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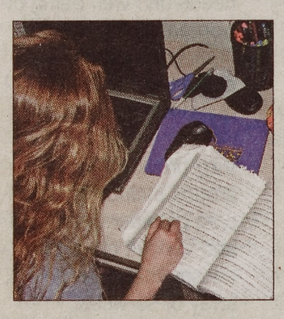

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City of Greenville sues several local landlords

City alleges violation of three-resident home code

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

Students living in a house with more than two other non-related roommates may want to take heed.

The city of Greenville recently filed five lawsuits against local landlords who own properties leased to tenants. City attorney Dave Holec said that the owners had been notified of the violations and had not responded to several citations. Four of the five suits involve Tim Ferruzzi, Ann Nunez, David Renn and Rebecca Renn, though the names vary in order on the owners' deeds.

A fifth lawsuit has been filed against Vance Harper Jones.

Merrill Flood, head of the community development department, said that there is a difference between these residences and large apartment complexes such as North Campus Crossing that allow more than three non-related roommates.

He said that the homes in question are in regular residential neighborhoods while the large apartment complexes meet land use intensive dormitory standards.

"The developers of theses places have to get special permits," Flood said.

During his 10 years as city attorney, Holec did not recall a time when citations did not prompt the property owners to fix the problems and keep the violations from turning into a lawsuit.

"Several citations were issued over several months," Holec said.

Fayetteville attorney Neil Yarborough has been hired by Ferruzzi.

He said that the city is choosing to sue his client rather than come after the students responsible and that the suit is a violation of Ferruzzi's first amendment rights.

"My client is not going to do bed checks on the people in

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MCT

More than three unrelated roommates who live in a residentially zoned home are in violation of a City of Greenville code.

Dead Week survey seeks more students' opinions

SGA pushes for less stressful week before finals

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is promoting the idea of a dead week to the ECU community.

If Dead Week is passed, it will offer students a free week before finals without any tests, quizzes or major assignments during the last week of instruction for each semester.

For undergraduates only, the week will not entail any major examinations in classes, excluding skills, laboratory or clinical finals.

Term papers due during Dead Week would need to be assigned in writing to students at the beginning of the semester. By midpoint in the semester, students would need to have received complete written instructions for all term papers.

"You can't take back failing a class or an exam, so we should have time to prepare ourselves and focus on our academics," said SGA president M. Cole Jones.

Dead Week would still fall under the 15 weeks of instruction, and all classes would meet as scheduled.

Classes during Dead Week are intended for teachers to have strict student-teacher interaction time.

Dead Week has been a work in progress for years. SGA has done extensive research on students during exam time and how other colleges prepare for their final exams.

Once the decision is final, it will take three years until the final change occurs. Any change made to the academic calendar takes three years to take place.

North Carolina State University currently has a Dead Week and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is looking into one.

"I think a Dead Week would help us study more and relax too. I hate finals because I just cram," said sophomore communications major, Austin Briggman III.

Last year, an online survey was posted for student's opinion on Dead Week. This survey did not get enough responses or strong enough votes to proceed further with it.

"I want to encourage students to get involved with SGA for the survey or any other project. We really need student feedback," said Student Government Secretary Keri Brockett.

This year all branches of SGA were asked to participate in the survey. The survey was also more comprehensive than last year. It consists of seven questions that relate to a student's personal opinion on Dead Week.

Once the results of the survey are finished, SGA will propose the survey to the senate and the calendar committee with the results.

"Whether you believe in Dead Week or not, take the survey and express your beliefs on it," said SGA Director of Academic Affairs C. James Wagner.

If SGA does not get enough feedback on these surveys, there will not be accurate results.

"We want to make the efforts to do what students want," said Brockett.

The Dead Week survey can be found online atecu.edu/cs-studentlife/sga/index.cfm.

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Fire in storm drain creates need for detour

Photo by Zach Sirkin

The Greenville Fire Department extinguishes the remains of a small fire.

Steam line, drain area undamaged despite smoke

STAFF REPORT

At approximately 6 p.m. Monday evening, a fire in the storm drain near West End caused students en route to the dining hall or other destinations on Faculty Way to have to take a slight detour.

According to ECU police Division Commander Major Frank Knight, leaves which had been blown into the steam line by Faculty Way and Dowell Way caught fire.

The cause for the fire is unknown.

"It could be a cigarette fell down into the area or some other item [did]," said Major Knight.

According to Major Knight, there was no damage to the steam line or any damage inside the storm drain area.

"The fire department... extinguished the smoldering remains of what was a small leaf fire," he said.

Although ECU police did set up a perimeter around the storm drain, and redirected traffic so emergency vehicles could easily access the area, West End and other surrounding areas did not close down for any period of time.

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ECU hosts fourth annual Chancellor's Forum on Service

Photo by Zach Sirkin

Members of the panel, including former Governor James B. Hunt, discussed ECU's history of service.

Former Governor Hunt urges ECU to serve eastern N.C.

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU played host to the Chancellor's Forum on Service March 8 in Hendrix Theatre. There, the panel addressed the university's motto: "Servire," Latin for "to serve," which is also this year's centennial theme of service. James B. Hunt Jr., ECTC alumni and former governor of North Carolina challenged ECU to help to improve life in eastern North Carolina—a region deserving of service, as it trails the rest of the state in economics, health and education

"I hope you will have the goal that the great disparity in eastern North Carolina will be eliminated, particularly through the leadership of this university," said Hunt. "I believe this university should do it and is more capable of doing it more than any other university."

"You've got a great history. Really be aware of how great the needs are... people expect you to do a lot," said Hunt. The historic four-term governor was one of four panelists at the event, which discussed ECU's history of service. One of the four questions of the event led panelists to ruminate on what motivates people to serve.

"To serve is a verb. It's love in action," said ECU alumna Ruth Shaw, senior executive at Duke Energy. According to Shaw, since the General Assembly first created ECU in 1907, improving life in eastern North Carolina has always been one of ECU's missions.

"The desire and appreciation for selfless giving, I believe, has to be taught, and it has to be learned," said chief external affairs officer for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina and ECU trustee member Joel Butler. Forum moderator, Janice Faulkner, ECU graduate and former North Carolina Secretary of State, asked the panel how ECU could continue to promote service in its second century. Hunt suggested student service requirements for graduation.

"The university needs to be committed to this community," said Hunt. He proposed to Chancellor Ballard in the audience that perhaps students "can't graduate unless they have hours volunteering" or "maybe giving college credit" for serving the community.

"We're trying to prepare and develop a society of giving and useful people," Hunt said.

"We're in a time of increasing isolation, fragmentation and individualism... than in the founding of the university in 1907," said Shaw. "The whole option of requiring service is oxymoronic, but what I've come to realize is that it is still service."

"You can't always pay it back, but you can pay it forward," said prominent Greenville attorney Phillip Dixon, who was a past member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and former chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees.

Concluding the forum, Chancellor Ballard announced the formation of the Service Society, an organization to encourage ECU students, faculty and staff to volunteer and give back to the community. Beginning March 2008, the group will recognize students and employees who do 100 hours or more of volunteer work in a calendar year.

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CORRECTIONS

The *East Carolinian* is dedicated to accurate reporting and will correct errors published in the paper.

To submit a correction, send an e-mail to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22 – March 29
Fall 2007 Registration
Banner is the new method of class registration at ECU. Visit thisisbanner.com to find information about the new Banner system.
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Scholarships being offered by NC National Guard
The North Carolina National Guard is currently offering two, two and a half and three year scholarships. Those interested can see SFC Jimmy Smith in Room 344-A Rawl Building to pick up an application packet. Information can also be obtained by calling (252) 916-9073
344-A Rawl Building

March 23
Contra Dance
Live, old-tme and Celtic music by a string band in the Willis Building, First and Reade Streets. Downtown
7:30, lesson; 8 – 10:30, dance. A smoke and alcohol-free event. 752-7350.

March 26 – April 23
Intro to Ballroom Dancing
Learn the basic steps of ballroom dance with this weekly hour-long class.
SRC 239
7-8 p.m.

March 27 – April 4
American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
Earn American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. Topics include water rescue skills, CPR/PR and First Aid. All books and pocket masks are provided. This certification lasts for three years. Minimum age is 15. $150 Members; $170 Non-members. Registration deadline is March 26 (Must attend all classes).
SRC
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

March 24-31
Service North Carolina: Supporting the Pirate Nation
This event brings together students from 16 NC colleges and universities for a week of giving back. Help prove how much ECU cares about the community; log on to www.ecu.edu/volunteer for more information.

21 Wed

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

ECU's Tag Lecture series: "The Scary Mason-Dixon Line: African American Writers and the South"
Bate 1032
6:30 p.m.

Softball Hitting Challenge
Register on-site
Blount Fields
7 – 10 p.m.

***An Evening with Hal Gurnee**
Gurnee is perhaps best known as the director of the Letterman Show (1982 – 1985)
Hendrix Theatre
7 p.m.

Baseball
vs. High Point
Clark-LeClair Stadium
7 p.m.

22 Thu

Softball
vs. UNC Greensboro
ECU Softball Field
3 p.m.

Battle of the Bands
The 14th Annual Battle of the Bands will feature five local bands that are competing for the opening slot at 2007 Barefoot on the Mall.
Pirate Underground
7 – 11 p.m.

23 Fri

Spring Greek Step Show 2007
Wright Auditorium

Women of Distinction Gala: Power & Pearls
The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Committee on the Status of Women will host this inaugural event to honor women on ECU's campus who have worked to further the causes of women's empowerment, multiculturalism, equity and social justice. Keynote for the evening is Dr. Maya Angelou.
Rock Springs Center
7 p.m.

Baseball vs. Memphis
Clark-LeClair Stadium
7 p.m.

Just Cause - I.Know. Ivan.King
Alpha Kappa Psi presents Just Cause in honor of Ivan King. Ivan battled cancer and passed away at the beginning of the year. Tickets are $5 and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.
Great American at 1008 Dickinson Ave
9 p.m. – 2 a.m.

24 Sat

Paint Ball Tournament Sponsored by National Guard Student Association
The National Guard Student Association is hosting a paintball tournament exclusively for ECU students. Entry is free, and you won't pay a penny for equipment rentals or paintballs. Plus, the winning team will leave with a $1,000 prize, and you could win a Nintendo Wii Prize Package. (You can register for the Nintendo Wii without participating in tournament.) Create your own team of up to 10 players and go head-to-head against other students. You can register or find more information at NCNGRecruiter.com/paintball.html
Hematoma Paintball, 607 Haw Branch Rd, Chocowinity
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Baseball
Vs. Memphis
Clark-LeClair Stadium
6 p.m.

25 Sun

Baseball
vs. Memphis
Clark-LeClair Stadium
11 a.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. College of Charleston
ECU Tennis Complex
12 p.m

26 Mon

Service North Carolina Vounteer Hour Competition
ECU came in second last year to N.C. State.
Wright Place
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SGA Elections Debate
Meet the candidates who are running for Student Body President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. After the debate, the candidates will be available for questions.
Mendenhall Student Center Social Room
7 – 9 p.m.

70s Rock: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
An exciting multi-media trip through the 70s with Barry Drake, one of Rock Music's foremost historians. We will celebrate, examine and put into perspective 10 of the most confusing and misunderstood years in our musical history.
Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room
8 – 10 p.m.

27 Tue

SGA ELECTIONS
To learn more about the candidates, visit the SGA Web site at ecu.edu/sga. A polling site will be located in Wright Plaza. You may vote from any computer by logging onto Onestop between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Women's Resource Fair
The Women's Resource Fair will center on the needs and well being of women. Various local organizations and businesses will share information and enlighten women on the services they provide. These groups include health care providers, retailers and various other businesses that offer an array of services.
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Front Yard
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Golf Registration
Singles, doubles and mixed doubles
Student Recreation Center, room 207
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Roots of Creation
Student Union Popular Entertainment presents a night of reggae music with the band Roots of Creation
Mendenhall Brickyard
7 – 11 p.m.

*Featured event

An evening with Hal Gurnee

Gurnee is perhaps best known as the director of the Letterman Show (1982 – 1985) and his appearance in guest bits from the control room as the character "Hal Gertner," but was for many years before that a television director who worked with many of the best known personalities in television including Jack Paar, Mike Douglas and David Frost. He was Paar's favorite director and worked with him on specials after Paar retired from his daily show.
Hendrix Theatre
7 p.m.

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his houses. It is not unusual for people to spend the night at other people's houses in a college town," Yarborough said. "The city has not produced one shred of evidence."

Holec said that the zoning ordnance specifically states that the property owner can be held accountable for this kind of violation.

"When the property owner becomes aware, which they do when they receive the citation, they should take the necessary steps to fix the problem," Holec said. "It's a quality of life issue for the neighborhood. It's based on the additional impact that a home that has more than three persons would create."

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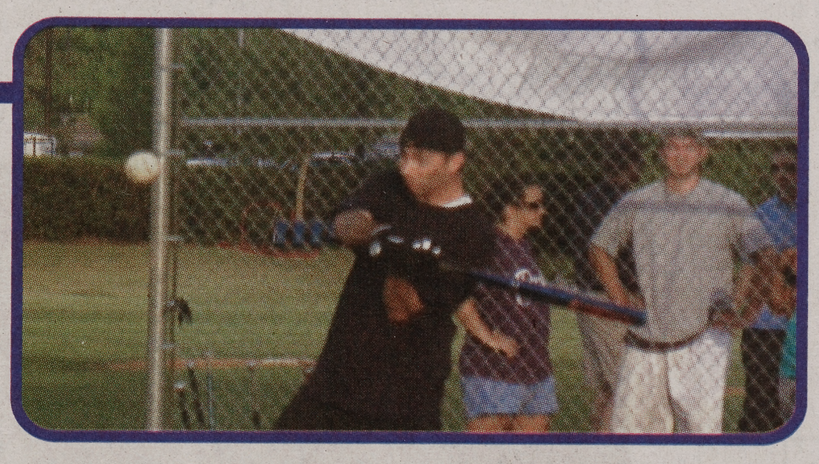
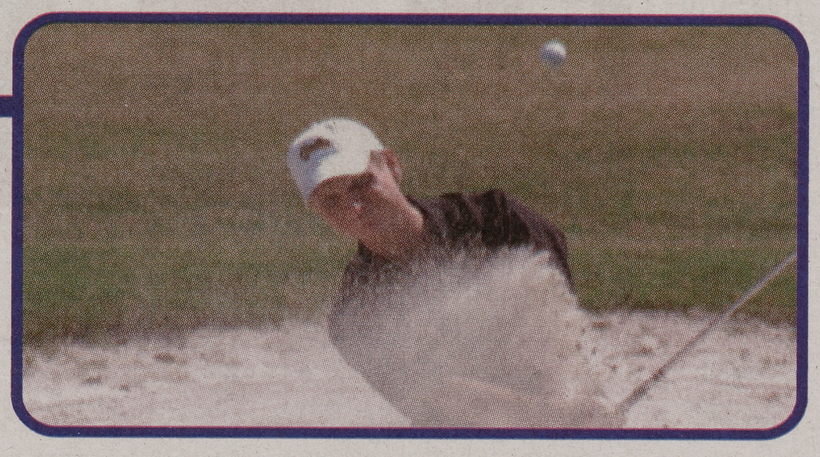


Softball Hitting Challenge
Wednesday, March 21
7:00-10:00pm
Blount Field #4



Golf Registration
Singles and Doubles
Tuesday, March 27
10:00am-6:00pm
SRC 207

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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY

The train track trestle that is above Charles Blvd. is absolutely awesome! Now entering Pirate Nation!

{ Say hello to Spring! }

Hockey in the Carolinas

Like it or not, it's here to stay

JONATHAN GARDNER
OPINION WRITER

Ten years ago, Peter Karmanos moved a struggling hockey team from Hartford, Conn. to North Carolina. The move was a joke in the hockey world.

Hockey would never work in NASCAR country. And for a while, the critics were spot on. While construction was being done on the Entertainment and Sports Arena (now the RBC Center), the Carolina Hurricanes played at the Greensboro Coliseum. Of the 21,000 seats at the coliseum, attendance hovered around less than 10,000. *Sports Illustrated* ran a story titled, "Natural Disaster," mocking the attendance of the Hurricanes.

This all changed in the 2000 – 2001 season. The Hurricanes grabbed the last playoff spot, leading them to face off the defending Stanley Cup champions, the New Jersey Devils. Though the Hurricanes lost to the Devils, the sellout crowd provided a standing ovation for the players, showing signs that the city can support a hockey team.

Last year, in the 2005 – 2006 season, the Hurricanes did the improbable and took the Stanley Cup. During this playoff run, decimal readings of the RBC Center crowd showed well above the threshold of pain, including a high of 133.4 dB.

Today, out of the 30 teams in the National Hockey League, the Hurricanes are right in the middle, attendance wise, holding a firm grip on 15th place. They frequently sell out games, and have an average attendance of a little more of 17,000. And while critics still whine, questioning why a defending champion team can't sell out more games, there's no question that the Carolinas have warmed up to hockey. If only the same support was shown for our ECU hockey team.

This year, in only its second season as a club, the ECU hockey team went 14-1-0 in their conference, earning them the top spot in the Blue Ridge Hockey Club Tournament. Yet, when it comes to coverage, a Pirate loss at any other sport gets more coverage than a huge Pirate hockey victory.

Obviously, any Pirate sports team has its difficulties, but when one team has huge success while others may be struggling, please give credit where credit is due.

Wikipedia, a reliable source

Wait, scratch that; Wikipedia is not a reliable source

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to pop culture, sports or finding a recipe for great chicken parmesan, the Internet's limitless ability to find information is a godsend. However, when it comes to researching journals and sources for your average English class, resources drop exponentially.

As our level of education increases, so does the strictness of works cited and the reliability of our sources. Gone are the days when teachers would accept "google.com" at the conclusion of a somewhat grammatically correct paper. But while I sometimes long for the laid back high school projects, I can see where our current professors are coming from. This follows in my agreement on their view of Wikipedia.

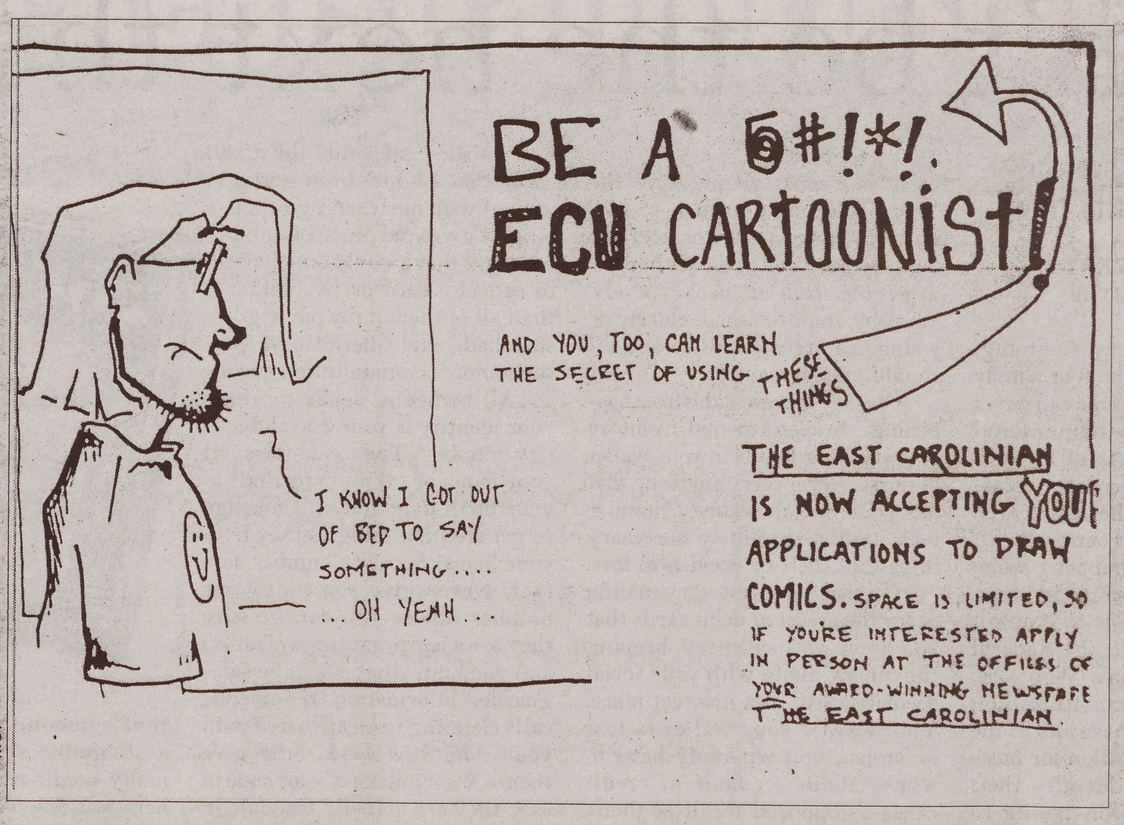
As some may recall Stephen Colbert's infamous call to arms against African Elephants, the site's vulnerability was ever present as users changed article's information on a continuous minor scale. But in addition to the occasional pranks that Wikipedia experiences, no one who frequents the site can exercise an unbiased, neutral stance on everything known to man. This is proven by typing searches for any common controversial subject. Results for Evolution, George Bush, Islam, African elephants, Palestine and abortion are commonly semi-locked and restricted articles in which only senior members may edit the information.

As you might expect, someone somewhere will differ from your point of view and Wikipedia helps to concentrate every debatable subject within an effortless reach. Never has starting an argument been easier than to click the word "edit" on a Web site and rewrite history, science or a current event. Who says the United States landed on the moon first? I am pretty sure it was Russia. JFK was never assassinated; I'm to assume he lives a carefree life with Elvis and Tupac in the Florida Keys. Are these extreme examples? Well, sure, as Wikipedia has hundreds of users at work on the site to counter malicious Internet fiends that take joy in momentarily disrupting articles. But the fact remains that anyone may anonymously add to, subtract or alter existing pieces of information within seconds. Imagine if the Pirate Rants were in charge of controlling all information that existed on the newest version of Wikipedia. Would you trust it? Actually, do not answer that.

Professors are well aware of the site's nameless authors and as such, most will not accept Wikipedia as a valid source. What does that mean for students, besides the notion they may have to actually do some research?

Wikipedia has still served me well on many occasions. Some forget that Wikipedia articles must also cite their own sources, all of which are located at the bottom of every entry (unless the article is lacking citations, in which case Wikipedia makes sure to announce this). Simply taking an additional moment of your time to follow up on these sources may lead you to safe ground, with professors none the wiser. With a valid and sound source for your essay or journal, Wikipedia will never cross anyone's mind.

Now if you will excuse me, I am off to alter ECU's entry. I think I can come up with a better school motto.



PIRATE RANTS

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Parking is such a racket on this campus. It's not bad enough that I have to pay a $50 for a ticket (because I was sick and didn't feel like walking 1/2 a mile to my office), $50 to get my car from the place where it was towed, but on top of that I have to pay a $20 administrative fee (for the phone call they made to the towing place no doubt) that I was not even made aware of. Everyone should boycott parking at ECU. Don't buy a sticker, just park on the street!

May all beings be happy, peaceful and blissful.

Thank you to the SRC, who offered free classes all through Spring Break!

This has been the worst Spring Break in the history of the world.

Anyone notice that the baseball team swept CSF, ranked #7 nationally? Go Pirates!

Where are the ladies with morals?

I'm tired of being alone and spending all my time alone. Save me.

Here's something you don't read in a Rant very often... I love ECU and I get along great with my roommate.

I slept with my teacher and it was great!

He went from my BF to my BFF... could anyone explain that to me?

Can you please be my boyfriend?

Why does everyone look at himself or herself in every bus window they pass? We know you can't see inside them; they are tinted. You look the same as you did in the bus before.

Didn't the guys pictured with the ram in the Greek History article look a lot older than any guy in college today?

I can't believe you told me not to sleep with the natives...

Ballard and Pee Dee, Do you have love for NY?

I've given up on American girls, Canadian girls are definitely where it's at.

The eight ball says that it is most definite that I would fail out of school because I drink too much!

If grades were on a 40 point scale I might pass a few of my classes...

Seriously, ECU, why is it necessary for out-of-state tuition to be so high? I would still go here next year if it wasn't so high!

I don't want to leave my friends next year... the rest of it I can live without.

She asked me to leave the door unlocked but I am so tempted to lock her out. It'd be totally mean-spirited but fun! Yeehaw!

I'm a staff member somewhere on campus and I love reading the Pirate Rants. Sometimes I'll be sitting at my desk and I'll just guffaw. ECU students are awesome... sort of.

Am I the only person that thinks that the posters for Banner are totally misleading? What does someone eating pancakes with mustard have to do with me registering for my classes?!

So I'm a girl and I kissed my friend that is also a girl and liked it. Does that make me a lesbian?

To the guy from Africa, did you meet Oprah there?

Please do not answer your phone with "Whatcha need?" in an exasperated tone, or with "Let me call you back." If you are that busy and/or in that bad of a mood, press the silence button. You may hate checking your voice mail but I hate hearing your rude a** voice!

If we didn't go to Iraq, they would have walked all over us along with other countries. So stop bashing Bush. If you don't like America, get out.

I was wrestling with my roommate, and she bit me!

I have the sneaking suspicion that my teacher is a stoner.

I would like to send my congratulations to the Lady Pirates on their berth in NCAA tournament and C-USA championship, they are not getting nearly as much credit as they deserve.

You really see how weird people at ECU are if you're at the library around 1 a.m. Stop talking to yourself i'm trying to write a paper!

I wish I could find that guy where I could show him my real self. I'm tired of just having fun. I just want the real thing. The once in a lifetime love like my grandparents had.

Why are there so many cats in Greenville?

Why do we have to learn Trigonometry? When am I ever going to have to know the exact formulas for sines and cosines? If and when that ever happens during my lifetime, I plan on donating some money to the Math department.

Shout out to my advisor who forgot to mention to me that the department was making all the summer classes special add. Thanks again!

If smokers aren't allowed to have a smoke during class, those who chew tobacco shouldn't either. This guy in my class had to spit every other minute because of all the chewing tobacco in his mouth! I'm glad you were so proud of your spit that you had to sit there and look at it during class in your empty drink bottle but I almost threw up seeing it.

I hate the ALE. Don't underage drink downtown during Spring Break. I got back to back drinking tickets because there is no one here.

Why does the hair on my neck grow faster than anywhere else on my body?

Because there are now going to be police on the drunk bus, I have a greater chance of getting a underage drinking ticket than a DUI. I'm driving drunk from now on.

You know when you have a bag of chips, and you offer some to someone and they reach in to get some but they only come out with like two chips but their hand was in there for a good 30 seconds? What the heck were you doing all that time?

I hope they realize that placing police officers on the drunk bus ECU is encouraging students to find alternative ways home... Like drinking and driving! No one wants to deal with the cops when they're drunk.

Being back at school sucks. Enough said.

I'm a 70 year old man living in a 20 year old boy's body.

Tell your friend to break up with my friend if she is going to keep cheating on him...

My NCAA brackets are in great shape! I've only got six wrong so far. I know everyone on campus is jealous. Go ahead, you all can hate me! I am the Bracket Man!

Banner is the worst idea ever! Can we please go back to the old way of registering? This is making life a lot more complicated!

Just because you drive a fancy car doesn't mean you're excused from using a turn signal.

Women dominate the world. Men just run it.

I can't believe you're almost 20 and still let your mother control your life as much as she does. It's time to cut the umbilical cord!

I hope you know, no one really believes you.

I used to call you my best friend, now I just want to stab your eyes out with a fork every time you speak.

Xbox should be illegal. It's just as addicting as cocaine and probably even more unattractive.

I love meeting new people and telling them that I think we've already met, only to remember that I've only stalked them on MySpace. It's an embarrassing addiction.

Today I was cutting through the courtyard between the Fleming and Jarvis dorms and saw the most disgusting thing ever—cigarette butts all over the place! It completely takes away from the beauty of the courtyard. Two things need to happen: ECU needs to provide ash cans or something for people to put their cigarette butts in. And people need to stop putting out their cigarettes any old place!

People tip your bartender! They are working their a** off to keep you drunk and happy.

Your snore makes me love you that much more!

Why do girls lie so much?

Does being a virgin mean anything to anyone anymore? The longer I stay here, love sounds nothing more than just a word.

What if there weren't any hypothetical situations?

Don't call me a Valley Girl! I can't help the way I talk.. I was born that way!

I say I hate b****y girls but I'm probably the snobbiest and most full-of herself girl ever.

I don't turn heads, I break necks.

Freaking pedestrians! They shouldn't have the right of way.

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I really like this girl and we've been talking. Things are starting to get serious and I know she wants to take it to the sheets. There's a problem though. I did some bad things with two girls last week and I would feel terrible elevating things to the next level without telling her. It is very likely the two girls could be real dirty. How should I execute my next steps?

Signed,
Clueless

Dear Clueless,

First of all, let's assess your actions. If you think they're "real dirty," why did you mess with them in the first place? If you're going to be with multiple partners in any sexual situation, you need to protect yourself. If you did, kudos. Either way, you had better go on down to Student Health Services and get tested for STIs at the very least to make sure you don't risk infecting anyone else and for your own health and peace of mind.

Secondly, you cannot possibly be thinking of exposing someone you care about to the possibility of contracting a sexually transmitted disease... How much did you say you liked her, anyway?

Both of you need to talk about it, because she has a right to know, just as you have a right to know if she's been doing anything similar to whatever you've been up to.

The bottom line is, be careful and be courteous. Get checked out and be safe if you're going to pass yourself around in the future. Good luck getting everything straightened out.

Sincerely,
Jane

The power of words

How your words shape who you are

KRYSTLE STRICKLIN
OPINION WRITER

A few weeks ago, Prince Charles made a decidedly bold statement to a nutritionist who worked at the center he was visiting in Abu Dhabi. He was quoted as saying, "Have you got anywhere with McDonald's? Have you tried getting it banned? That's the key."

As usual, by the next morning, the story was all over the news and people across the world were judging Charles for what he said. Nick Hindle, a spokesperson from McDonald's, has said that, "this appears to be an off-the-cuff remark."

His description of Charles' words, as being "off-the-cuff" is what really stuck out when I read about what had happened.

When you look at news as not just a way to gain knowledge about current events, but also a way to gain knowledge about yourself, then maybe there is something else to learn from this story.

I know this will be hard for those pragmatic, utilitarian thinkers out there, but humor me for a minute. After reading all of the reports and varying opinions about what Prince Charles said, all I could think about was how one man's words had caused such a stir and how what happened to him has probably happened to all of us, just on a much smaller level.

How many times have we spoken words that we regret? How many times do we say things we do not mean? I know it happens to some more than others, but I am sure that we all have said things that we wish we could now take back.

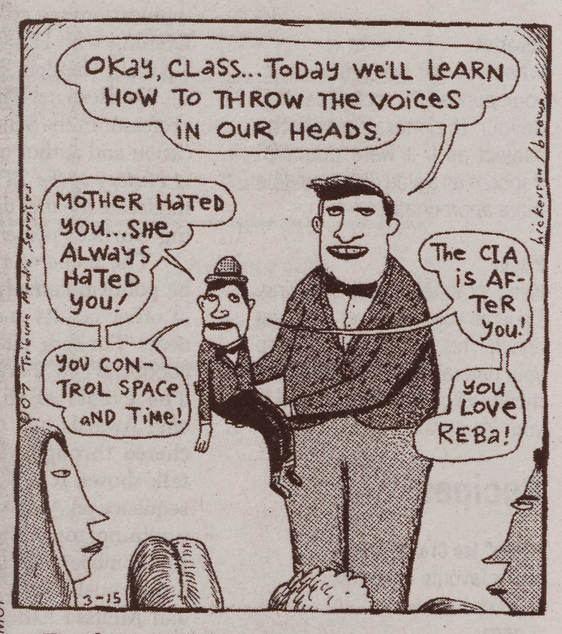
Possibly some of you are thinking that you regret nothing. That is certainly your prerogative and I am not telling you differently. The point I really want to stress here is this—our words define who we are.

I think sometimes people forget this or maybe they do not realize just how important their words can be. Everything we say is a reflection of who we are and it greatly affects how others view us.

Of course, when we make off-the-cuff remarks, it is unlikely they will be on CNN the next day, but our co-workers, our classmates and even our friends might hear them.

This may sound too much like a Sunday school lesson, but I will say it anyways. We must think before we speak. We spend all day surrounded by our professors and our peers, and sometimes our words may be all we have to distinguish who we are.

Some of the greatest and some of the worst people in history are remembered by what they said, so take heed, and decide how your words will define you.



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Horoscopes:

Aries
Your energy level is higher in the next several weeks. The money's coming in today and tomorrow. Your assignment is: show restraint. Don't go on a shopping binge.

Taurus
Stand firm for what you feel is most important now. Your position is under attack, but their arguments lack substance.

Gemini
Behind-the-scenes manipulation isn't your favorite tactic. You can find out a lot by asking questions in private, though. Don't take action, yet.

Cancer
Your friends encourage a celebration, but that wouldn't be prudent. Express your appreciation freely, but hang onto your money.

Leo
Acquiesce to an older person, not because you care, do it because you must. It's good for business, it's good manners and it's good for your spiritual growth.

Virgo
It's not a good time to travel. Something you're working on will fall apart if you leave it for long. Give the job your full attention.

Libra
You'll make the most today by carefully monitoring your spending. Only buy things you absolutely know will increase in value.

Scorpio
You're attracting admiration from a secure, giddy type. If appropriate, this could be a nice romantic connection. If not, do business.

Sagittarius
The urge to actually produce something is becoming overwhelming. Do it for the sake of artistic expression, and just for the fun of it.

Capricorn
You have been hurt before, but don't harden your heart. Don't open up your purse either, and try to win love with gifts. That won't work well.

Aquarius
When you get into a new topic, your curiosity's voracious. You devour the literature on the subject as if it were popcorn. Popcorn as a side dish would be more appropriate.

Pisces
Keep practicing and studying. Do what you love, over and over again. This is how you develop your natural talent. Trust that the money will follow. At this time in your life, it will.

Recipes:

"Cake" Ice Cream Cones
1 box favorite cake mix
1/2 cup cold water
2 eggs
3 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon cooking oil
24 flat-bottomed ice cream cones

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine cake mix and 1/2 cup cold water. Beat two minutes. Beat in eggs, water, vanilla and oil. Mix well. Place ice cream cones in muffin tins or on cookie sheet and fill each half full with batter. Bake 20 minutes or until cake springs back to the touch. Frost and decorate when cooled, if desired.

Orange Brownies
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
4 eggs
2 teaspoons pure orange extract
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
Glaze:
1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 13 by 9 by two inch pan and set aside. In a mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, and salt. Add butter, eggs, orange extract, and orange zest and beat with a handheld electric mixer until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 30 minutes, or until light golden brown and set. Remove from oven and pierce top of entire cake with a fork.

{ Pirate Buzz }

Don't be the next theft victim

Tips for safeguarding against identity theft

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

Whether grocery shopping, taking the bus to school or simply surfing the Internet, one can never be too cautious with personal information. Reports of identity theft cases have become increasingly frequent in the news, even right here on ECU's campus.

Identity theft happens when someone takes information about you and then uses it to commit fraud. According to the Federal Trade Commission's Web site, identity fraud affects 10 million people a year, which results in the loss of about $50 billion for businesses. Victims of identity theft have spent $5 billion trying to rectify their losses.

While most people have the "that could never happen to me" attitude toward the matter, the truth is that it can and does happen to people from all backgrounds. Wealthy, impoverished, elderly or young, all are susceptible and all should take precaution.

One way to prevent this from happening is to keep a mental inventory of everything that is in your wallet or purse. Never carry anything that has your Social Security number on it unless absolutely necessary in case of theft or accidental loss.

On that same note, try to only carry the credit or debit cards that you know you will need, keeping the others, along with your social security card, in a discreet place. This way, if your wallet is lost or stolen, you will only have to worry about a couple of credit cards as opposed to all of them.

"I always take only the credit cards that I know I am going to use out with me when I go shopping. It gives me peace of mind knowing that I would only have to cancel a card or two rather than all of them if my purse got snatched," said Charlotte Moye, sophomore communication major.

All someone needs to steal your identity is your Social Security number. They can misspell your name or even miss a digit of your birth date and still manage to get credit, as long as they have your Social Security number correct. Never give someone your number unless you can be sure they are a legitimate organization and you know that it will be safeguarded information. If someone calls claiming to be affiliated with your school or work, only give them a few numbers of your code in case they are actually fraudulent.

As for documents you receive in the mail with vital personal information, don't be so quick to throw them to the wayward side. Potential thieves can sort through trash in order to recover pertinent information about people. Always shred any documents that may be harmful in the wrong hands and, if you cannot shred them, mark out any important numbers that may be found on the documents.

Jenna Gray, senior elementary education major, received a phone call from her bank over Christmas break informing her that someone had hacked into a computer system and stolen many credit card numbers, and hers was one of the cards at risk.

"It made me feel insecure about using my card because it seems like it's all too easy for this to happen," said Gray.

Identity theft can happen to anyone when they least expect it. Perhaps the scariest aspect is that your identity can be stolen and your credit ruined without your ever knowing.

Federal law entitles everyone to one free credit report a year. By going to AnnualCreditReport.com and getting your analysis, you can see if any accounts have been opened in your name that you were unaware of. One victim had no clue she was in danger until she checked her credit report and realized that 170 credit accounts had been opened in her name, with 140 in collections.

Identity theft is a big problem that can easily be prevented through alertness, cautiousness and preparedness. Never give your Social Security number to anyone unless you know they are legitimate, don't carry all your identification information on you at once and take advantage of the one free credit report a year that you are entitled to.

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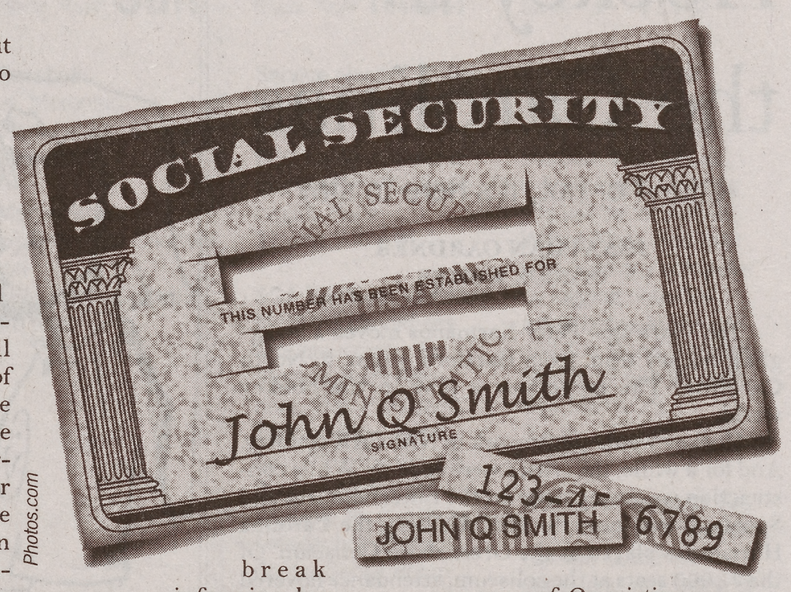

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Hal Gurnee visits ECU

David Letterman's former director speaks to students

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Hal Gurnee, perhaps best known as the director of "Late Night with David Letterman," will be visiting ECU. The Office of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, along with the School of Communication are co-sponsoring "An Evening with Hal Gurnee" today at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

Dr. Bernard Timberg, associate professor in the School of Communication and author of *Television Talk: A History of the TV Talk Show*, will moderate a panel discussion following Gurnee's presentation.

The focus of the evening will be political comedy. With the help of other faculty members and students Timberg put together a film about the Feb. 25 Academy Awards. The events of this year's Academy Awards had events that ricocheted through various television talk shows. It is a 12-minute video sequence on Al Gore and the global warming topics he presented and the homosexual issues brought up humorously by Ellen DeGeneres and Melissa Etheridge. ECU professors, Erick Green and Rudi Chu also helped in the formulation of footage, in addition to Butch Saul, the video technician of the School of Communication.

Among the students who aided in the coordination of this event is sophomore broadcast journalism major Nadine Maeser. She spoke of her participation in the organizing of Hal Gurnee's visit by saying, "I had basic reporting with Mr. Timberg. He asked me to join the ECU research assistantship program. I'm excited for Hal Gurnee to come and do a screening of our own video."

The research assistantship program involves a handful of hard-working students who have been heavily involved with the making of the Academy Awards film.

"Mr. Timberg sent me to New York City over Christmas break to do some extensive research at The Museum of Television and Radio. I spent two days researching shows and clips and viewing them to further our research for the second book and for our video. It was a great experience for me" Maeser said.

Timberg said, "I think too often university scholars isolate themselves in small defensible academic boxes. They don't cross boundaries that ask larger questions. The kinds of questions we've been asking have been about politics, humor and popular culture and how they intersect."

The respondent panel will include Thomas Douglass, the coordinator of the Comedy Film Festival and Conference to be held at ECU in October; Eric Shouse, who worked as a professional stand-up comedian for seven years in Florida and now teaches in the School of Communication at ECU; Jody Baumgartner, with Jonathan Morris co-author of a new book on political comedy; and Anthony Holsten, actor, director and founder of the Oops! improvisational theater group in Greenville.

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Contributed photo

Members of NBS pose for a quick photo, these students are gaining valuable experience in their field of study.

National Broadcasting Society proves beneficial

Students gain experience

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The National Broadcasting Society is a student and professional society of over eighty-five chapters on college, university, community college and high school campuses. It has a long history dating back to the 1940s.

The purpose of NBS is to foster meaningful networking between students of broadcasting and professional broadcasters. Radio, television, film, cable and other media outlets in the industry require broadcasters with the appropriate skills and knowledge to relay local, national and international information effectively. The members of the National Broadcasting Society reflect the diversity of the business.

Dr. Carey Martin, associate professor for the School of Communication and the National Broadcast Society advisor spoke of the benefits in joining NBS.

"NBS is an excellent opportunity for communication students and anyone who is interested in the world of television to be exposed to the world of professionals at the local and national level.

"In the last year, student leadership within [NBS] has been wonderful. We have a solid core of members, we just need more numbers," said Martin.

There are many advantages that go hand in hand with joining NBS. Students gain valuable skills that can prove vital long after graduation.

"It gives the media production and broadcasting students a chance to have a club. We have a convention coming up next Monday, which will give people a chance to network with people who are currently in the broadcasting field," said member Brittney Grantham, senior communication major.

This is Grantham's second year involved with NBS, and she is currently their Web master.

"We try to have a guest speaker at least once a month. We've had meteorologists, anchors, producers and reporters," Grantham said.

According to their Web site, the National Broadcasting Society goes beyond the classroom to prepare college students and entry-level professionals for careers in the electronic media. This mission is accomplished through six areas of focus, which include promoting excellence, providing exposure to the electronic industry, providing opportunities for ethical and responsible leadership, providing advance media programs, assistance in career preparations and encouraging engagement in community service projects.

The ECU chapter of NBS was created in 2002. Just a year later, in 2003, it was recognized by the national organization as "Rookie Chapter of the Year."

The current student leaders are President Thron Herring, Vice President Crystal Vick, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Mullen, PR coordinator Nadine Maeser and Webmaster Brittany Grantham.

Upcoming events include a social on March 25, a donut sale at Wal-Mart on March 26 between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and a volunteering opportunity at the Food Bank on March 31.

If you are interested in becoming a member of NBS, meetings are held Mondays at 4 p.m. in Joyner E. 214. Log on the organization's Web site ecu.edu/org/nbs for more information about the organization as well as information on how to get involved.

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Unique classes pique interest among students

Departments to provide interesting and socially relevant classes

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It's that time again.

It's time to meet with the advisors, look through the course catalog and figure out how to plan your life for the next semester. It could also be defined as the most stressful time of the semester (besides finals week of course).

It is for this very reason that the academic departments hope each year to provide not only the basic, somewhat tedious classes with more specialized and relevant classes. By doing so, they allow the students who willingly wade through the basic and introductory classes to learn about the area of study in a more interesting and personally satisfying way.

For instance, those that have made it through the freshman composition courses have the opportunity to use those skills to learn more about the world in a unique way.

This fall, Dr. Tom Douglass, professor of English, will be teaching ENGL 3490, a course titled Satire. This course will examine the use of humor in literature throughout the years.

Douglass spoke of why he thought this class was important.

"There isn't enough laughter in the world, that's one thing I'm sure of, and that's why I am teaching this course."

The course outline will include the study of modern comedic icons such as Jon Stewart and David Sedaris, which makes the subject matter relevant to many college students, especially the ones who appreciate laughter.

"We will see how a joke works, sort of like cutting up a frog, and look at how satire is used to affect public opinion and policy," Douglass said.

For those who enjoy delving into different cultures, a brand new professor, Dr. Nobuaki Takahashi, will be teaching INTL 2004, Introduction to Japanese Culture.

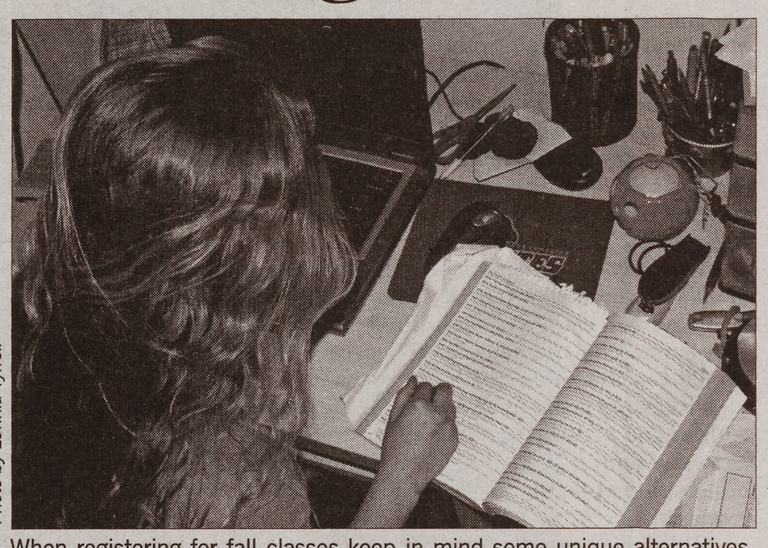
This class will be centered on the evolution of the social aspects of Japanese culture, a culture which most American college students are likely not that familiar with. This class is a great opportunity to find out about an advanced society which we have gained so much from.

Dr. John Stevens, director of the Classical Studies program, spoke excitedly about this new class.

"Professor Takahashi is an extremely engaging man and this will be his first course at ECU. This is also an important activity of the Asian Studies grant," he said, referring to the course of study that is focused solely on Asian culture.

For those craving a bit of philosophy, Dr. Derek Maher will be teaching PHIL 2691, Classical Islam. Islam is gradually becoming a more familiar subject in the world today, and is always gaining recognition through popular media.

This class will examine the history and beliefs of Muslims, and will give students the opportunity to understand the traditions and concepts of this increasingly popular, but relatively unknown, religion.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When registering for fall classes keep in mind some unique alternatives.

Those wishing to take a break from these intellectually challenging courses can always check out the different sections of EXSS 1000, which provide several interesting ways of keeping active during a busy semester. Such classes include archery, backpacking, kayaking and racquetball, among many others.

With registration in the midst, schedules are likely filling up with required classes. However, for those thirsting for a change of pace should remember these unique courses when the time comes to pull up Banner and prepare to register. After all, what's wrong with a little change?

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Fall 2007 Registration Using Banner

10 Steps to Registration with Banner (more tutorials available on www.thisisbanner.com)

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Step 2: Select the Student and Financial Aid link then select the Registration link.

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Step 4: Choose the subject for which you are looking. You can choose to enter a course number, choose instructional method, instructor, time and/or day.

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Step 6: After checking the appropriate section, scroll to the bottom and select the Register link.

Step 7: You will be taken back to your schedule to view it with the new class added. If there were any errors (pre-requisite, co-requisite, other restrictions) the error would display with your schedule and the course will not be added.

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Step 10: At the bottom, select the Submit Changes link and the course will be removed from your schedule.

When registration is completed, be sure to completely exit out of the Banner system in order to prevent others from accessing your Banner account.

Fall 2007 Registration Days

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Thursday, March 22	Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students; Teaching Fellows, Nurse Scholars, Honors Students Students with 140+ hours	Students with 128-139+ hours	Students with 121-127+ hours	Students with 116-120+ hours	Students with 112-115+ hours
Friday, March 23	Students with 108-111+ hours	Students with 103-107+ hours	Students with 98-102+ hours	Students with 93-97+ hours	Students with 88-92+ hours
Monday, March 26	Students with 83-87+ hours	Students with 79-82+ hours	Students with 75-78+ hours	Students with 71-74+ hours	Students with 67-70+ hours
Tuesday, March 27	Students with 62-66+ hours	Students with 56-61+ hours	Students with 51-55+ hours	Students with 47-50+ hours	Students with 45-46+ hours
Wednesday, March 28	Students with 42-44+ hours	Students with 38-41+ hours	Students with 30-37+ hours	Students with 20-29+ hours	Students with 17-19+ hours
Thursday, March 29	Students with 16+ hours	Students with 15+ hours	Students with 13-14+ hours	Students with 10-12+ hours	Students with 0+ hours

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Austin Lab, 104 Austin Building
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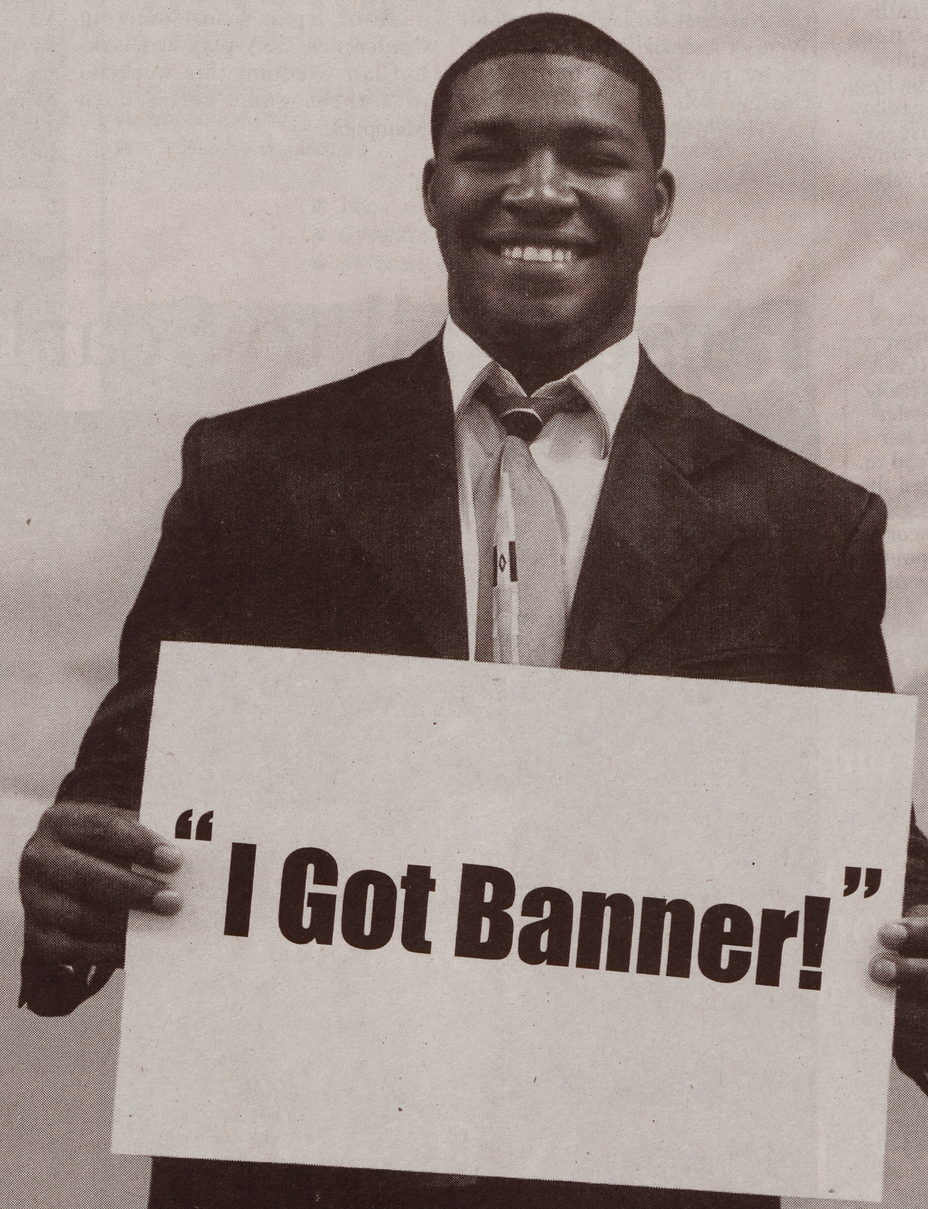

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Sports

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Wins in a row for the ECU baseball team, which is now ranked 22nd in the nation; ECU swept No. 7 Cal State Fullerton, Radford and Michigan over spring break and has now won 13 of its last 14 games since starting the season 2-5; The Pirates will face High Point tonight at 7 p.m. before playing their first conference series of the season as they host the Memphis Tigers for a 3-game series starting on Friday

10

Of the 12 players on the ECU women's basketball team will be returning next season; this year's team, which made it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1981, had two seniors, one junior, six sophomores and three freshmen; the Pirates won 10 games in a row before losing in the 1st round of the NCAA Tournament to fourth seeded Rutgers on Sunday; the six-pack of sophomore guards that will return next season includes starting guards Jasmine Young, who led the team in minutes played and assists per game, and LaCoya Terry, who was the C-USA Tournament MVP

7

Strikeouts for Pirate closer Shane Mathews out of the 11 batters he faced in the Pirates 3-2 win over the Michigan Wolverines on Saturday; Mathews picked up his first win of the season as he pitched a season-high 2 2/3 innings in the Pirates second victory over the Wolverines on the day; Mathews also recorded his seventh save of the season in game one of Saturday's doubleheader against Michigan, as he struck out two of the three batters he faced in the ninth inning; Mathews allowed no runs and only one hit in 4 2/3 innings pitched last week, as he recorded two saves and one win; Mathews' seven saves is currently fourth on ECU single-season save list and the junior is now sixth on the Pirates career save list

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Time, in seconds, in the 4 x 100 meter relay for ECU's team of Adian Sanderson, Jerek Hewitt, David Rucker and Kevin Thompson, who won the event at this past weekend's Shamrock Invitational in Conway, S.C.; The Pirates grabbed the top two spots in the 4 x 100 event as the team of Travis Covington, Brandon Small, Akintunde Abisogun and Anthony Green finished with a time of 42.09 seconds; the Pirates almost won another relay event as they finished just .43 seconds behind Liberty's winning time in the 4 x 400 relay

23-3

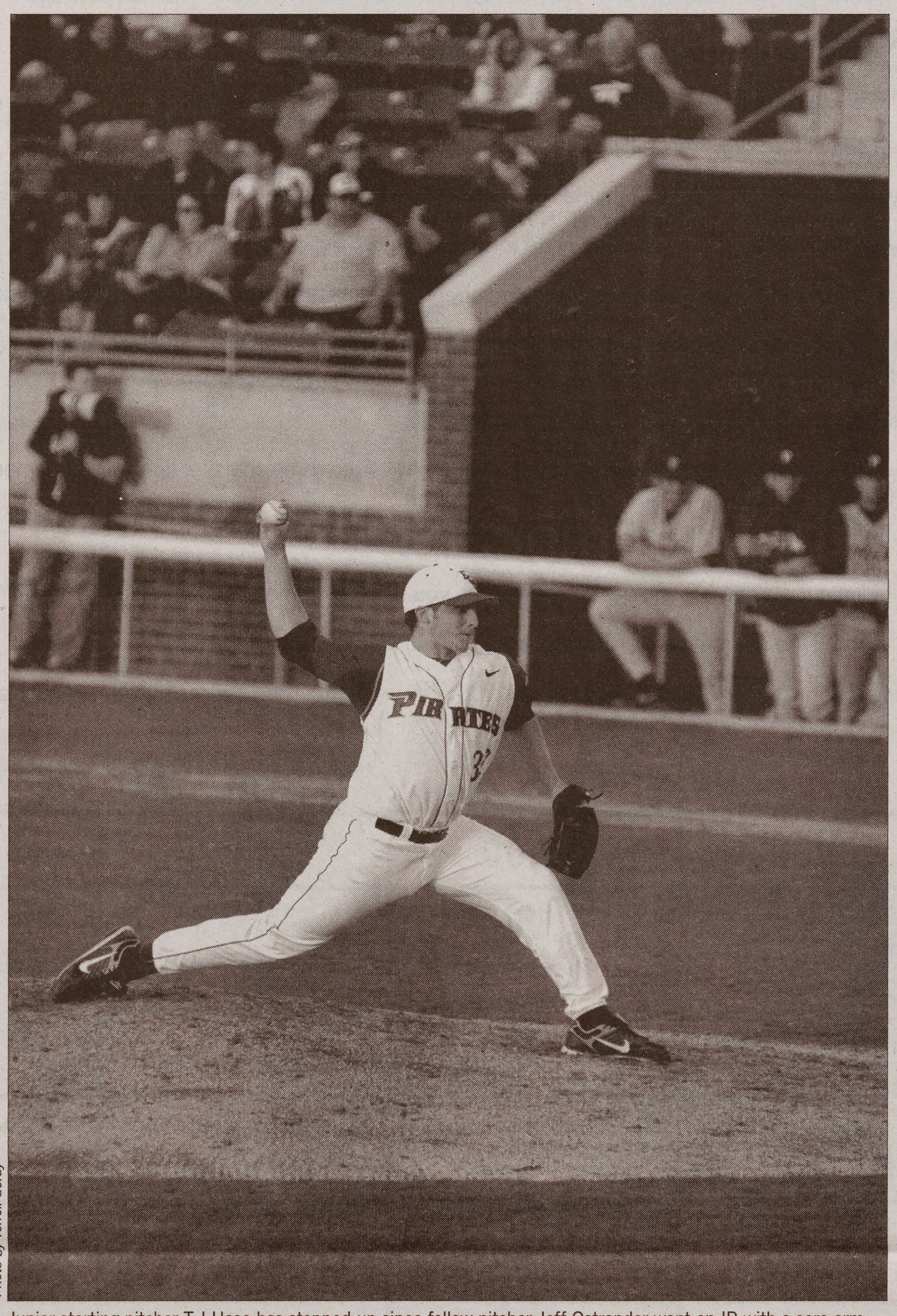
Run for Rutgers in Sunday's defeat of ECU in the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament; ECU was trailing only 14-10 when center Cherie Mills picked up her second foul and was forced to sit on the bench, which led the Rutgers run that put the game out of reach; Mills had scored seven of ECU's first 10 points, but only finished the game 13 points as she battled foul trouble most of the game

THEY SAID IT

"We've been underdogs all year and we've played a tough schedule but we're not going to let that get us down. We have a bunch of older guys leading this team and it just shows the kind of fight we have."

- Senior Ryan Tousley
After ECU's win over then seventh ranked Cal State Fullerton

A tale of two seasons



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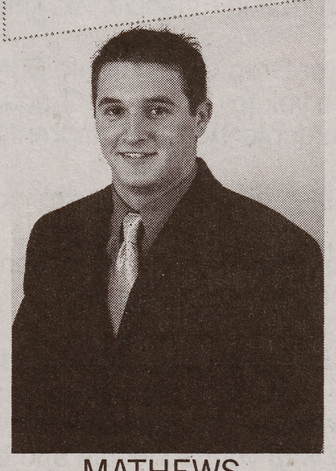
Junior starting pitcher T.J Hose has stepped up since fellow pitcher Jeff Ostrander went on IR with a sore arm.

CO-MOST VALUABLE PIRATE

WEEKLY BASEBALL AWARD

SHANE MATHEWS



MATHEWS

ECU closer Shane Mathews has seven saves on the season, which already ranks fourth on the ECU single-season saves list. Mathews was named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Monday after helping the Pirates win both games of Saturday's doubleheader against Michigan. Mathews pitched a total of 3 2/3 innings on Saturday, recording the save in game one and the win in game two of the doubleheader. The former Freshman All-American struck out nine of the 14 batters he faced on Saturday.

CO-MOST VALUABLE PIRATE

WEEKLY BASEBALL AWARD

T.J. HOSE

HOSE

Hose has won his past four starts since starting the season 0-2. The right-handed pitcher has also recorded 24 strikeouts in his last 27 innings pitched. Hose was named Conference USA Co-Pitcher-of-the-Week after his impressive performance against No. 7 Cal State Fullerton. Hose had what he called the best performance of his career as he shut down the Titans, allowing only one run of three hits while striking out six in seven innings.

The ECU baseball team is now nationally ranked

RONNIE WOODWARD
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After starting the season 2-5, the ECU baseball team had a players-only meeting and decided to start over.

The Pirates have gone 13-1 since then, and find themselves ranked 22nd in the nation.

"It says a lot about the character of this team," said senior Ryan Tousley said after ECU's win over seventh ranked Cal State Fullerton on March 10. "We've been underdogs all year and we've played a tough schedule but we're not going to let that get us down. We have a bunch of older guys leading this team and it just shows the kind of fight we have."

The Pirates have won nine games in a row, highlighted by a sweep of national powerhouse Cal State Fullerton. ECU handed Fullerton its first sweep since February of 2006. The Pirates won the three games by a total of 20-6.

"It didn't surprise me that they played well," said Cal State Fuller-

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Pirate baseball moves up in polls

(SID)—One week after the ECU baseball team cracked the top-25 in three of the four major polls, the Pirates find themselves ranked No. 22 by *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball*, No. 23 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll and No. 24 by the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll.

The Pirates, who are 15-6 and winners of its last nine games, moved up three spots this week in the *Baseball America* poll, four spots in the NCBWA poll and jumped five spots in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll. For the first time this year, ECU finds itself ranked in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll.

No. 22 ECU will host in-state foe High Point Wednesday night at 7 p.m. before starting Conference USA play at Clark-LeClair Stadium this weekend in a three-game series with Memphis.

The highs and lows going into C-USA

BEGINING THE SEASON
T.J. Hose started off the season slow, giving up five earned runs in 3 2/3 innings. Hose allowed seven hits and issued five walks.

(7-3 L) LIBERTY

(11-2 W) LIBERTY

PIRATES POUR SALT ON PEPPERDINE
ECU caps off a four-game winning streak with a close win over then 12th ranked Pepperdine. Ryan Tousley delivers a clutch performance including a game-tying home run.

THREE STRAIGHT LOSSES TO UCLA

(5-4 W) PEPPERDINE

(5-4 OT L) N.C. STATE

THREE STRAIGHT WINS OVER CAL STATE FULLERTON

CAMELS KICK ECU
In the most bewildering loss of the season ECU can't muster a run against Campbell. The Pirates scatter five hits and leave nine men on base.

CLASH OF THE TITANS
ECU completes an impressive three game sweep of then 7th ranked Cal State-Fullerton with a 12-5 rout of the Titans. The win vaults the Pirates into the national spotlight, earning a rank as the 25th team in the nation.

START OF C-USA PLAY
ECU is now 22nd in the nation, and just completed a sweep of Radford and Michigan.

Pirates fall to Scarlet Knights in first round

Photo by Terrell Gordy

Sophomore point guard Jasmine Young led an inspired effort by ECU, but the Pirates were no match for Rutgers.

Cherie Mills scores 13 points

(AP)— Matee Ajavon scored 20 and Kia Vaughn had 14 points and seven rebounds, helping fourth-seeded Rutgers rout the 13th-seeded Lady Pirates 77-34 on Sunday night in the first round of the Greensoboro Regional.

The Scarlet Knights (23-8) advanced to play Michigan State (24-8) on its home floor Tuesday night.

When the possible matchup was revealed, Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer was not happy.

"I am not going to say anything because I have thousands of dollars in fines right now," Stringer said last Sunday night.

On Jan. 28 at home, the Scarlet Knights rallied to beat Michigan State 63-57 with a 12-2 run to end the game.

Rutgers went on a 13-0 run to lead 31-12 with 7:24 left in the first half.

The Scarlet Knights scored the first 12 points of the second half and were ahead by 34 points.

Stringer took out most of her starters midway through the second half ahead by 30-plus points.

"Any time a team makes a run like that, it's going to get into your head," Lady Pirates center Cherie Mills said. "Still, we're not supposed to give up.

"We'll learn from it. I'm pretty sure, that's not the last time you'll see East Carolina."

East Carolina made its second appearance in the NCAA tournament and first since 1982, when it lost 79-54 to South Carolina.

"Rutgers is very well-balanced, they can score inside and out, but I never would've thought we would shoot 16 percent from the floor," Lady Pirates coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener said. "I'm not sure if we were nervous, or what, but Rutgers had a lot to do with it."

Cherie Mills scored 13 and Jasmine Young had eight points for the Lady Pirates, who had won their previous 10 games.

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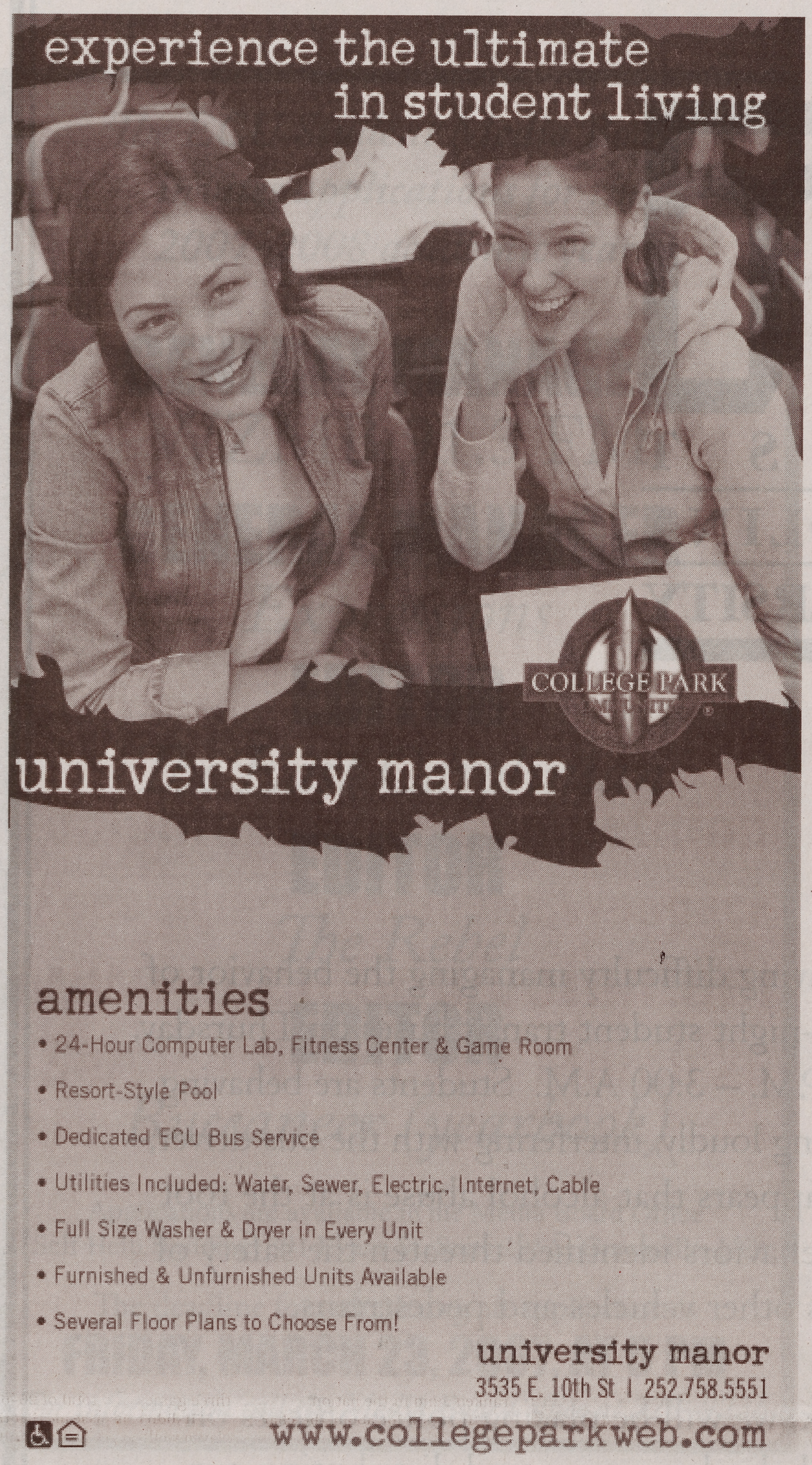

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MVP OF THE SEASON

CHERIE MILLS, SR

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Mils led the team in seven different areas, including average rebounds per game (7.3), points per game (14.9), total blocks (33) and field goal percentage (.484) going into the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship. Mills provided a presence in the post for a team lacking in size and depth. She fouled out of only one game all season, proving to be a strong reliability. Mills was one of two seniors on the team this year, and brought a wealth of experience to a young team short on leadership. Her maturity proved to be vital in the Pirates run through the C-USA tournament and into the NCAA tournament. In three games in the C-USA tournament, Mills averaged nearly a double-double (12.3 points per game and 9.3 rebounds per game). Her presence will be sorely missed next season as the Pirates look to contend their C-USA title.

MOST IMPROVED PIRATE

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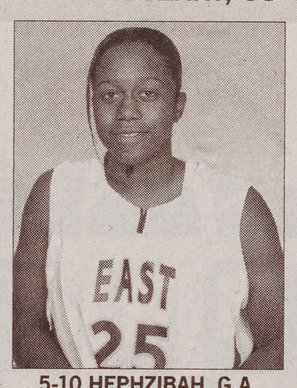

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Terry came on strong towards the end of the season, and is the main reason for the Pirates 10-game winning streak to close out the regular season and win the C-USA tournament. Last season she started in only 13 games, averaging 23.5 minutes per game. This season Terry grew into her role as a swing guard and playmaker on the offensive end. She started in 31 out of 32 games, averaging 34.4 minutes per game. Her increased responsibility running the offense has taken some pressure off of former C-USA Freshman of the Year Jasmine Young. With Terry and Young working together well in the flow of a high-octane offense, the Pirates were able to out run and out score opponents during the 10-game winning streak. Terry was also honored as the C-USA tournament MVP. She averaged 20 points per game, to go along with 4.3 assists per game in the tournament.

ton Head Coach George Horton after a 6-1 loss to ECU. "Tip your cap to Billy [Godwin] and his staff for preparing his team because they played the game of baseball at a different speed than we did."

The sweep of the Titans was a reversal of what happened when the two teams met last year in California. Last season, Fullerton dominated ECU, outscoring the Pirates 21-1 in three games.

"It looked like the roles were reversed... they played like we did against them last year and we couldn't handle it," Horton said.

Pitching has been the key to ECU's recent success as the team has yet to allow more than five runs since it was swept by UCLA in mid-February. The Pirates' Friday starter T.J. Hose has been the personification of the ECU turnaround as he has drastically improved after a rough start to the season. Hose has won all four of his last starts since starting the season 0-2. In his four wins, Hose has allowed only seven runs and struck out 24 in 27 innings pitched.

Hose upstaged Fullerton's All-American pitcher Wes Roemer on March 9 as he allowed only three hits and struck out six in seven innings.

"That was probably the best performance he's had since I've been at East Carolina," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin after the win. "It was a great effort on his part and I'm really proud of what he did."

Pirate leadoff-man Harrison Eldridge said that Hose's performance helped give the Pirate hitters the inspiration to not back down from the Titans.

"He came in, wasn't scared at all and got the job done like we knew he would," said Eldridge. "You can't really ask for much more than that on a Friday night against the No. 7 team in the country."

ECU's bullpen has also done a great job of closing the door, something it struggled with at times early in the season. Since the Pirates' 2-0 loss to Campbell on Feb. 21, closer Shane Mathews has allowed only one run in 11 relief appearances. Mathews has recorded six saves and one win in the stretch, and has yet to allow a run in his last 8 2/3 innings pitched.

"Our bullpen has been great," Godwin said. "I can't tell you enough how great of a feeling it is to turn it over to those guys... our starting pitchers have a lot of confidence in the guys coming him behind them too."

ECU starts conference play this weekend as it hosts Memphis, which was picked to finish one spot ahead of the Pirates in Conference USA. The Pirates will try to carry the momentum they gained from their "second season" into conference play, which might be fitting to label their "third season."

"We talk a lot about peaks and valleys and we don't want to get too high or too low," Godwin said. "It's a marathon, not a sprint and we have to play consistent baseball throughout our 56-game schedule."

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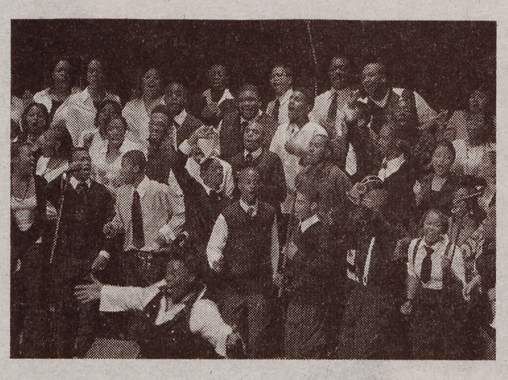

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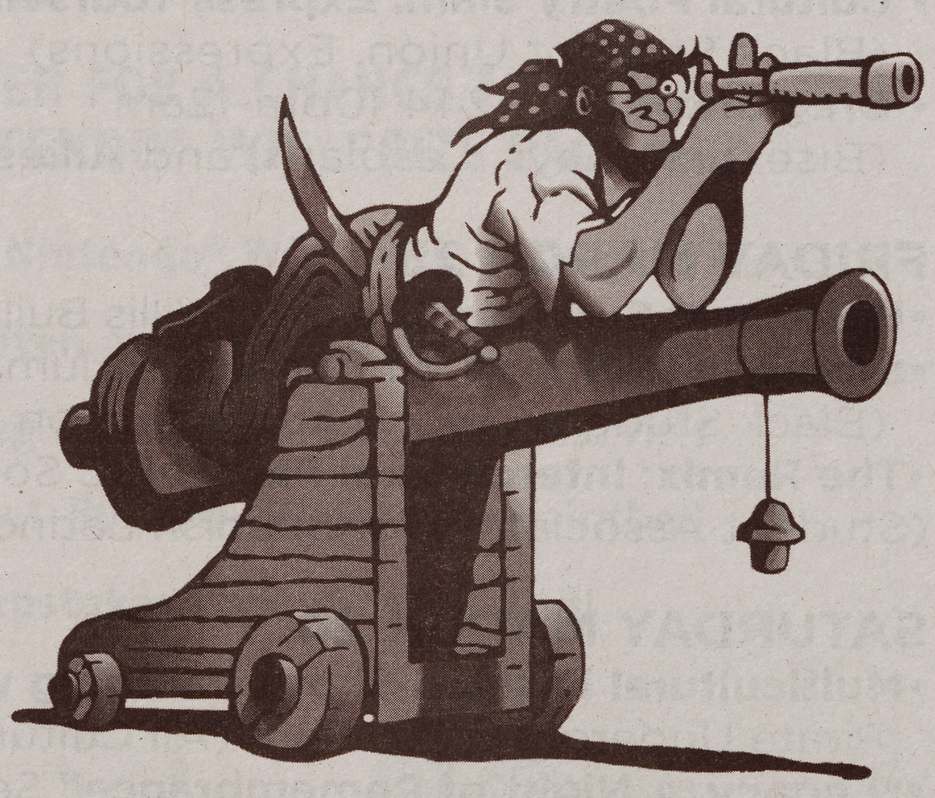

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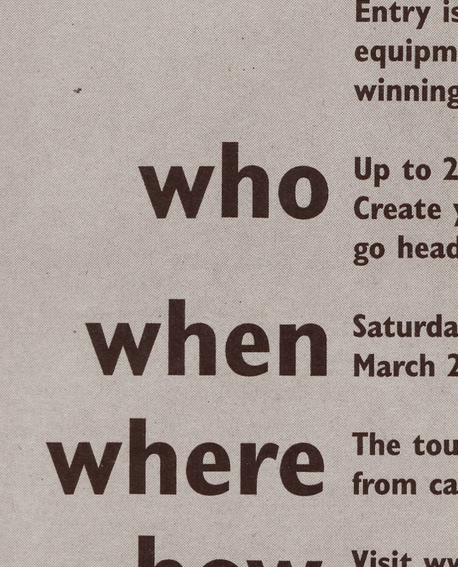
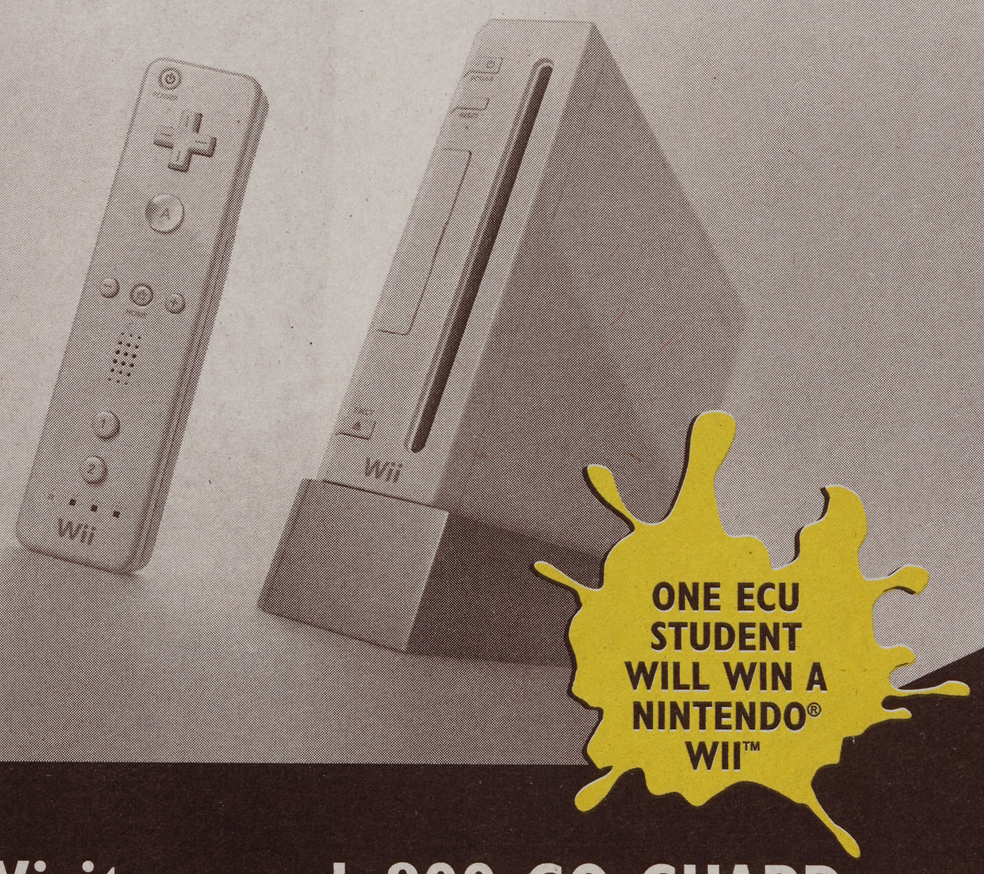
when — Saturday, March 24, 2007

where — The tournament will take place just minutes from campus at Hematomas Paintball.

how — Visit www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com/Paintball or check out the National Guard events taking place on the Plaza at Mendenhall (grass area) in front of the Student Union on Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd.





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