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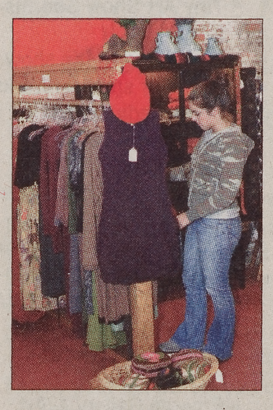

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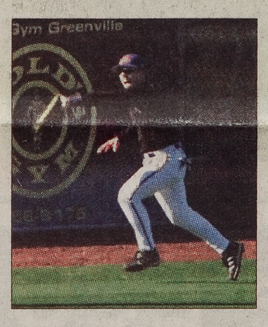

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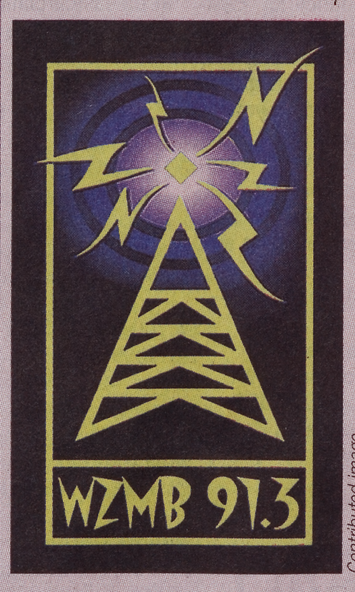
WZMB gets another GM



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Kristen Stoneman to lead student radio station

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Student Media Board appointed Kristen Stoneman to be the Interim Assistant General Manager for ECU's student radio station, WZMB 91.3 FM, at their meeting yesterday.

Stoneman will be WZMB's third GM for the 2006–2007 academic year, following Jarrod Cox, who resigned last semester, and Thelma Toodle, who was selected to be GM this semester but resigned shortly after being hired.

"I'm trying to make it [the radio station] a place where people come together and have one main focus and better the station as a whole," said Stoneman.

"I want to start at the basics and build it up."

Media Board Chair Dana White expressed her confidence in Stoneman's ability.

"She's worked at the radio station for several years... She has a lot of experience, she actually owns her own recording studio," said White.

Stoneman applied to work at the station at the beginning of this semester, originally for internship credit, instead of last semester when the Media Board was searching for new GM candidates.

"I didn't know anything that was going on at the station as far as the GM coming in and then leaving," she said.

Stoneman continued, "I wasn't interested in the politics, I just wanted to work there and they offered me the position... Ken Robol and Alice Tyson [WZMB's administrative support associate] approached me about it, collectively."

According to Jarrod Cox, former GM of WZMB, Stoneman was dismissed from her job as a disc jockey at the station over a year ago due to FCC violations made by a guest on her show.

Stoneman said the way she handled her dismissal actually helped her during the selection process for GM.

"They said 'You were really emotional when that [dismissal] happened and that showed us how much the station meant to you,'" she said.

Although the FCC violation was made by her guest, WZMB policies at the time dictated that she was responsible for the action, which prompted her dismissal.

Stoneman, a senior communication major, will fill the interim position until May, when she is scheduled to graduate. The position has become "assistant general manager" to reflect a cooperative effort between the GM, Media Board and administration, and the fact that as a student, the GM's primary responsibility is to her studies.

"It [the station's improvement] will be a joint initiative, but it will be run by students," said White.

"We [the Media Board] decided... it would be in the best interest not to have a [full] general manager because the general manager... has too much weight on their shoulders. We're first here for academics."

In addition to another change in leadership at WZMB, the Media Board approved a "WZMB Task Force" proposal.

The task force's purpose is to "promote collaboration among students focusing on five strategic opportunities for the continual operations and enhancement of

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AP

Renown poet and civil-rights activist Maya Angelou will come to Greenville

Maya Angelou to speak to ECU students

Committee on the Status of Women and LWCC collaborate

JENELLE CONNER
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Maya Angelou is scheduled to speak at Rock Springs Conference Center on March 23, in conjunction with ECU's centennial events.

The ECU Committee on the Status of Women and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center have pooled resources to make the event possible. The Committee on the Status of Women consists of 42 members who advise the chancellor on matters of concern to female faculty, staff and students.

Aside from the location at Rock Springs Conference Center, located three miles north of Greenville on Highway 43, precise details about the event have yet to be released. Dr. Lathan Turner, associate vice chancellor for student life and director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, expects all who attend will be empowered by her presence and words.

"We are eagerly exited and anticipating the wonderful gala," said Turner.

Dr. Angelou is a world-renowned poet, best-selling author and civil-rights activist.

According to Keynote Speakers, Inc., Angelou captivates her audience through the beauty of her words as she addresses issues of race and social class. Of her 12 best-selling books, Angelou's most recognized include, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and her most recent *A Song Flung Up to Heaven.*

In January 1993, Angelou delivered her poem, "On The Pulse of the Morning" during Bill Clinton's Presidential Inaugural ceremony per his request, making her the second poet in U.S. history to have such an honor.

"We are looking forward to bringing such a prominent woman to campus as a part of the centennial events, and we are hopeful that many people will benefit from Dr. Angelou's message," said Dr. Vivian W. Mott, ECU committee on the status of women co-chair.

For more information regarding the event, keep reading the *East Carolinian.*

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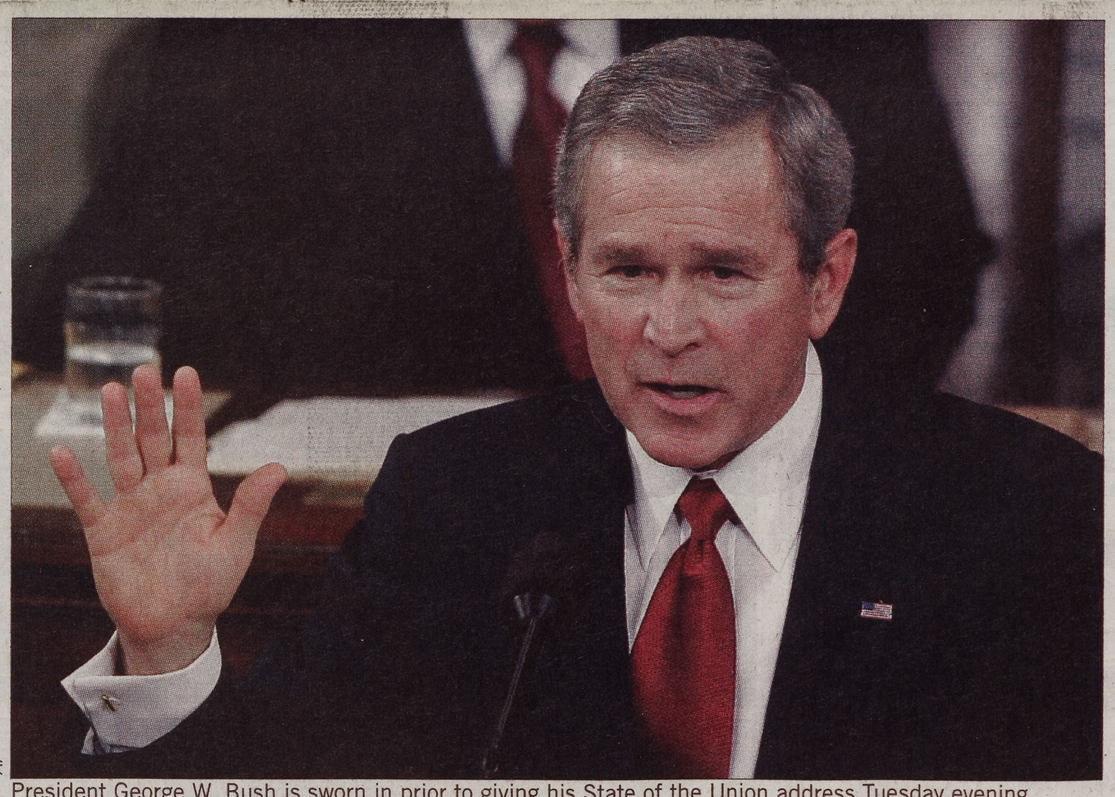
Bush defends Iraq plan to skeptical Congress, nation: "America must not fail"



AP

President George W. Bush is sworn in prior to giving his State of the Union address Tuesday evening.

(AP) — A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike, Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade.

Democrats, and even some Republicans, scoffed at his Iraq policy.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb, picked by the Democrats to deliver their response to Bush. "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war is being fought; nor does the majority of our military," said Webb, a Vietnam veteran opposed to Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, also took issue with Bush. "I can't tell you what the path to success is, but it's not what the president has put on the table," he said.

It was a night of political theater as Bush went before the first Democratic-controlled Congress in a dozen years with his lowest approval ratings in polls.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand. He also asked for prayers for Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, hospitalized for more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage, and Republican Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, suffering from cancer.

The speech audience included up to a dozen House and Senate members who have announced they are running for president or are considered possible contenders.

Bush divided his speech between domestic and foreign issues but the war was topic No. 1.

Pelosi set the tone for Democrats. She sat silently and did not applaud as Bush warned of high stakes in Iraq and said American forces must not step back before Baghdad is secure.

With Congress poised to deliver a stinging rebuke on his troop increase, he made a personal plea to lawmakers.

"I have spoken with many of you in person. I respect you and the arguments you made," Bush said. "We went into this largely united, in our assumptions and in our convictions. And whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure."

"Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq and I ask you to give it a chance to work," Bush said. "And I ask you to support our troops in the field and those on their way."

He said the Iraq war had changed dramatically with the outbreak of sectarian warfare and reprisals.

"This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in," the president said. "Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won. Yet it would not be like us to leave our promises unkept, our friends abandoned and our own security at risk.

"Ladies and gentlemen: On this day, at this hour, it is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle," the president said. "So let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory."

Key Republicans have joined Democrats in drafting resolutions of opposition to the plans he announced two weeks ago to send an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq. Bush said his approach had the best chance to succeed, but clearly many lawmakers, and overwhelming majority of Americans, disagreed.

"Many in this chamber understand that America must not fail in Iraq because you understand that the consequences of failure would be grievous and far reaching," the president said. "If American forces step back before Baghdad is secure, the Iraqi government would be overrun by extremists on all sides."

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Part-time UNC School of Public Health faculty member arrested

(AP) — A prominent public health expert who is a top adviser to federal health agencies was arrested on suspicion of public indecency in an airport men's room.

Dr. Hugh H. Tilson, 67, was arrested Jan. 16 at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport after a plainclothes police officer said he saw Tilson masturbating at a urinal while watching other men urinate.

Tilson, a part-time faculty member at the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health, has advised the government and industry on health issues and co-authored an influential 1988 report on the future of public health in the U.S.

Tilson recently co-chaired a task force advising the Atlanta-based federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on setting agency priorities and goals. He was visiting Atlanta last week for a senior leadership retreat with CDC Director Julie Gerberding and others.

CDC spokesman Glen Nowak said Monday that agency officials had just learned of Tilson's arrest. The agency had no comment "because it's a law enforcement matter," he said.

UNC officials issued a statement that clarified that Tilson is not a classroom instructor.

"The university takes the charges seriously. We think it is important to let the Georgia judicial system resolve the case," the statement said.

Tilson could not immediately be reached for comment at his UNC office or Raleigh, N.C., home, or through his university e-mail.

Public indecency is a city code violation, which is considered of less consequence than a misdemeanor, according to a police report. Tilson posted a $500 bond and was released, and is to return to Atlanta next month for a court appearance.

News

{ Campus & Community }

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.edu.edu.

24 Wed

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

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

25 Thu

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.

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

26 Fri

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

27 Sat

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.

28 Sun

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.

29 Mon

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

30 Tues

Tiny Art Show Submissions
Everything in the show is 5x7 or smaller. Works of all mediums are featured. All artwork is priced $5, $10 or $25. Anyone can enter! There is no entry fee. Everything has to be 5x7 or smaller. For more information or for an entry form e-mail heather@emergegallery.com or call 551-6947.
Emerge Gallery & Art Center
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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the university radio station." The five areas to be enhanced are the station's policy manual, promotions and sales, public service announcements and production, as well as music and budgeting.

According to White, the proposal was also a joint effort between the Media Board and members of the administration.

"I wanted to make sure the students points were heard… and the [Media Board] talked about it and there were no questions so we passed the proposal," White said.

"Kristen [Stoneman] is on board with it also."

White added that WZMB's policies have not changed in the past 20 years.

"With this new proposal we're going to take another look at the policy and get it up to certain standards," said White.

"The hope is that the task force will come up with some principles to help guide the policy better," said Ken Robol, director of Student Media.

Cox said he felt students want the radio station as a place to train and enjoy the experience.

"They [the students] do it for fun," he said. "I think some people in the higher ranks want it to become more business-oriented and a little bit more streamlined than it was before, and they've made a lot of changes to do so."

"Whether they're going to work out or not remains to be seen."

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In such a case, he forecast "an epic battle," Shiite extremists backed by Iran against Sunni extremists aided by al-Qaida and supporters of Saddam Hussein's government, leading to violence that could spread across the Middle East. "For America, this is a nightmare scenario," Bush said.

On domestic matters, he pressed Congress to help find ways to overhaul entitlements such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid before they impose huge problems for future generations.

"Somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act," he said. "So let us work together and do it now."

On immigration, too, the president made a plea to lawmakers that he has made before. Members of his own party were the main obstacle to success in that area, a fact Bush acknowledged even as he pressed for a better result now than Capitol Hill is run by Democrats more amenable to his ideas.

"Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration," he said. "Let us have a serious, civil and conclusive debate."

Bush said his energy proposals would cut American imports by the equivalent of 75 percent of the oil coming from the Middle East. His prescription, as always, relied primarily on market incentives and technological advances, not government mandates.

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Opinion

{From one desk to another}

RANT OF THE DAY

I am obsessed with Sims and Guitar Hero II... I'm going to fail this semester!

No, it's not Lindsay Lohan

OMG, like, what's going on?

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

While writing this article, I was thinking how I could get the attention of as many people as possible. I needed a topic that people at ECU would be interested in and unfortunately, Lindsay Lohan is pretty interesting for a lot of you. For all of you who thought you were going to read an article about some celebrity gossip, you have been tricked, but now that I have your attention you may as well read on.

Recently, *the East Carolinian* has been the target of an unusually high amount of criticism. Whether it is in the Pirate Rants, on our Web site or just people talking on campus, the general consensus is that you are unhappy with the paper. We hear it week after week that our articles are uninteresting, poorly written and everything else, and frankly, I'm tired of hearing it.

I write for the paper not because I need the money, not because I am a journalism major or even a communication major. I am a business major just writing because I thought it would be a good way to bring some news stories to people who otherwise would not hear them. After writing 15 or so articles, I have come to realize that people don't really read or care about the articles I write. Granted, there are a small percentage of people who *do* read the articles and appreciate them, but the overwhelming majority of you will pick up the paper, read the Rants and pitch it. It is those people that we have trouble reaching out to. How can we make a newspaper that is interesting for people who read no other newspapers?

In order to improve the paper we have to receive feedback. We hear over and over that our paper stinks, but we never receive suggestions. The Pirate Rants are clogged everyday with nice guys who can't find girls, nice girls that are stuck with psychos and a range of other meaningless topics. What we don't hear are suggestions. If you don't like the articles in the paper, let us know what we can do to improve them. If you want to be a "dorm room editor" and critique the paper for its grammatical errors that's fine, next time come fill out an application.

We are a student-run paper written for the students, and you, the student, can do more than rant about Ugg boots and dirty roommates. Use the Pirate Rants and the Web site for something positive and let us know what you want to read so we can get it in ink. We would like the paper to be as interesting as possible for everyone. It is not our goal to bore you. So before you complain about how dumb this article was or how bad the column is, think about what you want to see in print.

Who was he winking at?

Thoughts on our president's 2007 State of the Union attempt

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

Two things President George Bush did in his State of the Union address last night: acknowledging the fact that we finally have a woman as the speaker of the house, and he plugged the genocide in Darfur. OK, he also pronounced "nuclear" correctly three times in a row. I am hardly a liberal, but I am definitely not a conservative, and this speech just did not correct the skepticism that has developed in America.

Regardless of what Bush said during his address, the fact is that there were too many elephants sitting in the house to have all of the policies enforced. The Republicans were ecstatic to applaud their last chance in the United States government, whereas the Democrats mostly "sat on their hands" and showed little support for most issues.

I love the idea of alternative fuels. Who wouldn't? Finally breaking ties with those hostile Middle Eastern countries can only benefit us, as Bush sort-of stated. However, cutting our gasoline use by 20 percent in the next decade is unrealistic. This means providing available alternatives to almost every gasoline consumer in the United States, which is also unrealistic.

The biggest issue facing Bush was the War in Iraq, but the only thing that seemed out of line was his wording of, "self-sacrifice of the American people." This definitely kept the democrats in their seats. He proceeded to beg and plead with the house and senate to consider his plan and to give it a chance at providing the needed changes in the war. I know that if it does not show improvement in the following months, the elephants will take it out of rotation. The best idea concerning the War was Bush's proposal to create an Advisory Board. Imagine what the Republicans and Democrats could do on a committee together. Disagree and get nowhere? Maybe. However, hopefully, his idea might actually work and the War will be managed in the interest of both parties and the country.

The biggest deal to me and to most college-aged students is definitely the economy. Of course, it is fabulous that we have now had 41 straight months of "uninterrupted job growth," but the fact is that the wages are increasing unevenly. The average employer in the corporate world is making 400 times the rate that the employees are making. This affects all of us graduating and heading into the workforce, because we might not receive the proper wages for our work.

Bush wants "No Child Left Behind" to be passed again by congress. I say it needs definite revisions. He mentioned improving science and mathematic skills, but there is a point that a school whose reading comprehension is so low, that it is forcing their chemistry department to take days out of the classroom to have "planning days" seems completely irrelevant. Yes! This did happen back in my hometown. Sure, give the parents the right to choose the schools their kids attend; finally, we will have all of them together!

Overall, George Bush's liberalized version of the 2007 State of the Union address seemed quite appropriate for his unfortunate circumstances in Congress. One more question, who the heck was he winking at?

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PIRATE RANTS

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I have officially lost my boyfriend to World of Warcraft.

You're my friend and I love you dearly, but I wish you would just come out of the closet already.

To the nice guy that finished last: Chances are you went after the typical a** like most other males. I know this because, trust me, nice girls finish last too.

Thanks to the best friend who wasn't going to let me bring anyone home Saturday night! He and I had fun! Shhh!

Why is it that music majors think they control the world. Here is a little piece of information you must have missed—you don't!

To that girl I met in psychology class, you are the stupidest person I have ever met. Go home!

To my roommate: It's wrong to lead him on. Besides, no one wants to hear your conversations all night about all the sexual things you have already done.

So why can't my boyfriend be the one to get pregnant and have our babies?

That guy in my ethics class really needs to stop talking!

You said you don't like her because she cheated on her boyfriend with some guy at ECU... That guy was me, your boyfriend!

Why is our basketball team horrible? Didn't Stokes promise a little bit better of a season? I think we need to get rid of basketball and bring back soccer and see if that team has improved.

Did anyone hear about all of the schools and universities in Iraq being bombed, and all the professors and teachers getting abducted and killed just because they teach? Proof that our continued presence in Iraq is necessary, if for no other reason than to protect innocent students not unlike you and me.

I love how my roommate won't talk to me, but she talks about me behind my back and she thinks I don't know.

I would love to be a writer or editor of *TEC* because I have some great ideas and want to increase the quality of our newspaper.

I think Uggs are gross, but I would love some hot pink rain boots.

I finally found a guy who is good to me and really does care about me! 2007 is looking like a great year so far!

To the sorority girl who doesn't want to date frat boys, they don't want to date you because you are in a sorority!

I wish my best friend would stop messing around and just be with her boyfriend!

I love it when my roommate comes in high and eats all my food. Not!

Meet me in the attic, p.s.

I'm intrigued by a certain opinion writer at *TEC*... I hope she reads this.

One sign of maturity is asking for help when you need it and listening to advice even when you don't think you need it.

Which sorority watches "Hannah Montana" and *High School Musical*? I wanna join!

To the people talking about their dads being millionaires, one question... Can I have some of that money? Jobs are hard to come by in this town!

Are there any girls who would like to be with a nice, Christian virgin?

Is anyone else terrified about going to see *Saw III*?

It took almost 19 years but I've finally found him.

Party on, Garth!

Reading Pirate Rants was one of the highlights of my day. They use to be so funny that I would almost pee my pants; now they're not anymore. Can someone please write a witty one? Thanks!

To the person that wants to pay to see someone eat pancakes with mustard: How much to eat pancakes with mustard and mayo? I need rent money bad or my roomies will start to get ideas.

Dr. King's legacy is for all of us. Embrace it.

To celebrate the centennial, we need to put spiked purple Kool-aid in the water fountain and throw a block party once it's done.

Have you seen the ECU Dance Team? Have mercy! They look better than a refund check!

What if Bojangles' was open 24 hours a day? Just think of all the money they would make...

Terry got a contract extension and a pay raise? You've go to be kidding me! Men's basketball sucks, baseball fell short last season, moving all of the Student Pirate Club faithful was stupid, he told us to root for other teams and besides football (thanks, Skip) what other winning program do we have? Exactly! If anything, Terry should pay ECU to keep him around!

My roommate left me a bitchy note with a little heart at the end. I was more pissed about the heart. Grow-up.

Pee Dee is a silly kid's name. Plus it's the name of a S.C. river. We need to change our mascot's name to something like: Phalen, Jaden, Parr, Grog or Panos. Something worthy of a battle-hardened pirate.

I want to be your personal penguin.

How exactly do you tell your friend that you are falling for him? Don't all good relationships begin with friendships anyway?

I think I like you... So ask me out already!

Have you ever tried opening your mouth and telling someone to their face that you're doing something drastic? Oh wait, I'm sorry—I forgot you spend so much time yammering on the phone to your boyfriend who's five hours away that it must be impossible for you to talk to other people in person!

I went to a scheduled help session today for one of my classes, and the tutor barely spoke English. I don't have a problem with people who don't speak English, but when you go to a help session, they should be able to explain the material clearly.

Does anyone else think it's ridiculous how almost all the food spots on campus are closed for more than a day to celebrate MLK day?

Like I said before—we need a statue of Jack Sparrow where the old fountain was! And it needs to be the pose he had right before the Kraken swallowed him.

To the person that didn't like my comment about the basketball billboards, guess who hired that marketing firm? Terry Holland! I am so glad you're in school, because you need to learn more.

To the girl who got on the wrong bus and didn't want to ride back to campus... I got on the wrong bus too and my boyfriend called me while on the wrong bus. I was trying to keep my cool and not freak out and say I was on the wrong bus so that other people would hear me, and you know laugh at me, so when I got off at a random stop I busted out laughing and had to have him pick me up from who knows where.

Girl, stop tryin' to message my boyfriend. Don't you get it? He wants nothing to do with you! Move on freshman, it's pathetic! He is mine and has been for a long time and always will be. The end. Deal with it!

I'm in love with a critter.

Why do all the Greenville cops go after ECU students instead of the local rapists, robbers and murderers? Is it because our parents have the money to pay them and the locals don't?

I wouldn't call you that word you don't like to be called, if you didn't act like one!

Ranting... My anti-drug!

I'm bringin' clown shoes back! Yep!

Is it bad that I get along better with my best friend's boyfriend than she does?

Is the pedestrian bridge over the creek near College Hill ever going to be fixed? It has been closed for months now. It made for a nice shortcut for those of us who park or live up College Hill.

To the two girls who found my dog in the middle of the street—Thanks, if there's any way I can thank you, then please tell me.

I just love how our tuition keeps going up and up.

Do I love you because you're wonderful or are you wonderful because I love you?

I went to three classes today... Only two of them were mine... Wtf?

I think I just figured out what I want to do with my life. It's amazing!

Roomie, you really piss me off sometimes. Can you be any less considerate while I'm trying to sleep? Maybe the days I get up before you I'll just make noise until I leave, turn the lights on and let my alarm go off several times while I still lay in bed until I have 10 minutes to get to class before it starts... You selfish bum!

Why do you come to college to major in music? The cost of tuition is more than you will make in a career when you get out of here. So congrats on going to college to make $20,000 a year.

Why is it that all of the English majors in my class are frumpy? I don't have more than 10 minutes to myself all day, and I still manage to find an outfit that matches.

TEC is not perfect and neither are you. Get over it.

People need to quit looking at bigger people in the gym like there is something wrong with the picture. Big people who work out need to be respected and encouraged because it means they are doing something to stay healthy. To big people, go in there and do something to stay healthy—don't mind the ignorant people staring at you because it's your life and health, not theirs.

To the people who ranted about their parents making millions of dollars a year—What the heck do they do for a living so I can hurry up and change my major now!

You can please all the women you want, the problem is—You can't please any...

Coke Zero rocks my world.

I'm sick of all the estrogen.

Stab my back... It's better when I bleed for you.

If good friends do that... What do best friends do?

Gah. I can't believe I've fallen for it... again.

No roommate. I will not sleep with you. However, I will be your good friend.

Why yes, I am a lesbian and I do in fact have on men's clothing... And oh my gosh, you're right, my hair is relatively short. No, my name's not Matt, nor do I have a 5 o'clock shadow stubble across my face—this is simply because I am a girl. Quit being ignorant.

I know North Carolina is a Southern state but honey, where did you get that banjo, back woods out of the cornfield accent?

The OC ends in February. How sad is that?

Why must we go to class when it rains... it's kind of like snow.

I really want to make out with my ex... is that bad?

I wish I could have a relationship like Lucas and Peyton...

Quit feeding your boyfriend my food.

Why do they only show the coverage of the Australian Open that I want to see at 3 a.m.

I wish I lived in California where it's always sunny.

I watch the *Little Mermaid* on a weekly basis...

You can't wear flats to a social? Seriously, grow up. Flats are just as stylish as your heels, but I guess your noses are too far in the sky to realize it.

Where are all the tall skinny guys with brown shaggy hair and brown eyes!?

I pray that everytime I walk up the musical stairs it won't sound like someone fat just walked up them... They make a different sound I swear!

To the guy who slipped in Speight...you are really hot.

I hate group projects!

Bleeding from the bookstore

An angry student's tale of book buying

ALEX LAROCCA
OPINION WRITER

Books are one of those pillars of college lore. It was well known, even before starting college, that they would be harder, longer and more expensive. Now in college only the latter seems to hold true. How did it come to this? Now that I am in college, how could my biggest enemy become books? Well in my case, I believe it starts with two key issues—teachers never using them, and the epic price.

Just like everyone, I have had a bad experience with buying books in college, but last semester was one that has been especially scarring. Thirteen books seem like a lot to some and not a lot to others. Either way, it isn't cheap. Lucky for me last semester I managed to get my book list about two weeks before school started, so I invested the time to buy the books online. After the two weeks I had all my books and was about to begin the semester with one of the heaviest book-loads I have ever had. Nearing the end of the semester, I haven't read six of these books. Was this my fault? No, not this time, this time I was never assigned to read these books. Sadly enough five of these were for one class. The extra one wasn't even applicable to the class.

It was astonishing to see some of these books, at the beginning of the semester and think of how I would have to read them and how I would know the material by the end of the semester. Flashing back to the end of that particular class, I see that 1,000-paged book and vaguely remember the one chapter assigned to me.

Why don't the professors care that we have to spend $400-$600 on books? And why if I spend $80 on a book is a professor criticizing it and not using it? Perhaps I do not know the entire story behind how a professor decides on the books used in a course, but is it too much to ask for at least an educated decision? I am just amazed at how, in some classes, not only were my high school teachers better but my high school textbooks, which were free, were used more often.

And of course there is nothing better than buying a book, watching it collect dust for three months and then going to sell it at one of the book-hitches. Like most people I have high expectations as I walk up to the blonde girl stationed there. Twenty dollars for the 200-page books, $30 for 400 pages and so on. All of this inevitably comes crashing down to the realistic answers of, "Ummm, they aren't taking these anymore" or, "OK, two dollars." And then there is the sad walk back home clenching your disappointing $15 and staring at your fourth edition *Guide to Writing*.

Now I arrive to this semester. Fourteen books, topping my previous record, and this time I had no time to buy them online. I had my book list happily posted for me two days before class, which left me screwed for the online option. I haven't bought all of my books just yet, since I do not trust professors to use them anymore, but I am already up to $500.

This semester is looking a tad more hopeful than last but as I move along, we will see if my professors will commit to the "required" stamp next to their assigned books or leave me out to dry with less money and nothing learned.

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Horoscopes:

Aries
You should be feeling more assertive, but you still need to take care. You can get to the prize, but there are hurdles between here and there.

Taurus
You're under pressure to produce the results you've promised. Go shopping for an item that will help you meet your deadline.

Gemini
Give yourself plenty of time for meetings. Share ideas with your team. Don't worry about having all the answers, yet. Choose responsibilities.

Cancer
You'll see that, with strong leadership, you can proceed with confidence. As everybody plays their part, all of you will succeed.

Leo
Take action now on whatever it is that you've been contemplating. Decisions made now will be beneficial in more ways than you can imagine.

Virgo
You're very good with money, as everybody knows. Right now, for example, you can use somebody else's to get something for your home.

Libra
Ask for another point of view, and assistance from afar. Somebody else can see a way that's not obvious to you.

Scorpio
Push now with enthusiasm. Your new theory is opening up lots of possibilities. Buy something to speed up the process, and improve efficiency.

Sagittarius
If you just don't feel like working now, there's astrological confirmation. Conditions favor being warm and cozy and lots and lots of hugs.

Capricorn
Your income is steady and that always helps you relax and concentrate. Ask for advice and support from your family, they'll be there for you.

Aquarius
Your friends came up with the suggestion, and you can make it happen. More study will be required, and now's the best time to begin.

Pisces
Invest in your career and get something that will go up in value. You probably already have the perfect item all picked out.

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Running with Scissors
Thurs. 01/25 at 9:30p.m.
Fri. 01/26 at 7 p.m.
& midnight
Sat. 01/27 no showing
Sun. 01/28 at 7 p.m.

Hollywoodland
Wed. 01/24 at 9:30pm
Thurs. 01/25 at no showing
Fri. 01/26 at 9:30pm
Sat. 01/27 at 7 p.m.
Sun. 01/28 at 9:30pm

Drink Recipe:

Cranberry Champagne Cocktail
1-ounce cranberry juice (sweetened)
1 wedge lime
Champagne or sparkling wine
Cranberries (frozen)
In a chilled Champagne flute add cranberry juice and a squeeze of lime. Top off the glass with Champagne. Garnish with three or four cranberries. Please drink responsibly.

Eclectic beauty defines Dulcinea

Greenville's newest boutique offers unique items

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Photo by Terrell Gordy

The unique, vintage items that are sold at Dulcinea are one of a kind. Customers can also expect a cozy feel upon walking through the front doors.

Downtown Greenville has a new boutique that offers more than chic clothes and got-to-have boots. Opening last October, Dulcinea has been a labor of love for co-owners Katherine Wetherington and Candace Pearce.

Situated in the old Globe Hardware building on Washington Street, the building's interior dates back to 1903, and the owners did little to change its vintage appeal.

The original bricks peek out behind plaster that has been painted a cinnamon red. The initial wooden beams hanging over the cozy store date back to the same time as well.

"We had been searching for a location, and everything we saw were such vanilla places," said Wetherington. "We wanted a vintage feel and I begged my partner to get this spot."

A portrait of Frida Kahlo may preside over the inviting store, but do not let it fool you into thinking Dulcinea is a purely Mexican themed boutique.

"Some people assume that because we have a painting of Frida, who is an inspiration, on the wall and that we play Spanish music that this is a Mexican store. We carry lines from all over the world," Wetherington said.

Dulcinea carries the unique embroidered jeans of New London, Frye boots and Only Hearts by Helena Stuart. There are also handbags from Guatemala, lip gloss in keepsake tins from Spain and an array of vintage aprons. However, they do carry the typical dress of the Mexican peasant, known as the Puebla dress. Their vibrant colors and shapeless form offer endless style opportunities to the bold, inventive dresser.

Wetherington and Pearce describe every item in Dulcinea as their "favorite things." In fact, Dulcinea, a character from Miguel Cervantes's novel *Don Quixote*, has come to represent a lady that embodies all the beautiful things of the world.

Dulcinea is the perfect place to visit if you are looking for a one of a kind gift. Catering to the classy woman who possesses a bohemian chic attitude, Dulcinea carries the finest Belgian chocolates and exceptional coffee that they will grind for you in the store. There is also a collection of regional cookbooks compiled by junior leagues and ladies auxiliaries.

"The best food comes from real women," Wetherington said.

The aspect that truly sets Dulcinea apart from other boutiques in Greenville and elsewhere is that all of the jewelry and much of the pottery and sculptures are created in house. In the back of the store is a studio visible to shoppers separated by a glass partition.

Wetherington's 19-year-old daughter, Ashley, designs all of the unique jewelry that her mother then creates by heating glass with a blowtorch. The necklaces are alive with color and detail that make any outfit by just putting it on.

"We do believe our community will enjoy seeing how our beautiful glass roses are created by blowtorch as well as how our wheel thrown pottery and paintings come to life," said Pearce.

The studio is important to Wetherington as well. "We think that things are more valuable if you see the work that goes into them."

The creative nature of Dulcinea's artists means that the pieces for sale will never be the same each week. Inspiration comes easily to the two Weatheringtons and each new season and holiday brings forth new pieces.

Dulcinea also offers after hour's events, which gives all-access reign to the store. For $17 a person, parties of 15 or more are treated to dinner, hors d'ourves or a range of desserts. Guests are allowed to roam the store with a choice of receiving 15 percent off their purchase or donating 20 percent to the charity of their choice. It is a wonderful gathering spot for book clubs, supper clubs or just a good group of girlfriends.

The items in Dulcinea may be the best of the best but that doesn't mean their prices will send your head reeling. Wetherington is proud that they offer customers a store where 35 percent of the inventory is under $20 and prices on clothing falls between retail and wholesale.

"There is that common misconception that everything here is really expensive, but we want everyone to know that they can shop here and find something wonderful," Wetherington said.

Dulcinea is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.–7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Stop by and watch the artists work and to wave hello to the mermaid in the purple bathtub.

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Exhibition returns to the Gray Gallery

Fifth Photography Image Biennial

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It is time once again for the Gray Art Gallery's Photography Image Biennial. The exhibition will be on view in the School of Art and Design until Feb. 10. The first exhibition was 10 years ago, juried by Olivia Parker.

"Parker chose an exhibition unique in its diversity of digital, traditional, non-silver and installations using photo–based media," said Gil Leebrick, director of the Gray Gallery.

Since its first year, the exhibition has been juried by Evon Streetman, Robert Fichter and Maggie Taylor, with Mark Klett serving as this year's juror.

Klett photographs the intersection of cultures, landscapes and time. Before turning fully to photography he worked as a geologist. Klett has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Buhl Foundation and the Japan/US Friendship committee.

Klett's work has been exhibited and collected nationally and internationally for more than 25 years. Apart from photography and geology, Klett has also authored 11 books, including *Yosemite in Time*, *Third Views*, *Second Sights* and *After the Ruins*. Klett is also Regents' Professor of Art at Arizona State University.

The exhibition had 384 entries from across the country, with over 27 states represented. Of these entries, 80 works will be on display at the Gray Gallery.

Those pieces that will be exhibited are three–dimensional works, digitally manipulated and traditional photography.

"This year's exhibition is as diverse and innovative as past years, truly an overview of contemporary photo-based media," said Leebrick.

After judging the entries, Klett awarded five $1,000 awards to the following recipients: Cathy Crowell of Morehead City, N.C.; Catherine Day of McLean, Va.; Brian Delevie of Denver, Colo.; Linda Ford Roberts of Waxhaw, N.C. and Gwen Walstrand of Springfield, Missouri.

Photo by Levinia Tyrrell

Take a look at some of the talent displayed in the photography exhibition.

The Wellington B. Gray Gallery is located in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center, operating Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Again, the Photography Image Biennial will be on view until Saturday, Feb. 10. For more information about the exhibit please contact Leebrick at 328-6336.

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Physical activity no longer a chore at the SRC

Students have a variety of ways to work out

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It seems today that the pressure to look the absolute best possible has reached an all time high. However, for many the process of doing so is incredibly painstaking and discomforting. Fortunately, here on campus students are offered numerous opportunities for physical activity that seem to conceal the "physical" aspect of working out.

For those that don't frequent the Student Recreation Center on a regular basis, there are several things that may act as an incentive.

If the mere thought of working out is painful in itself, the Adventure Program here on campus may be just what the doctor ordered. This program offers a variety of outdoor programs such as adventure-based trips, the climbing wall, equipment rentals, the alpine tower and the team training challenge course.

Trips offered through the Adventure Center are open to all ECU students and members of the SRC. Coming up Jan. 27 – 28, the Adventure Center will be leading a winter camping overnight workshop. The cost of this trip is $25 for students and $30 for guests.

Caving in Virginia is another trip that will take place Feb. 9 – 11, costing $85 for students and $95 for guests. In order to view a complete list of upcoming trips at the Adventure Center's Web site.

For those more interested in staying local, the climbing wall may be the perfect fit. The climbing wall is open Monday through Thursday, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. and on Friday 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The SRC Center offers students an eight-lane, 25-yard pool ideal for swimming and a four-lane, 19-yard pool designed for aqua aerobics, water basketball, water volleyball and other free play opportunities.

When the weather is a bit nicer, opportunities for sunbathing and swimming are available courtesy of the outdoor pool. Those interested in lifeguard training or lay responders may also attend the Red Cross classes offered for certification.

"I love going to the Rec. Center because it's convenient and when I'm on campus it's just a short walk from my classes. There are plenty of machines to work out on and the variety of available opportunities is great," said junior Stephanie Price.

Perhaps another source of physical activity that many students forget about are club and intramural sports. Both of these programs offer enjoyable and unique recreational opportunities. Though they are fun, don't even begin to think the competition isn't fierce.

Another opportunity available through the SRC is that of the fitness program. Through this program, students are offered quality personal training, group fitness classes, seminars, workshops and instructional classes designed to teach a variety of healthy lifestyle options.

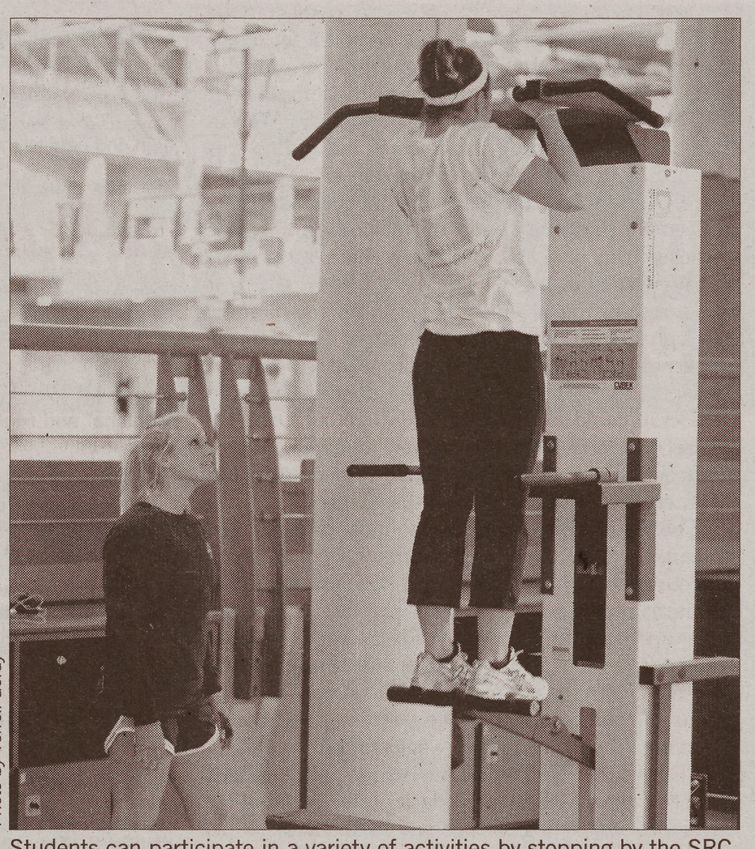
The personal trainers are nationally certified and can provide individuals with new exercise techniques as well as motivational tips.

Group fitness classes are offered in a variety of class formats, including cycling, kick boxing, step, multi-impact, aqua and muscle strengthening. Mind, body and instructional classes include yoga, tai chi, shag dancing, ballroom dancing and self-defense.

Through the SRC you will also find Campus Wellness, which offers a variety of health education and promotion services. Total wellness encompasses physical, mental, spiritual and social health. Students should remain conscious of the fact that maintaining their health is an on-going process.

Taking advantage of some of the exciting health and wellness activities and services on campus can be proactive approach to overall wellness.

"I would encourage students and faculty/staff to take advantage of what we have to offer. Involvement in community leagues or memberships at health clubs after graduation will involve much higher fees and generally not the same level of services," said Associate Director of the Student Recreation Center, David Gaskins.



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Students can participate in a variety of activities by stopping by the SRC.

Students can begin their journey to discovering a more active self by visiting the SRC and taking full advantage of the many opportunities available. Thanks to the variety of workouts offered, the sweat and tears no longer have to be associated with boring activities that lead to physical exhaustion.

For more information about the programs and opportunities available at the SRC please contact Gaskins by calling 328-6387.

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Sports

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Average margin of victory for Southern Miss (12-5, 2-2 C-USA) in two conference wins; Southern Miss won 57-56 at SMU, and 57-55 at UAB; the average margin of defeat for the Golden Eagles in two conference games is 15.5; Southern Miss lost to Memphis at home 75-62, and at UTEP 68-50; the ECU men's basketball team travels to Hattiesburg, Mississippi tonight to take on the Golden Eagles; tip-off is set for 8 p.m. ET

5TH

Southern Miss freshman-phenom guard Jeremy Wise currently ranks fifth in C-USA in points per game (15.9); Wise is considered a lock for freshman-of-the-year in the conference, and is making a strong case for first-team all-conference honors; Wise had a career-high 27 points against Sam Houston State on November 30, helping the Golden Eagles pull out a 94-86 win

.350

ECU outfielder Jamie Ray's batting average in the Coastal Plain League, the nation's largest summer collegiate baseball league; Ray's average ranked fourth in the league, while he finished fifth in the league in hits (63); Ray was named to the CPL National All-Star team, and was the only representative from the CPL on the SEBaseball.com Summer All-Star team

12-1

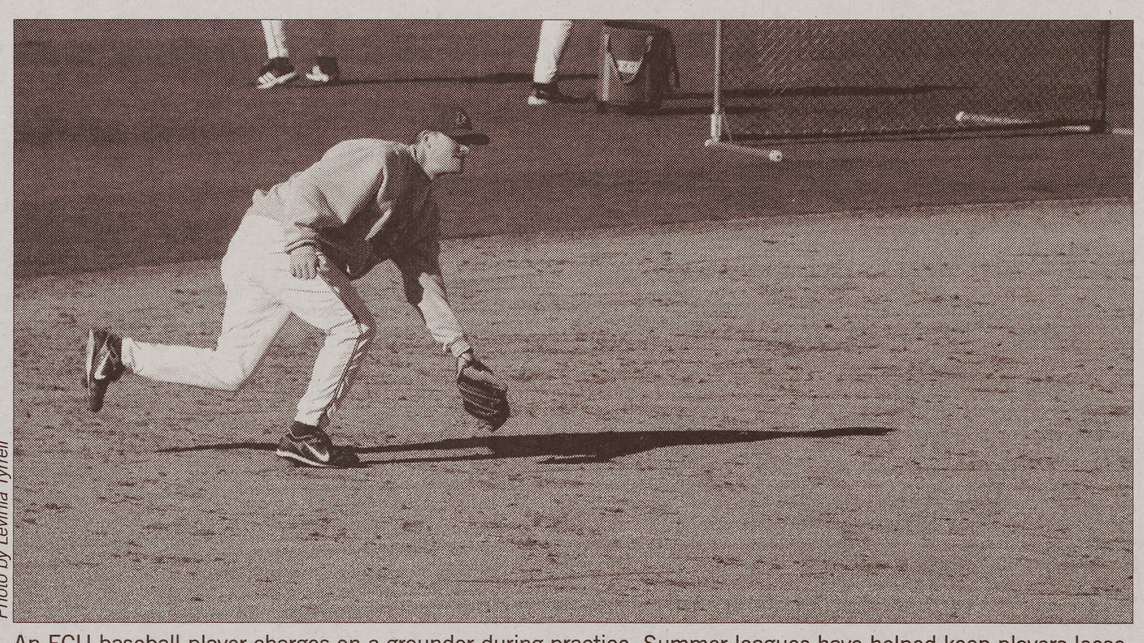
Record through the first half of the season for the ECU men's rugby team; to wrap-up the first semester the Pirates won one of the biggest rugby tournaments in North Carolina, defeating Division I JMU in the championship game; ECU lost the first game of the second half to Division I UNC, one of the best teams in the south; the Pirates lost the game in heartbreaking fashion, losing by three on a penalty kick

SPORTS TALK

Log on to theeastcarolinian.com/sportstalk to post your response on the Sports Talk message board.

With the Super Bowl match-up set between the Indianapolis Colts (15-4, including playoffs) and Chicago Bears (15-3, including playoffs) who do you think will come out on top and hoist the Lombardi trophy?

Don't forget that although Peyton Manning has won two MVP awards and has made seven playoff appearances with the Colts, he had a 3-6 postseason record before the playoffs this year. Manning won by far the biggest game of his career when the Colts came back from a 21-6 halftime deficit to beat his nemesis, the New England Patriots. Now the question is can he win the Super Bowl and eliminate the Dan Marino comparisons. One advantage for Manning is that Chicago's only weakness on defense has been the passing game during the last five regular season games, and two postseason games. In two games this postseason Chicago has given up an average of 249 pass yards per game. By contrast, Indianapolis averaged 269.3 passing yards per game in the regular season, and averaged 26.7 points.



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An ECU baseball player charges on a grounder during practice. Summer leagues have helped keep players loose.

A special summer vacation

Fourteen ECU baseball players participated in summer leagues

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While most college students were vacationing and enjoying their time off this past summer, some of ECU's baseball players were playing baseball. Fourteen members of the ECU team were gaining experience with teams such as the Outer Banks Daredevils on the North Carolina coast and the Thunder Bay Border Cats in Ontario, Canada.

Most of the players played in the Coastal Plain League, which is the nation's largest summer collegiate baseball league. The CPL has 15 teams; all located in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Each team is compiled of hand-picked college baseball players from mainly southeastern colleges and universities. Players hit with wooden bats and are housed with local host families for the summer.

"There are so many talented players," said Pirate outfielder Jamie Ray of the CPL. "Every player that is there deserves to be there."

Ray certainly proved his belonging, as he was named to the CPL National All-Star Team and was the lone CPL representative on the SEBaseball.com Summer All-Star Team. Ray finished the summer ranked fourth in the CPL in batting average (.350), fifth in hits (63) and stole 17 bases as a member of the Martinsville Mustangs.

"Any time our players get the opportunity to play the game at a high level like that makes them better," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin after Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage. "The level of competition those summer leagues offer makes our guys better prepared for the season and it's a great opportunity for them."

Pirate pitcher Shane Mathews participated in the Cape Cod Baseball League this past summer. The CCBL is a more national-based league and is widely regarded as the most talented summer baseball league in the nation. Mathews posted a 2.82 ERA in 38.1 innings pitched for the Cotuit (Mass.) Kettleers. Mathews was used mainly as a relief pitcher, which he will also do this season as the Pirates closer.

"He likes that closer role and has some experience with it; he just fits that need for us," said Godwin.

Mathews wasn't the only Pirate who had summer success out of the bullpen. Senior Mike Flye, a J.H. Rose product, was selected to the CPL American All-Star team after a very successful summer with the Wilson Tobs. Flye finished with a 1.16 ERA in 23 relief appearances with the nearby Tobs, and his 11 saves ranked third in the CPL. Junior Chris Powell led the CPL in appearances with 28, all of which came out of the bullpen. Powell allowed only nine earned runs and struck out 42 batters in 37 innings pitched for his home town Asheboro Copperheads.

ECU junior outfielder Trent Ashcraft, who played for the Florence Red Wolves in the CPL, said the schedule is the main difference in summer league baseball and collegiate baseball. Ashcraft said teams play games every day and practice much less in the summer.

"You play every single day and don't really get days off," said Ashcraft. "That's when you learn how to play tired and that's something I can use this season when it's late in the season and I'm tired, but still come out and perform every day."

Ashcraft was also selected to the CPL American All-Star team. Ashcraft finished second in the CPL with 65 hits and led the Red Wolves in hits, games started, at-bats, total bases and stolen bases. Ashcraft, who spent his freshman and sophomore seasons at Young Harris College (Ga.), stole 20 bases in 26 attempts this past summer.

"Speed helps in every aspect of the game," said the speedy left-hander. "Just beating out ground balls can get you on base and will help out the team."

A mid-summer Asheboro Copperheads vs. Martinsville Mustangs game might not draw much interest, but when Jamie Ray is batting against fellow Pirate Chris Powell, things could get a little more interesting. Powell holds the bragging rights for now, as Ray went zero for four against Powell this past summer with three ground outs and a fly out.

"I played against Harrison [Eldridge], [Chase] Hooper, [Josh] Dowdy and Powell," said Ray with a grin on his face. "It was different to see them on the other side but as a position player I got sort of excited at the plate when I was batting against someone who I've seen pitch every day for the past two or three years."

Now Ray, Powell and the other 12 players are all on the same team again, using the valuable experience gained from the summer to collectively guide the ECU Pirates.

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February 2007 Schedule

02/09/07	vs. Liberty	Greenville, N.C.	3:00 p.m. ET
02/10/07	vs. Liberty	Greenville, N.C.	2:00 p.m. ET
02/11/07	vs. Liberty	Greenville, N.C.	1:00 p.m. ET
02/16/07	at UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	9:00 p.m. ET
02/17/07	at UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	5:00 p.m. ET
02/18/07	at UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	4:00 p.m. ET
02/21/07	vs. Campbell	Greenville, N.C.	3:00 p.m. ET
02/23/07	vs. St. John's	Greenville, N.C.	5:00 p.m. ET
02/24/07	vs. Washington	Greenville, N.C.	3:00 p.m. ET
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CSTV announces C-USA baseball schedule

2007 CSTV C-USA BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Sun., Apr. 8	Memphis at Tulane	2 pm EDT/1 pm CDT
Fri., Apr. 13	Rice at Houston	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Tue., Apr. 17	Texas at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Fri., Apr. 20	Houston at Tulane	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Fri., May 4	**East Carolina at Houston**	**8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT**
Fri., May 11	Tulane at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Tue., May 15	Baylor at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Thu., May 17	Southern Miss at Houston	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Sun., May 27	C-USA Championship Game	9 pm EDT/8 pm CDT

Six league contests and two high-profile non-conference games featured

(AP) — College Sports Television has announced its schedule of Conference USA baseball games that will be televised during the 2007 season. The schedule features five conference match-ups and a pair of high profile non–league contests over the final seven weeks of the season, along with the title game of the 2007 C-USA Baseball Championship in New Orleans.

The schedule gets underway on Sunday, April 8 when longtime rivals Memphis and Tulane meet in New Orleans. Five days later, cross-town foes Rice and Houston renew their rivalry at Cougar Field. On April 17, Texas and Rice, two of most successful programs in college baseball over the past decade, meet at Reckling Park in Houston.

Houston and Tulane, who have won more C-USA Championships than any other schools, will be featured in a Friday, April 20 contest in New Orleans. After a week off, C-USA Baseball returns to CSTV's airwaves on Friday, May 4 when Houston welcomes East Carolina to town.

On May 11, Rice and Tulane, picked to finish first and second, respectively, in the C-USA Coaches preseason poll, square off to open a key three-game series. Four days later, Rice will host regional rival Baylor in an important non-conference contest. On May 17, the regular season schedule concludes with Southern Miss and Houston meeting in an important final weekend contest.

"Conference USA is one of the top baseball leagues in the nation," said Commissioner Britton Banowsky. "CSTV's exciting television schedule will allow for more exposure of this fine product to fans around the country."

Conference USA's 12th baseball season gets underway on February 3. The league tournament is scheduled for May 23 – 27 in New Orleans, with Tulane University serving as the host. C-USA's nine baseball schools have produced 50 NCAA appearances and seven College World Series teams over the past 11 seasons.

Murderball tries to catch on at ECU

Players often get bottled up on the courts when going for the ball.

Photos by Terrell Gordy

A participant takes the ball down the court, flanked by two teammates.

Wheelchair rugby open to everyone

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has seen the documentary *Murderball* can attest to the violent nature of the unique sport of wheelchair rugby or "quad-rugby." It was initially called murderball, but apparently that name wasn't very marketable to corporate sponsors.

It would probably be a surprise to most students that right here at ECU people play wheelchair rugby, as well as many other recreational activities for those with special needs.

Freshman Sandra McGourty, Adapted Recreation program assistant at the Recreation Center of Campus Recreation and Wellness, said, "We would like to get the word out to students about what Adapted Recreation offers them."

Adapted Recreation is a program offered by the Recreation Center that is designed, but not limited to, students with special needs. Any student who wishes to participate in Adapted Recreation activities can. The Recreation Center will even provide you with a wheelchair.

"What I enjoy most about wheelchair rugby and basketball is that it is good exercise, it's a lot of fun and you earn volunteer hours," said sophomore Brian Malave, who participates in both wheelchair rugby and basketball.

Unlike the athletes portrayed in *Murderball*, wheelchair rugby is not a life or death sport at ECU. The games are referred to as "drop-in" games; basically just pick up games for fun.

"It's not so much about competition as it is just having fun, and getting out and meeting people," says McGourdy. "We [see these events] as an opportunity for students whether disabled or not to connect with people on a personal level and make friends."

Wheelchair or "quad-rugby" combines elements of many sports. The game begins with a tip-off similar to basketball. When the ball goes out of bounds the team who did not touch or possess the ball last is awarded a soccer-type throw-in. To score a point (key as it is called) a player must cross the goal line with two of their four wheels while retaining possession of the ball.

The player with the ball has unlimited pushes but must dribble or pass the ball once every ten seconds or a turnover is awarded. Five players from each team are allowed on the court at one time, and each team can have up to 12 players total. Since the wheelchair rugby games are "drop-in" or pick-up games, the rules aren't exactly followed very closely.

But just because the games are for fun does not mean that they don't involve plenty of chairs tipping over and wheelchairs colliding. Wheelchair rugby features many collisions and a lot of contact. The serious players shown in *Murderball* use chairs that are essentially battering rams, designed specifically to take that kind of contact.

Even the "drop-in" games at the Recreation Center are physical and not a sport for the faint of heart.

"[Wheelchair rugby] is very physical, sometimes even dangerous," said Malave. "I've gone home with my hands bleeding from the wheels several times.

For students like Malave, who are not disabled, participating in Adapted Recreation activities provides them with a certain amount of perspective. "It also gives you an understanding and appreciation of what disabled people have to deal with on a daily basis," said Malave.

Mark Zupan, one of the many inspiring athletes depicted in *Murderball*, talks in the film about overcoming his disability: "I've actually done more in a chair; than I did able-bodied, don't let this thing limit you from doing anything you want.

The Recreation Center offers many other Adapted Recreation activities for students, faculty and staff with disabilities.

This semester, in addition to wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball drop-in games, there will be a climbing wall clinic, a cultural arts festival (for those not as interested in athletics), a crank hand cycling workshop, a scuba clinic, a beep baseball clinic for the visually impaired, a kayaking clinic and an Active Living Beach Retreat at Pine Knoll Shores.

More information about the Adapted Recreation program and a full schedule of events is available at the Recreation Center. The next event will be wheelchair basketball drop-in games this Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Registration for the event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Another service available for disabled students, faculty and staff is the Workout Partner Program. The Recreation Center will provide a staff member to assist anyone who might need help to workout in the weight room. Crank hand cycles are also available to be checked out. Anyone interested in participating in these events can visit ecu.edu/csstudentlife/crw/integrated_sports/index.cfm.

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