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Birthday celebration begins

Centennial kicks off with students on the mall

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
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The ECU centennial birthday celebration will begin today on the campus mall. Sponsored by the SGA, the Alumni Association, ECU Ambassadors, the Centennial office and the Student Union, the event takes place from 4 to 6 p.m. Students are invited to come and enjoy free subs, chips, drinks and cupcakes. The event will also include a magician, a balloon artists and an ice sculptor. Guests who attend the events will also receive goodie bags. Live entertainment will be provided by The Dickens Band.

"The band has played in several of the Greek functions and clubs downtown," said Karen Clough, assistant director of the alumni program.

"The Dickens Band is well liked by the student body. The Student Union helped us find and book them. The committee putting on the birthday party selected them," said Carolyn Thompson, coordinator of Centennial Planning. According to band's Web site, they "mix up classic R&B, classic and modern rock, 80s retro, reggae, old skool and current hip-hop, and everything in between. From Bob Marley to the Beastie Boys, Otis Redding to Outkast, the Stones to Snoop, Stevie Wonder to Sublime." The kick-off for the event will be the unveiling of the ECU Centennial commemorative Pepsi can, as Pepsi is the official soft-drink of ECU.

"ECU worked with the Minges Bottling Group out of Kinston and they have created a Pepsi can with ECU centennial in mind," said Clough. Another highlight of the event will be Magnolia Belles making their debut. The Belles are an "all-female a cappella group sponsored by the Alumni Association," said Clough. "They will be singing the national anthem and happy birthday to ECU." "The birthday party was amazing last year, and I can't wait to see the alumni association top if off this year, it should be a great event and tons of fun," said Student Union Vice President Casey Verburg.

The rain site for the celebration is inside Mendenhall.

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Photo by Zach Sirkin

A tent is assembled on the mall in front of Cotten Hall Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the celebration.

Sod is placed at Wright Circle. The Trustees Fountain Preview will take place Thursday at 11:30 a.m. as part of the Centennial celebration.

Tax tips for college students

Receive a refund in less than 10 days

CARMIN BLACK
STAFF WRITER

The two most popular methods for filing taxes are e-filing or a newer service called Free File. Free file was first introduced in 2003; it's a method available for any taxpayer who earns less than $52,000 a year. In fact, last year alone more than 72 percent of taxpayers qualified for this service.

One of the main reasons Free File has become so popular is that by using this service, taxpayers can receive their refund within as little as 10 days.

"Most students should really consider e-file, because if they have all their information together e-file is a great way to do their taxes, it will walk them through the form and if they qualify they could get their refund within 10 days," said Mark Hanson, field media relations specialist for the Internal Revenue Service.

Hanson made it clear that even though e-filing is the easiest option, anyone using their computer needs to be especially careful when they are when punching in personal information.

Hanson said anyone filing needs to pay special attention to things like typing in the correct digits on social security numbers, putting in a new last name when married or rechecking any calculations for simple math errors.

Besides double-checking for mistakes, many students who are filing for the first time say they would prefer to use the Internet but are worried that their personal information may not be totally secure.

"I know that filing online is the easiest option, but the last thing I need is to fall prey to some ridiculous tax scam," said Cameron Todd, junior elementary education major.

What Todd is actually referring to is something Mark Hanson calls a "phishing scam." A phishing scam is when a person who filed their taxes online gets an e-mail or a phone call supposedly from the IRS, telling them that some of

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E-filing tips

Want to e-file your taxes online? According to the Internal Revenue Service's Individual e-file Electronic Tax Filing Program Overview, you'll need to follow these steps.

- First, get all your tax information together. You'll save time and won't have to stop in the middle of preparing your return to find a missing document. You'll need:
- Social Security numbers for yourself, your spouse and any dependents.
- Forms W-2 from all employers are required for yourself and your spouse.
- Forms 1099 for Dividends, Retirement, or other income, or any Forms 1099 with Income Tax Withholding.
- Receipts for expenses for Itemized Deductions (Schedule A)
- Receipts and records for other income or expenses
- Bank Account numbers (for a fast refund, or to pay electronically)
- Prior year Adjusted Gross Income amount or prior year PIN if using a Self-Select PIN as your signature
- Complete information on what records you need, and how long to keep your records.
- Next, choose the method of e-filing that works for you
- Tax Professional
- Personal Computer
- Free File

Last, but not least, e-file.

If you are using a Tax Preparer, be sure to take all your information with you, and don't forget to ask for IRS e-file.

For those filing taxes online, just answer the simple questions in your tax preparation software, and the software will do the rest for you.

For more information and tips, visit irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118451,00.html.

Buccaneer statue to premier at Pirate Fest

Sculptures will give local artists chance to be part of ECU history

CARMIN BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Painted fiberglass animals like the Outer Banks' Winged Horses and the Cows of Wisconsin have become a huge craze in numerous cities around the United States. As a part of ECU's Pirate Fest celebration, the ECU Alumni Association and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to bring ECU its very own version of these decorated statues.

Many cities around the United States have chosen to embellish animals as a way to raise money for charity, or to celebrate special events in their hometowns. Running with these ideas, various members of the ECU Centennial Planning Task Force came up with a public art project that they felt would honor ECU's 100th birthday and at the same time reflect Pirate Pride.

The task force decided that instead of bringing in statues of animals, which may not relate to the ECU pirate theme, they would hold a contest asking artists to submit sketches of pirates.

Receiving upwards of 60 entries, the university selected Glen Eure's sketch of a pirate holding a sword and wearing an eye patch. Eure is a 75-year-old ECU art school alumni and well-known Nags Head artist.

Eure's drawings of a pirate from the front, back and side angles have been sent to "Cowpainters," the Chicago based company responsible for creating the molds for more than 160 exhibitions of this kind around the United States.

"We did a call for entries and now we are having a prototype made by Cowpainters in Chicago, Ill., they should arrive as white fiberglass in their natural state, from there we'll have artists and sponsors create the next leg of this project," said Carolyn Brown Thompson, coordinator of Cen-

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Class Officers work with students

Photo by Beatrice Lockhart

SGA Class Officers talk with students in Mendenhall Student Center to discuss goals and upcoming events.

Act as first line of communication between students and SGA

GENERRA CORNWELL
STAFF WRITER

The purpose of SGA representatives is to participate in decisions affecting the student body and primarily to act in the best interests of the student body.

Every class has a president and a class council, which can include up to nine students. The senior class president Brandy Sherrer came into office after Nadia Payne resigned.

"My goals for the senior class are to prepare for the senior class gift, which is a benefit dinner which will be at the end of April. I also want to raise money for the senior scholarship endowment. I want to get a professor from every department to nominate a student for the outstanding student award, which will be given out at the end of the semester to acknowledge their achievements. Another one of my goals is to work with the Alumni Association and keep in contact with them," said Sherrer.

When asked what she does that directly benefits the senior class she stated, "I do workshops to help interested seniors with different ideas, for example, financing and budgets, networking, just 'real world' things. I just want to be visible to the senior class at school events, like games. I am also open to student ideas to take them to the higher officials."

Eka Isangedighi, senior family and community services major, expressed her feelings about being invited to meet her senior class president.

"I do not feel like she has done anything for our class. The semester is almost over and she just now sent an e-mail about coming out to meet her; we are about to graduate, why should we care to meet her now?" said Isangedighi.

Kelly Shelton is the junior class president for the 2006 – 2007 academic year.

"My main goal is the Success for Life Workshop. They include two real world workshops. One is in March, which is the networking workshop, and the other one is in April, which is the finances workshop," said Shelton.

When asked what she does on campus to help the junior class she stated, "The Success for Life workshops and trying to build up SGA and get more student involvement especially between the junior class and SGA."

Sherrer and Shelton both have plans to work for Service N.C., which is a week long event that competes against other universities doing different service projects.

Since the sophomore class president resigned, SGA has been looking for an officer to fill the position. For another president to be selected, the SGA president has to select two names and do background checks for eligibility. Next, the student Congress votes to elect someone.

The freshman class president for the 2006 – 2007 academic year is Patrick Sebastian.

"My goal for this year is to build unity within the freshman class, I did this by supporting the Support for Life Workshops. I also go to events to put a face with the officer. They elected us to work for them and we just want to serve every constituent," said Sebastian.

When asked what he thinks is most important in being the freshman class officer, Sebastian stated, "Having good communication. I get about 10 to 15 e-mails a week, with people asking me questions. I answer them all within a few days. You have to be on their level. I'm just like them. I'm no more experienced than they are, I am right there with them."

Brent Richards, freshman sports studies major, said he was unsure what his class officer did.

"I have seen him around a few times but I never knew exactly what he does for the freshman class. I know that there are always a lot of activities being held on campus but I usually don't know which organization is sponsoring it," said Richards.

Although Richards was unsure of his class president's role, other freshmen feel differently.

"I really appreciate the effort of the class officers to communicate with students," said freshman, hospitality management major, Taylor Suttle.

SGA members are seeking individuals to serve on the class councils for every class, with the exception of the freshman council, which is already full. The class council is a vital component since they help improve the lines of communication between the SGA and the student body.

Michael Harris, freshman councilman, stressed the importance of getting involved on campus early on.

"It is extremely important for freshman to get involved their first two years of college because it helps them to become aware of their surroundings."

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CORRECTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive
March 7
Sponsored by the American Red Cross
Christenbury Gym
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Banner Student Registration Training
March 7 & 8
Hands on training for student registration. Students will learn how to register for Fall classes on the Banner system.
Students are welcome to drop in for training sessions. Joyner East 204 computer classroom.
Sessions are held on the hour at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Application deadline
March 15
For those interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services, applications can be obtained online at ecu.edu/rehb/ or from the Department of Rehabilitation Studies, 4425 Health Sciences Building. If you have questions regarding the degree, please contact Dr. Martha Chapin at 744-6291.

7 Wed

Safe Spring Break
Wright Plaza
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Technology Career Fair
Minges Coliseum Second Floor Concourse
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Business & General Career Fair
Minges Coliseum First Floor Concourse
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

***ECU Centennial Kick-off**
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ECU campus mall
4 p.m.

SGA compulsory meeting for election candidates
Mendenhall Student Center 221
6:30 – 8 p.m.

8 Thur

Joint Session of the NC General Assembly in Honor of East Carolina University
Wright Auditorium
10 a.m.

Trustees Fountain Preview Event
Wright Circle
11:30 a.m.

Chancellor's Forum on Service
Inaugural of the ECU Award of Honor, and representatives from the Harriot College of Arts & Sciences and Joyner Library will present Dr. Ballard the 1590 original Latin version of Thomas Harriot's *A Brief and True Report of the Newfound Land of Virginia*.
Hendrix Theater
3 p.m.

Lecture: Compassionate care at the end of life
Eastern AHEC, Edwin C. Monroe Conference Center
7 p.m.

ECU hosts Asian Studies Lecture II
Simon Partner, Duke University history professor, will present *Farewell to the Soil: A Century of Change in the Japanese Countryside*. Partner is the author of *Toshie: A Story of Village Life in Twentieth-Century Japan*.
Science and Technology Building, Room OC 309
7 p.m.

9 Fri

Fourth Annual Service Learning Conference 2007; "Extending Our Century of Service, an ECU Tradition"
Luncheon and keynote speaker: Dr. Ken Reardon, Cornell University; Topics: Community Partnership and Environmental Racism. For more information call: 328-5358
Mendenhall Student Center
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Cal St. Fullerton
Clark-LeClair Stadium
5 p.m.

10 Sat

Spring Break begins

Eat Smart, Move More! Health Fair
Free health screenings, food samples, door prizes and more. This event will highlight agencies that promote Nutrition and Physical Activity programs and services in Pitt County.
Colonial Mall

ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars
Rivers West Building auditorium
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Softball
vs. UCF
ECU Softball Field
1 p.m.

ECU hosts Centennial Symposium
Henry Ferrell, university historian at ECU will give a lecture, "Up Harrington Hill." Reception to follow. Ferrell will also sign copies of two books, *No Time for Ivy* and *Promises Kept*.
ECU's J.Y. Joyner Library, second floor, administrative conference room
2 – 5 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Cal St Fullerton
Clark-LeClair Stadium
2 p.m.

History of ECU Exhibits and Symposium
Joyner Library, Administrative Conference Room
2 – 5 p.m.

Softball
vs. UCF
ECU Softball Field
3 p.m.

11 Sun

Spring Break

Softball
vs. UCF
ECU Softball Field
11:30 a.m.

Baseball
vs. Cal St Fullerton
Clark-LeClair Stadium
12 p.m.

12 Mon

Spring Break
No classes

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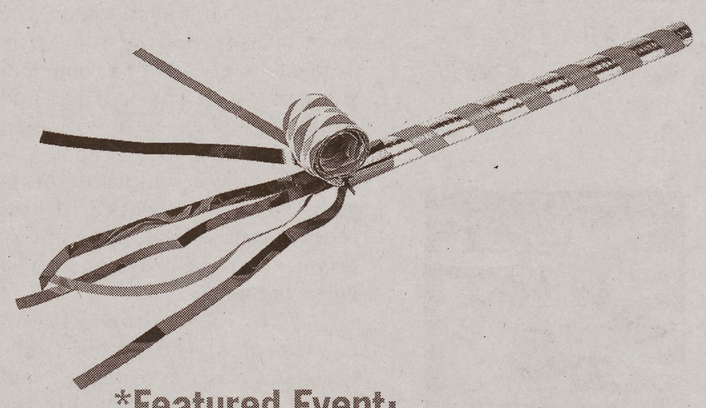
Spring Break
No classes

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



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the information on their electronic tax return application was incorrect and that they need to provide additional information in order to better process their tax return.

Hanson also said that phishing scam-artists will also send out e-mails asking for more personal information from tax-payers, saying in the e-mail that the information is needed to send the tax payer more money for their refund than originally intended.

Hanson made it clear that students need to be especially careful about these types of situations because many hackers target e-mail addresses ending in ".edu."

A few things to keep in mind when figuring out if you are falling prey to a phishing scam is to realize the IRS would never send out unsolicited e-mails and taxpayers will not be asked by the IRS to provide credit card numbers, checking account or savings account numbers over e-mail.

However, if you are unsure about an e-mail that claims to be from the IRS, you can forward it to phishing@irs.gov, or you could call the IRS 800 number at 1-800-tax-1040.

"There are predators who pray on people who have good intentions and we don't want people to fall for these scams. A lot of these scams originate overseas and they can really be a problem," Hanson said.

According to IRS.gov, filers should "keep a copy of your completed tax return. Keep Copy C of all Forms W-2, your Forms 1099 showing interest and other income, and a record of any other information you filed with your return. Keep these records for at least three years from the date your return was due or filed, or two years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later."

Filing can be a simple process if you understand what you're doing. For more information on how to easily file, go to the IRS Web site and type in "tax information for students." A page will come up that easily outlines any questions or concerns you may have.

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tennial Planning.

That next "leg," that Thompson is referring to is the painting or decorating stage of this art project.

When the model is unveiled on April 14, the last day of the Pirate Fest celebration, the large statue will be unpainted, as a way to provide a clean "canvas" for a local artist to decorate. The task force is inviting artists to come out to the Pirate Fest with sketches ready to submit.

"We'd love to have at least 40 pirates [created] if not more, it all depends on how many sponsors and entries we can get," said Thompson.

The Centennial Task force is hoping that local businesses will team up with the artists selected to decorate the 6-foot tall fiberglass pirates, and sponsor their work.

Once both sponsor and artist have been paired up, the final product will either be displayed in front of the business, which gave the sponsorship, or at another selected area around the Greenville community.

Thompson said that she and all members of the task force are hoping that by this time next year all of the pirate statues will have been painted and that for the 2008 Pirate Fest celebration they can hold "a long parade of painted pirates with them all dressed in their artist's glory."

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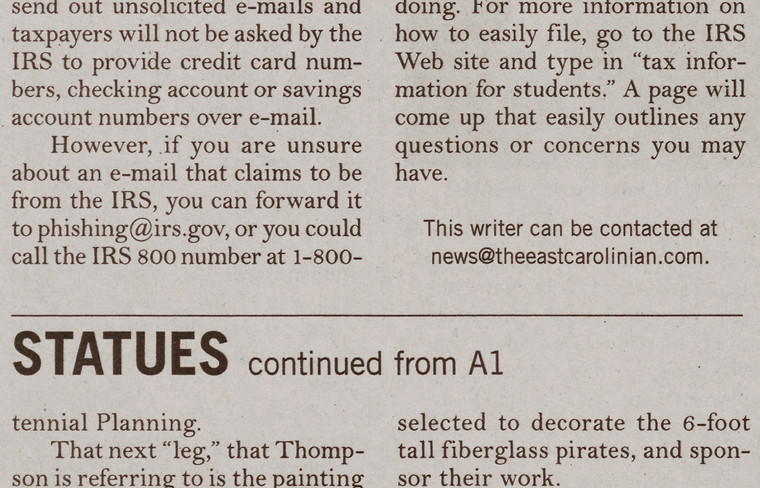

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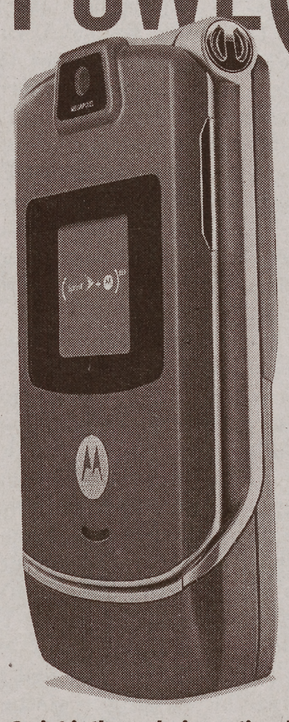

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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY

Is it too late to be a groupie for the Lady Pirates b-ball team? The fellas and I would love to fill the positions. Where do we apply?

Whose tomb is it, anyway?

How not to go about a discovery

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

Anyone watch the Discovery channel on Sunday? Maybe catch James Cameron's newest documentary? Possibly hear claims that the tomb of Jesus was discovered? While the material that Cameron's documentary covers is nothing new, allow me to bring everyone up to speed with a quick review.

First we must travel back in time twenty seven years. Construction is taking place in a suburb of Jerusalem when workers stumble upon an ancient cave in which numerous tombs are found. Workers immediately call for archeologist to the scene and the tombs are then studied, attempting to translate the names of the buried. Time passes, but in the end, the names are discovered and among them are Mary, Mathew, Jesua and Judah, son of Jesua.

But wait, James Cameron, Jesus rose from the grave, as it is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. His body was buried by Joseph of Arimathea at what is now known as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and his tomb is empty to show this! Are you trying to claim that Jesus' remains are actually in one of the ancient coffins discovered in 1980? What evidence do you have to support this assertion? Well… let us take a look.

Cameron's most compelling reasoning seems logical enough, as he looks towards forensics and DNA comparisons made between the tombs. Well as modern day prosecutors and defense attorneys can attest, DNA can only prove so much and this case is no different. The only thing proven is that everyone buried in the tombs are related, as no outside DNA sample can compare to those in the tombs. Cameron's DNA evidence begins to look like circular reasoning as his claim implies the truth of… well, his claim.

The next biggest counter to Cameron's claim attacks the names of the very people he believes to document. Sure archeologists translated the names of the tomb to Jesua and Mary, but what does this show? Only that the caskets of someone named Jesua and Mary was unearthed. But are they the Jesua and Mary as described in the New Testament? I sure do not think so, as those names were among the most common for the time period. Records discovered for the time show during the period that Jesus lived, at least 200 people were named Joseph, 150 people were named Judah, 70 were named Mary and finally over 90 others named Jesus were alive. That's like excavating a graveyard one thousand years from now and describing to someone that the tombs of Smith, Johnson and Brown had been discovered. You'd only have discovered the tombs of people carrying the most common surname of the point in time.

Now I am covering the scientific and statistical aspects of the documentary and will not delve into the Biblical aspects of this case, as I am truly not an expert on Christian teachings. However from the claims arising against Cameron from more scholarly perspectives, more are dismissing the documentary as an attempt to gain publicity and, like the downfall of all men, make money. Cameron stood to make not only a profit for filming the unearthing of the tombs and selling the documentary to Discovery (for unannounced millions), but from future DVD sales as well.

The issue is a controversial one and as experts join both sides of the fray, things are sure to get heated as more claims and counterpoints are presented for both sides. Is the Titanic director attempting to "sink Christianity" as some believe, or truly hoping to learn about the past? Is money on the forefront of his mind, or the truth?

Only God knows and time will tell.

Fuel for nukes

Are we bargaining for disaster?

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

The day before Valentine's Day, the media published some astonishing news. The United States Government, along with four other nations including, China, South Korea, Russia and Japan, have entered into a new deal for the disarmament of North Korea.

At first, the disarmament of a powerful and volatile nation seems very desirable; however, there is much debate over the new deal and the possibility of "nuclear blackmail."

The terms of the deal state that North Korea will receive a total of one million tons of oil, worth nearly $250 million dollars, in exchange for the complete disarmament of their nuclear programs.

It seems, to me, as if the United States is treating this deal as simply as a kindergartner would trade crayons. I'll give you my blue for your red. However, I should hope that the two governments would give a deal of this magnitude more consideration than a pair of kindergartners.

My first and most important concern is this—what happens when the United States and other governments can no longer supply the fuel demanded by North Korea to continue the disarmament of their nuclear programs? What use is the deal if it is only for the short run?

The world is on the verge of change. Many hostile governments, including North Korea and Iran, are within reach of complete nuclear power. There is no doubt that drastic measures should be taken to try to ensure safety of the country or devastation is likely to prevail. I applaud the United States for being one of the first nations to step up and try to invoke change, but at the same time, a deal like this seems more controversial than beneficial.

The United States government should use their resources to develop a plan that will suffice in the long run. We should also be wary of jumping into very costly deals with other nations that have proven themselves untrustworthy.

Is President Bush trying to hastily put a good stamp on his presidency before it is over? I guess only the future will tell.

MCT

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.

Why not require an internship/co-op for every major? A lot of entry-level jobs require some type of work experience. So even after I have finished four years of school I'm still not qualified. So where do you get experience for an entry-level job?

I understand we're supposed to use Banner for fall registration. Being that we register for fall a few days after summer registration and they have already listed summer classes, where is the list for fall classes? It would be nice to plan ahead and know what classes are offered before getting stuck here another semester.

I think all the bits of information about Chuck Norris were originally written about Skip Holtz.

I'm totally hooked on the food at Sheetz! Plus the touch screens remind me of a GameBoy. Do they take Pirate Bucks?

I'll help the guy who wants to build a Jack Sparrow statue. One Condition—you help me build a Davy Jones statue at the Town Commons by the First Street Bridge. After that, we'll do some pillaging. Savvy?

As annoying as it is for my neighbor to blare really bad music while in his bathroom, which is right next to mine, I keep reminding myself to be thankful that he hasn't had sex in there recently.

My girlfriend won't even acknowledge me anymore thanks to her "new best friend." Thanks.

I know you're talking about me so stop acting fake around me.

My Spring Break is going to be the best ever because of you. Thanks.

To the people who keep complaining about all the things you think bus drivers do wrong, shut up. I bet you don't complain when it's raining and they drive your ungrateful butt around so you don't get wet. Jeez!

Some things mankind will never figure out... like how Sheetz could be built in almost a month. The Wright Fountain on the other hand...

So what if I've spent all of my financial aid on great times with my friends... it was worth every minute of it, even if I am broke now!

You say you're not ready, but how long should I wait?!

Yoga is my new favorite thing to do... apparently even when I'm drunk.

Congrats to the Women's Basketball team! Keep representing ECU in a positive light!

I got my dog neutered... now he's a liberal.

Does anyone else think Hilary Clinton looks like the Geico caveman?

Is my best friend's boyfriend's brother off-limits?

I will live forever, or die trying.

I miss living at the beach because I miss the fresh, local seafood.

I waited until the day my paper was due to write it... I love 4 p.m. classes.

To whoever said ECU girls were not looking to be tied down, maybe you should find one you can take out to dinner, not back to your place.

Freshmen girls smell different from regular girls.

That lovely fresh potting soil on campus smells like fresh hot spoiled garbage because it's full of nitrogenous bi-products, aka fertilizer… not to worry though, I'm sure the trees in that area will be extra luminous in a few weeks!

I'm going to need for everyone to learn that seats on the bus are for people, and not your gigantic bags and suit cases. Gucci and Prada may be expensive, but they aren't paying for the buses at ECU.

You got my attention with the guitar magazine in sociology. Two years and a lot of tattoos later... you're still my punk rock princess. Love, your garage band king.

When we are around babies, I can only imagine holding your son in my lap. Does that scare you?

I do not like that all our living information is displayed in those campus phone books. People living on campus can call my house and visit my parents; not cool.

I never knew playing a prank could be so much fun.

I have no love life because my guy friends won't let me.

Why is it that every time you see me, you say I'm being mean when you're the one who ignores me.

Every time I go out to eat, I feel sick. I guess my stomach isn't used to real food anymore.

Yes, I'm a guy... and yes, I watched the whole Lady Pirates basketball championship game. Go Pirates… give 'em hell in the NCAA tourney!

I mean seriously, why do they sell ping-pong balls at the Galley? All it is doing is encouraging us to drink.

Ladies, ladies, yo I'm a rappa!

If I told you that you had a nice body would you hold it against me?

How do you kill fake fish?

If you spell Chuck Norris in Scrabble, you win. Forever.

If it weren't for Fergie I wouldn't know how to spell.

Tell me why this is the only university that makes its students buy scantrons. I think $21,000 a year for out of state tuition should cover that.

I'm washing all my clothes because they all smell like you. I'm not doing this anymore.

I hate having boobs.

Does anyone love the Subway cookies when they aren't cooked all the way? I surely do!

Do you know how long I waited just to see this Rant I'm reading right now?

I hate not being able to do anything at my apartment because your stupid girlfriend is asleep; she doesn't even pay rent!

I go to class just to see you.

So today was the day that I found out I have Irritable Bowel Syndrome as a result from stress from being a full time student and working 30 hours a week... anyone who said being a college student is all fun and games... they are liars.

The fact that my cell phone doesn't get service in the elevator really puts a bump in my social life.

ECU Hockey players are so much hotter than ECU Baseball players!

I love being an RA!

I can't wait to go to the SGA Banquet… It'll be the best!

OK! Since you haven't answered my phone calls, let me tell you that it's over. I'm moving on! I like someone else anyway!

I want someone who feels about me the way I do about him.

I'm supposed to be studying, but I just made Pirate Rants my home page. Yes!

I'm sorry I keep ignoring you, but you're creepy.

Nothing you say is sincere. Shut up and be real, please.

Facebook and MySpace were the only reasons that I got a laptop.

You think no one knows your secret. But I can't even count on one hand how many people really do know. So grow up and deal with it, otherwise you'll regret it later in life.

I say thank you to every single person who holds a door for me. You just haven't held the door for the right girl yet!

Boys... the reason I date alcohol.

It sucks being sick. What's even worse is that your grandma lives in another city and you want her to bring you soup and take care of you.

There are plenty of fish in the sea, but I think there is a hole in my net.

Why is my cell phone bill about $300 a month? It's supposed to be about $75.

I love my mommy!

I had no decline two weeks into this semester. Is that bad?

I wish I was going to be a teacher. Some of the teachers here are horrible. I would so make learning fun!

I'm ready to go to law school.

The squirrels here scare me. One ran over my foot, and I almost peed in my pants.

I haven't slept in five days. What is wrong with me?

I highly doubt that you art majors work harder than me.

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My roommate is really messy. She never really cleans and I think she has taken out the trash maybe once or twice the entire time we have lived together. I would approach her and ask her for a little help cleaning, considering most of the time it is her untidiness that causes the mess, but I am pretty much guaranteed to get an attitude back. What is the best way to ask for some help in cleaning without receiving an attitude back or reasons why she is too busy to clean?

Sincerely,
Sick of a Slob

Dear Sick,

Sometimes, the longer you allow something to go on unaddressed, the more of an issue it will become (for you) and the more acceptable this action becomes to the person that's doing it. It sounds like that might be the case for you and your roommate. Perhaps it's gone on for so long that she doesn't think she's doing anything that really bothers you.

It's better to hit this thing head on and get it out of the way, especially if you're thinking there might be a little confrontation. If you tell her that you need for her space to be cleaner, she may or may not listen, and if it isn't your common space, it may not be as easy to put your foot down and respectfully demand. Explain that you aren't trying to be a witch but you'd really appreciate some help in getting things done around the apartment or dorm room, whatever the case may be, and that it's not fair to you that you have to live in an environment that isn't as clean as you like. Perhaps if you explain that you'd like to make a deal with her (i.e.-sharing the chores), she may take to that more readily, also.

Basically, what I'm saying is, there may not be a way to get her to keep your living space as clean as you'd like at this point, but there's always a way to change things, if push comes to shove. I hope she hears you and respects your needs.

Good luck,
Jane

Why won't you shut up?

Disrespect in class

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OPINION WRITER

I remember a time when hats, gum and even drinks were against not only the teacher's rules but schools'. I think we can all remember this time as high school. We would pass notes in class, talk casually with a teacher and at times get into some disputes with them. This was a time when you would fear your teacher's wrath and when you would never think to talk during class expecting to get away with it or disobey the basic rules of the school, which some are rules of common courtesy. So how is it that when we enter college those rules which we were raised on get erased?

In college we are given the freedom to wear hats, chew gum, drink and eat almost anything we want in class. As college wears on we forget that there was ever a time where we couldn't do these things, but the one rule I always will remember is to shut up in class.

I think everybody can relate to this problem, and in some cases I am sure you were the problem. I think I finally flew over the edge last week in my microeconomics class. This is a class that has no attendance policy and if you wanted to you could possibly get away with barely ever coming to class. So, much to my surprise I was sitting in class last week, around the middle to front area to get away from the people who talk in the back. As I sat there I couldn't believe it but I heard some whispering: "….. Keg……. She…… next week…" I assumed that I was too close to the front for them to continue talking and it would stop soon. To my dismay it didn't… ever. They literally talked the entire class, not only that they even threw in the comical note from time to time "What is she talking about? I have no idea what is going on in this class."

Really?! Oh wow that was a huge surprise to me and everyone else who heard you. This class has no attendance policy and yet these two people made it a point to catch up in the middle of class.

I realize this is an extreme, but I think everyone knows I am not the only one with a story to tell. My roommate recently told me one of the most disrespectful stories I have ever heard. He was in his night class and it had already begun. Around five to 10 minutes into the class a girl pops in talking on her cell phone. Amazingly she continues to talk while entering the class while the teacher is talking. "Uhh excuse me?" the teacher says. "Huh? Oh. Hey I gotta go I am in class, I will talk to you later." What if the teacher had said nothing? I wonder how long she would have talked or not noticed she was in class.

I guess overall, students can't really do anything about this. I am just wondering how professors have any tolerance for these kinds of actions. I thought college professors would bite off your head for even disagreeing with them. I never would have thought I could talk during all of class. All I can really say is that I just want everyone to shut up in class and just not come if you really feel the urge to open your mouth to anyone but the teacher.

"Our secret is ... we don't go to bed angry. Of course, we haven't slept in weeks."

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Horoscopes:

Aries
It does look like somebody else can get farther more quickly than you can, for a while. Be a team player and provide support. You'll get your glory later.

Taurus
Develop a routine that you can teach to someone else. You don't have to do everything to insure that it all gets done.

Gemini
By now you should be able to tell which direction you should be going. You've figured out where the treasure is buried. Next, you get to start digging.

Cancer
Try out an idea you've been thinking about to simplify paperwork. The odds are good it'll save time, which you can spend in more pleasurable pursuits.

Leo
The main way you increase your fortunes now is by keeping them safely hidden. Just think how much you'll save when you pay cash for your next major purchase.

Virgo
Your objective should be home and family. You're doing it all for them. Let this be known. The support you receive gives you the energy to carry on.

Libra
Keep asking questions, and odds are good you will discover the truth. It's too late to worry about whether or not you want to know what it is.

Scorpio
Don't even try to explain what you're doing. The people who are in agreement will trust you already _ the others already don't.

Sagittarius
Your friends think the world of you, and with good reason. You make them think and you make them laugh. You are fulfilling your mission.

Capricorn
An amazing thing will happen as you finish a tedious task. You will discover a treasure you didn't know was in there.

Aquarius
Your recent adventures increase your self-confidence. You also realize you've assumed new responsibilities. Get used to it. That's the burden of being a leader.

Pisces
You'll be delighted to discover you have some left over. Don't spend it on a little treat now, save it up for a big one later.

Drink Recipes:

Tonga Mai Tai

1-ounce lime juice
3 ounces pineapple juice
1/4-ounce orgeat syrup (almond syrup)
1-ounce dark rum (recommended: Myers's)
1-ounce light rum (recommended: Bacardi)
1-ounce orange-flavored liqueur (recommended: Cointreau)
Crushed ice
1 maraschino cherry, for garnish
1 pineapple slice, for garnish
1 paper umbrella, for garnish

Combine all the liquid ingredients in a large glass. Add ice and stir. Drop the cherry in the drink and garnish the rim of the glass with the pineapple slice. Place the paper umbrella in the glass and serve immediately.

Iced Brownie Cappuccino

2 shots espresso, or 1/2 cup very strong coffee
1 cup ice cubes
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup whipped topping, plus more for topping
2 tablespoons chocolate syrup, plus more for topping
3 tablespoons chocolate chips

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth. Divide among two glasses. Put some whipped topping into a pastry bag or plastic bag fitted with a star tip. Top each drink with a little whipped topping and a drizzle of chocolate syrup.

Please drink responsibly.

{ Pirate Buzz }

Sleeping around: Sexy or Sleazy?

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Students oftentimes participate in casual sexual relationships, but having sex with multiple partners could prove to have unforeseen consequences.

Casual sex among college students

LEIGH CARTER
STAFF WRITER

College-aged students often have numerous relationships in a short period of time, allowing themselves to meet a variety of people but not forming romantic attachments with each one. This situation can lead to the practice of having casual sex or sexual activities outside the context of a romantic relationship that consist of a range of informal sexual encounters.

While many students consider this to be a common practice with no real problems, many are not aware of the physical and emotional harms these kinds of relationships can cause.

"People come to college to figure out the type of person they want to become and the type of people they want to be with," said Tara Grissom, freshman political science major "You can't really grow as a person without allowing yourself to try out different things and get to know different people."

While creating strong bonds with peers and meeting new people are key elements students seek when attending college there are several aspects that each individual must consider before making the decision to be sexually active at this period in their lives.

"Many students are careless when it comes to the practice of safe sex," said registered nurse Donna Turner. "This can lead to the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies that can affect the rest of your life."

The fact that many college-aged students often drink in social settings is also a factor associated with the practice of casual sex.

"Being under the influence of alcohol lowers inhibitions one might normally feel when considering having a sexual encounter," Turner said. "Students often make poor decisions at these times without thinking of the consequences that may arise after the night has come and gone."

A study done in a recent publication of the Journal of Sex Research, "No Strings Attached: The Nature of Casual Sex in College Students" with a sample of 404 undergraduate students at a large public university in the southeastern United States shows that more than half of the participants surveyed actually engaged in the practice of casual sex.

"In general casual sex is associated with depression, etc. However, often it is a symptom of esteem or other issues rather than a root cause," said Associate Communication Professor Dr. John Howard. "The major negative impact of casual sex for those people is they are often seeking validation that, by definition, can only be temporary."

The study from the Journal of Sex Research also concludes that college-aged women who have a history of casual sex tend to feel more depressive symptoms after

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Professor ignites passion for writing

Professor profile: Timm Hackett

JESSICA DUNLOW
STAFF WRITER

Timm Hackett is ready to take on the freshmen entering ECU to teach them that writing is very important for every major and every person. For those students who don't enjoy writing, Hackett may convert you, and for those who already have a passion for the pen will just get an opportunity to perfect their art.

Before graduating with a master's degree from ECU, Hackett received a Bachelor of Arts from UNC Greensboro. The first classes that Hackett teaches each semester are ENGL 1100 and 1200. He claims that 1200 is his favorite to teach because "everyone has to take it and it is much more than a prerequisite," since every major requires some writing abilities and everyone will have to write a paper at some point in their college careers.

Hackett believes that there is much more to a student/professor relationship than merely meeting in the classroom. Former student, Michaelina Antahades visits his classes at the beginning of each semester to talk about course requirements and her personal experience in the class.

"As a freshman it's hard to know how to interact with professors, Hackett made himself so available to all of his students outside of class time," said Antahades.

Hackett's Picks...

As a means of getting to know some interesting facts about a beloved English professor the following quick response questions were posed...

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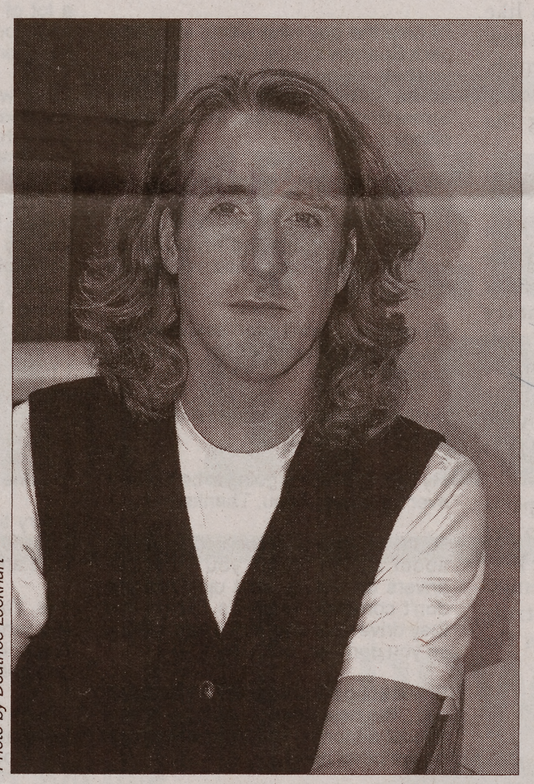

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Since this is Founder's week in our Centennial year, I asked Hackett to remember some of his favorite ECU moments. His first memory was when he was attending UNCG, and drove to Greenville with some of his fraternity brothers for Halloween. Talk about a first impression. Frankly, it "frightened" him, but he had a great time. His second favorite memory happens several times each semester. It sounds a bit cliché, but it still excites him when a student understands that they are going to have to spend time writing, regardless of their major and year.

Hackett received the award for Outstanding Professor for 2005-2006 after being nominated by a former student from the Department for Disability Support Services.

Hackett was a brother in Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at UNCG and fully supports Greek life; in fact, he is the current academic advisor to his younger brothers here at ECU.

I asked him what his opinion was of the scandal regarding the removal of 23 members of Delta Zeta sorority, and he revealed his hope that the situation could be cleared up without damaging the reputation of the Greek system.

Currently, Hackett is working on a semi-fictional historical novel about the 1917 jazz era and the prostitutes that resided around New Orleans. It should be a significant landmark in his writing career.

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A monastic way of life

I'm finally settled into the routine of it all

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Recap: I'm now into my final week living the life of a monk for my RELI 5000 class. So far, I have experienced everything from dietary changes, to silent days, to chanting with my peers. This truly unique experience has changed me in more ways that I ever could have anticipated.

"Just four more days to go" —the constant thought going through my head, as I'm keenly aware of how many days I have left until I can finally enjoy a caramel macchiato from my beloved Starbucks again. But really, I'm not complaining about the situation—at least not anymore. This whole experience has actually become a way of life. I don't have to think about doing all the little things anymore, I just do them. I have always heard if you do something for about a month it becomes routine and I guess that really is true. The hour plus that I spend in meditation, reading and journaling every morning has become a nice way to get away from the world. In dealing with the chaos of senior year, this project seems to be the only thing keeping me grounded.

I hosted a dinner for all of my friends this past weekend. I created for them, all of the dishes I have been eating the past three weeks. I'm not usually known for my cooking abilities, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. In fact, most of them were surprised just how much I actually had to cut out of my diet and I think they were able to appreciate what I've been doing a little bit more.

I spent Monday in silence once again. I enjoyed the excuse to not talk or have to explain things to people. Maybe it's because my life is so hectic right now, but I like feeling as though I can disconnect from the world sometimes. Monday was no exception.

Again, tomorrow evening, I will be going to my professor's house with other participants in the Monastic Project. There we will be chanting and watching a movie. Our first session at his house was unreal. It was something that I didn't expect and I'm pretty sure tomorrow is going to be even more intense than before, since we're further into the project.

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Cozy up with a good book and sip some tea

Acasia's Tipsy Teapot

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The assortment of books that line the walls of the Tipsy Teapot create added warmth for the cozy atmosphere

There are numerous eating locales in uptown Greenville, but it's a safe bet that one will not find a leopard print chair shaped like a large stiletto heel in any place other than The Tipsy Teapot. Nestled between an old Irish pub, and what appears to be an empty store, the Tipsy Teapot holds a massive amount of character in such a small room.

The first thing you see when you walk in is that leopard print chair, and the somewhat matching couches and chairs placed in a circle, which is perfect for poetry readings and book club meetings that you can schedule during their open hours.

The history behind the magic is two uptown Greenville businesses in one building. One, a bookstore owner and the other a British tea connoisseur. The atmosphere is overwhelmingly relaxing and intelligent.

Books line the walls, sorted meticulously by genre. There is no telling what kinds of books you can find on their shelves. For instance, almost the entire collection of *The Babysitter's Club* is available. Tons of cookbooks, travel books, fiction, nonfiction and of course, a children's collection adorns these intellectual walls at the Tipsy Teapot.

There is nothing better than supporting literacy and good

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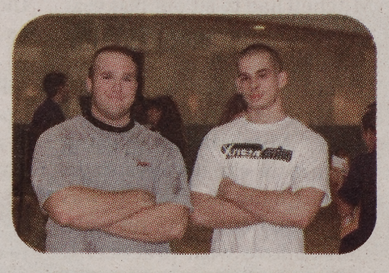

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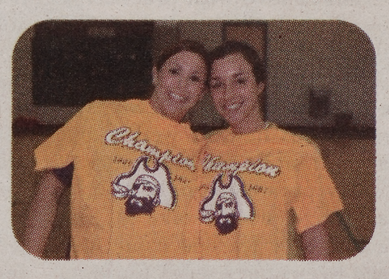

Women's
The Buddys
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their sexual experiences than men do.

A reason sited for this conclusion is that often one of the persons engaging in the practice of casual sex expects that a romantic relationship will evolve from the act. When a romantic relationship doesn't result, the negative feelings created oftentimes lead to lowered self-esteem and depression.

"It isn't unusual for people who engage in such behaviors to feel guilt, remorse or even shame for their actions," Howard said. "Such feelings can fuel further depression and esteem issues."

While the practice of casual sex with various partners seems to be present everywhere, many students still believe that waiting for the right person, chosen based on personality and compatibility is the best way for them.

"Allowing yourself to settle for just anyone you meet really limits you from meeting other people," Grissom said. "Sometimes patience in all you need to find the person that best fits what you are looking for."

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food at the same time.

The menu is based around the twelve basic tea types they carry and delectable desserts. For breakfast, they provide freshly baked muffins, scones, pastries, fruit plates and simple sandwiches with eggs and bacon. With this meal, check out the English breakfast tea, which is meant to give an extra "oomph" to your step.

Regular menu items include spinach salad, daily soup specials, French melt sandwiches, veggie sandwich and a classic BLT. The desserts displayed in the cooler look oh so amazing. The cheesecakes and pies baked in the Tipsy Teapot ovens are spectacular.

If you are looking for a relaxing and intellectually stimulating time, the Tipsy Teapot is where it's at. In addition, there are colorful teapots for sale along with individual packets of their English teas. Overall, I give the Tipsy Teapot an A, so stop by and enjoy a dose of hospitality that is sure to leave a smile on your face along with warmth in your heart.

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Perfect innings for ECU softball pitcher Toni Paisley against Binghamton on Saturday; Paisley, a freshman, struck out six of the 15 batters she faced, and didn't allow a single runner to reach first base the entire game; the next day, in the championship game of the Holiday Inn Express Pirate Clash, Paisley had a no-hitter going through 5 2/3 innings before finally allowed a line drive hit by James Madison's Katie George that broke Paisley's streak of 10 2/3 without allowing a hit; Paisley threw a complete game shutout in the championship game; Overall, Paisley allowed no runs and four hits in 12 2/3 innings pitched in the tournament

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Points that the ECU men's basketball team was outscored by Tulsa in the second half of the regular season meeting between the two; ECU was down only one point (33-32) at halftime, but shot only 29.4 percent from the field in the second half and was outscored 34-17 as Tulsa went on to win the game, 67-49; The Pirates will look for revenge tonight as they play the Golden Hurricane in the first round of the C-USA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament at 9:30 p.m. in Memphis, Tenn.; ECU is the 12th seed in the tournament and Tulsa is the fifth seed; the winner of that game will play fourth-seeded Tulane Thursday night at 9:30 p.m. in a quarterfinal match up; the ECU men's basketball program has never won a game in the C-USA tournament

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Fumble force for ECU defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell in the 2004 season, as a member of the UNC Tar Heels; Mitchell stuffed N.C. State running back T.A. McClendon as he was leaping into the end zone, securing a win for the Tar Heels and making a defining moment in Mitchell's young career; Mitchell transferred to ECU shortly before the 2006 season, and is projected to get significant playing time on the Pirates defensive line in the 2007 season; Mitchell, a 6-foot-6, 320-pound lineman, is listed as a junior on the ECU football roster and has two years of NCAA eligibility left

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Fans watched the ECU–N.C. State baseball game on Saturday, setting a new record in the state of North Carolina; the match up was the highest-attended college baseball game in the history of the state; The 2005 season, which was the first that ECU played inside Clark-LeClair Stadium, ECU ranked 15th in the nation in attendance as it averaged 3,232 fans per game; last season, ECU ranked 18th in the nation in average attendance; interestingly enough, out of 14 home ECU men's basketball games this season, only two of them had a higher attendance (Morgan St. and Memphis) than Saturday's baseball game

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More runs that the ECU softball team scored than their opponents in this past weekends Holiday Inn Express Pirate Clash; the Pirates captured the tournament championship by going 5-0 and outscoring their opponents 34-1 over the weekend; the Pirates only run allowed in the tournament came when James Madison scored one run in the sixth inning en route to a 7-1 loss to ECU; Pirate infielder Jessica Johnson was named tournament MVP and C-USA hitter-of-the-week after her weekend performance; Johnson went 8-for-14 (.571) in the tournament, scoring two runs and driving in seven

Newcomer proud to wear purple and gold

Defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell drops the Carolina blue

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Khalif Mitchell walked across the turf at the Pirates football practice complex with a gigantic smile that makes his presence heavily felt among the other players. The 6-foot-6, 320-pound transfer from the University of North Carolina couldn't be any happier.

Mitchell, a Virginia Beach native who didn't start playing football until his junior year of high school, started two games for the Tar Heels as a freshman, recording 15 tackles [4.5 which were for loss], 1.5 sacks and one forced fumble. As a sophomore in 2005, he tallied 13 tackles, two fumble recoveries, and four quarterback hurries.

Perhaps Mitchell's biggest contribution to the North Carolina program came on Oct. 9, 2004 as the UNC defense lined up against rival N.C. State on its own one-yard line. As Jay Davis took the snap and handed off to T.A. McClendon, Mitchell burst through the Wolfpack's front seven and hit McClendon in midair forcing a fumble and sealing a Tar Heel win. "The Play" as it's referred to is one of the most significant in the North Carolina football program's history.

"Oh man, I remember that play like yesterday" Mitchell exclaimed with laughter

"There's one thing on the Carolina board; it's still there today because I wrote it in permanent marker," said Mitchell. "It said, if you play hard then you will win". I put "if you believe you will win".

"I just went out there and said to myself they're not going to score, and it didn't matter whether it was me or the guy across the field, they're not going to score," said Mitchell as he recalled the play he is most remembered for. "I just believed we were going to win. I didn't even know he fumbled, I just knew he didn't cross the line because I took two steps up and that's all I needed."

Mitchell appeared to be on the verge of greatness, but shortly before the 2006 season former UNC head coach John Bunting issued a statement announcing that Mitchell was no longer part of the team.

"He will not be with us this fall," Bunting said according to the statement, without providing the reason for Mitchell's departure. "Khalif's a good kid who has a lot of potential both on and off the field."

While rumors stirred around Chapel Hill and Internet message boards all across the region, Mitchell disappeared without a trace.

"I want to say factually, I didn't get dismissed from Carolina," Mitchell stated. "I left Carolina. It just wasn't for me anymore. I just felt like I needed a change."

Mitchell said a lot of thought went into the decision.

"I talked to my family about it, I made sure I took a lot of time to think about it," said Mitchell. "I love Carolina; I still love Carolina. I was there for two years so I took time to think about it. When I thought about it, it was the right thing to do."

While Mitchell eventually found his way to ECU, that wasn't always the plan.

"I was actually about to go to Arkansas," Mitchell said. "I had a good relationship with coach [Houston] Nutt.

Mitchell hesitates before revealing why he didn't end up with the Razorbacks.

"When it came down to academic credits, I had done a lot of schoolwork at North Carolina. When the credits transferred over to Arkansas, they wouldn't have transferred over to get me the amount of credits that I'd worked for.

Mitchell said that coach Nutt advised him not to come to Arkansas because of the credit situation. So Mitchell looked for a second opinion from a couple of trusted friends and mentors. He spoke to his former Hargrave Military Academy coach.

Finally he seeked advise from close friend Marcus Hands. Hands is a ECU defensive lineman who went through a very similar situation as Mitchell.

"I talked to my coach from Hargrave, then the next thing you know I talked to Marcus [Hands] and the guys," said Mitchell. "I got to talking to the coaches and the next thing you know I came here [ECU] and I'm loving it.

One person that certainly isn't upset with Mitchell's decision to transfer to ECU is Pirates Head Coach Skip Holtz. At a pre-spring football press conference, the third year head coach mentioned Mitchell as player to specifically look out for.

"He plays with a passion, an excitement, an enthusiasm and emotion. He plays the game the way it's supposed to be played," said Holtz. "He plays it and he's all heart. I'm really excited; I think he is one of the guys that has a chance to make a real splash this year."

After transferring, Mitchell has learned that Coach Holtz is totally different from what coach Bunting was like during his tenure at UNC.

"Coach Bunting was a great guy," Mitchell said of his former coach. "He was very, very different; he's from the NFL, so obviously the coaches in the NFL are a lot more stern; more business friendly."

"Coach Holtz is more of a friend to people. If I catch coach Holtz walking outside I might go jump on him or something. You know I couldn't do that with coach Bunting because he is more about business and serious," said Mitchell. "I can just come out here and relax and relate to coach [Holtz] a lot better. He understands that I came from Carolina. He understands that there is a lot of tension since [the teams are] close. So he just made the process a lot easier."

Mitchell had to sit out last year due to transfer rules and considers it a blessing.

"I had a chance to try out different moves, try out different scenarios," Mitchell said of using the redshirt time to his advantage. "I started loving practice. It was the only time I could put on pads, so I fell in love with practice. It showed me how to polish up my skills and be a better player."

When he returns to the field for the 2007 season, Mitchell wants to prove to his new, as well as old coaches, that he can bounce back.

"My personal goals for the season are just to take all the coaching I've learned from both coach Browning over at Carolina and coach Thompson over here at East Carolina and just show both of those guys that I'm the type of player that when you coach me I'm going to learn it, go ahead and get it right, and polish up on it," Mitchell said. "The one thing I want people to gain from me, if they can say something, is that "he was resilient against odds."

The Tar Heels will make their way to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the first time since 2003 on Sept. 9.

While having thought about the clash since transferring from UNC, Mitchell banished the thoughts from his mind as soon as spring practice began.

"I dreamt about it everyday until today," Mitchell said on the opening day of spring practice. "I'm like everybody else now; I'm not redshirting anymore so I have to worry about Virginia Tech first. That's still a rivalry for me because I'm from Virginia Beach, so that's the "boys" I worked against [in high school]. I'm just taking it a game at a time."

Mitchell added that there's no question he is looking forward to playing some of his former teammates.

"When Carolina comes around I'll tell you how I feel about that," he said.

And with that, Mitchell walks off the turf in the chill of the early spring night and is finally exactly where he wants to be; wearing the purple and gold.

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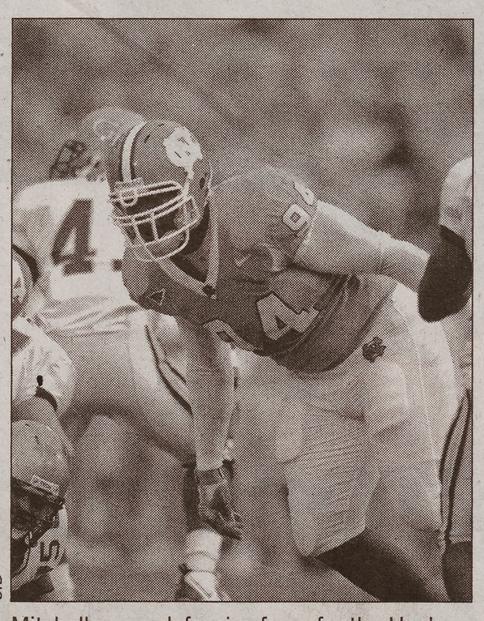

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Mitchell was a defensive force for the Heels.

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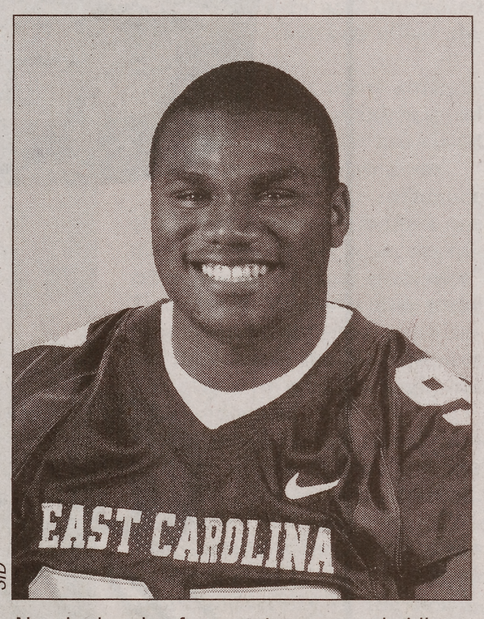

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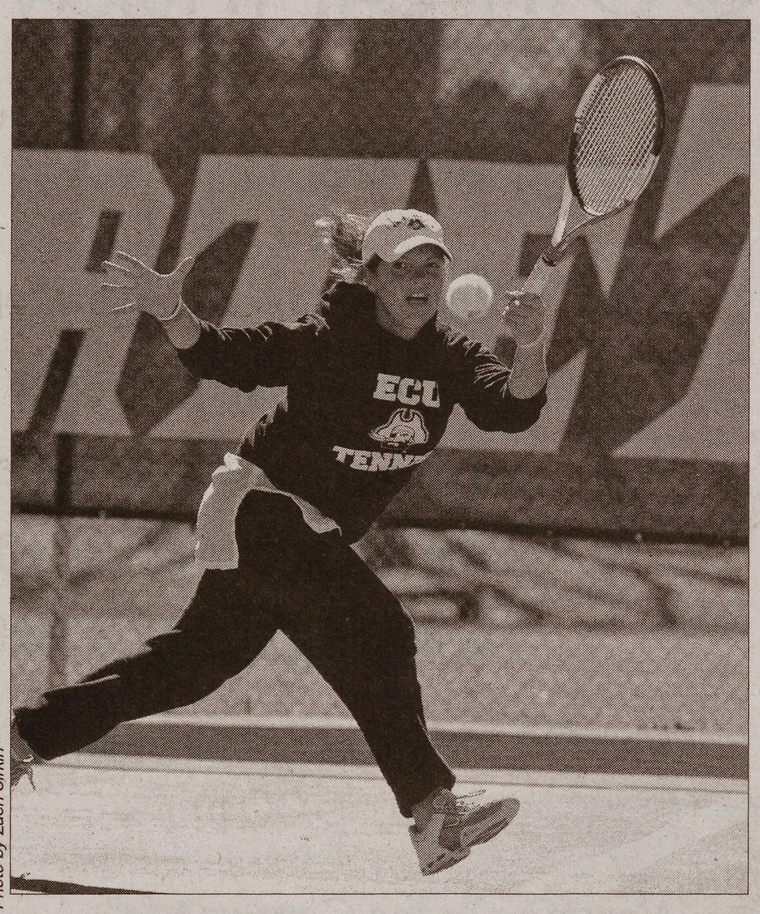
Now he is vying for a spot on a crowded line.

ECU women's tennis holds court at home



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Junior Luiza Borges is sticking it to opponents in singles and doubles.

Pirates extend winning streak to three

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's tennis team pulled out a 4-3 victory against the previously unbeaten Coastal Carolina Chanticleers Friday, Feb. 23, and defeated the Wofford Terriers 5-2 last Saturday morning. The Pirates prevailed in both matches despite nagging injuries and illnesses. The victories improved the Pirates record this season to 11-5 and dropped the Chanticleers to 6-1 and the Terriers to 1-5.

"We played hard, were beat up a little bit and were not playing our best tennis," said Pirates Head Coach Tom Morris. "Everybody played hard, maybe not well, but they played hard."

The Pirates started out the match against Coastal Carolina by winning the doubles point with wins by the tandems of Luiza Borges with Mireia Gol, and Alex Smith with Brooke Walter. The doubles point made the difference, as the teams split the six singles matches.

In singles play, Borges defeated Coastal Carolina's Amy Pazahanick (6-0, 4-6, 6-1) and Varinia Soler defeated Sofie Ahlberg (4-6, 7-6, 6-2) for crucial three set victories. The other Pirate singles victory came from Gol who defeated Sarize Coetzee (7-5, 6-3).

Morris applauded Soler's come from behind victory after the match.

"Soler lost the first set and was just battling in the whole second set, but she got through it and [won] the tiebreaker and really opened a door for us [by winning] the third set."

Against the Terriers the Pirates doubles duos of Borges with Gol and Soler with Anca Dumitru swept the Terriers to earn the doubles point. Singles victories by Gol, Borges and Brooke Walter clinched the win for the Pirates.

The team showed remarkable perseverance by defeating a quality opponent like Coastal Carolina.

"About half the team is struggling with something, in terms of injuries or illness," said Morris. "It's always a challenge with Coastal, you know they're going to play well... they have a good, strong team that's going to fight hard. Usually the team that fights hardest gets a little lucky and gets the win, and that was us today."

The wind blew especially hard during the Coastal Carolina match on and clearly effected play.

"It affects some player's games more than others, but nobody plays well in the wind, that's why it is so important to fight and not let it bother you and keep focusing," Morris said. "Nobody likes playing in the wind, you'd much rather play in the cold than the wind, but it affects both teams."

The women's tennis team is now in the midst of a 12-day break from competition. Their next match is Thursday March 15 at South Carolina State. The time away from competition comes at a good time for the team.

"We've played an awful lot of tennis up to this point," said Morris. "Now we have a little bit of a break where we can really practice and focus."

The Pirates loaded schedule to this point in the season is evidenced by the fact that they have already played twice as many matches as Coastal Carolina and Wofford at this point in the season. The team hopes to use the time off to improve in practice and recover from injuries.

"Hopefully we can get some good practice in the next few weeks," Morris said. "Were going to use that time to get healthy and improve."

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Pirates pick up midweek win over Aggies

Neitz improves record after fanning four

(SID)—ECU sophomore Stephen Batts collected a pair of hits, scored and drove in a run, and senior Jason Neitz fanned 4-of-7 batters he faced as the Pirates picked up a midweek win against in-state foe N.C. A&T, 7-4 inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

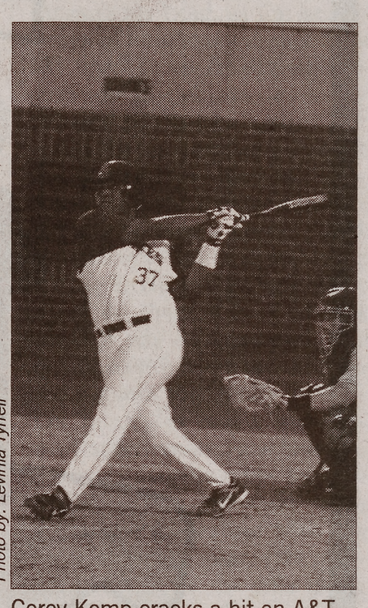
Neitz, who improved to 2-0 on the year, came in to relieve starter Bailey Daniles in the top of the fifth with two outs and the bases loaded. The crafty lefty struck out Joe McIntyre on four pitches, getting the Pirates (8-6) out of the jam.

Daniels worked 4 2/3 innings, allowing one run on four hits with five strikeouts and three walks. Brett Butts and Josh Ruhlman combined for one shutout inning before giving way to Mike Flye, who faced four batters, giving up three runs on three hits. Closer Shane Mathews notched his fourth save of the year after working a scoreless ninth inning.

For the Aggies (2-8), John Primis dropped to 0-2 on the season after working 7 1/3 innings. He allowed five runs (two earned) on four hits, while walking four and striking out three on 117 pitches.

The Pirates pushed three runs through in the bottom of the third to take an early 3-0 lead. Corey Kemp started off the inning when he reached base on a throwing error by Nick Mayo, which advanced Kemp to second. After David Forbes followed Kemp with a walk, Ryan Wood reached on another Aggie throwing error, which scored Kemp from second. Harrison Eldridge scored Forbes from third on a ground out to second base. The Pirates scored their final run of the inning when Dale Mollenhauer singled up the middle scoring Wood.

N.C. A&T scored its initial run in the top of fifth inning when Mayo doubled to left-center and scored Neil Rosser to put the game at 3-1. Rosser reached first after being struck by a Bailey fastball. Lester Rivenbark singled to third base moving Rosser to third setting up the run.



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Corey Kemp cracks a hit on A&T.

ECU added another run in the bottom of the sixth inning, extending the lead to 4-1. Henderson singled up the middle, stole second base and crossed the plate on Stephen Batts single to left field.

Ryan Tousley, Kyle Roller and Kemp each collected hits in the bottom of the eighth inning that scored runs to push ECU's lead to 7-1. Mollenhauer walked to lead off the frame, stole second and scored on Tousley's single to center. After Tousley got caught stealing third, Batts singled to left, stole second and scored on Roller's double to right field. Kemp capped off the scoring with a single to left that plated Roller.

The Aggies plated three runs in the top of the ninth inning pulling within three, 7-4, before Mathews came in to close the game.

ECU will continue its home stand this weekend when they host No. 6 Cal State Fullerton in a three game series. First pitch Friday night is scheduled for 5 p.m. when T.J. Hose and Wes Roemer take the mound.

ECU men's basketball to open journey play against Tulsa

The Pirates and Golden Hurricane set to square off tonight

(SID)—Twelfth-seeded ECU will take on fifth-seeded Tulsa tonight at 9:30 p.m. EST in the first round of the 2007 C-USA Men's Basketball Championship presented by Aéropostale, March 7-10, at FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn.

The winner will face No. 4 seed Tulane Thursday night at 9:30 p.m in the quarterfinals.

The Pirates suffered a 67-49 loss to the Golden Hurricane in Tulsa on January 10 to open conference play. Junior Darrell Jenkins led ECU with 15 points, while Tulsa guard Rod Earls led all scorers with 25 points, hitting 7-of-9 three-point attempts. The Pirates trailed by one at halftime, 33-32, but after shooting 60 percent in the first half shot just 29.4 percent after halftime and were outscored 34-17.

Regular season champion Memphis will be the No. 1 seed. As the top seed, Memphis will have a first-round bye at the tournament. Other teams receiving first-round byes include No. 2 UCF, No. 3 Houston and No. 4 Tulane. Other Wednesday first round match-ups feature No. 7 Rice vs. No. 10 UTEP at 1 p.m., No. 6 Southern Miss vs. No. 11 SMU at 3:30 p.m., and No. 8 Marshall vs. No. 9 UAB at 7 p.m. ET.

In Thursday's quarterfinal round, No. 2 UCF will take on the winner of the Rice- UTEP game at 1 p.m. and No. 3 Houston will face the winner of the Southern Miss-SMU match-up beginning at 3:30 p.m. No. 1 seed Memphis will take on the winner of the Marshall-UAB game at 7 p.m.

The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds will be televised by CSTV with Saturday's championship game scheduled to air on CBS at 11:30 a.m.

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Fields named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team

ECU rookie ranks second in the league in field goal shooting

(SID)—ECU forward John Fields has been named to the C-USA All-Freshman team as voted upon by the league's 12 head coaches and select media members announced league officials Tuesday.

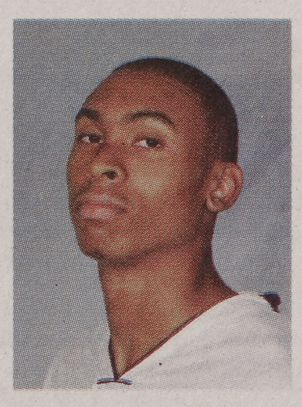
Fields is the fifth Pirate to earn all-freshman team honors during ECU's six-year membership in C-USA.

Fields has the fifth-highest scoring average among all conference freshmen (9.5 ppg) and the second highest rebounding average (5.88 rpg), second only to fellow freshman and teammate Gabe Blair (7.0 rpg). He ranks second overall in the league in field goal shooting (.627) and fourth in blocked shots (1.96), a category in which he has ranked among the national leaders all season.

Fields is joined on the all-freshman team by Jeremy Wise and Sai'Quon Stone of Southern Miss, Tulane's Kevin Sims and Tulsa's Ben Uzoh. Wise was voted the league's Freshman of the Year and currently ranks fourth in C-USA for scoring, averaging 17.6 ppg, and free throw percentage (.828). Stone and Uzoh are also scoring in double figures with a 10.3 ppg average. Sims averages 9.9 points and 3.5 assists per game for the Green Wave.

The league also revealed its other specialty award winners Tuesday. Senior Jeremy Hunt and junior Joey Dorsey of the fifth-ranked Memphis Tigers were selected the Sixth Man of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively.

Joining Dorsey on the All-Defensive squad is teammate Antonio Anderson, seniors Paul Delaney III of UAB and Oliver Lafayette of Houston, as well as sophomore Bamba Fall of SMU. Lafayette is pocketing 2.5 steals per game this season to lead C-USA and rank 15th nationally. Delaney (1.90 spg) and Anderson (1.83) are ranked second and third in the conference. Fall was averaging a league-best 2.58 blocks per game before being sidelined by a broken finger in February.



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Johnson named C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week

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Johnson drove in seven RBI during Pirate Clash

(SID)—Sophomore Jessica Johnson has been named C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week after batting .529 (9-for-17) over the span of six games, according to a release made by the league Monday afternoon.

During the Holiday Inn Express Pirate Clash, where the Pirates won five straight games and scored a total of 34 runs, Johnson batted .571 (8-for-14). Johnson had three multi-hit games, four doubles and seven RBI. In the championship game against James Madison, Johnson hit a two-run home run to give the Pirates a 5-0 lead. Johnson was later named the tournament Most Valuable Player.

This is Johnson's first career weekly C-USA honor. She is the first Pirate to receive C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week since Ashley Quick was given the award for the week of Feb. 13, 2006.

"J.J. (Jessica Johnson) was clutch all weekend coming up with key hits that drove in runs for us," associate head coach Natalie Kozlowski said. "Her power was impressive as she showed great patience and discipline at the plate. Every time we needed that big hit, J.J. (Johnson) delivered. She is maturing as a hitter and has proven to be very dangerous in the box."

The Laguna Niguel, Calif. native becomes the first Pirate on the 2007 team to receive a C-USA weekly honor.

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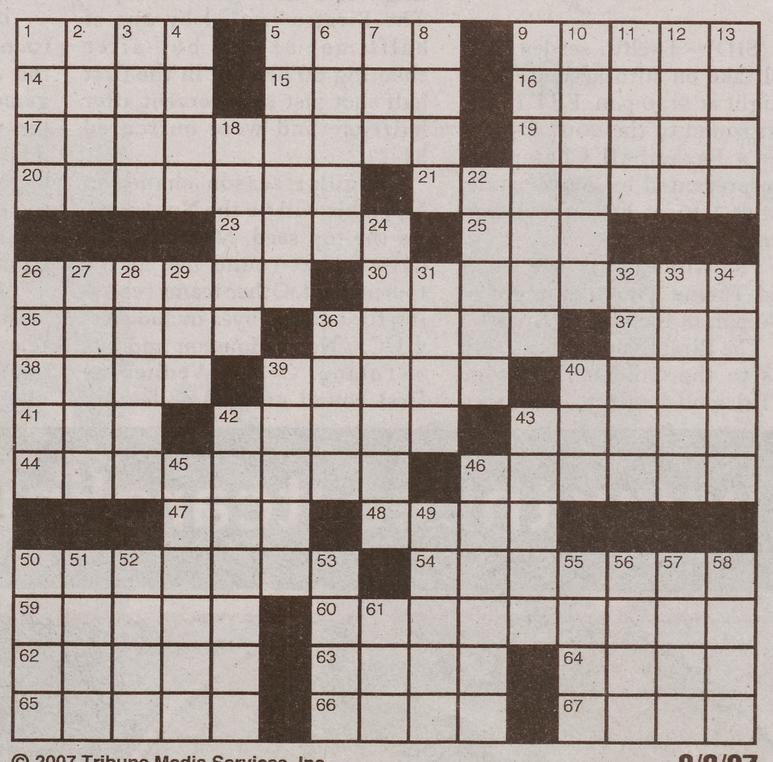

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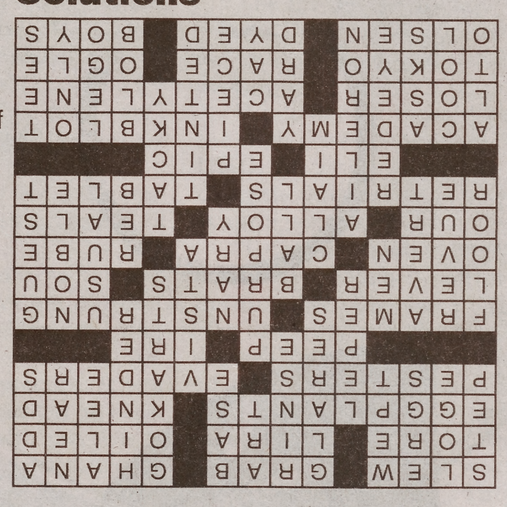

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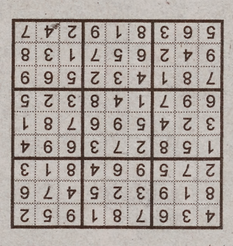

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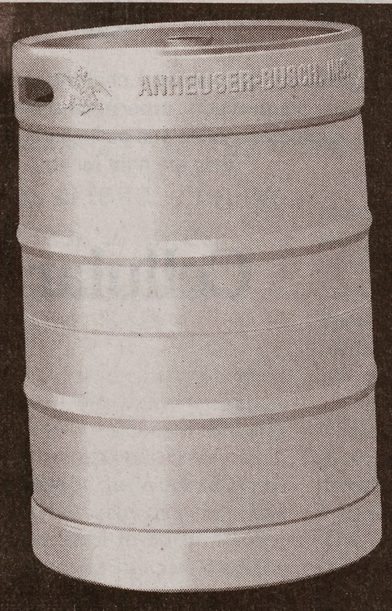

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MARCH 8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30 a.m. **Joint Session of the North Carolina General Assembly**
Wright Auditorium

11:30 a.m. **Trustees Fountain Preview Event**
Wright Circle

Noon **Luncheon on the Mall***
ECU Mall
- Presentation of the Centennial Awards for Excellence
- Special announcement
- Entertainment

Please note: In case of inclement weather, this event will take place at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

3:00 p.m. **Chancellor's Forum on Service**
Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center
- Forum
- Announcement of the establishment of the Servire Society
- ECU Award of Honor by Chancellor Steve Ballard
- Special presentation by Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and J. Y. Joyner Library

4:30 p.m. **Reception**
Mendenhall Student Center Lobby and Multipurpose Room

* Reservations required by March 1. Contact the Office of Special Events at 252-328-6447 for details.

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