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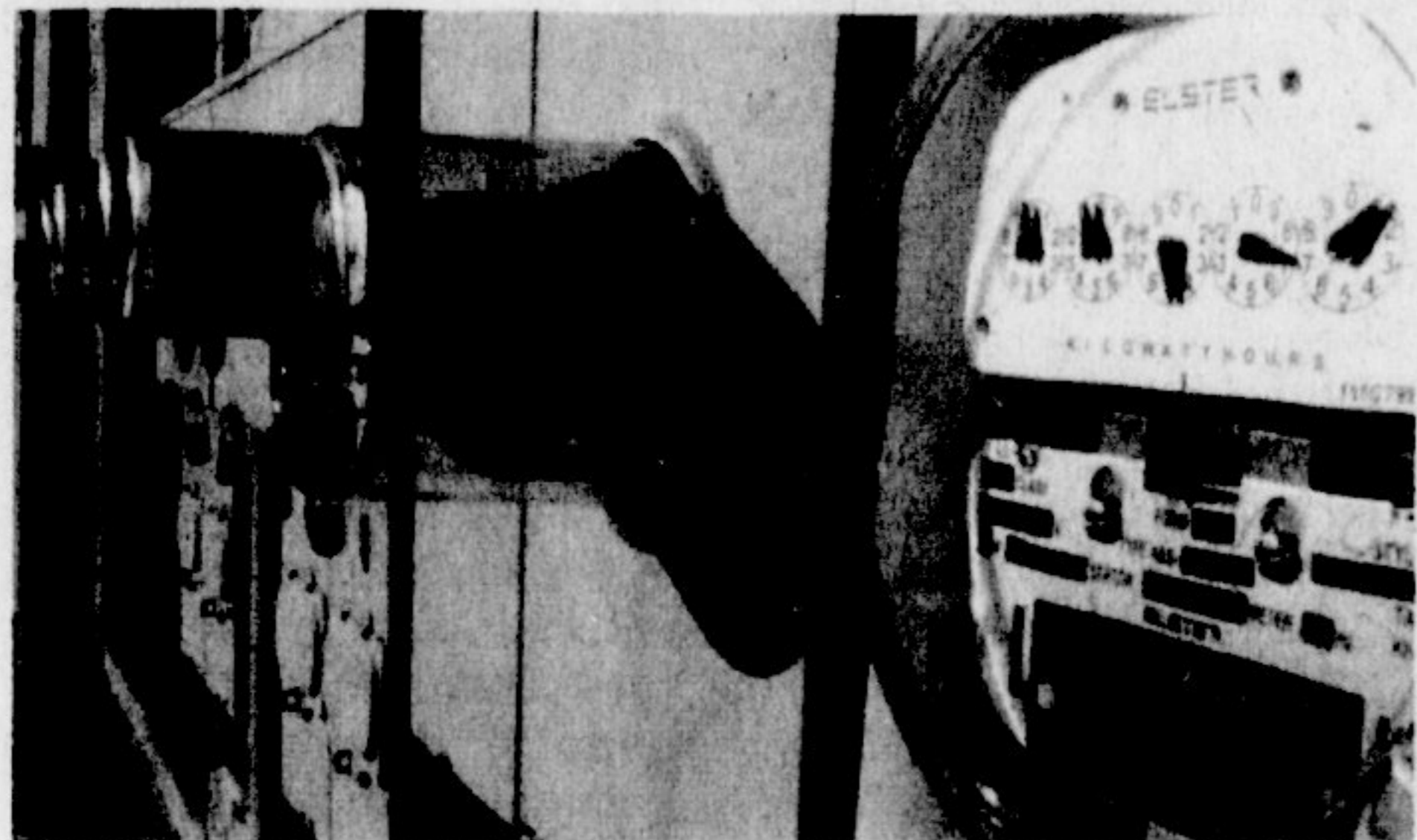
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Upcoming winter demands increased heating, bills



Officials provide suggestions to keep bills down this winter.

Efficiency saves student money

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During winter months, students are often faced with high utility bills due to the additional amount of heating used.

Greenville Utilities has several suggestions to help residents keep their expenses low.

Andy Yokim, energy supervisor of Greenville Utilities, said the most important thing to focus on is conserving energy while heating your residence in order to avoid paying extremely high bills

during the cooler months.

Yokim said he recommends setting the thermostat at 68 degrees during the winter months.

He said students commonly keep their thermostat around 75 degrees during the winter, allowing them to walk around the house in shorts and t-shirts instead of sweaters and pants.

"If you are not going to wear your winter clothes in the summer, don't wear your summer clothes in the winter," said Yokim.

Yokim said this seven degree heating difference can end up costing a lot more since heating and cooling compose the majority of energy expenses.

The cost of heating your apartment depends on a variety of different factors including what type of heating system is being used, how well insulated the residence is and the design of the residence.

Yokim said many times

when students complain of high utility bills, it is because their residences are being heated by electric resistant heat furnaces instead of the higher quality heating system, heat pumps.

"Electric furnaces are installed because they are the cheapest thing to manufacture and buy," Yokim said.

The heat pump was not invented until the 1960s, so many of the older houses around campus still run off electric furnaces.

Yokim said an older residence often demands lower rent, but the heating expenses will make it just as costly as a new apartment.

"If your house is heated by a heat pump, avoid moving the thermostat up and down," Yokim said.

"Set it and forget it." Heat pumps use electric resistant strips for back up heating, and every time the thermostat is moved, the more costly electric resistant strips are triggered.

Yokim said students should

keep an eye on their filters, which can build up dust and dirt and make your heating system less efficient.

"Check them once a month when you get your utilities bill," Yokim said.

Greenville Utilities allow its customers to check the past utility history of apartments they are looking to rent.

Yokim said he strongly recommends doing research on the residences you are considering renting.

"I talk to maybe a hundred students a year," Yokim said.

"Our job is to get the lower bills for you."

Matthew Jackson, ECU graduate school accounting student, said he didn't ask Greenville Utilities for the past history of his apartment.

"I just switched it over," said Jackson.

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Dr. Shepard will be at ECU Nov. 12

NASA scientist to speak at ECU

Shepherd hopes to inform students, faculty

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STAFF WRITER

J. Marshall Shepherd, a scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be presenting a lecture at ECU regarding urban areas and how they create precipitation Nov. 12.

Shepherd's lecture, entitled "How Cities Create Their Own Rainfall," centers around the idea of how satellites can be used to measure the relationship between a city's air temperature and the amount of precipitation they receive as a direct result of that temperature.

Shepherd said he looks forward to his lecture at ECU and hopes the audience will take away something important from his message.

"I just hope they leave with a greater understanding of how delicate our earth is and that we need to understand it as much as we try to understand other planets," said Shepherd.

"This is the one that we're stuck on and it's changing. Whether it's natural or human induced remains to be seen."

Scott Curtis, a geography professor, said he hopes Shepherd's visit will encourage people to check out the new atmospheric science program in the department as well as inform people about the important issue.

"This is one thing that geographers do is look at the atmosphere and try to understand about climate," said Curtis.

"We're trying to advertise for atmospheric science classes on campus ... this is the way to do that, as well as inform people about this issue."

Curtis said he hopes the audience will learn something they did not know before.

"They'll realize that we can change our environment in many different ways and that can affect us down the line," Curtis said.

"Also, I hope they learn that by building structures, roads and sidewalks, we're trapping heat, which not only warms a city environment, but can also create rainfall and storms."

Shepherd, who has presented findings to the White House and the Department of Defense for NASA, grew up just north of Atlanta in Cherokee County, Ga. He first became interested in weather and meteorological studies in the sixth grade while working on a middle school science project entitled, "Can A Sixth Grader Predict the Weather?"

Upon receiving three meteorology degrees from Florida State University and beginning work on his master's degree, Shepherd developed a program that studied hurricanes and their changes, ones that might influence other changes in the storms when they hit landfall.

Years later, after becoming the first African American to receive a doctorate degree in meteorology from FSU and working with NASA, Shepherd received the highest award the federal government bestows upon new scientists and engineers. He was granted the Presidential

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The event is taking place Friday, Nov. 12 at Brewster Building B102 at 4 p.m.

For more information, call Scott Curtis 328-2088

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Computer programmers prepare to compete

ACM programming competition held

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STAFF WRITER

A team of three ECU computer science majors are competing Saturday at Duke University against approximately 160 teams from the mid-Atlantic region in the first tier of the Association for Computing Machinery computer programming competition entitled "The Battle of the Brains."

The competition, sponsored by IBM, is part of a larger ACM contest nicknamed the Tech Olympics, which has teams of three members from universities across the world solve real world programming problems over a five-hour time period.

The top four finishers in every regional competition qualify for the world finals held during the first week of April in Shanghai, China.

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ECU honors Native Americans



In celebration of November as Native American Heritage Month, ECU Campus Living posted flags in the lawn representing the massive number of Native Americans who died on the Trail of Tears. Seen here is a portion of the red flags which represented the 3,000 Cherokee Indians who died on the march.

ECU participates in annual Heart Walk fundraiser

Campus organizations active in event

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

Numerous students, student organizations and Greenville residents are getting ready to participate in the annual Heart Walk to be held this Saturday at the ECU Blount Sports Complex.

Joanna Iwata, director of student involvement said the walk is an annual Pitt County event hosted by the American Heart Association. The projected goal of the community event is to raise \$127,000 for the American Heart Association.

"This is ... an annual ECU event that involves several of our groups over the past several years," said Iwata.

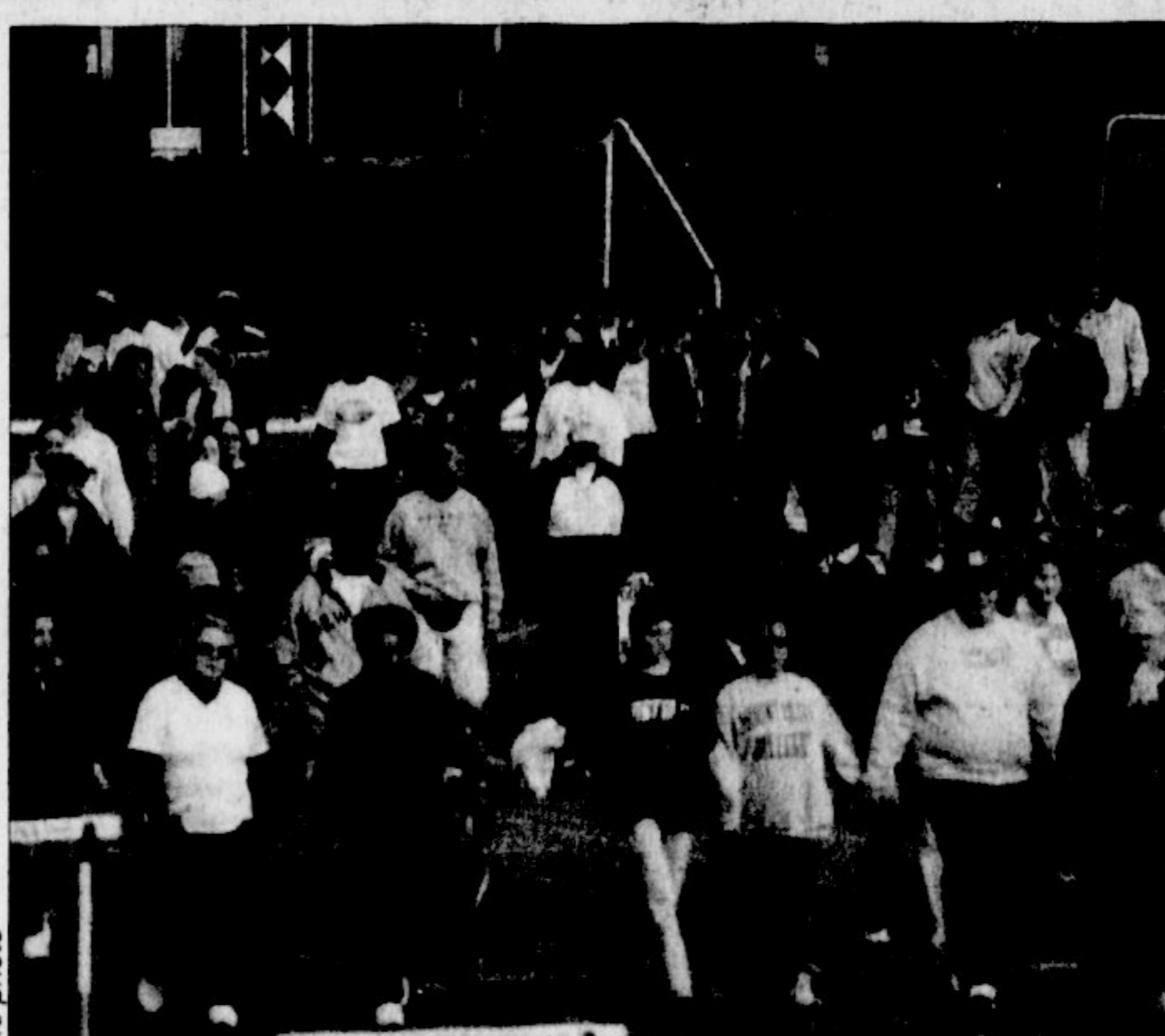
"Typically there are over 1,000 volunteers who walk and raise funds."

While there are a variety of ECU campus organizations participating in the walk, including Greek life, residence hall associations and student government, individuals are also free to participate.

Participants have to either register in advance by going to the Web site or they can register at the time of the event. Individuals or teams are eligible to register.

"Participants are encouraged to raise money or make a donation if they choose to participate," Iwata said.

"Every little bit helps." At 9 a.m. there is a brief welcome session before they begin the walk around the complex.



ECU students and Greenville residents participate in last year's Heart Walk event sponsored by local organizations.

"A lot of our student groups do participate and it is something that does not require a lot of pre-organization," Iwata said.

A number of corporations participating in the event have made contributions to help achieve this goal. ECU's organizations make up only one of the teams that will be participating. All the proceeds will be contributed to the same charity.

Iwata said in past years ECU organizations have presented a pretty impressive check of \$5,000.

Iwata said this is an important issue to work toward because of its prevalence within a wide range of groups.

"When you think about

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Heart Walk

On-site registration on site begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Blount Sports Complex off Charles Boulevard. The event begins at 9 a.m.

- Slogan: "Change tomorrow Today"

- 3.31 mile walk

- Contact Kim Etheredge American Heart Association with Pitt County at 355-1112

- PR person: Contact Andrea Gardiner at 327-5256



Director Paula Kennedy-Dudley helps a student at the center.

Center for Off-Campus Living improves student life

Office makes an impact on living conditions

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STAFF WRITER

The Center for Off-Campus Living, serving as a voice for ECU students living on and off campus, opened less than a year ago with the welfare of every student in mind.

Mary Louise Antieau, the director of the Center for Off-Campus Living, said about three years ago, a number of faculty realized there was no entity on campus to assist students' off-campus needs.

"It bothered me," said Antieau. "We decided that we needed something that would assist everyone who lived off campus ... commuters, distance education students and those in Greek Life. Everyone involved had similar issues with the city, their neighbors, their community and the university."

Paula Kennedy-Dudley heads the Office of Adult and Commuter Services. The office provides programs for commuter students and for adults re-enter-

ing college. It gives a chance for adult and commuter students to interact socially with similar students, and it provides information about campus, community and regional programs and services available to the adult and commuter student population.

The Office of Greek Life, directed by Ion Outerbridge, promotes diversity, life-long learning, friendship and service. It enhances sorority and fraternity membership through leadership developing, networking, ethical decision-making and career-life skills. It also assists members with academic, risk management and social activities.

In the Office of Student Conflict Resolution, mediation services are offered for those who wish to participate in and learn about alternative conflict resolution. It assists ECU students, faculty and staff, as well as Greenville community members who are involved in a dispute with a student or a student organization.

The Student Neighborhood Relations Office, facilitated by Michelle Lieberman, works closely with students and neighborhood areas within Greenville.

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Campus News

Free Flu Shots

ECU Student Health Service will sponsor a student flu shot clinic today on the second floor of the Student Health Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is no charge for students with an ECU ID and valid NC Teacher's and State Employees Health plan insurance card. Shots are \$12 without these cards. For more information, call 328-6841.

Grant-in-Aid

Delta Xi is offering financial support to female students who will be going into the teaching profession. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and display financial need. The aid will be awarded during the February chapter meeting. For questions about requirements and application, contact Dr. Katalin Szucs at 320-1908.

Cell Phone Donation

The Family Violence Program of Pitt County is sponsoring a used cell phone drive until Thursday, Nov. 18. The phones go to domestic violence victims who need a constant and free way to call 911 and a 24-hour crisis line. Collection bins are at the Dowdy Student Store, Food Lion on 10th Street, East Carolina Bank on Red Banks Road and the Alltel store inside Wal-Mart. Contact Sara Munzer with the FVP at 758-4400.

Give yourself Italy, Greece and the Greek Islands in summer 2005.

You deserve it. ECU 6 s.h. credit, funding available. Visit Rome, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, Pompeii, Delphi, Athens and many other places. Contact Calvin Mercer at 328-4310 or mercerc@mail.ecu.edu.

ECU Gospel Choir

A special intermission, Guest Salvation and Deliverance church choir from Tarboro, NC, under the direction of Kristan Herring will perform tonight at 6 p.m. at MSC in Hendrix Theater. Prices are \$3 for students and military and \$5 for the general public. For more information, call Arturo Cummings at 328-7148 or Tarrick Cox at 328-1518.

Veteran's Day Celebration

The Pitt County Veteran Council will host an event honoring our past and present veterans at Greenville's Town Commons today at 11 a.m. Call 758-2788 for more information.

Jazz at Night

The school of music will present a jazz concert at Mendenhall Nov. 12. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call 328-6851.

NASA at ECU

Dr. Marshall Sheperd, a NASA scientist, will be giving a geography department colloquium entitled, "How Cities Create Their Own Rainfall and Storms." The event will take place Friday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. in 102 Brewster B. Contact Scott Curtis at 328-2088.

American Heart Walk

Participate in this charitable event Saturday, Nov. 13 at the ECU Blount Sports Complex. Check-in at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Groups can still register online at heartwalk.kintera.org/DownEastNC or pick up team packets in 207 Mendenhall.

NCAA Southeastern Cross Country Regional

A competition of cross-country teams from all over the southeast will meet in Grimesland Nov. 13. The race will take place at Lake Kristi on Mobbly Bridge Road. Call 329-4530 for more information.

Faculty Exhibition

The 2004 Faculty Exhibition, "A Tradition of Excellence," began Wednesday and will end Nov. 20 in the Gray Gallery at Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The exhibition displays various works including ceramics, digital imaging, photography and weaving. Contact Gil Leebrick, gallery director, at 328-6336.

Dissertation Defense

Come see Tim Saltuklaroglu with the communication sciences and disorders department's dissertation defense called "The Role of Gestural Imitation in the Inhibition of Stuttering." The presentation will be Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in 103 Belk Building. For more information, e-mail Tim at ts0712@mail.ecu.edu.

News Briefs

Local

Hoke escapee captured

GASTONIA, NC - Thelma King's afternoon TV watching was interrupted by a man wanting to use her phone to call a cab.

The 81-year-old woman obliged, apparently unaware that the man at her door was William Glenn Barefoot, an escaped convict with two handguns in his backpack who had been on the lam since late October. Before Barefoot could get into the cab, Gastonia police converged on King's house around 3 p.m. Tuesday and arrested him, dousing Barefoot with pepper spray after a short struggle. King was not injured.

"She said he was real nice, real polite," said her son, Tim King, 52. "She's an old mountain girl, it didn't excite her too much." One person was charged with helping Barefoot evade capture since his escape, said Charles Reavis, U.S. marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He refused to name the suspect or describe the person's relationship to Barefoot.

Officers tracking Barefoot found a campsite in a wooded area where they believe Barefoot had stayed for about a week. They also found bandages, which they believe he used on his feet because he was barefoot since his escape.

Earlier Tuesday, Barefoot was sighted near Interstate 85. Officers chased him, but lost the trail in a creek. Three schools were put on lockdown while authorities searched.

Investigators said they believed Barefoot might have broken into several homes in the Gastonia neighborhood. Barefoot was serving an almost 85-year sentence in the Hoke County Jail for a daylong crime spree in 2001 after he was convicted of trying to kill a Scotland County sheriff's deputy.

Woman cleared of murder after co-defendant confesses

WILMINGTON, NC - A woman who had been jailed for 19 months on murder charges was released

after her co-defendant confessed she killed the man on her own, authorities said. Stephanie Davis was accused in the April 2003 stabbing death of Douglas Sasser at his home in Whiteville. District Attorney Rex Gore dismissed the charges against her Friday after Janice Thomas confessed Davis had not played a part in the crime. "She didn't do anything. She had been there just before Janice Thomas going in there and killing him, but she was not at the scene," Gore said Tuesday. Davis, 45, was charged with first-degree murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon. Her trial was set to begin this week, Gore said. Thomas, 37, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon in April and was to testify against Davis.

Assistant District Attorney Lee Bollinger was preparing for the trial "and he got suspicious of what the cooperating co-defendant was saying. He asked her to take a polygraph test on Friday and it backed up what Stephanie Davis was saying," Gore said.

The women had gone to Sasser's house apparently to rob him, authorities said. He was stabbed at least five times with a kitchen knife, Gore said.

National

Young cancer victim's lemonade stand funds research

WYNEWOOD, Pa. - Three months after her death from cancer, Alexandra Scott's original goal to raise \$1 million for cancer research by selling lemonade has been exceeded. Alexandra's parents said Tuesday that the 2004 total probably will be close to \$1.5 million, which the Alex's Lemonade Stand foundation will donate to cancer-research institutions, as it has done since Alex set up her charity four years ago.

Officials at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where Alex was treated, said they have expanded research and experimental medication programs because of the little girl's charity.

"We believed in Alex," said her mother, Liz Scott. "We believed in her dream. But most of all, Alex believed in herself." Shortly before she died of cancer on Aug. 1, Alex told her parents her new goal for 2005 was to raise \$5 million. Her parents are now seeking continued financial support from individuals and companies.

"We are confident we can succeed, knowing Alex's spirit is with us," said her father, Jay Scott. Alex was diagnosed the day before her first birthday with neuroblastoma, an aggressive form of childhood cancer. She set up a lemonade stand in 2000 in front of her suburban Philadelphia home. She took in \$2,000 that first year, and \$200,000 through 2003.

In June, lemonade stand fundraisers were set up in all 50 states, as well as in Canada and France and Alex and her family appeared on Oprah Winfrey's TV program and NBC's "Today" show. Even as her energy waned, Alex insisted on doing interviews to reach her goal of raising \$1 million, her father said.

Peterson judge replaces a juror, orders to 'start all over'

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - Jurors deliberating the fate of Scott Peterson went back to square one when a second juror in the five-month long murder trial was dismissed and the judge told the remaining panelists to "start all over again."

Juror No. 7, an Asian woman in her 50s or 60s, apparently did her own research on the case, a source with close knowledge of the case told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Such research would violate the judge's order to consider only evidence presented at trial.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi replaced the juror with an alternate on Tuesday. He then ordered the other 11 members of the panel to set aside any conclusions they had made during the first five days of deliberations and begin anew. "You must decide all questions of fact in this case from the evidence received in this trial and not from any

other resource," Delucchi reminded panelists. "The people and the defendant have the right to a verdict reached only after full participation." "We're going to send you back. Start all over again and keep in touch," he added.

Peterson, 32, is charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Laci, and the fetus she carried. Prosecutors claim Peterson killed Laci around Christmas Eve 2002, then dumped her weighted body from his boat into San Francisco Bay. Deliberations were set to resume Wednesday.

World

Iraq prime minister's family members kidnapped

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Two members of the Iraqi prime minister's family were abducted from their Baghdad home, his spokesman said Wednesday and militants said they would be beheaded in two days if their demands are not met.

Interim government spokesman Thair al-Naqeeb said in a statement that militants had snatched interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's two relatives from their home in the western Yarmouk neighborhood Tuesday evening.

Al-Naqeeb identified the missing as the prime minister's cousin, Ghazi Allawi, and the cousin's daughter-in-law.

"Ghazi Allawi is 75 years old. He has no political affiliation and is not holding a government post," the statement said.

A posting on an Islamic Web site by a group calling itself Ansar al-Jihad group claimed responsibility for kidnapping three Allawi relatives, and threatened to behead them in 48 hours if their demands aren't met.

They demanded that Allawi and his government release all female and male detainees in Iraq, and lift the siege on Fallujah.

"We promise Allah and his messenger that if the agent government doesn't respond to our demands within 48 hours, they [the hostages] will be beheaded."

The group claims to have kidnapped Allawi's cousin, the cousin's wife and another relative. The claim's authenticity couldn't be verified.

European police forge closer ties to fight terrorists

LONDON - Jolted by the carnage of the Madrid train bombings and the cross-border rape and killing spree of a French pedophile, EU states are coming together on an ambitious new vision for policing Europe. It involves joint investigation teams and the sharing of hitherto jealously guarded criminal records and crime-fighting technology.

"Police cooperation now has a very broad support in Europe," said Genevieve Bourdin, in charge of international coordination at the French police.

"Recent events provide us with a good reason to cooperate, a terrorist attack could happen anywhere, anytime." Shortly after Islamic terrorists blew up four crowded commuter trains on March 11, killing 191 people in Madrid, EU leaders pledged to improve common anti-terrorism efforts.

While authorities still rule out a federal police force, a European version of the FBI, recent strides in cooperation have been significant. The EU has appointed an anti-terrorism czar and adopted a long-delayed European arrest warrant, which speeds up the extradition of suspects.

Critics, however, say efficient police cooperation is hampered by differences in law, methodology and organization, not to mention national rivalries.

"French police are not easy to work with, Spanish police are more difficult, but the worst are the Italians," said Paul Van Thienen, general director of the Belgian police. "Their services are so complex we have to have a full-time liaison officer in Italy."

Despite the difficulties, the new spirit of collaboration has already yielded results.

Students perform step show



Members of Delta Sigma Theta draw crowds as they perform a step show in Wright Plaza in celebration of their chapter's 31st anniversary.

U.S. forces hold 70 percent of Fallujah



An Iraqi boy walks by a burning oil pipeline near Fallujah.

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - American forces bottled up guerrillas in a narrow strip of Fallujah's alleys and streets Wednesday after a stunningly swift advance that seized control of 70 percent of the insurgent stronghold.

Insurgents have been trying to open a "second front" with a wave of attacks to divert U.S. forces from their offensive in Fallujah.

In Fallujah, the military said U.S. troops pushed insurgents into a section of the city flanking the main east-west highway that bisects the rebel bastion. At least 71 militants had been killed as of the beginning of the third day of intense urban combat, the military said, with the casualty figure expected to rise sharply once U.S. forces account for Iraqis and foreign fighters killed in air strikes.

As of Tuesday night, 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security force had been killed, a toll that already equaled the number of American troops who died when Marines besieged the city for three weeks in April.

Major Francis Piccoli, of the 1st Marine Expeditionary

Force, characterized fighting overnight as "light to moderate" and said U.S. casualties were "extremely light."

Piccoli said U.S. forces that pushed south through Fallujah's central highway overnight now control 70 percent of the city. He said troops would move on Wednesday into the strip of territory where guerrillas were bottled up. "The heart of the city is what's in focus now," he said.

The northwestern neighborhood of Jolan, the historic warren of crooked streets where Sunni militants and foreign fighters had rigged booby-traps, was now "secured and under control," he said, although Marines were expected to continue house-to-house searches for fighters and weapons.

About 100 men, women and children left their homes in Fallujah and made their way to American positions in the south of the city where they gave themselves up Wednesday, an officer from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division said. The group was to be searched for weapons and questioned, and all military-age men would be detained, the officer said.

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While the competition is open to multiple teams from the same university, only one team from every school can move on to the finals. The top finishers from four different universities of the mid-Atlantic region would move on to Shanghai.

ECU computer science professor, Ronnie Smith, said this year's team should put in a good showing for ECU.

"We have a very bright group of [students]," said Smith.

"This team is capable of finishing in the top half."

Smith said the competition is very difficult to win, but he is competitive by nature and would love to see more than just a good showing.

"Our goal is to win," Smith said. The three ECU computer science majors taking part in the event are sophomore Constantine Murenin and juniors Chris Betancourt and Daniel Green. Murenin and Betancourt were on last year's team and all three said they hope to be a part of next year's as well.

All three teammates said they enjoy the competition and Monday afternoon training sessions.

"I look forward to it, it's a lot of fun," said Green.

Betancourt said the team last year was ranked 46 out of about 150 teams, a finishing he and the team hope to beat at this year's competition.

"We'll do the best we can and hopefully improve on our

performance from last year," said Betancourt.

The ACM competition is an annual event which first took place 29 years ago and has quadrupled since 1997 when IBM began sponsorship. The stated goal of the competition is to continue developing computer technology talent worldwide.

ECU's team will be traveling to Duke's campus in Durham for this year's event, where they will be joined with close to thirty teams from the mid-Atlantic region.

The answers to the programming problems are submitted over the network where they are viewed by judges who are stationed at Virginia Tech University, a process that takes about five to ten minutes. This allows the nearly 160 schools to compete against each other from different locations in the region.

Smith said Duke was chosen due to its ability to accommodate around thirty schools and because it is geographically convenient to many of the schools traveling for the event.

The fondest memory Smith had from past competitions is when ECU's team finished higher than every other state school except Duke, a feat Betancourt and his teammates would like accomplish as well.

"It would be nice to beat them," Betancourt said.

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NOW LEASING

Palestinian leaders prepare burial, funeral plans

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A freshly painted mural depicting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is seen at his former headquarters in Gaza City, Wednesday.

CLAMART, France (AP) — A top Islamic cleric rushed from the West Bank to Yasser Arafat's hospital bedside Wednesday to call the "final phase" of his life. "I'm here to be by my long time friend's side in his time of need and to pray for his speedy recovery," the cleric, Taisser

Bayoud Tamimi, told The Associated Press by phone shortly before arriving at the hospital. "It's absolutely rejected," he shouted outside the hospital when asked by reporters if the support would be turned off, saying it would remain on as long as there were signs of life. But aides said Arafat's health

was deteriorating, with a "complication" to his vital organs as doctors struggle to stop the bleeding in his brain. The Palestinian envoy to France, Leila Shahid, had insisted in an interview with France-Info radio that Tamimi was not coming "to disconnect" Arafat from life support.

"It is clear, as for a Christian, as for a Jew, that a religious man needs to be with his patient when he is in the final phase of his life," Shahid said.

"That is why he is here." On Tuesday, doctors said Arafat's coma had deepened and his caretaker government chose a burial site and began preparing for a funeral.

Shahid told France-Info that he was still "in a deep coma" Wednesday morning, but added there was a "complication in the state of all of his vital organs."

He was therefore "in a critical state," she said. "The reality is that he is in the hands of God."

At a press conference in Ramallah late Tuesday, Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said doctors were trying to relieve bleeding from a severe brain hemorrhage, which can cause brain damage.

A Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday that French doctors told the Palestinian delegation that this kind of bleeding meant that Arafat's death was expected within 24 hours, a period that has since passed.

Shahid said doctors at the Percy Military Training Hospital were

fighting to keep him alive. The physicians "are doing everything, in the intensive care unit, to try to give him his chances," she said. But she also said that France, which sent a plane to bring Arafat to France on Oct. 29, would also organize his repatriation.

"France has already proved that it was capable, in less than 24 hours, of putting in place what was necessary to go and get him. It will organize his return home," she said.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said Tamimi, "a very close friend" of Arafat's who heads the Islamic court in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, was not coming to give advice on removing Arafat from life support.

Palestinian leaders, meanwhile, decided that when the time comes, they would bury Arafat at his sandbagged West Bank headquarters, known as the Muqata, in Ramallah, and turn it into a shrine, defusing a potential conflict with Israel by dropping a demand for a Jerusalem burial.

The Israeli Cabinet on Wednesday approved that plan and has relayed the decision to the Palestinians, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

Lieberman works to establish a safe and healthy living environment for off-campus students.

Since the opening of the office, Lieberman has assisted more than 80 students with problems ranging from landlord disputes, lease issues and general tenants' rights.

She said that her job is not to cause problems for students, but to be an advocate for them.

"There's a negative perception of ECU students within the Greenville community, but only 10 percent are the bad seeds," said Lieberman.

"The students are great. When they move into the neighborhoods, however, sometimes landlords and neighbors will literally pick on them because they think they're bad."

Lieberman said it is her job to not allow students to be treated like this.

She said fraternity and sorority houses are often blamed for parties due to the huge Greek letters that identify them. The office has offered assistance to these organizations several times.

Lieberman said students seem to be responsive to the program and take advantage of the fact they have someone to talk to.

In January, the Center for Off-Campus Living is hosting a Landlord Fair where students can meet landlords, see the apartments and then possibly sign a lease on spot. Another idea would allow students to compare rent housing prices via the Internet.

The overall purpose of the office is to empower students to become model citizens of the university and ECU community and emphasize personal integrity, positive neighborhood relations, participative leadership and ethical decision-making.

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have been affected by the disease ... it affects all ages," Iwata said. "This event builds awareness of the issues related to every American."

ECU's participation in this event is another positive community partnership that began several years ago and continues to grow.

Iwata said since ECU began participating in the event it blossomed significantly over the past several years and has attracted more students and organizations.

Volunteerism is a strong positive aspect of ECU and has more than 8,000 student volunteers to help the community.

Andrea Blevins, Panhellenic treasurer, senior physical activity and fitness major is a student leader involved in organizing the event.

She said the money is coming from each organization who is raising a certain amount which would then go toward the Heart Walk.

The funds collected are from various sources within the community including businesses or private donors.

"It's just coming from a variety of sources," said Blevins.

Crystal Herring, director of corporate relations walk, the Greenville office of the American

Heart Association said it is very important for people to be aware of heart disease and stroke and realize just how big a threat they are.

"The goals [of the event] are to heighten the awareness of heart disease and stroke ... heart disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans ... and eastern North Carolina would be the belt buckle of all that," said Herring.

"The event is an opportunity for the community to come together and raise money for two of our nation's top three killers."


"I personally think it's a good event because the money benefits people who need it. Its going to a really good cause."

Herring said she feels Pitt County and the surrounding areas are certainly under rated and I feel we have the capacity to achieve the projected monetary goal.


She said funds have been successfully gathered from local businesses and corporate sponsors. Private donations and additional wrap around events are different smaller events organizations do within their company to raise money to achieve the goal.

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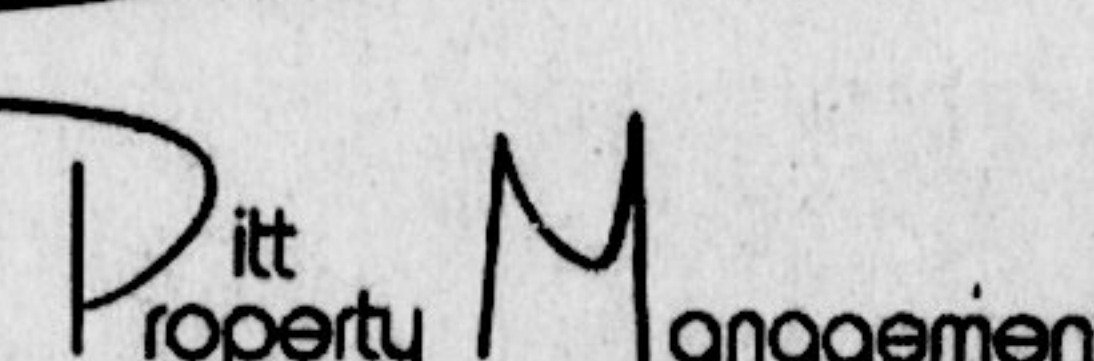


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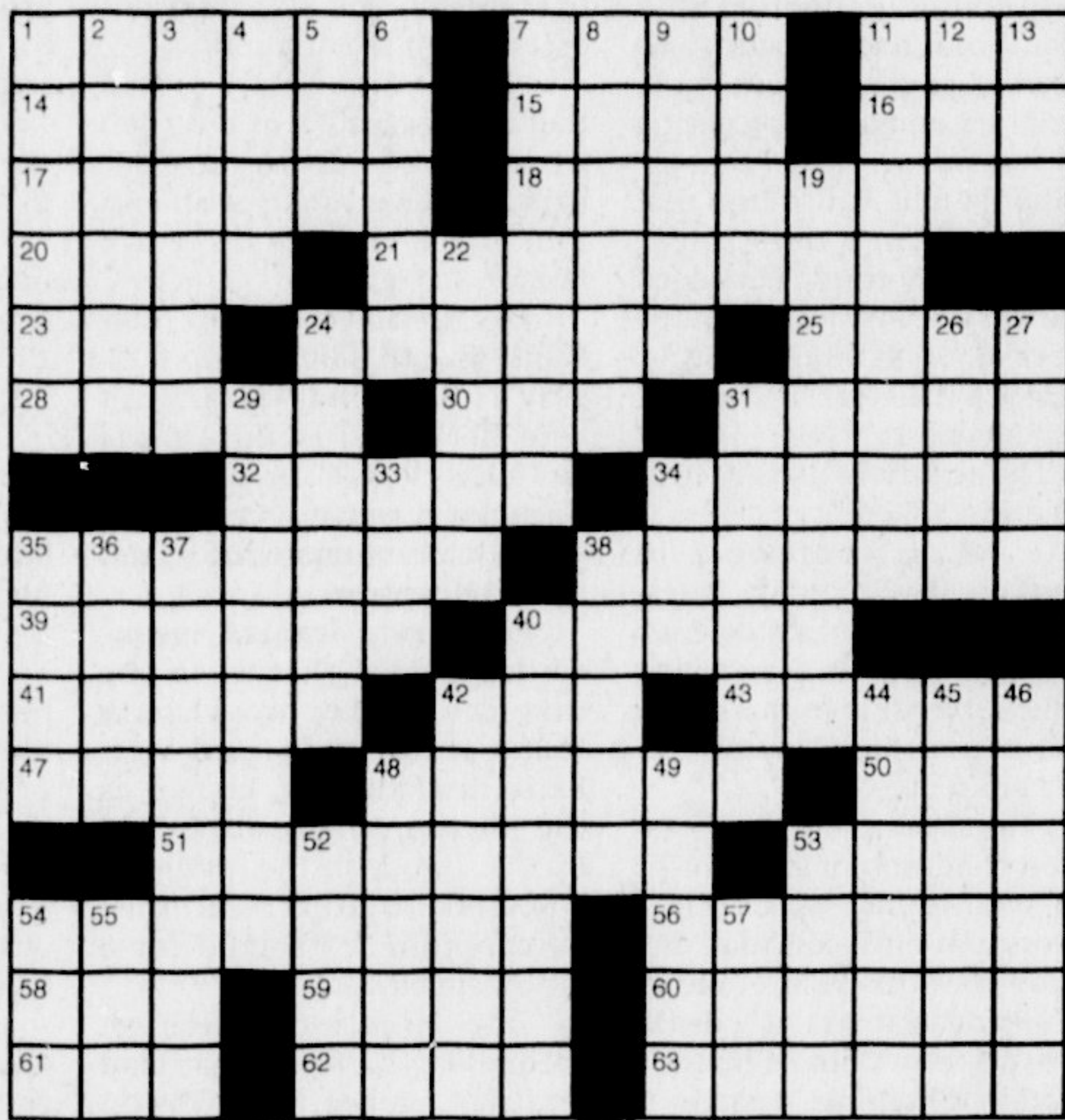
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Our View



Veteran's Day serves as a day of remembrance

The United States will observe Veteran's Day today – a day that is used as a remembrance for American soldiers since the ending of the World War I, Nov. 11, 1918.

In 1954, congress officially declared Veteran's Day an official federal holiday to be celebrated each year on Nov. 11.

This year, we feel this holiday deserves extra recognition for a few reasons.

First, the United States still has troops that are overseas and in danger.

According to a count by the Associated Press on Tuesday, at least 1,145 members of the U. S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003.

Second, ECU rests close to many major military bases. Soldiers were deployed from Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point, Seymour Johnson, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

Each of these bases still have soldiers deployed.

Third, more than 650,000 soldiers lost their lives defending the safety and honor of this country, and all Americans have benefited from their sacrifices.

TEC would like to remind all of you that Veteran's Day is not simply a federal holiday that renders a day off from work or school.

Veteran's Day should be used as a day of remembrance and thanks for the sacrifices soldiers have made for our freedom and our country.

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all soldiers. We appreciate and respect all you do.

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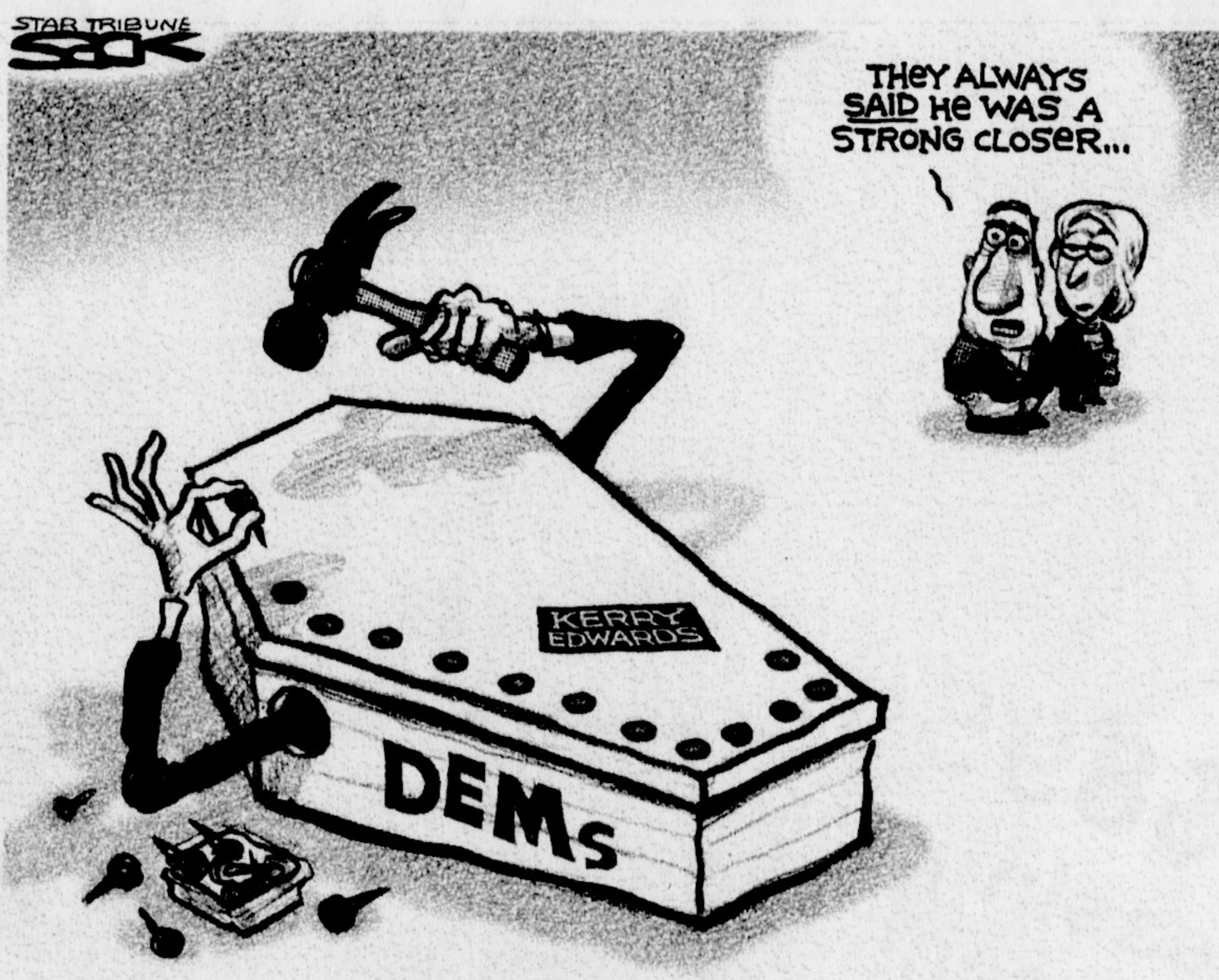
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Opinion Columnist

The wonders of Constitutional rights

What wondrous games we play

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

You know what I love: criticism. Not critique, not suggestion – criticism. Naturally, I would prefer the type with some constructive content, but blatant accusation and innuendo are always fun too.

Every opinion writer, gloriously unrestrained by the nature of their craft and reveling daily in the enjoyment of such a far-reaching pulpit from which to croon, experiences, at one point or another, critical reviews of their "literary" content.

I think there is something that we should speak about. The views and revelations contained herein, for better or for worse, are the views and revelations of exactly one person: Me. As your weekly guide through the enchanted forest of political and social commentary, I consider it both a pleasure and a responsibility to convey what I feel are highly relevant issues in the most forthright and honest manner possible.

The responsibility part comes into play as I see the alarming social and governmental apathy displayed by so many Americans, and for that matter all people, particularly people attending this university. We are the few, the happy few, who have the privilege and good fortune to have access to higher education. Approximately one quarter of the U.S. population is college educated, and while that number may seem low, many other countries in the world still have large percentages of their population unable to read and write functionally. College students should be the loudest, most vocal advocates for social issues, since very soon, this generation of intellectuals



will be assuming control of the entire nation. As the Baby Boomers begin to retire, they will vacate massive sections of the workforce, straining the health care system and buying up every beach house in Florida. The nation will be in our hands, and I think it is very important for everyone, myself included, to do everything they can to improve knowledge and understanding and stamp out one of the worst scourges on our society today: Ignorance.

Now, ignorance can be tricky. Very often, it is unavoidable. Education is simply not available to an individual; therefore they lack fundamental understanding of many issues that seem so common to others. This demographic, which by the way is shrinking by the year yet seems to be constantly refreshed by that ugly little phenomenon called childhood indoctrination, seems to me to be highly blameless. An African peasant in the Sahara desert who is unable to read or write cannot, naturally, be held to blame for that condition, and very well may be a wonderful, loving and kind human being. But there seems to be a growing movement, and it runs to the highest levels of educated ignorance. Now, call me judgmental, call me elitist, but an

individual who knows the richness of the world and has been exposed to education yet happily wallows in the filthy sty of deep-seeded racial or social inequity has little to offer the rest of society. By closing ones mind to possibility, by ruling out the unpleasant and masking reality under a veil of absolutism and superstition, we really close the book on life. Life is learning. Life is thinking and understanding more completely. Without these drivers, without the innate human curiosity for knowledge and understanding, the great montage of human existence would wither and die.

If you do not agree with the views of another, and choose to adopt a different (perhaps less reasonable, but that's another article altogether) platform, great. But the lines of discussion should always remain open. I hold many unpopular beliefs, and that's OK, but the idea is to learn as much as possible. I am certainly willing to reconsider anything, provided I am shown just cause and that those reconsiderations would not conflict with the rest of my principles.

Perhaps the next four years can be spent out from under the suffocating blanket of religious extremism, both in this country (unfortunately, at our highest levels of government) and abroad. Perhaps we can inject a little thought and feeling into our government. We need to abandon the arrogance of the Bush administration and re-embrace knowledge.

There is a saying that says, "Whoever dies with the most toys, wins," (this credo seems to have become the driving force behind our society). I say whoever dies with the most toys, still dies, but he who departs this world with as much understanding and knowledge as he is able to cram into his brain, dies a far more glorious death, for that man has truly experienced life.

Pirate Rants

For the love of God, can my adviser please have a clue about what classes are required, what things I should know before graduating and where I need to go to get forms for certain things?

Anyone who thinks that the Electoral College is the worst thing about this country is obviously uneducated. The Electoral College assures that politicians must campaign everywhere and represent everyone's vote. If there was no Electoral College, politicians could focus their strength entirely on "big" states like California and Texas, earning a large majority of votes there and winning the election. Without the Electoral College politicians could carry 95 percent of Texas, California, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Indiana, New Jersey and Illinois and win the election, while losing the other 40 states by 90 percent.

I'm tired of hearing people say that the Constitution states that there should be a separation of Church and State. That is not true. Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that they should be separate. The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." A politician stating his religious beliefs and voting along those lines is not established religion no matter how you slice it.

Smokers – contrary to what you may think, the world is not your ashtray. Put your butts and cigarette boxes in the trash. Your existence is the only litter I am required to tolerate.

I second the notion of being excited about ECU basketball. I sure can't wait to drool over Mike Cook. That will keep me going to every game!

John Kerry – all you could do is criticize. You had no game plan for anything. You're just another person that detests this country. The moral majority has spoken, and denounced you. Just move to Canada, please.

This is referring back to Tuesday's "Rant." Left-wing liberals, we DO want our children to think and make their own decisions, just like we did when we re-elected President Bush. Our children will not be having back alley abortions because we haven't outlawed abortions (Roe v. Wade, look it up), but we are against dilation and extractions (partial birth abortions, look that up too). Britney Spears isn't a political issue, but many liberals wouldn't like their children dressing like her either. And as for the re-runs from "Real Sex 39" teaching our kids sex-ed, I think they got enough of that from the Clinton Administration.

I would like for whoever said Bin Laden was the invisible boogeyman, to tell the families in New York that the "invisible boogeyman" killed their loved ones.

It's still a sad day in America. I'm sorry to those of you who have medical bills through the roof and will have to pay out of pocket. I apologize to college students who will graduate in debt. I apologize to my homosexual friends who can't marry who they choose. I apologize to those who get pregnant because of rape or incest and can't get an abortion. Wait until you or someone you know has been affected by these decisions, then ask yourself if you made the right decision.

As for the "Today we salute you Mr. John Kerry Voter," how lame could that be? Yay, its so awesome that Bush isn't afraid of a football. If that's all you people look for in a president then you're a moron.

Hey, Tony: I voted for Bush, too. But if you think about it (if you think), they both rot. Waste of a vote this quadrennial. The election's over and no one won. Talk about something else.

Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

In My Opinion

Decision 2004 goes far beyond simplicity

(KRT) — A favorite mid-November pastime for politicians and the press is to bash the losing presidential candidate and come up with a simple explanation for the motivations of 120 million voters, preferably in 25 words or less.

This year's rap on Sen. John F. Kerry is that he looked like an elitist wind-surfing, threw a wimpy first pitch and looked goofier in his goose-hunting gear than Elmer Fudd, not to mention that his wife wasn't likable and he responded too slowly to the swift-boat veterans' attacks. Howard Dean liberals thought he was too wishy-washy on the war, and moderates thought he was too liberal.

Meanwhile, this year's simple story line for the election result is that conservatives concerned about moral values voted in record numbers, tipping the election to President Bush.

Both deconstructions have some truth to them, but both are too simplistic.

Kerry had his shortcomings. His nuanced views on the war in Iraq seemed contradictory. He didn't give the voters a clear enough picture of what he would do as president, and voters weren't attracted to shades of gray. To the majority of voters, Bush seemed the stronger of the two. He was more likable (the beer-

buddy factor) and had a simpler, more consistent message about fighting terrorism.

Despite all of the ink that Democratic voter registration drives received, Republican volunteers were quietly outlasting the Democrats in key battlegrounds like central Florida.

Religious conservatives were instrumental in these grassroots GOP efforts. And in the decisive state of Ohio, the amendment banning gay marriage may have brought out enough religious conservatives to counter the increased interest among young voters for Kerry.

But political operatives as perceptive as Bush's chief strategist, Karl Rove, say the decisiveness of this moral values vote has been exaggerated.

While the total number of voters was at a historic high, there is no evidence that evangelical Christians turned out in substantially larger numbers than in 2000.

What mattered, then? A significant shift toward Bush among Hispanics and women helped Bush's margin of victory. Kerry still won both groups, but Bush picked up 12 percent more Hispanic votes than four years ago and 5 percent more women's votes, according to exit polls. The votes of married white women – security moms, as they've been called – nearly closed

the gender gap.

At the same time, Bush was adding about 4 percent to his margin among white Protestants and picking up even bigger increases among Catholic and Jewish voters.

Another big shift came among voters age 60 and older – fearful of terror? hopeful about prescription drug benefits? – who voted against Bush four years ago but supported him this year. There was a smaller but significant defection of church-going blacks, particularly in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

The election results also can be seen as vindication of some of Bush's policies. Older voters stand to benefit from the Medicare prescription drug benefit. Some Jewish voters reacted favorably to Bush's pro-Israel stance, and Catholics and Hispanics approved his "pro-life" agenda. Women shifted to the candidate who seemed stronger on terrorism. Those who got the biggest benefits from his tax cuts also increased their support.

The challenge for the Republicans is not to mythologize the 2004 election as the triumph of those with moral values over those who have none. The fastest way for Bush to surrender his mandate would be to push the agenda of the religious right at the expense of reaching across the aisle.

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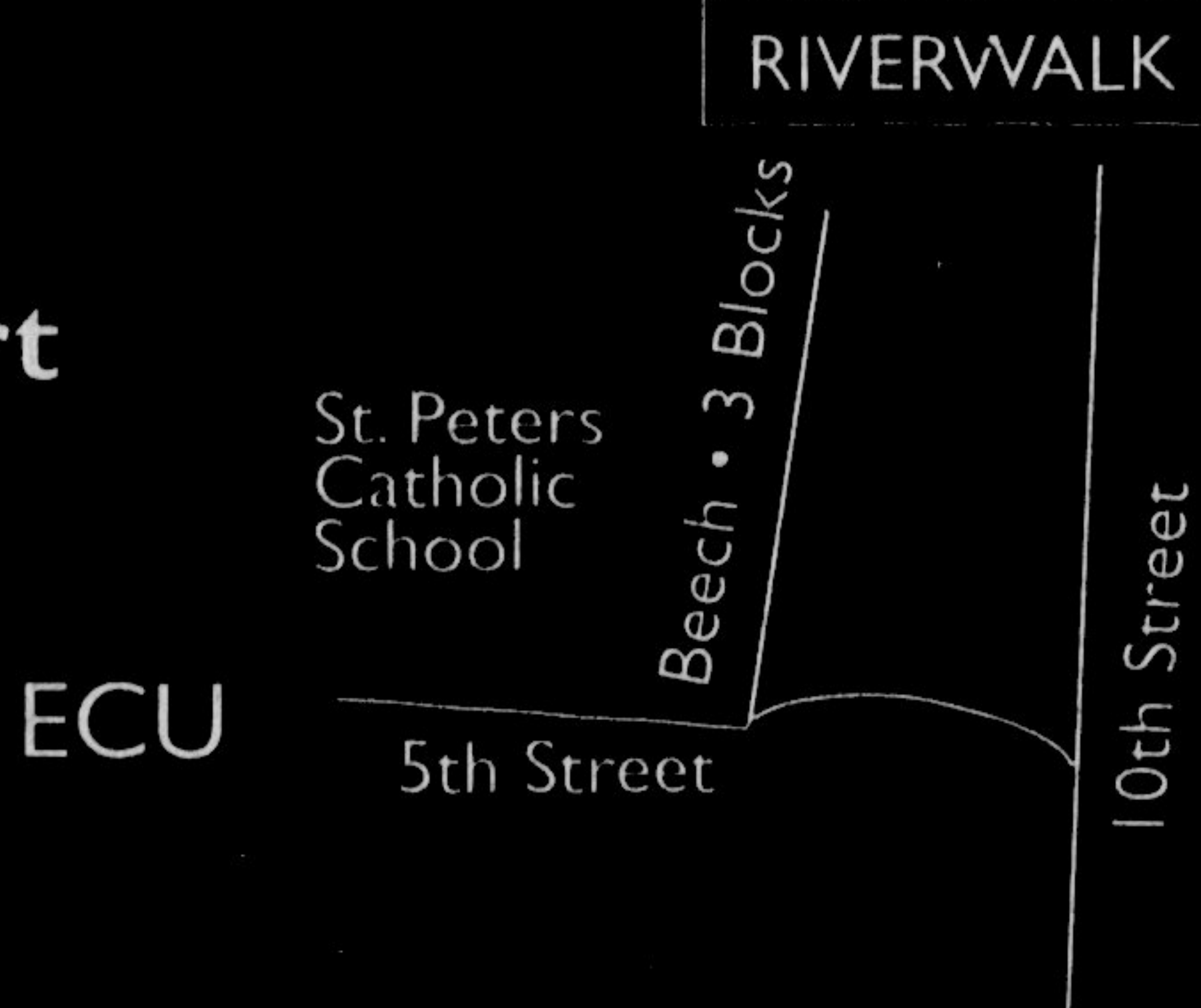
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Jazz Night will be in the Mendenhall Student Center on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. This event, hosted by the ECU School of Music will feature exciting and talented jazz artists. For more information, call 328-6851.

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Healthy Hints:

Correction: The student health center does give allergy shots to students, but does not do allergy testing.

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 - Again, for the millionth time, drink plenty of water. This will keep the skin cells big, helping to decrease fine wrinkles and flush out toxins.
 - Protect yourself against dry skin when the air is not humid enough. With winter rapidly approaching, the air will be dryer and so will your skin. Use a moisturizer to keep your skin looking bright. Men's aftershave can be purchased with moisturizers and sunscreen just like women's products. No more excuses guys.
 - Use lukewarm water to wash your face and body. Hot water can cause skin to lose moisture and can cause redness of the skin which may not only be painful but also unsightly.
 - Avoid any face or body washes that burn or irritate your skin. Most people think that if the product is burning, it is working. For the most part, this is wrong. Some products can be causing more harm than good.

Weekly Recipe:

A different kind of Pumpkin Pie

- 1 1/2 pints vanilla ice cream, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
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- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 (9 inch) unbaked pie shells

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Place ice cream near the warm oven to soften. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs. Stir in the pumpkin puree, sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Mix in soft ice cream until smooth. Pour filling into two 9 inch pie shells. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), and bake an additional 30 to 40 minutes, or until filling is set.

TEC relationship guide 101

Boyfriend, girlfriend relationship advice

Surviving roommate troubles

Are these relationships meant to last?

DANIELLE WIGGINS
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Let's just face the facts, college students do not come to school with intentions of running into serious relationships. College life is a different atmosphere and students go to college to meet new people and experience new things. Some students already have significant others at home or nearby. Either attending parties or going downtown, it is not unusual for someone to meet someone else, being the reason why some relationships don't last. Some use it as a break period to have fun, but overall most college students almost always avoid getting too serious for the fear of commitment. If college was not enough, rushing into things too quickly and balancing education can become overwhelming. Those involved in a relationship choose to have closed or open relationships while they are away. The question is, "how do they keep that relationship going?"

People say long distant relationships don't last, others say that spending time away from someone makes the relationship stronger. Being involved in a long distance relationship of my own was hard to initially get used to, but eventually the week passes quicker than expected and we are able to see each other on the weekends. I would consider myself luckier than some with boyfriends or girlfriends thousands of miles away. Dealing with these types of relationships, communication is a "must" in keeping that bond as long as possible. There are those who attend school with their significant other and have the privilege of gracing their presence almost everyday of the week. They also have the luxury of motivating and helping each other throughout the school year. On the other end, those who are far away from their boyfriends or girlfriends are able to have time



Many students come to college with significant others, but do they end up leaving with them?

to themselves. They are able to get a lot more done when they are not too distracted. Strong relationships can help when people are not too worried about finding love. College can either make or break a relationship, only if you allow it to.

When dealing with hectic schedules and stress issues, having an unhealthy relationship puts the icing on the cake. We all want to be happy, especially in a very serious relationship, so when everything else fails you are able to turn to your loved one and they are there to support you. That is what having a healthy relationship is all about. It is always crucially important to maintain a healthy boyfriend/girlfriend relationship especially in college if you plan to be involved.

"I think it is important

because it is a foundation for future commitment, it opens you up to knowing that they can be dependable," said Natalie Wood, freshman communication major.

Although, maintaining a healthy relationship is not easy, we are all human, all the bickering is normal to a certain extent and in the end, you are willing to forgive and forget. People are not expected to have a perfect relationship, only one that is healthy enough to keep both out of the crazy house.

"It is important to me because it keeps me focused on school and everything else without any worries," says Latonya Medlin, freshman criminal justice major.

A healthy relationship prevents one from cheating or challenging trust issues and it also prevents young adults from things such as suicide and depression.

Advantages in having healthy relationships are rewarding.

"It is having someone to talk to about everything, I am able to go and talk to that person about the decisions that I make, and I have the advantage of having someone support me and my decisions," Medlin said.

"Having the security gives me self confidence, love assurance, security and being able to trust that person," Wood said.

Life is much easier without confrontation, constantly disagreeing with one another and always finding yourself involved in a stressful position, and it often times leaves one with a loss of energy and sometimes patience. Trust issues are brought into attention and a lot of tension occurs when there is a large

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College friendships last for lifetime with these simple steps

Tips to being a good friend to other people

LISA TUMBARELLO
SENIOR WRITER

College is the melting pot of life; it signifies the closing of one era and the beginning of a new one. With all the people that attend a university it is hard to think that you can be friends with so many people - but you can. By keeping a close, inner circle of friends and a dependable outsource of other friendly faces and acquaintances, the possibilities of connecting with people on a multitude of levels is endless.

Entering college as a freshman, without a single friend by your side, can be a bit intimidating, but with these few tips, making friends will be easier than you ever imagined.

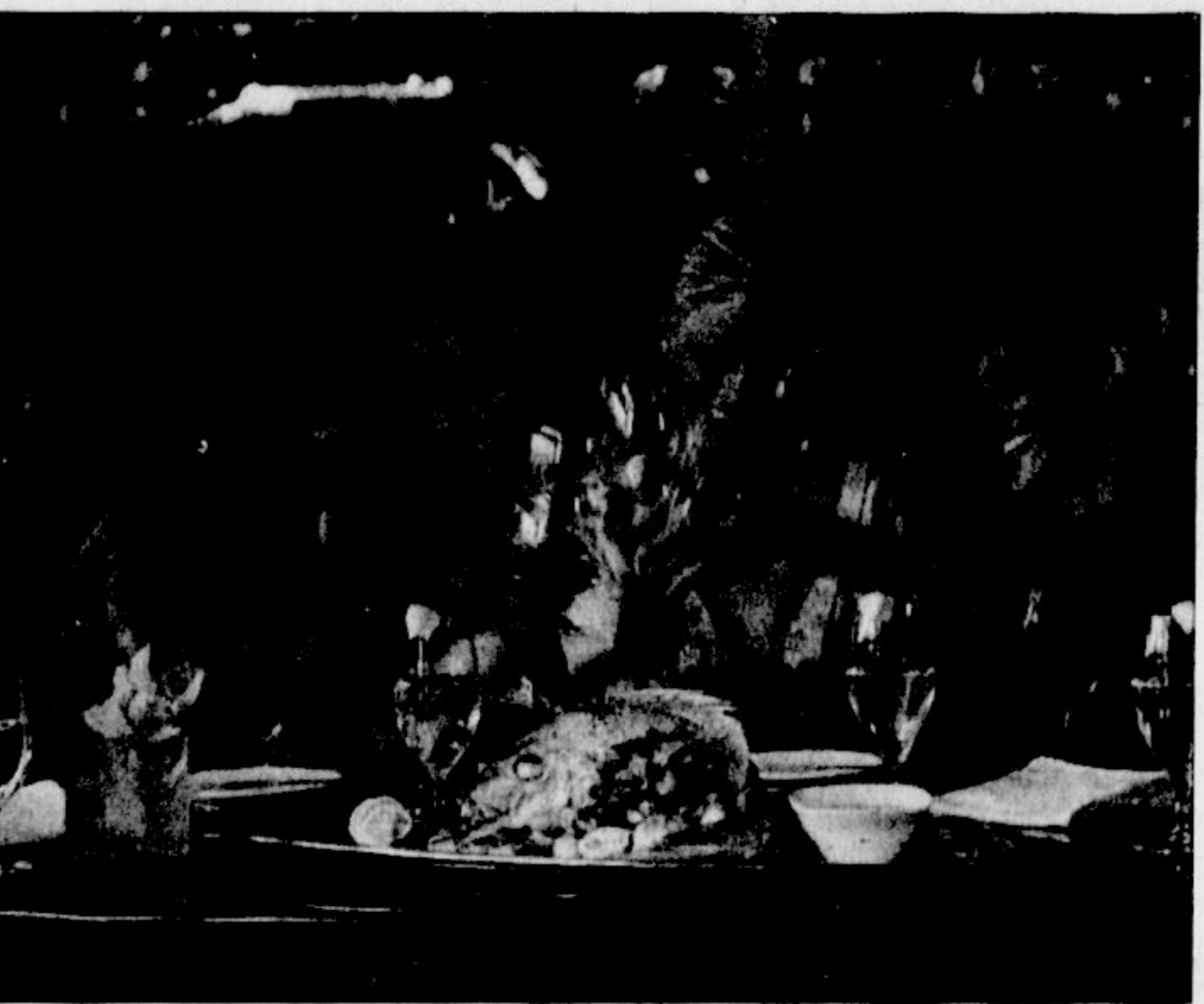
Some people are shy and others more outgoing, but no matter your personality, by using some of these simple gestures you will attract people to you and open the door to new friendships.

Make eye contact and smile. It sounds simple, but you may have to do it a few times before someone catches on.

When having a conversation with someone, start with something common such as, the weather, sports or news. This way you will be able to feel out the other person's likes or dislikes and you can take your conversation from there.

When in a social setting, single out a person from a group. It is often hard to get a word in when there are lots of people involved in a conversation. Make a friendly approach and act relaxed even though you may be nervous. Listen to someone and show an interest. By asking questions you prolong your conversation and it allows you to dig further into the acquaintances personality.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a famous American author, poet and philosopher from the mid-



Friendships play a major role in students' success at school.

19th Century once said, "conversation is an art in which a man has all mankind for his competitors, for it is that which all are practicing every day while they live."

When you see the person again you can pick up where you left off in the conversation, this will ensure that you will have something to talk about again and again. It will be easier to make small talk the next time you see them.

Most friendships start from small gestures and random meetings. If you are new to a dorm or apartment, go borrow something from a neighbor, even if you don't really need it. This is a great way to meet people and strike up a conversation.

"When I lived in the dorms, I went to borrow some dish soap from the girl living next to me. Now, two years later we are best friends and live together off campus," said Heather Schmitt, junior exercise physiology major.

Another great way to meet people is to get involved on campus. Find out what kind of clubs, churches, part time jobs or volunteer work you are interested in. By involving yourself in something that interests you, you are likely to meet other people who

share similar beliefs.

Intimate friendships don't develop overnight. Let things progress gradually into sharing more feelings about general life. Singling out a person to have a strong relationship over your other friends is healthy. Having this best friend can provide a release area when life becomes too much to bear.

Make sure you don't become too involved with a best friend thus alienating your other friends. All friendships, from best friends to acquaintances, are important.

"The only way to have a friend is to be a friend," said Emerson. There is total truth behind this. One cannot expect to have a healthy friendship when they themselves don't provide the same respect to their friends.

Check out www.ecu.edu to find out what organizations and activities are right for you to explore. Or visit the Center for Counseling and Student Development in the Wright Building. These resources will lead you on the path to great new friendships that will last forever.

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At work, relationships are important

Employee relationships play an important role in different job markets

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Professional or friendly, comfortable or unpleasant, satisfying or frustrating, relaxing or stressful. That's right, you know what we're talking about ... co-worker relationships.

The relationships you have with your coworkers can make or break you in a job. Whether it is the relationship you have with your boss or the ones with those you work side by side with, if they're not healthy ones, you probably can't enjoy your job to the fullest.

Many people work at a job day in and day out, enjoying the company of their coworkers.

They spend their extra time chatting with them and finding out what has been going on in their lives. They may even spend lunch-breaks together or hang out on the weekends. On the other hand, many dread the fact that they have to go in to work and see the same faces everyday. They may not have anything to say to their boss or coworkers or feel that they have nothing in common with them. Even worse, they may fear going in the job and having the supervisor stand over their shoulder, making sure everything is done exactly the way they want it, with no freedom in the workplace at all.

"I think coworker relationships impact your job a lot," said Laura Thompson, sophomore elementary education major.

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Are they friends or are they foes?

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STAFF WRITER

It's mid-semester and students have learned ECU's campus, learned their professors and most of all have had time to learn a thing or two about their roommate.

"I decided to room with a friend from high school because I felt comfortable around her, and knew that we would get along," said freshman Michelle Yopp.

It always seems like a good idea to room with a friend, but it can also turn into a very nasty situation. When you live with people who you have been friends with for a while, you begin to realize their "little habits." Some of which you can get over, but others that drive you crazy.

"So far we have had a few arguments, but we just yell at each other to let out our stress and then get over it," Yopp said.

Taylor Uzzell and Katie Bland were friends for four years and decided to be roommates. So far they are both happy with their decision.

"I'm happy that I'm living with someone that I previously knew," said freshman Katie Bland.

"I didn't want to take a potluck chance and get someone that I didn't like," said freshman Emily Dnistra, who has known her roommate for five years.

When you don't know someone that you are living with, it's really hard to relax and be yourself, especially if you are a shy person.

While these students are happy that they are rooming with their friends, other entered ECU without knowing anyone, therefore rooming with a complete stranger. And some had friends at ECU, but chose to room with people they didn't know.

"People who know each other and live together end up hating each other and I wanted to continue liking my friends," said freshman Brittany Meadows, who has many friends attending ECU, but chose to meet someone new.

Taking that risk of rooming with a stranger is scary. Some students chose to live with someone they didn't know simply because they wanted a new experience.

"I wanted to meet new people and not go through college only knowing the same people from high school," said freshman Jessalyn Santiago, who is happy with her potluck roommate Andrea Stahl.

"Jessalyn is my best friend at ECU," Stahl said.

They are both happy with their decision to room with strangers, and have made an everlasting friendship. This seems like a rare situation when you ask some ECU students.

It's really difficult living with a person who doesn't respect the other persons' personal belongings, or doesn't respect the other person in general. It's essential to live with someone who you somewhat trust, and get along with. Potluck is risky, and for most people it just doesn't work out. But some people love the challenge of getting to know someone new.

"I'm an only child, and I was really looking forward to having a roommate," said Aja Campbell.

After the first month her roommate just didn't sleep in the room any longer. She would stay with friends off campus, leaving Aja alone. I'm sure most students would love to have a roommate who never showed up, but Campbell was looking forward to having a "sister-like" relationship with her roommate.

Whether you like your roommate or have serious issues with them remember that the semester is almost over and you can change rooms next semester. The overall roommate situation this year seems to be at its best whether students are living with a friend, or a stranger. Preference is really up to the individual.

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Relating with relatives is not always easy



Getting along with family members might not always be easy, but it's something everyone should try to do.

Family relationships take both time, effort

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There is nothing better than going home for the holidays and seeing the people that truly love you the most, your family. This Thanksgiving, many will travel countless hours just to stay for a mere weekend. Though many will get home and find themselves quickly heading back to Greenville, the most important part is that they made it home and only for a short time got to see the people that they cherish the most.

This is the time of year when most can look back and reflect on both the year and how thankful they are for the many blessings that have been received. Personally, when I think about all the

things that I am thankful for, I think first and foremost about my family. I think about the sacrifices they have made just to send me to college, the large amounts of money that they have given to keep me fed, warm and safe, and how they have provided emotional support through any major trials or tribulations that I may have gone through.

There are many different types of families. Some are really big and some are really small, yet, no matter where you go or what you do, you will always have some type of family. This being friends from school or work that you are constantly with that support, love and care about you very much. As a student I can truly admit that if it weren't for my ECU family and my work family, I would not be able to make it through each week.

Family relationships play

a vital role into the well-being of human beings. In an online article by Michelle Gottlieb, healthy family relationships are described to have "healthy communication, respect, love and liking one another." Gottlieb is a marital and family therapist from California that specializes in trauma and depression issues.

"Families shape the quality of our lives," said an article on 4therapy.com.

"Emotional links among family members stretch across households and decades, influencing our outlooks on life, motivations, strategies for achievement and styles for coping with adversity. Family relations are the earliest and most enduring social relationships. As a result, family life experiences deeply affect the competence, resilience and well-being of each of us."

The article goes on to describe

that most people think that all family relationships are positive, yet for many more the relationship is negative. Some people have had many bad experiences with sexual or verbal abuse from a family member, which gives them a very negative outlook.

Everyone has their own personal experiences with some type of family. No matter if the experience has been good or bad, somehow there are always going to be those special someone's there to help you through.

Overall, family relationships, including your college family, work family, church family or next of kin are a vital part of your everyday life. Without their presence and influence you would not have been molded into the person you are today.

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amount of jealousy which is the reason why trust has to be a priority if you want your relationship to go far. Having no trust in the relationship usually opens up as a sign of an unhealthy relationship. Compromise keeps a relationship going and you should not feel like the person who is giving and never receiving anything in return. Someone who is in love should not always feel depressed because of the other person.

Being a person who is constantly verbally or physically abused is not a great feeling especially from the person they are suppose to love. The one who is doing the abusing is not doing any justice but showing appar-

ent signs of weakness and no one should have to tolerate such treatment. A lot of times, victims of abuse are open to insecurity and social issues. Being involved in a relationship sometimes can give one the fear of leaving that person. Conflicts with one another can cause a big collapse in the relationship. If you are stuck in that type of relationship, it is best to either seek counseling or move on. No one deserves to be stuck in an unhappy relationship. There is always plenty of fish in the sea if your relationship is not going anywhere.

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A positive work environment is key for good co-worker relations.

Tomers." The way you interact and communicate with those you work with is an important aspect of job satisfaction. For example, a survey conducted at The University of Tennessee in June 2004, found that 68 percent of the employees surveyed at the university said they thought it was a good place to work, but

it could be better, mostly by improving relationships between employees and supervisors.

With all the college students working in Greenville, it's not hard to find a coworker that you have something in common with or who you enjoy talking to.

There's a good chance that you may have had a class with at least one person at the job or that

you know someone, who knows someone, who knows them. Although it seems inevitable that you find someone you get along with, there also seems to always be that person that you just don't get along with.

"I know I don't want to work with someone I can't stand to be around," Thompson said.

So, what about romantic or physical relationships with those you work with?

Are they acceptable? Are they strictly forbidden? Does it make the workplace more stressful? These are all things that should be considered. Some people think these relationships are OK.

"I think co-worker relationships are fine, but I don't want to see it at work," said Amy Combes, junior biology major.

On the other hand, some don't.

"Co-worker relationships should not occur because if something were to happen it could make the work place uncomfortable and then you probably can't do the work that you could if you were in a better environment," said Sean Hampton, junior exercise physiology major.

There are considerable advantages to positive coworker relationships, though not necessarily

referring to romantic ones.

Not only will the job be more satisfying for you, but you will also be more satisfying at the job.

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"I believe that co-worker relationships are some of the most important you can form in your life," said Diane Lareau, senior communication major.

"Not only are coworkers the people you interact with daily, but they have the ability to help you grow, learn and inspire."

So, if you're having problems on the job with coworkers, don't give up. Those relationships could turn out to be some of the most influential ones in your life.

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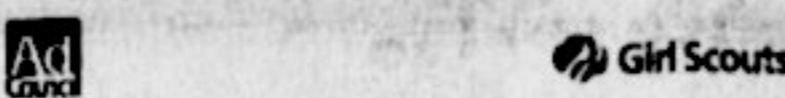
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Pirates travel to USF

ECU hits road to face inconsistent Bulls

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

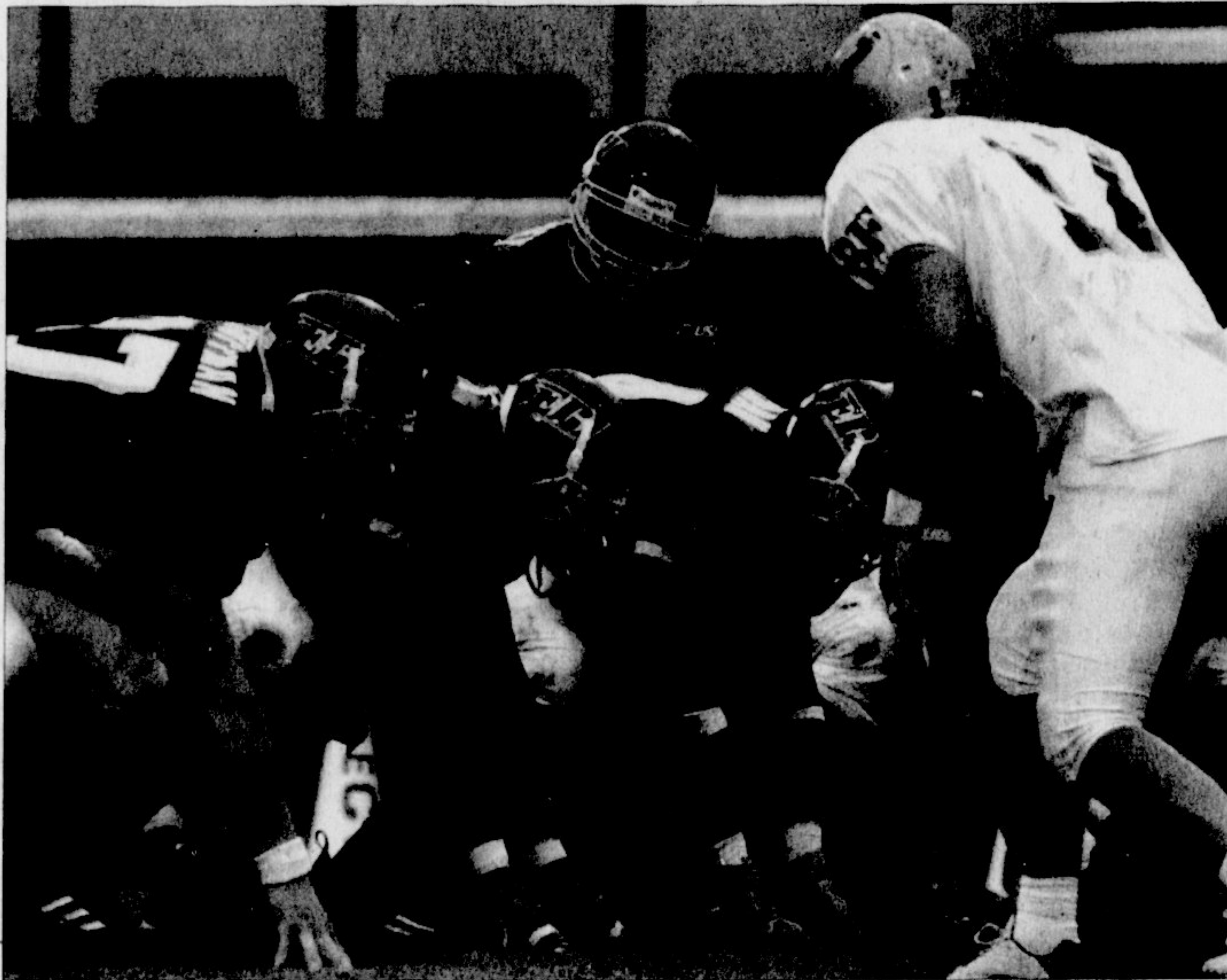
With the season drawing to a close, the Pirates are searching for something positive to characterize Head Coach John Thompson's second year at the helm. ECU has been ravaged by injuries, but looks to finish strong against Conference USA opponents South Florida and Memphis before hooking up with NC State on Nov. 27.

The Pirates will take to the gridiron on the road this Saturday, where they have struggled mightily. ECU is coming off a 34-24 defeat at the hands of Houston while the Bulls are hoping to build more momentum after routing UAB 45-20.

USF vs. UAB Recap

South Florida exploded with four touchdowns in the fourth quarter to upset the Blazers 45-20 last week. USF running back Andre Hall rushed for 275 yards on 29 carries, including two touchdown runs of 35 and 63 yards in the final quarter. The Bulls improved to 3-5 overall with the victory and UAB fell to 5-3 on the season.

Hall's school record performance enabled USF to overcome a 10-point deficit in the third quarter. Quarterback Pat Julmiste sparked the comeback with a 77-yard touchdown pass to receiver Johnny Peyton. Julmiste com-



ECU wants to banish memories of their loss against USF last year with a win this weekend.

pleted 7-of-15 passes for 186 yards and two scores.

The Bulls entered the game ranked last in total offense in C-USA, but racked up 535 yards against the Blazers and also broke a three-game losing streak in the offensive onslaught.

Last Meeting

ECU and South Florida participated in an epic battle on Nov. 8,

2003 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Pirates forced overtime with 21 seconds remaining in regulation when fullback Vonta Leach plunged into the end zone from a yard out.

Both squads traded field goals in the first overtime period and USF put the pressure on the Pirates when Elgin Hicks hauled in his third touchdown reception

of the game in double overtime. ECU responded as Leach scored again, this time from three yards out. But Cameron Broadwell's extra point attempt was partially blocked, giving the Bulls a 38-37 win.

Leach and Marvin Townes both rushed for more than 100

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ECU to host NCAA regionals Saturday

Meet to be held at Lake Kristi, starts at 11 a.m.

TONY ZOPPO
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, Nov. 13, ECU will once again play host to the NCAA Division I Southeast Regional Cross Country Championships. This annual event is the stepping-stone for competitors to reach the NCAA National Championships, to be held in Terre Haute, Ind. on Nov. 22. Men's and women's individual and team qualifiers will compete from more than 40 colleges and universities across North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Virginia.

"ECU is very excited to have the NCAA Regional back in Greenville this year," said meet co-administrator Michael Weller. "We've had a very positive response from coaches and athletes on how much they enjoy competing here."

This is the third straight year ECU has hosted the event, which will be run at Overton's Lake Kristi Properties, east of

Greenville. In each of the previous two years, the women's national champion has come from the Southeast Regional.

"This is a great opportunity for us to showcase ECU and the City of Greenville," Weller said.

"I'm proud of all the effort that's gone into our hosting an event of this size at such a remarkable venue. I encourage anyone who is interested in cross country to come out and watch the event."

The women's six-kilometer race will kick off the day at 11 a.m., with the men running a 10-kilometer race at 12:15 p.m. No admission or parking fees will be charged at this year's event.

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Lady Pirates to end season in Greenville

ECU volleyball looks to rebound this weekend

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

After coming off their toughest weekend of the season with losses to Louisville and Cincinnati, the ECU Volleyball team will be looking to get back on track this weekend when they face DePaul and Marquette.

The games will close out the regular season for the Lady Pirates, who have earned the final spot in the Conference USA tournament on Nov. 19.

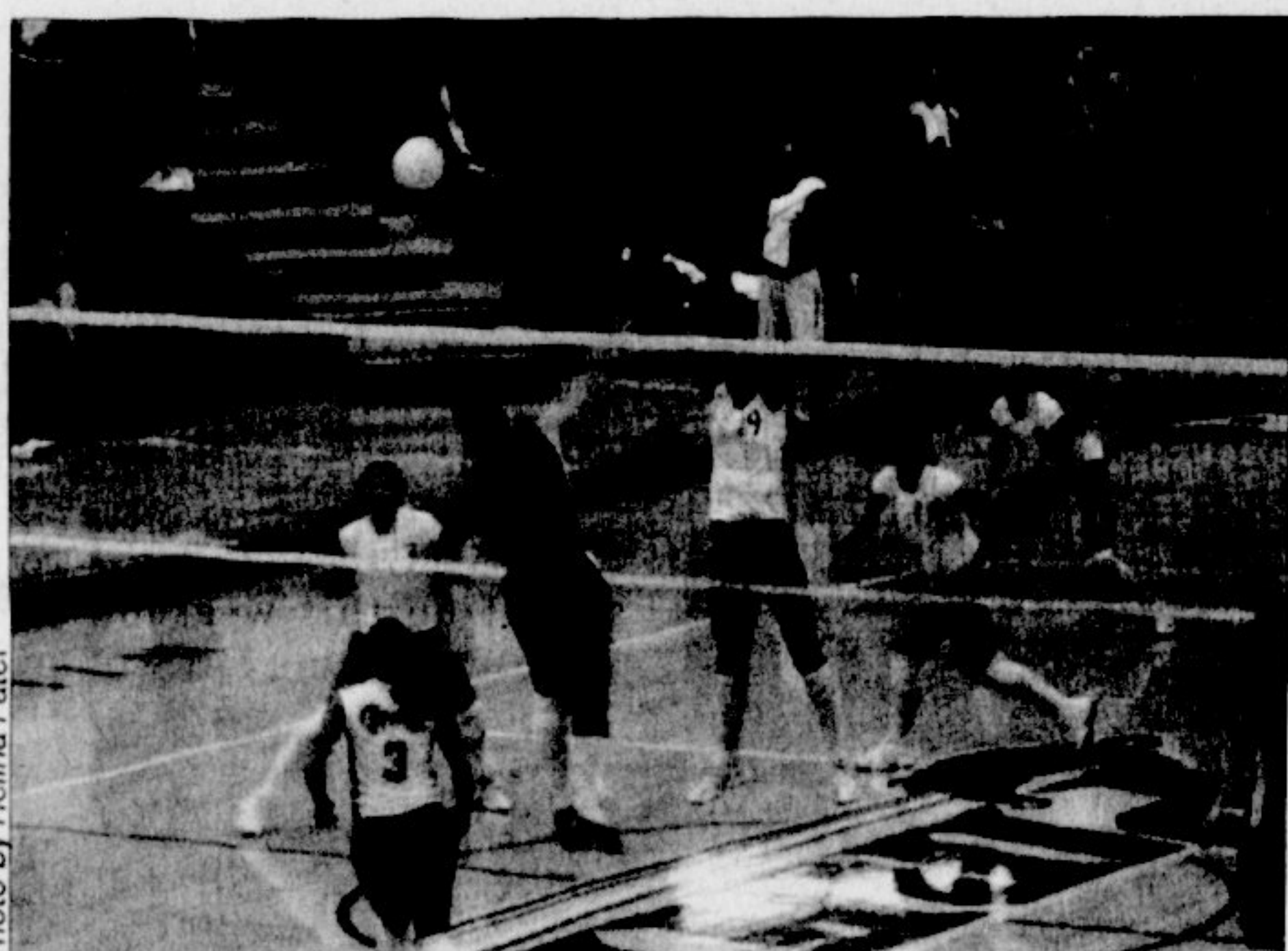
ECU assistant coach Ryan Manning stressed the importance

in preparing for the upcoming games after suffering two losses.

"We have to get back in the gym and get focused," said Manning. "This will allow us to regain confidence in our skills."

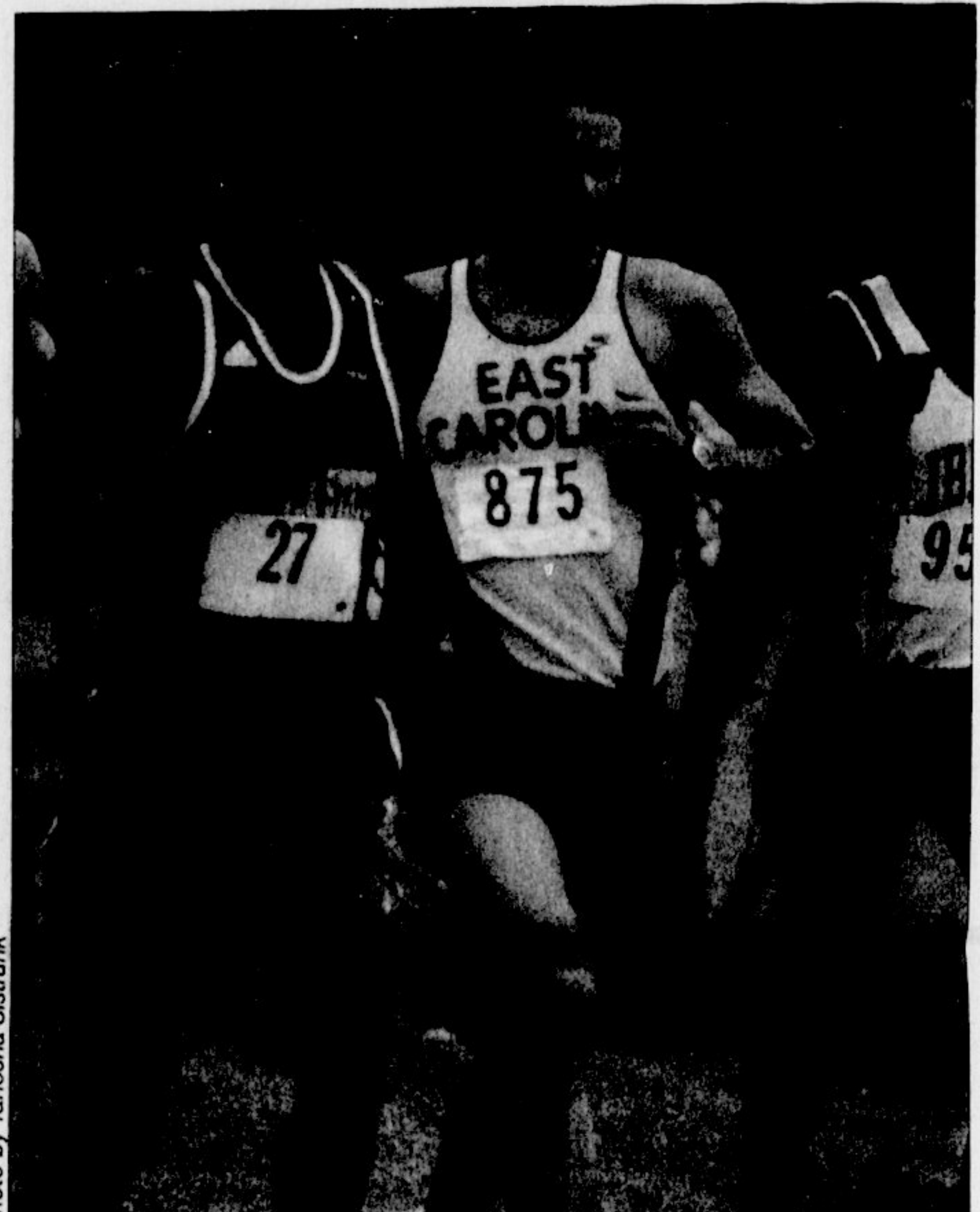
DePaul comes into Greenville at 12-16 (5-6). Senior Janet Goreham leads the Lady Blue Demons with 372 kills, averaging 3.58 a game. Junior Mandy Moorberg is not far behind Goreham, posting 369 kills. As a team DePaul has a hitting percentage of .201.

Marquette 18-6 (8-3) will prove to be one of ECU's more challenging opponents this season. The Lady Golden Eagles are ranked fourth in the C-USA



ECU will finish their season against DePaul and Marquette.

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Mackenzie will look to lead ECU once again at Lake Kristi.

Week Nine: TEC predictions



BRANDON HUGHES
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Panthers over 49ers	Panthers	49ers	49ers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	49ers	Panthers

*Not featured in this installment: Brandi Renfro (45-35)

Leonard still leading

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With an impressive 8-2 mark last week, Robert Leonard has widened his lead to two games over David Waskiewicz. Most of the staff remains in striking distance but will need to make a move quickly as the college football season is drawing to a close. ECU travels to South Florida this week and the panel is split on the outcome. There are a host of tough games once again, but I'm predicting a perfect week by someone on the staff.

Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M

I think this game could be the toughest pick this week. Both squads come into this Lone Star

state match-up ranked but who knows if they will both show up. Texas Tech has scored 70 points twice this season and Texas A&M has been known to pull off the upset. I'm going with Texas A&M in a 30-22 win.

Boston College vs. West Virginia

The staff heavily favors the Mountaineers this week but the game will be closer than most people think. Boston College is quietly having an impressive season as evidenced by its No. 20 national ranking, but I think West Virginia pulls out a 27-24 victory at home.

Georgia vs. Auburn

Easily the premier battle in the SEC and in the country, the Bulldogs travel to Auburn to face the undefeated Tigers. Auburn is sitting at No. 3 and it would be a shame if the Tigers couldn't

play for a national championship ahead of USC or Oklahoma after an unbeaten season in the toughest conference in the nation. I think Auburn keeps the hunt for the championship alive this week with a 20-17 win, but look for one of those three unbeaten teams to falter down the stretch.

Miami vs. Virginia

Everyone said Miami and Virginia Tech would dominate the ACC after the addition of the football powerhouses in the off-season. Nothing could be further from the truth as the Hurricanes have lost two straight. The Cavaliers have the potential to come out with a win, especially at home. But there is no way possible a team with as much talent as Miami, despite its shortcomings at quarterback, can lose three straight conference games. Hurricanes win convinc-

ingly 35-17.

ECU vs. South Florida

The Pirates have followed a nightmare 2003 season with a more competitive, but still unsuccessful 2004 campaign. Things could be different if ECU would learn to play consistent football on the road, but it hasn't happened. The injury plagued Pirates travel to USF on Saturday and I'm predicting a game similar to the Houston outcome. The Bulls win 34-20.

Ravens vs. Jets

The Jets were a lock to win this game before Chad Pennington went down with an injury. For the first time this season, Kyle Boller will be the best quarterback on the field. But it's the Ravens defense that will stifle backup Quincy Carter, which shouldn't be a difficult task. Baltimore wins 17-10.

Lions vs. Jaguars

ECU alumnus David Garrard makes his first NFL start against Detroit and look for him to play well. The Jaguars defense will win the game and running back Fred Taylor will be solid as always. Garrard should complete 14-of-22 passes for 170 yards with a touchdown and run for another. An impressive outing will lead to a 23-13 Jags victory.

Seahawks vs. Rams

This match-up is another tough pick in the NFL ranks. I would like to go with St. Louis, but Head Coach Mike Martz still hasn't learned that giving Marshall Faulk the ball more than 20 times a game equates to a win. I say fire Martz after Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselback finally plays like a MVP candidate and Seattle wins 30-24.

Bengals vs. Redskins

How frustrating it is for Redskins fans for Washington to have the best defense in the NFL with absolutely no passing game. It's time for a change and that is benching Mark Brunell in favor of Patrick Ramsey. That's probably not going to happen this week and Washington hasn't scored 20 points in a game this season. But I still trust in Joe Gibbs to get things turned around and I'm envisioning a 19-14 Redskins win.

Panthers vs. 49ers

As always the staff predicts one of the worst match-ups of the week and this one is as bad as it gets. There is no hope in sight for either team but I'm predicting Carolina to win its second game of the season 20-12.

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Clarett allegations hold no water thus far

(KRT) — Where's the proof? That's the question hanging over the charges made by Maurice Clarett in an ESPN The Magazine story about cars, cushy jobs, money from boosters and other NCAA infractions.

There is not a single piece of paper pointing to any of it. Did Clarett receive money and favors from boosters?

What do you think happens at places like Ohio State and other schools where football is big business and fans treat players like kings?

Would OSU coach Jim Tressel and/or his staff be stupid enough to authorize any of it?

Hard to believe, at least until someone produces some real evidence.

Is Clarett a viable witness? Does he have a history of telling the truth, or one of changing his story?

Most fans know the answer to that.

One player backing Clarett is former Buckeye Marco Cooper, who told ESPN he received the same favors. But Cooper was suspended from the team after two drug arrests. Other players said they had landscaping summer jobs like Clarett, but they worked for their money.

Clarett is living in victimhood. Unhappy because his plans to challenge the NFL's rules about turning pro failed. Unhappy about having to sit out TWO years before entering the 2005 NFL Draft. Unhappy because his value in the eyes of scouts keeps dropping.

He blames OSU for his plight, claiming the Buckeyes ran him off.

But if you are the OSU coach or athletic director and Clarett just led your team to the national

title, what sense does it make to push the guy out the door — unless you had no choice?

Clarett said that to remain on the team, Tressel said he had to work out at 6 a.m. and maintain a 3.5 grade-point average. Clarett said he wasn't a morning person. He said the tutors would no longer help. He said a teacher banned him from class.

If Clarett had simply shown up for his classes and made a decent effort at school, there would have been no academic problems. But school was not much of a priority. Early in his freshman year, Clarett first said he was considering going pro after his first season. That also was in an ESPN The Magazine story.

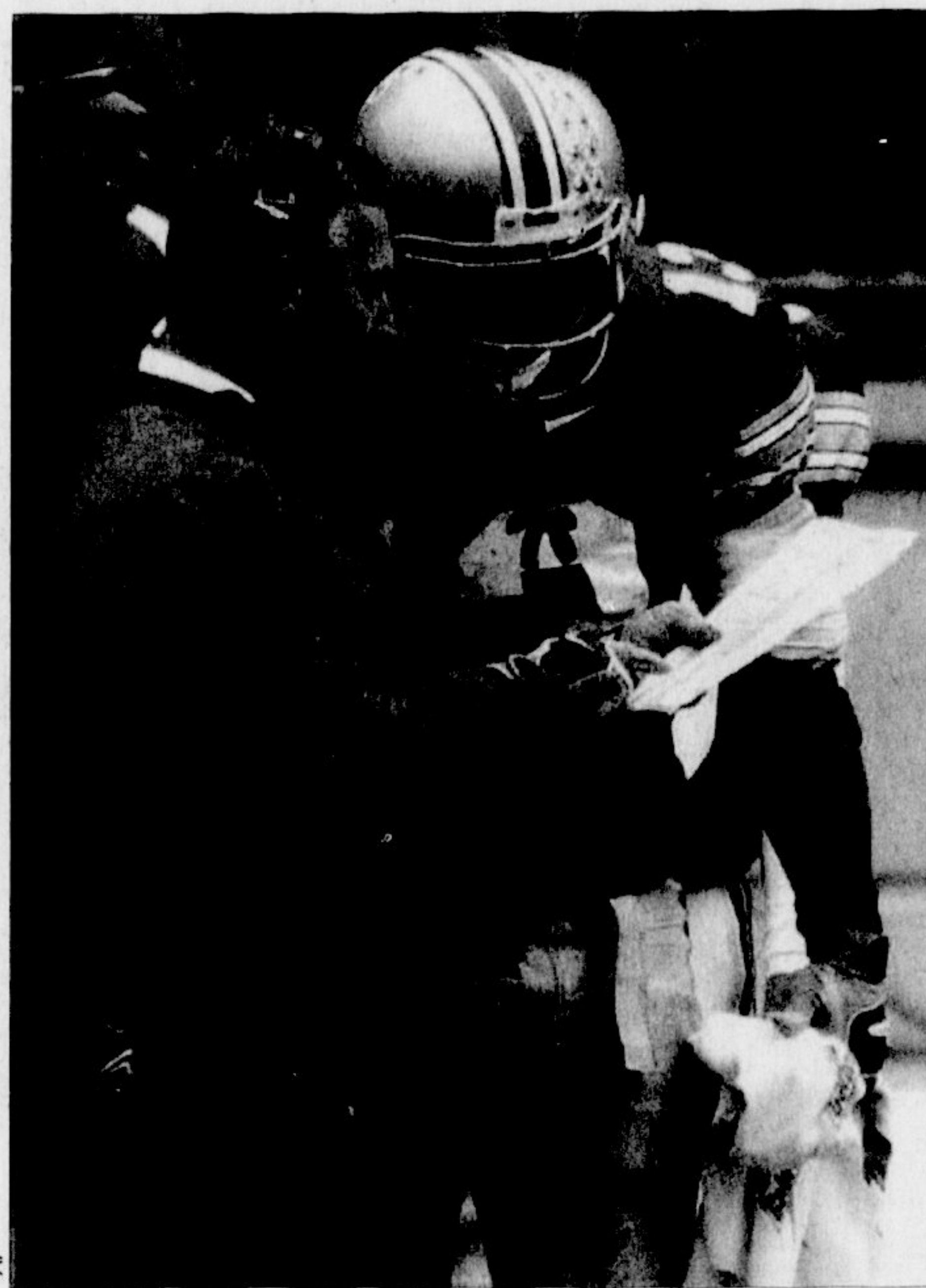
There is no reason to doubt ESPN's reporting in that initial story or this one. Clarett said these things; they have it on tape. But is it true, or just an angry young man lashing out?

The NCAA just finished an investigation of OSU and Clarett. According to OSU athletic director Andy Geiger, the school was not guilty of any violations, adding the NCAA examined the summer jobs and cars.

The one iffy area was Tressel pointing Clarett and his mother to a dealership to buy a car. Geiger said this was OK with the NCAA, because there were no special favors, adding Clarett had at least one car repossessed.

Maybe everything is legal, but it doesn't seem wise for a coach or anyone from an athletic department to recommend a player to a car dealership.

The ESPN story also discussed how OSU athletes take meaningless courses that don't



Clarett has said that Tressel and the OSU coaching staff provided the former Buckeye with monetary benefits.

count when the player transfers to another school. This is a real problem not just at OSU, but at too many other major schools as well. Too often, players are pushed into classes just to stay eligible.

In the final years of coach John Cooper, the OSU program was an embarrassment with the Big Ten's lowest graduation rate. Geiger said 23 players were on the verge of being ineligible

when Cooper was fired and replaced by Tressel.

The athletic director said the graduation rate has risen from 16 percent to 50 percent under Tressel. The football team also has been near the top in Big Ten academic honors the last two years.

As for Clarett's charges of corruption, OSU has to be considered innocent until someone truly proves otherwise.



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standings and are currently on a three-game winning streak. Junior Theresa Coughlin leads the team in kills with 324. Overall, the team has scored 1,339 kills, averaging more than 16 a game. Defensively, senior Erin Freer leads the team with 333 digs and is averaging four per game. The team has a hitting percentage of .214.

Coming off of two straight losses, ECU will need to step it up this weekend in hopes of carrying momentum into the C-USA tournament.

Juniors Erica Wilson and Paige Howell continue to lead the Lady Pirates in kills, with a combined total of 511. Sophomore Heidi Krug will continue to add to her 1,054 assists this weekend. Overall, ECU is hitting .186 as a team.

This weekend's games will give the Lady Pirates practice heading into the C-USA tournament. With two wins, ECU could also gain a better seed in the tournament. Both DePaul and Marquette are participating in the tournament, so there is a chance

ECU will face these teams again.

ECU's final home games of the season begin this Friday at 7 p.m. against DePaul. Play will then resume Saturday at 7 p.m. against Marquette. Both games will be held at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

"It is a good thing to be at home," Manning said.

"Home court advantage is always a plus. We look forward to being back."

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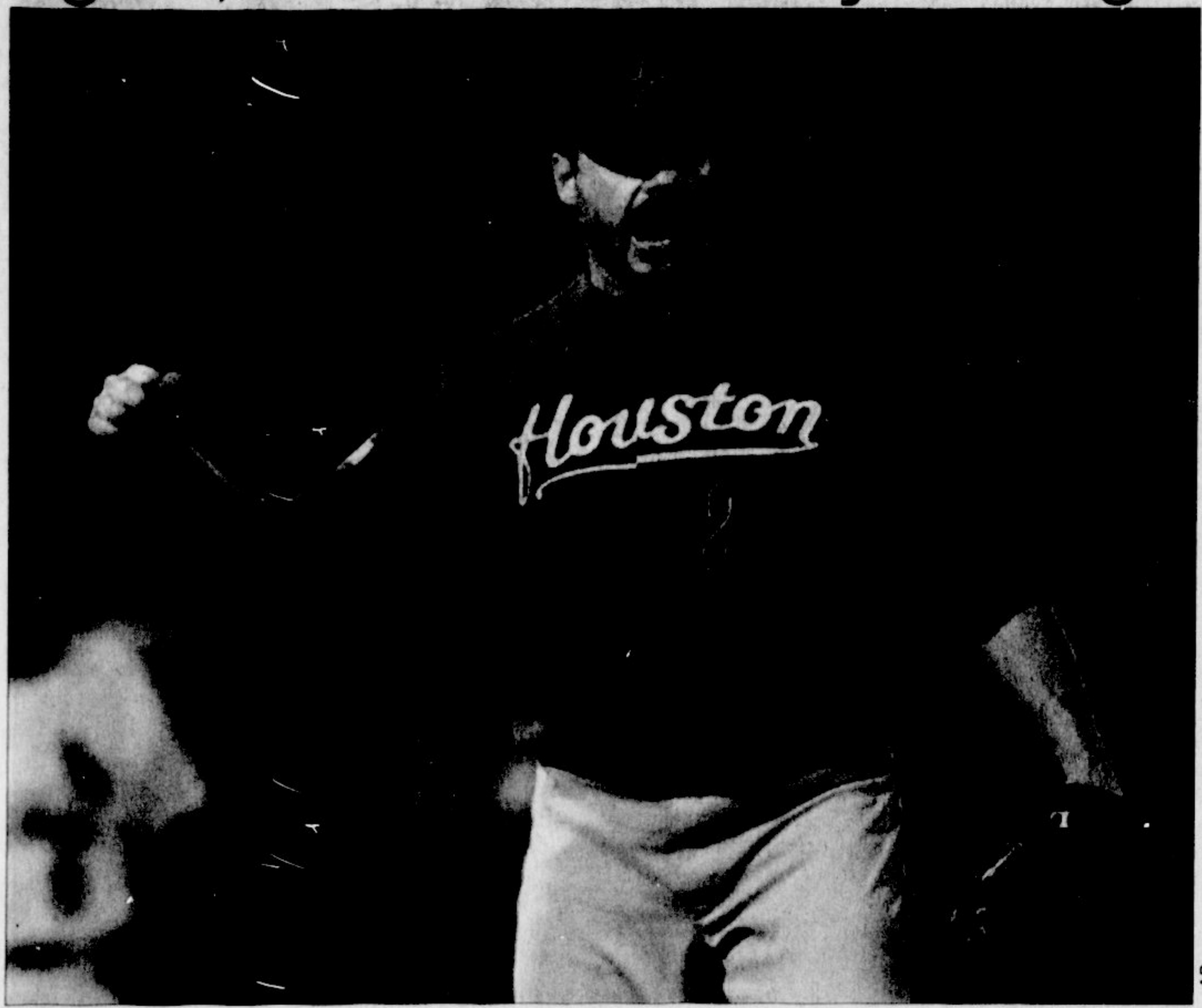
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Clemens toying with retirement again, wins seventh Cy Young



Clemens "retired" once already, but will he do it again after winning yet another Cy Young?

(KRT) — Roger Clemens has waited a half-dozen years now for some telltale sign that his time is up. He's waited for his fastball to shorten up, for his legs or his back or his shoulder to lock up, for batters to start creeping up in the box against him and just the opposite has happened.

At 42, Clemens is as good as he's ever been, coming off a season that compares favorably with his best ever: A seventh Cy Young award, more wins and a lower ERA for the third year running, a 10-1 run over the second half of the season to secure a wild-card spot for Houston, followed by two wins in the playoffs.

Perfect time for Clemens to retire? Sure. But so was the last time. Odds Clemens won't be back? "It's 99.9," he said. "I'll leave it right there."

Clemens was quick to point out that's exactly what he said last year, before unretiring 78 days later. Michael Jordan said the exact same thing after his second retirement, came back and must have regretted it. Muhammad Ali didn't dabble in percentages, but maybe he should have. He might

have left before it was too late. Nothing that drastic awaits Clemens if he does return, and that's the guess here. His skills clearly haven't declined the way Jordan's did and besides, baseball is a gentler racket than the court or the ring.

Advances in conditioning have enabled a handful of the game's best players to keep pushing the envelope into their fifth decade, Barry Bonds is 40 and Randy Johnson, who finished second in the Cy Young balloting, is 41. And Clemens' work ethic is the envy of not just everybody in the Astros' clubhouse, but all of baseball.

Yet that kind of longevity comes with a stiff price tag.

"Obviously, committing to pitching again and getting my body ready to be a power pitcher. That's a short answer, but that entails a lot," said Clemens, who's currently touring Japan with a major league all-star team.

And though the Astros allowed him to be as much of a stay-at-home dad as the schedule allowed, Clemens said he wanted to be around when his oldest son left home for college or the June amateur draft, as well as catch

more of his two other sons' baseball and football games.

"Last," Clemens added, "everyone who knows me knows my mother has emphysema, and even though she's a very strong lady, strong-willed, I worry about her health. The next step for me is the Hall of Fame, and that's five years after I finish playing. And if I continue playing, I prolong that."

On the other hand, he's also likely to file for free agency by Thursday's deadline. He also wouldn't give a direct answer when asked whether the Astros were the only team he would consider pitching for. And remember: when Clemens came back last January, he said it was only because he had the chance to play in his hometown of Houston.

And then there's that little matter of his less-than-satisfying exit from Game 7 of the National League championship series. For the first five innings of a cool October night in St. Louis, Clemens looked like his old untouchable self. Then he challenged Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen with fastballs and got burned. He left the mound and

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Wed. Nov. 17
World Food Festival
1PM - 3PM (Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room)
Have a taste of the world around and participate in some special activities.
Dialogue on Diversity
6PM (Ledonia Wright Cultural Center)

Thurs. Nov. 18
Fulbright & International Scholars Reception
4PM - 6PM (International House)
Come visit with ECU faculty and administrators for informal conversation and refreshments
"Gene Therapy" with Teja Arboleda
7PM - 9PM (Wright Auditorium)

Fri. Nov. 19
Community Festival
3:30PM - 6PM (Christenbury Gym)
ECU is celebrating diversity through a special youth carnival with games and activities for children of all ages. If you are interested in volunteering at this event please call 328-2735 or e-mail volunteer@mail.ecu.edu.
Cookout and Pep Rally
6PM - 7PM (Mendenhall Brickyard)

Sat. Nov. 20
Distribution of Diversity Pins
12PM - 2PM (Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Student Gate)

Nov. 17: Osama @ 9:30PM
Nov. 18: Maria Full of Grace @ 7 & 9:30PM
Nov. 19: Dangerous Living @ 9:30PM & 11PM
Maria Full of Grace @ Midnight
Nov. 20: Osama @ 3PM, Devdas @ 5PM, Dangerous Living @ 8PM
Maria Full of Grace @ 9:30PM, Osama @ Midnight
Nov. 21: Osama @ 3PM, Maria Full of Grace @ 5PM
Devdas @ 8PM, Dangerous Living @ 11PM

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Football from page B4



The Pirates' offensive line will have to give James Pinkney better protection Saturday.

yards in the game as the Pirates led USF in every offensive category, including a 22-11 advantage in first downs and a 362-243 advantage in total offensive yards.

Players to Watch

South Florida has struggled to move the football for most of the season, particularly through the air. The Bulls are averaging just below 150 yards passing per contest. Julmiste had a solid performance against the Blazers but has battled issues with accuracy, completing just 43.7 percent of his attempts this season for 873 yards. His best outing this season came in a 45-44 overtime win against TCU where he completed 22-of-33 passes for 324 yards. But the signal-caller was a combined 5-for-30 for 90 yards in losses to South Carolina and Louisville and tossed four interceptions in a 27-20 defeat at the hands of Southern Miss.

Running back Andre Hall is the playmaker for the Bulls and has taken the pressure off of Julmiste. The junior has rushed for 822 yards this season with nine touchdowns and is second on the team with 12 receptions. Hall is averaging 6.4 yards per carry and 117.4 yards per game. Clenton Crossley should also get 10-15 carries for the run-oriented USF offense. Crossley has carried the ball 70 times for 318 yards this season.

The Pirates secondary will face a tough task covering the

Bulls' receivers on Saturday, even with a less than dangerous opposing quarterback. USF has completed passes to 12 different receivers with S.J. Green leading the team with 14 receptions. Freshman Johnny Peyton is a legitimate home run threat, averaging 25.5 per reception.

Heading the defensive unit for USF are co-captains Lee Roy Selmon and Javan Camon. Selmon, a senior, was selected to the Preseason All-Conference USA team as a defensive tackle and brings leadership to an experienced defensive line. Selmon is the team's leading returning tackler from 2003 with 63 stops. Fellow senior Javan Camon will lead the secondary for USF. Camon is a hard-hitting free safety who took over for the departed J.R. Reed. Reed left the Bulls as the school's all-time leader in interceptions, setting a single season record in three consecutive seasons. Camon leads the team with 68 tackles this season but has yet to come up with a pick. USF has forced seven turnovers in eight games, but only two are interceptions.

Keys to the Game

South Florida holds a 2-0 series advantage over the Pirates and ECU will need to play inspired football for sixty minutes in order to win its first road game of the season. The Pirates defense has forced six turnovers in the last two

games and should have plenty of opportunities for interceptions against shaky USF quarterback Pat Julmiste.

ECU is the 11th least penalized team in the country, but had an uncharacteristic outing last week against Houston. The Pirates were whistled for 10 penalties for 96 yards, including a long touchdown run by Chris Johnson that was nullified. ECU's discipline should be back on track on Saturday.

The Pirates took another huge hit when leading receiver Bobby Good was lost for the season with a leg injury against the Cougars. ECU has been forced to empty the bench after Demarcus Fox, Edwin Rios and Iverick Harris were all either suspended or quit earlier in the season. Stepping in to start will be Brian Howard and Kevin Roach. Howard had a solid outing last week and Roach, more of a possession receiver, won't hesitate to go over the middle in traffic. Will Bland, who caught a touchdown pass against Houston, will also see plenty of action. Freshman punt returner and cornerback Travis Williams could make his debut on offense. The Pirates are 14th in the country in punt returns and Williams' speed will be a welcoming addition to the receiving corps.

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Clemens from page B6

the Astros never got the lead back.

Of course, even a perfect ending doesn't always seal the deal.

Otherwise, Jordan would have left after the game-winning shot in Utah and Ali after "The Thrilla in Manila." Sandy Koufax and Jim Brown always get credited with walking away from their sports at the peak of their powers, but Koufax' pitching arm was about to fall off and Brown left because he could make more money in Hollywood

than the NFL at the time.

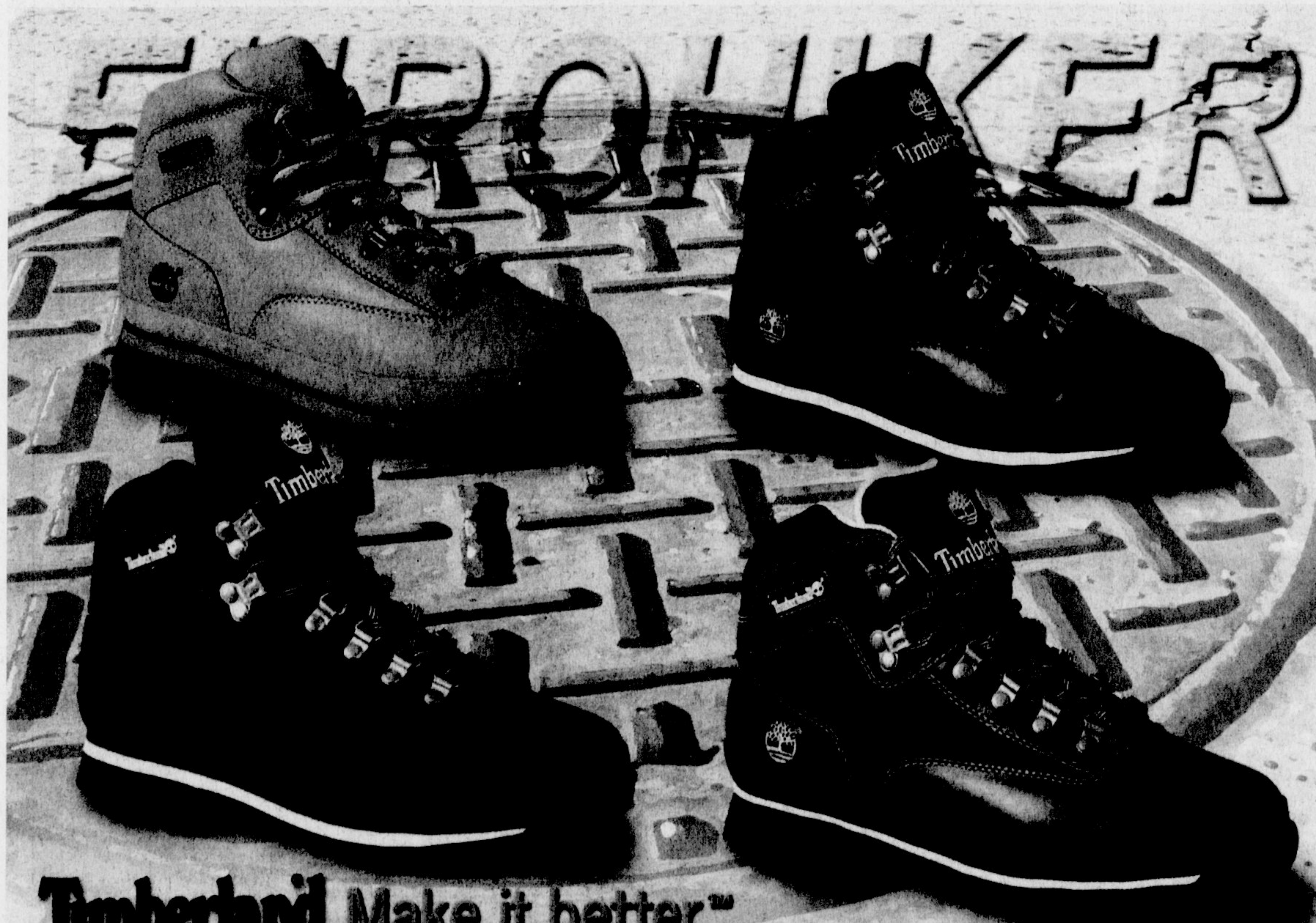
Clemens is as clear-eyed a professional as there's ever been. He knows there's plenty more innings in his arm and nowhere he can make more money or bask in half as much adulation.

He said years ago the only reason he was leaving Boston was for a shot at the World Series, then took a detour through Toronto. He finally got the ring in New York, then left there thanking everybody in sight

and threatening to boycott his own Hall of Fame induction ceremony unless he could stroll in wearing a Yankees cap.

So while there's no reason to doubt Clemens' sincerity about wanting to spend more time around the house, it's also worth noting he's always reserved his greatest loyalty for his own cause.

That telltale sign Clemens has been waiting for isn't coming, and probably won't for another season or two.



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The Student Association is planning to discuss student fees for the fiscal year.

A \$1 increase in the Student Government fee, a \$1 increase in the Student Center fee, a \$.50 increase in the Student Center and Performance fee, and a \$.50 increase in the Student Center fee with little opposition.

Other items that were not accepted, but which members voted on the proposal.

The ECU Student Center Services has received a 29 to 13 vote in the senate for an increase in the center in 13 to support the Intramural increase with the increase in utility programs to students.

The senate increase for the Center Services to 14 vote in increase with better its of adult community students. A last year that funded, the them to full programs.

Gary Moore for Student Center Services proposal of an increase.

Amidst what the \$5 Moore said would help the center alone \$20 would be ing for a new Student Center Cultural Center.

A number of the increase in the Mendenhall increase.

Representatives said a goal was center more.

After a meeting consisted of a 14 vote in the SGA, the a \$36 increase in Student Center from its initial 11 to 3 vote.

Senators Mendenhall maintenance and allotting money for future projects.

ECU's annual rent fee is a UNC system increase, bringing it to the third in the

Terry Ho appointed spoke on behalf of the land urged the increase to benefit ECU the long run.

The senate proposals, with a \$161.50 increase in students.

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