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It's official:

McCain and Obama

Primaries are now over

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Barack Obama effectively clinched the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday, becoming the first black candidate to lead a major party into a campaign for the White House. Vanquished rival Hillary Rodham Clinton swiftly signaled an interest in joining the ticket as running mate.

Obama arranged a victory celebration at the site of this summer's Republican National Convention — an in-your-face gesture to Sen. John McCain, who will be his opponent in the race to become the nation's 44th president.

The 46-year-old Obama outlasted Clinton in a historic campaign that sparked record turnouts in primary after primary, yet exposed deep racial and gender divisions within the party.

In a campaign of surprises, Clinton's comments about joining the ticket rated high.

According to one participant in an afternoon conference call among Clinton and members of the New York congressional delegation, Rep. Lydia Velasquez said she believed the best way for Obama to win over Hispanics and members of other key voting blocs would be to take the former first lady as his running mate.

"I am open to it," Clinton replied, if it would help the party's prospects in November, said the participant, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the call was a private matter.

Obama sealed his victory based on public declarations from delegates as well as from an additional 16 who have confirmed their intentions to the AP. The count also included 11 delegates Obama was guaranteed as long as he gained 30 percent of the vote in South Dakota and Montana later in the day. It takes 2,118 delegates to clinch the nomination.

Clinton stood ready to concede that her rival had amassed the delegates needed to triumph, according to officials in her campaign.

Obama's triumph was fashioned on prodigious fundraising, meticulous organizing and his theme of change aimed at an electorate opposed to the Iraq war and worried about the economy — all harnessed to his own innate gifts as a campaigner.

With her husband's two-White House terms as a backdrop, Clinton campaigned for months as the candidate of experience, a former first lady and second-term senator ready, she said, to take over on Day One.

But after a year on the campaign trail, Obama won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3, and the freshman senator became something of an overnight political phenomenon.

"We came together as Democrats, as Republicans and independents, to stand up and say we are one nation, we are one people and our time for change has come," he said that night in Des Moines.

As the strongest female presidential candidate in history, Clinton drew large, enthusiastic audiences. Yet Obama's were bigger still.

The former first lady countered Obama's Iowa victory with an upset five days later in New Hampshire that set the stage for a campaign marathon as competitive as any in the last generation.

But Obama emerged with a lead in delegates that he never relinquished, and proceeded to run off a string of 11 straight victories.

Clinton saved her candidacy once more with primary victories in Ohio and Texas on March 4, beginning a stretch in which she won primaries in six of the final nine states on the calendar, as well as in Puerto Rico.

Yet race, religion, region and gender became political fault lines as the two campaigned from coast to coast.

Along the way, Obama showed the ability to weather inevitable controversies, most notably one caused by the incendiary rhetoric of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Clinton struggled with self-inflicted wounds. Most prominently, she claimed to have come under sniper fire as first lady more than a decade earlier while paying a visit to Bosnia.

Instead, videotapes showed her receiving a gift of flowers from a young girl who greeted her plane.

Third annual Drew Steele-Skip Holtz Golf Classic held

Event raises money
for a great cause

NATALIE JURGEN
NEWS EDITOR

On Sunday June 1 and Monday June 2, the third annual Drew Steele-Skip Holtz (DSSH) Golf Classic was held.

The goal of the event was to "develop relationships with the community and raise financial support for The Special Populations of Pitt County and the Drew Steele Endowment Fund," according to the event's Web site.

The event was kicked off by a dinner at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Greenville Convention Center served by Beef Barn, Chef 505, Christine's, Finelli's and Logan's Roadhouse.

Following the dinner, an auction was held showcasing items like tickets to the Daytona 500, a dinner and beverage cruise, WITN sports anchor for a night and a private jet to central Florida.

Nearly 1,500 guests attended Sunday evening's events.

Guests were also able to enter a raffle with prizes consisting of Drew's Lazy Boy recliner, a four-day cruise for two to Mexico or the Bahamas and two 42-inch flat screen TV's.

On Monday, the 18-hole four man Captain's Choice golf match began with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Ironwood Golf and Country Club and the Greenville Country Club.

The goal for this year's event was to raise \$500,000. Exact numbers are still unavailable, but with the community's participation on Sunday evening, it is believed that goal was reached.

With that mark met, it will be possible to apply for grants, break ground on the Drew Steele Center and donate to the Drew Steele Foundation.

Holtz and Steele first met at a Special Olympics fund-raising golf tournament at Bradford Creek Golf Club in Greenville. Steele, son of a former ECU basketball coach, was a competitor at the Special Olympics.

"I went out there with a bad attitude," said Holtz, ECU's head

football coach. "I had just taken over this program and I had a million things to do. I went out there and it was cold and windy and I ended up playing golf with Drew and Mike. Seeing how positive Drew was I realized that I needed to change my attitude."

Steele had such an impact on Holtz that he wanted to share his great attitude with his football team.

"I was so impressed with Drew's attitude...what a positive young man he is," Holtz said. "I told him that I wanted him to come speak to our football team. Changing attitude was what that year was all about for our football team. We have so many reasons to be negative in this world today and when you look at a young man like Drew Steele, it is very motivational."

Skip Holtz and his football team aren't the only ones who have been affected by Steele.

"What he has taught us about life has been a privilege," said Holtz's wife, Jennifer Holtz.

The DSSH Golf Classic was also a great way for ECU students

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ECU's ITCS department receives national recognition

Data storage team
named Laureate by
honors program

JIMMY GALLOWAY
STAFF WRITER

The Computerworld Honors Program has named ECU's Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) program 2008 Laureate for their work with virtualization software in ECU's data center.

ITCS received the award in the form of a medal in a noon ceremony at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington D.C. on June 2.

Due to the increasing size of the student body and the increasing need for data storage and application hosting, ITCS was faced with the prospect of constructing a new data center to house the servers necessary to meet that demand between a \$26 and \$30 million project.

Instead, ITCS used virtualization software called VMware that allowed them to create up to 12 virtual servers on each physical

server. By doing so, they consolidated the servers down to 50 percent of the physical units used previously. They also consolidated data storage in the same way. As a result, the data center is still in its current facility.

According to Joe Norris, Chief Technology Officer, ECU is the state leader in virtualization.

"Only NC State has started to work with virtualization," said Norris. "And we started three years ago."

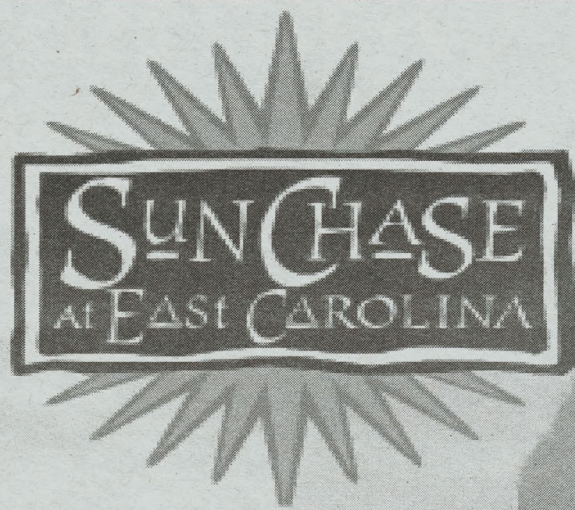
In contrast, UNC-Greensboro is planning to construct a new data center; the estimated cost for which is around \$60 million. Most of the reason that data centers are so expensive is because of the specialized cooling and air-circulation equipment that large numbers of servers require.

Because virtualization allows organizations to use fewer servers, it has other advantages as well.

"Virtualization is definitely green, because you're saving on power and cooling for all those servers," Norris said.

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Phrase 'forgive and forget' may hold a bit of truth

ECU professor proves the adage in her documentary

ELISE PHILLIPS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Professor and chair of ECU's Department of Psychology Kathleen Row has been studying the effects of forgiveness on the human body for over a decade. Now, her work will be seen in the PBS showing of the documentary, "The Power of Forgiveness."

The documentary will air tonight at 10 p.m. on the network, and is broken up into a

number of sections to include interviews with mothers and wives of September 11 victims, national leaders' view on forgiveness (including an interview with the Dalai Lama) and a section that will feature Row's work on the science of forgiveness.

Row says she started her work in 1997 while studying the science of hostility, when the Templeton Foundation created a grant program for the study of forgiveness. It was then that Row decided to study something "healthful rather than harmful."

During her research, Row interviewed hundreds of participants in one-on-one meetings where the subject was asked to

recount a time when they were betrayed or wronged all while being hooked up to blood pressure and heart rate monitors. Participants also filled out surveys about forgiveness.

Row found that everyone who recounted an event of betrayal had a rise in blood pressure, but those who had forgiven that betrayal returned to normal levels quicker than those still holding on to the offense.

"You literally carry it around with you," said Row. "If you had a heavy sack on your back, your blood pressure would raise to let you be able to carry it around with you."

Other findings of Row's research reveal

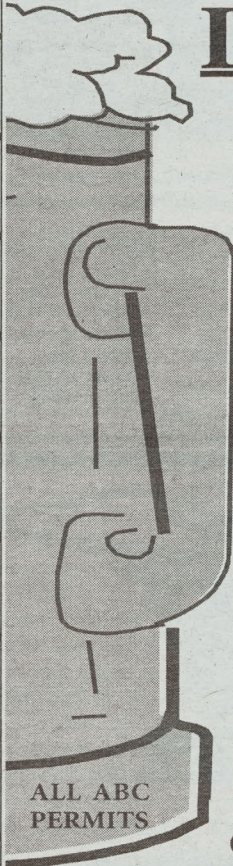
that older individuals tend to forgive more readily than younger ones and women are generally more forgiving than men.

"People do get a little more forgiving with age," Row said. "I attribute that to we all make mistakes, and older people understand that."

As far as the women versus men finding, Row said it depends on the person who is really more forgiving.

"We don't know if women are more forgiving or if they see themselves as more forgiving," Row said. "It depends on the

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Computerworld, an IT magazine, seeks to recognize IT excellence. The heads of top companies in the technology industry, such as Dell, Intel, IBM, Yahoo!, Sprint and Microsoft nominate "innovative users of technology," both domestic and international. ECU was nominated by EMC Corp.

After being nominated, the organization submits a case study to the Honors Program, which is reviewed by independent judges. If the case study is approved, the Honors Program catalogues it and "Laureate" status is granted to the organization, according to the Computerworld Honors Program's nominee guide.

The Honors Program recognizes organizations in 10 categories, includ-

ing healthcare, arts and entertainment, business, finance and government. ECU was recognized in the "Education and Academia" category.

According to Norris, ITCS' goal for the future is determining which of its services it can offer on a mobile platform. Since virtually all students have cell phones, ITCS is looking at a way to implement elements from Blackboard or Banner so students can access it from their phones.

"For example, imagine your professor posts your grades to Blackboard, which then sends a message to your phone: 'Grades for PSYC 1050 have been posted- you got a B,'" said Norris.

Other potential applications include registration, emergency services and even being able to see

how far away the bus is.

"You wouldn't need the newest phone to use these services," Norris said, "We're working to make it work on older phones as well."

All potential services would use the existing PirateID system for logging in, but would not be mandatory.

"Students could subscribe to it or choose not to, we don't want to ruin anyone's text-messaging plan," said Norris.

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personality trait [of the person] or the particular instance [of hurt]."

Another finding: those who have forgiven a betrayal have a harder time talking about the instance than those who have not forgiven.

"People with a more forgiving personality will struggle to tell a story about a time when someone hurt them," Row said. "Other people will say, 'Where do you want me to start?'"

Row says that she has learned about her own forgiveness habits through her research.

"If I've learned anything, it is

the importance of being honest to the person who has hurt you," she said. "I've learned to be a little more open."

The "Power of Forgiveness," directed and produced by Martin Doblmeier, won the Best Film award at the Sun Valley Film Festival and has aired on PBS stations across the United States.

For more information about the film, visit thepowerofforgiveness.org.

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to get involved.

An e-mail was sent to all Pirate Club members to volunteer their time at this important event.

Student volunteer turnout was high and many of the same students who came out last year volunteered at the event again.

"I will be connected to these kids for the rest of my life," Jen-

nifer Holtz said. "These students are extremely selfless and to see students be unselfish with their time also gives me hope about the future of our country and I would like to show my humility and gratitude to the students at ECU."

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The changing face of cartoons

ANDREA ROBERTSON
OPINION WRITER

Being the avid cartoon watcher that I am, I recently discovered a cartoon titled "Happy Tree Friends." In this cartoon, the viewer watches a number of woodland creatures go about their day in a carefree, happy manner. Sounds very heartwarming, right? Here is the catch: in practically every episode, each of these furry, happy creatures dies a very unexpected and gruesome death.

To most parents, a cartoon such as this would be an abomination. No parent would possibly reason that this show is acceptable for their children. However, you must ask yourself: is this the first cartoon not suitable for young viewers? Of course not, but at least this cartoon provides you with a viewer discretion warning.

I don't know about all of you, but I remember enjoying "Hey Arnold!" when I was younger—I still like to catch the occasional re-run. This brings me to my point: when watching a re-run of this seemingly innocent cartoon, Helga Petaki, while worshipping her bubble gum statue of Arnold, says that Arnold makes her "girlhood" tremble. I can't speak for everyone, but I don't think that trembling girlhoods sound very innocent.

If we take a look at cartoons even further back, we can recall the Disney fiasco with the inappropriate cover art and wedding scene of *The Little Mermaid*. The lovely phallic tower and the presumable erection of the priest are definitely not what a child needs to be exposed to.

Disney also had its issues with perversion in *The Lion King* and *Aladdin*.

Cartoons such as "Beavis and Butthead" have been attacked by parents for their inappropriate messages; however, most of these cartoons were shown on networks like MTV. In my opinion, parents need to be more concerned with shows that are shown on children's networks. It is obvious that a show that can be watched late at night on a network that is meant for mature viewers should not be available to impressionable children.

However, I will say that I also feel that no matter the network a cartoon is shown on, the cartoon should not be aesthetically appealing to children. I believe "Happy Tree Friends" takes things a bit too far. Even though it is an adult cartoon with a disclaimer, if it is going to portray horrific killings, it should not use furry animals.

If animators would make appropriate shows for youth, and parents would adequately monitor what their children watch, cartoons could be enjoyed by both young and old. Everyone just needs to do their part and be sure that the appropriate audience views the appropriate animation.

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Pirate Ranters wanted

Give us what you've got

Attention all ranters! We still need ranters for the *East Carolinian*. We are indeed running issues of the paper this summer, and surely there's a lot to rant about.

Only 17 new ranters were submitted after last week's issue. We've had to go back and print leftover ranters from last semester.

Some ranters in the archives were timely when submitted, but are useless now. The supply of useable old ranters is fast dwindling.

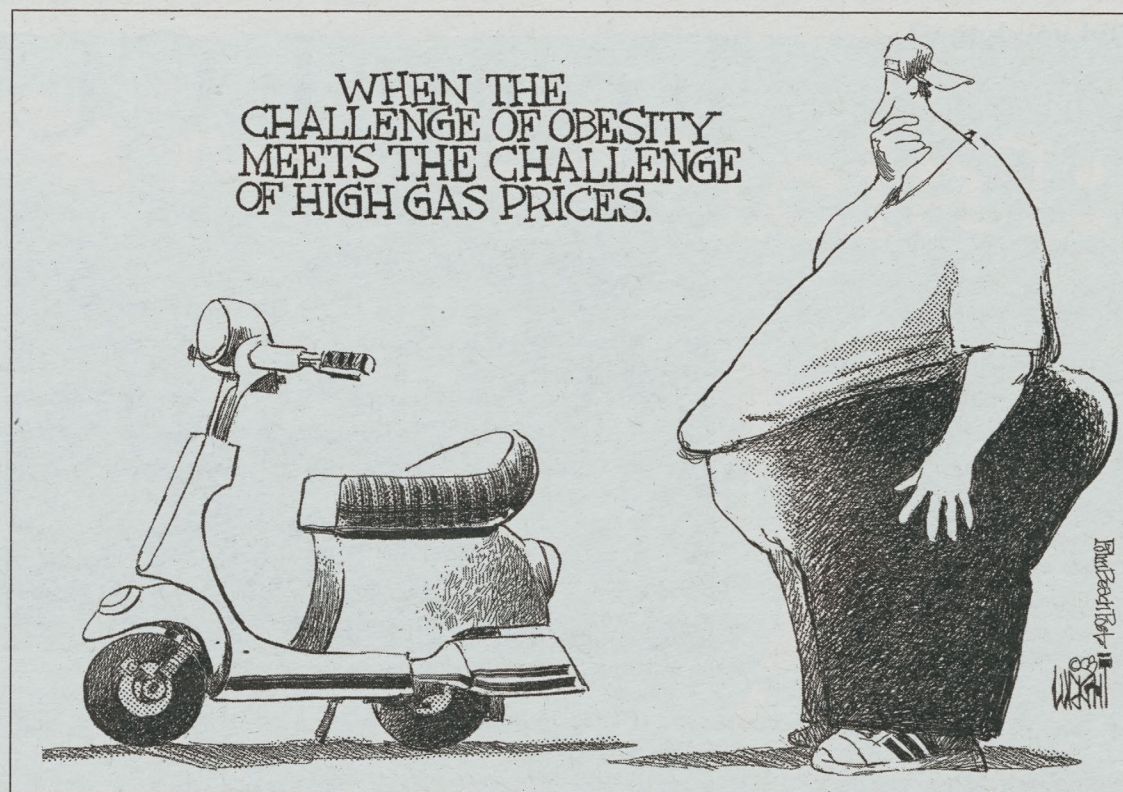
Please help us to continue to bring you timely bits of hilarity by submitting your new ranters today.

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RANT OF THE DAY

I just bought a new PC. I now have Mac envy.

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PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Elise Phillips, Editor in Chief, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

I hope Hillary doesn't win just so you will move to Canada.

To the girl who thinks the library security guard is cute: which one? There are a few of us. We're arguing over who it is. Physical descriptions welcome.

The other day I just realized that the paper was still published in the summer, and to top it off, PIRATE RANTS are still in it! How exciting it is to know that the very thing that takes up the first 10 minutes of my class time during the year is still alive in kicking! Yea!

So, I ran up a lot of debt at ECU and now that I can't afford to pay, I get these phone calls telling me to "be more responsible," to which I reply, "You gave me credit; who's irresponsible now?"

Classes ended, and I quickly learned that waking at six in the morning for work is no fun. I'm ready for my 12 p.m. classes to start again!

C does not equal RN!

I hate my job and I can't wait to go back to ECU in the fall!

Close your mouth when you chew. America has voted, and you are in the bottom three this week.

I love being able to read the ranters online since I'm home for the summer, but I miss being able to pick up a TEC right

before class and reading the ranters to block the professor out!

Girls should dress like girls and not boys. It is confusing when you see someone and can't tell if they are a boy or girl because of their clothes.

I wonder about the few ranters that get published for the summer. Are those people lucky, or is it just that few people submitted ranters? (Editor's Note: Few people submitted ranters. Spread the word and keep 'em coming.)

My girlfriend loves the Pirate Rants so much that I am writing this one for her so that when I see her in Maryland, I can give it to her.

Someone catch the camel that is running around campus.

To the dude in my English class: TURN YOUR MUSIC DOWN!

The number of people who flee Greenville during summer is heartbreaking.

It's time for a new column where all the shy people can profess their love and make that love connection.

Ice skating is not as easy as roller skating.

I wish Blackboard worked when I actually needed it to.

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Did you know?

In Texas, it's against the law for anyone to have a pair of pliers in his or her possession.

In Philadelphia, you can't put pretzels in bags based on the Act of 1760.

Alaska law says that you can't look at a moose from an airplane.

In Corpus Christie, Texas, it is illegal to raise alligators in your home.

In Miami, it is forbidden to imitate an animal.

It is against the law to mispronounce the name of the State of Arkansas in that state.

In Kentucky, it's the law that a person must take a bath once a year.

In Utah, birds have the right of way on any public highway.

In Ohio, you must have a license to keep a bear.

In Illinois, the law is that a car must be driven with the steering wheel.

California law prohibits a woman from driving a car while dressed in a housecoat.

In Memphis, Tennessee, a woman is not to drive a car unless a man warns approaching motorists or pedestrians by walking in front of the car that is being driven.

In Tennessee, it is against the law to drive a car while sleeping.

In New York, it is against the law for a blind person to drive an automobile.

In West Virginia, only babies can ride in a baby carriage.

In Georgia, it is against the law to slap a man on the back or front.

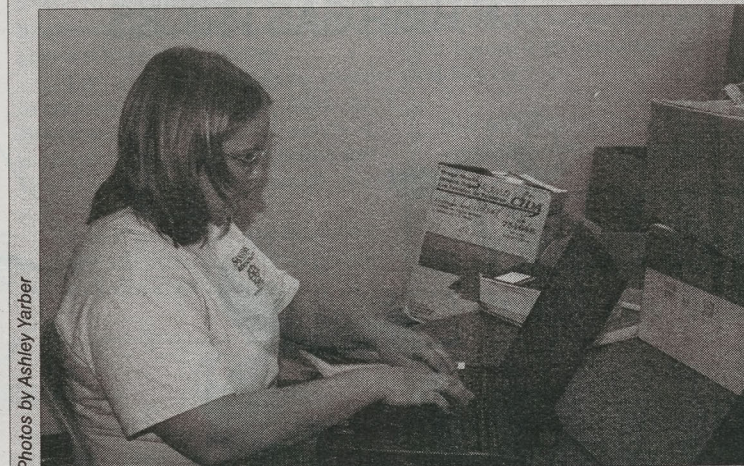
A barber is not to advertise prices in the state of Georgia.

In Louisiana, a bill was introduced years ago in the State House of Representatives that fixed a ceiling on haircuts for bald men of 25 cents.

In Oklahoma, no baseball team can hit the ball over the fence or out of a ballpark.

In Tennessee, a law exists which prohibits the sale of bologna on Sunday.

From ECU to Guyana



Photos by Ashley Yarber

An ECU student helps catalogue books to send to the school in Guyana.

Professor goes on global textbook mission

ELISE PHILLIPS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

English professor and co-coordinator for the Multicultural Literature Program at ECU, Seodial Frank H. Deena, and a group of ECU students are responding this week to the need for books in the impoverished country of Guyana.

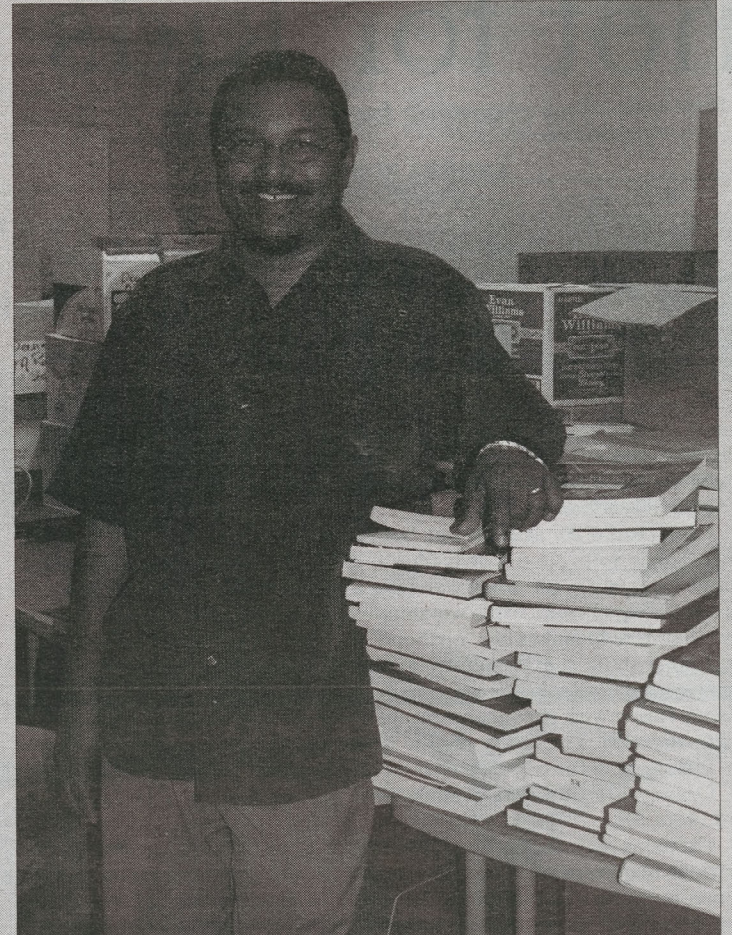
Guyana, located at the northern tip of South America; has only one university, the University of Guyana, for its nearly 800,000 citizens.

Deena, originally from Guyana, attended the University of Guyana for his undergraduate education and says that although the university produces brilliant citizens, the textbook situation there is heartbreaking.

"The book situation there is atrocious," said Deena. "Staff and faculty [at the university] do not have books."

Deena's project started last year when a fellow professor and friend at the University of Kentucky passed away, leaving Deena the rights to some 5,000 of his books. Deena took those

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Dr. Seodial Frank H. Deena heads up the the textbook giving campaign.

ECU joins Children's Miracle Network

All funds to benefit Eastern NC

NADIAH SARSOOR
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Alumni Chapter took the role of operator at the 23rd Children's Miracle Network broadcast event, which began Saturday, May 31 and ran through Sunday, June 1 at the Greenville Convention Center.

Adeea Rogers, president of the ECU Black Alumni Chapter and four other members joined a bundle of volunteers to answer phone pledges and corporate donors at the Children's Miracle Network event.

"Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America," according to the ECU Alumni Association Web site.

Pitt Memorial Hospital is a Children's Miracle Network hospital, and all funds raised at the telethon

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Photo by Ashley Yarber

The Children's Miracle Network has raised over \$1.5 million to support children's hospitals.

A weekend of *Sex*

Sex and the City: The Movie draws big crowds

(MCT)

When Warner Bros. exec Jeff Goldstein went to bed Sunday night he was ecstatic about the record-breaking \$55.7 million weekend box office for *Sex and the City: The Movie*.

And Monday morning, when he found that the final tally was actually \$57.3 million, he told his wife, "I guess we had more 'Sex' yesterday than I thought."

"Unprecedented" is the word that Dan Fellman, Warners president of domestic marketing, is using to describe the success of the film, which took the record for the top-grossing first weekend for an R-rated comedy.

Sex had the fifth-best opening weekend for an R-rated movie and is the only film in that quintet, which includes *The Matrix Reloaded* and *300*, to have a female lead. (Yes, Hollywood has categories to fit all occasions.)

This is significant because last year, only five of the 50 top-grossing movies starred or were

focused on women.

And it explains why last week, skeptics from Hollywood, CA, to Hollywood, FL, were betting that *Sex* would tank. Typical was the hater who complained to the Defamer Web site, "Who wants to see a movie about plow donkeys in lipstick?"

Roughly eight million moviegoers did (the average price of a movie ticket in the United States is \$7), and they weren't exclusively female. According to exit polls, the Friday audiences were 85 percent femme and on Saturday, it was only 75 percent. While the Sunday figures have yet to be demographically crunched, Fellman and Goldstein expect the male/female ratio to become less skewed in the coming weeks.

Fellman says it's too early to say what lessons can be learned from this, but he's encouraged that *Sex* suggests that women can create a frenzy for a movie just as "we are accustomed to seeing in boys and men."

As studio execs digest the news and mull over "what does it all mean?" the Hollywood grapevine is humming. It's ironic that

this breakout success is coming to Warners, which specializes in muscular hits such as *Batman*, *300* and *Matrix*.

"I hope that the overwhelming and unexpected success of *Sex and the City* will give Hollywood the permission to look at the women's audience differently," Melissa Silverstein, who writes the "Women & Hollywood" blog for the *Huffington Post* Web site, said in an e-mail.

Like some other female analysts, Silverstein (whose blog is at womenandhollywood.blogspot.com) sees an apparent double standard. While observers worried last week whether men would go to a movie starring four women in their 40's and beyond, "Do you remember anyone wringing their hands about *Wild Hogs*, about four aging guys?"

"It would be sad if the Hollywood banking machine sees 'Sex and the City' as an anomaly," says Terry Lawler, executive director of New York Women in Film and Television. "That's happened before, with *My Big Fat Greek*

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Sarah Jessica Parker stars as Carrie in the recent release of *Sex*.



(From Left to Right): Kristin Davis, Kim Cattrall and Cynthia Nixon.



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Wedding, Daughters of the Dust, Something's Gotta Give and The Devil Wears Prada.

These movies, Lawler says, "tend to be seen as exceptions rather than the rule, and no studios learn the lesson that there's an underserved audience out there."

And for one Hollywood analyst who called *Sex's* opening weekend "historic," predicting that it would be "the most popular female-driven film ever," a little history is in order. Back in the days before Hollywood divided audiences into

male/female/under 30/ over 30, all movies were marketed to a general audience. Adjusted for inflation, two of the top three films of all-time are female-driven: *Gone With the Wind* (No. 1) and *The Sound of Music* (No. 3).

The Devil Wears Prada, the 2006 hit that scored a surprising \$124 million at the domestic box office, made \$201 million overseas—which suggests that foreign moviegoers aren't as divided by gender as marketers seem to think the American audience is.

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will be used in Eastern NC.

"You can physically see where the money is going--every dime goes straight to the hospital or any organization along those lines," Rogers said.

The chapter has been volunteering their services for four years now.

Rogers said that the chapter "believes in the mission of the organization that they serve," and admires the fact that the organization serves "local families."

So far, the Children's Miracle Network has raised almost

\$1.5 million.

Although the telethon has ended, Rogers said that people interested in the Children's Miracle Network can still participate.

"It's not too late to donate; I encourage people to find out more about the children's hospitals," she said.

For more information about the Children's Miracle Network, visit childrensmiracletnetwork.org.

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books to Guyana in February of this year, and plans to take about 10,000 more to the country in late June or early July.

"We will take these books to the university's library and sometime later we will have a ceremony," Deena said.

About 15 volunteers of the project have been working for the past two weeks—packing and cataloguing the books—so that they will be ready for send off later on this month.

"ECU has an international and global mission to do good while at the same time helping in the community [of] Eastern North Carolina, the state and the world," said Deena. "I have traveled to all 50 countries [in South America] so this is dear to my heart."

Besides his work in Guyana, Deena has sponsored a book-giving campaign in Belize as well. In 2007, the 14-year Greenville resident took a group of stu-

dents to open a free clinic in the country, but ended up giving 5,000 books to students at the University of Belize instead.


"We discovered that they were really bad off and didn't have any textbooks," Deena said.

The relationship that ECU has with Belize because of the international student exchange program has opened up the area for the book-giving project, said Deena.

"Even though this is my home, I'm glad to do my part to help humanity," Deena said. "I think books in these places is like bread to a hungry person, like light in the darkness."


Volunteers are needed this week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Bate 2019 for data entry, book labeling and packaging for the project.

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Diamond Bucs eliminated from Conway slugfest

Pirates blown away by Coastal Carolina

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU baseball team was knocked out of the NCAA tournament over the weekend in what proved to be an odd Conway, SC regional.

The Pirates battled their way out of the loser's bracket, just two wins shy of advancing to the Super Regional. ECU's pitching was simply no match for the punch that Coastal Carolina packed.

The Chanticleers buried the Pirates early and held on for a 24-11 win and will face North Carolina this weekend in Cary for a Super Regional match-up.

ECU appeared to be outmatched by the bats of Alabama in their opening game after being trounced 16-3. However, the Pirates responded with a 9-0 victory over Columbia to stay alive. Senior T.J. Hose

tossed a complete game shutout against the Lions.

ECU enjoyed a reversal of fortune in its rematch with Alabama. The score line looked remarkably similar, only this time the Pirates prevailed with a 16-1 win. Junior Justin Bristow turned in a masterful seven-inning performance to tame the Crimson Tide bats.

Bristow, Ray and Brandon Henderson were each named to the All-Tournament Team after solid performances.

ECU completed the regional with a 2-2 record and finished the season with a mark of 42-21. The regional marked the last go around for six Pirate seniors: Brett Butts, Harrison Eldridge, T.J. Hose, Corey Kemp, Jamie Ray and Josh Ruhlman.

Freshman pitcher Seth Maness was recently named to the Third Team All America, becoming the 18th Pirate to achieve All-American status.

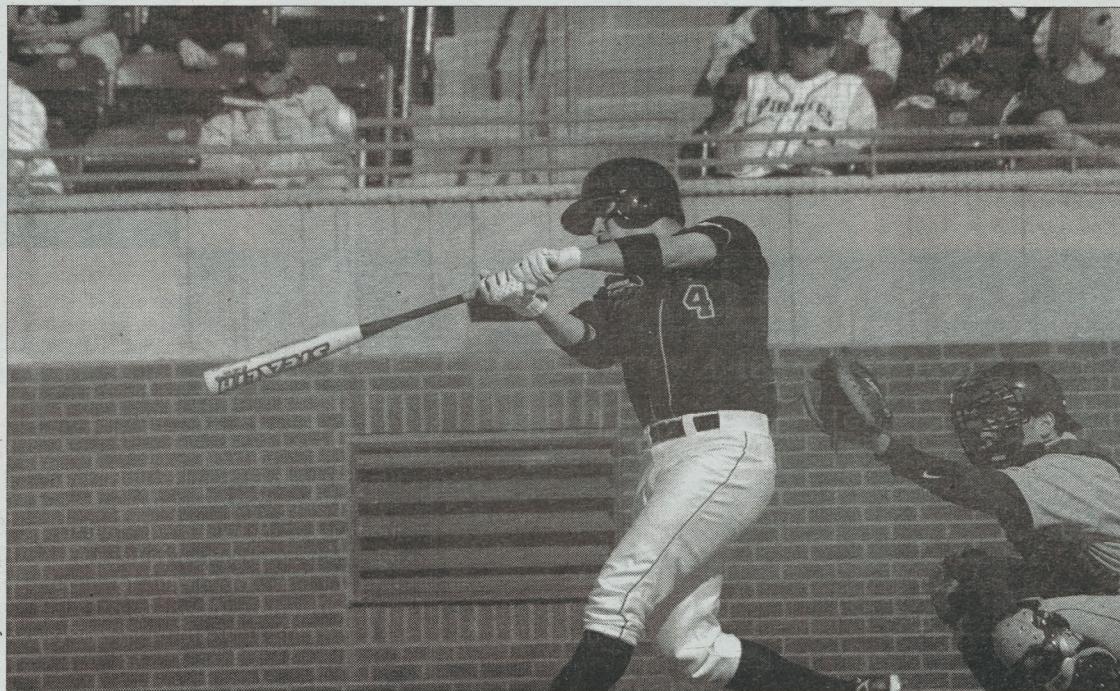


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Senior Jamie Ray was one of three Pirates to make the All-Region team.

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Lakers and Celtics begin new chapter of classic rivalry

Two teams have not faced in NBA Finals since 1987

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The NBA got its wish.

After coming off the lowest rated NBA Finals ever and then being hit with the shocking news of the Tim Donaghy scandal, the association hopes to come full circle and cap off a resurgence of popularity with the help of two longtime rivals.

The Los Angeles Lakers are set to face the Boston Celtics in the 2008 NBA Finals starting Thursday night in a historic renewal of a rivalry with the NBA title hanging in the balance.

To sum up the history behind this match-up, the Celtics have won 16 titles while the Lakers have won 14. That means that out of 61 titles won, these two franchises have combined to win an astonishing 30.

Thursday will also mark the 11th time these two franchises have squared off for the right to be called



Paul Pierce and the Celtics are looking to bring a title to Beantown team.

the NBA Champion. The Celtics won the first eight while the Lakers have captured the last two.

Last season, the Celtics finished a horrible 24-58, which featured a franchise record 18-game losing streak. Boston was hoping to secure a top two draft pick and pick up either Greg Oden or Kevin Durant but surprisingly, the Celtics ended up with the fifth slot in the draft lottery.

Then, the unthinkable happened. Early into the first round, a trade between Boston and Seattle was announced that would give the

Celtics an All-Star shooting guard in Ray Allen and the draft rights to the 35th pick, which would become Glenn "Big Baby" Davis. All Boston had to give up was Wally Szczerbiak, Delonte West and the fifth overall pick, Jeff Green.

Surely the Celtics would have been a decent team under the guidance of Paul Pierce and Ray Allen, but it was only a month later that Boston would add the right puzzle piece to become an NBA championship-caliber squad.

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A look at sports on television

Locating your favorite sport is not always easy

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The sports world is buzzing about CBS's EliteXC "Saturday Night Fights" that occurred over the weekend.

I'm not a big proponent of mixed martial arts (MMA). In fact, outside of a few Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) bouts, I've never even seen the stuff—nor have I cared to.

However, CBS's attempt to bring MMA even further into the mainstream caught my eye. It also caught the eye of number of MMA insiders who found the show repulsive.

Critics accuse CBS and EliteXC of glorifying violence. On Monday, critics of MMA questioned the place of the sport on network TV. Apparently, the bloodied head of James "Colossus" Thompson at the hands of Kimbo Slice was a little too much for some to digest.

MMA purists are ripping the exhibition, referring to it as "minor-league" MMA as compared to the UFC or the International Fight League (IFL).

Maybe it is "minor league," but at least CBS is bringing the sport to the masses instead of forcing fans to buy it on pay-per-view or find it on some obscure cable channel. Granted, this will not be a weekly event or even a monthly event any time soon, but it is a step in the right direction.

The success of an entity like UFC ultimately depends on the success of its pay-per-views. Select fights are available on Spike TV, however; like boxing, the biggest battles are left for the pay-per-view world.

Boxing was once one of this country's most beloved sports. Today, welterweight Floyd Mayweather Jr. is more recognizable from his stint on ABC's Dancing with the Stars than his accomplishments in the ring.

A heavyweight champion of the world was once one of the most important figures in the world of sports. You would be hard-pressed to find many people that can tell you Nigerian Samuel Peter is the current WBC Heavyweight Champion or that Wladimir Klitschko holds the IBF and WBO titles.

Sports like MMA should learn a lesson from boxing. They will

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Alabama 16 ECU 3

- ECU jumped out to an early 1-0 lead behind a solo round-tripper from Ray.
- The Pirates' lead would only last only an inning as Alabama responded with a three run shot from Jake Smith in the second to push the Tide ahead 3-1.
- Alabama busted the game open in the third with five runs, including another three run homer by infielder Matt Bentley.
- Freshman Seth Maness had no answer for the Tide, lasting 2.2 innings and allowing 8 runs.
- ECU cut the lead to 11-3 in the sixth but could get no closer.
- Freshman pitcher Matt Laney worked 4.2 innings for the Pirates and allowed only one run on four hits.

ECU 9 Columbia 0

- After suffering a blowout loss the previous day to Coastal, Columbia showed it just could not hang with the heavy hitters from the south.
- Hose made quick work of the Lions, allowing just four hits and striking out seven.
- Five ECU batters notched multiple hits with Ray leading the way with a two-for-four performance including a home run and three RBI.
- Kemp blasted his 17th home run of the season, with three RBI of his own.
- Eldridge became ECU's all-time leader in games played (239) and led off with two hits for the Pirates.

ECU 16 Alabama 1

- With their backs against the wall, the Pirates responded once again with an elimination game win.
- After a surprising 16-3 loss two days prior, a 16-1 win was far from likely.
- ECU owned a 2-0 lead heading into the third inning, when their bats came alive. Ray and Kyle Roller's home runs highlighted a seven-run inning to give the Pirates a 9-0 lead.
- Bristow's previous SEC experience may have been the key for ECU in this matchup. The Auburn-transfer scattered four hits in seven innings and allowed just one in his winning effort.
- Ray finished four-for-six at the plate with six RBI while third basemen Drew Schieber pitched in with three hits from the bottom of the order.

Coastal Carolina 24 ECU 11

- ECU faced a daunting task of knocking off the region's No. 1 seed in back-to-back games.
- Unfortunately for the Pirates, they couldn't get through one game.
- ECU began the game with a hot hand yet again, but the Chants' bats were too much for the Pirate pitching staff to handle. The Pirates took an early 4-2 lead in the first inning with back-to-back homers from Kemp and Henderson, an indication of just what type of day the two squads were in for.
- Coastal plated an astounding 13 runners in the second inning to create a hole too deep for ECU to climb out of.
- The Pirates would later chop the lead in half at 16-8, but the Chants' continued to pile runs on behind David Anderson and Tommy Baldrige, who combined for six hits and six RBI.
- Eight Coastal hitters finished with multiple hits in the game.

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Kevin McHale (Minnesota) and Danny Ainge (Boston) worked out a deal to send All-Star Kevin Garnett to Boston in exchange for five players and two draft picks. The most notable player of the deal was Al Jefferson. The move was likely done so that a player of Garnett's caliber was given the chance to compete for a title, but keep in mind that McHale and Ainge were once Celtic teammates.

While all this was going down on the east coast, Lakers star shooting guard Kobe Bryant was publicly demanding a trade on every media medium from the radio to YouTube.

The season began with critics or even fans of the Lakers not knowing how the team would mesh or how well they would do: While the team played above average, it was not until the acquisition of All-Star forward Pau Gasol that the Lakers became the favorite in the Western Conference.

What is exactly on the line?

For Boston, the big three could be forever remembered as NBA champions. Pierce, Allen and Garnett have all had stellar careers but have never played for the title. While each are in their early 30's and have certainly a few more sea-

sons left to play together, there is no time like the present to capture immortality and basketball glory. As for Pierce personally, he has the chance to step up and become one of the greatest Celtics of all-time. A title would validate that claim.

As for Los Angeles, it is all about Kobe Bryant. After winning his first MVP award, the 10-time All-Star is poised to win his first title without the assistance of Shaquille O'Neal. When O'Neal accomplished the vice-versa two years ago, it has surely eaten at Bryant ever since. In addition, Phil Jackson has the chance to become the all-time NBA head coach in terms of championship wins, passing Boston's own Red Auerbach. Each currently claims 10 titles.

So when the jump ball takes place in game one Thursday, all the past battles of the Celtics and Lakers will be remembered, but the past doesn't matter; it's the future that counts.

With former greats from both sides looking, rivalry will be renewed and this may set the tone for a new beginning in this rivalry. Each side is poised to conquer their respective conferences for years to come.

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never fully grasp the mainstream success its backers search for as long as it isn't made more easily available to watch.

I'm not going to pay to watch an aging, overhyped street fighter pummel a Brit's deformed cauliflower ear until it pops—but I will gladly watch it for free.

If the UFC is so much better, let's see some significant fights on a regular basis—for free.

Imagine ESPN and TNT carrying the entire NBA season but making the playoffs available only on pay-per-view.

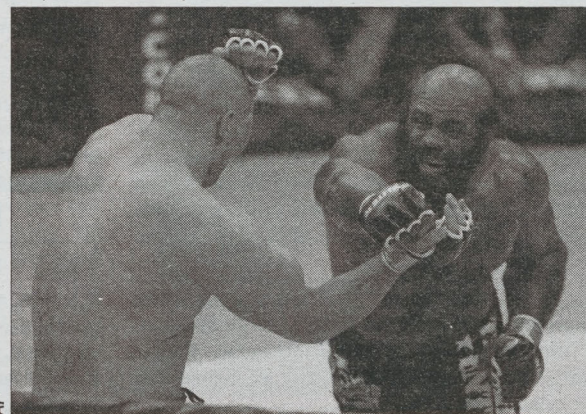
It seems like the NHL has the opposite effect.

NHL games are available regionally before going invisible on the Versus Network for the playoffs, only to mysteriously reappear on NBC when it looks like a Stanley Cup Champion is close to being crowned.

The NHL had better be aiming for a new ESPN contract when its time at Versus runs out, or its ratings will continue to rest behind novelty acts such as EliteXC.

Hockey has about as much

going for it as it ever has with new stars like Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin, but fans across



James Thompson and Kimbo Slice battled on Saturday.

the country can't even find them playing most of the time.

As an obsessed soccer fanatic, I'm used to being disappointed by programming. I've accepted I will only get one MLS game a week and sparse Champions League coverage during the winter.

For years, ESPN or ESPN2 has made it a habit to broadcast nearly every friendly the U.S. Men's National Team plays. Recently, I have been disgusted to find that the

England and Argentina matches would be played on ESPN Classic, a channel that refuses to appear on my basic cable powered television screen.

After watching countless Honduras and El Salvador matches, the U.S. MNT finally squares off against the big boys and I'm left in the dark.

I suggest a real life ESPN "Ocho," as seen in the movie Dodgeball. Clean up the airwaves by grouping all of the random "sports" into one random channel, thus creating room for sports like MMA. The people that want to watch

in depth coverage of poker, billiards, and the spelling bee should get their own channel and pay for it accordingly.

I understand it's all about money and contracts, but it shouldn't be.

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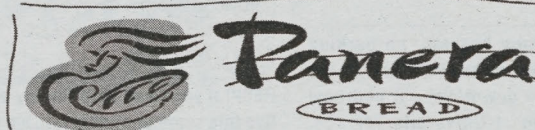
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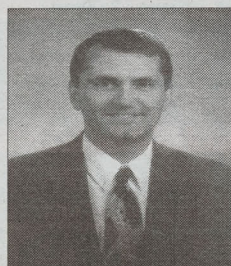
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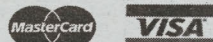
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