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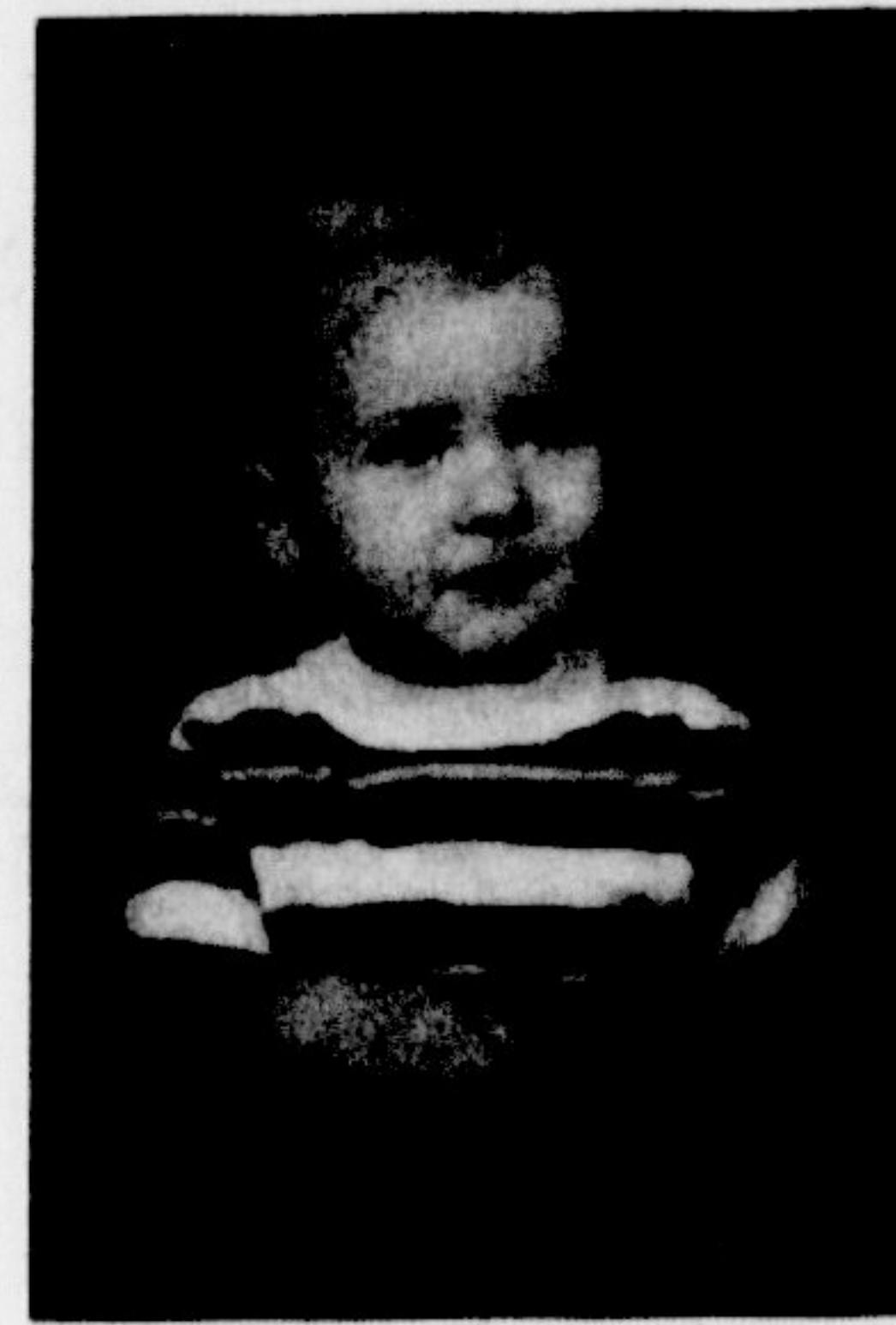
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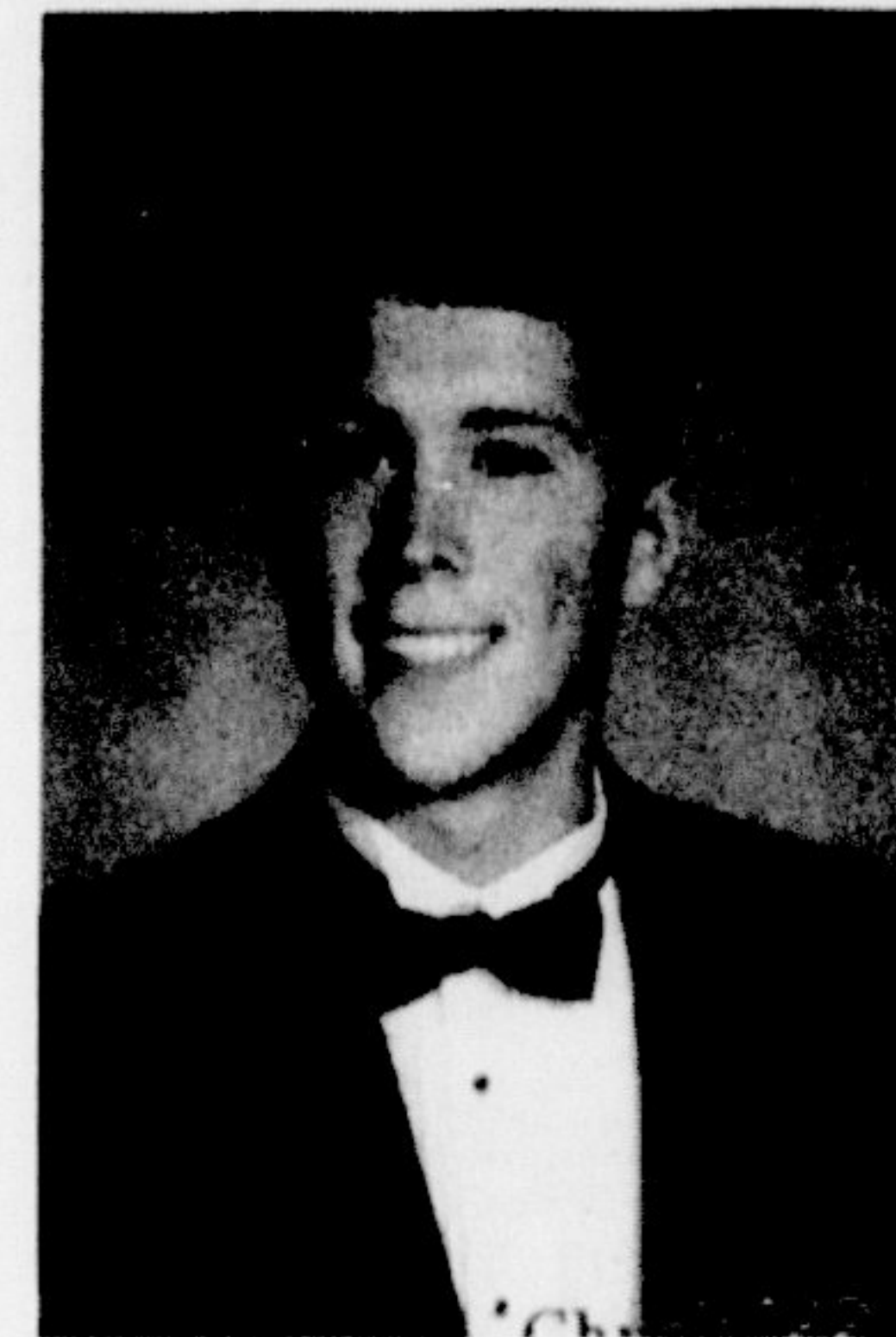
Thanks for all your hard  
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With Love,  
*Mom and Dad*

**LINDSEY CARNICK ABER**



Lindsey  
You have worked so hard  
and we are so proud of you!  
The spotlight is on you!  
You deserve it, Princess.  
*Love, Mom, Dad, and  
Brandon*

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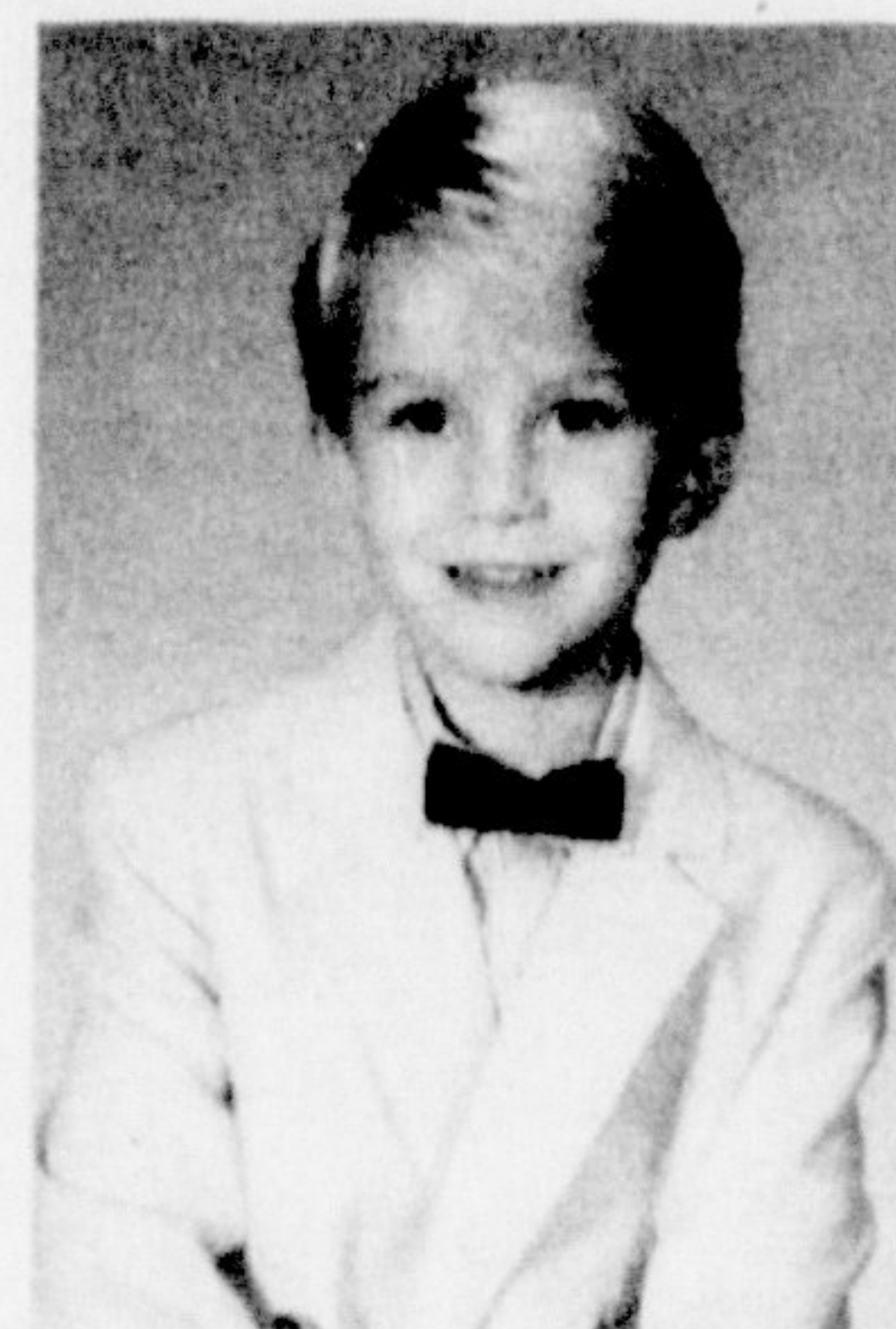
KRISTIN- You are our light  
and inspiration and we are  
so proud of you and love  
you very much!

*Mom & Dad*

**SARAH NICOLE SELIGSON**

A milestone passed, new  
things begun, dreams as  
shining as the sun, a goal  
achieved, a victory won-  
that's graduation.

*Love, Mom, Dad, and Josh*

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Your family is very proud  
of you, you can accomplish  
anything you set your  
mind to.

*Love, Mom*

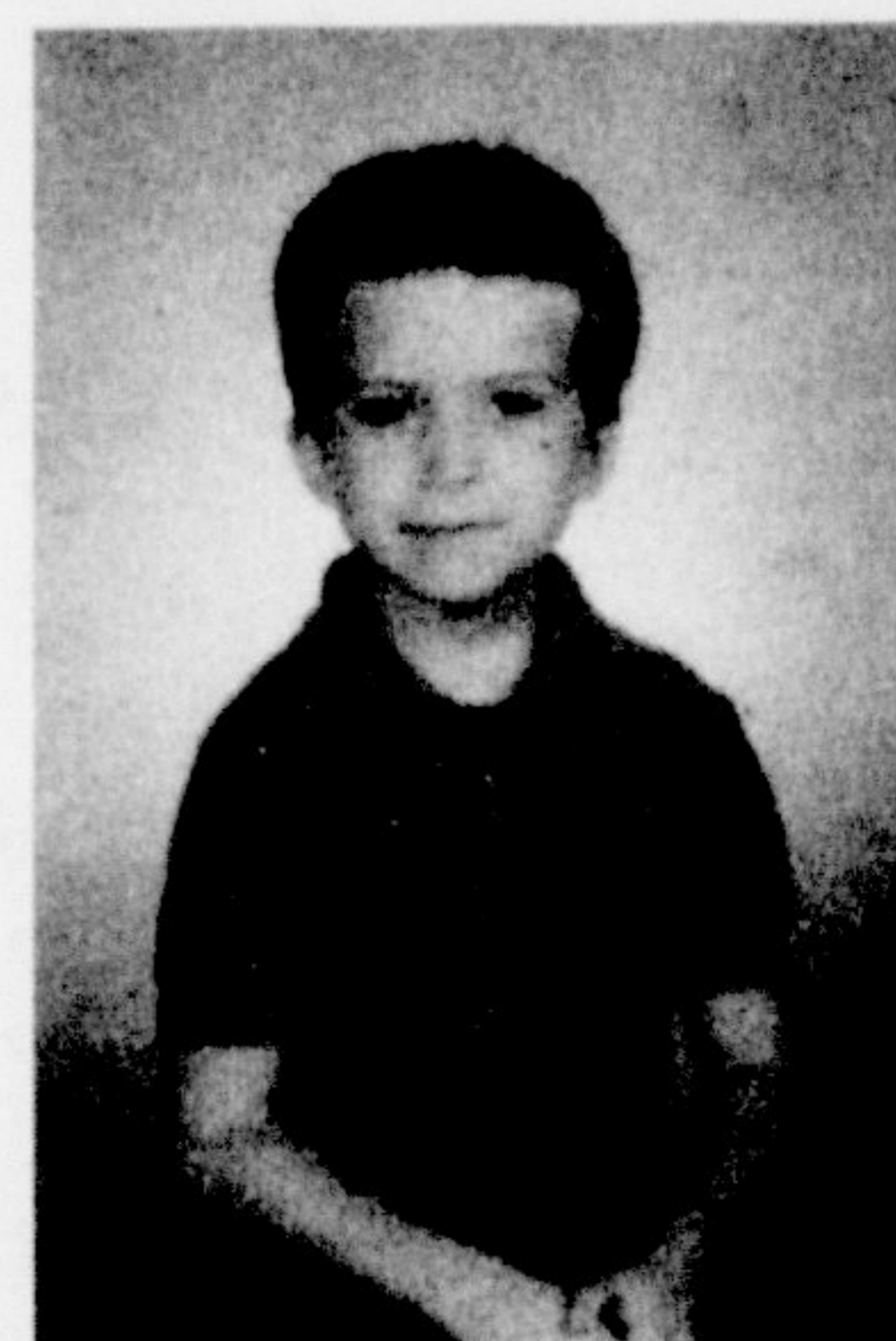
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A Blue Moon has Risen!  
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have done it! We're soooo  
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You have grown from a  
precious, little girl to a  
loving, beautiful, and  
accomplished young  
woman! We love you and  
are so proud of you!

*Mom & Dad*

**ASHLEY ELIZABETH TRAYLOR**

What we are is God's gift to  
us, What we become is our  
gift to God. We're so proud  
of you!!

*Love, Mom & Dad*

**TIA BRENITA MARLOWE**

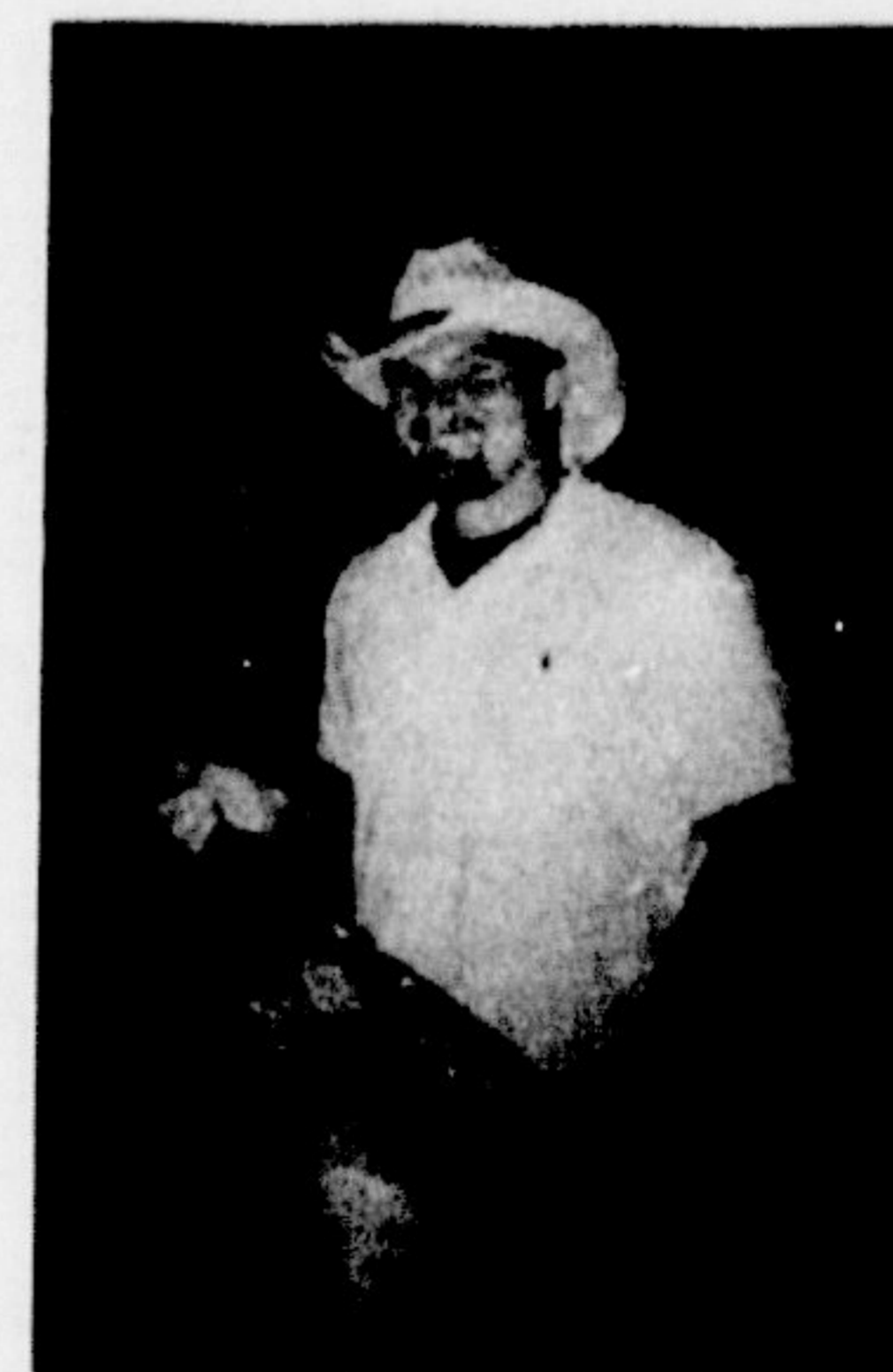
Glory to God!  
"With God all things are  
possible." His Word is true-  
Tia is graduating! We are so  
proud of you!

*Love, Mommie & Daddy*

**KAREN NICOLE LEE**

Congratulations!! Karen's  
graduating! We're so proud  
of you and we love you!

*Mom & Dad*

**CHRISTOPHER BRENT VAUGHN**

We are proud of you! You  
have excelled from the  
rugby field to the classroom.

We love you!

*Mom, Dad and everyone  
here today.*

**DAVID VANCE**

David's graduating! You  
have completed a milestone  
in your life. We're proud of  
you and we love you.

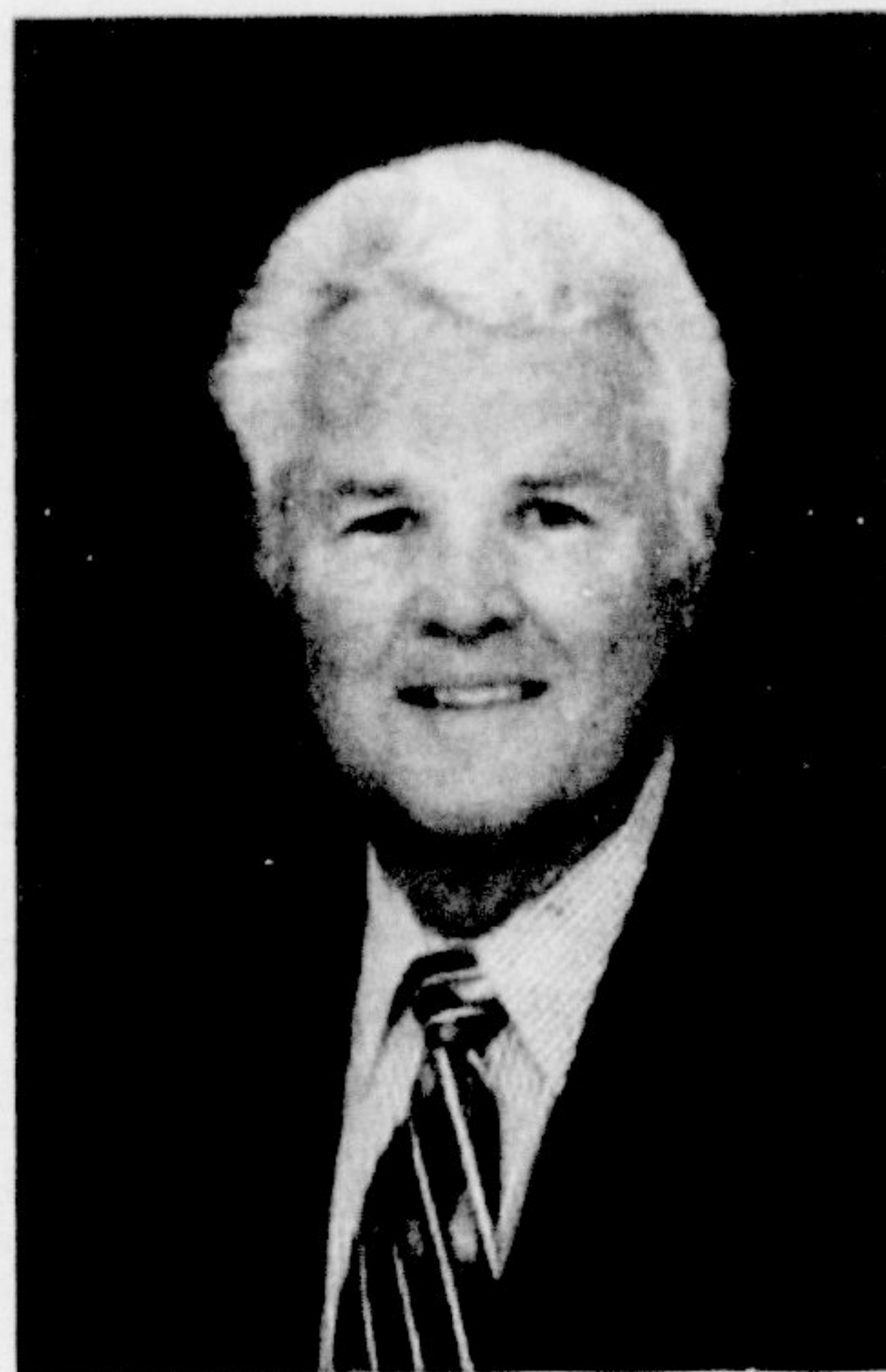
*Mom & Dad*

**MARY ELIZABETH NORTON**

You have come a long way  
Baby! Congratulations  
2004 Graduate!  
We are proud of you and we  
love you!

*Mom & Dad*

# Shelton to speak at graduation



SHELTON

*No formal guest speaker set for ceremonies*

**AMANDA LINGERFELT**  
FEATURES EDITOR

In previous graduation ceremonies, world-renowned lecturers and authors have come to speak to ECU's graduates. However, this year, there will not be a formal speaker.

Austin Bunch, assistant to the chancellor for University Relations, said instead of providing such a lecture at this year's ceremony, Interim Chancellor William Shelton will say a few words at the morning and afternoon ceremonies.

Shelton came to ECU in July of 2000 to serve as vice chancellor for University Advancement where he was responsible for ECU's fundraising, alumni affairs, communication, marketing and athletics.

Prior to his position at ECU, Shelton served as president of Eastern Michigan University, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Kent State University in Ohio and vice president for University Services at Henderson State University in Arkansas.

Shelton, a Tennessee native, holds bachelors and masters degrees in history from the University of Memphis and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi.

A former sportscaster and motivational speaker, Shelton has been active in many professional and civic activities. He has served on the NCAA Presidents' Commission and the National Education Commission on Time and Learning, chaired the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct in Intercollegiate Athletics and was the 1995 president of the Mid-American Conference.

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## How to become an active alumni

*Membership benefits help graduates stay connected*

**JASMINE D. HARRELL**  
STAFF WRITER

Students preparing for May graduation can stay in touch with classmates by becoming active alumni.

The Alumni Center, currently under renovation at the Taylor-Slaughter house, is responsible for ECU alumni affairs across the nation.

Elizabeth Ellerbe, assistant director of alumni relations, said any student that graduates from ECU or has attended two consecutive semesters in pursuit of a degree will automatically be registered as an alumnus or alumna and can enjoy benefits such as class reunions, award dinners and networking.

To be considered active, members must participate in local alumni events.

"The Alumni Office offers some great benefits for alumni," said Ellerbe.

"Some of these benefits include reduced auto insurance through Liberty Mutual and Collegiate Funding Service, a way to pay back student loans at a lower interest rate."

Alumni have access to an online directory that allows members to post class updates, such as weddings or births.

Once students graduate, their OneStop accounts will automatically expire, but when graduates register online, they will have their own alumni e-mail account.

Ellerbe said there are 106,000 active ECU alumni, and Pitt County alone has 10,000 members.

"We want as many [graduates] to be active because we're always trying to expand our circle of friends," Ellerbe said.

Graduates can stay active no matter where they are located because of the widespread alumni chapters across the United States. If there is not a chapter located near an alumni member, one can be started with help from the ECU Alumni Office.

Ellerbe said the Alumni Association is always looking for volunteers as a way to expand ECU's alumni and activities. Volunteers are needed to call classmates, find locations for events, nominate classmates and be part of the reunion committee, which helps plan class reunions held during homecoming.

"A lot of alumni are interested in career alumni events, so we're trying to target events that make people want to come and that people will be interested in," Ellerbe said.

They are also planning freshman send-offs, which is an invitation sent to all incoming freshmen for a planned event in which students, family and alumni can enjoy activities and door prizes.

"We're always trying to reach out to alumni," Ellerbe said.

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With the help of Paul Clifford, the new associate vice chancellor of ECU Alumni Relationships, Ellerbe said she hopes to continue expansion and reach new heights.

Ellerbe said the alumni association will be changing the alumni chapter names from counties to cities to make chapters more identifiable and will be starting a new Triad chapter including Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill in the near future.

To make sure alumni are informed of all the opportunities, they should make sure their e-mail address is current in the Alumni Association's database by calling 1-800-ECU-GRAD.

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**BERNADETTE CORAL WILSON**

I think I can;  
I think I can;  
You did it!!  
"Thanks be to God"  
We love you.

*Mom & Dad*  
*Joshua 1:9*

**CANDACE CHERYL MOORE**

The business world better  
beware because those  
beautiful, big brown eyes  
can sell anything! We're  
so proud of you for setting  
your goals high.  
Congratulations!

*Love, Mom & Dad*

**NICHOLE LEE MOORE**

The teaching profession  
needs loving, caring people  
like you. We're so proud of  
you for setting your goals  
and reaching them. We  
love you! Congratulations!

*Mom & Dad*

**MICHELLE LYNN MCDONALD**

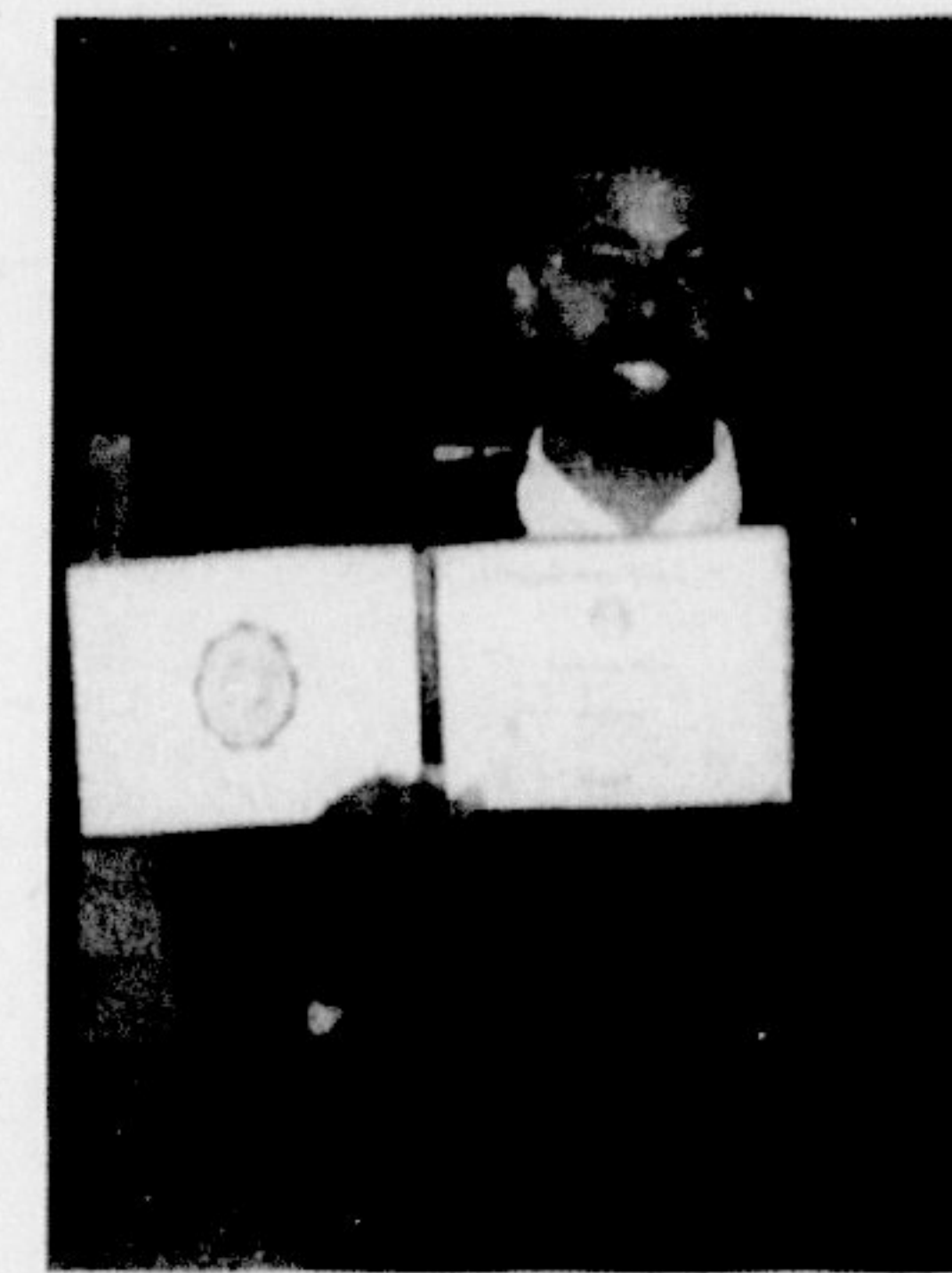
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just like yesterday you were  
born. Today you're  
graduating. You have  
always made us  
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you. Congratulations!  
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*We love you, Mom & Dad*

**TAD NICHOLAS PARSON**

God has had his hand on  
your life since you were  
born. May he continue to  
bless and guide you.

*Love, Dad, Mom, and Paige*

**TAD NICHOLAS PARSON**

Daddy, I'm so proud of you!

*Love, Isaac*

**TAD NICHOLAS PARSON**

Tad, You know I've always  
looked up to you and it's  
wonderful to have good  
footsteps to follow in.  
Congratulations!!!

*Love, Paige*

# We showed ours, now you show us yours

At the end of each semester, *The East Carolinian* reviews the events of the year with a collage of pictures our staff feels best represent news and activities that have taken place on and around our campus. In the spring of 2004, *TEC* requested photo contributions that highlight students' most memorable moments of the year. Here are the pictures students submitted.

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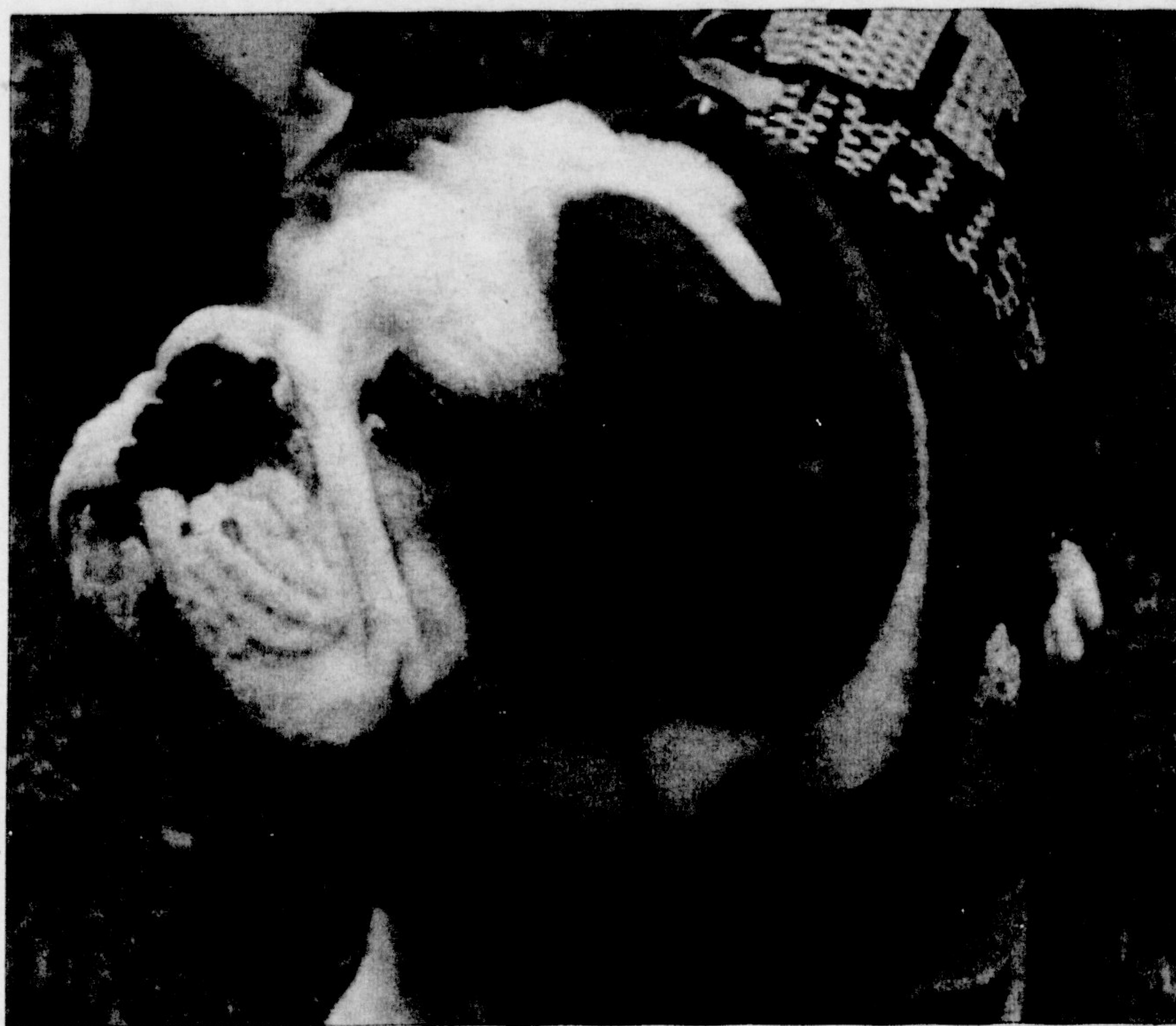


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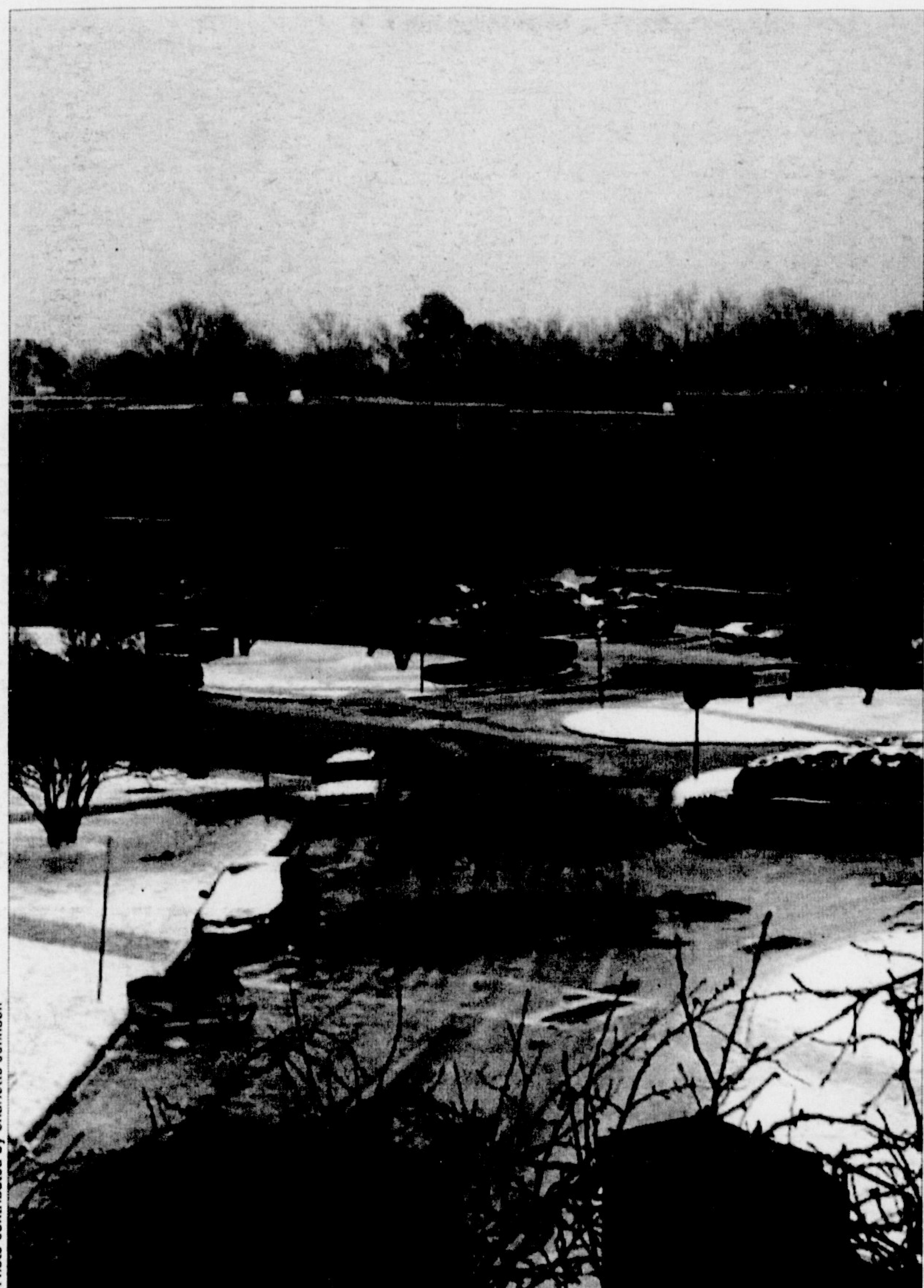


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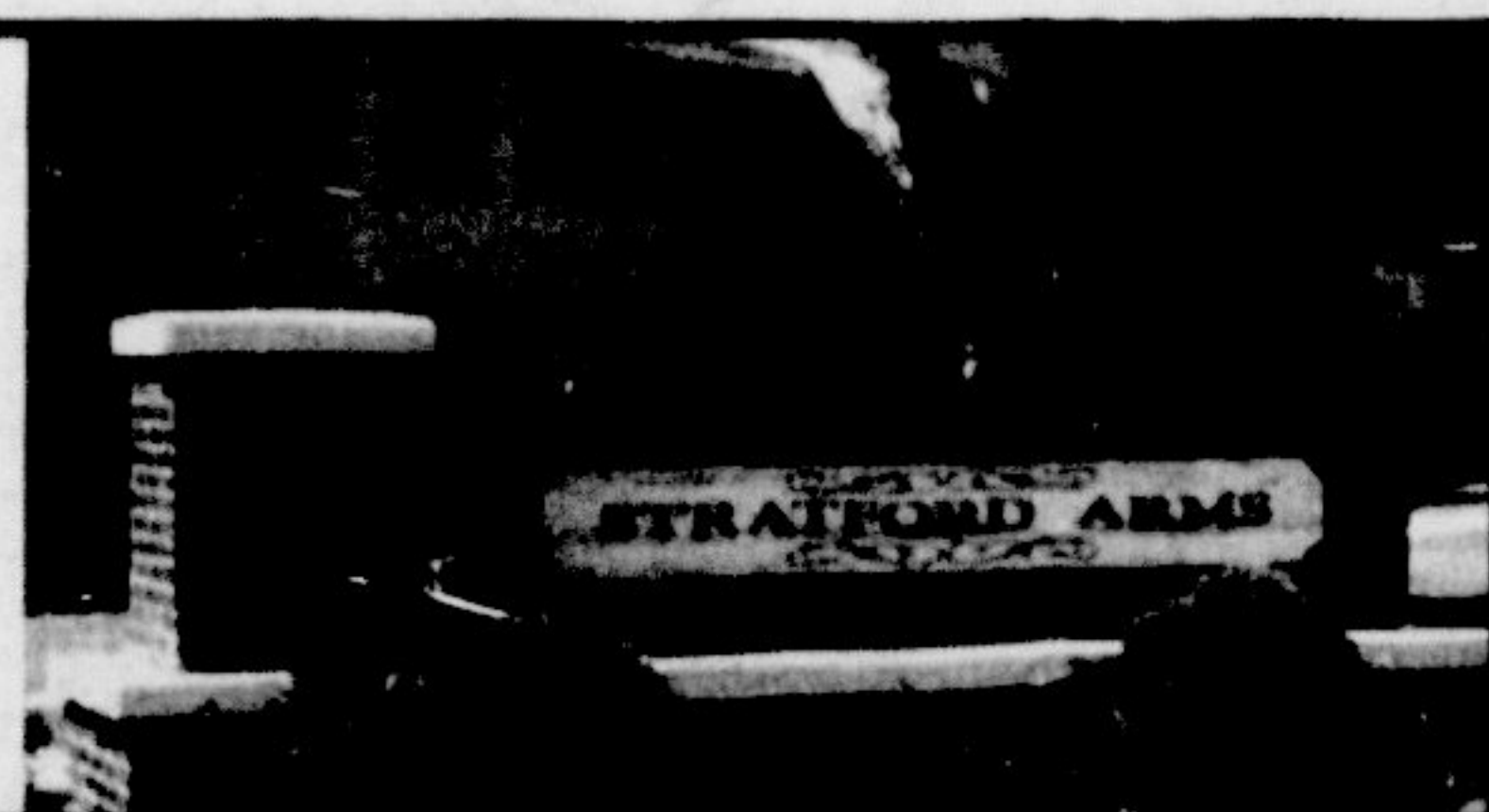
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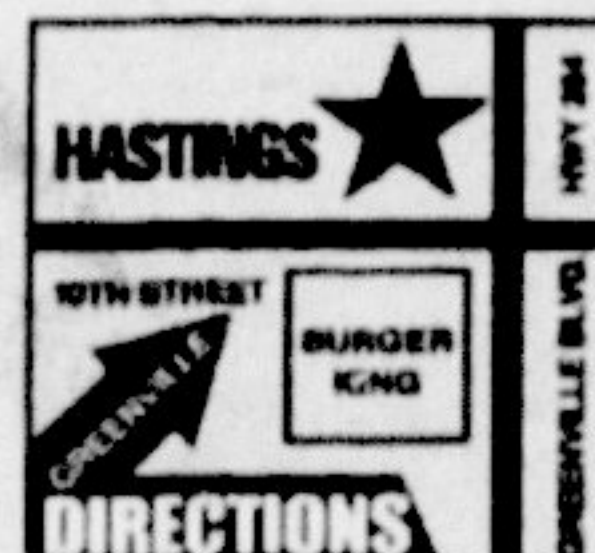
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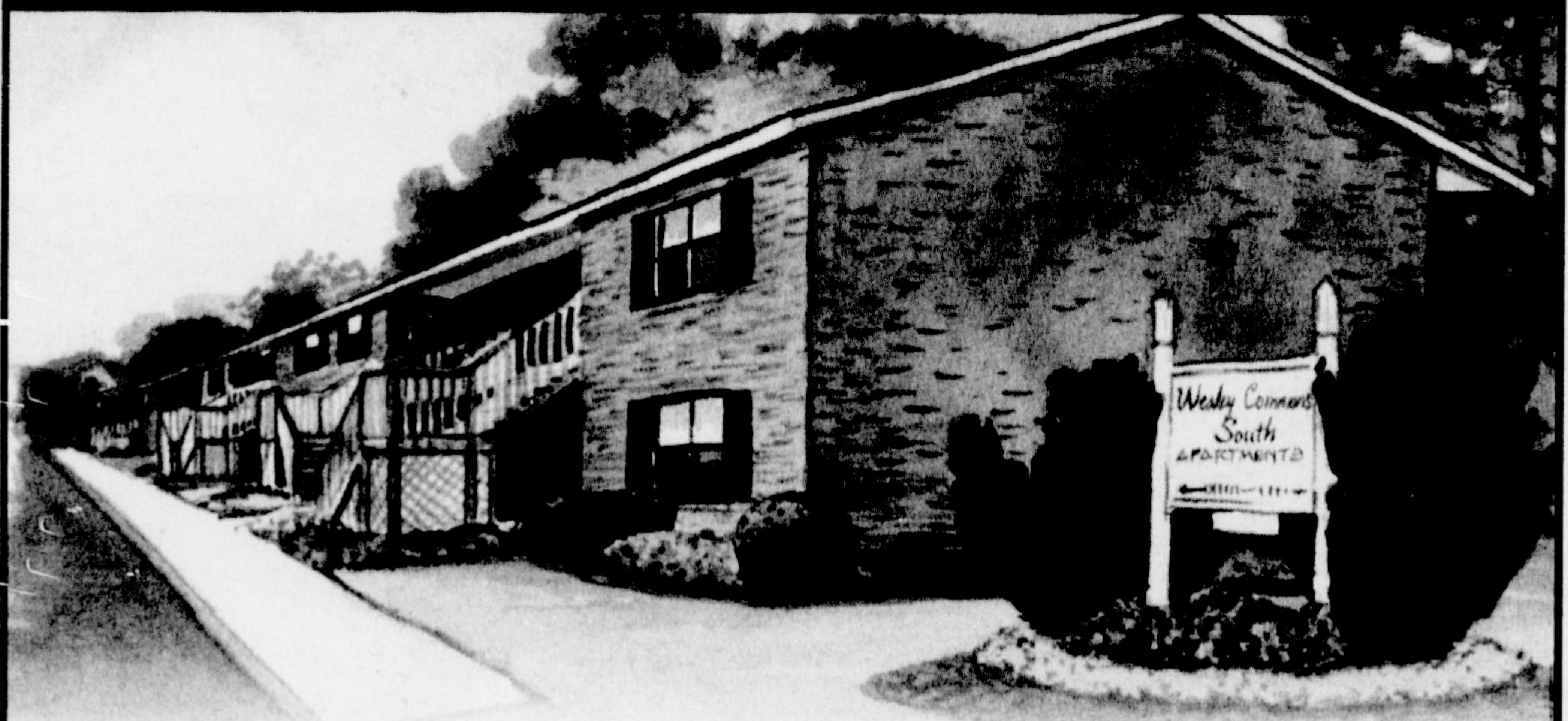


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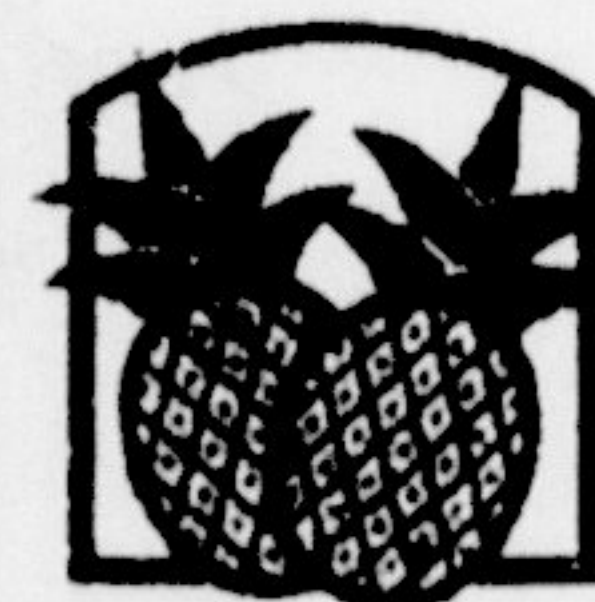
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*Love, Mom*

**JEANNE M. CZARNECKI**

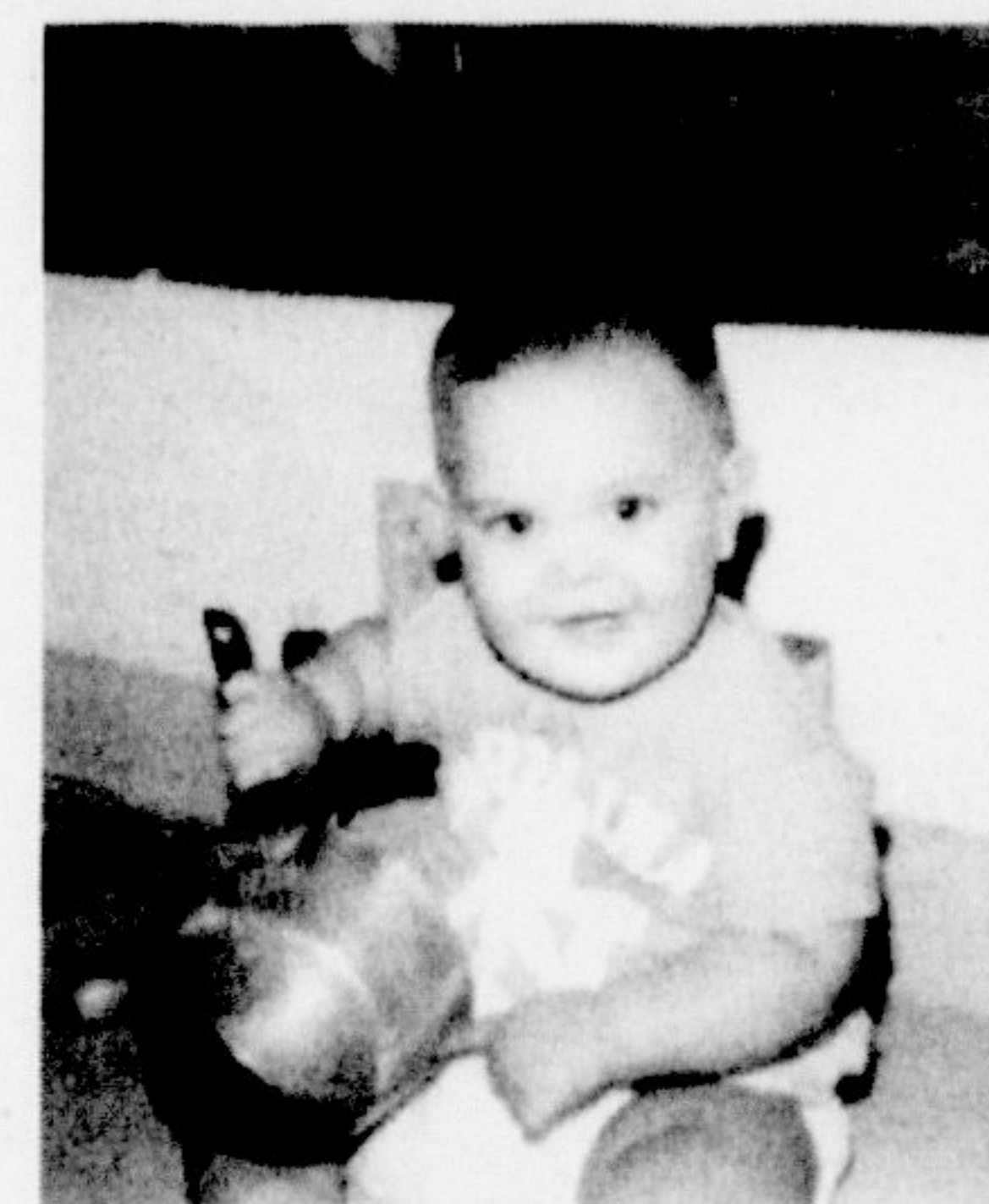
Congratulations! Jeanne, you have made it & I am very proud of you.

*Love, Brian*

**PHILLIP JUSTIN FOSTER**

Thank you Jesus for this day and for our son. We are proud of you.

*Mom & Dad*

**MICHAEL ANTHONY OAKLEY**

Mike, I'm so proud of you! God bless you in this new exciting phase of your life. I love you!

*Mom*

**ANDREW MARION HOLLINGSWORTH**

Congratulations!! Your hard work and our money paid off!!

*Love, Mom & Dad  
& your family*

**CHERYL LADAWN HARDY**

Cheryl, Congratulations, you made it! We are proud of you.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

*Mom & Renea*

**ASKIA K. DUNNON**

You are God's perfect gift. Truly remarkable, wonderful son. We love you.

*Mom, Dad, Toure,  
and Enkomo*

**JONATHAN SCOTT SCHEIBLER**

Jonathan,

Your love of music, your high standards, your achievements... We cannot express how proud we are of you. Congratulations!

*Love Mom and Dad*

# Student Professional Development is valuable alumni resource

*Services help alumni find post-graduate employment*

**LUKE SPENCER**  
STAFF WRITER

ECU's Student Professional Development helps alumni navigate the often-twisted course to employment after graduation.

"We at Student Professional Development believe strongly in assisting students in identifying and developing their potential and acting as a conduit to future success," said Suzanne Martin, assistant provost for Academic Affairs at SPD.

"Our goal at Student Professional Development is for [our patrons] to explore, experience, engage [in a variety of career fields] and arrive at the career of their choice."

SPD provides free services and programs to alumni. One program is the Pirate Alumni Network, which works in conjunction with the Alumni Association to serve as a resource to alumni who are

relocating to a new area or changing careers.

SPD offers resume and mock interview critiques. The SPD staff will personally review alumni resumes or help individuals practice the skills needed for successful interviewing. SPD will even record mock interviews to be reviewed later.

The program provides job search advising and coaching during which staff discuss individual needs. Alumni assistance in developing and implementing a job search plan is also provided.

A resource library and computer lab are available for references to career and job search topics, leadership and management skills.

"We would like all students to become involved with our office and take advantage of the services we offer," said Brian Newton, associate director of SPD.

"It is tremendously advantageous for transitioning into the working world."

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# How to land the job you really want

*Preparation, research follow graduation*

**LENORA BOWLER**  
STAFF WRITER

For many students, graduation marks the end of a four, five or even six-year journey through college life and an entrance into the real world. It can also mark the day that students discover that the real world isn't all it's cracked up to be.

With careful searching and planning, you can be on your way to the job of your dreams.

Brian Newton, associate director of Student Professional Development, said students need to find creative ways to learn about job opportunities. Networking and contacting key managers are most important while searching for a job, said Newton. Research the companies that interest you and contact them.

With an internship, you can gain experience. After this, you can send out letters and

make phone calls to set up appointments to talk with managers of your prospective job.

"Think of yourselves as products ... how can you effectively market yourself?" Newton said.

There are many popular Web sites to help find jobs. Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com and HotJobs.com give tips in posting resumes, interviewing and negotiating the right salary. These search engines allow job seekers to find positions throughout the nation in various job banks.

Students looking for jobs outside of North Carolina can go to SPD. One of their programs, "Career Search," allows students to search for certain fields of work in different regions. The program will not only list target companies for that specific region but also give names of key managers and contact information.

Newton said healthcare services, federal government services, Social Security Administration, construction industry and retail management are today's hottest jobs.

"The federal government has done a lot of recruiting in the last year," Newton said.

In an article on Monster.com, John Rossehim, Monster senior contributing writer, said college and recent graduate students have "a very good shot at a steady job for life" in accounting. Monster ranks accounting number 12 out of 44 among recent graduates seeking jobs.

The education field will be the most popular in the near future. Many new teachers seek suburban areas instead of the urban neighborhoods. Rural districts are in need of many teachers, including special education.

The healthcare field is growing, too. In 2000, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics concluded there were 2.2 million nurses in the United States, and the nation will need an additional half a million or more by 2010. The demand for nurses is extremely high, so not many prospective RNs will have a problem finding a secure position.

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**PETER JOSEPH MILLS**

Peter,  
 Congratulations on a job well done. The entire family is very proud of you! Good luck and God Bless Always.

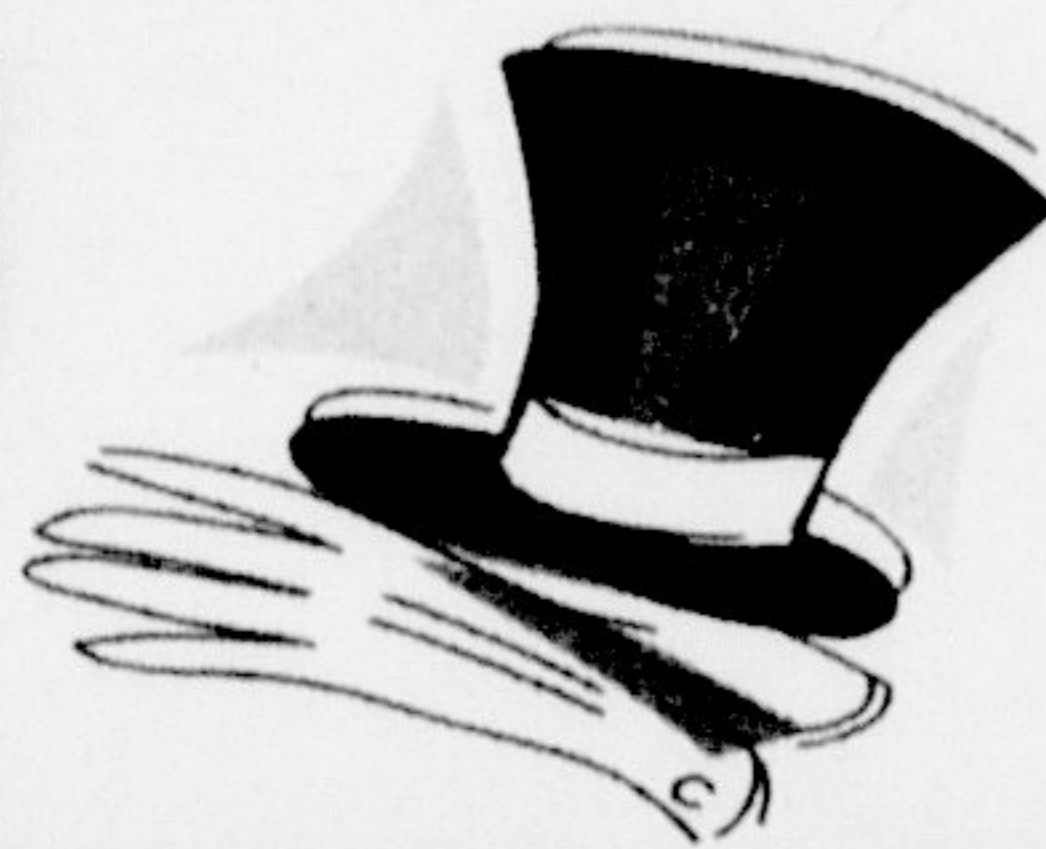
*Mom, Dad, and Family*

**CHRISTOPHER BLAIR KEETER**

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### **Women's Cross Country**

Tara DeBrielle  
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### **Men's Golf**

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### **Women's Golf**

Alyssa Hayes  
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Ashley Leonard

### **Football**

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### **Women's Tennis**

Lyndall Jordan  
Cristina Meilicke  
Paulina Sierpinski

### **Women's Track**

Estrella "Star" Coppin  
Victoria Gadson  
Demiko Picott  
Aspen Powell  
Melanie Robinson

### **Volleyball**

Alexis Jones

## *Pirates replace goals on field for goals in job market*

**RYAN DOWNEY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Graduation is finally here and along with it, the spring sports season is coming to a close. The end of the year means it's time to say goodbye to the comfy confines that make up campus and head off to the real world. The athletic department will say goodbye to 50 students athletes this year.

For athletic teams, graduation means the annual reshuffling of rosters. Coaches across the country reorganize in the hopes that the next season will be as magical as the one before.

The great thing about college sports that separates it from the pros is even though teams change from year to year, the spirit stays the same.

College sports is said not to be about the name on the back of the jersey as much as it is the name on the front. The loss of a star may be the end of an era, but it is also the chance for another to rise.

The diverse population will leave with knowledge gained from both work in the classroom and dedication in the competitive arena. For some, an athletic career paved the way for academic life with a full scholarship. Others competed with less funding, but not with less vigor.

There will be some notable exits from both ECU basketball teams this spring. Courtney Willis, who played a big role for the Lady Pirate basketball team, will graduate leaving behind a legacy that includes averaging 19.1 points a game and 10.3 rebounds a game this season. She is ranked fifth all-time on ECU's scoring list with 1,371 points.

Willis, who may be the 18th Lady Pirate on record to reach 1,000 points in her career, closed this season out by being named first-team All Conference USA, which makes her the first Lady Pirate in ECU's history to do so.


The men's basketball team will take the court next season without three familiar faces. Erroyl Bing, Gabriel Mikulas and Derrick Wiley (the team MVP) finished their eligibility and will leave the team to a young nucleus which includes two rising freshmen stars: Japhet McNeil, who led ECU in assists (97) and steals (36), and Mike Cook, who was named to the C-USA All-Freshmen team.

Jamie Paige will be parting from the Pirate baseball team at the end of this year, leaving behind a team he has helped climb to a No. 9 ranking in the national polls thus far this season. Paige is hitting .306 with one homerun and 22 RBI and recently set school and conference records in both hits and doubles in a single game.

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