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Construction continues at Wright Circle

The *East Carolinian* retracts previous article published last Thursday

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In the Jan. 18 issue of the newspaper, the *East Carolinian* reported that student fees were funding the reconstruction of the fountain outside of Wright Auditorium. The *East Carolinian* would like to retract the article that appeared in Thursday's edition because of its inaccuracy. The university is actually funding the repairs, as approved by the Board of Trustees, according to the fall 2006 edition of *East: The magazine of ECU*, through private gifts.

The ECU Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members selected to help promote the development of the university, approved \$460,000 to repair the water, sewer and storm drain lines, which run beneath the fountain. The repairs are necessary due to a relentless sinkhole, which has damaged the underground pipes.



Photo by LeVina Tyrell

Construction continues around the fountain at Wright Circle to complete repairs to the infrastructure, which has been damaged by a sinkhole.



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The Pirates of the ice made sure Appalachian State had a black Sunday after two dominating performances. Check out the sports section for a blackout weekend recap.....Page A7



The men's basketball team showed that it can play with the big boys of C-USA. Turn to the sports section to see if a rowdy, all-black crowd could will the Pirates to a huge upset over Memphis.....Page A7

Polar Bear Pool Party celebrates its 10th year, 11th jump



Photo by Zach Siskin

Students take the plunge into freezing water at the Student Recreational Center outdoor pool Thursday evening.

Almost 350 jumpers plunge the frigid waters of the SRC pool

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Last Thursday night approximately 348 jumpers plunged into the freezing water of the Student Recreation Center outdoor pool in honor of this year's Polar Bear Pool Party.

The annual event, which is sponsored by Campus Recreation and Wellness, Student Union and the Mendenhall Student Center, began in 1997 and has since celebrated 10 years and 11 jumps.

"This is a campus tradition that people look forward to," said David Gaskins, associate director of programs for Campus Recreation and Wellness.

"It's a unique ECU tradition that is a little unusual and extreme,

which I think is what attracts people." Although the temperature in eastern North Carolina has been a bit above average this month, the dip this week came at just the right time.

"The weather is perfect," said Kathryn Hunt, associate director of marketing for Campus Recreation and Wellness, of Thursday evening's cold and rainy conditions.

Last year the number of jumpers reached a record-setting 467 participants. This year, the number dropped although the level of excitement remained high.

Sets of approximately 80 jumpers began to take the plunge at 7:20 p.m. and continued for nearly an hour.

Freshman athletic training major Jennifer Verrill said what prompted her to participate in the jump was, simply, "spontaneity."

Kathy Moncada, a graduate student who recently moved to

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SGA elects new Treasurer and Senior Class Officer

Michaelina Antahades, Brandy Sherrer to take positions

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Elections for student body treasurer and senior class officer were underway at last night's second SGA meeting this semester.

In the first election, Carl Marrow, student representative for university budget committee, lost to Michaelina Antahades, congressional appropriations chair, in a 51-14 vote for the position of student body treasurer.

"I feel as though the congress selected the most qualified person who can easily transition into this position, based on her past and current experiences allocating student fees. We are excited to have her as a member of our team," said SGA president M. Cole Jones concerning Antahades nomination.

The second election was a close race between Regina Twine, SGA student welfare chair and Brandy Sherrer, director of student affairs. Sherrer took the title in a 31-30 vote, wherein some SGA members chose to abstain from the vote.

"We are fortunate to have Brandy join our class officers team. I believe she is going to jump into this position and do the best job possible," said SGA vice president Dana White.

After the elections came to a close, concern was brought up involving the job position of Dr. Sheerer, the current interim vice

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Photo by Terrell Gordy

Clothing from Dulcinea and Moxie is featured in AIMO's "Battle of the Boutiques" Friday.

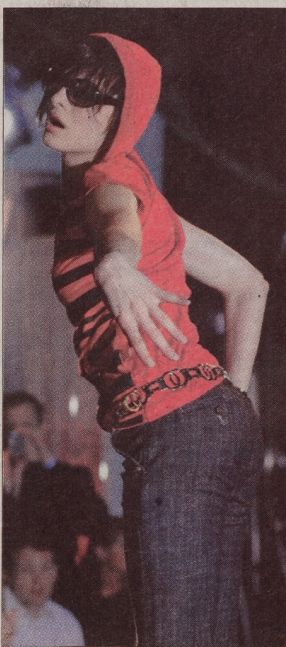


Photo by LeVina Tyrell



A model shows off fashions at the AIDS Benefit show.

Fashion shows fill weekend with style

Students highlight fashions, help charities in style

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Three events in the last week highlighted ECU's flair for fashion. About 200 people attended the second annual AIDS Benefit Fashion Show, sponsored by the Black Student Union, in Wright Auditorium on Saturday night. Titled "Know AIDS to No AIDS," it raised money for PiCASO, the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization.

"We just wanted to get the message across that there are people out there who want to see the HIV epidemic eliminated," said

Patrick Dixon, junior public relations major and president of the Black Student Union.

Nakita Robinson, junior social work major, and Tamika Walker, senior music education major, spent a lot of time organizing the event.

"It was a lot of phone calls, a lot of miles on the road and a lot of licking stamps, but it's for a good cause," said Walker.

Robinson announced that last year's inaugural event raised about \$500. This year the show expanded and the goal was raised to \$1,000.

Jon Gentry, a member of PiCASO's board of directors, opened the show with some remarks and statistics about AIDS and its presence in colleges and eastern North Carolina.

Gentry said that Pitt county is

11th in the state in the number of people with HIV, with the top 14 counties all being in the east. He also said that most newly infected people are between the ages of 17 and 25.

"You don't have to go to Africa to see a pandemic. It's right here in your community," Gentry said.

"However long you're here; two, three or four years, however long it takes you to get that degree, you are part of this community whether you want to realize it or not."

PiCASO provides housing assistance, counseling and many other services for people with AIDS.

The show featured 13 models showcasing clothes from four designers in seven scenes. There were also performances by J2G and

I.N.C., as well as the Black Student Union Dance Team.

Additionally, the Apparel and Interior Merchandising Organization's third annual fashion show "Battle of the Boutiques" took place on Friday from 9 - 11 p.m. at Club Aqua, which donated the use of their venue for the event.

The show featured designs from local boutiques Moxie, Icon, Dulcinea and Pink.

"We really appreciate the student bodies' support and we hope to continue this tradition with an even bigger and better show next year," said AIMO vice president Kathryn Giles.

The ECU chapters of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality Management

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Another Great Decisions Seminar will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Rivers West Building auditorium. For more events see our calendar.....Page A2

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CORRECTIONS:

The *East Carolinian* would like to correct the following inaccuracy published in Thursday's paper. In the Opinion section, Bridget Todd's article was not intended to misrepresent the number of U.S. casualties in Iraq, the error was an editing oversight.

To report an error, e-mail editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

East Carolina 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.

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.ecu.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.

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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.

Driving Workshop
Student Recreation Center, room 238
4 p.m.

Business Workshop
Student Recreation Center, room 238
5 p.m.

Information session on trip to Japan
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.
Willis Building
5:30-7 p.m.

Wheelchair Basketball Drop-in game
Drop-in game registration will be conducted on-site prior to each night of play.
Student Recreation Center Sports Forum
8-9 p.m.

Tales of the Beijing Opera
Tales from a Beijing Opera is a series of comic and dramatic scenes from China's most popular stories. Told in English and Chinese, this "kung fu" theatre is a combination of music, dialogue, dance, mime and acrobatics into a theatrical whole.
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.

ECU Hispanic Film Series: Machuca
Free admission. Spanish with English subtitles.
Bate 1010
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sleep out for the Homeless
A Xi Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity event to increase awareness of homelessness in Pitt County and help serve them as much as possible. Old clothes or non-perishable foods will be accepted as donations.
Blount House
8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contra dance
Admission will be charged.
Willis Building
7:30 p.m. lesson
8-10 p.m. dance

ECU Masquerade Ball
Formal sponsored by the freshman class in conjunction with the Student Union. Semi-formal attire is required, and breakfast will be served.
Mendenhall
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Paper Engineering 101—Paper Pop Ups Workshop

No prior experience is necessary. Space for this workshop is very limited so early registration is encouraged.
For additional information and registration please call Emerge Gallery & Art Center at 551-6947 or email heather@emerge-gallery.com.
Emerge Gallery & Art Center 404 S. Evans St. between 5th and 4th Streets in Uptown Greenville
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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



ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars

Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina and ECU. Full-time students and teachers can attend for free and purchase the program book for \$20, \$15 if WAC members. The cost for individual sessions is \$10.
Rivers West Building auditorium
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free Yoga Class

In honor of the eighth annual Yoga Day USA
ViQuest Wellness Center
11:30 a.m.

BRIEFS

Up to 100 people die in bombings, attacks in Iraq; weekend death toll for U.S. troops hits 27

(AP)—Twin bombings Monday tore through stalls of vendors selling second-hand clothes and DVDs in a busy Baghdad market catering to Shiite Muslims during a religious festival. A market also was attacked north of the capital, and police said as many as 100 people died in the renewed campaign blamed on Sunni Muslim insurgents. The U.S. military also reported the deaths Sunday of two Marines, raising the two-day death toll to 27 in a particularly bloody weekend for American forces in Iraq. A roadside bomb killed a U.S. soldier and wounded four others Monday in northern Iraq, it said. Monday's first blast, a parked car bomb, hit shortly after noon in the Bab al-Sharqi market between Tayaran and Tahrir squares one of the busiest parts of Baghdad. Seconds later, a

suicide car bomber drove into the crowd. Police estimated that each car was loaded with nearly 220 pounds of explosives.

Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamil said at least 78 people were killed and 156 were wounded, making it the deadliest attack in two months. Figures provided by police and hospital officials showed that as many as 88 people were killed.

Sens. Brownback, Hunter court conservatives at anti-abortion rally

(AP)—Two of the Republicans' most conservative presidential hopefuls promised anti-abortion activists on Monday that if elected, they would work to overturn the Supreme Court decision legalizing the procedure. Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback and California Rep. Duncan Hunter addressed the annual March for Life marking the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling.

"We recognize a tragedy of life in Roe v. Wade, but that tragedy will not always stand," Brownback told thousands of cheering abortion foes at an afternoon rally.

Brownback, who formally launched his presidential bid on Saturday, spoke about adopting his daughter, Jenna, from a Chinese orphanage. "I mention her because some woman in China, who I probably will never meet, fought for her life," Brownback said. "Somebody fought for her life. You are fighting for somebody's life. Hunter, who has established a presidential exploratory committee, told the crowd he and his wife would begin to campaign in earnest this Thursday in South Carolina, one of the earliest primary states. "If we have a judicial applicant, a judicial nominee who can look at a sonogram of an unborn child and not see the value of human life...if I should become president of the United States, he will not receive a judicial appointment," Hunter said.

Venezuela leader, in broadcast, tells U.S. to 'go to hell,' calls Condoleezza Rice 'missy'

(AP)—President Hugo Chavez told U.S. officials to "Go to hell, gringos!" and called Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "missy" on his weekly radio and TV show Sunday, lashing out at Washington for what he called unacceptable meddling in Venezuelan affairs. The tirade came after Washington raised concerns about a measure to grant the fiery leftist leader broad lawmaking powers. The National Assembly, which is controlled by the president's political allies, is expected to give final approval this week to what it calls the "enabling law," which would give Chavez the authority to pass a series of laws by decree during an 18-month period. On Friday, U.S. State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said Chavez's plans under the law "have caused us some concern." Chavez rejected Casey's statement

in his broadcast, saying: "Go to hell, gringos! Go home!" He also attacked U.S. actions in the Middle East.

Al-Qaida-linked insurgents claims downing U.S. military helicopter in crash that killed 12

(AP)—An Al-Qaida-linked coalition of Iraqi Sunni insurgents claimed Monday that its fighters shot down an American military helicopter in a crash that killed 12 U.S. soldiers. The U.S. military has said the cause of the crash has not been determined. The insurgent coalition, the Islamic State in Iraq, posted the claim on an Islamic Web site, saying that "the lions of Iraq's Islamic state managed to down a Black Hawk on Saturday, which was followed by a clash with the Crusaders, and that led to the destruction of two Humvees and the annihilation of those inside, thanks be to God."

Greenville church recovering from arson, looking to future

(AP) — For members of The Memorial Baptist Church, their usual Sunday gathering started as an information session, became a business meeting and ended as a worship service.

With their church facility nearly demolished by arson, members of The Memorial gathered Sunday at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church across town.

Tommy Little, chairman of the deacons at The Memorial, started the service with an update on their church recovery. Some church books and documents were salvaged, the sanctuary's carpets were gone, the stained glass windows remained intact, and the pews were a total loss.

The Jan. 13 fire caused more than \$1 million in damage and destroyed more than half of the church's facilities.

Authorities have ruled that the fire at The Memorial and a second, smaller fire at nearby Unity Free Will Baptist Church were purposely started within one hour of each other. A third church nearby reported

a break-in. Investigators with the FBI, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the State Bureau of Investigation are all aiding local authorities in the case. Local authorities have stepped up patrols of local churches.

Looking to the future, the congregation voted using "amen" in place of "aye" to establish a special account for insurance proceeds and to waive the church's limit on expenditures that can be approved by a finance team.

Walter Byrum, The Memorial's minister of music, later led the congregation in singing "Jesus Is the Friend You Need," a hymn he said was found floating outside of The Memorial after the Jan. 13 fire.

Randy McKinney, senior pastor at The Memorial, praised the congregation and other community churches for supporting each other. Members of the church have already called for forgiveness for the people who started the fires.

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Greenville from Louisiana, said, "This is the first time I've ever heard of something like this and it just sounds like some crazy fun which is something I'm always up for."

"That was so great," said freshman business major Stephanie Lineberry after her jump. "It was the fastest I've ever gotten out of a pool."

One of the highlights of the evening was when Nancy Mize, assistant chancellor for Campus Recreation and Wellness, and one of the main coordinators for the event over the past decade, took the plunge.

"I've been saying I would jump on the 10th year and everybody kept me to my word," said Mize after jumping in for the very first time.

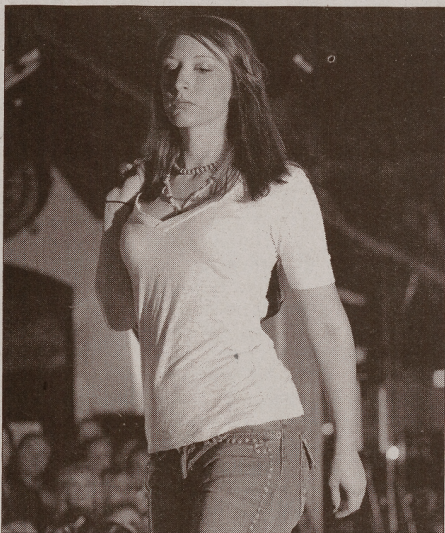
Mize described the plunge as invigorating and added, "I might have to make this an annual thing." Another highlight of the eve-

ning was a group of five Army ROTC students who painted their chests to read P-O-L-A-R. The gentlemen involved were Matt Kane, Ted Brennis, Nathan Rimpf, Kyle Bowen and Jareth Melcher. Collectively, they all intend to jump every year until they graduate. All remarked that the plunge was "awesome" and that they will do it, "bigger and better next year."

The evening was concluded indoors where jumpers were offered refreshments and a raffle was conducted in which several students were awarded t-shirts and fitness passes to the Student Recreation Center. One lucky student was also awarded the grand prize of a \$250 gift card to Best Buy.

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ECU student model showcases clothing from Moxie.



A model shows off evening wear at the AIDS benefit.

Association also put together a fashion seminar held on Thursday in the Rivers building to help students to better dress for job interviews.

Ashley Wilson, president of both associations, said that though it was the first year for "Dress for Success," she hopes that the show will become an annual event.

"Anyone who might be looking for a job could learn something here," said Wilson.

A representative from Ann Taylor Loft conducted the women's portion while two representatives from Stein Mart did the men's half.

"We call it what right looks like," said Rachele Friend of Ann Taylor Loft as she held up a suit. "We all say what really matters is on the inside, but that's not true when it comes to interviewing."

Jackie Fletcher and Josiah Thornton of Stein Mart displayed several men's suits suitable for a job interview or the work environment.

Thornton said that a properly dressed man could take just as much time to get ready as a woman.

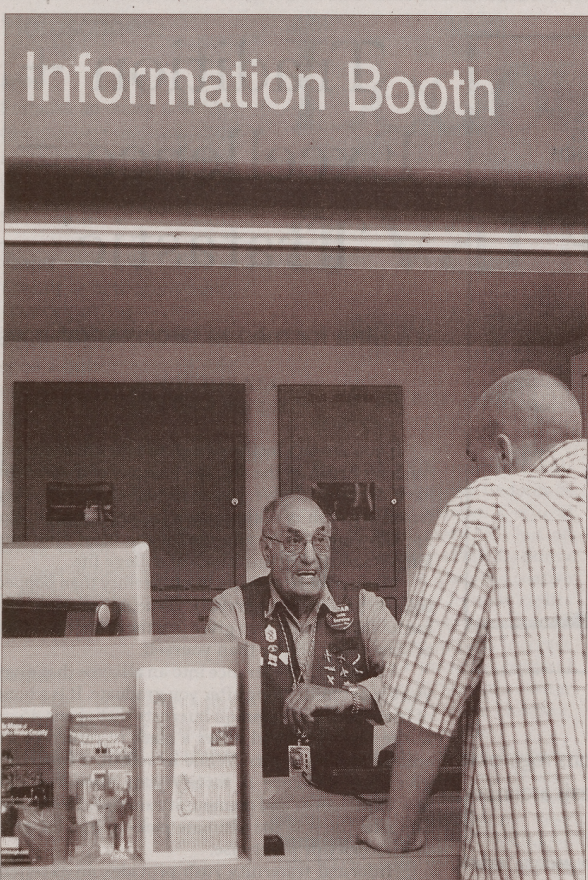
"It's not like I just woke up, said I'm going to work, and threw on something. It takes work. It takes time," said Thornton.

The next event that Wilson's groups will host is a resume critique on Jan. 25 in Todd Dining Hall at 5 p.m.

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Want more? Log on to theeastcarolinian.com to see a slideshow of styles featured at the AIMO show on Friday.

Airport volunteers offer friendly faces, Ziplocs



Volunteer, Hiram Fuller, left, gives out flight information to Steven Simpson at Raleigh-Durham International Airport on Monday, Jan. 15.

(AP)— These days, happiness at the airport is a free Ziploc bag in a pinch.

You've made it to the terminal, but not with much time to spare. And you've managed to bring your luggage with you but haven't handled those troublesome liquids and gels properly, and you darn sure haven't brought any plastic bags that you'll need to comply with the rule that carry-on toiletries must be in a quart-sized clear bag.

At Raleigh-Durham International, that's where people like Hiram Fuller come in. Fuller's got a stack of plastic, resealable bags behind the volunteer counter in the A Terminal.

Ordinarily, that might not be such a big deal. It's not like the guy is giving you a free plane ticket or bumping you to first class.

But for a stressed or confused traveler, it's one of the small but meaningful things volunteers at RDU do that can keep the traveler's experience on a positive arc.

"If you can just help them a little bit, that's what I love about it," said Fuller, 72, retired after 28 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Sometimes the volunteers are just conduits for the good deeds of others. Fuller mentioned the time a woman took off her rings in the bathroom to wash her hands, then realized in a panic that she'd left the rings on the sink. Another

traveler had turned in the rings to the volunteer desk.

"You Southern people are so nice!" exclaimed the ring-owner when her rings were returned.

Fuller, an Arkansas native, drives to the airport from his home in Wake Forest about three days a week and puts in four to six hours in the "Volunteer Ambassador" program.

He's one of some 33 current volunteers in the program who come from various backgrounds and range in age from 16 to 84, said volunteer coordinator Carmen Watson.

As Watson puts it, they are an "extra set of eyes and ears" for the airport. They're roving problem-solvers in red vests, walking lists of answers to the most frequently asked questions, from the location of the baggage-claim office to the location of the nearest restroom.

Fuller came in for his shift on a recent Monday just before lunch, and he'd already had two questions from travelers just going from his car to the terminal. Once stationed at the volunteer desk in the A Terminal, he got two requests for plastic bags within a couple of minutes.

Robert and Gloria Bailey of Durham ran into toiletry trouble at the checkpoint and were glad for one of the bags so they could head on to Indiana. They weren't really in a mood to chat, considering they still had to run the X-ray gantry, but clearly they were

grateful for Fuller's help.

Thena Alexander of Fayetteville stopped to check the status of her son's flight, and Fuller told her it was on the way but 45 minutes late, after checking a computer at the volunteer desk. Again, not good news for the family member outside locked in a circling pattern in the family's car, but at least Alexander got some up-to-date flight information.

Along with airport staff, RDU police officers and airline employees, Fuller and Pam Brennan were the two volunteers on duty around lunchtime during a slow day at RDU.

When volunteers aren't at the information desks, they spend time walking the concourses, answering questions and watching out for travelers with that "deer-in-the-headlights" look, trying to find their gate, their luggage or the rental car desk.

The volunteers get security badges that allow them some access in the airport that passengers don't have, but first they go through interviews, background and reference checks and fingerprinting, Watson said.

They have to study up on basic facts about the airport, and along with helping travelers, getting to know the other users of the airport - such as the people working in the restaurants and shops - also is part of the job.

The idea is that with strong

networks of people throughout the airport, the volunteers can more easily see problems and help get things done to solve them, Watson said.

Watson, who has been at the airport about 10 years, speaks fondly of her charges, both the current volunteers and those who've come and gone. She remembered one volunteer, a student at North Carolina State University, who used quick thinking to help a large contingent of soldiers who landed at the airport one evening, before the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The airport restaurants were about to close, and the soldiers still had a couple more hours of in-transit to military bases in North Carolina. The volunteer called upstairs to one of the restaurants, then started taking food orders from the soldiers and making runs to the restaurant, eventually coordinating the feeding of about 300 soldiers, Watson said.

It was one of the volunteers, Jim Van Strien, who led the effort to open a USO center at the airport for military personnel. Watson described Fuller as equally committed and inventive.

"Let me tell you about this man," she said. "He will do anything. If he sees something that needs to be done, he will do it. He's priceless."

ECU hosts Great Decisions Program 2007

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Forum on international affairs to run for eight weeks

ELISA BIZZOTTO
STAFF WRITER

Beginning this past Saturday and continuing weekly for the next seven weeks, the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina in association with ECU will host the Great Decisions Program of 2007 on the ECU campus in the Rivers West building. The forum, which will run for a total of eight weeks, is intended to bring to light current events that are of international interest.

"Great Decisions is a nationwide program, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, which chooses eight topics for discussion each year, based on issues of current interest in our nation and in the world," said Dr. Richard

Kilroy of ECU's political science department and president of the WAC-ENC. "They choose four regions/countries to highlight, as well as four topics."

This year's program, which began this past Saturday with a focus on the topic of migration, will run to March 10 with each session running approximately two hours from 10 a.m. until noon. Other topics set to be discussed are climate change, war crimes and children, as well as the regions of Mexico, South Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East.

The selected topic or region for each day will begin with a discussion from a recognized authority on the subject. Speakers for this year's program include professors from ECU as well as other institutions including Colombia University and Barnard College, and from other countries including South Africa, and Mexico.

In addition to Dr. Kilroy,

involvement from ECU comes from participants from the department of history education, the Division of Continuing Studies, the Masters of Arts degree in International Studies program, the Security Studies Certificate Program and the Office of International Affairs.

Vice President of the WAC-ENC and also the Assistant Director for Study Abroad for the Office of International Affairs, Brandi Dudley expresses her optimism for the WAC-ENC's first-time involvement with the program and the hope that it will enlighten local residents and provide a connection through these current events for them to other areas around the globe.

"This is the first year the Great Decisions program is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina," said Dudley. "We are hoping to engage more of the eastern North Carolina

community in the program this year and to encourage more participation in future WAC events."

According to Dr. Kilroy this will be the third year ECU will have hosted the program and those involved hope for it surpass the success of the past two years.

"Our first year we averaged 60 people in attendance; last year we averaged 75," said Kilroy. "This will be our third year offering the program on campus and we hope that our attendance will continue to grow."

Attendance throughout the program is free to full-time students and teachers however there is a \$20 fee to purchase the Foreign Policy Association's Briefing Book, *Great Decisions 2007*.

More information on the Great Decisions Program 2007 can be found through the ECU Web site.

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As for rebuilding the actual fountain, trustee member William Bodenhammer Jr. has taken the helm in a private fund-raising effort.

The fountain is a historic part of ECU. Dating back to 1930, it was a gift to East Carolina Teacher's College from the class of 1932.

The *East Carolinian* apolo-

gizes for the errors in the previously published article and any confusion it may have caused. Please turn to the Opinion section to read a letter from the editor regarding the retraction.

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chancellor of student life. The controversy revolved around if SGA members should give their support in promoting her to Vice Chancellor of Student Life, before a nationwide search to fill the position was involved.

"Sheerer is completely qualified," said student welfare committee chair Twine.

Although some were more than willing to show their support, others were apprehensive towards giving SGA support to

Sheerer. "I am sure Dr. Sheerer has done an excellent job, but it is not our place," said SGA member Dustin Pittman. The SGA eventually decided to pass the motion.

In final business, SGA supported the changing graduation gowns from black to purple based on the general opinion of the student body.

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RANT OF THE DAY

Dear Pirate Rants, is there such a thing as pest-be-gone for silly freshman girls?

Letter from the editor

A brief explanation of recent events

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincerest apologies for the numerous significant errors in Thursday's paper, as well as the other papers published this semester. I assure you, the mistakes made in both the print editions and online have not gone unnoticed; the entire editorial board is disappointed with the quality of these first papers of the semester, and we are striving to improve.

Unfortunately, the *East Carolinian* was unable to retain several of the staff members who made such great efforts last semester to bring you the level of reporting you deserve. Although by no means an excuse, I'm sure you've noticed we've had quite a bit of staff turnover and expect an explanation. The changes in our staff occurred for a variety of reasons ranging from illness to internship opportunities, graduation and slipping GPAs. The changes were inevitable, however with the exception of graduation, they were unforeseen circumstances that left gaping holes in our staff. Other changes took place to adapt to shifting schedules and a surgery.

Again, I do not consider the changes in our staff to in any way excuse the poor journalism, lack of accuracy and attention to detail that has occurred in these past two weeks. Be assured that we will overcome our obstacles and bring you an even better quality newspaper than last semester. New policies and procedures for accuracy and fact-checking have been enacted to provide more accountability at all levels within our organization. Additionally, changes have taken place on our editorial board to help enforce higher journalism standards.

We at the *East Carolinian* are working hard to create a newspaper that you can rely on, as well as one we can all take pride in as ECU students. Despite the mistakes made in the past two weeks, I am proud of my staff and their efforts. Very few students have the ability and the enthusiasm to take on long hours as a section editor in addition to their full-time jobs as students, second jobs to pay the bills, involvement in other organizations and personal lives.

Because of the dedication and enthusiasm of these students, I am confident you can still expect great things from this newspaper. Mistakes happen, but have no doubt we will learn from them and improve. After all, that's what we're here for.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bell
Editor in Chief

Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of the East Carolina Board of Trustees I am proud to provide details about the Wright Circle fountain project which was a feature article in the Jan. 18 issue of the *East Carolinian*.

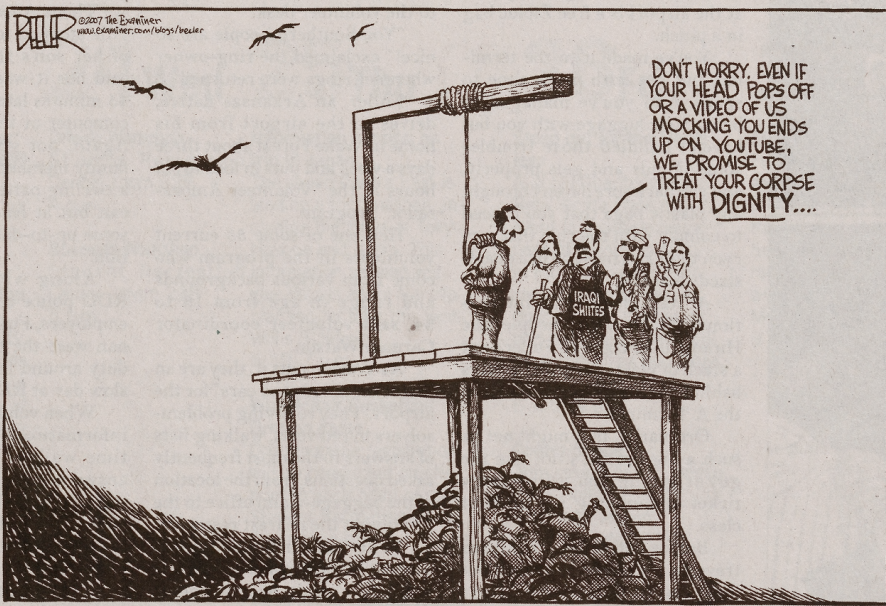
The fountain has a long history on the campus; it was originally dedicated in 1932 and has become a prominent meeting place. Unfortunately over the past several years the fountain has worked sporadically and for several months has been inoperable because of deteriorating underground utility lines causing it to sink.

This project, undertaken to commemorate the University's Centennial, will dramatically upgrade the fountain. It will have a stronger and more prominent plume, better and more welcoming seating and enhanced landscaping. It will be an impressive first sight for visitors to the campus and a memorable landmark for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The construction under way will repair and replace the utility lines so that the fountain can be rebuilt and subsequently enhanced to become a significant landmark for the University. The new fountain's improvements will be paid for with private funds raised by the University's current and former Trustees, and it will be renamed the Trustees Fountain. The associated infrastructure work is funded by appropriations from the General Assembly. Please be advised there is no cost to students.

I look forward to the completion of the project this spring. Its dedication will be a prominent part of the Centennial activities and I hope the campus community will join us for that special event.

Stephen D. Showfety
Chairman, ECU Board of Trustees



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.

I just saw a tampon commercial immediately followed by a WWE Royal Rumble commercial. It seems as if someone is spending their money unwisely.

The Student Rec. Center needs tanning beds ASAP!

To the biker that got hit by the car last Tuesday on Fifth Street. I was shocked at the moment, but now that I realize it really did happen, I was wondering if you are OK?

It's been two months now and I still can't figure it out... How did the person get the campus Christmas tree decorated?

To the beautiful blond girl with the wonderful blue eyes who ate her lunch at my table at the Croatan, I'm sorry I didn't talk to you. I wasn't trying to be rude; I was just really worried about one of my friends. Can we try again?

Is a white man fro attractive?

She put out for some jerk at a party but won't put out for me, her boyfriend! What is wrong with me?

Wooooah, this verification crap for pirate Rants suck. Someone needs to fix this crap or else we should all boycott the Rants, thus boycotting the paper!

Why does ECU have a boy eating pancakes with mustard for their banner ads? Sometimes this school is just plain weird...

New Opinion poll for TEC Web site, How much do you read, A. Just the Pirate Rant, B. I skim through it, C. Cover to cover, D. Not at all.

When I read that story about the GM, I thought of how poorly it was handled. The first two paragraphs were actual reporting but after that it read like a pep rally for the station. The students should get an answer to the question "Why?" Why did semesters GM quit and why did this one last an hour?

Valentine's Day is coming up. I'm not usually a sappy girl, but I'm not going to lie, I want a hot Valentine's Day date. Any takers?

Honestly people, there's much more music out there than the crap that's on the radio and MTV. As Dead Prez would say, "Turn Off The Radio."

I can't stand the radio or their fake, teenybopper commercial music. Start playing real underground hip-hop and your radio station will be much more respected.

Quit being so set in your ways. You're stubborn and annoying and act like a mother. Don't stand over me and give me your opinion about every little thing I do. As long as I'm nothing like you, I feel very successful in life.

My roommate has an opinion about everything and thinks she's right about everything. Quit acting like my mom and mind your own business, I don't need your two cents on every thing I do.

To the manly looking girl that lives above me, I'm glad I'm the center of your world. Keep hatin' on me, I love it!

I'd love to go to the North Carolina Nurse Scholars formal reception ceremony with you. I am a nursing major too and find male nursing students especially hot!

Quit acting like you're two and having little tickle fights with your boyfriend. I want to ram my head into the wall every time I hear your dumb baby voices. Grow up!

My hermit crab died.

Dear Pirate Rants, is there such a thing as pest-be-gone for silly freshman girls?

To my calculus teacher: We are not all as dumb as you were in college.

Here's a tip. Self-conscience, it helps.

You may think I'm smarter and prettier than you, and I may be. Trust me on this though; he's not going to leave you for me. We tried and it just didn't work.

This is for my boyfriend and his tacky clothes, please get some style. No one cares what brand it is when you look like a walking McDonalds ad, thank you!

I'm glad somebody's complaints about a certain media writing class pretty much sucked all the fun outta that class and removed the communication aspect from that class which is required for a degree in communications... What's up with that?

For all the girls looking for the Southern gentlemen, I will be around after duck season is over.

I think I'm emo... but I dress like a prep. Secretly, I want to wear my Vans every day with band T-shirts and glasses.

Ugg boots are ugly. To whoever complained about them, try on a pair and you will see why so many girls wear them.

I go home every weekend to escape.

I miss the warm weather.

Your pink NorthFace is too small for you.

I've never dated anyone older than me or the same age. Only younger. I like it that way :)

I wish you would take the iPod earphones out and talk to me.

Life sucks. Get a straw.

Why will an ex lead you on one night, call the next day, and then the third day... he's dating someone else?

I have a snuffaluffagus. No really I do.

To the naive person supporting gay marriage. Just because you don't think it's gonna pass, which it won't, does not mean that you're ignorant. Let's see if the Democrat congress has the guts to put it to a vote.

To the person who got hit by a car... At least you can still type.

Why am I still in love with my ex even though he's dated three people since we broke up? Even more sad, I broke-up with him the first time...

Sometimes I wonder if my life would be better if someone just gave God a cookie...

Who else thinks it's sad that the virgin club thing is true?

The South is for the soft and the weak. It's amazing to see so many people cry and complain as soon as the mercury falls below 50 degrees.

Do yourselves a favor and never leave this slow-paced lifestyle. The "Megalopolis" that is the Northeast would eat you alive.

My boyfriend is the next white rapper. Love yuh bo!

The ultimate Frisbee girls are hot!

Why is "I Wanna **** You" a popular song? Honestly if a guy came up to me and said that I would slap him in the

face. And no, I do not want to "smack that all on the floor."

Somebody smells really bad in one of my classes... Kind of like a wet clothes off a homeless man, or perhaps the smell after a bumpkin but much more intense. Please, wash your clothes, take a shower and then repeat. Invest in a nice stick of deodorant, and perhaps some Chanel or Armani. Until you smell better, don't come to class.

This is for the hot guy in my psychology class with the white Puma hat. You are hotter than lava.

This is college people! That means its time to stop fighting like little high school kids and not fight via away messages back and forth or by creating Facebook groups about each other.

I wasn't on campus—I use this thing called "the internet" to keep up to date with schedules.

If I were a gay man, I'd like men.

This is to you. You broke up with him and now you call him more and hang out with him more than you did when you were dating. I want to go and rip him out of your bed every night so he can talk to me. I might be taken, but him and I are a match. Let him go!

I wish my "best friend" would stop getting drunk and then having sex with a new person every night. I'm pretty sure he is about to invent a new disease.

I'm a winner, and winners get to do what they want! Stole from the late great Ricky Bobby.

Why must the weather change so much? It's hot one day then the next it's freezing cold. I wish it would make up it's mind.

Holla, holla please un-pop that collar!

Once a cheater, always a cheater, period!

There's 10 things I hate about you, but a million that I love.

Why do guys cheat on their hot girlfriend with an ugly one?

To the hot guy at the rec. center that works out from the 4:30-6:30 time frame, yes you are hot and I'm looking at you, and I know you notice me.

What is this fountain going to look like? Am I the only one wondering?

I love my boyfriend.

Alcohol goes best with more alcohol.

If I were to die in class... I think the people around me would be too bored to notice.

Could you please clarify what type of facials that you are talking about your boyfriend giving?

My friend's got a girlfriend and he hates that...

Where is my Sudoku? I miss them!

OK, so for the idiots who don't know that you can find anything on the internet... If you just got your lazy butts on the computer you could have found the bus schedule on the ECU Web site. I did, and guess what? I didn't miss the bus!

I am famous... Just no one knows it yet.

Democrats believe in killing unborn babies but are against the death penalty and killing people who have committed murder. Good job guys!

My communication class has hot chicks in it!

Tradition + Excellence = 'Fratastic'

It's time for men to become frat boys

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

If you weren't lucky enough to take advantage of fraternity rush in the fall, the beacons of distinction have decided to give you a second chance. Spring fraternity rush is taking place Jan. 22 through Jan. 25, allowing you to join one of the most elite and long-standing organizations of college life.

There is more to being in a fraternity than popped collars, pastels and partying. True, all of these elements thrive, but it also gives you the chance be apart of something bigger than yourself.

A fraternity is entrance into an alliance that gives you opportunities long after you graduate. It is a bond of friendship and common interests that opens doors in the real world and offers a place to return to for college alumni events. While in school, a fraternity gives you a chance to fortify your mind through new experiences and community service. Even more importantly, it is the ultimate pick-up line for girls in a sorority or otherwise.

"Informal fraternity rush provides an excellent opportunity for the men of East Carolina to tour the Greek System in a more relaxed environment," said rush chair of IFC Jimmy Goose. "We hope this will be beneficial to both the persons attending Rush and the fraternities themselves."

"Rushing a fraternity will give you the chance to meet people and create friendships with those you might not ordinarily encounter. You might even be so lucky as to gain a new nickname that will garner widespread recognition and adoration throughout the Greek community.

Also after joining a fraternity you will no longer ponder what to do on a Saturday or even Monday night. Social calendars are jammed with grab-a-dates, band parties and socials from the beginning of school until graduation.

Intramural sports are taken more seriously than some of the more recognized athletic clubs on campus. Defeating another fraternity in basketball or flag football gives you bragging rights for a year and a bid at winning the highly covetable Chancellor's Cup.

There is even the added bonus of not worrying about what to wear to class on Wednesdays. This is the designated day to wear your letters, which takes a lot of the guesswork out of choosing a suitable outfit for a day on campus.

Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for information on where to go in order to select the fraternity of your liking. Informal rush gives you the chance to meet with just the ones you want, thereby increasing the chances of choosing the right place.

Good luck men and remember—no one ever changed the world by going through life alone.

Empowering women, not man-hating

A plea for feminism

SARAH CAMPBELL
PULSE EDITOR

I'm a feminist. I can already hear the gasps of shock formulating under the breaths of many readers. In today's society feminism is often equated with many negative connotations, including man haters, bra burners and primarily just irate women who seek nothing but revenge. Well, I'm here to tell you that feminism is anything but these aforementioned things.

I define myself as a feminist for several reasons. I believe in empowering women to fight for fair wages as well as equal opportunities in employment and education. I believe that women should not give up their dreams because they believe that men will always have the upper hand. Women should not have to settle for earning 76 cents out of every dollar that men make.

I crave empowerment for women in every aspect of life from their private lives into the public realm. Women should strive to be known for roles that don't involve only things of the domestic nature, which they are predominately hailed for in the past.

I believe that through political persistence women can change the world one step at a time. Women should not only be voting during every election, but they should also be taking the time to educate themselves on the issues and stances of every candidate. Today many women simply vote with their husbands or in some cases simply opt out of their right to vote altogether; this is simply unacceptable.

Almost a century ago, women fought for the right to vote so that their voices could finally be heard, and silenced no more. Now women are taking for granted the rights that generations before them struggled to gain.

Finally, I urge all women to take a stand for what they believe in no matter what society is whispering in their ears. Be bold, stand up for what you believe in and at the end of the day go to bed with the knowledge that you've done all you can do. Lastly, be thankful that you have to power to change the world, even if it's only one day at a time.

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Horoscopes:

Aries
Postpone an outing until later tonight or tomorrow. The nervousness you feel is your internal warning system going off.

Taurus
There's a new opportunity coming soon. You'll find out about it through the grapevine, or on a bulletin board at your corner market. Be watching for it.

Gemini
Be patient a little while longer. Consult with your friends before taking action. One of them has part of the answer you're seeking. You have the other part.

Cancer
Stay where you are until you get your marching orders. A situation that looks impossible isn't, except from your perspective.

Leo
Keep watching and you should be able to tell when conditions change. It'll be like a breath of fresh air, dispelling the confusion.

Virgo
Listen to people's opinions, and treat them with respect. Be paying really close attention, however, to the bottom line.

Libra
You're coming up with lots of ideas, but some of them won't work. Try to figure out which are which before you have very much invested.

Scorpio
Make plans with a very imaginative person, to accomplish more using less. Conserve, recycle and come up with a couple of new ideas.

Sagittarius
You've suffered enough humiliation. Schedule a time-out. Go get an infusion of unconditional love.

Capricorn
Be very careful again today. New information is confusing. You'll understand much better tomorrow. Wait until then to make comments.

Aquarius
You're getting into the phase where you have a definite advantage. That goes along with your birthday. Congratulations, on both.

Pisces
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Ledonia Center offers students a variety of educational tools

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center

ELISE PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

In 1979, ECU created a cultural center named the Ledonia S. Wright Afro-American Cultural Center in the former "Y" hut on campus. Named after Ledonia Wright, a North Carolina native and champion for human rights on campuses all over the country, the center's mission is to increase awareness and promote cultural understanding. In 1995, the center moved to ECU's east campus, where it currently resides.

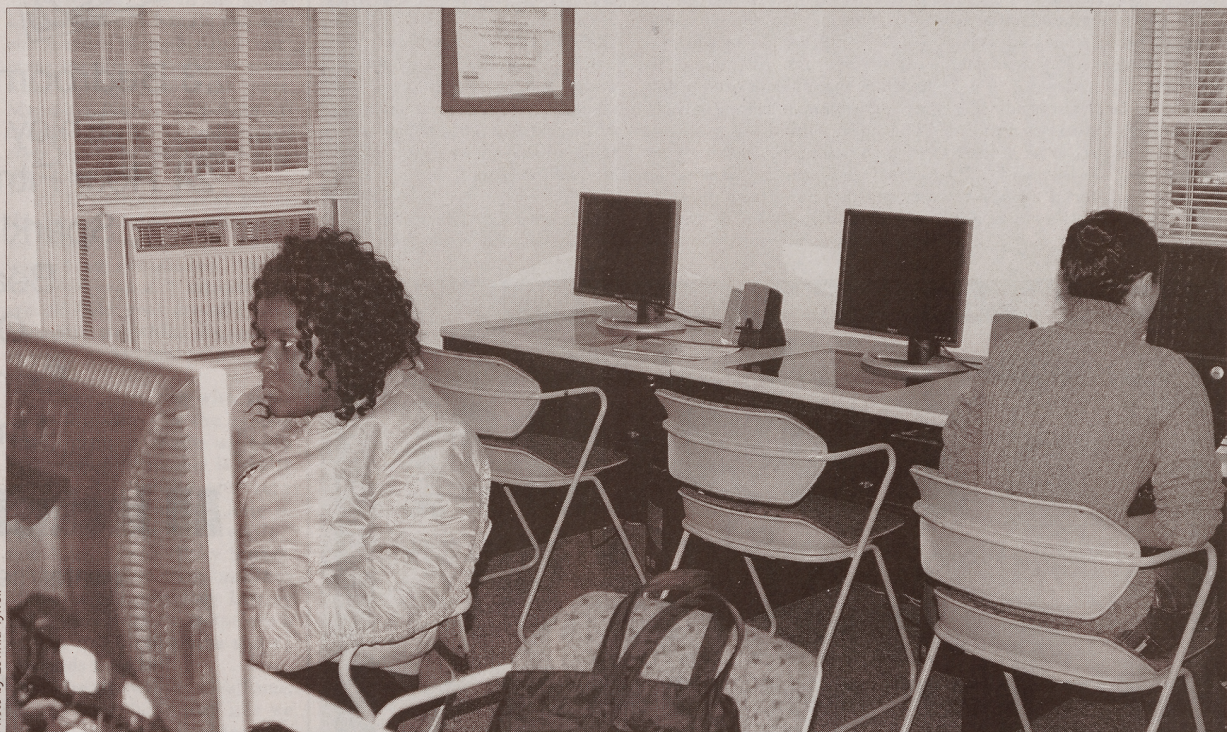
The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is now a place where students can receive free math (and soon, chemistry) tutoring, free printing in the center's computer lab, learn about volunteer opportunities or browse the book, magazine or newspaper collection that the center offers. Students can also check out a large collection of African, African-American and Native American art that LWCC houses.

LWCC also offers a meeting place for student and community organizations. Among others, the NAACP, the International Student Volunteer Group and a women's Bible study group use the center's facility regularly.

Despite all of the services that LWCC provides, only about eight to 10 students utilize the center on a daily basis.

"I had no idea that LWCC offered so many services until my second year at ECU. Now, I use the center whenever I can," said Tiara Street, psychology major.

The LWCC staff hopes that



Students can stop by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center in order to access a variety of tools that are made readily available to them on a daily basis.

more students will discover their facility and use it more often.

"We would love for more students to come, we have the space, [and students] don't come as much as they could," said interim director for LWCC, Khadine McNeill.

Besides a computer lab, tutoring services, a library and art collection, LWCC sponsors many programs both on and off campus.

Last year the LWCC staff,

headed by LaQuesha Foster, the associate director for LWCC, sponsored Hate Out Week, a week of activities designed to dispel hate on campus and elsewhere. At the end of the week, the center threw a spaghetti dinner for the Project Heart Organization.

LWCC hopes that student organizations whom the center has never worked with before will take advantage of its services. Any organization on campus or in the

community can request to use LWCC by submitting a reservation form online at their Web site ecu.edu/lwcc.

"The goal of the center is for every student to feel comfortable, to feel that we have something we can offer [them]. I think that LWCC promotes enough events to bring people together, regardless of race," McNeill said.

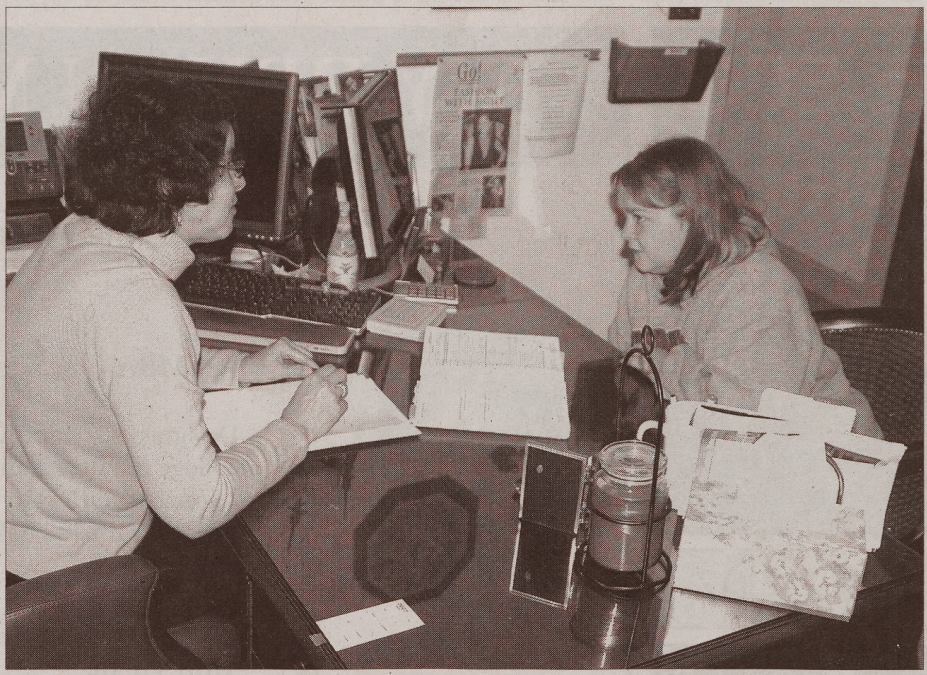
The LWCC staff is looking forward to the new location of the

center, which will be included as part of the Mendenhall renovation. The new facility will contain two classrooms, and more meeting space where students can gather.

The atmosphere offered at the LWCC is one of a kind when it comes to campus experiences and the educational opportunities are endless.

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Advisers still key to student success



Taking the time to schedule an appointment with your adviser this semester could make life easier.

Ways to make the most out of your advising experience

ELISE PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

We all have them, and to some degree we all need them: Advisers.

Many students can agree that having an adviser makes life easier. Having someone to help with making the best choice for classes, class times and professors certainly is an important part of a college student's academic career.

What about those who do not get along with their advisers? What happens to those students who don't feel that their adviser is helpful? Are these students left to fend for themselves? Does this lack of communication between adviser and student affect how long it takes for students at ECU to graduate?

These questions are nothing new; many students at ECU have

asked them. "I feel that my advisor is so overwhelmed with the large quantity of students that she has that she is not able to give individuals the personal time and attention that they need in order to better understand all of their options as a student," said senior Arturo Cummings.

Some students at ECU have advisers who are not a match for their needs. However, there are a large number of advisers who do all they can to ensure students' success.

Dr. Jayne Geissler, director of the arts and sciences, communication and undecided advisers feels that students find it easy to complain about unhelpful advisers, and not give proper recognition to the ones who really do care.

"I keep a close eye on my advisers... they are a great group of people. The problem [I have] with my advisers is that they work too hard," said Geissler.

However, Geissler pointed out see **ADVISERS** page A6

Searching for a job?

Job watch for business students

LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Nearly all college students, business students in particular, wonder about what they will do after graduation. Generally the choices are to either get a job or begin advanced education.

The choice between the two is always personal and sometimes nerve-racking. As the job market becomes more and more competitive one cannot rule out the idea that advanced education may indeed be the way to go.

However, for those graduating soon who have decided to, at least temporarily, eschew advanced education then there is important information to be aware of.

One of the best places to start a job search is online.

"In 2004 17 percent of companies wanted you to apply online, now in 2007 that percentage is at 41 percent. Most companies want you to apply online before they will invite

you to an interview," said Scott Andrews of the College of Business Career Center.

Those interested in accounting or finance may have an upper hand considering the increased attention paid to Sarbanes-Oxley. This legislation, which was passed in 2002 to combat accounting scandals such as those like Enron and WorldCom and improve standards, has increased the demand for accountants.

In addition to scores of hiring being done by accounting firms, there are numerous banks that are hiring as well.

"BB&T, Southern Bank, East Carolina Bank and Community Bank, which are all seeking to gain more market share in North Carolina, are doing a lot of hiring. Charlotte and Raleigh have a lot of action. Jobs are harder to come by if you want to stay local," Andrews said.

There are great opportunities for those interested in these fields. The best bet to finding your ideal job may lie in finding something that you have a passion for and taking the time to fully research it.

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Students learn about diversity

Exposing future educators to multiple cultures

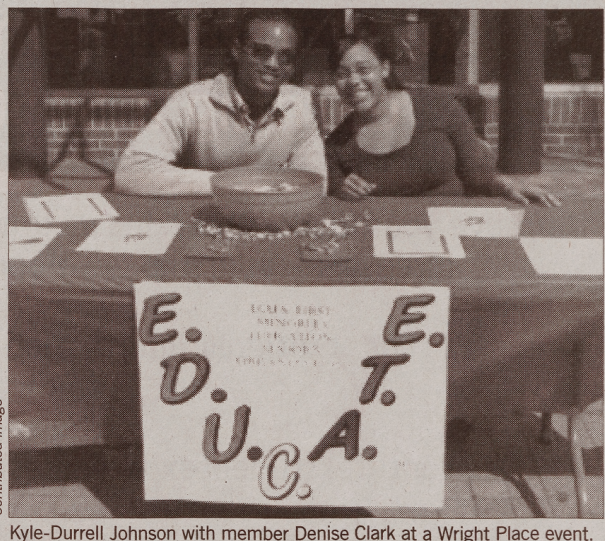
JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

E.D.U.C.A.T.E. is a multicultural organization designed to help education majors become more comfortable and familiar with various cultural backgrounds, and foster personal and professional leadership growth among its members.

Their main goal is to expose future educators to different cultures that they may encounter in their classrooms. The organization also strives to enhance the academic support of its members through advocacy and resources.

Roxene Barrett and Gwen Tyson, advisors in the center for the college of education, started the organization last year and serve as the organization's advisors. Kyle-Durrell Johnson is the president this year and encourages new members to join.

"We have a very diverse membership as far as culture, race and major, and we encourage any education major to join," said Johnson.



Kyle-Durrell Johnson with member Denise Clark at a Wright Place event.

At each meeting, guest speakers are featured that each represent a different culture. The speakers are people who have been minority students and leaders of other multi-cultural organizations.

This semester the organization is going to give back to the community by beginning a tutoring program and getting more

involved with community service. As for member support, there are opportunities for leadership roles within the COE and within the organization. A mentoring program is also in development that will help members through all the steps a student must complete.

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to obtain a BS degree in education. "Knowing the meetings, tests and courses that education majors are responsible for, the upperclassmen are a great asset to the underclassmen," said Johnson.

Johnson encourages anyone who's interested in becoming better exposed to diversity in the schools to join, by stopping by

the COE advising center in Speight. By paying dues, becoming involved and regularly attending meetings, he feels that everyone will benefit from what the organization has to offer.

The organization does not have an official meeting place or time this semester, but there will soon be information available

in the COE advising center in Speight and on the group's Facebook page. Those interested can receive more information regarding the group from the advising center or by e-mailing Johnson at kdj0811@ecu.edu.

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that many advisers are also professors or faculty members who may or may not see advising as a crucial part of their job.

On the other hand, a large group of professional advisers exist on campus solely to advise, direct and help students.

"A lot of faculty sees advising as registering for classes. Professional advisers see it as student development," Geissler said.

Geissler offered advice to those who feel they are not being helped.

"Be your own advocate. If your adviser is not helping you grow, develop or give you the information you need, it's your right to seek someone else," Geissler said.

Although not having a helpful advisor can make life more difficult, it is the student's responsibility to ensure their success at ECU. This means initiating meetings with your adviser, checking your e-mail regularly and showing up to student-adviser meetings.

The bottom line is that if you and your adviser do not see

eye-to-eye, look into switching to one who is more compatible to your needs. Professional advisers at ECU are located on the second floor of the Old Cafeteria Building. They are always willing to guide and help students. Useful guidance from advisers is only one component of success; students must strive to do all that they can to achieve academic success.

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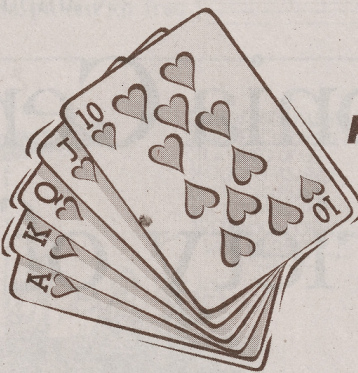
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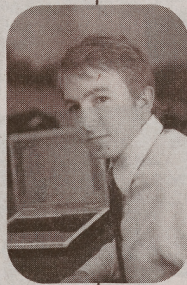
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Approximate amount of black "Arrrrrrgh" t-shirts sold over the weekend for the special "Blackout" promotion at the men's basketball game vs. Memphis and men's hockey games vs. Appalachian State; due to the success of the promotion 2,000 more t-shirts will be printed and sold at U.B.E. and upcoming events will be pushed as blackouts

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The men's hockey team's current ranking in the South Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III league; the league is divided into four regions (Atlantic, South, Pacific, North) with the top four teams in each region invited to nationals; the South Region tournament is an invitational tournament considered the gateway to nationals; the tournament hosts eight of the top tier teams in the region, and the four teams that come out most successful in the tournament are more often than not sent to nationals

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Number of saves over two games this weekend versus Appalachian State for emerging backup goalie Connor Brearley; Brearley saved 20 out of 22 shots on Friday and 20 out of 23 shots on Saturday; overall Brearley is 3-0 as a starting goalie, filling in after starter Brent Falcon went down with an ankle injury; Brearley got his first win as the starting goalie over Virginia Tech in the Canes Cup Tournament

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Season-high points total for Cherie Mills (6-4, Senior, Center) against Memphis, to go along with 10 rebounds; Mills, who recorded her 12th career double-double, carried the women's basketball team to an easy 69-57 win; Mills' career-high came early last season at North Carolina A&T when she scored 36 points;

SPORTS TALK

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Pirates can't dethrone Tigers

Memphis still undefeated in C-USA after ECU falls short

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

ECU was neck and neck with (18th ranked in AP) Memphis for the first half of Saturday night's game at Minges Coliseum, but the Tigers showed why they are one of the toughest teams in the nation during the second half. The Pirates lost their third game in a row at home 61-44, making them 5-12 overall and 0-4 in Conference USA, while Memphis is 15-3 overall and 5-0 in conference play (first place in C-USA standings).

Memphis got off to a quick start against ECU, hitting two 3-pointers in a row. The Pirates battled back by going inside to freshman forward John Fields, who put up 12 points in the first half.

The Tigers struggled shooting in the first half, going 6-21 from the field and 6-14 from the charity stripe. They did, however, pull down 19 rebounds and had 11 points from their bench.

ECU fought hard with their zone defense forcing 14 turnovers, seven steals and two blocked shots. The Pirates took their first lead of the night 15-13 with seven minutes left in the first half on a jumper by John Fields. Memphis took the lead back on the free throw line as ECU could not stop fouling their big men.

With 25 seconds left in the first half John Fields poked the ball away from the Tigers and Brandon Evans recovered. Evans drove down the court missing his lay-up, but lucky for him Fields followed right behind and as time was expiring made a lay-up to tie the game 21-21 at the half.

"That was big for me, 'cause in my career I've never hit a buzzer beater shot," said John Fields. The lead changed hands five times early in the second half, but a 7-0 Memphis run, capped by Robert Dozier's put

back dunk gave the Tigers a 33-28 lead with 16:30 remaining.

Memphis' Doneal Mack scored 10 consecutive points to stretch the Tigers lead to 45-32 with 12:27 left in the game. ECU could not handle the size and speed of Memphis' full court press, turning the ball over seven times on their half of the court. Memphis scored 19 points off turnovers by ECU and tripled their points in the paint during the second half.

ECU wasn't put away yet as the Pirates closed to within 10, 48-38 on Darrell Jenkins' jumper with 8:19 remaining. What followed was a 7 minute, 19 second field goal drought with Memphis stretching its lead to as many as 21 points during the span.

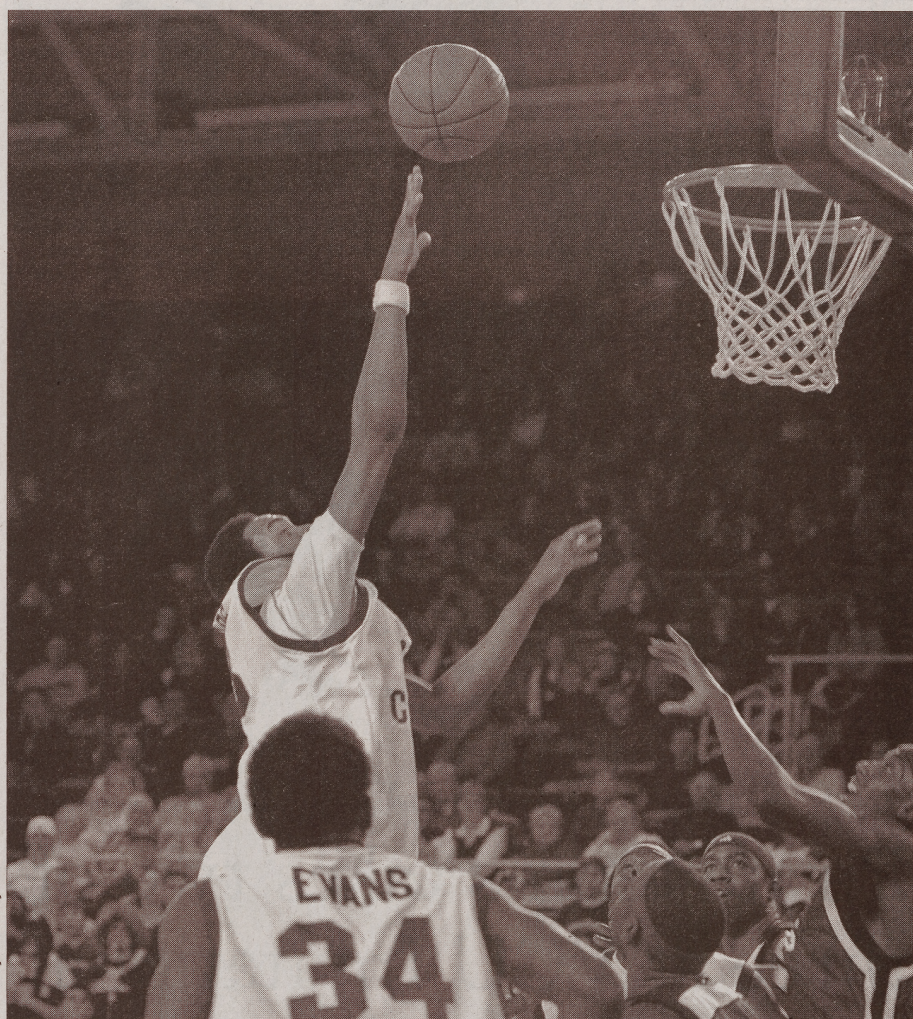
"They came out with some more pressure [in the second half], and it made us go a little faster. Memphis is really good, well coached and very talented, and we were able to play with them for a while," said Head Coach Ricky Stokes.

ECU tried to come back, but Memphis big men Joey Dorsey and Robert Dozier were too much as they had three blocks and 25 rebounds together.

"When we went in at halftime, we knew we didn't play like we wanted to play," said Memphis guard Jeremy Hunt, who scored 13 of his points after intermission. "We just came out and tried to get on [the Pirates] early. We had the mind frame of play hard defense, rebound and get easy buckets."

Hunt led all scorers with 16 points. Doneal Mack added 15 for the Tigers, who took 39 free throws. Robert Dozier also had a double-double, with 12 points and 10 rebounds in the win. The Tigers pulled down 48 rebounds, totaling 15 more than ECU on the night.

ECU's John Fields ended the game with 14 points on 5-6 shooting from the field. Fields might have dominated the second half as well if ECU hadn't turned the ball over 24 times while only forcing 17 on Memphis. ECU also



Freshman John Fields, who had 14 points on 5-6 shooting, gets two points the hard way against Memphis.

committed 24 fouls in the game, allowing the Tigers to get easy points from the free-throw line.

"We anticipated them applying more defensive pressure," Stokes said about Memphis' full court press.

"That forced us to probably play a little faster than we wanted to. We did not handle the ball well."

Attendance for Saturday's game was 6,064, almost 2,000 more people than this season's

average.

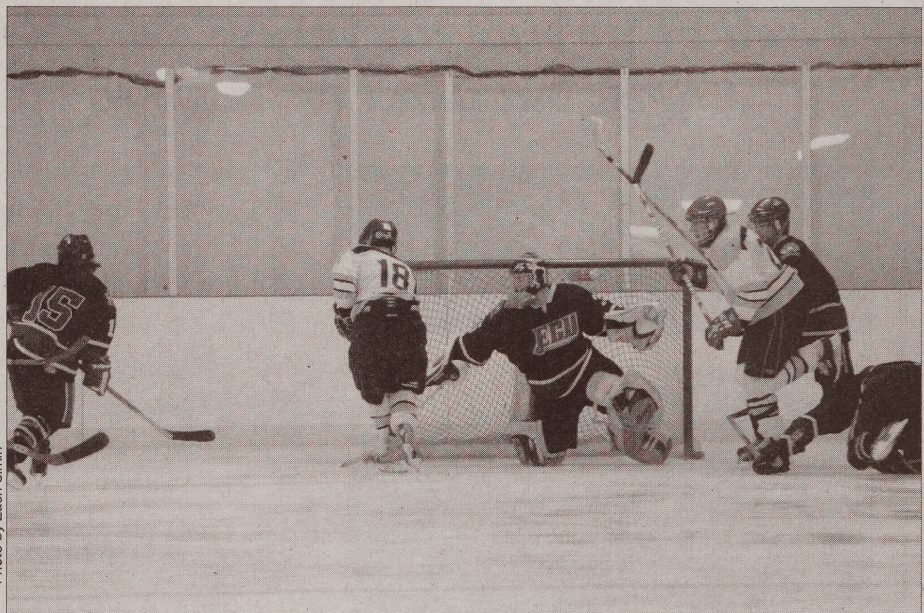
"I thought it was an exciting atmosphere. Our students really came out and made a huge difference, and were loud," said Stokes about the intensity inside Minges Coliseum. Even the players felt the crowd gave them an extra boost in their struggle against Memphis.

"First of all I just want to say thank you to the fans. Without them we wouldn't play as hard

probably. They really boosted us up and kept us in the game. We had a great crowd and I just want to commend them for coming out," said junior guard Darrell Jenkins.

ECU's next game is away at Southern Miss on Wednesday, Jan. 24, but the Pirates will be coming back to Minges Coliseum Saturday, Jan. 27 against UAB at 7 p.m.

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Backup goalie Connor Brearley came up big for the Pirates over the weekend, keeping ECU in control.

Pirates coast for a win at Memphis

(SID)—Cherie Mills' season high 26 points led the Pirates to a 69-57 victory over Memphis Saturday afternoon at Elma Roane Fieldhouse on the campus of the University of Memphis. The win moves the Pirates to 9-11 on the year, 4-3 in C-USA, while Memphis falls to 3-18, 0-7 in league play.

The first six minutes of the game saw both teams battling for the lead, as there were two lead changes and two ties in the opening minutes, with the Pirates taking the 8-7 lead on a Nicole Days layup at the first media timeout. Days' basket sparked an 8-2 run over the next four minutes to extend ECU's lead to five, 14-9, with 11:41 on the clock. Back to back baskets by LaCoya Terry increased the Pirates' lead to seven, 19-12, at the 8:17 mark.

After a jumper by Alysse Davis to pull the Tigers to within five, it was then ECU that went on an 8-0 run to go ahead 27-14, with five minutes to play in the half. Aroha Jennings' basket at the 4:33 mark briefly stopped the ECU run, cutting the Pirate lead to nine, 27-19. ECU continued its scoring run, posting eight unanswered points over the next three minutes, taking the 35-16 lead with under three minutes to play before the break. Jazmyn Green's three-pointer with under a minute remaining made the halftime score 36-19 in favor of the Pirates.

Cherie Mills led all scorers with 10 points at the break, and has eight rebounds. Days added six points and eight boards. The Pirates shot 44.4 percent in the opening half while holding the Tigers to an ice cold 17.6 percent. ECU outrebounded the Tigers 30-20 in the first half. Memphis committed nine turnovers in the first half, with the Pirates scoring 12 points off the Tigers miscues.

Memphis opened the second half on a 5-0 run, pulling the



MILLS

Tigers to within 12, 36-24, with 17:56 to play in the game. After a layup by Mills to give ECU the 14 point advantage, it was the Tigers who went on another scoring spurt, this time a 10-2 run, cutting the Pirate lead to six, 40-34, with 13:49 on the clock. Sparked by a Jasmine Young jumper, the Pirates went on a 6-0 run over the next minute and a half, with Gabriela Husarova's layup giving the Pirates the 11 point, 46-35 lead with 12:17 to play. A 5-0 spurt by the Tigers pulled Memphis to within nine, 54-45, with five minutes remaining in the game. ECU answered, going on an 8-0 run to extend its lead to 17, 64-47, with 2:20 to play. The Pirates cruised to the 69-57 victory.

Mills led all scorers with a season-high 26 points, adding 10 rebounds for her 12th double-double of her career. Young also scored in double figures with 12 points, adding five assists. Jennings led the Tigers with 14 points while Hope Adams added 11. The Pirates outrebounded the Tigers 45-37.

ECU will enjoy a week off before traveling to Huntington, W.Va. for a Sunday afternoon tilt against Marshall. The Pirates will look for the regular season sweep of the Thundering Hurd in the 3 p.m. game which will be televised on CSTV.

Mountaineers sent home black and blue

ECU sweeps Appalachian State

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

After two weeks of build-up by the press and community, the ECU club ice hockey team returned home to sweep the Appalachian State Mountaineers in dominating fashion.

The ASU (11-6, 8-2) two game series was the first time ECU (12-3, 11-0) had played on home ice since a late October loss to Loyola College. The Pirates beat the Mountaineers 4-2 on Friday and 6-3 on Saturday. The wins put the Southwest division of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference in a two-team race between the Pirates and Clemson Tigers, who meet in Greenville for a two game series on Feb. 9.

Pirate Head Coach Wayne Cox

thought that the wins over Appalachian State were big for his team in two ways.

"The sweep against App. is important, because they were on a three game winning streak coming in here," said Cox. "They were 8-2 coming into this weekend, so basically by us winning this week we knocked them out of any chance of catching us."

Cox also added that they were important because the team is waiting on an invitation to the South Regional tournament, which is in two weeks. The top eight Division III American Collegiate Hockey Association teams in the South Region are invited to the tournament, and ECU is currently ranked seventh.

The Pirates wrapped up the series on Saturday in front of a rowdy crowd. The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period. Then ECU wore down the Mountaineers in the second, scoring four un-

answered goals to take a 5-1 lead into the second intermission. After a wild start to the third period in which ASU scored two goals in less than four minutes to pull within 5-3, Steven Albright added the last goal of the game less than 50 seconds later to give ECU the winning margin of 6-3.

While the game on Saturday featured a big crowd, the "Blackout at Bladex" promotion drew approximately 500 fans to the game Friday night to witness the first game of the series. While ECU collected many more penalties than they were accustomed to, the Pirates won 4-2 in thanks to the fabulous play by back-up goalie Connor Brearley, who has filled the position left void by an injured Brent Falcon.

Falcon said that Brearley, who is now 3-0 as a starter, did admir-

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rably filling in.
"This is his third career start for us, and he did a great job against Virginia Tech last weekend. He is the number two goalie but he's playing like a number one, and that gives us an opportunity to win," said Falcon.

Coach Cox also agreed that Brearley has been playing fantastically as well, adding that he would be confident putting him versus Falcon.

"He was thrust right into the battlefield," Cox said. "He hasn't let us down. I know it was probably frustrating for him the first part of the season not to get a lot of playing time but he has it now."

The Pirates sweep made the "Blackout at Bladez" promotion a huge success, but puts more strain on the team.

"There's an added pressure right now for the kids to perform," Cox said. "I think it's important for us to hold the community support by winning hockey games."

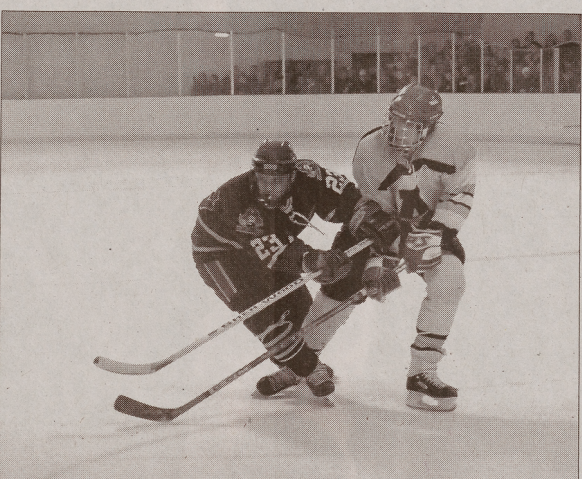
The Pirates return to action this weekend in Georgia where they take on the number three team in the South Region, Kennesaw State (14-4) and the University of Georgia (6-9).

Cox added "If we could win those two games next weekend that would put the program on the level it really deserves to be on."

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Fans showed up in full force to cheer on the emerging Pirates.



Goals were hard to come by for both teams over the weekend.

Pirates fall to UAB

(SID) — Carmen Guzman scored a game-high 24 points to lead the UAB women's basketball team to a 59-52 win over ECU Thursday evening in Bartow Arena. UAB improved to 10-8 overall and 5-1 in the league, while East Carolina fell to 8-11 overall and 3-3 in conference games.

The Blazers controlled the first half of play, holding as much as an eight point lead over the Pirates at the 8:04 mark on a pair of free throws by sophomore Britney Jones. ECU put together a 10-2 run that spanned over seven minutes to tie the game at 19—all with 45 seconds left before the half. Two free throws by Guzman with 20 seconds on the clock put the Blazers up by two, 21-19, as the two squads entered the locker rooms at halftime. Neither team was shooting well in the first 20 minutes of play, as UAB shot 25.0 percent and East Carolina made just 24.2 percent of its attempts. The Pirates did hold a large advantage on the boards in the first half, out-rebounding the Blazers 32-20, including eight by Nicole Days.

After going back-and-forth in the opening minutes of the second half, the game was tied at 23 a piece with 18:20 remaining in the contest. That is when ECU went on a 10-0 run to take its first double-digit lead of the game, 33-23, with 13:50 left. The Pirates' largest lead of the night was at the 12:09 mark, 38-27.

UAB made a run of its own, outscoring ECU 14-0 over the next five minutes to take a three-point lead, 41-38, with 7:33 remaining on the clock. The Blazers began to increase their lead throughout the closing minutes of the game, going up by as much as 10 points and finishing the game with a seven-point victory over the Pirates, 59-52.

LaCoya Terry paced ECU with 13 points, while Jasmine Young added 10 points to the Pirates' total. Days led ECU on the boards with 11 rebounds, while also scoring six points.

UAB shot 44.0 percent in the second half to finish the game with a 34.0 shooting percentage. ECU sank 26.3 percent of its shots, including 22.2 percent from three-point range. The Pirates grabbed 22 offensive boards on the night on their way to a total of 56 rebounds against UAB. The Blazers nabbed 40 defensive boards and finished the game with a total of 49 rebounds.

Pirate tennis takes two of three at VCU Invitational

(SID) — The ECU men's tennis squad opened its spring season by capturing a pair of wins in three matches at the Virginia Commonwealth 4-1 Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Thalhimer Tennis Center.

The Pirates won six of eight singles matches and split the doubles point in victories against James Madison (3-1) and Georgetown (4-1) before suffering a 5-0 sweep against a nationally-ranked East Tennessee State team.

In the opener against the Dukes, freshmen Bryan Oakley

and Samuel McSpadden triumphed in their debut with 6-4, 6-1 and 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 wins over Mike Smith and Carlin Campbell at the No. 3 and No. 4 slots, respectively. Fellow rookie Matt Peeler and sophomore Aleksey Kochetov earned the doubles point by cruising past JMU's Brian Clay and Brian Rubenstein (6-2, 6-1).

The Pirates took all four singles matches against the Hoyas as Kochetov rolled past Will Lowell (7-5, 6-3) at No. 1, Henrique Viana outlasted Anthony Tan (6-0, 7-6) at No. 2, Oakley defeated

Ted Tywang (6-4, 6-2) at No. 3 and Peeler edged Etienne Paris (6-3, 7-6) at No. 4. Georgetown picked up the doubles point by handing Brian Walters and Stephen Whitwell a 6-1, 6-2 setback.

McSpadden turned in ECU's top effort against East Tennessee State Saturday morning, pushing the Bucs' Daniel Isaza to a third set before falling 6-1, 5-7, 10-8.

ECU will return to action next Sunday when it travels to William & Mary for a 6 p.m. match against the Tribe in Williamsburg, Va.

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Student Homecoming Chair

The Homecoming Committee is currently looking for a person to fill the 2007 position of Student Homecoming Chairperson.

The position calls for the applicant to:

- Oversee seven (7) subcommittees
- Manage a \$19,000 budget and process expenditures in a timely fashion
- Chair all student Homecoming bi-weekly (Spring) and weekly Fall meetings

To apply for the position, all applicants must:

- Be a full-time student in good standing with the University
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Have a class standing of sophomore or up

This is a paid student position. All applicants must submit a letter of interest and resume of related experience and emailed no later than February 2, 2007 to Charlie Brown, brownchar@ecu.edu. You may also drop off your letter of interest and resume to 239 Mendenhall Student Center, M-F, 8-5pm.

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15. Sigma Phi Epsilon	505 E. 5th St.	252-432-2409

For rides please call the fraternity numbers listed above.
For any questions please call The Office of Greek Life at
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