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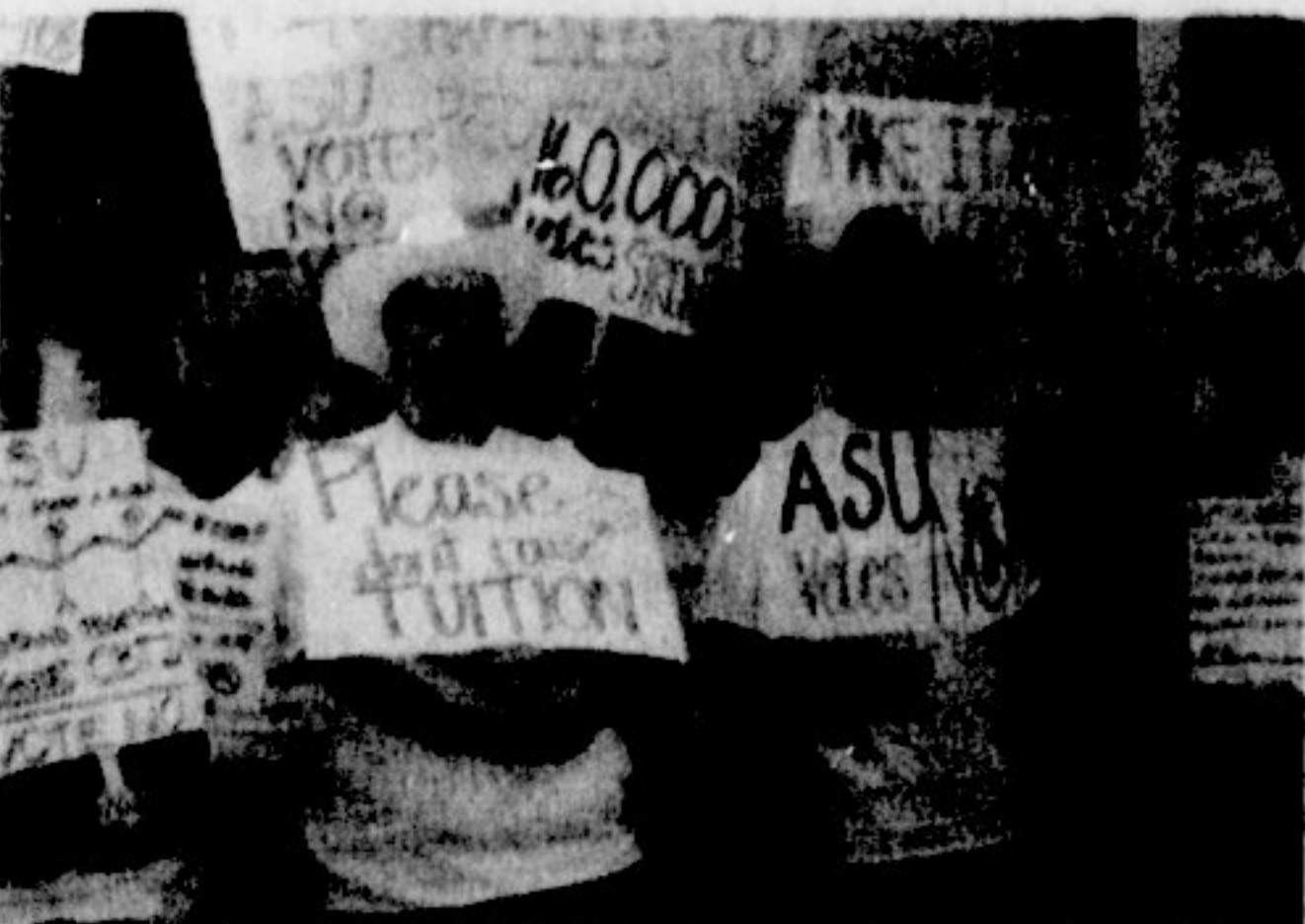
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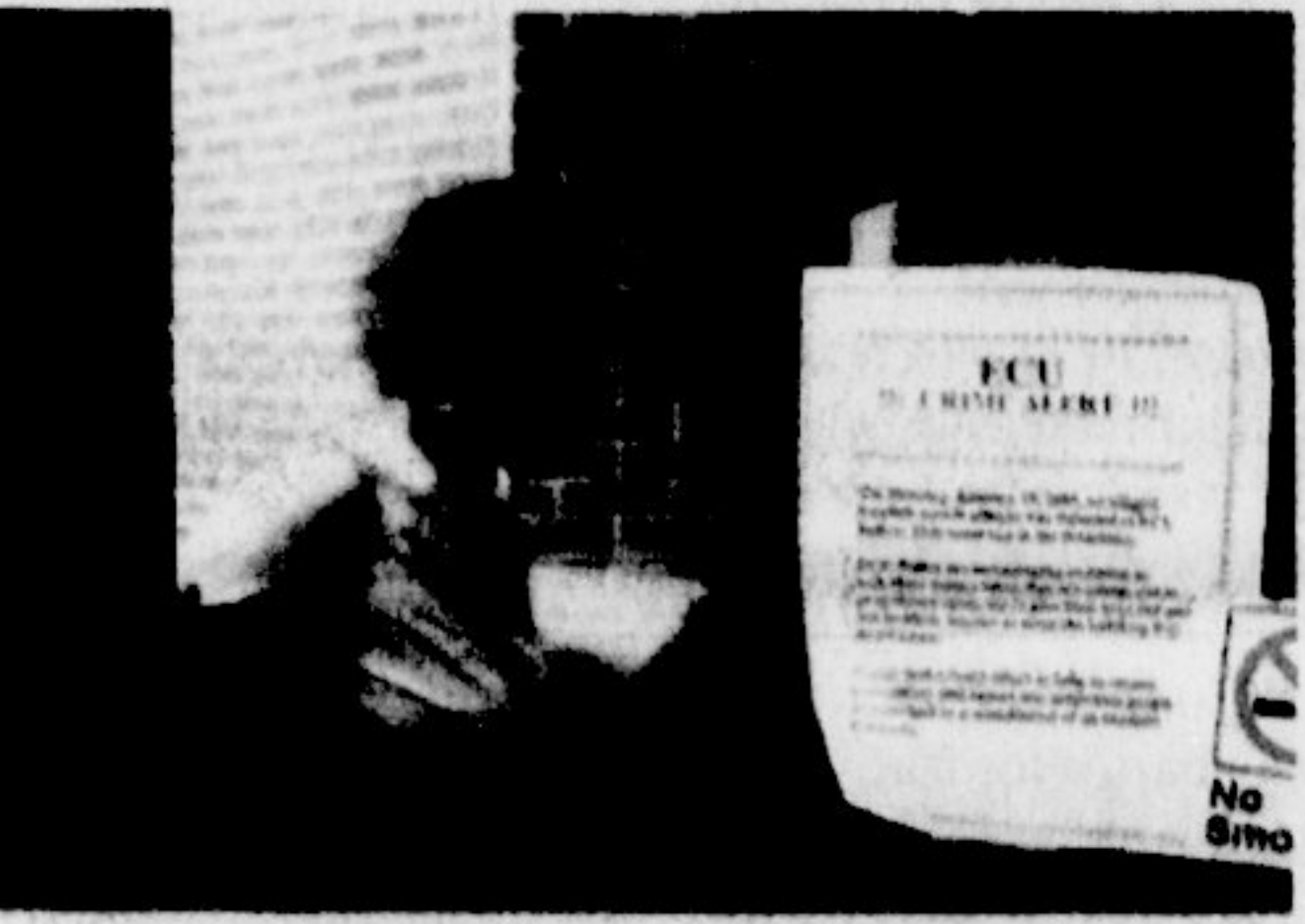
HURRICANE ISABEL'S IMPACT CAUSES MINIMAL DAMAGE IN GREENVILLE



ADMINISTRATION CHANGES GRADUATION CEREMONY



STUDENTS PROTEST UNC-SYSTEM TUITION HIKES IN MARCH



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WILLIAM MUSE RESIGNS AS ECU'S CHANCELLOR



STEVE BALLARD APPOINTED NEW PERMANENT CHANCELLOR



THE ECU COMMUNITY HELPS REPLENISH LOW BLOOD SUPPLIES



STUDENT BODY ELECTS NEW SGA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



UNIVERSITY ENROLLEMENT REACHES RECORD HIGH

Looking back at campus events

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As the old adage says, the only thing constant is change. And this academic year at ECU has seen plenty of it, through growth, reorganization, challenges and landmarks. While the university eyes its looming centennial celebration, a look back on the most important news events of 2003-04 shows the transformation ECU continually undergoes.

Academics

The cost of obtaining an ECU diploma rose, despite strong resistance from students. A proposal to implement a three-year, \$300 tuition increase failed to gain approval from the Student Government Association, who partnered with the North Carolina Association of Student Governments to

protest.

Nearly 200 students from all UNC-system schools attended the March 24 meeting, where the BOG amended ECU's request, passing a campus-wide, \$225 in-state increase and a staggered increase for the Brody School of Medicine.

Enrollment reached a record high, topping off at 21,797 last fall and establishing ECU as the third largest school in the UNC-system. ECU's size not only increased, but so did the quality: The 2003-04 freshmen crop had the highest average SAT test scores thus far.

U.S. News & World Report magazine named Brody School of Medicine 19th in medical schools emphasizing primary care, fourth in rural medicine and 15th in family medicine. The School of Allied Health Sciences' rehabilitation counseling graduate program ranked 15th for a third consecutive year.

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Four years, a lifetime of ECU memories later

Span shows growth of students, university

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The passage of time inevitably equals change.

If this is your first year at ECU, chances are you are not the same person or are in the same place that you were a year ago.

If four years have passed since you first stepped foot in the hallowed halls of academia, then it's almost certain you are a new person in a new place.

You are a product of the knowledge you have acquired, the people you have met and the things you have seen and done. You cannot leave ECU untouched or unchanged. After all, ECU today is not the same as it was yesterday or one year ago, and it is especially not the ECU of four years ago.

The university has grown and changed, and hopefully you have as well. But lest you forget some of the most memorable moments of your college career, The East Carolinian is once again here to remind you.

Growth and change have definitely become pivotal for the university. Enrollment reached an all-time record high in the fall of

2003 with 21,756 students. And as for further evidence of growth, the 2003 freshman class held the highest ever average SAT score of 1050.

An increase in student population emphasized the need for expansion of campus facilities. A totally renovated Student Health Center opened in August 2001. In the years following, the Rivers Building, Jones Hall and Mendenhall Student Center have received their own makeovers.

In 2002, ECU saw the completion and dedication of the Murphy Center, a \$13 million facility for athletic strength and conditioning. And in August 2003, the \$66 million Science and Technology Building opened its doors to students.

There is no doubt the extensive on-campus construction has proved to be a hassle for faculty and students. The costs alone are enough to give you a headache, but not as great as the one that's been causing stress and frustration among students this year.

In March, the UNC Board of Governors approved a series of increases in tuition and fees that will go into effect this fall.

The BOG also approved the selection of ECU's new chancellor, Steve Ballard, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Mis-



souri-Kansas City, will enter his new position in June.

Ballard will succeed Interim Chancellor William Shelton as ECU's leader after Shelton took the reins following William Muse's resignation in September of 2003.

Scandals erupted and rumors ensued in the wake of a tumultuous turnover of leadership. All the big names seemed to be leaving, and not under amicable circumstances.

William Swart, vice chancellor of academic affairs, was reassigned to a faculty position almost immediately after Muse left his job.

In December 2002, Head Football Coach Steve Logan resigned, to be replaced by the Florida Gators' defensive coordinator John Thompson.

Former Housing Director Emanuele Amaro was arrested in February of 2003 for embezzling more than \$100,000.

Several months later, Athletic Director Michael Hamrick vacated his position in order to join the staff at UNLV.

Though national events did not specifically happen on campus, many of them affected students, faculty and the university. The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, occurred many miles away, yet their impact could be

felt in Greenville.

ECU grieved with the rest of the nation as students, faculty and staff faced the losses of family and friends. We then took action in the face of tragedy with patriotic displays and fundraising projects. The following year, ECU commemorated the date with a candlelight vigil.

As a result of the attacks, homeland security became a major national issue. Today, campus security is gaining its own attention following two sexual assaults in residence halls and two other incidents involving weapons on campus. Police have added more patrols, and access to each residence hall is now limited to the building's main door.

But all news is not necessarily bad news.

Greenville braced for the worst in September 2003 as Hurricane Isabel neared the North Carolina coast. Friday classes were canceled, yet nearly 1,000 students chose to remain on campus in the residence halls during the storm. Students celebrated the long weekend and impromptu vacation with "hurricane parties."

Fortunately though, Isabel resulted in relatively little damage, sparing Greenville the brunt of the storm and the threat

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Sexual Assault Awareness throughout April

- Rape survivors are 13 times more likely to attempt suicide than people who have not been crime victims and six times more likely than victims of other crimes.
- There are an estimated 32,000 rape related pregnancies in the United States annually.

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Visit www.eastcarolinian.com to read about the lions of chemicals that were seized in Jordan yesterday.

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One million people gathered in Washington, D.C., in support of women's rights.

Arts page B1
Students played games, participated in crafts and listened to music at Barefoot on the Mall last Thursday.

Sports page C1
ECU's Pirates look to continue their stellar conference play against Louisville in a three-game series in Greenville.

FYI
Regular exams begin Wednesday, April 28 and end Wednesday, May 5 at 10 a.m. Summer classes begin May 17.



NEWS

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Announcements

Medical Mind

The medical class of 2004 presents its play, "The Medical Mind," today 7 p.m. in Brody Auditorium.

Alzheimer's Teleconference

The Hospice Foundation of America presents a teleconference on "Living with Grief: Alzheimer's Disease," hosted by Cokie Roberts of ABC News today from 1:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Brody Auditorium. To register, contact Mary Spivey at 847-2000.

Teaching Awards

The eighth annual Teaching Awards Ceremony is today at 11 a.m. in the MSC Great Room. A reception hosted by Interim Chancellor William Shelton will follow. Contact the Faculty Senate office at 328-6537 for more information.

Reading Day

Today is reading day. No classes are scheduled to provide time to prepare for exams.

Relay for Life

The Pitt County Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society will be Friday and Saturday at the Pitt County Fairgrounds. Volunteers who are interested in forming teams should contact Alis Irwin at 317-5803.

Food Drive

J & E Harley Davison Co. in Winterville will hold a food drive May 1 to benefit the Food Bank of North Carolina in Greenville. Prizes for the most food donated will be given, and discounts for Harley Davison merchandise will be exchanged for donations.

Regular Exams

Regular exams begin Wednesday, April 28 and end Wednesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

Internal Medicine Research

The Department of Internal Medicine holds its 18th annual research day Wednesday, May 5 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. in 2W-40 Brody. Faculty, staff, fellows, residents and other medical students will give presentations, and Dr. Helen Burstin, director of the Center for Primary Care, will speak on getting a grant funded.

Open House

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center sponsors an open house Thursday from noon - 2 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Blood Drive

The Staff Senate Rewards and Recognition Committee sponsors a blood drive Thursday, May 6 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sweethearts in Todd Dining Hall.

Graduation

Commencement is Saturday, May 8 in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. The morning ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. The afternoon ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. Register on OneStop.

Fee Deadline

Schedules for Summer Session I will be canceled for all who have not paid fees by Friday, May 13 at 4 p.m.

Classes Begin

Classes for Summer Session I begin Tuesday, May 17.

Chemistry Placement Test

The chemistry placement test will be Monday, May 17 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 309 Science and Technology Building. Students must arrive 10 minutes prior to testing and bring a No. 2 pencil and a nonprogrammable calculator.

Math Placement Test

The math placement test will be Monday, May 17 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. in 110 Austin. Students should arrive 10 minutes prior to testing and bring a No. 2 pencil, a nonprogrammable calculator and picture identification.

Registration Deadline

Wednesday, May 19 is the last day for late registration and schedule change for Summer Session I.

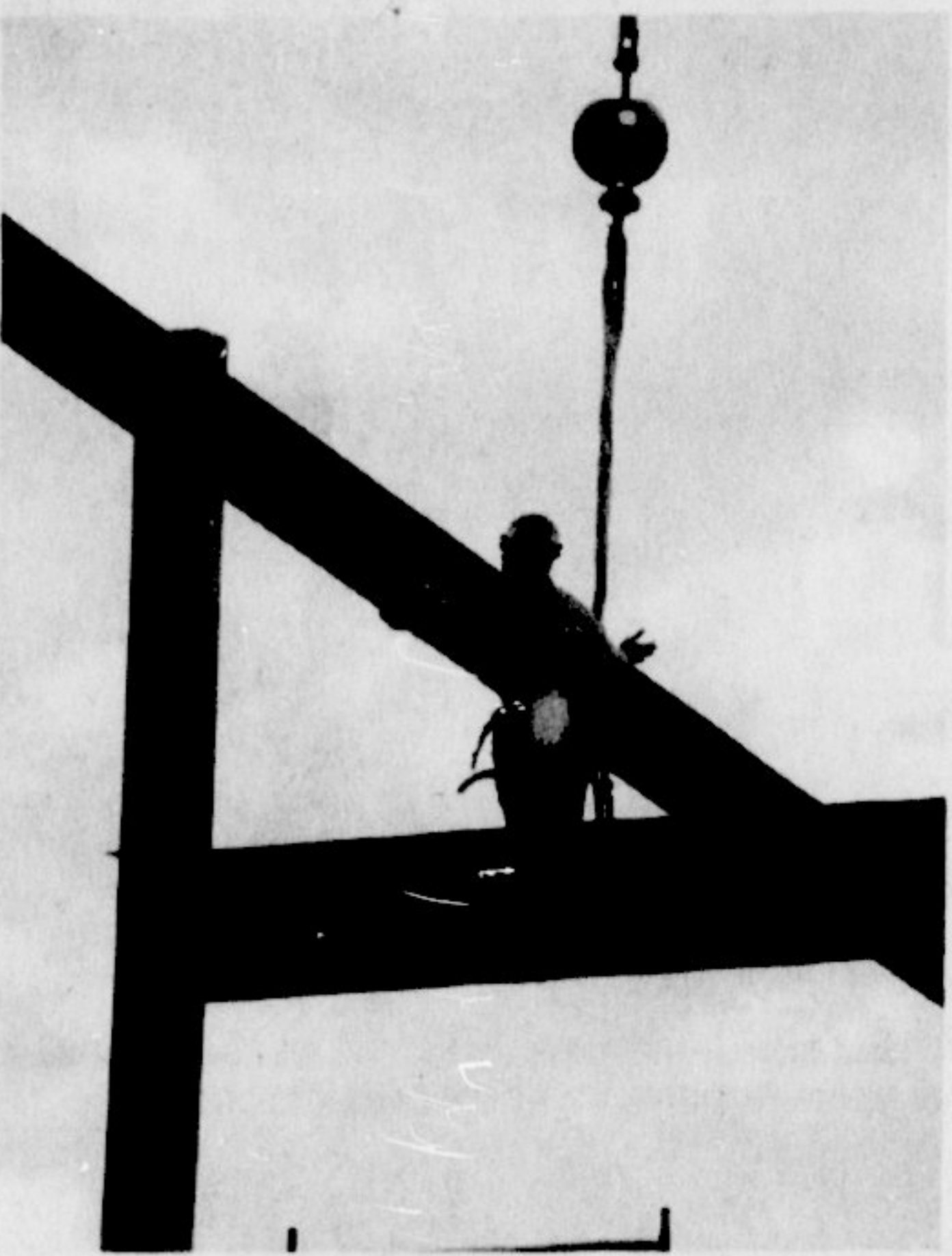
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Thursday, May 20 is the last day to add classes for Summer Session I.

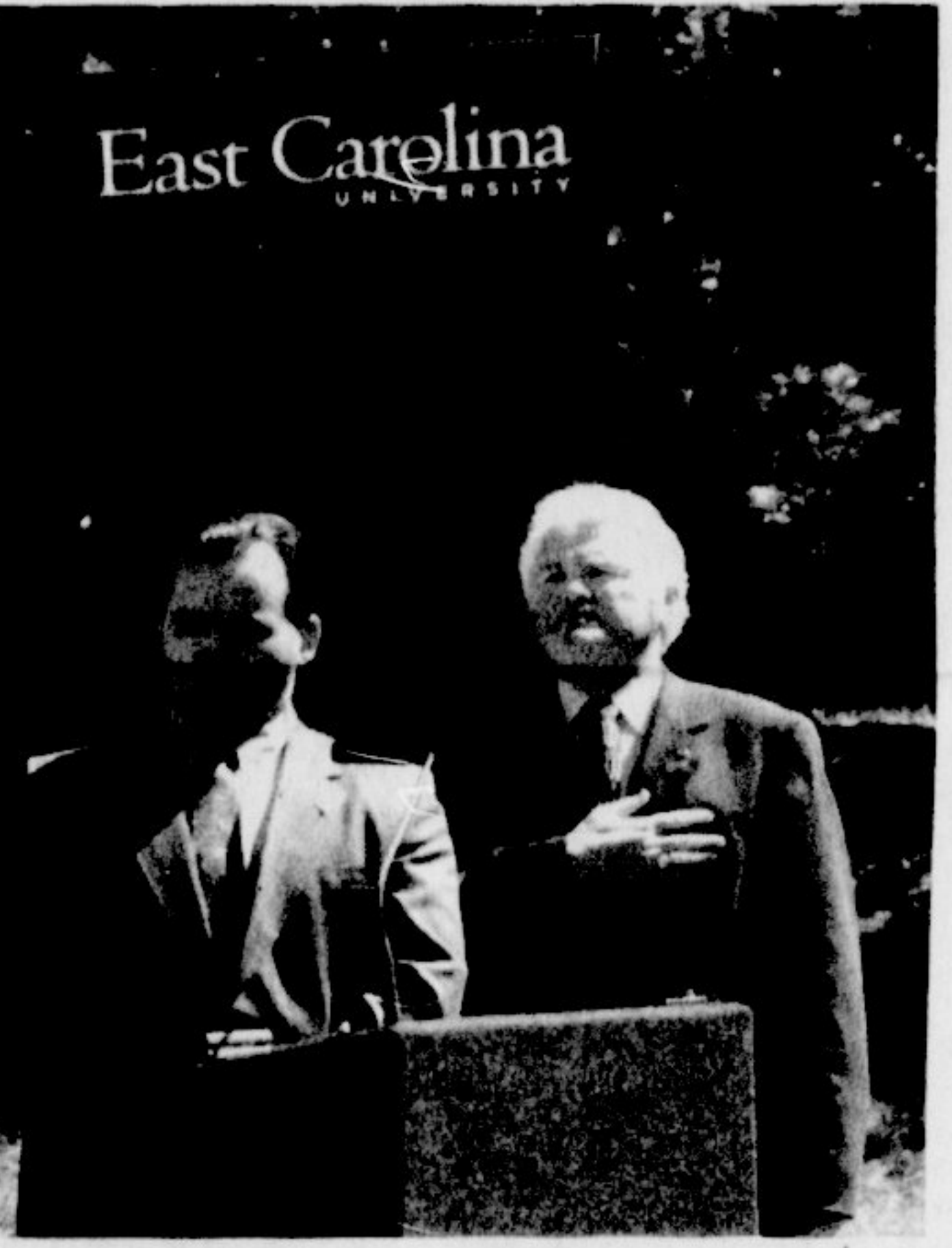
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SHELTON CHOSEN AS INTERIM CHANCELLOR



STUDENTS RECALL 9/11 WITH PEACE VIGIL

Graduating students encountered a revamped winter ceremony. Administration, in response to low turnout at the large ceremony, scaled back commencement to include only one ceremony and prohibited students from wearing regalia at their departmental celebrations.

However, student and faculty concern prompted further adjustments. The December commencement included two large ceremonies, one each for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

ECU students, past and present, made their imprint on school history. Hannah Winslow became the first undergraduate to publish a book, titled "Once upon a Time I was me: Reflections on living as a teenager," while pursuing her degree, and Dan Neil, a 1982 ECU alumnus and L. A. Times columnist, was the second graduate to win the Pulitzer Prize.

Developments

Evidence of ECU's physical growth was unmistakable all over campus. One of the most anticipated additions - the West End Dining Hall perched above downtown Greenville - is scheduled for completion in September 2004.

In all, the school projected to spend \$9 million in repairs to areas such as sidewalks and parking lots. The \$190 million Science and Technology Building opened for classes fall 2003, and renovations on the Rivers and Flannagan Buildings are soon to be complete.

Expansion on the West Medical Campus began in earnest with the Learning Village's groundbreaking. Scheduled to begin construction in May, the Learning Village will initially host a 129-acre complex housing the Schools of Allied Health Sciences and Nursing and the Laupus Medical Library.

Ownership of the Country Doctor Museum in Bailey was transferred to ECU to become part of the Laupus Library's History of Medicine program. After closing for more than a year, the museum, established in 1967, reopened in April. It displays instruments, diaries, papers, medical books and equipment of past medicinal endeavors.

Planning began for the North Campus Recreational Facility to be located at the intersection of NC 33 and US 264.

Developers envision the NCRF to contain 15 multipurpose playing fields, an 18-hole Frisbee golf course, a "world class" skate park and a championship stadium for soccer, football and Ultimate Frisbee, among other recreational spaces.

Leadership

Controversy clouded top administrative positions at the beginning of the fall semester, affecting the need for major structural reorganization during the ensuing months.

The resignation of Chancellor William Muse in September followed a closed meeting of the ECU Board of Trustees, where two critical internal audits were discussed.

One audit said Emanuel Amaro, who resigned from the position of associate vice chancellor for student experiences in January, embezzled money and made improper purchases. Amaro has since pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Another audit said part of a \$4.6 million grant to the Center for Health Sciences Communications was spent improperly.

Muse denied involvement or knowledge of both cases. Though he said he planned to return as a business professor in the spring, Muse retired in December.

UNC-system President Molly Broad appointed William Shelton, vice chancellor for University Advancement, as interim chancellor. A 13-member search committee, consisting of school officials and community leaders, was assigned the task of finding a permanent chancellor.

Provost William Swart, whose position and appointment were initiated by Muse, was reassigned to a faculty position in the business school shortly after Shelton took his position. Swart underwent criticism for his hiring practices - allegedly Old Dominion University, and organizational changes.

James LeRoy Smith, executive assistant to the chancellor and philosophy professor, was named interim vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Responding to the administrative changes, Thomas Feldbush resigned a year earlier than he planned from his position as vice chancellor for research, economic development and community engagement.

Shelton combined the division of research with the graduate school under the chancellor's office. He appointed John Lehman, dean for research and graduate studies at BSOM, as vice chancellor for research and graduate studies.

Paul Gemperline, chemistry professor, was named acting associate vice chancellor.

After the Chancellor Search Committee submitted its recommendations to Broad, Steve Ballard, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, was announced as ECU's new chancellor in March.

Ballard will begin his job June 1, and Shelton will return to his former position. BSOM received a new dean in August. Dr. Cynda Johnson, 52, became one of 11 women to head one of America's 126 accredited medical schools.

Student leadership changed hands when Ticket One triumphed over Ticket Two in SGA's March elections. The election was shortened from two days to one day when a non-malicious information breach erased candidates' names and vote totals from online voting.

Safety

Students began to seriously consider their safety after a rash of violent crimes took place in the dorms. A female student was raped in her White Hall room Jan. 19, and a month later, another female was raped in the laundry room of Belk Hall.

Two armed robberies were reported in Belk. No one has been charged in any of the incidents.

"Piggy-backing," or entering a dorm behind someone who has opened a door with a key, was given as the probable cause for the criminals' presence in the dorms. Low-lit and construction-laden areas worried students.

To communicate students' concerns to administration, the SGA held a Safety Walk in the spring, where participants located unsafe areas. The concerns were presented to administration.

Campus Living outlined a plan to tackle unsafe areas, including adding security cameras and lighting to residence halls, to ensure safety and reduce crime. The cost for installing cameras in every dorm would total more than \$300,000, one prospective supplier said.

Campus Living conducted its own safety assessment to locate critical areas. Some improvements have been completed, while others will continue throughout the summer.

The fall semester saw another safety concern, but the school was powerless to stop it when Hurricane Isabel ravaged eastern North Carolina and the Atlantic Coast. The storm's effect was felt from North Carolina to New York, flooding homes, blacking out cities and causing at least 29 deaths.

Classes were canceled for two days, but besides downed trees and power lines, caused minimal damage in Greenville.

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of Floyd-like flooding. This in itself was enough cause for celebration, especially when a rather dismal football season provided no such relief.

The Pirates finished the 2003 season with a record of 1-11. The results were a far cry from those in 2001, when the Pirates made their third straight bowl appearance, that time at the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Despite the disappointing

record, fans continued to attend the games, buying up all tickets for the October game versus UNC-Chapel Hill.

Thus far, Pirate baseball is having another great season. One year after ECU entered Conference USA as an all-sports member, the baseball team won the C-USA title at the conference tournament in Kinston.

Back on campus, the university has provided a wealth of

opportunities for entertainment and intellectual stimulation. We've seen Elizabeth Dole visit campus, heard from Disney Teacher of the Year Ron Clark, listened to John Mayer and Jason Mraz perform at Barefoot on the Mall and Gone Hollywood for homecoming.

And now it's almost time to simply go. The summer is fast approaching, exams are almost upon us, and the May 8 com-

mencement ceremony is soon to conclude the college career of some of our fellow East Carolinians.

As you go on your way, new people, places and events are sure to shape your life. But the years you have spent or will spend at ECU have been or should be nothing short of memorable.

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News Briefs

Local

Descendants claim Lumbee falsely claim heritage

PEMBROKE (AP) — Descendants of a group of American Indians recognized by the federal government in 1938 complain that the Lumbee tribe is using their history to help their case for federal recognition and the financial benefits that come with the status.

Documentation showing 22 Waccamaw-Siouan Indians certified as Native Americans in 1938 was included in information given to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and House Resources Committee during hearings on federal recognition for the Lumbees.

Descendants of the Siouans want the information stricken from the record.

To be recognized, the Lumbees have to show a presence of American Indians in Robeson County.

In 1935, an anthropologist with the former Commission of Indian Affairs examined 209 people to determine whether they had a half-degree or more of Indian blood. The commission sent letters to 22 people in 1938 saying they were entitled to benefits under the Indian Reorganization Act, but they were not given tribal status.

NC workers make up tax difference

RALEIGH (AP) — Corporate income taxes are paying for a shrinking share of state services, leaving North Carolina workers to make up much of the difference.

Gov. Mike Easley, his Republican challengers and business interests believe the percentage of tax revenue provided by corporate income taxes should fall even more to spur economic development.

The percentage of total tax collections from corporate income taxes has fallen from 11.8 percent in the 1987-88 fiscal year to 6.6 percent the past fiscal year, according to data supplied by the General Assembly's fiscal research division. The declining

corporate burden can be traced to the economic downturn, tax shelters and a lowering of the corporate income tax rate.

At the same time, the tax burden has shifted.

The share of tax revenue coming from individual income taxes rose from 46.7 percent of total tax collections in 1987-1988 to 51.8 percent in 2002-2003. Individual taxpayers accounted for as much as 55.6 percent in 2000-2001.

National

Southern California wildfire nearly contained after destroying two mobile homes, nine vehicles

TEMECULA, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters on Monday began to get the upper hand on a 2,334-acre wildfire that had threatened as many as 400 homes in Riverside County.

The blaze, which broke out in a motor home on Sunday afternoon, was 90 percent contained Monday morning, said Stephanie Swanstrom, a county fire information spokeswoman.

It had threatened as many as 400 homes before firefighters began to surround it overnight. The fire, which spread from the motor home to nearby vegetation, destroyed two mobile homes and nine vehicles.

About 540 firefighters, aided by four helicopters and two air tankers battled the flames throughout the day Sunday until the aircraft had to be grounded at dusk.

Temperatures, which reached the 90s in the area on Sunday, were expected to soar to near 100 on Monday.

Bush Calls for Ban on Broadband Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tying high-tech innovation to prosperity, President Bush is using a speech in a swing state to address an election-year vulnerability: a sluggish job market that hasn't rebounded with the national economy. In a speech Monday in Minnesota, Bush is urging Congress to slap a permanent ban

on taxes consumers pay for high-speed Internet hookups called broadband.

He also is touting proposals to make electronic medical records the norm and move hydrogen fuel technology from the lab to the showroom.

World

Chinese lawmakers: No universal suffrage in Hong Kong in 2007, 2008

HONG KONG (AP) — Mainland China dealt a crushing blow to Hong Kong's hopes for full democracy Monday, when its most powerful legislative panel ruled the territory won't have direct elections for its next leader or for all its lawmakers in 2008.

Many people in Hong Kong have been demanding the right to democratically elect a successor to their chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, a former shipping tycoon chosen for his position by an 800-member committee that tends to side with Beijing.

But the Chinese National People's Congress Standing Committee said "universal suffrage shall not apply" to the selection of Tung successor in 2007 or members of the Legislative Council the following year.

U.S. troops move into Najaf to replace Spanish, vow to keep out of holy places

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers rolled into a base in the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Monday to replace withdrawing Spanish troops and put pressure on a radical anti-American Shiite militia that controls parts of the city.

The base is about three miles from the Shiite holy shrines at Najaf's heart, which the U.S. military has vowed to steer clear of to avoid outraging Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims.

The move deploys U.S. troops within the Najaf urban area for the first time since a large force massed outside the city earlier this month to put down the Al-Mahdi Army militia of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

One million activists rally for women's rights in D.C.



Activists wave signs and shout their beliefs to one another and onlookers Sunday.

March for Women's Lives largest protest in American history

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More than one million men, women and children participated in The National March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. Sunday.

The march addressed issues from abortion rights and contraception to sex education and worldwide reproductive concerns.

At final count, the march was confirmed as the single largest protest march in U.S. history.

A coalition of women's groups, including the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood organized the event.

Demonstrations and speeches were held on the National Mall, directly in front of the capitol building, and the march proceeded for several miles past the White House and through downtown Washington.

Lining the protest route, several hundred anti-abortion activists and religious groups offered a differing perspective on the issues. Police detained more than 40 individuals

throughout the day for protesting without a permit.

The march eventually returned to the starting point, where a number of celebrity speakers and national women's rights advocates took the stage.

Presenters included such names as actor Ashley Judd, Julianne Moore, former Secretary of State Madeline Albright and media mogul Ted Turner.

Long-time pro-abortion activist and comedienne Whoopi Goldberg took the stage brandishing a coat hanger, a symbolic gesture of the millions of back-alley abortions performed before abortion was legalized in 1973.

"Some people asked me why I came on stage carrying a coat hanger, and I'll tell you why; it's because we're never going back to the way it was. Never," said Goldberg.

Since September 11th, Washington, D.C. has maintained a closed airspace over the city, so no news helicopters were allowed to film the march from the air.

Security around the march was tight, with municipalities in Virginia and Maryland contributing reinforcements for the Washington Metro Police Department.

Dozens of riot police and officers on horseback lined the protest route, maintaining a separation between pro-life activists and marchers.

A number of streets, most notably Pennsylvania Avenue, were closed to traffic for the duration of the day's activities.

A Secret Service helicopter circled the crowd all afternoon.

Women's rights activist Moby ended the afternoon with an acoustic rendition of the classic Buffalo Springfield protest song, "For What it's Worth."

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Anti-abortion protesters bicker with marchers.

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- On May 3, 2004, available permits remaining after the April 19-30, 2004 registration for zones A1, A2, A3 and B2, will be offered to faculty/staff and students on the current waiting lists. Permits will be offered in sequential order until zones are filled to maximum capacity.

- On May 10, 2004, the ECU OneStop Vehicle Registration will open for ALL permit applications to include B1, B3, C and D zones, and zones listed above. Applicants will be assigned permits based upon availability or will be placed on the appropriate waiting list.

If there are no spaces in the desired zone, you may add your name to the zone waiting list. Maps showing the parking zones are posted at www.ecu.edu/parking.

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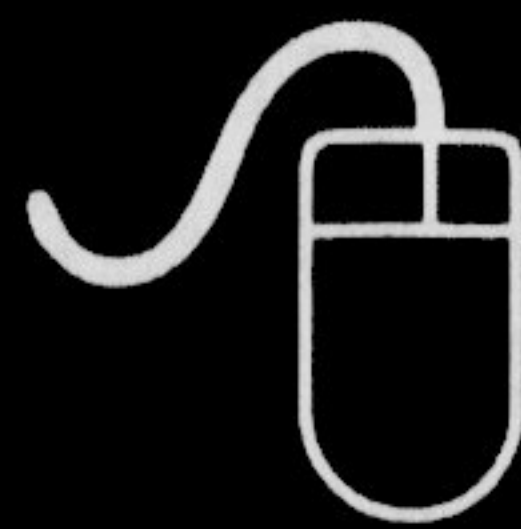
1. Gather information needed for the registration process including:
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If you do not have a current ECU parking permit, you may purchase a summer session permit from the Parking & Transportation Office located at 305 E 10th Street during regular business hours. Permits for 1st session ONLY are \$20. Permits for 2nd session ONLY are \$20. Permits for BOTH 1st and 2nd sessions are \$30.00

For more information on summer session parking and the parking program, visit our web site at www.ecu.edu/parking. If you have questions, contact our office at (252) 328-6294.

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Our View

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Regardless, some things always remain the same. An entire segment of the current student population will no longer be considered students at ECU, but forever known as alumni.

TEC would like to take the opportunity to congratulate those graduating seniors who have contributed to this university in one way or another.

We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors, and may the education that you received guide you through your career path as well as life.

To think ... the university has changed so much over the last year. There were many changes in the administration including the loss and gain of a chancellor. Construction littered the campus, bringing renovations and a better ECU to Greenville. Crime plagued the campus and students looked to administrators for heightened safety in dorms, causing security measures to be altered indefinitely.

As German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger." Although the future of the ECU community is unsure, we do believe this year's events will only help to make our university a stronger, more reputable one.

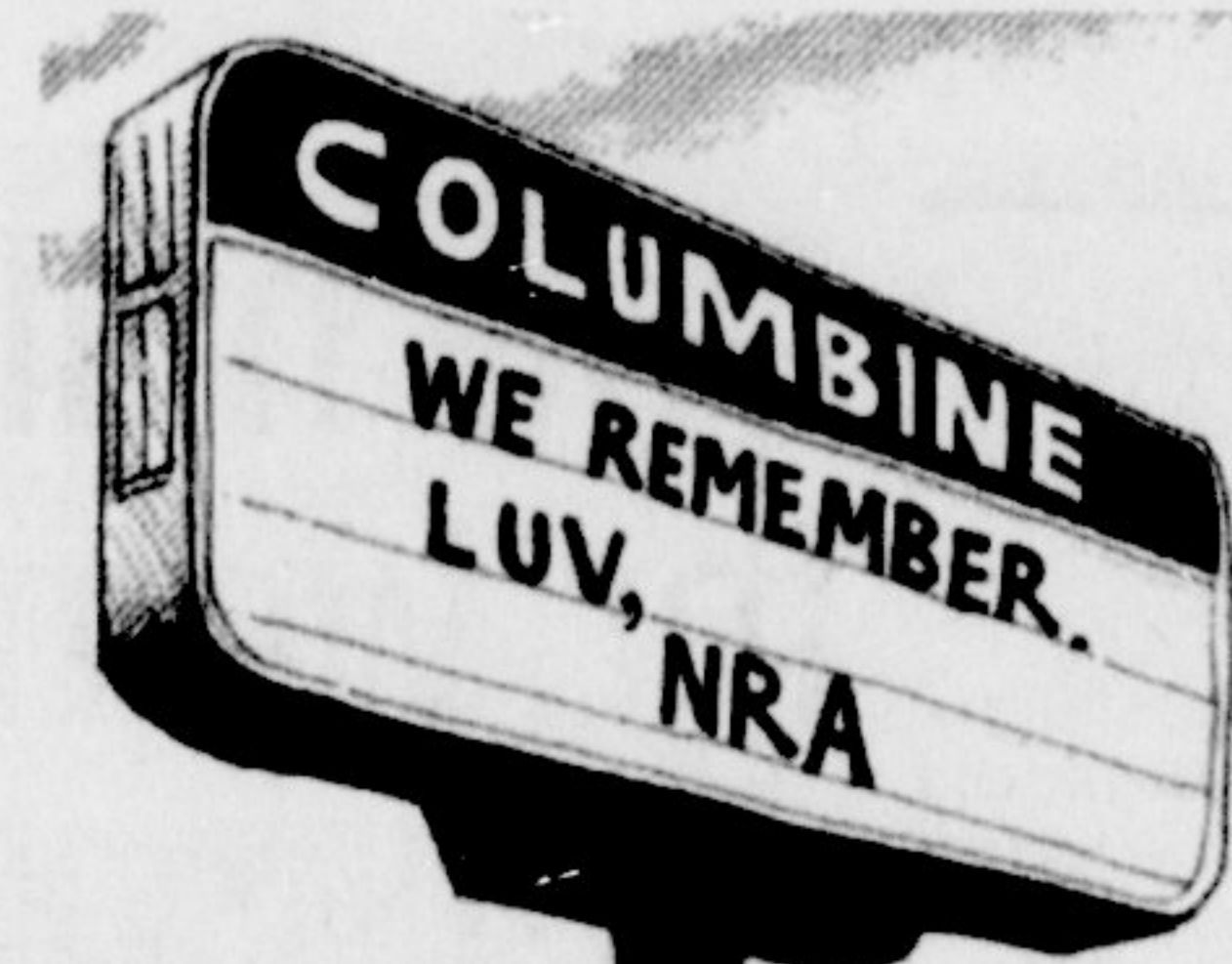
Over the past year, *TEC* has also experienced many changes. Our staff has worked hard to bring the campus the most relevant and timely news possible. Just as the university continues to change and grow, so does our paper.

However, the quality of a student newspaper is only as good as the students deem it to be. Whenever you read something that makes you upset or helps you relate, we encourage you to voice your opinion to us, whether it be through a letter to the editor or joining our staff.

Yes, it has been an amazing year. So much has changed and yet we have come back to a common place - commencement.

Congratulations, graduates.

The purpose of *TEC's* opinion pages is to invoke conversation in ECU's community. To respond to an opinion on this page, please send your letter, with your contact information for verification, to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.



In My Opinion

Four years later and all grown up

ECU's effects delayed but endearing

MICHELLE MCLEOD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I'm not sure when it happened, but sometime between being dropped off at Jarvis Hall freshman year and planning for next weekend's graduation, I realized that I'd grown up.

I don't mean "grown up" in terms of getting a job and paying all my own bills—although after graduation, I know that's what's next.

Four years ago, I arrived on campus a naive, obnoxious freshman. Now, I'm leaving—still a little obnoxious but definitely smarter and wiser. And when I think back, I can attribute this evolution only to ECU and the experiences I've had here.

My decision to attend ECU was not rooted in any long love affair I had with the school. Being a Baltimore native, ECU was far enough away from home to rule out pop-up family visits but close enough to travel home on the holidays. That, and the fact that the purple-trimmed letter read "Accepted."



Now, I can honestly say my decision to attend ECU was the right one, but three years ago, three months ago or even three days ago, I'm not sure I was aware of it.

After reflecting on what I would write for my last editorial, these feelings kind of crept up on me.

It was during this time I realized those acquaintances I met during freshman year are now treasured friends.

Those professors I despised for assigning too much work in too little time taught me responsibility and accountability.

The job I took as a copy editor at the school newspaper my sophomore year has given me the opportunity to play an active role in my university community and has,

more than anything, clarified the direction of my future.

And the school I chose for all the wrong reasons now has a special place in my heart.

ECU has proven educational in the experiences I've been offered both in and out of the classroom.

After four years of education, I feel that I have been taught the skills that will ensure success in my future endeavors.

Compared to journalism schools across the country, or even across the state, the strength or weakness of my undergraduate program is debatable—but my professors made the best of it and inspired me to do the same.

Serving as editor-in-chief of *The East Carolinian* is an experience that is hard to verbalize, because to me, doing so doesn't do it justice.

It's an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world, as it allowed me to work with a talented and motivated team of "ECU's finest." Living and breathing *TEC* for the last year has allowed me to learn a lot about myself and other people.

Somewhere, amid all the stories and pictures, this

experience taught me the importance of teamwork.

Amid all the meetings and deadlines I learned that my opinion is not always the right one.

And somewhere amid all the complaints and concerns, I developed the tools necessary to make it in the "real world."

For those students continuing at ECU, my only advice can be summed up in the somewhat cliché, but appropriate adage, *Carpe Diem*.

Don't squander the opportunities that ECU has to offer. It's never too late to make the most of your time here.

Each new school year holds new promise, another year to get better grades, another year to become more involved, another year to prove that you can do whatever you set your mind to.

Because the worst end to a college career is looking back and having no memories, no moment when you took a stand, no time when you fought for your university to be a better place.

ECU gave me the encouragement and the opportunity to do these things. For these reasons, I'm proud I'm a Pirate.

Thank you, ECU.

Opinion Columnist

Coffee, Tea or Pee?

The diaperless baby threatens sanitation

ANTHONY MCKEE
STAFF WRITER

Picture this if you can: You are in a nice restaurant with your significant other. You are sitting in a secluded booth waiting for your food to come. Soft music is quietly playing over the speakers.

Your conversation is soft, about nothing in particular. The tone of voice, exchanged looks and gentle touches leave no doubt as to how the night will end. The anticipation makes your stomach flutter.

Your food comes and you begin eating.

Suddenly, a woman screams, jumps up, grabs her baby and runs down the aisle toward the restroom (and you), holding the child at arms length and howling a drawn-out, anguished "N-o-o-o-o-o!" You quickly see why.

Flowing from the child, like water through a hose, is a steady stream of urine. You notice as the woman gets closer that it is spraying everywhere, left, right, up, down, as the child is bounced around in the mother's mad dash.

As they come closer to your table, you both duck. A futile effort.

As they pass and you both get splashed, you notice your food and drinks also being hosed.

Your appetites, and the amorous evening, are ruined.

What would you do in such a situation?

While the question and the situation are rhetorical at the moment, they may become relatively common occurrences.

In response to the "disposable diaper crisis" currently befalling the world's landfills, some envi-



ronmentalists openly espoused babies going diaperless during the recent celebration of the 34th annual Earth Day.

It would appear (as stated by People Smarter Than You) that disposable diapers can take up to 500 years to fully decompose (I'll leave it to the imagination as to how they got that figure). Not only that, but they can take up as much as one-half of one percent all the way to almost 2 percent of landfill space.

Gasp!

Alright, to some people those are daunting statistics. Still, it's no big deal. Just throw Jack or Jill's little bottom into cloth diapers and get on with life. Problem solved, right?

Well, actually, no. Unless, that is, you want to be seen as one of the planet's evil polluters (Re. conservatives) and/or, as one creative individual phrased it, part of "the Evil Empire of Western Diapering."

It seems that the amount of laundry detergent and water needed to clean those cloth diapers sends shivers of horror down environmentalist spines as well as giving them visions of planet-wide disaster. And since these people can't wait for science to invent a better mousetrap ... err ... diaper; their only solution is no diapers at all.

They see it as a "retro, cutting-edge environmentally friendly scheme."

For those of you who are—or plan to be—"good" parents, don't fret. Everything has already been figured out for you.

The organizations (and yes, there are several) advocating the diaperless approach have books, instruction manuals, Web sites and advice columns designed to instruct ignorant parents.

While these can be verbose and overly awed about primitive toileting skills, they all boil down to one basic philosophy: Get "in tune" with your baby's bodily signals and "hold them over toilets, buckets and shrubbery or any other convenient receptacle when nature calls."

And for those times when you go out, bring along a tightly lidded bucket for your little bundle of joy.

Can you imagine the problems that would be created if this idea caught on?

What would your neighbor, or the local fast food joint manager, have to say if they caught you holding Jack over their bushes because you missed "the signal?" Or if you were eating and Jill's earlier meal was being, shall we say, evacuated with gusto? Or, as first postulated, you got a warm shower because the "timing" was off? Who would willingly put up with that?

Additionally, there are parents who are either unwilling or unable to potty train their children now, with diapers. How many stories have you heard about children as old as five or six and in school still wearing diapers? What happens if they don't wear diapers at all? Would you want to send your children to school under those conditions?

What about the cleanup responsibilities? If you can't get

some people to clean up after their pet (inside or outside) how can you expect them to clean up after their baby? Will we eventually have to look out for baby as well as dog poop before we sit in the park or on the beach?

Of course, the diaperless baby is not the only toilet issue that some environmentalists have an inordinate interest in.

Some of the other intensely interesting issues are the flushing toilet (an "environmental disaster" according to some) and urinals.

That is why Al Gore is affiliated with a "waterless urinal" manufacturer and there is a strong push for acceptance of "dry toilets" (These are boxlike contraptions that, when you are done, you have to cover your waste with sand or some other substance. Oh yeah, you also have to empty them when they are full).

There are phrases, both psychological and cultural, for people fixated on toilet issues. All things considered, they seem appropriate at the moment.

As crazy as this may sound, these, and other equally absurd ideas, have supporters, both private and political. And even ludicrous ideas can catch on. Anybody hear of pet rocks or the "invisible pet"?

These people intend to force their ideas on everyone else. They believe that they know, and care, more than you and me—that they are right and everyone else is stupid. That's a dangerous and arrogant combination.

But getting back to diaperless babies, the day may well come when that's an acceptable practice.

If it does, you might as well get into the habit now of carrying a raincoat or umbrella with you when you go out to eat.

Exam Week (April 28 - May 5) Hours and Information

Group Exam Schedules

CHEM 1121, 1131, 1151, 1161
 Monday, May 3 from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 CHEM 0150, 1120, 1130, 1150, 1160
 Friday, April 30 from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 FREN 1002; GERM 1002; SPAN 1002, 1003
 Wednesday, April 28 from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 FREN 1101, 1103; GERM 1001; SPAN 1001, 1004
 Tuesday, May 4 from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 MATH 1065
 Wednesday, May 5 from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dorm Closings

Students must leave their dorms by Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Students graduating at this time have until 1 p.m. to leave.

Libraries

A. J. Fletcher Music Library
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Friday, April 30 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Joyner Library
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 24 hour operation
 Friday, April 30
 Close 9 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 11 a.m. - 24 hour operation
 Tuesday, May 4
 Close 2 a.m., re-open 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 5 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Laupus Library
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - midnight
 Friday, April 30
 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Noon - 10 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - midnight

Computer Labs

Austin

Wednesday, April 28 - Tuesday, May 4
 24-hour operation
 Wednesday, May 5
 Close 11 p.m.

Mendenhall
 Wednesday, April 28
 7 a.m. - midnight
 Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 1 a.m.
 Friday, April 30 - Saturday, May 1
 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.
 Sunday, May 2 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - midnight

Rawl
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Dining

Center Court
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Croatian
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The Galley
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 9 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Noon - 1 a.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Mendenhall Dining Hall
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.

p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

MSC Java City
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 11:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Pirate Market
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 1 a.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 10 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Noon - 1 a.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - 1 a.m.

The Spot
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 8 a.m. - midnight
 Friday, April 30
 8 a.m. - midnight
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Noon - Midnight
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 8 a.m. - midnight

Todd Dining Hall
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Wright Place
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2

Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Mendenhall Student Center Building Hours
 Wednesday, April 28
 7 a.m. - midnight
 Thursday, April 29
 7 a.m. - 1 a.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 2 a.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Noon - midnight
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7 a.m. - midnight

Central Ticket Office
 Wednesday, April 28 - Friday April 30
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bowling
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 9 a.m. - midnight
 Friday, April 30
 1 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 1 a.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 1 p.m. - midnight
 Monday, May 3 - Tuesday, May 4
 9 a.m. - midnight
 Wednesday, May 5
 Closed

Billiards
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 9 a.m. - midnight
 Friday, April 30
 1 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 Noon - 1 a.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 1 p.m. - midnight
 Monday, May 3 - Tuesday, May 4
 9 a.m. - midnight
 Wednesday, May 5
 Closed

Student Recreation Center
 Building Hours
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 6 am - 11:30 pm
 Friday, April 30
 6 am - 10 pm
 Saturday, May 1
 9 am - 10 pm
 Sunday, May 2
 9 am - 11:30 pm
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Adventure Center
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Book Stores

Dowdy Student Stores
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

U.B.E.
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Campus Offices

Student Health Services
 Wednesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 29
 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, April 30
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Urgent Care Only 9 a.m. - noon
 Monday, May 3 - Tuesday, May 4
 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 5
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cashier's Office
 Wednesday, April 28 - Friday, April 30
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Student Professional Development
 Wednesday, April 28 - Friday, April 30
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
 Closed
 Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5
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Memorial will be held to honor two students

Friends, family reflect on fraternity members' accomplishments

NICK HENNE
STAFF WRITER

Two fraternities are holding a memorial service today at 6 p.m. in Wright Auditorium in honor of their two brothers who recently passed away.

The memorial will honor James Thompson from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Nick Dragicev-

ich from Phi Kappa Tau.

Kelly Thompson, James' sister, said she and her family are coping with the loss day by day.

"We just know he's in a better place... we'll always have memories of him," said Kelly.

Parker Rowe, who was a close friend of James, said his death was a shock to many of the fraternity brothers, and it really hit them hard at the funeral. He said he feels he is affected by James' death more than other people because he was James'

roommate, pledge brother and best friend.

"He had a very outstanding personality. He would do anything for anybody," said Rowe.

Parker said James enjoyed fishing, intramural sports, and video games.

James was a sophomore biology major and was very involved in the fraternity.

When the fraternity volunteered with children at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, James "was always the first to sign up," said Jake Lane, junior

marketing major and president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Ally Shope, senior marketing major, who was a friend of Nick Dragicevich from Phi Kappa Tau, said while it's a bad situation, she is trying to remember the good times she had with Nick.

"It's kind of shocking - you hear about those things happening, but you don't expect it to be one of your friends," said Shope.

Shope said Dragicevich was one of the friendliest people she knew, and she hopes there is a

good turnout at the memorial service.

Dragicevich would have been graduating this May with a construction management degree and gone on to start his new job in Virginia Beach.

"Any sort of unexpected death like that is traumatic," said Joe Dragicevich, Nick's father.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense how something like this could happen."

Both of parents said they hope some good can come of

the loss by teaching a lesson to other college students.

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

Memorial Info

The memorial service will be today at 6 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium.

Selling books brings unexpected cash

Students can shop around for best rate

KRISTIN DAY
STAFF WRITER

Now that the semester has ended, it's time to sell that book you use to prop up your table. But getting rid of your books is not about saving space; selling books back is about getting the most money possible.

Book buy back started yesterday and will run until the last day of exams on May 5.

Director of Dowdy Student Stores Wanda Scarborough said students receive half the price the store will sell the book for next semester.

However, the bookstore can only take back a certain number of each text. Waiting until the last day to take a book back might result in a new addition to your bookshelf.

Textbook Manager of UBE, Tony Parker said his store does not take books the professor does not request. He also said the store will not accept books that have no national wholesale.

Parker said if UBE can use a book next semester, they will give the student 50 per-

cent of the purchase price back.

UBE will extend its hours during the book buy back period, and Dowdy has trailers set up around campus for students' convenience.

If you miss the deadline to sell back, Scarborough said Dowdy always buys used books. Selling them back at a later time, however, may result in a loss of money.

Scarborough also said there is a small possibility that a book could be bought back next semester if students still need it.

Another option many students are trying is selling their books on the Internet.

Ebay and Amazon.com allow users to sell books directly to other students and get a fair amount of money in return.

But it pays to read the fine print. Cheapbooks.com is part of Amazon. The Web site says putting an item in its marketplace doesn't cost "until your item sells."

After someone buys the book, Amazon receives 99 cents plus a sales fee.

Textbook.com is another book selling Web site.

It claims sellers can receive up to 300 percent more than typical buy back prices.



During the week of exams, many ECU students return their books in hopes of pocketing extra spending money.

Other sites, such as e-campus.com, will buy the book from owners themselves. Most of these places offer free shipping and will pay what the book is worth. In some cases, if the text is in high

demand, the amount increases.

The people at bookbyte.com offer an additional 10 percent for in-store credit. They also accept lab manuals and study guides as long as they can be used again.

This is especially useful if Dowdy or UBE will not take a book back because the accompanying CD is missing.

If every other option fails, you may try asking your

teacher to inform their class next semester that they can buy the required text from you for a cheaper price than bookstores.

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Alumni Association announces 2004 service award winners

Three people honored for commitment to ECU

LUKE SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Alumni Association announced it would recognize three North Carolinians in 2004 for their dedication and service to ECU.

Two different types of awards will be given: The Distinguished Service Award and two Honorary Alumni Awards.

The Distinguished Service Award is one of the most prestigious given by ECU to its alumni.

According to the Alumni Association, the award "recognizes individuals who attended ECU and have demonstrated exceptional loyalty and support" to the university. This year's Distinguished Service

Award recipient is Betty Speir.

Speir, a 1963 ECU graduate who received her master's degree in educational administration, is a retired guidance counselor. She worked at North Pitt High School, served on the ECU Board of Trustees from 1995-2003 and is a former member of the North Carolina State Board of Education.

In addition to Speir's Distinguished Service Award, the Alumni Association also presented Honorary Alumni Awards to James "Jim" Black, speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, and to Betty Debnam, a former teacher and the creator and editor of The Mini Page.

The Honorary Alumni Award is given to individuals who did not attend ECU but have shown loyalty and support of the university.

Black was selected for recognition because of his support

for the proposed cardiovascular institute at ECU.

Debnam was selected because of her long service to the university. She was inducted into the College of Education's Hall of Fame in 2003 and has agreed to fund two recent university initiatives: the Debnam Early Literacy Resource Center in Joyner Library and the Debnam Early Literacy Scholarship in the College of Education.

"These three recipients exemplify service to their community and service to this institution, and we are gratified to be able to recognize that service," said Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for Alumni Relations.

The Alumni Association will formally present the awards at the annual Awards Ceremony May 7 at the Greenville Hilton.

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Five graduates honored for exemplifying ECU excellence

Recipients to be recognized during commencement

DANIEL SHUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Five seniors will be given the Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award at ECU's commencement ceremony Saturday, May 8.

Drew Edward Davis, Gail Kennedy, Daphne Harrington, Kevin Lamm and Leanne Smith will receive the prestigious honor.

Kennedy, a 52-year-old mother of two, said, "I feel very honored to receive this award. I guess being dedicated to what I was trying to achieve helped me earn it."

After raising two children who graduated from college and now work in Raleigh, Kennedy left her job as a teaching assistant to finish her education as an elementary education major.

In addition to keeping up a household in Johnson County, she got an apartment in Greenville to make it easier for her to attend school, Kennedy said. She graduates with a 4.0 GPA and has already begun her new career, having been released early from student teaching requirements to take a full-time first grade teaching position.

According to the Alumni Center, Davis and Lamm will both finish their undergraduate studies with a degree in economics with minors in business administration and business, respectively. Davis plans to attend BSOM. Smith, who will continue at ECU in graduate school, is an English major.

"These five students exemplify what ECU is about ... ECU is proud to welcome them into the Alumni Association," said Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for Alumni Relations.

He said the only hard-set standard of qualification for the award is that the student have a

GPA of 3.5 or higher, and that he or she be nominated by a faculty member.

The award recognizes not only the students' academic success, but also their contribution to the surrounding community.

Collectively, this year's recipients have volunteered with organizations such as Meals on Wheels, the Humane Society, Diabetes Association, Relay for Life, Department of Social Services, Read Across America and several others. Some of them may continue to volunteer after they graduate.

"I've volunteered for Habitat for Humanity for the past two years almost every Saturday, and I plan to keep doing it after graduation," said Harrington.

The commencement ceremony at which the recipients will be recognized takes place at Williams Arena in Mingos Coliseum at 2 p.m.

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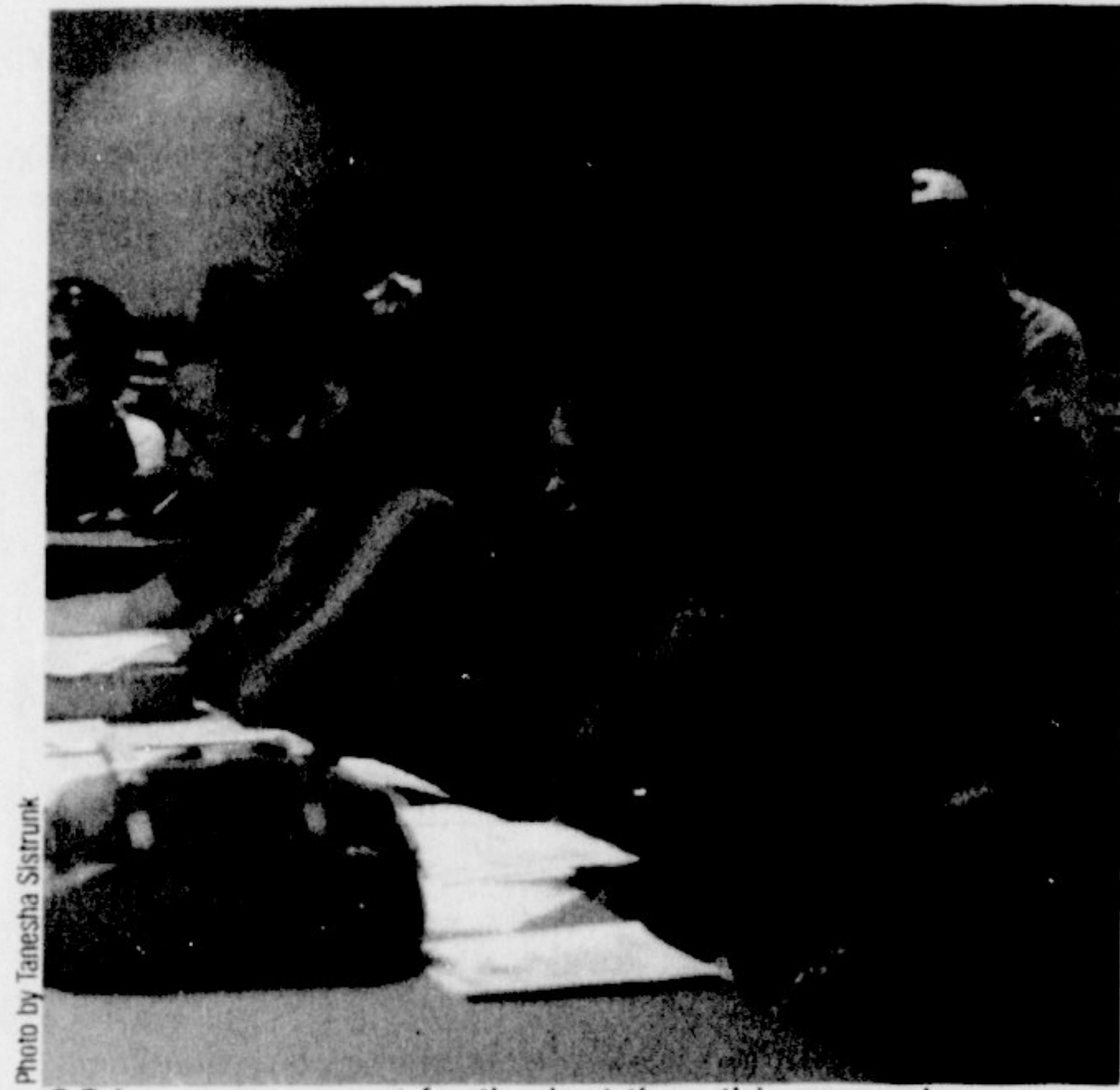
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Funding approved for organizations With gays, lesbians in mind, straight couples choose domestic partnership over marriage



SGA senators meet for the last time this semester.

SGA to keep student fee

STEPHEN RICE
STAFF WRITER

Campus organizations who were approved for Student Government Association funding will receive their money.

In the last SGA meeting, senators approved \$375,000 in funds for 82 organizations.

The increase from the previous year brought concerns over whether the budget would be sufficient.

However, in Monday's meeting senior political science major Joseph Payne reported to senators that the organizations would receive their appropriations.

In addition, SGA will be

able to keep its student fee of \$16.50 per student, which was a proposed method of meeting the increased funding needs.

In other business, senators discussed a resolution in support of National PanHellenic organizations having plots on campus.

Plots are areas or objects on campuses that recognize these groups. They can be a decoration of the group's colors on trees or even park benches or blocks on the ground.

The NPHC is made of the "divine nine" historically black fraternities and sororities.

Senators voted and passed the resolution.

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CHICAGO (AP) — As same-sex couples fight for their right to marry, some straight couples — who could marry if they wanted to — are deciding against it. Instead, they're registering as "domestic partners," an option offered by some cities and counties, mainly with gay and lesbian couples in mind.

National statistics aren't available, since some municipalities don't track domestic partners' gender or make their registries public. But experts are noting early signs that, while the marriage rate continues to decline, these alternative arrangements are piquing some straight couples' interest.

Some heterosexuals, following a trend already popular in such countries as Sweden and France, choose domestic partnership for practical reasons.

Christopher Price and Bonnie Fletcher, both 25, did so in New York City last fall so they could qualify for student housing for couples at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where they are graduate students.

Not ready to marry, Price calls their decision "a good, first, small step."

"The first thing you do is you move in. The next thing you do is get a dog," he says, chuckling. "And then you'll find out who's responsible or not."

Others are making a political statement — as a show of support for same-sex couples who don't have the same option. And some groups, led by heterosexuals, are even calling for a "marriage boycott" to protest a proposed constitutional amendment defining the institution as between a woman and a man.

"I just don't think the state should be in the position of sanctioning who should be a family and who shouldn't," says Jennifer Gaboury, another New Yorker.

She and Jacob Goldfinger, both 33, registered as a domestic partners last year and, instead of having a wedding, invited family and friends to their "commitzvah." The ceremony included the traditional Jewish breaking of the glass after they exchanged vows. But there was no minister or justice of the peace — and no marriage license.

Gaboury says she arrived at her decision not to marry in college, after realizing that a lesbian



To support gay friends who cannot get married, straight couples are opting for unions.

friend couldn't do so. Goldfinger grew to share her views. He says getting married "would have been like eating at a segregated lunch counter."

Those calling for a marriage boycott applaud the decision, even if dissuading couples from legally tying the knot is difficult.

So far, Phoebe Rosenberg Jones — a straight, single, 26-year-old from Los Angeles, who recently posted the site Boycott-marriage.com — says she's persuaded one couple to postpone their wedding and has others considering it.

"I would just like to get more straight people engaged in the issue — no pun intended," says Rosenberg Jones, whose opposition to a constitutional amendment inspired her to act.

Dorian Solot says she's also heard from several couples who are boycotting marriage. She's executive director of the Alternatives to Marriage Project, a nonprofit that provides information and support to couples who don't wish to marry — and

that posted its own boycott page last month.

"It becomes clearer every day that when it comes to relationships and families, there's no one size that fits all," says Solot, who is registered as a domestic partner with her longtime companion, Marshall Miller. They live in Albany, NY, and recently celebrated, as Solot calls it, their 11th "unmarried anniversary."

Frank Furstenberg, a sociologist at the University of Pennsylvania, says it's not surprising that some couples — especially young ones — are shunning marriage "as a sign of solidarity" with their lesbian and gay peers. In fact, he wonders if pushing the "one man, one woman" definition might only further the trend.

"We are genuinely running the risk of making marriage uncool," says Furstenberg, a senior research scholar at the Council on Contemporary Families.

But David Popenoe, a sociologist who tracks marriage trends,

calls the idea of a marriage boycott "idiotic."

As co-director of the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, he argues that the focus should be on creating more stable and committed relationships — gay or straight.

"My concern about that is children. The less stable the relationship, the worse it is for children," he says. Choosing domestic partnership over marriage, he contends, often "represents a decline in commitment."

Marion Willets — a sociologist at Illinois State University who has surveyed straight domestic partners — argues that that's not always the case.

But she says couples who choose domestic partnership need to do more to define their relationships legally. She found, for instance, that those she surveyed had done little to prepare for the death of a partner or a potential break up.

"It concerned me," she says. "There wasn't a lot of planning for the future."

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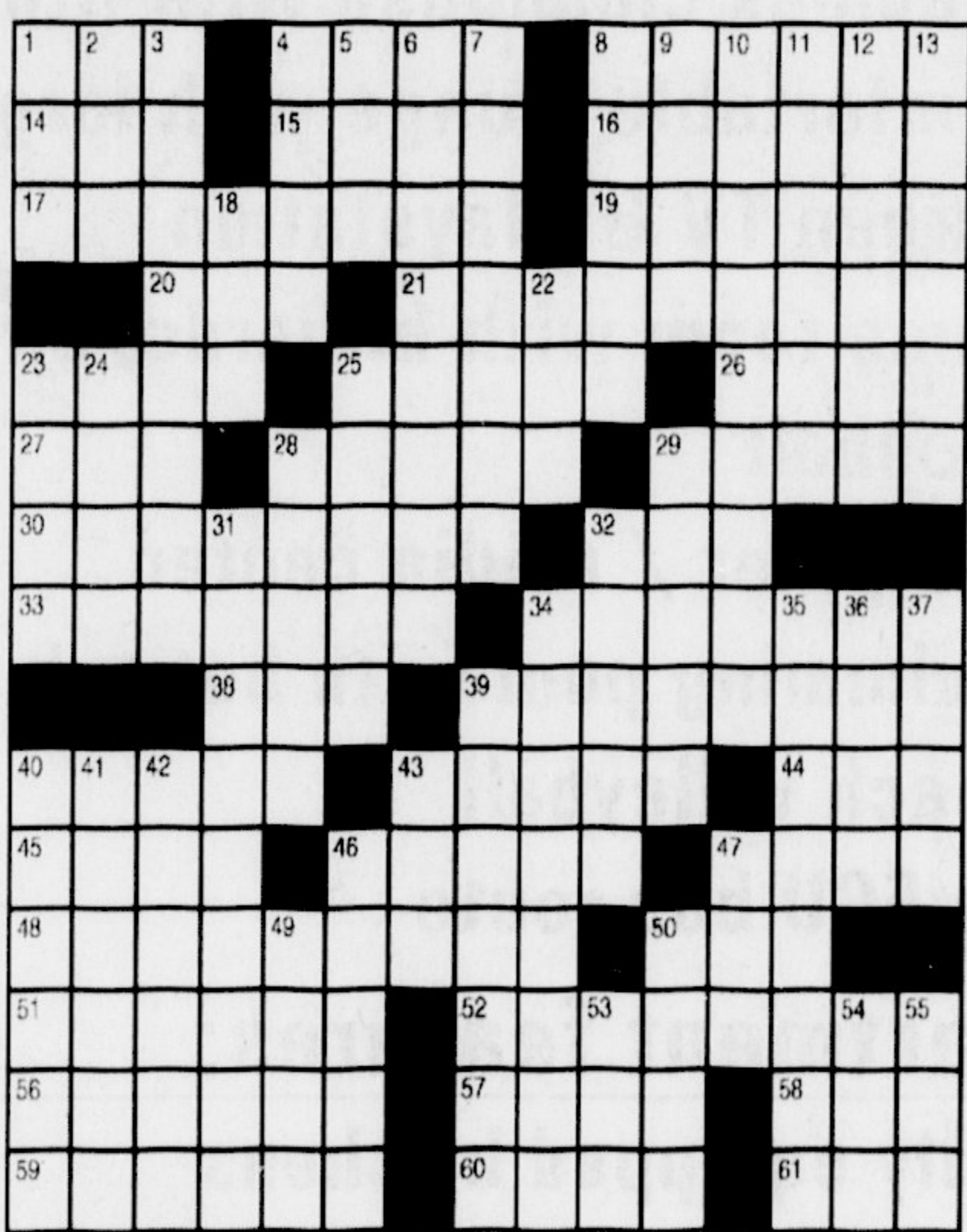
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19 Marina of "Star Trek: TNG"
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26 Four six-packs
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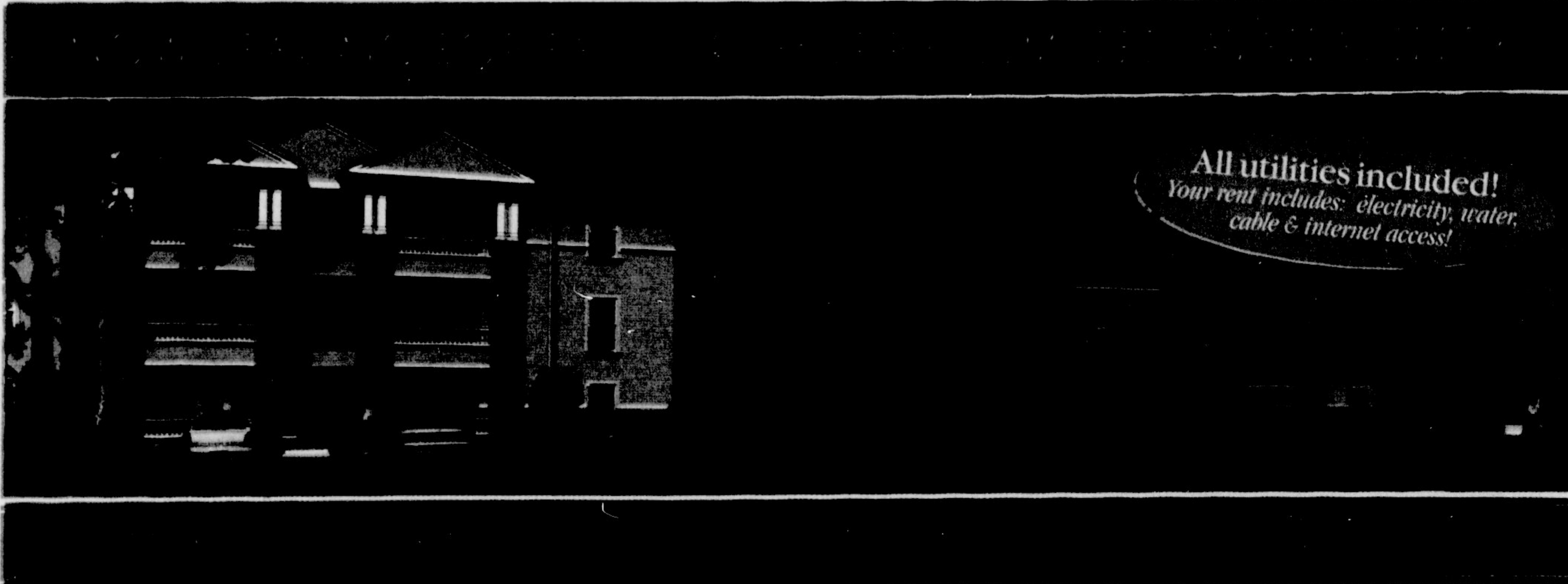


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Sports Briefs

Manning involved in draft day swap

In one of the more bizarre first hours in recent NFL draft history, Eli Manning was taken with the first pick by the San Diego Chargers on Saturday, for whom he later announced he wouldn't play. An hour later, the Giants obtained him for another quarterback, Philip Rivers, who they had taken with the fourth overall pick. Meanwhile, the rest of the draft went on around that soap opera. With the second pick, Oakland took offensive tackle Robert Gallery of Iowa and with the third, Arizona chose wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh, a ball boy for Cardinals coach Dennis Green when Green coached in Minnesota. Not only did the Chargers get Rivers, who completed 72 percent of his passes last season at NC State, but they also got the Giants' third-round pick this year and their first and fifth next season.

Collins expects to be ex-Giant real soon

Having failed to trade Kerry Collins on Saturday, the New York Giants reportedly are close to cutting ties with their quarterback of five years. *Newsday* reported that Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi laid out a plan to restructure Collins' contract during a Monday morning meeting and that Collins refused. Collins is owed \$7 million in 2004 and the club is unable and unwilling to keep him at that price after trading for Eli Manning during Saturday's first round of the NFL Draft. *Newsday* reported. Collins told the newspaper he left the meeting with Accorsi with the impression he would be released later this week. Collins, a 1996 Pro Bowl selection, struggled last season, throwing for 3,110 yards with 13 touchdowns and 16 interceptions while starting in 13 games. New York ended the 2003 campaign with a 4-12 record.

Chiefs trade for Eagles OL Welbourn

Disgruntled Eagles guard John Welbourn got his wish. The Eagles dealt the offensive lineman to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday for a fifth-round pick in this year's draft and a fourth-rounder in 2005. Eagles coach Andy Reid said next year's selection becomes a third-rounder if Welbourn plays half of the Chiefs' snaps during the upcoming season. Welbourn told the Eagles earlier this month that he was unhappy with his contract situation and wanted a new deal. When the team refused, Welbourn asked to be dealt. He then made his displeasure with the organization public Friday in a radio interview, during which he questioned coach Andy Reid's recent drafts. The 6-foot-5, 318-pound Welbourn could fill the Chiefs' void at right tackle, which was left when John Tait signed with the Chicago Bears as a free agent. The Eagles selected Welbourn in the fourth round of the 1999 draft and he became a starter at left guard the following season. His departure breaks up a group that has started together for the last four seasons.

Woes didn't impact Rams pick of Smoker

The St. Louis Rams found no conflict in drafting a quarterback with a history of substance abuse one day after defensive end Leonard Little was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving charges. Coach Mike Martz selected Jeff Smoker of Michigan State in the sixth round Sunday. Martz said the situation facing Little, who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a 1998 fatal accident in which he was driving drunk, couldn't be held against Smoker. Police arrested Little for speeding about 4 a.m. Saturday. He was booked and released after being issued two traffic summonses, and a court appearance has been scheduled for June 9.

Saint Joe's retires Nelson's No. 14 jersey

Saint Joseph's retired jersey No. 14 Friday, punctuating the career of Jameer Nelson, the Hawks' only All-American. Nelson, a consensus national player of the year, led Saint Joseph's to a 30-2 record this season, the best mark in school history. The 5-foot-11 point guard is the school's career leader in points (2,094) and assists (713). The Hawks won their first 27 games. They reached No. 1 in the AP poll and were a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time, advancing to their first regional final since 1981.

Broncos coach awarded contract extension

Greg Graham, who led Boise State to a 23-10 record last season and the first consecutive postseason victories in school history, was awarded a five-year contract extension Friday worth more than \$1.3 million. The state Board of Education approved the deal, reportedly the most lucrative for a college basketball coach in Idaho. The Broncos finished the regular season with a 21-9 record and then beat UNLV and Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the NIT before losing 66-53 to Marquette. Graham, who was 13-16 in his first season at Boise State, will see his salary jump from \$115,000 this year to \$135,000 in 2005, while his media and public appearance compensation will increase from \$40,000 to \$90,000. Graham's salary will rise annually over the life of the contract to \$170,000 for the 2008-09 season. Depending on the team's success, Graham could also receive bonuses up to \$12,000.

Surratt granted release from scholarship

Miami guard Armondo Surratt will transfer after he was granted a release from his scholarship Friday, less than two weeks after the school hired Frank Haith as head coach. Surratt, a sophomore from Oakland, Calif., was originally recruited by former Hurricanes coach Perry Clark, who was fired last month after going 64-55 in four seasons. Haith was the associate head coach at Texas. The 5-foot-11 Surratt averaged 5.6 points and a team-high 4.0 assists last season, starting 29 of the Hurricanes' 30 games. He started 44 of 58 games in his career.

Chattanooga promotes Shulman to head coach

Chattanooga promoted interim men's basketball Coach John Shulman to head coach Friday. Shulman, who became the Mocs' interim coach after Jeff Lebo left for Auburn on April 8, said he was "realizing a dream."

Athletics Year in Review

Sports hit records, suffer losses

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

National Championships. That's the ultimate goal for all ECU athletics. In all reality, only a handful of sports can make it that far. Pirate baseball will have an opportunity to bring home a title over the summer.

ECU is ranked No. 7 in the nation after 16 consecutive wins. The Pirate offense was featured on the front page of ESPN's college sports Web site, and it seems that Head Coach Randy Mazey has his squad bound for Omaha. Trevor Lawhorn's 19th homerun on the season was a two-run walk-off shot that completed the sweep over Louisville this weekend.

ECU hopes that next season will bring similar success to other Pirate sports. ECU football has completed spring practice, and after John Thompson's inaugural season, the Pirates have nowhere to go but up in 2004. A one-win season is over, and some solid recruits should propel ECU out of the Conference USA basement.

However, ECU won't climb too far up the ladder, at least not for several years. Thompson's era is just beginning, and with good recruiting and the departure of some of the best teams in C-USA, the Pirates will soon be at the top. Look for a sub .500 record in 2004, a better mark in 2005 and back to a major bowl game in 2006. They will be without star offensive lineman Brian Rimpf next season after the Baltimore Ravens drafted the Raleigh native in the seventh round.

Men's soccer fell on hard times in 2003, winning just four games. Key seniors are departing, and it could take years just for second-year Head Coach Michael Benn to reach a .500 record.

ECU volleyball dominated their non-conference schedule but lost their last six games to C-USA opponents. Alexis Jones was the only departing senior, so the Pirates will have a good nucleus of young players.

Women's soccer fared much better than their male counterparts but will lose standout Penny Perrott. A 7-7-5 record might improve a few games in 2004.

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams

have the talent and ability to bring home a C-USA championship. The two squads earned second place honors at the C-USA Championships, and Diane Parker was named C-USA Swimmer of the Year for the second year in a row.

Cross-country displayed a strong showing throughout the season and should move up a few spots in the C-USA meet next year. The men's and women's teams both finished 8th in the conference tourney and it looks as though the women's squad will have plenty of experience coming back.

Bill Herrion got his basketball squad off to a hot start, but a key injury to senior Gabriel Mikulas sent the Pirates into a tailspin. ECU was able to pull out late to make the C-USA tourney. Until powerhouses like Cincinnati and Louisville leave C-USA, the Pirates don't have a legitimate chance at the NCAA tournament. After another recruiting class like 2003 and 2004, however, Herrion will take the Pirates to the Big Dance.

Women's basketball was absolutely on fire with a 14-4 record, but never won another game. Courtney Willis will be missed - the senior averaged a double-double and was invited to a WNBA tryout. Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener's contract was renewed and the Lady Pirates will see a small improvement and make it past the first round of the C-USA tourney.

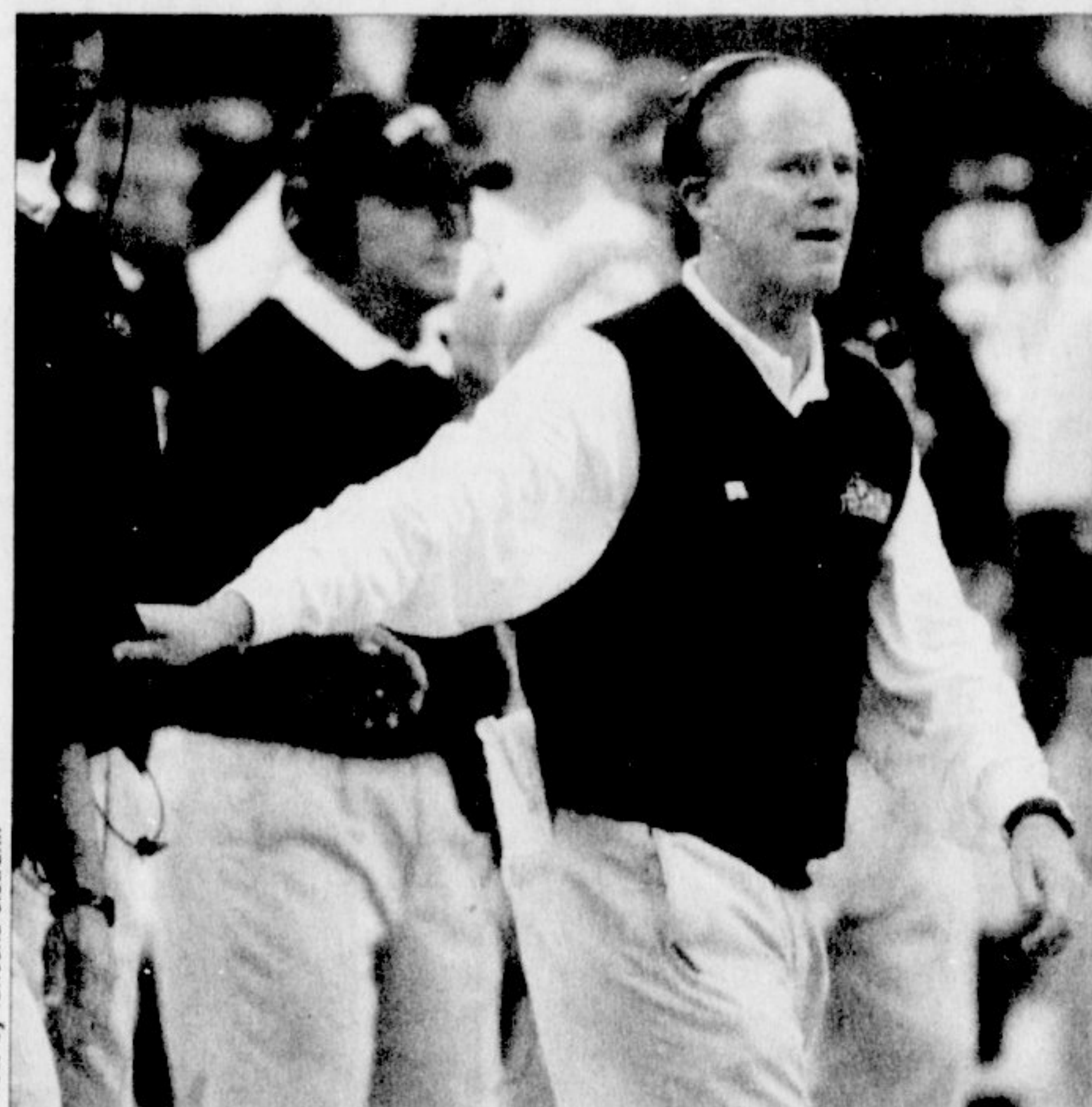
Track and field has been struggling somewhat, but both teams will have the opportunity to improve. The season will continue into the summer and the men hope to improve on their eighth place finish in the C-USA Indoor Championships. The women came in ninth.

Men's tennis finished the regular season with an impressive 14-6 mark but recently fell to Tulane in the C-USA quarterfinals. All of the eight-man roster will be back next year with hopes of getting deeper into the tourney.

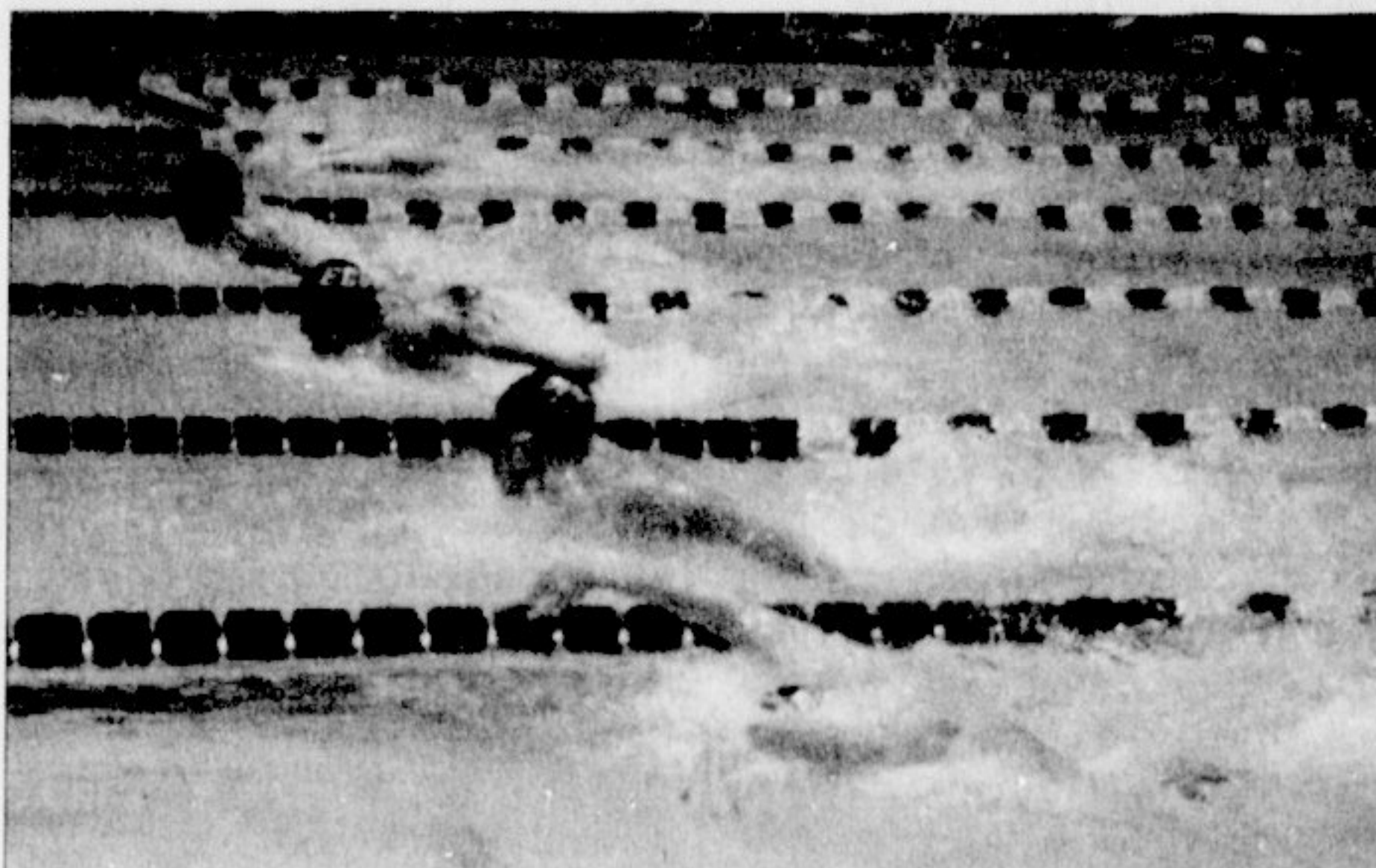
Women's tennis wrapped up their season with a 10-13 record, but expect improvement next season. They have a key recruit coming in, and Paulina Sierpinski is the only departing Pirate.

Men's golf was victorious early in the season during

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The football team had its ups and downs during the season.



The Pirates' swimming program had another great year.



Men's basketball finished with a trip to the C-USA tourney.

Pirates collect 16 straight, rise in polls

ECU sets school, C-USA record

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate baseball team is on a mission, and their latest victim was Louisville as they swept another Conference USA series on their quest toward Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series.

After an emotionally draining victory at NC State on Wednesday, the Pirates reloaded to take three from the Cardinals, 6-4, 9-7 and 5-4, in one of their closest three-game series of the season.

"They're pretty good," said Head Coach Randy Mazey.

"They got a lot of subs starting for them, and those kids play with a lot of energy. They've got nothing to lose. You have to give those kids a lot of credit because they battled hard."

The reason the Cardinals started so many subs was due largely in part to injury of six Louisville starters. However, they still managed to make the series a nail-biter for the Pirate fans.

Game one was a scoreless affair until the bottom of the third. Mark Minicozzi led off the inning with a double to left field. Billy Richardson's single to center plated Coz and gave the Pirates their first lead, 1-0. Trevor Lawhorn's two-out single to left scored Richardson and pushed the score to 2-0.

Greg Bunn cruised through the first four innings of the contest, striking out nine Cardinals while allowing only one run off of an error. The righty then ran into a bit of trouble in the fifth when he gave up a home run to Mark Jurich, which knotted the score at 2-2.

Matt Bishop replaced Bunn in the sixth when Bunn loaded the bases with two outs on consecutive walks. Bishop came up huge as he struck out Jurich, the undisputed best offensive player on the team.

Bishop, who is coming off of Tommy John surgery, wasn't scheduled to return until late in the season, if at all. He did return and has yet to walk a batter in 20 innings of work.

"I'm just trying to keep rehabbing and getting ahead of

batters," said Bishop. "That's the key. I don't like walking people. That's just putting someone on for free."

Bishop's clutch three and one-third innings of work on Friday allowed the Pirates to keep the rest of their bullpen fresh, which would prove to be huge as the series progressed.

"We didn't want to stretch Bishop out there," Mazey said.

"But he was getting out. You know (Thursday) was the one-year anniversary of his surgery. Many doctors will tell you it takes 18 months to get back to 100 percent. But he attacked his rehab. That tells you what kind of kid he is."

The Pirates increased their advantage to 5-2 with a three-run sixth. Darryl Lawhorn led off the inning with a double to center. A Minicozzi double scored Lawhorn and Minicozzi moved to third on another single from Richardson. Ryan Jones, who leads the nation in slugging percentage, doubled to the gap in right center field, scoring both runners.

Louisville cut the lead to one in the seventh off a Ryan McKinnon two-run job but could muster up no more offense in the game.

Jones drove in another run in the eighth to produce the 6-4 final.

Minicozzi led the Pirates at the plate with a 3-for-4 performance with an RBI and two runs scored. Among so many great Pirate players, Minicozzi has slipped under the radar this season and is quietly having one of the best seasons in conference with a .383 batting average, while slugging .624 with eight home runs and 32 runs driven in. This unsung hero of the Pirates will definitely be a factor in ECU's journey toward Omaha.

Paige added three hits with a run scored. Jones had two hits with three RBIs and the late-surg-ing Richardson added two hits of his own with an RBI and two runs scored.

The story of game two would have to be the superhuman performance of red-shirt freshman Mike Grace. In a coach's decision, Grace started his first game since game three of the Charlotte series and he made sure Mazey would never regret his decision.

The youngster had a grand



The Pirates have continued to outpitch and outgun the competition during their impressive 16-game winning streak.

slam in the first and an equally backbreaking double in the eighth that plated two more runs and eventually proved to be the game winner.

"I wasn't necessarily expecting to have this kind of day when I found out I was starting," said Grace.

"I just wanted to contribute any way possible like everyone else. But I was excited to get my chance today, so I just went up there, relaxed, and good things happened."

Mazey said the decision to sit Drew Costanzo wasn't a knock on Costanzo's play of late, just a coaching hunch that Grace would have a big game if he had the opportunity to get some at-bats.

"It's a sign of a good team when you can run guys off the bench like that and get good production from them," Mazey said. "We're going to need Mike, and he's been sitting for a while, so I told Drew that I was going to put him out there today to get him some at-bats and keep him from getting stale over there."

The Pirates came out in game two with the intent of destroying an already beat-up Cardinal team. ECU plated seven first-inning runs, and it looked as if

the rout was on. Paige doubled to begin the inning. After a walk to Jones and a single by T. Lawhorn, Grace's titanic shot brought the crowd to their feet and gave the Pirates a 4-0 lead.

Richardson continued his

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Top 25

| Rk | Team | W-L | LW |
|-----|------------------|-------|----|
| 1. | Texas | 41-6 | 1 |
| 2. | Stanford | 31-6 | 2 |
| 3. | Rice | 33-7 | 3 |
| 4. | Miami | 30-9 | 4 |
| 5. | Long Beach State | 29-9 | 5 |
| 6. | Louisiana State | 31-11 | 7 |
| 7. | ECU | 35-6 | 9 |
| 8. | South Carolina | 29-11 | 10 |
| 9. | Mississippi | 31-11 | 6 |
| 10. | Wichita State | 28-7 | 12 |
| 11. | Notre Dame | 32-8 | 8 |
| 12. | Arkansas | 29-13 | 20 |
| 13. | Tulane | 30-12 | 18 |
| 14. | UC Irvine | 26-11 | 16 |
| 15. | Oklahoma | 26-16 | 13 |
| 16. | Texas A&M | 33-12 | 17 |
| 17. | Virginia | 35-9 | 15 |
| 18. | Auburn | 28-14 | 14 |
| 19. | Oral Roberts | 33-7 | 19 |
| 20. | Southern Miss. | 30-11 | 11 |
| 21. | Florida | 31-12 | NR |
| 22. | Clemson | 27-14 | NR |
| 23. | Tennessee | 31-11 | 21 |
| 24. | Central Florida | 32-9 | 23 |
| 25. | North Carolina | 31-11 | 25 |

Erroyl Bing shines as ECU All-Stars take ACC Seniors

Game tops \$90,000 for Jimmy V Foundation

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The last time an ECU men's basketball team beat a team affiliated with the Atlantic Coast conference was more than 25 years ago. On Jan. 27, 1979, with a close two-point win over Ga. Tech, the Pirates recorded their only victory over an ACC opponent.

The drought ended Friday as a team of ECU former players united to outscore a team of ACC seniors, 122-115. In the game played at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum, it seemed to be more fun than competitive.

KP Sports Co. sponsored the charity event and helped to benefit, in part, the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. The event raised approximately \$95,000.

Erroyl Bing understood the importance of raising cancer awareness.

"I lost my mother and grandmother to cancer, so any time you can help raise money for a cause like this, it's great," said Bing.

The trio of Lestor Lyons, Derrick Wiley and Bing proved to be too much for a talented ACC team. Lyons, who ranks second in

career scoring and almost single-handedly rewrote the ECU record books, was the oldest player on the floor. However, it did not look like Lyons lost a step since graduating in 1994. Lyons led ECU to its last appearance in the NCAA tournament in 1993.

Wiley led the Pirates in scoring with consistent jumpers and an array of dunks. Wiley sank several three-pointers and lay-ups to give the Pirates the lead.

Bing, the second all-time rebounder at ECU, seemed to be at home in the paint battling on the boards.

Bing was undersized being matched up with the 6-foot-9 Maryland senior Jamar Smith.

Marcus Melvin, an NC State senior, put on an offensive show for the ACC team.

Even though official stats were not kept, Melvin dazzled with 45 points, including seven three-pointers.

Melvin was working the crowd and was seen clicking his heels in the air after several three-pointers.

The only Pirate player that was not coached by ECU Head Coach Bill Herrion was Lyons.

Joining Lyons on the roster were seniors Wiley and Bing, along with alumni Travis Holcombe-Faye, Brandon Hawkins, Garrett Blackwelder and Larry Morrissey. Shawn Moore, who

graduated for Marshall and played seven seasons overseas, also played for the Pirates.

The ACC players included NC State's Melvin and Scotter Sherrill, Virginia's Todd Billet, Wake Forest's Alan Williams, Maryland's Jamar Smith and North Carolina's Damien Price, Jonathan Miller and Phillip McLamb.

The trio of North Carolina players was booed upon entering the floor. Clemson player Chris Hobbs was signed up to play but did not show.

Duke's Chris Duhon and Georgia Tech's Marvin Lewis did not participate due to scheduling conflicts.

The Pirates were in great danger of being blown out in the early going. The Pirates were down 30-10 early but put together a late run to cut the lead to 57-49 at half.

The Pirates took their first lead with a little under 10 minutes remaining at 94-92.

Keith Peten, CEO of KP Sports Co., organized the event. One can only hope that with a great cause in the Jimmy V Foundation, the game becomes an annual event.

At the very least, it would give ECU another chance to defeat the ACC.

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Wrestling event to benefit charity

Relay for Life dabbles in non-running sports

ROBERT LEONARD
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Need a break from studying? Want to watch some professional wrestling? Want to have the chance to help save a life? This Saturday, you can do all three.

Relay for Life, a group aimed at raising money for cancer research, in cooperation with Just Cause Pro Wrestling (JCPW), is hosting a charity wrestling event this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pitt County Fairgrounds.

A portion of the ticket sales will go to Relay for Life and all the concession profits will go to the charity as

well.

West Potter, an ECU senior and the publicity chair for Relay for Life, is excited about the event.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Potter.

"And it's for a really good cause."

The Greenville Relay for Life Chapter is one of the largest in the area. The chapter was able to raise a great deal of money last year because of fundraising events like this.

Potter, who lost both grandparents to cancer, knows the importance of finding a cure for this sickness.

"Everyone should come out to this event," Potter said.

"Just about everyone knows someone who has been afflicted with cancer."

JCPW only does charity events and is not as harsh as wrestling seen on television.

Ron Mills, senior official for JCPW, likes the product his group puts out.

"We don't have any cussing or blood," said Mills.

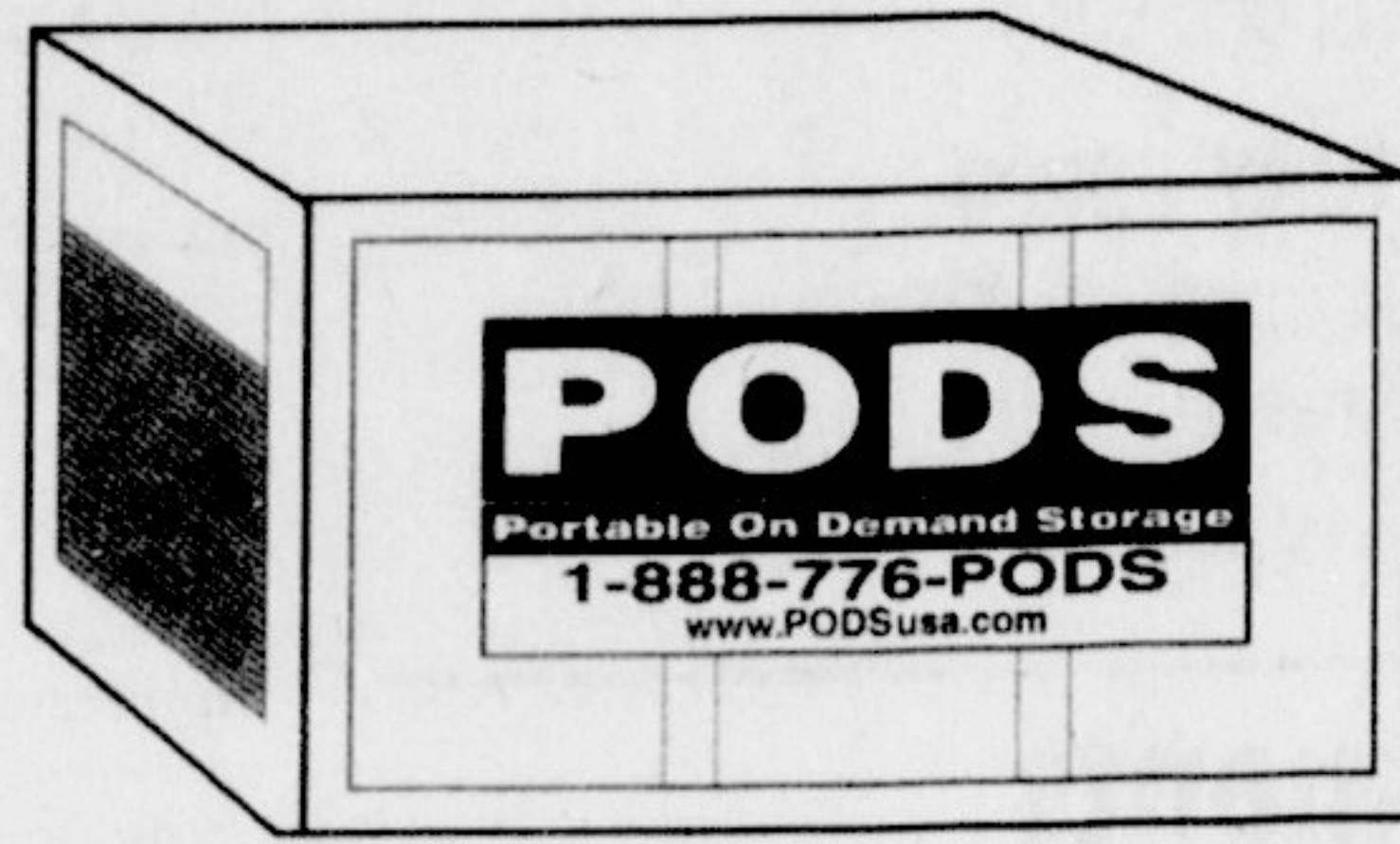
"It's just clean wrestling."

Mills also said he would be officiating the main event, a match between David Flair, son of Rick Flair, and George South, an old rival of Rick's.

Tickets are \$4 for kids in advance or \$5 at the door, \$8 for students, \$8 for adults in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Wings Over Greenville.

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Pirate softball team beats out St. Louis



The Pirates finished their road trip with another sweep, led by pitcher Keli Harrell.

Lady Pirates add three wins to C-USA record

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

The softball team capped off their nine-game road stretch in great style last weekend as they swept St. Louis in a three-game series.

The wins improved the Lady Pirates' record to 44-16-1 and 8-10 in conference play.

Coming off of two previous losses against North Carolina, ECU had to get back on track Saturday when they opened play against St. Louis. After a three-hour rain delay, the Lady Pirates suited up in their first game of the series, which they

won 1-0. Freshman pitcher Keli Harrell had five strikeouts and allowed only one hit in the team's shutout.

The winning continued for the Lady Pirates on Sunday when they opened up their doubleheader against the Billikens with a 14-5 victory.

After starting the game down 0-4 in the first inning, ECU responded by scoring 14 straight runs, which included a three-run homer by junior infielder Mandi Nichols in the top of the fourth.

In the second game of the doubleheader, ECU's pitching shined as Harrell once again took center stage. Harrell recorded an impressive 12 strikeouts and allowed only four hits in the team's 5-2 win.

The win marked Harrell's 13th complete game this season and set her record at 14-5.

With three conference wins against St. Louis, the Lady Pirates are now tied for fifth in the Conference USA standings. ECU will have to maintain their pace in order to get into the C-USA tournament at the end of the season.

This weekend, the Lady Pirates will look to improve their conference record when they return home for the last time this season to host Southern Miss.

Game one of the three-game series against the Golden Eagles starts Saturday at 1 p.m.

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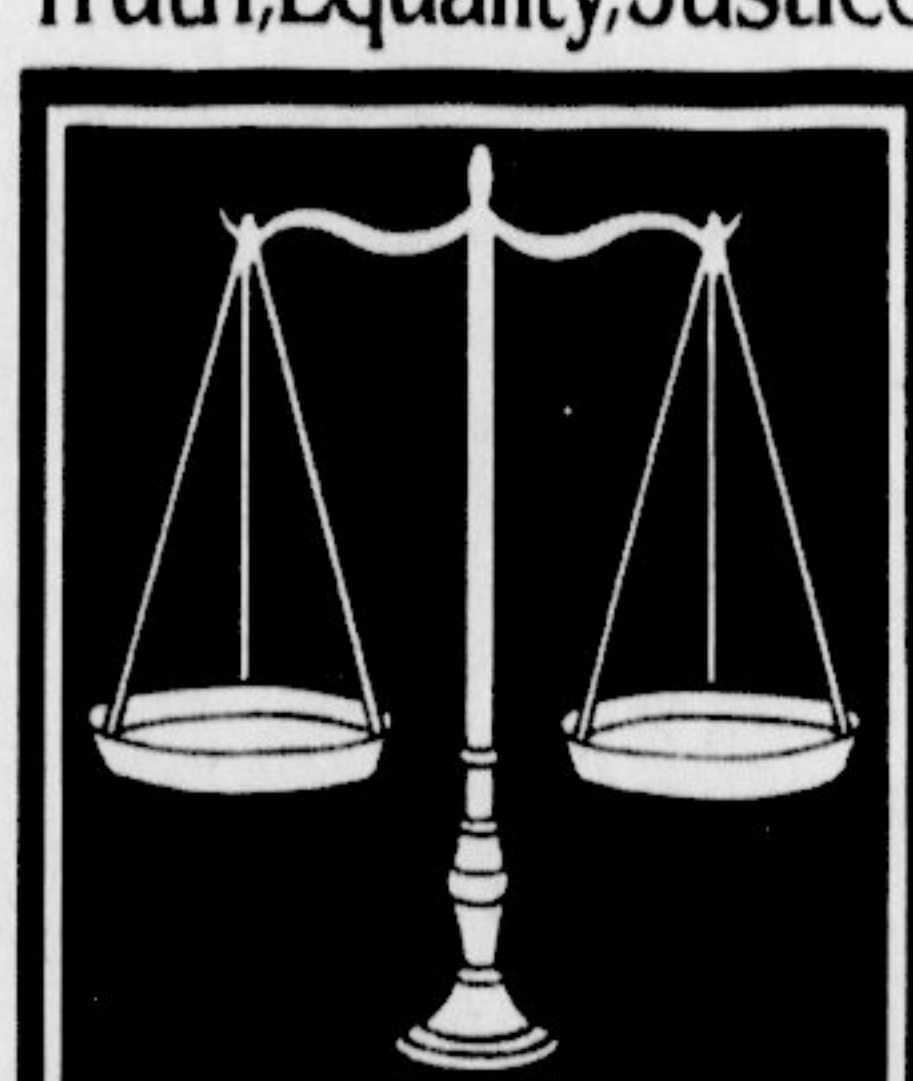
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FILM - X-MEN 2
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SEPTEMBER

FILM - TALK TO HER
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BINGO
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - A ROCK ODYSSEY
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JAZZ AT NIGHT
FILM - GODFATHER MARATHON
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - DEAN FIELDS

OCTOBER

BINGO
NORM ROBBINS
FILM - CAMP
FILM - BRUCE ALMIGHTY
MTV TOUR - NAPPY ROOTS
JAZZ AT NIGHT
BINGO-MIDNIGHT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - HOPESFALL W/ SCARLET
DAN LEVY - COMEDIAN
FILM - WHALE RIDER
FILM - TERMINATOR 3
OPEN MIC NIGHT
SALSA DANCE
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - ONE AMAZIN KID
WOMEN ROCKTHE ROAD TOUR
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - CIGAR STORE INDIANS
FILM - ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW
FILM - NINE QUEENS
FILM - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

NOVEMBER

PIRATE UNDERGROUND - JUSTUS LEAGUE
FILM - THE EYE
FILM - SEADISCUIT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - BAIN MADDOX
ART EXHIBITION - 5 VETS
FILM - SWIMMING POOL
FILM - BAD BOYS 2
BINGO
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - MERCURY RADIO THEATER
JAZZ AT NIGHT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - COUNTDOWN QUARTET
FILM - KILOMETER ZERO
FILM - FREDDY VS. JASON
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - OPEN MIC NIGHT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - JUSTIN CASE
IPTAR - MUSLIM CELEBRATION
BINGO WITH COMEDienne - DEBRA TERRY

DECEMBER

SNEAK PREVIEW - THE LAST SAMURAI
FILM - THIRTEEN
FILM - AMERICAN WEDDING
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PIRATE UNDERGROUND - LIFESMYTH
THE REAL WORLD - LIVING WITH DIVERSITY
BINGO

JANUARY

PIRATE UNDERGROUND - I HEART FEST - BANDS -
ADORA, BURN THE BLOOD, CODE 7, AND LOTUS
FILM - THE SECRET LIVES OF DENTISTS
FILM - SCHOOL OF ROCK
BINGO
FILM - LOST IN TRANSLATION
FILM - TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - SQUEEZETOY
FILM - PIECES OF APRIL
FILM - UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN
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PIRATE UNDERGROUND - THE DRAT PACK

ODE TO THE STUDENT UNION

- by comedian Michael Dean Ester

We line up the dates and do the publicity for every imaginable student activity. We do the most to improve the student body attitude and we get the least amount of student body gratitude. We provide a vital service that our campus deserves - Special events for when books and classes get on our nerves. Our school supports the fine work that we do. You should see the office they gave us - no windows, no view. It's hard to know what our school is really thinking. They keep raising tuition, but our budget keeps shrinking. It's a thankless job, but someone's got to do it. We go to NACA Conferences to learn tips to get through it. We plan carnivals, casino nights, concerts, and events we arrange shows in the student center and hold functions in tents. We bring our school music and comedy and lectures, too, And then still people bitch that there's "nothing to do." But the truth of our job at the end of the day is that it's not about praise and it's not about pay. We add to the quality of life at our schools. The events that we program can be great learning tools. Being a student goes on well after class. And campus life with no programs would be a pain in the - butt. Imagine if textbooks were the only thing ever seen. No events, arts, or culture to experience in between. Imagine if the activities board weren't here...college would be high school - with tuition and beer.

When students meet members who plan events on this board, they should thank God we're working or they would really be bored. Here's some advice to fellow students, who don't attend events they see here: "You already paid the activities fee - it's kind of stupid not to be here!" College events make college memories - a changed heart or genuine thrill. Students should stop and thank a board member, although no one ever will. Professors work for tenure, administrators work for prudence. But we bring this campus to life - for the good of ALL the students. And for those who may think the "programming pride" we feel is funny. Just remember while you're laughing - we're spending all your money!

FEBRUARY

ART EXHIBITION & LECTURE - JUSTIN BUA
BINGO
SLAM POETRY COMPETITION
FILM - IN AMERICA
FILM - LOVE ACTUALLY
SHINDANA COOPER - AFRICAN STORYTELLER
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - 5 ELEMENTS
FILM - ELEPHANT
FILM - THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - OPEN MIC NIGHT
JAZZ AT NIGHT
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FILM - BROTHER OUTSIDER
FILM - KILL BILL: VOL. 1
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - TRAILER BRIDE
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - FROM LONELY SHORES &
BURNS OUT BRIGHT
SNEAK PREVIEW - CLUB DREAD
COMEDY SHOW - DAT PHAN & KYLE CEASE
FILM - 21 GRAMS
FILM - ELF
BINGO
FILM - AMERICAN SPLENDOR
FILM - SCARY MOVIES 3
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - SWASH IMPROV GROUP
JAZZ AT NIGHT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - KELLIN WATSON

MARCH

EVENT - RUSSELL SIMMONS' DEF POETRY JAM
EVASONS - HYPNOTISTS
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - THE RETURN
STUDENT FOUNDERS DAY (VICTORIAN PHOTOS, KEY
CHAINS, ROCK CANDY, DJ, CIGAR STORE INDIANS)
FILM - HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG
FILM - BIG FISH
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - PRETTY GIRLS MAKE GRAVES
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
LECTURE - MOTHERS OF INVENTIONS
FILM - CHASING AMY
FILM - DOGMA

APRIL

PIRATE UNDERGROUND - Q AND NOT U &
FASHION BRIGADE
LECTURE - KEVIN SMITH
BINGO
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - FREE STYLE DJ AND
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EVENT - GAME LIFE TOUR
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FILM - GIRL WITH THE PEARL EARRING
FILM - ALONG CAME POLLY
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - OPEN MIC NIGHT
CHINESE ACROBATS
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - BATTLE KOALAS &
ART LORD & THE SELF PORTRAITS
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EVENT
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - VIENNA TENG
CRAIG KARGES - MIND READER
FILM - THE FOG OF WAR
FILM - THE RETURN OF THE KING
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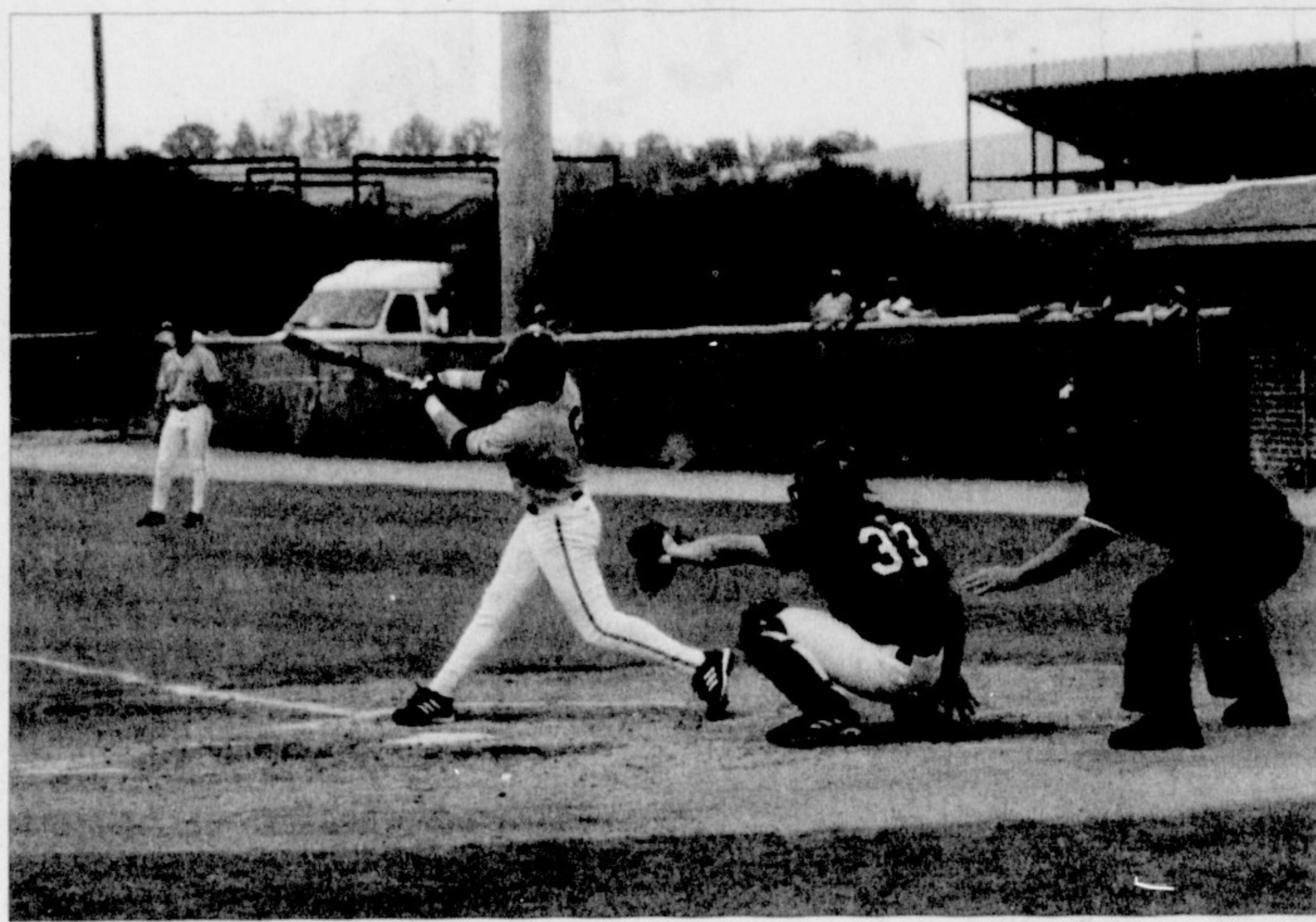
PIRATE UNDERGROUND - THE "NOT SO QUITE RIOT"



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MUCH MORE TO COME NEXT YEAR!

Baseball from page C1



The Pirates are in the middle of a fantastic season. After 16 straight wins, they are ranked 7.

steady play of late with a two-run job to left that gave ECU the 7-0 lead.

Louisville would not go quietly, however, and starter Mike Tisdale was un-hittable for the next six innings.

Things got interesting when Louisville cut the lead to 7-6 in the eighth off a Daniel Burton no-doubt-about-it home run to center.

Grace's two-run double got both of the runs back for the Pirates and gave them a 9-6 cushion heading into the ninth.

Luis Pardo led the ninth for the Cardinals with a home run that cut the Pirate's advantage to 9-7. Carter Harrell, who began the ninth for the Pirates, then struck out the next Louisville hitter. With a man on first with one away, Harrell got Jurich to pop up to third base for the second out. The next two batters reached, however, and Mazy called Kevin Rhodes out of the bullpen to get the Pirates out of the jam.

The sophomore would not disappoint as he struck out McKinnon to end the game.

Grace led the way for the Pirates with a 2-for-4 performance with six RBIs and a run scored. Paige and Jones each added a couple of hits while combining for three runs scored and shortstop Richardson had two RBIs.

Louisville, trying not to be swept for the first time since the 2002 season, took their first lead of the series in game three with a three-run second inning. The Cardinals collected five hits in the frame, all of which went to opposite field.

ECU starter Shane Mathews then settled down, not allowing another run in his appearance as he went seven and one-third innings, giving up eight hits

while striking out a career-high eight batters.

"That's Shane," Mazy said.

"He usually hits a rough spot early in the game and then settles down. He's a guy we're really gonna need down the stretch."

Cardinal starter BJ Rosenberg would not be outdone by the performance of Mathews as he kept the Pirates scoreless until the sixth inning.

Jones led off the frame with a walk. After consecutive outs from T. Lawhorn and Grace, Ryan Norwood singled to put runners on the corners. D. Lawhorn then rocketed a triple down the right field line, scoring both Jones and Norwood and cutting the Cardinal lead to 3-2.

The Pirates tied things up in the seventh off of a Jones RBI double that plated Minicozzi, who drew a leadoff walk.

After both teams went scoreless in the eighth, a Ron Braun two-out single in the ninth allowed the Cardinals to reclaim the lead 4-3. The hit silenced a boisterous Pirate crowd who had been rejuvenated when the Pirates tied the score in the seventh.

With their backs against the walls, the Pirates answered in a big way in the ninth.

Paige singled to start the frame. Jones then popped out to second. Lawhorn, who had been pitched perfectly all series, was only 2-for-14 in the series as he walked to the plate with one out.

As with all great hitters, all it takes is one mistake to make up for the lack of production, and reliever Brian Halford made the ultimate mistake in hanging a 2-0 off-speed pitch over the plate. The result - a two-run, walk-off homer that sailed over the jungle and sent the crowd into a frenzy as he trotted around the bases.

"I love pressure situations," said Lawhorn.

"I was looking for an off-speed pitch because that was how they pitched me all series and I got one. We were struggling all weekend on the curveballs, and I was going up there, trying to hit one back up the middle and he hung one I guess. I knew it was gone as soon as I hit it. It's a great feeling to do it, too."

With that homerun, Trevor Lawhorn tied his brother Darryl for third on the all-time list with 19 in a single season. Winfred Johnson hit 22 dingers in the 1985 season, which gives Trevor a legitimate shot at setting the record. The first-year Pirate also extended his hitting streak to 17 games.

Paige and Darryl led the Pirates in the wild contest with two hits apiece.

With the sweep, the Pirates have set a new school and C-USA record for the longest winning streak at 16. ECU improved to a glittering 35-6 overall and 15-3 in C-USA.

Southern Mississippi entered the weekend atop the conference, but after being dismantled by Tulane in three games, the Pirates now sit in first with a two-game cushion over the second place Green Wave.

Five of the top eight schools in the nation all lost at least one game this weekend, which improved the Pirates' chances of receiving their highest ranking in school history. The Pirates moved up two spots to No. 7 in a *Baseball America* poll released earlier today.

ECU will battle Houston next in a three-game series beginning with a Friday game at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's game will both be at 1 p.m.

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the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate tournament but failed to finish better than fifth the rest of the way. The Pirates were 11th out of 14 teams in the C-USA Championship.

The women have fared much better, especially Adrienne Millican. Millican led the Pirates to a win and two second place finishes and came in second herself in the C-USA Championship. Millican will be back for another year, but the Lady Pirates are losing four key players.

Pirate softball has been nearly as successful as baseball with a

44-16-1 overall record. The Lady Pirates have done it with a great blend of hitting and pitching. Junior Maggie Lingo recently tossed a perfect game and Kate Manuse and Christine Sherida have pounded opposing pitching. All three are underclassmen, so expect the Lady Pirates to make a run at the C-USA title this season and next.

The sports season of 2003-04 has been one that most Pirate faithfuls would like to forget. Fans will now be focused on the success of baseball and softball well into the summer, but for other athletes, there is always

next season. Minges Coliseum will be one of the most feared venues in basketball. A new state-of-the-art baseball stadium is on the way, and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium will be louder than ever in 2004. As long as they play, the Purple and Gold will be there. As long as they compete, the Purple and Gold will be there.


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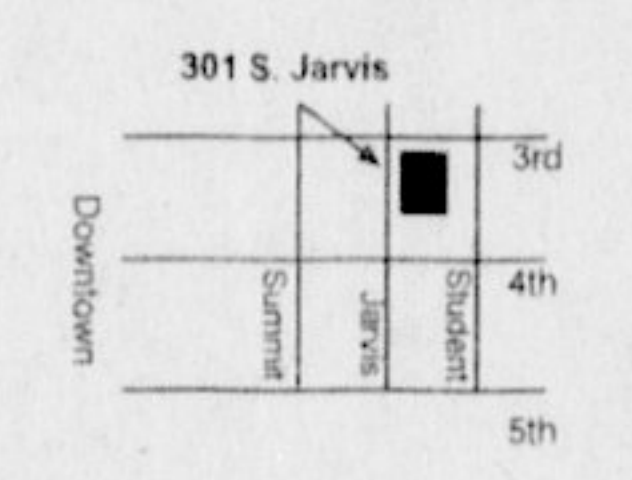
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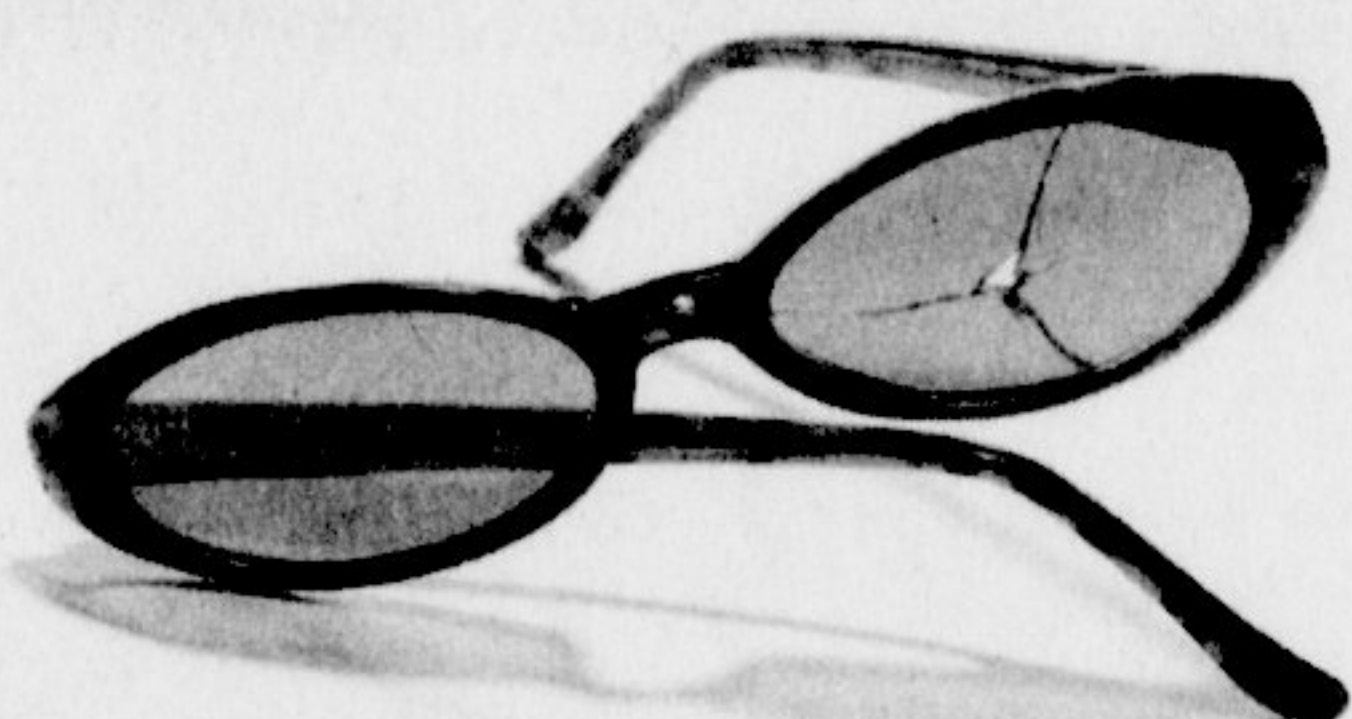
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Members of memorabilia industry trying to profit from Tillman's death



Specialist Pat Tillman, right, a former Arizona Cardinal, walks next to Capt. Christopher Deale, company commander of B Company first BN 19th Infantry Regiment. Tillman, an Army Ranger, was killed during battle in Afghanistan last week.

(KRT) — When I arrived at my office about 9:15 a.m. Friday, I decided to check eBay to see if the ghoulish patrol was out. The news of former Arizona Cardinal Pat Tillman's death was on every sports and news radio station and, I figured, those so inclined would be lining up to make a buck off a true American hero's death.

Exactly the opposite of what Tillman would have wanted.

At 9:15 a.m., there were only about six Tillman cards in auction, none ending within three days, nothing with an opening bid over \$2. None had bids.

The last auction struck me, so I opened it. It was one of the

same cards that other sellers were offering, although it had a \$20 opening bid. A check of the description showed the seller knew Tillman. He wrote of Tillman's death Thursday in Afghanistan as a member of the U.S. Army.

I decided to check again about 2:30 p.m. The results were shocking. There were 51 Tillman items. One was a 2001 Upper Deck MVP rookie card with an opening bid of 1 cent and already up to a staggering \$40,000. On the 11th bid. With 20 hours left.

But, eBay cancelled that the cancellation read "bidder fraud" and the bid was back "down"

to \$5,000. There appears to be some angry bidders attempting to sabotage the auctions. One bidder's user ID is "dont-make-money-off-fallen-heroes."

Many other items, including other copies of the Upper Deck card and a 2001 Fleer Tradition glossy rookie card, had bids up to \$12,000. For a card that had no takers at \$2 Thursday.

Then there was the auction titled "Authentic American Hero Pat Tillman Autograph." It began Friday. It was over \$500.

Many Tillman auctions were ended early, probably so sellers could hike minimums.

Things like this are sick. Putting an item on as soon as

someone dies is morbid. Thinking about profiting because of a person's death is despicable.

Mike Weber of Hall of Fame collectibles in Mesa also can't understand the ghoulish mentality.

"I know why you called," Weber said. "It hasn't stopped ringing all day. It is kind of morbid. I told them all that I'm not up to looking for Tillman stuff today. I did notice that I have a couple of (autographed) mini-helmets and they are \$100, what they were yesterday and what they have been since I got them. I guess jacking up the prices is the way the world goes, but I won't."



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Kobe Bryant paying steep costs for defense team: \$2 million and counting

(KRT) — His defense attorneys have tried to tell the public through 10 months of pretrial litigation and reams of court filings that Kobe Bryant, their young, charismatic, multi-millionaire, NBA-star client and one-time faultless idol to millions, has suffered as a man wrongly accused of raping a 19-year-old woman.

"The accuser's false accusation of rape has exacted a personal and professional toll on Mr. Bryant that is incalculable as it is indescribable," attorney Hal Haddon wrote in an April 5 filing.

What can't be argued is this case's financial toll: an estimated \$2 million and counting on Bryant, who returns to the Eagle County Justice Center on Monday for pretrial hearings.

According to a survey of legal analysts, private investigators, security firms, independent crime laboratories, a private jet agency and defense experts, Bryant's continuing battle could run him close to \$10 million by the time a Colorado jury reads the verdict.

Bryant, 25, who earns an estimated \$35 million a year as a marquee Lakers player and endorser for multiple blue-chip firms such as Nike and Coca-Cola, has spared no expense in fighting the felony sexual-assault charge that threatens to take his Hall of Fame-bound basketball career from him and put him in prison for life.

"How much would you spend to defend your life?" said Guss Guarino, the executive director of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar.

"Every penny."

ON THE DEFENSE

Bryant, who lives with his wife, Vanessa, and 1-year-old daughter, Natalia, in Newport Coast, says he had consensual sex June 30 with the woman who was working as a front-desk agent at the exclusive Lodge and Spa at Cordillera in Edwards, Colo.

The woman told Eagle County Sheriff's Department detectives that she visited Bryant in his room and willingly engaged in kissing and touching before Bryant forced her over a chair and raped her.

Bryant was arrested July 4. He paid \$2,500 to Glenwood Springs bail bondsman Richard Jordan to post the \$25,000 bail for his release.

Bryant then hired the Denver-based law firm of Haddon, Morgan, Mueller, Jordan, Mackey & Foreman. Partners Haddon and Pamela Mackey, both well-respected litigators with high-profile experience, took the case.

Colorado attorneys estimate that Haddon and Mackey each could command \$500 an hour. If this legal team earned \$1,000 an hour, a 40-hour work week would run \$40,000; 10 months, \$1.6 million.

"Chances are that Haddon

and Mackey charged a substantial initial retainer, significant hourly charges and have a set, flat fee with a cap," said Scott Robinson, a Denver attorney familiar with the firm.

A six-figure retainer in excess of \$250,000 would be "understandable and expected" for a case outside Denver, Robinson said.

"With two top lawyers in Hal Haddon and Pamela Mackey, we're talking seven figures in total attorneys fees, and that doesn't even count legal investigation that would be another six figures."

Also, Haddon and Mackey, who work full time on the Bryant case, require a support staff of the firm's associates, two paralegals and a security officer, Ed Killam. They also hired Edwards-based attorney, Terrance P. O'Connor, to reduce their 127-mile trips from Denver west to Eagle.

INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

To build his defense, Bryant's attorneys have hired at least four private investigators to comb the crime scene, interview potential witnesses and conduct a thorough background search on the accuser.

Ellis Armistead, the assistant director of the National Association of Legal Investigators, said top-notch investigators charge \$125-\$150 an hour plus expenses.

Defense-team investigators have descended upon 3,500-resident Eagle to learn about the accuser, who lived with her parents, a brother and two dogs in a two-story home on a cul de sac.

They have been to Eagle Valley Senior High in Gypsum, where the woman was a cheerleader; and to Greeley, where she was a freshman last year at the University of Northern Colorado.

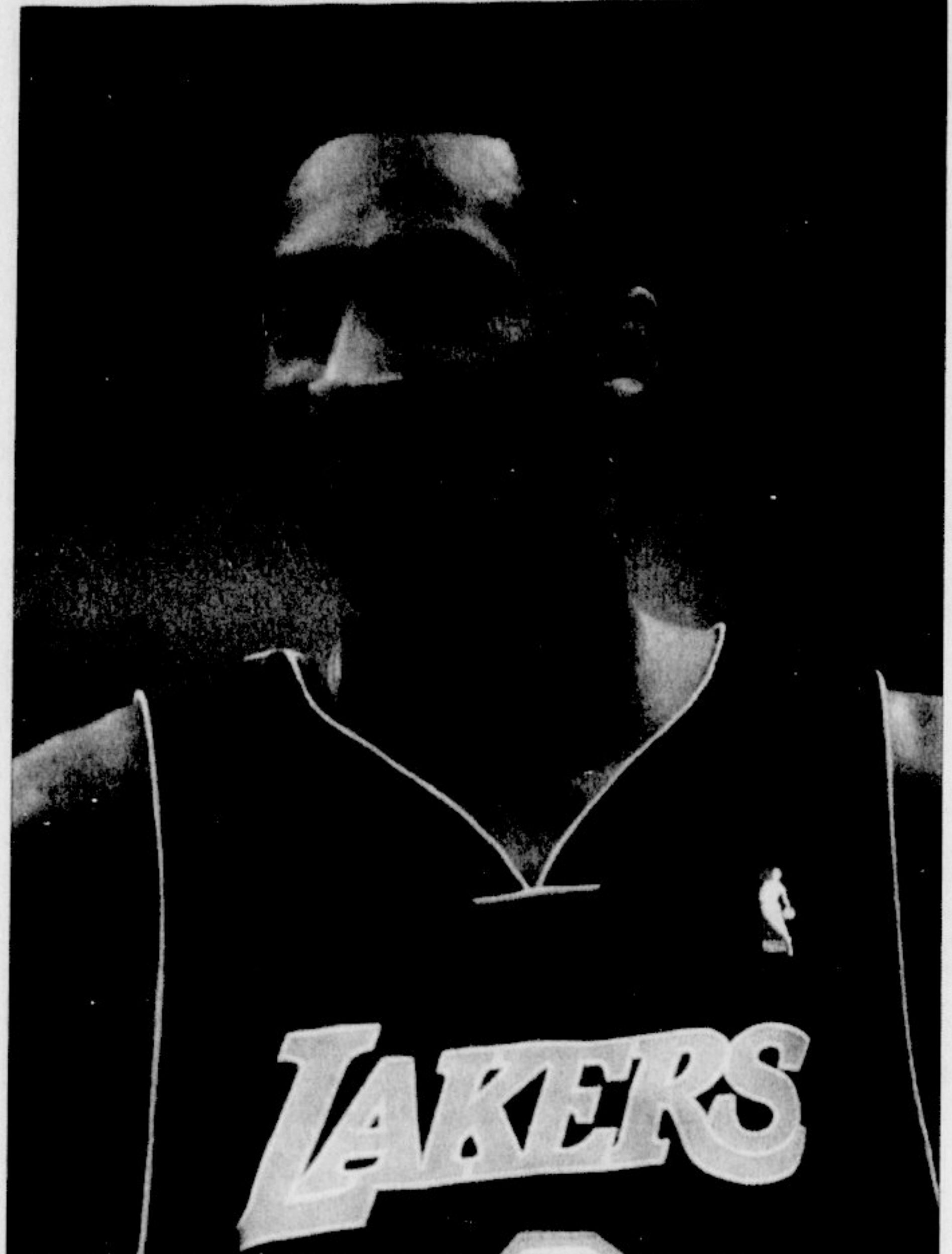
Investigators tracked down the woman's long-time high school boyfriend, Matt Herr, working at Eagle's Texaco gas station; the Cordillera bellman, Bobby Pietrack, playing basketball for Fort Lewis College in Durango; a van load of people who partied one night with her in Calgary, Alberta; and a former friend, Lindsey McKinney, who briefly lived with the woman in Eagle and witnessed her May 30 drug overdose.

Said Armistead, a Denver-based private investigator not involved in the Bryant case, "Investigators will go everywhere to gather every bit of information on every witness."

TESTING'S TOLL

The court has allowed Bryant's defense team to conduct independent laboratory testing on the case's physical evidence: rape kits of the accuser and Bryant, hair and fiber samples, blood from Bryant's T-shirt and semen from the accuser's underwear.

The tests are performed at the Ventura forensic science company Technical Associates, Inc., which is run by Marc Scott



Bryant is spending big bucks on his sexual assault case.

Taylor, a former criminalist in the Los Angeles Medical Examiner's Office and a defense consultant in the 1995 O.J. Simpson double-murder case.

Each sample that undergoes DNA analysis costs \$1,000, Taylor said.

The defense already has retained experts to opine on every facet of the case from evidence collection to genital injuries. Renowned experts typically charge \$300 an hour, Guarino said.

Forensic consultant Elizabeth Johnson, formerly of Technical Associates, already has testified in the Bryant case. Last month, University of Colorado at Denver music professor Rich Sanders, defense's acoustic forensic expert, appeared in a closed courtroom for more than four hours to review a 60-minute audio recording of a police detective secretly took of Bryant's statements July 2.

Sanders has testified on audio recordings of the Oklahoma City bombing and 911 tapes in the Jon Benet Ramsey murder case, which Haddon worked, and the Columbine shooting.

"When you look at the names of the people involved in this case," Guarino said, "Bryant has spared no expense in getting the best people on his side."

TRAVEL LOG
Bryant is billed for the travel expenses for lawyers, experts, investigators and witnesses, include the dozen or so who have testified during pretrial. Twice Bryant has paid for his accuser to fly in from Palm Beach County, Fla., where she had resided and worked at a Delray Beach barbecue restaurant until March.

"Everything costs. Everything is on the clock. Luckily for Kobe, he has the resources," Guarino said. "For a middle-class person, this would be a bankrupter."

Since his July 4 arrest, Bryant has made 13 trips to Eagle, chartering a 9-15 passenger private jet through Revolution Air that flies from Van Nuys Airport to the Vail Valley Jet Center at the Eagle County Regional Airport.

A 1,800-mile round trip would run about an industry-average \$25,000, according to Rick Klev, the RaynAir Private Jets president who has knowledge of Bryant's travel arrangements.

The Lakers are paying half of Bryant's flight costs during the season, making Bryant's running tab for charter flights around \$225,000.

Often two or three of Bryant's security personnel travel on the charter. But after the March 25 appearance, Mackey flew back to Los Angeles with Bryant and took her young children to Staples Center for the March 26 Lakers' game against Minnesota.

His security detail - Jose Revilla and driver Kim Stewart of Monrovia-based Ortiz and Revilla Protective Services - returned to Los Angeles after a night at the \$79-a-night Comfort Inn.

A person working "non-threatening" celebrity protective services is \$85 an hour plus \$125-\$175 per diem, said Tony Alverti, owner of Beverly Hills-based Five-O Personal Security.

"Working for celebrities and professional athletes is a complicated business," Alverti said. "It's a 24-hour-a-day job to watch someone."

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Students John Dixon and Sean Cummings race through an inflatable obstacle course shaped like a sinking ship.

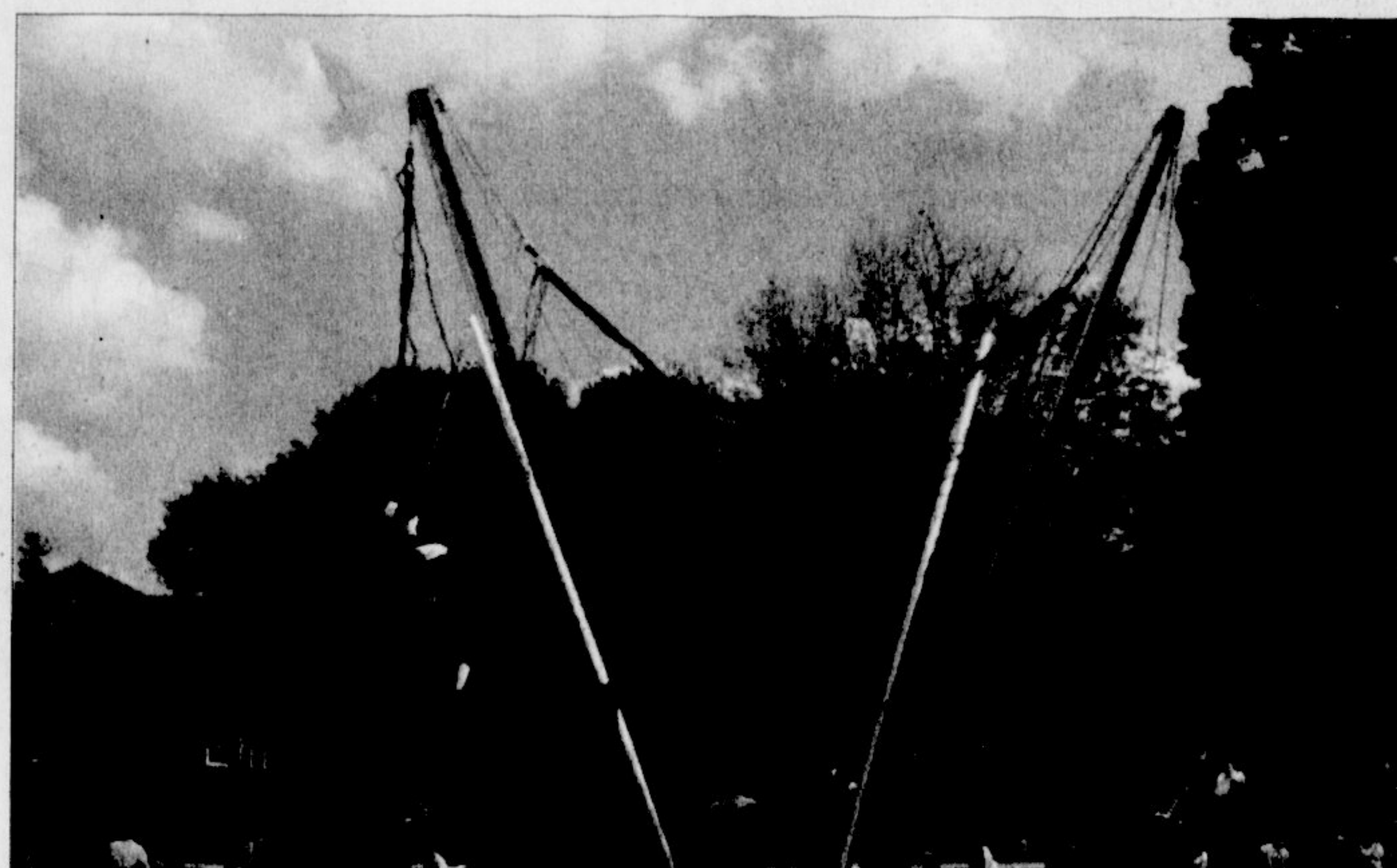


A student celebrates her victory at one of the game booths.

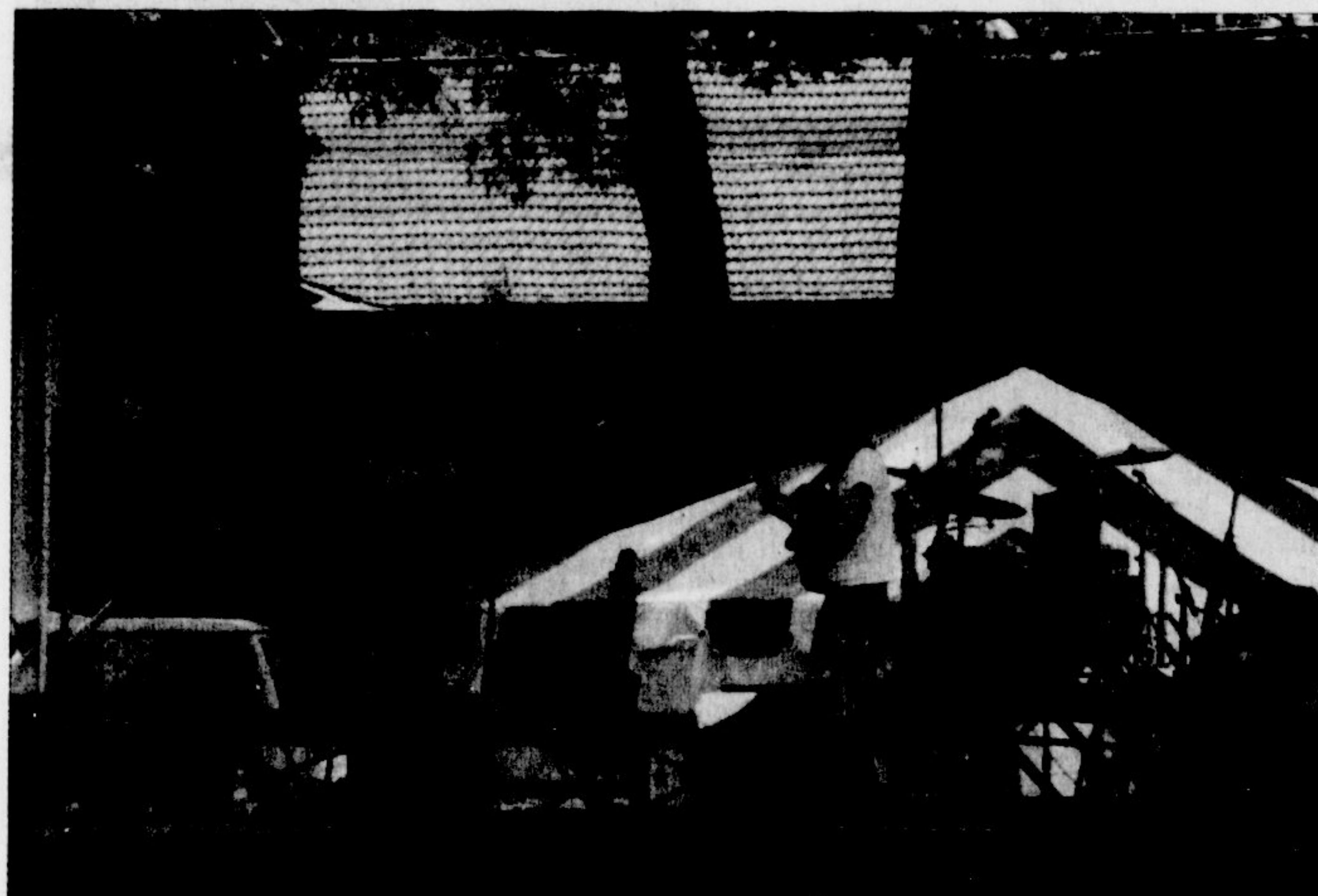
Barefoot on the Mall 25 Feet And Still Kickin'



Various organizations made T-shirts as part of a program to end domestic violence.



Students flipped for a bungee harness that propelled them high into the air.



The band 2 Skinny Dorks played live for students during the Barefoot celebration.



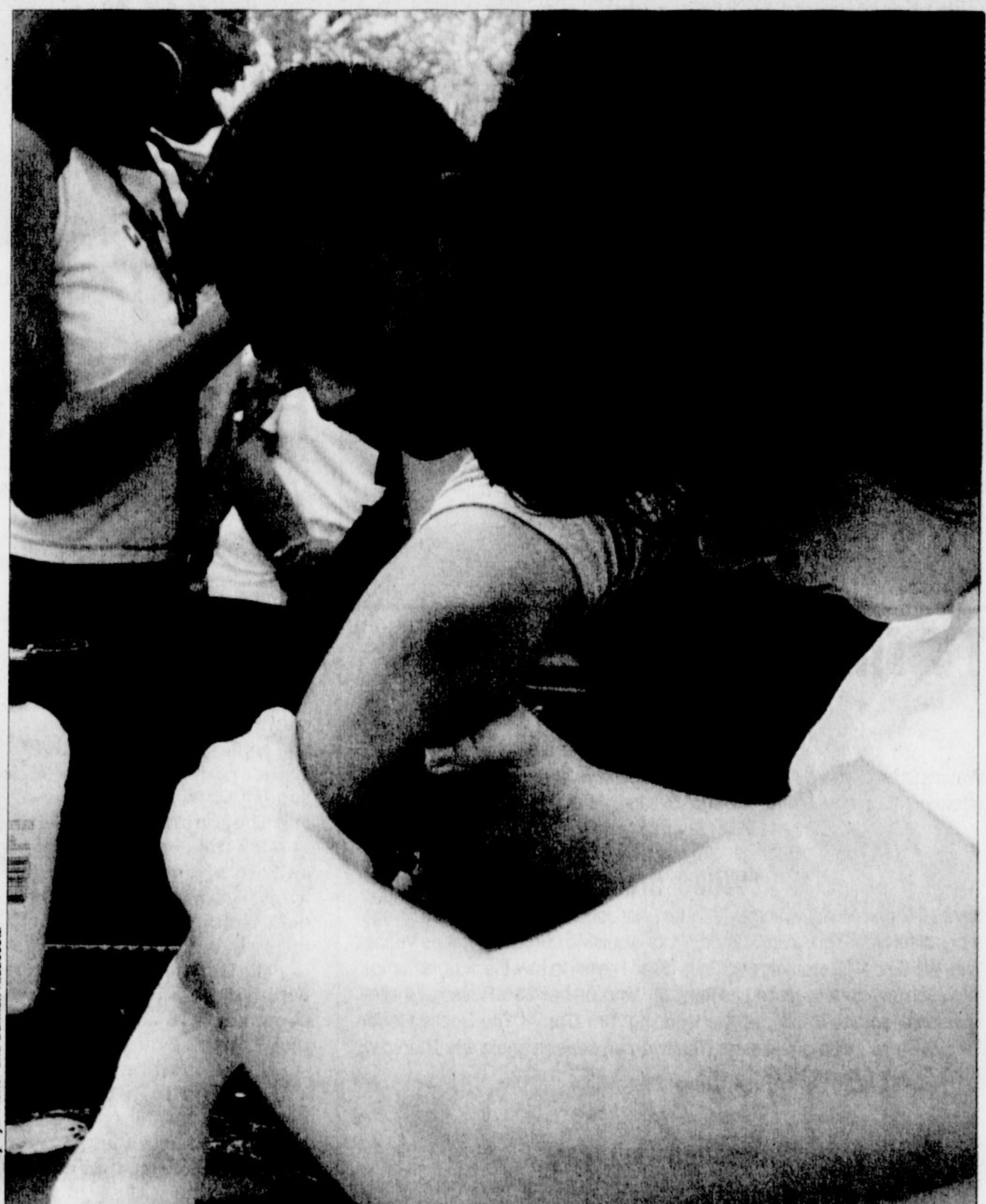
A balloon artist makes a palm tree for a student during Barefoot on the Mall.



A student slides down the inflatable sinking ship to complete the obstacle course.



A booth offered students a chance to make T-shirts declaring an end to domestic violence.



Komal Patel, sophomore autometry major, dips his hand into wax for a wax sculpture.

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Did You Know?

- Civil rights leader Coretta Scott King (1927) and radio personality Casey Kasem (1932) both call today their birthday.
- This month is Straw Hat Month and Tackle Your Clutter Month.
- This week is Jewish Heritage Week and Industry Week.
- On this day in 1947, Babe Ruth Day was celebrated at Yankee Stadium and throughout the nation.

Announcements

'Mean Girls'

A sneak preview of *Mean Girls* starring Lindsay Lohan will show at 7 p.m. today in Hendrix Theatre.

Bingo

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents bingo at 9:30 p.m. today in Mendenhall Dining Hall. This event is free.

Films

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

Christian Guitarist

Matt Wertz, a Christian acoustic guitarist, will perform from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 29 in Pirate Underground. This event is free.

Relay For Life

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

Chamber Music

The School of Music presents the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival directed by Ara Gregorian at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 1 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The group will perform music by Mozart, Bruckner and Dvorak. Tickets are \$5 - \$10.

Music Fest

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents the Not So Quiet Riot Music Fest from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, May 1 in Pirate Underground. This event is free.

New Releases

CDs

The Girl In The Other Room [Enhanced], Diana Krall
Between Here And Gone, Mary Chapin Carpenter
D12 World [Special edition with bonus DVD], D12
American Idol season 3: Greatest Soul Classics, Various Artists
Van Lear Rose, Loretta Lynn
Been All Around This World, Jerry Garcia & David Grisman
Trampin', Patti Smith
8:09, Joey McIntyre
Unbreakable [Import], Scorpions
Safe Return, Jane Olivor

DVDs

Love Actually [Widescreen Edition]
Big Fish
The Monster Legacy Collection (Frankenstein / Dracula / The Wolf Man)
Love Actually [Full Screen Edition]
ER - The Complete Second Season
The Hound of the Baskervilles
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
WWE Wrestlemania XX
The Dick Van Dyke Show - Season Four
The Cooler

TV This Week

'Showbiz Moms & Dads'

Watch parents who will stop at nothing to achieve fame and fortune for their offspring. "Showbiz Moms & Dads" airs tonight at 9 p.m. on Bravo.

'Will & Grace'

Karen (Megan Mullally) and Lyle (guest star John Cleese) decide to forego a beautiful New-York-in-fall wedding for a quickie ceremony in Las Vegas. With Will (Eric McCormack) and Jack (Sean Hayes) in tow, the couple bumps into Jennifer Lopez (guesting as herself) - who, on behalf of Rosario (Shelley Morrison), agrees to sing at the wedding. Tim Curry ("The Rocky Horror Picture Show") also guest stars. The two-part season finale airs Thursday, April 29 at 9 p.m. on NBC.

'Primetime Thursday'

This hour-long show investigates the more sophisticated ways that students are cheating in schools. "Primetime" airs Thursday, April 29 at 10 p.m. on ABC.

2003-04: A year of memories



DANCE 2004

Looking back at what made this year unique

LAUREN MASON
SENIOR WRITER

As the school year comes to an end, we can look back at the memories from last year and reminisce with friends.

For seniors, this year will forever be remembered as the last time for many favorite college activities - last tailgate, last Spring Break, last exam. For freshmen, it was a year of new beginnings with friends, classes and campus activities. For everyone, it

was a year of entertainment, big surprises, fun-filled events and, as always, lots of Pirate pride.

The warm weather of August welcomed students back as we celebrated at Piratepalooza before classes and then again over Labor Day weekend. The short break prepared us for September, when we enjoyed hanging out at Freeboot Friday, cheering on the Pirates for the first time under new coach John Thompson and checking out hot new shows like "One Tree Hill" and "The O.C." Chemistry and electronics majors explored their new home at the Science and Technology building while we watched work progress on Rivers and the West End dining hall.

ECU alumnus Vince McMahon gave us the "Smackdown" in Minges Coliseum, and then Isabel made her way through eastern North Carolina, bringing back memories of Floyd and fears of flooding. Greenville lucked out, but we came together to help out our neighbors to the north who received the brunt of the storm.

While we watched the coastal flooding on TV, ESPN2 watched the Pirates play Houston at Dowdy-Ficklen, bringing out a huge crowd for the Tuesday night game. "Bennifer" canceled their high-profile wedding, Britney and Madonna shared a "special" moment and "Joe Schmo" introduced a new twisted level to reality TV.

October

brought in cooler weather, *A Chorus Line* and the first game in history played in Pirate territory against the Tarheels. MTV and Nappy Roots visited as part of the Homecoming College tour and downtown Greenville hosted another crazy Halloween night with increased security and expanded areas to contain the crowd. Arnold surprised us with a victory in California and Demi and Ashton became Hollywood's hottest couple.

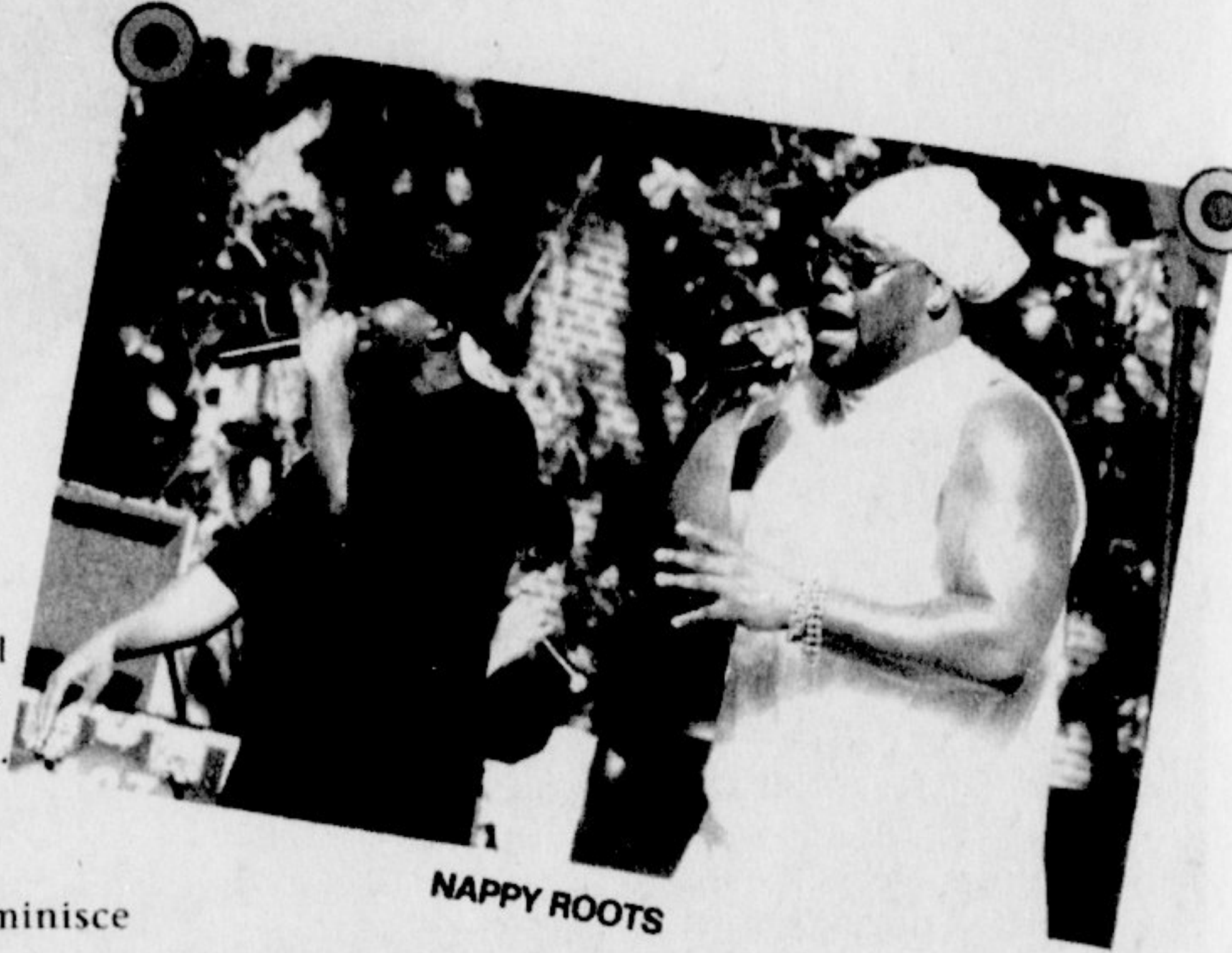
ECU went Primetime in November, complete with homecoming skits, pep rallies, parades and an exciting double-overtime game against South Florida. WRNS took over Minges with a concert that included stars Jo Dee Messina, Sara Evans and the Charlie Daniels Band.

With Thanksgiving break around the corner, students buckled down for the end of the semester and looked forward to a long winter break.

Cast members from "The Real World" brought diversity to campus in December with a visit that ended at Barcode, the new gay club in town. While Coral and Malik partied with the Pirates, Martha Stewart and Michael Jackson started the biggest court scandals of the year.

We rang in the New Year and returned to school listening to stories of Britney's marriage and BCS blunders. Panthers' fans supported the home team onto the Super Bowl where we experienced a close but disappointing game and the "wardrobe malfunction" seen around the world.

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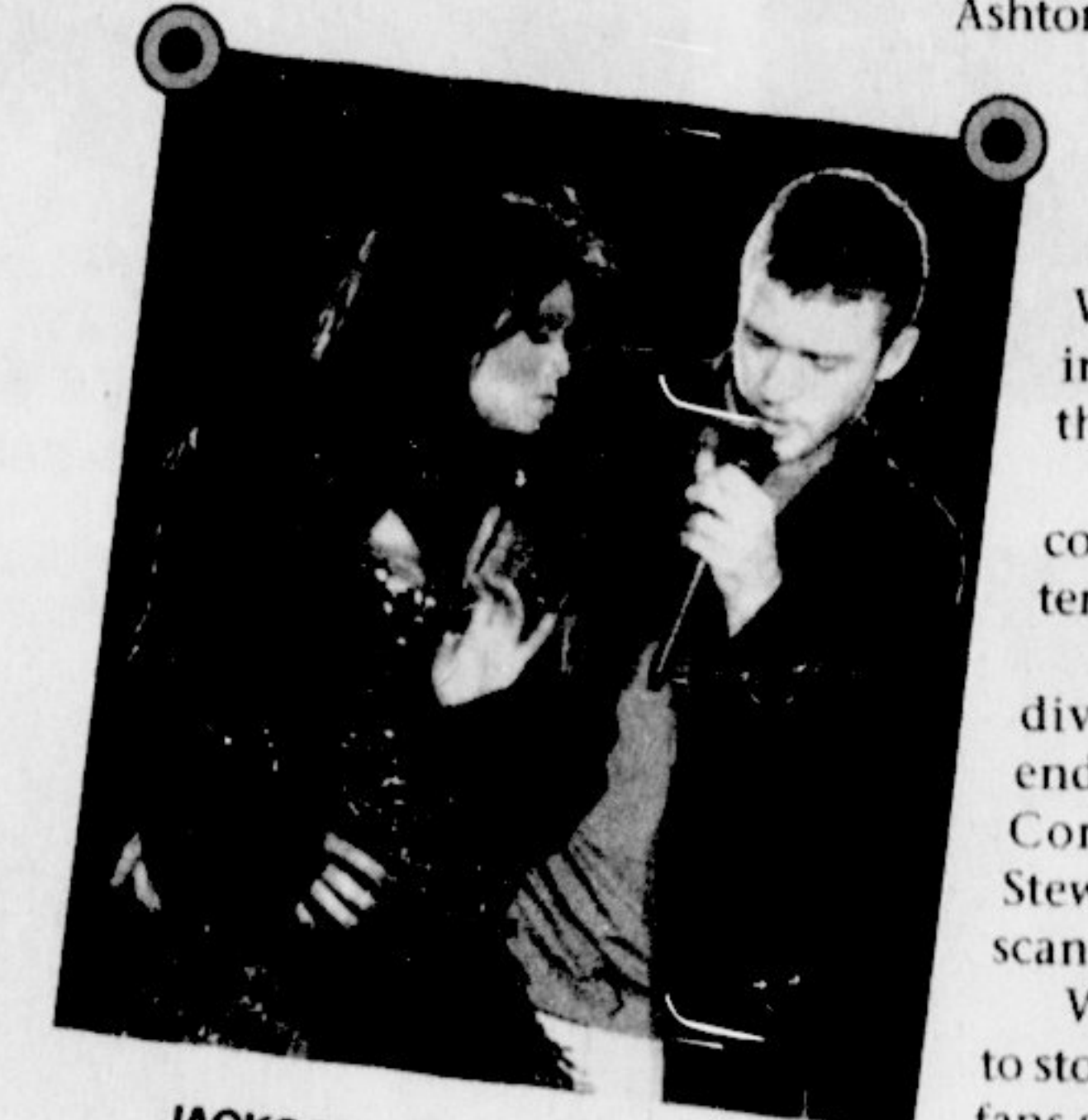
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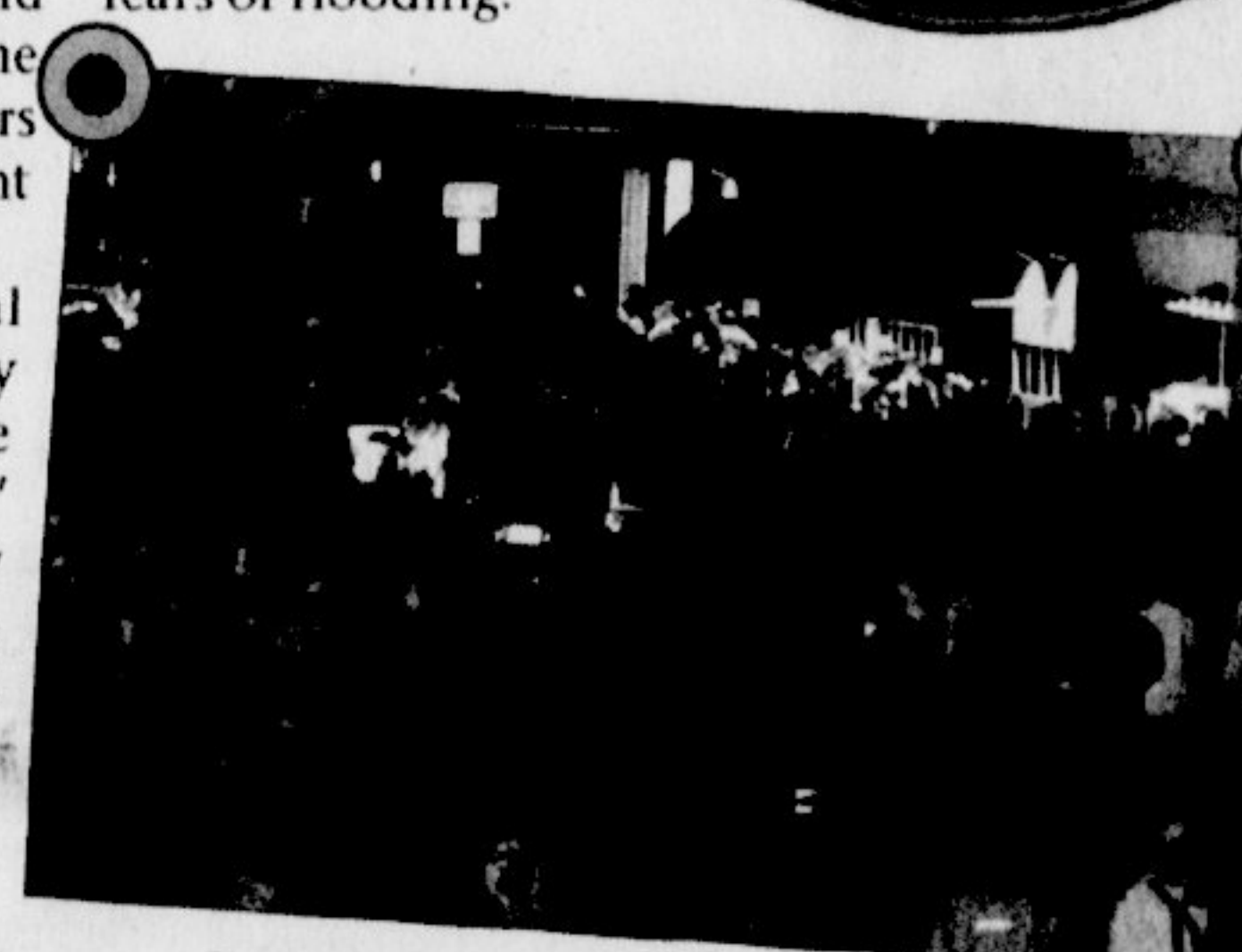
THE REAL WORLD VISITS ECU



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FREEBOOT FRIDAY



'THE SIMPLE LIFE'

Pirate Underground keeps on rockin'

Not So Quiet Riot brings fresh sound to ECU

JESSICA CRESON
STAFF WRITER

The Not So Quiet Riot is a music festival combining four fresh indie/rock groups that will come to ECU. The show will provide performances from Silent Sunday News, Letdown, Farewell and The Argument.

"It's the concert of the year, and we are going out with a bang," said Amanda Trail, Student Union popular entertainment chair.

"This is a four-band fest with bands who put on a great show and are also incredibly (musically) talented."

Silent Sunday News is a Greenville band which consists of former band members from Emerson and Murder Me Dead. The members are Erik Mattheijs, who is the lead singer and plays guitar, Matt Kerley playing the bass, Justin Petruce

Event Info

Not So Quiet Riot Music Festival
Featuring Silent Sunday News, Letdown,
Farewell and The Argument
Saturday, May 1 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Mendenhall Brickyard
Admission is free

on guitar and Jonathan Petruce on drums.

The band described themselves as a mix between the bands Mineral and Further Seems Forever.

Silent Sunday News has only been together for about two or three months and Not So Quiet Riot will be their first show, so this is an exciting event for them.

They will be the first band playing from 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the music fest.

"There is a lot of pressure on this show, but we are optimistic and confident of our set," said Mattheijs, who helped organize Not So Quiet Riot as well as



The Argument will perform on Saturday, May 1.

perform in Silent Sunday News.

Letdown will be playing in the second set from 7:45 p.m. - 8:25 p.m. The band consists of Steve Partin on guitar and vocals, Matt Robinson on bass and vocals and Brett Wells on drums and vocals.

Letdown formed in Chapel Hill in 2001 when Partin and Wells, a metal/jazz drummer and singer from Greensboro, got together to form a band. Later, they met Robinson, a hard-

core bassist from Raleigh, and instantly fit together.

Letdown has just lost a guitar player who is studying physics, but instead of finding someone new, they feel they work best now as a three man band.

"[Our] songs vacillate between harsh and pretty, but there is always melody and rhythm," said Partin.

"The vocals are belted out

see QUIET RIOT page B3

Low-carb dinner party rates high on satisfaction

(KRT)—You've made it through the crucial first two weeks of your low-carb diet. The bathroom scale is your friend again. You're feeling good about your progress and decide it's finally time — time for a low-carb dinner party.

Some of your friends have been low-carb dieting, too, but you're not quite sure how many carbs they're consuming these days.

Not to worry! The choices are abundant, the recipes are plentiful.

Here are several low-carb menus to consider serving, with varying levels of carbs to mix and match as you wish.

PLAN A: 6 NET CARBS

Drinks: Vodka martinis with olives: no net carbs (subtract fiber and sugar alcohol grams from the carb count to get net, or usable, carbs.)

Appetizer: Slices of Volpi's Rotola (prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and basil roll-ups; sold at many local markets): no net carbs

Main course: Tequila-lime marinated grilled chicken (see recipe): 2 net carbs

Side dish: Mixed lettuce salad with vinegar and oil dressing: no net carbs

Dessert: Sugar-free chocolate syrup folded into whipped heavy cream: no net carbs, and a peanut butter cookie (see recipe): 4 net carbs

PLAN B: 10 NET CARBS

Drinks: Low-carb beer: two carbs

Appetizer: Steamed shrimp with two tablespoons Creamy Garlic Dressing for dipping (see recipe): one net carb

Main course: Jerk-Marinated Grilled Pork Steaks (see recipe): three net carbs

Side dish: Caesar salad with purchased dressing and no croutons: one net carb

Dessert: Cubes of sugar-free gelatin (two or more flavors) in parfaits with whipped cream from a can: two net carbs

PLAN C: 13 NET CARBS

Drinks: Seven and Seven made with whiskey and diet lemon-lime soda: no net carbs

Appetizer: Crunchy and Savory Almonds (see recipe): two net carbs

Main course: Steamed lobster with melted butter: no net carbs

Side dish: Warm asparagus tossed with vinaigrette: two net carbs

Dessert: Purchased low-carb cheesecake with strawberry sauce (puree 1 pound frozen berries with 1 tablespoon lemon juice and sweetener to taste): eight net carbs.



With the right recipes, you can have dinner parties while sticking to your low-carb diet.

TEQUILA LIME CHICKEN

Yield: 12 servings
1/3 cup lime juice
1/3 cup water
3 tablespoons tequila
1 tablespoon sucralose (Splenda)
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 cloves garlic, crushed
12 chicken breast halves

Combine lime juice, water, tequila, sucralose, soy sauce and garlic in a zip-top plastic bag. Add chicken; refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 1 day.

Prepare a hot fire in the grill. Drain chicken, discarding marinade. Place chicken on grill, skin-side down. Cook about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Turn; brown the other side. Continue to cook, turning frequently, until done.

PER SERVING: 140 calories; 1.5g fat (10 percent calories from fat); 0.5g saturated fat; 66mg cholesterol; 26g protein; 2g carbohydrate; 1g sugar; no fiber; 274mg sodium; 16mg calcium; 306mg potassium.

Adapted from "500 Low Carb Recipes," (Fair Winds Press, \$19.95 paperback).

JERK-MARINATED GRILLED PORK STEAKS

Yield: 4 to 8 servings.
2 to 4 Scotch Bonnet or habanero chiles, stemmed (see note)
1 small onion, peeled and cut into chunks
6 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons ground allspice
1/2 cup grated fresh ginger
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons dried thyme
2 bay leaves, crumbled
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons sucralose (Splenda)
4 cloves garlic, crushed
8 (4- to 6-ounce) pork steaks

Combine chiles, onion, oil, allspice, ginger, soy sauce, thyme, bay leaves, cinnamon, sucralose and garlic in a food processor; pulse until well combined. Smear the soft paste on the pork steaks, wrap tightly and refrigerate 1 or 2 days.

Prepare a medium-hot fire in grill. Cook, turning frequently, until done, about 40 minutes (the time will vary depending on the thickness of the meat).

PER SERVING: 416 calories; 28g fat (61 percent calories from fat); 8g saturated fat; 131mg cholesterol; 36g protein; 5g carbohydrate; 1g sugar; 1.5g fiber; 88mg sodium; 59mg calcium; 541mg potassium.

Note: For a milder marinade, seed the peppers. To protect your hands, use plastic gloves while handling the peppers.

Adapted from "500 Low Carb Recipes," (Fair Winds Press)

CREAMY GARLIC DRESSING

Yield: About 1 cups.
1 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
8 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup wine vinegar
Stir together mayonnaise, salt, pepper, garlic, oil and vinegar. Cover; refrigerate up to 1 day.
PER TABLESPOON: 77 calories; 8g fat (94 percent calories from fat); 1.5g saturated fat; 6mg cholesterol; no protein; 0.5g carbohydrate; no sugar; no fiber; 54 mg sodium; 2mg calcium; 3mg potassium.
Adapted from "500 Low Carb Recipes," (Fair Winds Press, \$19.95 paperback).

CRUNCHY AND SAVORY ALMONDS

Yield: 8 servings. 2 tablespoons olive oil
4 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon ground red (cayenne) pepper
2 cups whole almonds
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In a saucepan, combine oil, curry powder, garlic powder, onion powder and cayenne. Stir over medium heat until hot. Stir in almonds.
Transfer almonds to 1 or 2 foil-covered jelly-roll pans. Bake until lightly browned, about 10 minutes, stirring twice. Let cool; store in a tightly sealed container up to 2 weeks.
PER SERVING: 242 calories; 22g fat (82 percent calories from fat); 2g saturated fat; no cholesterol; 8g protein; 7g carbohydrate; 1.5g sugar; 4.5g fiber; 1mg sodium; 94mg calcium; 280mg potassium.
Adapted from a recipe on www.pnga.net, the Web site of the Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association.

LOW-CARB PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Yield: 12 cookies. Nonstick cooking spray
1 cup chunky peanut butter
1 cup sucralose (Splenda)
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a cookie sheet with cooking spray.

Stir together peanut butter, sucralose, egg and vanilla. Drop by spoonfuls onto the cookie sheet. With the tines of a fork, flatten the cookies, making a criss-cross pattern. Bake about 10 minutes, until centers are no longer wet. Let cool completely before removing from the cookie sheet.

PER COOKIE: 128 calories; 9.5g fat (65 percent calories from fat); 2g saturated fat; 18mg cholesterol; 9g protein; 6g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 8mg sodium; 49mg calcium.

Recipe adapted from www.about.com.

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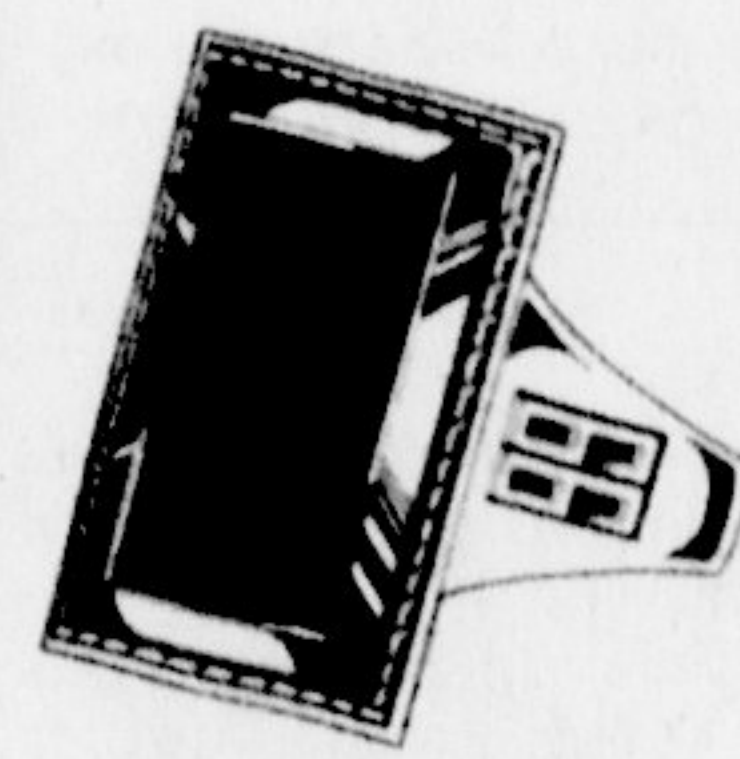
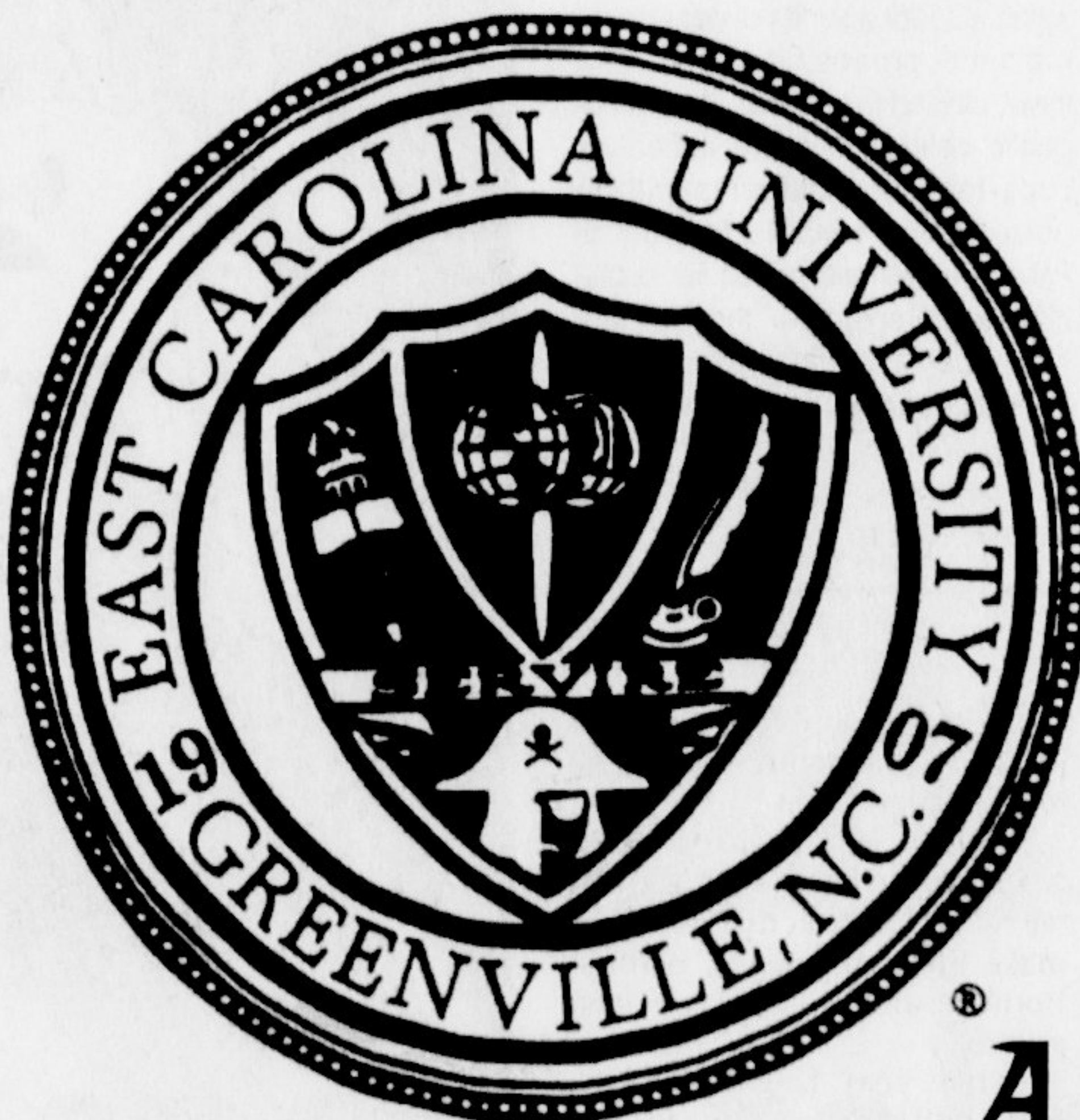
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RACHEL LANDEN
SENIOR WRITER

The old saying "A second on the lips, a lifetime on the hips," need not apply.

A recent trend in flavored beauty products presents a variety of lip and body treats that taste as good as they look. From lip glosses to body powders to belly button fragrances, flavors are the focus of this season's newest beauty buys.

Urban Decay and the Dessert line by Jessica Simpson are some of the newest and hottest names in this flavorful market.

At \$15, Urban Decay's XXX Shine Lip Gloss boasts lots of shine plus a peppermint flavor that instantly refreshes breath.

The XXX Slick Pot Gloss, also \$15, provides more options with four available colors, each with its own unique flavor. For a red stain and cherry flavor, try Gash. For a more neutral tone, Sin is beige with a coconut flavor.

Urban Decay's Lip Gunk also smells and tastes delicious. With fun names like AC/DC, Litter, Big Bang and Midnight Cowboy, you can cover



your lips with the taste of jellybeans, vanilla pudding, cinnamon red hots and mandarin orange.

Urban Decay doesn't stop with just tasty lip coverage. You can dust on their shimmering body powders for \$25. Try honey, cherry lemonade or caramel. They even recommend mixing the cocoa and marshmallow flavors together for a unique s'more savor.

All Urban Decay products can be purchased at their Web site as well as in select boutiques including Ulta and Sephora. Ulta stores are located in Cary and Charlotte. Sephora also has a location in Charlotte, but its closest store is in the Crabtree Valley Mall of Raleigh.

Sephora also sells products in the Dessert line. Created by Jessica Simpson and Clean Fragrance founder Randi Shinder, Dessert currently offers fragrances, creams and glosses with sweet scents and tempting tastes. More products, including exfoliating sugar scrubs and sheer cheek colors, are yet to be released.

Like those in the Urban Decay line, body and lip glosses by Dessert shimmer, shine and taste oh-so-sweet, but the prices are also slightly steeper. Body gloss costs \$32 and lip gloss is \$21.

Deliciously Kissable Fragrances come in three blends: French vanilla and caramel in Creamy, milk chocolate and coconut in Dreamy, and berry and green bouquet in Juicy. A 1.7 ounce fragrance costs \$45.

For the slightly more

adventurous, Creamy, Dreamy and Juicy are also available as Deliciously Kissable Belly Button Love Potion Fragrances and Kissable Whipped Body Creams with Candy Sprinkles. The rich and smooth cream and belly button fragrance rolls on at \$34.

Despite their rapidly growing popularity, Urban Decay and Dessert have not yet cornered the market. Lip Smackers by Bonne Bell, lip glosses by Burt's Bees, and lip balms and glosses by Lotta Luv are still hot-ticket items.

Costing significantly less than lip products by Urban Decay and Dessert, these other brands bring color, shine and, of course, flavor to lips with a veritable smorgasbord of selections.

Lip Smackers' tastes include pink lemonade, cotton candy, red licorice, milk chocolate mint and more. Burt's Bees glosses are fruit-flavored and Lotta Luv balms and glosses hint that they are bad for you.

Even with flavors like Sweet Tarts, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Twinkies, Cinnabon, Tootsie Roll and Junior Mint, you don't have to feel ashamed for slathering it on, or going back for seconds or thirds.

Go ahead and indulge yourself with the newest in lip and body products. They'll make your lips and skin look great, plus they're calorie-free so you'll never have to feel guilty. Who knew looking this good could taste this great?

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Do It Yourself

Make your own flavored lip tint using Jell-O. Choose your favorite Jell-O flavor and dip a damp cotton swab into the powder. Lick your lips, drag the swab across and wait five more minutes before licking it off. Finish off your lips with clear lip gloss.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 20). Plan brief social encounters before midweek and avoid detailed romantic discussions. At present, nostalgic reflection and quiet activities will bring renewed energy. Later this week, a close friend may require complex career or business advice. Offer encouragement but advocate caution. Long-term debt may quickly prove unmanageable.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Home decisions and family promises demand clarity. Loved ones may ask probing questions or address changing expectations. No serious or long-lasting effects are accented, so not to worry. Wednesday through Friday, social obligations and public responsibility are a source of concern.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Romantic choices, social triangles and conflicting schedules require added diplomacy. Friends and lovers may be mildly possessive of your time. Don't be unnerved. A competition for your attention should be taken as a compliment. After Thursday, family relations will intensify.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Over the next few days, employment schemes may trigger intense discussions. Late Tuesday expect close relatives and friends to outline unusually creative or unrealistic career plans. Sensitivity to criticism may be high. After midweek, love relationships are a top priority. For many Cancerians several months of strained relations will end. Don't hold back.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Old romantic memories or distant friends are accented over the next five days. Many Leos will feel drawn toward the comfort of yesterday's relationships. Take extra time for contemplation and quiet reflection. Later this week, co-workers or business partners may ask for detailed written contracts. Financial promises, added duties and long-term daily

obligations are accented.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At present, long-term friends or lovers may be fearful of change, abandonment or emotional loss. All of this is a quickly passing mood, so not to worry. Do, however, offer concrete dates, times or promises. After Thursday, watch also for a sudden increase in workplace cooperation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Early this week, a close relative may outline revised career goals or new financial aspirations. Thoroughly discuss all ideas and small details. Expect concrete change before June. Thursday through Saturday highlights complex social triangles. Friends, lovers or co-workers may feel mildly threatened by last-minute change. Avoid long-term promises, if possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Improved workplace skills or new educational programs may soon be key influences. In the coming weeks, many Scorpios will feel a strong desire to search out new career opportunities. Ask for advice. After midweek, a distant or isolated relative may make contact. This is a powerful week for renewed home agreements and subtle family negotiations. Remain receptive to all creative proposals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Home celebrations and family events will prove rewarding over the next eight days. Early Monday, a previously reluctant friend or relative may offer unique invitations. Social insight and empathy will bring the desired results. Remain open to subtle gestures of affection or small apologies. Late Saturday, a brief financial restriction may be bothersome.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Financial promises may be briefly unreliable. After Tuesday, a close friend or family member may outline a revised long-term budget, business plan or payment

schedule. Offer creative suggestions and encourage further research. Later this week, social habits and daily family patterns are vital to long-term relationships. Loved ones may ask for added commitments, new promises or shared home agreements.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Property agreements and short-term leases may require detailed revisions. Although worthwhile, important documents may present inaccurate calculations or definitions. An honest review of the facts will eventually prove helpful. After Friday, a new social relationship may quickly turn romantic. Be prepared for passionate flirtations or sudden declarations of love.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Share private moments with loved ones and romantic partners. At present, key relationships may need to move to a more intimate or committed level. Use this time to explore changing affections or discuss common home, social or family goals. Thursday through Saturday also accent financial decisions and ongoing debt. Close relatives or romantic partners may ask for added time or special consideration. Trust your instincts.

If your birthday is this week ... Social politics may become increasingly demanding over the next 18 weeks. Friends, lovers and close colleagues will provide vague promises, but expect undivided loyalty. After mid-June, watch also for a series of passionate romantic proposals. Short-term travel, revised living arrangements or public celebrations are accented. Long-term commitments will be obvious and reliable by July 8. Pace yourself and watch for subtle changes. September through late November also highlight complex workplace improvements. Promotions, career security and new job titles may be on the agenda. Stay open to fast revisions.

Memories from page B1

Pirate basketball felt the loss of Gabriel Mikulas and all of eastern North Carolina felt the ice and snow that closed the university.

As we thawed out, Dance 2004 entertained audiences, *The Passion of the Christ* brought in millions of dollars and Charlize Theron became our favorite *Monster* and an Oscar winner who wasn't from New Zealand.

March went by quickly with a week off for Spring Break and a new group of "American Idols" who made Fantasia Brino and William Hung household names. SGA elections were plagued with

a technical difficulty, but the voter turnout was one of the highest ever.

With April, we enjoyed visits from Kevin Smith, another Great Race down the Hill and a swingin' afternoon with Big Bad Voodoo Daddy at the 25th Annual Barefoot on the Mall. The TV season will see the last "Friends" and "Sex and the City," the return of "Punk'd" and more of the ubiquitous "Apprentice" phrase, "You're fired."

Graduation is around the corner, and soon the campus will be filled with caps and gowns, cars stuffed to the brim

with dorm belongings and tons of family and friends wishing the new graduates well.

College is seen as the best years of our lives, a time when we will choose our careers, make life-long friends, perhaps find love and truly discover who we are.

This year has flown by, but it will remain in our memories as one of the best years spent at ECU. To the graduates of 2004, congratulations and best of luck in all of your endeavors.

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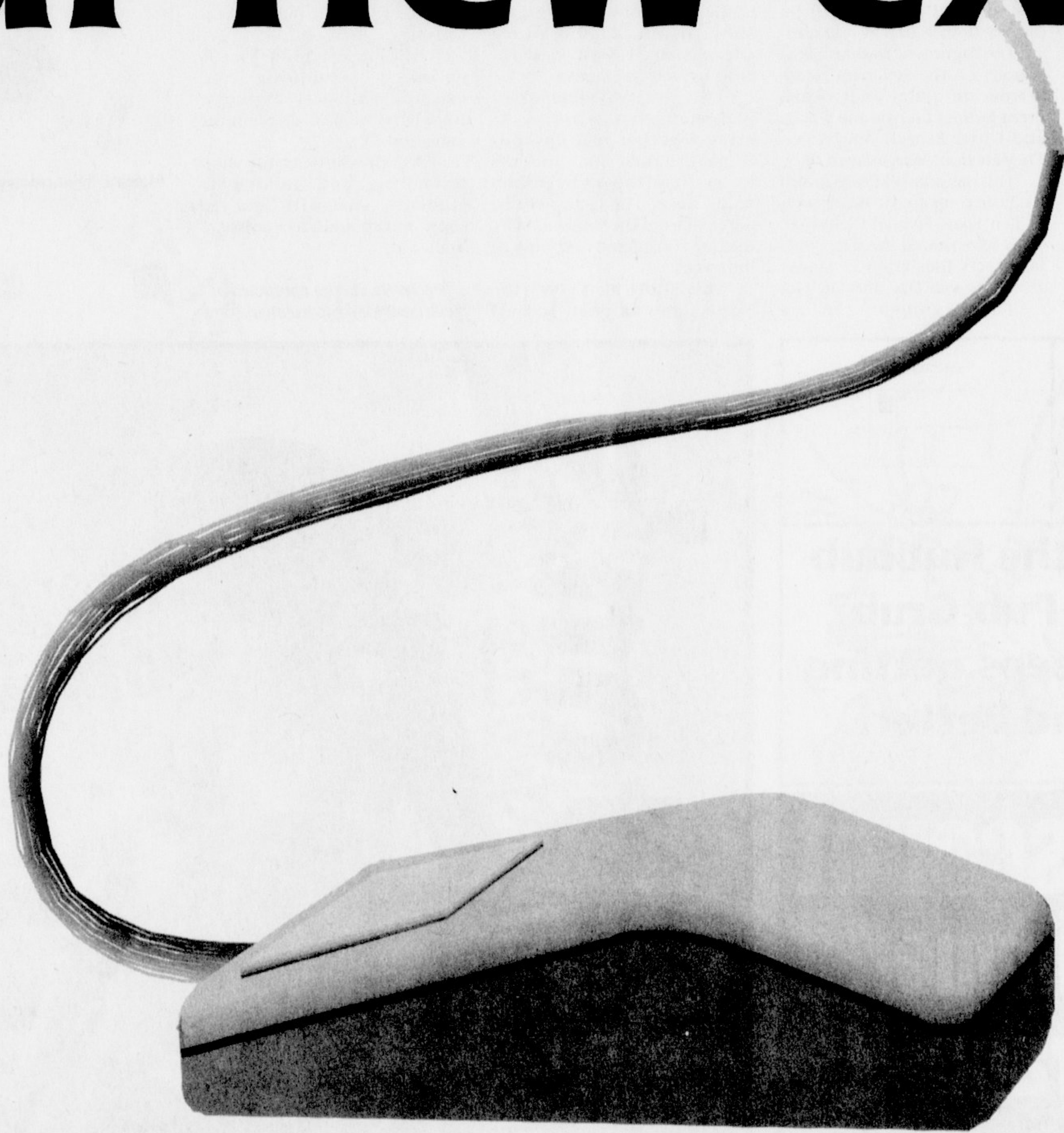
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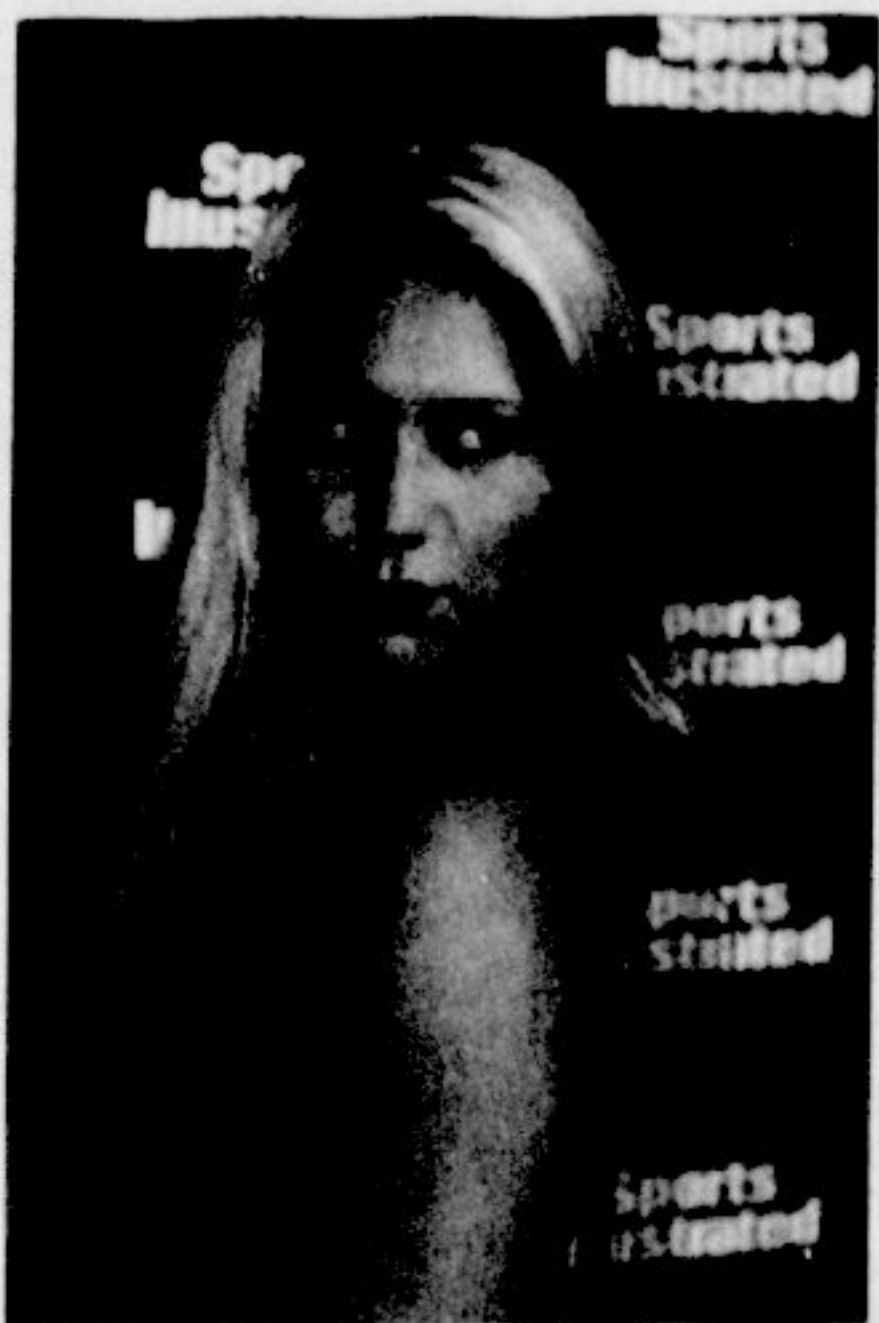
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(KRT) — The Kournikova clan is not feeling the love. Daughter Anna, the 22-year-old tennis starlet, is being sued by her parents, who claim she's snatched their Miami Beach house from them.

Sergei and Alla Kournikova's suit in Miami-Dade Circuit Court alleges that the seven-bedroom waterfront home, purchased for

\$5 million in 2000, belongs to the whole family. They want it "partitioned," meaning they want money for their share of the home.

As with most family disputes, there may be more here than meets the eye. Are the 'rents taking out their frustrations that Anna has gone further because of her supermodel looks (she's netted Latin crooner Enrique Iglesias) than her tennis talents? After all, the gal's never won a singles tournament.



AN ELECTRIC DEFEAT? More fallout from Wednesday night's "American Idol" debacle - the worst upset in recent music history, when curvaceous Jen-

nifer Hudson was voted off the show. As traumatized fans struggle to recover from the shock, a new theory has emerged.

According to the syndicated gossip show "Extra," storms in the Midwest knocked out power in Chicago, Hudson's hometown. So more than 15,000 fans there couldn't watch "Idol" or vote for their favorite diva. The show's producers say there's nothing they can do.

Meanwhile, Hudson, 22, is taking her defeat in stride. "I wasn't shocked at all," she said Friday on Fox's "Good Day Live." "If you've noticed, I've been through the fire." As R&B fan Friedrich Nietzsche once said: "What doesn't kill me makes me stronger."

PARIS AT YOUR VIDEO STORE!

Glorious news for citizens eagerly awaiting June 16, when Paris Hilton's "The Simple Life 2" debuts on Fox. Now there's something else to celebrate. The Rick

Salomon-directed, X-rated vid starring America's favorite trash-couture-wearing celebrante will be released a day earlier.

Red Light District Video will release a 45-minute version of the amateur sex tape to adult video stores around the country. The tape, tastefully titled *One Night in Paris*, has seven minutes of never-before-seen action.



Rock bands lash out against Bush



(KRT) — Without singing a solitary note, Natalie Maines and the Dixie Chicks were thrust into one of last year's biggest political controversies when the singer told a London audience she was ashamed to be from the same state as the president.

With the country braced for war, patriotism was on the charts. Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)" and Darryl Worley's "Have You Forgotten?" were big hits on country radio, where the Dixie Chicks were quickly ostracized for Maines' criticism of Bush's Iraq policy.

But, as another famous singer once observed, the times they are a-changin'. There's a polarizing presidential election campaign under way, and troops have been in Iraq for more than a year now, which means other viewpoints are increasingly surfacing among musicians. In the same way that Keith and Worley exhorted crowds to support President Bush at a March 2003 troop rally at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., rock stars critical of the president now are lobbying their fans.

"We're trying to inform our fans on how bad this administration is and how the administration negatively affects them," says Fat Mike Burkett, of punk band NOFX, in an e-mail about his partisan nonprofit group Punk Voter.

Such organizations use music to push for voter registration among young fans, often with a partisan slant.

On Tuesday, Punk Voter released *Rock Against Bush*, Vol.

1, a compilation album featuring unreleased songs by punk bands such as Alkaline Trio, Less Than Jake, New Found Glory, Social Distortion and Sum 41. There's also a series of "Rock Against Bush" tours on the road.

Burkett estimates that his organization registers about 100 voters at each 1,800-seat concert hall the tour plays. He and other young activists are energized that such numbers could swing November's presidential race.

At last month's South by Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas, the nonprofit Music for America was spreading the word at a "Rock Against Bush" showcase coordinated with Burkett's Fat Wreck Chords label and punkvoter.com. The show featured punk bands such as Gainesville, Fla.-based Against Me! and Minneapolis-based Dillinger Four.

Between angry songs, musicians lashed out at the president: "You know the rich kids you went to high school

with?" barked Dillinger Four bassist Patrick Costello. "That's him!"

On an outdoor patio, Molly Lewis, a representative of Music For America, was handing out literature about the organization, which aims to motivate at least 1 million young voters to go to the polls in November. Like Punk Voter, Music for America portrays the Bush administration as wrong on education, the economy, the war, health care and other social issues.

It's a different approach from the longstanding Rock the Vote, which takes a nonpartisan stance on candidates when pushing young people to vote. Lewis, 25, claims that method is becoming outdated.

"It's tough to convince our peers how important it is without talking about reasons to vote and how screwed up we're getting if we don't," she says. "That becomes part of the message: Look what's happening because we're not voting."

Quiet Riot from page B1

—sometimes growling, sometimes yelling and sometimes soft and vulnerable, while the guitar, bass and drums weave an intricate tapestry of interplay, time signatures and hooks."

A band more widely known, Farewell, started in the summer of 2002 in Rocky Mount. They have now moved to Greensboro to get deeper into the indie/rock genre that is quite popular there.

Farewell features Jeff Ellis on drums, Joe Norkus on bass and vocals, Jordan Bullock on guitar and vocals, Marshall Davis, who is the lead singer and on keyboard, and Ryan Morgan on guitar and vocals. Some of Farewell's influences include The Cure, Green Day, Alkaline

Trio and Midtown. Farewell's set is from 8:40 p.m. - 9:25 p.m.

Last, but definitely not least, The Argument will take stage. They are headlining Not So Quiet Riot and will be playing from 9:40 p.m. - 11 p.m.

The Argument features Scott Simons on the keyboard, Matt Warder on guitar and vocals, Brent Bunner on bass and vocals and Chris Russell on drums. They are from Morgantown, WV.

This nationally known group has been compared to bands such as Ben Folds Five and Jellyfish. They have shared the stage with large acts like Train, 3 Doors Down, Howie Day and OK Go. The Argument can be

described as "alt-pop" with intelligent and original song writing. The show will be full of energy and talent.

The Argument was named among the top 10 unsigned bands in the country by the American Music Awards, and Coca-Cola and was named best in West Virginia by *Graffiti Magazine*.

The Not So Quiet Riot is a show that is trying to bring together real up-and-coming bands for students to see from the underground music scene. The bands will be different from the bands on MTV that are considered new, emo or indie rock.

This show also gives the North Carolina music scene a

chance to flourish and blend together among their peers who can appreciate and support their music.

"It is a promotional way of busting out the up-and-coming acts of new, fresh music," said Matthijs.

The Not So Quiet Riot is definitely something fun, exciting and very different from what we hear daily on the radio and TV.

"WZMB will be at the show promoting and talking to students. This will be a rad show and shouldn't be missed," Trail said.

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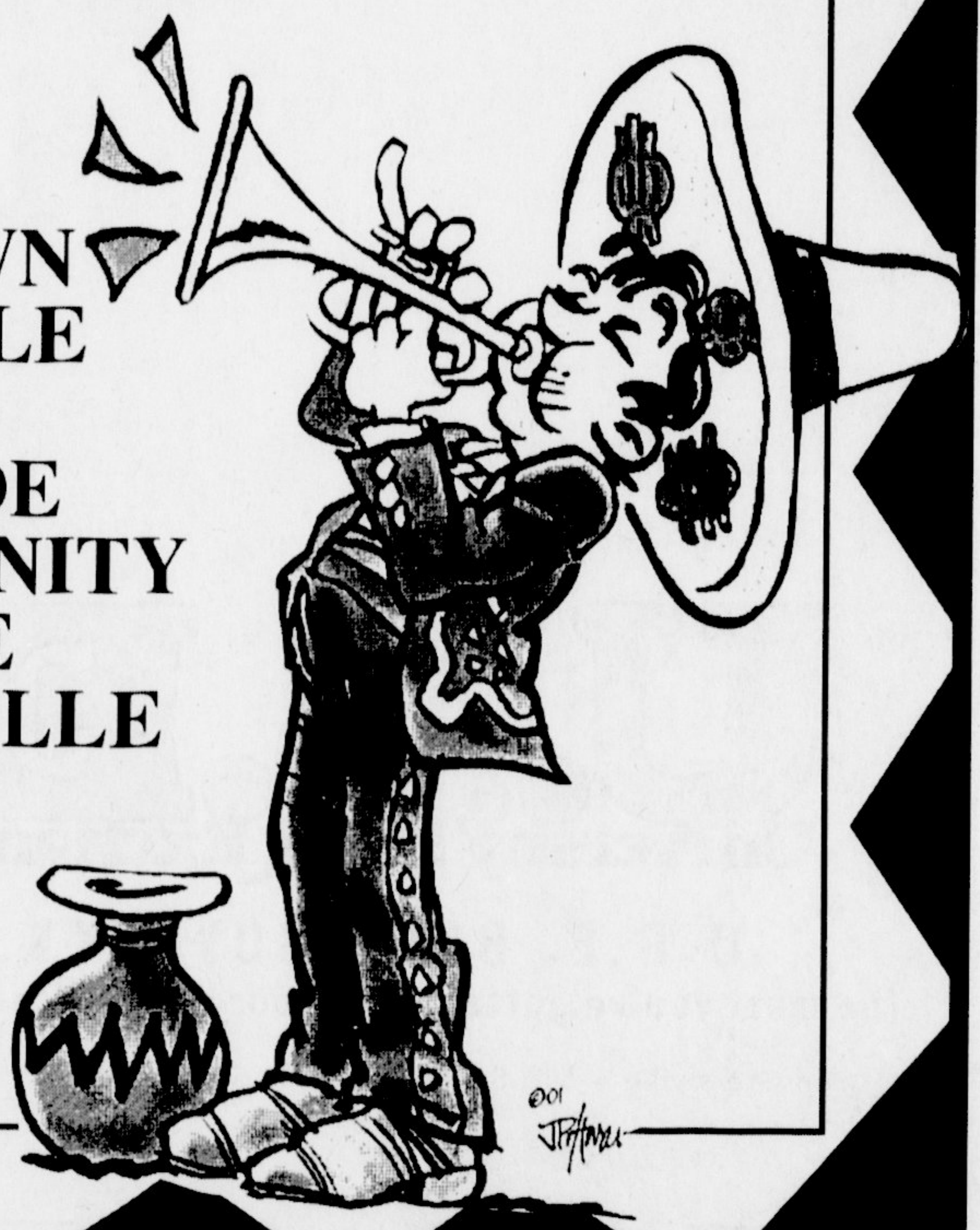
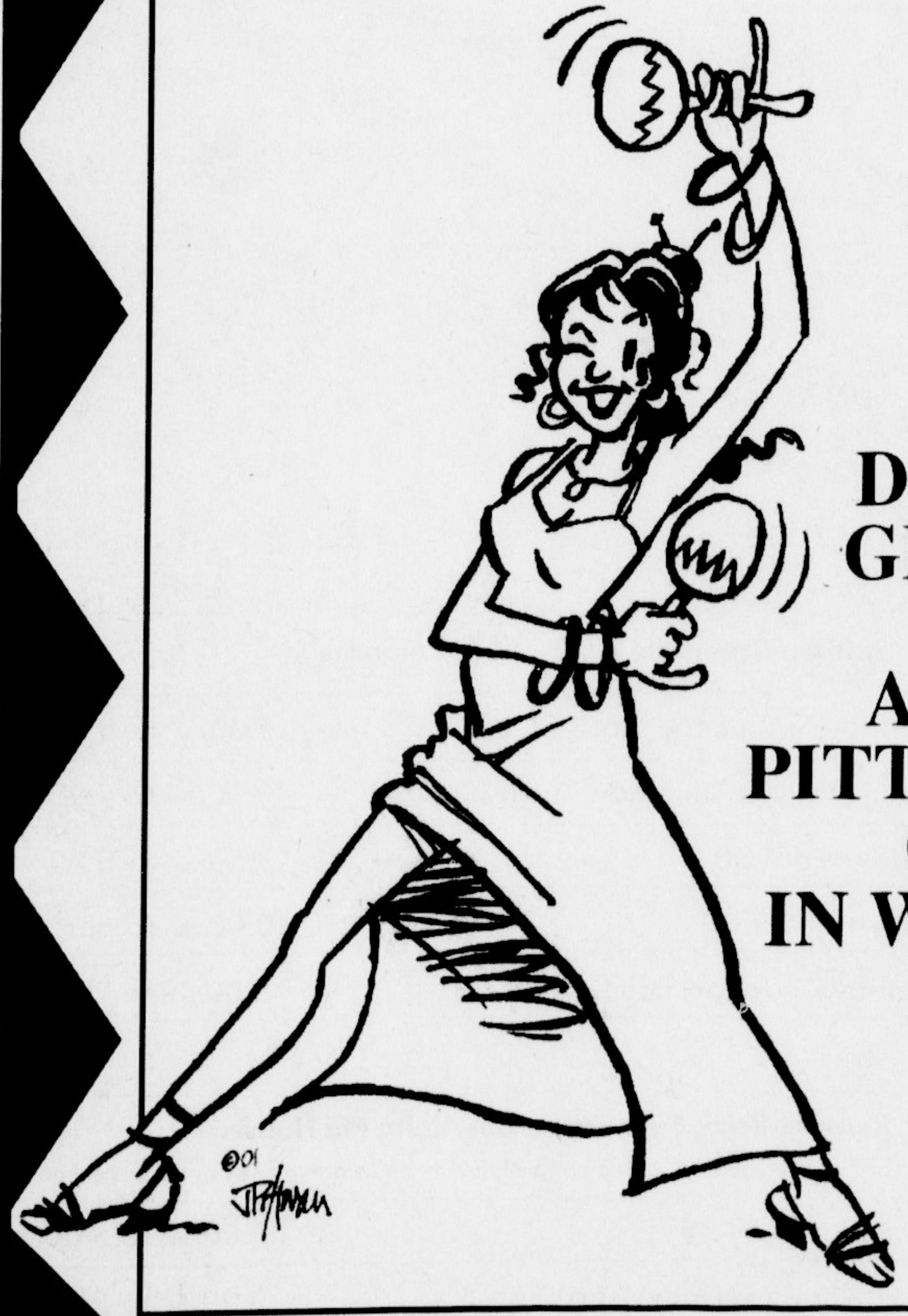
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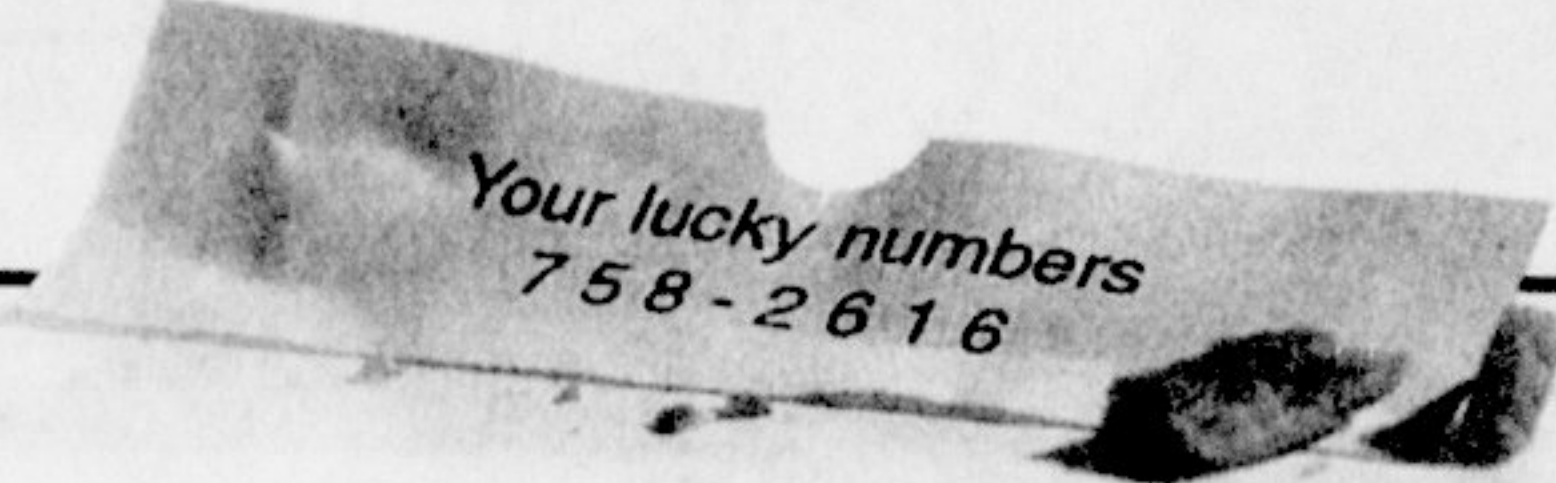


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