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## Sexual assault awareness week continues

*Students learn, remember*

**KRISTIN DAY**  
STAFF WRITER

The Wellness Education and the Center For Counseling and Student Development cosponsored this year's sexual assault awareness week.

A "Take Back the Night" march is being held tonight starting at the top of College Hill, where participants will walk carrying signs and banners to their ending destination on Fifth Street. The participants will also perform chants while on the march to help inform other students about their cause. Students will then go to Joyner library where they will listen to a speaker.

Last week's events included a self-defense class and a candlelight vigil for survivors of sexual assaults. These events were designed to increase student awareness about the problem and show them how to prevent such instances from occurring in the future.

Tywanna Jeffries, assistant director for wellness education, said the march has been well attended, attracting hundreds of students every year. Her hope is to make all students conscious of the problem.

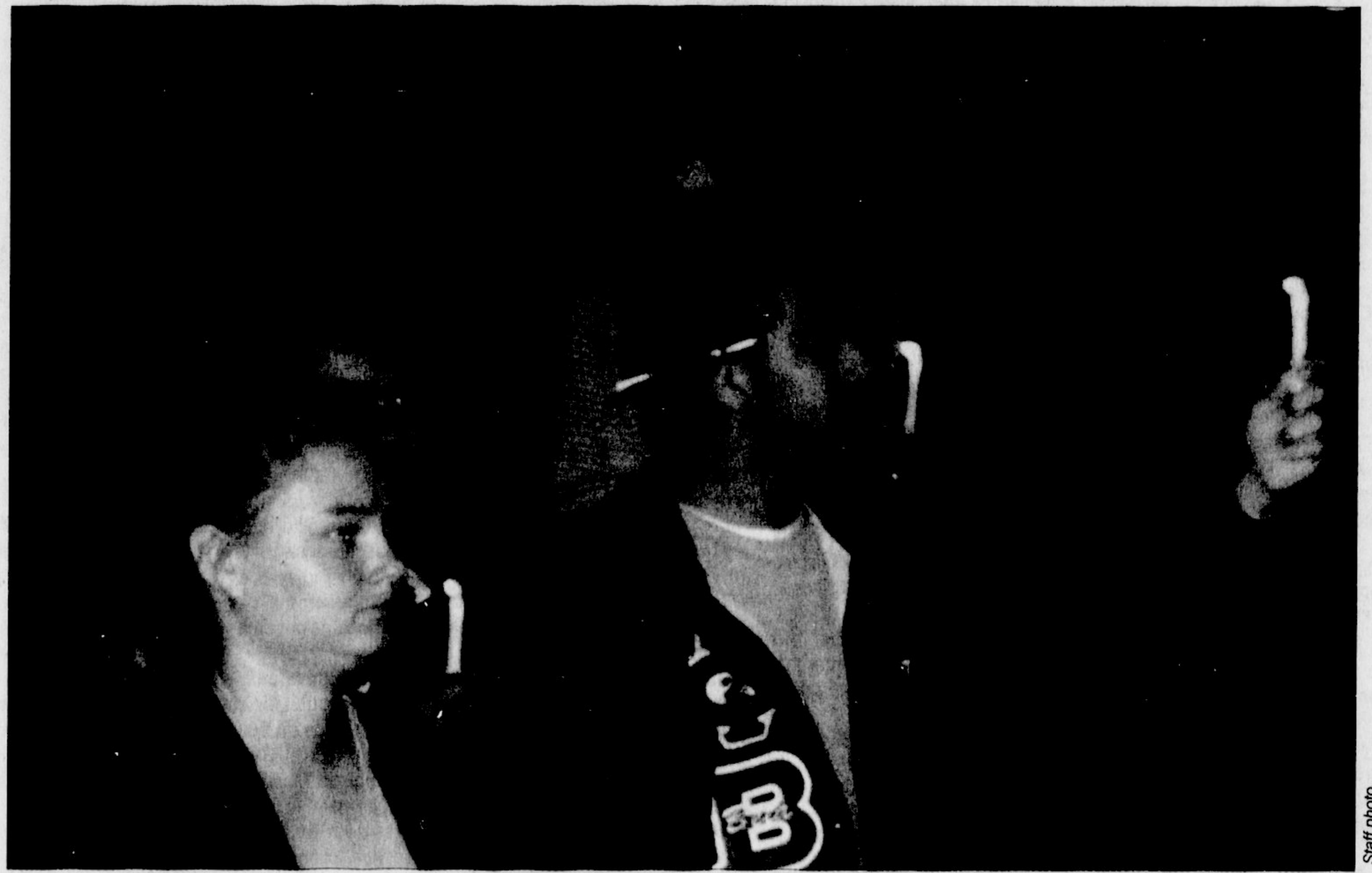
"Basically, our goals are to make students aware of different resources available to students on campus if something were to happen to someone," said Jeffries.

Jeffries said students' first resource is the ECU Police Department, and if a student is assaulted, they should always contact the police.

A fact sheet from the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) said only 46 percent of victims reported their case to North Carolina law enforcement officials in 2002.

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## Peace Vigil comes to campus



The World Peace Vigil was held on the steps of Joyner Library Tuesday evening. The event, sponsored by the Student Involvement Team, featured guest speakers on the subject of peace and performances by the ECU Gospel Choir and Native American drummers, Grey Wolf Junior. The event is part of World Peace week, with more events to occur during the rest of the week.

## Resource fair held for students

*Information provided for students in health related majors*

**NICK HENNE**  
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Students seeking degrees or careers within health related fields attended an informational fair held yesterday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wright Plaza.

Shelly Myers, director of the academic enrichment center, said the event is mainly geared toward freshmen and sophomores who are interested in beginning their majors in health related fields. She said upperclassmen who are still determining their major can also benefit from the services.

Students interested are able to receive brochures about the topic they are interested in pursuing and representatives from each major described the different majors to them.

"It's really educational, there are so many degrees relating to health fields, and it's kind of hard to know where to begin when you first come in as a freshman," said Myers.

The main goal of the event was to educate students about majors in health fields and help students solidify their decisions about their majors, Myers said. Students can also receive information about how to prepare for professional school after they complete their undergraduate degree.

Aspects of health including recreation therapy and clinical lab science that incoming students would not have had previous learning of in high school were also there and geared to help students learn more about their programs.

There were several changes made this year to the event in an effort to overall improve the event. These changes included the new location, new organizations and increased marketing.

"We're seeing more students out here than we have before," Myers said.

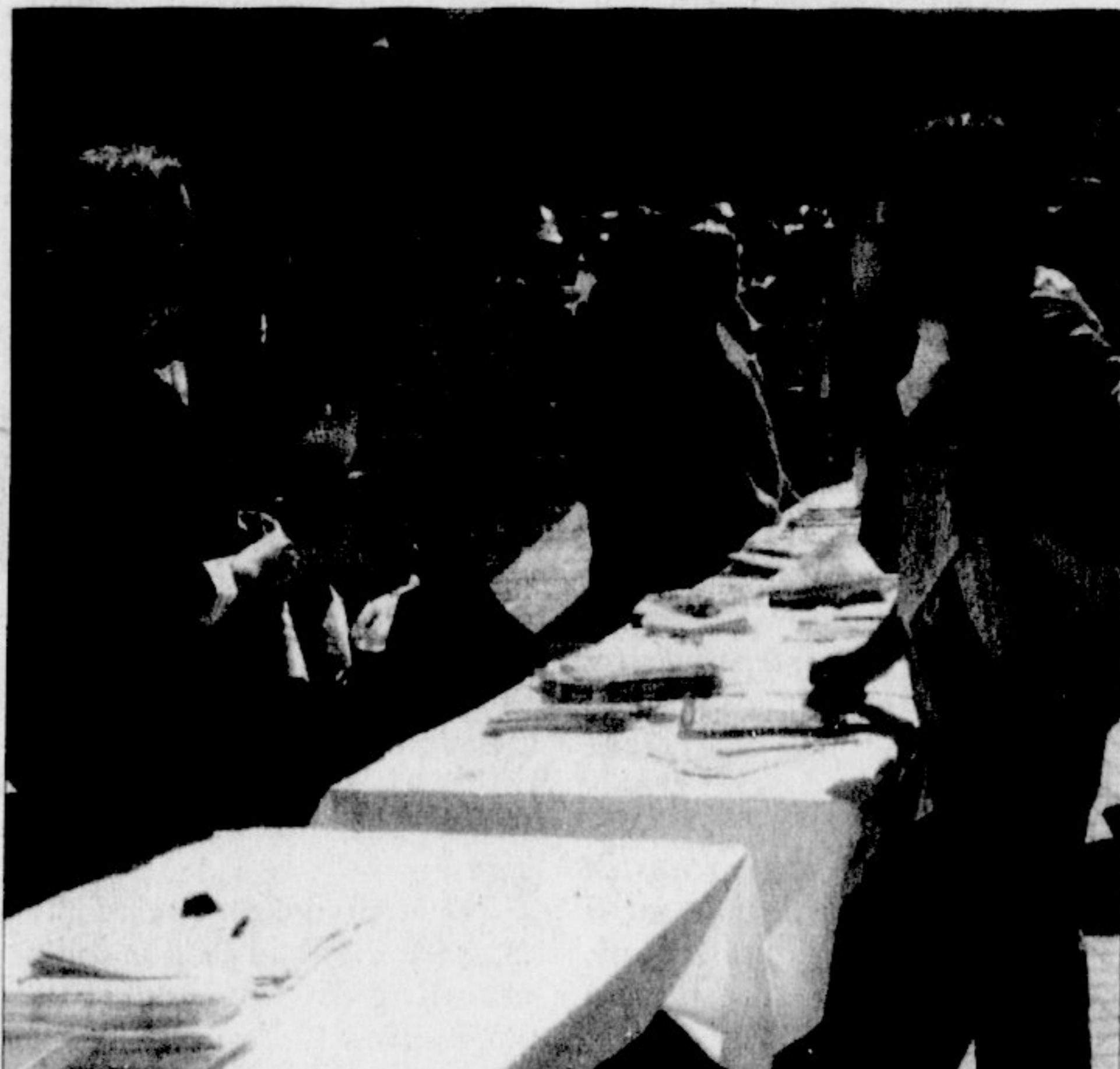
The new advising center is also a part of this event. They are there to give students an idea of their majors and where they are going within their majors.

Tara Honesty, academic advisor at the Bate advising center, who was set up at the event said brochures and documents indicating four year plans were being offered to students. The four year plans are intended to set a course load for each semester to finish within four years.

The services were also offered to students who were unsure of what they wanted to do.

There is a growing interest in these fields within ECU. This past summer at orientation, there was a medical allied health meeting which attracted 350-400 incoming students who are interested in health fields.

Jaclyn Wilkerson, freshman health service management major, who plans on pursuing a career in occupational therapy



Students interested in health related majors seek information on the specific majors.

degree, said she found the event very beneficial.

"It's very informative and I learned a lot," said Wilkerson.

Mike Vrener said the location was helpful. He said he remembers the event being held indoors in the Bate building last year.

"Anyone out here's willing to talk to you, all you have to do is go to a table," Vrener said.

"I learned about my concentration, my main area of study and then if I wanted to branch off of that, I learned I

could do that."  
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### For More Information

Students who were unable to attend the fair can get information about the majors from the fair in 103 Brewster B.

## Bush v. Kerry: Job Reform

*Presidential candidates attempt to gain middle-class voters*

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With the 2004 Presidential Election only weeks away, presidential candidates Bush and Kerry focus on the economy, specifically employment, to win the votes of concerned middle-class Americans.

Republican candidate and current president George Bush do not have a detailed economic program for the next four years, but plan on extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts to ensure continued economic growth, according to MSNBC's Web site. Bush also plans to implement jobs for the 21st century initiative.

"President Bush will provide \$500 million for jobs for the 21st century, which will help educate and train highly-skilled American workers in schools and community colleges," as reported on George W. Bush's Web site. In a speech delivered on Sept. 9 to employees at Byers Choice in Colmar, Penn., Bush said he plans to broaden community college access so that workers can gain the skills necessary for 21st century jobs.

"By raising performance in high schools and expanding Pell grants for low and middle-income families, we will help more Americans start their career with a college diploma," said Bush.

According to Bush's Web site, if re-elected, the president plans to make the tax code more simple for taxpayers, encouraging investment and improvements and the economy's ability to create jobs and raise wages.

"In order to keep jobs here, we've got to be wise about how we spend your money and keep your taxes low. Running up the taxes on the entrepreneurs in America is bad economic policy," Bush said in his speech to Byers Choice employees.

President Bush will work to enable employees to choose paid time off as an alternative to overtime pay and to give employees the option of shifting work hours during a pay period, Bush's Web site said. In his speech to Byers Choice employees, he promised them and all American citizens that flex-time and comp-time will allow families to have more quality time.

"President Bush will provide assistance to help America meet his new goal of creating 7 million new, affordable homes in 10 years," Bush's Web site said.

The current president also plans to help small businesses



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afford health care by allowing small firms to form larger groups, enabling them to purchase insurance at the discounts available to big companies, Bush said.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has a four point economic plan for America if he is elected president in the upcoming election. Kerry's economic plan includes creating good-paying jobs in America.

"John Edwards and I are going to stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas ... we'll reward the companies that create and keep good paying jobs right where they belong in the United States of America," said Kerry in his radio address to the nation on Sept. 4. Kerry also plans to strengthen the middle-class by cutting taxes and lowering health and energy costs.

According to John Kerry's Web site, Kerry plans to give a tax cut to 98 percent of American families, including up to \$1,000 in health care premium relief.

"[Kerry and Edwards are] going to invest in the jobs of the future in the technologies and innovation to ensure that America stays ahead of the competition," Kerry said.

Kerry said that thousands of jobs can be created in America if the country works toward energy independence, according to www.issues2000.org.

The last point in Kerry and Edwards' four-point economic plan is to cut the deficit and restore economic confidence.

"We'll cut the deficit in half by passing the bill that John McCain and I wrote to end corporate welfare and by making our government live by the very same rule that families struggle to live by all across the country: pay as you go," Kerry said.

Students at ECU are concerned about the election in November. Job security is a top

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## Speakers inform students of electoral process

*Meeting held in Jarvis Residence Hall*

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An elections meeting was took place last night in Jarvis Residence Hall featuring several speakers who informed attendants on the electoral process, absentee ballots and the importance of voting.

Tony McQueen, a representative from the Pitt County Board of Elections Office, outlined the electoral process, providing a diagram of the districts within Pitt County and supplying a large sample ballot for the upcoming election. He also addressed a growing problem regarding voter turnout.

"They don't think it counts or means anything. The biggest thing is trying to get people to change their minds about what their vote means," said McQueen.

Even though voter registration has increased among college

students, many students who register do not follow through and end up voting McQueen said. It is important to finish the voting process and participate in the election.

Antwan Hall, senior political science major, addressed various political parties and emphasized the importance of voting.

"Look at the election in 2000. Look at how close it was. If that's not an indicator that every vote counts, I don't know what is," said Hall.

If a voter does not live in the town where they are registered to vote, the voter can still vote by contacting the local Board of Elections Office and vote using an absentee ballot.

McQueen said a person would have to give your name and address to the Board of Elections office to request an absentee ballot, and a form will be sent to the person.

Another problem regarding voting is that people just don't know enough information about the can-



Student Antwan Hall emphasizes the importance of voting.

didates and their platforms.

Scott Carter, assistant director for training staff and academic support, said regardless of what you may see on television, each candidate has their own Web site, making it simple to see what each candidate is talking about by visiting their Web site.

McQueen said the United States ranks last among all the nations of the world in voter

turnout. Considering that this nation is thought primarily as the birthplace of democracy, both McQueen and Hall agreed voter turnout should be higher than other nations.

McQueen said you never know whether or not it will be your vote that may win the election.

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## Campus News

### Voter Registration Drive

A voter registration drive is being held this Thursday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Minges Coliseum pool during EXSS 1000 swim test. The event is open to anyone within the ECU community. For further information, contact Will Glasscoff at 328-5608.

### Chamber Music Festival

The Brentano String Quartet will come to campus for their second appearance in the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival Friday, Sept. 24 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

### 'Hair' Production

The rock musical *Hair* will be on the main stage at McGinnis Theatre from Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. Parental guidance suggested due to profanity, drug references and the potential for on-stage nudity. For ticket prices, call the box office at 328-6829.

### Film Series

The Travel-Adventure Film & Theme Dinner Series opens at Hendrix Theater on the main floor of Mendenhall Student Center, with *Bavaria and the Black Forest* by Fran Reidelberger Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

### World Peace Week '04

ECU World Peace Week 2004 will run from Sept. 19 - 24.

### ECU Knights

ECU Knights Chess Club would like to invite you to our weekly meetings. We meet every Friday from 5 p.m. - 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 Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Political Science Library, located in 109 Brewster C.

### Rumi Concert

An evening event is being held presenting poetry from the 13th century mystic Rumi with music, dance and story by Coleman Barks.

Tickets are available free to ECU students with their OneCard, faculty/staff tickets are \$5 and general public tickets are \$10. Tickets are now available for purchase at the ECU general ticket office. The event is being held on Thursday, Sept. 23.

### World Peace Initiative

The Arts for Peace Workshop will feature Coleman Barks, Glen Velez, David Darling and Zuleikha. For more information, contact Lynn Caverly at 328-2306.

### Freeboot Friday

Freeboot Friday, sponsored by Uptown Greenville, will feature food and live entertainment from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on the night before the first four ECU home football games. There will be one held this Friday, Sept. 24.

### Meridian Arts Ensemble

The Meridian Arts Ensemble will take place Saturday, Sept. 25. The program includes works by Elliot Carter, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Elliot Sharp and Jimi Hendrix. Tickets can be purchased at ECU Central Ticket Office, or by calling 328-4788.

### ECU Alumni Tailgate

A tailgating event will take place Saturday, Sept. 25 for the Cincinnati vs. ECU game. The event is for ECU alumni and will be from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact the ECU Alumni Association at 328-6072 or call 1-800-ECU-GRAD.

### Tailgate

The International House will sponsor a tailgate for the ECU vs. Cincinnati game.

### Football Game

ECU vs. Cincinnati at Dowdy - Ficklen Stadium, 7 p.m.

## News Briefs

### LOCAL

#### NC prisoner acquitted of threatening to harm Marshall, family

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - A Halifax County jury has acquitted a state prisoner of threatening to rape and kill Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and her family members.

Jurors last week found Clarence Abbott, 38, a prisoner at the Caledonia Correctional Institution, not guilty of one count of threatening a state executive officer, Halifax County District Attorney William Graham said Monday.

Marshall received a December 2002 letter in which someone threatened to kill her and sexually assault her children.

The letter was apparently signed by another prisoner. Graham said the State Bureau of Investigation found Abbott wrote the letter to get the other prisoner in trouble and to get back at the Secretary of State's office for not answering another letter complaining about a female correctional officer. Marshall testified in the trial. Before the threat was made, Marshall had responded to Abbott in a letter that she had no jurisdiction over prison matters.

Marshall said later she thought the jury had misunderstood the judge's instructions involving whether the inmate knew she was an executive branch official.

She said she found the episode troublesome. "There are plenty of jerky letters that come by everyone's desk," said Marshall. "This was way beyond that."

Abbott is serving up to 10 1/4 years in prison on a habitual felon conviction, according to Department of Correction records. He could be released in late 2009.

#### Charlotte police to keep tabs on potentially dangerous dogs

CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) - Following a spate of dog maulings, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police are turning to

a computerized program to try to identify and track dangerous dogs before they attack.

Beginning next month, police patrolling some neighborhoods on the west side of the city will begin filing computer reports anytime they spot a dog that could be dangerous.

That will allow the department's animal control bureau to investigate and see if the dog is properly secured and whether its owner is abiding by the city's dangerous dog ordinance. "We will follow up on everything they send us," said Capt. Tammy Williams, who heads Animal Control. "We will make sure (the owner) is complying with all laws."

If the program is a success in the Westover division, it could be expanded to other neighborhoods, the department said.

At least three children in the city have been seriously injured in dog attacks in recent months. Two of the children were attacked in neighborhoods that are part of the Westover patrol division.

Eight-year-old Roddie Dumas Jr. was killed in April when dogs that belonged to his father attacked him in the backyard of the family home, where Roddie was visiting his grandmother. The father, who was inside the house when the attack occurred, is charged with involuntary manslaughter.

A 7-year-old boy was hospitalized after being attacked by a pit bull in July, and earlier this month an 8-year-old girl was bitten on the leg by a pit bull.

Sgt. Freda Lester, who works in Westover, said tracking potentially dangerous dogs could also benefit officers who respond to calls or serve warrants in the district, by letting them know when they may encounter an aggressive dog.

### NATIONAL

#### Video on Web site shows beheading of man said to be American hostage

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A video posted

Monday on a Web site showed the beheading of a man identified as American civil engineer Eugene Armstrong. The militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the slaying and said another hostage - either an American or a Briton - would be killed in 24 hours.

The grisly decapitation was the latest killing in a particularly violent month in Iraq, with more than 300 people dead in insurgent attacks and U.S. military strikes over the past seven days. Earlier Monday, gunmen in Baghdad assassinated two clerics from a powerful Sunni Muslim group that has served as a mediator to release hostages.

The video of the beheading of the man believed to be Armstrong surfaced soon after the expiration of a 48-hour deadline set earlier by al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group for the beheading of the three civil engineers. The men - Armstrong, American Jack Hensley and Briton Kenneth Bigley - were abducted Thursday from their home in a wealthy Baghdad neighborhood.

#### CBS admits apologies, concedes it can't vouch for authenticity of documents on Bush Guard duty

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS News apologized Monday for a "mistake in judgment" in its story questioning President Bush's National Guard service, claiming it was misled by the source of documents that several experts have dismissed as fakes. The network said it would appoint an independent panel to look at its reporting about the memos. The story has mushroomed into a major media scandal, threatening the reputations of CBS News and chief anchor Dan Rather.

It also became an issue in the presidential campaign. The White House said the affair raises questions about the connections between CBS's source, retired Texas National Guard officer Bill Burkett, and Democrat John Kerry's campaign. Rather joined CBS News President

Andrew Heyward in issuing an apology Monday.

"We made a mistake in judgment, and for that I am sorry," Rather said. "It was an error that was made, however, in good faith and in the spirit of trying to carry on a CBS News tradition of investigative reporting without fear or favoritism."

### WORLD

#### Two killed as explosion rips car in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza City (AP) - An explosion ripped through a car in the southern part of Gaza City, killing two people and wounding eight, hospital officials said, in what appeared to be an Israeli air strike.

Witnesses said the targeted vehicle was a small pickup truck with official Palestinian Authority license plates, witnesses said, and bystanders pulled the two bodies, badly burned, from the smoking wreck.

Farmer Issam Abdel Khalim, 42, was driving his donkey cart nearby. "Suddenly there was a flash from the sky and I heard an explosion," he said. "My donkey jumped and hit the wall, and I saw the vehicle on fire."

Witnesses said Palestinian security officers pulled two Kalashnikov assault rifles from the vehicle. Hospital officials said two of the less seriously wounded were children. The dead were not immediately identified.

The Israeli military said it would have no immediate comment.

On Sunday, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car in Gaza City, killing a Hamas militant and wounding six other people.

#### Man slashes 25 children at Chinese school, briefly takes one girl hostage

BEIJING (AP) - A man slashed 25 children with a kitchen knife Monday at a grade school in eastern China and held a 9-year-old girl hostage for an hour before police captured him, the government said. It was the third time in six weeks that

a knife attack has been reported at a Chinese school or day care center. The earlier attacks left one child dead, injured a total of 42 people and caused widespread concern about school safety.

It isn't clear whether such violence is increasing or whether communist leaders are letting the state - controlled media report more assaults in schools.

In the latest incident, in Ying County in Shandong province, the attacker was identified as the father of a girl at the school who had a quarrel with another resident, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Jia Qingyou, 37, went looking for the other resident at the school when he dropped off his own daughter; when he couldn't find the person, he began attacking students, the report said.

Xinhua didn't give any details of the quarrel or say how badly injured the students were. It also didn't say whether Jia's daughter or classmates were among the injured.

Jia took a girl hostage, but "after an hour of effort by police, she was successfully rescued," Xinhua said without elaborating.

China has suffered rising crime and violence as the government has loosened social controls over the past two decades. Many towns seethe with personal grudges and business disputes, aggravated by wrenching economic and social changes, that can erupt into bombings, poisonings and other violence.

Most gun ownership in China is illegal but explosives, knives and other weapons are readily available.

In the worst recent school violence, an employee with a history of schizophrenia killed one student and slashed 14 others and three teachers on Aug. 4 at a Beijing kindergarten.

The school is located within a half-mile of the compound where President Hu Jintao and other leaders live, but it wasn't clear whether any children of senior officials were involved.

# Self-defense training program held at ECU

## Class improves student awareness, security

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STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association invited Lt. LaFrance Davis of the ECU police to conduct a self-defense training class in the Mendenhall social room Thursday night as part of campus safety week.

Davis, a black belt in taekwon do and member of Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) instructed the students on various self defense techniques.

Davis said while the class is important for females, who are the most common victims of sexual assault, males too need to know these techniques being the more frequent victims of non-sexual assaults.

She said it is important to be well-prepared for the worst.

"Most people who don't have an attack plan freeze," said Davis.

"Feeling confident is half the battle."

Davis said most fights last for approximately three minutes, so

people need to know the basics of self-defense in order to get by in such situations.

"We want to be smart, take action and get away," Davis said.

She showed the group of student attendants the most vulnerable areas on the body, which included the throat, groin and foot.

"You can't punch them in bony areas," Davis said.

"You have to punch them where it is effective and will get them down quick."

Two fingers can put a person down Davis said as she demonstrated how two fingers on a throat can have a strong impact.

Davis also showed them the right way to punch and how to get out of certain holds, and the personal weapons humans have including everything from the forehead to the ball of a foot.

She said that if put into a dangerous situation, the goal is to hit as hard and fast as possible, then run.

"If you don't even do anything, just run," Davis said.

Students should also know

where the blue light phones are, scan parking lots before they leave a car and yell whenever confronted.

"One thing we want to do is draw attention to us," Davis said.

Students who attended the class felt they had a better understanding on how to protect themselves.

Shannon O'Donnell, SGA president said she took the class just in case something happens to her.

"Maybe something will trigger so [I] know how to get away," said O'Donnell.

Another student said she didn't feel safe on campus by herself.

Kristen Sweeney, an ECU student said she became more aware of her safety when someone was mugged near her apartment. Sweeney said she benefited from the class.

"It [the class] was worth the hour," said Sweeney.

Jonathan Redman, student campus safety delegate, said he enjoyed the experience as well.

"It [the class] was great, I learned a lot," said Redman.



Students are taught emergency self defense procedures.

"It will improve my confidence when I'm walking by myself on campus."

SGA thought a self-defense class would benefit students after recent attacks on campus. Redman said this is the

first year SGA held such an event. He thought of the idea after Lt. Davis gave a presentation to his health class.

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# First Enron trial brings Wall Street touch

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge overseeing the first criminal trial involving former Enron Corp. executives told prospective jurors Monday he didn't expect them to have "come out of some hole somewhere" and not know of the former energy-trading giant.

Those chosen for the panel will decide if four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and two former midlevel Enron executives participated in the sham sale of electricity — producing Nigerian barges to the brokerage in 1999 to prop up Enron's earnings.

Lawyers worked Monday to trim down the 150-member pool to 12 jurors and four alternates.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein told the prospective jurors he expected they wouldn't have "come out of some hole somewhere" and would at least have heard of Enron or the demise of Arthur Andersen, convicted two years ago of covering up for its accounting client.

When asked if any of the jury pool had heard specifically of the barge case, about 10 people raised their hands. Another two said they were familiar with at least one of the lawyers involved in the case.

Questionnaires distributed to the potential jurors asked if they had any ties to Enron, Merrill Lynch or Andersen, if they or someone close to them had a financial interest in the companies and if they were hurt by the collapse of Enron and Andersen.

None of the six defendants have the notoriety of Enron's former top managers, such as founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

Werlein mentioned Skilling on Monday as one of the names jurors would hear during the



Defendant James Brown, former head of Merrill Lynch's asset lease and finance group walks with his wife at federal court.

trial. He also cited former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow and former chief accounting officer Rick Causey, although none of the three is on the prosecution witness list.

Prosecutors contend that Merrill Lynch's hunger for lucrative banking business from Enron prompted the Merrill Lynch defendants to help push through the sham sale nearly two years before Enron crashed in scandal. While not alleged to have contributed to Enron's December 2001 bankruptcy, prosecutors say it's one of many schemes the company used to polish a facade of success.

The six defendants are charged with conspiracy and fraud, and three face additional charges of lying to investigators or a grand jury. Prosecutors say

they knew the sale was a sham because Enron secretly promised to buy back the barges.

The defendants, who have pleaded innocent, are: Daniel Bayly, former chairman of investment banking for Merrill Lynch, Robert S. Furst, the former Enron relationship manager for Merrill Lynch, James A. Brown, former head of Merrill Lynch's asset lease and finance group, William Fuhs, former Merrill Lynch vice president who answered to Brown, Dan Boyle, a former finance executive on Fastow's staff and Sheila Kahane, a former in-house Enron accountant.

The brokerage itself avoided prosecution a year ago by acknowledging that some employees may have broken the law, cooperating with the

government and implementing reforms that prohibit dubious deals. Six months earlier, Merrill Lynch paid the Securities and Exchange Commission \$80 million to settle civil allegations involving the barge deal without admitting or denying wrongdoing.

Fastow, who became the government's most high-profile cooperating witness in January when he pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy, is alleged to have assured Bayly that Enron would buy back the barges.

But Fastow told federal investigators he didn't use the words "guarantee" or "promise" when talking about the barge deal. He also told investigators he didn't remember if Boyle participated.

## Security guard shot and killed at Illinois Capitol

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — An unarmed security guard was shot to death inside the state Capitol on Monday by a gunman who then fled in a car, authorities said.

The officer was killed with one gunshot to the chest, said Col. Larry Schmidt, chief deputy director of the Secretary of State Police. Authorities did not immediately provide a motive.

After firing the shot, the gunman left the building, put the weapon in the trunk of his car and drove away, Schmidt said. He said the guard died in a hospital operating room.

Springfield police said they were investigating another shooting about an hour earlier at a military surplus store about 2 miles from the Capitol involving a man who matched the description of the shooter.

The Capitol has no metal detectors, and its security guards are not armed.

The Capitol was locked down

for about an hour after the shooting, following an announcement over the intercom ordering everyone to stay in their offices.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich was not in the Capitol at the time, and the Legislature is not in session.

The shooter entered the north entrance and shot the guard at about 1:45 p.m., said Randy Nehrt, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's Office, which has law enforcement jurisdiction over the building. The shooting occurred just inside the building's entrance.

"It just sounded like a bomb went off. Then someone immediately yelled, 'Someone's been shot,'" said Leslie Root, who works for a state senator on the first floor near the location of the shooting.

Outside, police cars and ambulances surrounded the building, and officers roped off the entrance. After the lockdown was lifted, armed officers

were in the halls and everyone entering the building was required to sign in, rather than the usual procedure of simply showing a badge.

The suspect was described as white and about 20 years old. Police said they were searching for a silver or gray two-door car. At least three or four people saw the shooter, and officials were reviewing footage from surveillance cameras, Schmidt said.



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# fall fashion preview



**Danyelle** - Freshman biology major Danyelle Lang pairs a personalized black and white Wet Seal jacket with Express jeans. On her feet, Lang is wearing Hurache 2K4 black and white sneakers but swears she can't live without her stiletto pumps for the fall.



**David** - Junior marketing major David Pate wears a casual American Eagle polo with Quiksilver jeans and Rainbow sandals. But as fall approaches, Pate will be wearing his Quiksilvers with sweaters and boots.



**Lantrel** - Sophomore exercise physiology major Lantrel Robinson looks relaxed in his faded blue jeans, striped polo shirt and blue and white New Balance shoes. Robinson will trade his New Balances in for Timberland boots as the seasons change.



**Lisa & Lindsay** - Freshman nutrition major Lisa Latyschow (left) wears a knitted wool sweater with a jean skirt and beaded slip-on shoes. "For fall, I will be wearing my handknitted scarf that I got for \$2 at a flea market," said Latyschow. Freshman health fitness specialists major Lindsay Kovacic (right) wears a light boatneck sweater, ribbon belt and casual jeans.

## Get hot fashions for less cash this fall

How to get great clothing at discount

ASHLEY WHEDBEE  
STAFF WRITER

You're in college, you don't have a job and your parents aren't exactly eager to send you money. How are you supposed to shop?

It may not be easy to shop on the average college student's budget but it's not impossible. You simply have to know what to look for and where to find it. It's all about searching for deals and buying what is reasonable.

There are many places around Greenville where you can find brand name clothing at discount prices. Catalog Connection, Ross, TJ Maxx and Rugged Warehouse all sale brand names like J. Crew, Polo, Tommy Hilfiger, American Eagle and Abercrombie & Fitch. You don't have to pay outrageous prices of \$50 for a pair of American Eagle Jeans or \$38 for an Express tank top when you shop at these places.

"If you have the time and patience to look around, then places like these are good because they have very similar items compared to the name brands," said junior marketing major Ruth

Lamb. "I was just talking to my roommate about making a night out of shopping at these kinds of places. You really have to search but it's worth it," said senior recreational therapy major Erica Hanes.

The very popular knit ponchos are a great buy right now. You don't have to go to the expensive stores and spend \$40. They can easily be found in some of the aforementioned stores for a round \$20.

It's also smart to catch sales and always keep your eyes open for good clearance items. If you know a store often holds great sales or you're simply hoping to find one, don't be afraid to ask the salesperson when the next one will come along. It's not only their job to keep you informed of

these things but they should be more than willing to reveal this information because it's likely to improve their business.

The stores already mentioned are great places to find reasonably priced clothing, shoes and accessories. However, they are not the only places. You should always check your favorite stores for great deals.



For example, some popular stores such as American Eagle, Express or Pac Sun, often hold sales where they mark down prices to include two shirts for \$20 or \$15 off jeans.

They use these sales as a way to clear out certain styles in order to bring in new seasonal designs. End-of-season sales are a great time to find stylish items for discount prices.

There are some items that aren't a bad idea to pay full price for. If you find a brand or

style of jeans that you absolutely love and that fits well, then you shouldn't be afraid to buy them. Other items, such as shoes or belts, shouldn't cost too much. You can find imitations of brands, such as Steve Madden, in places like Wal-Mart, Target or Payless.

Also, don't rule out thrift stores or places that carry donated items. These are not only great sources of cheap clothing, but you can also donate to these places in return.

"I love thrift stores. I think they're great for the community and for college kids who don't have lots of money," said senior communication major Melissa Alderman.

One last hint is to be creative. You can make fun fashion statements on your own without spending tons of money. Try layers, iron-ons, bright colors or old fashion jewelry.

As for the guys, if it seems like some of this doesn't apply, it's probably because much of it doesn't. Guys just seem to have it easier than girls. Grab a t-shirt and some hot sneakers and you're good to go!

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# Men's fall fashion preview

### Sweaters, cargos making a splash

**JOHN BREAM**  
SENIOR WRITER

As we all know, fashion is not one of the top priorities in a man's life. Most men do well just to get up and dress themselves each day - blue jeans and khakis match everything, right?

However, the time has come when men have to be selective about what they wear because females use clothing to make a lot of initial judgments. Thanks to outfitters such as Aeropostale, Old Navy and American Eagle, being trendy is not only easy - it's also affordable.

One of the great things about male fashions is that they allow men to express themselves and reveal a great deal before a person gets to know them. While the attractiveness of a guy isn't necessarily determined by what he wears, it certainly enhances or detracts from his appearance.

What is stylish for a man is often determined by his attitude and personality, whereas women are more strictly confined to the looks portrayed in movies and magazines.

Aeropostale, Old Navy and American Eagle have made fashion affordable on the college budget. Aeropostale and American Eagle are very convenient with locations in Colonial Mall. However, Old Navy only has locations in Rocky Mount and Jacksonville, which are both about an hour away. These stores cater toward a casual look, leaving the more sophisticated, dressy clothes to Abercrombie & Fitch and Express for Men, both with their closest locations in Raleigh.

"This year, it looks like our biggest mover is going to be our men's sweaters. Aero has sales every week, so the prices on them will vary on a week-to-week basis," said Stephanie Hardison, assistant manager of Aeropostale in Colonial Mall.

If sweaters aren't for you, The Gap has a great line of Oxford shirts. Unless you're venturing out for a formal interview, roll up the sleeves to achieve a classy, fashionable look. Rarely on sale, these shirts cost \$42.50.

For more casual wear, it is easy to find long-sleeved t-shirts at Old Navy and Aeropostale for regular prices of \$10 or less. At American Eagle, long-sleeved t-shirts are \$15.50, but can often be found priced at two for \$24.

As far as pants are concerned, cargo pants are generally considered more fashionable than jeans; however, either can be pulled off with a little effort.

"What I wear just really depends on how I feel," said junior jazz studies major Matthew Roehrich.

"If I'm just bumming, I'll wear blue jeans, but if I feel like looking nice, I'll wear khakis."

Each of the major clothing brands market their own line of jeans and cargos for a price of \$30 to \$40 per pair. The main difference in these companies is how their pants fit and feel. Therefore, being fashionable with pants is more a matter of choosing comfort over style. However, if you're really looking to make an impression, most females agree that khakis are the way to go.

"Khakis are sexy," said sophomore education major Emily Cayton.

"It takes a certain kind of guy to be able to pull off blue jeans, but all guys look great in khakis."

Of course, no ensemble is complete without the right shoes.

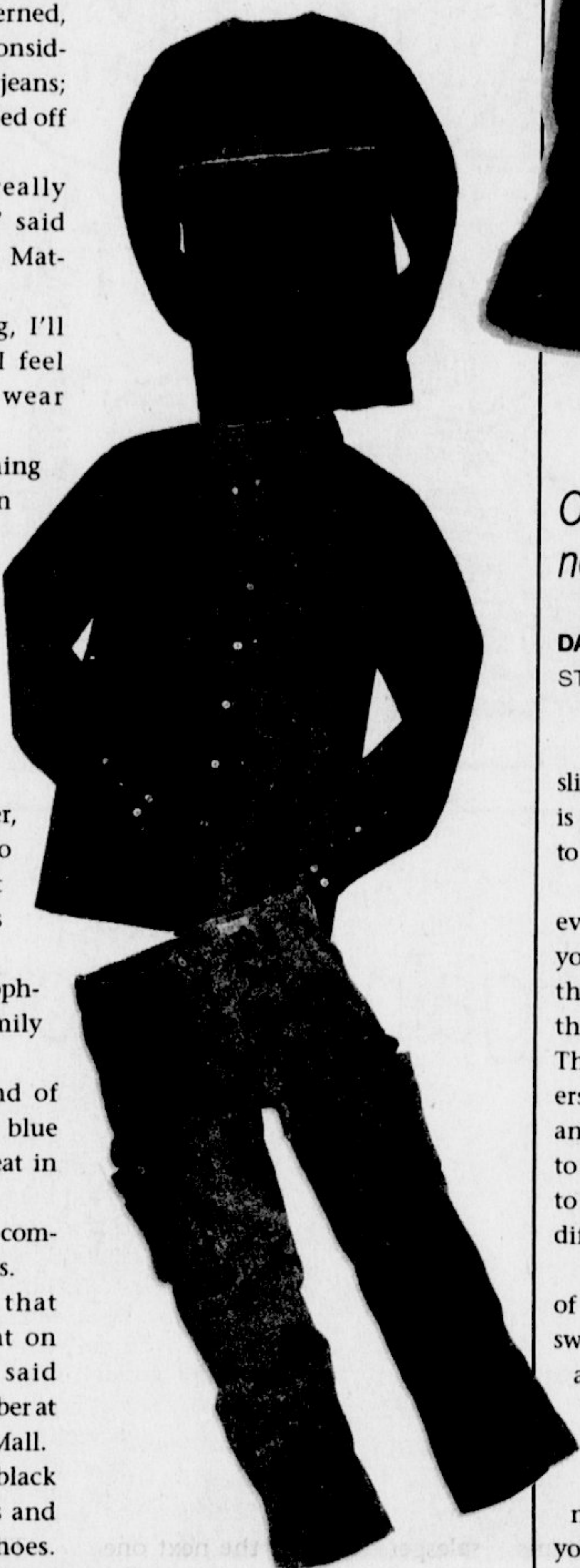
"The types of shoes that are popular are dependent on what group you're in," said Amanda Vincent, team member at Hibbett Sports in Colonial Mall.

"If you're gangster, all black or all white Air Force Ones and the Jordan's are popular shoes. Modern boys are going to get a

New Balance 574 or 580."

It's important to remember that clothes don't make a man. Style is all about what you feel comfortable with and look best in - whether it be preppy, casual or urban. Use your clothing to celebrate your individuality. Imitation and conformity are always out-of-style.

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### Old fashions become new trends for women

**DANIELLE WIGGINS**  
STAFF WRITER

If you haven't noticed the slight change in the weather, this is your announcement. It's time to update your personal wardrobe.

Fall is back and classier than ever but there is still hope if you like to bare a little here and there. Mini skirts dominated the summer and now the fall. The new trends this fall are blazers, rain boots, vintage jewelry and styles inspired by the 1920s to the 1990s. Your best option is to mix and match things from different eras.

"What is in this fall are lots of layers, from tanks, tees and sweaters," said recreational therapy major and Aeropostale employee Claire Wilson.

Dress a cute logo tee or summer top with a nice jean jacket. No one says you have to get rid of all your summer clothing.

Classic vintage is also taking over the season and teal is easing its way back into the fall. You can also expect to see purses and jackets made of tweed, argyle and corduroy textured material. Mini cardigans, oversized sweaters, ponchos and classy blazers are sure to keep you warm through the weather transition.

Whether you want to go classic with a knitted sweater, wild with zippers and animal print, bohemian with a floral top or girly with a pearl necklace and pretty bows, just know that anything goes. Mix and match until it fits your desired style. No one completely fits into one category.

Blazers are one of the biggest

trends. Go casual with one in faded denim or try a lightweight blazer for a party.

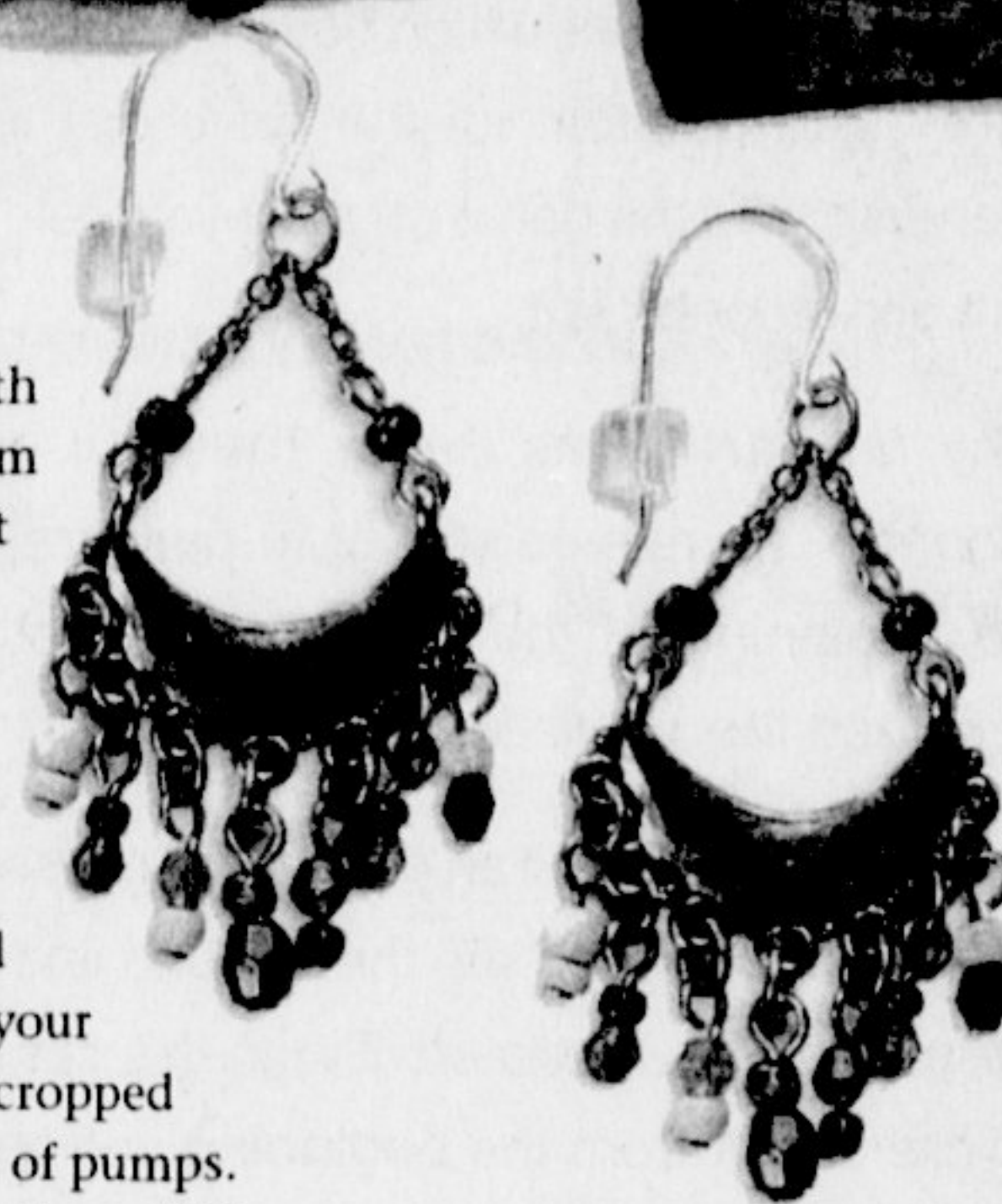
Sophisticated types may want to wear a pale, pinstriped blazer. Stick to fitted and cropped blazers that show off your figure and pair with cropped jeans and a cute pair of pumps.

Blazers usually range from \$30 to \$50 at local American Eagle, Delia's and Gap stores.

Those fashion mishaps you probably keep in your closet for "safe keeping" are recyclable now. Go through your mom's closet. You are bound to find styles she kept from her era. Dress up an old blazer or denim jacket with a rhinestone flower brooch. Spice up those pumps with brightly colored leg warmers or let out your wild side with some leopard skin. Just don't get too carried away.

Shoes are all about detail - pointed with very small

heels. However, when walking to class, save your back some trouble by wearing shorter, more comfortable heels. Boots, especially rain boots, are a must and



always have pumps to wear with those tiered mini skirts from the 1980s.

Also, be sure to accessorize. Accessories are big and dangling earrings, flower hair clips and layered belts.

There are plenty of ways to avoid maxing out those precious credit cards. Hot deals are everywhere. Be a smart shopper and don't get too carried away with seasonal clothes because winter will hit Greenville before you know it.

Window shopping also comes in handy sometimes because it gives you the chance to compare prices at all clothing stores.

"I usually look around for the best deals and best quality before buying," Wilson said.

"Top fall essentials to me would be cute jeans, a good pair of boots, a comfy sweater and, of course, matching earrings," said ECU student Shaina Nixon.

Don't be afraid to add your own magical touch. No one will ever perfectly achieve the look of models directly from magazines. Choose your style wisely and know what brings out your best features.

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## Our View

Why must referees insist on ruining great games? Our recent case-in-point - Florida vs. Tennessee. With 55 seconds left in the game, Florida receiver Dallas Baker got into an altercation with a Tennessee defensive back. The Volunteer player smacked Baker on the face mask and Baker retaliated with a shot of his own.

The back judge, who is watching the entire thing happen, flags only Baker, costing Florida a crucial 15 yards for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. The penalty forced Florida to make a longer punt, which gave the Volunteers better field position for the drive that would eventually win the game on a 50-yard field goal with six seconds left.

Why on earth was Baker the only player flagged? The referee saw both punches, from the beginning of the incident, and yet only penalized the retaliation.

We can understand if an official doesn't see the first punch but does see the second and flags the player who retaliated. But in this case, the official saw it from the beginning and yet still only penalized one player.

Is it not ludicrous that he made this call? Especially when it's the fourth quarter and he knows that if Florida is penalized, they have a longer kick to make - therefore giving Tennessee better field position. Both players hit each other. Either you flag both of them and the penalties offset or you flag neither of them and break up the scuffle.

But no, for some reason, an official decides to send a message that he won't tolerate this type of nonsense with less than a minute left in the game.

Not only did he blow that call, the entire crew made an error on when to start the clock on the ensuing down. Because the play on which the penalty was assessed was a run that stayed inbounds, the clock should have started with the referee's wind-up on as soon as the ball was set. Instead, the crew started time when the ball was snapped. So instead of 25 seconds ticking off the clock, leaving the Volunteers with a mere 30 seconds left, Tennessee started with 43 seconds. They won the game with six seconds left.

Good job guys, you ruined one of the best college games we watched this past weekend.

## NOT EVERYBODY AT CBS BACKS DAN RATHER... SOME THINK DOCUMENTS ARE FORGERIES



## Opinion Columnist

### Getting older, gaining responsibility

Growing used to living life on my own

RACHEL LANDEN  
STAFF WRITER

When we're younger, growing up seems so glamorous. I remember my older sister once said that when she turned 16, she was going to get a perm and a boyfriend. She did get both, but I don't recommend the perm.

Before she was even allowed to venture out of our yard by herself, she was looking forward to getting older and having new freedoms and experiences. I was slightly less adventurous, but even so, I too anticipated the days when I would have more control over my own life. I wanted to make my own decisions, even if it meant making my own mistakes.

At least that's what I used to think. Now, I'm not so sure that making my own choices is all that it's cracked up to be. Choosing your own fate also means accepting responsibility that at one time didn't fall on you. If everything turns out alright, you've earned the credit. But if disaster ensues, you're to blame.

I'm willing to shoulder the extra responsibility, a sign that maybe I've matured beyond my earlier years. However, about those decisions...

Sometimes I wish the answers



were all laid out in front of me, just like my dinner plate at home. If mom decided that we were having chicken for dinner, we were having chicken, and there was no point in even considering otherwise. Even if I didn't want chicken, at least I didn't have to worry with dinner planning or preparation. This may be a stretch, but that is how I feel about a lot of issues in life now.

I know I'm in college and technically an adult, but being in charge of many things in my own life scares me. When a problem arises, I have to fix it. I can call mom and dad and they can offer their support and encouragement, but I have to do the grunge work.

For example, this weekend, I discovered a flat tire on my car. I called my parents, knowing they were too far away to provide much assistance.

## Online Reader Responses

Reader response to Sept. 14 article, "Registering to vote is important, but simple task"

I have just finished an article in the New York Times concerning the importance of the youth vote (18 to 25) in the coming election. If they actually vote, this age group will decide the election - particularly those voting in battleground states. North Carolina is one of those battleground states (the presence of John Edwards may very well produce sufficient votes to change North Carolina's tendency to vote Republican in national elections). The large number of young voters on college campuses will likely be the deciding factor. For those students who are registered in another, non-battleground state, this is the opportunity to make their vote count. If they register before the looming deadline for North Carolina, they can use their school address (on- or off-campus) to claim residency in North Carolina and decide the election. That is, if they decide to vote.

— Richard Wynne

Response to Sept. 16 article titled, "Ways to stop smoking"

I like to see articles that encourage people to stop smoking. As a former smoker, I know it is not easy to quit, but I also know it can be done. I tried three times to stop smoking before I was successful, but I finally did it. I smoked two packs a day for 23 years and now I have been smoke free (not even one little drag) for seven years.

The key is desire and will power. You must have a true, strong desire

to stop smoking and you must be willing to keep trying even if you back slide. When I successfully stopped smoking, I used a combination of methods, including Nicorette gum, regular chewing gum, self-hypnosis using a tape that I made after reading a book on the subject, prayer and exercise. All of these methods combined helped me to stop. It is one of the accomplishments that I am most proud of.

— Beverly Taylor

Responses to Sept. 16 article titled, "Sharon government in jeopardy"

The Sharon government is divided on this withdrawal plan, but surveys of the Israeli public have repeatedly shown strong support for a (if not the) withdrawal plan. The government in jeopardy is the national government of Israel - can it function or are the settlers in the territories a second state, as Haaretz has worried, which will challenge and perhaps overtake the first state? And I find it hard to believe that Sharon is afraid of assassination. He is a warrior, a risk-taker and a bull. Many think he wants to pull out of Gaza in order to incorporate vast chunks of the West Bank. But I think you misunderstand him if you see him tucking his tail between his legs because he's afraid of assassination.

Plus - facts, please. Unless you reject the notion of a Jewish state in Palestine, the Arab/Palestinian people were not occupied in 1948. The country was partitioned by UN mandate and a state given to Palestinians and Jews. Then the war started and after war was

over, the shape of the current Israel was formed. Agreed that after 1967, Palestinian lands were occupied.

— Jason Mundstuk

Domination of others as a means of self-preservation is so unjust as to deserve its reward - which is unrelenting resistance. These attitudes can only persist within a religious context. Doesn't that suggest the religion is an unwanted parasite on those who would rather live in peace?

— Jonathon Quiere

Sharon's history of violent Zionism does not match his current plan to withdraw Israelis from Gaza. Obviously he is up to something...

— Robert

Many people do not know what is going on between the Palestinians and Israelis. I have seen first-hand what goes on. Imagine sitting in a taxicab for almost three hours while soldiers search each car. I had a chance to visit this summer and I think the checkpoints are unjust. This should not be happening. One taxi cab driver told me if we get rid of both Sharon and Arafat maybe we would have some kind of peace. As a Palestinian American, I really believe the only way there will ever be peace between Palestinians and Israelis is if Sharon and Arafat are out. Until people actually see first hand what goes on over there they should not really judge.

— Sheila

Very well done, you said it better than I ever could. Bravo!

— Paul

## Pirate Rant

I'm sick of hearing about Socialist and Communist "threats." These are the 2000s, not the 1950s - wake up!

Can you please stop printing the ultra-Conservative rants by Tony McKee? I know he hates Democrats, but we don't hate him! Where is Peter Kalajian when we need him?

I'm so tired of seeing all these girls wear the same outfits everyday. Get a new outfit! It's so lame to see these girls dress like they came off a conveyer belt.

What's with ECU not building any new dorms? Population of students has increased by thousands since I first arrived - but no new plans to build any new student housing facilities.

Why do professors act like their class is the only one that matters and like it's the only one students are taking. News flash - many full-time students hold jobs as well as participate in campus organizations... we don't have time to devote all our time to one class.

I counted 21 rhetorical questions in Tony McKee's latest article. Is that what you consider "opinions?" Hmmm-mmmmm?

Why does every guy on campus wear pink shirts now? Did I miss the memo or something?

Deion Sanders, buddy, I know you couldn't see after you returned that punt this past weekend so you had to take your helmet off to fix your head-warmer, but was it honestly necessary to dance around the field after the fact? Primetime, my man, it wasn't even a 20-yard return and you pulled your hamstring. If your game was as big as your ego, you'd be the best player in the galaxy. Chill out and prove you can play at age 38 before you start dancing around the field like Beyonce Knowles.

Why do guys spend so much money on car parts and accessories than they do on the actual car?

Professors need to understand that not everything for their class has to be turned in on the same day. We're only human you know.

For those of you standing in front of the Wright Place bugging me, back off - I don't want your stupid flyer!

OK, so the purpose of building the West End Dining Hall is so west campus students won't have so far to walk, but what about those of us who live on central campus, isn't that the same distance the other students were having to walk to Mendenhall? Why can't we have both?

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I attended the Wake Forest vs. ECU football game I was amazed at the number of ECU students that attended the game wearing shirts and baseball caps with other schools' logos on them. As a proud graduate of ECU and member of the Pirate Club, I do not understand why a student would wear another school's logo to a sporting event that his or her university is participating in. It is one thing to wear the other logos during the week on campus, but during a Pirate athletic event there should only be purple and gold in the student section. If you want to wear other schools' logos to an athletic event, attend that school's athletic events. You are in Pirate Country and the official colors are purple and gold.

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# Life inching back to normal year after Isabel

HATTERAS, NC (AP) — Earlier this month, there was a celebration in Hatteras Village to commemorate the first anniversary of Hurricane Isabel, the most damaging storm this place has seen in a generation.

For most, it was a celebration of survival. No one died here.

"We're glad it's still here," said one local resident of her island. "But, my God, it's scarred forever."

"It's the price of paradise," said another.

It's a price these people have paid over and over.

At the Outer Banks Motel in Buxton, the office walls are marked from the flooding of Emily, Dennis and now Isabel. Old-timers still talk about "the storm of '33," which breached the island at about the same place Isabel broke through.

Perhaps that's why, through all the devastation, most folks here seem unflappable. Or at least unrelenting.

Isabel delivered a stiff blow and left her mark, but life goes on.

A year ago, John and Judy Hardison, both in their 50s, clung for their lives to a small tree outside their home in the village.

Isabel's waters raced by, at times neck-high, as the Hardisons' house shifted off its foundation and pieces of oceanfront hotels swept past. The couple stayed in the tree for 3 1/2 hours.

"We were saying our goodbyes," Judy Hardison said. "As much as we could it was so loud."

Today, the site of their old home is nothing but a gravel lot. The house has been demolished, and the lot is for sale.

The tree that saved their lives is gone, too.

"They took our tree! I'm so mad," Judy Hardison said. "I told them to keep it, but apparently the guy doing the bulldozing didn't get the message."

For now, the Hardisons are renting a place near their

daughter in Frisco, miles north of their old house. Soon, they will build their new home on higher ground, farther north, in Buxton.

"We're moving to the mountains," Judy Hardison said.

Hardison also has a new job, at Midgett Realty. Her old one was managing Durants Station, a motel that Isabel leveled.

The Hardisons' story of survival was featured on a Weather Channel show called "Storm Stories." Hardison refused to watch a tape of the show.

"It's taken me a long time to get back to where I was, to get my head straight again," she said. "I had the most horrible dreams, the most god-awful nightmares of my life."

Her doctor prescribed sleeping pills, which she still takes to forget Isabel.

Wendy Sisler, on the other hand, has a daily reminder.

Last September, Sisler lost her store, Family Jewels, and the house she grew up in. A month

after Isabel, she was sinking into depression when hope floated ashore.

In Rodanthe, 35 miles north of Sisler's home in the village, a Bible washed up on the soundside beach. It was the Bible that Sisler received from the Hatteras United Methodist Church when she was 12. She's 51 now.

The Bible had her maiden name, Wendy Mae Stowe, embossed on the white leather cover, and someone called to see if it was hers. When Sisler picked it up, she found it fully intact but a little soggy. A dogwood leaf still was pressed between the Bible's pages, as was a note sent after a long-ago Sunday school absence.

"We miss you," the note says.

"It gives you chills. It was kind of a spiritual moment, like, 'Is this a sign?'" Sisler said. "I told the preacher I was going to start using it because I'd been to hell and hell wasn't any fun."



Hurricane Isabel's destruction is still prevalent in some North Carolina counties.

Sisler has the Bible on display in her temporary shop in Frisco. She's rebuilding the shop and her house in their old locations in the village. Her resolve is strong again.

"I love Hatteras more than ever. I won't leave," Sisler said. "It's all going to be for the good. Everything's going to be bigger

and better."

Not everything.

The General Mitchell sits almost as it did after Isabel ravaged. The abandoned hotel's pool is collapsed and filled with sand. Two motels that were once next door, Durants Station and The Hatteras Cabanas, are mostly a sandpit now.

## Job Reform

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priority for those planning to graduate and join the work force in the next four years.

Nicholas Beam, a junior history major and Republican said, "I believe that George Bush has done a wonderful job in dealing with what he was dealt as president. He has been trying to create more jobs for the country, but with the economy the way it is, it is sometimes hard to create jobs during a recession."

John Kerry is fighting for a lost cause and doing what he can to drag down the Bush administration, Beam said.

In the past, Republican presidents have increased or created national deficits while Democratic presidents have reduced or eliminated them, said Benton Lowry, senior anthropology major and Independent.

"In light of this historic pattern of economic performance, highlighted by the last four years, John Kerry is the logical candidate to choose as a president most likely to repair our crippled economy," Lowry said.

Many students work and attend ECU simultaneously. These students are concerned with the current state of the job market and are not sure which presidential candidate will help them the most financially.

"As a part-time student working a full-time job, I know how much of my paycheck I never see, so if one candidate can convince me that my job is safe and no more taxes are to be taken from me, that is the best bargaining chip the candidate would have to garner my vote," said Lee Higley, a student and Republican.

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## Assault

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Jeffries said the center for counseling and student development is also available to counsel to student victims.

"A lot of times when a person is sexually assaulted, they feel like it's their fault. We just want to make them feel more comfortable with coming to someone," Jeffries said.

According to a U.S. Department of Justice statistics Web site, 39 percent of attempted rapes and 17 percent of sexual assaults on females result in an injured victim. Jeffries said victims should seek medical attention.

The sexual assault awareness week is meant to teach students preventative techniques. Some tips include always being aware of the surroundings, traveling in groups and keeping an eye on drinks.

According to a wellness education fact sheet, Rohypnol, the date rape drug, may become invisible once dissolved in a drink.

Jeffries said people should never accept an open drink from anyone, even from people they know. The NCCASA said 70 percent of North Carolina victims knew their assailant.

Though sexual assault is uncommon toward college-aged men, awareness is still important for the male population.

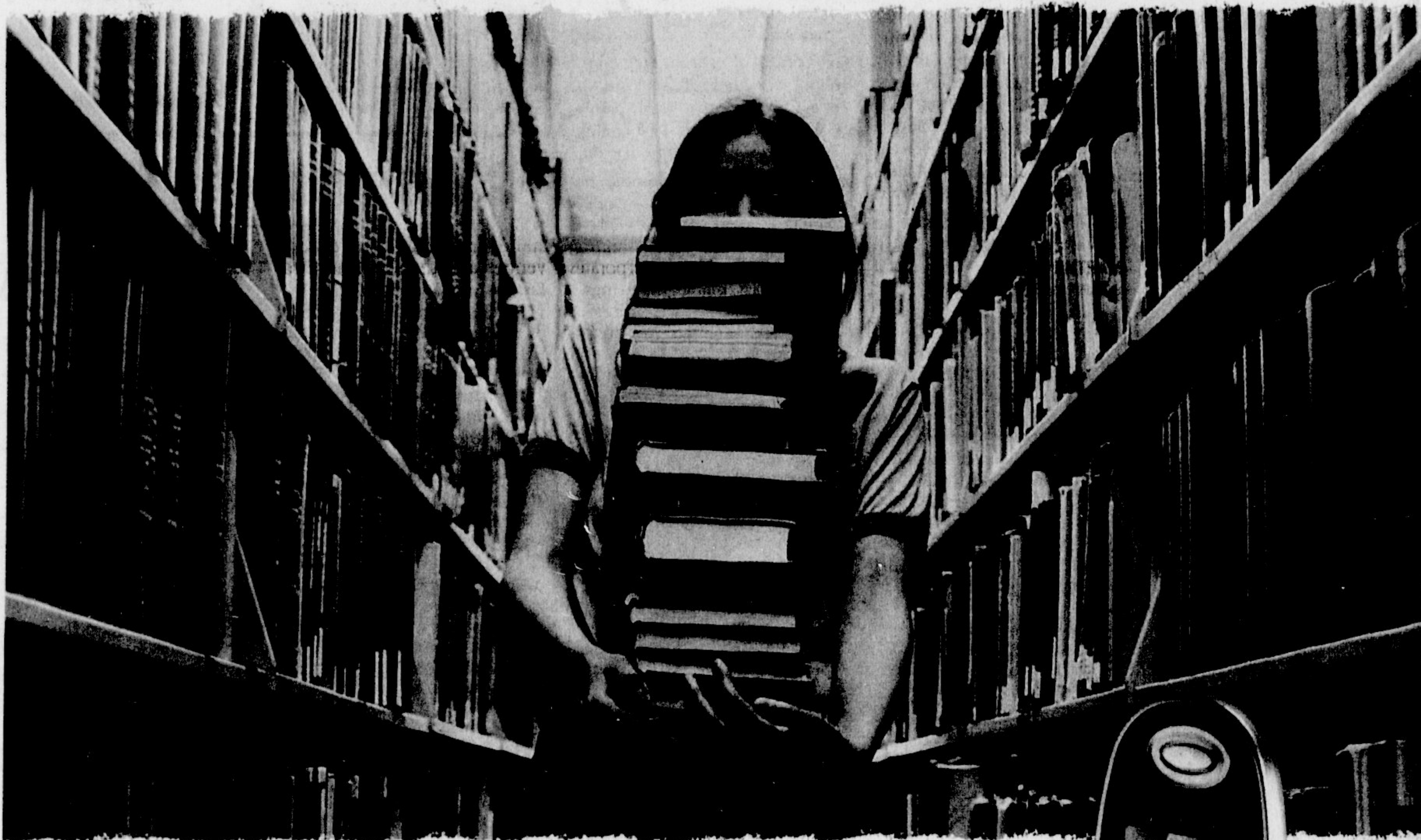
The Sexual Assault Care Center's Web site, indicated one out of six boys are assaulted before age eighteen compared to the females' rate of one in four.

Jeffries said sexual assault awareness week has been an annual event at ECU since she can remember. She began participating in the march when she was a student, and now works with planning the events as a professional.

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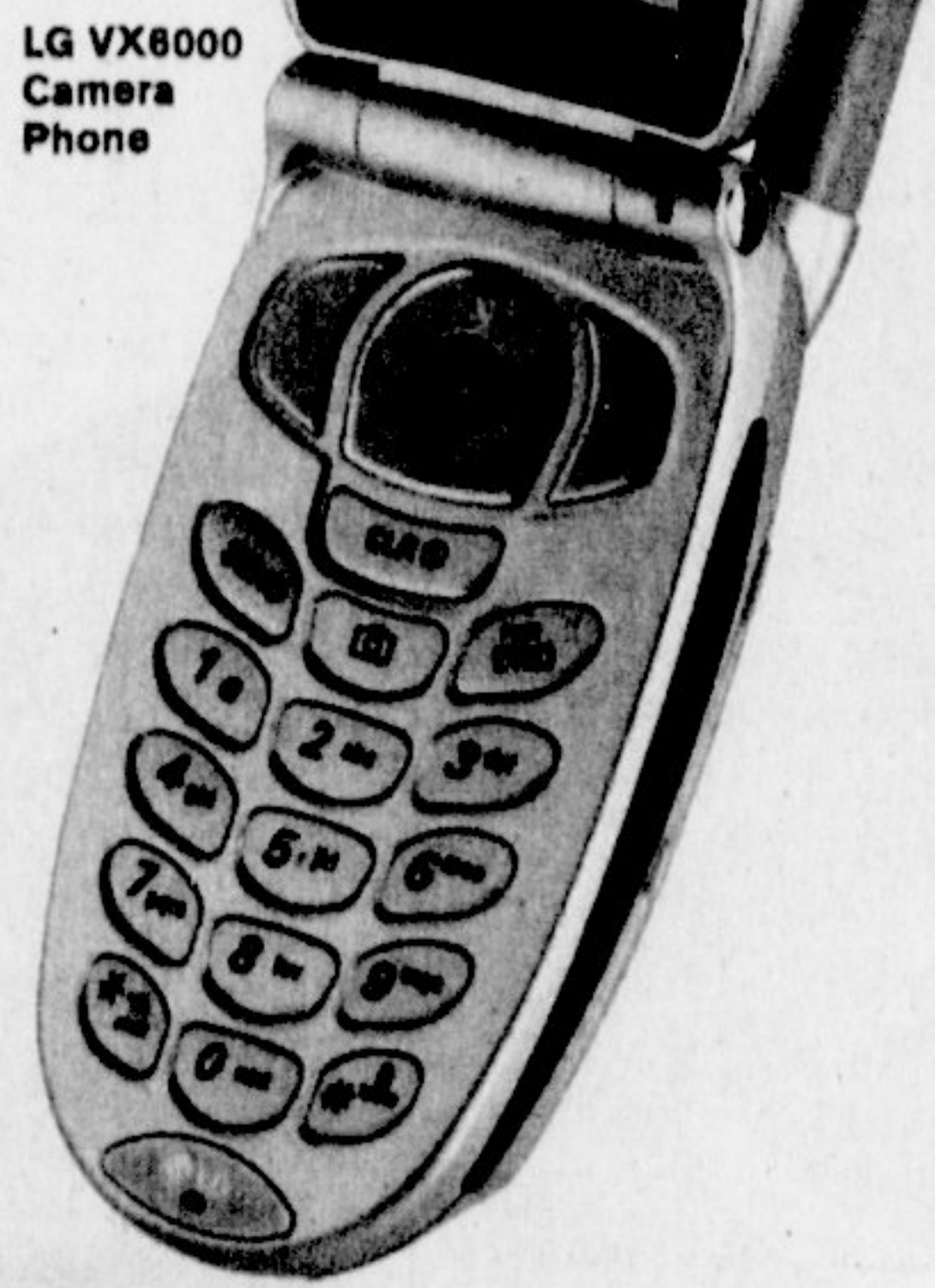
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Saturday - 9:30 p.m.  
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Friday - 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday - 7 p.m., 12 a.m.  
Sunday - 3 p.m.

## Top 5s:

## Top 5 Movies:

1. Resident Evil: Apocalypse
2. Cellular
3. Without A Paddle
4. Hero
5. Princess Diaries

## Top 5 Books:

1. The Da Vinci Code
2. The Five People You Meet In Heaven
3. Murder List
4. High Druid of Shannara: Tanequil
5. The Rule of Four

## Top 5 CDs:

1. Alan Jackson
2. Tim McGraw
3. Ray Charles
4. Anita Baker
5. Various Artists

## Top 5 DVDs:

1. Passion of the Christ
2. Twisted
3. Taking Lives
4. The Girl Next Door
5. Hidalgo

## Top 5 TV Shows:

1. Joey
2. NFL Football
3. The Apprentice 2
4. CSI
5. CSI: Miami

## Horoscopes

## Aries

Today is a 6. The work you've been doing is being noticed by those in control and command.

## Taurus

You're a creative person. Your favorite genre could be anything from flowers to poems, or both.

## Gemini

You have more of value than you thought in your home.

## Cancer

You're being called to action, but what are you supposed to do? If that isn't clear, don't panic. Follow a person you know well and trust.

## Leo

You may have to do something that you think is below the status you've achieved.

## Virgo

A loved one has a wound to talk about it is hard to heal. Just listening is a gift you can give.

## Libra

The sun is coming into your sign, and it'll be here about four weeks. Don't race right off and do things yet. Keep working on your plan.

## Scorpio

You'll want to allocate a little more time for spiritual inquiry over the next few weeks. Your own intuition is excellent, but the assignment now is to read books.

## Sagittarius

You'll be able to tell, pretty soon, that the hardest part is over. You'll be acknowledged for taking a righteous stand.

## Capricorn

Today is an 8. Although you're about to take on new responsibilities, you'll still have time for valuable advice from a wise teacher. Schedule it.

## Aquarius

In some respects, the pressure is increasing the next two days. In others, you're entering an expansive phase for about four weeks. Make the forces work together.

## Pisces

If you're running short on data, supplies or support, ask a friend. The people you love can put you in touch with others who have what you need.

## Third time is charm for band

Further Seems Forever releases third album with third singer

KRISTIN MURNANE  
STAFF WRITER

Change. This is one word that Further Seems Forever has become too familiar with. With the loss of two separate lead vocalists and the addition of a third, the Floridian emo rockers try to prove skeptics wrong with their third major release *Hide Nothing*.

Formed in 1998 by guitarist Josh Colbert and bassist Chad Neptune and soon joined by singer Chris Carrabba, guitarist Nick Dominguez and percussionist Steve Kleisath, they released their first full length album, *The Moon Is Down*, in 2001 on Tooth and Nail records. The struggle began even before the album was released as Carrabba departed, turning his side project, *Dashboard Confessional*, into a full time job. Jason Gleason had big shoes to fill as Carrabba's replacement, but with a rigorous touring schedule, Gleason recreated the songs to match his voice and soon gained respect from loyal FSF fans.

In 2003, Further Seems Forever released their next album, *How to Start a Fire*. With Gleason writing the lyrics, his intensity is shown through songs like "Pride War," which is rumored to be a mockery of Carrabba. Most importantly, FSF's sophomore release sold more records than the previous album, showing that their fan base was still growing.

In January of 2004, Gleason left the band on seemingly



The band Further Seems Forever is looking to strike it big with their new lead singer.

bitter terms while the remaining members were finishing up the instrumentals for their following album. This left Further Seems Forever to again search for another vocalist. In steps Jon Bunch.

Bunch's previous band, Sense Field, had just broken up after a 10 year career in the underground rock scene. FSF have played shows with Sense Field before, so it seemed only natural for Bunch to join them for their third release. The current members of the band, Bunch, Colbert, Neptune, Kleisath and new guitarist Derick Cordova released *Hide Nothing* on Aug. 24 to negativity from both fans and

critics, but it's hard to deny the precision of this album.

*Hide Nothing* does exactly as the name implies. There are no guessing games, no hidden meanings - it's just the honest truth. Since being signed to Tooth and Nail Records, a Christian rock label, the band has repeatedly been asked if they are indeed a Christian band. They have denied this claim, although this album is the first to contain ties to religion.

Further Seems Forever states on their Web site that: "Everyone in FSF is a Christian, but we don't call ourselves a Christian band ... our faith is our relationship with

God on an individual level and if we feel led to share that we will...

This is also a career for us and we don't feel comfortable taking money in the name of God."

The album's first single, "Light Up Ahead," is the first FSF song that shows their relationship with God. It's easy to relate in a religious sense to lyrics that repeat, "... you lift me up/and all these bad dreams/I wake up to the light ... wake me up/there's a light up ahead."

The title track declares exactly who Further Seems Forever is singing, "we live and we learn/and we crash and we burn ... we can take what we know/and we

learn as we go ... we can see who we are."

With spotted distortion, melodic vocals, catchy guitar riffs and an all around appealing sound, Further Seems Forever has overcome the skepticism from critics and fans to create what is possibly their best release to date. As the saying goes, third time's a charm, and that just might be the case for these five men. FSF is currently on tour across the country, go to [www.furtherseemsforever.com](http://www.furtherseemsforever.com) for tour dates and clips of songs from three albums.

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## Ben Folds releases latest album 'super D'

Not available in stores, only on the Internet

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Ben Folds and Epic Records released *super D*, the third and final EP of the Ben Folds EP series Aug. 24. Why have you not seen it in stores? *Super D* is only available on the Internet.

A genius idea enabling the artist to make his music available to fans in only three weeks after being recorded. "Quietly releasing my music as I finish it. With a minimum of hype," said Folds.

"It's for people who buy my music anyway. It won't be sold in the big a\*\* chains because that puts the price up and starts the big a\*\* machinery-press, radio, etc."

*Super D* features five songs. There are three originals "Kalamazoo," "Adelaide," "Rent a Cop" and two covers, The Darkness "Get Your Hand Off My Woman" and a Ray Charles tribute "Them That Got," which is a live recording.

"Kalamazoo" is a song that Folds wrote when he was 19 or 20. You may have heard it already as there are several demos floating around. This version incorporates drums, bass, piano and strings.

"Adelaide" is a wonderful song with a great beat incorporating a fusion of piano and drums. Written before hopping on a plane to where else? ... Adelaide.

"Rent a cop" is a quirky tune making fun of a mail security officer.

"Once I was watching a mail security officer whisper nasty sh\*\* in girls' ears as they walked by. I don't know why he didn't get slapped," Folds said, "and recently when this riff came to me, his stolid visage revisited my consciousness once again whispering through his doughnut."

*Super D* is available at [www.attackedbyplastic.com](http://www.attackedbyplastic.com) and through downloads at iTunes.

The first EP in the series, *speed graphic*, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Internet Album charts, and sunny 16 can also be found at the same sites.

The series will be released as

a full album in early 2005.

Folds will be on the road this fall. He will first tour around the states, including some college venues and then will head to Europe and Japan in 2005.

Those of you that do not recall Ben Folds may remember the band Ben Folds Five, a trio from Chapel Hill whose debut album was released in 1995. *Whatever and ever amen* was a platinum-plus album and in 1999 they released *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner*. The group's clever and ingenious songs incorporated piano, bass and drums.

In 2001, Folds began his solo career with his release of rockin' in the suburbs. He had a group project called The Bens with cohorts Lee and Kweller. As well as working with William Shatner on Shatner's upcoming album *Has Been*, Folds helped co-write, produce and play on the album.

For more information head to his official Web site at [www.benfolds.com](http://www.benfolds.com).

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## ben folds • SUPER D



Ben Folds releases his newest and last of the EP series solo album *super D* to his fans on the Internet.

## Cinema Scene:

**Garden State:** Jill Flint, Ann Dowd, Zach Braff. Shuffled through life in a lithium-induced coma until his mother's death inspired a vacation from the pills to see what might happen. A moderately successful TV actor living in Los Angeles, "Large" hasn't been home to the "Garden State" in nine years. (R)



**Wimbledon:** Paul Bettany, Kirsten Dunst, Eleanor Bron. A tennis player who has lost rank and fallen to 157 meets a female player who inspires him to set his sights on the Wimbledon Cup. (PG-13)

**Mr. 3000:** Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett, J. Anthony Brown. The

self-centered star ended his career prematurely, right after getting his 3,000th hit. Now, 10 years later, three of Mr. 3,000's hits have been disqualified and the 47-year-old, out-of-shape former slugger attempts a comeback. (PG-13)

**Sky Capitan and the World of Tomorrow:** Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Giovanni Ribisi. A New York City reporter circa 1939 enlists the help of a friend and a pilot to help figure out why scientists are vanishing. They wind up facing off against a madman attempting to take over the world. (PG)

**National Lampoon's Gold Diggers:** Will Friedle, Chris Owen, Louise Lasser. The misadventures of two completely incompetent con men, who, in desperation, turn their attention to the art of gold digging. (PG-13)

**The Forgotten:** Julianne Moore stars as Telly Paretta, a grieving mother struggling to cope with the loss of her eight-year-old son. She is stunned when her psychiatrist (Gary Sinise) reveals that she has created eight years of memories about a son she never had.

**The Cookout:** Queen Latifah, Jonathan Silverman, Eve, Todd Anderson has just been

chosen as the number one pick in the NBA draft. Signed for \$30 million, he relocates to a fancy mansion in an upscale neighborhood. He throws the annual family barbeque at his new home, which makes for an interesting situation with neighbors and security. (PG-13)

**Without A Paddle:** Matthew Lillard, Seth Green, Dax Shepard. The story of three lifelong friends who find themselves on a canoe trip in search of a \$200,000 treasure. Many obstacles await them, including a dangerous river and more than a few whacked-out mountain men. (PG-13)



**Paparazzi:** Cole Hauser, Tom Sizemore, Robin Tunney. To rising action superstar Bo Laramie, a quartet of paparazzi is at first an annoyance, then an ever disturbing presence. When they threaten his family's safety, it will be the last mistake they will ever make. (PG-13)

**Anacondas:** Hunt for the Blood Orchid: Matthew Marsden, Eugene Byrd, Morris Chestnut. Scientists search the jungles of Borneo for an elusive orchid that may be the modern-day fountain of youth. Unfortunately, the flowers longevity powers have already been discovered by a pack of giant anacondas! (PG-13)

**The Princess Diaries 2:** The Royal Engagement: Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo. As *Princess Diaries* left off, Mia is going to Genovia to be princess. But as soon as she arrives she finds that she must assume the role of queen immediately. Genovian law states that she must be married before being crowned! (G)

**Resident Evil: Apocalypse:** Jared Harris, Milla Jovovich, Thomas Kretschmann. The sequel to *Resident Evil* follows top military agent Alice, as she fights to contain a virus. She teams up with a group of survivors, including another tough heroine named Jill Valentine. (R)

**Hero:** Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu Wai, Maggie Cheung Man-yuk. Assassins are determined to murder the tyrannical king. A nameless man appears at the king's palace claiming to have already dispatched the three

most legendary killers. So begins a Rashomon-like tale filled with high-flying action and passionate drama. (PG-13)

**Shaun of the Dead:** A down-on-his-luck, twenty nine year old Londoner named Shaun is having a bad day. His career's going nowhere, his buddies are pretty much slackers and his girlfriend has dumped him for failing to make an anniversary date. To top it all off, his homeland has just experienced an apocalypse where zombies have risen from the dead. Now, it's up to Shaun to save his romance and the world at the same time. (R)



**Cellular:** Kim Basinger, Rick Hoffman, Chris Evans. A man hears the voice of a kidnapped woman on his cell phone, and attempts to locate her before his cell phone runs dead. (PG-13)

# Book Review: 'The Heart is a Lonely Hunter'

*Tale of moral isolation in south during 1930s*

JOANNA WALDHOOR  
STAFF WRITER

Tennessee Williams declared Carson McCullers, "The greatest writer that the south produced." McCullers was only 23 years old when she published this novel, her first one. This fictitious book has a straightforward prose of story telling.

The story concentrates on the humanity of people in a small

Southern town of the 1930s. It portrays the moral isolation of four individuals, along with a deaf being the center of all four people.

Quiet John Singer is deaf and tries to live in the town best as he can after his best friend Spiros Antonopoulos was taken away to the hospital. Singer tries to cope with his loneliness even though he is like a confessional to the four characters.

Adolescent Mick Kelly struggles to learn about music for herself and having to take

care of her family as she is just leaving her childhood behind. Nervous and constantly drunk, Jake Blount works from town to town desperately preaching his unbalanced version of knowledge.

Dr. Copeland is an African American doctor that has an internal conflict about his role as a father and of his frustration of trying to help the other African Americans in the town. Stoic Biff Brannon, owner of a diner, eventually becomes filled with an emptiness he carries within himself.

All four somehow feel a connection to Singer and confess to him because they feel as if he understands them and some of their intense loneliness sheds away.

Some readers might not be satisfied because it is hard to figure out what this book is about. The story might give out a feeling of despair. This book does not shout, but simply has a literary style that carries a piece of truth in the humanity of the people. Not for the depressed.

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# 'Star Wars' trio gets long-awaited DVD release



(KRT) — In his own mind, George Lucas identified so closely with the rebellious young hero of the space adventure he was writing in the mid-1970s that he named the character Luke, after himself.

As he made the rounds at the studios to pitch a sci-fi fantasy he was calling *The Star Wars*, with each new telling, his movie sounded more and more like a parable of his own struggle to resist the soul-crushing heel of Hollywood. As leader of the freedom-loving Rebel Alliance in Marin County, Calif., Lucas took potshots at the evil Galactic Empire to the south.

But that was a long time ago, in a world far, far away from the Hollywood landscape of today. Lucas changed everything with *Star Wars*. The movie not only became the second-highest

grossing picture of all time (now behind only *Titanic*), it pushed the corporate grandees who ran the studios toward ever-bigger "event" movies. Which meant the independent filmmakers who had thrived during the 1970s were suddenly viewed as luxuries Hollywood could no longer afford.

Lucas got very rich and formed a succession of filmmaking companies, such as Lucasfilm Ltd. and Industrial Light & Magic, which made him even richer and more powerful. Lucas grew so powerful he was able to brush off the clamor for the release of his original space trilogy — *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* — on DVD. Until now.

"I have become the very thing I was trying to avoid," Lucas says, noting his own corporate fat-cat status in an interview included in the "Star Wars Trilogy," which gets its long-awaited release Tuesday.

Thanks to Lucas' dark side, the DVDs can be purchased only as a boxed set, the first of several bidders imposed on this otherwise happy occasion to bump up the bottom line. But the movies look better than they ever did before, transferred from the original negatives, then given a digital scrubbing that removed something like 100 scratches and dust specks from each frame — about 10 million improvements in all.

The images are brighter and

the colors more vibrant than they were on film, and the dazzling sound design creates a sense of space, not only outer but inner. Collectively, these films represent one of the most awe-inspiring technical achievements in the short history of the DVD format. Unlike similar cleanings that have left Renaissance masterpieces looking denatured, this one embraces the look that Lucas calls "the used future," in which the objective is not spotless perfection but spot-on realism. The film is clean; Han Solo's spaceship, the Millennium Falcon, remains gloriously grubby.

The question that some of Lucas' improvements will raise for ardent fans of the series is whether he needed to fix what wasn't broken. Each film has undergone subtle, but significant, revisions, beginning with the opening frames of what was once — and for some of us will remain forevermore — *Star Wars*, and is now clunkily titled *Star Wars: Episode IV — A New Hope*.

More troubling to purists are the scenes Lucas has digitally added or enhanced, using technology that was unavailable to him in 1976, when the first picture was being shot. Many of the changes were made before the films were re-released to theaters in 1997 as a "special edition," although Lucas has continued tinkering with some scenes, sometimes even making changes to the changes.

An example of Lucas' perfectionism run amok takes place in the first film's memorable Wookiee bar scene. In 1977, Han Solo pulled a gun and dispatched a bounty hunter named Greedo who was chasing him for the price on his head. Solo's transformation from shady privateer to hero is a crucial part of the story, after all.

But by 1997, Lucas felt Solo was such a beloved cultural icon that he could no longer allow him to shoot first, and changed the scene so that Greedo appeared to draw first.

The change was so illogical that Lucas has re-edited the shootout so that it now appears Han and Greedo draw their guns at almost exactly the same moment.

Even those kinds of changes, no matter how wrongheaded, wouldn't be as troubling if Lucas had put the original version of each film on the discs. But he didn't.

He also refuses to discuss the controversies he created by fiddling with the films in his slightly droning reminiscences on the commentary tracks.

It is Carrie Fisher's wisecracking asides about being told she could play Princess Leia if she promised to lose 10 pounds at a fat farm, and about preparing herself to don the bikini she had to wear in "Jedi" that recaptures some of the films' original magic.

# Book Review: 'Esperanza Rising'

*Heartfelt tale any age group can enjoy*

JOANNA WALDHOOR  
STAFF WRITER

Though this robust novel is adolescent literature, any age group can enjoy it. This fictitious novel has a very eloquent and lyrical style of writing that shows the passion of the characters.

This book portrays a young girl, Esperanza Ortega, living in the 1920s - 1930s on a ranch called Rancho de las Rosas in the region of Aguascalientes, Mexico. She has everything she wants and she has the dream of one day rising to her mother's position of

presiding over the ranch.

Unfortunately, after a tragic accident occurs, Esperanza and her mother, along with their friends, are forced to flee to California to work in a farm labor camp. At the labor camp, Esperanza is suddenly shoved into a completely different lifestyle than what she is used to — the story allows for her character to change and develop during those events.

It leaves readers satisfied. Gives readers a taste of the history of Mexican immigration to California.

Gives people an air of rising above obstacles and triumphing the best they can in any situation.

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## Sports Briefs

## Hamilton under investigation

Olympic time-trial champion Tyler Hamilton declared his innocence Tuesday after his pro cycling team said he's being investigated for possible blood doping and could be stripped of his gold medal. The American cyclist said he would "fight this until I don't have a euro left in my pocket." Tests at the Athens Olympics on Aug. 19 and at the Spanish Vuelta on Sept. 18 showed evidence of blood from another person, cycling's governing body said, according to a spokesman for Hamilton's team, Phonak. Follow-up tests were scheduled for later Tuesday. Phonak spokesman Georges Luedinger said Hamilton denied having a transfusion - which can boost athletes' performance by increasing the amount of oxygen-transporting red blood cells in their system. If found guilty of a violation at the Olympics, Hamilton would lose his gold medal. Three athletes had gold medals revoked for doping during the Aug. 13-29 games. Former world champion Oscar Camenzind was fired by Phonak and announced his retirement after testing positive for the performance-enhancing substance EPO shortly before the Olympics.

A record 24 athletes - none American - from various sports were cited for drug-test violations at the Athens Olympics.

## Idaho player shot to death

A University of Idaho football player was shot to death and police arrested two brothers from Seattle following a chase that extended halfway across Washington state. Eric McMillan, 19, a starting cornerback for the Vandals on Saturday against Washington State, was pronounced dead of a gunshot wound to the chest at 4 a.m. Monday at Gritman Memorial Hospital, Moscow police Capt. Cam Hershaw said. No motive for the shooting was immediately available. On Sunday night, hours after the shooting, Matthew R. Wells II, 27, and James J. Wells, 25, both of Seattle, were arrested on Interstate 90 near Vantage, about 150 miles west of Moscow. The Wellses were booked into the Whitman County, Wash. Jail and were being held for investigation of felony attempted eluding with bail set at \$75,000 each, Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy said. The two, former football standouts at Rainier Beach High School in Seattle, made an initial appearance Monday in Superior Court and charges will likely be filed Wednesday, Tracy said. Officers went to McMillan's residence following a report of gunshots about 5:24 p.m. Sunday and found he had been taken to the hospital in a private vehicle, Hershaw said. Based on a description and license plate number given by witnesses, Whitman County sheriff's deputies began pursuing a late-model white BMW with two men inside between Pullman and Colfax, Wash. officials said. Colfax police joined the chase until the fleeing car avoided a roadblock outside Colfax, Whitman County deputies maintained pursuit until Othello and the Washington State Patrol took over from there on Washington 26. A spike strip across the freeway near Vantage on the Columbia River brought the car to a stop about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Hershaw said. McMillan, a business management and human resources major, is survived by two sisters, including a twin, Paull said. He played football, basketball and ran track at Murrieta Valley High School in California.

## This Day in Sports

1927 - Gene Tunney wins a unanimous 10-round decision over Jack Dempsey at Soldier Field in Chicago to retain his world heavyweight title. The fight is marred by a long 10-count in the seventh round. Dempsey knocks Tunney to the mat, but Dempsey doesn't go to a neutral corner. The referee doesn't start counting until four or five seconds after Tunney is down. Tunney regains his feet and goes on to win.

## Terron Amos taking off for ECU

An up close look at Pirates' offensive sniper

TRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

Great careers sometimes have unusual beginnings. Such was the case for the greatest boxer of all time - Muhammad Ali. Ali's bike was stolen when he was 12 years old, bringing the legend to tears. He decided to report it to a police officer, whom just so happened to be an amateur boxing coach.

Ali told the officer that he wanted "to whoop whoever stole his bike." The officer, Joe Martin, replied by simply saying, "you better learn how to fight before you start challenging people that you are gonna whoop."

And thus, the legend of Ali begins.

Terron Amos may not turn out to be the greatest soccer player of all-time and his beginning may not be as unusual as that of Ali's. However, the ECU men's soccer program will always be thankful of the way Amos's career "kicked" off.

"It all started when I was about five or six years old," said Amos.

"My mom came in one day and said 'T, you are getting to the age where it's about time to start doing something active and I want you to think about what you want to do and get back to me.' As soon as she asked I told her, 'I want to play soccer.'"

And she looked at me with this funny face and said, 'soccer?'"

Amos's mother, supportive of his decision but unsure about the game of soccer, went out and got both of them a couple books so they could read up on the game.

"She wanted me to make sure that this is what I wanted to do," Amos said.

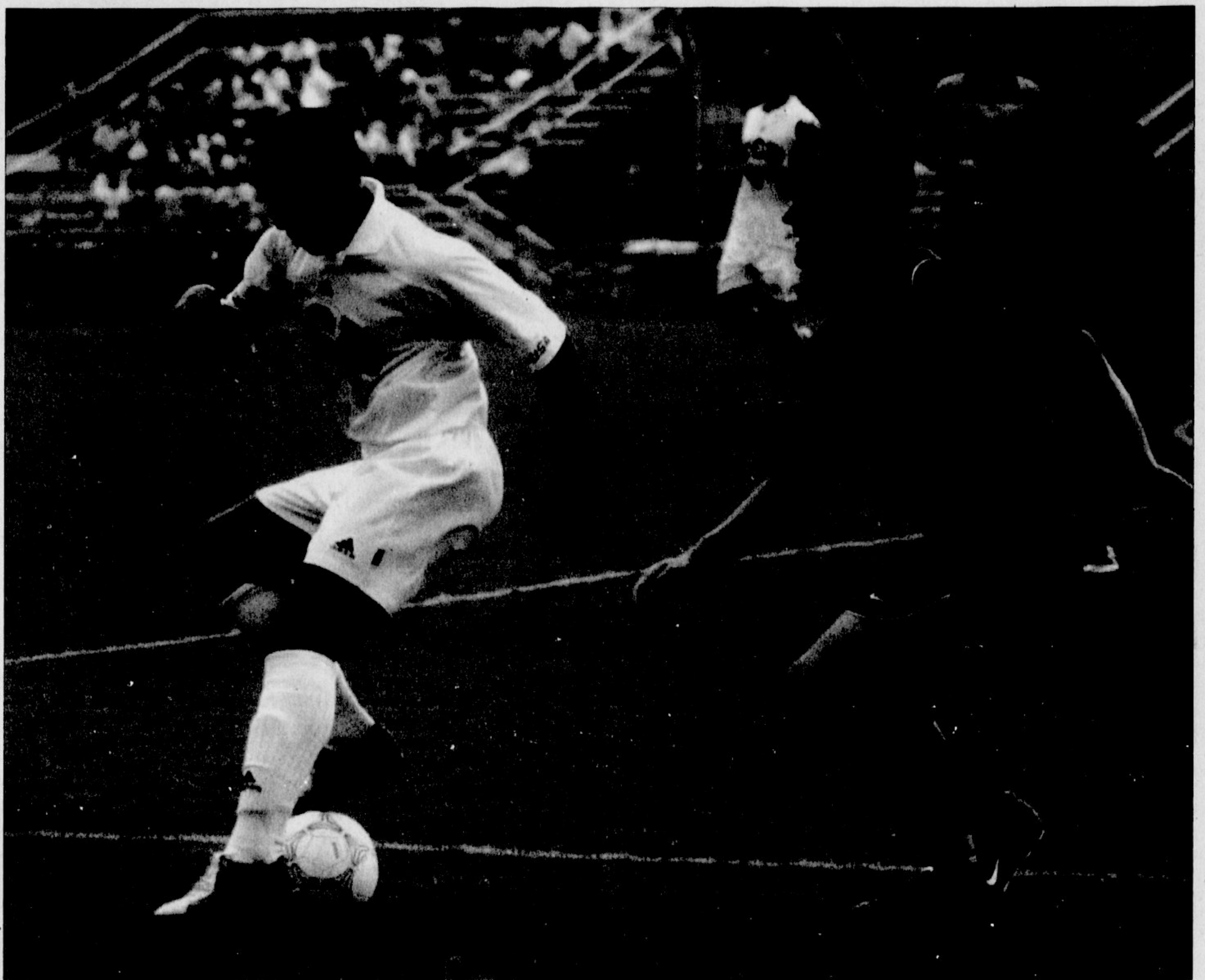
"But I had already made up my mind."

Amos started out playing in recreational leagues around the city of New Bern, his hometown.

"At first I did not feel like I was good enough to play," Amos said.

"But my mother would always encourage me and tell me to keep trying and keep working at it."

Amos stuck with it and continued to play throughout his schooling. However, soccer wasn't the only sport for him - Amos got his feet wet in other sports coming up through high school.



Amos started playing soccer at the age of six and has been running circles around any and all competition ever since.

"I tried track, but I did not really like just running," Amos said with a laugh.

He also went on to try basketball and wrestling, but nothing seemed to excite him as much as the thrill he had when running onto the soccer field.

"I just wanted to concentrate on soccer and put all other things aside," Amos said.

"I did not want to risk an injury in another sport that would hinder me from playing soccer."

Amos, free from injury, put his heart and soul into soccer and led his high school team to an outstanding national ranking of 20 in his junior and senior season.

Apart from high school, Amos took his game to several other leagues, one of which was a premier ball league, a league where Amos would soon realize his talents were solid

enough to start turning some heads.

"It came to me when I played in premier ball and I got a lot of recruitment letters and my mom kept telling me that I was good enough to get to the next level," Amos said.

One of those letters happened to be from ECU, the team lucky enough to snag the star-studded forward.

Amos arrived at ECU with high hopes on his career but he would soon realize that the playing field was about to become a little more level.

"The first day of preseason my freshman year I knew it was going to be a completely different ball game," Amos said.

"I always thought I was pretty good and could keep up with everyone and I was able to do that but it was not with the dominant

style that I was able to do it with in high school, being able to go by people at will. I knew that once I got here, I would have to use my teammates a lot more. It took me about half my freshman year to get adjusted."

Amos was tried out on the defensive side of the ball during his freshman campaign but would eventually return to his natural position of forward after proving his goal-scoring capability.

Going through some tough years record wise, Amos hopes that his team will be able to turn it around this season.

"I would really like for us to finish above .500 on the season," Amos said about something the Pirates have not done while he's been a part of the squad.

"And when I am done here, I want everyone to be able to say,

'man he really helped that team get to where they went.'"

Aside from Pirate soccer, Amos enjoys watching the game on television as well.

"I have two favorite teams, Arsenal and Real Madrid," Amos said.

Arsenal forward Thierry Henry is a player Amos tries to model his game after.

"I love the way he plays and if I could be like any one player, I would want to be like him because of his playing style, his confidence and his ability to just go to players."

Sounds eerily similar to a description one might use to describe the Pirate's senior go to guy and what he's been able to do since he began his endeavor in 2001.

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## Men's rugby moves to 2-0 for season



ECU has put up a total of 46 points in their first two games.

## Pirates pummel Cherry Point at home, 20-5

MATTHEW FOSTER  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's rugby team won their second game in a row after last week's game against UNC was cancelled, beating Cherry Point 20-5 on Saturday.

The weather was perfect for rugby as ECU dominated from the scrum in the early part of the game, but had to wait for some time before taking full control. Mark Borchering notched the first points of the game, scoring a nice penalty from about 30 yards out to give ECU a 3-0 advantage.

The ECU defense held strong as Cherry Point pined on the pressure, but missed a penalty. That was the inspiration ECU needed as they drove forward in numbers.

Nice combination play from Rob Hileman and Dave Zeckman led to the free man as Thomas Francisco scored on his first ever try. Borchering missed the conversion, giving ECU an 8-0 lead.

Later in the game, Michael Brian dived for his line to claim a try and push the lead to 13-0. The pressure continued as ECU missed another penalty. Gary Saunders added one more try and Borchering made the con-

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## Purple fever to take hold of Cincinnati



First 5,000 fans will receive free towels

TONY ZOPPO  
SPORTS EDITOR

The first 5,000 fans to enter Dowdy-Ficklen stadium this Saturday night will receive a free "Purple Fever Spirit Towel."

If students haven't already picked up their tickets, they may still do so through Thursday,

Sept. 23 at the Minges Ticket Window, Mendenhall Central Ticket Office or ECU Student Stores at Wright Place.

Assistant Director for Marketing Mike Money is hoping that the turnout for the Cincinnati game will match the support fans gave the Pirates for the contest with Wake Forest two weeks ago.

"The support from students last game against Wake Forest was tremendous and we hope to

have that same environment this Saturday against Cincinnati," said Money.

"This is another way we hope to feed off and boost the atmosphere already surrounding our team at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium."

The game marks the first Conference USA match-up for the Pirates (0-2) as they take on the Bearcats (1-2). Kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the gates will open two hours prior to the start of the game.

## Michigan's Avant puts team first

(KRT) - Saturday night choir practice, even after Michigan football games, is one of them. Media attention is not. And catching passes isn't nearly the priority that winning is.

"It's a team game," said Avant after Saturday's 24-21 victory against San Diego State.

"I come from a high school where I caught all the passes. That's the reason I came to Michigan - to win. I don't care how many balls I catch as long as we win.

"I could have gone somewhere else and caught all the passes, but I just want to win for this team. I don't care how many passes I catch."

Avant caught 47 passes for

772 yards last season and was voted second team All-Big Ten in his first year as a starter. He was an All-Academic choice for the second straight year.

Michigan has perhaps the best set of receivers in college football with Braylon Edwards, the school's career receiving leader, joined by Avant and speedster Steve Breaston. Avant has only caught five passes for 57 yards in three games this season, but his blocking and other contributions have been big.

"He's a great competitor and he's unselfish," said Michigan coach Lloyd Carr.

"He's as tough as anybody I've coached. He plays around the football and is a great blocker.

"When he came here for summer camp in high school, every time I watched him he was flying around, diving for balls. He doesn't run a 4.3 (40-yard dash), but I said to myself, 'I want that guy on my team.' I'm glad he liked Michigan too."

The Wolverines, 2-1 after a Week 2 loss to Notre Dame, play host to Iowa (2-1) on Saturday in the Big Ten opener for both teams. Avant understands the magnitude of the Iowa game, but he believes the loss to Notre Dame might have been Michigan's most important game.

"It hurt, but it made us realize we're not as great a team as we think we are," said Avant.

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"We're going to have to work for things or we're going to taste defeat. There's a lot of season left. In college football now, anything can happen. If we're going to lose, it was just as well to do it early."

To say Avant is an unusual person would be putting it mildly. The junior wide receiver has never conformed to stereotypes. Raised by his grandmother, Lily Avant, and his aunt, Shirley Avant, he's the product of a school that

was a Public League power ... in basketball. He sings tenor in the choir at the True Worship Church in Detroit, and is hoping to gain admission to Michigan's School of Social Work, a higher priority than an NFL career.

This summer, Avant was one of four Michigan athletes chosen for the NCAA Leadership Conference.

"They were all impressed with Jason as a guy who was really grounded," Carr said.

Willie Simpson, his football and basketball coach at Carver, persuaded Avant to go out for football. Like many Public League athletes, he saw himself as a basketball player first. As a junior he averaged 16 points per game for the Challengers, but he'd caught 54 passes for 890 yards and 15 touchdowns that fall. He was a football player whether he knew it or not.

**PAT not so automatic this year**

(KRT) — Extra points are usually an afterthought in college football because kickers are normally automatic. But several extra point attempts have been hooked, sliced or blocked this season, altering a team's national championship destiny.

The point after is now almost as treacherous as third-and-long.

"I don't know if they've got the yips or what's the deal," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said.

Division I-A kickers connected on 95.3 percent of their extra point attempts last season, the best performance since 1990. By comparison, NFL kickers converted 98.4 percent in 2003.

Overall this season, college kickers are hitting 94.9 percent of their extra point attempts, according to NCAA statistics. If that figure were to hold up all year, it would be the second-highest total since 90.

Fifty-three out of 1,043 attempts have been missed this season in Division I-A. Several were huge.

Oregon State's Alexis Serna missed three in the season opener against LSU, allowing the Tigers to escape with a win, 22-21, in overtime. Tennessee missed an extra point against Florida on Saturday, but the kicker redeemed himself with a last-gasp field goal that gave the Volunteers a two-point victory. LSU missed its own extra point last weekend against Auburn. This time, the Tigers came up one point short, losing 10-9.

"When they score, I used to flip (the channel)," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Now, I'm going to stay and watch."

Most, if not all, coaches preach the importance of the kicking game. Kickers routinely lead their team in scoring. Most teams work on extra points for about five minutes during their

daily two-hour workout.

Fresno State coach Pat Hill said his team's practices consist of nine extra point attempts in a four-minute span. Kickers and other specialists then work by themselves. Oklahoma's kickers, for example, work by themselves inside Oklahoma Memorial Stadium while the rest of the team practices on the adjacent grass fields.

Still, several coaches, including Brown, said they do not offer scholarships to high school kickers. Coaches encourage kickers to walk on, and then the player could earn a scholarship with his performance.

"We're sure not shy about using a scholarship if we find the right one," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. The Cyclones, however, have found most of their kickers through the walk-on process during McCarney's tenure.

Texas kicker Dusty Mangum of Mesquite was not given a scholarship until this season, his senior year. Mangum is 166-for-168 on extra points during his career and has hit 67.7 percent of his field goals.

Baylor senior Kenny Webb and Oklahoma junior Trey DiCarlo of Carrollton also earned scholarships after walking on. Sophomore Keith Toogood of Dallas Christian walked on at Texas Tech, as did fellow Red Raiders redshirt freshman Alex Trlica.

Other coaches actively recruit and sign kickers out of high school.

Texas A&M's Todd Pegram and Oklahoma State's Jason Ricks earned scholarships as freshmen. Pegram, a junior, has hit 69.6 percent of his field goals and missed only four extra points (73-for-77) during his college career. Ricks, a freshman, is 16-for-16 on extra points and has made all three field goal attempts.

"If you're going to be a good football team, you have to be sound in all phases," OSU coach Les Miles said. "The opportunity to score points with a field goal or extra point is imperative."

A kicker's mechanics and ability are just as important as the snapper and holder doing their jobs.

"Our special teams coach said that if you think about it, when you kick an extra point or a field goal, three people touch the ball in 1.2 seconds," Fresno State coach Pat Hill said. "Everything's got to go just right."

But kickers work on more than their mechanics. Former Texas Tech kicker Robert Trece worked with a sports psychologist to better cope with kicking's ups and downs — or lefts and rights, as it were.

Former Cowboys kicker Chris Boniol, now a private coach living in Flower Mound, said he also worked with a sports psychologist during his pro career. Boniol said kickers have a tendency to relax on extra points because they are relatively easy 19- or 20-yard field goals. Or they might rush the kick because of adrenaline.

"When you're intensity drops, there's a slippage in your performance," Boniol said.

Some Division I-A kickers haven't had such problems. Mississippi's Jonathan Nichols, last year's Lou Groza Award winner, is 140-for-142 on extra points. Boise State's Tyler Jones is 105-for-107.

Kicking extra points must be mental, West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez figures. The Mountaineers' kicker, Brad Cooper, is 61-for-63 during his career.

"I think it's something from the neck up with the little guy that's kicking it," Rodriguez said.

**Rugby** from page B3



The Pirates' next home match will be against the Dan River Club Oct. 6 at Blount Fields.

version score 20-0.

Cherry Point made a late surge to get a tie, but this was ECU's day. There were only 10 minutes played for the B game due to bad weather, but ECU's team took that extra period 7-0.

"We only had six veterans and nine rookies in the starting line up and the rookies played very well," said Hileman after the game.

"The defense played well and the rookies had a strong turn out, two of which scored their first try today,"

said Head Coach Larry Babits.

The ECU men's rugby team will play in a tournament at Appalachian State in two weeks.

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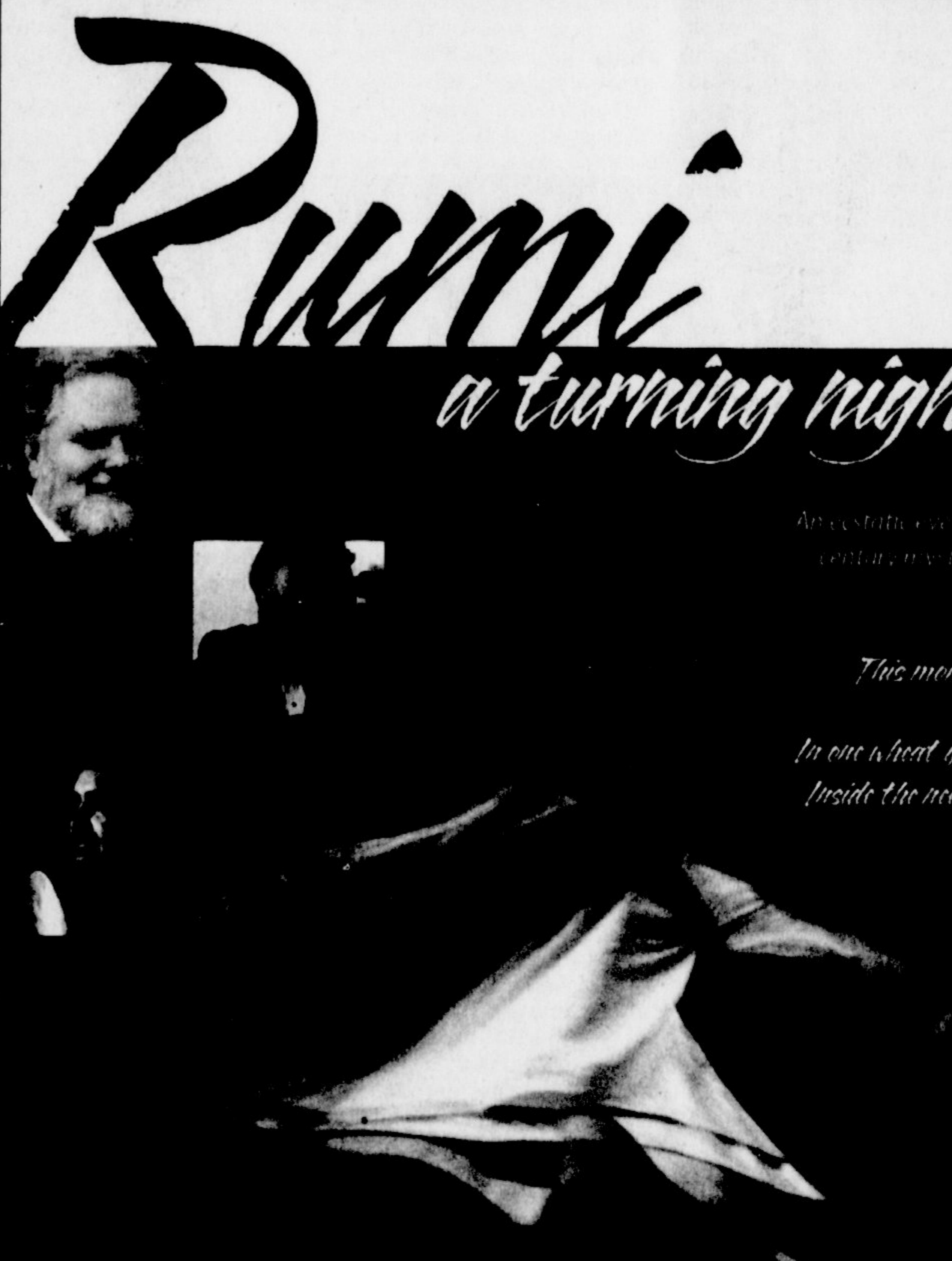
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Inside the needle's eye, a turning night of stars*  
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\*Thursday, September 23 - The Rumi Concert: A Turning Night of Stars with Coleman Barks (internationally renowned poet and translator of Rumi), David Darling (cello), Glen Velez (percussion), Zuleika (dance), 8:00pm, Wright Auditorium. Free for ECU students w/One Card/\$5.00 for ECU faculty/staff/\$10.00 public.

\*Friday, September 24 - Arts for Peace: Poetry/Music/Dance Workshop with Coleman Barks, David Darling, Glen Velez, Zuleika, 10am-12:30pm, Wright Auditorium. FREE.

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