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Organizations work to help homeless in Greenville

Sleep Out for the Homeless event held Friday

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Photo by Lizz Wells

Phi Beta Sigma and Beta Theta Pi camp out all night in the cold, while receiving donations to help support Greenville's homeless.

Last year on Jan. 26, 141 homeless people were counted in Pitt County alone, according to the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless point-in-time survey. This year, some of Greenville's homeless have been seen in Mendenhall seeking refuge and warmth.

Michael Mullies, receptionist at the welcome center in Mendenhall, said that there are homeless people in the student center almost every day until it closes. Throughout the day, a few homeless men and women sleep on couches, watch television and keep warm.

According to Mullies, the homeless people who spend their days in Mendenhall keep to themselves and don't bother anyone. The only problem, he said, is getting them to leave at closing time.

As for other students who use the facilities in Mendenhall, Mullies said they don't seem to mind the homeless being there.

"As far as I know we haven't had any complaints from students," said Mullies. "I think students understand that it is cold out and these people are just trying to stay warm."

Christie Urgola, junior elementary education major, said "I think it's all right that they come in here because it's freezing outside and no one should have to stay in the cold," said Urgola. "I just wish that they would get help from an organization or shelter."

Many ECU organizations are trying to help the homeless in Pitt County by sponsoring fundraisers and awareness events on campus.

Last Friday, Jan. 26, the Xi Nu chapter of Phi Beta Sigma hosted their annual "Sleep Out for the Homeless" event in front of the ECU Police Department on 10th Street.

"Sleep Out for the Homeless," a national fundraiser that takes place on many campuses across the country, is in its 10th year at ECU.

For the event, the members of Phi Beta Sigma slept outside from 8 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Saturday in an effort to raise awareness about the homeless population and collect donations from the community.

Marlon Nolen, member of Phi Beta Sigma, believes that this fundraiser was a great way to get people's attention and make them take notice of the problem.

"I think by sleeping outside it really shows that we are willing to put ourselves in their shoes," said Nolen. "It's a different, more powerful thing to actually stay outside overnight and not just sit inside somewhere with a sign."

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma received support from many other organizations on campus including Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Phi Beta, the Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Omicron Epsilon and Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Members of the different organizations helped with the fundraiser by bringing hot drinks and blankets as well as volunteering their time to the cause.

"We wanted to participate in this event because it was a good opportunity to work with another Greek organization and help people in need," said Chris Stinson, president of Beta Theta Pi.

"Being a smaller chapter, we think it's important to help other small chapters and bring the Greek community together for a good cause."

Although it was cold out, most of the volunteers did not mind being outside for one night because they were able to help many local people.

"This is what we are here for, to service the community," Nolen said. "I don't think any of us joined a fraternity to wear the letters or colors and just look good. We joined because we wanted to help people who are in need, and this was a great opportunity to do just that."

Sleep Out for the Homeless was a huge success at ECU and many students came out to donate. The event raised 20 boxes of clothing and 300 nonperishable goods, all of which was donated to the Greenville Community Shelter.

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Photo by Levinia Tyrrell

Students dress up and dance the night away at the Masquerade Ball, Saturday in Mendenhall Student Center.

Students join forces to masquerade

Organizations host ball Saturday night

ASHLEY WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Dynamic music envelopes students upon entering a candlelit ballroom. Ladies and gentlemen glide across the dance floor in sweeping dresses and tuxedos. Where can such a picturesque scene be found? The ECU Masquerade Ball.

The Masquerade is the product of collaboration between the SGA who co-sponsored the event with Aycock and Garrett Residence Halls, the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and the Student Union Films Committee.

Originally, the Student Union Films Committee planned to hold a late night dance in honor of the midnight showing of the movie *Phantom of the Opera*. The freshman class SGA applied for a late night grant and the two decided to join forces, resulting in the ECU Masquerade event.

"As the first late night grant event, I'm very excited that so many of our active organizations on campus could come together," said Kristin Crutchfield, assistant director of student activities and major events.

Freshman class president, Patrick Sebastian, concentrated his campaign on the concept of bringing unity to the freshman class. Sebastian believes that events like the Masquerade Ball, which brings together many organizations on campus, help to fulfill this idea.

A fun and friendly environment awaited students who decided to attend the Masquerade Ball last Saturday from 9 p.m. until midnight. The dance floor was open and refreshments were provided.

Kim Edwards, executive vice president for NSCS, said that the Masquerade allowed for "having fun without going downtown."

Events heightened in intensity around 10:30 p.m. when ECU students entered a costume contest. Participants were judged by members of the Student Union Films Committee based on the accuracy of their costumes in comparison with the characters of the *Phantom of the Opera* and for their charisma in fulfilling these roles. The top three winners received cash prizes, although couples could split the winnings.

Jamie Scharbrough, Leia Cain, Dorothy Austin and Stuart Lannon placed as the top winners in the contest. Jamie and Leia coupled together as Christine and the Phantom while Dorothy and Stuart based their attire on the Masquerade scene in the movie.

The Student Union Films Committee intends to adopt the Masquerade Ball as a yearly tradition, similar to their fall showing of *The Rocky Horror Show*.

"The more students come to free events, the more events [we] can hold in the future," said David Cole, the Student Union Films Committee chair.

Cole wants to encourage all ECU students to take advantage of these events in the future.

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Statewide safety symposium held in Mendenhall Friday

Symposium provides info for educators

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A safety symposium held Friday in Mendenhall brought close to 200 members of education institutes from across the state to ECU.

The all day information sharing session, "Protecting Students and Managing Risks in the 21st Century," included speeches and workshops aimed specifically at the university level.

"We are a very vulnerable part of our society. We pride ourselves on our openness. We have no walls here and anyone can walk onto our campus," said Chancellor Steve Ballard, who provided opening remarks.

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> **STEVE BALLARD**
> CHANCELLOR

Director of student legal services Peter Romary was next with a discussion of the various types of violence students and faculty may encounter on or off campus as well as the legal ramifications for schools.

"The safety of our students is all important, it is all vital, and education and awareness is the key," said Romary. "When you protect students you ensure they have a positive and safe learning environment."

Steven Healy, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, gave the lunchtime keynote address.

"The college campus is an extremely complex environment. It's very difficult to take campus policing models from place to place. Every configuration has to conform to the unique environment of your campus," said Healy.

Healy continued, saying that getting students involved is an integral part of providing a safe campus.

"We need to empower students to protect themselves," he said.

June Atkinson, North Carolina state superintendent of public instruction, gave the closing speech.

"North Carolina is considered to be one of the most progressive states when it comes to school safety issues," said Atkinson.

Romary said since many of the schools in the western part of the state were not able to attend, ECU has been asked to repeat the symposium in that region.

Workshops in the morning and afternoon gave participants a chance to have discussions with professionals on topics such as legal issues, problems with alcohol and substance abuse and Internet safety.

"It's for people to assess needs and share what they are doing. We can all learn from each other, and more importantly, the experts," Romary said.

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Organizational services introduced at SGA meeting to help plan events

Speakers address congress members about event planning

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Speakers addressed congress and introduced services available to them to help organizations coordinate and plan events.

Virginia Hardy, interim chief of the office of institutional diversity, made the congress aware of events coming up that address issues concerning race, sexuality, gender and religion.

"We try to identify what problems students may have in relation to the topic of diversity," Hardy said.

One of the upcoming events Hardy mentioned was a dinner and diversity discussion about religion at the Newman Center at 6 p.m.

Hardy encouraged students to visit the office of institutional diversity, located in 207 of the Spellman building.

Another service presented to the congress was the upcoming Event Planning workshops.

Ashley Hudson spoke on behalf of Adeea Rogers, assistant director of event planning, and delivered information about the dates of the workshops and what topics will be covered.

Hudson said that Event Planning works directly with student organizations, SGA, and student life to assist them in coordinating events for their organizations.

Topics being covered at these workshops include; how to use webviewer, cancellation policy for events and how to plan events.

According to Hudson, the workshops will be held from 12-12:30 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 23.

To get more information on the workshops available, you may call the Office of Event Planning at 328-4731 or e-mail them at MSCEventPlanning.ecu.edu.

A major topic discussed amongst members of the congress was the SGA Summit, which was held over this past weekend.

The focus of the summit was an attempt to find solutions to get the three branches of SGA to work together more cooperatively.

"We basically just want everyone to get more involved in SGA," said Nick Genty, attorney general of SGA.

The last major topic discussed in the congress meeting was the proposal of a partial textbook rental system, in collaboration with the UNC Association of Student Government.

"ASG is proposing a partial textbook rental system with a focus on introductory courses," said M. Cole Jones, SGA president.

The textbook rental system is not set in stone at this time but is in the process of becoming a possible way for students to get books.

"It is a proposal which means every school of the 16 UNC campuses doesn't have to do it," Jones said.

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News

{ Campus & Community }

CORRECTION:

The article, "Documentary and Discussion on Evolution Comes to ECU," which ran on Jan. 18 contained several errors. Contrary to the article, Dr. Randy Olson does not support Intelligent Design, nor does it replace Darwin's theory of evolution.

The *East Carolinian* apologizes for the mistake and any confusion it may have caused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tiny Art Show Submissions
Emerge Gallery & Art Center
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Emerge Gallery & Art Center announces the sixth annual Tiny Art Show!
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 and 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.

Dance 2007
McGinnis Theatre
Starts at 8 p.m.
Dance 2007, the annual dance concert by ECU's School of Theatre and Dance, is the only place you can find both Spanish Flamenco dance and the Russian ballet, "The Firebird." Known for its cornucopia of dance styles from ballet and jazz to modern and tap, this event has become a perennial favorite among dance novices as well as devotees. Dance 2007 will be presented Feb. 1 – 6 in McGinnis Theatre.

Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library Book Sale
Feb. 1 – 4
Greenville Convention Center
303 SW Greenville Blvd.
Books, CDs and videos of all kind will be available for sale.

30 Tue

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.

Innov8r Course 2: "You have an idea, now what?"
This course of the Innov8r series covers: Market assessment & research, identifying venture opportunities, protection of the idea, technology & business feasibility checklist. $10 per class for students w/ ID, $30 at the door.
Hilton Hotel
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

31 Wed

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Screenings
Campus Wellness Center
10 a.m.

Chocolate on the Outside
A play sponsored by Student Union Cultural Awareness & Popular Entertainment
Mendenhall Student Center, room 244 7 p.m.

North Carolina Symphony Orchestra
Part of the S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series. Under the baton of Music Director Grant Llewellyn, this sixty-five member professional orchestra's primary objective is to bring music to the people of North Carolina.
Wright Auditorium
8 p.m.

1 Thu

Folkfriends Concert
Folk Arts Society of Greenville
Tipsy Teapot/Parker-Kennybrook Books, Evans Street
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Vs. UAB
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

Japan League
For more information, please visit us at ecujapan.org.
Bate 1015
5 – 9 p.m.

2 Fri

Best Dressed in Red Contest
Open to all students, faculty and staff.
Send your digital picture to warrenk@ecu.edu.
Winner will be on Campus Wellness Web site.

Go Red Day
American Heart Association Go Red for Women
Awareness Event To Fight Heart Disease
Wright Plaza
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

3 Sat

ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars
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.

Women's Basketball
vs. Memphis
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
1 p.m.

4 Sun

Want to see your event here? Visit our Web site at www.theeastcarolinian.com/calendar to submit dates, times and locations.

5 Mon

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, third floor of City Hall, 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
6 p.m.

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February 5 – 15

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RANT OF THE DAY

I have an extensive collection of name tags and hairnets.

Opinion

{ Everyone's an author here }

It's time to sink or swim

Do you have what it takes to be called a Pirate?

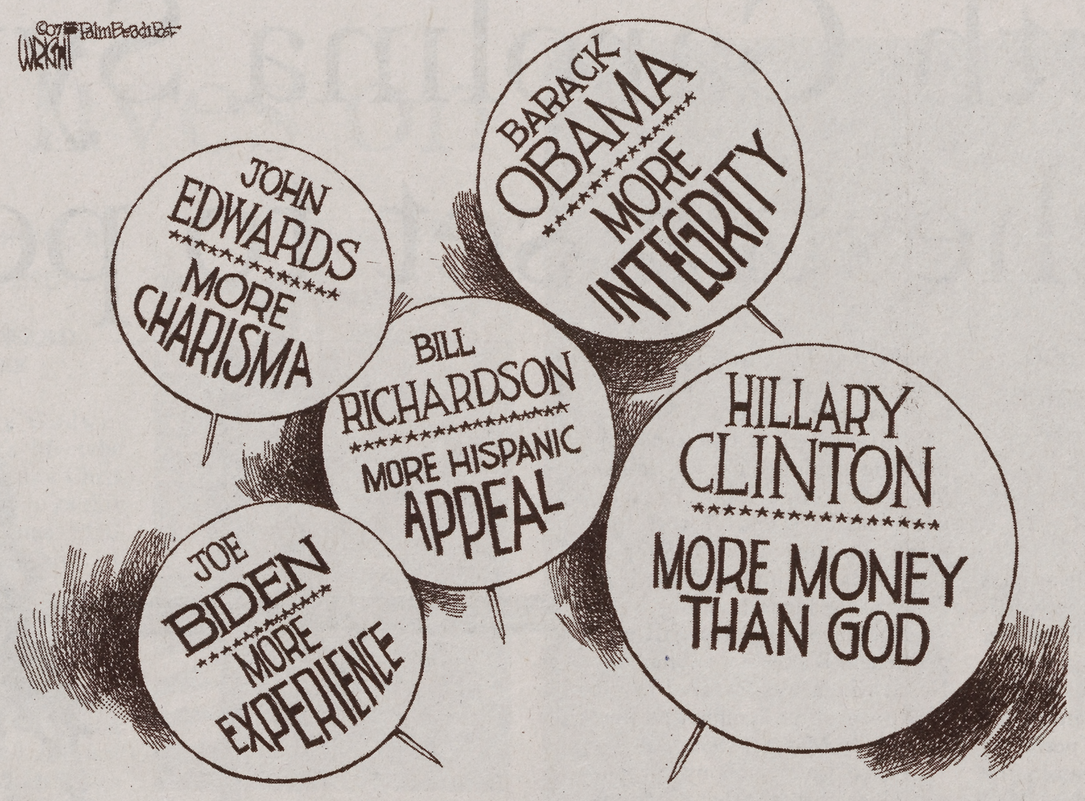
JONATHAN GARDNER
OPINION WRITER

Like land on the horizon while at sea, a billboard on Highway 264 tells travelers they are getting close to the campus of East Carolina University. The billboard, depicting ECU's football team, tells drivers they are entering "The heart of Pirate Nation." But who can truly call themselves Pirates? Do the students at ECU have their sea legs, or do most fail to meet the expectations? The codes of piracy at ECU are many and highly disputed.

The first article: *Support your fellow Pirates.* The athletes we have at ECU spend long hours practicing for games and put 100 percent effort into their sport. It would be unfair to expect anything less of their fans. Go out to the games, no matter what the sport and show your Pirate pride. Every time a Pirate hits the field/court/ice/etc., their fans should support them, win or lose. Do what you have to do to show support. Blast "Purple Haze," wave the Jolly Roger, do whatever it takes to show the opposing team that they have entered the Pirate Nation. On the same note, this is the ECU campus, and it should be represented as such. When students walk around campus in Carolina hoodies or Duke T-shirts, it shows a sign of disrespect to our athletic teams. On the high seas, it's what would be called "mutiny."

Secondly, *You can't call yourself a Pirate until you've seen what a real pirate is.* As such, all Pirates should have seen the first two *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies and should be planning to see the third. The sharp wit of Jack Sparrow and the quick thinking of William Turner should be set in stone in the minds of the students at ECU. The soundtrack should be on every iPod, the dialogue constantly running through the heads of every student. The more lines you can quote from the movies, the more of a Pirate you are. With the amount of partying at ECU, there's no doubt that at least one person has asked, "Why is the rum always gone?"

The third article follows suit with the previous two. Not only that, it comes straight from an actual pirate code: *He that shall be guilty of Drunkenness in time of Engagement shall suffer what Punishment the Captain and Majority of the Company shall think fit.* This article is all but self-explanatory, if "time of Engagement" stands for sporting events. If you need to drink, feel free, but do it after the game. "Win or lose, we booze" usually only applies when we actually know if we have won or lost. We don't need another e-mail telling the students how poorly they acted at a game.



JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My roommates are guys and I like to cook and serve them dinner. When I go out, I always seem to get guys' phone numbers. I think I'm straight but I am questioning myself. My friends joke with me about doing gay things. Are these signs that I may be gay or am I just letting these things get to me? Help me Jane!

Signed,
Confused and Questioning

Dear Confused,

I can't be the one to tell you what your orientation is any more than I can tell you how you take your coffee in the morning. I think if your friends are picking up on something and making jokes about it, you may need to reevaluate things. When is the last time you had a girlfriend? How did that feel? Why do you suppose guys give you their numbers when you go out? I guess the easiest thing to do is speak to a counselor if you have trouble coping with your confusion. For more exact advice, you could speak to a campus organization called B-GLAD, short for Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity. Each Wednesday, the general meetings are held in Mendenhall Student Center, Great Room 3, at 8 p.m. Their Web site is at ecu.edu/org/bglad. There, you can find people who understand what you feel you may be going through, and if you just go and sit in on a meeting, you can do so totally anonymously—I know because I've done it. See how you feel. Speak to its members afterward, if you like. Either way, this is an issue you'll have to solve for yourself. I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,
Jane

PIRATE RANTS

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

Oh, *TEC*. What happened to us? We had such a wonderful relationship. I would give you witty Pirate Rants and you would publish them, unconditionally. Was I too needy? Did I have unrealistic expectations about our future? What happened?

Is anyone else bothered by how difficult it is to eat well on campus?

Roller Derby is amazing. Who knew we had our own team in Greenville? I saw them last weekend at Dr. Unk's. They're hot.

Thank you to the boy who gave up his seat on the bus for me. I wish there were more like you.

Why hasn't the anorexic look gone out of style yet? Please, eat something. You look sick.

I'll eat those pancakes with mustard and mayo. Better yet, pizza and maple syrup.

If I see one more girl wearing shorts in 40 degree weather, I'll pull 'em down. Watch me.

To the girl that wrote about the cute guy that works behind the counter at the Rec... Please describe him; we all think it's one of us.

I really enjoy our conversations after class... I hope you know I'm talking about you.

I love rice. Do you love rice? I can make a mean bowl of rice. Just bring some beans.

Media Board appointed a GM who did not have the drive to seek and apply for the position herself. She also knocked down her authority so media board and the administration had more say. Sounds like an administration take over to me...

I like *TEC* and anyone who doesn't can do one of two things: Don't read it! Just leave it there for people who actually read. Ask someone to give you a swift kick in the nuts/ovaries, because that's what I'm gonna start doing to anyone who I hear complain about *TEC* and you might want to get used to it.

In high school, the players on my football team took turns smacking me with a towel.

Where are all the redheaded girls I keep hearing about in the Rants... 'cause I love me a cute redhead.

The ladies that work at Todd Dining hall rock, you brighten my day and definitely need a raise. Keep up the kick a** work.

Does anyone else find themselves humming the Mario theme song on their way to class? I'm just waiting for a huge mushroom to jump out from behind a building... and you know what I'm gonna do? Jump on him, and collect the points... which I will then trade for pirate bucks.

To all the girls wanting a sexy, hard-working, big money computer scientist, stop by Austin 208.

Girl, you have a big butt, and I like it.

The OC ends in February! That is not sad at all. The sad thing is what other stupid drama or "reality television" shows they will replace it with.

I think my place in this world is to be single forever, so the girls have a nice guy to run to whenever their boyfriends are jerks.

All the dads I've ever met have liked me. Now I just have to find a girl that actually does...

It sucks that all the Rants are anonymous; sometimes I'd really like to know if my friends are talking about me behind my back...

What was with the basketball headline that wondered if an "all-black" crowd could will the Pirates to an upset? Was that a typo, because I'm pretty sure I was there and there was equal representation.

Thank you to the guy who whistled at me today, I needed a confidence booster.

To the person who keyed my car, it doesn't prove anything if I don't know who you are or why you did it... but thanks for taking the time to think about me.

Is it weird that I think the Geico caveman is really sexy?

I'm scared to see who is waiting on match.com.

I'm a Pirate Rant away from Facebooking your ex-girlfriend.

To the duck-hunting Southern boy: When you get back, I'll be waiting with a batch of cookies!

Anyone up for a game of hide-and-seek on campus? How 'bout in the library?

Why are the Exercise 1000 instructors so hot?

I spend thousands of dollars to attend ECU and they still can't afford to fix the toaster at Subway.

I'm obsessed with Sims also. But that's because I can't marry Heath Ledger in real life.

The United States is not the United Nations... so why are we trying to fix the world's problems? Is it really our responsibility to fix everything in every nation in every continent?

I get paranoid in a certain class of mine. I feel like everyone is staring or maybe laughing at me.

I wish maintenance would come and fix the dryers on the fifth floor in White Hall!

He broke up with you for a reason and it was at the beginning of the summer. So stop texting him and saying that you miss him. He has a new girlfriend now and obviously doesn't care about you anymore. Move on!

Don't sing to your music when you have headphones on. You're horrible and so is your taste in music.

Can the history professors please get it together and learn how to end a class on time! Students have lives outside of your classes. Let us go!

Eric Clapton's guitar skills make me incredibly jealous and happy at the same time. He rocks!

I think the reason all my roommate's Rants get published and mine don't is because she's good at talking.

Attention all ladies: Reduce your standards for going out with guys! If you search for the perfect man, you won't find him. Give a random guy a hug today and apologize!

To the girl in my class who has the nano pet or whatever it is that is close to it. You've got to be kidding me! You are in college my dear, not middle school. I seriously pity you if that is all you can do with your time!

I'm so in love!

Who else would rather be on the beach drinking a Corona right now?

Guess what—I'm against gay marriage. Stereotype me if you will, but I say it proudly.

To the guy with the gold Prada sunglasses, I think you are really hot. It's nice to see some guys actually have style.

To the girl I almost had a collision with on Tuesday off of Library Street, I'm so sorry! I was eyeing a parking space and not paying attention.

You may think Southerners are weak for complaining about cold weather, but I find it absolutely hilarious when Northerners whine about our hot weather!

If the radio started playing underground hip-hop all the time, wouldn't it become that overplayed crap you are already tired of?

If over 1,000 people live at my apartment complex, why is there only one tanning bed?

To the kid who thinks he is emo, can you define emo for me?

I don't much care for you, sir.

So there is this weird boy in my communication class, and one day, when I was looking at my Facebook pictures from a party, I saw him in the background, staring at me. Ahh!

Even though I say I don't love you yet, I secretly am falling more and more.

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It's President Bush, thanks

How we could all be a little more tolerant

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

Everyday I hear more and more people say, "I support the troops, not the war." There is no doubt that the support for the war in Iraq is shifting. Daily, there is an increase in coverage regarding the slow progress in Iraq. After President Bush's State of the Union address, more negative feelings prevailed. Senators are openly showing their lack of support for war plans.

I do not pretend to know everything that goes on in Congress or around the president on a daily basis, but it is my contention that we should not. When I hear most people speak about the war or other matters of politics I cannot help but wonder, "How much do we actually know or understand about what is going on?" Sure, the mass media is a multi-billion dollar institution trying their best to give the American people all the facts, but how much of that news is tainted? How much should we really know?

I use my voting privileges to ensure that someone who is fully aware of the situation can make important decisions for me. The country elected President Bush twice to represent the majority view of the population. It was hard to predict then what the future was going to hold. How many of us, back on March 30, 2003 would really have changed our support for the invasion of Iraq? The country stood behind that decision and some would argue that the population even enforced it. Now that progress seems dismal, we all of a sudden pull out our support and demand that we get our troops home. The troops volunteer their services for a cause they believe in, but the American people do not.

I believe that we really do not know as much about the situation as we think we do or that we ought to. Maybe it is our time, even if we disagree with the things going on overseas, to support this country and our president. I am also concerned about the lack of respect shown for the president. One reporter was quoted as saying, "Mr. Bush," instead of the rightful, "President Bush." Have we really lost that much respect for the most powerful position in this nation?

I, by no means, want to belittle the value of freedom of speech or other opportunities we are so privileged to have in the United States. I value those freedoms everyday. But I would prefer to use them to support the country I believe in. We pretend like it is as easy as telling the troops to turn around and march out, which is a quite ludicrous idea. So to those who so desperately disbelieve in our president and the progress in Iraq, it is not that I do not empathize with you. But I ask, wouldn't support and determination for solutions, instead of harsh criticism and condemnation, really be more effective in producing change? A country at odds will produce nothing.

The race is on for the presidency

Observations of a political nature

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It has now become safe to say that the 2008 presidential elections will be a popular subject of conversation until the day we cast our ballots. Without an incumbent up to contend with, new players have started taking the field in what some believe will unfold into the most costly presidential election to date.

But it is not just one political side that is perking interest these days, as both the Democrats and the Republicans are producing candidates that are raising eyebrows—as well as questions.

In the left corner we have two candidates that have stepped front and center on the cover of every newspaper across the nation, but only one of them is bringing anything new to the table.

Is it Hillary Clinton? Sadly, the honor of first female presidential candidate goes to Margaret Chase Smith in 1964. However, Hillary does have a lot going for her that Smith did not, such as being married to the man who is capable of raising the most "Soft Money" our Federal Government has ever seen from an elected official (and you thought Republicans had all the money), but the real question it all comes down to—is our country, the United States of America, ready to be run by a female president?

I am afraid not. With all our leaps and bounds in promoting everything imaginable for females in all aspects of life, I do not think she'll be elected.

This leads us to our other candidate. While some might not know it, Barack Obama is not the first African American to make a run for the presidential seat—only the first with a realistic shot at winning.

The interesting quality, however, lies in Obama's heritage, as his father hails from a predominantly Muslim family. Normally, you'd expect a detail like this to slip by.

Then again, it is the race for the presidency we are talking about, a race in which any detail, no matter how minuscule, will be noticed and propitiated by somebody. In a race so completive, a candidate's past history towards drug use, possible racist comments or even domestic abuse can lose their bid for office.

With this in mind, do not expect Hillary to be the only one pulling skeletons out of dusty closets, regardless of whose they are and how relevant they may be.

As for the right corner we have yet another player who is entering the game with a hurdle to jump. While you would think in this day and age our nation would not have a religious test when running for office, this possible Republican candidate will definitely have to pass one.

As Mitt Romney is off busily forming exploratory committees for a possible attempt at the presidency, the media is forming opinions of his Mormon religious background.

You'd think nearly 50 years after John F. Kennedy won the vote and became America's first Catholic president, religion would fall to the background and allow for actual policy and platform to speak for candidates, instead of which version of God they pray to.

This is obviously not the case, most easily seen after the 2006 Congress turnover and Keith Ellison's bid (and win) for a seat in the House

It is a given that other notable faces will join the fray, from John Edwards on the left who sees being vice president as too small of a feat, and John McCain on the right, a returning contender of the 2000 and 2004 races.

Others will be stepping forward in the coming months, but will they leave lasting impressions in our minds as effortlessly as some have already done?

Teachers have always told students that it is a good thing to stick out in a crowd, unless of course we are talking about a presidential election. Only time will tell.

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Horoscopes:

Aries
You're facing one of those questions that requires mulling over. Don't be impatient. Wait, and the answer may come to you in a dream.

Taurus
Ask questions and listen carefully. Friends can show you what needs to be done. No need to re-invent the wheel. Use one you already have.

Gemini
OK, you can proceed. Ask for exactly what you want. Let them know what you can provide. Create a new position and new opportunities for yourself.

Cancer
You're in a more powerful position now, but don't get cocky. Make contacts with somebody who's far away to provide whatever's needed.

Leo
A carefully calculated move now puts money in the bank. Don't broadcast your intentions; just do what needs to be done.

Virgo
You know a lot but you don't have to know everything. Thankfully, you have other people who can do what you can't, or won't.

Libra
Be especially polite to an important person now. You always know the right things to say. You could get a very interesting assignment for your efforts.

Scorpio
Set the hook. Don't hesitate; believe that it can be done. Positive attitude is not an option, it's required.

Sagittarius
Pay your bills in such a way that you have a little left over. You need to get a special item for your home, and family. It's one of life's small luxuries, and you know what it is.

Capricorn
Show lots of appreciation to a person who's helping you. Leave bigger tips to the people who work to serve you, too. You need them.

Aquarius
More work needs to be done, and this is the hands-on kind. That also includes writing proposals and applying for grants. Make more money come in.

Pisces
You're lucky now, and could make a very important connection. You're very attractive, too, so go for what you want. Don't just sit there, thinking about it. Take action.

Mendenhall Movies

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The Departed
Wed 01/31 at 7 p.m.
Thurs 02/01 at 9:30 p.m.
Fri 02/02 at 7 p.m. & midnight
Sat 02/03 no showing
Sun 02/04 at 7 p.m.

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Thurs 02/01 at 7 p.m.
Fri 02/02 at 9:30 p.m.
Sat 02/03 at 7 p.m. & midnight
Sun 02/04 at 9:30 p.m.

Drink Recipes:

Wide-Awake Coffee Shakers

1 cup strong coffee, cooled to room temp
6 big scoops coffee ice cream
2-3 tablespoons chocolate covered espresso beans (optional)
1/2 cup half and half or milk

Place coffee in blender with ice cream and half and half or milk. Add in a palmful of chocolate covered espresso beans, if you like. Blend until smooth and serve immediately.

Palm Springs Punch

1 (11-ounce) can pineapple juice
1 liter ginger ale
1 cup bourbon
Ice cubes
2 (15-ounce) cans fruit cocktail
Combine.
Please drink responsibly.

North Carolina Symphony Orchestra set to perform

Special guests and exclusive compositions highlight event

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

Coming to Greenville as part of the SRAPAS series, the North Carolina Symphony is a full-time, professional orchestra with 65 members. With its home in Raleigh at the spectacular Meymandi Concert Hall, the symphony performs about 60 concerts a year in the Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Cary metropolitan area. The orchestra has also appeared twice at Carnegie Hall in New York City and once at both the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Orchestra Hall in Chicago.

As a special guest to the North Carolina Symphony, cellist Denise Djokic will be performing Haydn's Cello Concerto in D Major, a pristine jewel of balance and classic form. Djokic has been hailed as "Canada's hottest young cellist" by the Winnipeg Free Press and one of "Canada's 30 Most Powerful Women" by *Elle* magazine.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra has commissioned two different "Postcards from North Carolina."

Under the direction of Grant Llewellyn, the symphony will perform *The Swans of Pungo Lake* by Kenneth Frazelle. The North Carolina native wrote the piece after a "happening witnessed near Pungo Lake, in the desolate coastal plain of eastern North Carolina." Every winter, thousands of tundra swans and snow geese migrate from Alaska. At sunset, the masses of birds converge above a vast cornfield and create fantastic circling patterns. Sadly, this refuge is in danger since the U.S. Navy has threatened to construct an outlying landing field for fighter jets near Pungo Lake. Frazelle has created a beautiful work that paints a picture of the beating of thousands of wings and the loud drone of the birds' honking.

Audience members will also get to hear Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, which was featured in the North Carolina Symphony's first concert on May 14, 1932.

One of the Symphony's proudest achievements is that it has one of the most extensive education programs of any U.S. orchestra. Close to 55 of the orchestra's 170+ concerts are presented free to schoolchildren throughout the state and are a part of the schools' music education curriculum. Music teachers write and help show the curriculum to fellow teachers at a yearly workshop.

In addition, the North Carolina Symphony stages a yearly youth concerto competition, sponsors the Triangle Youth Philharmonic for high school-aged musicians, hires collegiate musicians as string interns and presents a Young People's Series in Raleigh.

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will perform at Wright Auditorium tomorrow, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

As always, students may receive rush tickets for $5 by bringing exact change and their student ID to Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. In order to reserve tickets now stop by the Central Ticket Office located in the Mendenhall Student Center or call 328-4788.

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Cellist Denise Djokic will be presenting a special performance along with the NCSO this Wednesday.

Studying abroad offers unique opportunities

Photo by Lizz Wells

Students interested in studying abroad can stop by the International House for more information.

Tips to getting where you want to go

SHANNON DAVIS
SENIOR WRITER

Students who are searching for a unique educational experience may want to look into the many study abroad program that are available through ECU. Study abroad programs are available to any full time student who is in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average of a 2.75 and with at least thirty completed semester hours.

If the language of the host country is not English, students must have four semesters of college level instruction in the language spoken at the desired country. Students who participate in the exchange program remain enrolled as an ECU student for the duration of their study abroad experience, whether it is a semester or a year. Students who have financial aid or scholarships can use them towards studying abroad.

Students receive ECU credit for studying abroad; therefore they pay the same tuition and fees as they would to remain on campus for the semester or the year.

"Australia and the UK are the two most popular countries student go to. Right now we work with forty-one different countries and 250 institutions," said Brandi Dudley, the assistant director for study abroad.

Students of any major are encouraged to study abroad. In regards to the most popular majors of students who go overseas, many students come from the arts and sciences, as well as business majors.

Students are currently signed up to go to Chili, Australia, UK, Spain, Mexico, Sweden, Finland, Malta, Netherlands, Lithuania, Switzerland, Russia, South Korea, New Zealand, Germany and France.

"It's quite amazing to watch the students transform when they come back. You see a change in attitude and [their] perception of the world. Students have said coming home is the hardest part. You have all of these new experiences and ideas you want to share," Dudley said.

This year the study abroad program received a grant from the IFSA foundation to fund students going to eastern Europe, Russia, Eurasia and Asia.

Dudley encourages students who want to go to those areas of the world to apply for the scholarship.

"We gave away $15,000 in scholarships this year and have $25,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year. We have money to give to students interested in going to those areas. If they want to go I encourage them to go in the 2007-2008 academic year."

Thursday, Feb. 1 is the deadline for the 2007-2008 academic year applications to study abroad.

"Each semester approximately thirty students go abroad, sixty in an academic year. We would like to increase the number of students abroad and the number of international students who come to ECU," Dudley said.

There are also summer programs where students can spend the summer months in another country. Last summer about 135 ECU students were spread across the world.

There are academic and personal advantages from studying abroad. As businesses are becoming more international, college graduates are now in need of knowledge about other cultures, languages, politics and business practices. Studying abroad provides cultural understanding potential employers are looking for in new employees.

"I think it's great to study abroad. It's definitely a learning experience to be in another culture," said Brittany Metcalf, senior child life major.

For more information about the study abroad program call the Office of International Affairs at 252-328-4829 or e-mail at studyabroad@ecu.edu.

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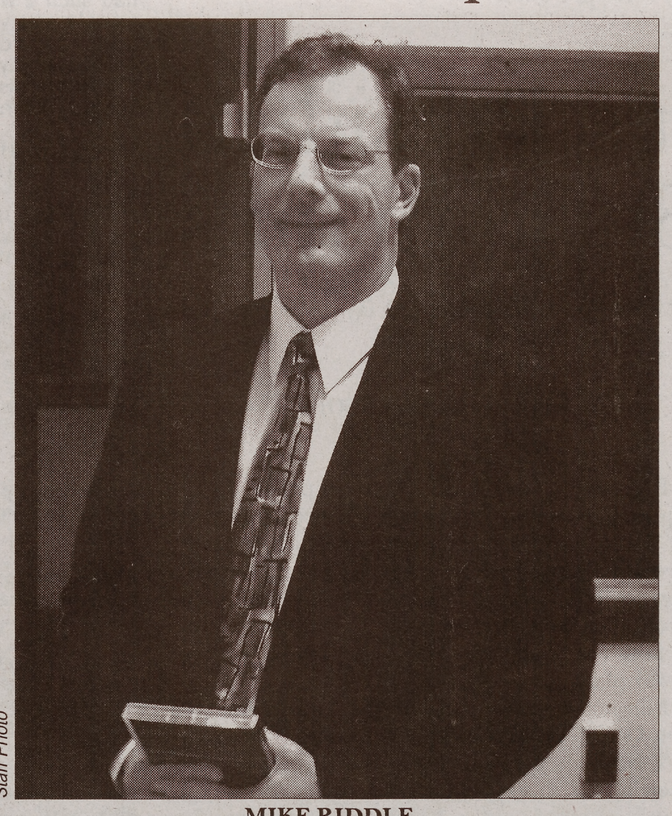
Professor lends experience



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MIKE RIDDLE

Spotlight of the month

SHANNON DAVIS
SENIOR WRITER

Mike Riddle, operations manager of Greenville's WITN television station, is an adjunct professor here at ECU. Students in the School of Communication can catch a glimpse into the real world of media production thanks to Riddle's knowledge and experience.

He received his bachelor of arts in broadcasting, radio, television and film from Eastern Kentucky University and his masters of science in television, radio and film from Syracuse University.

At the television station Riddle plays a key role in the overall production and content displayed on the station. He is also in charge of programming by pitching and selling new television shows.

"I coordinate for the sales department. Our Nielsen representative talks to me about the ratings. I handle all of the FCC compliances and the FCC renewals. I also receive the advertising and marketing reports," said Riddle

Riddle began teaching at ECU after presenting a series of lectures throughout a day which was organized in order to bring professionals from the media field to campus so that students could learn more about their perspective fields.

"They [ECU] had been looking for an instructor and asked if I would do it, so I said sure. I must have been crazy because two major hurricanes had hit Greenville, shutting down the university. Greenville was surrounded by water. Here I am working seven days a week, fourteen hours a day covering the hurricanes [for WITN], teaching a class and taking an online course," Riddle said.

This year Riddle was up for an Emmy Award for his "Just ask Mike" segments on WITN-7 News at six on Fridays. His advice on the segments is always well researched.

"I do weekly commentaries for viewers who ask and write in questions about television. Many years ago I started out as a radio DJ, and here I am in front of the mic on television. It comes full circle," Riddle said.

Riddle looks forward to offering students all of the knowledge and experience that he has acquired throughout the years.

"The challenge with teaching is trying to keep people interested in the material I'm discussing. I look upon it as a learning experience for myself," Riddle said.

This spring when it is time to sign up for classes again adding Riddle to your schedule could give you just the knowledge that you have been searching for.

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Former Head Coach Keith LeClair's all-time rank in total wins at the helm of the ECU baseball team; LeClair posted a 212-96-1 record in only five seasons as head coach from 1997-2002; during his five-year tenure, LeClair led the Pirates to four straight NCAA Regional appearances; LeClair's 2001 club went 47-13, capped off by a run to the NCAA Super Regionals and finished ranked 11th in the nation; Gary Overton ranks first in school history in wins as a head coach; during a 13-year run (1985-97) Overton posted an overall record of 427-237-1, taking the Pirates to five NCAA tournaments

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ECU men's basketball's RPI ranking, according to CBS Sportsline; RPI stands for ratings percentage index, and factors in strength of schedule and Division I wins; RPI is used to gauge the effectiveness of all 336 Division I teams; the Pirates have a strength of schedule of 197 in the nation and two wins against Division I opponents this season

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Wins by the ECU women's tennis team this past weekend in the Virginia Commonwealth Invitational; the Pirates defeated Georgetown, James Madison, Longwood, Delaware and George Mason; their only loss of the weekend came to VCU, who is ranked 13th nationally

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Points scored by the ECU men's basketball team in the first half of Saturday's game against UAB; it was the lowest point total in a half by the Pirates in two years at Minges Coliseum; the Pirates managed 26 points in the second half, for a total of 42 points in the game; the last time ECU scored no more than 42 points in a game was on the road against Louisville in the 2004-05 season; on Jan. 19, the Pirates got drubbed by the Cardinals, losing 92-41

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Number worn by ECU baseball player Chris Powell during his freshman and sophomore seasons; Powell, now a junior, was chosen to wear no. 23 this season in honor of former ECU coach Keith LeClair

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Points scored by sophomore point guard Jasmine Young in the Pirates loss to Marshall on Sunday, matching a season-high; Young's performance was just three points short of her career-high of 28, which came last season against Southern Miss; Young is averaging 13.3 points/game this season

'23' lives on

Chris Powell will wear no. 23 this season

RONNIE WOODWARD
STAFF WRITER

Head coach Billy Godwin announced at Saturday's "Meet the Pirates" luncheon that junior Chris Powell will wear jersey no. 23 this season, in honor of former ECU baseball coach Keith LeClair.

LeClair coached ECU from 1997-2002, relinquishing his head coaching duties in June of 2002 after being diagnosed with ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's Disease. LeClair, who wore no. 23 during his tenure at ECU, passed away last July after a courageous battle with the disease.

"I can't say how proud I am to be up here today accepting this incredible honor," said Powell as he put on the no. 23 jersey for the first time. "I just feel very humble and proud to carry on the legacy that a great father of ECU baseball created."

Powell will be the first pitcher and the first non-senior to wear the no. 23 jersey. The tradition started in 2003 when Ben Sanderson became the first player to wear the jersey in honor of LeClair. Sanderson is now entering his first season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Pirates. Godwin said Sanderson was involved in the decision to name Powell as this year's recipient.

"Chris is such a hard worker and a great role model on this team," said Godwin. "He demonstrates the qualities that coach LeClair possessed."

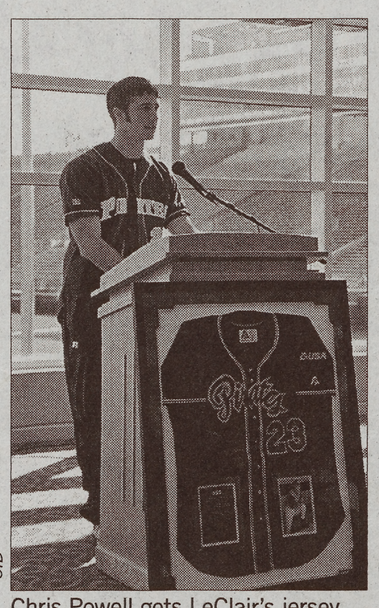
Adam Witter and Brian Cavanaugh, who both wore the no. 23 jersey as players at ECU, were on hand for Saturday's event. Cavanaugh, like Sanderson, is entering his first season on the ECU coaching staff. Cavanaugh is the Director of Operations for this year's baseball team. Witter, who wore no. 23 last season, was present to ceremoniously hand down the jersey to Powell.

"The fight and determination that coach LeClair showed is passed on every year and is represented by this jersey," said Witter before announcing that Powell is this year's recipient. "I know that Chris [Powell] is very deserving of this honor and will continue this great tradition the right way."

Godwin spoke about how important LeClair was, and still is, to the ECU program, and how much he values this tradition.

"Wearing number 23 is the highest honor for any ECU baseball player to have," Godwin said. "That jersey represents greatness in the ECU program."

Current Clemson coach Jack Leggett was very instrumental in LeClair's life. Leggett coached LeClair during his hall of fame playing career at Western Carolina and later gave LeClair his first coaching job as an assistant for him at WCU. Leggett said he had the honor of coaching with and against LeClair, but most importantly had the honor of being his friend.



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Chris Powell gets LeClair's jersey.

"For me, Keith was like a brother, best friend and son all wrapped up in one," said Leggett in a phone interview last week. "He was such a tremendous competitor and a dedicated individual, and that really showed in the latter stages of his life."

Leggett said he has great respect for Godwin and his decision to continue LeClair's legacy.

"If I was there I would try my hardest to wear that no. 23," Leggett said. "That is a tremendous honor for any player and is a great way to keep Keith's legacy alive and the memory of him going."

Godwin agreed that the jersey is a great way to keep LeClair as a part of the ECU program and in college baseball.

"It would be a mistake for us not to honor him," Godwin said. "This tradition represents the great accomplishments of a great man."

LeClair tallied 212 wins in just five seasons as the head coach of the Pirates. That mark makes him the second highest ranked coach in terms of winning in school history. LeClair took ECU to four straight NCAA regionals, won three Colonial Athletic Association championships and one Conference USA Championship. LeClair's 2001 team advanced to a NCAA super regional, which was the first in school history, and finished 11th in the nation with a 47-13 record. He was also very instrumental in the building of ECU's state-of-the-art baseball stadium, which is named Clark-LeClair stadium in honor of LeClair and leading contributor Bill Clark. LeClair made it very clear that his goal was to lead the Pirates to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"Coach LeClair's attitude and determination is instilled in the program today," Powell said. "As players we just want to honor him and fulfill his dream of making it to Omaha."

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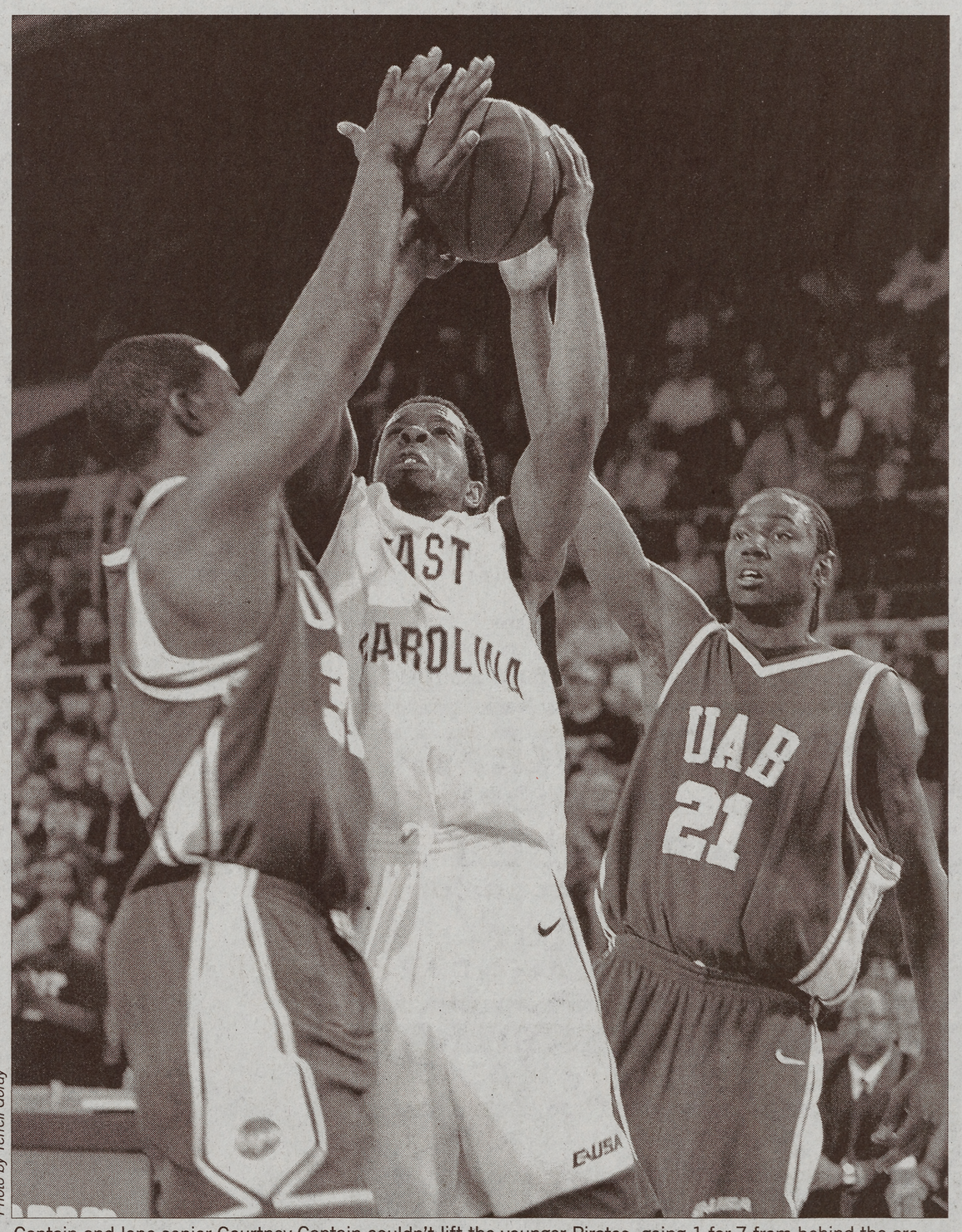

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Captain and lone senior Courtney Captain couldn't lift the younger Pirates, going 1-for-7 from behind the arc.

ECU struggles offensively in loss to UAB

Pirates remain winless in conference play

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

ECU was held to its lowest scoring half in two years Saturday night at Minges Coliseum against the UAB Blazers. The Pirates only lead of the game came at the 18:13 mark of the first half, by one point. It was the sixth consecutive loss for a team with a weak record of 5-14 overall and 0-6 in Conference USA.

UAB, who was coming off back-to-back losses, has now improved its record to 11-9 overall and is 3-3 in C-USA play.

East Carolina's first half was plagued by bad shooting as the Pirates shot 27.3 percent from the floor and hit only 2-12 from behind the 3-point line. UAB on the other hand was 40 percent from the floor and hit 6-16 3-pointers.

The Pirates battled early and the game was tied at 7. Then UAB went on a 21-5 run to take a 16-point lead, 28-12, with 4:44 remaining before halftime. Included in the run was an eight-minute, 12-0 spurt by the Blazers that included two 3-pointers from Lawrence Kinnard and another from Wen Mukubu.

ECU senior Courtney Captain had a poor shooting night as he went 1-7 from the 3-point line and had two 3-balls come in and out of the basket. He had seven points in the first half and was the leading scorer for ECU.

"We were shooting the ball, but it just wasn't going down. It was like there was a hand inside the basket," said Captain. "Then when they shot, the ball just seemed to go down. It all comes down to who can score and who can't."

The Pirates were unable to contain UAB's shooting ability while playing in their usual zone defense, and were forced into playing man-to-man defense.

"We were in a zone most of the first half. They were overloading one side and leaving a shooter wide open in the corner. It took us a while to get over to the corner and defend," said head coach Ricky Stokes about playing UAB's outside shooters.

The first half ended with the UAB Blazers up 30-16, but the second half started more to ECU's liking. The Pirates went on a 12-4 run to open the half, bringing the score to within five points on a free throw made by junior forward Taylor Gagnon. Gagnon played 21 minutes due to his speed for guarding the outside shot.

Nevertheless, UAB was not going to be denied for their third consecutive game. The Blazers went on another run, 14-3 over the next seven minutes, to take the lead back to 16 points, 51-35.

Toward the end of the game ECU seemed to be sluggish. The Pirates became slack on defense and started to make sloppy passes and miss wide open shots.

"I'd like to give UAB a lot of credit; they made a lot of shots when they had to. I think we came back in the second half and made a run of it. We played with a sense of urgency," said Coach Stokes.

"I thought some of Courtney's [Captain] shots went in and out, and that we had some good shots. I think Gabe [Blair] had one of his better games tonight."

Pirate guard Darrell Jenkins scored the last bucket of the game to make the final score 58-42 in favor of the visiting UAB Blazers. UAB shot 40.4 percent from the floor and hit 11 3-pointers in the game. Sophomore forward Kinnard hit four from behind the arc, giving him 14 points, seven rebounds, two blocked shots and three steals on the night. Senior guard Mukubu laid down three 3-pointers for 15 points and seven assists.

The Pirates leading scorers were Courtney Captain with 13 and Darrell Jenkins with 10 points and eight assists.

ECU heads out on a two-game road trip. The Pirates play against Marshall in West Virginia on Jan. 31 and then travel to Houston to face Rice on Feb. 3. The Pirates will return to Minges Coliseum on Feb. 7 to face UCF at 7 p.m.

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It's in the game

(SID) — EA Sports has announced that ECU's Clark-LeClair Stadium is one of four new stadiums to be introduced into the MVP 07 NCAA Baseball game bringing the total number of featured authentic collegiate stadiums to 23.

Clark-LeClair Stadium is the first stadium in the state of North Carolina to receive such recognition and just the second Conference USA stadium to be featured in the game along with Rice's Reckling Park. Other additions to the game in 2007 include Virginia's Davenport Field, Arkansas's Charlie Baum Stadium and Polk-DeMent Stadium at Mississippi State.

Another first for the popular collegiate game is a special voice-over, the only mention of any real life NCAA baseball coach in the game, that will be read at the beginning of every 2-3 games played at Clark-LeClair Stadium by ESPN's Mike Patrick:

"Hello everyone and welcome to Clark-LeClair Stadium in Greenville, N.C.—home of the ECU Pirates ... and named in honor of five-time Conference Coach-of-the-Year Keith LeClair."

Rounding out the audio presentation once again will be Stanford's two-time All-America pitcher Kyle Peterson doing color-analysis with Patrick's play-by-play. EA Sports has also incorporated video of both Patrick and Peterson in the booth at Rosenblatt Stadium as part of their intro-video as well as updating graphics of the original 19 stadiums.

Also included are 152 universities from all of the top conferences, as well as the 19 original ballparks from the MVP 06 NCAA Baseball including Rosenblatt Stadium—home of the NCAA College World Series'. The game is scheduled to ship on Feb. 6 to retail outlets across the country.

Other prominent ballparks in addition to Rosenblatt Stadium and Reckling Park are Russ Chandler Stadium (Georgia Tech), Hawks Field at Haymaker Park (Nebraska), Alex Box Stadium (LSU), Mark Light Field (Miami), Disch-Faulk Field (Texas), Doug Kingsmore Stadium (Clemson), Frank Eck Stadium (Notre Dame), Packard Stadium (Arizona State), Swayze Field (Ole Miss), Lindsay Nelson Stadium (Tennessee), Baylor Ballpark (Baylor), The Ballpark at St. Johns (St. Johns), Sunken Diamond (Stanford), Goodwin Field (Cal St. Fullerton), Jerry Kendall Field at Frank Sancet Stadium (Arizona), Dick Howser Stadium (Florida State) and Dedeaux Field (USC).

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For additional information or media opportunities for MVP 07 NCAA Baseball, please contact Jason Peerless (jpeerless@ea.com) of Electronic Arts.

Pirates lose road contest to Marshall

(SID)—Jasmine Young matched a season-high with 25 points but it was not enough as Marshall defeated the Pirates 69-59 Sunday afternoon at the Cam Henderson Center. With the win, the Thundering Herd improves to 13-8, 6-2 in C-USA action, while ECU falls to 9-12, 4-4 in league play.

Marshall jumped out to the early 4-0 lead on a pair of Kendra King free throws. Gabriela Husarova's putback on a LaCoya Terry miss sparked a 6-0 Pirate run. ECU took its first lead of the game, 6-4, with 16:30 remaining in the opening half. The Pirates maintained a three-point lead over the next four minutes, taking the 12-9 advantage into the second media timeout. Marshall's Meg Withrow scored five straight points, giving the Thundering Herd a 14-12 lead with 9:05 on the clock. A jumper by Jasmine Young tied the game at 14 a piece before Marshall's Alyssa Hammond hit a trey to put the Thundering Herd back on top, 17-14. The Pirates answered, going on an 8-0 run to retake the lead, 22-17 with 5:47 to play, forcing a Marshall timeout. Chantelle Handy's steal and layup at the 4:36 mark briefly stopped ECU. Then Young briefly took over, making a jumper and then a steal. After picking the ball off Young dished it to Husarova for the easy basket. This gave ECU the 26-19 lead with 3:48 on the clock. After a basket by Terry for the Pirates, the Herd put together a 5-0 run to get within four, 28-24 at the break.

Young led all scorers with 13 points at the break. Her 13 points is the most she has scored in the first half this season. Withrow led Marshall with 10 points. The Pirates shot 48.1 percent in the opening half while holding the Herd to 29.2 percent.

Marshall held the momentum in the beginning of the second half, eventually tying the game at 36 a piece on a KaShawna Curry basket at the 16:18 mark. Withrow's basket on the next possession gave Marshall the 38-36 lead. Terry's jumper with 15:27 to play tied the game at 38-38. The Herd regained the lead on another Curry basket, but a 4-0 run by the Pirates put ECU back on top, 42-40, with 11:43 remaining. Back to back three-pointers by Hammond gave Marshall the 46-42 lead, while a free throw by Withrow extended the lead to three with under 10 minutes to play. ECU pulled to within one, 47-46, on a Terry layup with 8:21 on the clock. Cherie Mills' basket at the 6:31 mark once again pulled ECU to within one, 51-50. The Herd put together an 8-2 spurt over the next three minutes, extending their lead to seven, 59-52, with 3:35 remaining in the game. Young's free throws at the 2:55 mark cut the Marshall lead to five, 59-54. Four straight free throws by the Herd gave them the nine point, 63-54 advantage with 1:21 on the clock. Jessica Slack connected on two free throws to cut the lead down to seven, 63-56, with 1:07 on the clock. Meagan Samis' free throws with 37.2 seconds to play gave the Herd the 68-57 lead, as they rolled on to the 69-59 victory.

Young's 25 points led all scorers while Mills finished the day with 13 points and Terry also scored in double figures, with 10. Withrow and Curry each finished with 15 points, leading the way for the Herd. ECU returns to Minges Coliseum this Thursday, Feb.1 as it hosts UAB in a 7 p.m. tip-off. The Pirates will remain at home on Saturday as they host Memphis at 2 p.m.

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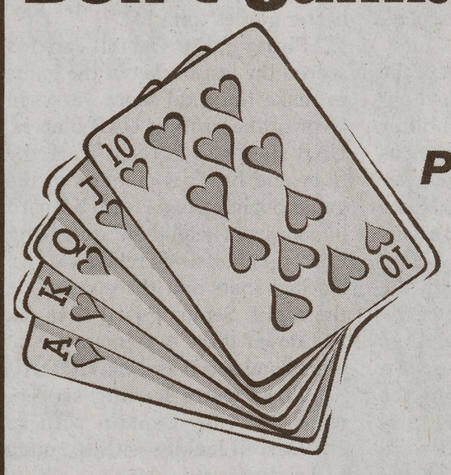

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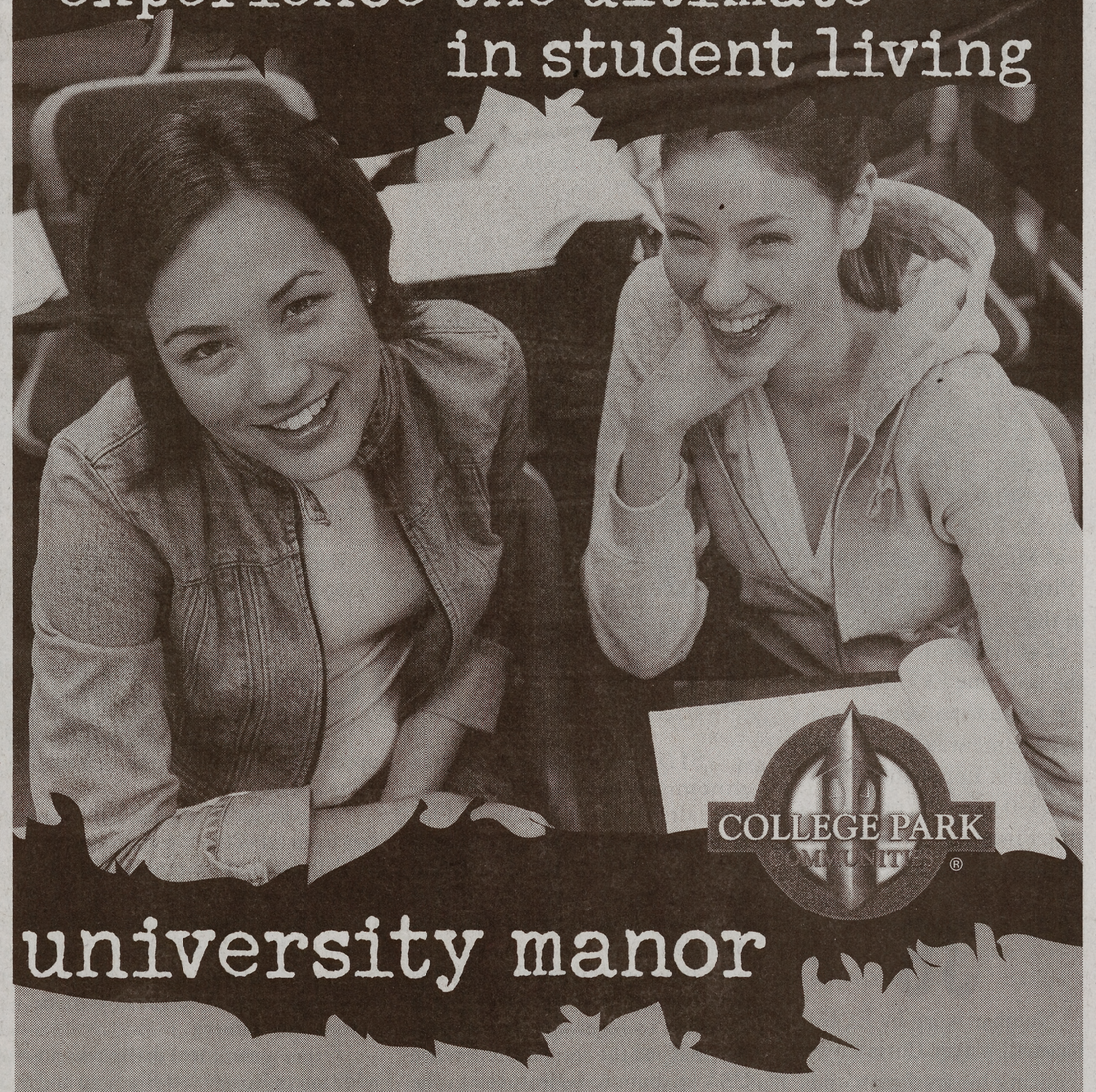

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