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Construction to replace Centennial Fountain continues

How students feel about the situation

CLAIRE MURPHY
NEWS EDITOR

Students have noticed the construction going on outside of Wright Auditorium where the fountain used to be.

According to Jeannine Hutson of the News Bureau, the workers are removing the fountain entirely to replace utility lines before replacing the fountain itself.

The fountain is older than most people can remember. Some construction workers on site said that they remember the fountain from their childhood at least twenty years ago.

"Nobody knows how old it was," said Marshall Moser, assistant project manager for Rivers and Associates Construction Company. "[The fountain] was leaking and it had settled and we don't know why... it was a maintenance issue. When the fountain settled it moved the sewage lines."

Director of facility management, Bill Bagnell said, "When we discovered what the problem was we did some investigating, and now it's getting taken care of."

Junior communication major, Jenelle Conner said, "I bottomed out my car going over some tubing." The tubing she ran over is a technique Rivers and Associates uses to keep the sewage system running while working on it at the same time. They are the orange tubes students may have seen by Chancellor's Way.

The reconstruction of the fountain is entirely funded by student fees. Junior communication major, Shannon Davis said, "I think that's ridiculous. Student funds should be applied to more productive causes such as improving dorms, on-campus activities or other opportunities."

Other students have felt the same way.

According to Lizz Wells, junior photography major, "I understand that the fountain is to better the appearance of our campus, but I feel it wasn't a choice made by a student to have a fountain. I'm sure there is some sort of construction

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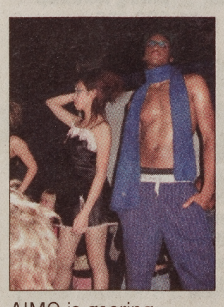
Photo by Terrell Gordy

Students walk by the construction areas around the Whichard, Wright and Graham buildings in central campus.



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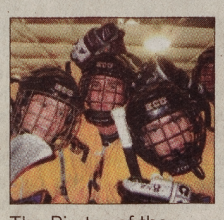

The Pirates of the ice are poised and prepared to take over the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference, but a test awaits them in the Mountaineers this weekend. Read how ECU plans to "blackout" and shut down Appalachian State.....**Page A5**



James Dillard and the Pirates went toe-to-toe with the Green Wave last night. Check out the sports section to see who came out on top.....**Page A5**

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Documentary and discussion on evolution comes to ECU



Photo by Lizz Wells

The discussion of the documentary, *Flock of Dodos* on Wednesday brought out many students and faculty, as well as others interested in the science of life and evolution.

Evolution versus Intelligent Design

SHANNON DAVIS
SENIOR WRITER

Randy Olson, former professor of marine ecology at the University of New Hampshire and film director of *Flock of Dodos: The Evolution-Intelligent Design Circus* calls his fellow biologists "dodos" in his new documentary shown at Hendrix theatre in Mendenhall Tuesday Jan. 16. This term is far from a compliment since dodo birds are known for being dumb.

Flock of Dodos: The Evolution-Intelligent Design Circus is a documentary film about the evolution versus intelligent design controversy in Kansas and Dover, Pa. Through the documentary, Olson explains the new intelligent design theory that replaces the Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Intelligent design implies the detection of intelligent behavior in nature instead of accepting the random mutation of cells.

Critics of the intelligent design movement say if the patterns in the natural world are caused by an intelligent agency, who is this intelligent being or who creating the activity? They assert evolution is a fact; it does not have vague gaps, leaving people with uncertainties.

In the film, a husband of a republican school board member said, "The neat part about this country is that we can agree to disagree."

According to Olson, "Humans like a simple answer to complex problems," which is why he advocates for scientists to communicate more effectively through less scientific means of speech and examples.

Following the viewing of the film was a panel of ECU professors and other guests who discussed their opinions on the material expressed in the film.

Among the panelists was Dr. Kyle Summers, an associate professor for evolution. In response to the film Summers said, "I liked the approach of the film. It allowed for both sides to express their arguments."

Another panelist, a professor of religious studies, Dr. Calvin Mercer said, "There was great irony in the film. Both sides see themselves defending the biblical view of things. I think the intelligent design approach is doing a great injustice to the Bible. I'm concerned about religion with the intelligent design movement."

Dr. Jason Bond, an associate professor for the department of biology said, "I've seen this movie two times. The first time I saw the movie I was partly annoyed by it. I must admit, the second time it was a little more humorous. Folks probably gather there is one issue here, scientists teaching science is not going to solve the problem."

Wednesday Jan. 17 Randy Olson held a seminar in the Bate building at 4 p.m. to further discuss the issues he addressed in his documentary.

His main point was the criticism of communication for evolution. He expressed his views by stating scientists do not convey their points effectively to the broader audience. He advocated the "dumbing down of science." He made a distinction between communicating academically versus communicating broadly through ten fundamental commandments for communicating to an audience.

Dr. Linda Wolfe, the chairperson of anthropology at ECU attended this seminar and was also a member of the panel after the viewing of the film. She said, "I've enjoyed listening to his discussion. I agree working on better scientific communication is something we all need to be doing."

Liz Hills, a biology graduate student said, "If you're trained as a scientist, it's a different mindset. It's more difficult to communicate to the world at large than the world of science."

Olson encourages other scientists to follow the example he put forth in order for the general audience to be more interested in scientific topics.

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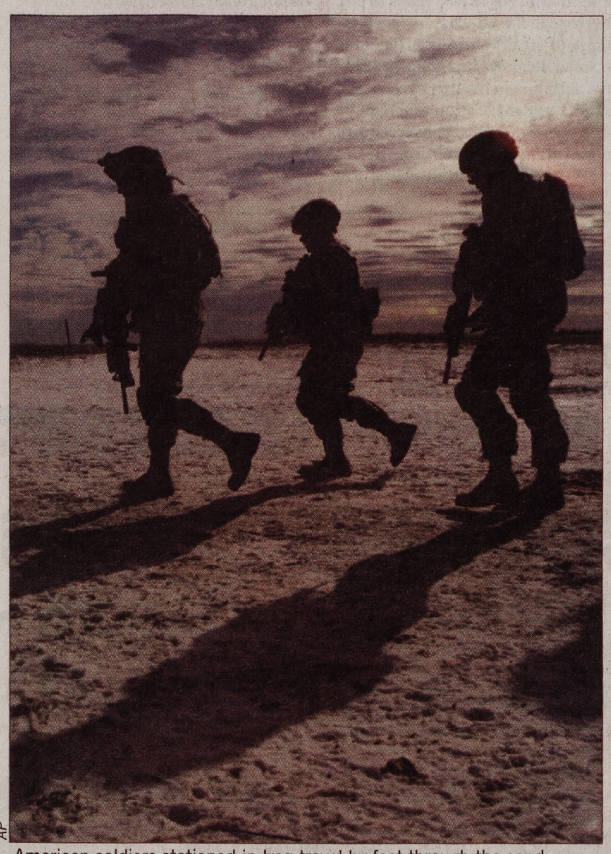
Warm a troop's heart



AP

American soldiers stationed in Iraq travel by foot through the sand.

Give 2 the Troops for Valentine's Day

SHANNON DAVIS
SENIOR WRITER

Since December 2002, Give 2 The Troops has supported hundreds of thousands of deployed U.S. troops with care packages and letters from all over the nation. Give 2 the Troops uses their care packages as a way to show troops who are fighting abroad that their sacrifices are appreciated.

According to give2thetroops.org, their projects are about "Giving back to those who give all." The morale of many troops who have been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and the Persian Gulf has improved because of these packages.

According to their mission statement their main goals are, "To support the physical, moral and spiritual health of America's armed forces in combat zones around the world through the letters and packages prepared and shipped by caring volunteers."

The Web site goes on to say, "Give 2 the Troops is a nonpartisan, non-political, patriotic organization aimed at supporting U.S. deployed and wounded troops in harm's way. We are managed by patriotic volunteers who ensure that deployed U.S. military members in all branches of service are supported with letters and care packages."

Give 2 the Troops is now focusing attention on Valentine's packages with the theme of "Warm a Troop's Heart." For these packages they are looking to collect Valentine cards and candies, warm socks, fleece throws, thermal shirts, hot chocolate, coffee, hand warmers, lotion and skin care products, Chapstick, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

To include in their packages they are also accepting new or "gently used" items such as magazines and books, CDs, DVDs, recreational items like board games, dart boards, softball equipment, golf equipment and fitness equipment.

Monetary donations are also welcome because shipping is not free for these packages. Volunteers are being sought out to help pack the boxes, which will be shipped out during mid-January for arrival by Feb. 14.

Give 2 the Troops also sends over boxes packed full of supplies to individual soldiers daily, all year round, so volunteers are always needed to help stuff boxes.

They average 45 new troops each day signing up, so the demand is increasing tremendously.

The number of troops being deployed overseas is steadily increasing. The only prevention to hinder their ability to ship packages is a lack of donations, both items and money. Any organization or individual who would like to volunteer are welcomed.

Items for donation may be delivered to: The N.C. Branch of Give2theTroops, Inc., 3109 Landmark St. (CopyPro building 2, across from Wal-Mart) Greenville, N.C., 27834.

They are open Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. They will open other times for special groups. For more information, contact Barbara Whitehead at 252-321-8227 or read more about the organization at Give2theTroops.org.

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News

{ Campus & Community }

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hispanic Film Series: Screening of *Machuca*
Thursday, Jan. 25, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Bate 1010
This coming-of-age film, set in 1973 right before the military coup, follows the friendship that develops between two boys, Gonzalo and Pedro, who meet when attending a private school.
All films will be shown in their original language, with English subtitles. Films are not rated and may include adult content. There will be a discussion after each screening for those interested.
Visit ecu.edu/cs-cas/foreign/hispanicfilm.cfm.
Contact Juan José Daneri at 328-5523 or danerij@ecu.edu for more information.

Information session on trip to Japan
Thursday, Jan. 25, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the 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
Contact Chikako S. Massey at masseyc@ecu.edu or 737-1352 for more information.

Contra dance
Friday, Jan. 26 in the Willis Building at 7:30 p.m., lesson; 8 - 10:30 p.m. dance.
Live, old-time and Celtic music by a string band.
Admission charged. 752-7350. A smoke and alcohol-free event.

The Third Annual Jean Mills Health Symposium
Friday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 10. from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at The Hilton-Greenville, 207 SW Greenville Blvd.
Sponsored by the ECU School of Allied Health Sciences in collaboration with the ECU Medical Foundation, Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation and Eastern AHEC, the symposium will address current health issues affecting African-American and Hispanic populations.
The fee is $25 for the symposium and $15 for students if received by Feb. 2. After Feb. 2, registration is $30 and $20 for students. Online registration is available at eahec.edu.edu. There is no fee to exhibit at the health fair and information should be provided free of charge to participants.
Visit ecu.edu/ah or contact Dr. Beth Velde at 744-6012 or at veldeb@ecu.edu for more information.

Urinetown
At McGinnis Auditorium from Thursday, Feb. 22 until Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.
One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, *Urinetown* is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom! Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, *Urinetown* is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny. Praised for reinvigorating the very notion of what a musical could be, Urinetown catapults the "comedic romp" into the new millennium with its outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter.
theatre-dance.ecu.edu. Ticket Required.

18 Thu

Graduate Student Council Meeting
Mendenhall Student Center room 221
6 – 8 p.m.

Business Fashion Show
An effort to teach the students of ECU how to properly dress for success. Ann Taylor Loft will be offering job placement opportunities along with discounts for their stores.
Rivers Building room 105
5 – 6 p.m.

Tales of the Beijing Opera
Hendrix Theater

19 Fri

Last day to apply for graduation in May

Public Reception for Still - An Exhibition featuring the work of Amy Freeman and Annie Hogan
For additional information please call Emerge Gallery & Art Center at (252) 551-6947 or e-mail heather@emergegallery.com.
Emerge Gallery & Art Center 404 S. Evans St., Uptown Greenville between Fifth and Forth Streets
6 – 9 p.m.

***AIMO Fashion Show**
"Battle of the Boutiques" Fashion Show
Tickets are $5 when purchased in Wright Plaza, $7 at the door.
Club AQUA
9 – 11 p.m.

20 Sat

ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars
Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of eastern North Carolina and ECU, the lecture series will feature academic and professional experts on the Middle East, climate change, Mexico, migration, South Africa, war crimes, Central Asia and children. Full-time students and teachers can attend for free.
Rivers West Building auditorium
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

21 Sun

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

22 Mon

Intramural Racquetball Registration
Student Recreation Center room 207
10 a.m.

Public Relations Student Society of America
New members are welcome. Please e-mail PRSSA @ecu.edu with any questions.
Joyner East room 201
5:30 p.m.

23 Tues

Nutrition for the New Year Registration required, call 328-6387 to register.
Student Recreation Center room 238
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Better Breathing – Better Health Seminar
The program is for patients, parents/relatives, friends or anyone interested in learning about shortness of breath and other breathing problems.
Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center, 2000 Venture Tower Dr.
6 – 8 p.m.

24 Wed

Driving Workshop
SRC 238
4 p.m.

Business Workshop
SRC 238
5 p.m.



*Featured Event
AIMO Fashion Show

Support ECU's Apparel and Interiors Merchandising Organization and Greenville's local businesses in the "Battle of the Boutiques" Fashion Show
Tickets are $5 when purchased in Wright Plaza, $7 at the door.
Club AQUA
9 – 11 p.m., doors open at 8:30 p.m.

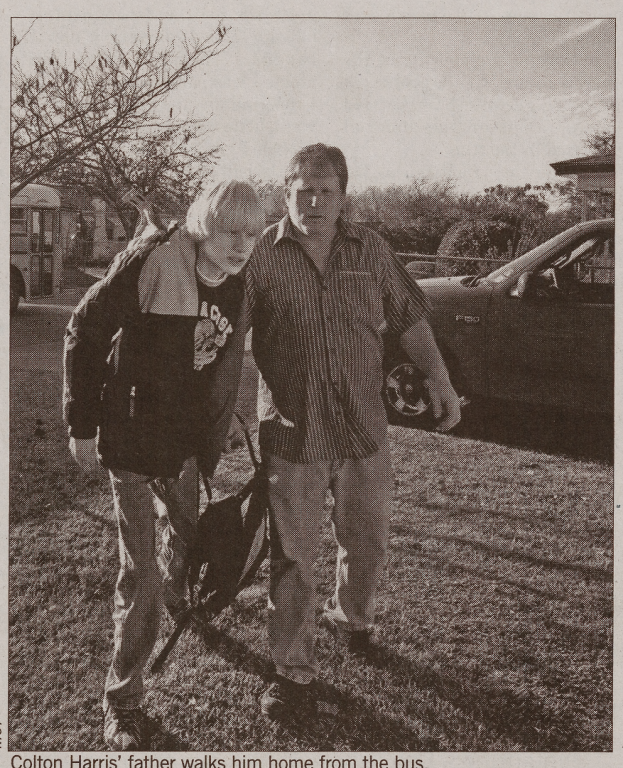
BRIEFS

Judge asks Georgia Supreme Court to review Jones' guilty plea
(AP) — The Georgia Supreme Court has agreed to review the case of a man who pleaded guilty to killing three of his ex-girlfriends' relatives and his own infant daughter in northwest Georgia three years ago.
Superior Court Judge Carey Nelson requested the interim review because Jerry William Jones faces the death penalty for the murders, and under state law judges can only accept guilty pleas outside the presence of a jury for non-death penalty cases.
There was no jury present when Jones pleaded guilty in December 2005 during pretrial motions before Nelson in Gordon County to the January 2004 slayings of Tom and Nola Blaylock, their daughter Georgia Mae Bradley, and 10-month-old Jerri Georgia Jones.
At issue before the Supreme Court will be the denial of several pretrial motions, including one to bar the imposition of the death sentence. The court will most likely hear oral arguments in April.
The Blaylocks were the mother and step-father of Melissa Peeler, Jones' ex-girlfriend.
Police said that after the shooting, Jones took off with Peeler's three surviving children, two of them his own, and fled just over the state line near Chattanooga, Tenn., where he was caught after a car chase the next night. He shot himself in the face and spent months in a prison hospital.

Justice Department won't investigate Duke lacrosse prosecutor
(AP) — Officials from the Department of Justice have told a North Carolina congressman that it is too early to launch a federal investigation into the handling of the Duke lacrosse case.
Rep. Walter Jones wrote Attorney General Alberto Gonzales last month, asking that the Department of Justice investigate whether the district attorney prosecuting three Duke lacrosse players charged with sexual assault has violated the athletes' civil rights.
The department's Office of Legislative Affairs responded last week that it was premature to initiate a federal investigation while criminal charges and other investigations at the state level are ongoing, said Cynthia J. Magnuson, a Department of Justice spokeswoman.
Cooper said Saturday that two prosecutors in his office would review the files and interview witnesses in the case, including the accuser, before making a recommendation on how to proceed.

ACLU lawsuit over Quran oaths can continue
(AP) — A lawsuit filed by the ACLU and a Muslim woman over the use of the Quran and other non-Christian texts for courtroom oaths in North Carolina should be allowed to go forward, the state Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday.
A three-judge panel voted unanimously to reverse a trial court decision that had dismissed the challenge to state law and policy. Currently, only the Bible can be used by witnesses to swear or affirm truthful testimony.
The lawsuit was filed in July 2005 and the trial judge determined in December that it was moot because there was no actual controversy at the time warranting litigation. But the appeals court said that wasn't so, pointing to the individual plaintiff, Syidah Mateen, who said her request to place her hand on the Quran as a witness was denied in 2003.
"I just felt like, in this day and time, that they would at least have the three major religious texts in the courtroom," Mateen, 42, said in a phone interview about her experience testifying in a domestic violence case. "If it was a Quran in the courtroom and a Christian was in there, would they want to testify on a holy Quran?"
State attorneys, which argued the case was speculative and should be dismissed, could appeal the ruling to the North Carolina Supreme Court, but the justices aren't automatically required to review it because Tuesday's decision was unanimous.

More aid is being urged for the autistic



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Colton Harris' father walks him home from the bus.

(MCT)—As a little boy, Colton Harris punched his fist through living room walls and bedroom windows.

Sometimes he would twist his pale thin legs like a contortionist. Twice he bent his ankle until it broke.

Now 16, Colton is the size of a man, but with three times the testosterone. Instead of shoving his fist through a wall, he slams his body into it. Just after Thanksgiving, he knocked out the only windowpane in the family's north Fort Worth home that had not been replaced with Plexiglas.

Colton's parents worry as their autistic son grows older, stronger and more aggressive. In five years, Colton will no longer be eligible for special-education services.

The Combating Autism Act signed by President Bush last month authorized $920 million in federal funds over five years to pay for research, education, screening and intervention. Advocates praised leaders for acknowledging autism as a health care crisis. Others say there's too much focus on research when services require more immediate attention.

As many as one in every 166 children and one in every 104 boys are affected by autism spectrum disorders, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "If kids were going blind at a rate of 1 in 166, the government would be doing something about it," said Dachel, who lives in Wisconsin.

Experts in the field say there's no evidence that there are more cases; instead, physicians are better able to diagnose the disorder. The criteria for diagnosing autism have broadened and awareness has been heightened. Children who used to be diagnosed with having mental retardation are now being diagnosed with autism, said Dr. Catherine Karni, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

In the late 1960s, cold "refrigerator mothers" were blamed for their children's inability to connect with others. This decade, the sperm of older dads has been questioned.

Colton's choices are narrowing. His parents hope that something will improve his condition, medication, chelation therapy to remove mercury from his body, maybe a miracle.

FOUNTAIN
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or campus fee that could handle the fountain. I just really don't feel using student fees is the right choice of money to us."

According to Bagnell, the fountain infrastructure alone is costing about $370,000 and the funds for that have just become available in the past year.

The fountain replacement, including landscaping, will also be in the $300,000 range.

The project does not have a verifiable finish time as of yet, but is still in the beginning stages.

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The call of the wild, and the cold

(MCT) — ELY, Minn. Twenty sled dogs are straining at their chains, rising on their hind legs to paw the air. They yelp at the humans who are untangling harnesses and choosing 10 lucky huskies to go for a run in the snowy north woods.

The dogs are wilder than a neighborhood full of suburban mutts anticipating a ride in the car. The chosen ones are ecstatic. Those left behind articulate their despair, their yowls slipping fluently into the howling of wolves.

"Sled dogs live to pull," says John Huston, polar expeditioner, dog musher, and Antarctic history buff.

Huston lives mostly in upper Minnesota on the property of polar explorer Will Steger, where he supervises preparations for an upcoming expedition. Nearby Ely shivers under winter temperatures that drop below minus 20 and a wind chill that cuts to the bone. But that suits Huston, 30, just fine. He has long been drawn to the stillness and expansiveness of icy climates that most people avoid.

"It's a true sense of being alive to one's whole capacity," he says. "Being out there, I'm connecting mentally with the people who have gone out before."

Huston is base camp manager for Steger's spring expedition to highlight global warming on Baffin Island, in northeast Canada. Huston is coordinating the trip's logistics at Steger's sprawling Ely compound bordering Superior National Forest and will travel to the Arctic island for the expedition.

This won't be Huston's first trip to the far north. He has organized logistics for a past expedition, gone on dogsled trips to Hudson Bay and trekked hundreds of miles across Greenland's ice shelf for a re-creation of the 1911-1912 race to the South Pole.

The show, which was broadcasted on the History Channel last month, was filmed in Greenland because international agreements forbid people from introducing dogs and most other non-native species into the Antarctic.

And Huston plans to eventually tackle the North Pole. He and a partner, an Ely wilderness instructor named Tyler Fish, hope to be the first Americans to ski to the North Pole without outside assistance or supply drops, in 2009. They plan to haul their own sleds. The two adventurers will launch several smaller expeditions in the meantime to help them get ready.

But this day Huston and dog trainer Nancy Moundalexis, who also works for Steger, are running the dogs closer to civilization. A soggy snow is chalking out the landscape of white pines, but the weather has been unseasonably warm for a place where temperatures can drop to minus 40.

When the snow is thin, Huston and Moundalexis hitch the huskies to a Honda FourTrax all-terrain vehicle, which they pull. When the ground cover lies thicker, the dogs pull sleds.

"They feel a lot more comfortable if you are the one who's in charge and they know the structure, because that's their pack structure: to have an alpha," Moundalexis says.

For this spring's Baffin Island expedition, Huston will be traveling ahead to small Inuit towns preparing logistics.

He also will be posting Internet lessons on global warming for schoolchildren and answering their questions. Huston and Fish likewise plan to make their North Pole journey a chance to educate children.

They aren't blind to the dangers. Fissures split the Arctic ice cap in the summer, leaving open water to cross. Huston and Fish plan to swim across in dry suits, towing their floatable sledges.

Harald Kippenes, Norwegian navigator for the Greenland expedition, said in a phone interview from Oslo that he is confident Huston will succeed in future polar ventures.

"He has a great chance to reach the North Pole," Kippenes says. "He has the skills and the curiosity to keep on going ... and he is able to make sound judgments even in these harsh storms and cold temperatures which we had in Greenland sometimes."

For some, mushing dogs for weeks across a polar ice shelf would sound bleak: The white horizons, the days that blend into each other. But Huston feels a sense of urgency in his journeys. Glaciers and ice caps are retreating. In a few decades, humans may not be able to ski to the North Pole, he says.

And as a man who grew up reading adventure stories and became entranced by Antarctic history, Huston considers himself fortunate.

"People live vicariously through characters in stories," Huston says. "I got to go be in my favorite book."



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John Huston, polar expeditioner and dog musher pets his dogs before they go for a run in the snowy woods.



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RANT OF THE DAY

It makes me really happy to read Rants that aren't about how much other people suck.

AFC pushes for league domination

A semi-professional analysis of why the AFC is better than the NFC

GREG KATSKI
SPORTS EDITOR

The American Football Conference owns the National Football Conference. This is no secret or huge revelation, although if you want to give me the credit, be my guest. NFC teams went a combined 24-40 against their counterparts in the AFC this season, an on-going trend.

Last year the NFC faired slightly better, going 30-34 against the new league. In 2004, the NFC took a slap to the face from the AFC, going 20-44. The most inept of all the NFC divisions against the AFC is the lowly North Division. Not exactly a shocker, since three of the four teams are now considered bottom-feeders. These teams have gone a combined 8-24 against the AFC over the past two seasons. Not even daaa Bears could withstand the powerhouses of the AFC.

It all derives from the "trickle-down effect." It starts in the front office with the owners, filters down to the coaches, and finally to the players.

Case in point: The New York Giants ownership wanted Eli Manning so bad in the 2004 draft that they made a blockbuster trade with the San Diego Chargers. With the first overall pick, the Chargers drafted Eli Manning. Then with the fourth overall pick the Giants drafted Philip Rivers.

The Chargers made a deal with the Giants, sending Manning to the Giants for Rivers, along with the Giants third round pick and first and fifth round picks in 2005.

Looking back, it's easy to see who got the better end of that deal. The Chargers took kicker Nate Kaeding with their third-round pick, and linebacker Shawne Merriman with their first-round pick in 2005.

Subsequently, Rivers has proved a formidable starting quarterback in his first year at the helm while Manning continues to struggle in his third year. On top of this, Merriman might be the most feared linebacker in the NFL, and Kaeding has four game winning field goals on the year.

Smart owners pick good coaches, who find quality players. The most successful teams this year have experienced coaches in charge.

There are marquee coaches throughout the NFL, but the AFC is stacked with them. Bill Belichick, Brian Billick, Tony Dungy and Mike Shanahan have all won the Super Bowl. This list doesn't even include Jeff Fisher and Marty Schottenheimer, who have both been to the Super Bowl.

Stability at the head coaching position breeds success. This is evident in teams like the Broncos, Colts and of course the Patriots. Of the five NFC teams with new head coaches, only the New Orleans Saints had a winning season. The Saints were destined for greatness after they secured Reggie Bush and Drew Brees. Head Coach Sean Payton was presented with a favorable situation, and should be a lock for coach of the year.

The other four NFC teams with new head coaches went a combined 25-39 this season. Players thrive on stability and camaraderie, which comes from the coaching staff.

Quarterbacks reflect the personality of their coach on the field. The position is by far the most important in football, and (dare I say?) any sport. Of the six AFC teams to make the playoffs, five have proven quarterbacks.

Peyton Manning and Tom Brady top the list, while Steve McNair, Trent Green and Chad Pennington have all carried their teams to the playoffs before. These quarterbacks have spent an average of nine and a half years in the league.

Many teams in the NFC have young, inexperienced quarterbacks at the helm. In two or three years, some of these quarterbacks will achieve greatness. It is a growing process, and has been proven the only way to have stability and success.

In the end, it's not all about the quarterback. As the saying goes, "defense wins championships." At the end of the regular season, seven out of the top 10 defenses in the league belonged to AFC teams. The Baltimore Ravens headed up the list of "Overall Defensive Leaders."

Overall defense is ranked on a variety of statistics including yards per game allowed and average points per game allowed.

Also ranked among the top 10 teams were New England and San Diego. These two clubs provide the most balance of offense and defense.

The Patriots had the 11th ranked offense and sixth ranked defense during the regular season. The Chargers had the fourth ranked offense and 10th ranked defense.

A high-powered offense is important, but a stout defense is even more so. This scenario was played out when New England went to San Diego and beat the Chargers by a field goal. Five out of the top 10 offenses are in the NFC, but none of these teams rank in the top 10 on defense.

The only teams with any semblance of balance in the NFC are New Orleans (first in offense, 11th in defense), Philadelphia (second in offense, 15th in defense) and Chicago (15th in offense, fifth in defense). It's interesting to note that these are the three most successful teams in the NFC.

If the NFC wants to catch up with the AFC and be considered on the same level, owners should take notice. The most successful team of this decade has been the New England Patriots.

Let's break down this Patriots team. The front office is usually successful in the draft, this year selecting star running back Laurence Maroney.

They have used this approach instead of overpaying for free agents to build a solid nucleus of players.

Bill Belichick has won the Super Bowl three times and has the utmost respect from his players. Quarterback Tom Brady is the "American Dream", a stable quarterback that doesn't force the issue or gloat. And New England's defense is top-notch every year.

So it really isn't some big secret.



PIRATE RANTS

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I wish your new girlfriend liked me.

Umm, sorry buddy. The Chief of Staff did not leave. She was actually reassigned to a higher position, one that you do not have. The SGA Treasurer received an internship at a prominent corporation, one that you do not work at. Are you mad because you didn't have one of these positions and you thought that you were going to get one? Shame on you for thinking this.

Trust you? I can't believe you people out there are still so closed-minded! It's 2007! Wake up and look around. The world is changing and it's a beautiful thing! Who cares what other people do? You don't like it, don't do it. Grow up! Think for yourself, because mommy and daddy aren't right about everything!

Maybe if the advising here wasn't so worthless more people might actually graduate in four years. But this way they can squeeze more money out of you. Now it all makes sense...

My roommates watch the stupidest TV shows ever! I feel dumber just for being in the room with them.

Has anyone else noticed all the parking spots open in the A and B lots during the day? Come on Parking and Transportation, let's work something out so commuter students can park closer to campus.

Finally, Student Union's Popular Entertainment brought music worth hearing to Pirate Underground. Keep it up Popular Entertainment and people will keep coming to the shows!

Migraines are the worst.

I'm not speaking for all girls or anything, but some of us wait for the guys to come to us because we have been rejected so many times in the past. After a while its gets to be tiring.

I be up in the gym, just workin' on my fitness.

There are so many attractive men in my classes this semester... yay!

To the guy who works behind the counter at the Rec.: You are so cute.

Is anyone else aggravated at the enormous influx of people going to the Rec. now?

Trust me, I do not want him back!

I seriously cannot wait to move into an apartment next year. Two years of communal bathrooms, stupid RAs, and a small cramped room is enough!

Uggs are for girls who like to think they're pretty.

No one is as bada** at Halo as me.

Why do I pay so much money to live in the suites? They don't do s*** for me, and also won't turn the A/C on for these freakishly warm days.

Where the hell were the Pirate Rants yesterday? I know we had Monday off but I need those Rants!

Are there any guys that are into redheads, not just blondes and brunettes?

My roommate needs to go on a diet! Here is a tip, stop cooking full course meals at 1 a.m.!

Why do you always have food in your dreads? And why do you think you are the finest thing at ECU? Your season was horrible! The rest of the team did great, you didn't!

Why do you think you're so great?

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Pulse

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Horoscopes:

Aries
The person who assumes the most responsibility gets to make the most decisions. If you're not quite there yet, keep heading in that direction.

Taurus
Follow through on the plans you've had simmering on the back burners of your brain. Just as you knew would happen, they're just about perfect by now.

Gemini
Follow through on the projects you started yesterday, and before. Don't begin anything new, especially regarding buying, selling and trading.

Cancer
You're still on the job, although you appear to be relaxing in the audience. You know, although nobody else does, that you're actually pulling the strings.

Leo
Push yourself past a barrier that had stopped you before. You're stronger than you realize, when your adrenaline's pumping.

Virgo
There's lots of work to do and it must all be done correctly. That said; cheerfully assume that you are the person who can make it happen.

Libra
Be patient with a person who's getting agitated. Listen, acknowledge and stay out of the way. Offer your suggestions tomorrow or the next day, not now.

Scorpio
You're discovering valuable information. You know you're on the right track. Don't waste a minute; you won't have this opportunity forever.

Sagittarius
You may feel guilty for having so much, when some others have so little. Don't give away what you have, help others generate more.

Capricorn
Once you get this project started it'll take off on its own. Push yourself to get things right. You can relax later.

Aquarius
As you sort through the details swirling around in your head, be confident. You have a natural talent for finding the jewels among the rubble.

Pisces
Make the commitment, close the deal, and join the organization. A group you join now will help you achieve the success you so richly deserve.

Drink Recipe:

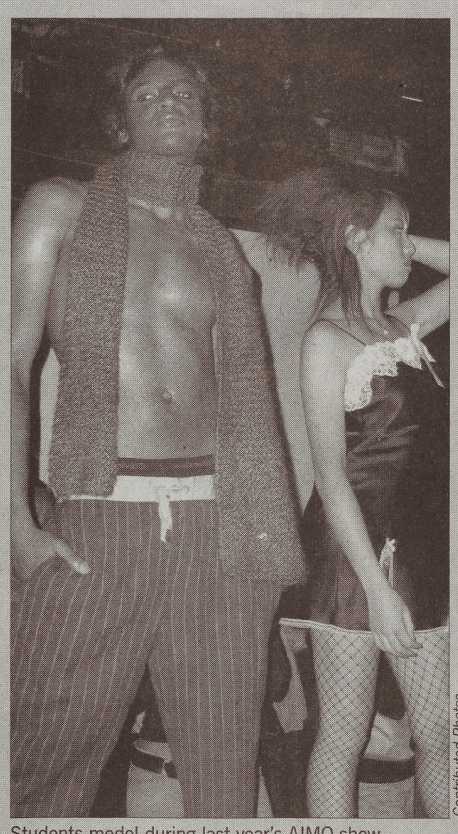
1944 Mai Tai Original
1-ounce dark rum
(recommended: Myers's)
1-ounce Barbancourt rum
1/2-ounce orange Curacao
1/4-ounce almond-flavored liqueur (recommended: Creme de Noyeaux)
1/2-ounce simple syrup
1/2 lime, juiced
Ice cubes
Pineapple wedge, for garnish
Fresh mint sprig, for garnish

Combine all ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker and pour into a double old-fashion glass. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and a sprig of fresh mint.

Cosmorita
Ice
1 shot tequila
Splash lime juice
2 shots cranberry juice
Lime wheel, for garnish

To a martini shaker filled with ice, add all ingredients. Shake and strain into martini glass. Garnish with lime wheel. Please drink responsibly.

Battle of the boutiques set for Friday



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Students model during last year's AIMO show.

Be prepared for the ultimate fashion standoff

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

Catwalks. Models. Clothes strewn everywhere. This type of chaos can mean only one thing —the third annual AIMO fashion show is coming to ECU.

This year's theme, "Battle of the Boutiques" came to Rebecca Andrews, president of AIMO over the summer.

"I couldn't sleep one night, and the idea just came to me," said Andrews. "I may have had insomnia, but at least I had good ideas."

The show is not so much a battle, but a chance for the top boutiques in Greenville to show off their fashions and a few trade secrets. Moxie, Dulcinea, Icon and Pink (formerly Kristie's) will each present a collection using local talent as models.

"I'm excited to be showing the unique clothes that Dulcinea has to offer to Greenville," said model Kelly Harmon, "it's more than clothes – it's wearable art."

While the boutiques select all of the clothes used in the show, the Apparel and Interior Merchandise Organization handles all the rest.

"We have been planning this since October," Andrews said. "We have 45 members, and I'm big on getting everyone involved."

Members were responsible for marketing the show to the campus community. Fliers have been distributed throughout Greenville and two huge signs are on display at the bottom of College Hill and on the mall. AIMO members will be at Wright Place Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sell advance tickets.

Battle of the Boutiques has also received help from the community. For the second year, Great Lengths Salon has volunteered to do the hair for the show. Volunteer make-up artists are also lending their talents. The most notable change is moving the location from the Willis Building to Aqua.

Despite the name, Battle of the Boutiques is really a show where everyone is a winner.

"This show is all about crowd participation. We want everyone to

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A model walks the catwalk at the 2006 fashion show.



Photo by Levinia Tyrrell

For students increasing prices at the pumps can leave your wallet hurting.

Web site of the week

Gasbuddy.com: helping you and your wallet

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

A couple of months ago, I was lucky enough to stumble onto a nifty Web site. Thanks to my dad; who likes me to save money (so that I won't ask him for more) sent me to a Web site that shows you where the cheapest gas is in relation to you.

GasBuddy.com is a Web site operated through a larger organization, GasBuddy Organization, Inc. Its sole purpose is to give consumers the lowest gasoline prices in their community. It is their mission that "by working together as a community everyone will save money at the pumps."

The way that GasBuddy.com works is through average citizens posting on the Web site the least expensive place to get gas in their area. Their information helps those in their community, thus insuring that everyone will ignore corrupt and bloated pigs who attempt to monopolize the oil industry and rob us blind.

Using the Web site is so easy, a political science major could do it. On the homepage of GasBuddy.com is a graphic of the United States

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Novel depicts family drama

Allison Bechdel's 'Fun Home': A family tragicomedy

BRIDGET TODD
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Occasionally when my parents are out looking for a particular brand of fabric softener or taking the dog for a stroll around the block, I find myself compelled to root through the drawers of our home. Sometimes I'll wriggle an entire drawer off of its identical wooden slats, and in the charged silence that comes with being alone in a large house, I'll explore. What am I looking for: Old letters, photographs and even old receipts. Anything that fleshes out the story of the people I lived with for twenty years. I would be willing to bet I am not alone in these covert endeavors.

For those who lack parents who spend inordinate amounts of time with dogs or at supermarkets, but would still like a chance to discover hidden family secrets, there is *Allison Bechdel's Fun Home: A Family Tragicomedy.*

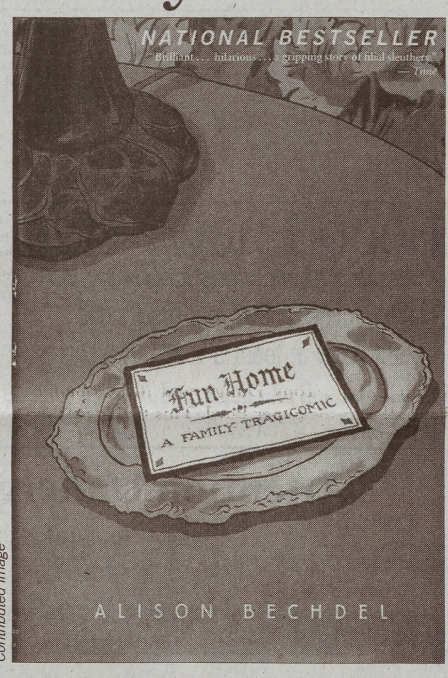
Reading her graphic novel is like pressing your nose up to another family's den window, eavesdropping on their dinner conversation, then rooting though all their stuff. Bechdel lovingly reconstructs significant elements of her family and personal life.

These include the death of her emotionally absent homosexual father, the day-to-day running of the family funeral home (nicknamed "fun home"), and discovering her own homosexuality. These events have a sizeable range and skip from hilarious and horrifying in a matter of panels.

Things that should be gruesome, like the sudden death of her father or her first encounter with a naked corpse, are examined and questioned until they are rendered tender, humorous and above all human. Bechdel has a fantastic eye for the secret mechanics and language of family, intertwining the heartbreaking and the hopeful until they are indiscernible.

The language of the Bechdel family is clearly literature. Her book oozes with literary references. Her father calls upon James Joyce and Oscar Wilde to illustrate his tension with his sexuality. Bechdel even discovers her own homosexuality through reading the likes of Anais Nin, Kate Millet and Collette.

In the world of the Bechdel's, literature and sexuality are entwined—her father even gives books to the teenage boys he is trying to seduce. This reliance on literature is also demonstrated in Bechdel's narration. Though at times a bit verbose, her commentary sharply illustrates thematic elements while also adding layers of meaning and symbolism.



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Bechdel's precision doesn't end with language. Her drawing style is exact and specific; she recreates exact outfits and rooms with great detail. However, her lines are a bit sketchy. Her style is very much like Robert Crumb's, with very meticulous drawings with a touch of wobble in the lines around them.

Overall, Bechdel has created a work of art. Her book is just like an old drawer in that she recreates typed legal documents, photographs, handwritten letters and diary entries. These precious recollections are relayed out of order, the way that memory works. Fun Home begins and ends with two of the most tender scenes: Balancing on her reclining father's feet and holding her father's neck as he swims with her on his back. Both are fond memories most children have of their fathers.

All of the uncertainty, absence and despair that her father carries throughout the rest of the book are sandwiched between acts of affection. That's what Bechdel illustrates best: That odd fusion of grief and love that we call family.

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Ignite Mindz brings the 'Psychological Warfare'

ECU graduate to release new album

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SENIOR WRITER

A year and a half ago, ECU Communication graduate John Dixon began writing material for his new album *Psychological Warfare.*

Dixon, who raps under the name Ignite Mindz, held positions at the campus radio station, WZMB 91.3, as hip-hop DJ, hip-hop music director and production manager.

"I tried to record a lot in the ECU studio, but those tracks sounded bad," said Dixon.

"I wound up just re-recording everything again at my house, and I sent the tracks to get mixed and mastered. I got them back, and now the CD is pretty much done."

Psychological Warfare is the result of his efforts. This album is packed full of intellectual flows crammed with imagery that feels honest.

It's not just a one-sided album, either. Dixon presents a wide range of skills from crafting brilliant stories, catchy hooks, tongue-twisting alliteration that will make listeners lose their breath and on tracks like "C.W. Rides Again," hilarious comedy.

He's also not afraid to spit rhymes bilingually, either. "Natural High" and "Cheezin" both feature lyrics crafted in Spanish.

Musically, 10 of the 15 beats were created by Dixon himself. The beats not only sound professional, they cover a lot of ground. Some with guitar riffs, others with Marvin Gaye-esque samples and horns.

Segundo did all the remaining beats not produced by Dixon, and those tracks hit just as hard as his own do.

"Russian Roulette: The Red Mafiya" draws from history and Russian culture to create an insane track that showcases his storytelling, and it hits hard with its dark plot.

Psychological Warfare's spectrum is impressive and promising; Ignite Mindz tackles politics, history, love, partying and even religion.

However, Ignite Mindz presents himself as more than just a mere rapper. True to his roots, he is a humble, honest artist with goals of being more than an artist, but being a good person, too.

Maybe he sums it up best himself on the track "Cheezin" when he raps, "I like to do the things I like/I only write that truth."

"It's a real personal album and I really feel like I covered everything I wanted to on this album."

And true to his humble music, Dixon told me, "I feel lucky that it turned out so well, and I'm glad there's been such good feedback."

While you can currently buy the singles at his Web site, myspace.com/igniteimagery, soon the album will be available on iTunes and cdbaby.com.

"It will also be available at local skate shops and head shops, I'm hoping by early February," Dixon said.

Those who savor the rap genre may want to check out Ignite Mindz for a twist on an old favorite that will only leave them craving more.

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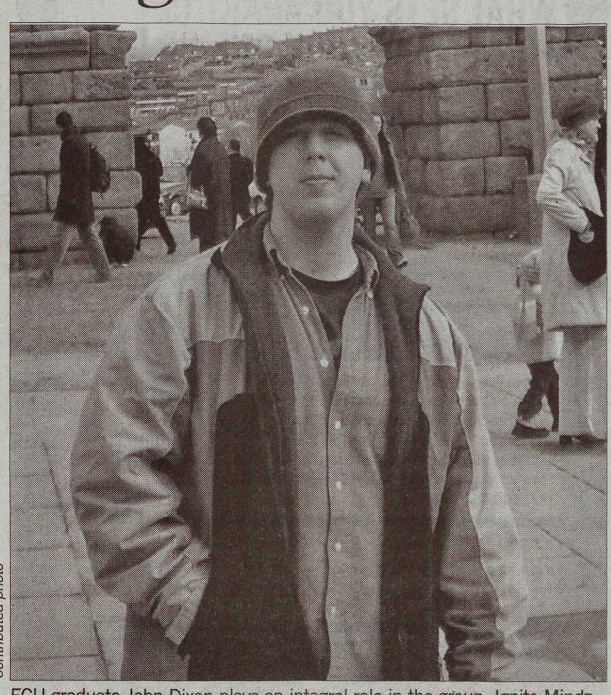

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ECU graduate John Dixon plays an integral role in the group, Ignite Mindz.

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and Canada. Click on the state you wish to purchase gas in and it will then direct you to another page. This allows you to search by zip code or county. Choose by county if you are unsure of your zip code, and it will allow you to select the city you want to search for.

The city you select will give you a listing of gas stations with the most inexpensive at the top. The chart shows you where they are located, how much they are selling gas for and at what time the posting was made. If driving around and finding the cheapest gas in town is your forte, there is also a place to leave your user name for everyone to thank you for committing such a heroic deed.

Many fans of Sheetz will be very depressed to discover that they do not sell the cheapest gas. In fact, they are not even in the top five.

Searching for the best place to buy gas is the primary function of GasBuddy.com, but it also has other fun facts on its site. It shows visitors charts and graphs that compare gas prices from today to past weeks, months and years. There are also different surveys and polls to participate in as well as contests offered by sponsors of the site.

GasBuddy.com is the holy grail of Web sites if you are obsessed with anything concerning gas prices. They make available a list of recent news articles dealing with the topic and also provide a link to OPEC!

Remember the next time your wallet feels a little light and the needle is pointing on E, GasBuddy.com is there to help you save a little green.

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have a good time," Andrews said.

In order for each boutique to receive the same amount of applause, each ticket will have one of their names written on the back. Every time a model walks out wearing their clothes the person should cheer for them.

"Although I might be a little biased, I think this is going to be the best show," said Andrews, "the boutiques all have some tricks up their sleeves, and you're going to see things not seen at an ordinary fashion show."

The show takes place at Aqua on Friday, Jan. 19. Tickets for Battle of the Boutiques are available in advance for $5 or at the door for $7. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with the show beginning around 9 p.m.

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Movie picks

★ Outstanding
■ Worthy effort
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		Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Sacramento Bee	Seattle Times
Alpha Dog	R		■	–	▼	▼	▼	▼	–	▼
Arthur and the Invisibles	PG		■	–	▼	▼	▼	●	–	–
Children of Men	R		★	–	■	★	■	★	■	★
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Letters from Iwo Jima	R		★	★	★	–	★	★	–	★
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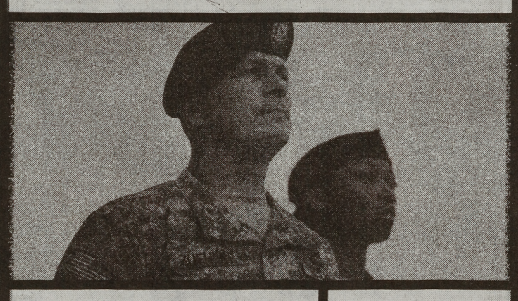

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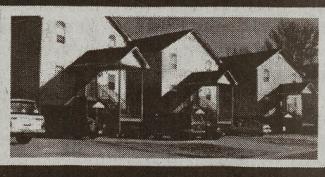

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Amount in millions that renovating Minges Coliseum prior to the 1994-95 basketball season cost; the arena was originally constructed for $2 million, and was completed before the Pirates' 1967-68 campaign; the men's basketball team is 328-171 all time at Minges, posting a winning percentage of almost 66 percent at home

4-2

Appalachian State's hockey team's record going into a two game face-off against ECU this weekend at Bladez on Ice; the Mountaineers sit in third place in the Southwest Division of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference, with a total of eight points; Appalachian State's eight points puts them 10 points behind the Pirates for the lead in the division

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Number of goals the Pirates' backup goalie Connor Brearley has given up on 10 shot attempts so far this season; starting goalie and team president Brent Falcon has started 12 of 13 games this season, but was injured in the Canes Cup Tournament this past weekend against N.C. State; Falcon suffered a sprained right ankle, and will be out four to six weeks

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The Memphis men's basketball team's current ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 college basketball poll; the Tigers (14-3, 4-0 C-USA) opened the season ranked 14th in the nation, and have remained in the Associated Press Top 25 since; Memphis' lowest ranking was 22nd in the nation; The Pirates host Memphis Saturday at 6 p.m. in Minges Coliseum in what will be their toughest game of the year

SPORTS TALK

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With both Duke (14-3, 1-2 ACC) and North Carolina (16-2, 3-1 ACC) falling to Virginia Tech (13-5, 3-1 ACC) in an eight-day span, who is now the class of the ACC?

Don't forget Boston College (13-4, 5-0 ACC) sits in first place in the conference, but has lost to lowly out of conference opponents Vermont, Providence and Duquesne.
Also, Clemson (17-2, 3-2 ACC) was undefeated until losing to Maryland on the road, but has only two truly impressive wins (at Old Dominion and against Georgia Tech)
North Carolina's two losses were by single digits to formidable foes. The Tar Heels lost on a neutral court to Gonzaga and on the road at Virginia Tech. Finally, up to this point Duke has played one of the toughest schedules in the country, with notable wins over Georgetown and Indiana at Cameron and on a neutral court over Gonzaga.

What fans are saying

"Its obviously North Carolina. Too much depth. While Duke has played a hard schedule they never play on a difficult opponents home floor. It's always at Cameron or at a neutral site. The Tar Heels will only lose at the most two more ACC games. Clemson is a feel good story like Rutgers in football."

-Anonymous post

Club hockey team stares down Appalachian State

Pirates hope to continue perfect record in conference

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

When the ECU men's club ice hockey team steps on the ice Friday night to face Appalachian State, they will be venturing into new heights of media coverage as well as community support. The team in only their second year of existence, has complied a 10-3 record overall to go along with a perfect 9-0 record in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference.

This weekend's game against the current number three team in the Southwest division of the BRHC, Appalachian State, has been publicized in a maximum effort to create fan support of the fast-growing hockey craze. Pirate Radio 1250 has offered black "Arrrrrgh" T-shirts in an effort to create a "blackout" Friday night. Pirate Radio will also be on hand to broadcast the games live in what should be an entertaining shootout.

Pirate assistant coach Todd Carter doesn't think that his team is being over-hyped in anyway after compiling such a great record in the first half of the season.

"We need all the press we can get; the more of that the better," said Carter. "That just feeds on everything we have already done. That gets the town behind us. We need all of those things to be successful."

The Mountaineers come into the two game series looking to gain even more ground on the first place Pirates after starting off the spring semester 3-0 with two wins over VMI and an 8-7 victory over conference power Clemson. Forward Nick Livy leads the Mountaineers with 12 goals and 11 assists to go along with 23 points in 14 games played. Not to be outdone, Pete LaGrange has tallied 13 goals and nine assists to combine with 22 points.

With all the threats that ASU offers, the preparation for the Mountaineers will need to be based back on the basics of hockey according to Head Coach Wayne Cox.

"You prepare for App. State just by going again to what the basics are," said Cox. "You work on your skating, you work on your shooting, and you work on some fundamental things that we could have done better this weekend. We tried [Tuesday] to address some of those things in practice, and reinforce to the guys that they are winners."

The Pirates, who play as a division III squad, played this past weekend in Raleigh in the Cane's Cup, and lost to Division II foes Duke 5-2 in which the Blue Devils scored three goals in a span of 36 seconds to open the third period. The Pirates also lost to N.C. State 6-3. The Pirates were able to bounce back on Sunday to defeat Tournament champion Virginia Tech 4-3 on an overtime thriller.

Assistant coach Carter thought the win on Sunday was really important and created a great

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The Pirates are focused after falling to Division II teams Duke and N.C. State, and taking a tough overtime win from Canes Cup champ Virginia Tech.



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ECU celebrates a goal, one of many from the first half of conference play.

ECU loses first home C-USA game

Pirates take another hit to their pride

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

ECU Men's Basketball team losses second straight game at home 65-56, making them 5-11 overall and 0-3 in Conference USA play. Tulane picks up its first win in C-USA increasing their record to 8-7 overall and 1-2 in C-USA.

ECU started the 500th game at Minges Coliseum with two freshmen in the paint hoping that their larger bodies would be able to stop Tulane's big men. Coach Ricky Stokes said, "We thought they would push the ball inside too [Andrew] Gomez and [Robinson] Louisme, and for the most part I think we did a good job."

ECU had their largest lead of the night, six with 11:03 left in the first half, but Tulane took back the lead because of their 3-point shooting as they hit five in the first half to ECU's 0 3-point makes. Tulane's bench made the biggest impact in the first half accounting for 21 of their 33 points, led by guard Donnie Stith who was 4-4 and hit two 3-pointers.

ECU's forward John Fields led all players with 13 points in the first half because coach Stokes put more emphasis on driving to the basket and dishing into the paint. ECU was much more dominant in the paint this game, scoring 18 of their 25 points from there.

The turning point in the first half was when senior guard Courtney Captain was injured with 4:28 left and was in the locker room until half way through the second period. He returned with a bandage covered in blood around his right arm and his gusto seemed to have disappeared.

Tulane led at half time 33-25. ECU came out from half time with a 7-0 run for the better part of two minutes to bring the lead within one, thanks to the energetic Brandon Evans who hit a 3-pointer in front of Tulane center Robinson Louisme.

Tulane didn't seem to mind as they quietly just kept driving to the hole and picking up fouls as they shot 20-23 from the free throw line on 87 percent. Tulane also dominated on the boards taking down 43 rebounds to ECU's 35.

Coach Stokes commented on ECU's inability to rebound, "We did not rebound the ball particularly well. That was disappointing, it's something we work on, and we stress because we're not the biggest team."

ECU played better in the second half forcing Tulane to turnover the ball 15 times while they only turned the ball over 10 times. ECU also had three guys in double scoring figures, and 12 team assists for the night. ECU sophomore James Dillard had two take forced turnovers during the same play, a poke away steal and a block, which allowed ECU to get some easy points off of turnovers.

"I thought we shot the ball well in spurts, we did have a couple of bright spots," said coach Stokes about ECU's 35.6 percent shooting on the night.

"One of the things we want to continue to do is establish an inside presences and it's always nice to see John (Fields) score."

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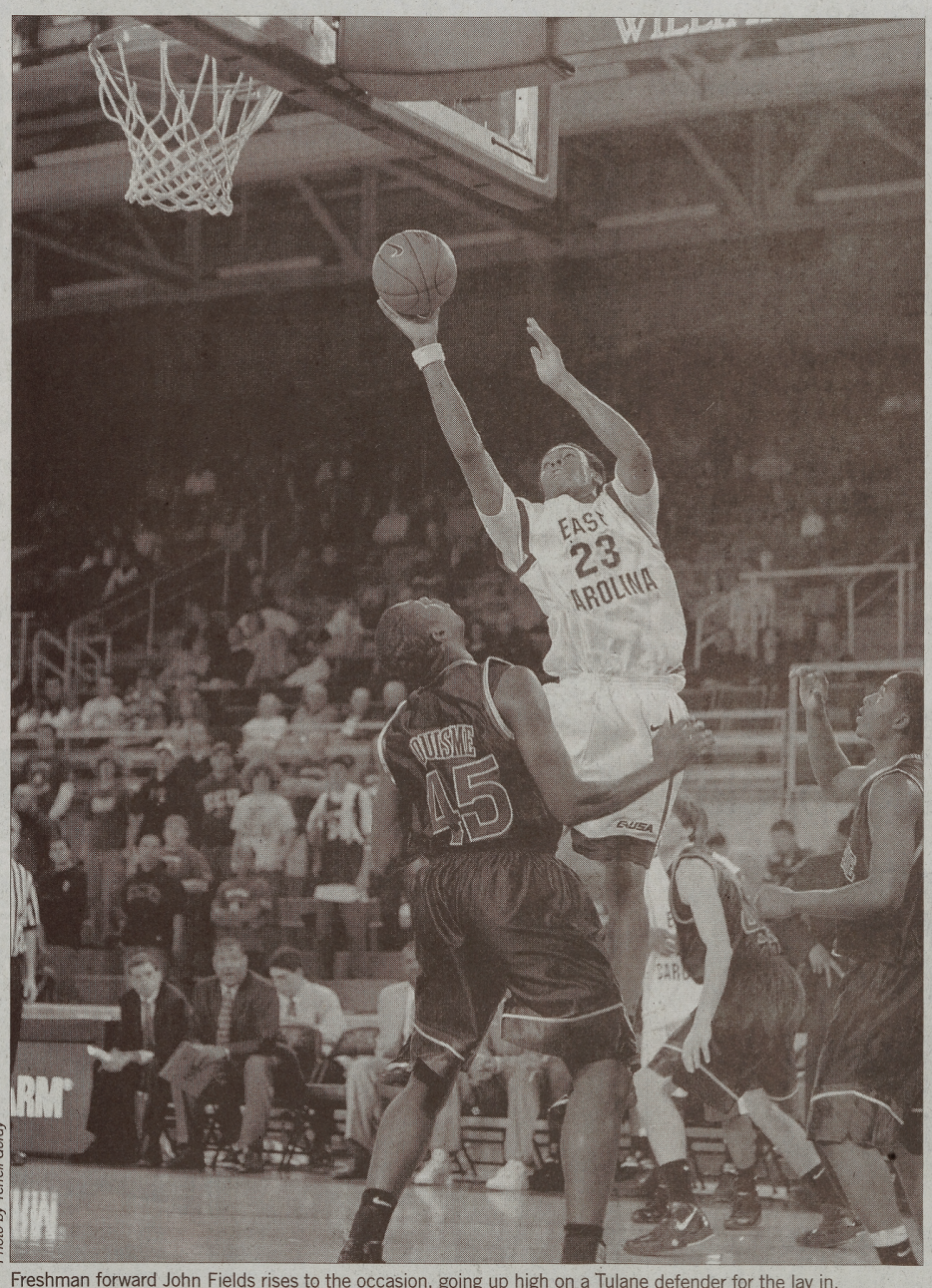

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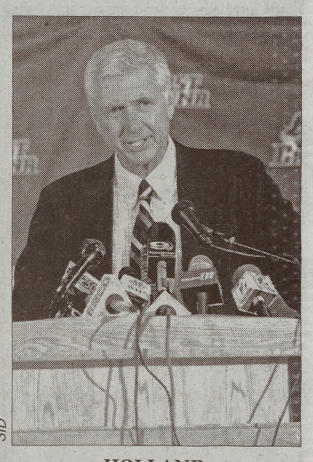
Freshman forward John Fields rises to the occasion, going up high on a Tulane defender for the lay in.

Athletic Director Terry Holland receives raise, contract extension



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ECU Athletic Department agrees to a two-year extension

(SID) — Terry Holland, athletics director at ECU, has agreed to a two-year extension of his contract, which now runs through 2011, and he has received a $36,000 raise, bringing his annual salary to $324,000.

The ECU Board of Trustees approved the contract amendments Wednesday (Jan. 10). The amendments also change Holland's title to Athletics Director and Executive Assistant to the Chancellor.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said, "I believe strongly in leadership and teamwork, and Terry Holland has been exemplary in both these areas. These changes reflect my complete satisfaction with his performance."

Ballard added, "This extension will provide great stability for the Pirate Nation, and, over time, will make Coach Holland more available for special assignments."

Those assignments will be focused on building relationships, enhancing the university's national image through athletics, and providing advice on key problems and opportunities, Ballard said.

Holland said, "I want to be here as long as I can contribute and make a difference. I am very

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Conference opponents are down and out when facing the Pirates, especially at Bladez on Ice.

start to the week to prepare for Appalachian State.

"It was really important for us to win Sunday," said Carter. "It was the last game of the weekend. It was paramount for us to come out of there with the win because although we lost Friday and Saturday, the score did not indicate the game. It was important for us to win Sunday for a couple reasons. One for the pride stand point of being up there for the weekend, but also that's a great way to end a week and to start a week to prepare for App. State."

The Pirates, who currently sit ninth in the American Collegiate Hockey Association poll for the South region, look to add to their impressive resume of wins this season against the Mountaineers. The win could boost ECU's chances to make a run for nationals, in which the Pirates must be ranked in the top four in the South or better.

Getting the wins won't be easy, however. Senior goalie Brent Falcon who has started 12 of the Pirates 13 games, was injured in the N.C. State game this past weekend with a sprained right ankle, will be sidelined four to six weeks. The injury serves as a major blow to the team with inexperience at the goalie position. Connor Brearley looks to get the start but allowed three goals on 10 shots in the first semester of play.

Despite the injury, Falcon is continuing to push the public to come out and support the team.

"For the people who haven't come to the game, this would be the weekend to do it," said Falcon. "The blackout at Bladez is going to be a huge promotion. It's going to be a raucous crowd. We certainly have had great fan support, we've had about 300-400 people at every game, but it's still a lot of people that haven't been to a game before. If they know anyone who has, just ask them and they will tell them how it is. It's a great environment. It's a small place so it gets really loud, really fast."

"Just wear black," Falcon also added.

The Pirates first game against Appalachian State is set for a 9:30 start on Friday night at Bladez on Ice. The second game of the series is slated to start at 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

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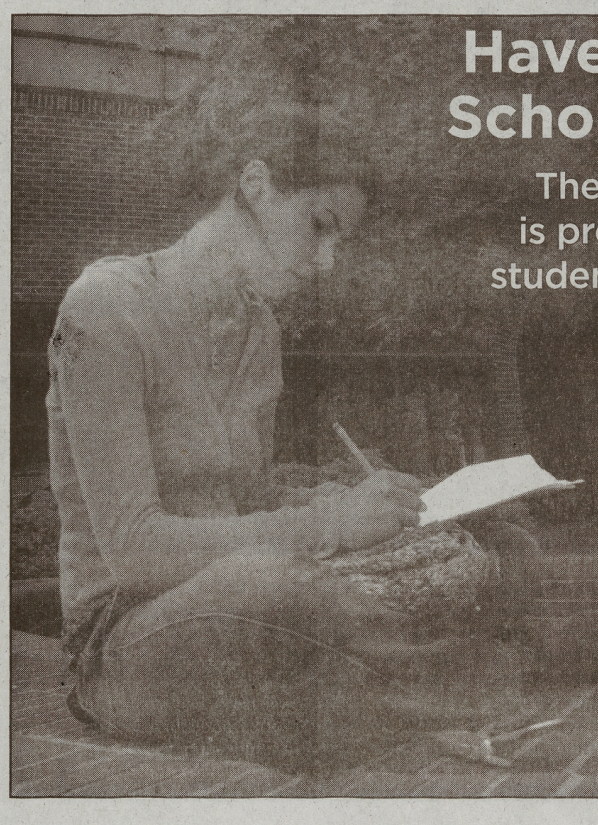

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The Green Wave just seemed to be too much for the ECU Pirates, as they could not mount a come back with 2:00 left to play down by six. ECU tried, but allowing a good free-throw shooting team to get to the line 23 times will never earn them a win.

John Fields led all scores with 17 points, which is a season/career high for the freshman, but he only pulled down six rebounds.

"Coach Stokes emphasized getting the ball in the post more. He put in about two new plays to get more some more open looks to the basket," Fields said about his season high performance Wednesday night.

Darrell Jenkins had a good game scoring 10 points and six assists with only one turnover. Freshman Brandon Evans also had a fair scoring night with 10 points on 2-2 shooting from behind the 3-point arc.

Tulane forward Donnie Stith, a North Carolina native, pulled down a double-double against the Pirates scoring 15 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots. David Gomez had 12 points for the Green Wave on 4-10 from the floor, but he did make 4-4 from the free-throw line.

ECU plays its next home game against no. 17 ranked Memphis Saturday at 6 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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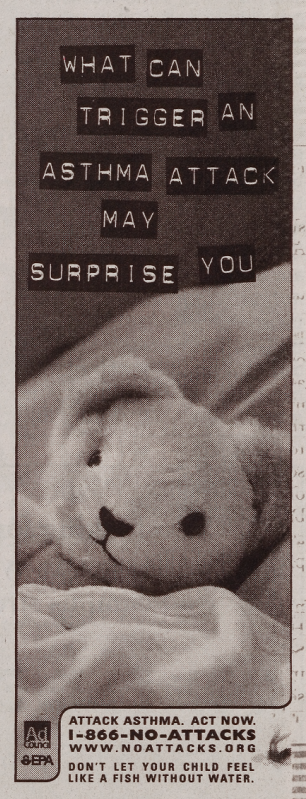

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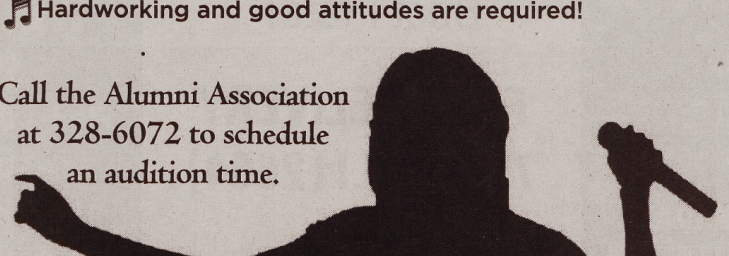

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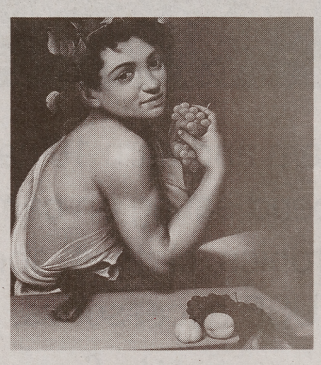

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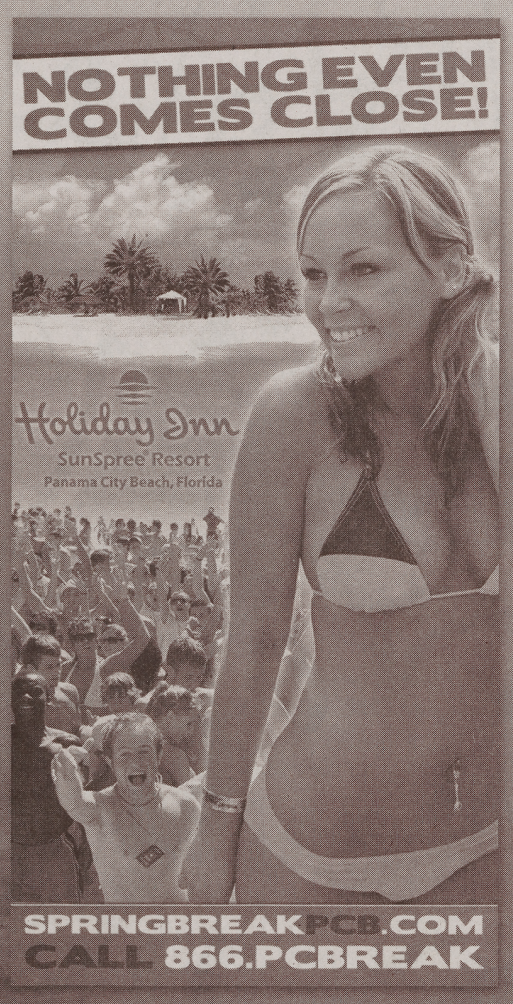

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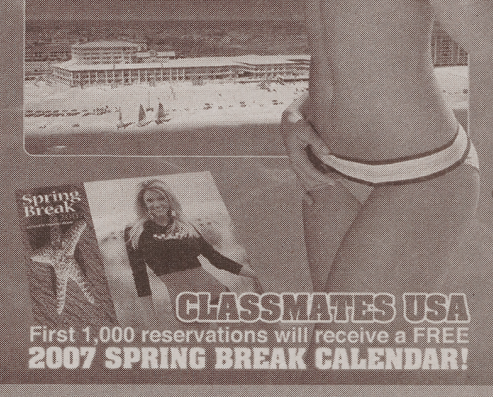

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6. Phi Kappa Psi	508 Martin Luther King Blvd.	910-512-4642	(Zeta Tau Alpha)
7. Tau Kappa Epsilon	951 E. 10th St.	252-752-9144	
8. Lambda Chi Alpha	500 Elizabeth St.	910-616-0414	
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11. Delta Chi	1501 E. 5th St.	919-599-7499	(Chi Omega)
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14. Theta Chi	312 E. 11th St.	240-210-4350	
15. Sigma Phi Epsilon	505 E. 5th St.	252-432-2409	

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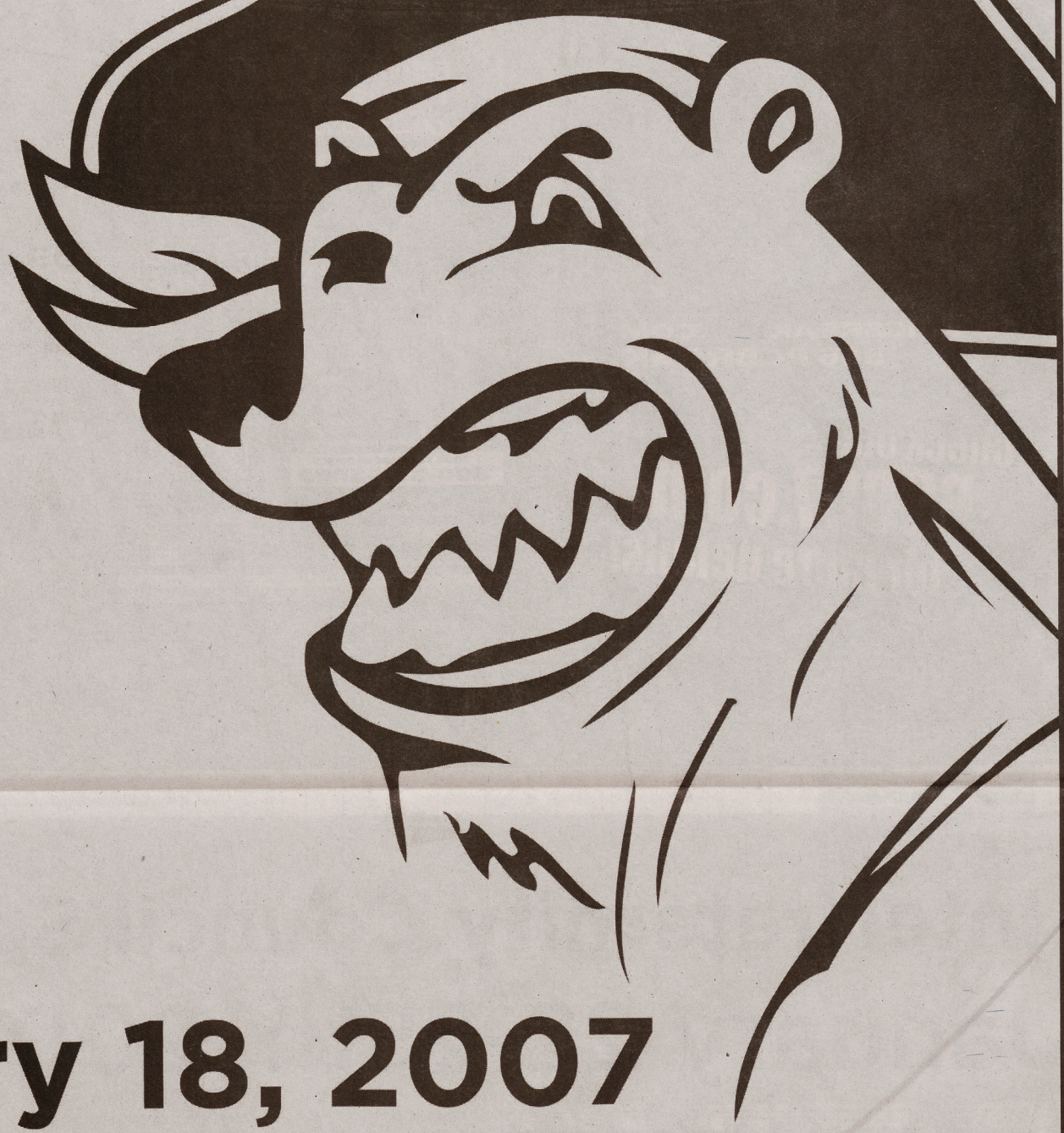

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