



Jeremy Davis (left) and James Blalock wear head-mounted displays and computers while entering a marsh for collection and identification of mosquitoes.

New technology to fight West Nile virus, malaria

Virus-carrying mosquitoes tracked with computers

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The ECU Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing is working in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and Safety in tracking and identifying mosquitoes that are carriers of the West Nile virus and other diseases.

While the West Nile virus is often found in several birds and mammals, it is most commonly transmitted to humans through specific types of mosquitoes. This new technology enables workers to identify and report the location where they encounter mosquitoes that are common carriers of the virus.

"We are going to come up with a technology solution for identifying and verifying a selection of mosquitoes in the field, and it had to be a solution that is low cost and could be used by inexperienced people to make the identification," said Barry Du Vall, director of the Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing.

James Blalock, a graduate student in business at ECU and research associate at the Center, said this

new technology allows workers to pull up different mosquitoes from the online database which they can use to identify mosquitoes encountered in fields.

If an exact identification is made, Blalock said, the worker selects the mosquito type, enters the GPS coordinates and the date into the program and the information is sent to the database where it is saved in records. This information then determines the geographic locations of the mosquitoes noted as the common carriers of the West Nile virus.

"Without having a microscope out in the field, it's just very easy to identify because they [mosquitoes] have such distinct characteristics that separate them from each other," said Blalock.

Blalock said this new technology used in identifying mosquitoes was first founded by Anthony Gutierrez, chief of molecular biology laboratory at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine and the Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing is elaborating on his work.

"We've taken his work a step ahead," Blalock said.

The technological devices

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Painting it purple and gold



Brenda Tyson, an office assistant in the Department of Physical Therapy, stands in front of her home, painted yellow with purple shutters. Tyson, a Hurricane Floyd flood victim in 1999, purchased her home as a yellow exterior with navy shutters. Tyson painted the shutters dark purple, along with accents on her porch, and completed the school-spirited look with purple and yellow flowers and an ECU doormat.

ECU student dies in car accident

Students remember their beloved friend

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ECU student Maiisha Moore died in a car accident as she was driving from her hometown of Raleigh to Greenville.

Moore's car skidded off Hwy 264 and hit a tree June 13. She was traveling to Greenville to work at her job at Express in Colonial Mall.

ECU sophomore Alexis Archer first met Moore when she was a freshman, and the two remained close.

"She was outgoing, she would do anything for anybody," said Archer.

"She always greeted you with a smile — she was a real joy to be around."

Moore's funeral was held on Saturday, and according to Archer, "a lot of

ECU students showed up and there was a lot of support."

Members of ECU's Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and former co-workers of Moore's at the Greenville Foot Locker were pallbearers at the funeral.

Moore was born on May 30, 1982 and grew up in Wake County. She graduated from Garner Senior High School.

Moore was a senior majoring in environmental health science and safety. She was also a member of Nu Eta Epsilon (the environmental health honor society) and of the American Student Dental Association.

Archer said she will be deeply missed in the ECU community.

"She was a fun person to be around," Archer said.

"Everyone has been touched by her in some way."

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Announcements

Mac Users Group Meeting

The ECU Mac Users Group will meet on Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade Streets. It is open to the public and free of charge. The presentation, "Microsoft or MicroShaft," will focus on Microsoft's brand new version of its office suite, Microsoft Office 2004. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a copy of the software. Anyone planning to attend this meeting, please RSVP to mike@ecumug.org.

Bowling Leagues

Second Summer Session bowling leagues are now forming. Registration forms can be picked up in the Outer Limitz Bowling Center. Teams consist of two to four players and leagues will meet each week on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Play begins Tuesday, June 29. For more information, contact the Recreations Office at 328-4738 or Outer Limitz Bowling Center at 328-4740.

'Damn Yankees'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse and Summer Theatre presents "Damn Yankees" June 22 - 26. Joe Hardy is your typical middle-aged baseball fan. However, his favorite team, the Washington Senators, seems incapable of ever winning the pennant race. Suddenly, the devil, in the person of Applegate, visits him with a proposition: Would Joe be willing to trade his soul for the Senators to win the World Series? For ticket information, call 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

News Briefs

Local

NC Senate budget won't include all Easley seeks for education

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - The state Senate unveiled portions of its budget proposal Monday, reducing House cuts to funding for school districts and mental health, but declining to give Gov. Mike Easley all he sought for two education initiatives. The Senate's refusal to spend \$50.5 million next year to reduce class sizes in the third grade and \$9 million for Easley's More at Four Program drew a sharp response from the governor. "I am disappointed that the Senate Appropriations Committees are playing little games with our children's education," Easley said. "While I will continue to work with the Senate on these important issues, our citizens are quickly losing patience." Senate budget subcommittees approved sections of the chamber's fiscal year 2005 spending plan, which should be voted on by the full Senate appropriations panel Tuesday morning. A first of two required floor votes is expected Wednesday. After Senate approval, negotiators from the two chambers will have to agree on a final budget bill and send it to Easley's desk for his signature. The new fiscal year begins July 1. The Legislature passed a spending plan for fiscal 2005 last year, as part of its two-year budget package. The budget now being negotiated in a short legislative session represents adjustments to the original plan.

National

Fans line up to buy Bill Clinton's autobiography despite poor reviews

NEW YORK (AP) - Fans of Bill Clinton lined up outside bookshops from Arkansas to New York to snap up copies of his autobiography, giving the former president's words the same rock star treatment he often enjoyed while in power. "It's a historic moment for me," said Margaret Woods, a Manhattan billing consultant who stood in a line of about 100 people outside a Barnes & Noble near Lincoln Center that began selling the book at midnight Monday. Alfred A. Knopf has given the memoirs a first printing of 1.5 million. Mary Ellen Keating, a spokeswoman for Barnes & Noble, said she expected *My Life* to be the best-selling presidential memoir in the company's history. "It's like adult *Harry Potter* mania. We haven't seen anything like this since J.K. Rowling came here," said Michael Link, a bookseller for Politics & Prose, a Washington-based store. The Books-A-Million store in North Little Rock, Ark., stayed open late and staged a party with trivia contests that drew about 80 people. Those who attended could sign up for a later drawing giving them an opportunity to have their book signed by Clinton. Although initial reviews have called the book self-serving and dull, Garry Caldwell, 54, of Sherwood, Ark., said he wanted to read *My Life* to better understand Clinton's political legacy. "I believe in listening to both sides of

the argument and making up my own mind," Caldwell said.

"I think he was a good president - I think he could have been one of the best presidents except for the scandals."

World

Assailants attack police headquarters, border guards' posts in region adjacent to Chechnya; 48 dead

CHERMEN, Russia (AP) - Thousands of troops streamed into a southern Russian city on Tuesday in pursuit of suspected Chechen rebels who set fire to police and government buildings and killed 48 people, three of them high-ranking regional officials, in a series of brazen overnight attacks. The militants' foray into the province of Ingushetia underscored the Russian military's failure to defeat separatists in neighboring Chechnya after five years of fighting, and raised new fears that violence could spread to other parts of southern Russia.

The attacks also came amid preparations for an August election to replace Kremlin-backed Chechen President Akhmad Kadyrov, who was killed last month in a bomb attack that was seen as a significant blow to President Vladimir Putin's efforts to bring some stability to warring Chechnya. Shortly before midnight Monday, about 100 fighters armed with grenades and rocket launchers seized the regional Interior Ministry in Nazran, the largest city in Ingushetia, and attacked border guard posts there and in two

villages near the border with Chechnya, Karabuljak and Yandare, regional emergency officials said.

Iran to prosecute British crewmen of military vessels for entering Iranian waters

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran will prosecute eight British crewmen it detained after they allegedly entered Iran's territorial waters with three military patrol boats, state-run television reported. The eight were detained in the Shatt-al-Arab waterway on Monday as they were delivering a patrol boat for the new Iraqi Riverine Patrol Service. The waterway runs along the border between Iran and Iraq. "They will be prosecuted for illegally entering Iranian territorial waters," Al-Alam television said. The station is part of the state-run Iranian radio and television network. "The vessels were 1,000 meters inside Iranian territorial waters. The crew have also confessed to having entered Iranian waters," the broadcast said. The distance is about a half-mile. Monday's incident follows a strain in Iranian-British relations after London helped draft a resolution rebuking Iran for past nuclear cover-ups at last week's meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors. The British Foreign Office said Foreign Secretary Jack Straw has spoken to Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi about the detention of the servicemen.

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include the xybernaut MA IV & V, which are wearable computer devices that use Windows operating systems and have the processing power of an actual desktop. These devices also include head-mounted display screens that display an image that is a perfect replication of a 17-inch computer monitor. Future developments with these two devices include two-way communication systems using custom developed input devices. Built-in GPS coordinate systems are another plan for the future of these devices, Blalock said.

Other technological devices used by the Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing includes the Dell Axim Pocket PC, a small personal computer that operates wirelessly and stores data on SD, secure digital cards and the Garmin Rino GPS, a small handheld global positioning system that marks the users GPS coordinate.

Before this new technology, Du Vall said, workers have brought wearable computers into fields and pulled images of mosquitoes from data-

bases and compared these images to mosquitoes they found in fields. This system yielded many problems to workers including Internet connection problems, high expenses of equipment and large, heavy equipment that was not easily portable.

Mathew Powell, assistant director at the Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing, said after they have their technology completed, they will present their product to external sources in hope of receiving funding.

Alice Anderson, assistant professor at the environmental health sciences department, said the West Nile virus is a viral infection spread through mosquitoes and other mammals, such as birds, and thought to have come from foreign countries. The disease was first discovered in New York City in 1999 and has spread since.

"The hypothesis is that it came into the United States from exotic birds," said Anderson.

"One of the places that it was found was in a zoo in New York City,

so that is a possible source."

Anderson said there have also been dead crows spotted all throughout New York City as a result of the virus.

According to Anderson, the West Nile viral infection gives symptoms similar to the flu such as body aches, fever, muscle/joint pain and may cause unconsciousness by affecting the nervous system in severe cases. The virus can be fatal and has led to hospitalization.

The West Nile virus has been found in every county in North Carolina, making it a potential threat to everyone in the state.

Anderson said the disease is here to stay and people need to be aware it is a problem, reduce exposure to mosquitoes by use of repellent and keep yards free of empty bottles and cans.

Not all mosquitoes are carriers of the West Nile virus.

"If the virus can reproduce inside the mosquito's body, then it is a good carrier. Some of them can have it in them, but they don't reproduce it

very well and it has to do with the body chemistry of the mosquito and other environmental factors," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, there is no cure or vaccine for the West Nile virus and if you get the flu symptoms, stay in bed, drink fluids and seek medical help if the symptoms get worse.

Blalock said he hopes to spread this new technology to other countries where the West Nile virus and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes are a problem. He said he would also like to see the technology used for other purposes as well.

"What we've come up with can be used for so much more than mosquitoes," Blalock said.

Soldiers injured in combat, if using this technology, will have immediate access to medical procedures specific to their injury location and type of injury they encounter, Blalock said.

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Global classroom expands to 12 American universities

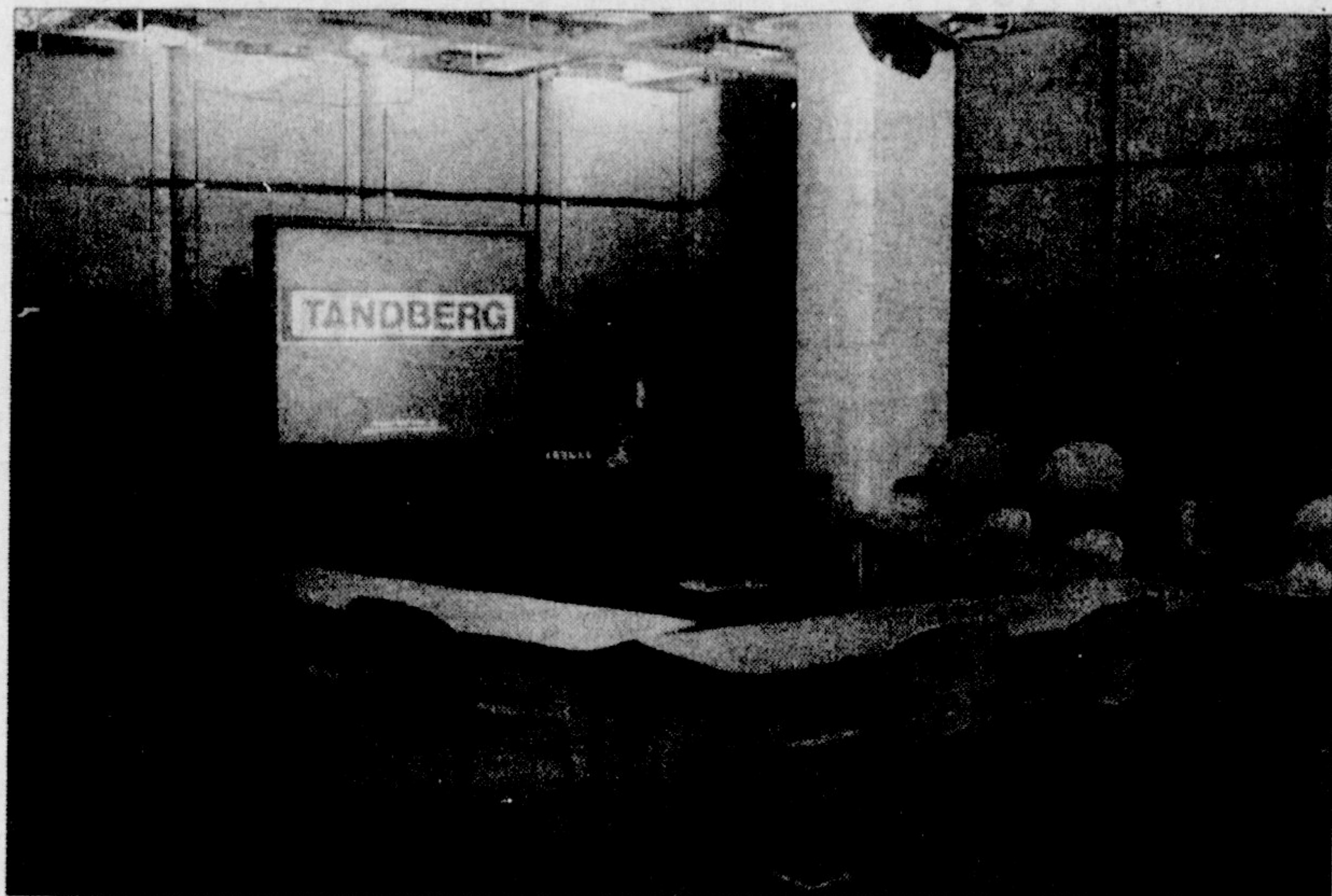


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The global classroom allows students to communicate internationally.

Project focuses on ties between U.S. and Middle East

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ECU and the U.S. State Department reached an agreement to expand ECU's global classroom project to 12 other universities in the United States.

The expansion will emphasize international links to Middle Eastern universities, helping students to promote their knowledge of students' culture in the Middle East.

ECU started this program in the fall of 2003 and was the first university in the U.S. to have this kind of program.

"There are a lot of reasons why ECU is expanding. This program brings study abroad to ECU, because a lot of students can't afford to take a semester abroad. Also, with the rise of multi-cultural corporations, it helps students expand their minds to the differences one might encounter in a workplace," said Elmer Poe, one of the creators of the global classroom.

Each semester in the global classroom consists of one week of introduction to the culture, facts and figures and different ways students survive within their culture.

The following three weeks are dedicated to interaction with the students. Connected via Internet with video and audio, students get to be face to face with their counterparts

across the world. Then, students have one week to discuss what they learned and how, if any, their ideas have changed about that culture. This is done three times with a different country each time.

"It brings in human interaction, giving students an added advantage in understanding other cultures. If the students see that people from these other cultures might have some differences, they still have the same needs and wants as them. So it helps to break down the barrier," Poe said.

In each classroom, there are no windows as sunlight can affect the clearness of the screens. There is no fixed furniture in the room because students are always moving around to talk with each other and their counterparts on the screen. The professors (one from each country) are constantly collaborating, so the lectures are the same. In the rare case both audio and video go down, the professors fall back to their lesson plans.

"The professors do plan for the technology to fail, so if there is any problems they just fall back on the lecture," Poe said.

The lecture is taught in English, with students from other countries speaking English as well.

Poe said there is a possibility in the future this course will be taught in other languages, but for now it is just in English.

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Ballard holds 'Meet the Chancellor' session



Photo by Nick Henne

On Wednesday, Chancellor Steve Ballard answered questions from students and faculty members on subjects including overseas travel, creating partnerships with other universities, out of classroom learning, parking, diversity awareness, salaries for ECU staff and placement for students after graduation. Ballard will hold another public meeting Wednesday, July 7 at 9 a.m. in Marie's Place in Minges.

Ordinance affects housing options for students

Policy states no more than four unrelated people can share residence

MATT COCKRELL
STAFF WRITER

For students searching for a place to live in the fall, a city ordinance exists that students may not be aware of.

The ordinance states, "There cannot be more than three unrelated people living together as a single house keeping unit." If you are a student living with three other students in a four-bedroom house, you are in violation of this ordinance.

According to Ed Lynch, with the City of Greenville, Planning and Zoning, the ordinance "is strictly enforced if we catch it."

There are some exceptions to the rule. Places that have been zoned for "land use intensity," such as Pirate's

Cove, Pirate's Place, Sterling University and fraternities and sororities, can be allowed to have four people living there.

"Land use" requirements are a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, on-site parking and one resident per 250 square feet of heated floor space.

"The reason behind our ordinance is, well, I can't tell you the exact reason behind it—it has been in effect for 30 years or more," said Lynch.

"It [the ordinance] does not make sense to me. It seems as if the City of Greenville is trying to tailor the city to what they want and only certain places are 'in'. It doesn't leave four people wanting to live together much choice in where to go," said ECU student Keith Patton.

Lynch said the ordinance prevents unwanted congestion in the downtown areas.

"You have four people living in the house, you have four cars park-

ing on the streets or parking on the lawns, which is also a violation of an ordinance. Also, it is to maintain the character of a neighborhood. A single family wants to maintain the character of the neighborhood," Lynch said.

Although the ordinance is designed to prevent problems, it can cause problems for students wanting to share residences with three or more roommates.

"My friends and I could not rent the house we wanted because the landlord was freaking out about that stupid ordinance, so we couldn't move in," said ECU student Jamie Graise.

"Our only options were Pirate's Cove or something like it, and for what we would pay total, there we could rent even a five or six bedroom house, but we could not live in it. How does that make sense?"

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Get caught reading.



Militants in Iraq behead South Korean hostage

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Islamic militants Tuesday beheaded a South Korean who pleaded in a heart-wrenching videotape, "I don't want to die" after his government refused to pull its troops from Iraq. He was the third foreign hostage decapitated in the Middle East in little over a month.

Hours later, the United States launched an air strike in Fallujah on what the U.S. military said was a safe house used by followers of the country's most-wanted terrorist: Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian whose Monotheism and Jihad movement was believed behind the beheading of the hostage, Kim Sun-il.

Fallujah residents said the strike hit a parking lot. Three people were killed and nine wounded, said Dr. Loai Ali Zeidan at Fallujah Hospital. It was the second attack against the terror network in three days, the U.S. military said.

Elsewhere, two American soldiers were killed Tuesday and another was wounded in an attack on a convoy near Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad.

The Arabic language satellite television channel broadcast a videotape of a terrified Kim kneeling, blindfolded and wearing an orange jumpsuit similar to those issued to prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Kim's shoulders were heaving, his mouth open and moving as if he were gulping air and sobbing. Five hooded and armed men stood behind him, one with a big knife slipped in his belt.

One of the masked men read a statement addressed to the Korean people: "This is what your hands have committed. Your army has not come here for the sake of Iraqis, but

for cursed America."

The video as broadcast did not show Kim being executed. Al-Jazeera said the tape contained pictures of Kim, 33, being slaughtered but the channel decided not to air it because it could be "highly distressing to our audience."

After news of Kim's death broke, South Korean television showed Kim's distraught family weeping and rocking back and forth with grief at their home in the southeastern port city of Busan.

The South Korean Foreign Ministry confirmed Kim's death but did not say he was beheaded. However, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, said the body of an Asian male was found west of Baghdad on Tuesday evening.

"It appears that the body had been thrown from a vehicle," Kimmitt said in a statement. "The man had been beheaded, and the head was recovered with the body."

American troops found Kim's body between Baghdad and Fallujah about 5:20 p.m. Iraq time, South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-kil said. The body was identified by a photograph sent by e-mail to the South Korean embassy.

Kim, who spoke Arabic, worked for Gana General Trading Co., a South Korean company supplying the U.S. military in Iraq. He was believed kidnapped several weeks ago.

In a video released by his captors Sunday, Kim begged his government to end its involvement in Iraq.

"Korean soldiers, please get out of here," he screamed in English. "I don't want to die. I don't want to die. I know that your life is important, but my life is important."

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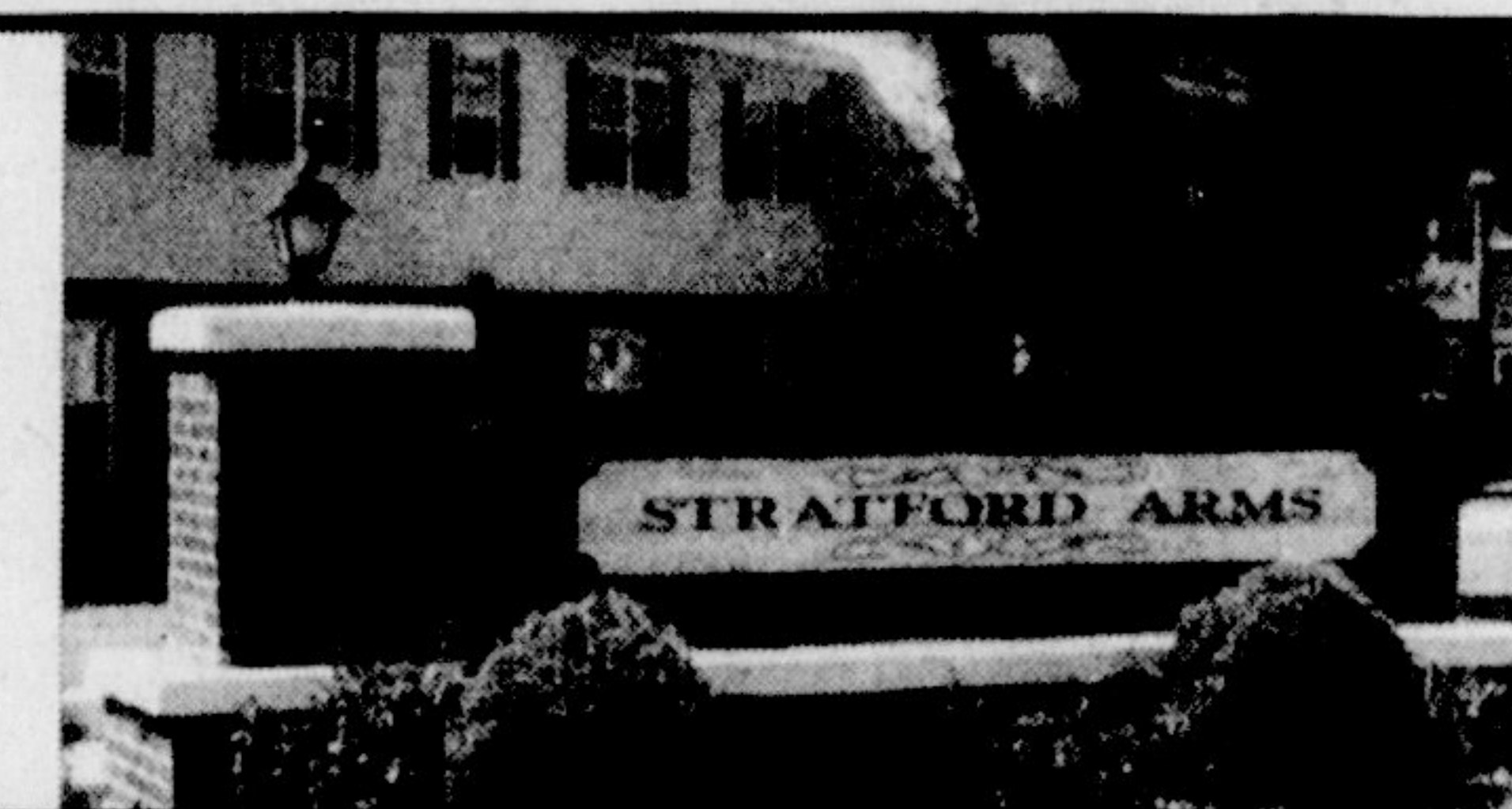
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Our View

This gas feeding frenzy can only be blamed on one thing – Americans and their addictions to their cars.

A car, to an American, is a symbol of status – the bigger the car or engines, the better. We don't stop to think about what effect that massive new (and not to mention ridiculously expensive) SUV will have on the environment. We expect to own our mammoth cars and pay cheaply for the gallons of gas that it guzzles.

But how can we not? Our government is currently supporting our need for speed by not implementing plans to curtail it. Congress should impose tougher fuel-efficiency standards. Consumers who choose to purchase electric and hybrid vehicles should be rewarded for doing so by receiving higher tax incentives.

Both Bush and Kerry have proposed taxing gasoline more so people drive less. This situation is not feasible – taxes will do nothing to stop America's car dependence. Instead, more money should be spent increasing public transportation and making it more convenient.

Having too many cars on the road is a huge problem in a number of different areas, not just our pockets. Traffic congestion currently costs the nation about \$70 million a year in wasted time and extra fuel combustion. Traffic accidents result in 40,000 highway deaths each year.

Sure, any American is capable of stashing his or her car in the garage to take public transportation or ride a bike, but with a little added incentive from Congress, a decrease on motor vehicle dependence is possible in the near future.

Opinion Writer

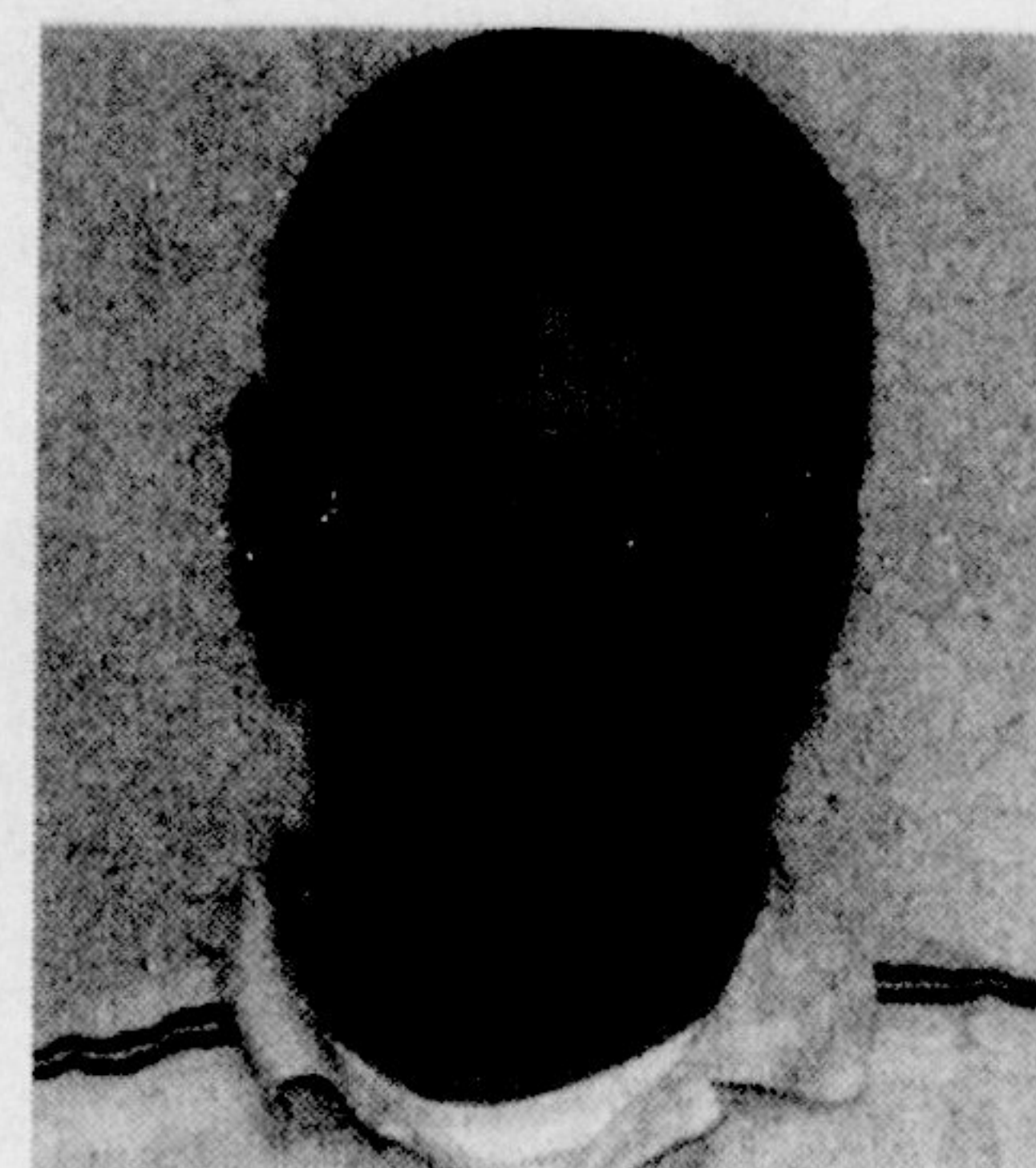
Concern builds as gas prices continue skyrocketing

Worldwide energy crisis looms

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I was not alive during the great energy crisis in the mid-1970s, nor do I have any memory of the insanely low gas prices Americans enjoyed during the 1950s and 1960s. Unfortunately, the current energy crisis being felt worldwide in the wake of political upheaval in the Middle East and sloppy decision making by national leaders at home could prove to be significantly more serious than any such crisis in the past.

There is one thing I am sure of – more oil is not the answer. Decades of natural gas and crude oil consumption has done more damage to the environment in the past century than any other factor, and the sad part is this kind of blatant disregard for the



planet on which we sustain ourselves is now completely avoidable. Republican taskmasters in Washington have consistently toted the need for more oil exploration and the pressing need to wean the United States off cheap, abundant oil from the Middle East (specifically Saudi Arabia) and South America (specifically Venezuela), and I could not agree more. But authorizing drilling and potentially harmful exploration in national wildlife preserves like the Alaskan National Wild Life Preserve is not the manner in

which to go about this daunting task.

I believe the next 50 years will be a turning point in the history of the world. Never before has the U.S. and, for that matter every other sovereign power on this planet, been so threatened by environmental cataclysm, and aversion of this chain of events is an absolute necessity. How happy will we be with lower gas prices if by the time our children become adults, the air is too noxious to breathe? That big, wonderful SUV that you just spent the retirement money on won't seem quite as sweet when you have to install an air purification system to simply survive on the way to pick up the kids from soccer practice, if the air is still clean enough to allow such activities. The key to this problem is simple: new sources of energy. If we as a nation and as a member of the international community do not begin to break the influ-

ence of oil companies and their affiliates in Congress and amongst our top national leaders (Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice have both served in top positions at international oil conglomerates. Rice even has an oil tanker named for her), influence which has succeeded for decades in blocking and retarding the progress of alternate power supplies like hydrogen and electricity, our fate is already sealed.

American dependence on a non-renewable power supply like crude oil is perhaps the single most pressing issue facing our nation, and must be addressed as such. One thing is certain – the oil will run out. It is not a matter of if, only when, and when that day comes, and the oil derricks and off shore rigs run dry, I hope the U.S. government will have a plan of action. Our very way of life depends on it.

Opinion Writer

Members of 'favored' groups can say whatever they want

Double standard often applies to racial slurs

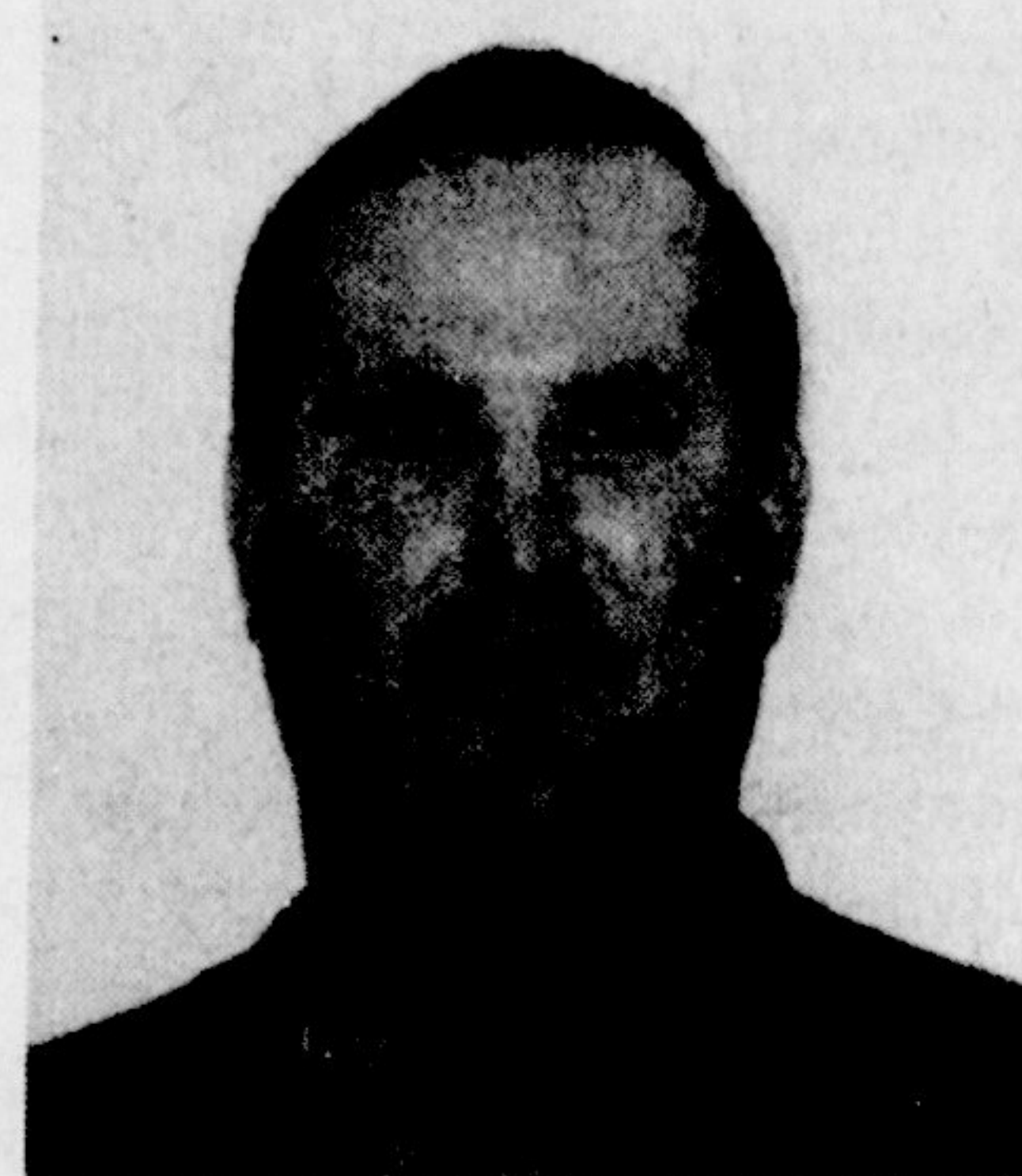
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Honky, kike, nigger, faggot, spic, redneck, slut, coon, Jap, Jew, Nazi, ... the list goes on.

Every one of these words can be construed as insulting to whatever group or individual they are directed at. Their use can also lead to lost jobs and promotions, destroyed reputations, public ostracization and jail. Depending on the circumstances and who says them of course.

These rules only appear to apply if you happen to be non-liberal, non-black, non-female and non-gay. Of course, if you happen to be black or white, male or female, gay or straight and have a conservative viewpoint, then these rules apply to you also.

The biggest example of this blatant double standard however is the treatment certain individuals receive, or better yet do not receive, from the major media for uttering these words.



As long as you are a member of a "favored" or "correct" group, such as Democrat, black, female or gay you can say just about anything and not have the media call you to task for it.

These are just a very few examples of statements by "right thinking," "inclusive" liberals the media has given a pass to:

"You f---ing Jew bastard!" – Hillary Clinton, to her husband's campaign manager after he lost a gubernatorial race.

"It's not 'spic' or 'nigger' anymore. They say, 'Let's cut taxes.'" – Howard Rangel, referring to Republicans.

"White folks was in caves while we was building empires ... We taught philosophy and

astrology and mathematics before Socrates and them Greek homos ever got around to it." – Rev. Al Sharpton

"Gooks," – John McCain, liberal Republican and media favorite, used numerous times referring to his North Vietnamese captors during his Presidential campaign against George W. Bush.

"A handkerchief-head, chicken-and-biscuit-eating Uncle Tom," – Spike Lee, referring to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

"A new breed of Uncle Tom and some of the biggest liars the world ever saw," – Former NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, referring to black conservatives.

"When white folks can't defeat you, they'll always find some Negro, some boot-licking, butt-licking, bamboozled, half-baked, half-fried, sissified, punkfied (sic), pasteurized, homogenized Nigger that they can trot out in front of you." – Khalid Abdul Mohammad, Nation of Islam & New Black Panther Party.

Saving the best for last...

"Civil rights laws were not

passed to protect the rights of white men and do not apply to them." – Mary Frances Berry, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Can you imagine the firestorm of protest and outrage that would have ensued if any of these statements were made by, oh say, anybody other than liberals/Democrats? We'd never hear the end of it. It would be rehashed every time that person's name came up.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law, for everyone. Now, we find that some are more equal than others. And the list of "more equals" seems to grow daily.

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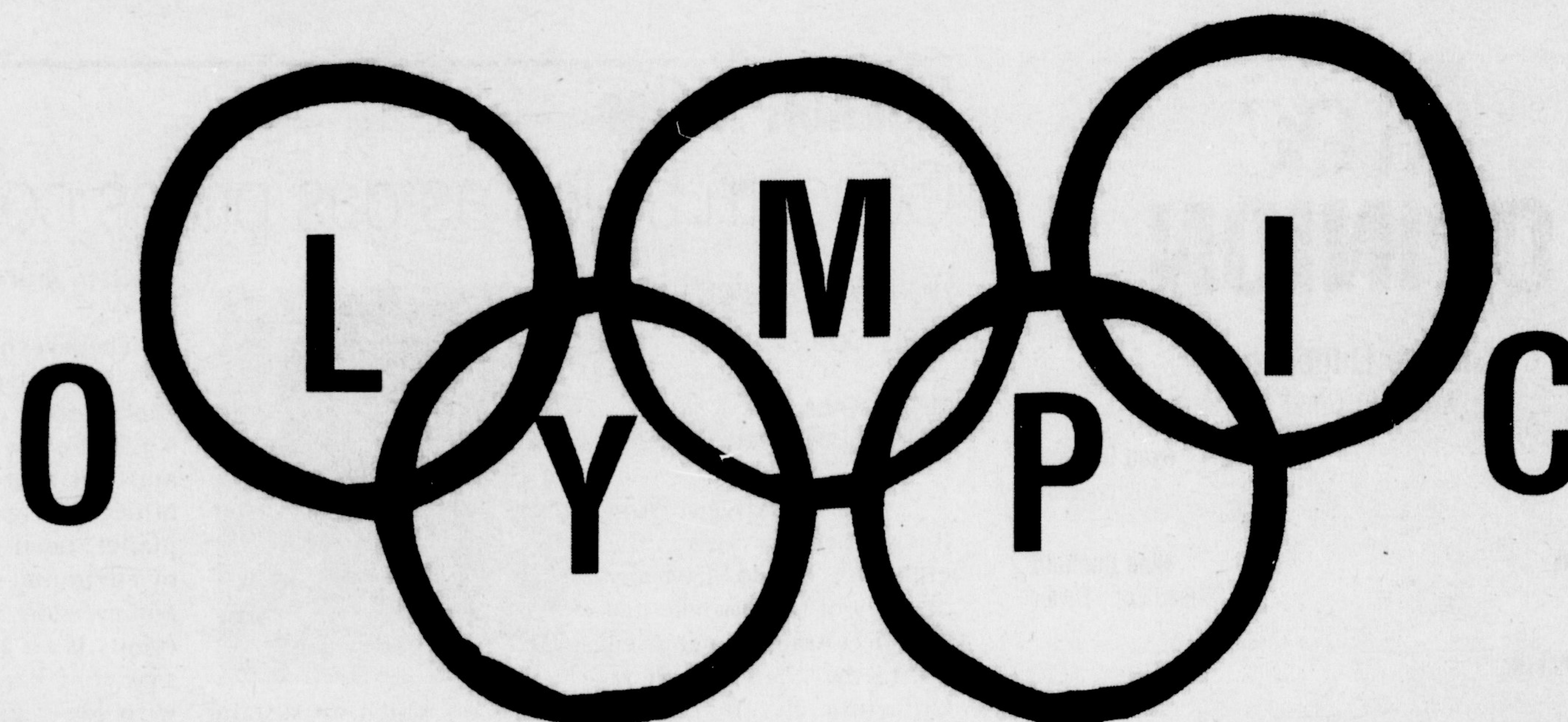
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"I love going to watch the movies."

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ECU grad Boswell-Clayton is
hammering her way to Athens

NICHOLAS VICK
STAFF WRITER

Imagine throwing a heavily weighted contraption that resembles a ball and chain a distance of more than 200 feet. For Michelle Boswell-Clayton, imagining such a feat is ludicrous, because she has the ability to accomplish it. It's called the hammer throw, and for some time has been a popular event in track and field.

Boswell-Clayton, a former ECU track and field standout, has undergone rigorous training and physically demanding competitions throughout the years to prepare herself for the upcoming Olympic trials in July. She has actively participated, and competed in events all over the country.

"The last few months (before the Olympic trials) are warm-up months. It begins to be a lot more about the quality of the competition, rather than the quantity," said Boswell-Clayton.

During one of these recent "warm-up" events, Boswell-Clayton broke her own personal record with a distance of 218 feet and 3 inches.

"I still have about four or five more feet to go to assure myself of a spot at the Olympics," Boswell-Clayton said.

Even though the hammer throw is a competitive sport, Boswell-Clayton has made some good friends through competing. That is something she feels makes the hard work worth it in the end.

"You become friends through the competition. I've actually got to train with the number two and number five ranked girls in the country. It's been a really good experience," Boswell-Clayton said.

The countless hours of training and practicing are paying off. Speed and power are the two essential ingredients for hammer throwing. The training entails everything from sprints and lifting weights to bounding and pud throwing.

"We do everything when we're training. Well, everything except endurance exercises because it isn't that important for my particular event," Boswell-Clayton said.

Boswell-Clayton has been doing more than just training her body and competing in events. In the last two years, she has volunteered her services as a coach for women's track and

Dreams

field, assistant strength coach for women's soccer and

even helped with the ECU football team.

"I love coaching and watching kids develop. It's very satisfying and makes me feel good about myself," Boswell-Clayton said.

While in middle school, Boswell-Clayton was introduced to the sport of track and field because of her father's strong influence and contact with the sport. In the seventh grade, she threw the shot put and in ninth grade, moved up to discus throwing. She received a scholarship to ECU because of her shot-put throwing ability.

It wasn't until her sophomore year that Boswell-Clayton started throwing the hammer. Despite her relative late contact with the sport, she has become one of the nation's most elite hammer throwers. At ECU, she set five school records from 1995 to 1999. Last year, she participated in the National Championship at Stanford University where she placed eighth.

"Nerves play a part in the competitions but since I've participated in a lot of high pressure events, it's not

that big of a deal anymore. It works out more like an adrenaline rush with the crowd yelling and everything," Boswell-Clayton said.

The pressure and excitement will definitely be at a high level for Boswell-Clayton and all the other competitors at the upcoming Olympic trials. Being able to represent the United States in the Olympics is one of her goals and dreams.

"It would be a dream come true to represent America doing something that I really love. This (hammer throwing) is my life. It's a 24-7 thing because you have to eat sensibly, train well and be very focused," Boswell-Clayton said.

Boswell-Clayton has a strong support system of family, friends, coaches and fans.

"My husband is my number one supporter, my mom is my biggest cheerleader and my dad is my coach," she said.

Many people in Greenville are already aware of Boswell-Clayton's athletic ability, and perhaps after July, the entire world will have the opportunity to watch her do what she loves while she represents her country.

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Nearby attractions offer plenty of excitement

Students need places to
go to see new sights

JESSICA CRESON
STAFF WRITER

Summertime sparks a desire in many people to explore. By this time, if students are still here, Greenville has gotten old and redundant. Due to summer school and jobs, students need places to go just for the day to see new sights.

The beach is where most people try to visit as much as possible during these summer months.

Atlantic Beach and Emerald Isle are the most popular beaches

for ECU students since they are the closest (about one to two hours from Greenville). These beaches aren't packed with tourist attractions, so hanging out on the beach, shopping and spending time with friends are going to be the basic activities.

Morehead City offers some unique shops and eateries in its downtown area, which is a short drive from Atlantic Beach, but a little longer for Emerald Isle. Beaufort, which is right past Morehead City, also has a nice downtown strip with shops, restaurants and many historical attractions.

A trip to Atlantic Beach or Emerald Isle during the day to take advan-

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North Carolina's beaches offer many activities for a change of pace.

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Campus offers activities to cure summer boredom

From wiffleball to salsa dancing, it's easy to find some excitement around campus

JESSICA CRESON
STAFF WRITER

ECU's campus has a wide variety of things for students to enjoy, especially during the school year.

The movies and performing arts seem to be most popular for students. Since movies are free, they have always been an appealing attraction. This summer, ECU has a great movie line up that should draw many into Mendenhall.

"City of God" is playing Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and at the outdoor SRC pool on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Other movies for the rest of the summer include: "Barbershop 2" playing June 29 to July 1, "Butterfly Effect" playing July 6-8, "Eurotrip" playing from July 13-18 and "Cold Mountain" playing July 20-22. A sneak preview of "Harold and Kumar go to White

Castle" will be shown on July 27.

A movie on campus allows for a fun night of dinner and a movie at a very affordable price.

Although the performing art shows are not free, they are definitely a good time.

"I really enjoy going to summer theatre. They are always entertaining; I plan on going to see "Always... Patsy Cline," said Katherine Deal, a senior communication major.

The performing arts' shows are something students should not pass up. The shows occur right on campus and are performed by our peers and guest artists. The tickets for these shows are cheaper than many other activities in Greenville. Even though we do get the cheapest prices for all performances, the cost of tickets is still an issue among some students.

"If the cost of plays and concerts weren't so high for students, I would like to go more often," said Andy Fish, a senior construction management major.

"Damn Yankees" will be show-

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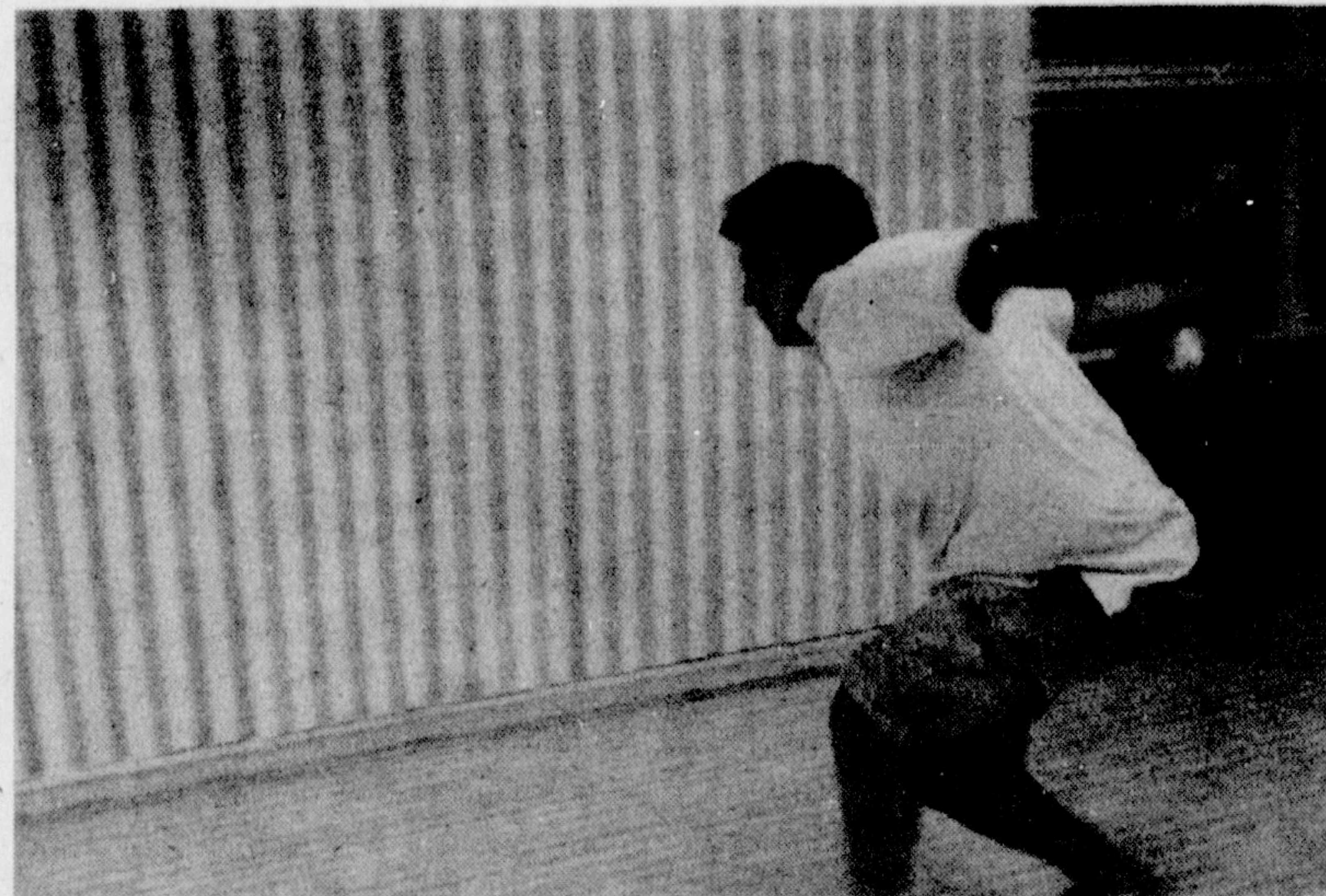


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Patrick Shlen, community health major, perfects his game in Mendenhall.

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City of God - With explosive energy and passion, this film documents over three decades in the City of God as seen through the eyes of a young artist named Buscape. City of God is a visionary tale of human destruction and ultimate redemption. R

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IN THEATRES THIS WEEK

Around the World in 80 Days - Jackie Chan stars in this adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel about thrill seeker Phileas Fogg, who sets out to break the record for traveling around the world, but encounters many challenges along the way. PG

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story



- In this raucous comedy, a small local gym is threatened with extinction by a gleaming sports and fitness palace unless a group of social rejects can rise to victory in a dodgeball competition. PG-13

Garfield - In his film debut Garfield's owner, Jon, takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's perfect world upside down. But when the hapless pup disappears and is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, maybe for the first time in his life, feels responsible. PG

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - Harry Potter and his friends Ron and Hermione return as teenagers to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for their third year of study, where they delve into the mystery surrounding an escaped prisoner who poses a dangerous threat to the young wizard. PG

Shrek 2 - A sequel to DreamWorks' hugely successful original, the story opens with Shrek and Fiona returning from their honeymoon to find a letter from Fiona's parents inviting the happy couple to dinner. Mom and Dad heard that their daughter had wed, but they assumed she married Prince Charming. So they're a bit shocked when they meet their new son-in-law. PG

Soul Plane - Nashawn Wade sues an airline and is awarded a huge

settlement. Determined to make good with the money, he creates the full-service airline of his dreams. R

The Chronicles of Riddick - Riddick, the anti-hero from Pitch Black, has spent the last five years on the move among the forgotten worlds on the outskirts of the galaxy, eluding mercenaries bent on collecting the price on his head. Rated R

The Day After Tomorrow - Climatologist Jack Hall's (Dennis Quaid) research indicates that global warming could trigger an abrupt and catastrophic shift in the planet's climate. PG-13



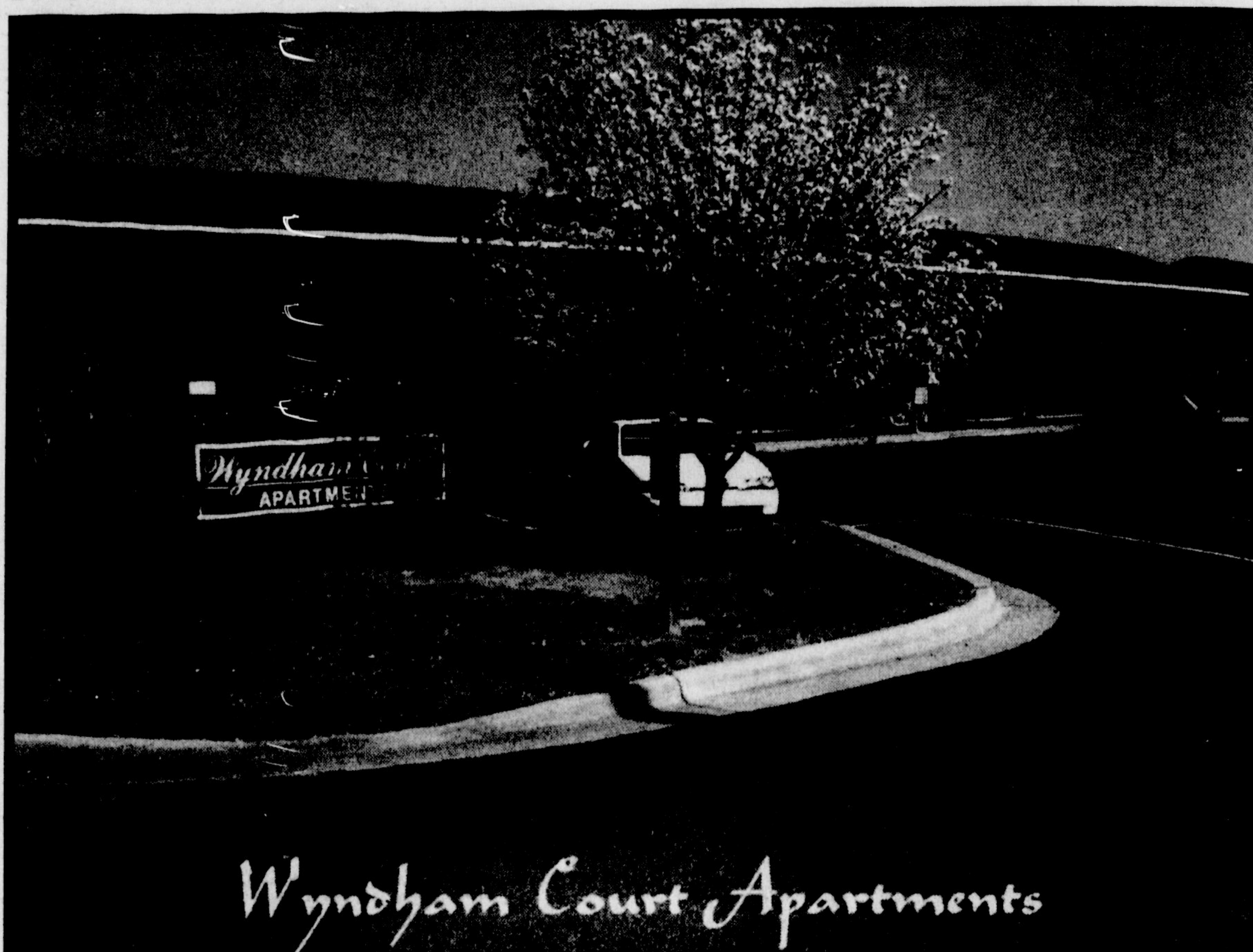
The Notebook - A young woman comes to the coastal town of Seabrook, North Carolina in the 1940s to spend the summer with her family. Still in her teens, Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams) meets local boy Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) at a Carnival. Over the course of one passionate and carefree summer in the South, the two fall deeply in love. PG-13 Coming to theatres June 25.

The Stepford Wives - A couple moves to what appears to be the perfect small town. Soon, they learn of a sinister plot the men of the town have constructed to render their partners perfect. PG-13

The Terminal - Tom Hanks stars as an air traveler inadvertently exiled to JFK airport after a coupe in his homeland erases the validity of his passport. He finds himself the victim of bureaucratic red tape and is forced to take up residence in the terminal. PG-13



Two Brothers - Two Brothers is the story of twin tiger brothers who are born amidst the temple ruins and exotic jungles of French Indo-China. Separated as cubs and taken into captivity, one tiger is forced to become a circus performer, the other a trained killer. PG Coming to theatres June 25.



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tage of the weather and the beaches, then riding to Morehead City or Beaufort for shopping and dinner, would make a nice day trip. After dinner, there would be sufficient time to make it back to Greenville at a decent hour.

Beaufort has the NC Maritime Museum, Blackbeard's hideout sailing town and Queen Anne's Revenge Artifacts for those who do not want to shop or for a rainy day.

Wrightsville, Carolina and Kure beaches are further away, but could be done in a day as well.

"If I feel like I need to get out of Greenville, I try to get some friends together and head for Atlantic Beach," said Elizabeth Matthews, junior architectural design major.

For students that are interested in sports, going to Kinston for the day to watch the Kinston Indians baseball team might be something interesting to do.

New Bern, which is about 30 minutes from Greenville, has an abundance of historical attractions. Tours are offered for the Governor's Mansion and the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens.

The historic district is filled with beautiful Colonial, Victorian and artisan homes that are open year round.

Downtown New Bern is perfect for "shopping, strolling and munching," according to the New Bern

Attractions Web site. The Bank of Arts plus many more arts museums would be interesting to check out as well.

Trolley Tours and horse and carriage rides (about 90 minutes) take people around the town showing and explaining all the historic sites.

The Civil War Museum and the Fireman's museum, along with the Attmore-Oliver House are some other popular attractions that New Bern has to offer.

Going in the other direction, Raleigh has plenty to do for college students. The only problem is most of it happens at night, so it might not fit into a one-day trip.

Alltel Pavilion has big name performers all year round. Crabtree and South Pointe Mall are two large malls that will have more than what is offered in Greenville.

There is also a healthy nightlife in Raleigh as well. Live music, nightclubs, pubs, sports bars and theme bars, such as Vertigo Diner and Tir na nOg (Irish pub and restaurant) keep things alive for the college age group.

Raleigh is also the home for many museums, such as The NC Museum of Arts, History, Life and Science and Natural Science.

The NC Capitol offers tours that tell about history, legends and ghost stories.

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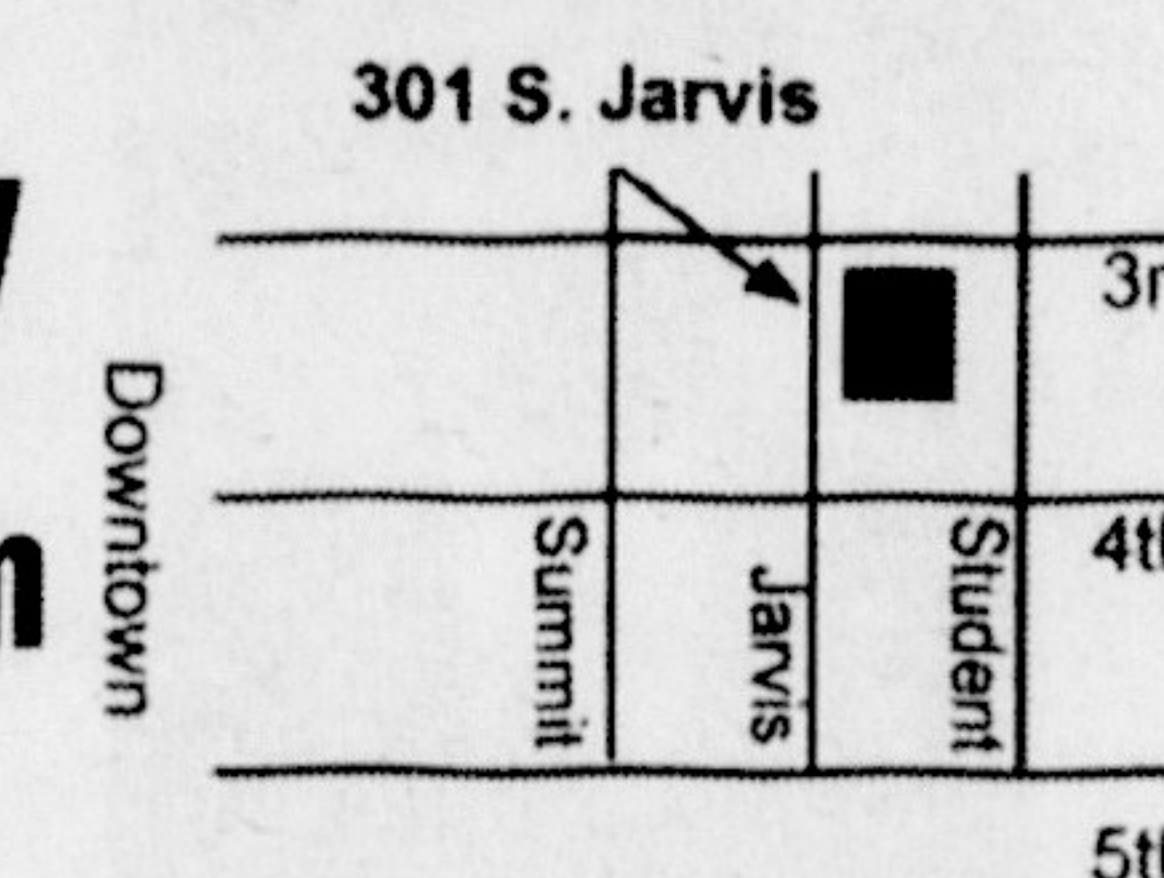


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ing from June 22-26 along with "Always...Patsy Cline," which is playing July 6-10. "Smokey Joe's Café" will be playing July 20-24.

ECU always has special interest activities for students. A summer guitar workshop will be held in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall July 10-13. There will be different performers each night. Each participant will be grouped according to ability. Classes will meet daily for demonstrations, ensemble playing and private lessons. For more information on this, call Elliot Frank at 252-328-6245.

Another special event for students on campus is salsa dancing on July 16 and Aug. 20. Instructions and dancing will be held in the Willis building at 7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. It costs \$3 per student. Mark your calendars!

The bowling and billiard areas in Mendenhall are always open for students to have a place to hang out and relax with friends at a minimal cost. The bowling specials are \$1 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and .50 cents on Sunday. The pool tables cost \$3 per hour.

The SRC is a place for students

to unwind and be active by playing basketball, volleyball, racquetball or physical conditioning. It is a fun and healthy place to spend an afternoon or evening.

"I go to the movies and the SRC mostly," said Tiffany Kenner, a junior communication broadcast major.

Intramural sports are another way to stay active on campus as well as meet other people. The different sports offered are basketball, softball, flag football, volleyball, tennis, soccer and wiffleball. The SRC has more information about how to get involved in these sports.

The SRC also has a pool that students can use during gym hours.

Other options for students are eating at Chick-fil-A, grabbing some coffee at any of the Java City locations on campus or hanging out in the dorms with friends.

"Since I live in the dorms, I go to the lobby and watch TV with some friends and just hang out," Kenner said.

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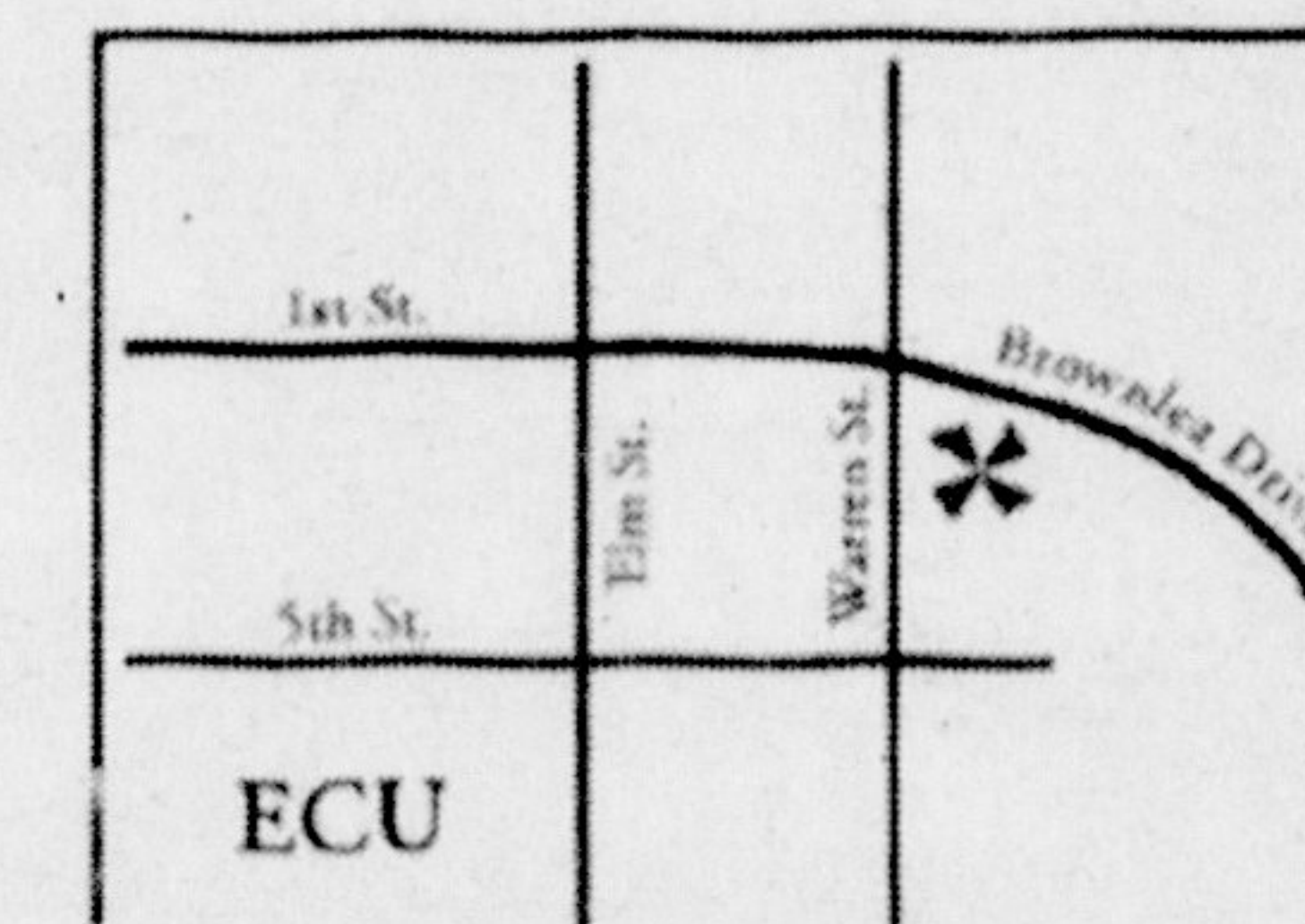
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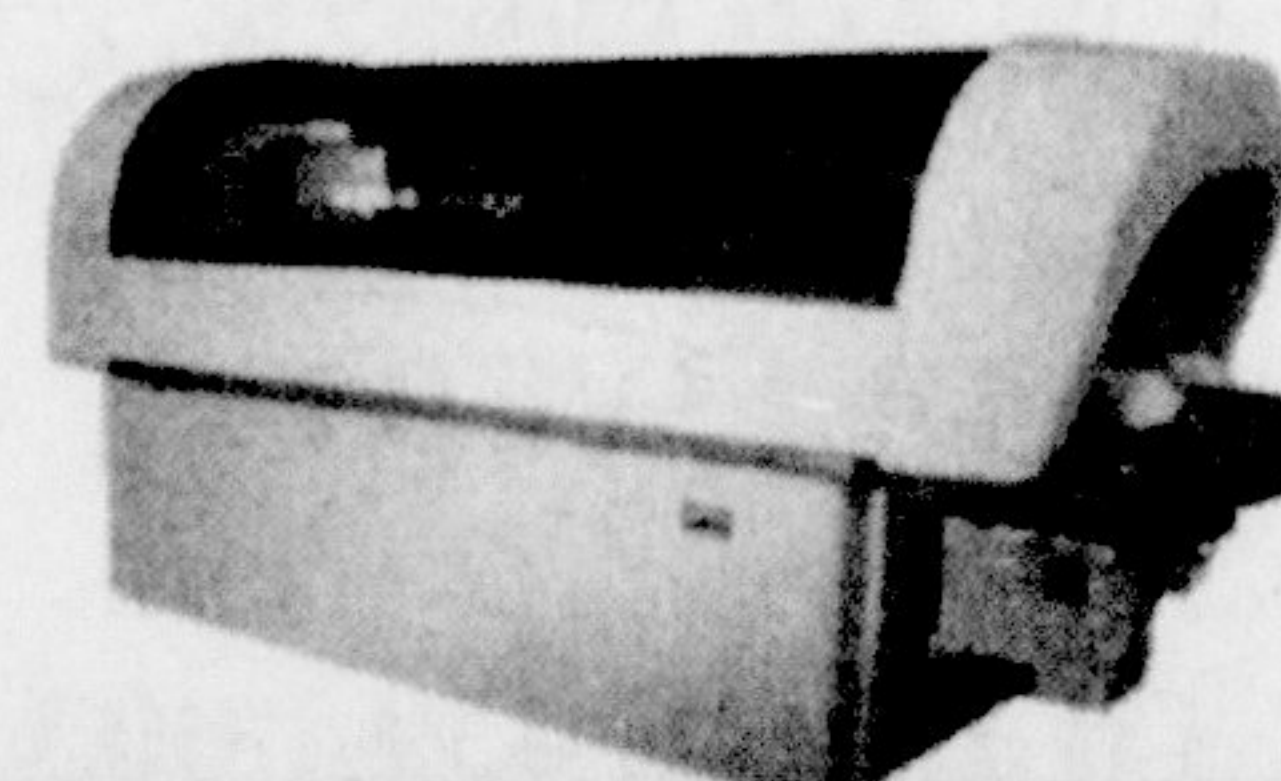
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Sports Briefs

Intramural Sign-ups

Those who plan to play intramural softball and basketball must attend a captains meeting next Monday, June 28. The captains meeting for softball will be held at 4 p.m. in 202 SRC. The meeting for basketball will be held in 202 SRC at 4:30 p.m.

Jones, Bunn Named to NCBWA All-American Team

ECU senior outfielder Ryan Jones and junior right-handed pitcher Greg Bunn were among six Conference USA players named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-American team, the organization announced on Tuesday. Jones, along with Jarrett Hoffpauir and Austin Tubb of Southern Miss, were first team selections. USM outfielder Ryan Frith and Bunn were named to the second team and Tulane OF Matt Barket garnered a spot on the third team. Jones was named the 2004 C-USA Player of the Year after hitting .409 heading into the conference tournament and finishing league play hitting .407 in conference.

Kickoff times set for home football games

The first two games of the season at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium against Wake Forest and Cincinnati, Sept. 11 and 25 respectively, have each been tabbed for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Pirates' three remaining home games against Tulane, Army and Memphis have each been scheduled for a 2 p.m. start. The final game against NC State on Nov. 27 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte has been designated for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

A season to remember

Pirate baseball primed to make trip to Omaha soon

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

My passion has always been baseball. When I was told that baseball would be my beat for the spring semester, I knew I was going to have an awesome time covering the Pirates.

From day one, I could sense it. This year's team was special. I remember talking with pitching coach Tommy Eason during an early spring practice and leaving the interview in amazement at how confident Eason was in such a young team. The look in his eyes as I asked each and every question was the same: a look of fierce competitiveness and fearlessness. Needless to say, he made me a believer by his words alone.

Before the season began, the talk was of the Pirates' extremely young pitching. One statement that coach Eason made to me during that interview, however, had me disagreeing with all the talk of a mediocre staff. He told his guys that if they could pitch to the ECU line-up during practice, then they definitely could pitch to any team in the nation.

As evidence of that, the Pirates raced out to 12 straight victories to begin the season. Silencing all the

critics along the way, Pirate pitching allowed only 21 runs during that streak, an average of 1.75 runs per contest.

The most memorable moment of the first 12 wins came during game four of the Keith LeClair Invitational that pitted the No. 11 Clemson Tigers against the home-standing Pirates.

A decision by Head Coach Randy Mazey during extra innings to bring in pinch-hitter Drew Costanzo proved huge as Costanzo delivered the game-winning home run, catapulting the Pirates to 10-0 on the season.

Finally, the poll voters started giving the Pirates the respect they deserved after a 4-0 weekend during the LeClair Invitational when the Pirates entered the top 25 in all four major polls.

ECU battled their way through the rest of their non-conference schedule and entered the conference season with a 17-3 mark.

Things looked dismal after the Pirates got off to a 1-3 start in conference. A series loss to Tulane and an opening game loss to Memphis had the Pirates searching for answers.

I remember chatting with my twin brother Trent after the first Memphis loss. We were truly stunned that the Pirates had actually gotten off to such a sub-par start in conference. As we talked, though, we came to the consensus that something special was about to happen.

I remember saying "this team is

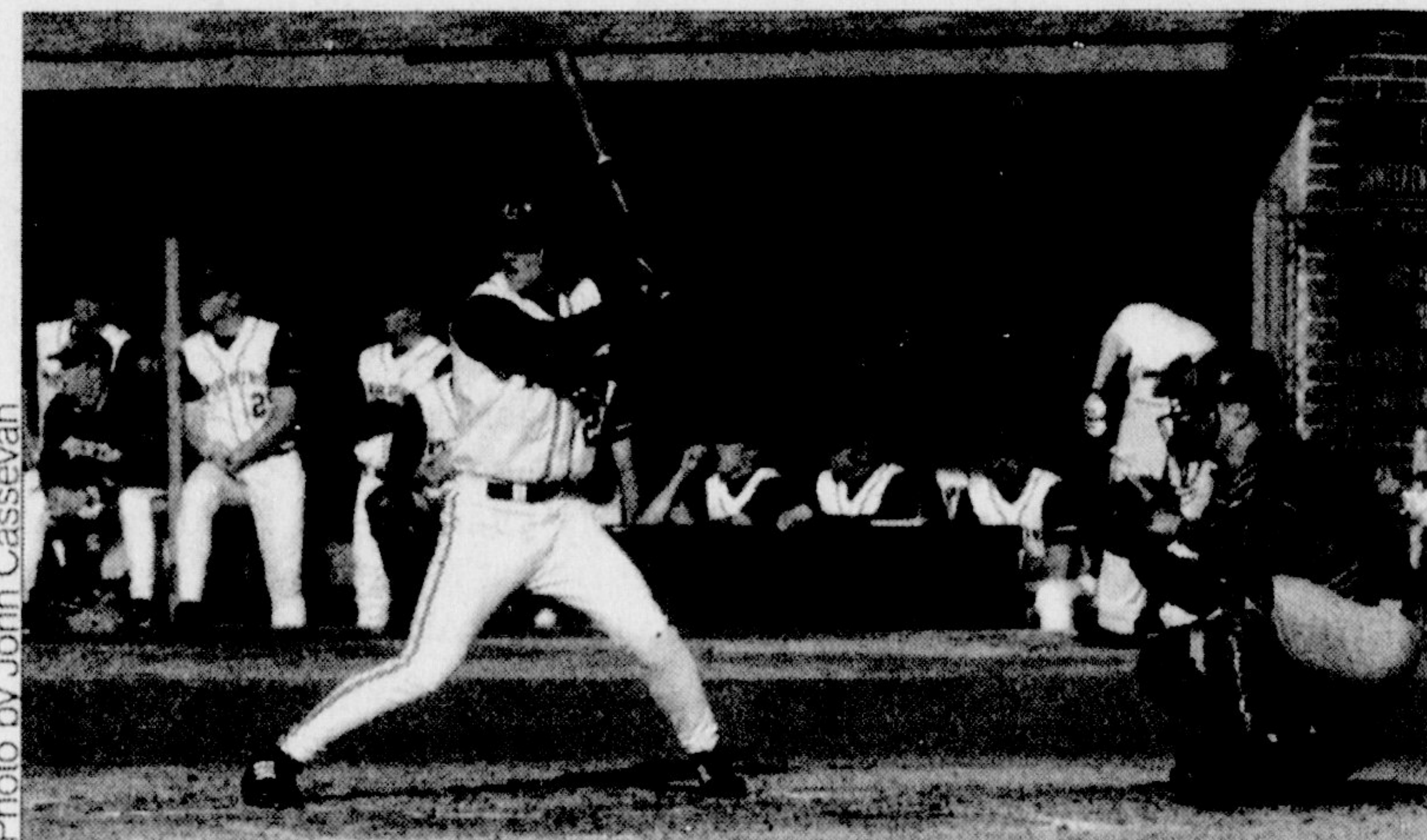


Photo by John Cassevah

The Pirates gave fans a great season to mull over until next spring.

about to go on a tear, and I feel sorry for the rest of the conference from here on out." My exact words, actually. Even I didn't know how true that would be.

The Pirates did go on a tear, one of monumental sorts, a 19-game winning streak that saw many records fall by the wayside, such as the school record and the conference record for consecutive wins.

During the streak, ECU swept three-game series from the likes of Charlotte, South Florida, Cincinnati, Louisville and Houston, not to mention big non-conference wins against in-state rivals Duke and NC State.

I remember being in the press box when the streak was on the line against a feisty Louisville club during game three of the series. A late RBI single

by the Cardinals gave them a 4-3 lead heading to the bottom of the ninth.

You have to be careful how you show your emotions when you're a part of the working media, so when that RBI single occurred, I just dropped my head instead of screaming obscenities. When I finally decided to lift it back up, Jamie Paige had singled and Ryan Jones had followed with a pop-up for the first out. Trevor Lawhorn then stepped to the plate.

Walking to the plate with a 0-4 day under his belt, Trevor looked unusually calm for the situation.

My buddy Nathan Summers, who now works for *The Daily Reflector*, looked at me and said, "All it takes is one

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BCS continues unjust format

Money keeps bowls alive and well in college football

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

The villains of the college football world are at it again. There is an agreement in principle to add a fifth BCS bowl to the already muddled mess of naming a national champion. The fifth bowl will be played after the four original BCS bowls and will be for the National Championship.

The newest plan is nothing more than a smokescreen and ploy to pull in millions for the sport and the competing universities. No word on the new name for the championship game, but I have a few suggestions. How about Money Bowl or Kind-of-Champion Bowl?

The only fair and effective way to name a true national champion is to initiate a playoff system. Bowls are established for one thing only — money. It makes a mediocre school

feel good about themselves for a few weeks and drops a little cash in their recruiting funds, but nothing more.

A playoff system will never happen, too many bowls will have to be abolished and money will be lost. Barring another stock market crash where the contents of your wallet become absolutely worthless, fans will continue to debate who should play for and who should have been the national champion. LSU was deemed the champs of 2003, right USC fans?

The major conferences are the only winners once again and rightfully so. Conference USA member TCU nearly made a push for a late BCS bid, but fell short at the end. Only an undefeated season will allow such a team from a mid-major conference to earn a bid into a BCS game.

If the Horned Frogs had pulled out an undefeated regular season, there would be no argument for these teams. TCU would have been destroyed — do you really believe USC would have trouble lighting up the scoreboard against some Horned

Frogs? Even if TCU had won, would you vote for an undefeated TCU as national champions over a 12-1 Florida State or Miami squad?

Enough about the competition aspect, which is just one of a multitude of flaws within the BCS. I don't believe I've heard one person say they like the current BCS system. Coaches and players hate it, ESPN anchors bring it down and the topic is the subject of countless dissenting opinions in weekly columns.

The last thing we need is another one of these bogus games. The four major bowl system works just fine with one being played for the National Championship. Enough with the computer equations and rankings. The computer can't see the game, it's not down there on the field. Non-objective experts, writers and coaches can decide for themselves.

All of this doesn't matter. As long as there are a couple of 7-5 teams playing in a bowl with a name I can't even pronounce, the postseason is a joke. I know bowl games are tradi-



USC celebrates its national title.

tion, they help schools with money and the chance to prolong a season just one more game. However, I better not hear a supporter of dozens of bowl games argue about who should be the true national champion, because the two cannot co-exist.

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Miami Hurricanes recruit, Willie Williams enters no contest plea

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (KRT)— Miami football recruit Willie Williams entered a plea of no contest Monday to two charges, ending most of the legal battles stemming from a January recruiting visit to the University of Florida.

For one felony count of criminal mischief and one misdemeanor count of battery, Williams was sentenced to a total of one year of probation and was ordered to pay restitution, State Attorney Bill Cervone said.

Perhaps more relevant to his football career, Monday's plea means Williams violated his previous probation. As a result, Williams will meet with a Broward County judge June 30 to finalize his fate for the violation.

"These pleas constitute that he violated his probation," Cervone said. "Now, the judge (in Broward County) will have to decide how to deal with him."

Miami won't officially offer Williams a scholarship until an admissions hearing, which will take place once his legal matters are decided - likely sometime in early July.

Williams faced three separate charges stemming from the same recruiting weekend trip in January. Monday's no-contest pleas settled two of them - a misdemeanor charge of

hugging a female student against her will and a felony charge of setting off fire extinguishers in a Gainesville hotel.

Although no restitution was required for hugging the female student, Williams was forced to pay \$1,500 for setting off the extinguishers, Cervone said.

Williams managed to settle another battery charge - an incident that occurred at a Gainesville nightclub - out of court. Although criminal charges were not pursued, Williams must pay \$1,300 to the victim for restitution.

Williams appeared in a Gainesville court last Tuesday, when he was granted a continuance on the two charges. His attorney, Paul Lazarus, said then that he either would settle both charges together or go to trial for each separately. Lazarus was in contact with the State Attorney's Office throughout the week, finally working out a deal that was settled Monday morning.

Williams was considered one of the nation's top high school football players last season as a linebacker at Miami's Carol City High. Currently under house arrest, Williams has been wearing an electronic ankle monitor since February, when he was accused of violating his probation on the recruiting trip to Gainesville.

Dream Team II brings home third straight title

Stank on Ya comes up short

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

For one night the number one seed in the intramural basketball tournament, Stank on Ya, probably felt they were playing the real Olympic Dream Team. They might as well have been.

The Dream Team II won the tip-off and almost everything else in a complete rout of Stank on Ya in the intramural championship last night 68-33. Stank on Ya managed to be little more than sacrificial lambs as their hopes for an undefeated season were brought to a screeching halt.

Dream Team II set the tone of the game early. Maurice Galloway had a thunderous dunk over a Stank on Ya defender to score the first basket. The defending champions from the spring

semester out-hustled and out-manned their opponents while capitalizing on their miscues.

In the first half, it was the Maurice Galloway show. Galloway helped his team jump out to a 17-3 lead. Galloway scored 14 points before the intermission. He notched several steals that led to easy baskets for The Dream Team II. The halftime score was 32-13.

With the game in little doubt, Galloway quickly scurried away as he had prior engagements, feeling complete that he had done his duty to help his team win.

"We knew that Maurice [Galloway] had to leave for the second half so the offense went to Maurice in the first half," said Dream Team II captain Mike Smith.

The second half was more of a formality. Mike Smith took over where Galloway left off. Smith scored 18 of his

game high of 25 points in the second half. The Dream Team II coasted and relaxed a bit after the intermission to win by a championship record margin of 35 points. The final score was 68-33.

Smith posted a double-double while teammate Mark Hayes notched dominated the interior with 13 rebounds.

Matthew Stevens led Stank on Ya in scoring with 10 points. No player on Stank on Ya recorded more than five rebounds.

Dream Team II had some strong words for any challengers after the game.

"This is our third straight championship. We are unbeatable. If they have a basketball league for the second summer session, we will win it. You can guarantee that," boasted Smith.

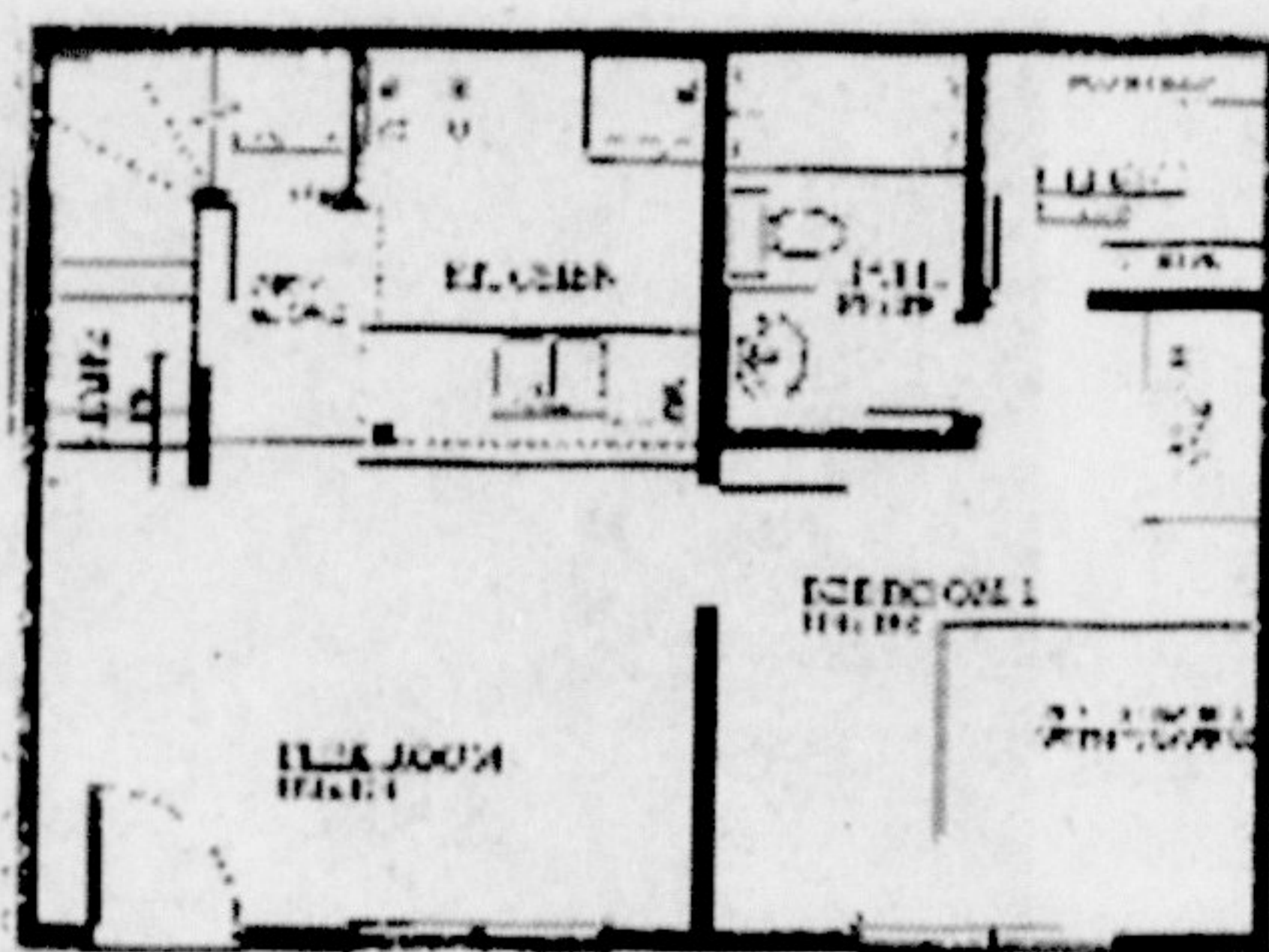
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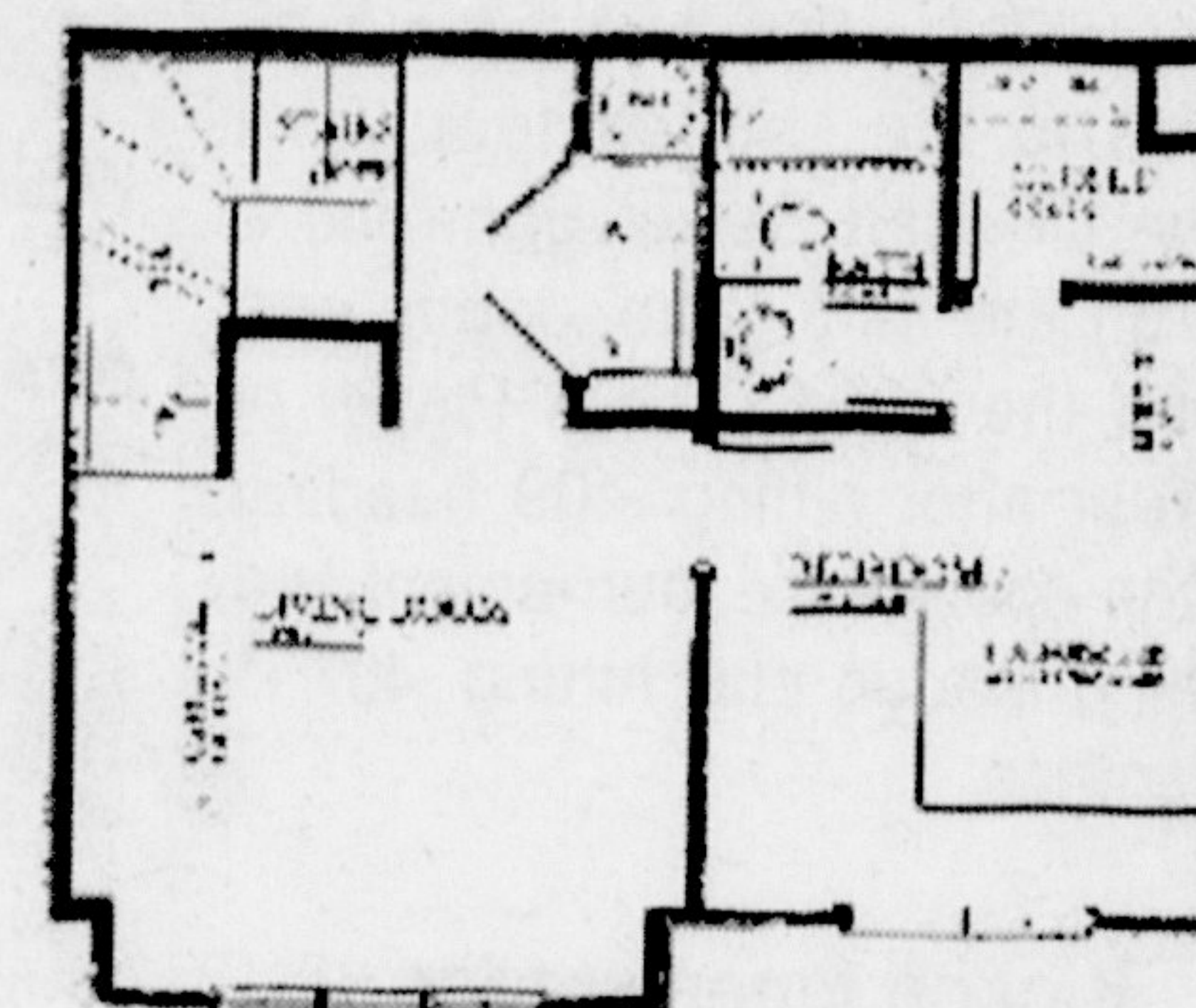
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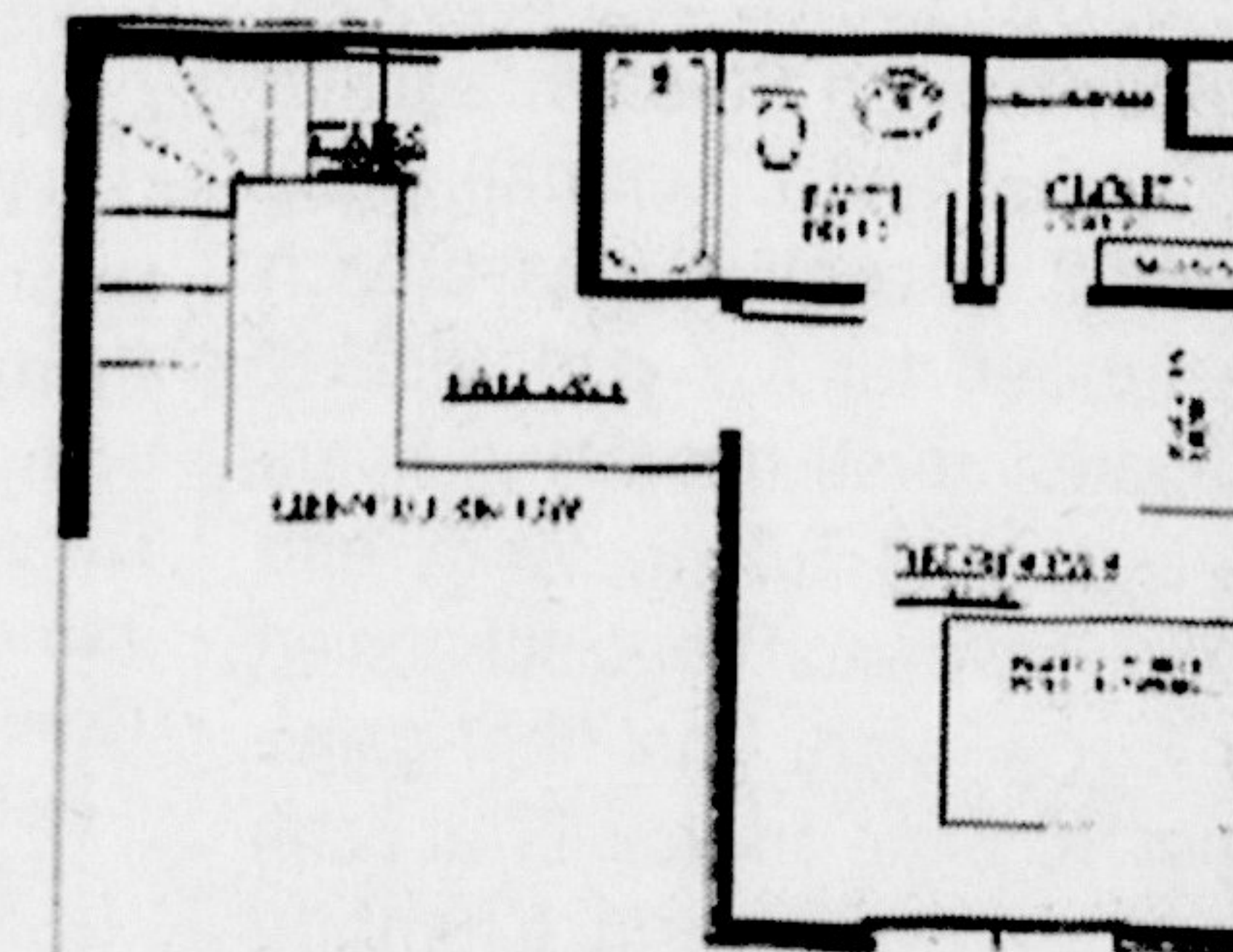
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mistake pitch and this game is over."

As the next pitch hung over the plate and I watched the ball fly off Trevor's bat and into the trees behind the left field fence, all I could do was smile. My next reaction was to high five everyone except a disgruntled Louisville sports information director.

Not every win was that close during the Pirates' incredible run. As a matter of fact, ECU won most of the games by a large margin.

In a much less tense contest against Cincy, the Pirates poured on 32 runs en route to a conference and school record for runs in a single game. ECU scored 60 times during that stretch of three games.

Heading into the TCU series, the Pirates needed only three victories to secure their first ever conference title. They picked up two before dropping the Sunday game, postponing their possible celebration until the following week in Hattiesburg against Southern Miss.

Despite stories that claimed the Golden Eagles had a legitimate shot to sweep the Pirates and steal the regular season title, Greg Bunn tossed a gem for the Pirates as they throttled the Eagles in front of nearly 3,000 fans by the score of 9-0, thus wrapping up the championship.

ECU enjoyed their title for a couple of weeks, then set their minds back on the goal of Omaha as they began the Kinston regional as the number one seed and heavy favorite.

I, fortunately, got to be a spectator instead of a reporter at these three games, and the environment to me was unprecedented. I've been in some pretty incredible sports environments before, but none of those came close to what I experienced in Kinston as I watched my Pirates lock up a birth to the super regional in Columbia the following weekend.

In the championship game of the regional, Bunn delivered the best performance of his career. Instead of letting the junior finish the game, Mazey opted to allow Bunn to leave in front of about 4,000 faithful Pirate fans who were dying to explode in cheers.

Bunn had shut out a potent Wilmington offense for eight innings before giving way to Matt Bishop. As Bishop arrived at the mound from the bullpen and Bunn began to trot off the mound, the ovation that Bunn received from the fans sounded like cheers that I heard when I went to a Panthers game that had about 70,000 strong.

If that didn't give everyone in the stands goose bumps, then they must not have been Pirate fans.

Sadly enough, that moment proved to be the last great moment of the season for the Pirates as they dropped consecutive games to South Carolina to end their otherwise great season.

I have never wanted a team to win so badly in my life. I can honestly say that when I played high school baseball and my team had a chance to do well in the postseason, I didn't want it as bad then as I wanted it for this Pirate team.

When you follow a team as closely as I did this season, it's hard to watch it end so abruptly, so soon. It literally makes me sick to watch the College World Series on television this week because I know ECU should have been there playing for the National Championship.

You can't live in the past however, and it's time to move on, like it or not. The Pirate nation will dearly miss seniors John Poppert, Jamie Paige, Mike Harrington and Ryan Jones, along with the possible departure of Ryan Norwood, Greg Bunn and the "Lethal Lawhorns" due to the draft. One thing is for sure, however - Coach Mazey will have his team ready to play come next spring.

This program is on the rise and may very well single-handedly put ECU athletics on the map for good in the next couple of years with a trip to Omaha.

Some may think this is going out on a limb, but my prediction is that ECU will field the national champions in baseball by the end of the 2006 season.

You don't believe me - just ask the players and the coaches what they think.

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WZMB sports director looking for big things

Past experience pays off

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to recognize Tamar Agbegha. In fact, it's hard not to — well, at least his voice. The newly appointed sports director for WZMB, the student-run campus radio station, has already been taking ECU by storm. If one tunes into 91.3 WZMB, more often than not you will hear Agbegha's voice.

Agbegha has built up quite a resume. He was sports director for WZMB during the fall semester. The sports director is in charge of Pirate Talk, a weekly local call-in show every Monday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pirate Talk has been a fixture in the WZMB schedule for years. Agbegha has big plans for Pirate Talk.

"I want to get some of the head coaches at ECU to come down and be on the show. In particular, the football coach because we want a preview of the (upcoming) season," said Agbegha.

The sports director is also in charge of hiring sportscasters. WZMB has five sportscasts per day that last between three and five minutes. Agbegha is a regular on the sportscasts that occurs at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. every day.

"The sportscasts entail, first and foremost, ECU sports and then whatever is happening around the nation. It just depends on what season it is," Agbegha said.

Agbegha did not limit himself to just sports. Upon joining the station staff in the fall, the Charlotte native also was a disc jockey for Club 91, the hip hop show and Irie FM, a reggae based specialty show. He has retained both of those positions for almost a calendar year.

Agbegha received an award for best specialty show during the Media Board banquet. Club 91 received the award when the junior was hip hop director. He contacted national and local record companies and helped to decide which music should and should not be played on the air.

Agbegha is no stranger to sports. He played on a state championship football team while in high school at Charlotte Independence. The communication major also ran track and played basketball.

"In football, I was so-so. I'm not going to say I was the greatest cornerback to ever play. I did get to play with a future NFL star in Chris Leak, so I joke around about that," Agbegha said.

Now, everything has come full circle. Agbegha is going to use his experience to do the sports director position a little differently than it has been done in the past.

"When I took the position in the fall, I was a little clueless as to what to do," Agbegha said.

"I want to have more interaction with the radio station and the sports program, possibly bringing coaches and players down to the station to have discussions over the air. I also want to get more student interest in sports."

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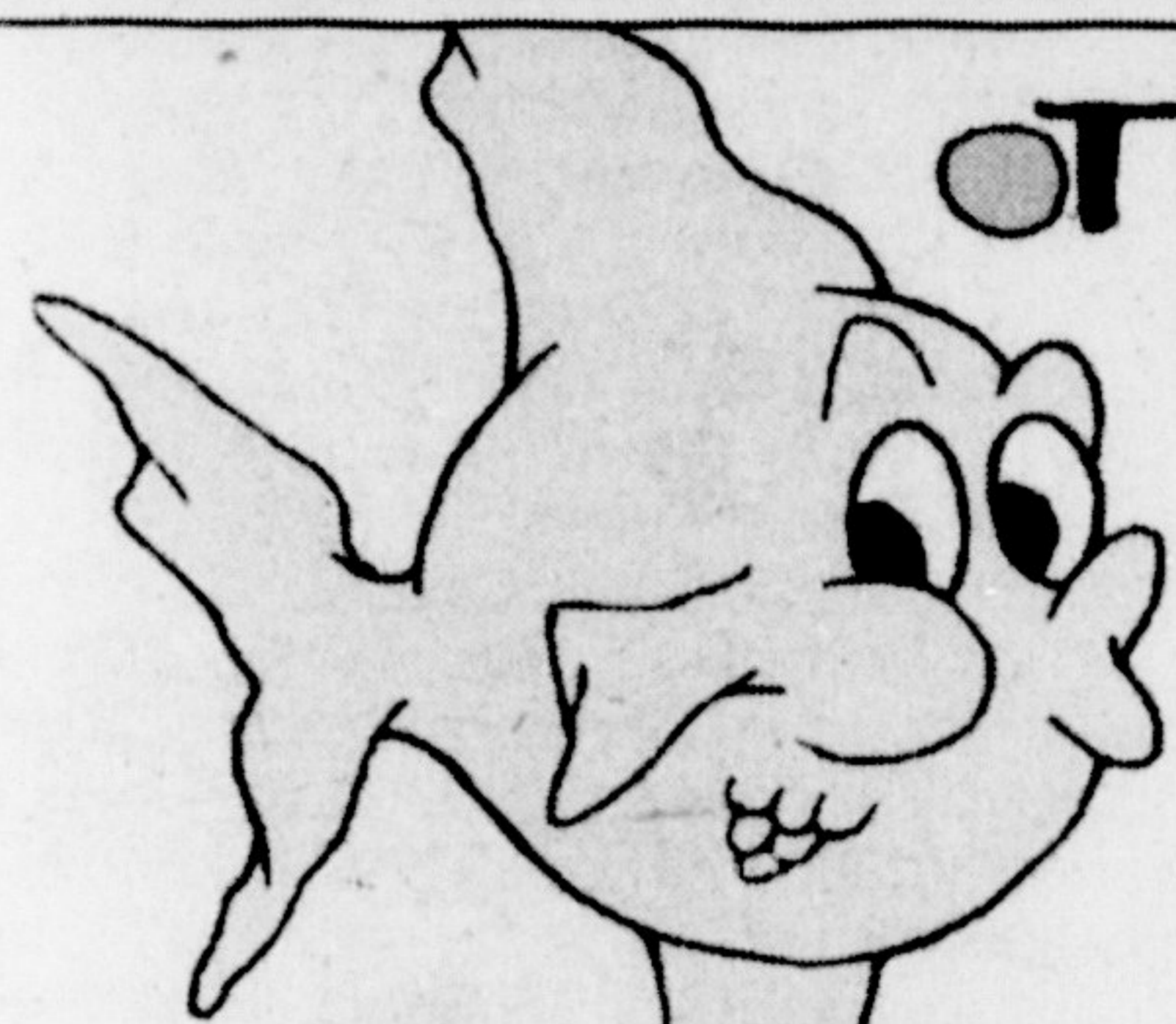
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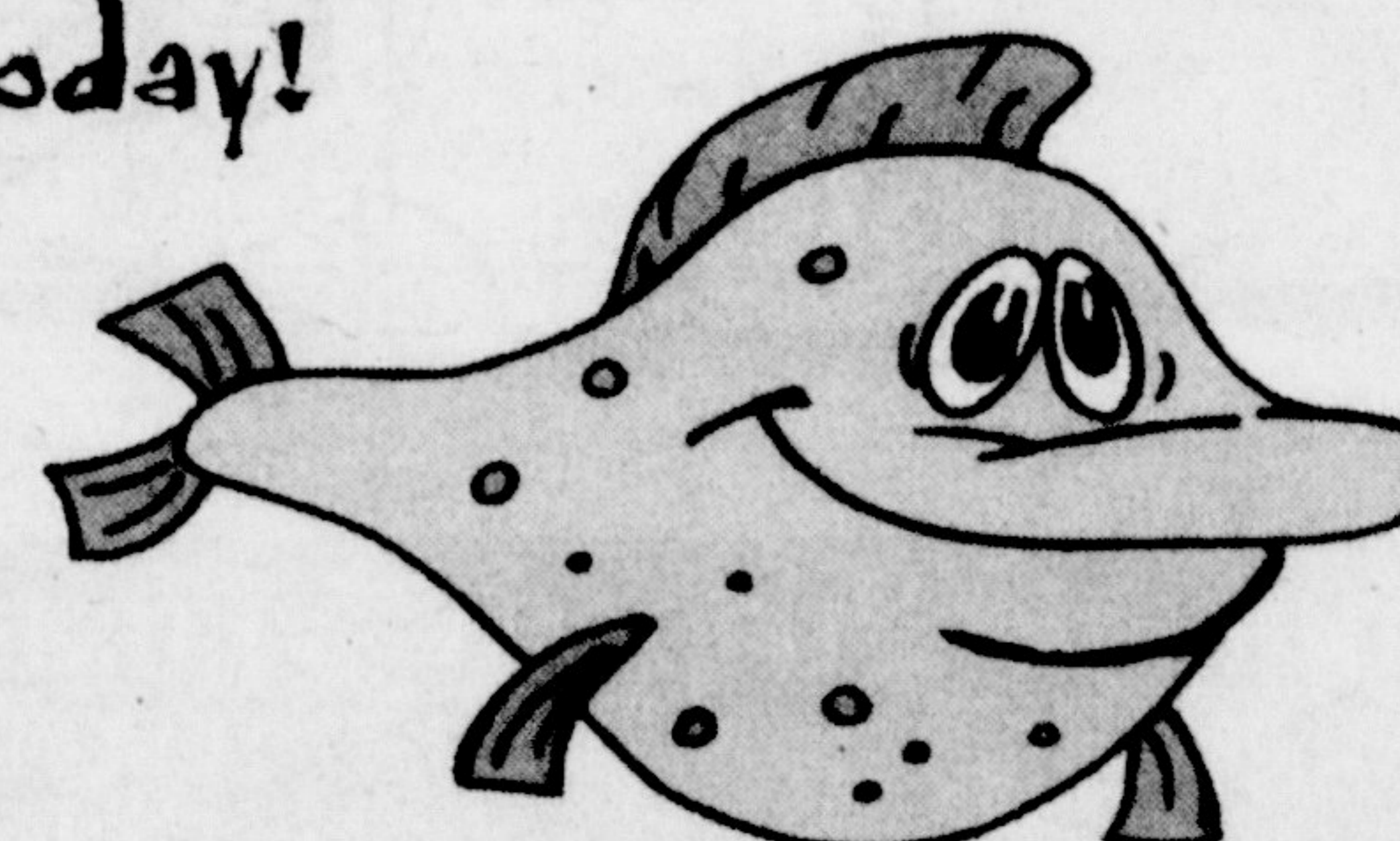
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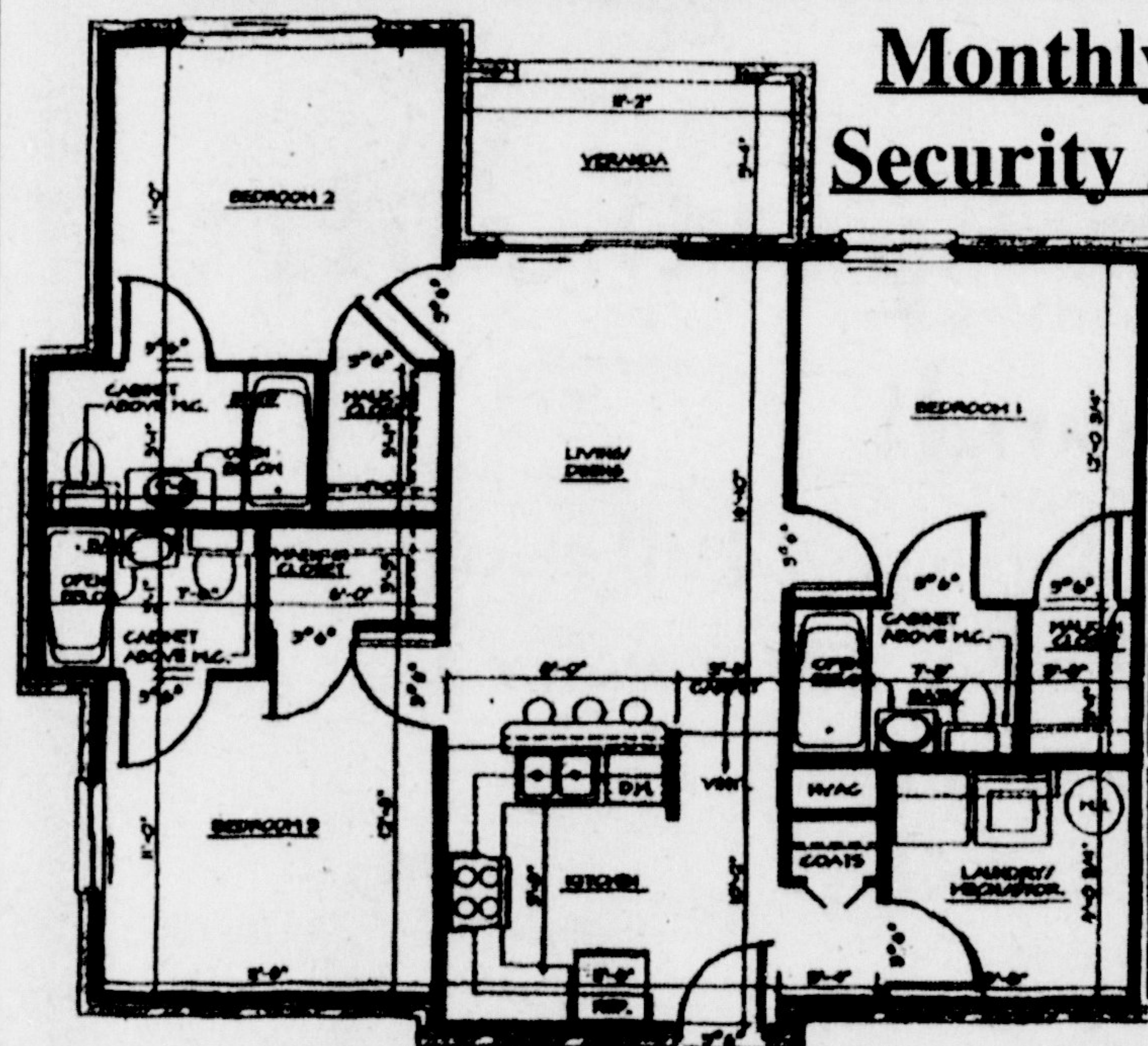
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