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Bill passes committee in Washington State to protect rights of student journalists

Would provide protection equal to professionals in Washington

ELISA BIZZOTTO
SENIOR WRITER

A bill proposed last month in Washington State, which seeks to protect press rights of both high school and college journalists, was passed last week in a judiciary committee executive session the free press bill, introduced by Rep. Dave Upthegrove (D-Des Moines) will aim at providing student journalists the same freedoms as professionals.

According to the Student Press Law Center Web site, Brian Schraum, a Washington State University student, played a role in the proposal of the bill. He sought to prevent what was recently decided for young journalists in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin from happening at his own university, WSU.

In the 2005 Hosty vs. Carter ruling by the seventh U.S. District Court of Appeals in Chicago, a bill was passed which permitted administrators at Midwest universities to review student articles before publication. Although the ruling did not affect schools in the state of Washington, Schraum recognized that students needed a greater guarantee of protection from censorship.

California made a similar move after the Hosty ruling, and is on the same page as five other states—Massachusetts, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas and Iowa. All have passed laws to prevent school officials from reviewing publication prior to print.

ECU professor Bill Loving, who teaches Media Law and First Amendment Law, sees the bill as a standard model set forth by past hearings involving the issue of censorship by school officials upon student-based publications.

"Students will be practicing their craft under the same rules as professionals in the world after graduation," said Loving. "Student journalists interview, write, they edit and take pictures, just like practitioners. They follow the same standards, use the same set of codes and they ought to be protected by the same rules and laws."

Although Loving recognizes the need for young journalists to have this kind of protection, he also agrees that sometimes having the help of administrators and media advisors can be beneficial in order for students to realize the responsibility that comes with their work.

"Most school officials I've met in my years of teaching and in professional journalism, genuinely want what is best. Having a statute that lays out rules for student journalists will help them take away a lot of uncertainties that sometimes lead to bad results."

Joseph Collier, senior communication major, agrees with the reasoning behind the bill.

"It makes sense really; it's only fair that future professionals have the same rights as professionals," said Collier. "It's only fair to be treated as professionals, otherwise how else would they learn?"

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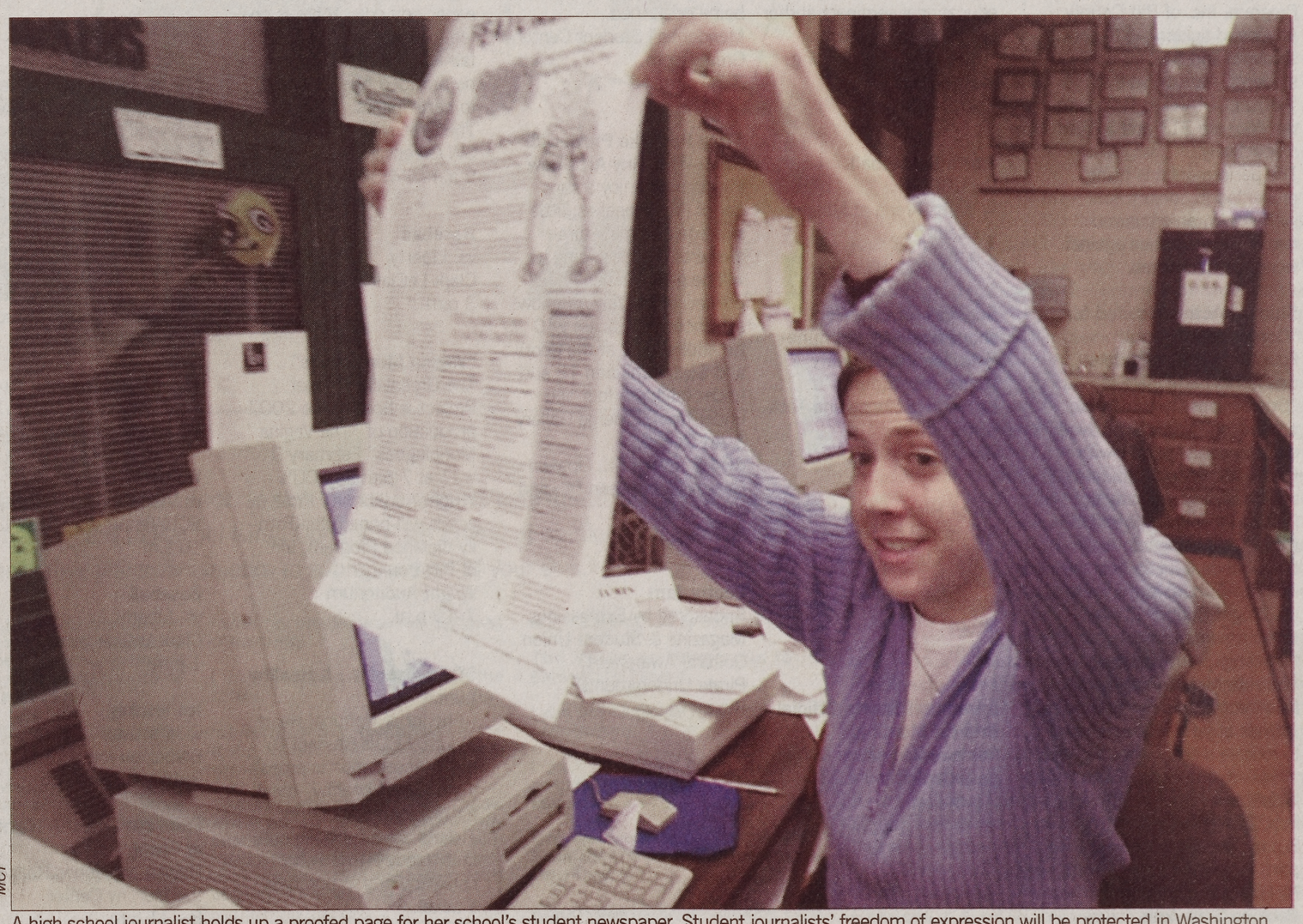

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A high school journalist holds up a proofed page for her school's student newspaper. Student journalists' freedom of expression will be protected in Washington just like those of professional journalists if a bill passes in the Washington state House of Representatives Rules Committee.

ECU professor publishes women's rights activist book

Book highlights women's contributions to politics

GENERRA CORNWELL
STAFF WRITER

ECU professor Bonnie Mani recently published her book titled, *Women, Power, and Political Change.* The work includes biographies of many historic women and their contributions to politics.

The women featured in the book played major roles in not just politics but also society.

Angelina Weld, who helped freed men after the Civil War and served as the Vice President of Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, is featured in the book, as well as Lucretia Mott, whose home was a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Hillary Clinton is featured for her role as a U.S. Senator, candidacy in the 2008 presidential election and her partnership in Rose Law Firm in Arkansas.

Elizabeth Dole is also featured for her work as head of Federal Trade Commission for a six-year term, and holding the positions of Secretary of Department of Transportation, President of American Red Cross and U.S. Senator.

When Mani was asked how essential education was to these women's career she responded, "Some of the women lived at times when women were not admitted to universities. They could not study professions [like] medicine, law and theology. Families' wealth enabled women from these earlier eras to complete higher levels of education when female seminaries opened their doors to women. Even our contemporaries, Hillary Rodman Clinton and Elizabeth Dole were somewhat unique in that they were admitted to Yale and Harvard Law Schools at times when it [was] unusual for women to study law. Not to belittle their intelligence and qualifications, without their familie's wealth it would have been even less likely they would have attended these prestigious universities. Most elected officials hold degrees in law."

Mani also expressed the importance of wealth for these women.

"The women fighting for women's right to vote—like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Carrie Chapman Catt—needed money to rent halls for speaking engagements, to distribute materials that they published, to travel to speaking to engagements, and to travel to state capitals and Washington, D.C., to lobby for their causes. Jane Addams' work at Hull House

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Contributed Image

Professor Mani signs books for former students while promoting her recent publication about female activists.

Pell Grant could see increase, pending approval

Low income students benefit from grant

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Low-income students who are in need of grants may be receiving much more in the future. On Jan. 31, a raise for the Pell Grant was passed by the House of Representatives. The action taken by the House of Representatives, however, will now have to go before the Senate for approval.

The Pell Grant is a grant aid program that helps more than five million low-income students. According to Rose Stelma, assistant vice chancellor and director of Student Financial Aid, the Pell Grant helps about 5,000 students from ECU.

"I believe that it is important for the Federal Pell Grant and funding for all need-based financial aid programs in general, to increase. Federal student financial aid programs began with the idea that students should be able to access higher education regardless of their financial circumstances," said Stelma.

The grant has not been raised for the past four years. The Pell Grant has been $4,050 but could now rise to $4,310 pending approval by the Senate. There is also a plan to increase the grant even more for the 2008 fiscal year to $4,600.

"I think its exciting that Congress decided, in a tight budget context, to vote and prioritize the Pell Grant, which is long overdue," said Luke Swarthout, a higher education advocate for the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group federal office.

Tuition has been increasing each year and students have still been receiving the same amount of money for the grant.

"I think that if they raise the price of tuition they should also raise the amount of the grant to help the students who are dependant on it. If the price of tuition raises and the grant doesn't, then the students will just have to work harder to pay it off," said freshman Kirsten Wilkins.

The Pell Grant does not have to be repaid, unlike a loan. The grants are usually awarded to undergraduate students who do not have a bachelor's or professional degree. Students also have to meet all the financial aid requirements to receive the grant. Students can use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to apply for student financial aid. Recipients are allotted dif-

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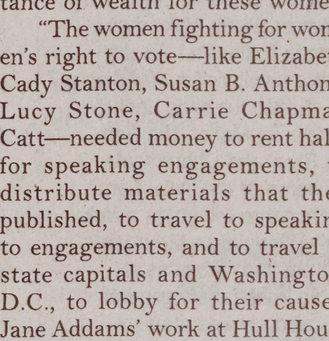

NEWS

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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.

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.

Urinetown
Feb. 22 – 27
8 p.m., except Sunday at 2 p.m.
McGinnis Auditorium
Book by Greg Kotis, lyrics by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann and music by Mark Hollmann.
One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, *Urinetown* is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year draught, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom! Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, *Urinetown* is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny. Praised for reinvigorating the very notion of what a musical could be, *Urinetown* catapults the comedic romp into the new millennium with its outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter.

Summer study abroad in India
Austin 235
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

7 Wed

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.

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

Success for Life Workshop: Avoiding the minefield, legal and safety Issues for students
Location: Science and Tech C209
7 – 9 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.

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.

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 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.

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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 Jan. 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.

13 Tue

Apollo
The NAACP and the LWCC Emissaries will host the annual talent show. Come out and watch as performers try to wow the audience with talents ranging from singing, dancing and poetry. If you are interested in performing stop by the Cultural Center for an application or contact Erica Reid for more information: 252-328-8690.
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.

Love Shouldn't Cost a Thing
Bate 1032
7 p.m.

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required funds, she constructed buildings and financed programs to help the poor. Fortunately, she was a very good fundraiser. And it costs several million dollars to run for a seat in the Senate as Hillary Rodham Clinton and Elizabeth Dole have done," stated Mani.

"I am using my books as one of the textbooks in my Women in Politics course, POLS 3040. In fact, I decided to write the book as a result of comments some of my students wrote on my Student Opinion of Instruction forms several years ago when I first started teaching that course. My students said they wanted to know more about the women briefly mentioned in the book I was using at that time," she continued.

Women are making major strides in politics today thanks to the women that made their contributions before them. Although men still dominate politics, the few women that are Senators or representatives are well respected.

When asked did she ever consider running for office Mani replied, "Several of my students are encouraging me to run for the seat in the House of Representatives currently occupied by Walter B. Jones. But incumbents win re-election 90 percent of the time," said Mani.

Justin Arnette, sophomore exercise and sports science major, said he viewed women in politics as equals to men.

"They are capable of doing the same things as men so I don't see anything wrong with it," he said.

When asked if he would ever like to see a woman as president, he replied, "Women should have the equal opportunity as men do."

Carolyn Gordon, sophomore rehabilitation studies major, was asked what her views were on women in politics stated, "That women are working towards making monumental steps in politics with Hillary Clinton running in the next presidential election."

Contributions by women in politics are being celebrated and appreciated in Mani's new book. Although she delivers a powerful message about women in politics in her classroom, it can now be read all over the world since it is available through the publication of Lexington Books.

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ferent amounts of aid depending on their family's income level and financial circumstances.

Students who are interested in applying for financial aid can fill out the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov.

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The bill was passed with a 7-4 vote and excludes educational programs at correctional facilities.

It will now be reviewed by the Washington state House of Representatives Rules Committee.

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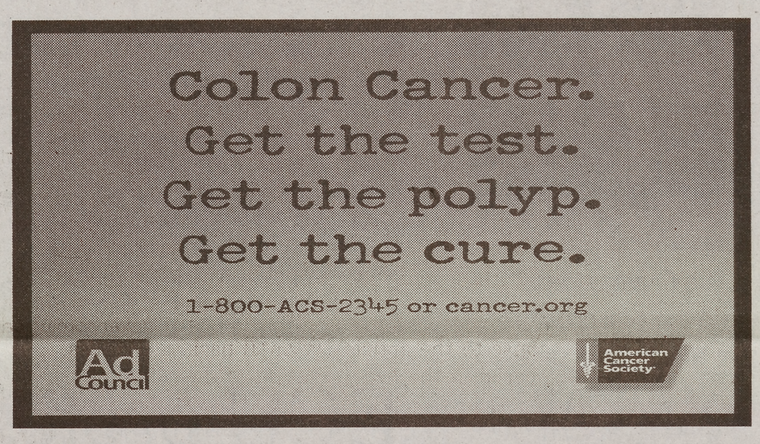

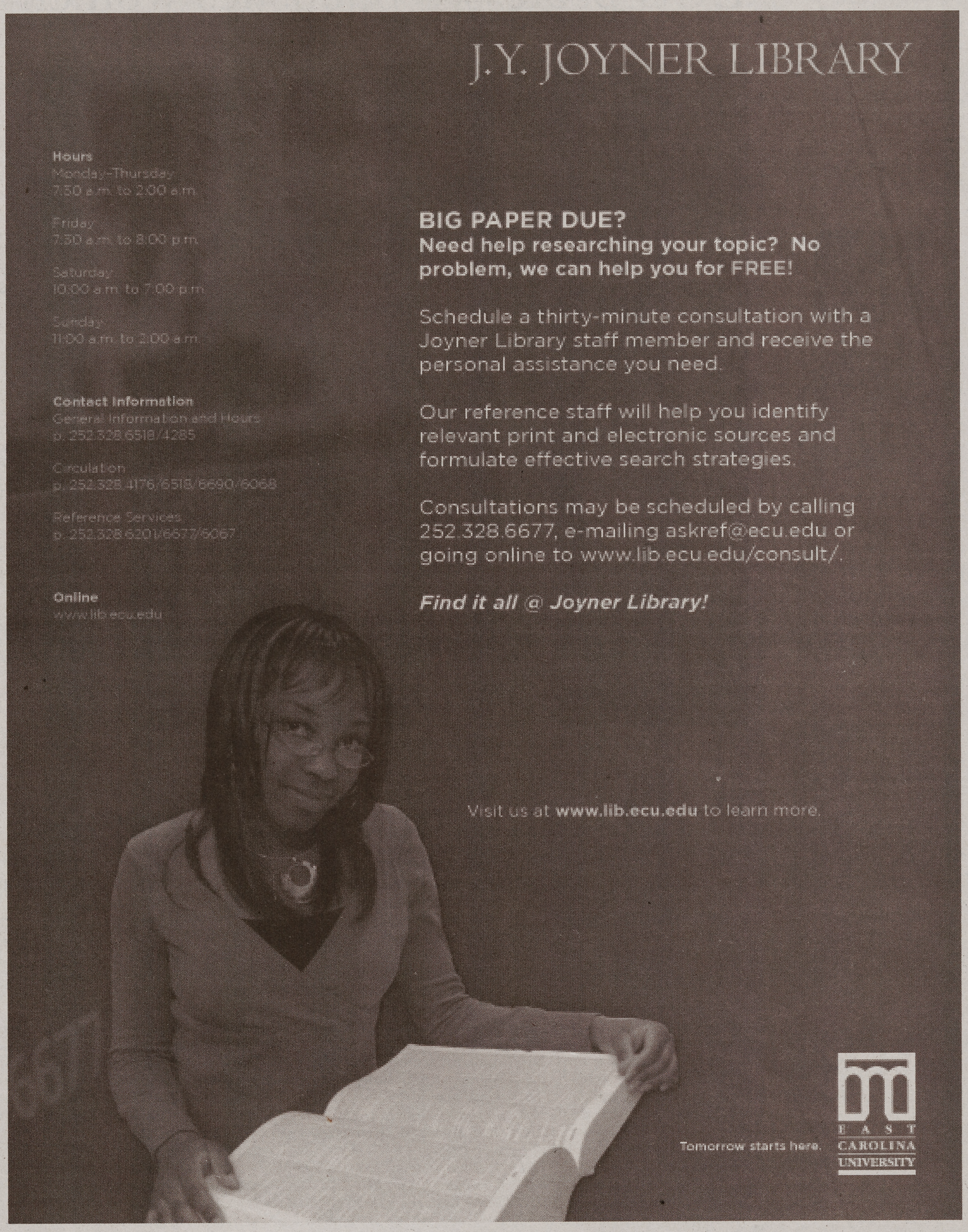

RANT OF THE DAY

I love wearing big sunglasses and carrying coffee to my 8 a.m. class... I feel like a celebrity with a hangover.

Opinion

{ 100 percent pure }

I read the Pirate Rants first

For all of those who think we're idiots

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

I read the Pirate Rants first because I enjoy a good laugh, not because I am an idiot. There is absolutely nothing wrong with flipping the pages of the paper over and reading the ludicrous and often absurd Rants before glancing over the rest of the paper. Bottom line—they are funny.

To the nice guy who always finishes last: You won't always finish last. It's just that your niceness goes unappreciated right now. That is not your fault; it's just because we girls don't truly know what we want yet.

To the people who cannot ever make it to class: It's not really that hard to get out of bed. Not that I don't suffer from the same "I'd rather stay in my bed than walk across campus and sit down for 50-75 minutes" syndrome as well, but you can do it.

To all those suffering from "I have the worst roommate in the world," I'm sorry. Learning to be patient and cooperative with others is truly one of the hardest things in the world to adapt to. Try to remember their point of view also. It might not be easy to live with you either.

For those who start and end a Rant with the question, "Is this/that bad?" The answer is yes.

To those who leave crazy and nonsensical rants about absolutely nothing at all, thank you. I read them, and I laugh, and I think, "Who in the world could have written something like that?" Then I realize that there are people out there that I don't understand, and never will, and that's OK.

To all those mocking what others find fashionable, if you're not wearing it, why does it matter? And no, I don't own a pair of Uggs or large sunglasses.

For all of those in love who wish to share that with us through Pirate Rants, good for you. It is nice to have that with someone. However, please make sure it is love, and not lust or stupid infatuation.

Finally, to those who Rant about the idiots that only pick up the paper to read the Pirate Rants, get over it. So please, everyone, keep Ranting so I can keep smiling.

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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.

Stop making out with your boyfriend on our couch... I can't even turn down my music, because if I do all I can hear is smacking lips. All I want to do is come out and make a sandwich!

Who the hell cares if you love pancakes?

Maybe by having that Vera Bradley bag-haters Facebook group, more people will realize how hideous they really are!

Did they just say erection on the radio?

I'm going to put my baby on layaway at Wal-mart!

This is a shout out to all my peeps in the Whichard Building. Holla.

In a recent rant someone asked, "What is an ECU squirrel?" ECU squirrels live on campus and they do not act like average squirrels. They are certainly not shy. They get very close to you at times and they look like they might attack.

Tuition for one semester at ECU: $2001.50... A parking ticket at ECU: $20... Graduating from ECU and never coming back to this place again: Priceless.

I'm in love with a one-night stand.

Hey, Carolina: Please don't lose to Duke. You are a lot better than them.

Am I single if my boyfriend barely talks to me, we only hang out maybe once a week and no one even knows we're dating?

To my roommate who loves to say how fat she is so that I can say she's not—please stop. I'm bigger than you and you shouldn't be fishing for compliments. P.S. You have abnormally large eyeballs. Worry about those instead.

I don't think the Rants for Valentine's Day should be anonymous because that way we may be able to find our true loves.

You think you are cool, smacking your gum and laughing during class... keep smacking and I'll make you swallow the gum. Keep talking and I'll embarrass you in front of the class.

North Carolina has prissy girls. New Jersey girls hate everyone. I am a Virginia girl, do we have a stereotype?

To the nice guy, who thinks he will be single forever, I am the nice girl and I feel the same way. Guys just come to me when they want something. I guess being nice isn't always so nice.

I think I am addicted to smoking blunts.

Dancing around like an idiot to old school music with your friends completes my life.

I wish my brother was the dumbass of the family.

I think it's about time that I win the lottery.

Is it just me or do people agree with me that a Nintendo Wii beer pong game would be amazing?

To the girl who stole my iPod, I know where you live. More importantly, my best friend just happens to be your roommate and she hates you. So if you don't want your stuff messed up you'd better give me back my d*** iPod.

Why is the Speight computer lab always so unbearably hot?! Honestly, please learn how to operate a thermostat!

To the person whose roommate needs AA: I yelled at my roommate for that and went to the meeting anyway.

I don't think my computer sends in my Rants. They're always so good, yet they never get published.

Does anyone remember colored popcorn? I really wish they would sell it at the grocery store because it does bring back some memories.

I'm glad I'm not the only one who thinks the Minges bus is against me.

I love my boyfriend so much! That's for you people who hate Valentine's Day because you're single and act pathetic about it!

I heart you back.

A true Rant, from the heart: ECU Higher One is probably one of the worst ideas that ECU has made. Ever. Subcontracting tasks that the school cannot handle is not the way to solve problems, it only made things worse.

Those Chuck Norris jokes are so funny because they're so easy to believe.

If I take the time to pick you up from class, please don't sit there and talk on your cell phone the whole time.

To the person that wrote the Rant about the homeless people being in Mendenhall... have some compassion, that could be you.

Pee Dee makes me melt like a Popsicle on the 4th of July.

Why do kids in high school write Pirate Rants?

We live in an expanding universe. All of it is trying to get away from Chuck Norris.

You know your friend's a slut when you are at the club for five minutes and she has already pointed out six people she has slept with...

I would marry Hugh Jackman.

To the guy searching for a redhead... here I am! To the guy who likes a girl with a big butt, I have that too!

The Wii is so dangerous to its participants! I love it.

Lying pathologically is not "cute." You need therapy.

I don't really mind being viewed as an object if it's by six giggling nursing students.

One day it would be cool to have every Pirate Rant be yours, but no one would even know it.

Anyone else feeling a little lonely other than me?

To the smoker that said they would blow smoke in my face, go ahead and try then you can tell me how much you like your black eye.

What do you get boys for Valentine's Day?

I finally figured out the point of physics... it's to make us feel stupid.

Why is it that I connect so well with the guy that everyone thinks has no brain? Does that mean I don't have a brain?

Is anyone else sick of all the Marines that party in Greenville?

I don't care what anyone says. The New England Patriots are still the best football team ever!

You know, I'm not gay, but if I were gay, man, the things I would do to Orlando Bloom. If you were there, I hope you'd just look the other way.

The woman who works in Chick-fil-a thanking me for my beautiful smile every time I walk through her line makes my day.

Destination 360 is biased. My group of friends and I came in to get some food around ten last night from the grill and they told us it was closed. Five minutes later, they cooked dinner for six other people! What the heck?

I'm terrified my roommate is going to join a sorority and leave me.

Has anyone else formulated a plan to escape a zombie invasion, or is that just me being overly paranoid?

In a perfect world, I'd have a boy who wore Chucks.

To the guy who wouldn't stop moving his big head in Geology this morning: Seriously, sit in the back next time. I hope you heard my under-the-breath death wishes.

You have the most beautiful face.

It really burns when you squeeze chili juice into your eyes.

It's so nice to be able to eat solid food .

I hope it snows three feet!

Do you know what you're eating?

What factory farmers don't want you to know

LISA URAM
OPINION WRITER

We've all noticed the changes in children today. They seem to be growing faster and taller with every year. By the time most children reach their thirteenth birthday, they look like they are ready to go off to college. Ironically, the transformation in the food industry within the past decade or more might be to blame for more than just changes in adolescent growth.

There once was a time when farm animals were raised on land owned by an independent farmer and his family. They were free to roam the land as they pleased, finding their own food in nature and oftentimes lived a decent life, until they were of age to be slaughtered. Even going to the slaughterhouse was bearable, with the use of anesthetics.

Unfortunately, the number of small, independent livestock farming continues to decline in the U.S. and large-scale, corporate-owned livestock factories are taking their place.

Arguments for furthering the industrialization of livestock production are based on increased profit and the claim that consumers demand it. If consumer demand is the reasoning behind this atrocious change in livestock farming, then we should considerably rethink what we eat on a day to day basis.

More than nine billion chickens raised on factory farms each year are bred and filled with growth hormones that cause them to grow so quickly that their legs and organs can't keep up.

This often causes them to experience heart attacks, organ failure and crippling leg deformities. Chickens in the U.S. today are taken to the slaughterhouse at six to seven weeks old.

The 340 million hens that lay the eggs that we eat on any given morning are burned at the beak without painkillers and shoved into tiny cages surrounded by up to 11 hens at a time. The light in the sheds are manipulated and hens are often starved for two weeks at a time to produce more egg-laying cycles.

After two years of this, they are shipped to the slaughterhouse where, while they are still alive, their legs are snapped in two and their throats are cut. Their bodies are so withered that their flesh can only be used for animal food or canned diced meat. Some of this meat is actually used in the National School Lunch Program in public schools.

The cattle industry is no different. Cattle are still branded with hot irons and male calves' testicles are ripped from their scrotums, all without anesthetics. Most cattle travel hundreds of miles to reach the massive corporate-owned feedlots, where they are crammed together in their own excrement.

The manure saturates the air with ammonia, methane and other noxious chemicals that can give the cows chronic respiratory problems. The cattle are fed growth hormones to keep them alive in harsh conditions and of course, make them reach the slaughterhouse sooner.

Unfortunately, chickens and cattle aren't the only animals that are pumped with growth hormones, antibiotics and unnatural diets filled with corn silage (corn with chopped up corn plants).

Cows that are used for milking, mother pigs, turkeys and fish are all subject to this horrible lifestyle. Therefore, the public is subject to uncertainty every time we open our mouths to eat.

What can we do to change what we consume in our diets? Today more than ever, it is extremely important to read labels and know where the food that you consume comes from.

Although organic food is more expensive, you are paying for the innate right to know how and with what means your food is being produced. It is time that we take responsibility for what we put into our bodies and demand a change. You decide.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is a response to the article "WZMB back on air" which appeared in the Feb. 6 edition of the *East Carolinian.*

College radio stations are the last bastions of the true art form of radio. Across the nation the only place you can find an actual on-air disc jockey that will actually bring you new music, the way new music was once transmitted, is a college radio station. College radio stations are where you can discover entire new worlds of music that you never knew of before. And what is the point of college other than to learn?

WZMB, in its new state, can no longer serve the ECU community and I believe it should be shut down. If I wished to have my music provided for me by a robot I would listen to 99x or any number of other massively automated corporate atrocities to the music community (notice I did not say "industry"). Whenever I tuned in to WMZB it would be to hear something I had never heard before, discover a new band that I might like, or at the very least have an on-air DJ say, "If you like such-and-such, then you may like such-and-such." Since the station is switching to automation, I cannot have those things, so therefore I will not listen.

How can WZMB fix this? First of all they can return to their former format, which they have slowly abandoned the last couple of years and now they have dropped completely. The FCC has claimed that because of on-air violations that WZMB must either switch to complete automation or shut down, but the powers-that-be won't say what those violations are? I'm not convinced. This sounds like every other commercial radio station that is simply looking for an avenue to cut costs, and what better way to do that then eliminate an entire job class and replace them with a fancy version of iTunes? Why not publish these alleged FCC violations right in the *East Carolinian*? Then perhaps I'll swallow the pill you're trying to force down my throat. I still won't listen, and I will still advocate for your radio station to go off the air until you can operate like a real radio station and not some Clear Channel wannabe, but at least you won't look like liars.

And why not just tell your staff not to curse on the air? Why not just fire them if they do? Put a clause in their contract that they have to pay whatever fine the FCC levies on the station for their misdeed. Or just go off the air and run everything behind the scenes like Channel 23, the ECU TV station. There's never anything on there but the students are constantly working and filming things.

I understand that the world of radio is changing. I understand that radio has to compete with iPods and all sorts of other entertainment media. But why not show a little forethought unlike your corporate contemporaries? What can radio offer an audience that mp3s cannot? The same thing that radio has always provided that any musical media cannot—something new. Put the on-air disc jockeys back on the air, give them their own shows, and let them spin the music they want. Hire disc jockeys that are a little off-kilter, who won't spin ad nausea and whatever spoon-fed corporate crap that has just come off the assembly line. If we wanted to listen to those bands and acts that were listed in the article in question we would just turn to Mix 101.5, 99x, or any other number of commercial radio stations.

Give us something different WZMB, or don't give us anything at all.

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In support of the troop surge

Finishing what we have started

JASON PATTY
OPINION WRITER

President Bush has proposed a plan for Iraq that has left liberals, pacifists and a host of other gutless Americans in a conniption. How quickly do we forget the atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein? How many of these same Americans screamed and yelled and blamed the President for not acting offensively before we were attacked on 9/11? We should absolutely stay the course in Iraq. We should be there until we have established a stable government that is capable of protecting its citizens and the country that so many of our soldiers bled to create and protect.

Many say that we should not be in Iraq protecting our own interests. They say that we are there for the oil. If that were the case, we would turn the country into a glass parking lot and drill through it for the oil. We are there protecting our national security. You wouldn't walk outside every day and watch your neighbor build a cannon aimed at your garage without walking across the street, kicking down his "no trespassing" sign, destroying his cannon and kicking his butt. You are protecting your interests.

The United States is not in Iraq being a bully. We took power away from one of the most atrocious mass murderers and human rights violators that this world has ever seen. We are trying to bring peace and stability to a part of the world that desperately needs it.

The only proposal the democrats have put forth is to "pull our troops out." What possible good will that do? Our troops will come home and Iraq will fall to pieces. There is no telling who will take control and there is a solid chance that we will be back over there in five to 10 years taking care of another problem that we should have handled now. Speaking of which, Kim Jung-il in North Korea is going to see us leave and not give any credibility to the United States "politely asking" him to stop testing and creating nuclear weapons.

President Theodore Roosevelt said that, in matters of foreign policy, the United States should "speak softly and carry a big stick." This applies perfectly to the Iraq situation.

Yes, we lost 25 U.S. soldiers on Jan. 20. We are in a war. A surge in troops will relieve some of the tremendous amount of pressure that we have put on our soldiers by sending them into a war zone without the necessary manpower. We need to provide our military leaders with as many resources they need to complete the task. With all the time and blood that we have invested in Iraq already, we cannot afford to pull out now with the job half finished. We have toppled a dictator of the worst kind. Now we need to finish stabilizing a country in order to protect American citizens and help bring peace to a country that has not seen it in generations.

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Horoscopes:

Aries
For this assignment, you're best with a partner who's totally willing to share. It wouldn't hurt one bit if he or she is also filthy rich.

Taurus
Build up your stash of food and supplies and whatever else you might need. As you well know, it feels wonderful to be prepared for anything.

Gemini
Through a loved one, you can accomplish a goal you've previously found elusive. He or she can see it from a slightly different angle.

Cancer
The sedentary feeling is strong, perhaps overpowering. Don't feel guilty, and don't fight it. Catch up on your reading and answer your mail.

Leo
Discuss your new ideas with a person who understands. Find out what will work and what won't before you put your plans into action.

Virgo
The work's intense, but it's kind of fun. Imagination is required. You're paid well for your efforts, too. Get something nice for your family.

Libra
Best not to talk too much about what you've been doing. You're not finished yet. Wait until you've got a result you want to publicize.

Scorpio
A difficult assignment actually pays quite well. Don't forget to gather an extra bonus for being so good.

Sagittarius
You're having more fun now, if you've done as instructed. That's never easy for you. Give it another try.

Capricorn
The impulse to say something piercingly critical will soon abate. It won't go away completely, but you should be able to stifle.

Aquarius
A person you may have forgotten all about comes back into your life. He or she remembers you fondly and many adventures begin.

Pisces
The wealth you're accruing now is almost all behind the scenes. You won't be able to spend it for years; you're planting a money garden.

Drink Recipes:

Cherry Gin-gria

Ice cubes
2 ounces cherry syrup
2 ounces gin
5 to 6 ounces club soda
1 ounce red wine
Maraschino cherries
Fresh or frozen raspberries

Fill a tall glass with ice cubes. Pour in the cherry syrup and the gin; stir to mix together. Lighten the drink with a generous splash of soda. Float a layer of red wine on top by pouring it over the back of a wide, flat spoon. (Don't worry if it doesn't float; it tastes great either way.) Drop a few maraschino cherries and raspberries into the glass. Drink.

Mango Margaritas

For the Mango Margarita Mix:
1 1/4 pounds fresh mangos
1 cup water
1/2 cup suågar
Gray salt
For the drink:
3 cups ice
1 1/2 cups Mango Margarita Mix
4 ounces tequila
2 ounces triple sec
Lime wedges
Mint Salt

Peel and pit the mangoes and cut them into large chunks. Place the mango in a blender with the water, sugar, and a pinch of salt. Blend until smooth. Taste and add more sugar, if necessary.
Fill the blender with ice and add the Mango Margarita Mix, tequila, and triple sec. Blend until smooth. Rub the rim of a margarita glass with a lime wedge and dip into Mint Salt to coat rim. Fill glass and enjoy.

Please drink responsibly.

YouTube.com: Home to thousands of videos

A review of the popular video hosting Web site

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Founded in 2005, YouTube.com is a Web site that allows anyone and everyone to broadcast videos over the Internet free of charge. With the simple click of your mouse, you can instantly allow millions of people across the globe access to your footage. Not only can you find home videos on this site, but there are also music videos, skits, bloopers and commercials galore.

According to the Web site, YouTube "started as a personal video sharing service, and has grown into an entertainment destination with people watching more than 70 million videos on the site daily." You can find pretty much anything you're looking for on this Web site by simply utilizing the search feature.

To test my theory of instant video gratification, I searched YouTube for "Jessica Simpson commercial" because, as much as Simpson disturbs me, her sassy quote at the end of her Direct TV ad, delivered in one of the worst Southern accents I've ever heard, makes me laugh every time. Sure enough, my video clip was ready and waiting for me at the end of the search path; "I totally don't know what that means, but I want it."

Other funny reels that have made their way to YouTube include the infamous shoes skit, SNL excerpts and scenes from the Dave Chappelle Show. Even the query "Laughing Care Bears" brought about some interesting results. There are thousands upon thousands of video options to choose from, most of which are quite humorous.

Of course, YouTube isn't just home to comedy clips. Many controversial videos have made their way to the Web site as well. Just last week, in Greenville, someone posted a home video of the recent church fires that was removed as soon as it made the media.

Footage of automobile accidents, roller coaster malfunctions and other disturbing material have been uploaded across the span of cyber space. As long as there isn't anything too explicit or revealing, everything is pretty much fair game on this Web site, which makes it an informative, yet risky tool. The most innocent search can lead to disturbing results.

Amongst all the humor, controversy and just plain randomness, it can be hard to find videos that can actually be put to good use. You just have to know what you're looking for and be patient enough to sift through the results. The Web site's attempt to categorize the videos definitely aids the search, enabling the viewer to access everything from news to video games.

The site also has certain videos that are featured daily. These videos are popular clips that have been getting a lot of airtime or are simply favorites of the site's staff.

You can also organize the videos by most-viewed to see what the other Internet surfers are feasting their eyes on. There is also a link for featured channels, which are basically mini-YouTube series.

You don't have to subscribe to the site to view the videos, but a subscription is required to upload videos. At least there is some accountability required for this practically uncensored sharing site.

The registration takes all of about two minutes and the interface is very user-friendly. A couple of months ago, a friend and I opened an account and within minutes had uploaded one of our home videos from the summer. Two months later, after optimum Facebook exposure, the video has had nearly 500 hits. Within minutes, anyone can become an instant star.

There is still debate as to whether YouTube does more good than evil, but essentially it is simply a Web site where people can share their favorite videos or video clips with the world for free. Before YouTube, most Web sites required a paid subscription in order to use their uploading services. Now, thanks to YouTube, everyone can easily experience their fifteen minutes of Internet fame.

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Pimp my molecule

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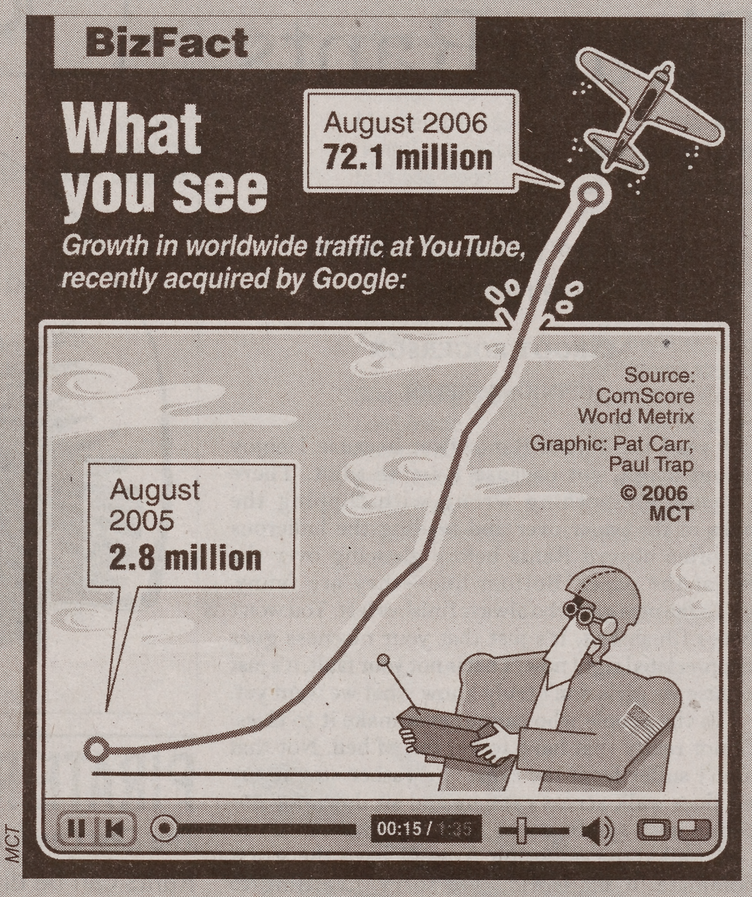

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Step into luxury without breaking the bank

Photo by Lizz Wells

The exterior view offers a subtle peek at the luxurious amenities that Blackwood's offers patrons.

Blackwood's Salon and Spa

LEIGH CARTER
STAFF WRITER

For most people, getting their hair cut by a complete stranger is a little unnerving. They do not know you or your style so how could they possibly see your vision of how you want to look?

All these feelings come to an end as soon as you walk into Blackwood's Salon and Spa and become treated to the one on one experience provided by owner Douglas Blackwood himself. The nervousness and hesitation disappear as you encounter the relaxing and elegant atmosphere of this one of a kind establishment.

"We provide an upscale salon that is still affordable and concentrates on the needs of our guests," said Blackwood. "It is always a good day here at Blackwood."

Think salons are just for female clients? Guess again. Blackwood's Salon and Spa offers a variety of services that even men can enjoy, including soothing steam towel treatments and stress relief remedies for muscle relaxation from the shoulders up.

You feel the stresses of the day melt away as you are greeted by a knowledgeable and caring staff and then venture into the hands of the owner of this incredibly posh and upscale institution who then seeks to assist you in finding the perfect look, customizing every step just for you.

"Going to the same person who knows you on a personal level is a great feeling," said junior communication major, Michelle Page. "They know what you want and you trust them with what they are doing."

Offering a range of services from facials to manicures and pedicures, dimensional coloring and a variety of other services it is no wonder why this salon has been Greenville's best kept secret since its opening in January of 2000.

"We offer half off our shampoo, cut and blow-dry for students," Blackwood said. "This way they can get the personalized experience and professional results without having to overspend while on a budget."

While the great prices and excellent service provided by Blackwood are enough to keep anyone coming back again and again, this salon also does its share to give back to the community.

During the months of January and February the salon works with others to combat feline diabetes, while in March and April they celebrate the time associated with Earth day through several projects. The months of September and October are devoted to Breast Cancer Awareness and November and December to community projects such as food drives.

"Our products are sold in containers made from recycled materials," Blackwood said. "Refilling such products for our customers at discounted prices so that the number of containers used can be decreased significantly is also a step we take."

Being a phenomenal business that goes above and beyond the expectations of both their guests and those of the Greenville community is incredibly refreshing to those searching for a place to relax and be pampered regularly at half the price you would expect to pay. With special treatments and dedication to being the best Blackwood Salon and Spa will be the salon you return to again and again.

Blackwood's Salon and Spa is located in uptown Greenville at 304 Evans St. and can be reached by calling (252) 757-3684.

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Resident advising proves to be a full-time job

Profile of a RA

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Every student who has lived on campus at ECU has had a Resident Advisor. They are the students that live on every floor and enforce the rules, plan programs and make sure that everyone is getting along. Along with these responsibilities comes a free room to themselves, free board, a Pirate 9 meal plan and a $200 stipend each year.

However, being a RA is hard work. Each month, RA's have to be "on duty." During their "on duty" time, RA's do three rounds, at 10 p.m., 12 a.m. and 2 a.m. Each round, they check for students being too loud, playing inappropriate games and make sure that the opposite sex is off the floor by curfew.

RA's also plan programs, following the Direction, Relationships, Identity, Values and Ethics Model. Each semester, RA's have to plan activities that include each of these categories. Each program that RA's plan contains a point value. RA's must plan activities that add up to 32 points per semester.

These activities can include anything from taking a group of residents to campus events, out to dinner or having a movie night in the RA's room. RA's have $50 a semester to plan events and programs, but they can also receive funding from the Resident Hall Association for activities that will cost more than this allotted amount.

"We have resources that no one else has [to plan programs]. If we want to do something, we present the idea for a program to RHA and they will fund it," said Nikki Dimascio, an RA at ECU.

To become an RA, students must go through a process before they are hired. Potential RA's have to fill out an application and go through a day of activities designed to test creativity, personality and ingenuity. Later they must attend two interviews, one with three RA's and one with a hall coordinator before they receive a letter in the mail indicating whether or not they are hired.

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Resident advisors are an important tool for students living on campus.

After RA's are hired, they must continually attend seminars and conferences to keep them up-to-date with policies, and to teach them to become better leaders.

Although there is a lot involved with becoming a RA, many feel that is worth the effort.

"The relationship with the staff and residents are awesome. It's worth [the hard work]," Dimascio said.

Many people don't realize the effort it takes to become a RA. RA's are students too, but they have the responsibilities that a lot of people don't have.

"[Students] think that RA's are a higher authority or babysitters, or we're here to spy on them and bust them for every little thing, and it's not like that," said RA Sara Phoenix.

RA's tell their residents that they are not the bad guys, but they do have to do their job.

"Sometimes my residents don't like me enforcing the rules, but everything can be solved if you just communicate," said RA Michael Salter.

Being a RA is a great chance to build relationships, learn how to be a great leader and to have great experiences at ECU. The RA experience is surely something that students can take with them even after they leave ECU.

"Be open-minded, [the experience] is what you make it," Phoenix said.

To learn more about becoming a RA, log on to the recruitment Web site at ecu.edu/campusliving/ra for more information about the position and requirements.

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Clubs on the ECU baseball team's schedule that are currently ranked in Baseball America's Top 25; four of the teams are in the top 12; Rice is No. 1, North Carolina is No. 3, UCLA is No. 11 and Cal State Fullerton is No. 12; ECU will also play a total of seven games in Clark-LeClair Stadium against teams who made it to the College World Series last season (Rice and Cal State Fullerton three times each and UNC once)

295

Career collegiate wins for ECU baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin; Godwin won 33 games last year in his first season with the Pirates; prior to coming to ECU, Godwin won 262 games in six seasons at Louisburg (N.C.) College; in his seven year head coaching career Godwin is averaging 42.14 wins per season

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Player in the ECU baseball team's projected batting order that is entering his first season with the program; Senior David Forbes, a transfer from Campbell University and J.H. Rose graduate, looks to be the only player in the Pirates opening day starting lineup that didn't start, or at least see significant playing time last season; returning starter Harrison Eldridge led last year's team in runs, on-base percentage and was second on the team with a .336 batting average; fellow returnee Dale Mollenhauer led the Pirates in sacrifice hits, games started and at-bats last season

81

Days since the ECU men's basketball team last won a game against a Division I opponent; since the Pirate's 72-64 win at UNC Greensboro on Nov. 18, the Pirates have recorded two wins against Division II opponents and have lost 15 games in a row against Division I opponents; the Pirates will look to end that streak tonight as they host UCF in Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m.

5TH

The predicted finish for both ECU's softball and baseball teams this season, voted on by the C-USA coaches; softball senior Keli Harrell and juniors Erin St. Ledger and Beth Nolan were chosen to the C-USA preseason All-Conference team; Houston was voted first in the C-USA softball preseason poll and Rice was picked first in the C-USA baseball preseason poll; Rice is also the consensus preseason No. 1 baseball team in the nation

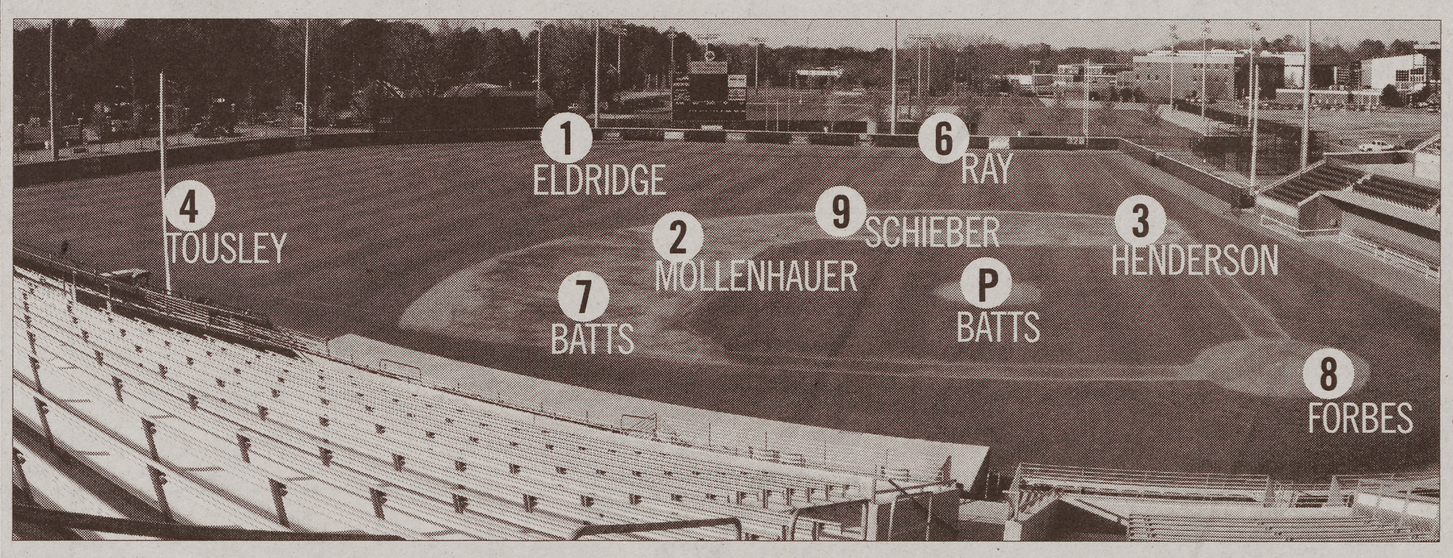
8.76

Time, in seconds, recorded by ECU freshman Lindsay Dolan in the 60 meter hurdles at the Husker Invitational this past weekend; this time is a new ECU school record, breaking the previous mark of 8.79 set in 2005; also at the Husker Invitational, ECU senior Eric Frasure finished third in the weight throw competition with a mark of 20.85m, which provisionally qualified Frasure for the NCAA Indoor Championships

Pirates look to douse the Flames

LINEUP

1. HARRISON ELDRIDGE, JUNIOR
2. DALE MOLLENHAUER, JUNIOR
3. BRANDON HENDERSON, SOPHMORE
4. RYAN TOUSLEY, SENIOR
5. JAKE DEAN, *DH SENIOR
6. JAMIE RAY, JUNIOR
7. STEPHEN BATTS, SOPHMORE
8. DAVID FORBES, SENIOR
9. DREW SCHIEBER, SOPHMORE



ROTATION

WEEKEND STARTERS:
FRI: T.J. HOSE, JUNIOR
SAT: JEFF OSTRANDER, SENIOR
SUN: DUSTIN SASSER, JUNIOR
BULLPEN:
SET-UP:
JASON NEITZ, SENIOR
CHRIS POWELL, JUNIOR
MIKE FLYE, SENIOR
JOSH RUHLMAN, JUNIOR
CLOSER:
SHANE MATHEWS, JUNIOR

ECU hosts Liberty to begin the 2007 season

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Friday afternoon, at 3 p.m., nine of ECU's baseball players will run out of the home dugout of Clark-LeClair Stadium while Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle" blares through the stadium's sound system. Shortly after that, junior T.J. Hose will step onto the pitcher's mound and deliver the first pitch of the Pirates 2007 season.

"It will be an awesome experience," said Hose of opening day at Clark-LeClair Stadium. "It will be a great atmosphere; we'll have a lot of fans in the stadium and it will be a big adrenaline rush."

ECU will host the Liberty Flames for a three-game series starting Friday. The Pirates have spent the last month practicing and playing intra-squad scrimmages in preparation for the upcoming season.

"I know our guys are excited about opening day and it's right here on us," said Head Coach Billy Godwin. "We've done some positive things in the preseason and I feel real good about where we're at as a team heading into the season."

Hose is expected to be the ace of this year's pitching staff, despite having an arm injury that caused him to miss the latter portion of last season.

"He's a great competitor and he threw very well today," Godwin said after Hose's last preseason performance. "He's going to be our number one starter which means he will start opening day and it was good for him to come out of this last scrimmage throwing well."

Last season ECU finished with a 33-26 record, missing the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1998. Godwin has said numerous times throughout the preseason that this year's team is much more prepared heading into the season than last year's squad. Hose echoed those statements.

"I think we're more confident and we're better prepared heading into this season," Hose said. "Our talent and depth is much better this year and we have great chemistry as a team."

Fellow junior pitcher Shane Mathews, who will be the closer for the Pirates this season, feels that this year's team is ready to take the Pirates back to the postseason.

"We all obviously wanted to make it last year and were disappointed with the outcome," said Mathews after an early preseason practice.

"This year we have to set ourselves up and get into position to get there; if we win games night in and night out and play up to our potential then I think we'll get back where we need to be."

ECU was picked to finish fifth in C-USA, which is one of the strongest conferences in college baseball, but Godwin said expectations are higher than that.

"Our expectations are definitely higher than that," Godwin said. "We can't control where we're picked, all we can control is our team and I like this team."

The Pirates will face a very tough schedule this year, despite playing a school-record 38 home games. The home schedule is highlighted by weekend series' with the nation's preseason no. 1 team Rice and perennial powerhouse Cal State Fullerton. ECU will also play defending national runner-up North Carolina in a home-and-home series. The schedule also features road trips to UCLA, who is ranked 11th by Baseball America, and C-USA power Tulane. ECU will also play home-and-home games against in-state rivals UNC Wilmington and N.C. State.

"If you're a competitor than this is the kind of schedule you want to play," Godwin said. "I think our guys are ready for that challenge, I told them if they go out and compete against this schedule they will make a name for themselves."

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The "Tobacco Road" rivalry lives on

OPINION

From the heart of a true-blue Tar Heel

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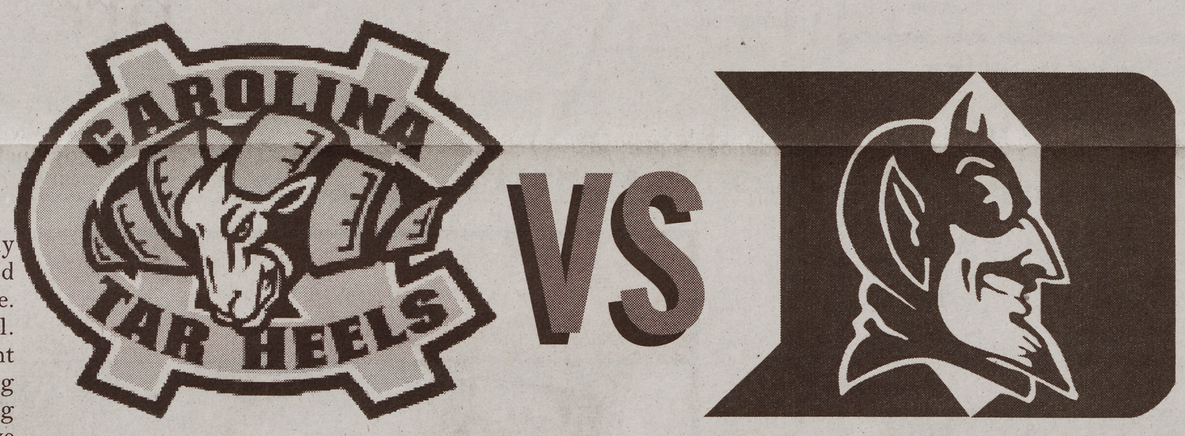

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I'll start off by stating my bias; even though I was born and raised in Durham, I hate Duke. Always have and always will. Most of my extended family went to UNC and I've been attending basketball games there for as long as I can remember. Therefore I've hated Duke since before I understood the concept of hate.

I hate Duke like cats hate baths, like elephants hate mice, like Indiana Jones hates snakes and like you hate your 8 a.m. class, except worse and with a passion.

Duke represents all that is wrong with the world and it has nothing to do with their demonic mascot. Nixon went to law school at Duke (where he learned how not to be a crook), Donald Trump roots for Duke and former players Christian Laettner, Bobby Hurley, and J.J. Redick are the personification of preppy elitist arrogance. Like I said, I'm biased.

It's hard to explain how important the Carolina vs. Duke basketball games are in the Durham-Chapel Hill area. Some will argue that the Red Sox-Yankees or Michigan-Ohio State are bigger rivalries, but its Duke and Carolina's proximity to each other that makes it so heated.

I recall one game day in middle school when I walked past the principal's office to find two of my friends hanging their heads in shame. Their clothes and faces were coated with a mixture of dirt and blood.

"What did y'all do?" I asked.

"Got into a fight," they said in unison.

"Over what?"

"Carolina and Duke."

That totally justified it to me; it did not seem out of the ordinary at all. The day after a Carolina loss to Duke was the worst day of the school year because it meant I had to endure the endless barrage of torment from the Dookies. Even the ones who didn't know a lot about basketball would come out of the woodwork and pile the abuse on my fellow Tar Heel fans and me.

Tonight's game between Carolina and Duke is odd because both teams are coming off losses, in Duke's case, back-to-back losses. On paper the Tar Heels are deeper, more athletic and bigger than the Blue Devils. However, the game isn't played on paper. There are countless examples of overmatched underdog teams bringing the game down to the last possession and sometimes even stealing victory from their favored nemesis.

The Tar Heels have been led this season by a core of young players. Sophomore Tyler Hansbrough is an All-American and Player of the Year Candidate. Freshman Brandan Wright has complimented Hansbrough in the paint, and is a top prospect for the NBA.

Freshman point guard Tywon Lawson has emerged as a powder keg of a point guard, looking like a quicker and more physical Raymond Felton. Those are only three of the 12 Tar Heels that will see action tonight; they also have senior leader Reyshawn Terry, freshman sharpshooter Wayne Ellington and versatile wings Danny Green and Marcus Ginyard.

Before the loss to N.C. State, the Tar Heels had looked invincible during a five game win streak in which they won convincingly on the road against ranked opponents Clemson and Arizona. The Wolfpack forced the Heels to play a half court game, instead of the transition game they prefer.

If N.C. State and Head Coach Sidney Lowe can put the brakes on the Tar Heels high speed attack then surely coach K and Duke, who is one of the best defensive teams in the country, is capable of doing the same. In addition, Duke has the home-court advantage which means that the Cameron Crazies will be at their loudest and most obnoxious.

I predict that it will be a tight contest throughout, with the Tar Heels pulling away late in the second half. Final Score: UNC-84 Duke-77.

At least I hope.

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QUICK FACTS:

Duke and UNC have a combined 27 Final Four appearances and seven NCAA Men's Basketball National Titles. Duke has won three national titles, while UNC has won four. The heated rivals have never met in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, according to collegehoopsnet.com.

The UNC–Duke rivalry ranks as the third best sports rivalry of all-time, according to "The End of the Century" special by espn.com. The Michigan–Ohio State rivalry comes in first, while the epic fights between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier come in second.

Duke is second, behind only UCLA, in total weeks ranked as the No. 1 team in the nation (96 weeks). UNC ranks third with 84 weeks, according to NCAA.org.

UNC holds the record for defeating the consensus No. 1 team in the nation with 11 victories, while Duke ranks fourth with 8 victories, according to NCAA.org.

Can Duke hold off UNC at home?

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Fifty years of rivalry between Duke and Carolina. Famous brawls, endless controversy, long-nurtured hatred and some of the best basketball ever played in college.

For UNC and Duke, players and fans, the competition isn't about winning some prize, trophy or title. The reason that so many students/fans wait out in the North Carolina winter to get tickets is to brag to your friends and have the pride that your team is the best that year.

Tonight is the first meeting between Duke and UNC this year at Cameron Indoor Stadium, just eight miles down Tobacco Road (U.S. 15-501) from UNC's Dean Dome. Duke who is 18-5 overall and 5-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, hosts the Tar Heels who are 20-3 overall and 6-2 in ACC play.

Last year the teams split games by winning at each other's local, Duke won the first meeting 87-83 and UNC won the second 83-76.

Although this year should prove to be different as UNC is favored heavily after Duke has lost its last two games, each by two points or fewer. UNC is not on a winning streak either after failing to lowly N.C. State Saturday by four points.

Duke has had a rough season losing two games in a row twice this year and averaging 15.4 turnovers a game and having only 69.4 points a game, lowest in the ACC.

Most of the Blue Devils problems have come from sophomores Greg Paulus and Josh McRoberts. Paulus missed a lot of preseason due to a foot injury and it took him a while to get back into ACC shape. McRoberts on the other hand has been injury free and yet for some reason has not taken much of a superstar role for the Blue Devils, only averaging 13.2 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.6 blocks per game.

The positive spot for Duke is that they have held their opponents to fewer points than any other Duke team in history, thanks in part to their astonishing half court presences.

The Blue Devils will face their hardest challenge so far this season tonight against the Tar Heels, who, excluding their last game against the Wolfpack, have been dominating teams on defense and with their speed in transition. UNC has four players that average points in double figures and with the inside tandem of Tyler Hansbrough and Brandon Wright, Duke will find it very hard to slow down the Heels in the paint.

Duke's only chance at winning tonight is to shut down Tyler Hansbrough, who's averaging 18.7 points per game by using the same double team technique that Gonzaga used to beat UNC 82-74. Greg Paulus and DeMarcus Nelson will need to be at the top of their game by scoring in double figures and feeding the ball down low to McRoberts, if the Blue Devils want a chance to win at home.

The first game ever played between North Carolina and Duke, known as Trinity College until 1924, took place Jan. 24, 1920. UNC won their first meeting 36-25. UNC leads the all-time series with Duke, 125-96.

The Blue Devils have won 16 of the last 20 games in the series against their in-state rivals.

For the last 122 meetings at least one of the two schools has been ranked in the AP Top 20 or AP Top 25.

The last time UNC and Duke met when neither team was ranked by the Associated Press was on Feb. 27, 1960. Frank McGuire and Vic Bubas coached the Tar Heels and Blue Devils, respectively, at the time.

Tip-off for the rivalry begins at 9 p.m. on ESPN and should prove to be a very interesting ACC. UNC and Duke will meet again March 4 at the Dean Dome for UNC's senior night.

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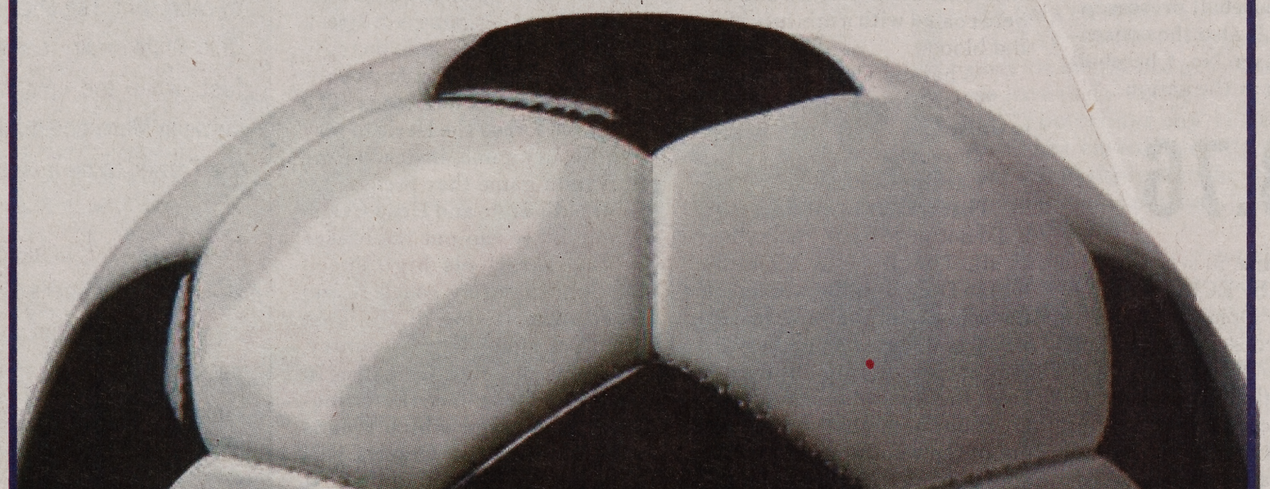

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