repercussion from his final assignment. With unparalleled intensity, ferocious intelligence and fearless actions, Castle seeks to punish the murderers, and their kind. Rated: R.

Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed – starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. The gang is back at it again doing battle with villains such as The Pterodactyl Ghost, The Black Knight Ghost and The 10,000 Volt Ghost in order to save the city of Coolsville. Rated: PG.

Walking Tall – starring The Rock and Johnny Knoxville. Retired soldier Chris Vaughn returns to his hometown only to find that his high school rival has shut down local industry and turned the town into a hotspot for crime and drugs. Vaughn becomes sheriff of the town and begins solving its problems. Rated: PG-13.

The Whole Ten Yards – starring Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry. Sequel to The Whole Nine Yards, Oz and Jimmy (Perry and Willis) re-team to fight Lazlo Gogolak, younger brother of the first film's villain, who is seeking revenge. After Oz's wife is kidnapped, Oz and Jimmy endure many comical escapades to save her. Rated: PG-13.



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Art Lords, Battle Koalas come to campus Saturday

JESSICA CRESON
 STAFF WRITER

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee is at it again with another great Pirate Underground performance by Battle Koalas and Art Lords of a Self Portrait.

Art Lords of a Self Portrait is a band of ECU art students who played here recently in the Battle of the Bands at Pirate Underground.

Sam Herring, the lead singer and "Art Lord," fronts the group with "self-portraits" Adam Bebe, William Cashion and Gerrit Welmers.

"Art Lords are great guys, and they put on a great show," said Jessica Odom, junior apparel merchandising major.

Battle Koalas of Greensboro, NC, includes the Vickland Brothers that have been a band for about a year. Neither band has a record contract nor are they nationally known.

However, they either have a solid local fan base or are trying to get their music out to people.

Both bands have a unique description — new wave dance performance.

"Performance music — there is a 'performance' that goes along with their songs. It's a good show and incredibly entertaining. If you like unique music, this is the show for you," said Amanda Trail, Popular Entertainment chair.

Many of the Pirate Underground performers want support and appreciation among their peers.

"I really encourage anyone who hasn't come out to one of the Underground's shows to check it out. All the concerts are free, and with the diversity in music, there is something for everyone," Trail said.

"Beyond that, we support comedy acts and competitions as well — Battle of the Bands, freestyle competition and break dancing competition. The Pirate Underground keeps getting better and better."

Pirate Underground is responsible for bringing local as well as up-and-coming bands from all over the nation to ECU. A wide variety of musicians who might already be well-known come to play for students, such as Pretty Girls Make Graves and Justincase, who are starting to gain recognition.

A college campus audience is ideal for most of these bands. Word of mouth through diverse groups of people with open minds help to spread fast publicity about performers.

"The Pirate Underground is now a credible concert venue in North Carolina. The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee supports a concert series that takes place in the Underground once or twice a week," Trail said.

"We are not just a venue, but also an entire committee of students that choose what music comes here and sets up and produces the concerts themselves."

"There is diversity in the music that is chosen to perform. We have had everything from hip-hop to country to rock 'n' roll and everything in between. We have featured local acts and nationally touring acts this year."

Underground attendance has been double this year than in years past. More and more, students seem to be taking advantage of what ECU is offering in entertainment.

"The atmosphere is cool and it's nice that ECU can access something like new bands for free," said Ashley Adams, a junior science education major.

"The bands are still underground, but not always local, which is refreshing."

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dueling for Lydia's love. When Jack is called to fight imaginary characters to win over a girl who has already rejected him, Lydia becomes worried.

She suspends the duels and confesses her love for Jack. At the same time, Julia forgives Faulkland for his doubts.

Throughout the entire unraveling of relationships, all the characters' true identities have been shown and manage to be the saving factor in salvaging all the relationships.

In *The Rivals*, Sheridan is able to amplify the natural faults of his characters, thus making for very comedic and amusing situations. He mostly exaggerates Mrs. Malaprop's stumble of words.

The term "malapropism" was coined from this play. Mrs. Malaprop never ceases to find the wrong word in her authorization of the English language.

All in all, *The Rivals* is a play that will appeal to all ages. Students will be most likely to identify with the story because of its attention to the trials of dating.

Everyone likes for their significant others to meet certain criteria. This play certainly demonstrates that you don't always need to check off everyone.

"The story of *The Rivals* seems like something that will directly relate to my life, even though it is set a long time ago," said Jessica Upchurch, sophomore elementary education major.

The stellar costuming and scenery is sure to keep audiences visually amused while the musical wit of English dialogue keeps them phonetically attentive.

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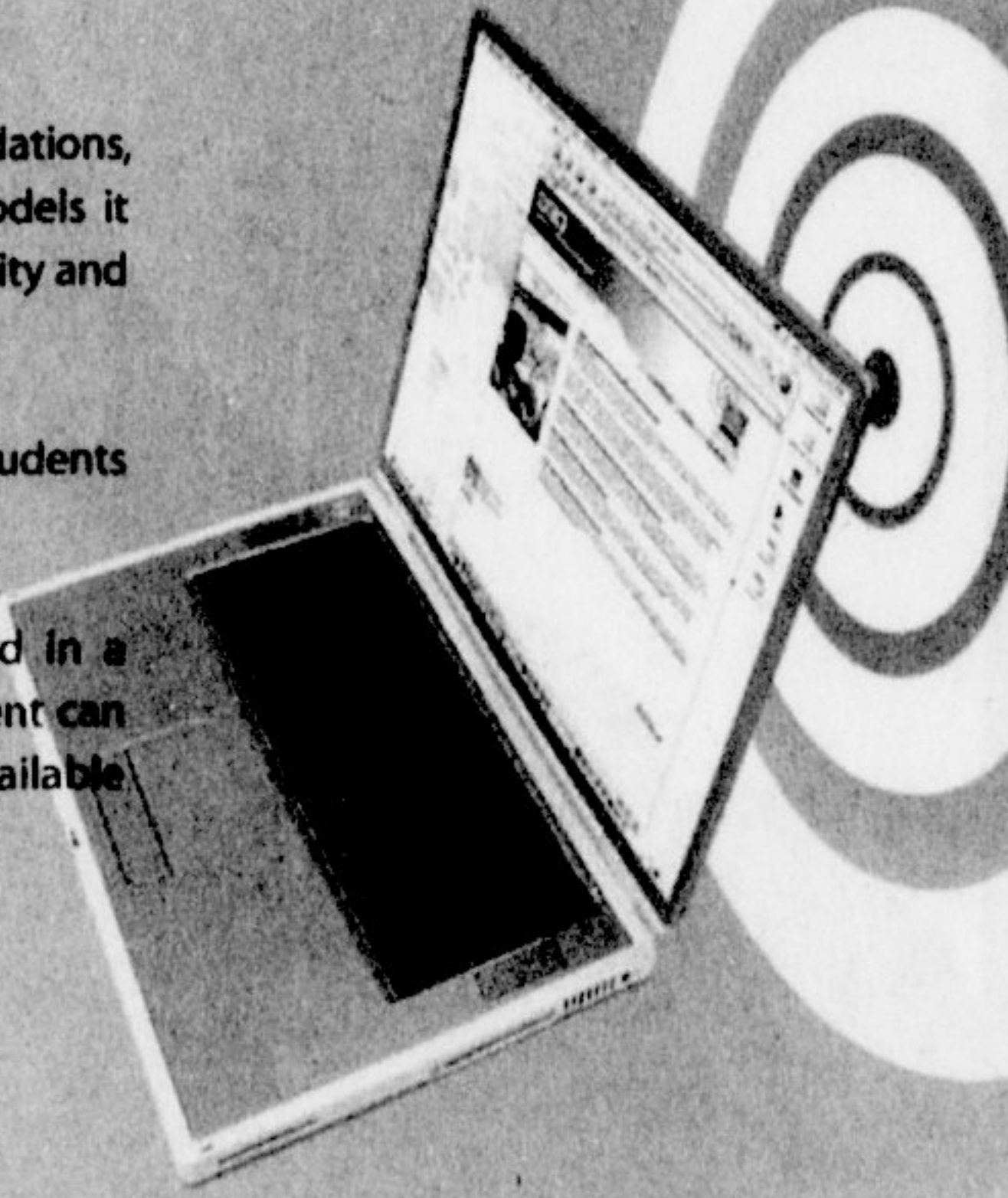
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Announcements

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Sports Briefs

Gordon entering NBA draft

Connecticut guard Ben Gordon is forgoing his senior year and making himself eligible for the NBA Draft. *The Journal News of New York* reported Wednesday. *The Hartford Courant* also reported on its website Gordon will turn pro. Gordon, projected as a possible Top 10 selection, will make the announcement in Storrs, Conn., on Wednesday. He averaged a team-leading 18.5 points for the Huskies and helped lead them to the national title. "It's time," Gordon told *The Journal News*. "I had a great experience at UConn, but I'm ready for what's next. I knew this is what I wanted from the beginning of the season, so why wait?" UConn coach Jim Calhoun has said Gordon is ready for the NBA. To be eligible for the June 24 draft, an underclassman must send a letter to the NBA by May 10. A player with eligibility remaining who has not signed with an agent must withdraw from draft consideration by June 17 to return to his college team. In the NCAA Tournament, Gordon averaged 21.2 points in six games. Gordon's teammate Emeka Okafor is also facing a decision about whether to skip his senior season. The junior center will graduate early this May and has hinted at entering the NBA Draft.

UCLA freshman forward Ariza to enter NBA Draft

UCLA forward Trevor Ariza is entering the NBA Draft after just one season with the Bruins, the school said Tuesday. The 18-year-old Ariza, who made the Pac-10's all-freshman team, is the second UCLA underclassman eyeing a move to the pros. Last week, swingman Dijon Thompson, the leading scorer at 14.4 points, said he will declare himself eligible for the NBA. To be eligible for the June 24 draft, an underclassman must send a letter by May 10 to the NBA. A player with eligibility remaining who has not signed with an agent must withdraw from draft consideration by June 17 to return to his college team. Thompson could return for his senior year, but UCLA has released Ariza from his scholarship, making him eligible to transfer should he decide to return to college. The 6-7, 205-pound Ariza started 23 of 25 games and was the Bruins' No. 3 scorer with 11.6 points a game and No. 2 rebounder at 6.5 a game. He also led UCLA in steals, averaging 1.68, had an assist average of 2.1, and shot 42.6 percent - 23.7 percent from 3-point range.

Wolf leaves consulting job with Browns

Ron Wolf resigned as a part-time personnel consultant to the Cleveland Browns on Tuesday, less than three months after being hired by the club. Wolf, who built the Green Bay Packers into a Super Bowl champion, said his decision to leave the Browns was tied into Carmen Policy's resignation as team president. Policy announced last week that he was stepping down as president and chief executive. After the Browns went 5-11 last season, they hired the 65-year-old Wolf in January to assist them in evaluating their current roster and to plan for next week's college draft. Wolf worked from his home in Maryland, reviewing game tapes and video of potential draft picks. The Browns had also asked Wolf for his opinion before they decided to replace quarterback Tim Couch by signing free agent QB Jeff Garcia. However, coach Butch Davis dismissed Wolf's input during the recent NFL meetings. Wolf was asked if Davis' comments had angered him. "I was just a part-time guy, so he could use me any way that he wanted to," Wolf replied.

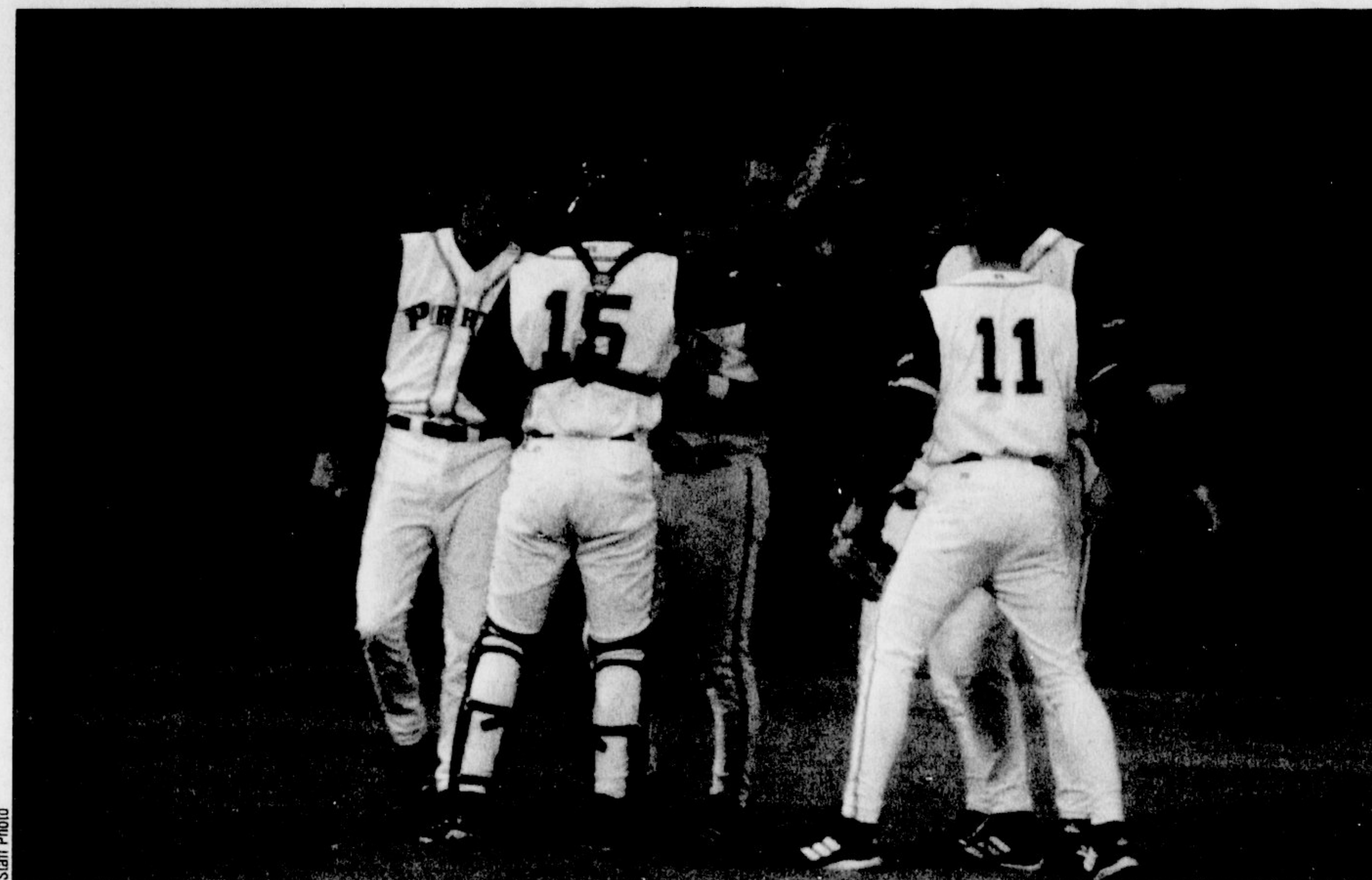
Frank will become full-time Head Coach

New Jersey Nets interim coach Lawrence Frank will be back with the team next season, the *New York Daily News* reported Wednesday. Frank will have the interim tag lifted after the season, no matter how the Nets do in the playoffs, three anonymous sources told the newspaper. Team president Rod Thorn also is expected to negotiate a new contract for Frank, according to a source. The team holds an option until June 30 to bring Frank back next season. Thorn, who has praised Frank's preparation and coaching ability, would neither confirm nor deny the decision. Frank, 33, set a record for major professional sports in North America by starting his coaching career 13-0 when he replaced the fired Byron Scott on Jan. 26. Since the first start, the Nets (47-34) are just 12-14 under Frank, but hold the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs as the Atlantic Division champs. The players have made it clear that they want Frank to be the team's coach next season. The Nets end the regular season Wednesday at Miami. The NBA playoffs begin Saturday and New Jersey will open the postseason by hosting either New York or New Orleans.

Williams ruling delayed to Thursday

A ruling in the Jayson Williams manslaughter trial was put off until Thursday morning due to a death in the family of the lead prosecutor of the retired NBA star. Court had been expected to convene Tuesday afternoon for a decision on a dismissal motion by the defense, which charged that prosecutorial misconduct regarding evidence had deprived Williams of a fair trial. Prosecutors maintained that the error, late disclosure of notes and photographs from one of their proposed witnesses, was inadvertent. The trial over the shooting of a hired driver, which began Feb. 10, was suspended over the dispute on April 1, just as lawyers were crafting their summations. State Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman gave the defense over a week to evaluate the new evidence, and heard testimony and arguments on the dismissal motion Monday. The jury has not heard live testimony since March 30.

Pirates travel to Cincinnati



The UNC-W match up was officially called off due to rain by the start of the fourth inning with the Seahawks up 1-0.

ECU makes run at Conference USA title

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The Pirate baseball team continued its impressive play over the weekend with a convincing three-game sweep over Conference USA rival South Florida.

ECU (28-6, 9-3) held off the Bulls in the opener, 6-4, behind Trevor Lawhorn's sixth homerun in as many games. Junior Greg Bunn improved to 6-0 on the season, allowing just two hits through eight and one third innings. The Pirates cruised 10-5 and 11-1 in a doubleheader the following day.

The Cincinnati Bearcats (6-25, 2-10) will host ECU this weekend in another three-game C-USA series. The Bearcats have struggled this season, but may have picked up some momentum after a 7-6 win at

TCU on Sunday.

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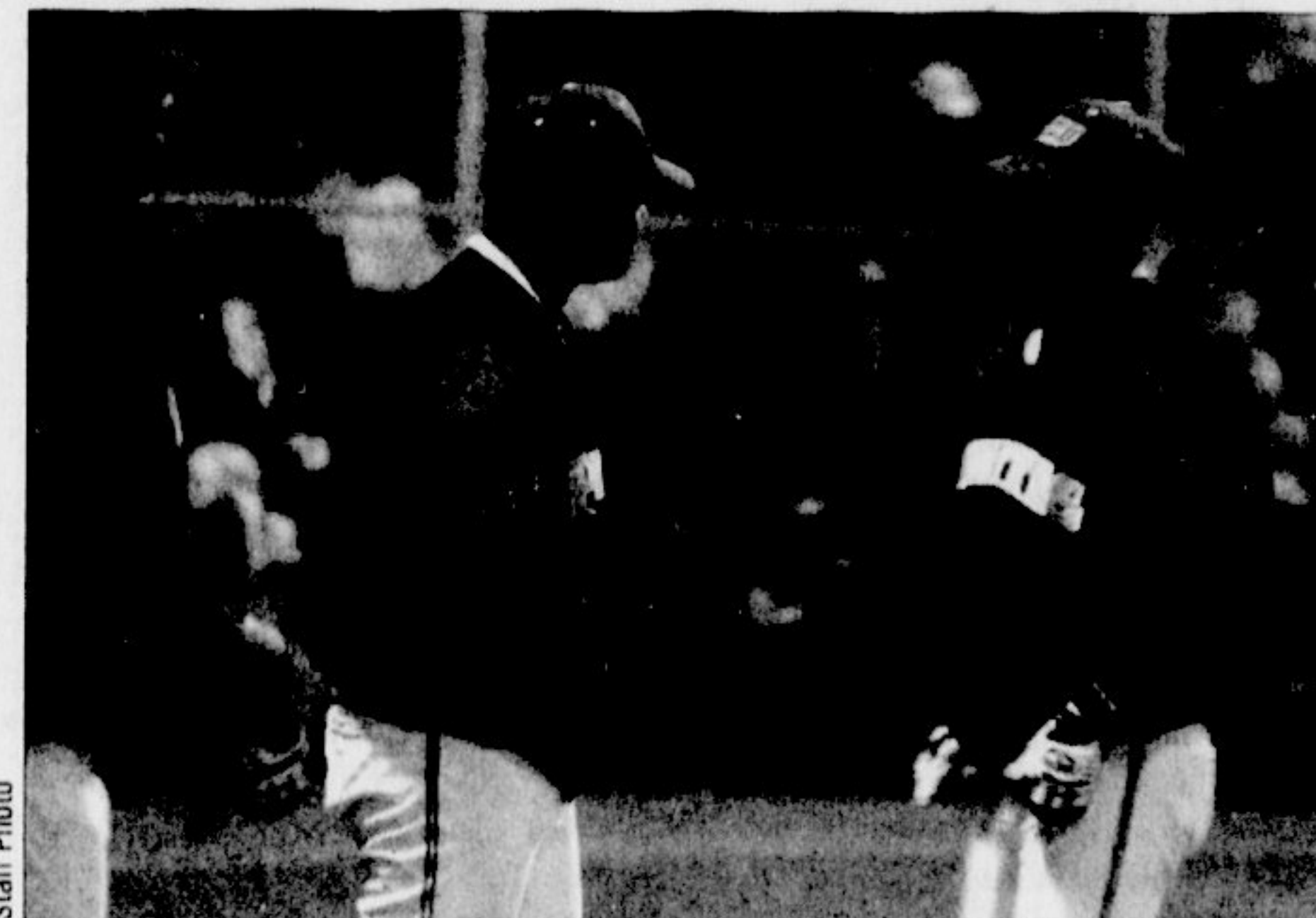
Steve Pickerell has been one of the few bright spots in the Bearcat lineup in 2004. Pickerell has had one of the best seasons in C-USA with a .423 batting average, eight homers and 26 RBIs, all team-highs.

Jack Nelson (.368) is second on the team in batting, followed by Drew Saylor (.314) and Aaron Moll (.295). Saylor and Moll both have three homeruns on the season and have combined for 44 RBIs.

ECU pitchers should find it easy to focus on Pickerell and company at the plate and not runners on the basepaths this weekend. The Bearcats have just six steals in 13 attempts and Mark Muscenti (.198) leads the team with only two thefts.

Pitching

The pitching staff has been horrendous for the Bearcats this year. Coaches have sent 16 different players to the mound, all with little success. The Pirates



The Pirates return to conference play this weekend.

have to be wide-eyed with anticipation after seeing Cincinnati's team ERA of 8.03.

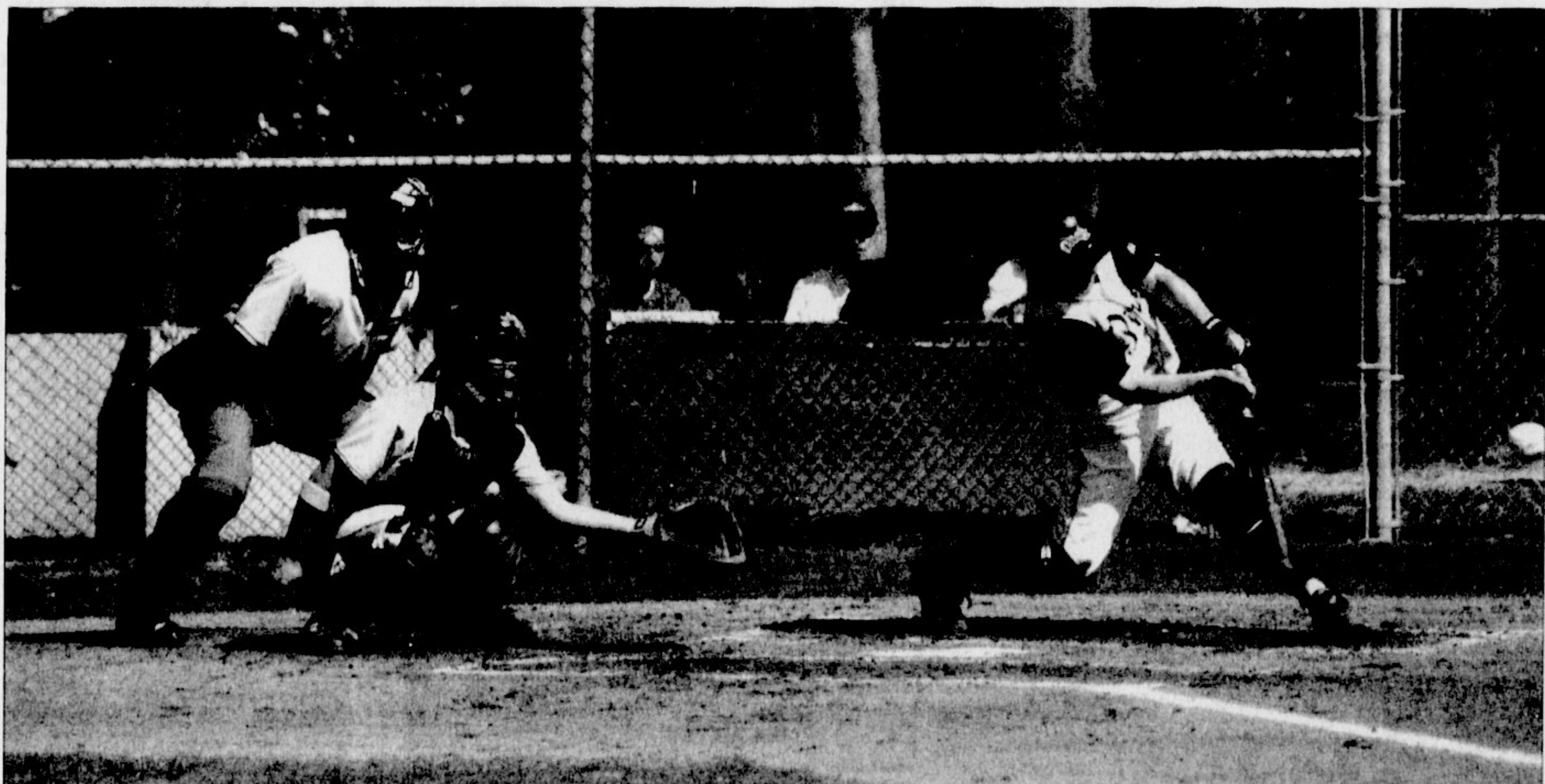
Aaron Moll is the lone pitcher with more than one win. Moll is 2-2 this season with a 6.43 ERA in four starts. Tony Maynard has made a team-high of six starts on his way to a 1-3 record and

8.03 ERA.

The reason for Cincy's lack of success on the mound has been control issues and the inability to strike out opposing batters.

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Softball team ready for Liberty, JMU



ECU is a combined 3-0 this season against Liberty and James Madison, taking two from Liberty and one from JMU.

ECU takes break from Conference USA play

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ECU's softball team will travel to Virginia to face Liberty and James Madison this weekend.

The Lady Pirates currently stand at 38-13-1 this season and are looking to add four more wins to their record as they play each team in a doubleheader.

In playing Liberty and JMU this weekend, the Lady Pirates will receive a much-needed break from conference play. In the last 11 games, ECU has played nine conference games against top teams such as DePaul, Louisville, and No. 18 South Florida.

"We welcome the relief," said Head Coach Tracey Kee. "The games aren't as strenuous."

Both Liberty and JMU are no strangers to ECU this season. The Lady Pirates have

already played Liberty twice this year, defeating them 13-2 and 5-4.

In the only meeting against JMU this season, the Lady Pirates captured the Pirate Clash championship defeating them 4-3.

Leading the way this weekend for ECU is junior infielder Kate Manuse. Manuse broke ECU's single season double record last weekend against South Florida. She is currently leading the team in batting with a .379 average and in homeruns with six.

Winning every game this

weekend would not only put ECU on a four-game winning streak, but it would also build momentum for next week when ECU plays in-state rival North Carolina.

ECU opens play on Saturday at 1 p.m. in game one of a doubleheader against Liberty in Lynchburg, Va.

On Sunday, the Lady Pirates travel to Harrisonburg, VA to play two games against JMU at 12 p.m.

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Ladies' soccer finishes undefeated

Pirates prepare for summer

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After ending the 2003 campaign with a heartbreaking and season-ending loss to Charlotte, the women's soccer team heads into spring ready to compete. They knew with the returning players next season a successful spring could catapult them into a very successful 2004 season.

Mission accomplished. After eight games, the Pirates are 7-0-1. The most impressive stat is the one goal allowed in

their eight games. The Pirates have beat NC State 4-0, nationally ranked Florida 2-1 and Duke 1-0. The Florida and Duke wins were part of a tournament held in Fayetteville, where the Pirates took the crown.

Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth was very excited about how spring was looking.

"We've had a good attitude all spring," Donnenwirth said. "And the rewards are starting to pay off."

Donnenwirth was very happy with the play of Carmen Calpo, Sarah Stoltz and Krystal Pabey. Donnenwirth was especially pleased with Meghan McCallion, the team's leading scorer last season.

"The whole group [Calpo, Stoltz, Pabey and McCallion] has been great," Donnenwirth said.

"But Meghan has stepped up to a new level."

The primary concern coming into the spring for Donnenwirth was on the defensive side of the field—all of the seniors from the 2003 squad were defenders.

With the progress of his team, especially on the defensive side, Donnenwirth has been very pleased.

"Spring is more a developmental time," Donnenwirth said.

"The wins are great, but we're really not going for them."

With only two more games left, one a 7-on-7 match with

UNC-Wilmington and an alumni match, the team is preparing for summer. Donnenwirth noted how fit the girls are and hopes it only gets better over the summer.

"Our level of fitness improves every year," Donnenwirth said.

"The girls don't only do it for their own personal goals, but for the team. Everyone on the team expects everyone else to work just as hard as they are."

The match against UNC-W will take place in Wilmington on Saturday, April 17, and the Alumni game will be in Greenville on April 24.

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Red Wings trying to regroup with CuJo



The Predators have pushed Detroit around in the last two contests at home in Nashville.

(KRT)—Curtis Joseph has come full circle.

He lost his job after the Detroit Red Wings having scored only six goals in four games were swept by Anaheim in the first round last season.

Now he's got it back as the Wings having scored only six goals in four games are in a 2-2 tie with the Nashville Predators in the first round.

The irony must not be lost on him.

At practice Wednesday, when coach Dave Lewis announced Joseph would replace Manny Legace as the starting goaltender Thursday night in Game 5, Joseph was asked whether he could provide a spark. "Well," he said, "I'm not going to score any goals."

The Wings are coming off back-to-back losses that looked a lot like the four straight losses they suffered last year, when they peppered goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere but couldn't put the puck past him, when they made a few mistakes and the Mighty Ducks capitalized.

Although they outshot the Predators, 83-41, in Games 3 and 4, they were outscored, 6-1.

Legace was hard on himself. Asked whether he was taking too much of the blame, he said: "No. Not at all. I didn't get the job done."

But Joseph defended Legace

much like he defended himself last year. He said Steve Sullivan probably would have scored on Wings legend Terry Sawchuk with the move he made on Legace to finish a breakaway Tuesday night. "I don't think Manny could be faulted for any of the goals," Joseph said. "He played great."

"It's difficult to get in the flow when you don't get a lot of shots. . . we've just got to play better and try and get to their goalie."

Although Joseph was less than outstanding last year and Legace wasn't at his best the last two games, goaltending wasn't the Wings' only issue then and it's not close to their main issue now.

The Wings ranked second in goals and fifth on the power play during the regular season and have added one of the league's leading scorers, Robert Lang. They're facing a team that ranked 10th-worst in goals allowed and seventh-worst on the penalty kill. Still, the Wings aren't scoring. Their power play is 1-for-20 and that goal came on a lucky bounce.

Asked which of the Wings' problems most concerned him, Lewis said: "Well, it would be nice to score a goal."

Then there are penalties and breakdowns. Lewis said he might make other moves Thursday

night, "looking for a complete game."

But goaltending can make the biggest difference, and Lewis started there. Despite the Wings' dalliance with Dominik Hasek coming out of retirement, Joseph is still their \$8-million man. He still has 58 playoff victories.

"I'm putting Curtis in because we want to get a win, I want to change some things," Lewis said. "Curtis has got tremendous experience, he knows how to deal with the pressure and this is a perfect situation for him to be in."

After sitting out all but five games since Feb. 11 because of ankle problems, Joseph played the last 17:56 on Tuesday. He stopped all nine shots he faced.

"CuJo was put into a pretty difficult spot, because not only did he go into the third period, but at the time our team was taking a lot of chances and leaving him a little bit vulnerable," forward Brendan Shanahan said.

Joseph has been put into a pretty difficult spot again. As he knows all too well, for him to do a good job, his teammates will probably have to do a good job, too.

"It's a best-two-out-of-three," Joseph said. "We have home-ice advantage. Hopefully, we can get some goals and win the two out of three."



Juan Williams

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ECU tennis teams compete in Conference USA tournament

Men, women see
tough competition

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STAFF WRITER

The men and women's tennis team will travel to Memphis, TN and Louisville, KY respectively to compete in the Conference USA Tennis Tournament today. The separate tournaments begin at noon and last until Sunday.

The men's tennis team holds the seventh seed and will take on C-USA rival DePaul at 1 p.m. ECU (13-5) will take on the Blue Demons (13-11) for the first time this season. The winner will advance to take on No. 27 ranked Tulane, who has the top ranked C-USA player in Michael Kogan. The Israeli native is ranked No. 13 in the nation, according to ITA.

ECU will have to concentrate on certain singles flights in order to pick up the win. Charl Meyer holds a resounding 16-8 record at the first flight and a team leading 3-1 in C-USA play. Mark Henderson, the top Blue Demons' player, has a dismal 5-10 record and 3-3 in conference.

Coach Tom Morris will study and probably continue to tweak his line-up. Morris can use a number of players interchangeably.

Felipe Fonseca, Mark Gellard and Darren Mansell have all seen matches at flights three, four and five. Gellard posts the best record in conference, going undefeated at 3-0. Gerard Galindo will most likely take the sixth flight as he holds a 10-2 record. The sixth flight serves as a tiebreaker if needed but is not counted otherwise.

DePaul will be different from the light out of conference schedule the Pirates have faced this year. George Wang and Sam Davidson are two players that the Pirates will have to deal with. Morris will need a game plan for the players that hold 21-9 and 19-9 records overall.

Wang usually plays at the third flight with Davidson at the fourth. However, the Blue Demons fall significantly off, as four players from flights three lower don't hold winning records.

In order for the Pirates to advance to face the Green Wave, they are going to have to pick up some doubles matches. These matches have been a struggle for the Pirates throughout the season. The best bet to pick up points is going to be with the teams of Paulo Baumer and Nick Rose or Fonseca and Gellard.

The women's team will have their hands full with a red hot Charlotte team, which starts at 3 p.m. The Charlotte women

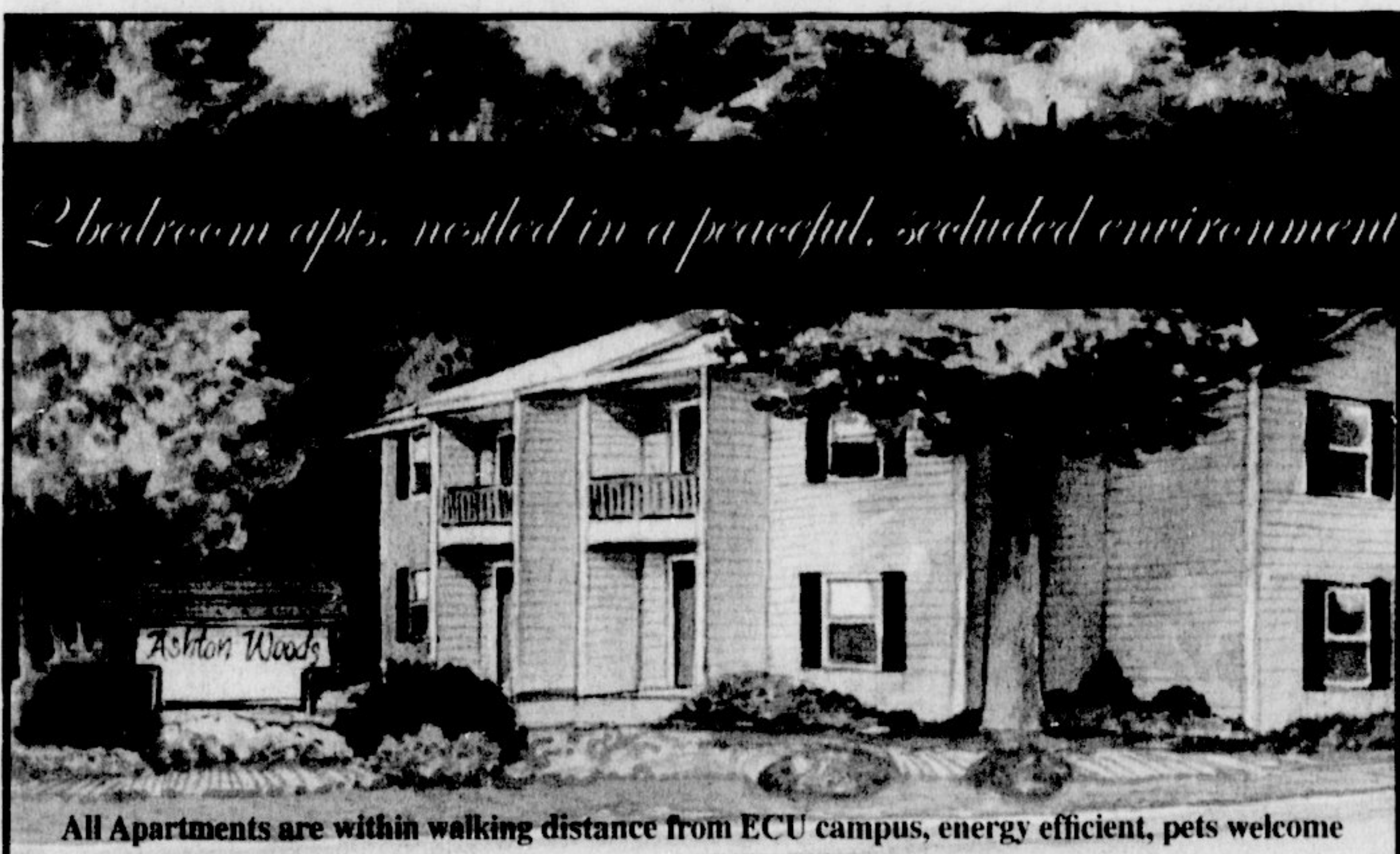
have won eight straight matches while the ECU women were just swept by the Richmond Spiders. The winner will advance to take on No. 13 ranked and top seed Tulane. The Green Wave (21-1) sports four top 100 players in the nation. That match will take place at noon on Friday, leaving the loser to play at 6 p.m. on Friday.

The ECU women will have to watch out for Charlotte freshman and team MVP Kathy Robey, who holds a team-best of 23 wins and has won eight straight matches. ECU will counter with Raluca Baicu or Kristin Buchannan.

The two have combined to go 13-13 at the top flight, but it might be a struggle behind them. The problem occurs with the fifth and sixth flights along with the third flights in doubles. Sara Boseman has a 3-10 record at the fifth flight, while Ashley Perkinson is 0-12 at the sixth. The women are a combined 2-7 in C-USA.

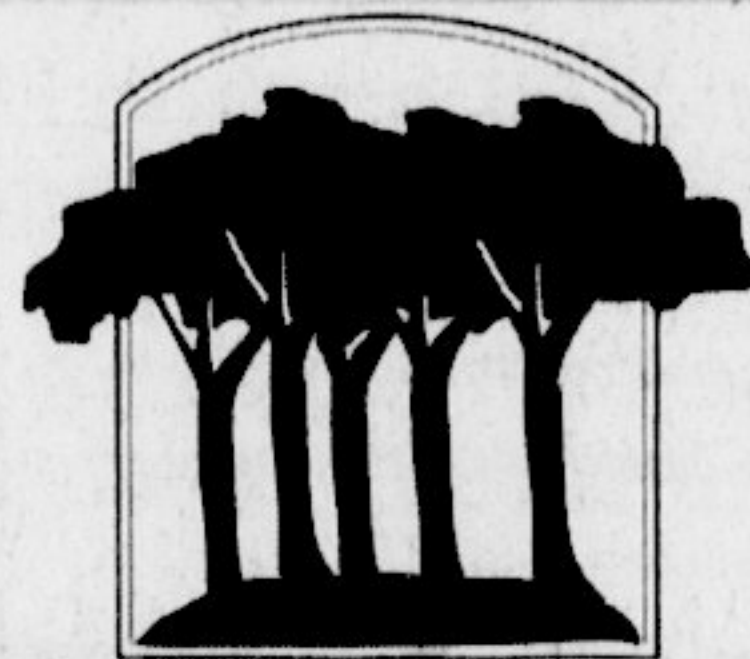
The double elimination tournament will provide a stage for the men's and women's teams to shine. The championship games will be held at noon and 11 a.m. respectively on Sunday, with the finalists of the loser's bracket vying for third.

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Doherty says he won't begrudge Roberts

(KRT) — Matt Doherty had dreams, too.

They included visions of a New York basketball community that rallied behind the St. John's program. It came replete with a national championship and a parade through the Canyon of Heroes.

"I see St. John's as a place with infinite possibilities and I am disappointed that I won't have the chance to lead it back to the elite," Doherty said Tuesday.

"I could have another coaching job right now, but I wanted to be at St. John's. It was a good fit and has all kinds of potential to be something spectacular."

Doherty said he would not begrudge Norm Roberts as the choice. The former North Carolina and Notre Dame coach was

so impressed with Roberts that he tried to hire him to be an assistant coach for the Fighting Irish.

During the agonizingly long search for a new coach at St. John's, Doherty spent a lot of time as the presumed leader. He felt confident enough about his chances to turn down James Madison's job offer. And his candidacy had the influential backing of the basketball program's biggest financial boosters.

Tuesday at 8 a.m., he got a call from St. John's AD Dave Wegrzyn with the news he would not be the choice. He asked for the chance to speak with the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, but the university president said Tuesday he hadn't had the chance to call.

"I don't want anyone to get the wrong impression, that I am angry or hurt, because I got nothing but positive feelings from the people at St. John's," he said.

"I was flattered by their interest in me."

Doherty isn't the only victim of the St. John's coaching search and the political warfare it brought out from the factions that backed an assortment of candidates. There are others most notably Manhattan's Bobby Gonzalez and Memphis' John Calipari who sustained some damage, whether intended or not.

That Gonzalez was frequently discussed by members of the search committee and not

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Tiger's training with Special Forces

Tiger Woods is deep inside Fort Bragg this week, wearing a camouflage uniform and doing the kind of things Green Berets do. The cover story is that he flew down on his private jet to see what military life is all about.

The real truth is, Tiger's on a secret mission. Somewhere in the woods in North Carolina, he and the Special Forces are out trying to find his golf game.

As good as the Green Berets are, it won't be easy.

It doesn't help that Woods won't even admit it's missing.

Another in a string of disappointing majors ended early on Sunday for Woods, long before the cheers echoed from Amen Corner as Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els put on the kind of spectacular back-nine show that once belonged only to Woods.

If you're counting and in golf that's usually a good way to keep score, Woods is now winless in seven straight majors. Worse yet,

he hasn't even been a factor in the final round of five of them.

He's got a long way to go to rival Mickelson's oh-for-42 streak in the majors, but the tournaments are beginning to add up.

So, too, are the questions.

The player who once intimidated his fellow competitors simply by showing up on the first tee seems gone, replaced by a befuddled twin who goes about his work with an exasperated look on his face as putts race past the hole and drives go increasingly awry.

There are whispers about flaws in his swing, his conviction to golf, and his once all-consuming desire to win.

Things have gotten so bad that Woods vomited after the first hole Sunday, though he later claimed it was because of a bad sandwich, not a bad putt.

Through it all, Woods keeps repeating the same mantra to inquiring writers, as if he needs

to believe it himself.

The numbers may say otherwise, but Woods insists he's not in a slump.

"It's different for me versus any other player," he said last week. "Some other player has a bad week, misses the cut, it's no big deal, slips through the radar. Whereas if I shoot one bad round, it's a little bit different. I think it's just expectation levels."


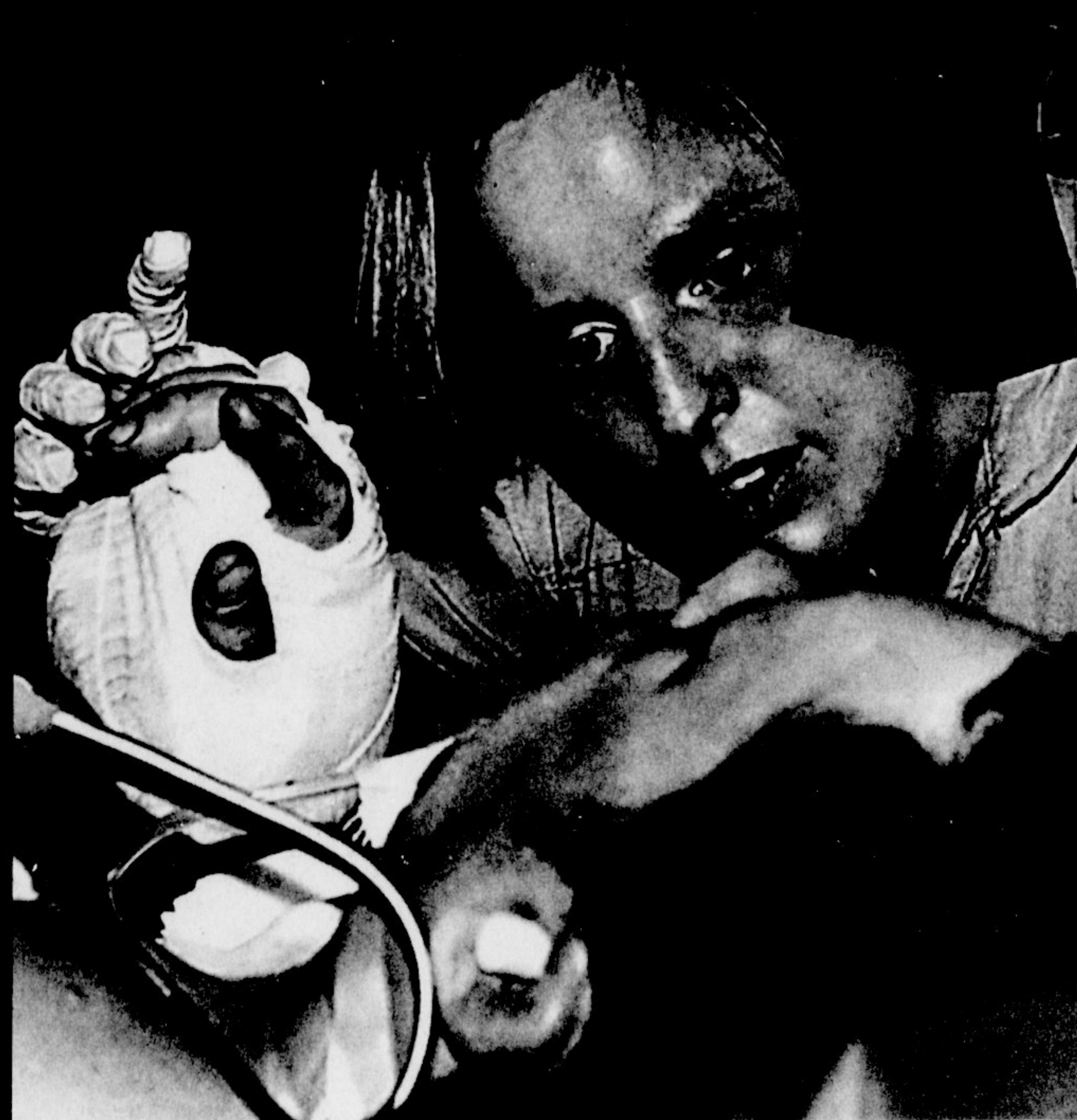
Perhaps it is. Golf fans were easily spoiled by Woods, who carries the burden of having to compete against his own past success.

Woods will likely never win four straight majors again, and may never match a record he once seemed destined to smash Jack Nicklaus' 18 major championship wins.

He's got three green jackets from Augusta National, but the 10 that Nicklaus once predicted of him?

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C-USA moves closer to picking 12th team

(KRT) — After two days of meetings in Texas, Conference USA athletic directors adjourned Tuesday with no official recommendation on expansion, but that should change soon.

Although the group had hoped to have its membership puzzle solved by Wednesday, pieces will fit in time for an April 30 discussion by league presidents, UCF AD Steve Orsini said.

"That's our job. We'll come up with one," Orsini said.

C-USA presidents have the final vote on expansion. Athletic directors will have one or more conference calls over the next two weeks to iron out expansion wrinkles.

UTEP is the favored candidate among a list that includes Louisiana Tech and North Texas but no longer includes Temple, Toledo and Miami of Ohio. Temple's interest in C-USA is for football only, and the league is

pondering only all-sports members. Mid-American Conference members Toledo and Miami, once on C-USA's expansion radar, on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to staying in the MAC, and the MAC issued a statement of its "solidarity."

C-USA has a roster of 11 schools for 2005-06, when the bulk of conference realignment happens around the country. Although C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky said staying at 11 "is still a viable option," he is on record as wanting a league with 12 schools, and athletic directors are expected to follow his lead. A 12-team league allows for divisional play in several sports and also will permit C-USA to have a football championship game.

Despite the lack of a formal announcement Tuesday, Banowsky was pleased.

"I think we took some big steps forward get to some



Louisiana Tech is one of three considerations for expansion.

consensus," he said. "We don't have a consensus yet, but we're making progress."

Banowsky said one reason league leaders are taking their

time with the expansion evaluation is that the conference, after this decision, does not foresee any more membership changes in the near future.

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Maynard, Justin Minges and Chase Lampl lead the team with just 19 strikeouts, and Minges is the only pitcher with a strikeout to walk ratio better than 2 to 1. As a staff, the Bearcats have 147 strikeouts to 139 walks on the season.

Jim Olds leads the team with a 0.00 ERA, but will probably not face the Pirates.

The junior has pitched just one and two thirds innings, giving up three unearned runs on two hits and three walks.

Norwood named C-USA Co-Hitter of the Week

Following the USF series, junior first baseman Ryan Norwood was given the distinction of being named C-USA Co-Hitter of the Week. Norwood batted .500 (8-of-16) for the series with two homers, four RBIs and seven runs scored.

Norwood is hitting .375 for the season with a team-high 48 hits. The junior also has eight homers, 26 RBIs and a team-high 33 runs scored. Norwood shared the honor with Southern Miss outfielder Carlos Velasquez.

Game time is set for 3 p.m. in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday. After the three-game series, the Pirates have a highly anticipated match-up at NC State on Wednesday.

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brought in for an interview may have cast doubts in the minds of other administrations that considered him for their posts. And Calipari, whose inclusion as a candidate had dredged up ancient stories about questionable recruiting tactics, had his character examined in a very public manner.

Harrington said each of them had serious merits, but bringing in all the candidates was never part of the process.

"I think Bobby Gonzalez could probably have been a good and effective coach," he said. "If we went over a top 10 list, he would probably be on that (but I'm not someone who believes in marching 10 people in here.

"I don't think it shows respect to them."

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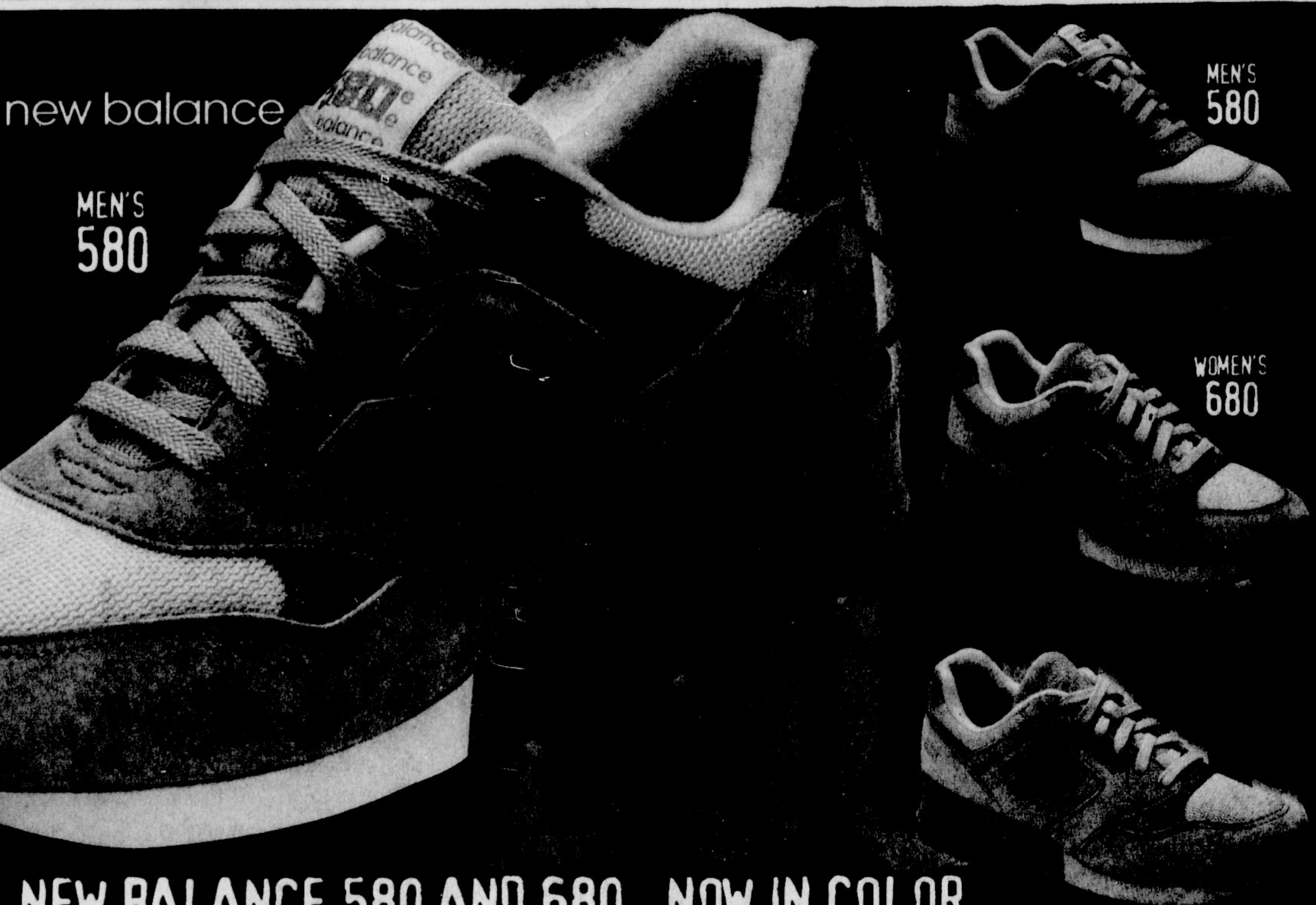
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