



Students appreciate the reduced noise from construction.

ECU, UNC officials celebrate Rivers Building expansion

The ECU community celebrated the completion of the Thomas W. Rivers Building expansion Sept. 11 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. UNC President Molly Corbett Broad and UNC Board of Governors Vice Chairman J. Craig Souza congratulated ECU leaders on their latest achievement and pointed to the Rivers Building as just one example of the momentum building in eastern North Carolina. "This is a wonderful part of the new era of transformation and rebuilding of ECU. It really was the bond vote cast so overwhelmingly by the citizens of North Carolina that has been instrumental in this transformation," said Broad. The \$11.9 million project, paid for by the \$190 million ECU received in 2000 as part of the North Carolina Higher Education Facilities Bond program, provides 38,000 square feet of new classroom and faculty office space for the school of nursing and the college of human ecology. ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard said the completion of the Rivers Building would help contribute to the quality of the university's academic pro-

grams, as well as respond to the continuing demand for space as enrollment figures rise. "This is just one indicator of a vibrant, growing academic community that will make a significant difference to ECU and to the state of North Carolina," Ballard said. "This is a university that has huge growth potential, and we want to make sure we have the resources and academic spaces available. The Rivers Building is just one sign that this is possible." The building reopened just before the start of the fall 2004 semester and is home to the school of nursing and a number of schools within the college of human ecology, including: child development and family relations, interior design and merchandising, criminal justice, social work and nutrition and hospitality management. Built in 1968, the building was named for longtime ECU advocate Thomas W. Rivers, who in 1987, made the first \$1 million contribution to ECU for academic purposes. *This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.*

North Carolina gubernatorial candidate visits campus



Ballantine, seeking support and recognition for his campaign, greets and answers questions of various ECU personnel.

Republican nominee presents his plans to improve North Carolina

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NEWS EDITOR
Patrick Ballantine, Republican nominee for North Carolina Governor delivered a brief speech outside the Wright Auditorium on ECU's campus Monday afternoon and presented his plans to improve the lives of North Carolina residents. Ballantine said he plans on securing jobs for people in North Carolina helping to ensure college students are given decent employment opportunities after graduation. "I know that when you get out of school you're going to need a good job, you're going to care about trying to make a living and pay the bills and we're going to

need new vibrant bold leadership in North Carolina to get that done," said Ballantine. "We are truly at a crossroads in our state and we have to decide if we want to be the best in the south." Ballantine said he hopes that young people are inspired to get involved with the upcoming elections because it is about their future and the future of North Carolina. He said he encourages all young people to pay attention to the election, and visit his Web site at Ballantineforgovernor.com. Ballantine said he is aware of the opportunities here in Greenville with ECU and the new cardiovascular center. "ECU is the largest economic engine in the east ... we have to make sure that its running on all cylinders," Ballantine said. Health care is a growing industry and we want to make sure ECU is a leader in health care in the state and the country he said. Medicaid is out of control, we have to modernize the system. "We need to shift money

around in the Medicaid system so that it can actually deliver the services to the poor and disabled," Ballantine said. One of the major issues he plans on addressing is improving jobs. He plans on creating a business plan in North Carolina to provide hope and opportunity to anyone who wants to excel. "I have a comprehensive plan that will lower taxes, improve education, improve roads and deliver health care at an affordable cost," Ballantine said. "Those are key components of a business plan that I have to make sure that we can complete, to make sure we can bring new jobs to our state." Sam Davis, former candidate for the first congressional district in eastern North Carolina said Ballantine is aware of the problems faced by eastern North Carolina and what needs to be addressed. Davis said Ballantine shares the conservative values of eastern North Carolina and his message is resonating with conservative democrats in

eastern North Carolina with his message of cutting taxes and fiscal responsibility. Governor Easley has withheld reimbursements including tangible, inventory, food sales, taxes. This had a large impact on the smaller cities of North Carolina. "I think he will do a great deal of good in eastern North Carolina," Davis said. Diane Miller, graduate student of ECU and the president of the College Republicans said Ballantine is very much aware of ECU education initiatives, and plans on helping ECU succeed. He is also knowledgeable about the state of North Carolina's problems and what must be done to overcome them. Kyle Jones, sophomore political science major said his father is a small business owner and supports Ballantine for his tax and health care plans. "Small businesses would definitely be better under Patrick Ballantine," said Jones. *This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.*

Hawkins named interim vice chancellor

Facilities, more office space on priority list

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Charles Hawkins, former senior associate vice chancellor, was recently promoted to ECU's interim vice chancellor of administration and finance. Hawkins' new responsibilities now include everything from payroll to all the facilities on campus. "It's challenging, but fun," said Hawkins. Hawkins said his job is to support the campus and the chancellors so the academic mission can move forward. Currently, he is working with academic affairs and the school of medicine. "I am working close with the vice chancellor of research infrastructure so [we] support our faculty and move forward in research," Hawkins said. Steve Ballard, ECU's chancellor is currently looking over a list of priorities and will inform Hawkins of the projects needing immediate attention. Hawkins said he will continue to look at facilities and office



space needs. Hawkins said ECU has a large enrollment projected, which he calls a good problem. According to Hawkins, ECU is hiring new faculty all the time to accompany these students. This year, 97 new faculty members were added. He said ECU is currently considering turning Slay Residence Hall into office space and build-

ing additional residence halls. Hawkins graduated from the University of Michigan. He also worked there as assistant associate of accounting. He came to ECU about five years ago taking the associate vice chancellor position. He was named senior vice chancellor in July 2002. Positions for senior vice chancellor and vice chancellor are currently vacant, and Ballard is conducting a search to fill those positions. ECU students expressed their own opinions of what areas of campus needed the most work. Nikki Graham, health fitness major, said she would rather see money be used to improve ECU's parking situation. "I think parking here is absolutely terrible for students ... I'd rather have a parking deck," said Graham. Other students complained about the lack of air conditioning in the dorms and need of additional space in buildings on campus. Ashley Smith, criminal justice major said classrooms, especially in Brewster, should be bigger. "There's not enough chairs ... everyone's really compact," said Smith. Matt London, criminal justice major thinks some buildings should be expanded for efficiency reasons. "Expand the financial aid building so you don't have to stand in line for four and a half hours," said London. *This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.*

ECU student killed in bicycle accident

Memorial ride to be held in her memory

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR
Larissa Molles, ECU student in exercise physiology died in Pitt County Memorial Hospital after being hit by a truck in Ayden, NC as she was on a bicycle ride with several of her friends. Members of Molles' family, East Carolina Velo cycling club and her extended friends attended the funeral, which was held in Kannapolis, NC Friday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. Lucas Livermon, Molles' boyfriend who recently became a professional cyclist, had planned on purchasing Molles an engagement ring before the accident. He ended up still buying her the ring and gave it to her at the funeral. "She was outgoing, had a great personality, amazing smile, passionate, she had an amazing ability to make anybody feel like they could do anything. She could change someone's life with a simple smile," said Livermon. Livermon remembers Larissa as being an athletic, devoted Christian who participated in



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missions work with Russia since she was 15. She was also involved in fund raising events. Rhiannon Scheidt, senior sculpting major and a friend of Molles, was also with Molles at the time of the accident. "She was the most amazing person I'd ever met. She had an exuberance about life that spilled out to everyone around her," said Scheidt. Peter Hollis, president of the EC Velo cycling club said Molles *see STUDENT page A2*

CAMPUS NEWS

SGA seeks senators
Get Involved! The Student Government Association (SGA) is accepting applications for Senators and Class Officers throughout this week. Applications can be picked up at the SGA Office in Mendenhall Room 264. Specific hours for filing applications are posted in the SGA Hallway in Mendenhall. Deadline to file is Friday, Sept. 17 by 5 p.m. For more information contact 328-4726.

Homecoming beach trip
Homecoming '04 (ECU Goes To the Beach) - Applications are due on Friday, Sept. 17 by 5 p.m. to the SGA Office in Mendenhall Room 264. No applications accepted late. Mandatory meeting on Monday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall 221.

Sexual assault awareness week
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Sexual Assault Awareness Week at ECU Sept. 14-16.

Self Defense Class
Self Defense Class - Student Health Center, Multipurpose Room at 5:30 p.m. - Sponsored by the ECU Counseling & Student Development and Wellness Education Team. For more information contact 328-6794.

Dialogue on Diversity
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 6 p.m. - Learn more about the programs and services offered by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs.

Latin Jazz Festival
Mendenhall Brickyard at 7 p.m. - Enjoy a fun evening of salsa dance lesson, food and music! FREE! Sponsored by SU Cultural Awareness Committee.

Take Back the Night March
Meet at the top of College Hill in front of Belk at 7 p.m. - Rain date is Sept. 22. Sponsored by the ECU Counseling & Student Development and Wellness Education Team. For more information call 328-6794.

ECU Knights
ECU Knights Chess Club would like to invite you to our weekly meetings. We meet every Friday at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in 212 Mendenhall. Join us for a challenge or just for fun, regardless of your level of play.

Model UN
The Model United Nations club would like to invite you to a pizza party. This will be an informal and informational meeting about the club, as well as a great way to meet current members. The pizza party will take place on September 30 at 6 p.m., in the Political Science Library, located in 109 Brewster C.

Candlelight Vigil
THURSDAY, SEPT. 16
Candlelight Vigil for survivors of sexual assault - Student Health Services, Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m. - Sponsored by the ECU Counseling & Student Development and Wellness Education Team. For more information call 328-6794.

Open Mic Night
Mendenhall Pirate Underground, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Enjoy a relaxing evening of student entertainment. Sign up to perform on-site (first come, first served). Food and refreshments. Sponsored by the SU Popular Entertainment Committee. For more information call 328-4714.

Jazz At Night
Mendenhall Great Room at 8 p.m. - Students get two free tickets per ID so be sure to pick them up at the Central Ticket Office. Limited seats available. Enjoy an evening of cool tunes in a cabaret atmosphere featuring students and faculty from the ECU Jazz Ensemble. Food and refreshments. Sponsored by the SU Spectrum Committee.

News Briefs

Local

Condoleezza Rice visits two North Carolina colleges
CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) - National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice visited two North Carolina universities Monday, including the historically black college that her father attended in the 1940s. Speaking to students at Johnson C. Smith University, Rice said she felt at home. "I can feel that it kept the same heart and soul that it had when my father when here, and I remember as a little girl," she said. Her father, John Rice, graduated from the college in 1946. "I am a big supporter of historically black colleges," Rice said in a speech. "They provided educational opportunities at a time when no one else would for black Americans." Rice, who also spoke later Monday at Wingate University's Austin Auditorium as part of that school's Jesse Helms lecture series, told the Johnson C. Smith students that her father's generation eventually led the civil rights struggle in the 1960s. Her mother also attended a historically black college in Alabama. Rice assumed the position of national security adviser in 2001. A professor of political science, she served on Stanford University's faculty, starting in 1981, and served six years as provost.

Bowles unveils health care plan to Charlotte voters
CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) - Democratic Senate candidate Erskine Bowles toured in support of his health care reform proposal Tuesday, calling it a "moral issue" that he plans to tackle

immediately if elected in November. "I want to champion this cause," Bowles said after he addressed about 40 supporters outside the Grace Medical Clinic, a newly-opened facility providing care for the needy. "I think I can bring people from both sides of the aisle together. "This is not a Democratic issue or a Republican issue," Bowles added. "It's an American issue. And we have a crisis on our hands." Bowles, a Charlotte businessman who is faces Republican U.S. Rep. Richard Burr in the Nov. 2 general election, highlighted some of the ideas contained in a 16-page brochure, "A Health Care Plan for North Carolina," that he released Monday. Bowles spent Monday and Tuesday touring the state to publicize the plan. "We don't have a health care crisis in this country," he said. "We have a health care insurance crisis. We have the best health care in the world in this country but the most stupid health insurance system." Bowles, who was chief of staff in the Clinton White House, and Burr are vying for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. John Edwards, D-NC, who is running for vice president.

National

Suspect in slaying two NYC detectives pleads not guilty; police union wants man to face death penalty
NEW YORK (AP) - Slumped in a wheelchair in a courtroom packed with mourning police officers, the man accused of killing two veteran detectives with one of their pistols pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder charges Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors cannot seek the death penalty for Marlon Legere, 28, because of a June ruling by New York's highest court that found a key element of the state's death penalty law was unconstitutional, prosecutor Kenneth Taub said. Outside the courtroom in downtown Brooklyn, police union officials said the killing of Detectives Robert Parker, 43, and Patrick Rafferty, 39, cried out for the death penalty, and they called on the Legislature to amend the law. "The death penalty should have been in place," said Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. "We have to fix that problem." A spokeswoman for Gov. George Pataki said death penalty legislation, which has passed the Senate but not the Assembly, could apply retroactively in pending cases including Legere's. But Legere's court-appointed attorney, Wayne Bodden, said he did not believe a new law could apply to his case.

Chief who hired woman firefighter remembers her as skilled leader
ARNOLD, Calif. (AP) - The California fire chief who hired the woman firefighter killed in a wild land blaze near Yosemite National Park says she was a skilled, natural leader. Eva Schicke (SHY-kee) died Sunday when flames overran her elite seven-member crew in a rugged canyon. Officials say a sudden wind shift may have played a role. Schicke was the first female firefighter killed on duty from California's Forestry Department. Battalion Chief Jeff Millar (muh-LAR) says he recruited Schicke more than

four years ago after watching her skills and leadership as a guard on the Cal State-Stanislaus basketball team. Millar's wife was the coach. Mourners in the town of Arnold have put up a roadside memorial that includes flowers and balloons arranged between a pair of boots, a helmet, gloves and a shovel. A bulletin board included notes from friends and colleagues.

World

Protester dressed as Batman scales Buckingham Palace in embarrassment for security
LONDON (AP) - Holy intruder! A protester dressed in a Batman costume scaled the front wall of Buckingham Palace on Monday and perched for more than five hours on a ledge near the balcony where the royal family appears on ceremonial occasions. The protester's success in climbing the wall in front of the queen's main residence prompted fresh questions about the much-criticized and recently overhauled royal security operation. "It's not good enough and we want to know how this happened," Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir John Stevens told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. Two police officers in a cherry-picker crane removed the protester, Jason Hatch, from the ledge at about 7:15 p.m., 5 1/2 hours after he climbed up. His Batman mask removed and a white helmet placed on his head, he waved and clapped as the crane lowered him to the ground. Hatch, 33, from Gloucester, is a member of the Fathers 4 Justice

group, which is campaigning for greater custody rights for divorced or separated fathers and has staged a number of prominent stunts to promote their cause. No member of the royal family was at the palace Monday. Queen Elizabeth II was at her Balmoral residence in Scotland.

Celebrating 150 years of their national anthem, Mexicans plan worldwide sing-along
MEXICO CITY (AP) - Warning: If a co-worker or stranger suddenly jumps up and starts singing Wednesday, don't be alarmed. They aren't crazy. They are just Mexicans participating in a worldwide call to song to celebrate 150 years of their national anthem. An ad campaign is calling on all Mexicans - wherever they are - to stop what they are doing at noon Wednesday (1 p.m. EDT), the eve of Mexico's Independence Day, and sing the rousing ode to war and country. While the campaign is primarily aimed at celebrating the anthem, it has another motive: uniting a country increasingly divided by everything from politics to crime. "There is a crisis of dishonesty, fragmentation, crime," said Erwin Salas Juarez, a spokesman for the nonprofit council organizing the campaign. "We have to unite society." Organizers hope that on Wednesday, offices will grind to a halt in the capital, Mexicans visiting the Eiffel Tower will stop taking photos, and farmers will look up from their fields to join in the anthem's first words: "Mexicans, at the cry of battle prepare your swords and bridle; and let the earth tremble at its center at the roar of the cannon."

ECU student continues coursework in Iraq

Student utilizes ECU online courses

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ECU student Enoc Rodriguez, currently in Iraq serving as a network administrator is continuing his computer technology degree with ECU by taking two online courses. "I really want to get my B.S. so that I can start getting into management positions. I feel I have a lot of potential in that area," said Rodriguez. A typical day for this civilian working on contract through the Department of Defense, begins with walking to the shower trail-

ers, getting dressed and eating breakfast before working a 12-hour shift at the communication trailer. This is his routine five days a week, leaving him with two days off. "I thought if I took some online courses that would help keep me busy. Things can get very boring," Rodriguez said. Since going to Iraq, Rodriguez has worked in Camp Scania and is now waiting in Baghdad until the Army is ready for him at a new site where he will set up and be responsible for a network. "The hardest thing is that I don't have reliable internet access when traveling from site to site. The Internet cafes have 30-minute time limits so I have to try to do things offline and use

my time at the café efficiently," Rodriguez said. He has a desire for management positions, which comes from past experience as an employee. "I've worked for some poor managers, whether it's because of their people skills, organizational skills, technical knowledge or lack thereof, I want to be in a position where I can help people work to their full potential and be happy that they are doing it," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez is well on his way to gaining the experience he will need to get these management positions. He also keeps up with the political climate of the United States while overseas. "I'm glad to be here

supporting the military and the individual soldiers, airmen and marines. People need to remember that whether they support the War on Terror or not, they need to think about the individual soldier and their families. They [soldiers] see the news on TV, online and in newspapers, and know what is going on back home. We need to support them." ECU students are supportive of Rodriguez's efforts in Iraq and his desire to continue taking classes. ECU student Emily Kokinda said "I volunteered and served a mission in South America for 18 months and I hated leaving my loved ones, but the work has to be done and I'm grateful that there



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are people like Mr. Rodriguez willing to step up and do the work." This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Boil water advisory continues in parts of NC



Easley looks over Asheville from a helicopter at the floods left by the hurricane.

ASHVILLE, NC (AP) - Drinking water continued to be a major issue Monday in western North Carolina, where state health officials said residents should continue boiling their water for another day. The remnants of Hurricane Frances - a tropical depression by the time it reached North Carolina last week - dumped up to 16 inches of rain in western North Carolina, flooding some water systems. Some Asheville residents haven't had water in their taps since Wednesday, when flooding knocked out the city water system. Crews began restoring water service Saturday, and the lines to east Asheville and Black Mountain were restored Monday. Service was expected to be restored gradually to those areas. Most of the city's 100,000

customers had water, but areas of Candler were dry because a large tank was filling slowly. Customers on the far end of Leicester Highway also had no water. The State Department of Environment and Natural Resources said Monday that customers of the Regional Water Authority of Asheville and Buncombe and Henderson counties should bring water to a full, rolling boil for one minute before consuming. Residents who cannot boil the water should add plain household bleach (which is 4 percent to 6 percent chlorine) using one-fourth teaspoon per one gallon. Shake the water and let it stand for 30 minutes, after which water should have a slight bleach odor. Pregnant women should use bottled water, which also should be used for baby formula, state health officials said.

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donated her organs to other people in need and some of them have already been used. "That was pretty typical of her personality," said Hollis. Hollis said a memorial bicycle ride is taking place in her memory. People can visit www.ecvelo.org for more information. Scheidt, who recalls what happened in the accident, said it was solely because of the negligence of the truck driver. "We were on the edge of our lane when an oncoming pickup truck going south completely crossed the yellow line putting his entire vehicle into our lane," Scheidt said. Livermon said when he saw the truck cross into their lane, he turned his head in Molles's direction, but before he could make an attempt to grab her out of the way, she had already been hit. Livermon reacted instantly. "I don't even think my bike

came to a stop, I just jumped off," Livermon said. Molles was laying face down in the ditch leaving Livermon in such a state of panic, he could not tell if she had a heart rate or breath. It turned out she was breathing at the time and they immediately got on the phone to call for help. "It was the most hopeless feeling anyone could ever feel to have a person you've been planning your life around to be lying in a ditch," Livermon said. The EMS arrived quickly. A doctor who lived on the road of the accident was on the scene within minutes and arrangements were made for Molles to be airlifted to the Pitt County Memorial Hospital. She was at the time stable and was having a CT scan done to find the injuries. In intensive care, it was determined the whole right side of her brain was com-

pletely unresponsive. "Because it was brain activity they said it would take a miracle," Livermon said. Livermon said there are going to be some major changes to how the law handles cyclists and how they are treated on the road. Livermon said the man who was driving the truck called him to apologize, and he does not believe the accident was intentional. "Because he was being negligent, and unaware of what was going on, he killed someone's future fiancée, daughter and many people's best friends," Livermon said. While her family has a lot of support from many people, it will still be hard to deal with everyday life. The family is in the early stages of pressing charges. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Car bomb kills at least 47 near Iraqi police

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A car bomb exploded near a police station in Baghdad early Tuesday as dozens of Iraqis were applying to join the force, killing at least 47 people and wounding 114, officials said. In Baqouba, gunmen opened fire on a van carrying policemen home from work, killing 11 officers and a civilian. The attacks were the latest attempts by insurgents to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many towns and cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January. In Baghdad, the blast left a gaping 10-foot crater outside the station at the end of Haifa street, a main Baghdad

thoroughfare that has been the scene recently of fierce clashes. Dozens of cars parked nearby were destroyed and shops and buildings were badly damaged. Paramedics and residents picked up body parts scattered across the street and put them into boxes. Anguished men lifted charred bodies and lay them gently on stretchers. Health Ministry spokesman Saad Al-Amili said at least 47 people were killed and 114 wounded. An Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity that a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-packed sedan next to a cafe by the police station where many would-be recruits had gone to escape the

summer heat. Angry crowds near the site of the blast denounced U.S. forces and interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government for failing to protect police recruiting centers. "I blame Ayad Allawi's government for what happened because they did not take the necessary security measures," said Ali Abul-Amir, who was among those trying to join the force but had gone around the corner to buy a drink when the explosion went off. In the eastern city of Baqouba, gunmen in two cars opened fire Tuesday on a van carrying policemen home from work, killing 11 officers and a civilian, police and hospital officials said.

Our View

So often in popular culture, people become famous for the most undeserving reasons like court cases, lawsuits and reality shows, just to name a few.

But perhaps one of the most undeserving people to achieve this "celebrity status" is the former *New York Times* reporter, Jayson Blair. Blair became infamous for plagiarizing and lying in more than a dozen *Times* articles during a period of eight months.

Shortly after the scandal was revealed to the public, both the *Times'* executive editor and managing editor also resigned from their positions.

So how does Blair make good of a situation that not only ruined his career, but the careers of others? He publishes a book titled, *Burning Down My Master's House: My Life at the New York Times* and goes on a college speaking tour.

Now you may be asking yourself, as did we, "what college in their right mind would book such a disreputable individual to speak to the minds of the future?" Funny you should ask, because Wednesday, Blair will speak to students at Winston-Salem State University.

Brian Blount, chairman of WSSU's mass communication department, defended his decision to the Associated Press, stating that Blair will offer students the chance to learn important lessons.

"As a reporter, if you have preconceived ideas or concepts or you believe something may have occurred, you still have to go in there with an open mind and become a critical thinker," Blount told the AP.

As a staff of aspiring professional journalists, we find it hard to believe that Blair could offer students any valuable lessons other than how to fabricate a news story. We hope that WSSU students remember the consequences of Blair's mistruths and in no way treat him as a credible media professional.

If liars and cheats are now considered viable role models to speak at college campuses, we can't help but wonder who'll be next? Will business schools invite former Enron executives to discuss business ethics?



Opinion Columnist

Run, don't walk, to nearest bus stop

Don't give up so easily

RACHEL LANDEN
STAFF WRITER

I have no medical degree, and I've only taken two science courses at ECU, but nonetheless, I think I may have stumbled upon a new disease. How do I know this? Because I believe I am one of many sufferers. I, too, am chronologically challenged.

Most people simply refer to this as the tendency to be late. You know those people you get annoyed with for always showing up at least five minutes after an event has begun? Well, now that you realize they may also be chronologically challenged, let's be a little more sympathetic.

This disease, of sorts, seems to show up at the most inopportune times for us. Take, for example, my experience with bouts of it last week. No matter how early or late in the day my classes were, I could not seem to make it to the bus on time for them. I didn't miss the bus every time, but considering that it was a short week, I missed it most of the time.

It was a good time to have friends who understood my chronological challenge. Despite my lateness,



they were able to get me to class on time.

That is also because although I was late, I wasn't extremely late. In fact, that probably made it all the more painful. I would walk outside and head toward the bus stop, notice the bus was already loading, and find myself in a dilemma.

Should I power walk and probably still not make it? Should I run to try to catch the bus, and most likely then, not even make it? Or should I just give up, turn around and find another way to get to campus?

I tried all options, but they always ended in the same result. I hurried to

the bus, only to watch the doors close and it pull away, with me standing somewhere outside.

Even if you aren't one of those chronologically challenged people, you probably still know how I felt. How many times in life do we see something we want, even something we need, and yet, it is just out of our reach? We can try harder, we can give it our all, or we can give up.

What makes it even harder is knowing that whichever we choose might not even make a difference. That goal, that dream, that hope just slips away, and we watch it disappear out of sight as we are running to it. We know we should be on that bus, but it doesn't matter. We can't catch it.

It all sounds rather depressing and hopeless, but I don't think it is time yet to be discouraged. I may be chronologically challenged, but I also have an idealistic side that may be just as dangerous.

When it looks bleak and whatever you're hoping for or working toward is just beyond your grasp, don't just give up and turn around. Power walk, or better yet, run. The bus is waiting, and you're supposed to be on it.

And even if you miss it today, don't worry. It'll be back tomorrow.

Pirate Rant

Editor's note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be sent to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

This hurricane season has proven that if you live in Florida, it helps to have friends in high places.

I'm a Kerry supporter because he served in Vietnam and helped protect my right to rant.

All of you ECU football fans who claim to love the team and then parade how badly they suck after only a 0-2 start should be disgraced. I understand 1-13 in the last 14 games is nothing to do cartwheels over but it is more than apparent that this team is exponentially better than last year's squad. They played a bad first half against WFU and it killed them. Mark my words though, they will beat Cincinnati en route to a four-win season. Have faith and show support like the 38,000-plus did for the home opener; this team would appreciate it, be proud to have fans that are faithful and will improve.

Why don't you all stop ranting and do something useful with your time?

I decided to add pay per view to my cable subscription, but all I got was a show about origami.

It's called a sideWALK for a reason - it is not a sideskateboard or a sidebicycle, so quit trying to run me over!

I wish they could make an equivalent to Easy Mac or Ramen noodles that was easy to cook but didn't taste like boiled cardboard.

I needed my cigarette lighter, so I took out all the tobacco.

How come guys say they aren't call when they know they aren't going to? Just save me the trouble and tell me to my face that I'm fat, dull or that my breath stinks. I appreciate a little honesty!

Don't you think it's kind of ridiculous that people wear the Lance Armstrong bracelets and then light up a cigarette? Come on, people. Do the research about why the bracelets are being sold.

Pirates: "Third and one" means you do a stinkin' quarterback sneak. Come on, we gotta get a win!

If you look back at Bush's past four years and you aren't enraged, you need to start paying attention. You'd have to be seriously uninformed to vote for him.

It's so sad that some dog owners can't afford to purchase a cage for their pets, so they have to carry them in their purses. Oh, they do that on purpose? Good God, why?

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

Often I read the student's comments in the Pirate Rant, and some do surprise me, but I respect other people's opinion.

However, the Sept. 9 edition was very disturbing. The comment doesn't disturb me as much as the fact that it was printed.

The comment is as follows: "If STDs are cool, ECU is the place to be."

Allow me to interpret the acronym STD, because I can only assume by printing this that the editor is clueless to its meaning. It stands for sexually transmitted diseases.

I, and many others, have worked very hard to build this great university to a higher standard. I am truly shocked that this would be printed.

Is it the goal of *TEC* to sabotage ECU? There is freedom of speech but there is also a line that has to be drawn. I am drawing the line. This type of banter does not belong in *TEC*.

Charles M. Askew
ECU faculty/staff

Online Reader Responses

Response to Sept. 1 article, "Hypocrisy now spelled N-C-A-A"

"I agree. You are right on the money in your article. Someone needs to stand up to the NCAA.

Steve Prefontaine, one of the greatest runners of all time, stood up to the AAU in the late 1960s and 1970s and he changed a lot of the rules."
— Tyler

"I agree with Tony on this one. You are the man! Preach it brother."
— Eric Hinton

Response to Sept. 2 article, "In 31 states, freshmen must be vaccinated against meningitis"

"My 16-year-old daughter Jessica died in January 2004, due to bacterial meningitis. Please get yourselves vaccinated. This can happen to high school students also.

If you have flu-like symptoms and have difficulty moving your neck from chin to chest, seek medical attention immediately. Please!

A mother who is missing her daughter."
— Kim White

"My 20-year-old son died 19 months ago from meningitis when he went off to college. How do we as a society not have our children be routinely vaccinated against this killer disease? Please get your vaccination. This disease has devastated our entire family."
— Gail Bailey

"My 20-year-old daughter, Becky, passed away on Feb. 25, from a disease that could have easily been prevented! Because she did not fit the CDC criteria

of 'living in the dorms,' meningitis took her life. A life that could still be worthwhile had she been vaccinated. Please vaccinate your teenage and young adult children."
— Dee Dee Werner

Reader response to Sept. 2 article, "Republican National Convention draws record crowds"

"Quote #1: 'Bill Clinton was hung from a yardarm for his little indiscretion, and all he did was lie about an extramarital affair...'

Don't sugarcoat it ... he lied to the American people over and over about his affair. A person's morals tell you a lot about them.

Quote #2: 'The question remains: Will the protestors, the vast majority of whom want nothing more than to shout their slogans and wave their banners, be met with tolerance and cooperation (two privileges which they are in fact granted by the U.S. Constitution) or with pepper spray and attack dogs?'

Quote #3: 'The N.Y.P.D. has already made hundreds of arrests, most often for unlicensed public demonstrations and overt political dissension, often sighting 'security concerns' or 'public safety issues...'

Hey, if you don't have a permit to demonstrate, then you get arrested. It's not a difficult concept. I support your right to free speech, but I also support you having to take responsibility for your actions. Feel free to demonstrate, just do it within the rules."
— Jerry

Reader response to Sept. 8 article, "Suicidal pedestrians,"

garbage mouths top list of peeves"

"I agree with you on people chomping down gum in class. That really bothers me.

However, my biggest pet peeve is when people ask the same question over and over again. I just want to say, 'Didn't you hear me the first time?' Jeez, people clean your ears out once in a while."
— Shanda Schroeder

"I think that pen tapping, gum chomping, and the same questions over and over again are some of my biggest pet peeves.

Another pet peeve is a student who constantly speaks out, always giving their opinion, even when not called for."
— Jenn

"This is a campus of pedestrians. While pedestrians should not stop traffic, motorists in the campus area and especially on campus, should yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Destinations require more time using Fifth and 10th Streets, and expect delays if you have to cut through campus to drop off your roommate so they can avoid the five-block walk or, God forbid, the bus.

ECU employees should be trained to be aware of pedestrian activity and take a defensive, not an offensive, driving style in the campus area.

Finally, my biggest peeve of all: keep all nonessential traffic out of the Wright Place Plaza. Work trucks and vans should not be allowed to cut through during certain hours, go around."
— Jay

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Top 5's

Top 5 Movies:

1. *Hero*
2. *Without a Paddle*
3. *Anacondas: Hunt for the Blood Orchid*
4. *Paparazzi*
5. *Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*

Top 5 Books:

1. *The DaVinci Code*
2. *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*
3. *The Rule of Four*
4. *Skinny Dip*
5. *Angels & Demons*

Top 5 CDs:

1. *Tim McGraw*
2. *Ray Charles*
3. *Jill Scott*
4. *LL Cool J*
5. *Now That's What I Call Music: 16*

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. *CSI*
2. *Without a Trace*
3. *CSI: Miami*
4. *60 Minutes*
5. *Two and a Half Men*

Top 5 DVDs:

1. *Taking Lives*
2. *The Girl Next Door*
3. *Godsend*
4. *The Laws of Attraction*
5. *Hidalgo*

Horoscopes:

ARIES - Early this week, friends and lovers may propose expanded family activities or group commitments. Over the next few days, an intense mood of restlessness, romantic interest and social curiosity will arrive.

TAURUS - Late Tuesday, a close friend may reveal unusual social information or request delicate advice.

GEMINI - Public reputation and workplace confidence will soon lead to valuable job opportunities.

CANCER - Emotional outbursts from loved ones may be an ongoing theme for the next few days.

LEO - Delayed financial or business requests will this week work to your advantage. Loan applications, job inquiries and legal compensation may be key issues.

VIRGO - Group events and team assignments may soon bring surprising business contacts. Before mid-week, respond quickly to promising leads, ventures or social invitations.

LIBRA - Loved ones may this week press for sudden decisions or fast home changes.

SCORPIO - Monday through Wednesday, an older colleague will rely heavily on your wisdom and past experience. Workplace triangles and social power struggles will soon require constant attention.

SAGITTARIUS - Before mid-week, workplace assignments may be derailed by financial limitations or failed agreements.

CAPRICORN - Business partnerships may soon reveal important opportunities.

AQUARIUS - Minor health irritations are highlighted over the next six days.

PISCES - Home planning may soon trigger rare family difficulties. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to introduce revised daily schedules or new social obligations. Accommodate all as best as possible.

The Much Anticipated Fall TV Preview

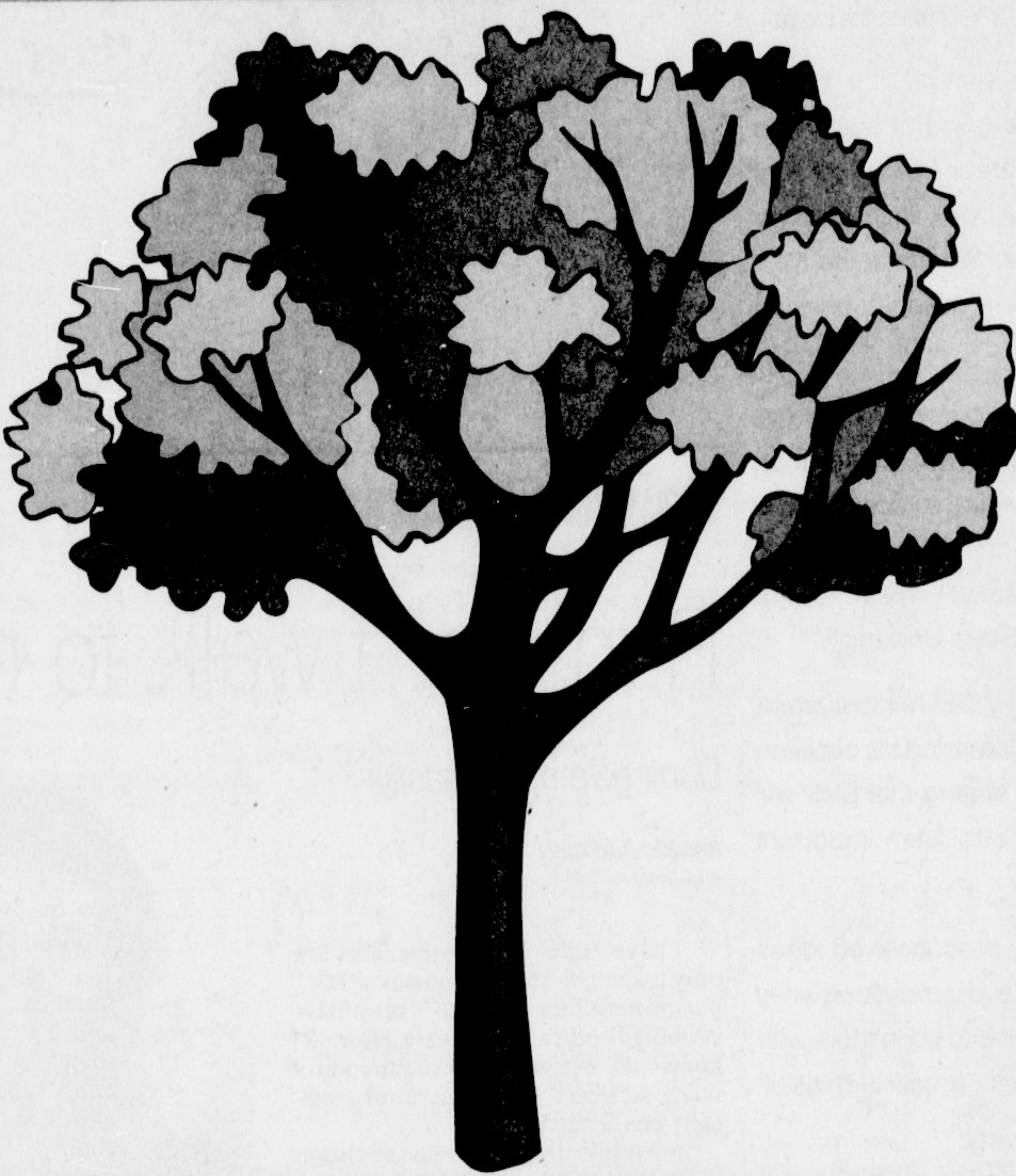
This season offers something for everyone

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Students look forward to the lazy days of summer, but now it is September, and time for lots of homework, projects and papers. Thanks to ABC, WB, NBC, CBS, UPN and FOX, students have no reason to dread the start of the school week. The Fall TV prime time line-up is jam packed with all of your favorite shows, not to mention more than 30 new shows for you to preview and critique. Just make sure to keep the channel changer handy, because you will have a tough time picking which show to watch at night from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

The week starts out with "The Benefactor," a new reality show on ABC. Multi-millionaire Mark Cuban plans on giving away a million dollars to the contestant that can prove they have what it takes to be successful. Hmmm, sounds like Cuban is trying to be the next Donald Trump. Trump's popular show "The Apprentice" returns to NBC's Thursday night line-up as well, so Cuban's only competition at 8 p.m. on Monday is from shows like "Fear Factor" and "7th Heaven."

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'Sky Captain' ready for cinema takeoff?

Will movie soar or crash and burn?

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

There's an old adage that we teach to children: "Never judge a book by its cover." That may be a little easier said than done, when it comes to Paramount's visually stunning *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, which will be released Friday, Sept. 17.

With one glance at *Sky Captain's* trailer, it's apparent that first-time writer and director Kerry Conran has created a visual masterpiece. The creation process began 10 years ago when Conran created a CGI program which gives him the ability to shoot a film in front of a "blue screen" and digitally insert the rest of the film around the actors.

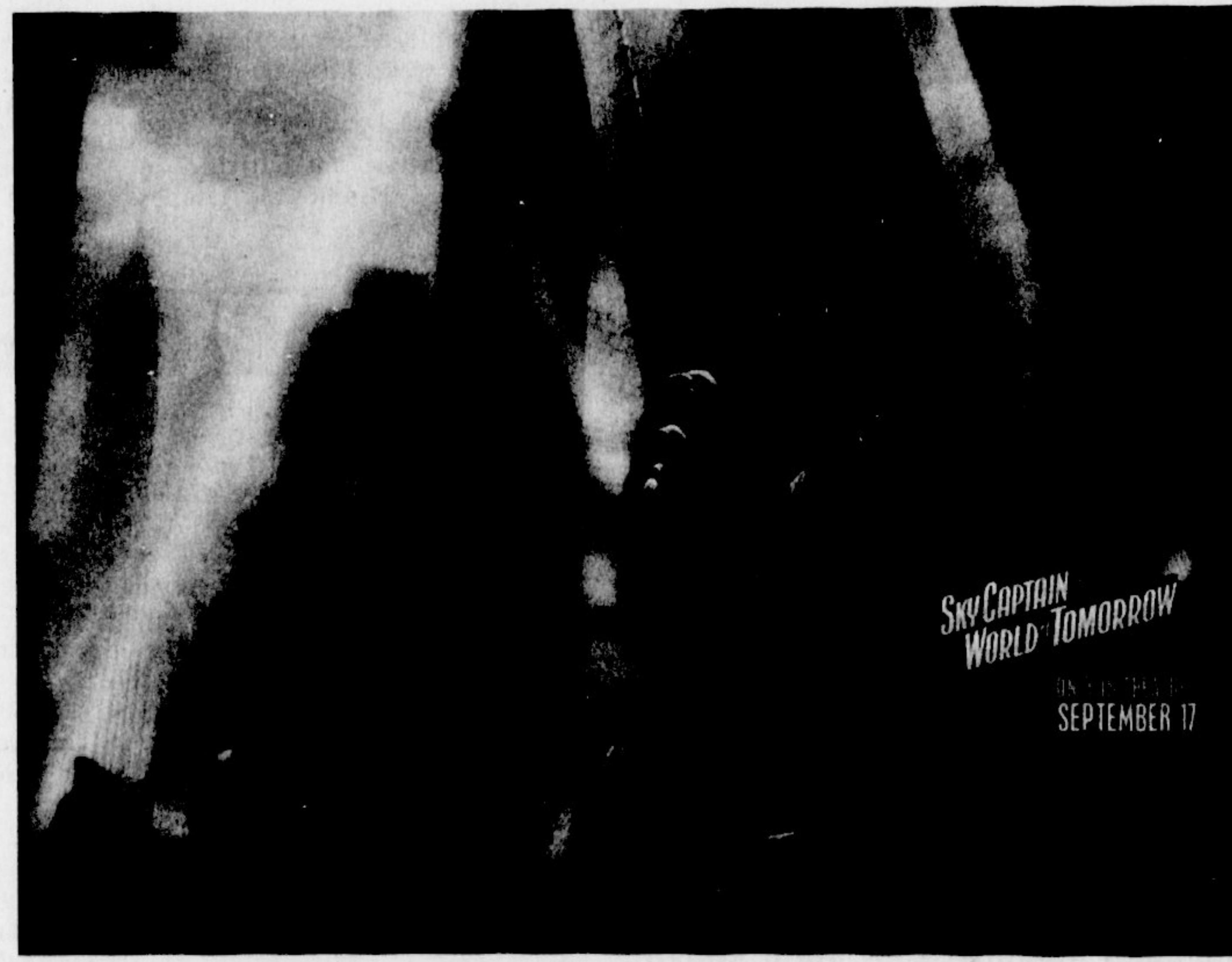
Conran and his brother used this machine for four years to create a short six-minute presentation, which played on their

home computer. This presentation made the rounds in Hollywood and eventually fell into the lap of producer Jon Avnet (*Risky Business* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*). Since then he has done everything in his power to bring Conran's vision to life. As previously mentioned, every aspect of the film, aside from the actors, come directly from the mind of Kerry Conran and his crew. With this power, Conran has been able to create a beautiful, engaging fantasy world, unparalleled by any other film in history.

Speaking of actors, Conran assembled a remarkable cast for such a unique project with an untested director. *Sky Captain* stars Academy Award winners Gwyneth Paltrow (*Shakespeare in Love*) and Angelina Jolie (*Girl, Interrupted*) along with two-time Academy Award nominee Jude Law (*Cold Mountain*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*).

There have been many films,

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Local band celebrates release of their newest CD

Dystonic plays gig at Peasants

REID DORSETT
STAFF WRITER

Local band, Dystonic, is the new up and coming band in Greenville. Their unique style blends jazz and rock to create an explosion of character and talent for their recorded and live music.

Dystonic is made up of David Dixon, Adam Whitley-Sebti, Will Kitchen and John Ray. Dixon, Whitley-Sebti and Kitchen are from Greenville, while Ray came to the area to play with the group. During the first practice session, the four seemed to mesh perfectly to create the sound they were looking for.

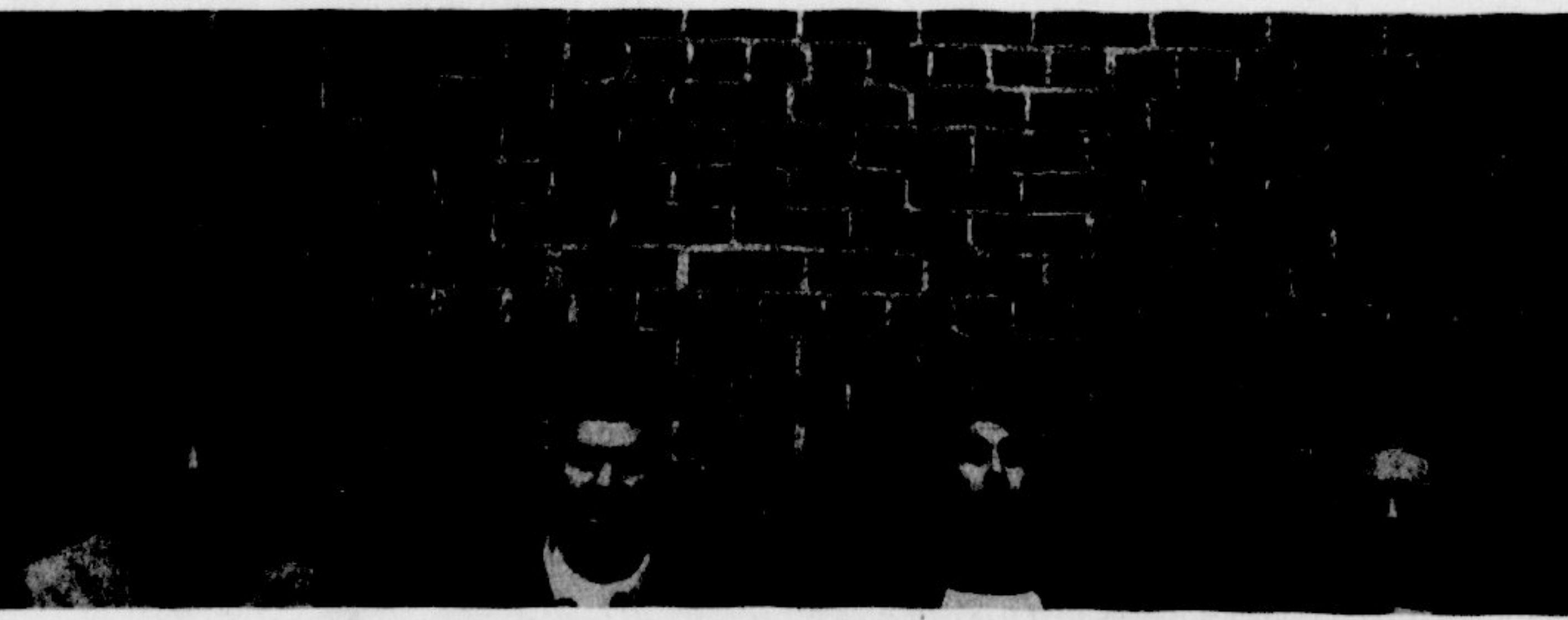
"I just knew from the first time we played together that this band would do well together," said Whitley-Sebti.

"The good thing is that all these guys are dedicated to the band as a full-time position, it's not just a weekend thing," said Dixon.

This is important because they want fans to know that they are not just another band, but one that is dedicated to the fans and each other.

"We want fans to get a taste of our personalities and how we feel about the music," Dixon said.

To do this they have made their first self-titled CD enhanced so that listeners may also see behind the scenes footage of the band recording. It can be found by playing the CD on almost any Mac or PC. The footage is full of character which was seen in the friendly banter of members Adam Whitley-Sebti and David Dixon during an interview this past Saturday and on the entire group on the enhanced CD. Unfortunately, members John Ray and Will Kitchen could not be present.



The band Dystonic, pictured above, will be having a CD release at Peasants Saturday night.

The CD is carefully crafted to please listeners of many styles of music. It is produced by David Wolfe, a former roommate of Dixon while studying at Berkeley College of Music in Boston. Wolfe was excited to be involved in the project, recording in Virginia with additional tracks at Music

Box Studio in Hamilton, NC. The band has the same excitement towards Wolfe feeling that he has a huge talent in producing that exceeds many others.

"We feel our music has come a long way while working with a producer like Wolfe," said Whitley-Sebti, "both in the studio and

on stage our music is at a new level from working with him."

With catchy lyrics and jazzy riffs, this CD captures listeners. It is easy to listen to, yet up tempo making it both for dancing and relaxing to. With the enhanced

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Cuban's ratings could be low from all the viewers that tune in to "7th Heaven" to hear about Simon Camden having premarital sex, and to see Ruthie Camden gushing over heart-throb Aaron Carter.

So maybe that is a bit of a stretch, but don't worry Monday-night viewers, you still have your Monday-night football, "Everybody Loves Raymond" and a returning season of "The Swan" and "CSI: Miami." If that is not enough drama for you, the new NBC airport-drama "LAX" starring Heather Locklear and Blair Underwood will hopefully have a smoother takeoff than its current reviews.

Tuesday night starts looking more promising, unless you jump to UPN's 8:30 p.m. slot that is filled by rapper, Eve. Everyone is allowed to have their own opinion, yet not many can look past the fact that Eve stars in the sitcom, "Eve," yet the character she plays is named Shelly. And if that doesn't make any sense, chances are the show won't either.

Once you get past the rapper angle however, Tuesday offers a bunch of oldies but goodies like "George Lopez," "Average Joe," "Gilmore Girls" and "One Tree Hill."

In this season of "Gilmore Girls," Lorelai may finally get together with Luke, something the show has been slowly hinting at for far too many seasons.

WB's still young "One Tree Hill," which has been deemed the "Dawson's Creek shadow" show, plans on taking a more comedic approach to life's problems that the two rival brothers and their families encounter.

"One Tree Hill" may need more than a few laughs however, to keep their ratings up against Fox's similar prime time show "The O.C." "The O.C." plans on having plenty of "hot love" and drama-filled romance this season. Characters Marissa, Seth, Ryan and Summer are all being confronted with new love interests, something that will bring more heat and more twists to the already-promising plot.

Since the core of most TV shows is in fact the topic of love, it is no surprise that ABC is coming out with a new reality show called "Wife Swap," which begins at 10 p.m. Wednesday night. "Wife Swap," where obviously, two wives switch families, sounds just like Fox's "Trading Spouses" reality show where two spouses trade families as well.

Where is the originality? The creativity? Viewers may be asking these and countless other questions when viewing the TV lineup for this fall.

For instance, "Joey." His "Friends" have all grown up and moved on. So the question (maybe worth asking) is what happened to Joey Tribbiani? "Friends" TV producers decided

this question needed to be answered by giving Matt LeBlanc who plays Joey, his own show.

Joey is hitting it big time by moving out to L.A. in search of a serious acting career, living with his sister's rock-scientist kid, and acting like a goof-ball all the while.

Hopefully, "Joey" will survive on its "Friends" foundation against the tough "O.C." and "Survivor," which viewers can tune in to at 8 p.m. on Thursday as well. It's just a good thing "Life as We Know It," a new series starring lots of random boys and Kelly Osbourne isn't trying to compete during that time slot too.

"Life as We Know It" is currently described as a show about guys' thoughts and feelings, most of which revolve around sex and more sex. So, if viewers are sick of love, sex and drama by Friday, they can tune into WB for "Commando Nanny." The new series is based upon the day-to-day struggles a former British Special Forces soldier has when he becomes the nanny for three Beverly Hill kids.

This lighter-themed show runs similarly against the comedy, "Two and a Half Men" which stars Charlie Sheen. Sheen's character struggles to live in an adult world while still maintaining a tasteful environment for his brother and his brother's son who live with him.

Since the comedies, the dramas and the reality TV shows

do not really appear on Saturday's schedule, Sunday becomes another big prime-time for TV. Familiar shows like Steve Harvey's "Big Time," "Cold Case," "Alias" and "Crossing Jordan" continue to survive through the TV ratings, but leave channels with enough room for new shows like "Jack & Bobby."

"Jack & Bobby" is a new WB series, which follows the lives of two brothers, one of which will futuristically become the president, and how they survive with their self-absorbed, dysfunctional mother.

The show has been reviewed as a promising, fresh new drama, but it is up to the viewers to decide the fate of "Jack & Bobby," and countless other shows that appear on the fall TV roster.

There may be a lack of creativity (as many of the shows seem synonymous with each other), however each new show brings fresh faces and issues into the TV viewer's home. The returning shows this fall have also integrated new talent into their plots, making it easier for TV viewers to find something they all can enjoy.

Reality is still reality, and drama is still drama, but TV as a whole will never stop changing. If no one ever changed it, no one would ever watch it.

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though, with great star power and great effects, but somehow failed to resonate with audiences. Films, such as *Daredevil* and *The Hulk* placed so much emphasis on these aspects that they forgot what ultimately makes a film enjoyable: the story. The films are all flash and no substance. So will this be the case with *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*? The film's script has been in development for more than 10 years, giving first-time screenwriter Conran plenty of time to perfect and hone every detail of the story.

Sky Captain takes place in fictional Gotham City, which is modeled after New York City, during the late 1930s. All of Earth's scientists are mysteriously vanishing. The Gotham City Chronicle's ace reporter, Polly Perkins, played by Paltrow, is on the case. Dauntless, Perkins does anything she can to get the story, often times putting herself in the line of danger. However, the prospect of working alone goes out the window when giant flying robots arrive on the scene, destroying everything in sight. She calls in celebrated hero (and former flame,) *Sky Captain*,

Joseph Sullivan, played by Law. Joseph Sullivan is a pilot, whose adeptness at flying and superior marksmanship is transcended only by his courageousness and heart. Sullivan, along with Perkins, whips around the skies of Gotham City in his Warhawk P-40, attempting to fight off the numerous robots. At the same time, they must discover why the robotic creatures have come and what has become of all of the scientists.

When things get too much for *Sky Captain* to handle alone, he looks for support. Help comes to him in many forms including the Flying Legion, which is at his command. Giovanni Ribisi (*Saving Private Ryan*) plays Dex, Sullivan's right hand man and technical master who is just as handy with a metal-melting ray as he is navigating through a dogfight.

Angelina Jolie plays an interesting role as Captain Franky Cook, another ex-flame of Sullivan's who came between him and Perkins. She also commands an explosive all-female amphibious squadron, which backs the protagonists any way it can. Now *Sky Captain* and Perkins

must travel to many fantastic lands to try and stop the evil Dr. Totenkopf who's hell-bent on destroying the Earth.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow is in many ways a classic adventure title. It has a very straightforward story and distinct protagonists and antagonists. However, director Kerry Conran and the producers of this film have gone to great lengths to set it apart from other movies in the genre. David Foucher of Edgeboston.com gave the film an A+ and called it "... the breakout cinematic - and the best film thus far - of 2004."

Moriarty of Aintitcool.com gave the film a similar rave review of the film, particularly highlighting the amazing musical score written by Ed Shearmur, which helps set the tone of what he calls, "... the most beautifully realized fantasy worlds have ever seen on film."

Though reviews are sparse and hard to find, the few reviews that have been written have been very positive. Jeffrey Bruner of the Des Moines Register said, "... it's unlike any film you've seen this year. It has got dazzling visuals, amazing special effects and a fun story - a living, breathing comic book." Bruner also compares seeing

Sky Captain piloting his P-40 Warhawk to seeing Luke Skywalker piloting his X-Wing in Star Wars for the first time. The Star Wars comparisons has been a running theme in the early reviews, which should make Conran very proud of his debut film, even if it has taken him this long to finish it.

So to answer the opening question, should *Sky Captain* be judged by its cover? Though the beautiful visuals of the film set a lofty bar, it seems as if Conran and his amazing cast are up to the task and have seemingly created a masterpiece. In a summer bursting with sequels and formulaic films, it's nice to see something imaginative and original come along. When a cast and crew feels so strongly about a film and pour their hearts and souls into it, such as Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* or Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ*, the end result is always a memorable movie experience. That certainly seems to be the case with Kerry Conran's *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*.

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footage included, it connects the musicians to the music showing the love they have for the music they perform. It is a CD anyone can sing along to or play in the background of a party.

Dystonic has played shows in North Carolina and Virginia, but are extremely excited for their

show on Saturday. With a large local support, fans are ready to see another enthusiastic performance by such a tight knit group.

The show on Saturday is to celebrate the release of their first album. The show will be at Peasants with the doors opening at 10 p.m. They plan on play-

ing an exciting show from 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. The cost to get in is \$5, but this will also include a free CD at the door of the show.

"We don't want this to be just another show," Dixon said.

"We want it to be an event for people to remember."

The band plans to have

some sample music online soon and have a Web site for fans to visit, dystonicdonk.com. They can also be contacted for booking or any interest at dystonicdonk@yahoo.com.

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The Answer: Get real. Students wouldn't be leaving that early.

Actually, they would be leaving campus that early because they would be getting together before services for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

Pitcher charged with battery

Texas Rangers reliever Frank Francisco was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of aggravated battery after he threw a chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during Monday night's loss to the Oakland Athletics. One of the fans, an unidentified woman, was bloodied and her nose was broken. Major League Baseball's commissioner's office said Tuesday morning that it was investigating. Francisco was cooperative after he was taken into custody, Oakland Police Department deputy chief Peter Dunbar said. With two outs in the ninth inning, the Rangers' Alfonso Soriano tied the game 5-5 with his second homer of the night. Moments later, with Hank Blalock at the plate, the Texas bench and bullpen cleared. Texas reliever Doug Brocail was seen screaming at a male fan, and the pitcher had to be restrained by his teammates and bullpen coach Mark Connor. Others also had to be held back. Francisco threw the chair at a fan in a lower box near the Rangers' bullpen along the right-field line. The chair hit one man in the head, then bounced and struck the woman on her left temple.

Hurricane postpones game

The uncertainty of Hurricane Ivan forced postponement of Thursday night's game between No. 10 California and Southern Mississippi. The hard-to-predict Category 5 storm, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the Caribbean, killed at least 68 people in a devastating run through Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The storm began hitting Cuba on Monday. Cal athletic director Steve Gladstone issued a statement earlier Monday saying the game had been postponed and would probably be rescheduled in December. Southern Miss officials said the makeup date will be announced by Wednesday. Possibilities include Saturday or Dec. 4, the only remaining weekend neither team has a game scheduled. Southern Miss senior associate athletic director David Hansen said. Rescheduling the game, the Golden Eagles' home opener, for this Saturday means Southern Miss would miss out on \$140,000 in television revenue. ESPN, which was scheduled to broadcast the game Thursday night, said it could not televise a makeup game Saturday because its lineup that day is full, Hansen said.

Vick pleads no contest

Suspended Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick pleaded no contest Monday to a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after a night of drinking with underage girls. Vick, younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, received a suspended 30-day jail sentence, was fined \$100 and ordered to perform 24 hours of community service. The judge ordered Vick to stay away from the teenage girls. Vick was arrested in February with teammates Mike Itoh and Brenden Hill after an encounter with 14 and 15-year-old girls at the quarterback's apartment in Blacksburg. Tech suspended Vick this season and said he could possibly be readmitted in the spring after completing a drug education and counseling program. Any more criminal, athletic or university violations would result in permanent dismissal. Long said Vick has told him he plans to re-enroll at Tech this spring. Tech spokesman Larry Hincker said Monday that Vick's status at the school remains unchanged. Last month, Vick pleaded guilty to reckless driving and no contest to marijuana possession related to a traffic stop this summer. As part of a plea agreement, Vick was placed in a drug offender program requiring 24 hours of community service, drug counseling and random drug tests.

ECU student takes aim at gold

Gillette holds indoor, outdoor long jump records for totally blind

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Chances are you've seen Elexis Gillette around campus. Chances are he hasn't seen you. It's because Gillette is blind. But behind Gillette's sunglasses is a deeper story, one he can't tell you with his eyes.

Gillette is an Olympian. Being an Olympian is typical for this ECU student turning 20 this October. In fact, Gillette is the American favorite to win the gold medal.

Gillette will spend Sept. 17-28 competing in the Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. Gillette will participate in the long-jump and the 4x100 relay. The 2003 graduate of Athens Drive High in Cary, NC, is the country's top-ranked jumper in the B-1 class. The B-1 division is exclusively for completely blind athletes.

"It's the same thing and in the same place that the Olympics are in, but this is just with athletes with physical disabilities," said Gillette.

Gillette was fifth in the IBSA (International Blind Sports Federation) World Championships in August 2003 in Quebec with a jump of 19 feet, 8 inches (5.99 meters). Gillette's 4x100 relay team finished fourth.

"Quebec was my first international competition. I jumped behind the board so they had to measure in front of the board," Gillette said.

Even so, the jump was an example of why Gillette has leaped farther than any completely blind American ever in both indoor and outdoor track.

The News and Observer 2003 Male Athlete of the Year is ready for Athens. Six weeks ago, the Eagle Scout competed in the Paralympic trials in Sacramento, Calif. Two weeks later, Gillette spent Aug. 7-18 training with the rest of the team at the Olympic Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

"I practiced long jump and practiced with my relay team,"

Gillette said.

"On a regular day, after we warm up, we do starts for the relay. For long jump, I did all these jumping drills and arrangement of jumps. I also did runway approaches."

Blind long jumpers have callers who stand near the jumping board and tell them when to jump. However, some of it is memory.

"I take 16 steps and start with my right so I do eight on each," Gillette said.

"When I get to my 16th step, I know when to take off."

In the 4x100 relay, Gillette is accompanied by a guide runner who will probably carry the baton and run beside him.

"When we run to the second leg, we will yell 'go,'" Gillette said.

"That is his cue to go. After that, we will yell stick, so he knows to stick his hand back."

Gillette is no stranger to competition. He recalls playing recreation basketball and baseball before losing his eyesight to glaucoma in fourth grade. Glaucoma is a genetic disease that infects 66.8 million people worldwide. Only 6.7 million suffer from complete blindness.

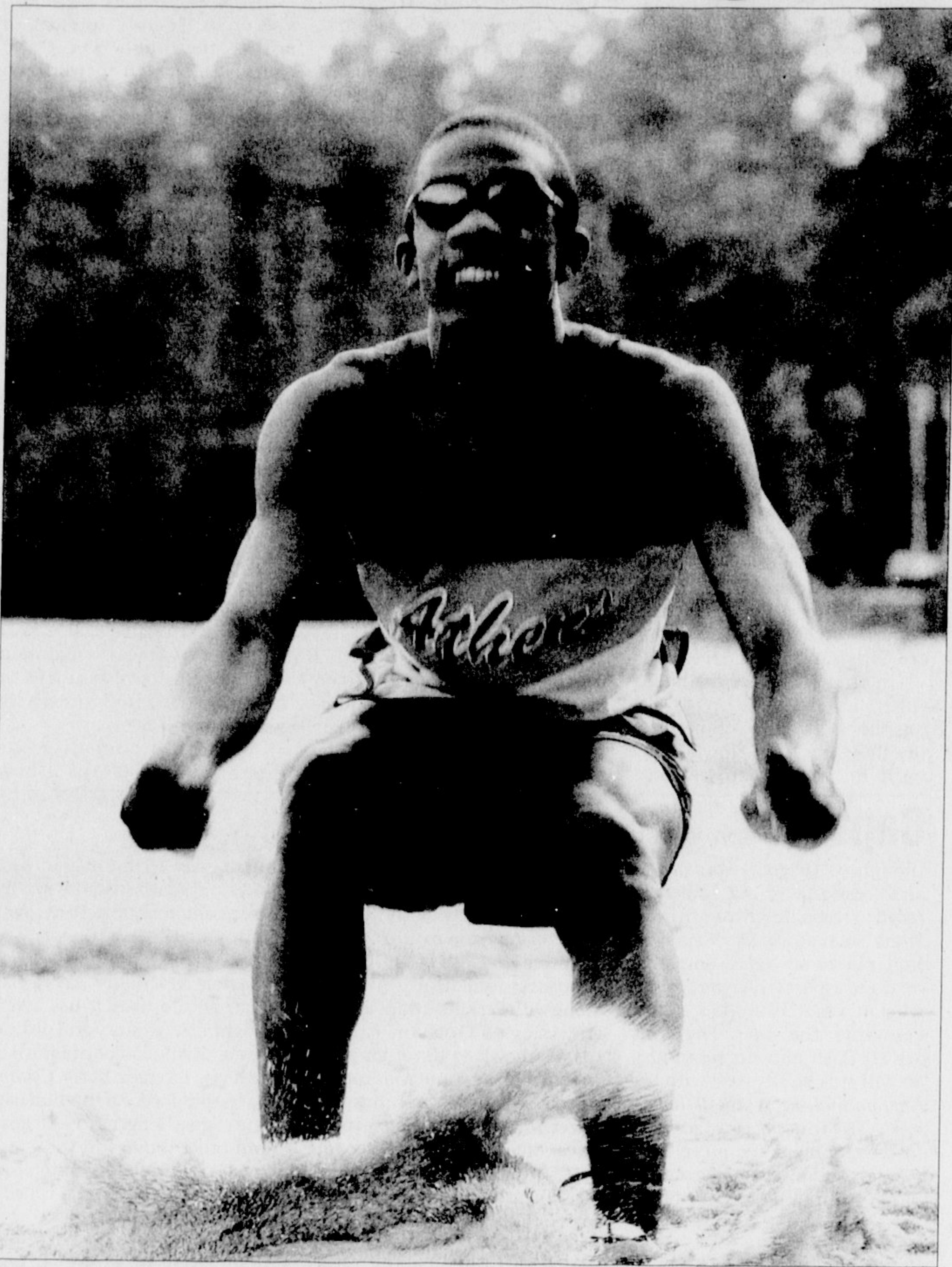
The blindness never stopped Gillette. He wrestled his first two years of high school. After Brian Whitmer, a teacher at Athens Drive, got Gillette into track and field, he was hooked.

"My coach [Whitmer] trained me a lot," Gillette said.

"He was always with me. He would motivate me and help me out. It gave me more confidence to try to do good. He told me about all these events that I could get to like the Paralympics."

Whitmer volunteered at the Michigan Blind Athletic Association Sports Camp for six years and two years was the site coordinator for the North Carolina Sports Education Camp for the Visually Impaired. It was Whitmer who has helped Gillette raise money to be able to support the training costs.

Also in high school, Gillette earned a 3.2 GPA and received a scholarship from the NC Council of the Blind. More importantly for Gillette, he was named co-captain of his track team.



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Gillette excels in class, on the field and copes with his disability with incredible optimism.

"It was really nice and a great experience for me," Gillette said.

"It just told me that my teammates thought of me as one of the captains. I felt like I could help them out and they felt like they could help me out."

The 2003 track athlete of the year by the U.S. Association of

Blind Athletes has memorized the ECU campus.

"I usually just let my friends help me out," Gillette said.

"I get used to knowing where everything is. After I learned where the buildings were, I found everything pretty easily."

Gillette is going to try and do

his best in trying to stay a full time student.

"My professors let me out and I'm going to do my best to keep up with the readings and my work," Gillette said.

"They are cooperating pretty

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Rugby history dates back to Middle Ages

Rules, basics for roughest sport of all

MATTHEW FOSTER
STAFF WRITER

Rugby spawned from soccer, and football was born from rugby, thus, it makes sense that today some of the terminology in each game is the same. A person just has to look to find the many similarities.

From the 1100s to the 1400s, through three kings (Edward II, Edward the II, James I) the sport of rugby was outlawed. However, during those years, players continued to play the sport in the streets at the risk of being caught and killed.

While playing soccer at the Rugby School of England in 1823, William Webb Ellis picked up the ball in his hands and ran with it. He had a fine disregard for the rules of soccer as played in his time and his style of play is the distinctive feature of the rugby game as played today.

Although it is worth pointing out that there is little in the

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Photo by Janesha Sistruck

Football and soccer spawned rugby and the sport shares many of the same basic rules and principles of its predecessors.

Lady Pirates stumble on road

Lady Pirates swept twice, sweep once

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
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The ECU Volleyball team entered their long away schedule last Friday when they traveled to Rock Hill, SC to participate in the Winthrop Tournament. The Lady Pirates had just come off a three-game sweep of North Carolina A&T and were looking to prove themselves on the road. With wins in the tournament, ECU would continue to build momentum in pre-conference play.

ECU opened play against Winthrop with another sweep in mind. Unfortunately for the

Lady Pirates, a sweep did occur except by the hands of the Lady Eagles. The scores finished at 30-23, 30-21 and 30-13 as Winthrop won their first game of the tournament. Winthrop junior Mary Hock led the match with 19 kills in the victory.

ECU was looking to rebound from their previous loss when they faced UNC Greensboro the following Saturday. ECU junior libero Johanna Bertini was able to pull out a career-high performance of 22 digs as the Lady Pirates came up with their own sweep against the Lady Spartans. ECU freshman Kelley Wernert also put forth a career-high record with 10 kills in the sweep. The game scores were 30-19, 30-24, 30-13.

The Lady Pirates weren't able

to savor their victory for long as they fell to Belmont that evening in three straight games, 30-22, 30-28, 30-23. The Lady Bruins out hit ECU .281 to -.057 in both team's final game of the tournament. The loss set ECU's record at 6-4 so far this season.

Bertini was the only ECU player selected to the all-tournament team. She totaled 42 digs throughout the tournament, averaging 14 per game.

This week ECU continues their long road schedule when they take on NC State in Raleigh, NC. The Lady Pirates will then take part in the College of Charleston Tournament in Charleston, SC this weekend.

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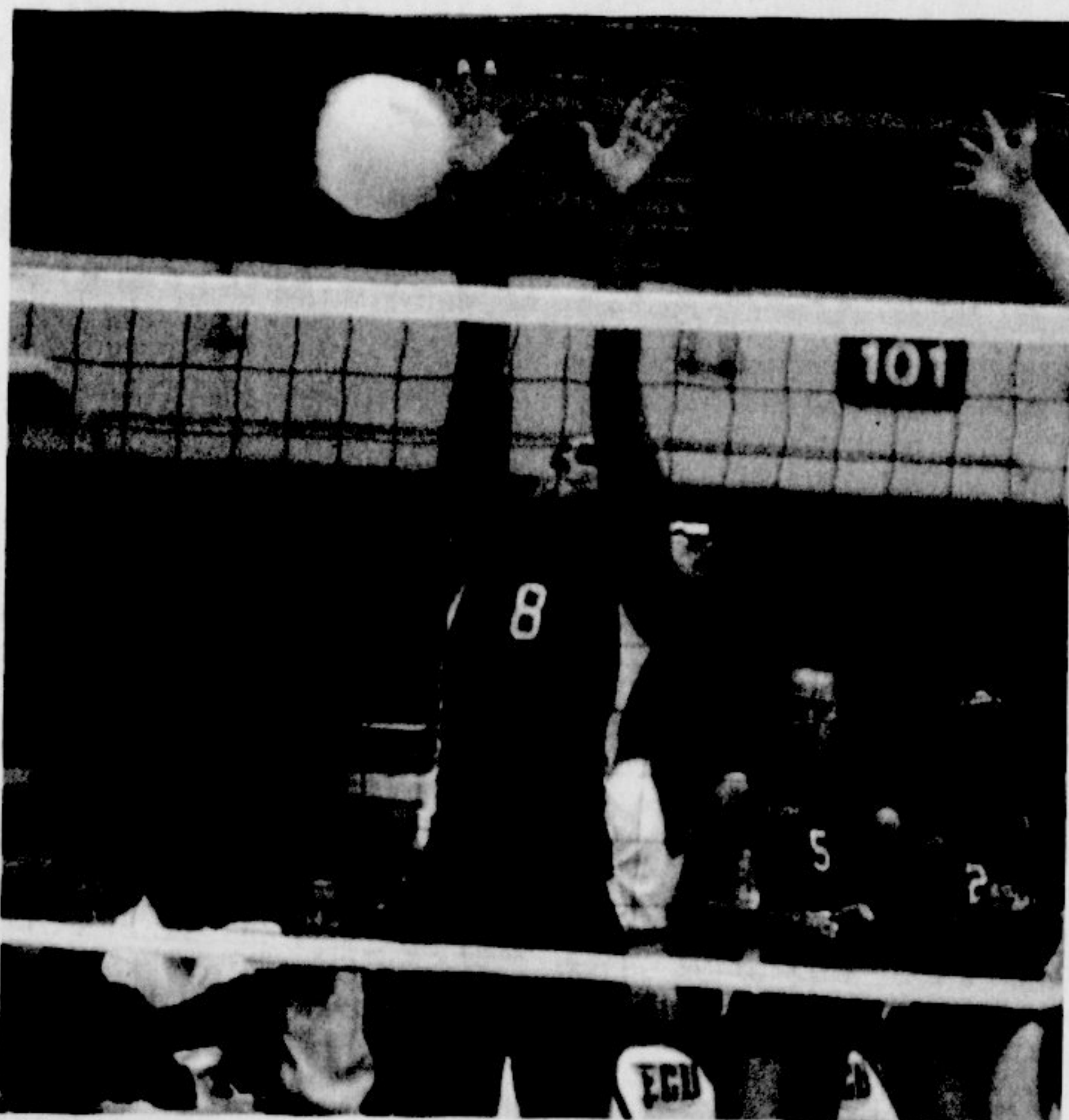


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Heidi Krug set a career high for assists (64) against Furman.

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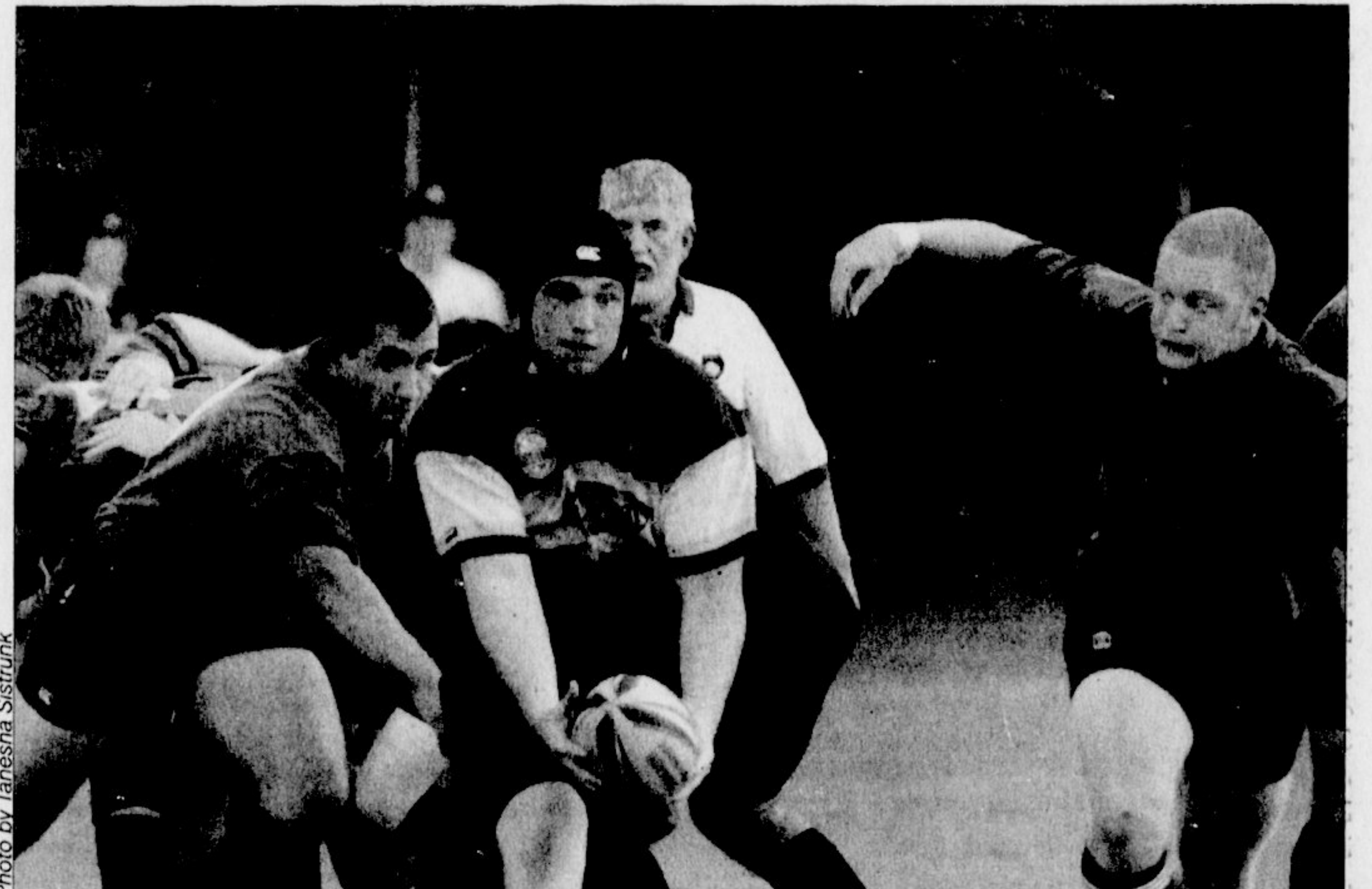
well because the university won't excuse me." Gillette says that on very sunny days he can see shadows and outlines. "On a sunny day if a car was in front of me, I would be able to avoid it but if it was overcast, I'd probably hit it," Gillette said.

Gillette has goals of running sub-12 seconds in his leg of the 4x100relay and long-jumping more than six meters. Even so, he has already exceeded expectations. "I'm excited that I get to go [to Athens]," Gillette said. "I want to do real well. It means a lot to be able to run in

the same venues that the Olympians ran in." Next time you see Elexis Gillette on ECU's campus, you may have to look twice. That gold medal just might blind you.

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The men's rugby team played their first game against ASU two weeks ago and won 27-6.

Rugby Scoring System

A Try*	5 points
A Conversion (scored after a try)	2 points
Penalty Kick Goal	3 points
A dropped goal	3 points
A Penalty Try**	5 points

*The ball must be touched down over the goal line for a try to be awarded.
**A try would probably have been scored, or it would have been scored in a more favorable position than that where the ball was grounded.

way of evidence to substantiate this view, it is the popular view. The game was picked up by Cambridge University where it grew popular at area schools and in 1871. In 1895, the first rugby union with rules and a league was formed in England. Rugby Union club level was a dominant sport in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. The game was also strong in France, Italy, Argentina, Fiji, Western Samoa, Canada, Japan and Honk Kong as well as New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Although a handful of clubs remained in the United States, rugby did not reemerge until the 1960s. College campuses turned to the sport because it was one where many could play as a type of backlash to football.

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The Basics of Rugby

Beyond or behind or In Front of any position implies "with both feet," except when unsuited to the context.

Dead means that the ball is for the time being out of play. This occurs when the referee blows his whistle to indicate a stoppage of play or when an attempt to convert a try is unsuccessful.

Drop Kick. A drop kick is made by letting the ball fall from the hand (or hands) to the ground and kicking it at the first rebound as it rises.

Mark. The mark is the place at which a free kick or penalty kick is awarded.

Line Through the Mark (or place). Except where specifically stated otherwise, the words "a line through the mark" or "a line through the place" always means a line parallel to the touchline.

The Lineout
A lineout is formed by at least two players from each team lining up in single lines parallel to the line-of-touch

in readiness for the ball to be thrown in between them. The team throwing in the ball shall determine the maximum number of players from either team who so line up. Such players are those "in the line-out." Both side have the same number in the lineout and players can be lifted up by teammates.

The lineout begins when the ball leaves the hands of the player throwing it in.

The lineout ends when:
-A ruck or maul is taking place and all feet of players in the ruck or maul have moved beyond the line-of-touch
-Used to support by the scrummage a player carrying the ball leaves the lineout,
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