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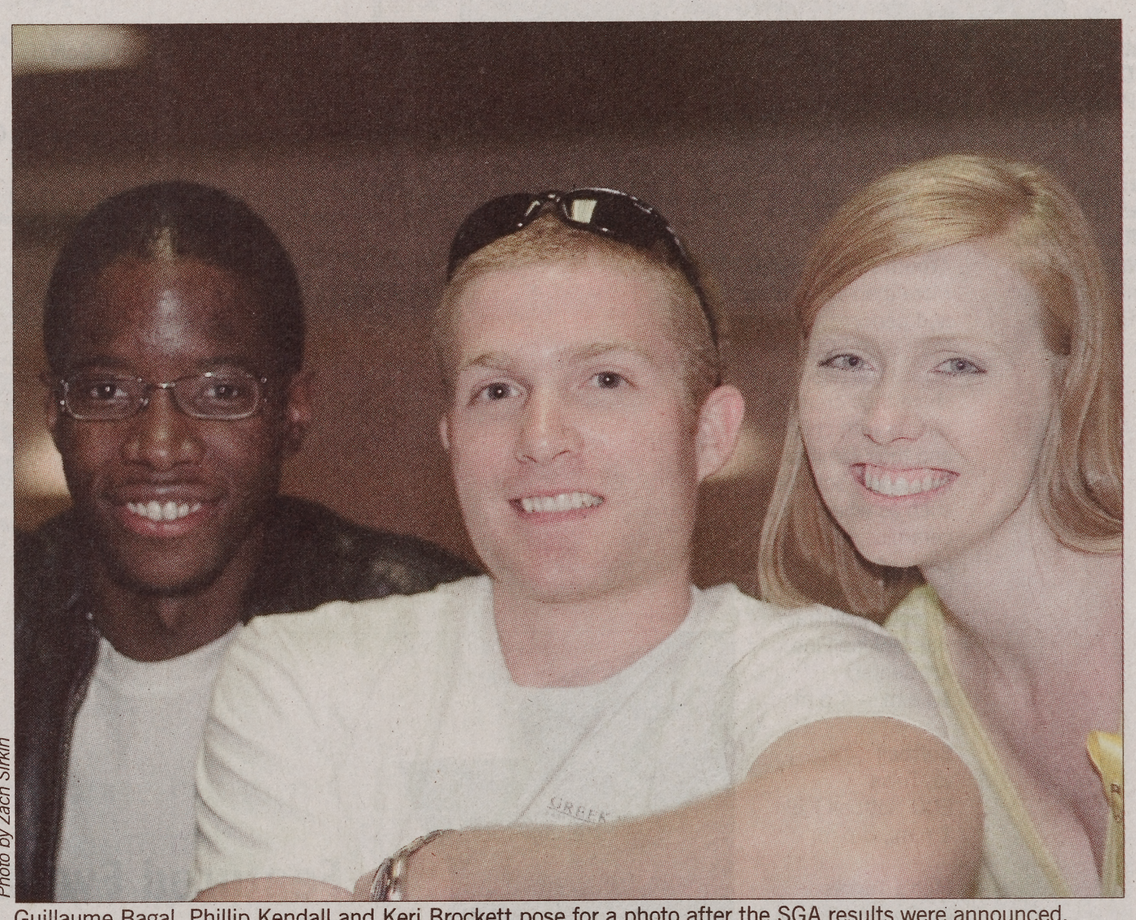

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Guillaume Bagal, Phillip Kendall and Keri Brockett pose for a photo after the SGA results were announced.

Executive election results announced

A majority of Ticket 2 takes the win

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR WRITER

After two days of students casting their votes on Onestop and in Wright Plaza, the results for the SGA executive elections were announced yesterday at 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's Social Room.

Only one representative for each candidate was allowed to be present during the results while the candidates waited outside.

All of the candidates on ticket two won with the exception of Joel Banjo Johnson, secretary candidate, who lost by a small margin.

Dena Mazie won the secretary position and received 1,309 votes. Johnson was a close second with 1,258 votes.

"I am disappointed that I won't be working with the ticket that I ran with, but I am still excited about what I can offer SGA this upcoming year," said Mazie.

Keri Brockett will make the transition from SGA secretary to SGA president at the end of the term for the current administration.

Brockett won by 453 votes while Jonathan Massachi received the second highest amount of votes for that position.

Phillip Kendall will be the new vice president of SGA. Kendall received 1,351 votes.

Timothy Darden was the runner up for the vice president position.

Guillaume Bagal received the largest amount of votes to win the position of SGA treasurer.

The difference in the amount of votes that Bagal and Michaelina Antahades, treasurer candidate,

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SGA election results include staff votes

Originally intended to be open to current students only

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday 2,868 votes were cast in the SGA student body elections on Onestop. The elections, which were intended to be open to currently enrolled students only, were available to staff and incoming students with Pirate IDs.

"I set it up on Onestop so that only current students could vote. As far as I'm concerned it's not an elections committee issue, but rather a university issue," said Matt Wagoner, SGA elections chair.

"I am upset because the ticket filing the complaint knew that former students [who are now staff] had the ability to vote. [I don't know] why they didn't come to me beforehand, instead of just making it an issue when they lost," Wagoner said.

"Ticket four was unaware that staff could vote until half an hour before the end of the elections. At that point, we didn't feel like much could be done, since it was the end of the day and decided that we would just appeal the election," said Jon Massachi, former spring 2007 SGA presidential candidate and current speaker of congress. "We feel that it is an unfair advantage that other tickets may have had."

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> **MATT WAGONER**
> SGA ELECTIONS CHAIR

"The election rules require the [elections] committee to maintain a secure voting Web site. No other election in the world would be valid if people were voting who were not constituents of that organization—not Greenville, not City Council, not anywhere. A secure election is a fundamental responsibility of the job," said Matt Cohen, former elections chair and current congressman.

A current Mendenhall staff member said he logged into Onestop today and saw he had the ability to vote in the SGA election, although he refrained from doing so.

Another staff member from the Admissions Office who prefers to remain anonymous said he was aware the voting was open to staff as well.

"I told people they could vote at the end of the day because I found out they could do it," he said. "And I know many people from my building and other buildings did."

SGA members are currently in the process of filing a complaint that will be taken to the elections chair to dispute this situation.

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SGA president to face criminal charges

Court date set for May 8

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

M. Cole Jones, ECU Student Government Association president, will appear in court in May to face misdemeanor charges of breaking or entering, as well as assault on a female and assault with a lethal weapon, in connection with an incident that occurred the evening of Valentine's Day.

Jones, in turn, has charged his accusers, Dolly Mae Bryant and Shekinah Bryant, with simple assault, assault and battery, and injury to personal property.

The charges on both sides stem from a custody dispute involving Jones' 2-year-old son, Zion, in Havelock.

Dolly Mae Bryant, the child's grandmother, says she and her daughter, who was babysitting that night, have filed the charges because she feels Jones' actions were dangerous and "unacceptable."

Niah Whimper, the child's mother, was out of town on her honeymoon the evening of the incident and is not pressing charges. According to Bryant, Whimper, who is an ECU alumna, has petitioned for full custody of Zion and Jones' visitation rights have been suspended since the incident.

Although Deputy Christopher Muse of the Craven County Sheriff's Department responded that evening, no arrests were made. Muse was unable to comment for this article.

In an interview March 23, Jones referred to the charge of breaking or entering as "a fluke thing."

"[The charge] is going through the appropriate channels to be taken care of," he said.

In a statement issued yesterday, Jones maintained he has been wrongly accused and apologized for any embarrassment the allegations may have caused his family or the Pirate community.

"I have dedicated the last four years of my life fighting for equality to enhance the total student experience," Jones wrote. "This unfortunate situation arose out of a private family matter... I look forward to being able to fully vindicate myself and refute these baseless allegations in a court of law at the earliest opportunity."

Although his term as ECU SGA president expires April 13, Jones plans to run for president of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

If elected, Jones would represent all UNC system students as an ex officio, non-voting student member of the UNC system's Board of Trustees.

Delegates from each of the 16 UNC system campuses elect the UNCASG president, who serves as the chief executive officer and as a representative of the association in interactions with the North Carolina General Assembly, the governor's office and the UNC system's general administration.

Nominations for the UNCASG elections will take place March 31 at Appalachian State University, and candidates will be elected during a business meeting at N.C. Central University April 14.

Elizabeth Lauten contributed to this article.

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New Student Media leaders chosen, save one

All positions filled except editor of the *East Carolinian*

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The ECU Student Media Board appointed almost all the media heads for the 2007 – 2008 academic year yesterday.

Although the Media Board announced leaders for WZMB, *Rebel*, *Expressions* and the *Buccaneer*, the *East Carolinian* editor position will be re-opened for another application process.

"We reopened the *East Carolinian* editor position because we think there is a better election pool out there. We feel there are a lot more candidates who for whatever reason haven't applied," said White. "We're going to re-open the application process and do interviews as soon as possible."

White added that since the editor position is so demanding, the Media Board wants to be sure they draw from the largest possible pool of candidates.

"Only one person applied [for editor of the *East Carolinian*]... and [although a] good, well-qualified candidate, we want to see who else is out there," White said.

White said she was excited about the new appointments, however, "Both WZMB candidates

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ECU Black Student Union to protest Morals Week

Organization considers affirmative action event 'slap in the face'

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This week, the ECU Chapter of College Republicans has sponsored Morals Week 2007 with events aimed at highlighting conservative issues on campus, which culminates tomorrow with Affirmative Action Day. Members of ECU's Black Student Union, who feel the event is "a slap in the face to all the progress of diversity that ECU has made," according to a press release, will protest tomorrow in Wright Plaza.

According to the press release issued by the BSU, "There has not been such an incident as racially motivated as this one in many years at East Carolina University." "The Black Student Union is an organization about making progress and bringing unity.

We feel the College Republicans are dividing the campus," said Patrick Dixon, BSU president. The BSU hopes to partner with the ECU chapter of College Democrats on Friday.

"I'm hoping we can collaborate to show students this isn't what East Carolina is about. We're not about taking steps backward... we want to make things better in the progression," Dixon said. Dixon expects around 50 BSU members will be present in Wright Plaza on Friday to answer questions about affirmative action and pass out information about its relevance at ECU and across the country.

Contributed photo

Members of ECU's Black Student Union will protest Affirmative Action Day tomorrow in Wright Plaza.

The BSU is the largest student organization at ECU (with the exception of the Student Union, which includes every ECU student), with almost 250 members. Dustin Pittman, the administrative vice-chairman of the North Carolina Federation of College Republicans, said the event was organized to promote understanding of affirmative action.

"We feel that people generally don't understand affirmative action policies and what they mean ... what we're going to attempt to do is provide a real world example of what affirmative action policies really mean," said Pittman. Pittman added that the College Republicans are not "out to spout hate messages," and that Morals Week is intended to get students more involved with politics.

"We're out to bring ECU into the political spectrum," Pittman said. Affirmative action stems from the Civil Rights Movement three decades ago, and calls for minorities and women to be given special consideration in employment, education and contracting decisions.

The goal of institutions with affirmative action policies is generally to increase diversity through use of recruitment and preference. In a special report from the *Washington Post*, Dan Froomkin writes, "In its modern form, affirmative action can call for an admissions officer faced with two similarly qualified applicants to choose the minority over the white, or for a manager to recruit and hire a qualified woman for a job instead of a man. Affirmative action decisions are generally not supposed to be based on quotas, nor are they supposed to give any preference to unqualified candidates."

The College Republican's Affirmative Action Day event will take place in Wright Plaza from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and the Black Student Union demonstration will begin at 11 a.m.

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CORRECTIONS

In the News section, "Morals Week highlights conservative issues" the article states that B-GLAD collaborated with the College Republicans in hosting "Conservative 'Coming-Out' Day" and B-GLAD did not collaborate with the College Republicans for this event. The error resulted from a miscommunication and the *East Carolinian* apologizes for any confusion it may have caused.

The *East Carolinian* is dedicated to accurate reporting and will not 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 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 North Carolina colleges and universities for a week of giving back. Help prove how much ECU cares about the community; log on to ecu.edu/volunteer for more information.

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Volunteer Opportunities
Friday, March 30
Book Sale Set-up – Humane Society of Eastern Carolina (morning - TBA, Greenville)
Male or very strong female volunteers needed to assist in loading at the Humane Society and unloading at the Colonial Mall boxes of books. Volunteers also needed to assist with book sale. Contact Vicki Luttrell at 252-353-8833.

Saturday, March 31
KidsFest – all day, Greenville Convention Center
Volunteers needed to assist with games, booths, rides and clean-up. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, contact: Melissa Adamson at 756-1567. mppfc.org.

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American Proliferation/ Anti-Terror and Jihad Day
Wright Plaza
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The 2007 Dixie Koldjeski Lecture
"Culturally Competent Care: A Research and Action Agenda"
Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center, 2000 Venture Tower Drive
2 p.m.

4-on-4 Flag Football Team Registration Meeting
Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room
5 p.m.

ECU hosts reading for Roger Sharpe
Roger Sharpe, ECU alumnus and former state senator, will read from his memoir, "Ceremony of Innocence."
Bate 1032
7:30 p.m.

Lessons from the Lab: An African-American Woman's Journey from Manure to DNA
By Alison Williams, Chemistry Dept., Princeton U., Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer
Hendrix Theater
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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Affirmative Action Day
Wright Plaza
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lecture: Time Resolved UV Resonance Raman Studies of Nucleic Acid
Mendenhall Student Center Room 244
12 p.m.

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Alpha Xi Delta Car Wash
All proceeds benefit The Little Willie Center
Campus Store corner 10th and Charles
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

***Youth Arts Festival**
More than 100 visual and performing artists from both ECU and across the region will share their creative talents with children and their families. Family-friendly activities such as wheel-thrown ceramics, watercolor painting, weaving, felting, papermaking. ECU campus mall (rain site Jenkins Fine Art Center)
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Softball
vs. Tulsa
ECU Softball Field
1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. Campbell
ECU Tennis Complex

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All Day

4 Wed

Kick Butts Day smoking cessation
Wright Plaza
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. Gardner-Webb
ECU Tennis Complex
2 p.m.

Japan Center East presents "Work in Japan" & Bon Odori
Murphy Center, Second Floor
5:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. Barton
ECU Tennis Complex
6 p.m.

ECU features Book Arts event
Jenkins Fine Arts Building auditorium
ECU's Book Arts Guild will host international book artists and fine press dealers, Vamp & Tramp, (Bill & Vicky Stewart). Free and open to the public
6 p.m.

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were strong, as well as those of *Rebel* and *Expressions* and *Buccaneer*," White said.

Stuart Lannon, freshman theatre education major, will take the helm as general manager of WZMB 91.3 FM, ECU's student radio station. Lannon's responsibilities as GM will include successfully moving the station prior to Mendenhall's renovation.

"We currently have three locations picked out, so the first goal is to get moved in orderly and organized fashion to the new location," said Lannon.

His goals also included resuming live broadcasting, and initiating more live broadcast training for staff members.

Guillaume Bagal will remain the general manager of *Expressions* magazine, ECU's minority publication. Bagal is a junior biology and French major with a minor in chemistry, and wants to promote the *Expressions'* Web site and collaborate more with other organizations.

"It's been a pleasure working with *Expressions*," said Bagal. "I've done it since I was a freshman... I want to leave a good legacy."

"Guillaume has done a great job and will continue to do so," said White of Media Board's decision to re-appoint Bagal as general manager.

Lacey Siva will be the editor of *Rebel*, ECU's literary arts magazine. Siva, a junior, graphic design major with a minor in English, said she has high hopes for next year's *Rebel*.

"It's the 50th anniversary so I want it to be one of the best issues... a new and improved version of what it has been before," said Siva. "I think [the *Rebel*] should be a collaborative effort of everyone [on staff] that represents the student body in its artwork, literature and music."

Holly Garriss, junior criminal justice major, will continue to revive the yearbook as the new editor of the *Buccaneer*, which will be in its third year of publication after a 16-year break.

Garriss said her goals include "to work more cooperatively [with the staff] and to have a better selling yearbook."

Ken Robol, director of Student Media, said he is supportive of the Media Board's direction for Student Media in 2007 – 2008.

"I am looking forward to advising this great group of students and hope to assist the Media Board in the continuing search for an editor of the *East Carolinian*."

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No-OLF comes to ECU

Students urged to help

JENELLE CONNER
NEWS EDITOR

North Carolinians Opposed to the Outlying Landing Field met yesterday at 7 p.m. in the Rivers Building to discuss their stance on the U.S. Navy's proposal to build an Outlying Landing Field near the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located in Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

According to No-OLF supporters, the OLF will take up 32,000 acres of fertile farm area.

In a documentary shown at the program, citizens who could be affected by the OLF expressed their concerns.

"Where they want to put it [OLF] is the place of least resistance," said Mayor of Roper, Bunny Saunder, in the documentary. "How insulting to us, how insulting to this community."

According to the No-OLF Web site, over 100 groups and organizations oppose the OLF site.

Sociology professor Rebecca Powers brought one of her classes from ECU to sit in on the program.

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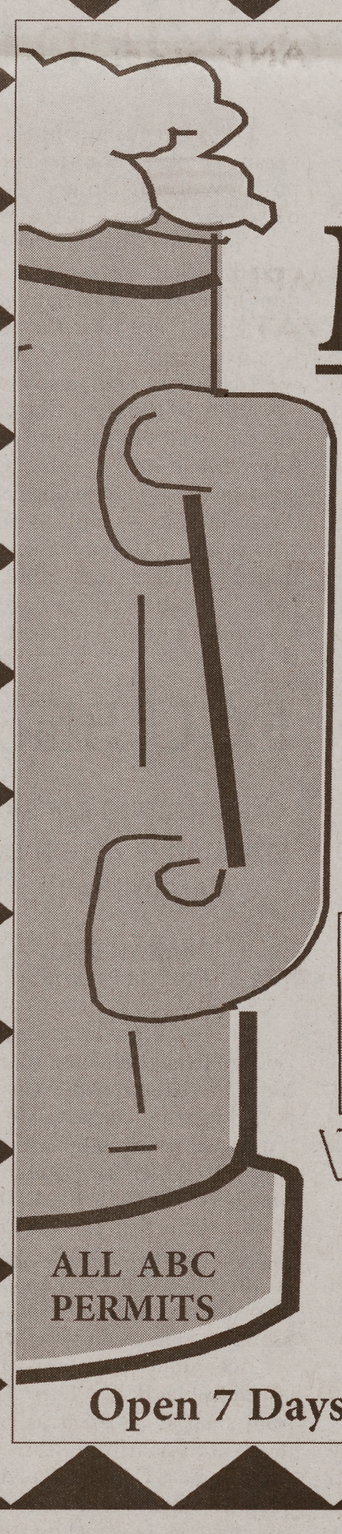

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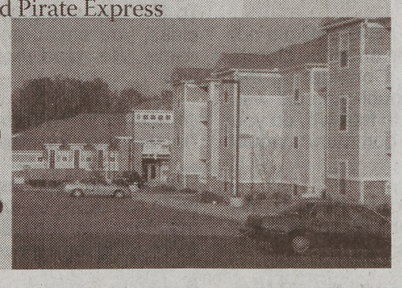

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received was only 128 votes.

Bagal received 1,498 votes while Antahades received 1,370 votes.

Brockett expressed her excitment at having the chance to continue representing the university and SGA.

"This is such as great opportunity for me to give back to ECU as well as to keep working on everything currently with SGA," Brockett said.

Kendall seemed optimistic about working with SGA in this position for the upcoming term.

"I'm looking forward to the future and all the possibilities and experience I will have while serving as vice president," Kendall said.

Bagal will also have to cope with handling his responsibilities as general manager of *Expressions* magazine as well as being SGA treasurer.

"For the past two years, I've had three jobs and still remained able to handle my school work," Bagal said.

"I'm confident enough in my time management skills to handle both the position at *Expressions* and SGA treasurer," Bagal continued.

Congress candidates' poll results were also announced yesterday evening.

Congress members leading in votes were Sara L. Riggs, Sara Spuller, Ashley Yopp, Ryan Wiggins and Craig Brown.

All congress members that were on the ballot received a spot in congress regardless of the amount of votes they received.

All campaign material such as banners that were hung in the mall must be down by 5 p.m. tomorrow according to Matthew Wagoner, elections chair.

Additionally, Wagoner said any complaints and campaign violations must be reported within 48 hours of the results.

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"I just learned about it today and I was coming in wondering if there was a compromise. It seems like they [U.S. Navy] are getting into something that would have too many negative consequences," said student Chris Swearingen.

Other ECU students were amazed by the lack of previous campus involvement.

"I'm from eastern North Carolina and I've seen the signs and I was surprised to never see anything on campus," said history major, Justin Edwards.

The program concluded with an informal question and answer session.

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Guantanamo base still a sword in the side of democracy

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

In the history of offences and injustices committed by the U.S. Government, none stands out greater in my mind than the gleaming symbol of injustice that is Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

Guantanamo Bay Naval Base and Detention Center takes up roughly 45 square miles of the south eastern region of Cuba. The U.S. has maintained a naval base there since the late 1800s and until recently, that base was used for just purposes.

In 2001 that changed. When the World Trade Center collapsed, our credibility as a champion of human rights and justice within the world community collapsed too.

Since the attacks, we have used the Guantanamo Base to imprison and interrogate "enemy combatants" without the restrictions of the Geneva Convention. Over the last five years more than 500 people have been detained in Guantanamo from over 30 countries without charge and with no release in sight.

Few prisoners have ever actually been tried in Guantanamo for their crimes and the credibility of the courts at Guantanamo is non-existent. There have been multiple suicides, reports of torture and evidence of innocent people who were detained and tortured. In 2003, three people hanged themselves with bed sheets and dozens have gone on hunger strikes to express their opposition.

To this day, no detainee has been convicted of a criminal charge and several hundred have been released with no charge, no explanation and no compensation for the time they spent incarcerated.

Guantanamo Bay is a clear violation of moral and legal standards and it must be shut down. Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Amnesty International, NATO and the European Union have all insisted the base be shut down, but Bush will not listen.

The man sent in to clean up Rumsfeld's office, Robert Gates, also urged the president to close the base in his first weeks on the job. Mr. Gates said that the trials held at Guantanamo would never be considered legitimate and that the inmates who should stand trial should be taken to the U.S. and tried in real military courts.

It seems like the whole world wants us to close the base but with Bush in office the base will remain open. Like the Iraq war, our base at Guantanamo is a scar that won't disappear until we set a deadline to get out. If the United States wants to ever regain its image as a nation that respects human life, we must make it known that we want the base to close, before 2009.

Privacy laws in trouble

Better enforcement of privacy laws needed

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Since the issuing of the Patriot Act in 2001, there has been ongoing conflict as to how and where we draw line on the issue of citizen's privacy. Those who support the Patriot Act believe that when dealing with national security, there are times when lines may need crossing in order to maintain the safety of our nation. I recognize the need for the FBI to have the ability to obtain personal information from people suspected of criminal activities, but as with any form of power there will always be people who abuse it.

At a recent congressional hearing, the FBI received warnings to fix their problems with the misuse of privacy laws or face losing the extensive powers they gained after Sept. 11. During these proceedings, CNN quoted Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas to saying, "The problem is enforcement of the law, not the law itself." His comment addresses the core problem we have with the FBI and their undeniable misuse of powers.

Naturally, when looking at an issue that you support, you want it to be flawless and perfect, but this is rarely the case for any of us, especially with concern to political issues.

There is no abjuring the fact that the FBI has greatly abused their power to collect personal information such as e-mails or financial records from individuals. However, I do not believe revoking these powers is the solution to the problem.

The founders of our nation spent laborious hours insuring that government agendas never come before the rights of Americans, and we all know a key part of this is our system of checks and balances. If we could carry this idea over into all aspects of government, it would create a greater range of integrity within all departments.

In this case, to prevent the abuse of such extensive law enforcement powers all government agents who possess these powers must be carefully and constantly monitored. They must know their limits and face swift and harsh punishment for violations of their powers.

The point is not to hinder their investigations, but to make sure they are working within the guidelines they are given and toward the goal of a safer America.

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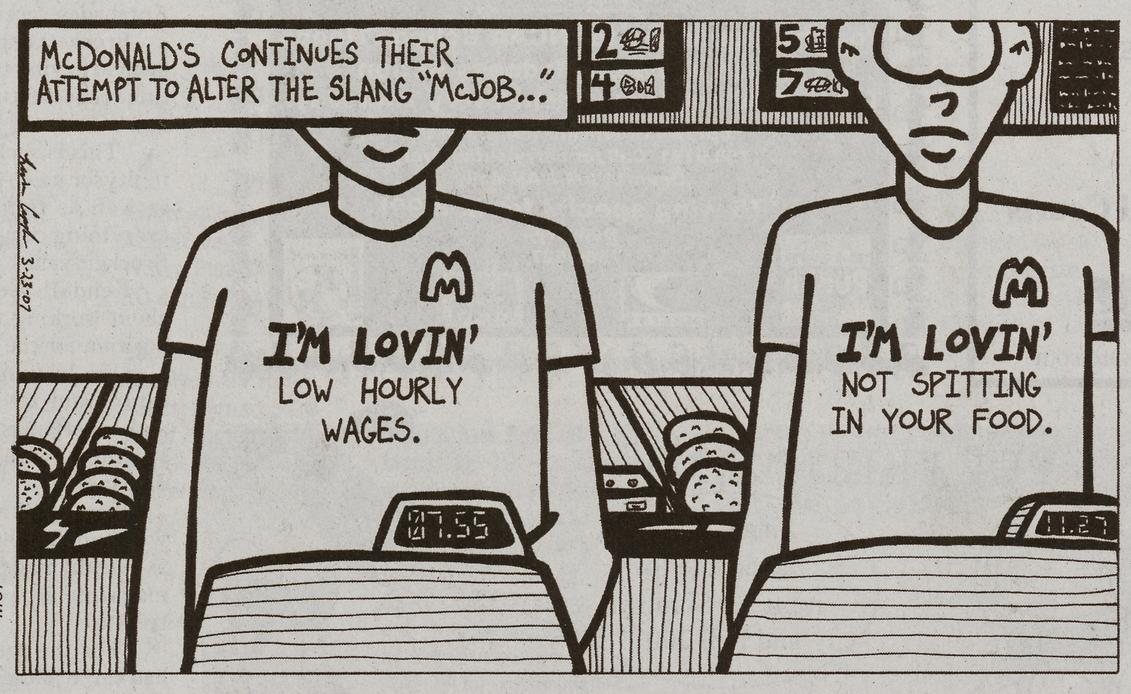

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Sometimes I wish life was like a video game and I could just start over from a certain checkpoint.

Just for the record... B-GLAD did not support, sponsor or endorse Morals Week in any way. Considering the fact that all the Republicans did was bash people's right to free will, do you really think the gay community would support that?

The fact that people balk at me when I compare John Mayor to Dave Matthews infuriates me.

I think I have a class with the girl from the Banner ad with the post-its all over herself, but I don't want to ask if it's her or not.

Just so you know, I'll wait for you no matter how long it takes. That's how much I love you!

Banner is here to stay, so stop resisting. If you try it, you might actually like it.

I wish it was socially acceptable to walk around with no pants on. I would wear, you know, underwear, bra, shirt, shoes, but just no pants. These hot days would just be so much more comfortable.

It's nice to know that you're interested in me, but there's no way I'm going to date you. It's just that you remind me of the Hindenburg every time I see you.

Don't try to cheer me up.

If you have time to go to bed before me, then you have time to wash your dishes.

My adviser is hot!

I never loved you, I just loved driving your Benz, spending your daddy's money and sleeping with your best friend!

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

Is it just me or does her smile light up every room she walks in?

Like, oh my gosh, this guy is totally cute.

I got on the bus today and this girl beside me was breathing so loud I couldn't even hear the girl beside me talking... I wanted to tell her to please quit breathing.

To the people who said they do not want to ride the drunk buses while the police are on them, and want to drive instead, are you stupid or something? Do you know how many people are at risk on the roads while you're driving impaired? Wow you are really unintelligent and shouldn't even go to college!

I asked my teacher a question about our exam, and he replied, "Just Google the HELL out of it."

I could see the golden haze of pollen in the air as I walked back from class today. No wonder I'm so sick!

Are all Republicans really that unoriginal? Could they really think of nothing catchy on their own and have to result to using/bashing another group just to make themselves feel better?

Washington D.C. is not a state, moron, it's a district just like it says in the name.

A good roommate is like a good pair of jeans.

If nobody wants to see you together, maybe you shouldn't be.

I don't understand how you can sleep around with so many "decent" girls and not want to date me. I know I have more to offer, so what's the problem?

Last night was kind of random between the two of us... but hey, I'm not complaining. Let's do it again!

To the girl that thinks she might be a lesbian—let me observe you making out with a girl, and I will decide if you are a lesbian or not.

I'll bet being you really sucks!

When you chew your gum, you look like a cow chewing its cud.

To the bus driver that just about killed us, how about asking your fellow driver to sit down instead of distracting you!

Crying in front of the cops makes it worse.

I always think of the best Rants while driving. Sometimes I wish I had a tape recorder in the car so I could remember them later on when I was in front of a computer.

Talking to the cops on the drunk bus is one of my new favorite past-times. They are so fun to talk to!

To the guy who prays on the bus to class, you encourage me to do the same. We need more students like you.

I'm allergic to the dorms. No, seriously, I'm allergic to the mold in them... ick.

Has anyone else besides me almost been run down by one of the various maintenance vans during their daily off-roading through campus?

Porn: The only reason the internet is of use to me.

I'm proud to be a conservative Christian, right-wing Republican, straight, white, American male.

If Hillary Clinton is elected, I'm moving to Canada!

I'm so glad it's warm and now girls will quit wearing those awful Uggs. Thank goodness!

Is it bad that I stopped going to Physics long ago because it made me feel dumb? Now I have to retake it next semester. So, I guess that makes me dumb. Hmmm.

Country music is the southern emo.

Peter Pan peanut butter was recalled because of salmonella poisoning, so you better get Jif.

Feeding the ECU squirrels curly fries makes my day :)

Can there just be one club downtown that I can go to with a dry floor, air conditioning and no techno music!?

If you didn't want cops on the buses you shouldn't have pissed on the bus. Deal with it.

Who the heck turned the light off on the bright side of life?

I understand that I did something wrong and that makes me a bad person but what kind of people are those who went out of their way and tried their hardest to make sure that I got into trouble?

I like meeting people when I'm drunk. I hate never remembering their names the next day.

You think I don't hear what you say when you try to quietly talk about me, but I hear everything, and thank you for making me feel like total crap.

My boyfriend broke up with me two weeks ago and I feel lost without him. Come back to me, I love you!

To the guy who gives out random hugs—you made my day! I forgot all about the test I had flunked. To the people who think it's freaky—maybe niceness is hard to spread if we're all cynical about random acts of kindness.

To all passengers of ECU transit, if a driver makes a special stop just to pick you up or waits for you, the least you can do is say a simple thank you.

From one lesbian to another, the answer to your question is yes.

Who's up for a road trip?

The pollen has got to go! I know it's important, but it's causing my allergies to flare up... this sucks.

I enjoy screaming the new Pink song at the top of my lungs in the car... it's very therapeutic.

I hate it when guys are "too" nice. I hate it when guys are jerks. Where is the guy who is in between?

My roommate's boyfriend is ugly!

Who else but me can get injured while exercising? Now I have a nice cut and bruise on my leg.

In the bathroom today, a horrendous smell engulfed the room. I noticed a girl's feet on the other end, in a stall; I had no idea that a girl could possibly smell that bad.

Smoking out of a dorm room window is not a good idea!

I really don't like you, and if you ask me to help you with our English homework one more time, I might scream!

I love my RA! I would probably be kicked out of college already, if not for her!

You lied to the cops so you wouldn't get in trouble and I got the drinking ticket. Do you want to pay my court fees too?

March Madness actually makes me mad.

Remember, I'm generally the last person you'll ever want to piss off.

I know you really liked me. That's why I messed around with your best friend. Get the picture?

It was just a water balloon, take a joke.

Summer is just around the corner! I can almost taste it. That's what is getting me through the end of this crazy semester!

My life has been a lot less complicated since we stopped being friends.

I miss our friendship. I apologized for the stupid things I did, can't you at least act civil?

Is it wrong that I want to be one of the students they photograph for the ECU Web site?

Maybe some people buy fake designer sunglasses and purses because they think they look nice and are not stupid enough to spend an insane amount of money on the real thing only to accidentally loose the sunglasses the next week. Ever thought about that, genius?

Tell me why I got dressed to stand in a long line at Rumours only to be denied access only because I didn't have a membership, or was it because I'm black?

Jif is no substitute for Peter Pan!

Real men wear pastels.

I can't stand it when my boyfriend comes over and eats all my food and has nothing for me to eat at his house. Moocher!

To the girl that comes to class every day wearing the same outfit, please change!

I sleep with an instructor, too! On a regular basis! And I'm not even taking any of her classes!

It feels so good to go to class and actually know you learned something from the teachers.

To the people in my class that smack their gum, you are causing me to pull my hair out!

Your high school called... they want their drama back!

I haven't bothered going to my advisor because I'm not even sure if I'll be allowed back next year!

Even if I wasn't late for class I wouldn't eat a pancake with mustard just for a T-shirt.

I don't stalk friends on Facebook. I collect them.

Formal complaints my butt...

Give us more info before you vote on things none of the students know about and then surprise us with the outcome. Way to go SGA, doesn't look like its going to get any better at ECU...

So is it sad that the most productive thing I did all day Wednesday was sprint barefoot from Rivers to the hill and losing feeling in my toes because of the hail?

I hate when people walk in the inside lane of the track at the rec center. Walkers move to the outside lane or get off the track in general. Thanks.

What is up with so many people in front of Wright place handing out stupid things, I don't want them, please leave.

To get active alongside Morals Week we Democrats should have a Save America week. Monday: Convince Dick Cheney euthanasia is a good idea (for himself). Tuesday: Support the troops (you know... the ones that are alive) by bringing them home and not killing tens of thousands more Iraqi people. Wednesday: Pay taxes, so we do not fall into debt we can never get out of and fall into depression. Thursday: Discuss how to tolerate other religions. Finally, Friday: Recycle.

Is it just me, or does Sanjiah from "American Idol" look like Mowgli from *The Jungle Book*?

I wish that Greenville had an amazing hardcore music scene.

OK my friends and I always argue about this... is the game called Kings or Circle of Death? Lets vote!

Just because I dance with you at the club does not mean I want to sleep with you!

Could it be wedded bliss?

Why rush to the alter?

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Every time I am out and about shopping for whatever fashion craze has caught my eye in the latest issue of *Glamour*, I almost always manage to run into a former high school classmate. The temptation to duck and hide is always great, but usually I manage to saunter over and hone in on my best acting skills in an attempt to avoid being an absolute bitch.

You may be wondering why running into these former "friends" is so utterly painful and why I feel the urge to pull my hair out while engaging in a fairly meaningless conversation that will inevitably only last about five minutes.

Well, to be quite honest, a simple answer would be that I am tired of hearing yet another story about how two high school sweethearts have decided to enter into wedded bliss.

It makes me sick to my stomach, weak in the knees and just plain irritated to have to endure story after story about how they decided that after four years of dating, that it just seemed like it was time to get married.

In my opinion, if you have been with someone for four years then the relationship should continue along a smooth path whether or not the idea of marriage is in the imminent future.

If two people are meant to be together, then the concept of being engaged shouldn't have any affect at all on the relationship. Yet, I always find that people feel more secure in their relationship knowing that they are on the road to marriage, rather than just dating, when really little about the relationship has changed.

Right now I am only 20 years old, why would I want to limit myself by adding marriage to the mix? When people get married, the problems of one partner suddenly become the problems of both parties.

Instead of fighting over who gets to pick the restaurant when the two of you go out for dinner, there are much larger issues at stake, such as how much each partner is contributing to the household finances, or who takes on more chores.

I'm not saying that the institution of marriage isn't something that everyone should enjoy sometime in life, but I am questioning why students are racing to the alter.

College will likely be the last time in many of our lives where many of us can spend a carefree night hanging out a IHOP until 3 a.m. sipping coffee and savoring meaningful conversation amongst friends. I find it unlikely that such mundane events can occur within the confounds of marriage since with marriage comes obligation.

I'm hoping that the next time I am shopping and run into an old classmate that I won't be regaled by their stories of wedding plans or proposals, but will get to savor the fact that they have just landed the job of their dreams or plan to spend the summer abroad studying French in Paris.

I don't know about you, but I would much rather rejoice in their success as a person than hear them drone and on and on about how fantastic their significant other is, but hey, maybe that's just me.

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"I'm sorry I fired all those missiles at Iraq, gentlemen. I occasionally just, like, go ballistic."

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Horoscopes:

Aries
Your friends are in a hurry, but should you follow their lead? Listen to their suggestions but don't veer away from your assignment. Their plan will be too expensive.

Taurus
You're not dead, you're only resting. Your friends understand. Get one of them to go out for pizza, so you don't have to cook.

Gemini
You're naturally a communicator, so it's hard for you to stay quiet. You'll gain a lot more information, however, if you do.

Cancer
You could make a lot of money now. You have what you need. This is not a gamble. Your good business sense makes the difference.

Leo
The problem is not your confidence now. That is increasing every day. The challenge is communications. You're in delicate negotiations.

Virgo
Silver looks like a good investment, along with real estate. Gold's not a bad idea either, come to think of it.

Libra
The person you feel most comfortable with is like a brother or sister. Actually, that could be the reality, too. Or a cousin. Make the connection.

Scorpio
Although there is some controversy, it does not pertain to you. Keep out of the way and keep doing your job. You're becoming indispensable.

Sagittarius
Take care, there's a test coming up. The talent scouts will be watching, soon. Don't be scared, but don't be a show-off, either. Be a charming, loveable fuzzball.

Capricorn
Pull enough out of petty cash to finance an excursion. Find out what's outside your safety zone, but be careful. It's a jungle out there.

Aquarius
It's good to have a person around that's good at scheduling. Sometimes you get lost in thought and forget what day it is. If you get a wake-up call, just thank them for their service.

Pisces
You don't have time to go back and re-think your plan now. If something doesn't work, try something else immediately. Creativity will occur, trust that. You don't need to skip a beat.

Dessert Recipe:

Fried Apple Pies
2 tablespoons butter
2 pounds apples
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pinch of nutmeg
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup light brown sugar
1 1/2 cups water
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
6 tablespoons lard or solid vegetable shortening
1 egg
3/4 cup milk
Powdered sugar in shaker
2 scoops vanilla ice cream
Preheat the fryer. In a sauce pan, melt the butter. Add the apples and saute for two minutes. Stir in the cinnamon, nutmeg, 1/4 cup sugar, and brown sugar. Continue sauteing for one minute, stirring constantly to dissolve the sugar. Add the water and lemon juice. Bring the liquid up to a boil. Add cornstarch dissolved in one tablespoon water. Whisk the vanilla and slurry into the liquid. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the apples are soft. Remove from the heat and cool completely. In a mixing bowl, sift the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder, together. Cut in the lard until it resembles coarse meal. In small bowl, whisk the egg and milk together. Gradually add the egg mixture to the flour mixture, working it to make a thick dough. Break the dough into 12 equal portions. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough pieces into thin rounds, about five inches in diameter. Put 1/4 cup of the mixture in the center of each round, fold over and crimp the edges with a fork. Fry the pies, two to three at a time, in the hot oil, until golden brown. Remove from the oil and drain on a paper-lined plate. Powder the pies with powdered sugar. Lay the pies on a platter and serve with vanilla bean ice cream. Garnish with drizzle of caramel sauce, powdered sugar and fresh mint.

Perpetual Groove to perform at PB's

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Perpetual Groove offers the audience a new kind of performance that is unparalleled to that of other bands.

Live music still lives in Greenville

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As one of the last beacons of pure musical talent to perform in Greenville, Perpetual Groove will take the stage at Pantana Bob's tonight.

P Groove is a jam band, but unlike many of their contemporaries, words and meaning is infused within their extensive yet highly enjoyable jams. Fans describe their music as "trance arena rock" due to their experimentations in live 5.1-concert surround sound, an intense retina blinding light show and a willingness to keep the connection strong between band and fans.

Founded in Savannah, Ga., within the creative walls of the Savannah College of Art and Design, bassist Adam Perry and guitarist Brock Butler met during their freshmen orientation. Throughout their tenure at SCAD, the two formed Perpetual Groove with two other schoolmates who departed the band shortly after graduation.

Since 2001 when drummer Albert Suttle and keys player Matt McDonald joined the gang, P Groove transitioned from a local act enjoying the venues Georgia has to offer into a powerhouse touring machine playing at least 150 shows a year.

Their third studio album, *LiveLoveDie* was released three weeks ago co-produced by the band and Robert Hannon (Outkast – *Speakerboxx/The Love Below*).

LiveLoveDie is more grown up than their past releases, with members of the band bringing something directly to its conception. Many of the songs were written while in the studio resulting in a collective contribution of four very talented and individual musicians.

In a recent interview published on JamBands.com, Butler expressed Perpetual Groove's emotional ties to their music. "A lot of our songs, especially the ones with lyrics, start off as more of a singer-songwriter approach. Even the stuff that doesn't have lyrics, we may use electronic effects, but there is still that human element."

First-time visitors and hardcore followers will not be disappointed with their live show this Thursday. Besides playing a vast array of songs from their music library, the band has also begun to cover more regularly the high-energy recordings of Wu-Tang Clan and Rage Against the Machine.

"That is something for the kids," said Butler. "It's a way to let people know everything isn't so serious."

All kidding aside, Perpetual Groove is a band that honestly believes in the power of music and its ability to connect with everyone and everything.

"The first time I saw them at Red Rooster, they just played and played with no breaks in between songs. It seemed like they were having the best time," said junior communication major Sami Allen. "I have never felt such energy between a band and the crowd during a show."

With the release of *LiveLoveDie*, Perpetual Groove took many painstaking steps to ensure that there was zero negative impact on the environment from its production to its packaging. In association with Tree Sound Studios, Sustainable Waves and Green Mountain Energy Company, the album was the first ever to be produced with zero net carbon emissions. All of the packaging was 100 percent recyclable and renewable energy credits were used throughout the recording.

The show starts at 10 p.m. with tickets $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Come see why *High Times* magazine called them a highlight of the Langerado Music Festival.

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A whole new definition of crazy

Disturbing memoir proves to be a page-turner

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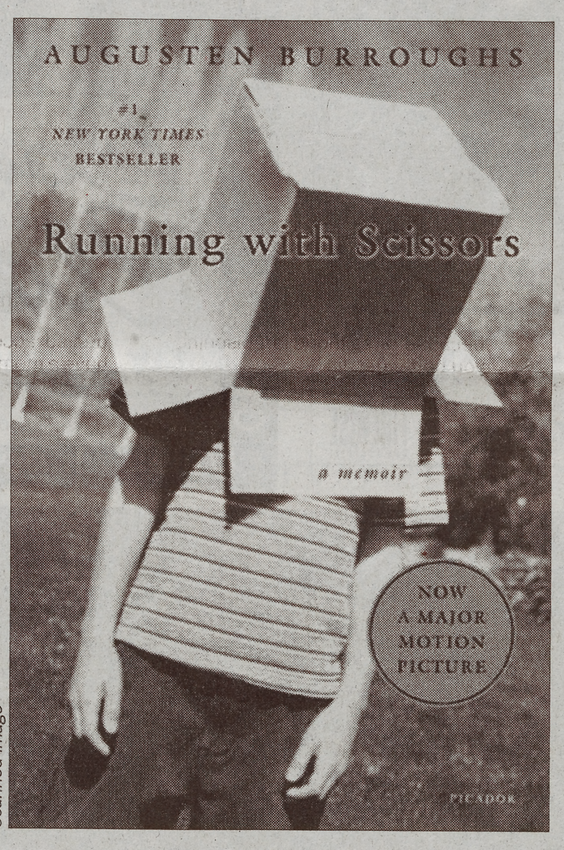

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Recently transformed into a motion picture, Augusten Burroughs' memoir, *Running With Scissors*, certainly has the effect of a twisted, disturbing movie without the comfort of censorship.

Burroughs' writes of his unstable parents, adopted family and extremely unhealthy relationship with a man twice his age. All of these elements combine to form his childhood, which can best be described as interesting with a large dose of disturbing.

Burroughs' mother is a devoted and deranged writer who spends her time obsessing over her poetry, eating toothpaste sandwiches or bits of the ceiling, and creating makeshift shoulder pads out of maxi pads.

Meanwhile, his father is an alcoholic with a short temper who loses all interest in Burroughs when he finally divorces his mother.

The book largely revolves around the relationship Burroughs and his mother have with her psychiatrist, Dr. Finch, whose own mental health is quite questionable. Diedre, his mother, goes from seeing her doctor once or twice a week to every day to practically living at his house.

No ordinary family, the Finches are a random assortment of people including several "adopted children" and a hunchback mother who eats dog food like popcorn. The Christmas tree stays up year round, the grandson Poo Bear runs around naked, and roaches run rampant.

This is where the majority of the events take place, as Burroughs' mother decides to let the doctor adopt her son. Burroughs spends years with the Finches and through his experiences there, the reader is forced to question what the defining line is between sane and insane.

Burroughs' one saving grace amongst all the filth, his mother's psychotic episodes and overall confusion, is the best friend that he finds in one of the adopted daughters, Natalie. The two have a common bond in that they haven't completely succumbed to the insanity that surrounds them and they both desire to move on to something greater.

While the memoir is very interesting and hard to put down, it is also quite graphic in parts and isn't for the faint of heart. Burroughs takes a no-holds-barred way of writing and his story is all the more effective as a result.

He goes into great detail about the intense and twisted relationship that he, a 14-year-old boy, has with a 34-year-old man, Neil Bookman. This proves to be one of Burroughs' greater conflicts as he tries to understand the dynamic of their relationship and what makes them so dependent on one another.

The characters in this book are some of the most twisted and complex to ever have made their way on to a page and the truly disturbing part is that they are not fictional, assuming that Burroughs has more reliability than the infamous James Frey, who wrote *A Million Little Pieces*.

The book progresses at a nice pace until it jumps from Burroughs' 16th year to his post college years and abruptly finishes. There is resolution, though, and that is more than many books offer. There is even a "Where are they now?" update after the final chapter. Overall, this very interesting yet disturbing read is good to have under your belt, but definitely not one to read to the kiddies at bedtime.

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Month as a monk leads to life changes

Starbucks no longer quenches my thirst

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In case you haven't noticed, my experience as a monk has come to an end. In fact, it ended the first Sunday of Spring Break.

If you missed reading the paper the month before the break, all you need to know is that I had to live the life of a monk for an entire month for one of my classes. From meditations to dietary changes, I had to experience it all.

While I never expected that month to change my life, it did in more ways than I can count. While I've certainly added back many foods that I had to avoid last month, I have actually managed to streamline what I eat on a daily basis to much healthier foods.

I don't actually want to eat junk anymore. In fact, the first time I did after the project ended, I felt extremely sick for two days. In addition, I wasn't the only one who experienced an upset in reverting to past dietary choices—many of my classmates suffered the same fate. It was as though our bodies wanted to give us a message that they were happy without all that extra junk.

What may be even more shocking, is that I've not stepped into a Starbucks since some time before Feb. 11. If you knew me, you would understand what a complete surprise that is, as before the project, I went at least once a day for tea or coffee. Needless to say, I was an addict. Now, while I miss going from to time, I'm content without the perpetual need for my daily caffeine jolt.

In a bizarre way, this process provided me some sort of therapy that I did not wish to seek in a conventional way. The entire project helped me deal with many personal issues that I've put on the backburner for the past few years. Things that I've always written off and claimed to be too busy to address, finally came into the forefront of my life, as I had no way to ignore them in my daily meditations and journaling.

Also, I was awakened spiritually for the first time in years. Don't get me wrong, I'm still confused as ever, but I actually am looking for answers again. I'm done with being complacent and I want the kind of faith that I used to have, or at least a grown up, evolved version of it.

Hands down, this project

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Gaming Web site offers addicting way to spend free time

Web site of the week: Addictinggames.com

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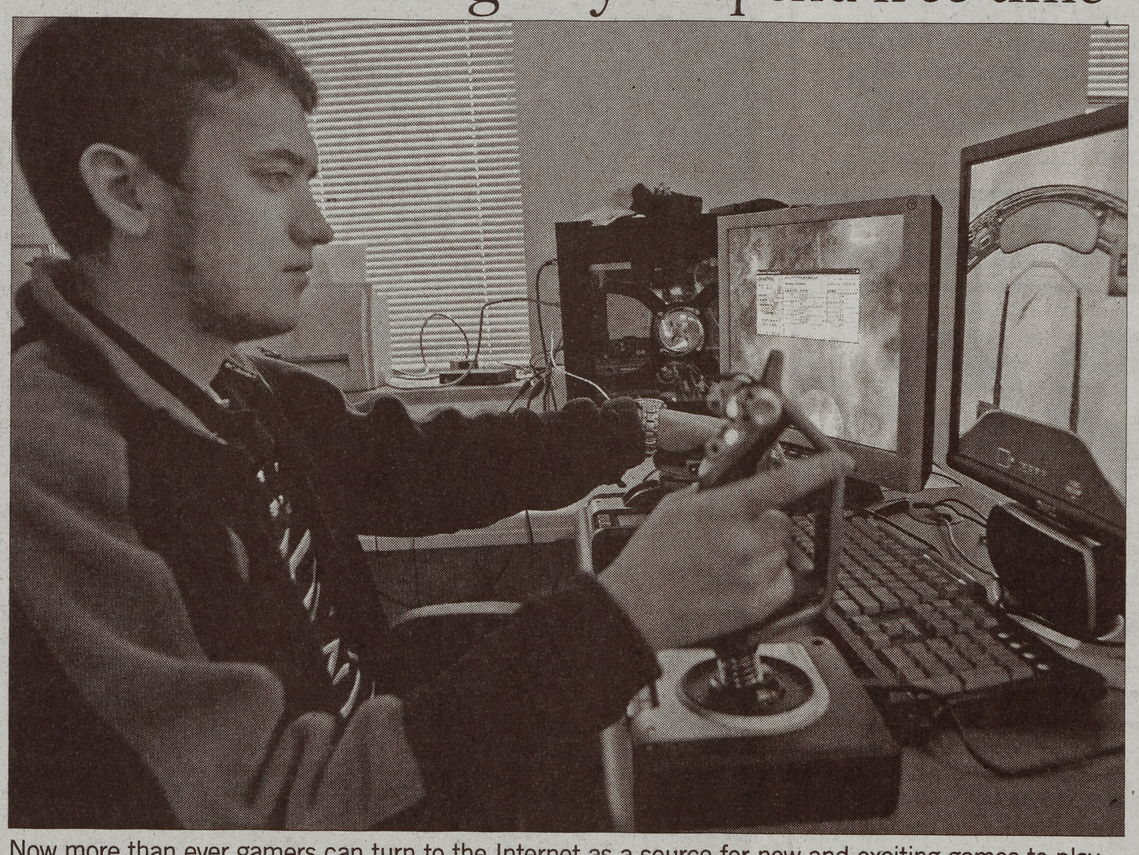

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Now more than ever gamers can turn to the Internet as a source for new and exciting games to play.

Many Web sites offer free games, however, most of these sites offer extremely few or dreadfully boring games. Former Web site of the week, yikers.com, offers just three new free games a day for the user to enjoy. However, addictinggames.com offers at least a dozen new games a day and the majority of them are fairly elaborate and exciting with a few minor exceptions.

Founded in 1999, the Web site was specifically created for gaming and does not cater to any other interest. The site started out relatively small since Internet gaming was nowhere near the immense level that it has since reached.

The site has grown steadily and just recently went through a period of near exponential growth. It offers the latest in Internet games, which means the user has a choice between the exciting and the dull, the simple and the complex and the original and the cliché.

The Web site is updated on a daily basis with everything the administrators can find on the Web. The daily game updates are shown at the top of the page and are featured there as long as there is space following other updates. These games are from other sites or are those that the administrators create themselves.

Users can also submit homemade games, but of course, those games are subject to approval by the administrators. If the user finds a game that they really enjoy playing they can link the game to their facebook page, myspace page or personal Web site. Users can also sign up for weekly e-mails that feature the latest updates and even some games that were not featured on the Web site.

The best thing about addictinggames.com is the way the site is organized. All of the games, once they leave the new games area, are placed into one of about a dozen categories. The categories include: Sports, action, shooting,

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strategy, adventure, puzzle, classic games such as Pac-man and pong derivatives, and a miscellaneous category for all of the games that don't fit in any category.

The Web site's classic section allows the children of the 1990s a chance to go back to those wonderful Nintendo games that they spent hours playing during those hot summer days and boring winter nights. The user can procrastinate on that paper even longer by playing old Mario levels, nearly every version of Pac-man in existence, Sonic and many more.

There are several user submitted games that are parodies of these classic games such as super mafia brothers, pac-man war and koopa's revenge, where the user takes on the role of King Koopa and attempts to wreak havoc in Mario's neighborhood.

The site has just recently added a special user-submitted video clip category. The videos are usually funny and the category is similar to Youtube.com, but without the size or the exposure. Addictinggames.com is a great way to spend a half hour of free time between classes in the library or at the dorm. The site can only grow and new games will continue to be added everyday.

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was the most difficult thing I've experienced in my college career, but I will say with absolute confidence, that it was also the most rewarding. The adage "you get out whatever you put in" surely rings true with the Monastic Project. I don't think if I did it half-heartedly, it would have been as life changing for me.

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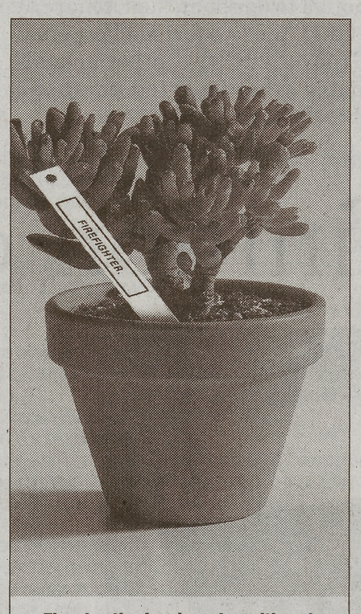

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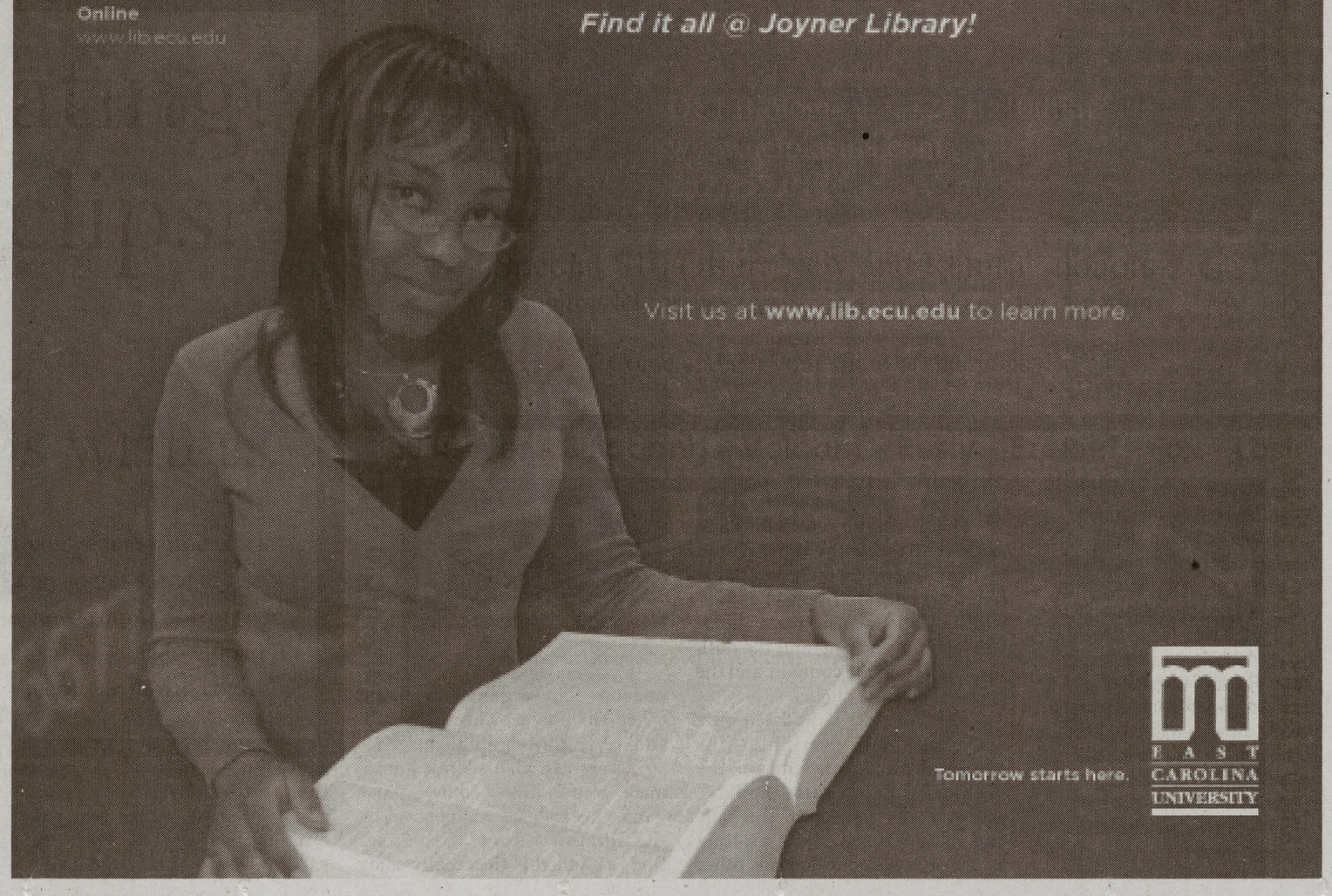

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Sports

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Passing yards for sophomore Rob Kass in last year's Papajohns.com Bowl; Kass relieved starter James Pinkney in the fourth quarter when Pinkney suffered an injury; Kass completed 10-of-19 passes for a career high 138 yards in three total series; Kass is the frontrunner to replace the departed Pinkney as the quarterback of the 2007 ECU football team

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Of the teams in the Final Four of the Women's NCAA Tournament is Rutgers, which beat ECU 77-34 in the first round of the tournament; fourth-seeded Rutgers ripped through the Greensboro Regional as it won three of its four games on the way to the final four by double-digits; Rutgers only game that was highly contested came against Duke, which was the No. 1 seed in the regional and had a 32-1 record prior to its 53-52 loss to Rutgers in the Sweet 16; the Scarlet Knights will play the LSU Tigers Sunday at 7 p.m. for a spot in the title game

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Wins for the ECU baseball team away from Clark-LeClair Stadium this season; the Pirates are 0-3 on the road as they lost all three games at UCLA in mid-February, in their only road trip of the season thus far; ECU will try to fix its road woes as it travels to New Orleans, La. this weekend for a three-game series with C-USA power Tulane; the Tulane series will be the first of four away C-USA series' that the Pirates will play this season; ECU and Tulane sit one and two respectively atop the C-USA standings as they both have 3-0 records in conference play

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Consecutive top-five finishes for the ECU women's golf team; the Pirates finished third at the UNCW Lady Seahawk Invitational Tuesday after posting a three-round total of 908 strokes; UNCW won the event as it shot a team total of 884; the Pirates were once again led by Sophomore Lene Krog, who shot 69, 75 and 76 to finish third individually in the event; the defending C-USA champions will travel to Stockbridge, Ga. to participate in the John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate, which is a two-day event scheduled for April 2-3

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Players on the ECU baseball team that have received national recognition so far this season; outfielder Harrison Eldridge became the fourth Pirate to do so earlier this week when he was named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll after helping the 19th-ranked Pirates win all four of their games last week; Eldridge, who was also named C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week on Monday, hit .533 last week, while tallying eight runs, three RBIs and four doubles in the Pirates four wins last week; fellow juniors T.J. Hose (3/13), Shane Mathews (3/20) and Dale Mollenhauer (3/20) were also named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll earlier this season for their respective performances

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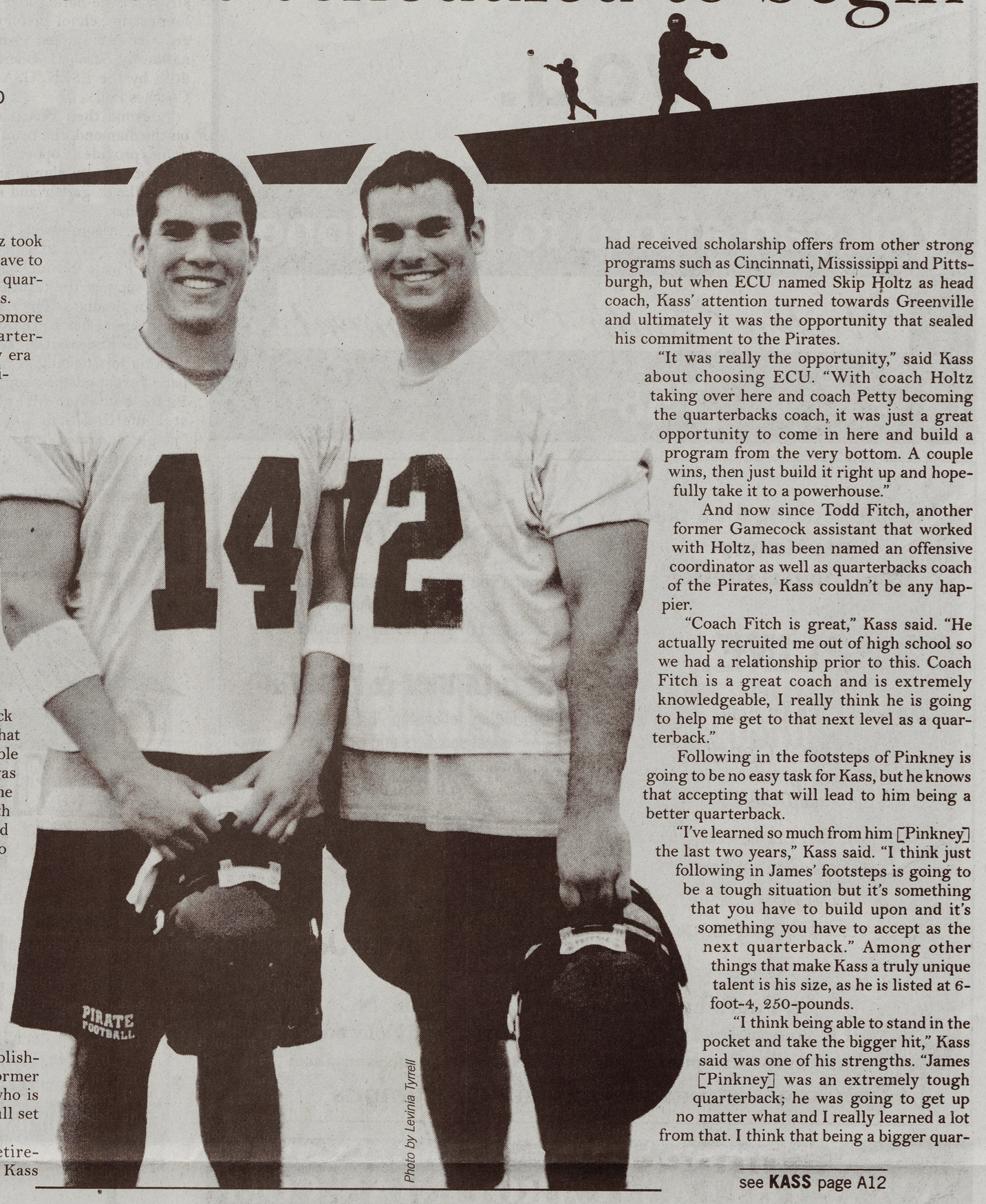
Career wins for former Williamston High School football coach and current ECU Director of High School Relations Harold Robinson; Robinson was inducted into the 58-member North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame Tuesday night; the ECU graduate led Williamston to two state championships, four state runner-ups, seven conference championships and 16 overall playoff appearances in his illustrious 24-year career as head coach at Williamston; Robinson is a valuable asset for the ECU football program as he has tremendous connections with high school football coaches and athletic directors across the state

Rob Kass era is scheduled to begin

Young quarterback is ready to replace long-time starter

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER



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When ECU head football coach Skip Holtz took over a program in free fall in 2005, he didn't have to look far to snatch up his first commitment in a quarterback from Longwood, Fla. named Rob Kass.

Now three seasons later, the redshirt sophomore is primed to take over as the starting quarterback for the Pirates after the James Pinkney era ended with a disappointing loss to the University of South Florida, 24-7, in the 2006 PapaJohns.com Bowl.

Kass received limited playing time in four games last season, most notably in the loss to USF in the Papajohns.com bowl. Against the Bulls, Kass went 10-of-19 for a career high 138 yards.

Playing football can be traced to Kass' family roots, as he is a third generation quarterback. His grandfather was a signal caller at Hofstra while his father started his career at Wake Forest before transferring to New Hampshire.

While growing up, Kass learned from his father the tools of the trade and in return he claims it helped him get the skills necessary for collegiate football.

"It's a great opportunity having a quarterback lineage," said Kass. "It really helped me get to that next level. My dad is an extremely knowledgeable quarterbacks coach and he coached me until I was a high school freshman. Then he kind of let me go with the high school coaches and since with the quarterbacks coach in college and the head coach. It was really a great opportunity I had to learn while I was young."

Kass enjoyed a spectacular senior campaign at Lake Highland high school in which the Floridian completed 55 of 100 passes for 1,300 yards and 10 touchdowns, but it can be seen as fate that led him to wear the purple and gold.

Before his senior season at Lake Highland, Kass hit the road traveling to 11 football camps, including one at the University of South Carolina where Holtz was serving as an assistant for his dad, Lou. After establishing a strong relationship with Holtz and former Gamecock's quarterbacks coach Phil Petty, who is now the tight ends coach for ECU, Kass was all set on becoming a Gamecock.

But when Lou Holtz announced his retirement, Kass' Gamecock dreams disappeared. Kass had received scholarship offers from other strong programs such as Cincinnati, Mississippi and Pittsburgh, but when ECU named Skip Holtz as head coach, Kass' attention turned towards Greenville and ultimately it was the opportunity that sealed his commitment to the Pirates.

"It was really the opportunity," said Kass about choosing ECU. "With coach Holtz taking over here and coach Petty becoming the quarterbacks coach, it was just a great opportunity to come in here and build a program from the very bottom. A couple wins, then just build it right up and hopefully take it to a powerhouse."

And now since Todd Fitch, another former Gamecock assistant that worked with Holtz, has been named an offensive coordinator as well as quarterbacks coach of the Pirates, Kass couldn't be any happier.

"Coach Fitch is great," Kass said. "He actually recruited me out of high school so we had a relationship prior to this. Coach Fitch is a great coach and is extremely knowledgeable, I really think he is going to help me get to that next level as a quarterback."

Following in the footsteps of Pinkney is going to be no easy task for Kass, but he knows that accepting that will lead to him being a better quarterback.

"I've learned so much from him [Pinkney] the last two years," Kass said. "I think just following in James' footsteps is going to be a tough situation but it's something that you have to build upon and it's something you have to accept as the next quarterback." Among other things that make Kass a truly unique talent is his size, as he is listed at 6-foot-4, 250-pounds.

"I think being able to stand in the pocket and take the bigger hit," Kass said was one of his strengths. "James [Pinkney] was an extremely tough quarterback; he was going to get up no matter what and I really learned a lot from that. I think that being a bigger quar-

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Pirates rally for comeback victory over Seahawks

ECU extends its winning streak to 14

RONNIE WOODWARD
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The ECU baseball team overcame an 8-0 deficit and karma last night as it extended the nation's longest current winning streak to 14 in an 11-10 comeback victory over in-state rival UNC Wilmington.

"Our players don't quit," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin. "I told them 'we can't hit a eight-run homer right here', we just have to peck away and that's what we did."

The Pirates took their first and only lead of the game in the bottom of the 10th when Dale Mollenhauer stole third and UNCW catcher Mark Carver threw the ball into left field, allowing Mollenhauer to cross home-plate and score the game winning run.

"Coach gave the hit-and-run sign and Ryan [Tousley] and I were running and we just got a break," said Mollenhauer.

In 2004, ECU had a school record 19-game winning streak and was ranked 5th in the nation when in-state rival UNCW beat ECU 15-5 in the last game at ECU's Harrington Field.

It looked like history would repeat itself as UNCW scored a total of eight runs and 11 hits in the first two innings. ECU's starting pitcher Bailey Daniels recorded only two outs as he gave up five runs off six hits in 2/3 innings of work.

The 19th-ranked Pirates battled back though, scoring the final six runs of the game.

"It's not how we wanted to start, being down 8-0, but it's surely the way we wanted to end," Mollenhauer said. "We don't let any lead get us down; we feel we're in any game no matter what the score is."

The 114th meeting between the two teams featured 21 runs, 30 hits and 12 different pitchers.

ECU Sophomore Ryan Wood tied the game at 10 with a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Wood's round-tripper was his first home run in his last 115 at-bats.

ECU closer Shane Mathews was the winning pitcher, as he pitched 2 2/3 nearly perfect innings. Mathews allowed no hits and no runs while striking out three.

"When he comes in, it gives our team a boost of energy," Godwin said of Mathews. "He did a great job again tonight."

Back-to-back home runs by Stephen Batts and Ryan Tousley gave the Pirates some life and cut the lead to 10-9 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Batts' finished the game with five RBIs while Tousley ended with three. Batts now has 16 RBIs in his last five games.

The Pirates have now wrapped up their 21-game home stand and will be playing on the road for the first time since Feb. 18 when they play at Tulane this weekend. The Pirates didn't have much success in their first road trip as they got swept by UCLA.

"This winning streak and this win gives us a lot of confidence heading into this weekend and I don't think you can beat that right now," said Mathews.

The Pirates will look to carry this momentum into this weekend's pivotal conference series. ECU and Tulane currently sit atop the C-USA standings as they both have 3-0 records in the conference.

"We have a lot of momentum right now but we approach this one game at a time so all we're worried about right now is Friday night at Tulane," said Godwin.

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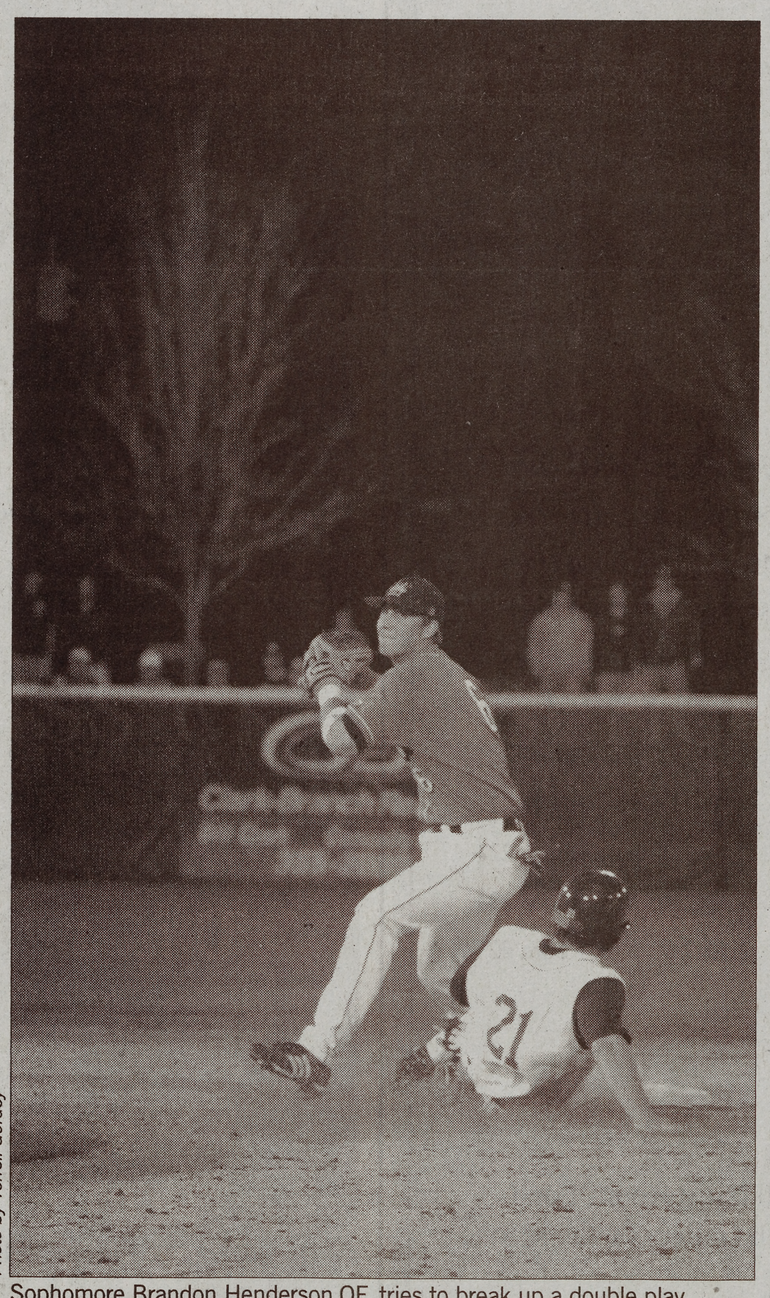
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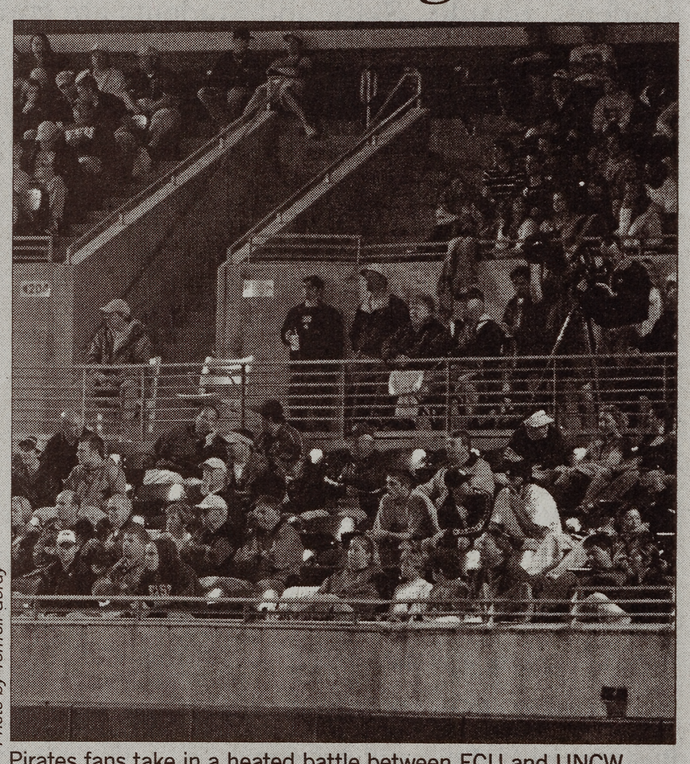
Sophomore Brandon Henderson,OF, tries to break up a double play.

Opinion

Take me out to the ballgame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Pirates fans take in a heated battle between ECU and UNCW.

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Spring has sprung and T-shirts and shorts are appropriate class apparel as a thick coating of pollen covers cars. April is right around the corner and with it comes opening day of the Major League Baseball season this weekend.

Pardon me if I am not as excited about opening day this year as I was during the humid summers of my childhood where baseball meant everything and nothing was more exciting than ripping open a pack of Upper Deck baseball cards to find a Ken Griffey Jr., Cal Ripken or David Justice (with the Braves of course) card. Our generation is lucky enough to remember an era where baseball was still the great American past time, before the game was permanently tainted by performance enhancing drugs. Nothing will ruin a fan's image of the famous "bash brothers," Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire when they were teammates on the Oakland Athletics in the early nineties, than the one described in Canseco's biography of the players injecting steroids in the stalls of bathrooms prior to games.

In all likelihood, Barry Bond's creaking joints and bones will hold together long enough for him to break Hammerin' Hank Aaron's all-time home run record this season. Unfortunately for fans, what should have been a glorious occasion will be tainted by the fact that in the twilight of his career, Bonds miraculously swelled up to the size of a body builder and began knocking homers out of the park at literally a superhuman rate well into his late thirties and early forties. Bonds would have you believe that his connections to Balco and the unnatural growth of his muscles and head size are completely unrelated to his remarkable statistics.

Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays, Ted Williams and all the other muscularly proportional and natural heroes of baseball lore?

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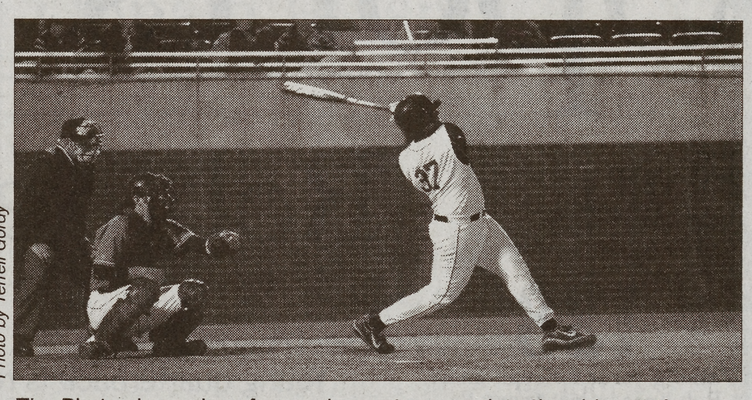

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The Pirates have given fans a chance to appreciate the old past time.

Luckily here on the coastal plains of eastern North Carolina, the ECU Pirates baseball team is reminding fans of everything that is great about the great American past time. The team is off to a 20-6 start, winners of 14 in a row —the longest current winning streak in the nation and second longest in school history—and are currently ranked 19th in the nation by Baseball America and 20th by the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

Beyond their recent success on the diamond, the team's home games provide an opportunity for students, faculty, alumni and local fans alike to gather and support the Pirates.

This season, especially during the teams recent 21 game home stand, Pirate Nation has risen up to support the team at Keith LeClair Stadium. The festivities begin hours before the opening pitch, as students congregate in parking lots to tailgate and prepare to root on the team as only Pirates know how. Many of these students find their way to the "jungle," the rabid student section in the outfield known for its especially rowdy behavior. The pre game tailgating and game time atmosphere at LeClair Stadium are comparable to football games at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, except on a smaller scale, and they occur much more often then merely six fall Saturdays.

But Pirate home games are not merely a chance for students to cut loose and show their purple and gold pride. The bleachers also maintain the relaxed, congenial atmosphere of a small town minor league game. Alumni and faculty take their families and children to the games where they can experience the childhood thrills of bringing their glove to the park to snag a souvenir, eating peanuts and cracker jacks, learning how to fill out a scorecard and rooting for the home team.

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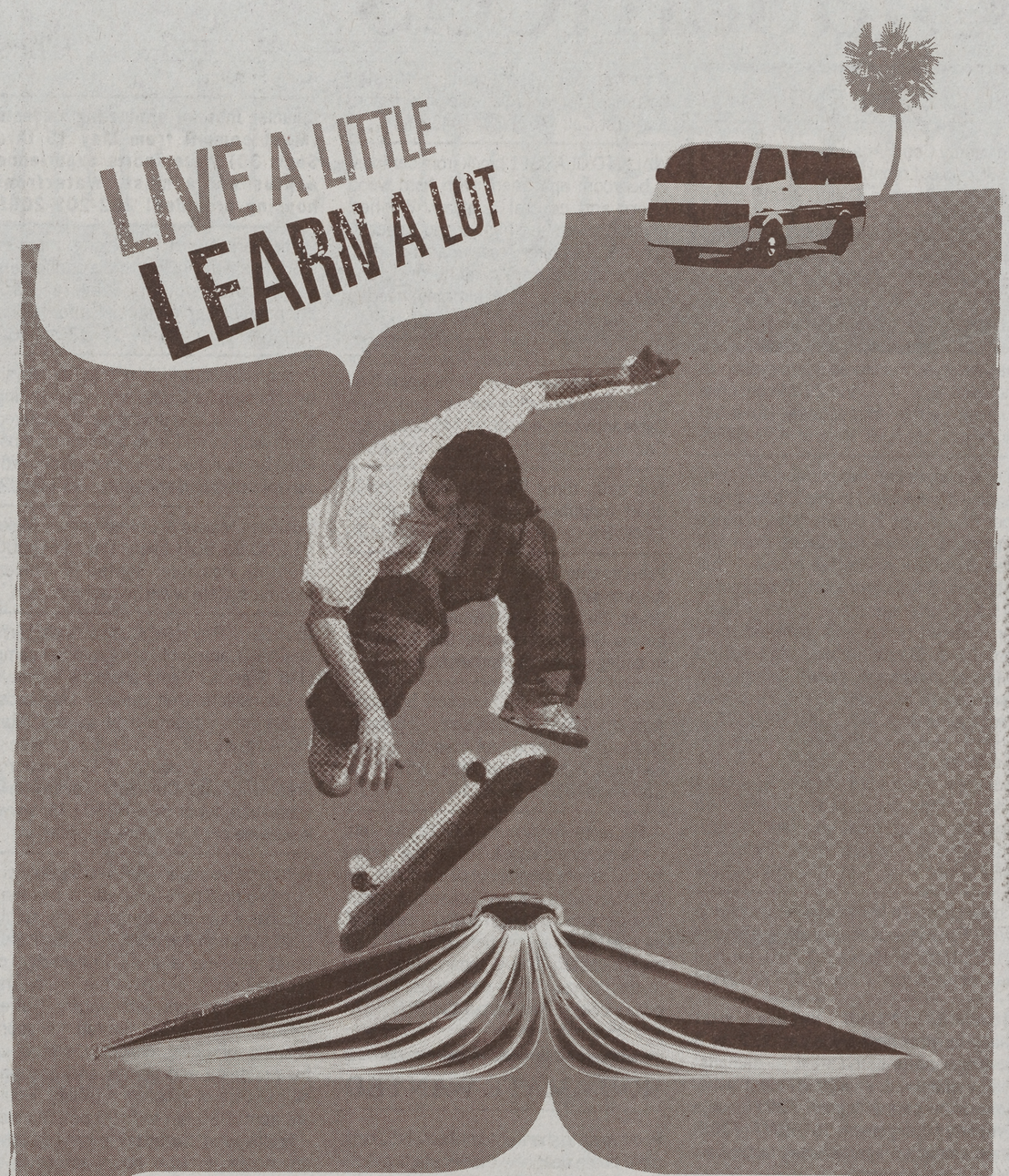

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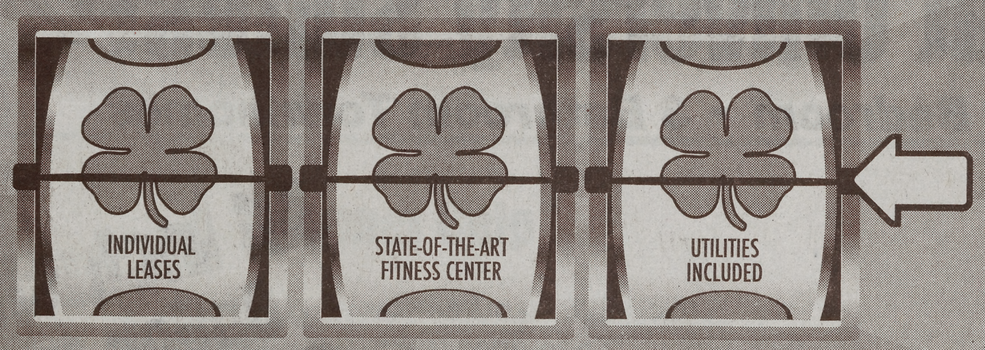

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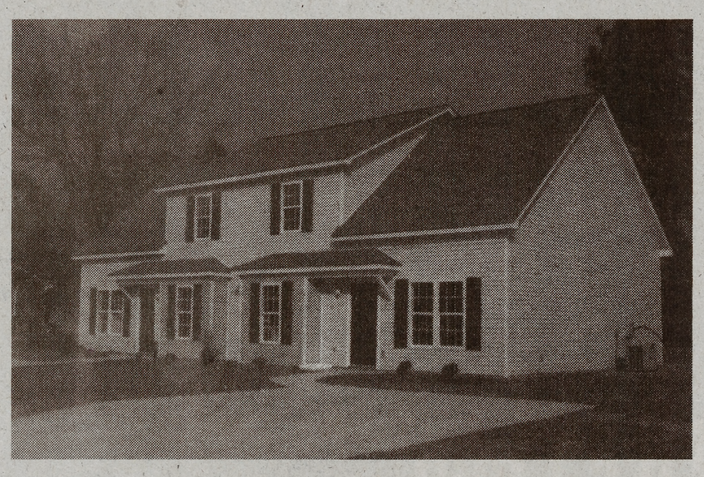

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Step 2: Select the Student and Financial Aid link then select the Registration link.

Step 3: Select the Add or Drop Classes link. Enter your Registration PIN from your advisor and select correct term and at the bottom, select the Class Search link for courses. (Graduate Students have no Registration PIN Number)
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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.

Step 5: Once you have entered your information, select the Class Search link at the bottom. This returns a list of all courses meeting the criterion you entered. Select the section you want by checking the box next to that section.

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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
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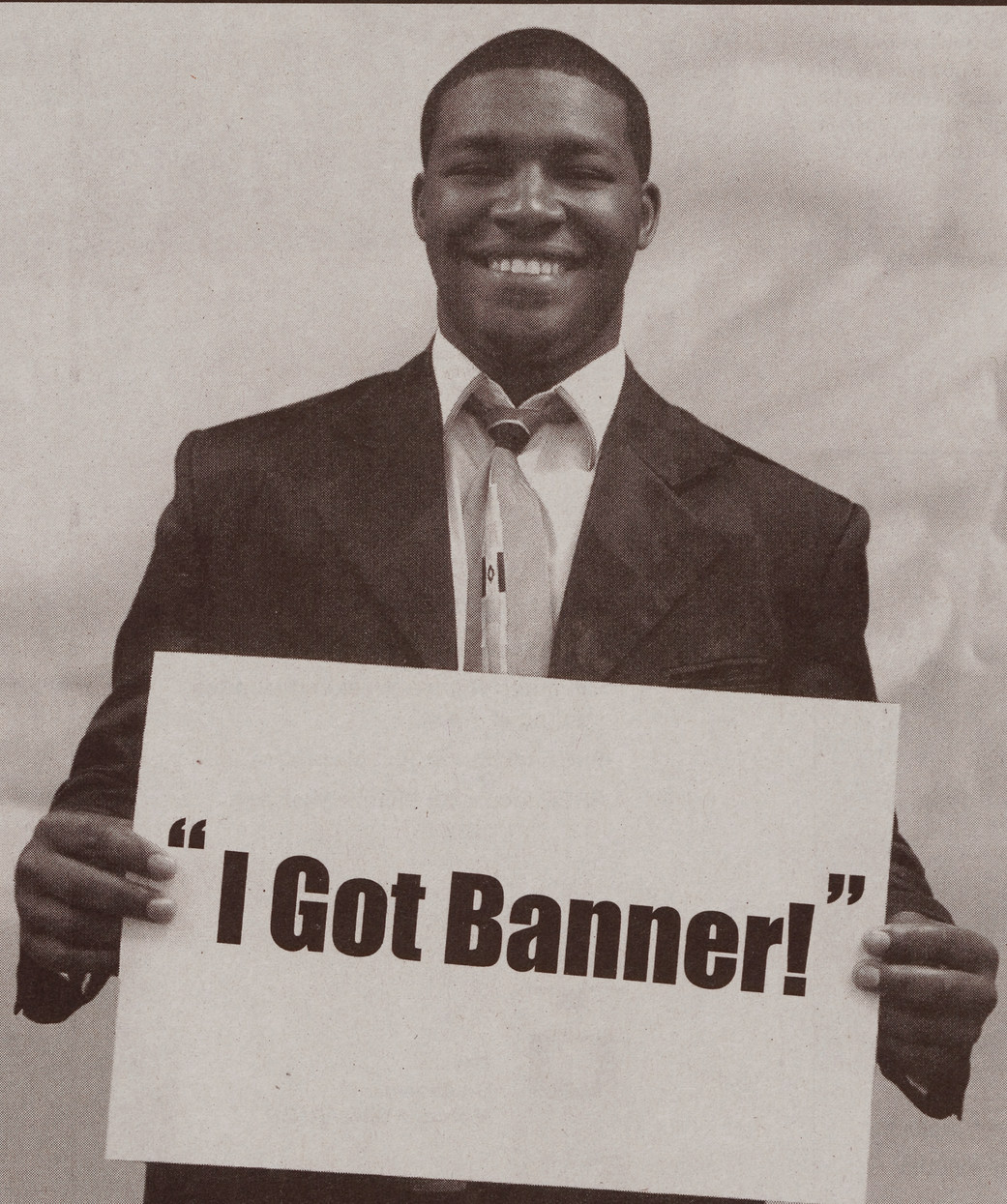

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ECU women's rugby advances to semifinals

Win over Georgia puts Pirates in line for repeat

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Contributed Photo
The ECU women's rugby team poses under the uprights on the University of Georgia's field.

As the defending 2006 Division II South Conference Champions, the ladies of the ECU women's rugby club team have a reputation of success to uphold.

In hope of returning to the DII Women's Rugby Final Four to defend their title, the rugby team traveled to Athens, Ga. to take on the University of Georgia on March 24th in the South Rugby Union Quarterfinals.

The Pirates came out with a dominating intensity level and every intention to win. Although the weather was stifling, the conditions had little effect as the Pirates beat UGA, 17-15.

The first try was scored by rookie flanker Sabrina Nichols in the opening minutes of the match. Temperatures rose to the mid 80s, as the physical game pressed on in the heat.

The second try was scored by rookie wing Janeice Underwood on a breakaway run down the touchline.

UGA played a kicking game the entire time, giving ECU the opportunity to counter-attack.

In the second half, an ECU player was sin-binned and taken out of the game for 10 minutes, leaving the Pirates to play a woman down.

On another breakaway, Jocelyn McNair ran the ball and passed to Elisa Ford who then scored another try, giving ECU the lead. Jen Larrimore extended the lead by making a conversion kick at the end of 80 minutes.

Within the next 10 minutes, another ECU player was sin-binned for high tackling. Distressed that UGA might exploit the weakness of playing with two players out of the game, the Pirates left on the field stepped up their game to hold off the UGA women from winning the match.

After the match senior captain Melissa Blakemore said, "It was the best game of rugby I've seen us play in a long time."

This weekend, the ECU women's rugby club will head to Greenville, S.C. to play the College of Charleston in the South Rugby Union Semi-Finals.

The Pirates will look to beat CofC and advance to the finals on Sunday.

ECU is the defending South Rugby Union champion, and is gearing up for a shot at a repeat this weekend.

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terback you cannot only take the hit, you can give the hit."

While a quarterback competition makes some signal callers worry, Kass welcomes the added pressure, as he believes it will make him better.

"It's great," Kass said of the current competition to replace Pinkney. "No matter where you go in the country you're going to find competition. Competition always makes you better, so I think that a quarterback competition anywhere is going to make you a better quarterback and a better person overall."

Holtz has stated numerous times that the offensive unit is behind the defense in spring practice, in terms of growth. Kass is not sweating it however, as he thinks the offense has a real opportunity to grow because of a lot of young talent.

The first intra-squad scrimmage of spring practice took place last Friday, and while the scrimmage was simulated more towards the running game, Kass shined in his turn at quarterback. He completed his first four passes of the scrimmage and guided the Pirates' top offense to a total of 11 first downs, converting 6-of-10 on third down.

"I think I did pretty well," Kass said of his performance. "Obviously there's always room for improvement, you always want to get more consistent and you always want to improve, but the biggest thing is to help to lead the offense up and down the field."

As kickoff grows closer to the 2007 season, Kass has set goals for the team and as long as the team wins, he will be satisfied.

"Team wise is to just win games," Kass said of the team's goals. "Go in there and upset the bigger opponents, go to a bowl game and win a bowl game this year. Personally, I just want to do well and help lead this team to the next level. Statistically it doesn't matter; as long as this team wins, we'll be fine."

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