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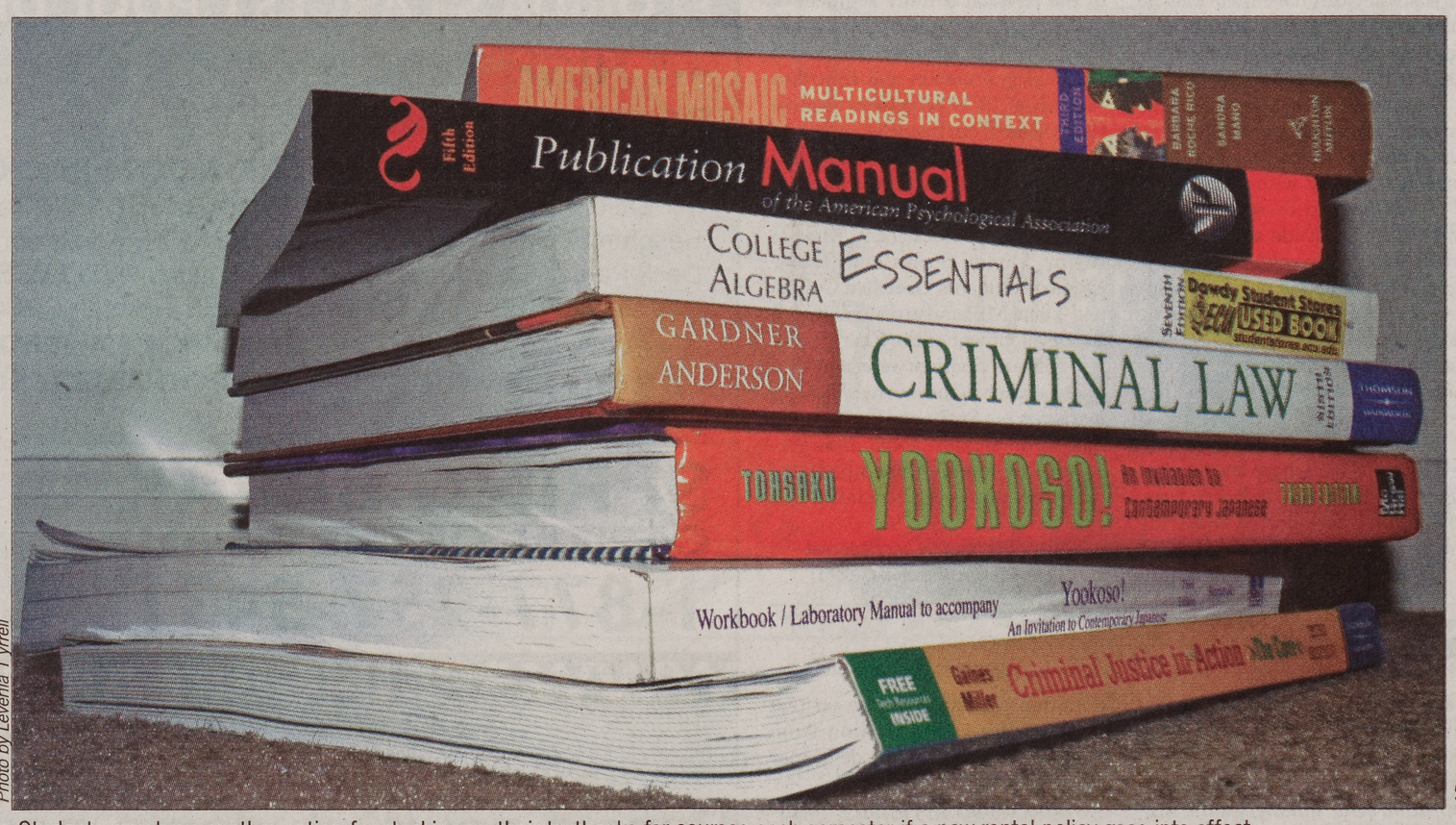

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Students may have another option for stacking up their textbooks for courses each semester if a new rental policy goes into effect.

Partial textbook rental system proposed for ECU

UNCASG and SGA work together to implement policy

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR WRITER

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments and SGA are collaborating to get a partial textbook policy passed for ECU.

UNCASG is a student run organization that serves all 16 UNC campuses to represent their need for affordable higher education.

They also express their concerns to the University Board of Governors, the North Carolina General Assembly, the Office of the President of the University of North Carolina, and other state and federal agencies, according to uncasg.org.

Partial and full rental systems are available options but UNCASG decided against going with a full rental system.

"One of the reasons why we looked at partial instead of a full is because of schools like ECU that are too big and too diverse in classes," said Jake Parton, vice president of student and academic affairs for UNCASG.

A few factors stand in the way of ECU being able to establish a full textbook rental system at this time.

"ECU flat out said that they don't have enough storage space," Parton said. "You would have to purchase a warehouse because of the amount of classes you have."

The steps to getting the partial textbook rental system approved involves UNCASG presenting the facts to the Board of Governors and talking to faculty and administration at each individual campus to figure out how to best implement this, said Parton.

According to Derek Pantiel, president of UNCASG, Fayetteville State University had a full rental system in the past.

None of the 16 UNC campuses have a partial system right now but Appalachian State University, Elizabeth State University and Western Carolina University all have full rental systems.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington has expressed interest that they would like to propose a partial system for next year.

According to Pantiel and Parton, how soon the proposal will take effect will depend on the cost, how they decide to run the system and a solution for storage space.

This system will mainly affect first year students because of the type of books that will be available for rental.

"Under this program, the only classes that will be affected are introductory courses," Parton said.

Students seem to approve of the rental system and think it would greatly affect the amount they have to spend in textbooks.

"I spend about $300 each semester on textbooks. I think this would be better because I would save a lot of money," said Travis Morgan, freshman marketing major.

"In the past, I purchased books that I didn't really use and I lost money because they wouldn't take it back during book buyback," Morgan said.

Parton said that a partial textbook rental system would help the cost of textbooks because students would have access to more used books.

Establishing an on-time textbook reservation or adoption policy is something that can help the cost of textbooks now.

"This could be implemented immediately, and will not only affect change in the future but affect change now," Pantiel said.

"The best way to decrease the cost of textbooks is to get the adoptions in on time," Parton said.

UNCASG is coming up with ways to encourage faculty to get their adoption orders in on time by establishing incentives and consequences.

"We are going to go with the last decision they made on books if they don't get their adoptions in on time," Patron said.

One of ways that ECU has encouraged faculty to turn in their orders on time is by giving out departmental scholarships, according to Parton.

The idea for the textbook rental proposal was based on nationwide issues with the cost of textbooks and education and concerns expressed by SGA members at ECU.

"The delegates for ECU were the ones that gave us the feedback that we needed to create this system," Pantiel said.

Pantiel said the increase in the cost of education isn't just a problem in North Carolina.

"This is a nationwide issue with the increase in the cost of higher education," Pantiel said.

To give feedback about this proposal, you can contact Pantiel at president@uncasg.org or contact Parton at asa@uncasg.org.

To find out more about SGA, visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga or call the office at 328-4742.

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Maya Angelou to be keynote speaker at Gala in March

AP

ANGELOU

Tickets already on sale

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Maya Angelou will be the keynote speaker at a Women of Distinction Gala titled, "Power & Pearls" at the Rock Springs Conference Center March 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the ECU Committee on the Status of Women are hosting the event.

According to Vivian Mott, ECU's committee on the status of women chair, the gala will honor ECU's Women of Distinction and the Linda Allred Profile in Leadership Award recipient.

Only 500 seats are available and public tickets went on sale Thursday, Feb. 16.

According to Mott, public tickets are $50 and student tickets are $25, with student identification.

Sponsor tables are also available for $1000 and special table pricing is $350 per table of eight, according to Mott.

As advertised, an entrée of either Chicken Florentine or Pasta Primavera is included in the ticket price.

Flyers and brochures have already been posted and invitations have been sent out to selected individuals said Mott.

According to Keynote Speakers, Inc., the average cost for a keynote speaker such as Maya Angelou is $40,000 or more.

Tickets can be purchased through the Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Guests are asked to be prepared to supply an entrée preference when purchasing a ticket. Dress is business attire.

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College giving increases, especially to richest schools

(AP)—Prosperous alumni helped make 2006 a record fundraising year for colleges and universities, which hauled in an all-time high of $28 billion—a 9.4 percent jump from the year before.

There were increases across the board, but as usual it was the already wealthy who fared best. Stanford's $911 million was the most ever collected by a single university, and raised the staggering possibility of a billion-dollar fundraising year in the not-too-distant future.

"There were a set of ideas and a set of initiatives that the university is undertaking that people wanted to invest in," said Martin Shell, Stanford's vice president for development. "This is an unbelievably generous response from an unbelievably philanthropic set of alumni, parents and friends."

Nationally, donations from alumni rose 18.3 percent from 2005, according to new figures being released Wednesday by the Council for Aid to Education. Alumni donations account for about 30 percent of giving to higher education. Giving from other groups, such as corporations and foundations, increased by much smaller amounts.

Survey director Ann Kaplan said the strong economy played a role, but universities also were asking more aggressively as part of formal fundraising campaigns.

Colleges "are making a good case for support," Kaplan said. "The level at which they can receive contributions will have something to do with the economy, but they have to be out there asking for it."

Stanford had about 300 full-time fundraising employees asking for money in 2006, finishing up one formal campaign early in the year and starting another. It was a demonstration of how fundraising campaigns, like political ones, now run virtually full-time.

Still, the timing did give Stanford's annual numbers an artificial boost, because more money tends to be collected at the beginning and end of such campaigns.

The CAE survey contains good news for a number of schools with small endowments that saw large percentage jumps, such as Wagner College in New York and the University of La Verne in California—both of which raised about $10 million and more than doubled 2005's collections.

But in absolute dollars, the wealthiest institutions still dominate—and are expanding their lead. Last year, the top 10 fundraising universities collected 16.3 percent of all gifts, or $7.2 billion, compared to 14.7 percent in 2005. The top 20 institutions accounted for more than a quarter of all fundraising.

Stanford was followed by Harvard, which raised $595 million, then Yale ($433 million) and the University of Pennsylvania ($409 million). All of the biggest fundraising schools are large research institutions with medical schools that typically attract private support for research from well beyond their alumni base.

Rounding out the top 10

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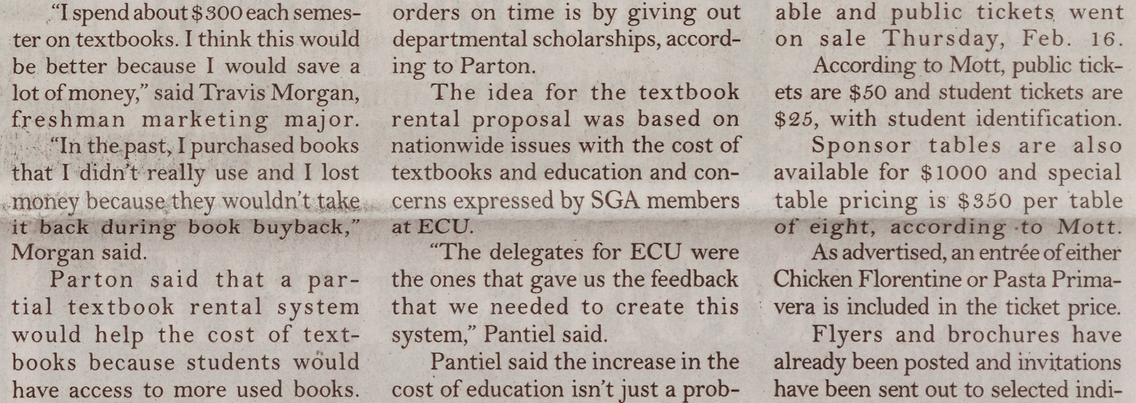

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Children are more likely to focus better in school if they are active, according to a study by ECU researchers.

ECU study shows active kids focus better in school

ECU team develops 'Energizers' to increase physical activity

STAFF REPORT

ECU researchers led by exercise and sport science professor Matt Mahar found children who are active during the school day are more likely to be more attentive and on-task than children who exercise less.

Sixty-two third and fourth graders at Grifton Elementary School were studied over a 12-week period and found to be more focused in school after participating in physical activity.

"We evaluated in this study the effectiveness of a classroom-based physical activity program on elementary school-aged children's physical activity levels during the school day and on on-task behavior," Mahar said. "[We found that] the kids not only are more physically active, which helps combat the obesity epidemic, but also probably learn better after the Energizers because their on-task behavior is better."

Energizers are a set of 10-minute long movement oriented exercises Mahar and his colleagues developed to promote learning and physical activity simultaneously. Energizers, which were developed for both elementary and middle school students through funding from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

In the study, teachers were trained to lead their students in a 10-minute activity daily for 12 weeks. Mahar found that the group of students who performed the Energizers were significantly more active during the school day than those groups which did not.

The amount of activity that can potentially be accumulated over the school year by including one 10-minute Energizer per day is substantial, according to Mahar.

"We found it is the equivalent to moving about 70 miles per year," he said.

Mahar also said the Energizers seemed to improve attentiveness in students who were the least on-task prior to the activity. According to the study, students who had difficulty being on-task had an increase in on-task behavior by 20 percent after 10 minutes of physical activity.

Mahar is concerned about the lack of importance placed on physical activity in public schools and hopes Energizers will combine movement with learning.

"It's important because even if you can demonstrate its benefit in terms of health, people are more likely to do it if it can help academic performance of students," Mahar-

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NEWS

{ Campus & Community }

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Motown Tribute
As a tribute to Black History Month and Motown music, "A Tribute to Motown" will grace the halls of Wright Auditorium for another night of unforgettable songs and soul infused performances. The performance will take place this Saturday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the events can be purchased in advance at rates of $10 public and $5 students or the night of the show for $10.

Editor of Encyclopedia of N.C. to visit ECU
The editor of the Encyclopedia of North Carolina, William S. Powell, will visit the North Carolina Collection at Joyner Library Feb. 23 from 1 – 3 p.m., for a book signing. According to a press release, the encyclopedia features more than 1,000 entries about the history and people of North Carolina, and ECU faculty and alumni have contributed more than 24 entries to the volume.

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said. "I think this study shows teachers that they can have their kids be physically active in class and not only maintain academic performance, but improve it."

Jennifer Hobbs, senior elementary education major, said the study reinforces what she is learning as she continues to work with children.

"Kids have to be active, so letting them go outside and use their growth-motor development, playing and jumping and pushing, helps develop their muscles so they can do the fine-tuned stuff in the classroom without getting frustrated," Hobbs said. "And it's a release, because they get out and play."

Hobbs added that in the child development lab where she studies, children are required to have at least 30 minutes a day allotted to playing and exercising outside, if possible.

In all, 243 children in grades kindergarten through four participated in the physical activity segment of the study, made possible by a grant from the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Foundation and contributions from ECU professors Jeannie Golden and Tom Raedeke, researchers Tamlyn Shields, former ECU graduate student Sheila Murphy, and former ECU professor David Rowe on the on-task assessment. Rhonda Kenny, Donna Scales and former graduate students Gretchen Collins and Tiana Miller also contributed to the development of the Energizers.

Mahar's findings were published in December in the journal *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, and more information about Energizers can be found online at http://ncpe4me.com/energizers.html.

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were Cornell, Southern California, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Duke and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which was the top fundraiser among public universities, raising $326 million.

The elite fundraisers typically get money from a higher percentage of alumni, but the real difference comes from a small number of mega-gifts. About 40 percent of Stanford's total came from just 10 donations, Shell said, the largest of which was $100 million from alumnus and real estate developer John Arrillaga.

The university's latest campaign aims to raise $4.3 billion over five years. Stanford charges $43,361 this year for tuition plus room and board but says it provides full financial aid for students who need it, and does not charge families with annual income under $45,000.

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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY

I picked up my cap and gown yesterday. OK, I am officially freaked out now.

U.S. needs to proceed with caution

Remaining watchful of North Korea is the key

KRYSTLE STRICKLIN
OPINION WRITER

Last week, a breakthrough nuclear agreement was made between the United States, North Korea and several other parties. According to CNN, this agreement entitles North Korea to receive 50,000 tons of oil, and in exchange, North Korea will shut down their main nuclear reactor and allow inspectors to enter their facilities within 60 days.

This agreement comes only four months after North Korea defied international laws and began conducting nuclear tests.

This deal is being hailed as, "A good first step," but questions remain as to how effective the deal will play out to be.

North Korea has a notorious reputation for backpedaling out of agreements and before last week, had shown no signs whatsoever that they would agree to any form of compromise. The only reliable aspect of this deal is the fact that it buys all parties involved some more time.

I am not sure that time will change much with this situation, but it will give North Korea a chance to show some cooperation. Those who remain optimistic about the deal believe that reaching these limited agreements will lead us to better goals in the future.

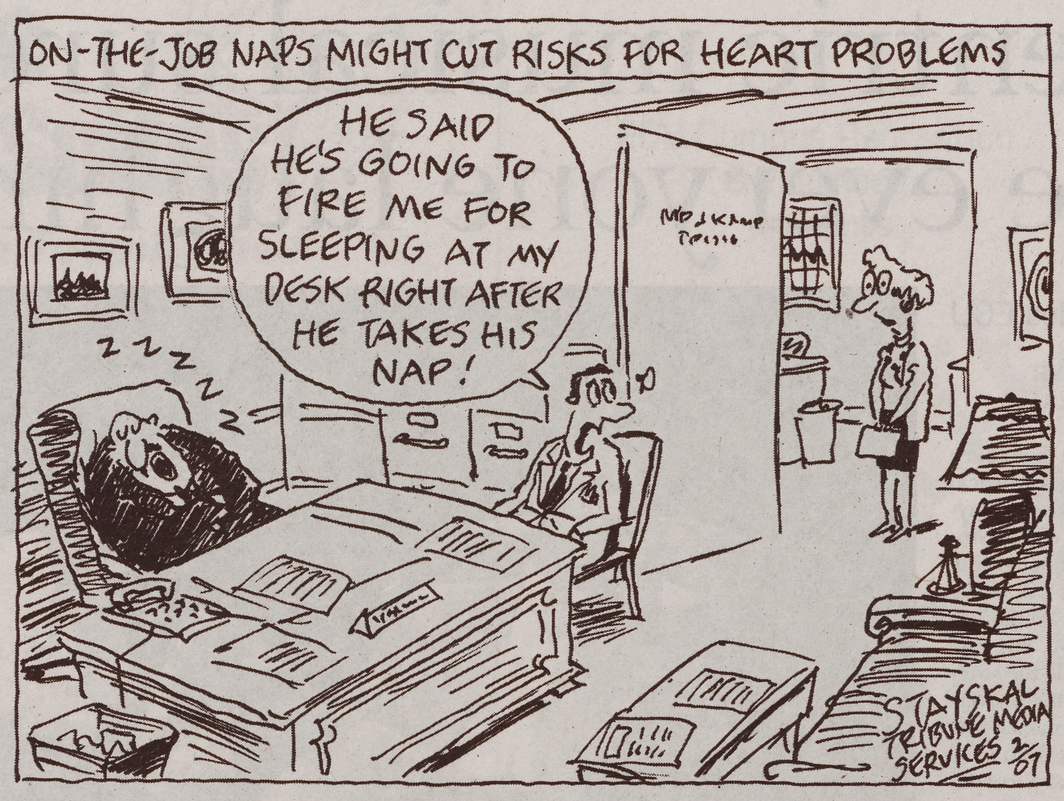
Those who oppose it think that we are simply rewarding North Korea for their "bad behavior." Either way, I think it is important to remain on the defense toward North Korea and be cautious about trusting them.

It seems a little unlikely that Kim Jong-Il, a man who has been systematically starving his people for years, would abandon his entire nuclear program, for some oil and renewed aid to his starving nation.

Especially since developing nuclear power is his strongest platform for building false national pride within his nation.

He has spent the last decade convincing his country to be fearful of an American attack, thus creating national support for his nuclear arms program. Will he now go to his people and tell them an agreement was made with the United States, and he is giving up their entire defense?

All I can say is that it is extremely doubtful. His pride has become far too large for him to swallow this easily.



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How is this plausible history?

A commentary on C.S.A.

JASON PATTY
OPINION WRITER

Monday night the Student Union films committee and the communication department organized a showing of Spike Lee and Kevin Willmot's film, *C.S.A.* in Hendrix theatre. There was a panel consisting of professors and students to facilitate a discussion and answer questions from the audience following the film. This film is a "mockumentary" on the "what-if" scenario of the Confederate States of America winning the Civil War. Willmot and Lee's intentions with this film are unclear to me, as I'm not sure if they are trying to be funny, bring attention to race relations or bash southern culture. I know that they succeeded in making a mockery of any sort of historical accuracy and needlessly depredating current race relations.

C.S.A. was obviously made to be a satire. It makes a few drastic mistakes in its assumptions about life after the Civil War had the South won. Willmot assumes that the Confederacy would have invaded the North and attempted to retain a Union under Southern control. This is absurd and is as far from the intentions of Southern leadership as one could be. The goal of the Confederate States secession was exactly that, secession. They wanted to protect their states' rights and limit the size and power of the federal government. The film assumes that slavery would have continued into modern times as a mainstream social institution. This obviously ignores the fact that most evidence suggests that slavery was on the way out as a viable economic model before the civil war and most certainly would have died out shortly thereafter. Possibly the worst assumption made was that the Southern government would have imposed an income tax on Northerners not owning slaves. The idea of an income tax was not instituted as a permanent fixture in the pro-federal government United States until World War I. Any idea that the very anti-federal government Confederate States would have ever imposed such a tax is ridiculous. The rest of this movie follows these assumptions and gets even more unfounded and outrageous as it progresses.

C.S.A. uses iconic imagery and historical events with strong emotional connotations to stir up negative reactions that are then associated inaccurately with the Confederacy. It does nothing but strengthen the trenches on either side of racial conflict. There is no reason to turn the Home Shopping Network into a televised auctioning block for human beings except to make everyone who sees it angry. What is the purpose of a film designed to make people angry? Is it not time that we embrace the fact that we live in a society without slavery where everyone is legally equal? I think that Spike Lee's money and Kevin Wilmot's time would have been much better spent on promoting a positive aspect of today's society. Instead, they insist on assuming our country could have been built on racism and that had the North not won the war, black people would never have accomplished the many things that they have. That seems like a needlessly negative point of view.

Very little discussion following the film was given to the plausibility of the series of events portrayed. Most of the dialogue centered around whether or not the audience and panel members thought that it was funny and why people were laughing at seemingly inappropriate times. Dr. Carmine Scavo seemed to think that without the Northern government, North Carolina would be a very poor, very uneducated state, with little or no industry that "looked a lot like Mexico," and still would have an agricultural economy based on chattel slavery. Black Student Union President Patrick Dixon seemed to think that many "white Americans feel that they are superior to African Americans and other races." I think that these gentlemen could not be further from the truth. It is attitudes such as these that keep tightening the screws of racial tension and promoting the idea that nothing will ever change. It is a "woe is me" kind of attitude. I have a lot more faith in the people of this state to accomplish what we have, regardless of the outcome of a Civil War. I understand that racial relations cannot improve with one side propagating the very ideas that they claim to fight against.

This film serves to create resentment for a very fictional set of events. With a few notable exceptions, the panel members seemed to buy into this idea. It is offensive to the southern society that most of us live in, to think that we would still be stuck in the 19th century without being shoved into the modern era by the Union. Slavery was abolished and equal rights have been established. We must understand that this is factual history. Understanding our past can certainly prevent us from repeating our mistakes, but fictionalizing history to stir present day emotions negatively does not serve society in any positive way.

PIRATE RANTS

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Oh, the things I would do to your body if I had no morals.

I just can't take this anymore! The madness has got to stop. Getting whipped at home all the time is embarrassing. We need to go steal a hungry man's basketball coach from a mid-major school that can recruit and win games. Let's get to it. Is 18-11 too much to ask for?

I can't wait for the new movie theater to open. I went to Carmike this weekend and had to wait 25 minutes for one medium soda. That's inexcusable! You should always have people working on the weekend. Plus, I always have to sit in a broken seat. I hate it!

My ribs feel bruised and I have a cut on my hip, can someone tell me what happened last night?

Don't blame me for the ugly boa you picked out for your boyfriend's strip tease!

I know I am a pothead because I schedule my appointments around 4:20.

Baseball players are God's gift to the world.

How are you gonna do me like that? I thought we were best boys, now I just think you're a deadbeat.

That was kind of rude when you just walked in and changed the channel when I was watching something.

It's true that love may not be for everyone, but to discourage someone for trying is wrong. You could be denying someone a beautiful thing and they may never experience the stuff love has to offer.

Don't you worry. I'll see you early before class next time. It's kind of hard to say no to you.

I will start listening to country just because I love you.

Are you that desperate to demand someone to put you back on his or her top eight? How sad is that? Get a life.

In Hell, I think Satan will make you suffer by not giving you any beer.

Anyone a *Guitar Hero* champ like myself?

Health 1000 is as stupid as having to pass a swim test to graduate from a public college. Come on, who cares if you can't swim?

I love sitting in a class where my desk is between two girls I've slept with in the past month. "Giggity goo!"

I care about you. I just don't want to spend every waking second with you. I'm 21 and need to do my thing without you thinking I'm cheating on you.

Someone needs to start a donation fund for the bouncer downtown who always has holes in his shorts/pants. He is still hot, though.

Last week after getting off the Minges bus by the stadium, a girl dropped some money on the pavement. Being the correct person, I told her she had dropped money. Know what I got in return? Nothing. Not even a thank you!

I don't think I will ever understand why if I am the only person in the shower, people always go in the one right next to me instead of any of the other nine showers.

I disagree with homosexuality, but that doesn't mean that I disagree with you fighting in a war or having a nice job. But it does mean that I disagree with your relationships and marriages.

You'll get nothing… and I like it!

The truth will set you free.

Does anyone else think that males in uniforms are just so sexy... I mean jeez!

When you have a party, don't invite your mom. That's not cool.

I really just don't want to be friends with you. Please go pay more attention to your girlfriend now.

I don't need Banner.

I hate people who use the word "guesstimate."

I like my blood. I think I will keep it to myself. Thanks.

To the man doing crunches beside me at the Rec—I know you farted.

The 1980s are back. Anyone else excited?

Last night when I was shaking hands with everyone at PB's I realized no one ever washes their hands at the club...

Pledging is hard work.

Walking three flights of stairs in Bate kills my life.

When I think of a home at ECU, I think of you.

To the person who criticized art majors, you don't know half of what we do! Until you do know, keep your mouth shut.

I swear this is not a joke—I took a quiz the other day for which I was totally unready and answered this question, "Who could have been the mightiest warrior of the Trojan War?" with "Chuck Norris." Professor gave me half credit. No lie.

Let's get emotional girls to all wear mood rings so we'll be tipped off to when they're ticked off, because we'll know just what they're thinking.

I really like you, can you please get over how I look and let me show you how much I care?

Why is it always transit's fault?

The girl wearing the UNC jersey on Wednesday is gorgeous, but you would look so much sexier in my ECU jersey.

I could really use a good hug.

Whoops, I was caught picking daffodils out of someone's yard yesterday. I just couldn't help myself because they smell so good and look so pretty on my kitchen table.

I am all about an Easter Egg hunt on campus. Let's make it happen!

I do have to say, scene girls are the hottest!

I think I am in like with a married Michigan man.

ECU, how about stocking the bathrooms with toilet paper that's worth a crap!

"Vagina Monologues" and *Urinetown*? What kind of sick university is this?

Whoever said they wanted to hang out in Key West for awhile, give me a call, I'll go!

There is an Easter Egg hunt on campus. It is usually two Saturdays before Easter.

I want world peace, but only for the parts of the world that are good. The other parts of the world I want some sort of bowel disorder, like IBS, but certainly not war.

I wish vending machines took pennies!

My roommate wakes up an hour before I do to get ready for a class that we have at the same time.

To all my wonderful friends. You make me whole; I miss you when we aren't together. Thanks for making my year at ECU so far, amazing.

Ice Sculptures, live band, poker, Hawaiian ice, king cake, beads, decorations like mad whoa and great food—thank you Todd Dining Staff. That was the greatest thing ever!

Todd Dining Hall rocked my world on Fat Tuesday! Way to go all out for Mardi Gras!

There are too many beautiful girls at the Rec. I really can't concentrate on my workout. Ladies, please stop being so gorgeous so I can focus. Thank you.

I'm so out of shape, I make Jabba the Hutt look good. Sigh...

I got a 100 on my Geography test without studying a lick, or even opening my textbook for that matter. I wanted to stand up and yell: "BYA!"

Polynesian sauce at Chick-fil-A is my crack.

Are there any guys out there that think a girl with a shaved head is sexy? Because I think I look good with no hair.

For sale: One dozen roses. Good condition. One owner; sightly used.

I love kosher food.

"K" stands for key line or key plate.

I'm too lazy to get up and go next door to Subway to eat. This is getting bad.

White hall needs to fix those vending machines because if it takes my money one more time I may kill someone.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Any political consultant will tell their clients that young adults do not vote. Therefore, they can save money by eliminating efforts to target them. This advice, however, is a misconception.

Young adults do not abstain from voting. They do care about the public policy that affects them.

The problem is, in part, because less than two percent of North Carolina young adults (ages 18 – 24) know about the 25-day deadline for registration, which causes turnout to be the lowest for this age group.

Young adults are disenfranchised by the voting system. They move more frequently, for school and jobs, making it harder for them to stay registered. Young adults (and first time voters) often find the election process intimidating. Many would argue that due to lack of targeting by candidates, youth turnout often lags far behind other voting demographics. In 2004, only 38 percent of 18 – 24 year-olds in North Carolina voted compared to a 56 percent in states with In-Person Registration.

It's time to follow the lead of other states and adopt a new system. The North Carolina State Board of Elections has gone on record saying it now has the technology to allow voters to register and vote in person at one-stop absentee voting sites.

House Bill 91, sponsored by Representatives Ross, Holliman, Parmon and Tolson will allow for "In-Person Registration and Voting at One-Stop Absentee Voting Sites." Already, 57 Democrats have signed onto this bill and we thank them.

With this legislation, our highly mobile young adult population can utilize its right to vote more effectively. House Bill 91 has the power to increase youth voter turnout in presidential elections by as much as fourteen percentage points, according to studies. More importantly, young adults who vote are more likely to participate in the voting process for the rest of their lives.

North Carolina is moving forward and with the support of our state legislature, young voters can help chart the course of our collective future.

Daniel Spuller
Vice President, Pitt County Young Democrats

Tony McEwen
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Melissa Price
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JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I like this guy who I thought liked me, too. Well I know he liked me. The past month he hasn't come around me or really even contacted me in any way. He says he does care for me but "he's busy right now." I like him but I don't want to wait for him to become "unbusy" so that we can be together.

He has time to work out, chill with his boys and see other people but not me, the girl he supposedly likes and cares for. I can't tell if this busy thing is just an excuse or what. Is he just not that into me anymore? What should I do?

Sincerely,
Confused and single

Dear confused and single,

I feel for you as I have been on both sides of this dilemma before. It is easy to think he might actually be busy, but everything he's doing says otherwise.

If he has time to chill with his boys, why can't he hang out with you, too? There is no reason why he can't chill with you and his boys at the same time.

It seems as if he is trying to let you down easy. I mean, did you two even do anything for Valentine's Day? If the answer is yes, then your fractured relationship might still have hope. If the answer is a big no then you have to question why he wouldn't be with you on the biggest day of the year to declare true feelings of love.

The biggest test you could use to find out if he does actually have feelings for you is to go out for a night on the town with your girls. Let it be known to him that you are going out strictly to meet some nice guys.

Gauge his reaction to this bold declaration to see if he still cares. If he gives you a sarcastic response like, "hope you have fun meeting some losers" or anything of this nature, then he really does have feelings for you.

If this is the case you now have the means to confront him and ask why it bothers him so much that you are trying to meet new guys. He will probably spill the beans and profess his true love.

Sincerely,
Jane

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{ Arts & Entertainment }

Horoscopes:

Aries
You're collecting the reward. Don't spend it all in one place. Don't tell anybody how much you got, either. Keep it invisible.

Taurus
You may be getting tired of the nervous, excitable types. Might as well get used to them. They are drawn to your self-assurance.

Gemini
As you expound your theory, with data to support it, the others realize how smart you are. Don't skip the data. Although you're charming, that's the important part.

Cancer
Of course you care about others. It's OK for them to understand how much you've already done for them, and how much you can do, in the future. Let them figure it out, from hints.

Leo
You're advancing but now you're getting into somebody else's territory. Remember your manners and see what you can do for the person in power.

Virgo
New possibilities open up, and you want to go check them out. Your main problem is figuring out how to make this trip work-related. Don't worry, you'll come up with something.

Libra
You can stash away quite a bit for the future now, if you will. That, and fixing up your place, are your best financial options.

Scorpio
Set up a partnership now that's about teaching as well as learning. This will be solid and supportive for many years, most likely.

Sagittarius
The work's getting steadier, if you commit to doing what's asked of you now. Slow and steady will do just fine, you'll see.

Capricorn
Often, it's up to you to make success happen in your life. This time, you'll notice a greater Power helping you to relax. It's OK, you'll emerge refreshed.

Aquarius
Put your money into a good investment that you and your family can enjoy while you're accruing wealth. Buy land.

Pisces
The next assignment is for you to get your team to work together. You do this by delegating a specific task to everyone.

Local Entertainment

The Student Union will be sponsoring "ATL: late night ECU" on Feb. 23 in the Mendenhall Great Rooms at 7:30 p.m.

Bill Agans Band will be playing on Feb. 27 at the City Hotel and Bistro from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Craig Woolard Band will be playing on Feb. 28 at the City Hotel and Bistro from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Recipe:

White Chocolate Popcorn Balls
8 ounces white chocolate, chopped
4 cups popped popcorn
4 tablespoons rainbow colored sprinkles
Lollipop sticks

Line 2 12-muffin muffin pans by placing a sheet of plastic wrap over the pan and pushing down into the cups slightly.
Over barely simmering water melt the chopped chocolate, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and carefully stir in the popcorn carefully to coat it evenly with melted chocolate. Working quickly, take off large spoonfuls of coated popcorn and form into a loose ball the size of a golf ball. Place it in the cup of the lined muffin pans to rest and sprinkle with the colored sprinkles. Insert a lollipop stick in the bottom and let it set up. To hasten the set-up, place them in the refrigerator. These can be wrapped in colored cellophane with twisted ends. Store at room temperature.

This recipe makes a great edition to any Oscar party.

Eccentric musical sure to leave everyone laughing

Urinetown invades ECU

LEIGH CARTER
STAFF WRITER

The curtains rise February 22 – 27 as *Urinetown*, a musical presented by ECU/Loessin Playhouse, takes the stage of McGinnis Theatre in hopes of delighting audiences with its quick wit, biting satire and terrific tunes. A hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution, this play tells the story of people banding together to overcome adversity and still manages to make fun of everything from local government, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, to small town politics and musicals themselves.

"I have heard a lot of good things about the show from some of the people working on the production," said Kerri Braswell, a senior from the College of Fine Arts and Communication. "I am looking forward to seeing if it's as amazing as it is said to be."

Set in a large futuristic city after a 20-year draught, *Urinetown* has been struck with a terrible water shortage, leading to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Citizens of the town must use public amenities, regulated by a single company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. From the mists of frustrated people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom.

"This is one of those shows people will be talking about for a while," said Managing Director Jeff Woodruff. "There is an edge to it that really makes the production interesting."

Urinetown has been praised for reinvigorating the very notion of what a musical could be and was awarded three Tony Awards in 2002. In 2001, it also won the Outer Critics Circle Award winner as "Outstanding Broadway Musical."

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Hal Davis (left) performs as Caldwell B. Caldwell along with Charles Kerwin Nye (right) who plays Mr. McQueen.

"It really is a well-written piece with good tunes and hilarious scenes," Woodruff said. "When people are raving about it, those who miss it will really be sorry they did."

Joining the production in the role of Caldwell B. Caldwell, the president of the Urine Good Company and the resident villain of the show is Hal Davis, a returning favorite of Summer Theatre audiences. Davis may be remembered from his work in previous productions of *Footloose*, *The Sound of Music* and *Crazy For You*.

"It is a wonderful experience for students to have a professional actor working with them," Woodruff said. "It allows them to meet someone in the business and see what it is really like."

Davis has performed in over 60 professional productions including Broadway (*Titanic*, *Sound of Music*), off Broadway (*Professionally Speaking* and *Handy Dandy* with Jane Alexander and Jerry Orbach), national tours (*Grease*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* with Ann-Margret and recently *The King and I* with Sandy Duncan/Stefanie Powers.) He is also a graduate of Wichita State University and London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Davis is also a visiting professor of musical theatre at UNC Pembroke for the 2007 academic year.

Tickets of *Urinetown* are $12 – $17.50 in advance and $17.50 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (252) 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS and online at ecuarts.com.

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Monktastic experience continues

Gaining clarity or just more lost than ever?

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Recap—to fulfill my graduation requirements in my final semester here, I'm enrolled in a class where I'm living a lifestyle similar to that of a monk. From dietary changes to daily meditations, I'm doing it all. And frankly, this just might prove to be the death of me.

I signed up for this project because, on paper, it looked easy enough. That's not to say I thought it would be a cakewalk, but I figured I could manage everything with no problem. Let's just say, I was wrong.

Cutting so many things out of my diet has proven much more difficult that I ever could have expected. We live in a country where even all-natural apple juice has artificial flavorings and additives, which of course are unacceptable in the project.

I see someone drinking a sweet tea from Bojangles and I seriously salivate. I long for ice cream and so many other snacks that we carelessly consume on a daily basis. In response to all that I can't have, it's become a fruit and veggie regimen for me. I'm bored with what I am eating, and to prepare and eat anything else seems like such a chore, so most nights I'm going to bed before 10 p.m. because my body doesn't have the energy to do anything else.

This modified diet is proving interesting in another way as well —my dreams are more vivid than ever before. I don't know if it has something to do with the cleansing of my system or what, but they have been so intense lately.

Dreams aside, it's becoming increasingly bothersome to me that my friends all look at this project as some sort of joke. They all seem to think that this is a joyride for me, for when in reality, it's a challenge. I guess I can't complain too much though, since they're being supportive in their own ways—telling me that they won't talk to me on the phone all month and trying not to tempt me with out things I'm not allowed to do or have.

In taking away my cell phone and computer, I have become uncomfortably comfortable with boredom. That is to say, I'm starting to get used to living without the two and I don't like it whatsoever. I'm a child of convenience and modern living, so why should I be comfortable without the material possessions that I love so dearly and have come to depend upon on a daily basis. Surprisingly enough, it's starting to happen.

That's not to say that after this project I'll give my phone or computer altogether because I'm growing used to not having them at my beckon call, but it just goes to show that maybe they're not quite as important as we all think they are.

Tonight I'm going to experience meditation and chanting in a group setting—something I've obviously never done before. I'm already mediating everyday on my own, so who knows how this is going to play out. While meditating on my own, I seem to lose myself. I'm not sure if it's bringing me clarity or making me feel more lost. This whole project seems to be playing mind games with me and I guess it won't be until the end that I'll be able to see a clearer picture of everything that's happening to me now.

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The Academy Award goes to...

2007 Oscar Predications

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I'm a movie connoisseur to say the least, and I spent a large part of this past year in dark theatres watching many a great motion picture roll off the reel. Moreover, unless the Academy decides to throw a few curve balls this year, I can't imagine anyone but one nominee winning in most of the categories—the choices seem cut and dry this year.

All of the movie buffs expected *Dreamgirls* to be nominated for Best Picture, but since they weren't, there's now an open door for others. Likewise, the Best Actress nominees are lucky Jennifer Hudson wasn't nominated in their category, and got a nod as a Supporting Actress instead. A similar surprise occurred in the Best Actor category, when Leonardo DiCaprio was nominated for *Blood Diamond* instead of *The Departed*, where he stood a better chance of beating Forest Whitaker.

Best Supporting Actress Pick: Jennifer Hudson

If you've seen *Dreamgirls*, you're not questioning my pick here. How can you not love the girl proving America and Simon Cowell wrong?

Best Supporting Actor Pick: Eddie Murphy

Dreamgirls has nine nominations this Academy Awards, and the odds are in their corner. As part of the cast, Murphy's no exception here. Forget the animated comedies of the *Shrek* movies, Murphy's proved his real star power here as a drug-abusing singer, in a musical. The Academy lives for performances like this. Arkin's performance in *Little Miss Sunshine* could prove an upset to what many are considering a sealed deal here for Murphy.

Best Actress Pick: Helen Mirren

Dame Helen Mirren is the star of *The Queen*. She's more or less a lock for this category. She's already brought home 18 awards for it, so why should the Academy Awards be any exception? Yes, we all loved, or rather loved to hate, Streep in *The Devil Wears Prada*, but this really is Mirren's category to win.

Best Actor Pick: Forest Whitaker

Sure, we all adore the loveable Will Smith after seeing *The Pursuit of Happyness*, but Whitaker's performance in *The Last King of Scotland* is legendary and that's why he's already won some 18 awards for it. If you've seen the film then you'll agree with me hands down. Sure, the cat-

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2007 OSCAR nominations

The 79th annual Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 25 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Nominees in major categories:

Best actor
Leonardo DiCaprio "Blood Diamond"
Ryan Gosling "Half Nelson"
Peter O'Toole "Venus"
Will Smith "The Pursuit of Happyness"
Forest Whitaker "The Last King of Scotland"

Best actress
Helen Mirren "The Queen"
Meryl Streep "The Devil Wears Prada"
Penelope Cruz "Volver"
Judi Dench "Notes on a Scandal"
Kate Winslet "Little Children"

Best director
Martin Scorsese "The Departed"
Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu "Babel"
Clint Eastwood "Letters From Iwo Jima"
Stephen Frears "The Queen"
Paul Greengrass "United 93"

Best supporting actor
Alan Arkin "Little Miss Sunshine"
Jackie Earle Haley "Little Children"
Djimon Hounsou "Blood Diamond"
Eddie Murphy "Dreamgirls"
Mark Wahlberg "The Departed"

Best supporting actress
Adriana Barraza "Babel"
Cate Blanchett "Notes on a Scandal"
Abigail Breslin "Little Miss Sunshine"
Jennifer Hudson "Dreamgirls"
Rinko Kikuchi "Babel"

Best foreign language film
"After the Wedding" Denmark
"Days of Glory" Algeria
"The Lives of Others" Germany
"Pan's Labyrinth" Mexico
"Water" Canada

Best picture
"Babel"
"The Queen"
"The Departed"
"Little Miss Sunshine"
"Letters from Iwo Jima"

Best animated film
"Cars"
"Happy Feet"
"Monster House"

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Gifted musicians perform timeless pieces

A taste of the classics

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

The midseason performance of the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival, "A Taste of Classics" occurs this week in Fletcher Recital Hall.

As part of this illustrious festival, "A Taste of Classics" presents musicians from all over the world playing choice works from Arutiunian, Beethoven and Schubert.

Ara Gregorian, founder and artistic director of the festival, will play violin/viola in a sextet featuring Grammy nominated pianist Adam Neiman, principal bass of the NC Symphony Orchestra, Leonid Finkelshteyn and violinist Elina Vahala, first prizewinner of Young Concert Artists International.

"These same musicians are performing in the world's finest halls with the world's finest orchestras and ensembles," said Gregorian. "When the festival brings these artists to the region, it is truly a chance to experience world-class music without traveling to a major city."

The concert begins with Alexander Arutiunian's Suite for Clarinet, Violin and Piano. Commissioned in 1992 by the Verdehr Trio (the ECU School of Music's Robert L. Jones Distinguished Visiting Professor in 2005–2006), the music is full of signature elements of Armenian dance rhythms. It is further complete with unexpected irregularities and a freely improvised melodic style.

Composer Jacques Longchampt wrote that "his work alternates between beautiful reflections of impressionism and rough folk dances... and whose volcanic and sentimental works are irresistible."

Beethoven's Piano Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 16 was dedicated to patron Johann Joseph, Prince von Schwarzenberg (1769–1833), whose winter palace was the setting for musical gatherings. It is a piece of multiple forms; from sonata to Andante cantabile and finally a Rondo where there is in several places, a pause before the theme begins again. Beethoven played the piano part at the 1797 premiere, and several

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Ara Gregorian, the festival's founder and artistic director is set to perform.

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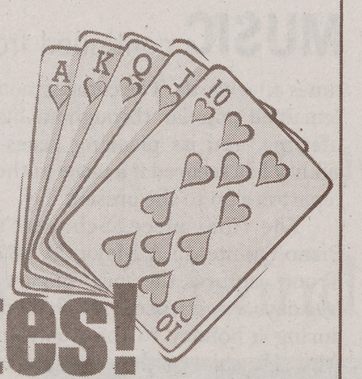

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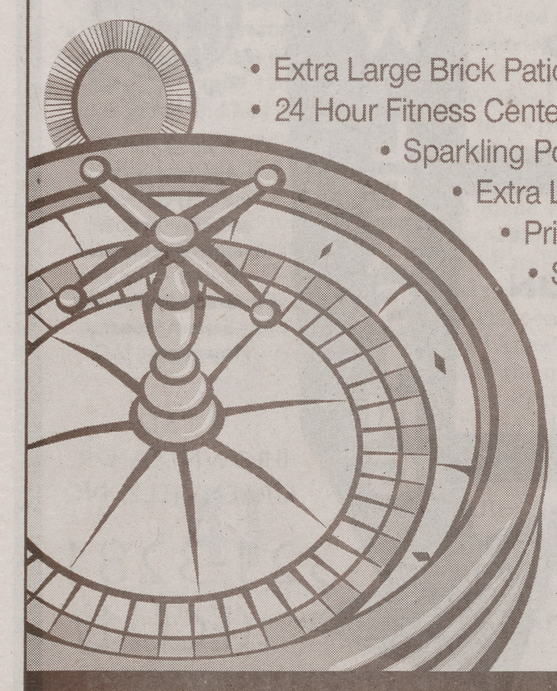

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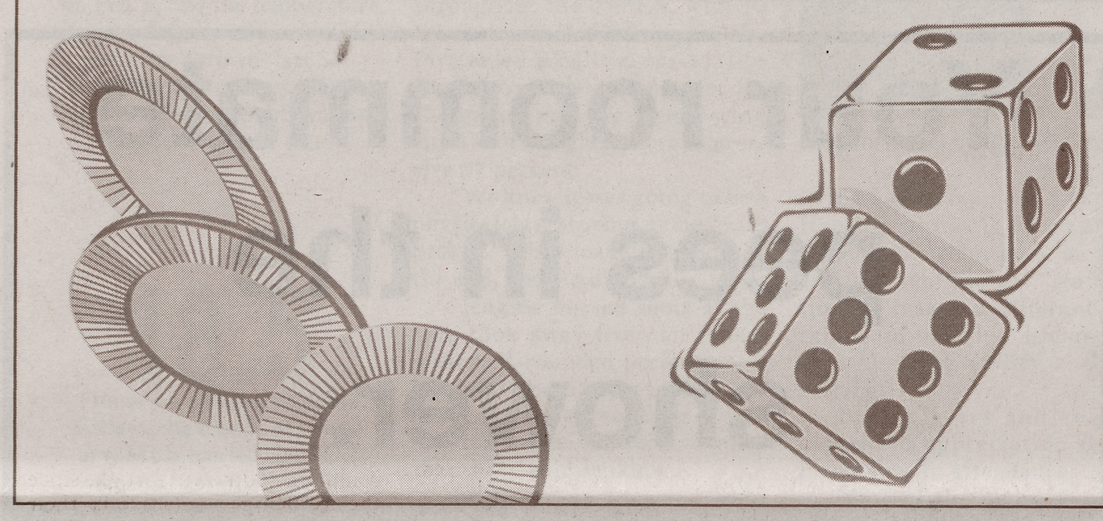

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egory is filled with other talented actors, but Whitaker becomes the Ugadan dictator Idi Amin in this film and no one else deserves the Oscar more than him.

Best Director Pick: Martin ScorseseWhile *The Departed* is by no means Scorcese's best film; I don't see anyone else taking home the Oscar. What Scorcese really needs is a lifetime achievement award here, but that's not happening just yet, so I think this will finally be his year.

Best Picture Pick: *Babel* This is the category that has the greatest potential for an upset and I'm actually not 100 percent confident on this one. So, let me begin with explaining why I'm saying no to the other films. *Little Miss Sunshine* is not only the movie that could, but has. Coming out of last year's Sundance, the film has surprised everyone with its success. However, it shouldn't, as it has an ensemble of all-stars. However, it lacks in other areas that take it out of the running. If you ask me, *The Queen* is a solid film, but doesn't have the whole package, nor does Scorcese's *The Departed*. I'm not even going to talk about *Letters from Iwo Jima*, as it seems no one else in the entertainment world is. Therefore, I'm left with *Babel*, which is perhaps my favorite film of 2006. Not only is the cast stellar, but so is the story, production and the editing.

Of course, the Academy has been known to surprise us many times in the past, and there's really no way to know for sure what's to come.

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times afterwards. The composition remained popular throughout his lifetime, and its pleasing accessibility has secured it a place in the repertoire up to the present day.

The final piece, Schubert's Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667 Trout, captures the spirit of carefree days, experienced by Schubert during a holiday to the Austrian Alps. He enjoyed the company of fellow musicians and took part in impromptu performances of chamber music. Describing this period as "inconceivably lovely" the music varies from a simple, tranquil melody to a more rapid tempo pushing the music onward. It progresses lightheartedly with the final movement regressing to simplicity yet always acknowledging the sweetness of his holiday.

Now in its seventh season, the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival continues to deliver the beauty and art of music from remarkably talented musicians.

"Four Seasons is another jewel in the cultural crown of eastern North Carolina," said Michael Crane, assistant dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication, "You hear about people traveling to Raleigh to take in the arts, but these concerts are another case where Greenville truly shines."

"A Taste of Classics" will be at Fletcher Recital Hall tonight beginning at 7 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 for the public, $20 for ECU employees and $10 for students. For more information call 1-800-ECU-ARTS or log on to the Web site, ecuarts.com.

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Points per game that Mike Cook, former starting point guard for the ECU men's basketball team, is averaging for the Pittsburgh Panthers this season; Pittsburgh is ranked 8th in the Associated Press National Poll; Cook has started all 28 games for the Panthers this season, averaging 24.9 minutes per game; Cook averaged 12.8 points per game and had 41 double figure scoring games out of 55 total games as a Pirate in two full seasons as a freshman and sophomore; in his first season with the Pirates, Cook was named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team and in his sophomore season Cook led ECU in scoring (15 ppg)

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Degrees Fahrenheit was the difference in game time temperatures from the ECU baseball team's first weekend series and second weekend series; the Pirates season opening game was in Greenville on Feb. 9, and the temperature was 45 degrees when the first pitch was thrown; last Saturday's game against UCLA in Los Angeles, Calif. was 86 degrees at game time

18.5

Points per game for Cherie Mills in the month of February; Mills has led the ECU women's basketball team to five straight wins and nine overall C-USA wins (9-5), which is the most in school history; Mills was named C-USA player of the week last week after impressive performances against UTEP and Tulane; Mills scored 26 points against UTEP and recorded 18 points and 11 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season against Tulane; Mills ended last week ranked seventh in C-USA in scoring (15.4 ppg) and eighth in rebounding (7.2 rbg); Mills will try to lead ECU to a school-record sixth win a row against a C-USA opponent tonight as ECU plays at Southern Miss at 8 p.m.

100

Percent of the ECU Women's golf team players were selected to the Athletic Director's honor roll during the 2006 calendar year (spring, fall semesters); all nine golfers on the 2006-07 roster achieved a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher, which places them on the honor roll; the women's golf team won the 2006 C-USA Sport Academic Award and the 2006 ECU Student Development Life Skills Award; ECU volleyball graduating senior Heidi Krug also won the 2006 C-USA Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year Award; overall, the ECU student-athletes set a school record last spring as 49 percent of the student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher; A total of 309 student-athletes, cheerleaders and dance team members were recognized at halftime of last night's men's basketball game for honor roll achievements

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Wins by the ECU women's tennis team in the nine events played against Elon College on Tuesday; the Pirates won all three of the doubles matches and won five of the six singles matches; Tuesday's victory improved the Pirates overall record to 9-5; ECU hosts Coastal Carolina tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Pirates fall to Thundering Herd

ECU rallies around rowdy crowd by falls short

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's basketball team lost to Marshall 54-51 in front of a crowd of 4,400 boisterous fans in Minges Coliseum. Pirate junior guard Darrell Jenkins missed two shots in the final 13 seconds that each would have forced overtime.

With 24 seconds left to play and the Pirates trailing 53-51, Head Coach Ricky Stokes called a time out to set up a play. Jenkins made it to the hole for an uncontested, clutching, leaning, underhanded lay up that just barely rolled out.

"As soon as the ball left my hand I knew it was off," said Jenkins of the missed lay up, "I took my eye off the basket."

"I thought he had a good look at it," said Head Coach Stokes, "the ball just rolled off."

After the Thundering Herd made one of two free throws, Jenkins had a chance for redemption on a three pointer to force overtime. With two defenders on him the shot hit the front of the rim, bounced over the cylinder, hit the back of the rim and bounced out, as the clock expired.

It was a tight, physical game throughout the contest, with 10 ties and seven lead changes. The Pirates led at halftime 31-27. The Pirates only shot 29 percent for the game, and the Thundering Herd shot a slightly more impressive 37 percent.

"We knew it was going to be a physical, low scoring game," said Stokes. "They made the shots at the end, and we didn't."

Jenkins missed shots at the end, took away from an otherwise well-rounded performance. He had 10 points, six assists, six rebounds and three steals.

"It's hurts so much to miss that shot," said Jenkins.

In freshman forward John Fields' first game back after suffering a knee injury in a game at Houston, he had 11 points and 13 rebounds. "John gave us some energy," said Stokes. "No question he makes a difference for this team with his rebounding, shot blocking ability and also scoring."

Both players and coaches expressed appreciation to the Pirate fans in attendance.

"One of the main reasons I came here was because of the fan support," said Fields, "I love our fans and I love the atmosphere. Hopefully next year and in years to come, we can get it rocking for them."

Despite Marshall's full court pressure defense the whole game the Pirates only committed a total of eight turnovers on the night.

"I'd like to thank the fans and students who supported this

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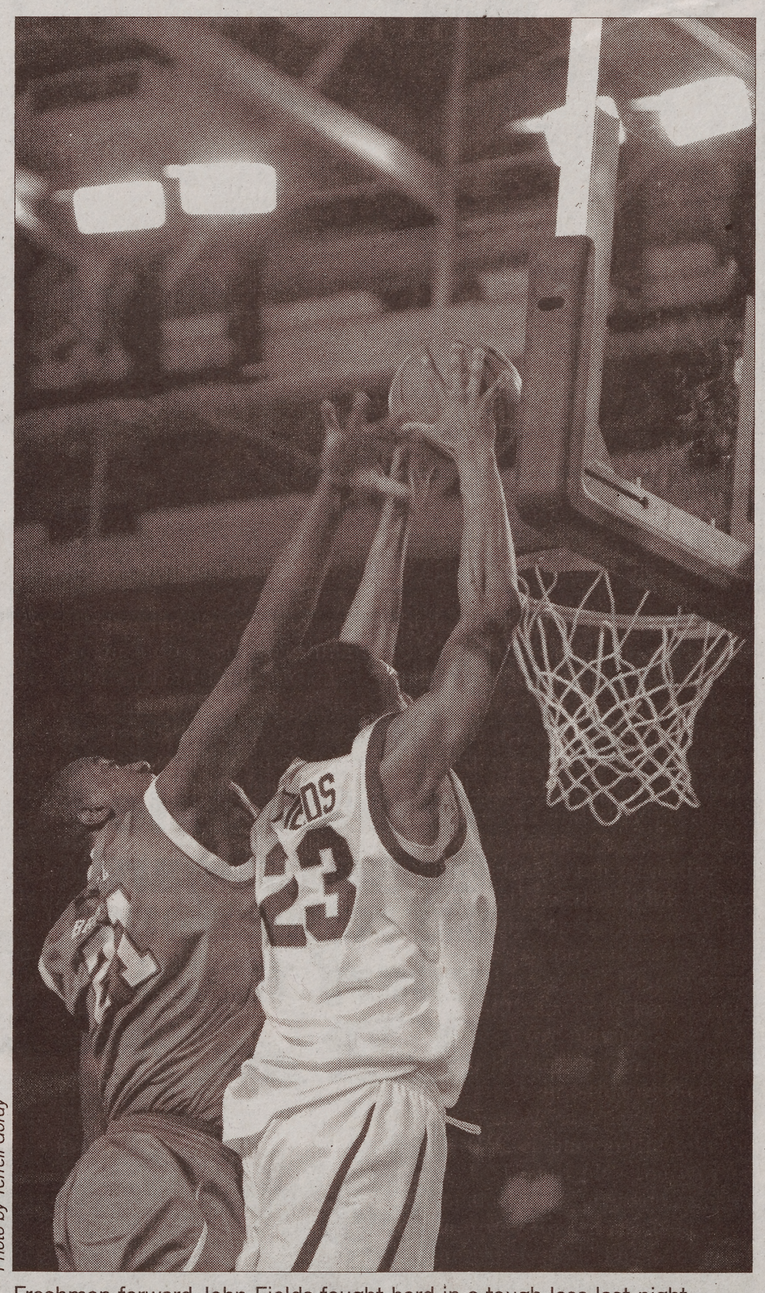

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Freshman forward John Fields fought hard in a tough loss last night.

Pirates ice Highlanders

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The ECU club hockey team kept Radford, who has won only two games, on the defensive througout the series.

ECU wins first regular season conference title

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Many fans wondered how ECU (16-6-1) would respond against Radford (2-14) after dropping its first conference game to Clemson. The Pirates erased any doubt in peoples' minds after dismantling the Highlanders 18-4 on Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

"Radford was a good tune up with respect to getting our line combinations solidified for the playoffs and getting our offense clicking," said Pirates Head Coach Wayne Cox. "The one thing obviously is the concern that we don't get lax defensively after beating Radford the way we did."

On Friday night goals were aplenty for the Pirates. Tyler Falcon and Corey Fleitz each scored a hat trick. Zach Johnston, Jeremy Lang and Pat Szwec all added two goals apiece to the ECU effort. Ian Falcon, Steven Allbright, Daniel Canfield, Mitchell Sears, Mark Linzer and Kyle Jonson all chipped in with goals as well.

The biggest thing to happen Friday night, however, was the return of goalie Brent Falcon. Falcon has been out of the starting lineup for the past month due to injury. Connor Brearley started the contest but was pulled with 15:57 remaining in the second period to get Falcon some game action. Falcon didn't seem to have any rust on his game as he tallied nine saves and allowed no goals.

Falcon was also informed that he was named to the 2007 All-Blue Ridge Hockey Conference first-team along with freshman defenseman Dan Duda. Even in light of this news, Falcon was just glad to be back in action after having to sit out about a month and missing some of the biggest games in program history.

"It feels good," said Falcon. "Obviously I only played half a game this weekend but it feels really good to get back on the ice and get a feel for game speed. It really feels great and it was good to get some momentum going into this weekend and getting some confidence back."

The win on Friday also gave the Pirates the regular season championship in the BRHC.

"Certainly we sent a message in winning the Blue Ridge championship and it is a huge accomplishment for these kids," Cox said. "We're so proud of them as a coaching staff; they brought it to the table every night and gave us their heart and soul."

Cox decided that with the No. 1 seed in this week's conference championship tournament and a regular season title locked up that third string goalie Scott Duffee should start Saturday. Playing "Duff", as most players call him, proved to be too much for the Highlanders. Duffee took a shutout into the final three minutes on the third period before finally surrendering two goals. Duffee tallied 19 saves on 21 shots for the day.

Tyler Falcon added a hat trick on Saturday to give the Pirates a total of three players with hat tricks in the two game series. Other goals were added by Corey Fleitz, Mitchell Sears, Jeremy Lang, Mark Linzer, Pat Szwec, Seth Percy, and Erik Brown.

Brearley was glad to see Duffee play on Saturday and thought the team showed a lot of strength as well.

"I think we showed a lot of depth this weekend," said Brearley. "We played a lot of guys that don't always dress and they produced for us. It was really great to see Duff get the start on Saturday; he played really well. I think it was a good warm up for this weekend too because we proved that we have four solid lines that we can work with, and that will be key against the teams we're playing."

The Pirates return to the ice for the final time this weekend in Yorktown, VA to participate in the BRHC championship tournament. ECU will play the winner of Appalachian State and Clemson on Saturday since it received a bye as the No. 1 seed. The winner of that game will face the winner of Richmond vs. Old Dominion/Virginia Commonwealth for the championship on Sunday.

Cox doesn't expect a let down this weekend.

"We have enough veterans that know how bad it hurts to lose and also knowing that we took a loss against Clemson," said Cox. "App wasn't a walkover so we've got to stay focused. The whole key to this weekend is to stay out of the penalty box and get good goaltending."

"No, I wouldn't consider it a total failure if we lost this weekend" Cox also stated. "The goal is to play up to our potential and if we do that we should win the championship.

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OPINION

Straight from the top

Thoughts on a letter from Terry Holland

GREG KATSKI
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Terry Holland addressed the Pirate Nation after the worst loss at Minges Coliseum since the venue opened in 1967. The ECU men's basketball team has competed admirably for 40 years at Minges, without ever losing by as lofty a margin as 38 points. This was, as many might know, the margin of defeat for the Pirates against a young Southern Miss squad.

The Golden Eagles went up by as many as 43 points almost halfway through the second half, with a 70-27 lead. ECU also had a Minges record-low 21 rebounds in the game.

For the past 40 years and even back to the inception of the university, the Pirate faithful have prided themselves on being loyal, rowdy fans—the backbone of ECU's success at home.

The Pirates won 66 percent of their games at the coliseum going into this season, with a record of 324-168. So far ECU has a lowly record of 4-9 at home, with three of the four wins against Division II opponents.

It's hard to stay faithful with a team going through growing pains as excruciating as the Pirates, but fans and students have still been flocking to games. ECU's home games have been averaging an attendance of 4,462 people per game this season. This is only slightly down from last season when the average was 5,170.

In an e-mail sent out to Pirate Club Members Feb. 16, ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland addressed the shortcomings of this season and seemingly issued a rally cry to every Pirates fan.

"It is important to acknowledge the frustration that we all feel after Wednesday night's game versus Southern Mississippi. There is no acceptable rationale for such a result," Holland wrote in the e-mail.

Holland went on to say, "The only plausible explanation is that the combined weight of all the challenges this season finally overwhelmed us."

Indeed, this season has been a challenging one for the Pirates, and there are many underlying reasons why.

The most glaring explanation is the total dismantling of a team that former Head Coach Bill Herrion built before being "let go" after the 2004—2005 season.

Coming into this season, the Pirates returned only four lettermen from last year. These four experienced scholarship players joined a group of 10 newcomers, including seven freshmen.

Holland called on the inexperienced team and the university in his letter.

"There is no doubt that our young, wounded team members and the coaching staff must play the major role in beginning this process. However, the forces governing the success or failure for the team and coaching staff are not totally within their control," said Holland in the statement.

It is no doubt that the young players don't deserve all the blame, but the coaching staff might have something to do with the team's struggles.

Former starting point guard Japhet McNeil transferred after a disappointing 2005—2006, the first under current Head Coach Ricky Stokes. McNeil was a prized recruit of Herrion's and transferred ranked second among ECU career assists leaders (365) and first in highest assist average per game (4.51).

Another prized recruit of Herrion's that could have helped this season's young and inexperienced team was former starting shooting guard Mike Cook. Cook decided to leave shortly after Herrion was "let go" for good by Terry Holland following the 2004-05 season.

Cook was personally recruited by Herrion and played high school ball at Friends Central High School in Philadelphia, where Herrion used to get the majority of his recruits while coaching nearby Drexel University.

After Herrion was "let go", Cook decided to transfer to the University of Pittsburgh, where he is now the second leading scorer (10.3 ppg) on the eighth-ranked team in the nation. Cook was also successful at ECU, averaging a team best 15 points per game his sophomore year.

Unlike Herrion, who compiled a 121-32 record as the head coach at Drexel before coming to ECU, current Head Coach Stokes did not have a successful track record as a head coach before taking over. Coming into this year Stokes was 54-89 as a head coach, with a winning percentage of .378. In four full seasons as the head coach of Virginia Tech, Stokes was 46-69 before being "let go."

Stokes has been much more successful in the "supporting role" than in the "leading role." In 14 full seasons as an assistant coach for such storied programs as Virginia and Texas Stokes is 269-166, with a .618 winning percentage.

Stokes has never taken a team to the NIT or NCAA Tournament as a head coach, while Herrion took the Drexel Dragons to the "big dance" three seasons in a row from 1993—1996, garnering America East Coach of the Year honors each year.

In the end though, Holland makes it clear that we as fans have a big decision to make.

"By stepping forward at this time, we can send a powerful message that we (you and I) are not going to accept the current status of our basketball program," wrote Holland.

Holland added, "If we turn our backs on this team and staff, we will be sending an equally powerful message that basketball at ECU is simply not important enough for us to do something that is totally within our power to do—support our Pirates when they need us the most."

So now where do we as fans go from here, and what about the state of the program? The program has seemingly hit rock bottom, and we as students and fans must let our voices be heard. Are you, as students, going to support your team and your school? Or, are students going to make a call to change before

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Pirates get trampled by Campbell Camels

ECU can't muster a run in tough loss

BENJAMIN LLOYD
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Campbell University shut out ECU for the first time since last April 7, 2006 against UCF 8-0. The Pirates lost 2-0 to give Campbell its first win of the season. Campbell improved to 1-5 while the Pirates can't seem to get a win, losing four in a row to make them 2-5.

"I thought Campbell played exceptionally well today. They certainly didn't play like a club coming in here having not won a game. They pitched well, played good defense. We weren't able to muster enough pressure and didn't come through in some clutch situations," said Head Coach Billy Godwin's in reaction to Campbell's win.

Pirate pitcher Josh Dowdy received player of the game awards for going 6 2/3 innings with two strikeouts, only allowing one run off of three hits and two walks. Dowdy left the game after being hit by a line drive up the middle off of Campbell's Rob Lyerly's single during the top of the seventh inning.

The Camels scored their first run during the third inning on Zach Johnson's single, deep in the third base pocket, which allowed Rob Lyerly to score from third. Their only other run came from Ryan Hamme in the ninth inning on a solo home-run off Pirate closer Jason Neitz.

ECU stranded nine base runners and only had five hits on the afternoon. During the fifth and sixth innings the Pirates left the bases loaded due to favorable pitching by the Campbell rotation. Camel

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graduating and leaving ECU for bigger and better things?

Holland doesn't make clear what exactly the future of the program holds, but calls for ongoing support.

"Your support at this critical time will give credibility to your demand for a game plan that insures the future success of ECU Basketball. After the season is completed, an updated plan and a clear commitment, including facility improvements, to execute the plan will become our number one priority," concluded Holland.

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team," said Stokes. "I thought their support was tremendous tonight."

"I thought our effort was good tonight, we were ready to play, offensively, defensively, mentally, physically. Give Marshall a lot of credit I thought they made the plays down the stretch, they made some shots and we missed some shots."

"Were going to keep working hard," said Jenkins, "were going to get a win (in conference play)."

The Pirates final home game of the season is Saturday at 7 p.m. against UTEP.

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Head Coach Chris Wiley (first season) had an unusual approach to Wednesday afternoon's game, as he threw six pitchers each no more than two innings. Trevor Smith picked up the win for Campbell and Hamme got the save, both getting their first for the season. ECU was struck out seven times by Campbell pitchers and walked three times.

The only error of the game came during the top of the fourth, when ECU shortstop Dale Mollenhauer over threw first baseman Brandon Henderson. Mollenhauer made up for his mistake on the very next play by turning a 6-4-3 double play to help Dowdy get out of a scoreless inning.

The Pirates had a couple of chances to even up the score. During the fifth inning Ryan Tousley had a one out single up the middle, followed by walks of David Forbes and Ryan Wood to load the bases. Harrison Eldridge stepped into the batter's box and was struck out by Trevor Smith too strand the bases loaded.

In the sixth inning ECU's Mollenhauer singled to right field to start a small rally as he then stole second base. Next up was Jacob Dean who was walked putting a man on first and second. Third baseman Corey Kemp hit a high bouncer over Campbell's third baseman Hamme's head to load the bases. Tousley dribbled a ball down the first base line to get Mollenhauer out heading home and Jamie Ray hit a soft groundball right to the Camel's shortstop to end the inning with the bases loaded again.

ECU's last chance to come back came during the eighth inning when first baseman Henderson hit a long deep fly ball to center, that with just enough wind behind it could have squeezed out for a homerun, was caught as center fielder Carlton Floyd fell to his back against the wall for the first out of the inning. The Pirates reached the base path one other time in the ninth inning when Tousley got his second hit of the night (2-4) and was moved to second base when Broc Sutton hit a hard grounder to the second baseman forcing him to get the out at first. But, in usual ECU fashion Kyle Roller was struck out and Stephan Batts flew out to end the game.

Campbell started the game pitching Justin Lilly, who dominated the Pirates by getting the first six batters he faced out with two strikeouts.

The Pirates lose the first game in a 21 game home stand, but will return to Clark-LeClair stadium this weekend for a three gamer against St. John's on Friday at 5 p.m., Washington on Saturday at 3 p.m., and Duke on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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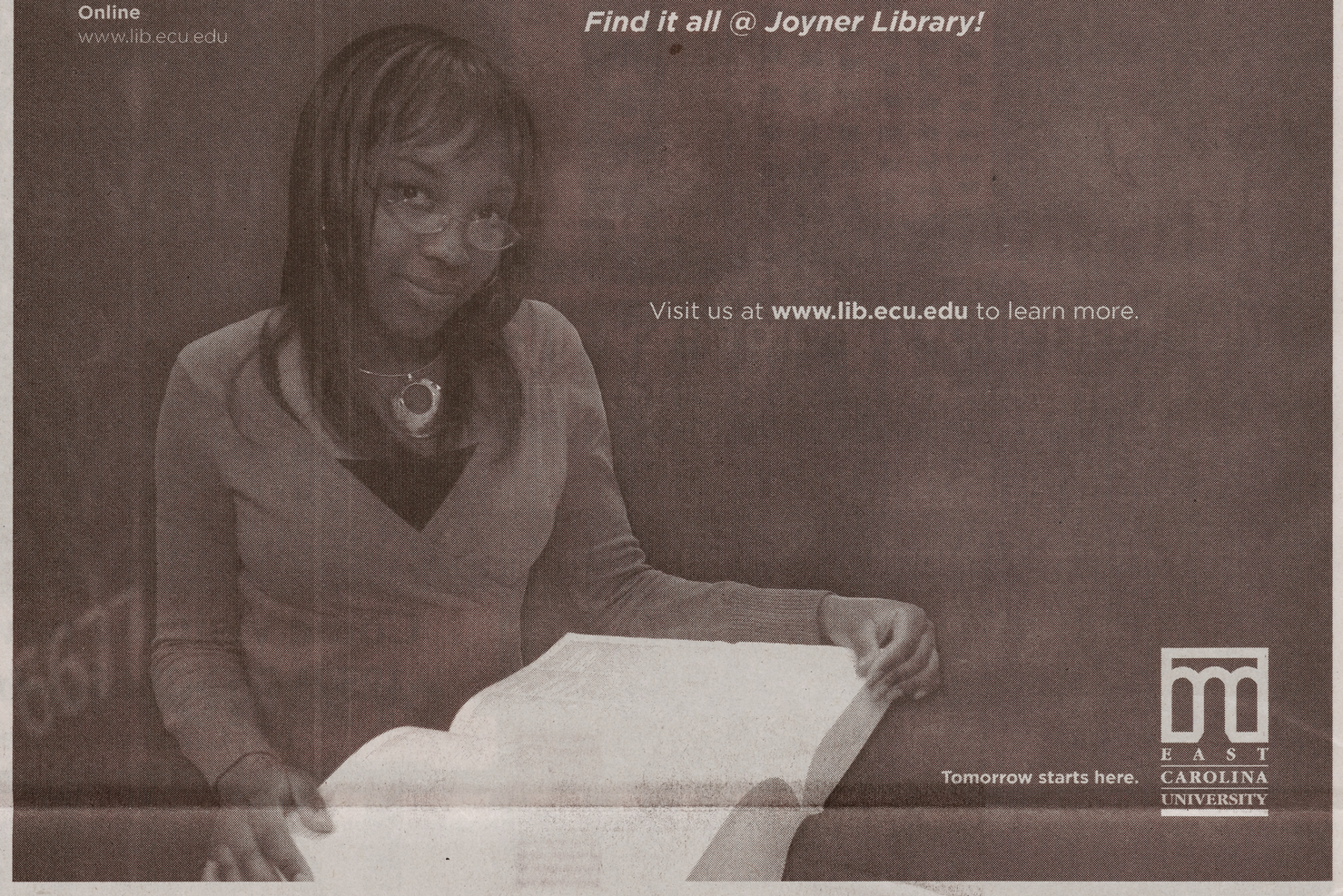

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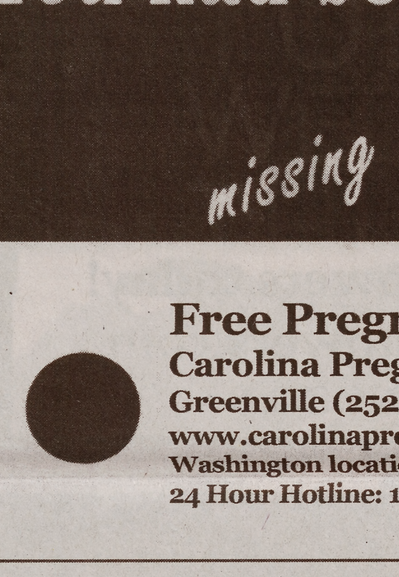

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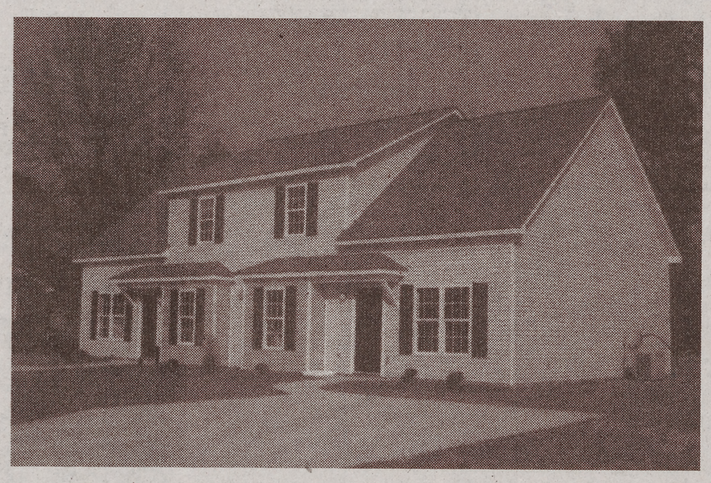

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Feb. 24	**Adapted Recreation Cultural Arts Festival** 9:00 am-4:00 pm, ViQuest Center
Feb. 24	**Sea Kayak at Goose Creek** $30 for SRC member/ $40 SRC non-member
Feb. 25	**Fitness Instructor Interest Meeting** 6:00-7:00 pm, SRC Conference Room
Feb. 25-March 3	**Eating Disorder & Body Image Awareness Week**
Feb. 26	**Pamper Party** 4:30-7:30 pm, Mendenhall Great Rooms
Feb. 27	**Wheelchair Basketball** 8:00-9:00 pm, SRC Sports Forum
Feb. 28	**Building a Healthier Body Image** 5:00 pm, SRC Room 238
Feb. 28	**Gladiators!** 5:30 pm, SRC Sports Forum
March 3	**Climbing Day Trip to Pilot Mountain** $40 SRC member/ $50 SRC non-member Register by February 27
March 3	**Full Moon Canoe & Kayak on Contentnea Creek** $15 SRC member/ $20 SRC non-member Register by March 1
March 4	**Whitewater Canoe & Kayak at Haw River** $40 SRC member/ $50 SRC non-member Register by February 28
March 6	**Hand Cycling** 7:00-8:00 pm, SRC Track
March 6	**Wheelchair Rugby** 8:00-9:00 pm, SRC Sports Forum
March 7	**Safe Spring Break** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Wright Plaza
March 9-18	**Spring Break Everglades Sea Kayak** $225 SRC member/ $250 SRC non-member Register by March 6
March 9-18	**Spring Break Multi-Element** $200 SRC member/ $225 SRC non-member Register by March 7

Check out the Spring pocket guide, the Spring Pocket calendar, or our website for other activities.

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AUTISM SOCIETY OF NC seeks COUNSELORS for summer camp serving persons with autism. May 20- August 3. Contact Molly Simons at msimons@autismsociety-nc.org or www.autismsociety-nc.org

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Thanks to the brothers of Sig Ep for an awesome social! -Delta Zeta

Congratulations to Jaclyn Cravens and Jessie Connor for being the Alpha Xi Delta sisters of the week! We love you girls!

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta woudl like to thank Taylor Williams and Meredit Fathauer for their extra hard work at our Little Willie Center Valentines Party. Thanks Girls!

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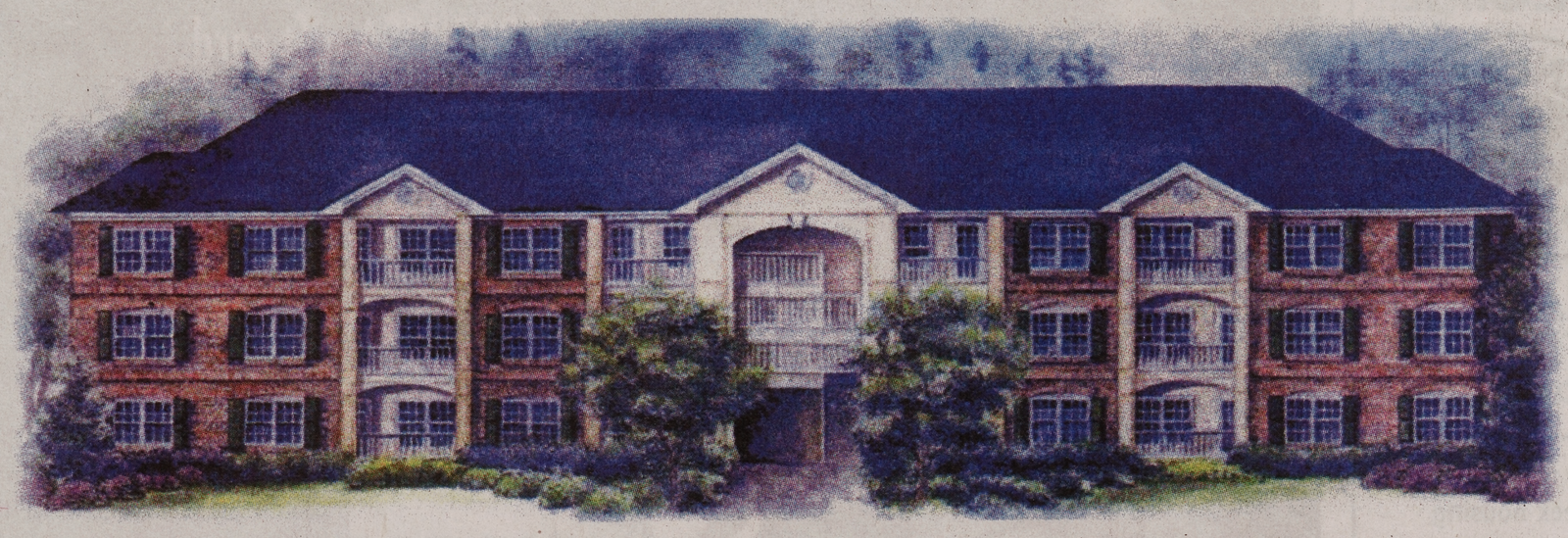

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