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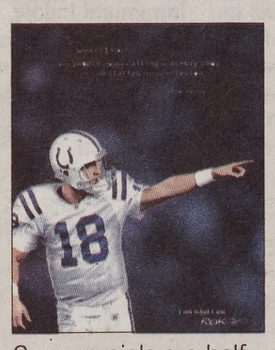

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Cracking down on Driving While Impaired

DWI laws that could affect you

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

Tonya Oliver knows a thing or two about DWI offenses.

As an assistant district attorney for Pitt County, she handles mainly traffic offenses and she says that DWI cases take up about 90 percent of her time.

"I just don't understand it," Oliver said. "You have a few drinks and think 'I'm OK to drive,' and then you make a poor decision."

Between July 2005 and July 2006, Oliver and the rest of the district attorney's office handled 2,211 DWI cases according to state court statistics and that number may be going up because of some changes to state laws that recently took effect.

"They've really closed the loopholes. The judge must find you guilty now," said Peter Romary, director of legal services at ECU.

Romary said that the list of changes is long, but there are several that could affect students more than others.

Any amount of a Schedule I substance found in the driver's bloodstream can result in a DWI conviction. These substances include LSD, MDMA commonly referred to as Ecstasy, PCP, heroin and morphine.

Someone riding a bicycle or lawnmower while intoxicated can also be convicted of DWI.

Mitigating factors such as causing injury or property damage now play a more substantial role as well.

For example, a repeat offender or a blood alcohol level above .16 coupled with an injury or property damage could cause what before could have been tried as a misdemeanor to become an aggravated felony.

And that means a harsher sentence for both the driver and their wallet.

"For one, your insurance will go up 400 percent. The fines are huge. It's absolutely massive in cost," Romary said.

Romary said that a conviction could also have ramifications with the university because it is a violation of the code of conduct.

Oliver said that though many might expect ECU students to make a disproportionately high percentage of the DWI cases in Pitt County, the facts don't back that up.

"We've looked at the statistics and broken it down, but it doesn't appear to be that way," Oliver said. "It would be great one day to have no one come in for this, but my job is to get everybody to stop. It puts us all at risk."

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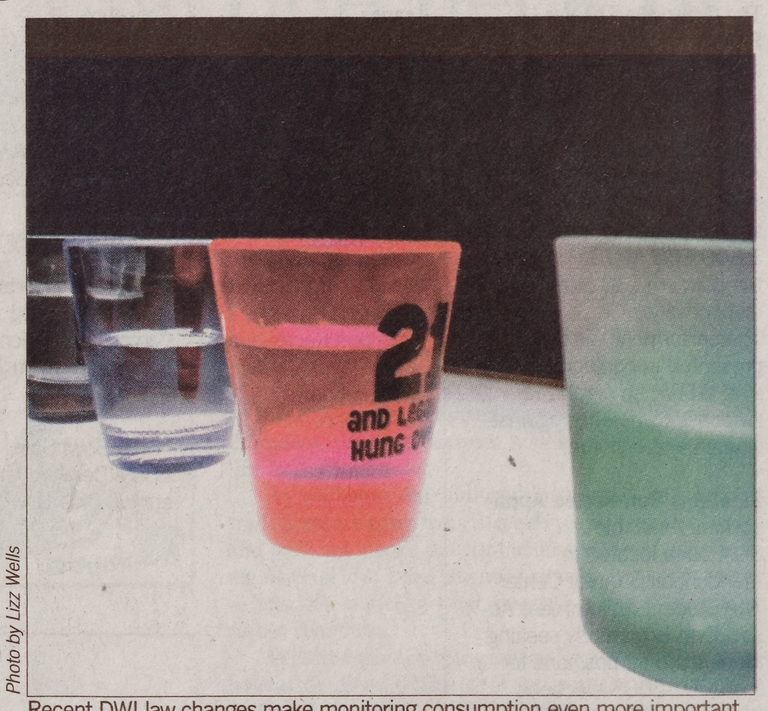

Photo by Lizz Wells

Recent DWI law changes make monitoring consumption even more important.

Red Week promotes Heart Disease Awareness

Photo by Lizz Wells

Student Health Services was awarded the title "Best Dressed in Red" by panel of students in honor of "Go Red Week" at ECU.

Campus Wellness and Healthy PIRATES endorse event

ASHLEY WALKER
STAFF WRITER

According to the American Heart Association, only 13 percent of women even recognize heart disease as a threat to their health, despite the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women over the age of 25. Campus Wellness, in affiliation with the AHA, have decided to devote an entire week toward promoting awareness for heart disease in women and advocating lifestyle changes as a means of prevention.

This week is called, "Go Red Week" in honor of the color red, a national symbol representing healthy hearts and the ability to engage in a better life. The national "Go Red Day" is Feb. 2, sponsored by the AHA since 2004.

Karen Warren, director of Campus Wellness, wanted to dispel the myth women are immune to heart disease. Women can be just as easily affected as men by the disease.

"This is really important for heart disease not to be overlooked [in women]," said Warren. Campus Wellness hopes that Go Red Week will not only bring awareness to the problem of heart disease in women, but also encourage women to enact lifestyle changes that they can utilize throughout their entire life.

The week commenced on Jan. 30 with, "Move Your Feet Heart Walk," which began at noon. The walk while bringing recognition to heart disease in women, more importantly emphasized the idea of physical activity as a means to stop heart disease.

On Jan. 31, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings were held in the Student Recreation Center main lobby from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. High blood pressure and high cholesterol are risk factors for developing heart disease. Screenings help alert participants to their condition in areas that are preventable.

The Healthy PIRATES showed support for the cause on Feb. 1. PIRATES, an acronym

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WZMB back on air

Tunes return, disc jockeyed shows do not

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

WZMB 91.3 FM, ECU's student radio station, went back on air yesterday after a two month-long hiatus spurred on by winter break and lack of a general manager.

Two orientation sessions were held with the WZMB staff in Mendenhall last Thursday and Friday to educate new and returning employees about the station's new direction.

Natalie Sacarakis, a senior English major who has worked at the station since spring 2006, said the meeting on Friday discussed "major changes" taking place not only with the station's technical capabilities but the responsibilities of the disc jockeys and station employees as well.

"[The station's programs] will be automated music playlists," said Sacarakis, who went on to explain that although the genres of music

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Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library hold fundraiser

16th annual book sale

ADELINE TRENTO
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library held their 16th annual book sale at the Greenville Convention Center.

The three-day event, which opened to the public on Friday, Feb. 2, is a major fund-raiser for the Sheppard Memorial Library and its branches.

Willie Nelms, director of the Sheppard Memorial Library, said that although raising money is the events main purpose, it also benefits the community in other ways as well.

"The book sale helps the community in a lot of ways," said Nelms. "It provides an opportunity to recycle books and it allows people to get great books at bargain prices."

Nelms also believes that the event helps to improve literacy in Pitt County by giving people a place to buy a ton of books for very little money.

"Many people want to buy a lot of books but simply can't afford to pay retail prices for them," he said. "At the sale people are able to pay low prices for a variety of books, and that helps to promote reading in the community."

The sale offered more than 18,000 books to the public with prices ranging from 25 cents for a paperback to an entire set of encyclopedias for $20.

On Sunday, people were able to fill a bag with as many books as they could fit for only $5.

Customers could also purchase movies and music at the sale, including a large selection of CDs, DVDs and VHS cassette tapes.

Most of the books and other items at the event did not come from the shelves at the Sheppard Memorial Library. Nelms said that less than 3 percent of the books actually came from the library. The others, he said, came from donations and gifts that were given by the community.

"A lot of people buy a book for $30 and read it once," said Nelms. "They donate it to us and we either already have a copy on our shelves or don't need it for our collection. We sell it at the book sale and it gives people a chance to own a basically new book for $2 or $3."

This year's sale was a huge success and many people came out to help the library.

Jan Lewis, member of the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library, said that the community comes out to support the sale every year.

"People are always happy about the event," said Lewis. "It gives the community a chance to buy cheap books, but it also gives them a place to meet with other people and share ideas about books."

Many ECU students also came out to take advantage of the great deals.

Students were able to purchase dictionaries, thesauruses, encyclopedias and other items that could help with their majors and future jobs.

Kelli Ross, junior elementary education major, came to the sale to buy children's books for her classes.

"Whenever we do our field experience and teach in classrooms we always read a story to the kids," said Ross. "I thought this would be a great place to stock up on books to read in the elementary schools that we teach in."

All of the proceeds from the book sale went to the Sheppard Memorial Library and its branches. Profits from the event will be used for special programs and activities that taxes do not provide for.

"The money raised at the sale does not pay the basic operating

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Photo by Levinia Tyrrell

Shoppers weed through books to help support Sheppard Memorial Library.

NEWS

{ Campus & Community }

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Vagina Monologues"
Feb. 9 – 11
Wright Auditorium
7 – 9 p.m.
The Greenville Theater Project is hosting the 2007 production of "The Vagina Monologues." Proceeds will benefit the Family Violence Program, Inc. of Pitt County. Advanced tickets—$10 for students and $12 for non-students—are on sale at 1.800.ECU.ARTS. Tickets at the door are $13 and $15, respectively.
The performance is being presented in conjunction with V-DAY, an organized response to violence against women and children.

Elections Committee Applications Available
SGA Suite located in Mendenhall Student Center
The Student Government Association is currently seeking students to fill positions for the 2007-2008 elections committee. Open positions include: Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chair and committee members.
All students who are interested in applying should go by the Student Government Suite located in Mendenhall Student Center next to the welcome desk to pick up an application.
Applications for Chair/Vice-Chair are due no later than Feb. 6. Applications for Committee members are due no later than March 30. All applications should be turned into the SGA office.
If there are any questions, please contact the elections chairperson at election-schair@ecu.edu

Student Actors Needed for "Confessions"
Four to six student actors needed to participate in "Confessions," a theatrical production in which the lived experiences of people with HIV/AIDS are told. Students will be asked to portray the lives of those living with HIV through monologues. Auditions will be held on Feb. 20 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.
If you are interested in participating, please contact Shawnte McMillan at mcmillans@ecu.edu or Tywanna Jeffries at jeffriest@ecu.edu to receive a copy of a script.

Summer study abroad in India
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Applications are currently being accepted for the 2007 Summer Study Abroad program in India. The 25-day program will visit a broad array of religious sites, including the Taj Mahal, the Ganges River and Dharamsala, the home of the Dalai Lama. Participants will go on a trek in the Himalayan Mountains. The program provides six credits that satisfy general education Humanities requirements.
For more information about the program, including a photo gallery, blog and media coverage of the 2006 trip, please see visit ecu.edu/religionprogram/india/
To apply, contact Dr. Maher, maherd@ecu.edu.

Yearbook Portraits
Location: Wright Auditorium.
Calling all Spring 2006 and Fall 2007 graduates, grad students and underclassmen! Mark your calendar to take portraits for the Buccaneer yearbook. The Buccaneer will capture ECU centennial year. Go to ouryear.com; enter ECU code 453 and reserve a day and time that works best for you. Walk-ins Welcome

Pi Kappa Delta
Feb. 6 & 8
Bate 1023
5:30 p.m.
Pi Kappa Delta, the new co-educational, professional, communication, service and social fraternity on campus will host an information session and social for prospective members to learn more about the organization. There will be free food along with a short presentation about the organization. Visit pkdecu.com for more information.

6 Tue

Lackawanna Blues
Sponsored by Ledonia Wright Emissaries
Hendrix Theater
6 p.m.

Wheelchair Basketball Drop-in game
Individuals with or without a disability are welcome and encouraged to participate in this exciting sport.
Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Sports Forum
8 – 9 p.m.

7 Wed

Men's Basketball
vs. UCF
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

Black History Month Bingo
Sponsored by Student Union Cultural Awareness & Spectrum Mendenhall Multi Purpose Room
9 p.m.

Intramural Sports Official Interest Meeting
Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, room 238
9 p.m.

***Chili Bowl Sale**
ECU's Ceramic Guild's 11th annual Chili Bowl Sale.

8 Thu

Sports Reporting Panel Discussion
Confirmed panelists include Lorenzo Perez, hockey writer for the *News & Observer*, and David Teel, sports columnist with the *Daily Press*. Other participants are still being confirmed.
Mendenhall Student Center Great Room
3:30 p.m.

Tiny Pancake Preview & Sale
The Tiny Art Show
Patrons will enjoy a supper of tiny pancakes, little sausage and miniature desserts. Those joining us will be given a sneak peek preview at the tiny art show! Advanced tickets are $10 for adults ($12 at the door) and $5 for children 12 and under (children four and under free). Emerge Gallery & Art Center
404 S. Evans St., Uptown Greenville between 5th and 4th streets
5:30 – 8 p.m.

Poetry Jam
Sponsored by *Expressions* Magazine & Student Union Cultural Awareness
Pirate Underground
8 p.m.

***Featured Event:**

Chili Bowl Sale

ECU's Ceramic Guild's 11th annual Chili Bowl Sale. You can fill your purchased bowl with free delicious chili. The proceeds of the sale benefit the members of the guild enabling students to go to educational seminars and/or bring in visiting artists.
Jenkins Fine Art building main entrance
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

9 Fri

The Third Annual Jean Mills Health Symposium
The fee is $25 for the symposium ($15 for students) if received by Feb. 2. After Feb. 2, registration is $30 ($20 for students). Online registration is available at http://eahec.edu.edu. There is no fee to exhibit at the health fair and information should be provided free of charge to participants.
The Greenville Hilton, 207 SW Greenville Blvd.
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Liberty
Clark-LeClair Stadium
3 p.m.

"Vagina Monologues"
The Greenville Theater Project is hosting the 2007 production of "The Vagina Monologues" Feb. 9-11 at 7 p.m. in ECU's Wright Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the Family Violence Program, Inc. of Pitt County.
Wright Auditorium
7 – 9 p.m.

SDA presents A Healthy Lunch
In honor of National Heart Month, ECU's Student Dietetic Association is preparing a "heart healthy" meal for faculty and students. Tickets are $7, please contact Nancy Harris at harrisn@ecu.edu to purchase a ticket.
160 Rivers
12 – 1 p.m.

10 Sat

TALGS Conference
Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free Kaplan practice tests Bate
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars
The fee (textbook included) is $49 for all eight sessions for World Affair Council members and $59 for the general public, if registered by January 12 and $69 thereafter. 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 Tennis
vs. Appalachian
ECU Tennis Complex
10 a.m.

Baseball
vs. Liberty
Clark-LeClair Stadium
1 p.m.

Ice Hockey
vs. Clemson
Bladez on Ice
3:45 – 8 p.m.

From the Heart, A Night of Giving
Harvey and Jones Halls in the Murphy Center
8 – 11 p.m.

11 Sun

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12 Mon

Intramural Indoor Soccer Team Registration Meeting
Mendenhall Student Center Multi-Purpose Room
5 p.m.

Family Feud: Battle of the Sexes
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.

Something the Lord Made
Sponsored by Student Union Cultural Awareness
Hendrix Theater
7:30 p.m.

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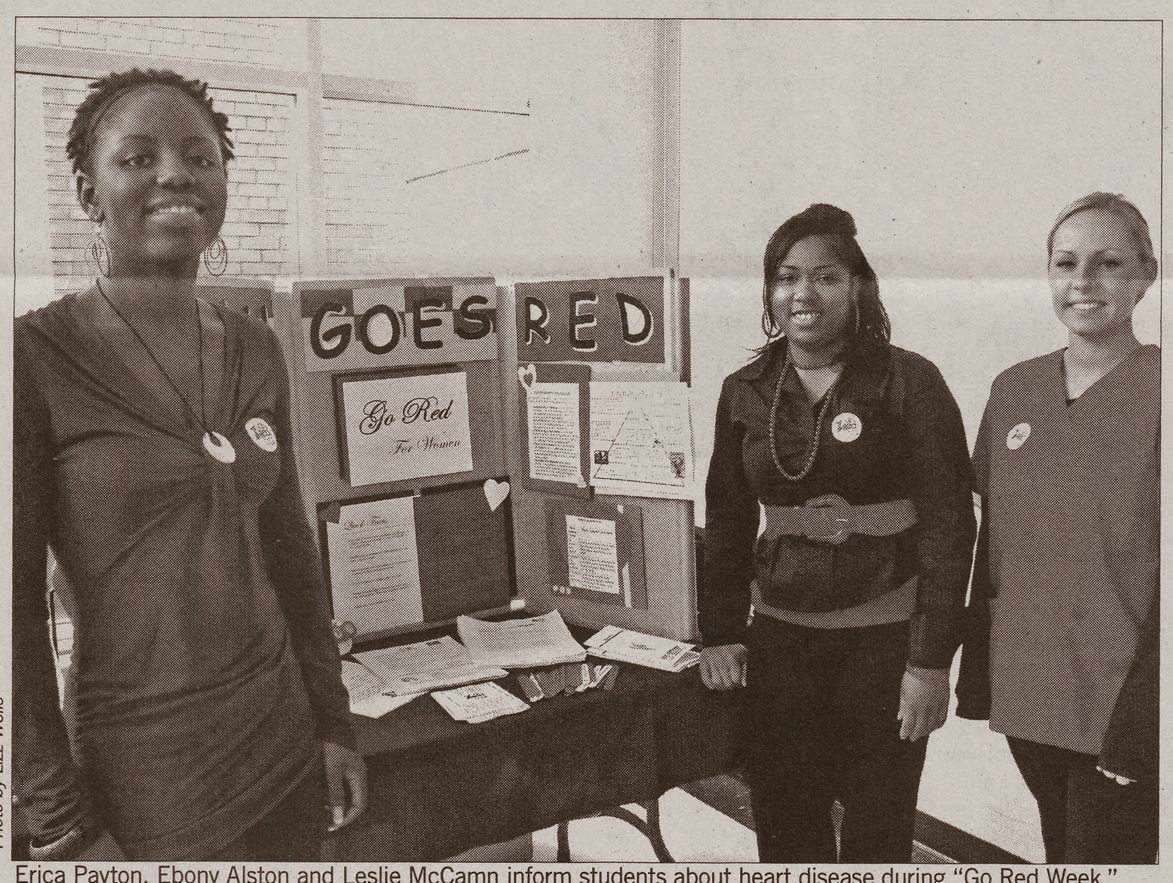

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Erica Payton, Ebony Alston and Leslie McCamn inform students about heart disease during "Go Red Week."

for Peers Influencing Responsible Actions Throughout Everyday Situations, enjoys educating everyone on campus about health related topics. A booth set up in the SRC provided visitors with the opportunity to learn about how stress affects heart disease.

"We are making stress balls because stress is one of the causes of heart disease," said Reshma Patel, secretary for the Healthy PIRATES.

Risk for heart disease increases when you fail to allow your body to relax. Stress can damage your arteries, which can then damage your heart.

"The hostile heart syndrome [studied at] Duke, [says that] people who have a pessimistic and aggressive attitude toward life are more likely to have heart disease, which relates to stress hormones in the blood," said Tywanna Jeffries, assistant director of Campus Wellness.

"People don't take into account how much stress affects heart disease," said Karen Warren.

Instead, Warren said people typically attempt other prevention methods like exercise before recognizing that stress may be a factor.

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may vary slightly depending on the time of day, there will be no individual specialty shows hosted by student disc jockeys this semester. Weather, sports and newscasts will be recorded by students, however, and will play throughout the day.

Sacarakis said that the WZMB staff was informed that the reason for the heavy reliance on the automated system stemmed from FCC violations last fall.

"The way it was described to us was that there were a lot of problems with FCC violations last semester," Sacarakis said. "The 'Task Force' was forced to make this decision [to use the automated system] or otherwise go off air."

Ken Robol, director of Student Media, said the use of the automated system is intended to make the station more efficient.

"The Media Board was not interested in micro-managing the station, but just focusing on small goals to help it grow into the future," Robol wrote in an e-mail. "This is very similar to what most commercial radio stations are doing. [The DJs] can still do liners at the station."

Sacarakis said she and many of the DJs were unaware of the problems involving FCC regulations at the station last fall.

"No one came to me and said … that we could get shut down," she said. "I was never informed I was doing anything wrong with my show. I don't think we were made aware enough [last semester] and then we had this dropped on us Friday."

Sacarakis said Kristen Stoneman, WZMB's recently-appointed interim assistant general manager, has been put in a "tough position" when it comes to overhauling the station and getting the DJs on track. Stoneman could not be reached for comment on this article.

Robol said the Media Board "wanted WZMB to retool and focus on the big picture of being a training ground and serving students while providing great entertainment for ECU."

Instead of hosting music programs this semester, WZMB employees who are not weather, sports or newscasters will work on various projects like loading songs into the OMT-Media Touch system's library, retooling the FCC and training/policy manual and finding ways to get more students groups engaged with the radio.

Sacarakis echoed the sentiments of former DJ Jimmy Goose when she said she was "not real thrilled with the idea of not having DJs on air anymore."

"I don't think enough input was taken from the DJs," Sacarakis said about the Media Board's decision to implement a task force.

"I don't think they have experience with radio, they haven't worked with the radio… It's a silly idea to put the station in their hands," she said.

Robol, however, is excited about the possibilities the automated system offers.

"The station has a music library of over 10,000 songs and this is going to be available to listeners and to DJs starting in April. WZMB will be the only station in town that could play Bob Dylan, REM, Johnny Cash, Kayne West, Normal Jean, MXPX and many other great artists… This is a great time to work at WZMB," he said.

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expenses of the library," said Nelms. "It is the responsibility of the local government to do that. The book sale provides for the quality type things that the library does."

Proceeds from the sale will be used to improve the quality of the library by providing children's programs, buying additional resources and providing for other activities that will benefit the entire community.

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Enough is enough

Accept differences and embrace diversity

ELISE PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

The other night, while watching an episode of "Trading Spouses," I saw something that I have known about for some time, but had never written about. The show is about two families who trade spouses for a week and the new "mommies" get to make new rules, do new things and decide certain issues for their new family. The episode that I was watching portrayed a white woman and a black woman who had traded lives with each other.

The white woman ended up with a black man who was all about African pride and "teaching" this woman the value of black culture in America. He treated her terribly, because he felt like she should learn from mistakes that the white race had made as a whole. The black woman ended up with a family who welcomed her, but found it difficult to interact with the family.

At the end of the show, the two moms got together to talk about their experience. It was amazing to see that both of them thought that the other was rude when talking about their family's dynamics.

This, only confirms what I see on a day-to-day basis between black and white people. As a whole, the two races don't understand each other. It's no secret that the black culture and the white culture have major differences. True, we are all human beings, but some things about each culture are distinctly different.

I noticed this culture difference even more when I came to ECU. I was really surprised to find that most white people stuck together and most black people stuck together. As far as I could see, there wasn't much racial mixing. I also noticed that it was hard to make friends with the opposite race. I understood the obvious cultural differences, but why was this happening? Are people afraid to hang out with someone of the opposite race?

There is no blame placed on a particular race; each one has their problems. Some ignorant white people in the United States choose to hate and exploit black people and some equally ignorant black people choose to think of whites as fitting a certain mold, as if the whole race is prejudiced. Both of these ideas are wrong.

I think that it is the craziest thing to see blacks and whites still so separated from each other. I think that if each race is to better understand each other and abolish these racial "generalizations" that have plagued our society, blacks and whites need to get to know each other. If each race spent some time with the other, they would find that despite cultural differences, we are all people and all have more similarities than differences.

Personally, I hate living in a world that is defined by black and white. I'm not saying that our society should wash away the things that make each culture unique, but I do think that people should blend the differences. This would make America a better place. Whites should understand that blacks have had it hard in the United States. Blacks should understand that not all white people have an agenda against them.

The black-white controversy has gone on for hundreds of years and I think that it is enough. Accept differences. Spread diversity and acceptance. That is the only way that a small portion in the gap that divides the races will be bridged.

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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.

Dear Stupid: I saw you put your parking ticket on my car, and FYI, I'm not going to pay it!

I want to rant about my rant not being published.

Way to go, Colts!

When life gives you lemons, throw the lemons at those that have made you mad.

There is a difference between being walked on and being the bigger person.

Just so you know, the whole world does not revolve around your girlfriend...

Shiver me timbers! I can't wait for football season this fall!

My second longest relationship is the result of cheating during my first longest relationship—whoops!

How can Carolina win by 28 at Arizona but lose by four at N.C. State? Sometimes college basketball doesn't make any sense.

Madonna should be the next president.

I know our basketball team sucks but there are only four home games left. Come and support the team. If not the team, come support our senior Courtney Captain. Oh Captain, My Captain.

Girls suck. They over analyze things, they think their crap don't stink and think every guy is trying to get in their pants. Open your eyes ladies, there's a whole other world besides your own.

I should not be the one doing all the bending... compromise is a two way street.

Just because I'm driving doesn't mean I'm taking you everywhere you want to go. I'm not asking for gas money, isn't that enough?

If your relationship ended because they were not treating you as you deserve, then how can you be friends? A friend wouldn't mistreat a friend.

Don't think I'm trying to get up with you when I ask you to come chill with me. I'm just trying to be nice because I know you're alone.

I went to the store and the woman behind me told her daughter she couldn't go to the shorter line because she needed to get cigarettes. That made me want to slap her in the face.

You're with your boyfriend way too much.

What is an ECU squirrel?

I don't think I'm pretty enough to be in theatre.

You get more ugly the more I drink.

I know I'm sexy; you don't have to yell it out the window when I scoot by on my moped.

Fall Out Boy's music is catchier than Chlamydia.

Why do hardcore kids wear camo? So they won't be seen!

To the boy who had his brownie stolen in the library last year, I'm really sorry I thought you were finished with it.

I can't wait for Britney Spears' comeback!

No, you aren't the only one that likes George Bush. I love him so much that I would probably marry him.

Chuck Norris could fix the fountain faster and cheaper.

Who knew we had a ski and snowboard team! I am so all over that next year!

My friends rock... every weekend I get more stoked just to hang out with them!

How about this? I'll be willing to listen to you whine about your grades when you actually start doing your work, m'kay?

To the professors who wrote about the *Flock of Dodos* film: Why put all that time, effort and energy into criticizing a student writer? Here's a suggestion, do what we pay you to do—educate us.

Does anyone else miss the old Nickelodeon show, "Double Dare?"

Hey Mr. Bus Driver, I really appreciate you not bothering to even slow down as I was crossing the street in the crosswalk.

I met the guy who is Pee Dee in class today... I was excited.

If ECU doesn't already have a dating service, they should start one from all the anonymous love letters posted in Pirate Rants. It could be a solution to everyone's problem. Why are all of my friends in relationships?

Sometimes, when I look at my beautiful girlfriend, I think to myself, "D***, how'd I manage that?"

My pet poodle, Trixie, wears more expensive clothes than half the people here.

I know my name sort of rhymes with masturbate, but the joke definitely gets old after eight years.

I got locked in a bathroom stall... it was scary.

My roommates keep mooning me.

Look, I'm proud to be emo. There is nothing wrong with me sitting in my room listening to music about how I hate my parents. I may wear black, but inside I'm pink.

I can't help it if I wear my flip-flops in the freezing cold. I'm always in a rush and they are fast to put on. Besides I get a nice refreshing breeze on my feet.

Can someone explain to me how I could drop my keys down the elevator shaft...twice?

I'll play hide and seek with you in the library! Tell me where and when... I'll be there! I'll even bring a friend.

The coldest water fountain is next to 2022 in Bate... it's the one on the right. It's really cold.

As far as I know, and since I haven't tried either I may be wrong (but I don't think so), spam and human flesh don't taste the same. I'd laugh at how stupid you are but I'm too shocked at your idiocy.

Surfer boy, every time you open your mouth I want to throw my textbook at you.

Duck season is over. Where can I meet you for those cookies?

Copy and paste this if you often burst into a spontaneous party dance!

If you don't like my accent, go home. I won't be offended. I don't like yours, either.

Why doesn't a mongoose look like a goose?

The only reason I eat in the dining hall on the hill is to hopefully see you...

I'm so addicted to "Passions" that I tape it while I'm class... how sad is that?

My professor can beat up your professor!

Some of the ladies on the ECU's women's golf team are hot.

If I had a million dollars, well, I would buy you a fur coat, but not a real fur coat, that's cruel!

Monday's suck!

ECU needs an A Cappella group!

I should not have to wait and hour and a half for the night bus... work on that!

Hi. How about you stop staring at me? That would really be appreciated.

I hope you break off your fingers from cracking your knuckles so much.

Who cares its the first time two black coaches have been in the superbowl. It is clear the NFL is racist against whites.

If you do support Hillary Clinton, you're probably a liberal lover.

I love pancakes!

Ex-Boyfriend: You looked better when you had hair that was medium length... Like when we were dating.

Girls... you can kidnap me again anytime!

It sure is a great feeling when I look into her eyes and I can see my future.

I finally told that police officer to leave me alone 'til my 21st... let's see if it happens.

Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers... there's proof. My ex-boyfriend's in jail.

I'm so glad I ran into you yesterday... and after the normal three days, I'll call you... even though I wanted to today.

How come every time I pass by MTV or BET there is always a new rapper? Their all the same, Lil' This or Young That. The only thing they sing about how much money that have. Back in the day rap music had talent.

Gear up for one heck of a ride

Moving down the campaign trail to 2008 presidential elections

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While November 2008 may seem far off to many, to those eyeing the coveted seat of our country's next President, the time between now and then doesn't feel like long enough.

As we begin our journey down the 2008 election trail, there are some facts that everyone should be aware, and with my peer's political acumen seeming to be at an all-time low, I feel the need to urge my peers to get up and take notice of what exactly is happening sooner, rather than later.

Whether you're hoping for the Republicans maintain hold of the Oval Office, or if you want to see a Democratic take over, one thing's for sure—people are ready for a major change and it's seemingly the Democrats' election to lose.

Only once in the past 50 years, in 1988, has a party won a presidential election for a third consecutive four-year term. It's not surprising to think that after controlling the White House for that long, voters are generally ready for change. And as the adage goes, history repeats itself, in most cases that is.

On top of that, for the first time in 80 years, politicians find themselves in a unique situation—neither the incumbent president nor his vice president will enter a state caucus or primary to run for the presidency. This leaves the field wide open for everyone else.

Another notable component of this election comes in knowing that just last month the Federal Election Commission chairman stated that he thought this would be the most expensive election in American history. It is estimated to rack up to be a $1 billion election and that candidates who wish to be taken seriously need to raise at least a $100 million by the end of this year. With such staggering figures, I can't help but wonder if politicians are going to win the presidency or try to buy their way to it.

Finally, when it comes to talking about whom the race is between, we can't say for sure just yet. With exploratory committees out there for a number of candidates and another large group filing papers, declaring that they're going to run, the battle lines are only temporarily drawn. Moreover, we won't know that for another year when the respective parties have their nominating conventions in September 2008, who the two main candidates will be.

The frontrunner for the Republican Party nomination is Sen. John McCain from Arizona. He has the necessary experience in big politics and his independence from Capitol Hill will likely prove beneficial down the campaign trail, as doesn't have close ties to Bush. Nevertheless, whoever gets the GOP nomination, will be burdened heavily by the public's judgments on the current administration.

As we look towards the Democratic Party, we see Hillary Clinton vying for the nomination, and while I'd love to see a woman President in 2008, Clinton is coming on to the field with much political baggage and stiff competition coming from the ranks of the rest of her party. And, of course, there's Barack Obama—the not-quite-seasoned enough Senator from Illinois, who only took office in 2005. While I do not doubt his potential for the future, I can't help but wonder why people even entertain the idea that he may be ready for office now. I think this party is just focusing in all the wrong directions.

Nevertheless, the political field is overflowing with candidates seeking nominations from both sides of the pond right now. There are more candidates out there running for President than you can imagine, but who will end up where after the nominating conventions, we're going to have to wait and see.

One thing's for sure, the 2008 presidential race will be one of the most interesting races of our day, and the closeness of the past two presidential elections should prove to be indicators of what dramatic events we can expect to see in 2008.

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Who actually loves New York?

I sure don't

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As much as I hate to admit it, every night it seems like I end up sitting in front of the artificial glow of the television set.

As I flip channels, I skip through child pornography stings, teenagers touching each other and people screaming over briefcases of money. All of it makes me cringe. Tonight, however, it's a special kind of absurdity.

There is only one show that can cram a bunch of out-of-work man skanks into one tacky mansion. Yes, its Vh1's "I Love New York." The show follows Tiffany Pollard known as "New York" from "The Flavor of Love." A few months ago a surprisingly high amount of Americans watched as New York sashayed her way onto the set of "Flavor of Love" in a jangle of plastic hair, tattooed breasts and menthol cigarettes.

Why? To vie for the love of gold toothed, clock-necked former Public Enemy great Flava Flav, of course. This was the epiphany of tacky reality shows. This was what tacky reality shows hope to be like when they grow up. A bunch of wannabe singers and soon-to-be-strippers fighting for the placid gaze of the babbling, drugged up shadow of what used to be Flava Flav. Remember when Flav wanted us to "Fight The Power?" Remember when he had something to say? Now a veritable political icon has been reduced to a jabbering joke. Only I'm not laughing.

New York should have been embarrassed to be part of it. She should have cowered in mortification after watching herself march up and down Flav's mansion in kitten heels proclaiming that she was the "Head bitch in charge!" I was embarrassed enough for the both of us. Embarrassed that I was watching—embarrassed that I couldn't look away. Embarrassed that she wasn't embarrassed. The whole spectacle was made somehow worse that she wasn't. She was proud. It was like she was saying: Yes, America, this is a black woman, belligerent, emotionally unstable and with Hennessey on her breath. As an African-American woman, I do not want that to be how America sees us—maniacal sluts with bad grammar? New York is something special. She basks in her ignorance, hoisting it like a flag, riding atop it like her own personal palanquin to celebrity.

And why exactly is she a celebrity? Because as a contestant on another reality show she was the most insane? So of course, this is someone who needs and deserves her own show. Because that's exactly what we need on TV—more black people making idiots of themselves for the sake of mass entertainment. Hey, it worked in the twenties, and people just loved those minstrel shows. Besides, just think of all the time we've wasted not watching New York give away a pair of her panties mounted in a frame.

And if by any chance you're reading this while watching "I Love New York," please do yourself a favor and go read a book instead.

Pulse

{Arts & Entertainment}

Horoscopes:

Aries
Keep an eye on your partner, so he or she doesn't make matters worse. Make sure you're both aiming at the same target. Staying close could be the best thing for both of you.

Taurus
Your workload is increasing, though your paycheck's not getting fatter. Don't worry about that; it'll follow as you increase your skills.

Gemini
You'll naturally relax as more of the puzzle pieces fall into place. Don't let down your guard completely, however. Keep your wits about you.

Cancer
The problem is that you're still busy, and you don't want to be. You want to be curled up on your couch. Better get yourself a good laptop and talk the boss into working from home.

Leo
There's not quite as much tension, partially because you're getting smarter. Prove it, by not trying to fix something that already works.

Virgo
The system you've helped set up should be beginning to work by now. You'll see good results for a couple of days. Accomplish as much as you can.

Libra
You've probably finished most of the disagreeable tasks by now. Don't lose interest before the job's done, or you'll be in trouble again.

Scorpio
All the stuff you've been putting off is suddenly coming due. The good news is, there's no trouble figuring out what you should do now.

Sagittarius
Friends help you find many uses for your new skills. Do what you find fascinating and don't worry about the money.

Capricorn
The person in charge of the money is feeling generous. If you're nice, which may not be easy, you could get a bonus. Don't make any jokes at this person's expense.

Aquarius
You know where you want to go. Convince the others to help, and give them the credit when you arrive. This is definitely a team effort. Being part of the team will eventually help you as an individual.

Pisces
Search through your list of contacts to find the person who has what you need. A private transaction will be better this time than going public.

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Drink Recipe:

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Tequila
Orange liqueur
Freshly squeezed tangerine juice
Freshly squeezed lime juice
Ice cubes
Salt, optional

Combine tequila, orange liqueur, tangerine juice, lime juice, and ice, all to taste, in a blender and blend until smooth. Line rims of glasses with salt, if desired. Divide margaritas among glasses, and serve. To serve margaritas straight up, combine all ingredients, except salt, in a shaker. Strain into glasses and serve.

Please drink responsibly.

Super Bowl advertisements worth millions?

A glance at ads past and present

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Before the kick off of this year's Super Bowl last Sunday, what was hanging on your mind?

How long would it take the pizza to arrive? Did we buy enough dip? Will the soft drinks hold out? Does any of this ring a bell?

While the advertisements shown during this special event might not have been the first thing on your mind as the Bears and Colts battled it out on Sunday, they surely amused those watching as promotions from companies like Budweiser, Pepsi and various members of the automobile industry dazzled viewers with their newest creations for the marketing of their products.

"The advertisements shown during the Super Bowl are a nice break from the game itself," said Misty Joyner, history graduate student. "The game is so intense and serious and then you see things like the Budweiser frogs and it helps you to take a breath."

Though the ads displayed on the screens of televisions all around the world are entertaining, many forget why they are actually there. Over $2.5 million was spent on each 30 second spot during the 2006 game, creating much competition between vendors to get representation.

"Super Bowl advertising has become a cultural phenomenon," said Interlibrary Loan Librarian William Gee. "We expect them to wow us."

Each year different teams take the field and new companies try to find their way to present Super Bowl ad material.

Veterans to the advertisement industry plan early to combat the rush for ad space. From Burger King and McDonald's to Pepsi and Coca-cola, the crusade never ends as each one tries to create new ways to outdo not only their previous advertisements, but also those of their competitors.

Such heavy rivalry and pressure to succeed takes its toll of many who plan to submit ads.

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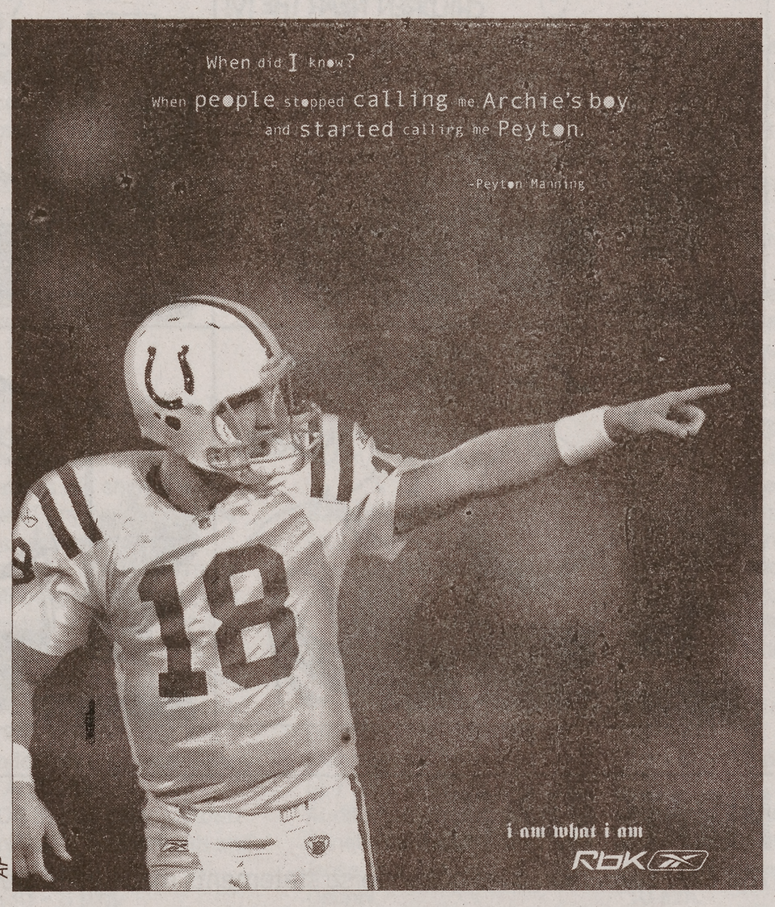

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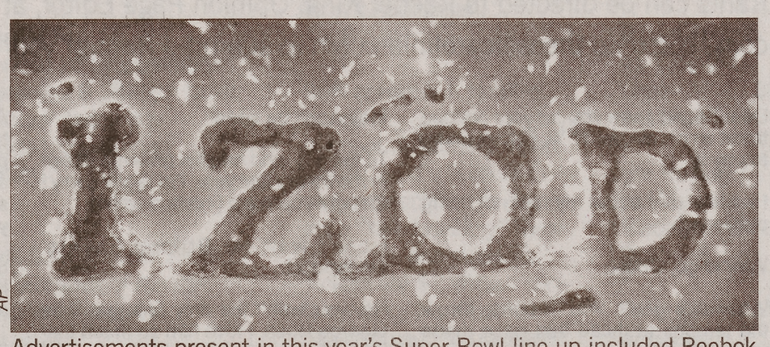

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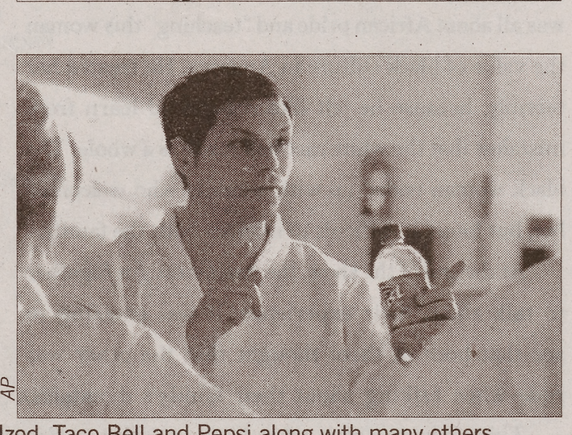
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Advertisements present in this year's Super Bowl line up included Reebok, Izod, Taco Bell and Pepsi along with many others.

Emerging artists welcome here

Photo by Levenia Tyrrell

The entrance to Emerge Gallery & Art Center is located in Uptown Greenville on Evans Street.

Emerge Gallery & Art Center serves community

SARAH CAMPBELL
PULSE EDITOR

Nestled away in historic uptown Greenville lies a cozy locale where native artists gather to exhibit their work and members of the community are privy to the unique opportunity to delve into their creativity by fashioning their own works of art. October 2000 marked the opening of Emerge Gallery & Art Center, a non-profit art center, which provides the ECU community as well as local residents a variety of opportunities to display and create art.

"I love walking through the doors of Emerge into the warm aesthetic that looms in the air, and taking my time to browse throughout the gallery. It's a great way to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life without costing a single penny," said Charlotte Moye, junior communication major.

Since its humble beginnings the gallery has served as an outlet in which local artists can display their work in a professional manor. The exhibition space is open for professional exhibitions, regional juried show as well as student thesis and senior exhibitions.

After renovating the facilities last year, Emerge also offers a variety of educational classes that are open to those from all walks of life.

A variety of classes including adult figure drawing, raku pottery, intro to the wheel, pop up paper and books are offered to anyone interested in furthering artist abilities, or those simply searching for a new hobby.

"With the invaluable resources of the ECU School of Art and Design at our fingertips, our hope is to bring diverse and unique offerings into the community for the skilled artist, novices, college students and school age children alike," said the director of education and outreach Heather White.

These classroom spaces have been built in order to house a full scale pottery studio, a metal design studio, book art facilities and a variety of other classrooms for an assortment of mediums.

"One of our objectives is to bring the highly skilled expertise found on the college campus to the community at a reasonable rate, at convenient times and to remove the myth that you must be trained artist to take art

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Become smoke free for your sweetheart

A unique Valentine's Day gift

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When most people think about Valentine's Day, they think of love, chocolate, flowers and teddy bears. One thing people most definitely do not think about is smoking.

The staff and faculty at Campus Recreation and Wellness think that Valentine's Day is the perfect time to raise awareness about smoking, by sponsoring an event called Smokefree for your Sweetheart.

The event will take place, of course, on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Wright Plaza, right in front of Dowdy Student Stores.

The Smokefree for your Sweetheart event will offer games, including a tobacco trivia quiz, and prizes such as T-shirts, key chains, pens and chip clips, just to name a few.

Students will also have a chance to sign a petition to show their support for a smoke free campus. Already more than 1,600 ECU students have signed the petition. Students can also grab a survival kit, which gives instructions on how to quit smoking.

The event was inspired by Georgia Childs, assistant director for Peer Health at ECU, when Campus Recreation and Wellness and the Department of Health Education and Promotion received a state-sponsored grant used to better educate students about smoking and second-hand smoke. She decided to hold the event during Sexual Responsibility Week, which is usually the week of Valentine's Day.

"Quitting smoking or helping someone else quit is a great way to show your love for those around you," said Childs. "What better gift to give your sweetheart on Valentine's Day than the gift of fresh air."

According to a study done in 2004 by Campus Wellness, 14 percent of ECU students smoke, although many students said that they only smoke on weekends. Although these smokers, usually pegged as "social" or "casual" smokers only smoke on weekends, say getting addicted is easy.

Childs thinks that students smoke mainly because of stress, and it is her and her staff's goal to teach people to manage their stress in a healthier way, such as exercising.

Childs expects 400-500 students to stop by Smokefree for your Sweetheart, and hopes that more students will sign the petition to quit smoking.

Photo by Levenia Tyrrell

One gift to give to give your loved one this Valentine's day is quitting smoking with some help from SRWC.

"We'd like to get at least 200 more signatures for the petition as well as educating the students about the harmful effects of smoking, secondhand smoke and how smoking can affect your love life," Childs said.

Students may think that they know all about the effects of smoking and second-hand smoke, but Childs hopes that helping even one student quit smoking or decrease the amount of cigarettes they smoke will make the air a little fresher for all of us.

"Even if you think you have heard everything you can hear about smoking, you might learn something new. It's a new year and a new start. I think that students should make a change for the better this year and stop smoking. The world will be a better place for all of us," said Tiara Street, a student that will be helping with the event.

Smokefree for your Sweetheart is sure to be a fun and educating experience for students all over ECU's campus.

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classes," White said.

Another feature offered at Emerge is the sales gallery where patrons can purchase artwork that has been submitted by students, alumni, faculty and regional artists. Items on sale range from jewelry and ceramics to photography and painting.

The sale gallery serves as an outlet in which students can learn the basic concepts of inventory, display, pricing, contracts, bookkeeping and sales.

Emerge Gallery & Art Center provides a number of priceless services to both ECU students and Greenville residents alike. No experience is necessary to enjoy all that Emerge has to offer, the only tool needed is an open mind and a dash of creativity.

For more information about the facilities, specific classes offered or for a schedule of upcoming exhibitions please log on to their Web site, emergegallery.com.

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Visit emergegallery.com for more information about...

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Emerge Gallery and Art Center is located in historic uptown Greenville.

Job watch for students

Local employment opportunities

LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Are you looking for a job to pay your bills until you graduate and hopefully find more professional post-graduation employment? While local businesses as well as ECU hire a lot of students, often times there is intense competition especially among businesses close to the ECU campus.

Greenville has a lot of businesses relative to its population as part of its natural evolution of a college town. Going out into Greenville away from campus can actually provide some good employment opportunities.

One good place to look for jobs locally is Pitt County JobLink located at the intersection of Firetower and Memorial next to Chico's. While it is a bit of a drive from ECU's campus there are lots of excellent opportunities available there.

Job counselors are also on hand to assist with pre-graduation employment. A trip there can help get you hired as ECU's career service offices focus almost exclusively on post-graduation employment.

While ECU's career services' focus is on post-graduation employment the e-recruiting system should be seriously looked at for pre-graduation jobs. There are often many jobs available to students in Greenville. The key is to be ever vigilant and willing to work hard and learn something new.

It is important to gain some work history even if it is not in your field so that you gain experience doing different things and so that you can hopefully build a nice nest egg of a savings account for when you graduate and are no longer supported by your parents.

Perhaps you can at least keep your debt from rising. Avoiding debt is a serious thing considering that a majority of people who get into debt never get out of it.

The hunt for a job can be a losing battle, but in the end the war can be won. Finding the right fit may take some time, but in the end the benefits far out weigh the hassles. Grab a suit, smile and enthusiasm and let the job hunt begin.

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Master Card commercials are known for being priceless, here they hit the bulls eye once again on Sunday.

In 2005, Lincoln pulled its first commercial in 11 years after it was criticized by viewers who previewed the ad prior to its submission.

Even jean manufacturer Levi took its share of criticism as their 2001 ad showing their jeans in a similar light to organ transplants was disapproved of, angering real life donor seekers.

Even through all the years of competition and hardships in advertising, companies still make having representation in the Super Bowl a major priority.

At the top of this ladder of dedication are three companies declared by superbowl-ads.com as the best of all time. Apple, Coke and McDonald's, who each put a memorable spin on their products and what they represent to the public, hold this title after several appearances during various Super Bowl broadcasts.

This year for the first time in Super Bowl history several ads that were created purely by amateurs were aired during the show. The Frito Lay, Pepsi Co. Inc. held an online contest in which hopefuls could enter their commercial.

The winner of the contest, Dale Backus, worked with four other people from Five Point Productions out of Cary, North Carolina, for four days to produce the commercial.

The General Motors Corp. also ran a commercial by a newcomer from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Katie Crabb.

"Everyone wants to be different and memorable," said Gee. "That's because everyone is watching for the ads."

There is no doubt that this year's Super Bowl commercials were just as memorable as always, proving that advertisers are making their impression by leaving viewers with something to talk about long after the Vince Lombardi Trophy is awarded.

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Hot spots

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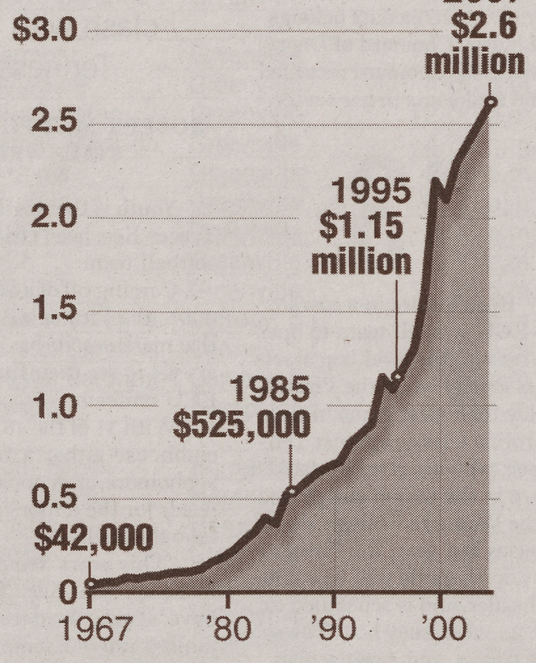

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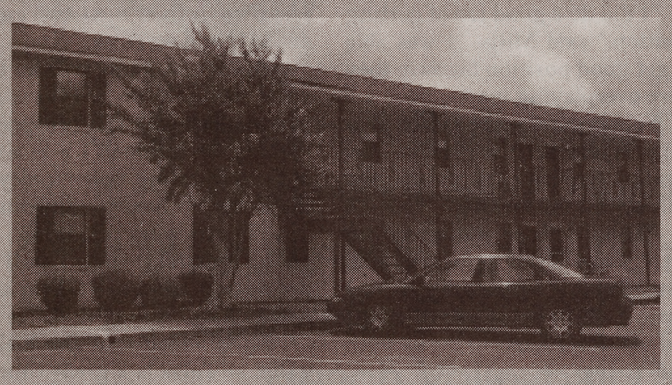

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Years in a row that the team who won the coin toss in the Super Bowl lost the game; the Bears have now joined the Seahawks, Eagles and Panthers (all NFC teams) to do so; the Bears won Sunday night's coin toss, elected to receive the ball first and Devin Hester then ran the opening kickoff 92-yards for a touchdown, becoming the first player in Super Bowl history to score a touchdown on the opening kickoff

255

Strikeouts for ECU softball senior Keli Harrell last season, which led Conference USA; Harrell, who was a first-team All-Conference USA member, averaged one strikeout per inning last season in 255.2 innings pitched; Harrell has 756 career strikeouts heading into this season, the C-USA record for career strikeouts belongs to Lindsay Choinard of Depaul University, Choinard recorded 858 strikeouts in her career

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Road games in a row for the ECU softball team to open the season; the road trip starts this Friday when the Pirates play their first game in the Carolina Classic against Tennessee, who is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation and played in the Women's College World Series last year; the Pirates first home game will be a doubleheader, and is scheduled for Feb. 23 when they host Towson at 10 a.m. and Appalachian State at 3 p.m.

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ECU women's basketball players who scored in double figures in Saturday's 79-57 win over the Memphis Tigers; center Cherie Mills led all scorers with 15 points to go along with six rebounds; Nicole Days came up two rebounds short of a double-double, scoring a season-best 10 points and pulling down eight rebounds; Impris Manning and LaCoya Terry each had 11 points, while sharp-shooter Jessica Slack contributed with 10

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Freshmen players on ECU's softball team who are from Hawaii; Cristen Aona played at Punahou High School in Kapolei, Hawaii while Charina Summer and Kaui Tom come from Kamehameha High School in Kailua, Hawaii

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Number of underclassmen on the ECU softball team; only three of 18 players on the roster are seniors, while six are freshmen; star pitcher Keli Harrell, outfielder Jessica Potter of Sanderson High School in Raleigh and catcher/utility player Joyce Roodenburg of Rotterdam, Netherlands are the only upperclassmen; as a junior Potter led the Pirates in on-base percentage (.422) and was third on the team with a batting average of .276 and 20 walks

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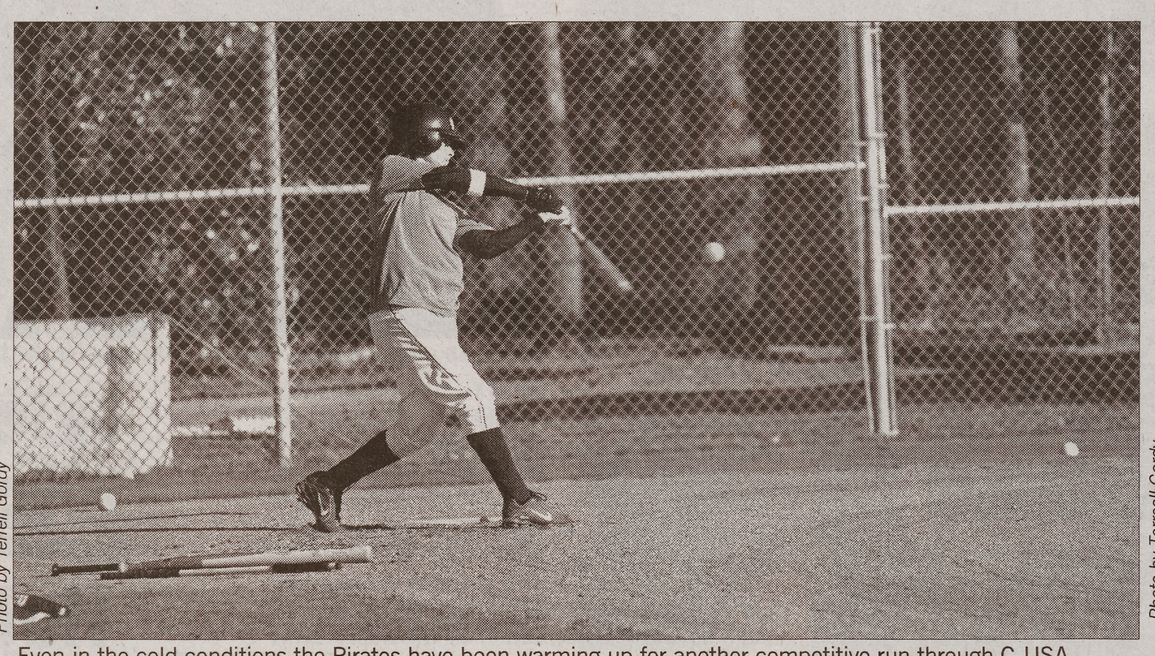
The ECU men's basketball team's free-throw shooting percentage in 21 games this season, which ranks last in C-USA; surprisingly, Memphis and UAB rank tied for second to last in the conference in free-throw shooting percentage (61.6); the Pirates also rank last in C-USA in free throws made (225) and second to last in free throw attempts (398)

ECU softball looks to rally around youth



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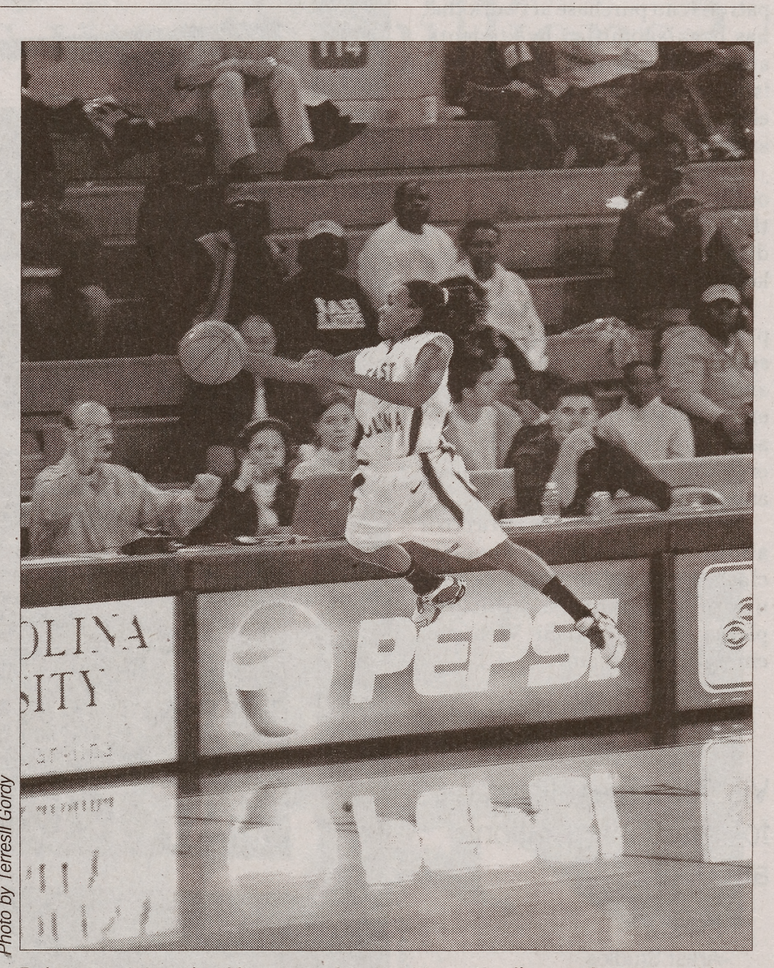
Even in the cold conditions the Pirates have been warming up for another competitive run through C-USA.



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Point guard Jasmine Young put her health on the line against Memphis.

Pirates gear up for Carolina Classic and clash with No. 2 Tennessee

ROBERT MATTHEW PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Youth is the word nowadays for Tracey Kee, head coach of the ECU softball team.

Coming off of a 40-24 season in 2006, the Pirates will try to better that mark despite having many players yet to see their first action in an ECU uniform.

With 11 of the 18 players in her clubhouse either a freshman or a sophomore, it is apparent that Kee needs for the juniors and seniors to take the lead.

"This years' team has a unique make up," said Kee. "But I think we have strong leadership with our juniors and our seniors."

Among the freshmen that are new to ECU this year are Hawaiians Christen Aona, Kaui Tom and Charina Sumner. All three are utility players that can be used all over the field.

With Kee saying that what the team needs most is experience, solidifying an everyday lineup could come as a challenge. Having players such as Aona, Tom and Sumner as well as fellow freshman Tiffany Shaw available to play several different roles should alleviate any depth problems.

The Pirates also have Christina Merrida and Toni Paisley coming all the way from California. Merrida will play in the outfield, while Paisley is a pitcher.

Similar to ECU's baseball team, the biggest loss for the softball squad since last season will undoubtedly be the contribution of a former catcher. The Pirates baseball team will be without former 2006 All-American and Johnny Bench Award winner Jake Smith, while the Pirates softball team lost batting champion Krista Jessup. Jessup batted .303 last year and is currently playing professionally with the Chicago Bandits.

Kee has noted that the hole behind home plate will likely be filled by committee. Right now, she considers senior and Rotterdam, Netherlands native Joyce Roodenburg as the player who has most familiarity with the pitching staff. Roodenburg also has experience internationally, previously playing for the Dutch national team.

Uncertainty at one end of the battery is met with assuredness at the other. Without a doubt, one of the biggest stories out of the ECU softball team this year will be pitcher Keli Harrell.

Harrell, a senior and J.H. Rose alumni, has set numerous pitching records at ECU and last year was named a first team all-conference selection in Conference USA. Last season Harrell pitched her way to a 1.72 ERA in 35 starts.

This year she has her sights set on the C-USA all-time strikeout record. Former DePaul University pitcher Lindsay Choinard currently holds the record with 858 strikeouts while Harrell has amassed 756 so far in her career at ECU.

She'll also be looking up at the all-time wins mark for pitchers at ECU. Harrell has 71 career wins, 31 off the school record of 102 wins set by former standout Jenny Parsons from 1990-1993.

Considering the amount of youth on the team and the strength of the schedule the Pirates will play, the team will need everything they can get out of Harrell.

Out of conference, the Pirates play tough opponents and won't waste any time doing it either. The team opens the season against Tennessee in the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C. on Feb. 9.

The Volunteers are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation according to the preseason *USA Today*/NFCA Top 25 Poll, and received seven first-place votes. The University of Arizona starts the season at No. 1.

The Pirates will clash with another preseason *USA Today*/

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2007 ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Hometown
2	Vanessa Moreno	So.	San Clemente, Calif.
3	Jessica Johnson	So.	Lagun Niguel, Calif.
4	Kaui Tom	Fr.	Kailua, Hawaii
5	Paige Baggett	Jr.	Winterville, N.C.
6	Erin St. Ledger	Jr.	Wilmington, N.C.
7	Christina Merrida	Fr.	Woodland, Calif
8	Stacey Andrews	Jr.	Greenville, N.C.
9	Brooke Swann	So.	Callao, Va.
10	Keli Harrell	Sr.	Greenville, N.C.
11	Joyce Roodenburg	Sr.	Rotterdam, Netherlands
12	Tiffany Shaw	Fr.	Bethel, N.C.
13	Sarah Bibee	So.	Knoxville, Tenn.
14	Charina Sumner	Fr.	Kailua, Hawaii
15	Angel Barrella	So.	Holbrook, NY
16	Beth Nolan	Jr.	Villa Park, Calif.
17	Cristen Aona	Fr.	Kapolei, Hawaii
19	Toni Paisley	Fr.	Lakewood, Calif.
21	Jessica Potter	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.

Pirates tame last-place Tigers

ECU cruises to blowout win over Memphis

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Women's Basketball team bounced back from a disheartening loss at home to UAB in overtime by defeating the Memphis Tigers 79-57 Saturday at Minges Coliseum. The victory improves the Pirates overall record to 10-13 and their conference record to 5-5. The loss drops Memphis to 3-21 and 0-10 in league play. The Pirates jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never looked back.

"It was important, [to get out to a quick start] I was concerned with how we would respond and how we would come out after losing a heartbreaker like we did," said Pirates head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener.

The Pirates went on a 13-0 run midway through the first half to make the score 34-14. But the Tigers rallied to make the score 38-27 at the half. The Pirates scored the first six points of the second half and never let the Tigers get any closer than 12 the rest of the way.

The Pirates were led in scoring by Senior Cherie Mills, who had 15 points and made seven of her 11 shots from the field.

"I did do a good job of getting position," said Mills. "I was able to get good position because they were overplaying me."

Sophomore point guard Jasmine Young set the pace for the Pirates, scoring nine points and dishing out ten assists.

"Their defense was so spread out I was able to penetrate, and instead of just settling for three I was trying to get it into the lane and get closer looks to the basket," said Young.

Young played an ideal game for a point guard because she was able to get her teammates involved.

"I felt like we took our time in our zone offenses; we worked on them in practice and we were able to execute today," Young said.

Five Pirates scored in double figures; Mills had 15, Sophomores Impris Manning and LaCoya Terry each had 11, and Junior Nicole Days and Sophomore Jessica Slack each had 10.

"I think when we are balanced we're a much better basketball team," Baldwin-Tener said.

"People key in on Jasmine and Cherie and if one of them is having an off night, if nobody steps up in their place we're in trouble, but if everybody who gets on the floor is contributing then we are a much better basketball team."

The victory was important for the Pirates who travel for their next two games at SMU on Friday Feb. 11 and at Tulsa on Sunday, Feb. 13.

"You need to win at home," Baldwin-Tener said. "We only have two of our six games left at home and we haven't done that well on the road so we need to steal a couple on the road."

The Pirates are only 1-8 on the road so far this season, compared with 7-3 at Minges Coliseum. The next two road games are crucial for the Pirates as they head down the stretch of conference play.

"We're still in the thick of things in terms of conference play," Baldwin-Tener said.

At 5-5, the Pirates are currently seventh in C-USA but could greatly improve their seeding for the Conference Tournament with victories in their next two games at SMU and at Tulsa.

The Tulsa game will be televised nationally on ESPN2 at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 11. The prospect of playing on national TV is a rare and exhilarating opportunity for the Women's Basketball Team.

"That's very exciting, I'm going to make sure I call my people back home to let them know to watch us," Young said.

Mills added that the ESPN2 game at Tulsa is a great time for the Pirates to pick up a road win.

"Everybody's going to be watching us," Mills said. "Plus it's an away game and we haven't been doing that well on the road, so it's important that we come up big and get the win."

UAB squeaks by ECU in heartbreaking fashion

Pirates lose in overtime

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU women's basketball team lost an overtime heartbreaker to UAB last Thursday 73-69 in Minges Coliseum. The Pirates led at half time by seven, but UAB's Diamond Rogers' jump shot with 32.3 seconds left in overtime capped off an emotional game. After the game, ECU was 9-13 overall, 4-5 in Conference USA, and the UAB Blazers improved to 12-9 overall and 7-2 in league play.

ECU played with vigor to open the game on a 10-0 run. UAB wasn't going to give up that easily and had their own run of 13-2 taking the lead back with 11:12 left in the first half. The lead changed hands six times during the first half and was tied three times.

The Pirates defense seemed to be too much for UAB to handle, creating 15 turnovers and collapsing in the lane, forcing the Blazers to take difficult outside jumpers. The Blazers had a strong defensive night against the Pirates as well, tallying eight steals and four blocks in the first half alone.

LaCoya Terry had an impressive first half scoring eight points on 4-7 shooting from the floor to lead all scorers, as ECU had 20 points in the paint to UAB's eight. Cherie Mills also added five points to those in the paint and had five rebounds alongside Nicole Days.

ECU ended the half on a 9-3 run to give them the lead going into half time 30-23. UAB's senior guard Carmen Guzman put up seven points in the first half, hitting two three-pointers.

The Pirates jumped out to an early lead in the second half and led by as many as 14 with 11:24 left to go in the game. The Blazers seemed destined to come back against ECU by tripling the amount of times they went to the free throw line, shooting 83.3 percent in the second half from the charity stripe. UAB also doubled it's three-pointers from four to eight.

"We did come out of the zone, we played actually a sagging man defense for a little while and when we did, they were getting shots driving past us and also getting the offensive board," said ECU head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener.

Diamond Rogers' lay-up at the 4:34 mark cut the ECU lead down to four, 55-51. Then a jumper from the free-throw line by ECU guard Jasmine Young gave the Pirates the 57-51 advantage with 3:40 to play.

A three-pointer by Fatiha Salaam and a jumper by Rogers over the next two possessions pulled the Blazers to within one, 57-56, with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Four straight free throws by UAB gave the Blazers the 60-57 lead with 1:26 to play.

With 35 seconds left in the game Terry took it upon herself to make the difference by hitting a jumper and driving the lane to pick up a foul to tie the score at 63, pushing the game into overtime.

Last year when these two teams met, Guzman hit a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining in a triple overtime win against ECU at Minges Coliseum, so it seemed awkward to be in this same situation for a second year in a row.

The Pirates started the extra time with a jump shot by Young, but were no match for Rogers, who hit a three-pointer and drove the lane for a bucket with 33 ticks left. ECU had two chances to tie the game up at 71, but Terry and Young both missed shots, allowing UAB's Salaam to get back to the foul line to win 73-69.

"We turned the ball over too much and that gave them some easy buckets," Coach Baldwin-Tener said after the game.

The Blazers forced 23 ECU turnovers and recorded 15 steals. UAB also went 10-28 from behind the arc. Rogers pulled down a double double with 20 points 10 rebounds, and also had seven steals. Guzman had 19 points and shot 50 percent from three-point land. Fatiha had 14 points and Britney Jones added another 12.

ECU shot 86.4 percent from the charity stripe and dominated down low with 40 points in the paint. Senior Mills ended with 19 points and eight rebounds, Terry finished with 17 points, Young added 16 points, and Days had 10 rebounds.

"I think it was good for our kids to be able to come back. They played hard and we played together, we were able to cut the lead and force overtime. The last play of regulation we were able to hold them. I was proud of the way we fought back," coach Baldwin-Tener said.

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NFCA Top 25 Poll team when they face the University of Michigan on Feb. 16 as part of the FAU Dunkin' Donuts Classic in Boca Raton, Fla. The Wolverines are ranked No. 11 in the nation.

After taking on Tennessee in the initial game of the Carolina Classic, the Pirates will face Gardner-Webb on the same day. They will then meet Gardner-Webb and Ohio University on Feb. 10 and wrap up the tournament with the first of three meetings this season against N. C. State on Feb. 11. The Wolfpack received 74 preseason USA Today/NFCA Top 25 Poll votes, garnering the most votes of any team not in the top 25.

As for conference play, Kee described C-USA softball as a league of "parity." Kee said that entrance into the postseason would most likely come down to the last weeks of conference play.

Photo by Terrell Gordy

ECU hopes to get a boost from three versatile players from Hawaii.

Kee should have her team ready to play. In her ten full seasons with ECU she has amassed a 457-229 record with only one losing season.

With some of the top teams in the nation upcoming, these young Pirates will have to grow up fast.

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FEBRUARY-MARCH

Tournament	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Carolina Classic	2/09/07	vs. Tennessee (W)	Chapel Hill	10:00 a.m.
		vs. Gardner-Webb	Chapel Hill	12:15 p.m.
	2/10/07	vs. Ohio	Chapel Hill	10:00 a.m.
		vs. C. of Charleston	Chapel Hill	2:30 p.m.
	2/11/07	vs. N.C. State	Chapel Hill	2:30 p.m.
FAU Dunkin	2/16/07	vs. Michigan	Boca Raton, Fla	9:00 a.m.
Doughnuts Classic		vs. Maryland	Boca Raton, Fla	1:00 p.m.
	2/17/07	vs. Long Island	Boca Raton, Fla	11:00 a.m.
		vs. Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla	6:00 p.m.
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Pirate Classic	2/23/07	vs. Towson	Greenville	10:00 a.m.
		vs. App. State	Greenville	3:00 p.m.
	2/24/07	vs. St. John's	Greenville	11:00 a.m.
Non-Tournament	2/28/07	vs. North Carolina	Greenville	3:00 p.m.
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Pirate Clash	3/02/07	vs. Vermont	Greenville	12:00 p.m.
		vs. Delaware	Greenville	4:00 p.m.
	3/03/07	vs. Binghamton	Greenville	12:00 p.m.
		vs. James Madison	Greenville	4:00 p.m.
Non-Tournament	3/06/07	vs. Virginia	Greenville	4:00 p.m.
		vs. Virginia	Greenville	6:00 p.m.
C-USA opening series	3/10/07	vs. UCF *	Greenville	1:00 p.m.
		vs. UCF *	Greenville	3:00 p.m.
	3/11/07	vs. UCF *	Greenville	11:30 a.m.
Non-Tournament	3/12/07	at Coastal Carolina	Conway, S.C.	3:00 p.m.
	3/13/07	at Coastal Carolina	Conway, S.C.	1:00 p.m.
		at Coastal Carolina	Conway, S.C.	3:00 p.m.
Pre-Tournament	3/16/07	at Hofstra	Hempstead, NY	3:00 p.m.
Hofstra University				
Invitational	3/17/07	at Stony Brook	Hempstead, NY	10:00 a.m.
		vs. St. John's	Hempstead, NY	12:00 p.m.
	3/18/07	at Hofstra	Hempstead, NY	10:00 a.m.
Non-Tournament	3/21/07	vs. Akron	Greenville	3:00 p.m.
		vs. Akron	Greenville	5:00 p.m.
Non-Tournament	3/22/07	vs. UNC Greensboro	Greenville	3:00 p.m.
		vs. UNC Greensboro	Greenville	5:00 p.m.
C-USA opening				
road series	3/24/07	at Marshall *	Huntington, WVa	1:00 p.m.
		at Marshall *	Huntington, WVa	3:00 p.m.
	3/25/07	at Marshall *	Huntington, WVa	1:00 p.m.
Non-Tournament	3/28/07	at N.C. State	Raleigh, N.C.	3:00 p.m.
		at N.C. State	Raleigh, N.C.	5:00 p.m.

Captain trys to right Pirate's sinking ship

(AP) — Morris Almond scored 21 of his game-high 34 points in the second half to rally Rice to an 83-74 win over ECU on Saturday night.

Almond, who moved up two spots to become Rice's fifth all-time leading scorer, produced seven points in a pivotal 11-0 Owls run in the second half. That spree turned a 53-47 deficit into a 58-53 Owl lead that Rice never relinquished.

ECU (5-16, 0-8 C-USA) lost its eighth consecutive game and was beaten for the 15th time in its last 16 outings.

The Pirates closed the gap to 62-61 with 8:04 left on a basket by Cory Farmer, but the Owls scored nine of the next 10 points for a 71-62 cushion with 4:20 showing.

Rice (11-10, 5-3 C-USA) made 11 consecutive free throws down the stretch to put the game away.

Putting teams away has been a problem for ECU all season long, especially in conference play. In the first half of the game, the Pirates went 8-10 from the charity stripe, while Rice went 10-13 from the line.

ECU digressed in the second half, allowing 25 free throw attempts to the Owls. Rice made the Pirates pay, hitting 20 of the attempts. On the other hand, ECU went 3-7 from the free throw line in the half.

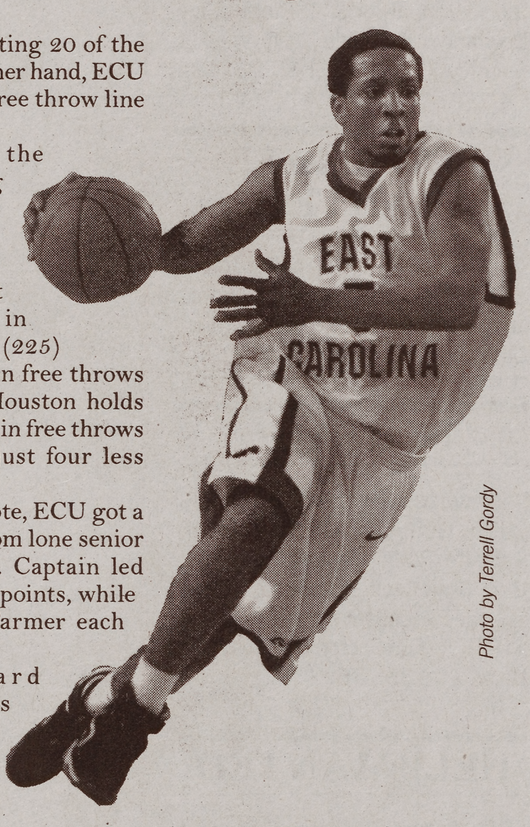
On the year, the Pirates are shooting 56.5 percent on free throws, which ranks last in C-USA. ECU also ranks last in the conference in free throws made (225) and second to last in free throws attempted (398). Houston holds last place in C-USA in free throws attempted (394), just four less than the Pirates.

On a positive note, ECU got a big contribution from lone senior Courtney Captain. Captain led the Pirates with 21 points, while John Fields and Farmer each scored 15.

Senior guard Lorenzo Williams added a season-high 20 points for the Owls.

ECU built a nine-point first half lead and held a 42-37 halftime advantage, led by Captain's 13 first half points, but couldn't maintain momentum.

The Pirates shot a season-best 56.3 percent (27-of-48) from the field and made 9-of-17 3-point shots. However, they also committed 21 turnovers and sent the Owls to the line 38 times, where they made 30 free throws.



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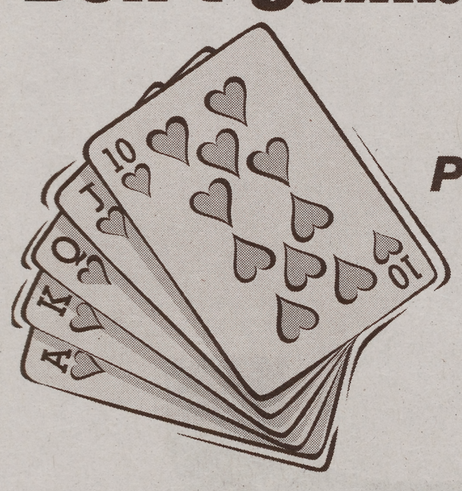

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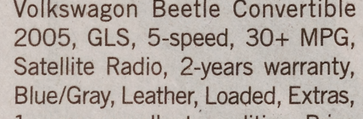

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