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## Mendenhall 'shut down' Saturday



The main floor of Mendenhall Student Center, which was shut down on Saturday approximately 30 minutes before it was scheduled to close.

### Minor arguments cause of early closing

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SENIOR WRITER

The men's club basketball team held a party on Jan. 20 that was shut down early because of minor arguments.

The team hosted the party to support their men's varsity basketball game against the Memphis Tigers. The party was held on campus in Mendenhall Student Center in the Great Rooms on the upper

floors of the building.

The party was originally scheduled to last from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., but it ended a little earlier than the team expected.

According to Michael Mullies, the welcome center receptionist in Mendenhall on duty that evening, four altercations occurred during the event and as a result, Mendenhall shut down around 1:30 a.m. instead of the scheduled time of 2 a.m. When Mendenhall is shut down, people are asked to exit the building and allowed to reenter only in special circumstances.

Mullies said the first fight was between an ECU football player and an individual from out of town, over a female. The second fight broke out because, according to Mullies, "one girl told the other girl that her clothing looked 'bedazzled.'"

Mullies added that when police escorted the individuals involved in the first altercation out of Mendenhall, other incidents arose.

ECU police officers and members of the Mendenhall staff agreed the party should come to a close after two minor arguments

occurred.

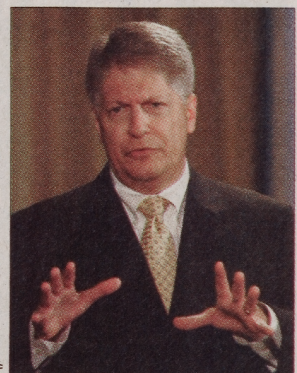
Captain Beth Watkins, ECU police department's support division commander, said, "Two altercations occurred that could have resulted in fights, but the individuals that caused the problems were asked to leave the party."

Watkins said the situation was not any different than what happens at most parties, and was not a big deal.

"We deal with altercations like this all the time and it isn't unusual to shut down an event

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## State bar files ethics charges against Duke lacrosse prosecutor



NIFONG

(AP)—The state bar has added ethics charges to a complaint filed against the prosecutor who brought sexual assault charges against three Duke lacrosse players, accusing him of withholding DNA evidence and misleading the court.

The new charges by the North Carolina State Bar against Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong were announced Wednesday and could lead to his removal from the state bar, according to a copy of the updated complaint.

Nifong's office arranged for a private lab to conduct DNA testing as part of the investigation into allegations three men raped a 28-year-old woman hired to perform as a stripper at a party thrown by the lacrosse team last March.

Those tests uncovered genetic material from several men on the woman's underwear and body, but none from any lacrosse player. The bar complaint alleges those results weren't released to defense lawyers in a timely fashion and that Nifong repeatedly said in court he had turned over all evidence that would potentially benefit the defense.

Nifong's actions constitute a "systematic abuse of prosecutorial discretion ... prejudicial to the administration of justice," the complaint read.

Nifong appeared with his attorney at a procedural conference Wednesday morning to discuss scheduling and other administrative details of the ethics complaint.

Nifong declined to comment to reporters after the hearing, referring all questions to his attorney, David Freedman.

"I'd say any time any charges are filed with the state bar they're all serious and we want to make sure we handle them all properly," Freedman said.

Last month, the bar charged Nifong with violating four rules of professional conduct by making misleading and inflammatory comments about the athletes under suspicion. Citing the conflict of interest created by the ethics charges, Nifong asked the state attorney general's office to take over the lacrosse case.

Attorney General Roy Cooper has pledged a thorough review of the remaining charges pending against lacrosse players Dave Evans, Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann. While Nifong dropped rape charges in late December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story, they are still charged with sexual offense and kidnapping.

All have strongly maintained their innocence.

Defense attorneys were able to determine from other documents produced by Nifong that there may be additional test results they had not seen, the new ethics complaint said. They filed a motion in December that described the missing tests in detail.

At a hearing Dec. 15, the director of the DNA Security Inc. testified that he and Nifong agreed to include only DNA matches, and not the results finding no matches between the accuser and the tested players, in the report on his testing results. During the hearing, Nifong said he wasn't aware the test results were excluded from the report.

"The first I heard of this particular situation was when I was served with these reports, this motion on Wednesday of this week," Nifong said, according to the bar complaint.

Outside of court, the bar complaint said, Nifong gave a different version of events to a reporter: "We ... were trying to avoid dragging any names through the mud," Nifong said.

His trial on the ethics charges is set for May, although bar officials said at Wednesday's hearing they expect it will be pushed back to June.

## Better breathing equals better health

### An educational discussion on shortness of breath

SHANNON DAVIS  
SENIOR WRITER

A health seminar to educate participants about better breathing and health was held on Jan. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center. The speakers included Dr. Mani S. Kavuru, chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Terry Icard, physician assistant at the ECU School of Medicine.

The program was a community education service for patients, parents, relatives, friends or anyone interested in learning about shortness of breath and other breathing problems. "Better Breathing, Better Health" is a series of programs that will be offered on topics such as smoking, asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease, lung nodules and other lung problems.

Eighteen people registered to be a part of the discussion. According to Terry Icard, the seminar was intended to have a small, intimate setting. People in attendance expressed their concerns for their health issues such as having asthma, various lung problems, diabetes, congestive heart failure and cancer.

Sarah Bosse, a student at Pitt Community College, discussed her asthmatic history, explaining how her asthmatic symptoms amplified after moving to North Carolina.

In response, Dr. Mani S. Kavuru said, "The idea of environment and respiratory prob-



Greenville residents gather at the "Better Breathing, Better Health" seminar Tuesday evening.

lems is a common issue. If you have asthma, the idea is to move to a dryer climate, such as Arizona, but I'm not going to buy a plane ticket and go just for having asthma. The environment does not cause asthma. An environment may make it become better or worse, but it does not cause asthma."

Ben Wilson, a resident of Greenville, said his reason for attending the program is because he experienced shortness of breath.

"I was hoping to learn about the benefits of better breathing and how to do it," he said.

Dr. Kavuru gave advice to the group saying, "You have to ask questions to your doctors, neigh-

bors and the Internet to make the wisest decisions for your health care and medical decisions."

According to Dr. Kavuru, there are four cardinal symptoms for problems related to lung disease, which are coughing, trouble breathing, wheezing and chest pain.

"Every human being is entitled to cough. Coughing itself is not a disease. There are normal conditions in a normal life where people can still have a cough. It might last a day or two but a cough is a part of growing up and being an adult. A child may have two or three episodes of bronchitis, that's typical. If you have a cough or phlegm that lingers in an excessive amount, it requires

further investigation. A cough is incredibly non-specific but can be present in many diseases," Dr. Kavuru said.

Dr. Kavuru added, "Breathlessness counts on how much activity there has been to produce the out of breath sensation. Asthmatics have prominent wheezing but wheezing can occur in patients with emphysema or smoking-related diseases. Also, diabetes does not directly cause shortness of breath but it does affect your body, nerves, breathing muscles and peripheral circulation. Stethoscopes are used to detect wheezing in patients."

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## 'Reserved' apartment billboard draws criticism

(AP)—A billboard advertising the apartment complex where a Clemson University student was strangled with a bikini top is drawing criticism for its sexually suggestive images.

It shows a young woman in a spaghetti strap shirt smiling, with the word "Reserved" below her. A second photo shows a woman sporting a tattoo on her lower back, accompanied by a pair of fuzzy dice. It reads: "Not so Reserved."

The complex is called The Reserve and officials said the billboard will be replaced soon.

The body of Tiffany Marie Souers, 20, an engineering student from the St. Louis suburb of Ladue, who was found inside her apartment at the complex last May. Police said a bikini top

used to choke her was still around her neck.

"It really is harmful to all female residents who live there," said Tracy Faith Clark, director of a charity where Souers worked. Clark said she complained to apartment officials last fall.

Sheldon Porter, community manager at The Reserve in Clemson, said the billboard shows the off-campus apartments welcome all personality types. He said the ad message was selected because it has proved successful elsewhere.

But Clark said the images could draw sexual predators to the complex.

Convicted sex offender Jerry Buck Inman, 36, is facing kidnapping, rape and murder charges in Souers' death.

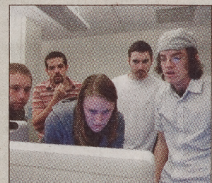
Inman also faces charges in



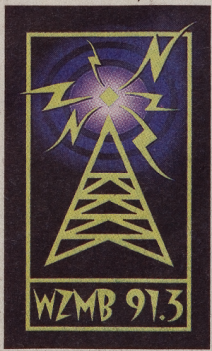
The billboard is drawing criticism for its sexually suggestive images.

the attempted rape of a 24-year-old woman in Rainsville, Ala., and in the rape of a 28-year-old woman at her home in Sevierville, Tenn. Authorities have said those crimes occurred in the days leading up to Souers' death.

Clemson senior Meagan Poulas, who lives at The Reserve, said she doesn't have a problem with the billboard. She said she feels safe with the increased police presence and new locks on the doors.



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Senior center Cherie Mills and the Pirates are in good shape heading into the second half of C-USA play. See what has them thinking big.....Page A8

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**CORRECTION:**

The photograph of President George W. Bush in yesterday's edition was from his State of the Union address on Feb. 2, 2005, not the most recent address Tuesday evening. The correct image was confused with an Associated Press file photo and subsequently the wrong photo and caption were placed. The *East Carolinian* apologizes for any confusion the mistake may have caused.

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](http://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](http://ECUARTS.com) or e-mail [theatre-dance.ecu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](http://ecu.edu/ah) or contact Dr. Beth Velde at 744-6012 or at [veldeb@ecu.edu](mailto: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](http://theatre-dance.ecu.edu). Ticket Required.

**25 Thu 26 Fri 27 Sat 28 Sun 29 Mon 30 Tue 31 Wed**

**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.

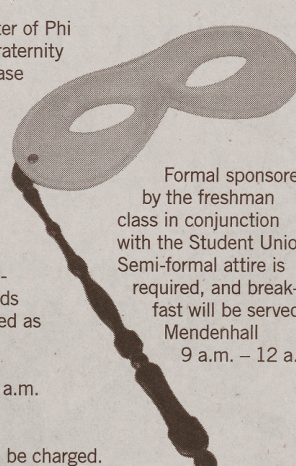
**Tales of the Beijing Opera**  
*Tales from a Beijing Opera* is a series of comic and dramatic scenes from China's most popular stories. Told in English and Chinese, this "kung fu" theatre is a combination of music, dialogue, dance, mime and acrobatics into a theatrical whole. Hendrix Theater 7 p.m.

**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 p.m. - 7:15 a.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 a.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 e-mail [heather@emerge-gallery.com](mailto:heather@emerge-gallery.com). Emerge Gallery & Art Center 404 S. Evans St. between Fifth and Fourth Streets in Uptown Greenville 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**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.

**Sigma Omicron Epsilon Sorority, Inc. Membership Informational**  
Join the ladies of Sigma Omicron Epsilon Sorority, Inc. to learn information about membership for Spring 2007. Dress attire is business casual. Feel free to bring other guests. We are a sorority dedicated to promoting Native American culture to our campus and community. It is not required to be of Native American descent to join our organization. Everyone is welcome. Bate 1003 7 - 8 p.m.

**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@emerge-gallery.com](mailto:heather@emerge-gallery.com) or call 551-6947. Emerge Gallery & Art Center 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Move Your Feet Heart Walk**  
Student Recreation Center 12 p.m.

**Physical Therapy Massage Clinic**  
Prices are \$10 for 10 minutes; \$15 for 20 minutes, and \$20 for 30 minutes. Health Science Building 5 - 9 p.m.

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**BRIEFS**

**Blackwater silent after helicopter crashes in Iraq, killing five**  
MOYOCK, N.C. (AP) — Officials at security contractor Blackwater USA were silent Tuesday after a company helicopter crashed in central Baghdad, killing five American civilians onboard and rekindling memories of the brutal slaying and mutilation of four employees in 2004.

"We really don't have any information for you yet," said Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell, who declined to say if Blackwater planned to make an announcement or hold a news conference later Tuesday. "We're not there yet."

A senior Iraqi military official said a machine gunner downed the helicopter Tuesday over the heavily Sunni Fadhil neighborhood on the east side of the Tigris River. But a U.S. military official in Washington said there was no indication in initial reports that the aircraft had been shot down. Both demanded anonymity because the details had not been made public.  
Blackwater USA is based about 30 minutes south of Norfolk, Va., at a massive and remote compound set amid the swamps of far northeastern North Carolina. There is little in the area except the Blackwater campus, and officials there refused to allow a reporter onto the property late Tuesday.  
A sign outside the campus warns of "live gunfire," "late night operations" and "low-flying aircraft." Several people leaving the compound, which

covers several thousand acres and is home to numerous firing ranges and other military training facilities, also declined to comment Tuesday.  
"When one of them dies over there, it puts a damper on the feelings of the whole community," said Linda Old, a lifelong resident of Moyock who runs a gas station near the Blackwater compound. "It feels like a part of us."

**Football players charged following fight at Guilford College**  
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Three Guilford College football players face assault and ethnic intimidation charges following an on-campus attack on three Palestinian students, authorities said.  
Faris Khader, Osama Sabbah and Omar Awartani were beaten with fists, feet and brass knuckles in an attack early Saturday involving at least 15 members of the school's football team, according to court documents. The attackers called the

Palestinians "terrorists" and used racial slurs during the attack.  
School officials believe a total of about 12 people were physically involved in the altercation, said Guilford spokesman Nic Brown. Administrators were still trying to determine whether those people were fighting or trying to break it up, Brown said.  
"We've had a very, very unfortunate event, unfortunate conflict among students who actually knew each other, and who had lived and interacted in the same residence hall with no conflict among themselves," Brown said.  
Authorities have charged Michael Bates, 19, of Reidsville; Michael Robert Six, 20, of Clemmons; and Christopher Barnette, 21, of Semora, with ethnic intimidation and assault and battery, the News & Record of Greensboro reported Tuesday. They were released Monday on \$2,000 bond. The men were listed on the school's Web site as members of the football team.

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early," said Watkins.  
Adeea Rogers, program assistant for event planning, was the professional staff member on duty during the party.

"It was unclear to me if it was ECU students or people from the community that were the cause of the conflict," said Rogers.  
According to Rogers, the men's club basketball team did not require the individuals that attended the party to show identification.  
"The party was open to students and members of the community," said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of student experiences.

"There were some words exchanged between two individuals and the police broke it up before it turned into a big altercation,"

King continued.  
Some members of the men's club basketball team felt that students were not at the root of the problem.

"I know for a fact that one of the two altercations that occurred was caused by local people from the community," said Charles Williams, men's club basketball player.

"It was just a few foolish people acting up and they got escorted out of the party after that," Williams said.  
Williams said that despite the minor disputes between people, it was still a good party and turnout.  
The party ended a few minutes before the original ending time of 1:30 a.m.

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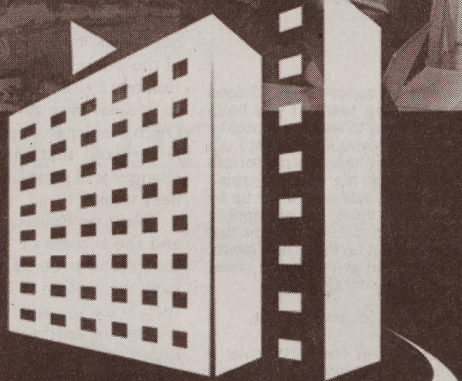
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## Student Homecoming Chair

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](mailto:brownchar@ecu.edu). You may also drop off your letter of interest and resume to 239 Mendenhall Student Center, M-F, 8-5pm.

**You can make a difference!**

**RANT OF THE DAY**

My life goal is to get one of my Rants to be the Rant of the Day. So, uh... Go Pirates.

# Bush's best speech ever?

One more commentary concerning the State of the Union address

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OPINION WRITER

The time has approached people of America. The time of bickering and dividing our government has finally come to a close. I understand that many of you must be confused as to why. In case any of you missed it George W. Bush gave an enthralling state of the union, which boldly challenged the status quo. Four years after the successful invasion and occupation a light at the end of the tunnel has emerged, powered by clean fuels and temporary workers.

Obvious to all, George W. Bush is a right-winged man. He "...takes the fight to the enemy to win the war on terror." This is his charisma or charm, if you will, and is why America voted for him, twice. Such the man he is, he did not fail to recognize and congratulate the newly elected democrats. He went even further with a moving analogy of America, "Citizens don't care much what aisle we sit on only as long as we can cross it when work needs to be done." After a brief discussion of American unity and America's future, he went on to his main topics.

The president spoke of the nation's economy. He has planned, in an economic report due to be released next week, to balance the federal budget and get rid of the federal deficit over the next five years. Unfortunately President Bush cannot just enact these and so it must pass through the new donkey congress. On to Medicare, Medicare and Social Security, Bush recognized that they weren't very good. Further changes will most likely be in the economic proposal next week.

Next on Bush's speech was America's education and the success of "No Child Left Behind." One of the greater parts of this optimal plan is that parents have the "option to choose a better school." This, in turn helps to make the worse school better. As this was one of Bush's most successful domestic plans he urged the Democrats to continue its success.

Second from the top on Bush's list was also the second greatest threat to this country: Illegal Immigration. In order to stop the flow of terrorists, drugs and aliens Bush has proposed to double the border patrol and increase funds for better anti-immigration technology. But understanding America Bush wishes to continue the tradition of the melting pot. With that in mind he has brought forth a plan to allow for temporary worker status in the United States. This plan looks hopeful as, we all know, once an immigrant is working here he eventually begins missing home and leaves after several years.

Bush's last remaining topics were America's reliance on oil and the Iraq War. Bush's outlook of the future looks hopeful as he went to propose a 20 percent reduction of gas, a 35 billion barrel clean energy supply and an 8.5 billion conservation of oil all by 2017. Bush plans to achieve these great and noble tasks by furthering research in ethanol and pushing for "clean, safe, nuclear power." All of these steps need to be taken as OPEC and the other Arab oil states do great harm to our country. Our reliance on foreign oil has become too great and President Bush, although not covered in his speech, allowed for drilling in Bristol Bay, Alaska. This too covers simple logic—why get oil from OPEC when we have it in our backyard?

Winding down through this enchanting and spirited speech Bush began speaking of Iraq. Bush stood at the podium and reminded the congressmen and America of the kind of terror we are facing. This was then followed by stating that Iraq's success does not exist as we do not know what it might have stopped. Bush did mention the success of various terror cells which have been stopped due to American and British Special Forces and intelligence. His surge in troop numbers was a carefully considered decision in order to give a final push to do away with death-squads and terrorists mostly in and around Baghdad. This troop increase will overwhelm the insurgents and allow for a stable, safe and democratic Iraq. Failure is no option to Bush, "Nothing is more important in our history than to secure Iraq."

In the end George W. Bush proposed several mind-blowing changes in this nation's future. And hopefully with the full cooperation of the new congress this nation can quickly implement these plans.

The following column has been shortened due to space restrictions. The full article is available online at [theeastcarolinian.com/opinion](http://theeastcarolinian.com/opinion).

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# Opinion

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## When more than one is one too many

With trilogies, sometimes, moviemakers take it too far

JONATHAN GARDNER  
OPINION WRITER

When it comes to Hollywood, you've got to milk an idea for as long as you can. After all, if a movie is popular and does well at the box office, who's to say that a sequel won't do the same? And if the sequel does well, why not make the series a trilogy? Sure, the second one received mixed reviews, but there's no reason to believe another movie using a similar plot won't do well. I can only imagine that's what goes through the heads of the Hollywood elite when it comes to making trilogies.

It seems that almost every trilogy follows a similar pattern. The first one is amazing and does great at the box office. The sequel is slightly worse than the first and does worse at the box office. If the series is made into a trilogy, the third one will demolish everything good about the first one and will fail miserably at the box office. The third one will be considered the outcast of the series, and will only be mentioned when someone wants to prove how bad the particular series is. The history of movie trilogies speaks for itself.

The example that springs immediately to mind is *The Matrix* trilogy. The first one, *Enter the Matrix*, received great reviews for its use of bullet time and orchestra music. The second one, *The Matrix Reloaded*, took these elements a little farther, but decided that the series needed more explosions. This left critics to be a little less receptive of the sequel. The final movie in the trilogy, *The Matrix Revolutions*, showed how quickly a series could turn bad. It left a bitter taste in the audience's mouth, and received less than half the box office earnings of its predecessors.

This history of bad trilogies, which include other series such as *Saw* and *Terminator*, has not stopped movie producers from attempting to make one further. In the next year, many series will be getting their third movie, some of which are highly anticipated. *Pirates of the Caribbean* will soon have its third movie, *At World's End*, where the crew travels into the underworld in search of Jack Sparrow. Similar to *The Matrix* trilogy, both the sequel and the third movie were being filmed at the same time. Hopefully the third *Pirates* receives a better reaction than the third *Matrix*. Also coming out in the near future is *Spiderman 3*. In this movie, Spiderman fights off multiple villains, from his ex-best friend to an alien symbiote bent on turning Spiderman evil. The other two *Spiderman* films have been fairly even, as far as content goes. Perhaps this one will continue the trend.

There are some exceptions to the trilogy rule, such as *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, but overall, trilogies are a mistake that too many movie producers are making. They're so focused on making more money from the third movie that they lose sight of what made the series so popular in the first place. And until they realize this, moviegoers will constantly be shafted. They'll build their hopes up on a series, only to be disappointed by the time a trilogy is made.

## The allure of being free

Why I skateboard

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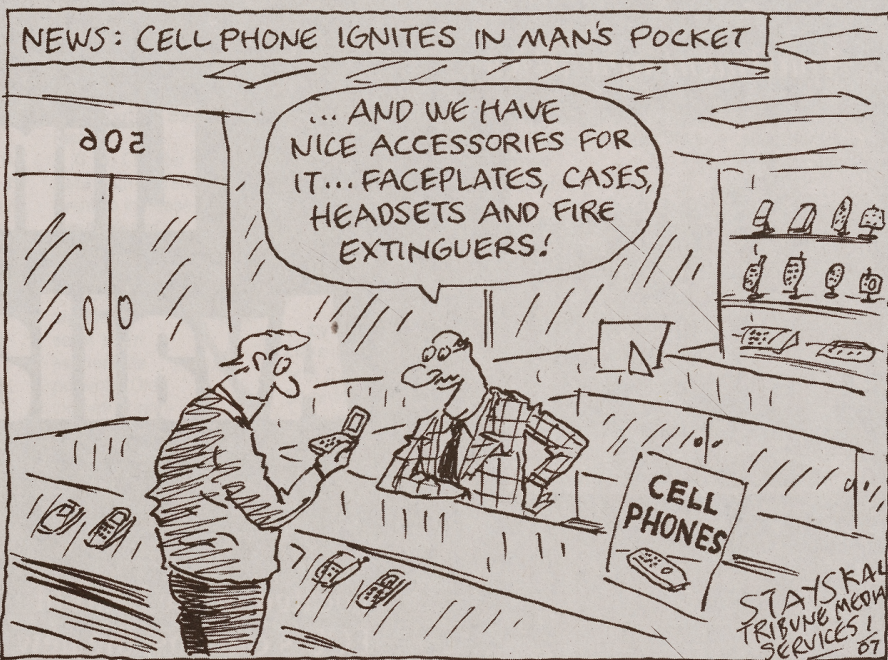
The few times that I have actually been on a skateboard I have A) had someone holding my hand, slowly guiding me down the sidewalk, B) had pillows shoved down my pants to prevent any future child-bearing injuries and C) accidentally stepped on top of one while leaving friends' houses, thus fighting against my own sense of balance and the knowledge that soon I would be greeting the street with my face.

Yet, these experiences have not stopped me from loving the idea of skateboarding. It's like loving sharks: Deadly, but oh so fascinating. Still, nothing beats the sight of spotting some blissed-out skater cruising down the street, iPod-less, just embracing the rush of wind and speed. There's a sort of peaceful, yet focused attitude that encircles a skater, a master of wheels. I used to think that I loved watching people glide by me for aesthetic reasons, but recently I've come to realize my love of skateboarders goes far beyond looks.

Not too long ago while procrastinating for an exam, I saw a music video on MTV that made me stop and actually take notice to what was playing in my world. "Kick/push," by Lupe Fiasco, is why I love skateboarding. Just like a wave to a surfer, or the rubber in wheels, skateboards know no such thing as race, age, gender, academic success, yearly income or otherwise detrimental man-made human illusions. Skating just is. It accepts anyone who is willing to accept it. If you hop on, it will move you.

Lupe Fiasco, a black hip-hop artist rapping about skateboarding through the city gave me that tingling feeling that on some level we, as people, are all just trying to skate righteously and sincerely through this universe, even if we fall, get in some trouble or lose our boards once in a while. Lupe unrolled it best saying, "Just the freedom was better than breathing."

Just as some sharks will die if they stop swimming, we all have our own ways of coasting to maintain who we are. I write and sing loudly in the car (not simultaneously). Some people knit. Some people get tattoos. Some people shop for vintage, nylon leopard-print pants on eBay. It's all beautiful. So, while I may never master the art of skateboarding, I can still smile when a person—girl, boy, black, white, Chinese, 13, 65, (doesn't matter) skates by because I can understand just why they might feel so good to be on their board, openly sharing with the world what moves them.



## PIRATE RANTS

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If you think talking on your cell phone loud enough to be heard a mile away makes you cool; what a sad existence you have on this earth you have. They are not exactly new or anything.

Is it wrong that I secretly hope that you realize that you two are not compatible and you see that we are?

Why is it that guys don't offer to take a girl out to dinner and/or a movie anymore? They just want to chill at the apartment. Does he think I'm a whore or is he broke?

To the girl that stares at me when you're with your man at the bus stop. I don't want him; he wants me!

Why is the speed limit 15 mph on the hill, when the speed limit is 25 mph around elementary schools during school hours? I thought that we were adults that knew how to cross the street.

Is it just me or does it tick you off when the professor repeatedly skips a slide that you aren't finish copying, then spends five minutes on a stupid picture?

I don't care if you like my Uggs. Trendy or not, my feet are quite warm.

You know, I really hate when someone adds you as their friend on Facebook and you do not know them. However, you recognize them when you see them... and geez, they don't even say hi.

I find it disgustingly gross that you would hit on little girls that your roommate tried to get up with. Not only is that disloyal to your roommate, but it's also showing you have no respect for yourself. Hope you enjoyed it because you can do so much better!

To the driver who sped up so that I could not pass in front of him, there is a special place in hell for you.

I didn't think guys were ever "not in the mood?" I left my friends tonight to hang out with only you for a little while, and you are too tired to do anything, what's up with that?

"Like I really like went to the mall the other day and like I saw my boyfriends girlfriend and she was like TGIF! ... Yeah, it's "like" annoying isn't it?"

I wish the videos from the drunk bus were on Youtube. I think it would get lots of hits.

To the people who don't pay attention to class and play on Myspace and Facebook during class, why do you come? The teacher doesn't take attendance anyway.

When is it gonna snow? I have practiced my throw and I know who I'm gonna get first.

I have never experienced such rude, cold-hearted, unfriendly people like I have in the South. There is no such thing as "southern hospitality." The southern sweetness that you hear about is a complete myth. I can't wait to get out of here.

I loved Elizabeth Lauten's article on *Flock of Dodos*. All of my students who attended the viewing with me came into class today talking about her article. I'm very impressed the paper let someone write about the film and say what she had to say.

Thanks to a few exes I no longer date or trust girls from New Jersey.

You know how I know you're gay? You stick your pinky out when you drink something and have phrases like, "when in doubt, pinky out."

So my boss says that a friend and I can come into work drunk since we are only going for an hour after customers are gone to set up for the next day, her boss was there and we got fired. We got punked. Hard.

I love my Hello Kitty waffle maker. It makes my day so much better.

My roommate still hasn't touched the dishes he left in the sink from before I came back from winter break!

To the sexy Asian who is mad at me; just be nice!

A guy once said to me, "I can't believe you don't want to kiss me." How condescending is that? That is exactly why I don't want to kiss you!

Funny, sounds like you're just pissed that you don't get cast in anything. Maybe you should use all that free time you get from leaving shows early to work on your skills.

I don't know what you all are talking about when you say that it is so hard to find the Pirate Rants? Unless the site was just recently changed because of everyone's complaints, it is pretty easy to find!

To the girl who slept with her best guy friend and wonders why things are weird... Maybe you think it didn't mean anything, but did you ever think that it might have meant something to him?

WZMB, doing more with less since 1982.

Why is Chris Brown on the OC?

I don't know who you've been looking at but all the girls with Uggs on that I see are pretty...

I wish my son would actually call, and not just IM when he needs something. That's right, I'm an ECU dad.

My puppy apparently went through my trash can last night. He was chewing on a condom wrapper this morning...

Quit sitting beside me in class. You smell like onions.

Yeah you're right music majors don't make any money... That's why professional musicians are paid hundreds of thousands of dollars playing for movie soundtracks.

Sheetz's cappuccino is my best friend. I am so thankful for Sheetz.

"Why do people major in music?" So what are you majoring in, the History of Frisbee?

This is for the idiot that said music majors never earn any money... Renee Fleming (look her up) makes an average of \$15,000 per night as top soprano at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC. Remember that when you cash your first paycheck.

To the people who continuously complain about the bridge being broken at College Hill. Shut up, put down the Twinkie and the HoHo and walk around, it's not that far of a walk. Quit being so lazy.

To the girl that lost her boyfriend due to World of Warcraft, I know the feeling, the only way to beat em' is to join em', as a result I have a level 46 hunter... Haha.

To the boy in my psychology class with the white baseball hat, I'm so sorry that our professor ripped your head off today.

Not all girls lie. I wish you'd stop feeling sorry for yourself, wake up and realize the perfect girl is right in front of you!

As far as I am concerned ECU does have a winning team. If you have had the chance to watch the hockey team play then you know what I am talking about. I hope Terry Holland is pleased with his new pay raise and the remarkable record put up by the basketball team, but the hockey team is a club sport and the fans that have been filling up their rink's facility all season have something to cheer about, and they do! Go Pirates

I want an ECU squirrel for a pet.

Ladies, especially one in particular, if you are asked out don't play the, "we'll get together soon" card. A simple yes or no works just fine but avoiding a direct answer is elementary behavior. There are other opportunities out there but oh me oh my how gorgeous you are... Closure on this simple question, please.

Stop the comments about the basketball team. If you're not pleased with it, I'm sure coach would gladly watch you coach a game.

To the person who wrote that Terry Holland should pay ECU to keep him around, you are an idiot. The last time I checked the athletic director has nothing to do with the actual coaching of teams. Our teams sucking here at ECU has absolutely nothing to do with the job our AD is doing. Terry Holland did his job well at UVA, and he does it well here.

The cops go after college students for two reasons. 1. They can catch us. 2. They make money off of us.

I have become a Kleptomaniac. It's bad now. Really bad.

I'm a poli-sci major and purposefully didn't watch the State of the Union address Tuesday night. I'm sure I'll be hearing about it in class for a good two more weeks anyway, so what's the point?

Last semester I was studying in the library basement for exams. I got up from my table to use a computer and was gone no more than two minutes. When I got back, someone had stolen my half-eaten brownie. What's up with that?

I've officially lost my boyfriend to his Wii and Zelda: Twilight Princess.

To the "nice Christian virgin," the answer is yes. Where have you been all my life?

I hate walking anywhere on campus because of all the smokers, at least I can walk around there because I'm healthier and walk faster.

Reading all the Pirate Rants about roommates makes me so happy that I live by myself.

To the person who Ranted about the stupid person in their psychology class, you used the word "stupidest". Therefore, you have nothing to complain about.

Yesterday, I forgot I had shoved an oatmeal cream pie into my mouth just seconds before I smiled and said hey to that pretty girl. Oops.

While I applaud ECU for wanting to improve the fountain, is there ever any small amount of time where they don't have construction going on?

I plan on submitting Pirate Rants even after I graduate and move away. I'll never find better!

I'm skipping class simply because I didn't do the work for it and I don't feel like getting a lecture about it today. I have no shame.

## JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My apartment is a wreck. It used to be so neat growing up, but now I live like a slob. I really want to get things in order, but it's so hard to figure out where to start and make time to do it all.

I don't have the room for everything I have, but I spent good money on it all and can't see just throwing it all away. What should I do?

Signed,  
Tired of living in a pig-pen

Dear Pig-pen,

When you don't have anyone to nag you about keeping your space clean, it can be hard to find the self-motivation. Buy some organization oriented shelving and under-the-bed containers for finding a place for your odds and ends that are currently homeless. Straighten up each night before you go to bed or each morning before you start your day, and you should be able to keep clutter to a minimum.

Sincerely,  
Jane

{Arts & Entertainment}

## Horoscopes

**Aries**  
You'll soon be in a better position to make lots of money. Be thinking about what you'll do when you get there, so you can do it quickly.

**Taurus**  
You've made a tough job look almost easy. Don't push that impression too far. Don't take on another impossible task quite yet. Get back to them later on that.

**Gemini**  
Soon, you'll be into the doing part of the plan you're devising. Know that new difficulties will arise. Proceed with confidence, and caution.

**Cancer**  
Do the best you can with what you have. You'll be well rewarded. You'll gain not only wealth, but also a lot of respect.

**Leo**  
You're taking on new responsibilities, and there will be conflicts. Be patient with a person who used to give you orders.

**Virgo**  
Make the decision and cinch the deal early. If you can't it's better to wait. Regular chores take precedence later and tomorrow.

**Libra**  
Listen and learn from a person who's more willing to take a risk. You won't have to do that at all. Follow when the danger's over.

**Scorpio**  
Make sure new systems are running properly, and then hold back. Be watching for problems to develop, and bugs to be worked out.

**Sagittarius**  
There are a couple of chores you shouldn't ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.

**Capricorn**  
You've been thinking of ways to protect what you've acquired, and that's good. Now, relax with people who love you, in a beautiful place. Don't buy or sell anything.

**Aquarius**  
Devote as much time as you can to your latest investigation. After you collect all the data, you get to build upon it. That's the fun part.

**Pisces**  
You're going into another learning phase. Perhaps it's because of a new thing you've bought. You need to learn how to use it properly.

## Local Concerts

**Crimson and Cream Talent Show**  
Hosted by: The Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Jan. 20, 2007 at Jenkins Auditorium from 1-3 p.m.  
There will be a party hop contest.  
1st prize - \$200  
2nd prize - \$100  
3rd prize - \$50

**Bill Agans Band**  
Jan. 30 at the City Hotel & Bistro from 7:30 - 11 p.m.  
No cover charge

**Craig Woolard Band**  
Jan. 31 at the City Hotel & Bistro from 7:30 - 11 p.m.  
\$7 cover charge

## Drink Recipe: Watermelon Martinis

1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup water  
5 cups watermelon, seeds removed  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 1/4 cups vodka  
2 ounces melon liqueur, optional  
8 lemon twists, for garnish  
Bring the sugar and water to a boil in a small saucepan and cook until the sugar has completely dissolved. Let cool.  
In a food processor, puree the watermelon flesh. Add a little of the sugar syrup to sweeten, to taste. Pour the pureed watermelon into two empty ice cube trays and freeze for at least four hours.  
In a blender combine the frozen watermelon cubes, more simple syrup, to taste, lemon juice and vodka, melon liqueur and blend until smooth. Pour into 8 frozen martini glasses and garnish with a lemon twist.  
Please drink responsibly.

# From grunge to gangster

1993 embodied a decade

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At its best, 1993 was a year for music gods, both new and old.

Though only briefly, "alternative" music veterans the Velvet Underground reunited, and the Wu-Tang Clan, just one of many emerging artists debuting in the year, were getting ready to change their genre forever.

At its worst, 1993 saw an uglier side of the coin; a televised, washed-up Michael Jackson denied his first child molestation charges, and the Backstreet Boys formed.

When you boil it down, 1993

is most memorable for the bands that made their debut.

The Wu-Tang Clan, only nine of the most insanely tight flowing rappers ever, changed hip-hop forever with their major label debut

*Enter The Wu-Tang: 36 Chambers*. Not surprisingly, most of the members got solo contracts with the release of this album.

Radiohead also made their debut, releasing *Pablo Honey*, and the huge hit "Creep," both of which were categorized as mostly filler. "Creep" would later haunt the band and maybe even fuel later changes in sound with more electronic experimentation.

Alternative rockers the Counting Crows released their first album, *August and Everything After*, and they saw a huge success with their hit "Mr. Jones"

and later with "Rain King" and "Round Here."

Tool, 311, Rancid, The Cranberries and Porno for Pyros also released debut albums in 1993.

Billy Corgan was in full stride, as he and the Smashing Pumpkins released their second album, *Siamese Dream*, to widespread acclaim.

The album debuted at number 10 on the Billboard charts and is a staple of alternative rock history. Oddly enough, what might be the Smashing Pumpkins' greatest album was apparently plagued by Corgan's writer's block, which shows the power of his song writing.

The Velvet Underground reformed just long enough to tour and release a new live album, *Live Through This*, recorded over three nights in Paris, France.

In 1993, Washington D.C.-based Fugazi released *In On the Kill Taker*, which widely considered their contribution to the evolving post-hardcore music scene.

Though not a mainstream act, Fugazi would go on to national fame in indie music circles.

*Songs of Faith and Devotion*, released by Depeche Mode, reached number one in the U.S., and is more of a rock feel for the traditionally electronic, new wave sound.

Of course, what's the 1990s without Nirvana?

*In Utero*, the group's final studio release, debuted on the Billboard charts at number one, and featured hits "Rape Me," "Heart Shaped Box" and "All Apologies." The album wasn't just

another *Nevermind*. The band's emphasis in the studio was on a return to sound, an attempt to shy away from the commercialized success of their previous release and they achieved it with punk tracks like "Milk It" and "Tourette's."

A year of ups and downs, 1993 proves good music can be commercially successful too. From Nirvana to The Wu-Tang Clan, the year was filled to the brim with great music.

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# Film experience offered to students



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Student involved in The Club take the time to gain valuable film experience by working together to create unique, one of a kind films from scratch.

The Club provides opportunities for all

SHANNON DAVIS  
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The Club is a new ECU group of students who aim to create film projects and to better improve the group dynamic of such projects. Since its origination last fall, the group has been a collaboration between the communication faculty and students.

Rudy Chu and Erik Green, both production instructors for the School of Communication, serve as the faculty advisors for the group.

The Club allows students to experience writing, directing and critiquing short films in a real life setting since currently, no classes are offered to expand their knowledge on these skills. The educational value this club provides includes film production opportunities for set design, creating storyboards, proper lighting techniques and working with a film crew. The Club is still a work in progress but it remains to be an outlet for narrative filmmakers.

In December, members of The Club participated in the Apple

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# Mark Twain comes to life

Check out performances in Speight Auditorium

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Those individuals interested in issues involving humanity, politics, religion and writing may want to attend the upcoming presentation entitled *An Evening with Mark Twain: Has the World Changed?* The presentation will be performed in Speight Auditorium this Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m.

Ned Johnson, an English professor at St. Petersburg College will be presenting the presentation. He began performing as Twain after giving an impromptu rendition while he was still a graduate assistant at Western Kentucky University in 1991.

Since then Johnson has traveled around the country to various universities and colleges performing in an effort to raise money for the Karen Pelz Memorial Writing Contest.

"Dr. Pelz was my mentor at Western, and she died in 1994 of esophagus cancer. Since that time, I have sponsored a writing contest in her name and do the show to help raise money," said Johnson.

When it comes to the quality of the performance, have no fear, Johnson has received good reviews from every venue that he has graced and has been asked back to perform again in almost every instance.

Those wondering what exactly the show will pertain to can turn to Johnson's description of the presentation.

"The focus is on how much the world has changed since Twain's



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The Norman Rockwell exhibition on display at the GMOA goes hand in hand with the performance.

# Latest Switchfoot album falls short

New album fails to deliver

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Dec. 26 marked the release of pop-rock band Switchfoot's sixth studio album titled, *Oh! Gravity*. The group of five embarked on a quick fall tour to promote the CD, and digitally released "Dirty Second Hands" as their single in mid-September. The band acquired the famous Tim Palmer, who worked with Pearl Jam, U2 and the Cure, to produce their latest work, and collectively, Switchfoot and Palmer attempted to expand their sound.

Overall, the lyrics encompassing *Oh! Gravity* are still the Switchfoot staple, uplifting lyrics with an ironic twist. However, Christian rock fans will pout hearing that the lyrics are not directed toward the faith and express feelings similar to every other rock band out today. Switchfoot's lyrics are hardly as whiney, but they have the political and adverse aspects of sudden fame as undertones.

Lyrics like these create a trivial sense of what their success has brought them. Switchfoot took the lyrics to a more mature audience in songs like "Awakening," but it is a different sound of the CD that grabs immediate attention.

Guitar riffs and drumbeats on this album are not what is typically expected from Switchfoot. The modern sounds of "Meant to Live" and "Dare You to Move" are not present.

For some reason, Switchfoot and Palmer experimented with the sounds of many different songs on the album, which takes away from what brought in fans from all over the world. "Head over Heels" has an odd twang country sound versus a basic copy of British pop rock in "Yesterdays." For some bands the mix up of sound works. However, for Switchfoot, it is important for them to maintain the sound that they created five albums ago.

*Oh! Gravity* has had some success, and Switchfoot kicks off a long U.S. tour beginning Feb. 13 in California. Reconsider purchasing the whole album, and perhaps just scour iTunes for "Awakening."

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Computer Film Competition. They had 24 hours to write, direct, film and edit a project using a certain set of criteria that was posted on the Apple Web site. One set of criteria included the incorporation of three props: A man named Alex Kona, a leather jacket and sunglasses. The film could be no longer than three minutes and had to be turned in within a day of the rules being posted.

"I looked on Apple's Web site and saw the film festival. Since we started The Club with Erik Green [and Rudy Chu] I saw this as a perfect opportunity for our first film. We pushed the rock down the hill to get the avalanche moving. With this project we had creative differences, but

collaboration is key. Overall, I learned to maintain a positive attitude," said James Gould, junior production major.

The Club received two and a half stars out of four on their film. The next film project they are beginning to work on is called "The Smokers Olympics." It is a satire film about smoking.

"I think with this production crew we can only get better. We can definitely expand our horizons with more film opportunities," said John Bliven, junior production major.

Mark Dunn, junior video production major, was involved with the film project because he was interested in taking part in something he knew

he would enjoy.

"I enjoyed being on set because it was as fun as it was stressful. It was most stressful keeping everything in control on set. My mind was racing because we didn't have a storyboard, so I was constantly thinking what the next shot would be. I definitely learned you have to push yourself to work with people who don't agree with what you're doing," said Dunn.

Students who aspire to become writers, filmmakers or actors are encouraged to join.

For more information about auditions for the film or The Club please contact Erik Green at [green@ecu.edu](mailto:green@ecu.edu) or Mark Dunn at [madunn21@yahoo.com](mailto:madunn21@yahoo.com).

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Those often forgotten gems

BRIDGET TODD  
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows the classics, but what about those off-beat books that are sometimes overlooked? Here are five of those books that will probably change your life:

*Franny & Zooey* by J. D. Salinger (1961)

People tend to site *Catcher in the Rye* as Salinger's seminal work, but I prefer *Franny & Zooey*. It deals with a lot of the same themes as *Catcher* (alienation, anxiety, intellectual insecurity, ego and of course "phonies") but in a more subtle way. The book is split in two sections, the first of which tells the story of Franny, a college undergraduate fed up with the insincerity of the world around her. The second section is about Zooey, Franny's wise older brother and his quest to soothe his troubled

sister. The book was a cult classic in the 1950s and 1960s and remains just as poignant today.

*White Teeth* by Zadie Smith (2000)

Reading *White Teeth* is like taking a semester of sociology classes. The book tackles all the issues, gender, race, class and sexuality, without ever seeming stale. It takes place in London, telling the story of the Bangladeshi Samad Iqbal, Brit Archie Jones and their families. Smith carefully examines the lives of immigrants and second-generation immigrants dealing with the new culture and world in which they are immersed. With her elegant prose, Smith tells the story with a stylish mixture of humor and heart. Beautiful.

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chobosky (1999)

I wish I could say I was one of those teenagers who spent their days perched over Camus or Tolstoy, but I wasn't. I read *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* instead.

People can tease me all they want and revoke my literature enthusiast card, but I still love this touching and heartbreaking epistolary novel as much as I did as a teen. It follows introverted Charlie through his first year of high school as he meets an unusual bunch of friends. They take Charlie in and introduce him to *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, Kurt Cobain and LSD. The characterization in this book is some of the best I've ever read. Plus, this book introduced me (and probably swarms of other disaffected youths) to one of my all-time favorite bands: The Smiths. Say what you want, I think this book is amazing.

*A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers (2000)

This memoir changed the way I think about literature and writing. Eggers tells the story of moving to California with his kid brother shortly after the deaths of both their parents. Using prose, graphs and even the lyrics to

Journey's *Anyway You Want It*, he manipulates the story he's telling to reflect how he feels about the process of writing itself. He often stops in the middle of an anecdote and retells in a different way. It's kind of like those old episodes of *Saved By the Bell* when Zack would stop time and change things around to his liking. Eggers really is a genius.

*Ghost World* by Daniel Clowes (1997)

Graphic novelist Clowes welcomes us into the world of Enid Coleslaw and Rebecca Dopplemeyer, two girls who are smart, cynical and just plain hilarious. They stalk suspected Satanists, drive around in Enid's hearse, and hang out in cheesy 1950s nostalgia diners that are so bad they're good. The touching story of these friends is sad without being schmaltzy. Never has the loneliness of everyday life been so thoughtfully drawn.

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era. Most of the presentation stems from his humorous view on politics, religion and storytelling, but also focuses on misconceptions such as the notion that *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is racist. Twain fought diligently against slavery and used fiction to help win the battle," Johnson said.

This show is being sponsored by Evolve and the Hilton of Greenville, and is being presented by the Greenville Museum of Arts in conjunction with the exhibition, Norman Rockwell's *Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn*.

"As for the show itself, I get to the venue early in order to try and meet everyone who comes. It is the way Twain liked to conduct his show, and gives me a feel for

the audience. My only promise is that I will do my best to see that people enjoy the evening, I know I will enjoy it," Johnson said.

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# Sports

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Swimming and Diving teams fall to UMBC in dual meet**

(SID) — The ECU women's swimming and diving lost the meet against UMBC this afternoon by one point as UMBC claimed victory in the last event, the 400-yard free relay, to claim a 119-118 victory. The men's team also suffered defeat, falling 134-103. The loss drops the Pirates record to 9-3 overall, while the men's team is now 7-4 this season.

Junior Rebecca Perry and freshman Kristian Ramkvist each won a pair of events. Perry claimed victory in the 50 (23.53) and 100-yard freestyle (52.16). Ramkvist won the 200 IM (1:54.54) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:09.00).

The Pirates swept the 200-yard butterfly with senior Kate Gordon (2:07.60) and freshman Jeff Miller (1:55.22) winning their respective events.

Junior Christie Icenhower also collected first place honors on the one-meter board with a total score of 254.03. ECU will conclude its regular season on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Duke. The meet is scheduled for a 1 p.m. EST start.

**Track and field concludes Virginia Tech Invitational**

SID — The ECU track and field teams completed its first meet of the 2007 indoor season at the Virginia Tech Invitational. Overall, the Pirates recorded nine top 10 finishes, including three top fives.

Aidan Sanderson, who qualified for the 55-meter dash finals on Friday, took home sixth place in the finals on Saturday, with a time of 6.44. In the 200-meter dash, Kevin Thompson's time of 22.38 earned him 13th place. Travis Covington and Akintunde Abisogun both placed in the top 15 in the long jump, coming in 11th (6.94m) and 13th (6.88m), respectively. The men's 4x400 relay squad recorded a time of 3:18.99, bringing home ninth place honors.

On the women's side, Chante Sessoms took home the ladies lone top 10 finish of the day, taking fourth in the long jump with a mark of 5.91m. Continuing in the field events, two Pirates placed in the shot put, as Amy Mueller (12.78m) and Danielle Eiler (12.66m) turned in 14th and 15th place finishes. In the weight throw event, Chelsea Salisbury's mark of 15.12m earned her 13th place honors.

In the track events, Samantha Lichtner came in 13th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:24.18. Nicole Briggs' time of 10:41.90 in the 3000 meter run was good enough for 11th place.

The ECU track and field squads return to action on Jan. 26 as they participate in the Gator Invite in Gainesville, Fla.

**They said it**

"I just try not to let anything get to my head, the last thing I want to have is people thinking I'm like T.O. or something."

-ECU goalie Connor Brearley

"When I came down here from Nova Scotia, if I ever thought that in eastern North Carolina kids would be running around with hockey jerseys on in a Saturday afternoon all psyched for a hockey game. This to me is almost like a dream come true to watch kids be so enthused by the hockey, and to watch our own kids perform so well. I don't think I could ask for more."

-ECU club hockey Head Coach Wayne Cox

"We've had a couple days off to help us recoup from the last couple weeks. Everybody had a really good practice yesterday [Tuesday] and I just think that we're going to be ready for Marshall when it comes to game time on Sunday... Hopefully we'll go out and do everything we worked on."

-ECU point guard Jessica Slack

# Pirates poised to make a move

**ECU women's basketball ready for some home cooking**

GREG KATSKI  
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU women's basketball team is in the midst of its toughest stretch of games in Conference USA. Three of the Pirates last four games were on the road, with ECU finishing up the trip in Huntington, W.Va. against an impressive Marshall (12-7, 5-2 C-USA).

The Pirates found themselves in a similar situation to open up the season. The team went on the road to play James Madison (15-2, 7-0 CAA) in the first game of the year. After a tough 82-66 loss, many wondered if the team would live up to the high pre-season expectations.

As it turns out, JMU is one of the strongest teams in the region. The Dukes are cruising through the Colonial Athletic Association and should be a lock to win the regular season title.

The loss to JMU was the first of a five-game losing streak to open up the season. Four of the first five games were away from home; mirroring the stretch the Pirates are currently in. In a sign of maturity, ECU is fairing much better during the current road test.

So far during the treacherous five-game span the Pirates are 2-2. If ECU can steal one from Marshall, the trip will be viewed as a success compared to the rough run earlier in the year.

Sophomore guard Jessica Slack thinks that the team has shown major improvements since the five-game losing streak.

"We've definitely been through some kind of tough times this year, but we're working things out," said Slack. "We've become a lot more mature in the last few weeks, I think, since the conference [play] has started."

The Pirates took it to Marshall at Minges Coliseum in the C-USA opener for both teams, drubbing the Thundering Herd, 73-51.



Former C-USA Freshman-of-the-year and starting point guard Jasmine Young hopes to build on the chemistry center Cherie Mills and her have built.

Marshall has lost only one game in the conference since, falling on the road at Rice in a heartbreaker, 83-79. The Thundering Herd will definitely be looking for payback after such an embarrassing loss.

Senior center Cherie Mills realizes that to make this season special, ECU will have to start winning more games on the road.

"I would love to have most of our games at home, but unfortunately we have to go away," said Mills. "We haven't been doing so good on the road, so we have to

pick things up a little bit."

At this point in the season the Pirates are a respectable 7-4 at home, but a lowly 1-8 on the road. ECU's only win on the road came this past weekend, when they beat a porous Memphis (3-18, 0-7) squad, 69-57.

With five of the last nine conference games on the road, the Pirates need to step up their road game. This sentiment was echoed by Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener at practice this week.

"I think that we played a lot of

games on the road, and we played a lot of tough opponents," said Baldwin-Tener.

Among the teams that the Pirates have lost to away from home are N.C. State (13-7, 2-3 ACC) and #23 Pittsburgh (15-3, 3-2 Big East).

Baldwin-Tener doesn't want to make any excuses about her team, but remains optimistic about the rest of the season. "We've only won one game on the road, so I'm hoping we can get some of these [road games] to finish up the

season and get some wins."

ECU currently sits in sixth place in C-USA, but is only one game out of third place, and two games out of second place. None of the teams in the conference have established themselves as the clear favorite to win the regular season of C-USA or the C-USA tournament.

Baldwin-Tener believes that the Pirates are better than their record indicates, and thinks that the team definitely has a chance

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# Connor Brearley proves he can hold down the net



Starting goalie Connor Brearley has the support of his teammates on and off the ice after posting a 3-0 record.

**Backup goaliemaking the most of opportunity**

JARED JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

When the ECU club ice hockey team took to the rink this season, sophomore goalie Connor Brearley didn't expect to find himself starting in some of the biggest games of the year.

After starting goalie Brent Falcon went down with an ankle injury almost two weeks ago in the Cane's Cup against N.C. State, Brearley took to the ice and hasn't looked back.

"My first thought when Brent went down with injury was hopefully he'll get back up, but I started stretching just in case," said Brearley. "You know you hope for the best but you prepare for the worst."

"I knew going into this season that Brent was a great goaltender and I have a lot of respect for him," Brearley said. "I know that everybody on the team has a role. Right now my role is back up goaltender and I'm happy with that. This is definitely not how I wanted to get the starting job but now that I got it, I have to step up and be there for my team."

The 6-foot-1-inch soft-spoken

goalie from Essex Junction, Vt. has proved to be worthy of the starting role left void by Falcon's injury. Since taking over, Brearley has gone 3-0 in his first three starts with one win coming over division two opponent and Cane's Cup champion Virginia Tech, and then a two game sweep this past weekend against Blue Ridge Hockey Conference rival Appalachian State.

The 3-0 start is a far cry from what people outside of the team were expecting out of this young goal tender. After surrendering three goals on 10 shots in the first half of the season, many people had doubts as to what could be accomplished with Brearley as the starter, but after the shaky start in the first half of the year, he has allowed just eight goals on 80 shots during his first three games as a starter.

"He does what you want anybody to do and that's just to put you in position to win the game," said Falcon. "He plays his heart out every game and really that's all you can ask for—just to put the team in the position to win, make timely saves and give us the opportunity to win."

When asked what he has been trying to prove to the fans and critics, Brearley responded without

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# Yow prepares for first game back

(AP) — Kay Yow is trying to avoid being overwhelmed by her return to the North Carolina State sidelines after a two-month leave to fight cancer. "The excitement might exhaust me," said Yow, who plans to coach the Wolfpack on Thursday when they host Virginia.

Yow says she has been pondering this comeback almost from the day she left the team in November, after doctors found the cancer that first recurred during the 2004-05 season had progressed. Now she's trying to be patient with herself.

"I don't want to push it," Yow said. "This is my first week. I'm getting back into it. I don't want to go overboard."

In her absence, longtime assistant Stephanie Glance was the team's interim coach for 16

games. Yow, in her 32nd season as N.C. State's coach, has an overall record of 696-321 in 36 seasons.

"She is high energy and she'll just go, go, go," Glance said. "She has a lot of wisdom and great advice. I think we all feel like we will be grateful for whatever time she can be with us, and her presence is just so inspirational to everybody. So if there are days she just has to sit on the sideline, then that's the way it is, but we'll all be grateful that she's there and she's with us."

Yow was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001 and coached the U.S. women's team to a gold medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. She has led the Wolfpack to four ACC tournament titles, 19 NCAA tournaments and the 1998 Final Four. During the Wolfpack's game

last week against No. 1 Duke, players on both teams wore pink laces on their shoes in honor of Yow.

"Just knowing that she's back, it's a great feeling," forward Khadijah Whittington said.

The game against Virginia also marks the start of a big weekend for the Wolfpack, who on Sunday face Boston College in the team's annual Hoops for Hope game to benefit a breast cancer foundation.

Yow previously said she hoped to be well enough to attend that game. Now, she plans to coach in it.

"There are people out there that are fighting harder battles than I'm fighting," Yow said. "There are many people out there fighting this battle of cancer who truly are my heroes and heroines. ... So we're in it together and you're lifting each other up."

# Pirates get 25 points from Jenkins but still go down

(AP) — Craig Craft and Sai'Quon Stone scored 19 points apiece as Southern Mississippi beat visiting ECU 83-72 in Wednesday night.

With the win, the Golden Eagles (13-5, 3-2) move above the .500 level in league play for the first time in six years. It is also the first time Southern Miss has won two consecutive regular season league games in three years. The Golden Eagles were coming off a 57-55 overtime win over Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday.

ECU (5-13, 0-5) lost its fifth straight game and has now dropped 12 of its last 13.

Stone's total included 17 points from the free-throw line.

He tied the school record with 20 attempts from the charity stripe.

The Golden Eagles placed four players in double figures in the win, as Jeremy Wise added 15 and Courtney Beasley had 12.

Southern Miss overcame an early 15-7 deficit and took a 30-28 lead at halftime.

The Golden Eagles were 0-for-7 from behind the 3-point arch in the first half but made four 3-pointers in the first 10 minutes of the second half, part of an 18-6 run.

Darrell Jenkins scored a game high 25 points for ECU, and Courtney Captain added 20 for the Pirates. Jenkins was 5-of-9 from 3-point range.

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Head Coach Baldwin-Tener

to take home the C-USA tournament championship.

"I'm not really pleased with where we are right now. I would like for our record to be a little bit better," said Baldwin-Tener.

She added, "The good news is that there's a lot of parity in our conference. I think we've got a chance in the next couple of

games, if we can get some W's, to maybe even fight for the [regular season] championship, but really fight for one of the top four spots that gets a bye in the conference tournament."

For the Pirates to move up in the C-USA standings during the second half of conference play, they will need stellar play from star center Cherie Mills.

Mills got her third double-double of the season in Saturdays win over Memphis, scoring 26 points while hauling down 10 rebounds.

Mills is trying to stay humble about such performances, but thinks she can help out the team down the stretch.

"I mean, I just take it one game at a time, and I take it how they play me," said Mills. "Overall, I think I've got some more for the season going down the stretch, at least I hope so."

The women's basketball team travels to Marshall on Sunday. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. The Pirates return home to the friendly confines of Minges next Thursday to face UAB.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS**

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Starting goalie Connor Brearley was thrown into the fire and prevailed.

hesitation, "Just that I can compete at this level. I'm just lucky and honored to be playing for ECU and I have a tremendous amount of pride every time I pull the jersey over my head. It's just an awesome opportunity to be out there skating with these guys."

Brearley claims that there is a difference from going in late in the game than playing from the start. "The first semester I didn't realistically know if I was going to see any ice time other than warm-ups. You're cold and your muscles are pretty tight after sitting on the bench for two periods, maybe even more sometimes. I felt more at home in the net when I knew I was going into it getting the start. I was able to prepare mentally for the game ahead so I had more of an advantage," he said.

Pirate head coach Wayne Cox stated after the Appalachian State game that Brearley is doing exceptional for not having much ice time this season.

"He was thrust right into the battlefront," said Cox. "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 got it now. Right now I'm equally confident putting him in versus Brent; I mean we got two excellent goaltenders."

Brearley's love of ECU has been reflected back to him by the

hundreds of Pirate ice hockey fans. He knows that if the Pirates win two games this weekend, it would put them in position to get a shot at going to nationals.

"Hopefully, we can come out with two wins but realistically they are going to be two extremely huge games that will most likely have some bearing on whether we get to nationals," Brearley said. "I'm just going take it one game at a time and personally, take it one shot at a time."

The 215-pound Brearley wears the number 35 because of Mark Richter, the former New York Ranger. The time has come to make a lasting mark on the young ECU hockey program. The "backup" goalie, as he often calls himself, has been waiting all his life for this chance since he started playing competitive hockey when he was only six years old.

All the hard work seems to be paying off for Brearley who expects to return to the back up role in two weeks when Falcon returns.

When Brearley steps onto ice this weekend against number three ranked Kennesaw State and the University of Georgia, all the eyes will be focused on him, but he claims to have success, he must not let all this get to his head.

This writer can be contacted at [sports@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:sports@theeastcarolinian.com).

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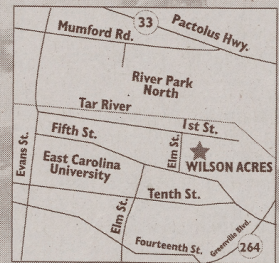
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- Jan. 30 Move Your Feet Heart Walk  
12:00 pm, SRC
- Jan. 30-April 3 Power Flow Yoga  
T 5:30-7:45 pm, SRC 239  
\$50 SRC member/ \$75 SRC non-member
- Jan. 31 Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings  
10:00 am-2:00 pm, Campus Wellness Center
- Feb. 1 Healthy PIRATES Stress and Your Heart  
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- Feb. 2 Go Red Day, American Heart Association Go Red for Women.  
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11:00 am-1:00 pm, Wright Plaza
- Feb. 6 Wheelchair Basketball  
8:00-9:00 pm, SRC Sports Forum
- Feb. 6 Introduction to Adventure  
7:00 pm, FREE
- Feb. 6-April 19 Lunchtime Ballroom  
T/Th 12:05-12:50 pm, SRC 239  
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- Feb. 7-28 Introduction to Fencing  
W 7:00-8:00 pm, SRC 239  
\$15 SRC member/ \$30 SRC non-member
- Feb. 7 Intramural Sports Official Interest Meeting  
9:00 pm, SRC 202
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