



2006 Year in Review



From January to April, we examine the most influential events

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The year has flown by for some, while for others it has passed incredibly slowly.

Everyone has shared tears, laughs and joys in the last four months, including (from top left, clockwise) the Polar Bear Plunge,

the death of Gay Wilentz, the fire in Clement Hall, the controversy surrounding the proposed changes to Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, the university's celebration of its 99th birthday and the death of Coretta Scott King.

Although these are most definitely not the only issues ECU has faced this year, they remind everyone that life is fragile, finite and beautiful. For those students graduating, this could be a final glance into the past and a chance to fondly remember your roots.

The Polar Bear Plunge took place in January, the start of a brand new year, and an incredibly large crowd of over 400 people found their way into the icy waters of the Student Recreation Center. This was the 10th straight year that students "got a rush" in the frozen water.

In February, the university mourned the passing of a beloved English professor, Dr. Gay Wilentz.

After passing away on February 6, the memorial service held in her honor allowed the campus community to celebrate her life. The

memorial highlighted the many accomplishments and contributions Wilentz made at the university and in her life.

The world also lost "The First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement" in February, Coretta Scott King.

A memorial service was held in her honor that included a slide show of pictures and voice clips of some of her famous speeches.

In March, the community watched in horror as a fire erupted in Clement Hall, with one resident trapped on the ninth floor.



Luckily, the story had a happy ending as she was rescued and no one sustained serious injuries.

This event, while catastrophic for the school and residents of Clement, attracted national media attention.

The very same day as the fire, ECU's 99th birthday party was in full swing on the mall, with students wearing their Pirate pride on their shirts and painted faces.

Finally, this month, there is the matter of the ongoing

debate of whether or not to change Fifth Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Street all the way through as half of it already is.

There have been several public discussions on the topic and will probably be many more before a decision is reached.

That's the year in review. Hopefully, the community will not soon forget the events that shaped our semester and our world.

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Joyner sponsors delicious stress buster



Some need a study break.

Students take advantage of free ice cream

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Students flooded Sonic Plaza on Monday to treat themselves to free ice cream.

Joyner Library sponsored an outreach program designed to give harried students a break

from the stress of the last week before exams.

Student Outreach Librarian Mark Sanders came up with the delicious idea. He said it has been extremely popular.

"We served more than 200 students in an hour and 15 minutes," said Sanders.

This semester's ice cream giveaway proved even more popular than the one the library hosted during the fall semester. Because of this, Sanders said they plan on doing it every semester and possibly during the summer as well.

But the most important aspects of this outreach program, according to Sanders, were to give students a break and to show them a different side of Joyner Library.

"The library is not just the academic heart of campus," Sanders said, "but the cultural heart as well."

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George Okudi to perform in Greenville

African pop star set to perform for a good cause

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An African pop star is coming to Greenville to perform a fundraising concert. The benefits go toward building a hospital in rural Uganda.

The concert will be held at Victory Church on April 29 at 7 p.m. featuring pop icon George Okudi. Glinger Dail, who is the founder of Aid International, is organizing the fund raiser, as well as Dr. Sylvester Odeke.

Okudi is the winner of "Best Male Artist in Africa" and "Best East African" artist in 2003 at the KORA Awards.

The KORA Awards celebrate

the success of African artists. Okudi has also won many awards in other categories. Last year, he was an African Lifetime Achievement award nominee.

The hospital George Okudi is benefiting will have 65 beds and will provide for more than 500,000 residents in Uganda.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available at Topsy Teapot, located at 409-B Evans St., and The Rock Christian bookstore on Old Tar Road.

Okudi is in the United States under governmental permission and will go back to Uganda in a few weeks. He has developed a fan base worldwide.

Dail will travel to a couple

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Why gas prices continue to rise

Gasoline is poised to rise over the summer

LEE SCHWARZ
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Over the last two years gasoline prices have risen considerably. The price of light sweet crude oil has increased from \$35 a barrel to \$71.35 a barrel. The price of oil accounts for 43 percent of the cost of gasoline along with taxes, refining and marketing costs.

Unfortunately there is no end in sight to the high oil prices with some analysts predicting that oil could be as high as \$80 a barrel by June. Bill O'Grady of A.G. Edwards & Sons said, "In effect, the market

is saying this is going to be with us for a while."

Oil is produced mainly from countries in the Organization of Petroleum Producing Countries. OPEC was formed in 1960 in Baghdad, Iraq in order to coordinate pricing and production policies for oil. Member countries include Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela. OPEC meets every year since 1982 to decide on production quotas and pricing. Generally OPEC tries to produce oil at a point that will maximize profit, meaning a point to keep the world satisfied without excess supply to lower the price. Despite ever increasing prices, OPEC

has not raised its production quota since June 15, 2005.

In addition to OPEC deciding not to increase production quota, trouble in the Middle East has made investors and suppliers wary of supply problems. The recent suicide bombing in Israel and the U.S. condemnation of the Hamas along with Iran's nuclear boasts are not going to go away. The unrest in the region will continue to keep prices high. Tobin Gorey, of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney said "The market has had a decent run-up in the past few sessions so we may see a bit of consolidation, but I don't expect it to be a sustained dip in prices. The worries of Iran won't go away any time soon, and in that

sort of environment very few people are willing to be short on oil."

The psychology of any market is one of fear and greed. When prices go up then traders are getting greedy, when prices go down traders are getting fearful. With the hike in prices most traders are exhibiting a bit of greed as they believe that the continuing crisis with Iran and the output disruptions of Nigeria will continue to convince people to pay higher prices for oil. The beneficiaries of these high prices in the Middle East are the elite and often times royalty.

Warren Buffett once said "When people get greedy you should be

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Senior interior design students make an impact on the Rocky Mount community

Students propose changes for area of the city

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Senior interior design students have been working on plans for renovations to the downtown Rocky Mount area known as Harambee Square this semester as part of the Capstone Studio.

The Capstone Studio is one of numerous studios in the interior design major that prepares senior students to use the concepts they learned in the classroom and apply them to real projects.

"We like for students' work to be used so they can work with real clients and see the possible changes that may have to be made," said Hunt McKinnon, studio professor for the Capstone Studio.

The students brainstormed ideas for ways to improve this part of the Rocky Mount community. The major area of focus in the city is Main Street, which is divided by a train track that runs from Florida to New York.

"This area of downtown used to flourish until disinvestment from the 1960s until the end of the 1990s," Hunt said.



Students propose an idea to renovate parts of the downtown Rocky Mount, N.C. area.

The students were split into three groups of four to work on different aspects of the renovations.

The different groups came up with different sections, which

include Harambee Place, Old Tunes, New Voices and RDI.

The Harambee Place group consists of Sarah Hunt, Kathy Horohoe, Jenny Speece and Andrea Henderson.

These four students came up with the idea of creating three buildings that would include a market, convenience shop, deli,

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The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a salsa dance on Friday, April 21 at the Willis Building, First and Reade Streets downtown. Instruction by Procopio and friends, 7:30, dance from 8:30 - 11 p.m.; DJ - Ramon. Students \$3, FASG members \$5, public \$8. A non-alcoholic/non-smoking event. The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance on Friday, April 28, at the Willis Building, First and Reade Streets downtown. Beginners lesson at 7:30 p.m., and contra dance, 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old-time and Celtic music by a string band. Students \$3, FASG members \$5, public \$8. For more information contact: 752-7350

Last chance for Buccaneer Photos

2006 graduates Wednesday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room One. Cap and gown may be taken separately and packages are available for purchase. Contact 328-9236 to reserve a time. Walk ins are also welcome.

'Guys and Dolls'

Tuesday, June 27 through Saturday, July 1 at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday in McGinnis Theater. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, this oddball romantic comedy introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon: Sarah Brown, the upright "mission doll," out to reform evildoers; Sky Masterson, the high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, the chronically ill nightclub performer whose been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate to find a spot for his infamous floating crap game. Everything works out in the end, thanks to the machinations of Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling's hilarious, fast-paced book and Frank Loesser's bright, brassy, immortal score, which takes us from the heart of Times Square to the swelter of Havana, Cuba, and into the sewers of New York City. Funny and romantic, *Guys and Dolls* is ideal for all audiences. Tickets are required and are \$20-\$30. Contact 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for additional information.

'The Fantasticks'

Tuesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 15 at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday in McGinnis Theater. Try to remember a time when this romantic chamber wasn't enchanting audiences. *The Fantasticks* is the longest-running musical in the world, and with good reason: at the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. It's moving tale of young lovers who become disillusioned, only to discover a more mature, meaningful love is punctuated by a bountiful series of catchy, memorable songs, many of which have become standards. Tickets are required and are \$20-\$30. Contact 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for additional information.

Summer Drama Camp

Monday, July 24 - Saturday, July 29 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Studio Theatre, Messick Theatre Arts Center. This is a fun-filled program emphasizing growth and discovery through theatre arts. Classes include: Beginning Acting Technique for student aged 14-18; Character Development for students aged 11-13; Creative Dramatics for students aged 7-10. \$100 per child. Contact Patch Clark at 328-1196 or e-mail her at clarkp@mail.ecu.edu.

Wake County Public Schools Job Fair

Wake County Public School System Spring Teacher Job Fair Saturday May 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Forestville Elementary School and Knightdale High School. School administrators will be on-site to conduct interviews and to offer contracts to select applicants. All candidates must pre-register and receive confirmation to attend the job fair. Pre-register online from May 1-17, at wcpss.net/signup/job-fair. For more information contact: hiresrecruitment@wcpss.net (800) 346-3813 or (919) 854-1690

News Briefs

State:

Credit Suisse to add another 400 jobs in N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Credit Suisse Group plans to hire another 400 workers at its new global business operations center in Research Triangle Park, ultimately bringing the total work force there up to 800 in the next two years, the company said Tuesday. The Swiss-based financial services company employs 350 in the Research Triangle and has already announced plans to hire an additional 50 people. The new jobs will have an estimated annual average salary of \$86,000 plus benefits. Credit Suisse announced in October 2004 it would invest \$100 million in a center that would house support and information technology staff for its investment banking division. A similar global operations center is based in Singapore.

Peterson lawyers: Friend's death, bisexuality unfair as evidence

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—The prosecution of writer Michael Peterson was filled with inflammatory, irrelevant evidence and judicial mistakes that prevented him from getting a fair trial on charges of murdering his wife, his lawyer told a state Court of Appeals panel Tuesday. The novelist, newspaper columnist and one-time mayoral candidate was convicted 2 1/2 years ago of first-degree murder in the death of Nortel Networks executive Kathleen Peterson. Defense lawyer Thomas Maher argued Tuesday before a three-judge appeals panel that Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson repeatedly erred in

Peterson's trial by allowing evidence that had no clear connection to the case, and asked the panel to overturn his client's conviction.

"We think the issues in this case, none of them would be harmless by themselves," Maher said. "But clearly, to the extent that there are multiple errors, it is much tougher for a court to say 'Well, that didn't cause a problem.'"

In particular, Maher cited testimony regarding Michael Peterson's bisexuality and evidence comparing Kathleen Peterson's death to that in 1985 of Elizabeth Ratliff, a friend of Peterson and his first wife, who like Kathleen Peterson was found dead at the foot of a staircase.

National:

U.S. businessman pleads guilty to paying more than \$2 million in bribes for Iraq contracts

WASHINGTON (AP)—With millions of dollars in Iraqi reconstruction contracts to be had, Philip H. Bloom offered up money, cars, premium airline seats, jewelry, alcohol, even sexual favors from women at his villa in Baghdad. For a while, the kickback scheme worked. Bloom, a U.S. businessman who saw opportunity in Iraq, paid more than \$2 million in bribes to U.S. officials who directed more than \$86 million in contracts to companies he controlled.

After the inspector general for reconstruction projects began auditing contracts, the system crumbled. Bloom is facing up to 40 years in prison and nearly \$8 million in penalties after pleading guilty to conspiracy, bribery and money laundering, according

to court documents made public Tuesday.

He is one of four people charged so far in a scheme that included the theft of \$2 million in reconstruction money and the illegal purchase of machine guns and other weapons.

Defense secretary has no plans to quit, sees no widespread dissent among officers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday he is not thinking of quitting despite several retired generals' calls for him to do so. He discounted any suggestion of widespread dissent within the military's officer corps.

At a Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld sought to portray the recent public airing of grievances against him by some former Iraq war commanders and other retired generals as an inevitable consequence of his hard push for fundamental changes in the military establishment to fight the war on terrorism.

"When you make a decision, you make a choice, somebody is not going to like it," he said. "It's perfectly possible to come into this department and preside and not make choices, in which case people are not unhappy, until about five years later when they find you haven't done anything and the country isn't prepared."

International:

Mexico wants migrant rights in U.S., but is harsh to undocumented Central Americans

TULITLAN, Mexico (AP)—Considered felons by the government, these migrants fear detention, rape and

robbery. Police and soldiers hunt them down at railroads, bus stations and fleabag hotels. Sometimes they are deported; more often officers simply take their money.

And though Mexico demands humane treatment for its citizens who migrate to the U.S., regardless of their legal status, Mexico provides few protections for migrants on its own soil. The issue simply isn't on the country's political agenda, perhaps because migrants make up only 0.5 percent of the population, compared with 12 percent in the United States.

The level of brutality Central American migrants face in Mexico was apparent Monday, when police conducting a raid for undocumented migrants near a rail yard outside Mexico City shot to death a local man, apparently because his dark skin and work clothes made officers think he was a migrant.

Virginia Sanchez, who lives near the railroad tracks that carry Central Americans north to the U.S. border, said such shootings in Tullitlan are common. Like the United States, Mexico is becoming reliant on immigrant labor. Last year, then-director of Mexico's immigration agency, Magdalena Carrai, said an increasing number of Central Americans were slaying in Mexico, rather than just passing through on their way to the U.S.

Coalition soldiers kill 5 militants in Afghanistan; Karzai wants more action by Pakistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—U.S. and Afghan soldiers killed five militants during a large-scale operation targeting Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in a volatile eastern region near Pakistan, the U.S. military said Tuesday. The renewed violence in Kunar province came as Afghanistan urged neighboring Pakistan to do more to curb militancy on their shared frontier, drawing an angry rebuke from Islamabad, which has deployed 80,000 soldiers to the region.

Two U.S. soldiers, meanwhile, were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in the southern Zabul province's Argandab district, military spokesman Lt. Mike Cody said.

The soldiers were in stable condition. It was unclear who was behind the blast, but Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for rising violence throughout the region.

On Monday, coalition forces shot dead five militants near Kunar's provincial capital of Asadabad, about 105 miles northeast of Kabul, after a patrol spotted a group of seven, a U.S. military statement said. It was unclear what happened to the remaining two militants.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, 17 people die while waiting for a transplant. Over 93,000 people are currently in need of an organ transplant. April is the month of Organ Donation Awareness and the Students for Organ Donation Awareness will provide all daily facts. Look for a fact about organ donation in each April edition of TEC.

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coffee shop, lounge and apartments.

Edgecombe Community College is behind the buildings and the students came up with ideas, such as a lounge and deli, to provide a common area for students and other members of the community to join.

"Our proposal for these buildings takes inspiration from the word 'Harambee,' which means unity in Swahili," said Henderson.

"Our design seeks to bring unity back to the community of Rocky Mount by creating spaces that can be used by current residents and new visitors, as well as students attending Edgecombe Community College."

Megan Pressley, Anne Glendinning, Sarah Wilson and Rebekah Bishop are the students involved the second group called Old Tunes, New Voices.

According to a member of the group, the goal of this section of the renovations is to include the needs of college students, senior citizens and to complement the Imperial Centre.

Apartment units, a juice bar/ internet café and a music center are all ideas that these students came up with to cater to the community.

The instruments in the music center will be available for rent or sold at affordable prices. The group said that they were striving to bring music back into the Rocky Mount area.

According to McKinnon, a lot of Rocky Mount's history is about music such as Thelma Monk.

The last section of the renovations is titled RDI. The students in this group focused on the Nash County Side.

The students proposed a coffee shop, toy store, sporting goods store and day spa for this area.

The students presented their work at the Imperial Centre for Arts and Sciences on April 17 at 6 p.m. to Rocky Mount community leaders.

The presentations consist of color-coded designs that specifically outlined all the aspects of the renovations from the furniture to type of windows and

ceilings.

The students also worked on things such as the cost estimates, programming, code review and computer generated graphics designs for the presentation.

Ian Kipp, downtown Rocky Mount development coordinator, came up with the idea of the renovations to this area and contacted McKinnon about allowing his students take part in the project.

Students in the Capstone Studio did similar work to an area in Rocky Mount last year that they called the Douglas Block.

Senior level students who are a part of the studio contribute to finding ways to make the less advanced parts of communities revitalize their image.

For more information on the Capstone Studio, visit their Web site at ecu.edu/rds/capstone/capstone.htm, or contact Hunt McKinnon at mckinnonw@mail.ecu.edu.

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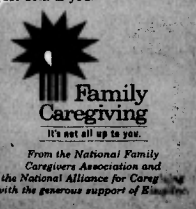
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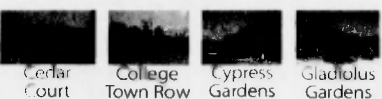


One out of five adults finds themselves as the designated "caregiver" for a loved one who can't manage alone. This role can often snowball, placing more and more demands on the family caregiver. In trying to do it all, you may reach a point of diminishing returns where the level of care - despite your best efforts - may be less than it could or should be. That's where we can help. Visit www.familycaregiving101.org and discover a world of support, answers and advice - for both of you.



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Our View

Pujols may end up as one of best ever

Is there really any doubt that Albert Pujols is the best player in Major League Baseball? Not only now, but Fat Albert may go down as one of the downright sickest players of all time.

He's the only major leaguer to ever average 35 home runs or more in each of his first five seasons. Think about that.

How many great hitters can you name that you would think had accomplished that feat? Ted Williams, Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Lou Gehrig... the list goes on and on. And yet Pujols is the only guy to do it.

With just 14 games played this season, Pujols has 10 home runs and 20 RBI, including a stretch of six home runs in four games, in which he went deep three times in a single game (including the walk off blast to win it).

Chris Shelton, second year Detroit Tiger phenom, has caught all the media attention with his torrid home run pace, slamming nine in his first 13 games, the second quickest in MLB history. Yet Pujols, who doesn't share the same mark as Shelton does as the second quickest to reach nine in 13 games, has 10 bombs in 14 games (through 13 he had eight and then hit two in one game against the woeful Phillies).

Pujols is one of those guys who comes along and, as they say, "makes you forget about everyone else." Anybody can see this guy is really something special. At just 26 years old, he has collected 211 home runs. Let's say for argument's sake he plays for another 12 years, averaging around 35 homers per year. That gives him 420 more deep balls, totaling 631 home runs. With the pace he's on this year, he will hit over 50 homers, the first time so far in his young career if he does accomplish it. Plus, he's the type of special hitter that could have four straight years of over 50-home run production.

If Bonds doesn't break the record, who are the next candidates? Alex Rodriguez and Albert Pujols. And the truth is A-Rod strikes out way too much.

Watch out Hank Aaron, Albert Pujols may be coming your way in about 10 or 11 years.

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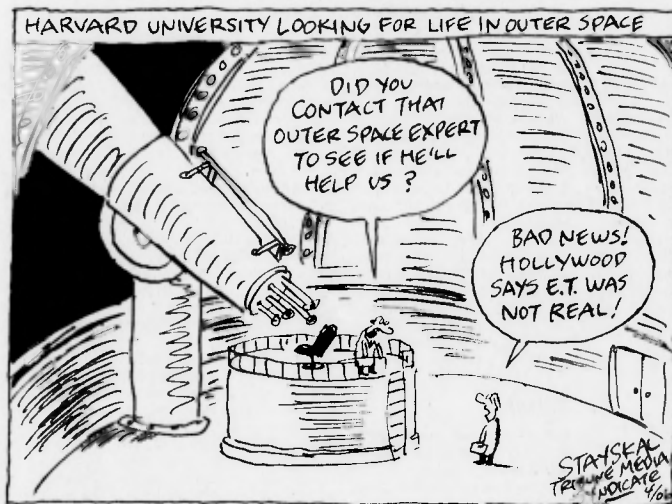
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My Random Column

Letter of goodbye after another year

Dear TEC Readers,
As I sit here in the office with decorations around me, I want to thank all of you for an amazing year here at TEC. We have enjoyed working with the organizations on campus and businesses around Greenville. As we finalize our year, I wanted to write a goodbye to all of you as Editor-in-Chief. Many changes have taken place within our office, the school's campus and even around Greenville. We relocated to our new office downtown, which made for an interesting adventure in trying to cover the events on campus in a timely manner. We had great support from campus organizations, which made for successful coverage of the important events on campus and around Greenville. As ECU ages one year closer to our centennial, we tried to cover campus events to the best of our ability. As with everything in life, as soon as you're comfortable, it is time to change. Much of our adjusting was to the new building and new staff. Now that we've settled in and gotten to know one another, it is easy to see that the changes were positive ones. I was eager to do the best I could, and all in all, with a few bumps in the road, we have had a successful year at TEC. Only one more year until my graduation and with this chapter of my life closing, I want to thank you all for your presence on campus and in our paper.

The Pirate Rants continue to be a wonderful source of entertainment for us at the office and you as readers. I hope you all have enjoyed the plethora of perspectives received each week as much as we have. The Letters to the Editor have contributed to our awareness of the various opinions of our readers as well. Thank you notes and other acknowledgements for our stories and coverage have made the staff feel appreciated, while notice of upcoming events helped us to stay informed throughout the year. For all of these ways in which you, our readership, have been involved, we here at TEC are thankful.

Over the summer we will only have one publication each week, coming out every Wednesday starting May 17 until July 26. We look forward to continuing to hear from you in Pirate Rants and Letters to the Editor this summer. If you are enrolled in summer classes or this fall, we are always looking for new additions to our team. Just come in and apply. We look forward to having you join us.

So with warm wishes for a relaxing summer, I wish all of you luck with your exams starting next week. The breath of relief is just around the corner. Classes and exams are almost over, so just hang in there for a few more days. Enjoy the beautiful weather and the events on campus. Take a break today and join your fellow students at the Barefoot on the Mall celebration. It proves to be a good distraction and a good way to end the semester. Comeby for some free goodies from our table.

As you read this I have completed my tenure as Editor and what I have left to say is, that it hasn't always been a party, but it has been fun.

Thank you again!
Jennifer Hobbs
Editor-in-Chief 2005-2006

In My Opinion

(KRT) — April is Fair Housing Month, the perfect time to examine some of the more sobering realities of housing in America.

As Hurricane Katrina demonstrated, incidents of housing discrimination still abound. The homeownership divide between blacks and whites is strikingly wide. And housing has become less and less affordable in most major metropolitan areas.

The reported incidents of housing discrimination increased significantly — 8.6 percent — from 2003 to 2004, according to the National Fair Housing Alliance. The number of cases reported to state, federal and nonprofit agencies climbed from 25,148 in 2003 to 27,319 in 2004. But last year, the number of incidents dropped slightly, with 26,092 reported complaints in 2005.

In late March, the National Urban League's report, "The State of Black America 2006," found that 50 percent of blacks own their homes compared to 70 percent of whites. A major reason for this disparity is racial segregation, says Lance Freeman, assistant profes-

sor of Urban Planning at Columbia University. Many middle-class and home-owning blacks live in neighborhoods that are overwhelmingly black, where poverty rates are higher and where amenities and services are lower than for middle-class, home-owning whites, Freeman says.

This, he says, reduces the chances of blacks to build equity with their properties, and it impedes wealth creation.

Because many black homebuyers are turned away when trying to borrow from conventional lenders, they are often susceptible to predatory lenders. These high rates make it difficult for many blacks to meet their mortgage payments.

Predatory lending is rampant in minority communities. Blacks and Hispanics are disproportionately represented in the sub-prime home-finance market, which means they are paying several more percentage points in interest than what their white counterparts pay.

As a nation, we lose more than an estimated \$9 billion per year because of predatory

loans, according to the Center for Responsible Lending. State and municipal legislatures all across the country are passing laws and ordinances to try to address this serious housing issue.

Likewise, the issue of affordable housing is in need of immediate attention and reform. As gentrification continues to skyrocket in many major metropolitan areas, the costs of rental properties are increasing and homeownership is becoming more and more out of reach for many Americans.

On average, it costs more than three times the federal minimum wage — or \$15.78 per hour — to pay for a two-bedroom apartment in America, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

And even in families that rent and have two full-time minimum-wage earners, 81 percent of them live in counties where a two-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent is unaffordable, according to the housing coalition.

The dream of homeownership is part of the American dream. Let's not allow it to fall to ruins.

Disease Control and Prevention believe the first mumps case was carried to this country by someone traveling from overseas late last year. Two infected airline travelers are believed to have spread it through the Midwest on a total of nine flights, including two passing through St. Louis. At least one student at Southern Illinois University has been infected.

It's likely that at least some of the 75 people who have contracted mumps in Missouri and Illinois this year would not be infected if they had received the so-called MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. But in recent years, lawmakers in Missouri and several other Western states have expanded options for parents who object to vaccination on religious or philosophical grounds. That policy carries significant public health risks. Many parents probably don't understand the great stakes.

Since the 9/11 attacks, national

spending on public health has soared. But much of that has been for work aimed at combating bioterrorism. The greater threat, unfortunately, seems to be from diseases that are far more mundane and easily overlooked.

The Bush administration's avian flu plan relies too much on stockpiling antiviral drugs that will be of only limited use in the event of an outbreak. Money would be better spent sending public health teams to countries with little or no public health infrastructure. That way the avian flu threat could be contained and fought before it ever reaches us.

At the same time, tight budgets have curtailed state public health spending.

We can't escape the consequences of the worldwide collapse of public health. Towering mountains and wide oceans are no protection from tiny germs.

It's a small world, after all, and that's enough to make us sick.

Pirate Rant

Exams are almost here and now people are realizing they have to study for the first time all semester. Now they are using all of the group study rooms at Joyner. OK, you have a right to them just as much as I do. But what about the 5 million empty faculty study rooms that cannot be used by students? I have never seen a faculty member use one of them, so why not let the students?

To the person that wrote about people being jealous of fraternity guys and sorority girls... Get over yourself! Did you ever think that not everyone wants to be like you?

Ah yes, spring is in the air. The girls on campus are dressing quite nicely... love those skirts ladies, oh yes. Soon, we'll have our finals. I can hardly wait and then summer will be here. Oh yeah. That's right!

The semester is almost over and I can't wait to move out of the dorms.

Please stop copying off of my paper in my science class! Don't you know that the professor makes up two copies of the exam, moron? I hope you fail.

Does anybody else ever walk by someone or a group of people and get stuck in that awkward situation where you've made eye contact and you don't want to be rude so you forced to talk. But at the same time you don't want to because you know it's going to turn into one of those awkward conversations where you have absolutely nothing to talk about and both parties know they're going to walk away feeling like complete losers?

If you are going to do a research paper on Vietnam, please do your research. And don't use racial slurs and generalize about soldier drug use without facts, especially when the professor is a Vietnam vet!

The ECU Ambassadors are the coolest people I know on campus.

Just a little grammar lesson for all of you grammatically challenged people out there: your and you're are two completely different words. If you mean you are then put the apostrophe in there and don't make yourself look ignorant or lazy.

Hate when people use God's name in vain. It stings my ears!

What ever happened to innocent until proven guilty? I hope the trial in Durham tells the real story and all the media and liberals are put to shame for trying to judge these people before any criminal proceedings were undertaken.

I don't want a job in my major either, I think I'm going to move to the beach and use a metal detector to find change to buy lottery tickets until I hit it big. If that doesn't happen, at least I'll be at the beach.

I think my R.A. fell off the side of the earth. No wonder we never get caught doing illegal things. I can't wait until May 1 when I'm out of this luxurious jail cell (a.k.a. dorm).

Will someone please fix the stupid ice cream machines; if you don't I'm going to keep leaving multiple bowls filled with the liquid that is supposed to be ice cream on the table!

You can't tell me who I am, because I'm working on that too. What's right for me just isn't for you.

Is it wrong that I want to push my history professor, who is an old lady, down a flight of stairs?

Today is going to kill me.

Why can't I wear socks with flip-flops?

I am addicted to Myspace, but not Facebook.

Whoa there buddy! NSO does not tie. They do their best to provide the most accurate information. If they do not have the answer, they refer the customer to someone who does. I apologize if you received some, so you say, "incorrect" information.

My roommate makes up stories when she writes pirate rants, but they sound like real stories. I mean, what is the point?

Dear Roommate — I can't wait until you get your own apartment just so I can come over and laugh at how trashy it is because you don't know how to clean. P.S. I'm glad I never have to live with you again.

I want to thank the person in Jarvis who folded my laundry the other day instead of just taking it out of the dryer and throwing it on the floor. It was a busy stressful day, but that made me so happy! Thank you to everyone out there who takes the time to be courteous!

It's not the friend zone, it's not a relationship, it's that damned gray area.

I'm a student who works at The Galley, and I am sick of people handing me broken, taped up or sometimes even just half of their OneCard and expecting it to work. I can't believe people can be too cheap to fork over the 15 dollars it costs to get a new card. Yet they'll let me spend 10 minutes trying to make their melted, hole-punched, warped in-three-pieces, duct-taped OneCard they've had for three years go through our machine.

If you expect the guys on campus to act like men, then learn to act like ladies.

Dear Roommate — Please stop painting your finger nails every 3 days of the week. Every time I walk into our room I feel like I am in a Korean nail salon. Please stop before I suffer from brain damage.

Girls check your boyfriends. You'd be amazed at how many bi/gay closet guys there at ECU. Check the history on their computers!

Why join Facebook if you are going to block your fellow students from viewing your profile? Well I suppose if your friend does it then you must do it as well.

We've known each other for about four years now, we came to school together, and for some reason you've seemed to turn your back on me once we got here. Even though I'm with someone else, I'm not over you. This summer won't be much fun without you.

Countdown to this summer is upon us...

Thanks to the guy who told me to smile when I was walking back from class... it brightened my day!

To the guy who wants to know why girls want to sleep next to the wall. It's because the guy should sleep closest to the door, it's kind of like when you walk down the street, the guy should be next to the road.

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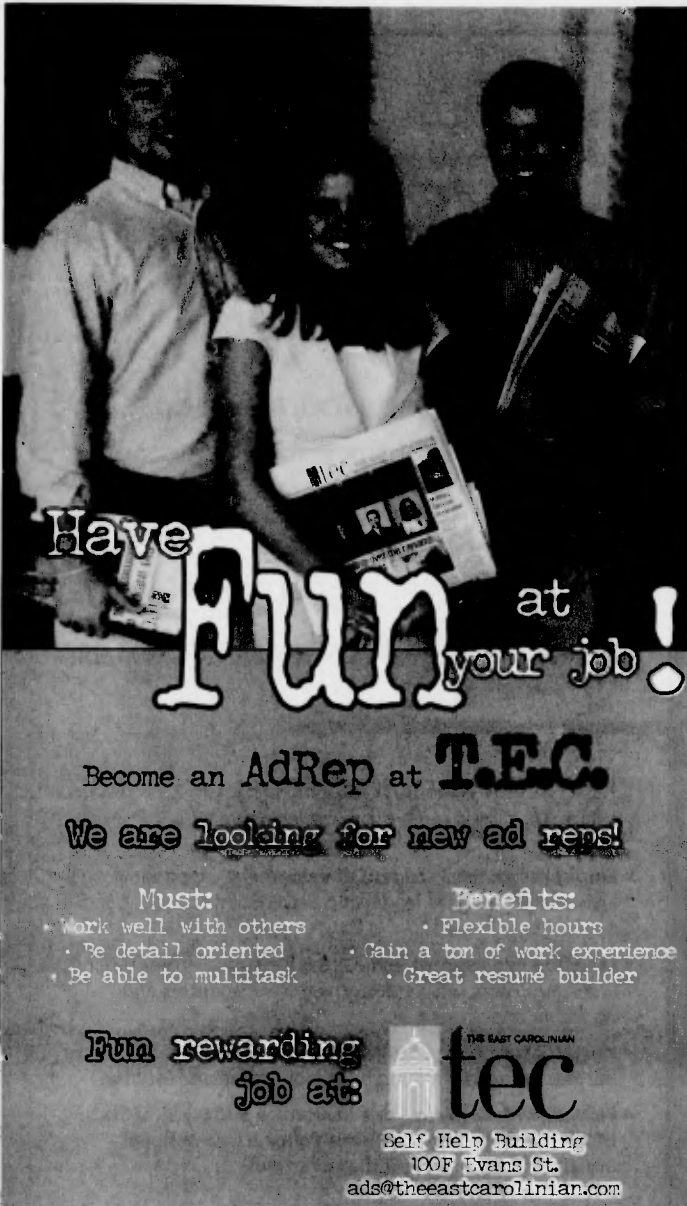
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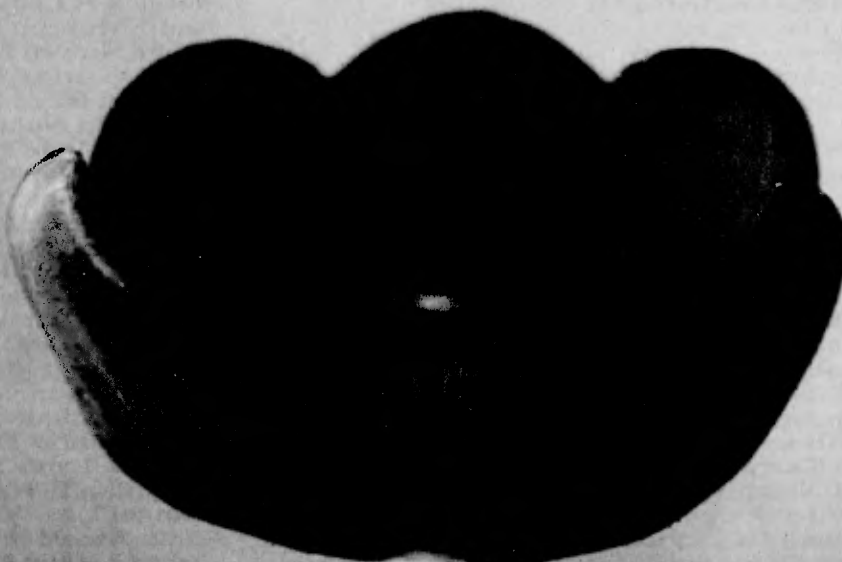
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The Gray Gallery is currently presenting work from eight artists graduating from the MFA program in the School of Art and Design at ECU.

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of places in Uganda in June to check on ongoing projects that are generating income. She is also looking to build a children's center for children who have been orphaned by AIDS. The facility would be a linked

school and orphanage called HOPE Children's Center. The center would initially be home to 20 to 30 children and then expand to hold more than 50.

Dr. Odeke recently returned from Uganda where he was on a

medical mission for a full month. The hospital is a personal project for Dr. Odeke, who is a native of Kadamu, where the hospital will be built.

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A ride the No. 66 bus in Chicago could be a fare to remember

(KRT)—A young property lease coordinator wants to start a conversation with a man seated next to her on a Chicago Transit Authority bus one morning.

"Nice day out," Sara Hall, 25, says, turning to the stranger. "It might be one of the nicest days of the year, don't you think?"

He peeks over his newspaper, flashes a smile and so begins another friendly conversation.

As the No. 66 Chicago bus inches along this morning, it is different things to different people: a noisy reading room, a place to catch a quick nap, a mass transit jolopy that rattles between home and work.

But for at least some students and young professionals, it has become a kind of rolling velvet room, albeit with plastic and crushed polyester decor.

It's a place for people-watching, friendly conversation and maybe, just maybe, a place to find love.

In the 1980s and 1990s, when lakefront high-rises were the pinnacle of fashion, and the buses that rolled up Michigan Avenue toward the drive were packed with young singles, the No. 151 was tagged by some as Chicago's "Love Bus."

Now the population in those lakefront neighborhoods has aged, ridership on the No. 151 has declined, and the new hot

neighborhoods for young professionals lie to the west, in Ukrainian Village, in West Town and in Wicker Park.

Undoubtedly there are many contenders for the title among the city's crisscrossing grid of bus routes.

Indeed, some would argue the El's Brown Line is every bit as romantic, and others even make a claim for Metra's Union Pacific Northwest Line to Crystal Lake.

Yet the No. 66 Chicago Avenue line seems as good a candidate as any for the new Love Bus.

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The University Honors Program, EC Scholars and Undergraduate Research are hosting the fourth annual symposium in Mendenhall.

The all-day event starts at 8 a.m. and is open to the public.

According to a recent press release, Dr. Michael Bassman, associate vice chancellor and director of University Honors, EC Scholars and Undergraduate Research programs, said, "The purpose of the symposium is to display undergraduate student research and projects completed over the past year ... Everyone is encouraged to attend the event and take notice of the exceptional research being completed by ECU students."

Last year the 15 undergraduates were rewarded \$14,653 in stipends

for their work. They are hoping for the ability to give out even greater rewards around \$25,000.

"Up until a few years ago, students basically began their research in graduate school. Now research has started in the undergraduate level and includes creative projects. We include all projects from university programs such as art, music and interior design. I am looking forward to a fascinating and educational experience this year," said Bassman.

Last year, Mendenhall was packed with students, parents, faculty and other supporters. The number of people attending is expected to double at the upcoming symposium.

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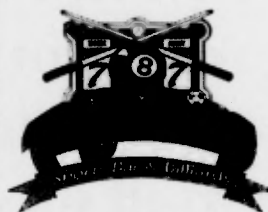
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afraid and when people get afraid you should get greedy." That is sound advice from the world's second richest man. However the question remains whether the increased demand will continue to overprice oil to the point that it is? Certainly attempts at creating a substitute are currently in the works and when the countries of OPEC have run dry of oil what will they export? Sadly most OPEC countries are in the Middle East where unemployment is high and there is an extreme disparity of wealth. The wealth is often not invested into the infrastructures of these countries or used to educate and develop the workforce.

For anyone who has seen the 2005 movie *Syriana* and remembers Matt Damon's speech to Alexander Siddig about how the Middle East should use their oil revenues, Damon hit the nail on the head and the countries of OPEC would do well to heed his advice before the world's greatest natural resource is wasted.

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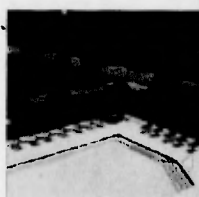
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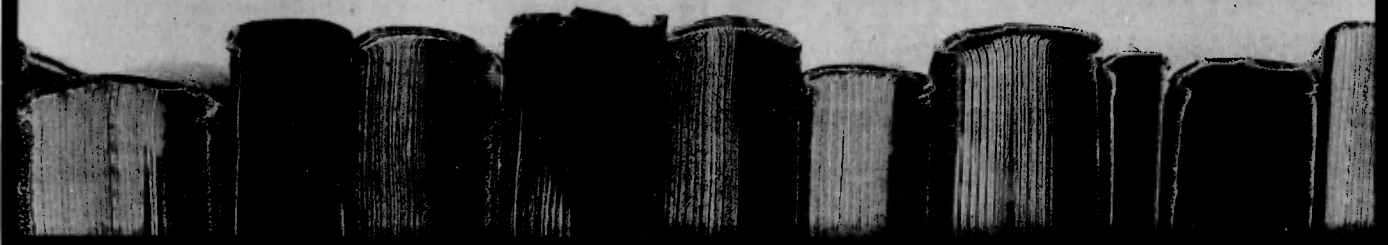
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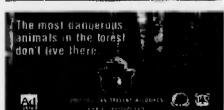
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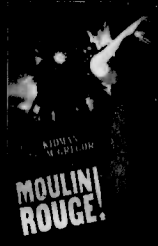
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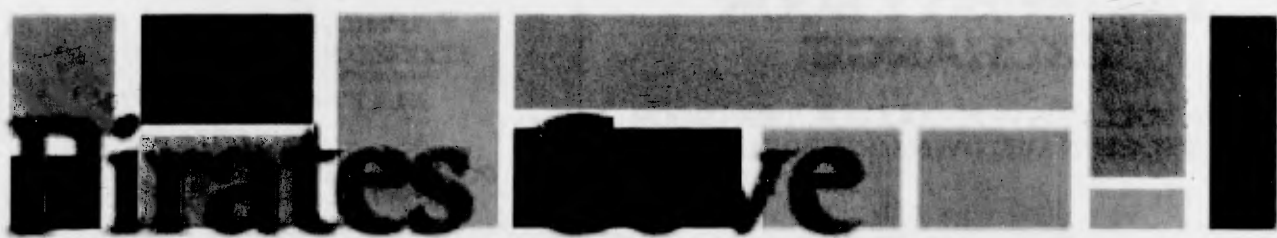
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THURSDAY April 20, 2006

Recipes:

Peanut Butter and Praline Ice Cream Sandwiches

1/2 teaspoon plus 1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 teaspoon plus 1 1/2 cups bleached all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups sugar
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
Pinch salt
Recipe Vanilla-Praline Ice Cream
Recipe for Peanut Butter and Chocolate Pralines

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with 1/2 teaspoon of the butter and 1/2 teaspoon of the flour. In a large mixing bowl, cream the remaining 1/2 pound (two sticks) butter and the sugar together with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in the vanilla. Into a medium-size mixing bowl, sift the remaining 1 1/2 cups flour, the cocoa, baking powder and salt together. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture at a time to the butter/sugar mixture, beating after each addition. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and bake until it springs back when touched, about 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then remove it from the pan and let cool completely on the rack. After the ice cream is firm, remove it from the pan. Cut the ice cream into 16 slices. Place one slice of ice cream between two slices of pound cake, forming a sandwich. Repeat the process until all of the cake is used. Wrap each sandwich in plastic wrap and freeze until ready to serve. To serve, unwrap the sandwiches and serve each with a praline on the side.

Vanilla-Praline Ice Cream

2 cups milk
2 cups heavy cream
1 cup sugar
1 vanilla bean, split and scraped
6 large egg yolks
8 Peanut Butter and Chocolate Pralines (recipe follows), crumbled

In a medium-size, nonreactive saucepan over medium heat, combine the milk, cream, sugar and vanilla bean and pulp. Whisk to dissolve as the mixture heats. Heat the mixture to the scalding point (when bubbles form around the edges of the pan); do not let it boil. Remove from the heat. Beat the egg yolks in a large mixing bowl. Add the hot cream mixture about 1/4 cup at a time to the beaten yolks, whisking well after each addition. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and cook, stirring over medium heat until the mixture becomes thick enough to lightly coat the back of a spoon, two to three minutes, do not let it boil. Remove from the heat and strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a glass bowl. Cover the top of the mixture with plastic wrap (this will keep a skin from forming) and let cool. Place the mixture in the refrigerator and chill completely. Pour the mixture into an ice cream machine and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the churning time. Once the ice cream is almost ready, about five minutes before the churning time is complete, add the crumbled pralines through the ingredients spout. Continue to churn until the ice cream freezes. Line an 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 by 2 1/2-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap. Scoop the ice cream into the pan, smooth the top, cover and freeze until firm, about four hours. When ready to assemble the ice cream sandwiches, lift the ice cream out with the plastic wrap.

Peanut Butter and Chocolate Pralines:

1 pound light brown sugar (about 3 firmly packed cups)
3/4 cup evaporated milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder
2 cups pecan pieces

Combine the brown sugar, milk, salt, butter, peanut butter and cocoa in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir to dissolve as the mixture heats. Continue to cook, stirring, until the mixture begins to bubble around the edges of the pan and reaches 234 degrees to 240 degrees F on a candy thermometer, or the soft ball stage (that is, when a bit of the mixture is dropped into cold water, it forms a soft ball that flattens), about 12 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the pecans. Drop the mixture by the tablespoonful onto a waxed or parchment paper on a baking sheet and let cool completely. Lift the pralines off the paper with a thin knife. Pralines can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to two weeks.

Serve together and enjoy!

Lest we forget United Flight 93

Despite the pain, the film 'United 93' should be seen

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
SENIOR WRITER

The movie *United 93*, a film about the fourth hijacked plane on Sept. 11 (the one where the passengers overwhelmed the hijackers), will be released in the United States on April 28, but it already has a fight on its hands. When the movie's trailer aired at a theater in Manhattan, many viewers complained and as a result, the trailer was pulled from the rotation. A lot of patrons screamed that the movie was hitting theaters too soon and that it was wrong. As a result, there's already a large controversy brewing that's not just causing a stir in New York but all over the United States — is it right to show this movie?

A lot of people will say no, but this reviewer says absolutely yes.

Yes, this movie will be shocking. It will likely leave many in this country's theaters crying and it will generate strong reactions. Memories of intense fear and paranoia will be conjured up. Everyone will remember where they were as these events were taking place and the fear they felt as they saw those planes hit the twin towers. Some may leave the theater too upset to watch it; I'm absolutely certain outrage will sprout up in some people. However, despite all objections, I will tell everyone that can hear



This controversial film is meant to remember and honor the courageous passengers of United Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001.

me to see this movie.

As you read these words on the page, it has been nearly five years since those events in 2001. Many of us remember it as if it was yesterday because of the utter panic, but it has been almost

five years. I tell you right now as a historian and history teacher, that's long enough for people to forget. Many people say this was the first and most devastating attack on American soil, but I'll tell you that means to me they've

already forgotten something. Yes, Sept. 11 was tragic, horrifying and devastating. However, there was an attack before it.

On December 7, 1941, forces from Japan attacked an American naval fleet at Pearl Harbor,

Hawaii, as soldiers were waking up in the morning, killing 2,403 Americans and wounding 1,178 people. Japanese forces had been planning it for months, practicing

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Hot CD releases of summer

New music to groove to all summer long

MARK ROMANO
STAFF WRITER

The summer of 2006 is going to be a music explosion. With hundreds of great new acts surfacing every month and reliable favorites still cranking out albums, the summer is going to set some interesting trends in music.

Old favorites such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pearl Jam are expected to make triumphant returns after the malaise of their previously released albums. RHCP is coming out with a double CD set on May 9 called *Stadium Arcadium* that houses 28 tracks and is their longest LP to date. Pearl Jam's self-titled eighth album is going to be supported by an extensive summer tour along with My Morning Jacket and Sonic Youth, whose new album *Rather Ripped* comes out June 13.

"There's a lot more up-tempo stuff," says Pearl Jam drummer Matt Cameron in an interview with *Rolling Stone*.

"It's a lot more rockin' than our last one."

A new album from Busta Rhymes is also hitting the streets this summer. On May 16 his album, *The Big Bang*, will be released and includes collaborations with Timbaland, Scott Storch, Dr. Dre and Stevie Wonder.

Dr. Dre also worked with The Game to produce his second



Buying CDs is worth the money rather than illegally downloading.

album, *The Doctor's Advocate* (June 6) that will include guests Nas, Snoop Dogg, Mary J. Blige, Lauryn Hill and Damian Marley, among others.

Portastatic's new one, *Who Loves The Sun* (June 6), Cursive's *Happy Hollow* (Aug. 22) and Regina Spektor's *Begin to Hope* (June 13) are keeping the indie rock end of things in full swing while Guster and Sufjan Stevens will be releasing albums much to the enjoyment of their die-hard, acoustic guitar loving fans.

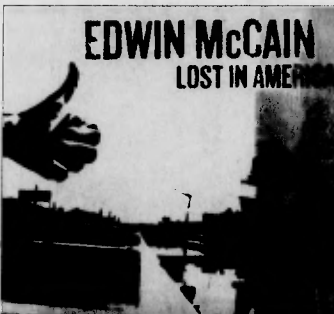
One of the best names for a new album coming out this summer is Peaches' third album *Impeach My Bush* due out July 11.

She collaborated with members of Eagles of Death Metal, Queens of the Stone Age and Beck producer Mickey Petralia to create the album, which sounds like it will be rather intense with track titles such as "F--- or Kill," "Rock the Shocker" and "Tent In Your Pants."

There are tons of great albums coming out this summer, a lot of which are actually worth purchasing instead of illegally downloading. Do yourself a favor and buy a real CD — the quality is unsurpassable.

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Edwin McCain's triumphant return to rock



Lost in America goes beyond the acoustic guitar

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

After one too many episodes of "I Love the 80s" on VH1, Edwin McCain has released his latest album, *Lost in America*. The album hit stores April 11, and it coincides with a U.S. tour that wraps up in July.

This is McCain's seventh studio album and the 10-track collection is charged with electric undertones that are normally absent from his recordings.

McCain is best known for his romantic ballads, "I'll Be" and "The Promise of You." *Lost in America* diverges from this path and contains more bite and sauciness. The opening track, "Gramercy Park Hotel," is a sarcastic observation of the entertainment business that manages to jingle in your head

long after it is over. The song combines a catchy chorus with an equally likeable double guitar solo.

The fourth song on *Lost in America*, entitled "Truly Believe," has the best chance for the popularity that McCain's past songs have enjoyed. It is an upbeat song full of a boy's pleas to his girl about believing in their love and it will bring a smile to any romantic while driving with the windows down.

The title track to *Lost in America* is a dark assessment of the new American dream. It promises "the cars, the girls, the money, the drugs to get you out of your rut" and implies the heavy reliance of material things on a person's happiness.

Another notable song is "Welcome to Struggleville" and is a song any hardworking musician can identify with. It forthrightly describes life on the road emphasizing the long tours and the heartache when missing your family.

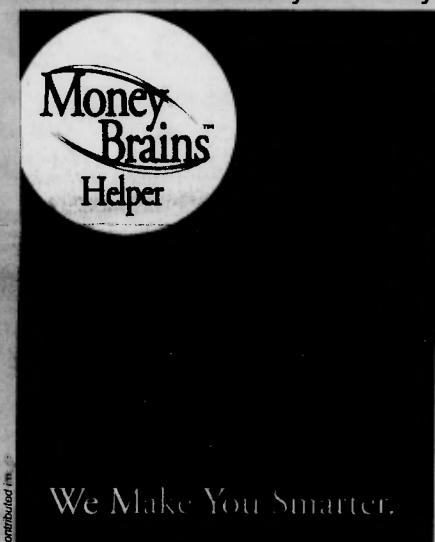
Lost in America closes with "Babylon," a song about love gone wrong. It is backed by an unexpected heavy metal style that ends the album with a resounding bang.

This album gives the band a lot more freedom to make their own mark while in past recordings, only provided background noise for McCain's performing. He is accompanied by Craig Shields on Wuritzer, piano, B3, saxophones and accordion, Pete Riley on acoustic and electric guitars and background vocals, Lee Hendricks on bass guitar and Dave Harrison on drums, percussion and background vocals.

Overall, McCain's latest effort explores more of its instrumental side while keeping the lyrical singer/songwriter style that fits him so well. New and veteran fans alike of this good-time Southern musician will enjoy listening to *Lost in America*.

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Free book that saves you money



Ricky Robinson, in conjunction with Money Brains, Inc. is giving college students and adults free copies of their new publication *Money Brains Helper* book and 30 days of free access to their web-based money management program called "Money Brains." The objective of their actions is to bolster financial literacy in the American public. Robinson, president of the company and author of the book, said "The idea is to give people a tool to help them better understand a smorgasbord of financial topics." The book and Web site cover a wide variety of topics ranging from what your credit score determines to how to lease a car. For a free copy of the book, visit moneybrains.net and click on products by the end of April. For access to the money management program, click on the tutorial while on the Web site.



'The Flaming Lips' new album

Finally something different

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

It has come to my attention that many of the albums I review receive pretty harsh reviews. To this I answer, maybe if the state of music was that of actual music, I wouldn't be so harsh on so many acts.

Seriously people, I'm only asking that artists actually do what they are supposed to do — create art, not drop a deuce on some expensive audio recorders and sell it to the general public at \$15 a pop. The old

saying applies, if it looks like poo, sounds like poo and smells like poo ... chances are that it is what, music? I think not.

This rant brings me to the actual review of this album from The Flaming Lips. I will let you in on a secret; this album gets an A for the innovative sound and complex combinations of various styles of music throughout the entire album.

This album uses samples of ambulance sirens to form the basis of an entire song. Their message is surprisingly deep and imaginative. The entire realm of 1970s' genres and their accom-

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ing a skillful campaign of deception and preparing for the ultimate attack. On that morning, they carried it out to the utmost effectiveness. One bomb fell on the U.S. Arizona and the resulting explosion stopped every clock on the ship. Now, more than 50 years later, bodies still lie inside that ship that hadn't seen the sun since that morning.

Now I'm not saying that the two should be compared in terms of greater devastation or terror, but it did happen and it was a devastating blow. Sadly, however, many people have no knowledge of it. For most of this nation it has become a forgotten memory. However, when the movie *Pearl Harbor* was released in May 2001, it brought back the memory of the event, even if the movie did take some liberties with the story line.

This will not be the first time a movie has been a painful experience for people. Many will remember 2004 when a film called *The Passion of the Christ* was on the big screen and brought scores of people to tears. This reviewer has to admit, I cried watching the movie and I cried for a while afterward. One also has to wonder what kind of experience it was to sit down with a Holocaust survivor or the family of a Holocaust survivor and watch *Schindler's List*. It is my sincere hope that many people never have to feel what those people must have felt.

However, these movies were made for a reason, and for the same reason *United 93* has been

made. These movies tell stories not just of terrifying pain and suffering, but also of hope, bravery, courage and triumph. According to the story of the resurrection, Jesus got up and walked just days after being crucified. Despite the horrors of the Holocaust and the best efforts of some inhuman monsters, people did survive and lived to tell the story.

Director Paul Greengrass did not want to make this movie to make money or to shock and hurt people. If you watch the trailers, you'll see that. The movie's main focus will be the courage of those brave souls on board that flight. Those people overcame paralyzing fear and saved the lives of hundreds while simultaneously laying down their own. The story of that courage is something every person should see.

I'll tell you another reason you absolutely, positively have to see it the weekend it comes out; Universal Pictures is donating 10 percent of the first three days' gross sales to a memorial fund. So, for all that money you shell out to see a movie, this will go to the memory and not directly, completely into someone's pockets.

As a movie reviewer of some expertise (although there are lots of people who know more), I'm glad that this movie will not be starring a Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Drew Barrymore or any other blockbuster movie star. It will be put on by a cast of unknowns so that the story, not the actors, will be center stage. That's the way it should be. At this point, you're probably

wondering what the families of the passengers thought. Many of them give it their complete blessing. David Beamer, the father of passenger Todd Beamer, said in an interview at a television station in Jacksonville, Fla., (the full interview can be found at news4jax.com) that he felt every American adult should view it. Beamer went on to say the movie is, "a great example of Americans doing the right thing at the right time ... answering a call to duty that they never understood was going to be theirs that day."

This movie will be controversial. It will hurt, it will sting, and yes, people will be upset. Movies are supposed to stir your feelings, however. If this movie didn't inspire those old feelings, it would mean the event doesn't mean that much to you anymore and that would be a true tragedy.

When and if you file into a theater to view this movie, watch it for what Greengrass wants people to see. Not the pain of the terrorist attacks, but the courage and strength of a group of passengers who sat down as 40 but stood up as one and gave their lives completely and without reservation. Their story must be told no matter how much it may hurt because I promise you, it would be more hurtful if David Beamer spoke to a class of high school students five years from now, and no one could tell him anything about September 11, 2001.

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panying sounds are combined into single songs which flow together very nicely to form the album *At War With the Mystics*.

Songs like "The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song," "It Overtakes Me" and "The W.A.N.D." are distorted clap-along songs that feature, amongst other instruments, a piano part embedded within the music. Others such as "The Sound of Failure" and "Going On" are slightly reminiscent of acts such as Carly Simon.

I must admit that the lyrics of this band are a little on the odd and unusual side, but that is what lends some complexity to the music. It is not the same old garbage that is rebashed in every single pop album. Every song changes its

tempo somewhere within the song.

Every song plays out differently and as you get comfortable with the current pace of songs they change melody and tempo just as quickly. I really dig the use of synthesizers in the introductions and body of their songs. I haven't ever heard a band to incorporate so many different sounds and styles of wide ranging music ever.

My favorite song on the album is "Vein of Stars." It opens to a soft 1920s' jazz chromatic ticking, which then bleeds colorfully into a guitar and piano front against psychedelic electric guitar. The music is further accompanied by lyrics that seem to effortlessly flow from the bel-

lows of the singer's voice.

I, for one, am a huge fan of this album for its originality and diversity of sounds. I would recommend this album to anyone who likes to hear something different from time to time.

Honestly, I wouldn't even know how to classify this type of music. Perhaps "original" shall due for now. The guys may be one of the better kept secrets in the music industry. Albeit, they had a hit in the mid 1990s with "She Don't Use Jelly."

As always, keep your mind for music open and be good to each other.

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Retirements cut ties between past, future

All good things must end. Time dictates it. The career clock has summoned two of ECU's most impressionable and faithful employees. One, a burly man with a low voice and a big heart, has inspired and tutored more than an estimated 4,000 physical education majors during his 39 years in education. The second, a soothing voice in a land of looming deadlines, has become synonymous with her job's department. Both Dr. Jimmie Grimsley, associate professor in the exercise and sports science department and Pam Forrest, secretary for media relations and the Pirate Sports Networks are days away from their respective retirements. Though each has served the university in different capacities, they have remained every bit as genuine as the day they arrived. Both epitomize the old Southern culture that is dwindling in today's fast paced society. "People are different today," said director of electronic media and 17-year play-by-play voice Jeff Charles. "Pam is old school and Jimmie Grimsley is old school. And those kinds of people, from that generation, are the kind that came to [Greenville] and made their home here. When those people leave, it just never feels like it's the same." In a day where computers are replacing the old fashioned handshake, both Dr. Grimsley and Forrest are about people. To them, relationships trump money and good deeds come naturally. That's why with their retirements, ECU is losing two of a dying breed and more importantly, vital links to its past. Added former ECU baseball coach Dr. Gary Overton, "They will not be forgotten for quite some time."



Dr. Jimmie Grimsley

Countless students have stepped into Dr. Grimsley's exercise and sport science office seeking academic advice. What they received, more often than not, was a manual on life.

"He understands students and their needs," said close friend and colleague Carol-Ann Tucker, who is director of advising for the College of Health and Human Performance. "He understands the human side of it."

Saying that students' personalities haven't altered much over the course of his career, he's developed a philosophy rich on relationships.

"My teaching style has evolved," recalled Dr.

Grimsley. "I consider how you teach, how you conduct yourself in class and the impression you make on kids much more important than the content that you deliver."

The youngest of eight children, Dr. Grimsley grew up on a farm in rural Wilson, N.C. When legendary coach Clarence Stasavich offered a grant-in-aid to play football in 1962, a younger Dr. Grimsley gladly obliged. A self-termed "brief football career," ensued, but more importantly, the scholarship helped to ensure a college education.

After finishing a four-year undergraduate

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Pam Forrest

Forrest has dealt with local celebrities and media types throughout her 28-year career. And her pleasant demeanor still hasn't changed. Through five office moves, nine different bosses and a wave of technology, Forrest has kept her cheerful ways.

"Pam has been the rock of this department for all these years," Charles said about his trusty office assistant. "She's seen a lot of people come and go."

And that's usually when her job picks up. Whether it's a coach being fired, a player arrested or some wild scandal, she assists the sports information

directors in keeping diligent files and making copies.

"The one thing that's so great about Pam is that she never gets rattled," Charles said. "Things get hectic around here sometimes and you have all of these press conferences called with coaches being released and all of the other normal day-to-day environment within an athletic department."

But her experience has helped her to keep rolling with the punches. She learned the lesson early on when her office was relocated from Minges Coliseum to the actual football press box.

"We didn't have air conditioning up there,"

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Krog, ECU claim C-USA Women's Golf Championship

(SID) - East Carolina claimed its first Conference USA Women's Golf Championship on Tuesday carding a three-round total of 887 to win by 10 strokes at the Par 72, 6,216-yard Ironwood Golf Course. Freshman Lene Krog became the Pirates' first individual C-USA champion as she carded a 54-hole of 216 to win by one stroke over SMU's Jennifer Ackerson.

The victory gives the Pirates an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals at a site to be later determined which is scheduled to begin May 4.

Krog was also named the C-USA Freshman of the Year and named first-team all-conference as voted upon by the league's nine head coaches. Heidi Helliesen was voted third team all-conference and finished ninth at the championship with a seven-over par 223.

"I knew we had the potential to win today," said first-year Pirate head coach Kim Lewellen. "I'm so proud of the way we competed this afternoon. We were able to make some tough shots down the stretch and put ourselves in position to win."

The Pirates held a four-stroke lead over Tulsa entering the final round and improved its lead by six strokes.

ECU finished 23-over par, 887, followed by SMU (897), Tulsa and UCF (902), UTEP (907), Memphis (919), Southern Miss

(948), Marshall and UAB (958).

Finishing with a third-round total of 70, two-under par, Krog completed the 54-hole tournament with a par score of 216 (74-72-70). Krog birdie five holes during the final round and recorded the second-most birdies in the field, 11. Only Ackerson made more birdie putts and finished with a tournament-best 13 birdies.

"Lene is an incredible golfer," state Lewellen. "I knew she was capable of having a great round today. She was able to make some long putts and hit her driver really well to keep pace with an outstanding player [Ackerson]."

All five of ECU's players finished in the top 20, including four among the top 16.

After shooting one-under par Monday, sophomore Emelie Lind completed the tournament with a nine-over par, 225, in 11th place.

Senior Jamie Quinn finished the tournament tied for 16th with a 14-over par, 230. Junior Jessica Hauser carded a one-over par 73 Tuesday, improving by nine strokes from her previous round to finish tied for 20th with a 54-hole total of 231, 15-over par.

As a team, ECU totaled 11 birdies in the final round and finished with a tournament-best 36 birdies. ECU also pored the most holes of any team, finishing with 172.

MLB remembers Jackie Robinson, pioneer of racial equality



Robinson

Problems persist regarding team ownership and administration

JOSH FERNANDEZ
STAFF WRITER

Words like integrity, courage and persistence are scattered about Major League Baseball's Web site dedicated to its annual April 15 commemoration of

its greatest leader, role model and civil rights initiator, Jackie Robinson, one of the most versatile and consistent athletes to ever play the game of baseball.

In 1946, Brooklyn Dodgers team president and general manager Branch Rickey signed Robinson to the organization, which, at the time, was a very controversial move. One year later, Robinson moved up from the minor leagues to become the first black Major League Baseball player of the modern era. In 1962, his first year of eligibility, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame; Robinson's number 42 is the only number retired by every MLB team.

Robinson's on-the-field skills and accomplishments are well known to those who follow baseball. He successfully stole home 19 times, a figure that put him at number one on an otherwise minuscule list. Robinson's career .311 BA (.409 OBP), 1,518 hits (in only 10 seasons), and over 20 stolen bases, on average, per year, put him at the top of the list of

history's best offensive players.

During his professional career, he played every position except center field, pitcher and catcher. His career .983 fielding percentage puts him above many all-time great fielders like Jim Edmonds, Cal Ripken Jr., Ozzie Smith and Joe DiMaggio.

Robinson not only contributed to Brooklyn pennants in both 1947 and 1949, but his uncanny determination and hustle kept the Dodgers in pennant races in 1950 and 1951 when they might otherwise have been eliminated much sooner.

In 1955, although injured for roughly one-third of the season, while still enduring fervent racism from fans, opponents and his own teammates, Robinson helped lead the Dodgers to their first and only World Series championship in Brooklyn, thrillingly defeating the New York Yankees in seven games.

And after an illustrious 12-year career that included six all-star appearances, two seasons

in the Negro League (1944-45), as well as honors such as 1947 Rookie of the Year and 1949 NL MVP (additionally, his .342 BA that year made him NL batting champion), he retired after the 1956 season at age 37. As previously stated, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1962, becoming the first black person to receive such an honor.

After baseball, Jackie Robinson continued his legacy of integrity, courage and persistence until his death in 1972. During the 1960s, after being denied an opportunity to manage or coach for an MLB team, Robinson was quite a busy man. He became a vice president for Chock Full O' Nuts Corp. and was a board member of the NAACP until 1967. He campaigned for presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey in 1960 and 1968.

Ten days before his death, in his final public appearance before game two of the 1972

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NFL Draft 2006: Leinart, Young or Cutler?

Top three QBs in draft could go in top 10

RON CLEMENTS
SPORTS WRITER

Reggie Bush will likely end the five-year streak of quarterbacks being the number one overall pick in the NFL Draft this year, but there are three quarterbacks who could follow Bush very closely. Southern California's Matt Leinart, Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler and Vince Young of Texas are all probable top 10 picks in next week's draft.

Leinart took home the Heisman Trophy and a second straight national championship in 2004. His numbers in 2005 were better than his Heisman year, leading the Trojans again to the National Championship game. Like 2003 Heisman winner Carson Palmer, the number one overall pick in the 2004 draft by Cincinnati, Leinart is a born leader.

He made the decision to return for his senior year, and

it paid off. He would have been a top five pick in 2005, but the extra year of college has gotten Leinart to where he could start right away in the NFL. Leinart is bigger than most people think, at 6 feet 5 inches, 223 pounds. His accuracy and knowledge of the game is unmatched by any other prospect. The only knock on Leinart is his arm strength. That being said, being reunited with his old offensive coordinator, Norm Chow, in Tennessee seems like a likely spot for Leinart to land.

While Leinart guided his team to the National Championship game in 2005, the player he lost to in that game was Texas junior Vince Young. Leinart may be ready to step in and produce for an NFL team now, but both Young and Cutler have seemingly higher ceilings of potential. Young was amazing in the Rose Bowl and in 2005. He completed 75 percent of his passes in the Rose Bowl, going 30-40, and finished the game with over

200 yards rushing on only 19 attempts and 275 yards passing. While he did not throw for a touchdown in the game, he did run in the game-winning score in Texas' 41-38 win. That Rose Bowl game capped a season in which Young led the nation in passing efficiency.

Young is such a superb athlete. He has great size at 6 feet 4 inches, 220 pounds for an NFL QB and Michael Vick-like athleticism. His delivery is a bit sidearm, but that was not an issue at his NFL Pro Day in Austin last month. He may have the best arm strength of any of the quarterbacks and has every intangible a coach would want. While his Wonderlic score was horrible, most NFL teams know that he is not dumb and a solid first-round lock he remains. The Jets may try to jump up and grab either Leinart or Young, but grabbing an offensive tackle like Virginia's D'Brickshaw Ferguson to protect Chad Pennington is more plausible.

Oakland signed Aaron Brooks away from New Orleans this off-season, but the often ineffective and inconsistent Brooks may not last long while Al Davis still runs the organization. Young has shined in the California sun each of the last two seasons in the Rose Bowl and Al Davis loves high-profile players. Young to Oakland makes sense at the seventh pick.

That leaves Cutler. Cutler impressed everybody at the combine with his workouts, especially on the bench press. He put up 225 pounds 25 times - outdoing USC running back LenDale White by 10 reps. Cutler, 6 feet 3 inches, 226 pounds, did not have the win-loss success at Vandy that Leinart and Young had in college, but Vanderbilt isn't exactly Texas or USC.

His numbers were still good, and he was an all-SEC selection on a losing team. He tossed 21 touchdowns to just nine picks while throwing for more than

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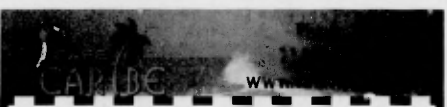
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Hurricanes limp into playoffs with four losses in five games



The Canes are entering the playoffs on a bad skid, dropping four of their last five contests.

(AP) — The best season in franchise history ended with a thud for the Carolina Hurricanes: four losses in their final five games, including one to Buffalo in the finale that cost them the top playoff seed in the Eastern Conference.

Not exactly the best way to prepare for the postseason.

"It's tough to lose any time, but come tomorrow, nobody is going to be talking about this game," Carolina captain Rod Brind'Amour said. "We made the

playoffs and that's what we came here to do in September. Now, it is a new season."

It begins Saturday night in the first round against seventh-seeded Montreal, which lost four of six down the stretch following an eight-game winning streak. The Canadiens haven't been very good against the Hurricanes this season, either, losing all four games by a combined margin of 25-9.

Of course, considering the way the season ended, no one

in the Carolina locker room felt particularly cocky.

"All that doesn't matter now," center Kevyn Adams said. "They're going to try to take something we want. Now it comes down to us being focused and really ready to go."

The struggles for the Hurricanes came mostly in their own zone they simply gave up too many goals. Discovering exactly why that happened is the challenge for coach Peter Laviolette and his staff.

Yes, starting goaltender Martin Gerber suddenly lost a bit of his reliability between the pipes, allowing 28 goals in his final seven starts and at least three goals in each of them. Many were of the "soft" variety, and one of those came in the loss to the Sabres on Tuesday night.

An unscreened shot by Brian Campbell slipped between Gerber's right arm and his chest to give Buffalo a 2-0 lead. But Carolina missed a couple of opportunities to clear the puck before Campbell got possession, so all the blame doesn't fall on the player in net.

"For me, we just weren't skating," Laviolette said. "To play our game, it's up-tempo, there's a lot of effort that goes into it, and we were on our heels pretty much the entire night."

Despite the disappointing conclusion, Laviolette has plenty to be happy about. The Hurricanes finished with 52 victories and 112 points, both the best totals in a history that dates back to their inception as the Hartford Whalers in 1979.

They also had the best home record in the Eastern Conference at 31-8-2 and reached the playoffs for the first time since an improbable run to the Stanley Cup finals in 2002.

"You don't want to choke your last game of the year, but we can't dwell on it," defenseman Mike Commodore said. "Obviously, it would have been nice to win the East, but now it is a clean slate. Second is pretty nice. Let's get the playoffs started."

And if Carolina comes out strong against Montreal, few will remember the rough patch at the end of the season.

"Sometimes in this game, you have to have a short memory," Adams said. "You have to leave it at the rink and leave it alone. We're excited to be in the playoffs and to be playing at home in the playoffs."

Two Duke lacrosse players arrested



Duke University lacrosse player Collin Finnerty, right, sits with his father Kevin Finnerty and attorney Michael Cornacchia, left, as he awaits his hearing at the Durham County Judicial Building.

(KRT) — Two lacrosse players from New York's suburbs were arrested on Tuesday in the Duke University gang-rape case, bringing home an explosive scandal of sex, race and college athletics.

The suspects hail from prestigious Catholic prep schools and well-to-do bedroom communities where million-dollar homes sit on manicured cul-de-sacs.

A black woman who attends a nearby college charged that she was hired to perform a \$400 strip show, and ended up being raped by three athletes in a bathroom for 30 minutes.

After a month-long probe, charges were lodged on Tuesday against Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

Neatly dressed, the students

were taken in handcuffs to a booking on first-degree rape and kidnapping charges but freed after posting \$400,000 bail each.

Prosecutors said they expected to charge a third unnamed lacrosse player but couldn't nail down a positive identification.

Defense lawyers predicted their clients would be cleared.

"This is probably the worst miscarriage of justice I've seen in 34 years of practice," said Julian Mack, an attorney for Seligmann.

Finnerty's lawyer, Bill Cotter, cautioned that the grand jury's indictment was not a finding of guilt.

"They hear one side of the story. They almost always indict. The next jury will hear the entire story, which includes our evi-

dence," he said.

They plan to argue the defendants weren't even at the March 13 party when the accuser claims she was violated by three white athletes.

Sources said one defendant was captured on video at a cash machine and the other has receipts from a restaurant during the relevant time period, several news outlets reported.

Evidence in the case has been murky from the start.

On the one hand, authorities have the word of the 27-year-old woman, a single mother who joined the Navy for opportunity and turned to stripping to support two kids after her marriage floundered.

She attends a predominantly black university in her working-class hometown, where the average income is less than the \$40,000 in tuition and fees that Duke students shell out a year.

There is a hospital report that says her injuries were "consistent" with rape.

On the other hand, there are defense photos that show her smiling as she left the house, and the report of a cop who found her "passed out drunk" at a grocery store later.

DNA samples were taken from all of the white lacrosse players and none of their genetic material was found on the dancer, lawyers have said.

Instead, it appears Seligmann

and Finnerty were arrested after being identified from photographs.

Durham cops and detectives spent 90 minutes searching the players' rooms at Eden Dormitory and emerged carrying bags and boxes filled with evidence.

Signs taped to windows and draped from dorm rooms proclaimed support for the pair.

"I'm 100 percent sure they're both innocent," said Alissa Link, 19, a sophomore. "It seems absolutely crazy. This is scary that this could happen to guys who are really innocent."

Even before Tuesday's developments, the case had profound repercussions.

The Blue Devils' season was canceled and the coach resigned. One player was suspended after he sent a vile e-mail an hour after the alleged rape threatening to skin strippers.

The student, Ryan McFadyen, who attended the same all-boys academy in New Jersey, the Delbarton School, as Seligmann, has not been hit with criminal charges.

Both the accuser and one of her alleged tormentors have criminal records.

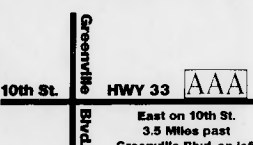
She spent three weekends in jail after stealing a car during a drunken escapade in 2002 and leading police on a wild chase.

Finnerty, meanwhile, was

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degree. Dr. Grimsley completed his graduate work in 1967. During the same year, he joined the ECU faculty and was named head coach for men's soccer and tennis. Despite spending 1972 at the University of Georgia to complete his doctoral work, Dr. Grimsley has spent the last 39 years in education.

"Students have always been his number one priority," said Bill Cain, assistant to the dean of the College of Health and Human Performance and former athletic director.

However, when a student failed to get in gear, Dr. Grimsley sometimes had to deliver some tough love.

"He is old school," said Jane Moore, department of exercise and sport science secretary. "He's not a friend to the students, he's an authority figure. He is type of faculty member that students come to when they have problems. If they need a swift kick, he'd do that."

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color commentator Si Seymour credits Dr. Grimsley with motivating him to complete his graduate degree. Asking how he could repay his professor for his guidance, Dr. Grimsley replied unselfishly to "assist other students." Seymour parlayed his degree into becoming a head coach for 17 years at Craven Community College.

"I never forgot that," Seymour said. "In a world where we're all looking for the bottom line, Dr. Grimsley only cared about helping students."

Always a student advocate, Dr. Grimsley doesn't preach on the holier-than-thou pedestal, but more of a 'let's discuss the truth' approach.

Standing outside of a coaching theory class, a few years back Tucker overheard Dr. Grimsley address yet another batch of students.

"I can teach you the way it's supposed to be, but we'll close

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Forrest reminisced. "That first summer was tough. It was so cold in the winter that my typewriter froze."

Yes, ancient typewriters. Forrest was responsible all the press releases while still filtering interview requests. Her immediate help consisted of two media relations personnel, a temporary and two student workers. But again, she kept her charm.

"She's always, sometimes to a fault, courteous and has great patience with people," Charles said. "She's been a terrific employee of this athletic department for the last 28 years."

Charged with keeping all of the media relations files in a neat manner and answering phones, she's seen a revolving door of bosses. With differing opinions on how to approach sports information and media relations, she has survived all nine superiors.

"That's the great thing about Pam is that you won't hear her publicly or outwardly criticize

anybody," Charles said. "When you work in an office like this... you have all sorts of egos, she's been really good at deflecting all of that and just doing her job."

Even when that means yet another sports information director is hired.

"For someone new, she's been a wealth of information," said current sports information director Tom McClellan. "For me, her knowing the ins and outs, every crook and crevice of ECU athletics has been invaluable."

As her X's on a small calendar located in her corner office continue to mount, Forrest comes ever closer to her beloved farmland near Grimesland. But so is an aura of sadness throughout the Ward Sports Medicine building.

"Pam Forrest has been a fixture in media relations," Dr. Overton said. "She'll definitely be missed."

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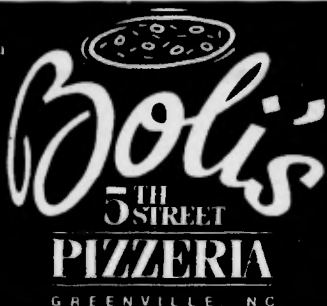
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this door and talk about the way it really is," Tucker recalled while overhearing the 38-year teaching staple.

"I've found that teaching, coaching and parenting are all the same," Dr. Grimsley stated.

"As long as you're firm, fair and consistent, most of the time they'll live up to your expectations," said the father of three.

His expertise in officiating, derived from his doctoral thesis, has led to a successful career in operating the scoreboard for both football and men's basketball games. According to the Dr. Grimsley, he's missed two football games and only a handful of basketball games since 1970, when he assumed the job.

"I've always considered myself one of the officials of the game," Dr. Grimsley said. "I try to concentrate to get it 100 percent correct. I'm trying to make the [game officials'] jobs easier."

Whether it's scoreboard operating or spending time officiating, Dr. Grimsley has immersed himself within the community. Former best friend and colleague George Williams formed a tournament, which he promptly named the Jimmie H. Grimsley Hot Stove Tournament in 1989 to promote local baseball. The tournament, held annually continues

to draw some of the region's best teams.

What satisfies Dr. Grimsley the most is being able to teach second-generation students. And what has impressed his co-workers is that he can remember details from the parent's lives. Dr. Grimsley claims that he can remember 75 percent of his students' names (even 35 years later), which has made a spider-web network throughout eastern N.C.

But now, retirement is at his doorstep. What he calls a bittersweet experience, in the third year of the Phased Retirement process, Dr. Grimsley carries the burden of being the last connection between ECU's physical education history and its future.

"With each name that has been phased out, the department has seemed to lose something from the past," Dr. Overton said, a former Dr. Grimsley student, who is currently the Assistant Athletics Director for Internal Affairs. "With him being the link to the past, that final link probably is gone."

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3,000 yards and completing 60 percent of his passes. Backing up Kurt Warner in Arizona would be a perfect spot for Cutler to hone his skills under Warner and Head Coach Dennis Green's tutelage.

Another SEC quarterback who is getting some attention as a day one prospect is Alabama's Brodie Croyle. Croyle led the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 season in 2005. His numbers in college got better every year. The concern around Croyle is whether or not he can stay healthy for an entire season.

If Clemson's Charlie Whitehurst could get into a system where he could watch and learn for a couple of seasons to work on his decision making, he could be a starter in the league. He has all the physical tools necessary, it's working through reads and progressions that he must work on.

Oregon's Kellen Clemens suffered a broken ankle in October, but has had good workouts and is being compared to Drew Brees. Other quarterbacks to keep an eye on are Bowling Green's Omar Jacobs, Georgia's DJ Shockley, Texas A&M's Reggie McNeal and Tarvaris Jackson out of Alabama State. McNeal, like Penn State's Michael Robinson and Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick could be moved to wide receiver at the next level - like Jacksonville did with Matt Jones after drafting the Arkansas quarterback last year.

Jacobs put up incredible numbers at Bowling Green. He threw for over 400 yards and five touchdowns in a 56-42 loss at Wisconsin in September on his way to tossing 26 TDs, 2,600 yards and only seven interceptions. That was a season after throwing for over 4,000 yards with 41 touchdowns and only four INTs. Jacobs is the fourth-best quarterback in this draft and one that is being overlooked as the draft looms closer. He may not be the fourth quarterback selected, but the fourth best he is. A team selecting him in the late second or third round would have stolen a quality player with a great upside.

Jackson, from little Alabama State is a name that has been climbing draft boards rapidly. He could be a late-third round pick, but most likely will land somewhere in the fourth round. He had the best season of his college career as a senior, completing 61 percent of his passes for 2,900 yards, 29 touchdowns with just five interceptions for the 6-5 Hornets.

Marcus Vick's off-the-field troubles will probably relegate him to the undrafted free agent market. Showing promise at the beginning of the year with an incredible showing versus N.C. State, his run-ins with the law and on-the-field antics - such as kicking Louisville's Elvis Dumervil have cost him millions.

This is the sixth and final draft preview in this series. My mock draft will be published online at theeastcarolinian.com next week. The NFL Draft is April 29-30 in New York City.

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World Series, Robinson used this opportunity to express his wish for a black manager to be hired by an MLB team; Frank Robinson (no relation), in 1974, became the first to fill such a position, becoming manager of the Cleveland Indians. However, since then, only 13 of the 30 MLB teams have had a black or Hispanic manager.

This brings me to the main point of my article, which is the sheer injustice committed by MLB to the legacy and wishes of Jackie Robinson.

The Dodgers, the organization that gave Robinson his chance and later moved to Los Angeles, enjoy a pseudo-New York legacy in the New York Mets, the team that 'replaced' them in 1961 after the Dodgers' 1958 move to California. New York enjoys two MLB teams, the Mets and Yankees; both are highly competitive with payrolls exceeding \$100 million and \$198 million respectively. They are two of the most popular clubs in the entire league and all of sports.

However, New York, the state Robinson helped bring a World Series title to, did not see a black manager lead either of its teams until 2005 when the Mets hired Willie Randolph. After being passed over by team after team for over a decade in favor of white candidates, Randolph's hiring finally brought Robinson's dream to partial fruition - 23 years after his wish for the hiring of black managers in MLB.

However, the real problem is not the lack of blacks managing teams or the fact that there are only two black MLB umpires (a figure that hasn't changed since Robinson's death). Actually, it's the fact that there is only one black MLB general manager (Ken Williams of the World Champion Chicago White Sox) and no black owners.

This is an extremely unsettling problem that must be addressed. Right now, there are only 75 black players in MLB, constituting only 10 percent of the 744 players on opening day rosters (whites make up 64 percent of MLB rosters). I believe this can be attributed to the lack of black ownership and management, as well as the alienation of predominately black communities from baseball.

For the sake of comparison, during the 1970s, blacks accounted for about 30 percent of all players. That number shrinks even lower when looking at black participation in college baseball, which is around 6 percent. In other words, baseball is in a state of racial decline in regards to blacks.

But the telltale sign that blacks are becoming an endangered party in MLB can be found in the Sports Business Journal, a publication who's self-proclaimed readership is "Business Executives Across the Sports Industry." The SBJ's April 2006 article entitled "The 20 Most Influential People in Baseball" is comprised of all white individuals. The fact that the 20 most influential people in baseball were all white when Robinson entered MLB in 1947 and now, 59 years later, the 20 most influential people in baseball are still all white is a clear indicator that minorities lack power and influence within the infrastructure and hierarchy of MLB.

The bottom line is baseball has missed the present generation of black high-school athletes. Amid the lack of blacks in positions of power within MLB, league officials are taking steps to attract younger kids back to the game by annually donating \$250,000 (note that \$316,000 is the major league minimum salary) to Little League to expand its urban programs. Also RBI, "Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities" programs are thriving in Atlanta and Houston.

I hope that the kids who are recruited to play in these programs will discover that they are part of a long legacy of athletes who paved the way for sports integration. There was far too much sacrifice endured by people like Jackie Robinson and those who preceded and followed him to allow the black ballplayer to vanish from MLB and our neighborhood sandlots, schools and universities.

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arrested last November in Washington after he and two buddies from Chaminade High School on Long Island allegedly pelted a stranger, Jeffrey Bloxom, with anti-gay slurs and punches.

He agreed to a deal that means a charge of assault will be dropped if he completes 25 hours of community service.

The allegations also have exposed racial and class tensions

in Durham.

In a 911 call reportedly made by the other stripper attending the party, the woman claimed the Duke students had yelled a racial slur at her.

And a neighbor, Jason Bissey, said he heard one of the athletes shout at the departing dancers, "Hey, bitch! Thank your grandpa for my nice cotton shirt."

But not everyone has taken

sides along racial lines.

The father of Devon Sherwood, the only black player on the team, told the New York Daily News he's happy his son wasn't charged but is worried for the others.

"They had no business being implicated," Chuck Sherwood said from his home in Freeport, L.I. "I want to believe that they are innocent."

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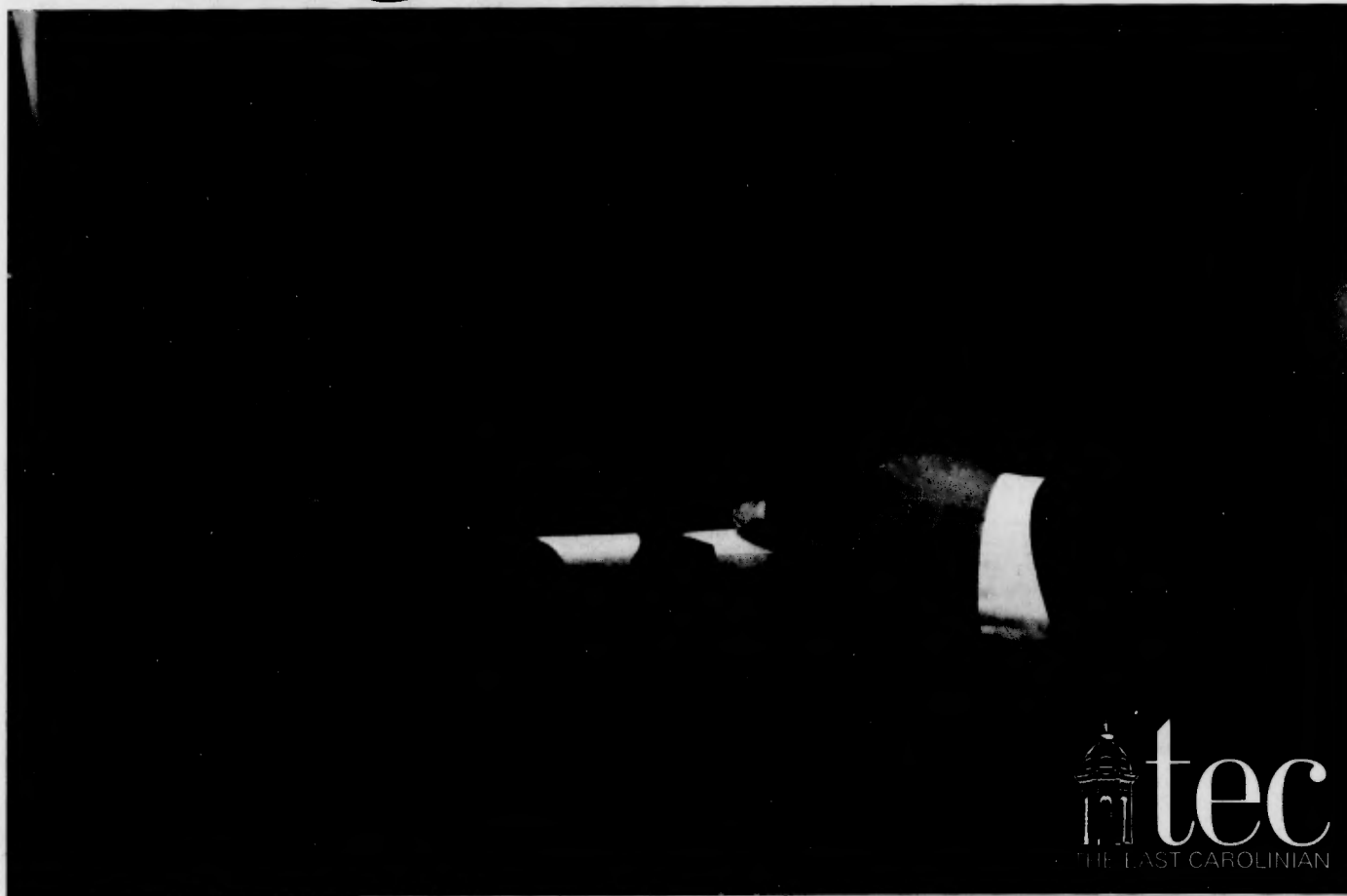
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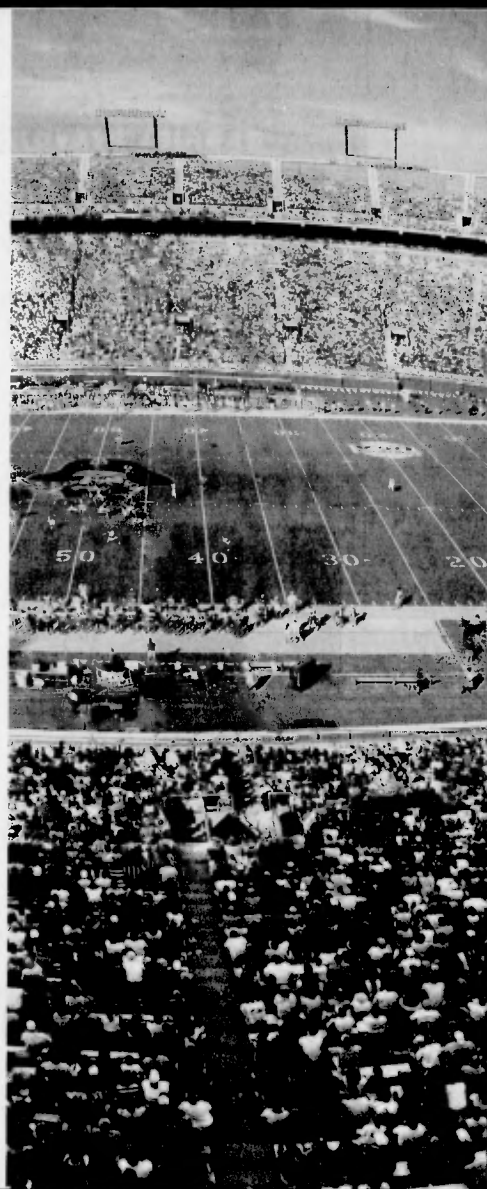
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Graduation is upon us **Thursday, May 4th**

Take the time to figure out where you need to be and when

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

Officially, ECU's commencement date is Saturday, May 6 but there are many other things that you need to know about the graduation process before that day gets here. Have you registered on OneStop for the University Ceremony? Do you know when and where your departmental ceremony will be held? What are you going to wear? All of these questions are important and thankfully TEC can offer some insight.

Registering for graduation on OneStop is how students can be

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when your University Ceremony will be held.

As far as attire, you obviously need to be wearing a cap and gown like everyone else.

Your keepsake cap, gown and tassel are available for pickup from the Student Store in Wright Plaza during normal business hours. Female students are required to wear dark dresses and black shoes with academic robes. Male students are required to wear dark trousers, white shirts and black dress shoes with their academic robes.

For more information about the graduation process or information to give your family and friends, visit ecu.edu/commencement.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com

Friday, May 5th

Human Ecology: Minges Coliseum at 8 a.m.

Brody School of Medicine: Wright Auditorium at 9 a.m.

English: Hendrix Theatre at 9 a.m.

Chemistry: Science and Technology C307 at 10:30 a.m.

Business: Minges Coliseum at 12 p.m.

Nursing: Wright Auditorium at 12:30 p.m.

Economics: Hendrix Theatre at 12:30 p.m.

Theatre & Dance: McGinnis at 1 p.m.

Foreign Language & Literature: Bate 1032 at 2 p.m.

History: Mendenhall 244 at 2 p.m.

Philosophy: Brewster D 313 at 2 p.m.

Physics: Howell Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Political Science: Willis Building at 3 p.m.

Allied Health: Wright Auditorium at 4 p.m.

Biology: Hendrix Theatre at 4 p.m.

Anthropology: Flanagan 265 at 4 p.m.

Health and Human Performance: Minges Coliseum at 4 p.m.

International Studies: International House at 5 p.m.

Music: Great Rooms at 7 p.m.

Communication: Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Art: Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m.

Education: Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Sociology: Willis Building at 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 6th

Psychology: Wright Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Industrial Technology & Computer Science: Wright Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Morning University Ceremony at 10 a.m.

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College of Health & Human Performance

College of Technology & Computer Science

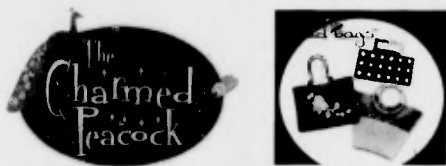
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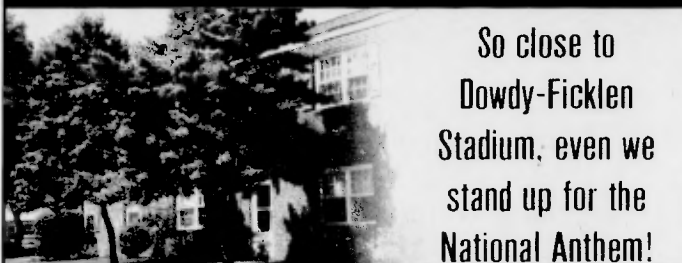
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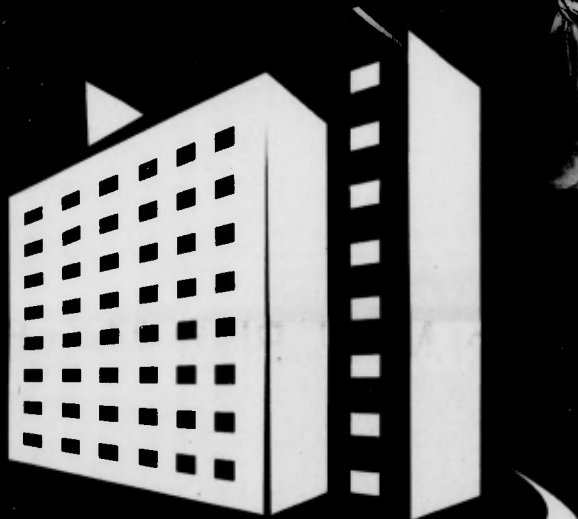
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