The EastCarolinian

VOLUME 82, ISSUE 38

{ www.theeastcarolinian.com }

TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2007

WELCOME BACK!



Book buying can be a strain to your economic outlook, so before you purchase books this semester read about some alternatives.....**Page A5**



Getting organized is key to getting ahead, read how to do both.....**Page A5**



Jasmine Young and the Lady Pirates got the New Year started off right. Check out the sports section to see if ECU made a clean sweep of their first three conference opponents.....**Page A7**



The Pirates went up against Chowan needing a decisive win. Find out if ECU and John Fields took it to the house....**Page A8**

11 Thurs

Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony will be held from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Willis Building. For more information and more calendar events, turn to.....**Page A2**

5	2	7	9	3	8	4	6	1
6	3	1	2	5	4	7	9	8
9	8	4	1	6	7	3	5	2
1	4	3	8	2	9	6	7	5
8	7	9	5	4	6	2	1	3
2	6	5	7	1	3	8	4	9
3	1	2	6	7	5	9	8	4
7	5	8	4	9	2	1	3	6
4	9	6	3	8	1	5	2	7

Test your skills at SuDoKu.....**Page A11**

NEWS .....**Page A2**
PULSE.....**Page A5**
SPORTS.....**Page A7**
OPINION.....**Page A4**
CLASSIFIEDS.....**Page A10**

SGA meetings resume



Photo by Levinia Tyrrell

SGA's first meeting of the new semester discusses the goals for the semester, including sponsoring a formal.

Goals set by class officers at the first meeting

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR WRITER

Executive reports and elections for a new SGA treasurer and senior class officer were the main topics of discussion at the first congress meeting of the semester.

Patrick Sebastian, freshman class officer, talked about the outcome of the "Making the Grade" workshop that was held last semester. A total of 115 students came to the event.

Sebastian stated future goals for this semester which included a formal, which will be sponsored by the freshman class and finishing the Web site for the freshman class.

Kristen Dalton, sophomore class officer, gave an executive report that mainly consisted of goals for getting the student body more involved in volunteering.

Dalton is working developing a student to student mentoring program which would involve study abroad students being paired with ECU students to expose them to American culture.

Kelley Shelton, junior class officer, has several potential projects that she hopes to get completed this semester.

Shelton's report said she is trying to get an ECU sign built along 10th Street, establish an organ donation chapter at ECU and hold four "Real World" workshops this semester.

Nadia Payne, senior class officer, gave an executive report that focused on the awareness of programs like the Alumni Association and Service NC which promotes volunteering.

Other goals that Payne expressed were Seniors Promoting and Improving the Campus Environment which is a program that promotes recycling.

Payne is also working on monthly newsletters, exam survival kits and the H.U.G.E. scholarship.

Class councils have been working with the class officers to complete these goals and to complete goals of their own as well for spring 2007.

Two executive reports must be given by the class officers during the semester to outline future goals and tasks that have already been accomplished.

Voting for a new SGA treasurer and senior class officer was initially set to happen on Monday, but it has been postponed to Jan. 22.

M. Cole Jones, SGA president, said, "I would just like to remind the congress members about how much their vote counts and how important it is to make their voices be heard."

Joel Banjo Johnson, current chief of staff, will act as the SGA treasurer until a permanent treasurer is chosen by congress.

Congress member, Regina Twine, helped organize the pep rally that has held in recognition of the football team playing in the Papa Johns.com bowl game.

"I would like to thank all the congress members that came out to the pep rally. It was a very big success," said Twine.

The next congress meeting will be held on Jan. 22. To find out more about SGA, visit ecu.edu/sga or call 328-4742.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.



Photo by Lizz Wells

Federal appropriations of $84,064 will help Pitt County's homeless.

Pitt County receives emergency funding to aid homeless

Emergency food, shelter, money available

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Pitt County has been awarded an $84,064 federal appropriation for supplemental emergency food and shelter funding. These funds are to be utilized by local nonprofit or governmental organizations that have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination and have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs. Private voluntary organizations must have a voluntary board in order to qualify for a portion of this funding.

Applications for the emergency food and shelter program funds are due by Jan. 17. Applications are available at the United Way of Pitt County office, 1020 Red Banks Rd. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by contacting Cecelia Scott at 252-758-1604.

According to Eric Cloud, operations manager for the Greenville Community Shelters, Inc. people who are in desperate need of basic necessities experience their misfortunes mainly because of addictions, mental illnesses or the loss of a job. Cloud encourages the community to reach out to those in need by stating, "ECU students, or any individual can provide services, donate extra food laying around the dorms or apartments, time or money to help the homeless and hungry."

"I've had several incidences where ECU students have helped very much with rebuilding ramps and volunteering in the shelters at night. We are working to provide a point and time count. We are going to count how many homeless we truly have in Greenville. This will determine if the rate has become worse or better compared to previous years," said Cloud.

Vicki Luttrell, director of communication and marketing for the United Way of Pitt County said Pitt County received more money than the past from the emergency food and shelter program.

"Usually every year there is an increase because the money is given based on our needs. The amount of money we receive is based on the Federal Emergency Management Act and the money available through the program," said Luttrell.

"Working with the United Way there are twenty nonprofit agencies providing 30 programs making a difference in the lives of people in Pitt County."

Rachael Lotter, a senior communication major researched and wrote a paper for the fall 2006 semester about the homeless people of Greenville. She said, "You see all of the homeless people walking around campus and in the neighborhoods. I wanted to know what Pitt County was doing for them. These places are looking for volunteers; there are so many opportunities for ECU students to be involved. Just go to the shelters and you will realize how much help these people need. It's really sad, people need to know it can happen to anybody."

The emergency food and shelter program was created by Congress in 1983 in order to help meet the basic needs of the hungry and homeless throughout the United States by distributing federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

Throughout the 20 years of operation, the program has spent over two billion dollars in more than 2,500 counties and cities. The program's objectives are to disburse funds to the neediest areas, ensure a speedy response and promote community cooperation.

A local board, including representatives from the city and county, Greenville Utilities Commission, United Way of Pitt County and various local nonprofit organizations, will determine how the funds granted to Pitt County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

ECU 1 Card office moves to the Old Cafeteria Complex

New location accommodates more students

LISA URAM
STAFF WRITER

The ECU 1 Card office moved from its old location in Ragsdale Hall to the newly renovated Old Cafeteria Complex on Dec. 12, just before the closing of fall exams.

"We can now accommodate more people than we could in the tiny Ragsdale office," said Katie Carr, who works in the 1 Card office. "Unfortunately, the new office doesn't have any windows."

The new office is located in room G521 on the ground floor of the Old Cafeteria Complex and can be easily found by entering the ramp located at the southeast side of the building, where signs have been placed to help guide students.

"Although it was hard to find the first time I visited the new office, the location and pleasant atmosphere is a huge improvement from the old one," said Lauren Raymes, senior ECU student.

The OneCard office provides incoming freshmen with their first 1 Card for $10 and allows current students to report and replace their lost, stolen or damaged card for $15. The office also helps students set up spending accounts that can help reduce the need for cash or credit card use on campus.

"The office looks more professional and will allow us to better organize student accounts," said Carr.

Now that the 1 Card office is in the same building as the cashiers office and financial aid, students should have an easier time getting everything they need in a timely manner. Regular hours for the 1 Card office are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. On Jan. 9, the office will extend its hours until 6 p.m.

This writer can be contacted news@theeastcarolinian.com.

FoR ENC celebrates successes of 2006



Contributed photo

FoR ENC reviews the successes they achieved renewing in 2006.

Regional foundation promotes growth on many scales

ELISA BIZZOTTO
STAFF WRITER

The board and staff of the Foundation of Renewal for Eastern North Carolina, a private non-profit corporation designed to restore and promote economic, entrepreneurial and cultural growth throughout the region, recently celebrated the strives their organization has made throughout 2006.

Foundation president, Phillip Horne, who is also an ECU alumnus, spoke on what the foundation means to the region and the success FoR ENC has had since its start four years ago.

"The founding of FoR ENC in 2002 was an expression of optimism in the future of eastern North Carolina," said Horne. "In the four years since, stakeholders across the region have joined together to produce extraordinary and visionary efforts at economic renewal."

The corporation aims to serve as a vehicle to assist renewal in one of the country's most underserved regions. FoR ENC calls upon organizations and citizens of the communities within this part of the state to work as a whole to restore an economy that was once almost solely dependent upon manufacturing and agriculture.

"As the pressures brought by globalization, NAFTA and the decline of North Carolina's historic economic cornerstones accelerated, these leaders [FoR ENC board and staff] challenged each other and all collaborators, partners and stakeholders to think and act boldly for the purpose of advancing a regional commitment to competitiveness in a post-industrial, post-agrarian economy," said Director of Communications Frank Dooley.

Dooley explained that those involved with the foundation represent diverse viewpoints and bring experience from leadership positions in education, business, government, civic life and public policy.

One project in particular that was launched in 2006 is the Creative Communities Initiative, which targets six communities in eastern North Carolina: Ayden, Edenton, Hertford, Murfreesboro, Plymouth and Tarboro, and focuses on identifying the concept of a creative community and implementing that concept to further the economies of these communities. According to Dooley, this initiative is projected to continue throughout the next two years.

Another highlight of 2006 was the Greene County School System technology project, in partnership with Apple Computer and Wavelength Broadband Wireless. According to Dooley, the project began in an effort to expand access

see **ENC** page A2

News

{ Campus & Community }

CORRECTIONS

The *East Carolinian* is dedicated to providing accurate information, and corrects mistakes printed in the newspaper.

To report a correction, send an e-mail to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Study Abroad Information Session

Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 3 - 5 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Rooms 1 & 2
Have you always wanted to study abroad but you are unsure where to start? This information session will answer your questions about participating in an ECU-sponsored study abroad program.
Contact Brandi Dudley, 328-1937 or dudleyb@ecu.edu for more information.

Information Session on Trip to Japan

Thursday, Jan. 25 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Willis Building
The Japan Center East is leading a trip to Japan, including the cities of Tokyo, Hakone and Kyoto. This information session will give details about the trip planned for later this year.
Visit ecu.edu/japancentereast or contact Chikako S. Massey at masseyc@ecu.edu or 737-1352.

ECU Alumni Scholarship

The East Carolina Alumni Association will sponsor (15) $1,000 student scholarships for the 2007-2008 year. Current ECU students who will be full-time students (as defined by ECU) in the 2007-2008 academic year are eligible to apply for an Alumni Scholarship. Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. Visit PirateAlumni.com to download an application or call 800-ECU-GRAD for more information.

Dance 2007

Thursday, Feb. 1 through Wednesday, Feb. 7
8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. at McGinnis Auditorium
Original Choreography by ECU School of Theatre and Dance Faculty and Guest Artist(s) TBA
Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical and sometimes eccentric, this annual dance showcase has become an immensely popular event. Sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike, this is a fast-paced and unpredictable cornucopia of dance styles. Visit ECUARTS.com or e-mail theatre-dance.ecu.edu.
Ticket Required.

9 Tues

Still – An exhibition featuring the work of Amy Freeman and Annie Hogan
For additional information please call Emerge Gallery & Art Center at 551-6947 or e-mail heather@emergegallery.com.
Emerge Gallery & Art Center 404 S. Evans St., Uptown Greenville between Fourth and Fifth streets
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Student Organization Registration Information Sessions
These hour–long information sessions are open to all student organization members, officers and advisors. The S.A.C. in conjunction with SGA and Event Planning will outline the new registration process, funding processes, event planning and room reservation (Web-viewer) as well as many other resources available to student organizations.
Mendenhall Student Center
3 - 4 p.m.

10 Wed

Blood Drive
Greenville Public Works
1500 Beatty Street
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Student Organization Registration Information Sessions
These hour–long information sessions are open to all student organization members, officers and advisors. The S.A.C. in conjunction with SGA and Event Planning will outline the new registration process, funding processes, event planning and room reservation (Web-viewer) as well as many other resources available to student organizations.
Mendenhall Student Center
3 - 4 p.m.

11 Thurs

Last day for late registration and schedule changes (drop and add)
Ends at 5 p.m.

***Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony**

Driving Workshop
SRC 238
4 p.m.

Business Workshop
SRC 238
5 p.m.

Documentary filmmaker Keith Beauchamp presentation
Documentary filmmaker Keith Beauchamp investigated the murder of Emmett Louis Till 50 years after Till's death. Beauchamp will present "Race in the South: What the Civil Rights Movement Did Not Accomplish." A reception will follow in the Multipurpose Room of Mendenhall Student Center.
Hendrix Theatre
7 p.m.

Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival Concert (From Russia to Bohemia)
A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall
7 p.m.

12 Fri

Student Organization Registration Information Sessions
These hour-long information sessions are open to all student organization members, officers and advisors. The S.A.C. in conjunction with SGA and Event Planning will outline the new registration process, funding processes, event planning and room reservation (Web-viewer) as well as many other resources available to student organizations.
Mendenhall Student Center
3 –-4 p.m.

Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival Concert: "From Russia to Bohemia"
A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall
8 p.m.

13 Sat

Free Dependent Day
Student Recreation Center
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Contra Dance
Sponsored by the Folk Arts Society of Greenville, ECU Folk & Country Dancers
Willis Building, First & Reade Streets
6 p.m. potluck dinner
7:30 p.m. lesson
8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
dance



*Featured Event:

Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony

A lecture and demonstration by a tea master along with tea tasting. The tea ceremony is a beautiful tea drinking ritual developed by a Japanese monk in the 12th century. There is limited seating; the cost is $7. ecu.edu/japancentereast
Willis Building
2 - 4 p.m.

14 Sun

Want to see your event here?
Submit your event information at theeastcarolinian.com/calendar

15 Mon

State Holiday (no class)

Community Unity Breakfast
An annual celebration designed to recognize the diversity and unity within the community.
Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce
7:30 a.m.

Screening of *Flock of Dodos: The Evolution/Intelligent Design Circus*
Panelists: Calvin Mercer, Religious Studies Program Director, ECU; Kyle Summers Evolutionary Biology Instructor, Associate Professor of Biology, ECU; Jason Bond, Phylogenetics and Speciation, Associate Professor of Biology, ECU; Linda Wolfe, Human and Primate Evolution, Chair of Anthropology, Professor of Anthropology; Tricia Kelley, Paleontology, Professor of Geology, UNCW
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.

BRIEFS

Atlanta courthouse where killings began readies for trial

(AP) — Twenty-two months after a rape trial ended in gunfire, a tightly secured murder trial will begin in the same courthouse complex that was the scene of the bloodshed.

This time, the suspect, Brian Nichols, faces a potential death penalty if convicted of killing a judge, a sheriff's deputy, a court reporter and a federal agent. Heightened security will be obvious when jury selection in the murder trial begins Thursday at the Fulton County Courthouse complex in downtown Atlanta.

Nichols has pleaded not guilty to a 54-count indictment that charges him with murder and other offenses.

Metal shanks were found in Nichols' shoes two days before the shootings. Despite that, Nichols' handcuffs were still removed just before he allegedly overpowered the deputy guarding him in a detention area not far from the courtroom where the shootings started.

Prosecutors have said they believe Nichols felt he was going to be convicted during his retrial and he didn't want to go to prison. A woman who gave birth to Nichols' son three days before the rampage says Nichols repeatedly expressed his desire to be with the child. The Atlanta police chief says Nichols just snapped, while an FBI agent testified at a hearing last year that Nichols told authorities he lashed out because the woman he was accused of raping had a relationship with their pastor.

Barnes, who works for another judge in the same courthouse complex, said the recent Christmas holiday was tough at times. "Rowland used to get up, put on coffee, juice and Manheim Steamroller tapes," Barnes said. "I miss that every year."

It's been difficult for Nichols' parents, too, with their family under the media microscope.

Lejeune combat team to head to Iraq

(AP) — A Camp Lejeune–based combat team with about 4,500 Marines and sailors will deploy to Iraq by the end of next week as a part of a scheduled troop rotation, officials said.

The Regimental Combat Team-6, led by the 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, will relieve forces in the Anbar province. They are geared to help train and support Iraq security units.

The combat team includes two other battalions from Camp Lejeune along with battalions from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The regiment previously had a six-month deployment to Afghanistan in 2004.

Second Mardi Gras since Katrina will look more like normal

(AP) — Carnival season, which kicks off this weekend, will have a much more normal look this year than the hastily put together celebration following Hurricane Katrina.

"The 2006 was a kind of laid back, relaxed, downsized Mardi Gras," said Arthur Hardy, who publishes the Mardi Gras Guide. "Most of the parades will be back to their normal size this year and on their regular routes."

The event staged last spring rolled despite widespread damage from the Aug. 29, 2005 storm. It was touted as a step back to normalcy and a boost to bringing the tourist industry, the city's major economic engine, back to the city. There were fewer parades and far fewer spectators.

Signs of Hurricane Katrina persist. The Phunny Phorty Phellows will ride a streetcar down Carrolton Avenue on Saturday, rather than the traditional St. Charles Ave. route. The St. Charles streetcar line, which was severely damaged by the hurricane, is not back in service yet.

Endymion will march through an uptown section of the city rather than its traditional route through the flood–ravaged Mid–City neighborhood.

Holiday artwork a fleeting form

(AP) — Bits of Santa Claus were sticking to the soles of Mattie Nelson de Jesus' shoes Wednesday.

By 5 p.m., she'd scraped, peeled and sprayed the Jolly Red One into post-holiday surrender.

But de Jesus' labor doesn't end when the holidays do. She contracts with Pitt County businesses throughout the year to paint images, signs and anything else they need to rev up their businesses. But she enjoys Christmastime the most, she said. Especially satisfying are her renditions of the Nativity – Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

"It gives me the spirit of Christmas to know people are thinking of Jesus," she said about the holiday season. "And having businesses that think enough of their customers to do this (pay her to paint Christmas murals) is gratifying."

Twelve county businesses took advantage of her artistry over the holidays, de Jesus said. That was a bit down from previous years, but still enough to keep her brushes busy.

"I love anything having to do with art," she explained. "I've been getting praise for my artwork since before I started high school."

ENC

continued from A1

to the regional high-speed broadband service as well as to create more positions for new jobs. After raising the capital for this project, FoR ENC not only achieved both goals, but also accomplished an astonishing feat.

"After a very fruitful partnership with Apple Computer and the Greene County School System, in which all students, grades 6 to 12, have their very own laptops and broadband access, 79 percent of Greene County seniors were accepted to college at the end of the 2005/2006 academic year; three years ago only 25 percent of Greene County seniors even applied to college," said Dooley.

In addition to these two successes, FoR ENC has gained much attention not only from within the state but internationally as well, with various different media projects in the forms of documentaries, newsletters and essays.

When asked his predictions for the upcoming year, Dooley responded confidently.

"We've been blessed to have such an astonishingly talented and hard-working board and staff, so each year is better than the previous."

To learn more about the FoR ENC students can visit the official Web site at forenc.com.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The ECU Volunteer & Service-Learning Center, in partnership with the MLK Day Committee, invites you to participate in the MLK Day Challenge, Monday, Jan. 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. In memory of Dr. King, we commit a day to serving our neighbors, "simple acts" that continue to build towards his dream. Please use Internet Explorer when selecting a project at ecu.edu/volunteer. Deadline to register for a MLK Day Challenge project is Thursday, Jan. 11,. This event is much like the 2006 Make A Difference Day, however, you must provide your own transportation to your project site. Questions? Contact Shawn Moore at Volunteer & Service-Learning Center 328-2735 or volunteer@ecu.edu.

ALL DAY HANGOUT
758-2774 Take out
BREAKFAST ALL DAY EVERYDAY
11AM-10PM
2 blocks from campus
Christy's EURO PUB
LUNCH·DINNER·LATE-NIGHT
301 South Jarvis Street
New Cool T-shirts Available
12 Delicious Combos - $5.69
EVERY DAY 11am-10pm
University Meal Deal
2 blocks from campus
NEWLY REMODELED OUTDOOR PATIO

Your roommate puked in the washing machine.
You can afford to live alone.
Wesley South Apartments 758-1921



ichapters.com

"Smart students spend less!"

	at ichapters.com*	elsewhere
Textbook	$75.99	$101.99
eBook	$40.99	Not Available!
eChapter	$1.99	Not Available!

*prices vary by individual title

15% OFF ANY PURCHASE
Enter ICHP0625 at checkout

Stop stacking and start saving!



Roll into the High Life at University Suites!

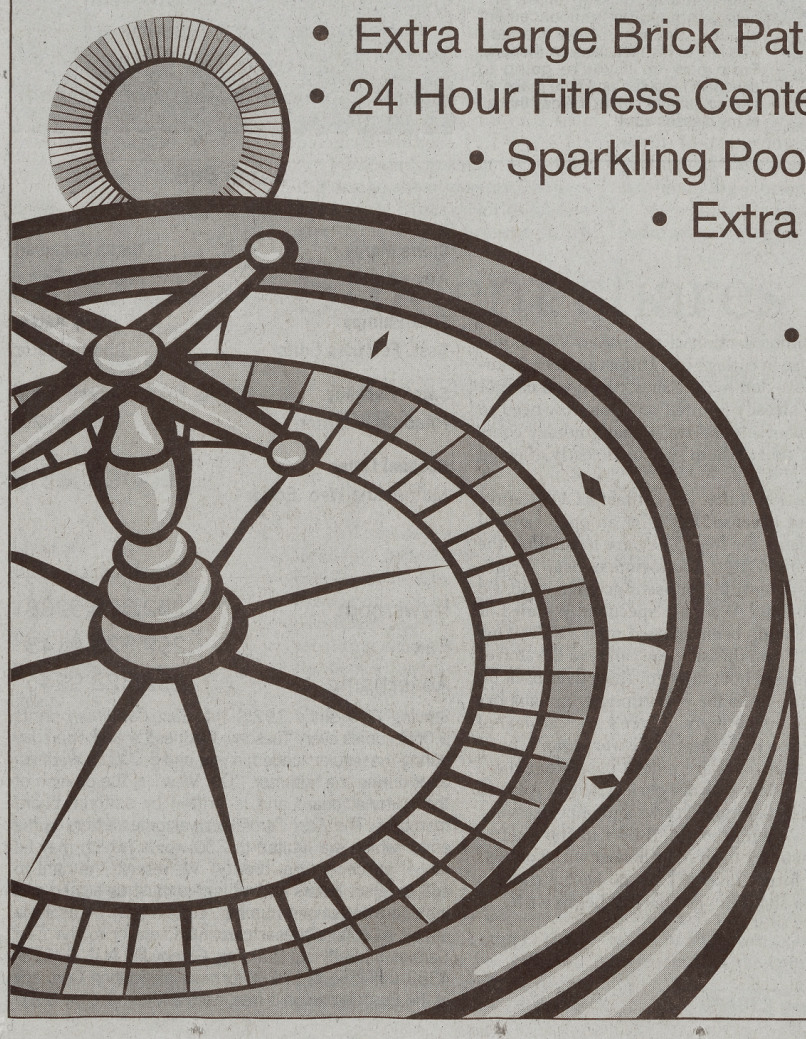




3 Bedroom • 3 Bathroom Townhomes

- Extra Large Brick Patios
- 24 Hour Fitness Center / Computer Lab
- Sparkling Pool & Sundeck
- Extra Large Bedrooms & Living Areas
- Private ECU Bus to Campus
- Sand Volleyball Court • Free Tanning
- Enjoy your own Private Floor!

All Inclusive Option for Fall 2007!!!



Super Move In Specials!
Now Leasing for Fall!

University Suites
252-551-3800
2200 University Suites Drive
www.universitysuites.net



Opinion

{ Your new best friend }

RANT OF THE DAY

You cannot forward a text from your current girlfriend to your ex-girlfriend, saying, "I love you." It just doesn't cut it.

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back everyone!

Although winter break was undoubtedly too short and the onset of another round of classes is stressful – books to buy, syllabi to print, schedules to coordinate – the new semester and the new year offer everyone a chance to start fresh.

If you have one more semester before graduation, or seven, there's still plenty of time to take advantage of all the opportunities ECU has to offer. Whether you've resolved to improve your GPA this year, get a job, exercise more, eat healthier, give back to the community or simply meet new people, you can find programs and organizations that can help you reach your goal right here on campus.

This early in the semester, various teams, clubs and organizations are recruiting new members – now is your chance to get involved while other new people are joining as well, or start a new organization yourself. Informational sessions are being held this week in Mendenhall for students interested in starting new organizations, or furthering existing ones. The volunteer center has a new, convenient location in the newly renovated old cafeteria complex, and is a resource available to help you find ways to use your skills to help others.

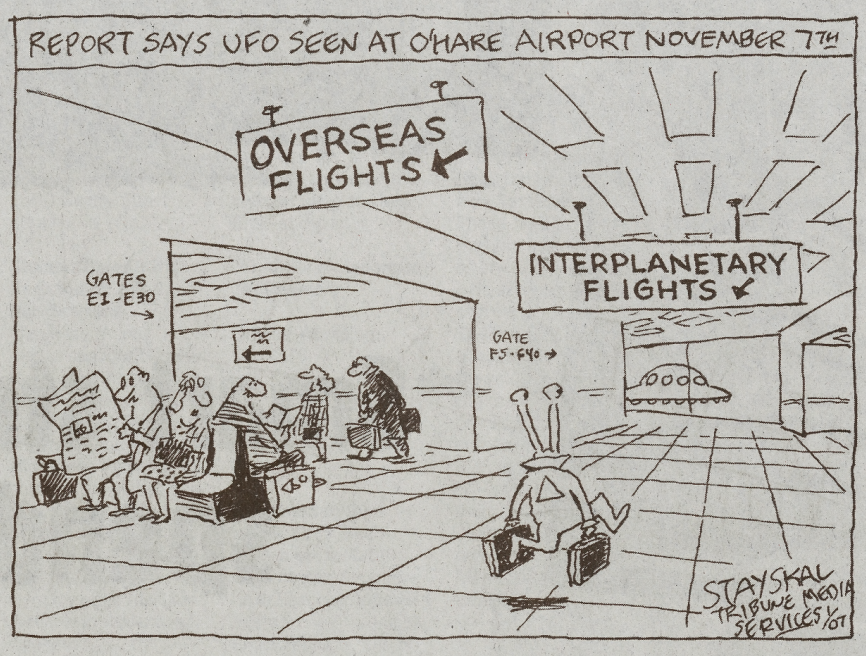
The Student Recreational Center offers a host of new programs to help you and your diet get in shape for the new year, while the Student Union has a variety of events and activities to help you unwind and socialize. Don't let yourself be intimidated by new activities, after all, your student fees are paying for them, and most include some sort of free food, T-shirt or trinket.

And finally, if you need a new job to fund your new endeavors this year, don't forget about the job opportunities available on campus, especially at the *East Carolinian*. We're always looking for staff writers and opinion columnists with diverse interests and backgrounds. Stop by our newsroom, located downtown in the Self Help Building at the corner of Third and Evans Streets, and pick up an application.

Whatever you decide to do, we at the *East Carolinian* wish you the best of luck this semester and throughout 2007.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bell
Editor-in-Chief



MCT

PIRATE RANTS

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

Can you feel the beat?

There's a boy in my bed.

I hate it when I'm used as a rebound.

I wish I could win the lottery.

Quit trying to please other people and just be yourself. More people will like you that way.

I am so frustrated that I think I need a drink.

All I ever wanted to do was be your friend and be there for you. But instead I've become some play toy that you only want to hang out with when no one else is around.

Sometimes I feel so used and worthless.

I wish things were the way they used to be when we were dating and enjoying each other, but instead you are constantly rejecting the idea of spending time with me because of the new so-called friends you have.

Best friends aren't supposed to break promises, but when they do, it feels so bad considering they're supposed to be there for you.

The reason I refused to go out with you and your friends was because you promised to hang out with me first.

Sometimes I love you so much and other times I just want to slap you right in the face!

You've made me feel so bad that I think I'm going to go get a refund on the Christmas present that I've been holding for you.

Sometimes you give me all the attention in the world like you're my best friend and other times you treat me like a fly on the wall.

I've been excited about moving in with my best friend all year but now I'm starting to have second thoughts.

I don't like being suitemates. Living here won't be the same.

Now that it's a new year, maybe I can find a special someone to be in my life.

My best friend makes plans to hang out with me and then he gets invited to go somewhere else and he expects me to just tag along. I'm not going because I wasn't formally invited and you just want me to go so you won't feel so guilty.

I love my best friend to death and I'd do anything for him, but sometimes he makes me feel so used.

My first semester of college is over and I am the size of a blimp.

I really hope my parents don't expect me to make the Dean's List again this semester.

Why is it that all of my friends are transferring next year?

I want to move to Las Vegas. I met the love of my life there and I plan on sabotaging his life and making babies with him.

My dad makes over a million dollars a year and I got $5,000 for Christmas and I thought that wasn't enough; I guess I'm the snob. Ha.

Is it bad that classes have not even started and I'm thinking about Spring Break?

Aw, great. We're back to ECU food. Hello, gas.

My New Year's resolution is to have money this semester.

The "Price is Right" cures all colds.

You're annoying, lazy, and your hands are clammy. That is why I don't want to date you. Now stop asking me!

Even if a relationship ends in heartache, if you learned something from it, I think it was worth it.

I really think that the drunk buses should have bathrooms on them.

I think my girlfriend is having an affair.

I'm going to find my future husband this year. Any volunteers?

Why don't you just get out of your car, instead of hoping that the person will hear you. Really. You could use the exercise.

My 8-year-old brother is struggling to find his ethnic identity, and it worries me.

I don't have just the flu, but the Kong Flu. It's like the flu, but it kicks your butt.

I'm over you. You need to grow up and act like an adult; then maybe we can be friends later.

It's crazy that I've spent just about every day with you over break and I still can't get enough! I love it!

He's the only one I can't stay mad at.

Who is the Jane in Just ask Jane?

Facebook > MySpace.

I will not be back to ECU in January because I graduated! It was fun while it lasted, but I already love my full-time job.

You know it's weird when you come back to the dorms and it feels like home.

Why didn't transportation services tell anyone that some of their bus schedules have changed? Because of being in the dark, I missed my very first class of the semester... and with a good excuse. I'm on crutches.

School has already exhausted me.

I can't wait to grow up and get my pilot's license.

I know you pick your nose.

Dear roommate – I'm sorry I don't talk to you much... at all. I just don't know what to say.

I'm tired of these motherf***ing snakes on this motherf***ing plane!

If you happen to have a tagteam with your friend and two random guys, don't tell anybody about it.

I wish my roommate's bugs would stop crawling over to my side of the room.

Guys would you please flush the stalls in the bathrooms? If nothing else, use your shoe, sandal, etc., which works well if you're afraid of touching the handle. I'm sick of the smell!

Did my eyes deceive me? Are they actually doing something to the Wright Fountain?

This may sound bad, but I just want a guy to tell me "no" once in a while... it makes the times when I get my way that much better!

I love you. God loves you. It just breaks my heart to see you breaking God's heart. If I can do anything to stop you from sinning, I will. I'd rather hurt your feelings now, than not save your life. I'm not sorry.

Christmas lovin', happened so fast. Christmas lovin', had me a blast.

How come shoe sizes and sock sizes aren't equivalent?

If you think you deserve respect, prove it! Stop talking about how they have disrespected you and do something about it. If you want respect, you can't force it, you have to earn it!

I had a great break, but now I can't remember any of the cable channels around here.

Thanks for changing the Brown Bus Route and its pick-up times and failing to make an announcement about it. Because of the change I was late to my first class on Monday. From now on if you're going to change the routes and time make an announcement before the day that all of my classes start!

A world without a winter

The saga of a depressed Northerner

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

Outside you can hear the birds chirping, buds on the trees are swaying in a warm breeze and girls are tanning again on College Hill, ah, thank God, it's spring again. Wait. Isn't it still January? What the hell happened to winter? I feel like we skipped right over it. This winter has been ridiculously warm and I'm not too psyched about it. The weather this winter has been roughly 20 degrees above average, setting records in the armpits of the globe, England and New Jersey. Thanks to El Niño, or La Niña, I don't know, I can't speak French. But thanks to them, we are sweating off our holiday hangovers instead of drinking them off next to a warm fire.

For most people here at ECU, the warm winter conditions are a blessing. Ladies, you can go outside in your pink and neon green booty shorts and walk your dog, go downtown in your skimpiest of outfits without freezing your buns off, even get a tan without dropping 20 beans at Tan'N'Bed. Guys, we can play football and basketball outside and show off our physical superiority to the girls in pink and neon green booty shorts walking their dogs. Heck, what not to like about a warm winter?

Well for me and the other folks like me I like cold weather. For me it's nice to wake up in the morning dreading the thought of stepping out of my warm bed. Personally I like seeing my breath, or God forbid a snowflake. In November it got cold for a little bit and I was happy not to sweat at work and I even had dreams of snowboarding over Christmas break. Christmas came, I bought a new jacket and boots, got off work for a couple of weeks and was all ready to go boarding, there was only one problem – no snow. Once again warm weather ruined my annual ski trip and now I'm back here broken and depressed.

Mother Nature is not only screwing me but all the people who sell snow blowers and snow shovels are getting hosed too. Think about the CEOs of the poor oil companies that couldn't afford a Christmas this year because no one was using their heaters. What about the makers of chap stick and rock salt? It is obvious that a warm winter is horrible not just for me but the economy as well.

Imagine a world with no winter. There would be no snow men, snow ladies or snow angels. No more snow balls, snow forts or snow cones (OK maybe snow cones). We would go from fall to spring to summer, ladies you know what that means? No more cute furry snow boots! A frightening thought for everyone I'm sure.

Without winter our economy, our wardrobes and our Christmas carols would be forever changed. Who would want to dream about a green Christmas? Where's the fun in walking in a winter wonderland when you don't have to worry about slipping on ice and busting your butt?

The moral of the story is that cold winters are a necessary part of our lives, and those of you who are so thoroughly enjoying this warm weather should think twice when someone asks you, "Man, how about this weather?"

OPINION WRITERS WANTED!

DON'T LET YOUR OPINIONS GO UNHEARD
Consider writing for
The *East Carolinian*,
where all of campus will
hear *your* voice every week.
Call us at 328-9238
or email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I'm actually not one to read the opinion section in here, but I have been lately. I am concerned with the STD letters being written. I feel for all those that have had the burden placed upon them. The truth is, I too have genital herpes. I have only had sex with two people in my life. I only had one bad experience with it, and got it checked. Other than that, I have seen no signs of it. Still, it only takes one test result. I did not contract it here at ECU, but I am finding that I'm still having trouble moving on from this problem. It is so true that people are stereotyped and labeled once "the secret is out." No one knows I have this, and no one will until I plan to be married. My fear is that I will never be able to find a partner in my life. I feel ashamed and humiliated. I am a dedicated, hardworking, well-rounded, student, athlete, friend and genuine person. My friends even crack jokes about Herpes and I laugh along with them to cover it up. I feel that I am not the only one out there experiencing this. I have faced the facts, and tried to "move on," but the fact is, I can't. It's a part of me, but not who I am. It seems that all everyone talks about is what to do about informing yourself of disease, and what it is. Nothing is said about how to live with it, or how to think about your life after realizing what has happened to you. You not only feel dirty, but also isolated, alone, fake. It took me a long time to get the strength not to cry every day. I often was in denial because something like this happened to me. Again, many people would be so shocked to know I have this, so I guess it just goes to show that STDs don't discriminate. My question is, how do I live with this, and how do I prepare myself to love again without being judged? Is it possible to find someone that will see past a lifelong mistake, and how do I approach relationships? Thanks for all you do, and it's really therapeutic to get this question out finally, and possibly answered.

Signed,
Needs Some Support

Dear Needs,

I'm glad you've been reading the opinion section of the paper. We do our best to address all kinds of issues that arise in college life. Unfortunately, Sexually Transmitted Diseases are one of those dominant issues. Since you cannot help what people will say, like you have already pointed out, you now need to worry more about how to live and love yourself and those that you may come to love throughout your life – especially those whom may be directly affected someday.

If you haven't already, my first suggestion is that you contact ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development because they offer an open ear and a professional opinion especially to students for free. They are located on the ground floor of the Wright Building, where Wright Auditorium is, near Wright Plaza, and they're online at ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/counselingcenter. Also, I'd like to take the time to recommend a helpful Web site specifically aimed at those adapting to a new lifestyle due to having been infected with a STD. One is herpesonline.org/herpes_stories.html. From this site, you can read the stories of others afflicted with the same problem and how they got their lives back on track, and you can also navigate it to find links for everything from support groups to frequently asked questions and much more. There's a great deal of literature out there to find that can give you much better answers than I, but I sincerely hope this helps. I can tell you that there are indeed people out there that can love you for the person you are. None of us are perfect, if you want to look at things objectively, we all have different kinds of flaws and imperfections. Learning to love yourself is the most valuable step you'll take in the road to recovery and future happiness. I urge you to try to first, be honest with yourself and then, honest with others, including future lovers. They do have a right to know. If they can't handle it, perhaps you shouldn't go there to begin with.

All the best,
Jane

Sarah Bell
Editor in Chief

Claire Murpy
News Editor

Sarah Campbell
Features Editor

Elise Phillips
Asst. Features Editor

Greg Katski
Sports Editor

Sarah Hackney
Head Copy Editor

Zach Sirkin
Photo Editor

Rachael Lotter
Multimedia Web Editor

Newsroom 252.328.9238
Fax 252.328.9143
Advertising 252.328.9245

Serving ECU since 1925, the *East Carolinian* prints 9,000 copies every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the regular academic year and 5,000 on Wednesdays during the summer. "Our View" is the opinion of the editorial board and is written by editorial board members. The *East Carolinian* welcomes letters to the editor which are limited to 250 words (which may be edited for decency or brevity). We reserve the right to edit or reject letters and all letters must be signed and include a telephone number. Letters may be sent via e-mail to editor@theeastcarolinian.com or to the *East Carolinian*, SelfHelp Building, Greenville, N.C. 27858-4353. Call 252-328-9238 for more information. One copy of the *East Carolinian* is free, each additional copy is $1.

Pulse

{ Campus Scene }

Horoscopes:

Aries
You resist routine, but you're always most effective when you have a solid structure. Maybe that's why they call it getting into the groove.

Taurus
The work is building up, but don't race off and do it quite yet. You need to get your energy up first, and do mental preparations.

Gemini
It's hard to achieve a compromise now, so don't worry about it. Wait until tomorrow. People won't be so argumentative.

Cancer
You're in that awkward learning phase, when anything could go wrong. Make sure your insurance policies are current and paid up.

Leo
More study is required, before you make a big purchase. Don't worry, you're about to discover something to watch for that removes all the risk.

Virgo
Initial frustrations give way to more creative thinking. What used to work doesn't anymore. Come up with a different answer.

Libra
Inquiring minds want to know, so don't be afraid to ask the tough questions. You're asking them of yourself, by the way, in case you hadn't noticed.

Scorpio
You're still a money magnet. That's the good news. There's a hole in your pocket. Watch out for that.

Sagittarius
Collect your reward before you go public with whatever you've discovered. It's tough, but you can do it. Exercise discipline.

Capricorn
More work is required, but you're off to a good start. You're making a good impression on people who can help you achieve your goals.

Aquarius
The difficult phase is just about over for a while. Prepare to relax. Sneak out of town before the paparazzi know you're going.

Pisces
Use your imagination to come up with a solution to the problem. If you have an idea that will work, you can get the funding.

Drink Recipe

Lava Flow
1 ounce coconut syrup
2 ounces pineapple juice
1 1/2 ounces rum
Splash vanilla ice milk (or ice cream)
1/2 cup ice
1 1/2 ounces strawberry puree
Blend all ingredients except strawberry puree. Pour into a cocktail glass and garnish with strawberry puree.

Please drink responsibly.

Don't let book buying break the bank

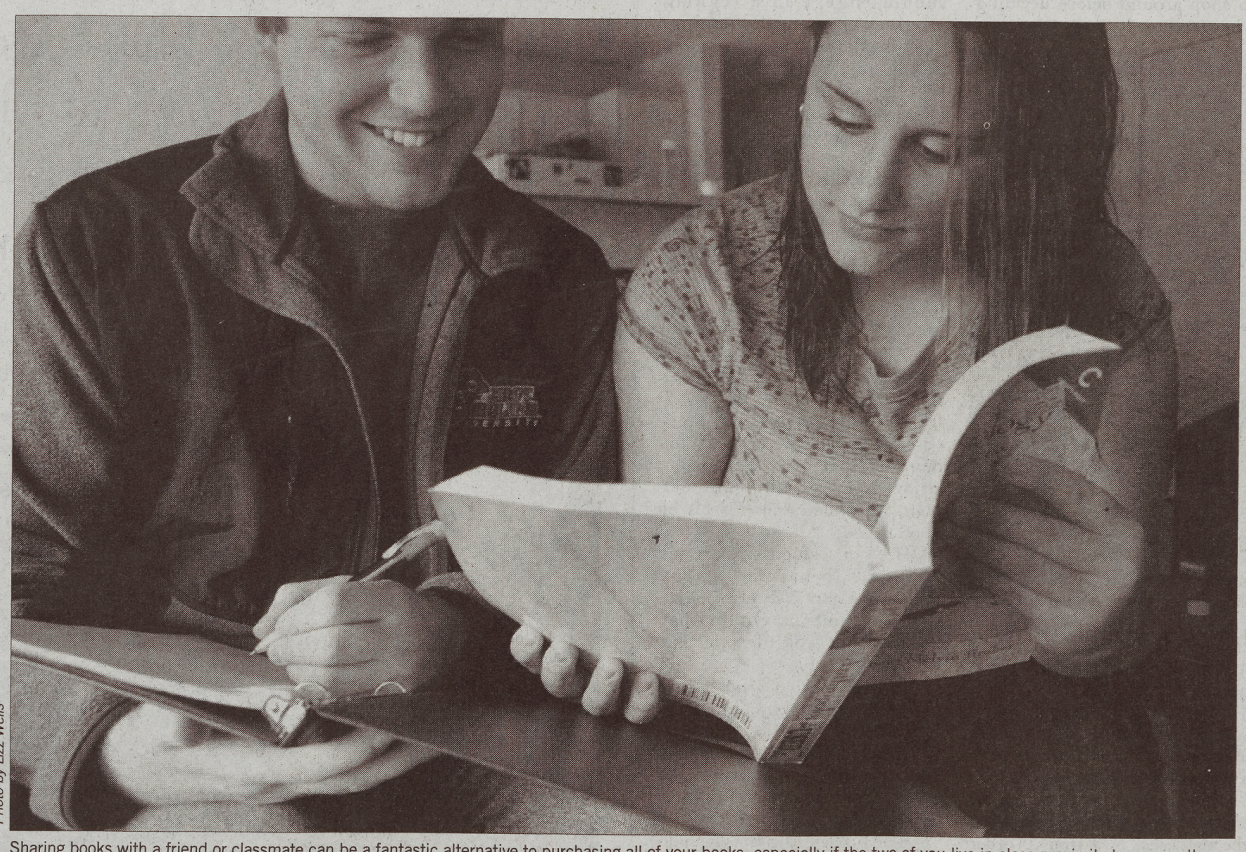


Photo by Lizz Wells

Sharing books with a friend or classmate can be a fantastic alternative to purchasing all of your books, especially if the two of you live in close proximity to one another.

Money-saving alternatives to book buying

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

One of the woes for returning students each semester is having to spend money on textbooks that are rarely used. While this may be one of the requirements of a college education, going broke because of it is not.

An obvious solution that many students try to take advantage of is buying used textbooks. The pre-highlighted and stained option may not be very glamorous but might save a few dollars. Of course, students who opt for used books need to shop early, as copies are snatched up quickly.

Another alternative is book sharing. During the first few days of class, students can make friends with a classmate and offer to split the cost of the text with them. This option isn't very convenient if the class requires a lot of reading, but it is a definite money-saver.

Possibly the best money-saving tool for college students is the Internet and the assorted Web sites that offer used textbooks for great prices.

While some students might be apprehensive about making purchases online, most sites have a seller rating system, book condition scale and very secure purchasing networks.

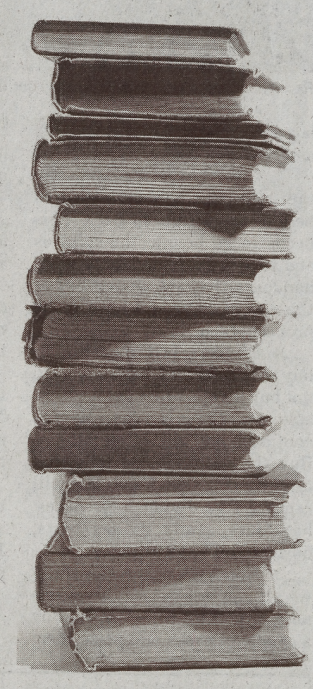
There are many book-selling sites to choose from but a few stand out from the rest when it comes to dependency, decency and ease of use.

Amazon.com is a popular book-buying-bandwagon that many of you have already taken advantage of. This site is easy to use and is home to thousands of used books. Other bookstores such as Borders and Barnes & Noble also have online stores that make buying used textbooks very quick and easy.

Another book-buying option is Google.com. On the main page there is a feature that allows students to narrow searches by choosing to search books only.

Previews of books and even books in their entirety can be found online along with reviews and a list of Web sites from which you may purchase the books. Many novels can be found in their entirety using this tool, which makes it great for students taking reading-intensive courses. Students who are really looking

see **BOOKS** page A6



Tips on shaping up for the new year

A guide to getting healthy

KORRI-LEE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Research has shown that even moderate amounts of exercise have a big impact on health. For most of us however, getting into shape and heading to the gym is ultimately much easier said than done.

Unfortunately, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the physical activity pattern for many has been established by the time they reach high school. Given that we have all passed that phase in life, it's time we take a closer look into our psyche and determine how we can change our motivation.

After further inspection, it's evident that stretching, cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and muscular endurance should all be assessed in any good workout. Although many of us dread the long and tedious workouts that are often associated with fitness, it is important that we learn the make up of a true balanced workout.

First and foremost, stretching is the most essential aspect of physical fitness. Not only does stretching help to prevent pulled muscles, but it has been known to increase flexibility and reduce stress levels. Daily stretching of about 10-12 minutes should be performed slowly and without any bouncing motion.

In terms of cardiorespiratory endurance, engaging in continuous aerobic activity that increases your heart rate is most beneficial. Such activities can include brisk walking, jogging, swimming or cycling and should be done for at least 20 minutes at least three times a week.

To those of us who don't visit the gym frequently, weight lifting can seem too intense. Although many of us admire the results, we are often not driven enough to try our hand at such a workout. Unfortunately, those of us with such views may be disappointed to discover The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that both aerobic and anaerobic exercise (strength training) be included in any balanced fitness program.

Furthermore, scientists have

see **FITNESS** page A6

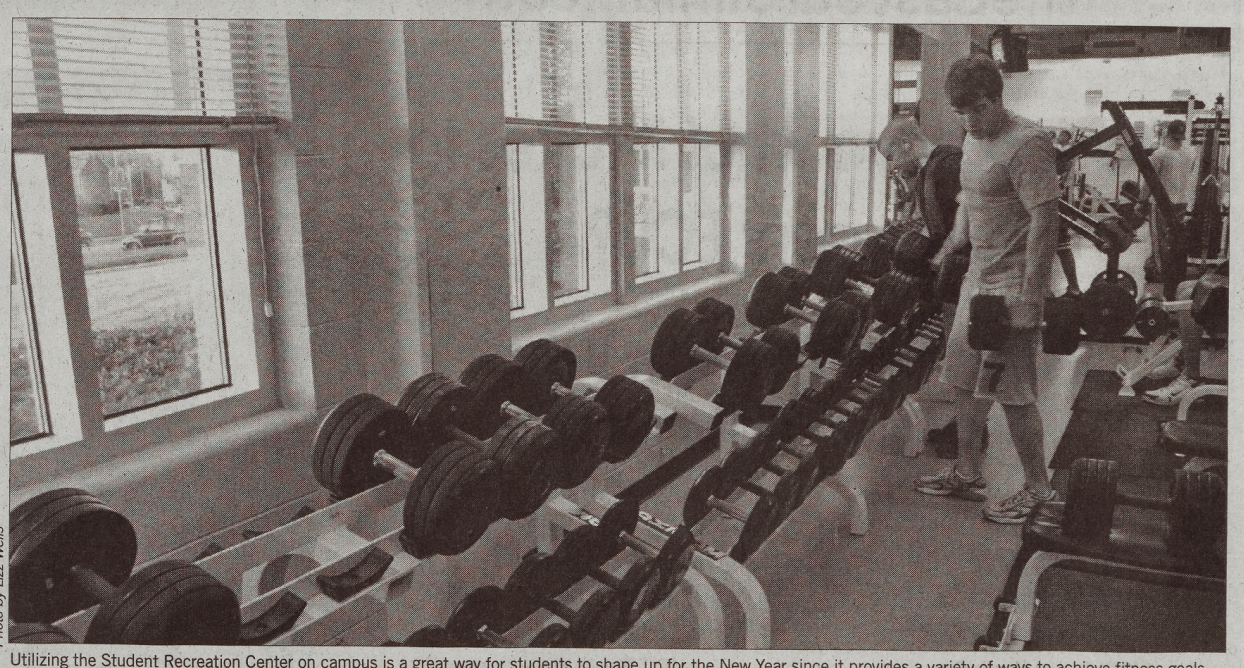


Photo by Lizz Wells

Utilizing the Student Recreation Center on campus is a great way for students to shape up for the New Year since it provides a variety of ways to achieve fitness goals.

Student shares strategies for success in 2007

Tips for making the grade this semester

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

Fall semesters often end on a lackluster note. Football tailgates, band parties and learning the downtown drink specials can take precedent over inane activities such as attending class and cracking open textbooks. Luckily, the university system bestows students a second chance in redeeming themselves throughout the spring semester.

There are shortcuts in acing classes without trying. Cuddling up to the smart one in your class and "working together" constitutes you pursuing other activities while they do all your work. This is also the time to pledge the Greek fraternity of your choice because the myths about test banks might true.

However, if you are gung-ho about learning and succeeding this semester, consider adopting this fail-safe plan to increase your GPA and stay organized.

Blair Dickens, senior public relations major, has developed a strategy for categorizing notebooks known as her "ingredients for success."

Notebooks are key in being prepared for class. Take a trip to your local office supply store and load up on the following items:

1. Three-ring binders. To make life as easy as possible, consolidate all of your Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes into one notebook. Depending on how many classes you have determines the thickness of the binder.

"I recommend a one inch binder for two classes," said Dickens. "Basically plan on using half an inch per class."

2. Sheet Protectors. For each class, place a sheet protector at the front to put the syllabus in. These come in different quantities, and depending on the course content,

see **GRADES** page A6



Staff photo

Taking the time to get organized before classes get swing back into full force can be well worth the time in the long run.

BOOKS continued from A5

to haggle and find a bargain can make their way over to eBay.com and begin the bidding wars.

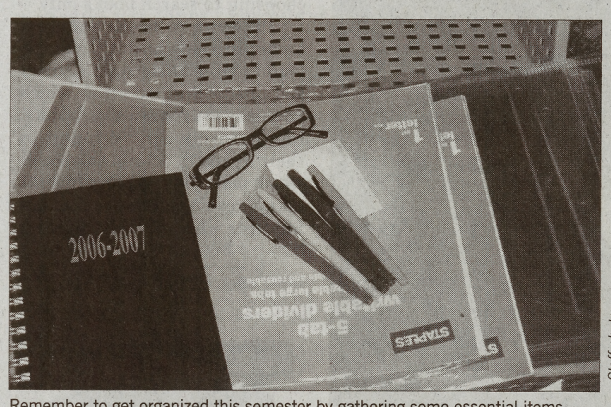
By following the "books" link on the main page and scrolling over to the textbook section, students can find everything from architecture to test-prep books.

While students have little choice but to spend money on textbooks if they expect to be successful in college, they do have a choice as to where they purchase them.

The options are numerous when it comes to purchasing your textbooks, just remember to shop around before deciding where to buy.

This writer can be contacted pulse@theeastcarolinian.com.

GRADES continued from A5



Staff photo

Remember to get organized this semester by gathering some essential items.

buy accordingly to place handouts and returned tests in.

3. Clear Pocket Folders. Buy the multi-pack in various colors to help distinguish each class. This needs to go behind the syllabus and is used to temporarily place handouts that are passed out at the end of class and need to be properly filed.

4. Dividers. It is important to buy the correct set of dividers. Do not buy dividers that use replaceable tabs. These can cause a lot of confusion and will often fall out. Buy the multicolored tabs that can be written on. Each class will require five dividers for notes, handouts, study guides/tests, quizzes and homework.

5. Notebook paper. Hopefully we all can appreciate the greatness of college-ruled paper. Buy a couple of packs and place them at the back of the binder, moving it into each desired section when necessary.

These supplies will have you completely organized and ready for class, but it is necessary to have a method that works for you.

If you really want to go the extra mile, consider purchasing the multi-pack of Sharpies in order to take notes in different colors.

"Whatever you do, don't use the binder pockets," said Dickens. "Papers will end up either lost or misplaced, and it's inevitable that the pockets will stretch out."

It may seem like a lot of work to put into your class notebooks, and be forewarned – it is pricey. Just remember, you can't put a price tag on success.

This writer can be contacted at pulse@theeastcarolinian.com.

FITNESS continued from A5

found that many people (even those who get regular aerobic exercise) suffer rapid erosion of muscle mass around age 45. To reduce the chances of such muscle drain occurring, one should engage in a regular program of strength training.

A basic program involves lifting small free weights, or lifting weights or stretching large elastic bands on stationary universal exercise machines. To increase muscular strength, it is recommended that 20-minute sessions of weight lifting be included into your workout plan at least twice a week. In order to build muscular endurance, all of the major muscle groups should be exercised at least three times a week in 30-minute workouts.

Calisthenics, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and weight training are most effective for building such endurance.

So now that we are all a bit more familiar with the composition of a successful workout plan, it's time to hear a bit of good news.

Here on campus we are all fortunate to have a Campus Recreation and Wellness Center that can help us obtain that healthy body and lifestyle that we long for.

The SRC includes indoor and outdoor pools, a climbing wall, six basketball courts, tons of free weights, over 10,000 square feet of space housing various weight and cardio machines, a walking track and more.

The fitness programs include personal training, group fitness classes, seminars, workshops and instructional classes designed to provide education about a variety of healthy lifestyle options.

As 2007 begins, may we all strive to keep those New Year's resolutions pertaining to physical fitness. No matter how you go about it, just remember to get out and get active this year.

This writer can be contacted at pulse@theeastcarolinian.com.

THE
Sunshine Factory
thesunshinefactory.com
· Huge 32 bulb beds
· 12 Minute Bronzing beds with Facials
· UV Free Mystic Tan
· Closest walk from Campus



*Mention this ad for discount!
TAN FREE!
for one week
new customers only please
Located on 10th St. beside the campus Store
Call (252) 752-1179 for details!

read. rant. share.
theEastCarolinian.com

Do you have what it takes to represent ECU?
It's time for the University Unions Recreation Tournaments!

Bowling
Thursday, January 25, 2007
6:00 p.m. - Midnight
MSC Outer Limitz Bowling

Billiards
Thursday, January 18, 2007
6:00 p.m. - Midnight
MSC Pirate Underground

Table Tennis
Sunday, January 21, 2007
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
MSC Pirate Underground

Chess
Saturday, January 20, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MSC Social Room

Spades
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
MSC Great Rooms

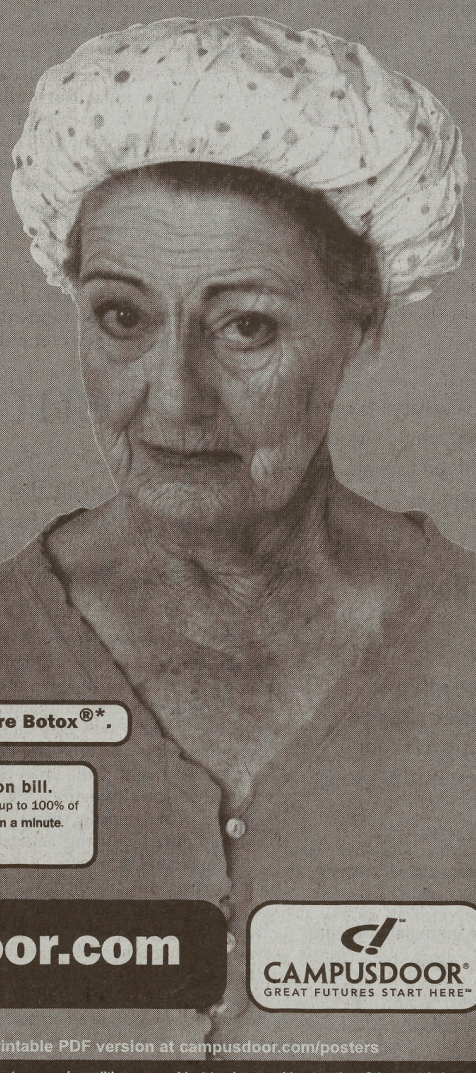
There will be a $3 Registration Fee for each participant in each event.

Participants selected as winners will represent East Carolina University at the Association of College Unions International Region 5 Recreation Tournaments, February 23-25, 2007, in Knoxville, TN.

To view the rules and registration information for each event, please visit our website:
http://www.ecu.edu/universityunions

Mendenhall Student Center Recreations 23 Mendenhall Student Center (252) 328-4738

MONEY FOR COLLEGE NOW



Because Aunt Joan needed more Botox®*.
She got a facelift, you got the tuition bill.
Not to worry: a Campus Door student loan can cover up to 100% of your education costs, with online approval in less than a minute.
All without the painful side effects.
campusdoor.com
CAMPUSDOOR® GREAT FUTURES START HERE™
*Botox® is a registered trademark of Allergan, Inc.
Like this poster? Download your own printable PDF version at campusdoor.com/posters
All loans are subject to credit approval. Programs, rates, terms and conditions are subject to change without notice. Other restrictions apply. Trade/Servicemarks are the property of Campus Door Inc. and/or its affiliates. Lender is Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB. ©2006 Campus Door Inc. All Rights Reserved. Equal Opportunity Lender.

Sports

{ECU's Inside Source}

BY THE NUMBERS

4.35

Estimated amount in millions that Head Coach Skip Holtz will earn in new five-year extension through the 2011 season; the contract includes additional incentives such as bowl participation, conference championship game appearances and titles, and season ticket sales; Holtz will receive $6,000,000 in 2008, and a lofty $900,000 in 2011 if he decides to remain the head coach through the deal

223,006

Single-season attendance record at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this past season; the former high-mark in attendance at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was set in 2000 (217,742)

3.22

Average blocks per game for 6-foot-9 freshman John Fields of Fayetteville, N.C., first in C-USA; Fields had two blocks against Chowan in 29 minutes of play; Fields had been sidelined for three games (all Pirates losses) with a shoulder injury before returning to the lineup against Chowan

10-0

Tulsa's home record so far this season after a 72-64 victory over Texas-Pan American in its final non-conference home game of the regular season; ECU opens C-USA play at Tulsa Wednesday night; tip-off is set for 8:05 p.m., and the game will be televised live on CSTV

4-2

Lady Pirates' all-time record in C-USA openers; ECU beat Marshall in their C-USA opener on Jan. 2, 73-51; last year the Lady Pirates lost at Marshall 57-54 to open up C-USA play

18

Number of points accumulated by the ECU men's ice hockey team at the midway point in the season, putting the team alone atop the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference.

SPORTS TALK

Log on to www.theeastcarolinian.com/messageboard/ to post your response to the following question on the Sports Talk message board. A selection of responses will be printed in this column in tomorrow's paper.

All things considered, do you think the men's basketball team is headed in a positive direction under Ricky Stokes?

Keep in mind: Going into C-USA play last year ECU was 6-7. This year ECU has in a sense regressed, heading into conference play at 5-8. Looking back on Ricky Stokes' collegiate coaching career shows that he has experienced success and failure. As an assistant coach for 14 seasons, Ricky Stokes compiled a 265-166 record (.615 winning percentage). As the head coach at Virginia Tech for four years Ricky Stokes was 46-69 (.391 winning percentage).

Pirates open C-USA schedule on positive note



Photo by Terrell Gordy

Jessica Slack, 5-foot, 11-inch sophomore guard, goes up high to block the shot attempt of a Southern Miss

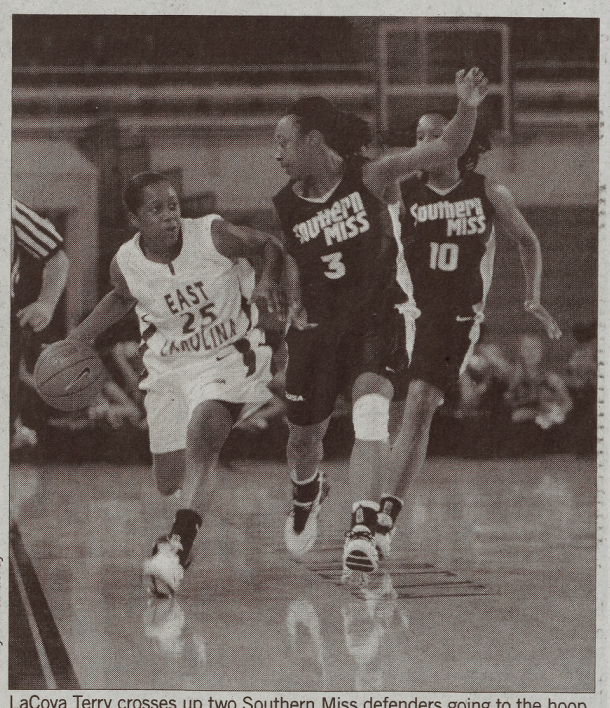


Photo by Terrell Gordy

LaCoya Terry crosses up two Southern Miss defenders going to the hoop.



Photo by Terrell Gordy

Guard Jasmine Young runs right around a UCF defender. The Pirates ran on UCF throughout the entire game.

ECU holds 2-1 mark, tied for fourth in conference standings

BENJAMIN LLOYD
STAFF WRITER

After a grueling out of conference schedule, the women's basketball team seems relieved to get conference play started off right.

The Pirates walloped Marshall at home, 73-51, to start off the New Year. Talk about making a resolution, and an impression in C-USA. Marshall is no push over, as they are 10-6 (3-1 in conference play). ECU followed up the impressive win over Marshall with a tough loss to Southern Miss, 65-59. But displaying true character and poise, the Pirates came back a mere two days later and crushed UCF 62-46.

Cherie Mills, a 6-4 senior center, had three of the best games of her career. Mills is a force to be reckoned in the middle, and is very versatile. Coach Baldwin-Tener said, "Cherie is really effective on the block and she's also a very good passer. So she's done a good job when she's doubled of getting the ball to the open teammate."

Mills scored a combined 49 points in the three games, and led the Pirates in scoring against UCF and Southern Miss. She also tied a career high with four blocks against Southern Miss.

Probably the truest testament of Mill's all-around game was her performance against Marshall. She racked up 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Mill's performance, to go along with point guard Jessica Slack's 16 points, provided an emotional lift for ECU against Marshall. After going 5-8 to open up the season against non-conference opponents, the Pirates needed to prove their worth. They did so, and then some, in recording a 73-51 win over the Thundering Herd. Slack, a 5-11 sophomore guard from Thornville, Ohio continually fended off mounted comebacks by Marshall.

Early in the game, Marshall's Bridget Chacon made a jumper to tie the game at 11. On the ensuing possession Slack made a three-pointer in the act of being fouled. She finished off the ever-elusive four-point play by making the free throw, sparking a 12-0 run by ECU. The Thundering Herd countered with a run, but Slack widened the gap once again with her second make from beyond the arc, ending the Pirates four-minute scoring drought.

ECU took a 36-20 lead into the break, capped off by another Slack three-pointer. Coming out of halftime, the Pirates went on a 9-0 run, to go up by 25. The closest Marshall got after that was within 18 points, as ECU cruised to an easy victory. Slack tied a career high with five three-pointers, in helping the Pirates shoot an impressive 50 percent from the floor.

The Pirates found themselves in a much tougher game only three days later. ECU lost a heart breaking game to Southern Miss, 65-59. Cherie Mills led the Pirates with 20 points and a career tying four blocks.

For the Golden Eagles Amber Eugene scored 20 points, making 6-14 field goal attempts and hitting 8-9 free throw attempts. Kendra Reed added another 17 points and Liz Biland helped with 10 points on the night. ECU shot 40.3 percent for the home loss, while Southern Miss shot only 32.7 percent.

The game was very close, with both teams fighting until the very end. Mills tied the score at 56-56 with 1:40 left to go in the game, until Southern Miss regained control on the next possession with a Eugene basket. Emer Foley's free throw extended the lead to three with less than 30 seconds on the clock.

Kristen Chaney was fouled on the ensuing play and she made both free throws to put the Golden Eagles up by five with 20 seconds left in the game. Slack hit a three pointer with 7.6 seconds left to bring the Pirates within 4, 63-59. ECU was not able to even the score as Southern Miss pulled away with the victory 65-59.

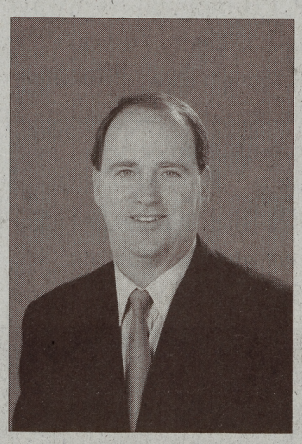
Southern Miss was staggering from the charity stripe, scoring 25 points, shooting 86.2 percent from the line, while the Pirates only made 7-12 from the free throw line.

Sunday's game against UCF proved to be a different story for ECU's Women Basketball team. ECU dominated with the fast break scoring 16 points against the Golden Knights, which took them to a 62-46 victory at Minges Coliseum.

UCF dominated the first half allowing ECU to shoot only 26.5 percent from the floor, while they shot 38.2 percent. ECU out

see BASKETBALL page A11

Skip Holtz' contract modified



HOLTZ

Holtz to earn $4.35 million compensation package

(SID) — ECU has announced a modification of head football coach Skip Holtz' five-year contract, which secures his position through 2011. The new agreement, approved Friday by the University's Board of Trustees and announced by ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland, provides a total compensation package of $4.35 million with the ability to earn additional incentives.

"I'm grateful to the leadership we have at East Carolina for the confidence they have in the direction that our program is heading," Holtz said. "I think it's another testament to the commitment that is in place for ECU to compete and be successful at a high level in today's college football environment."

After inheriting a program which recorded a 3-20 mark in two previous years prior to his arrival in December, 2004, Holtz has guided the Pirates to their first winning season since 2001 with a 7-5 record in 2006. Heading into this year's bowl game against South Florida Dec. 23, Holtz owns a 12-11 record in his two years at ECU and, in addition, the Pirates set a school single-season attendance record at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall by drawing 223,006 fans to six games.

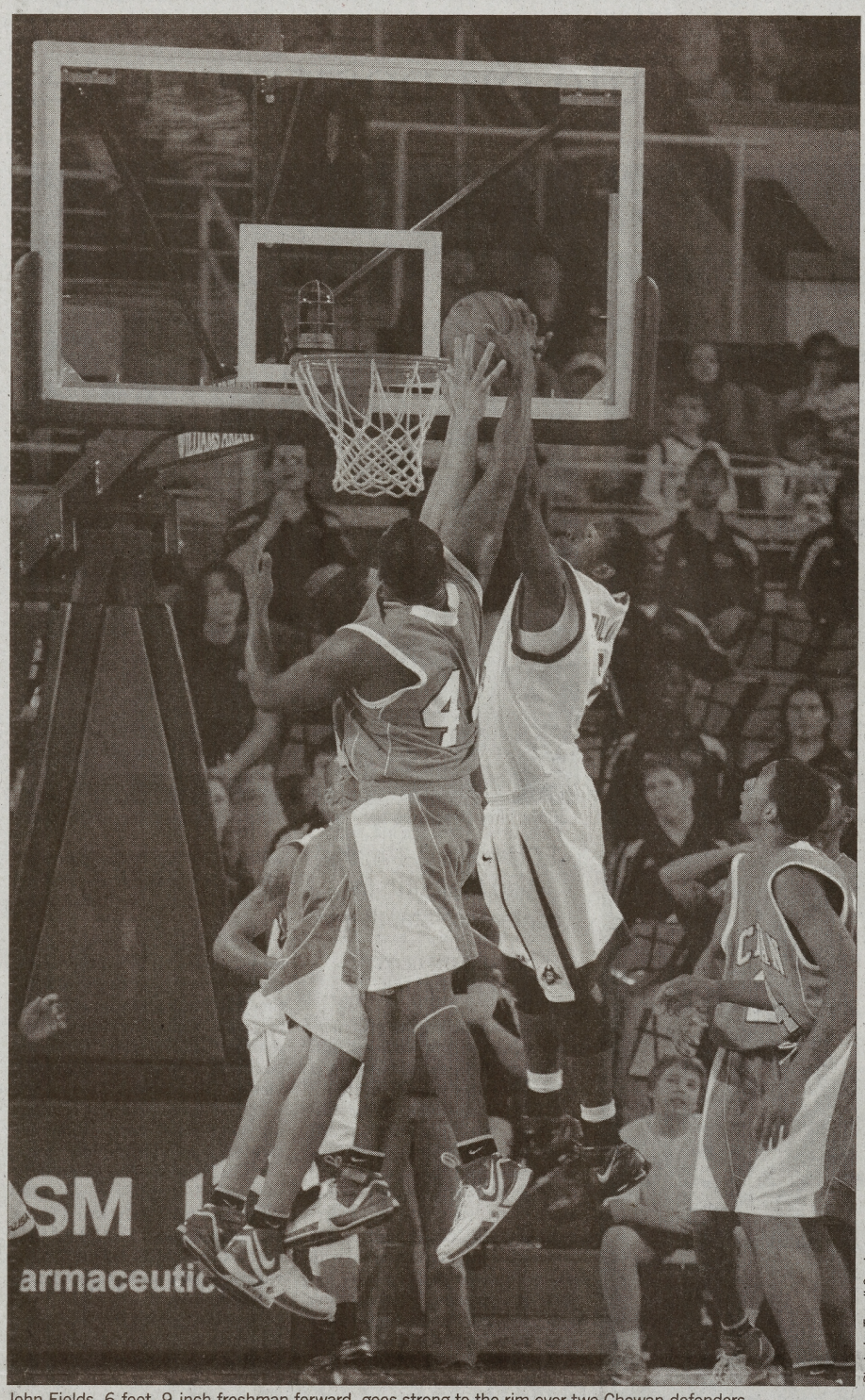
"We have been working since the end of the 2005 football season to find a reasonable and responsible compensation package for our head coach that helps reposition our football program for the future," Holland said. "It is not our intention to attempt to "buy" our coaches' loyalty because I believe "earning" their loyalty by supporting them through tough times, as well as the good times, is more important.

"College football is a highly competitive business and no one wins all the time," he added. "84 percent of the Division I-A football programs have experienced at least one losing season since the 2000 season. Our goal is to provide a fair compensation package and a guarantee of great support from the Pirate Nation to both enjoy the good times and fight through the tough times together."

The amended contract calls for one-time supplements of $600,000 in 2008 and $900,000 in 2011 if Holtz remains the head coach for the Pirates. Other incentive compensation includes bowl participation, conference championship game appearances and titles, and season ticket sales.

"We are equally committed to the creation of a similar compensation approach for our outstanding assistant coaches," Holland said. "Coach Holtz has put together a remarkable group of people and we are truly blessed to have one of the very best coaching staffs in college football."

ECU defeats Chowan 68-50



John Fields, 6-foot, 9-inch freshman forward, goes strong to the rim over two Chowan defenders.

Photo by Terrell Gordy

Fields earns first career double-double

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team entered Saturday's contest on a seven-game losing streak. Division II opponent Chowan (5-9), coupled with a healthy John Fields, proved to be just the cure for the ailing Pirates.

After dominating for most of the second half, ECU cruised to a 68-50 victory. The win gives the Pirates some renewed confidence heading into C-USA. ECU is 3-1 all time versus Chowan, and has won 22 straight games against Division II opponents.

The Pirates built their lead on a series of runs. ECU went down by three to start the game, but answered with an 8-0 run. After holding a 12-10 lead, ECU went on a 15-6 run to take an 11-point lead with 6:50 remaining in the first half. The Pirates carried a nine-point lead into halftime.

Chowan came out with energy to open the second half, cutting the ECU lead to six.

This would be the closest the Hawks got to the Pirates in the second half though.

ECU took momentum back with an 11-2 run to go up 48-33. The lead would swell to as many as 21, with the final margin of victory at 18.

Head Coach Ricky Stokes thought that his team's play inside the paint was the biggest factor in the win.

"We wanted to try to get the ball down inside, and we did a better job of that in the second half," said Stokes. "We definitely have some more things to work on, but it was nice to see both freshman post players get a double-double."

John Fields, who had missed the last three games due to shoulder injury, returned to action against Chowan. The 6-9 freshman from Fayetteville, N.C. had the best game of his young career. Fields led all scorers with 14 points and grabbed a career best, 11 rebounds to finish with his first double-double.

Fields credited the coaches for his strong performance.

"Sometimes I had to catch my breath. Nothing can simulate the game speed. The coaches did a good job on bringing me out and giving me breaks."

Gabe Blair, the "other" freshman post player, completed his second double-double of the season. He finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Four of the starting five Pirates reached double figures, led by the two freshmen. Starting guards Darrell Jenkins and Jeremy Ingram complemented the freshmen duo nicely. The lethal backcourt combined for 23 points, with Jenkins scoring 13 and Ingram adding 10.

The Pirates also moved the ball around well and were credited with 23 assists on 25 made field goals. Starting point guard Jenkins was the catalyst for offensive execution, dishing out a game-high, seven assists.

Stokes seemed relieved, but not satisfied, that his team got a win after losing seven straight.

"Naturally, we are excited about the win and glad to be in the winning column," said Stokes. "I don't know if we played extremely well at times, but give the team a lot of credit; it was enough to earn the win."

Blair reflected his coach's demeanor.

"You learn a lot from losing. I don't like to learn too much [about losing] but I learned a whole lot from this seven game losing streak. At first it just feels good to win again. Winning cures a lot," said Blair.

The win means a lot to the Pirates as they head into C-USA play on Wednesday night against Tulsa.

Blair thinks that the team can pick up the win on the road. "Any confidence is good confidence," said Blair. "We should be ready to get a Conference-USA win on the road hopefully."

The Pirates match-up on the road at Tulsa is set for an 8:05 p.m. tip-off.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

IF YOU'RE CARING FOR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER, KNOW THAT THE BIGGEST HEALTH RISK MIGHT BE YOU.



One out of five adults finds themselves as the designated "caregiver" for a loved one who can't manage alone. Recent findings reveal that this role can be precarious – for both parties. While trying to do it all, you can become overwhelmed and risk your own health. As this happens, the level of care you're providing may also suffer. Fortunately, there is help and relief out there for both of you. Visit **www.familycaregiving101.org** and discover a world of support, answers and advice.

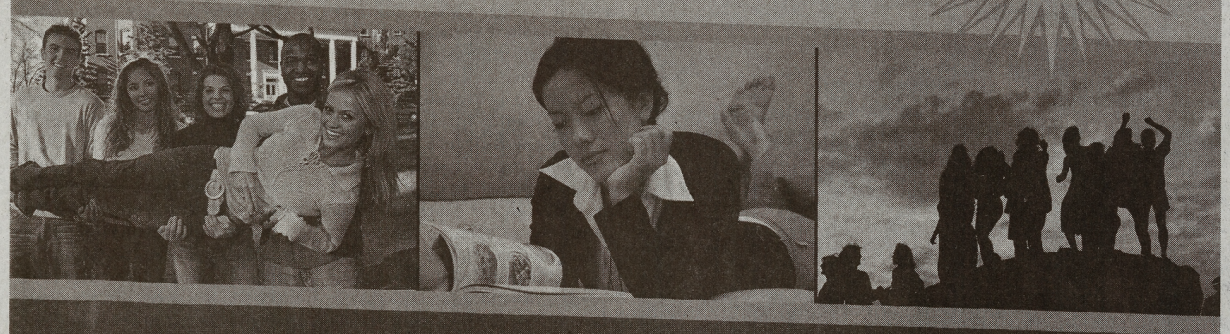
Family Caregiving
It's not all up to you.

From the National Family Caregivers Association and the National Alliance for Caregiving with the generous support of Eisai Inc.

Community Amenities
- Tanning beds
- Game and recreational room
- Fully-equipped fitness center
- Sparkling swimming pool
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Located on ECU Shuttle and Pirate Express route

Apartment Features
- Fully furnished 2, 3, and 4 bedrooms
- Large balcony w/ locking storage
- Full-size washer and dryer
- Built in study areas
- Private bathrooms
- High Speed Internet in each bedroom
- Pet friendly

SUNCHASE at EAST CAROLINA



Who says you have to live like a student?

2201 NE Greenville Blvd.
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 758-8002
sunchase-ecu.com

Pirate Parking
Can solve your parking problems!
Great locations on 10th Street near campus!



Call today to get your parking needs met for this year!
"Keep your car close to where you are!" Park all year for less than $2 a day!
Call Randy Gillen
252.341.6252 252.355.0360
Tan Free all Semester at the Sunshine Factory when you lease a space with Pirate Parking



Eka
Major at ECU: Family and Community Service
Hobbies: Listening to music & eating.
Why I donate: To help other people in need.

Donate Plasma
and earn up to $170/mo
Last month, we paid out $33,035 to 734 good people.

DCI Biologicals is always paying out this kind of cash. All you do is come, sit in a lounge chair and donate your life-saving plasma. It's like having a part-time job without a boss.

DCI Biologicals 2727 E. 10th St.
www.dciplasma.com
252.757.0171

Special $10 Offer: New and Return* donors:
Bring this ad for an extra $5 on your 2nd and 4th donations
*not donated in over 6 months.
Come and get your share of the money.

In case of . . .



HUNGER EMERGENCY

Get a meal plan

ECU Campus Dining offers over 9 different meal plans.
Three are designed just for students living off campus.
Meals per week & meals per semester plans available.
All meal plans come with a Pirate Bucks account.
Meals & Pirate Bucks accepted at all ECU Dining Locations.
Save up to $3.50 per meal at the dining halls when you use a meal.
Save sales tax on all dining purchases, receive FREE guest meals, enjoy JAM rewards & no more hunger emergencies.

It's easy, it's a plan & it saves you money!

For More Info: www.ecu.edu/dining

Classifieds

{ Want it, get it! Only in our Classifieds. }

FOR RENT

Customer Service: Part-time Monday-Saturday. Assisting prospective tenants, answering telephones and filing. Apply at Wainright Property Management 3481-A South Evans Street Greenville.

3 bedroom 3 bath condo convenient to ECU water/sewer included, washer dryer hookups walk in closets, energy efficient. short term lease thru May 2007 available also ask about our 2 bedroom rate Pinnacle Property Mgmt 561-7368 or 526-1915

ROOM FOR RENT: UNIVERSITY AREA. Private Bath. Utilities, Kitchen Privileges. Telephone. Call 252-758-7592

WALK TO CLASS! 1 block from campus. 2 bedroom apartment with hard wood floors and central heat/air. Washer, dryer, dishwasher, high-speed internet, basic cable, water & sewer all included. Call Mike 439-0285

2 Bdrm/ 2 Ba FOR RENT in Heritage Village centrally located off 14th Street. New Carpet & Paint. Private Parking, fenced yard, Cathedral ceiling, Fireplace, dishwasher, etc. Very nice. $625 / month. Rusty @ 717-1028

2BD 2Bath Wyndham Circle Duplex Availble January 1, 2007; June 1, 2007; and August 1, 2007 $625/month 321-4802 Newly Decorated Cathedral Ceilings Nice Landlord Great Price! Call Fast!

ROOMMATE WANTED

ROOMMATE WANTED: To share an apartment 1 block from campus. Hard wood floors and central heat/air. Washer, dryer, dishwasher, high-speed internet, basic cable, water & sewer all included. Call Mike 439-0285

HELP WANTED

GENERAL OFFICE HELP NEEDED IN A FINANCIAL PLANNING OFFICE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 2:00-5:00. $8.00 PER HOUR. CALL 355-0032.

Christian Nursery Workers needed Sunday mornings 9:15-12:15. Additional hours available. Call 752-3101 or go by Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church 510 S. Washington St.

$20,000.00 Student Loan Repayment and $20,000.00 Bonus To Those Who Qualify. www.NCNGRecruiter.com

A Small Miracle is seeking dedicated dependable employee(s) to wok with individuals with disabilities. arious hours are available. HS diploma, clean background, and a one year commitment is required. Experience working with children or adults with special needs is important. Great pay. Please call 252-439-0431 www.asmallmiracleinc.com

Do you need a good job? The ECU Telefund is hiring students to contact alumni and parents for the ECU Annual Fund. $6.25/hour plus cash bonuses. Make your own schedule. If interested, visit our website at www.ecu.edu/telefund and click on JOBS.

Project Manager Assistant for Regional Concrete Contractor Requires field and office duties. Experience in construction needed Good starting pay based on Qualificatibns. Call 830-5297 for information Good pay based on qualifications.

Mommy's helper/ Babysitter: Must be non-smoker, active, and love children. Good driving record is a plus. Pay Starts at $6.00/hour. Call Melita at 328-5696, leave message. References required.

Advertising--Freelance: Small but growing advertising and marketing consulting firm looking for a freelance advertising expert to assist with various creative and multi-media projects. Previous print advertising and web expertise is a must. Please send resume to BNC Consulting 501 Westminster Circle Greenville, NC 27858.

CAN YOU BE THERE FOR YOUR OLDER PARENT WITHOUT ACTUALLY HAVING TO BE THERE?



One out of five adults finds themselves as the designated "caregiver" for a loved one who can no longer manage alone. This role can often snowball, weighing heavily on you as you try to cope with the demands of caregiving. There may be services and organizations right in your parent's neighborhood that can help when you're not around. The outcome is better care for your parent, and less anxiety for you. Visit **www.familycaregiving101.org** and discover a world of support, answers and advice – for both of you.

Family Caregiving
It's not all up to you.

From the National Family Caregivers Association and the National Alliance for Caregiving with the generous support of Eisai Inc.

su|do|ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

					4	6		2
1	6				3	8		
2			5					
		5	8					
	7		4		1		5	
					5	1		
					8			4
		6	9				1	7
3		9	7					

MEDIUM #2

3	4	9	7	1	6	5	2	8
8	5	6	9	4	2	3	1	7
7	2	1	3	5	8	9	6	4
4	3	2	6	7	5	1	8	9
9	7	8	4	3	1	2	5	6
6	1	5	8	2	9	7	4	3
2	8	3	5	6	7	4	9	1
1	6	4	2	9	3	8	7	5
5	9	7	1	8	4	6	3	2

#2

To sponsor this ad space call the advertising department at 328-9245 for more details.

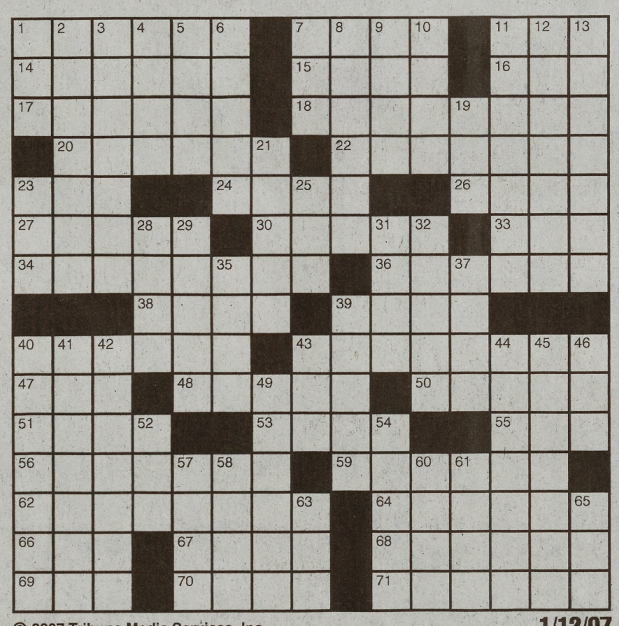
read.
rant.
share.

theEastCarolinian.com

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Indistinct vocalization
7 Silent actor
11 Money roll
14 Co-founder of "The Tatler"
15 Tennis stats
16 "__ Town"
17 Putting areas
18 Scatter about
20 Necessitate
22 Multi-deck game
23 Play part
24 Coward of note
26 Those folk
27 Bookcase board
30 Actress Witherspoon
33 Anger
34 Decorative strip
36 Dote on
38 Closely related
39 Add to payroll
40 Picturesque
43 Posted guards
47 Triumphed
48 Take it easy
50 Salon dye
51 Seaweed, e.g.
53 Skater's leap
55 TV watchdog agency
56 Trudged
59 Fine point
62 Win over
64 Haitian religion
66 Humpty Dumpty, e.g.
67 Largest continent
68 Mr. Hemingway
69 Ruby of "Peyton Place"
70 Suggestive look
71 Grommet

DOWN
1 Chinese food additive
2 Netherlands city
3 Come back in
4 Encounter
5 Forearm bone
6 Pine sap
7 Demented
8 Frozen hanger
9 Southwest plateau
10 Cable stn.
11 Adoration
12 Stark
13 Wishful thinker
19 Have a little lamb
21 Actress Sophia
23 Pompous fool
25 Always, poetically
28 Low-fat
29 Hindu wonder-worker
31 Gyrate
32 Ground
35 Small rodents
37 Scant
39 Put a curse on
40 Exchanged
41 Academic institution
42 Devour greedily
43 Coltrane's instrument
44 Non-Christian, to Christians
45 Completely surround
46 Cul-de-__
49 Gary Player's nickname
52 Commercial spots
54 Flood shield
57 Two-part
58 Soften
60 British conservative
61 Top-notch
63 Corn serving
65 Giant legend Mel

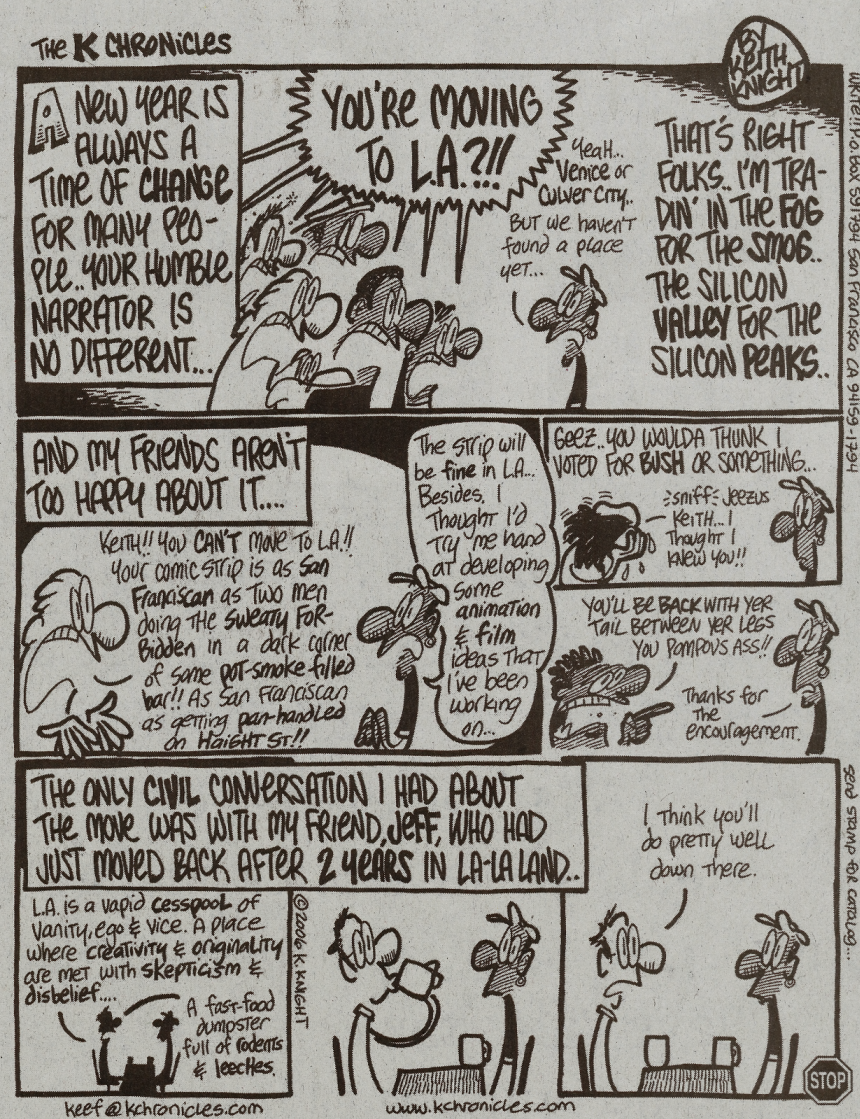


© 2007 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved.

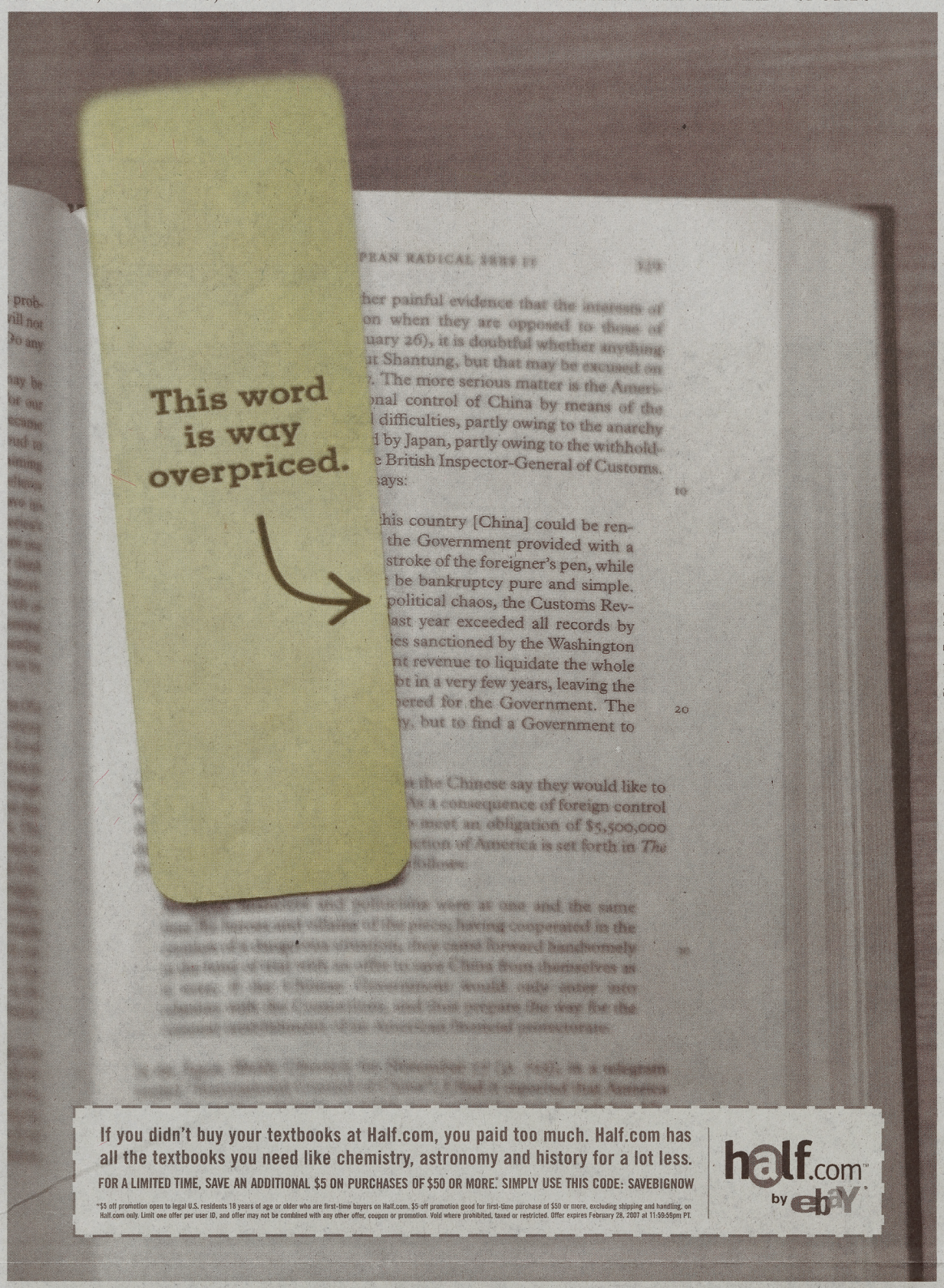
1/12/07

Solutions

T	E	L	E	Y	E	■	R	E	E	L	■	E	E	D	
T	S	E	N	R	E	■	A	I	S	A	■	G	G	E	
O	O	D	O	N	O	■	E	D	A	U	S	R	E	P	
■	L	I	A	T	E	D	■	D	E	D	D	O	L	P	
C	C	F	■	■	L	E	X	A	■	■	R	E	L	A	
A	N	E	H	■	L	A	X	E	S	■	C	I	N	W	
S	E	I	R	T	N	E	S	■	N	I	K	A	■	■	
R	E	P	A	M	E	R	■	P	A	M	E	R	E	T	S
E	R	I	■	E	S	E	R	E	■	F	L	E	H	S	
M	E	H	T	■	■	L	E	O	N	■	■	T	E	C	A
A	T	S	A	N	A	C	■	L	I	A	T	E	N	■	
E	S	R	E	P	S	I	D	■	S	N	E	S	R	G	
R	U	O	■	S	E	M	A	C	E	L	E	■	U	O	S
D	A	W	■	E	M	I	M	■	R	U	M	R	E	S	T







BASKETBALL continued from A9



Photo by Terrell Gordy

Cherie Mills, 6-foot, 4-inch center, is stuffed at the rim.

rebounded the Golden Knights 25-21, but turned the ball over seven times to UCF's five.

UCF had a winning game plan, going inside and going in strong, and it worked for the first half as they led 27-22 at the break.

During half time Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener told her team, "We needed to pick up the defensive intensity, we were not playing with the energy we need to. We need to come up with some steals, some turnovers and some forced shots, and then get in with some transition."

The second half was all ECU, as their defense did most of the talking for them. Slack led ECU with three of the nine steals, and ECU forced UCF to 22 turnovers and only allowed 28 percent shooting from the floor.

UCF got into trouble when they forgot about their game plan of attacking the basket and started to make sloppy turnovers and bad fouls. ECU shot 8-14 for the free throw line and only allowed UCF 4-5 from the free throw line.

Cherie Mills led all scorers with 14 points and five rebounds. Lacoya Terry also finished in double figures, with 10. Jessica Slack and Impris Manning each had nine points on the night. Gabriela Husarova pulled down a career-tying seven rebounds in the win. Francine Houston led the Golden Knights with nine points.

ECU's record has improved 7-9 overall and 2-1 in C-USA play and the UCF Golden Knights have fallen 5-11 overall, and 0-3 in C-USA.

ECU heads to Houston, Texas this week for the Women Pirates first road Conference USA game of the season as they face the Houston Cougars Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Coach Baldwin-Tener had some insights of what the match up is going to be like, "They're very good at home and great offensive rebounders, so what we need to do is hit the boards hard and come up with 2 or 3 shots a possession if we're going to win."

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

Waterford Place
2 minutes from the Medical Center
• Free Basic Cable
• Free Water & Sewer
• Clubhouse
• Two Residential Business Centers
• Sparkling Swimming Pool
• Two Fitness & Aerobic Centers
• Picnic Area with Grills
• Three Dog Runs

• Playground and Recreation Area
• Sprinkler
• Alarm System
• Free Video Library
• Package Pickup Service
• Professional Landscaping
• High Speed Internet Capabilities
We Set The Standard In
Fine Apartment Homes
2792 Stantonsburg Road • 252.757.0079
www.waterfordplaceapartmenthomes.com
clubhouse@waterfordplace.nccoxmail.com

THE CHOICE IS YOURS
University & Professional
For Information please call 252-757-0079 or fax 252-757-0475
All properties have 24 hour emergency maintenance.
UNIVERSITY LIVING

GEORGETOWNE APARTMENTS
2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths, Approx. 1100 square feet
$725 per month, $250 deposit
FF Refrigerator, Disposals, Dishwasher, W/D Conn., Self Cleaning Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Deadbolts, Blinds, Security Lighting, Monitored Security Systems, Cable, Energy Efficient Heat Pumps
Adjacent to Campus across from ECU Rec. Center
Pets accepted w/breed restrictions, non-refundable fees & additional rent

DUPLEX LIVING
A variety of duplexes in the ECU vicinity at 450
2 bedrooms, 2 baths
Central Heat & Air, Self Cleaning Ovens, FF Refrigerator
Most have Washer/Dryer Connections
Pets accepted w/non-refundable fee & extra rent
$450 per month, $250 deposit
PROFESSIONAL LIVING

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL PARK
2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, Aprrx. 1100 square feet
$550 per month, $250 deposit
FF Refrigerator, Disposals, Dishwasher, W/D Conn., Self Cleaning Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Deadbolts, Blinds, Security Lighting, Attic & Outside Storage, Patio, Energy Efficient Heat Pumps
Small Pets Allowed w/non-refundable fee & extra rent
Close to ECU School of Medicine & PCMH

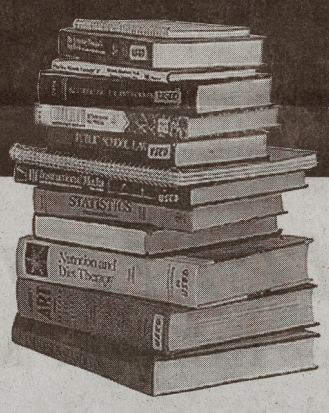
PROFESSIONAL AREA
Duplexes on Spring Forest Road by PCMH
2 bedrooms, 2 baths 750
Fireplace w/gas logs, Ceiling Fans, Window Coverings
Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Range, Washer, Dryer Conn.
Attic & Outside Storage

U.B.E.
University Book Exchange



IT'S EASY TO SPOT THE PIRATE WHO DIDN'T BUY BOOKS AT U.B.E.

(He paid an arm and a leg.)



Arrrrg. All his crew shopped U.B.E. Didn't tell him about the stacks and stacks of used books that saved them money. Didn't mention the fast-moving lines or the fact that there are real people to talk to at U.B.E. So now his "mates" are out celebrating with the book money they saved. He's alone, without so much as a molting macaw. Scallywags! Arrrrg!

EXTENDED BOOK RUSH HOURS	
1/3 - Wednesday	9 A.M. - 9 P.M.
1/4 - Thursday	9 A.M. - 9 P.M.
1/5 - Friday	9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
1/6 - Saturday	9 A.M. - 6 P.M.
1/7 - Sunday	1 P.M. - 6 P.M.
1/8 - 1/9 - Monday & Tuesday	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
1/10 - 1/11 - Wednesday & Thursday	9 A.M. - 8 P.M.

U.B.E. MORE USED BOOKS FOR LESS.

Uptown Greenville | 516 South Cotanche Street | www.ubeinc.com | 758-2616