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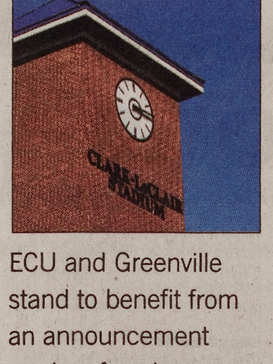

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Original SGA election results to stand

Judicial Review Board revisits issue at urging of administration

SARAH BELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although a second round of elections was scheduled to take place today, Marilyn Sheerer, vice chancellor of Student Life, issued a memorandum on Thursday which overturned the Judicial Review Board's decision to have a new election for SGA officers. Sheerer later revoked her decision after talking with students.

"In retrospect, I should have waited... to let them [the Review Board] have this information," Sheerer said of her decision to pull back from the issue on Monday.

"I thought, 'I'm going to put this on hold, meet with the people I didn't have a chance to meet with last Thursday... and let them proceed,'" said Sheerer. "That's exactly what they did."

The decision to overrule the Judicial Review Board's decision came in response to "a myriad" of appeals, according to Sheerer.

One of the appeals came from Matt Wagoner, former elections chair. Wagoner explained that after beginning the second election process it became "evident that there were still going to be major flaws in the new election" and that it would "not represent the student body," and decided to appeal to Chancellor Ballard. Ballard then appointed Sheerer to act on his behalf.

Sheerer said she reviewed the original campaign violation form submitted by Matthew Cohen, congress member, and the formal appeal by Matthew Wagoner, which was heard at the Judicial Review Board session last Wednesday.

After meeting with ITCS representative Phillip Hulsey, Sheerer decided conducting a new election would serve no purpose.

"[Hulsley] assured me that there were 2,868 total votes in this election, 23 of which were not current students. According to Mr. Hulsey, there are no other ineligible students who voted," wrote Sheerer in the memorandum. "He pulled all the votes and compare them to our current student database and conducted this same procedure several times. Thus, the outcome of the election is verified."

Sheerer said that since the votes did not make a difference in the outcome of the election, she decided to overturn the Judicial Review Board's decision. She said she felt the board should have the chance to hear the information provided to her by ITCS and reconsider its ruling.

Last night, the Judicial Review Board reconvened to hear the information Sheerer referenced in her memorandum directly from Philip Hulsey, an ITCS representative.

After discussing the information, the board agreed to let the original election results stand. Nick Genty, SGA attorney general, could not be reached for comment regarding the decision.

Sheerer said she was pleased that the Judicial Review Board's decision last night mirrored her decision that a second election was not necessary.

"I'm glad they were able to come to that same conclusion," she said.

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Student art show in Mendenhall closes early

Illumina taken down because of complaints

ADELINE TRENTO
STAFF WRITER

Last week, an art show in Mendenhall was taken down early due to complaints from students.

The Illumina, a student art exhibition, was scheduled to be up until April 5 but was taken down last Tuesday.

"The Visual Arts Committee decided to end the show early because of continuous complaints," said Ameena Mohyuddin, assistant director of ECU Student Activities & Major Events. "There was a lot of controversy going on and the committee decided it would be best to end the show."

Illumina, which was scheduled to begin on March 19, angered many students from the beginning when it started a week later than advertised.

"I thought it was really disrespectful that the Illumina show was pushed back," said Paul Phillips, senior art education major. "There were tons of posters and advertisements all over campus and then the show didn't start on time. Some people had family who made plans to travel a long distance to see the artwork and then the dates were changed with very little notice."

Mohyuddin said that although the gallery in Mendenhall was not double booked, the Visual Arts Committee decided to allow other departments to use the space and postpone the show.

Photo by Zach Sirkin

The Illumina student art show in Mendenhall was taken down two days early as a result of student complaints about storage and advertisement.

"The Illumina show went up late because we decided to let other departments use our display cases and the walls," Mohyuddin said. "The College of Education and Campus Recreation and Wellness requested to use the space and we let them. It is a student gallery and as the student center we need to accommodate everyone and every student related thing that happens at ECU."

Because the exhibition started a week late, the artwork for Illumina was kept in Mendenhall and many students were unhappy with the way it was stored.

Melissa Giglio, junior art education and metal design major, said that she took her parents to see her artwork and found that the entries for Illumina had been carelessly stored in a kitchen.

"The work was just really handled badly," said Giglio. "Everything that was framed was stacked two feet high on counter tops, there was stuff packed on top of microwaves, sculptures were in the sink and all of the metals work was thrown into two boxes with no padding in between. These items

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STD awareness appears on campus

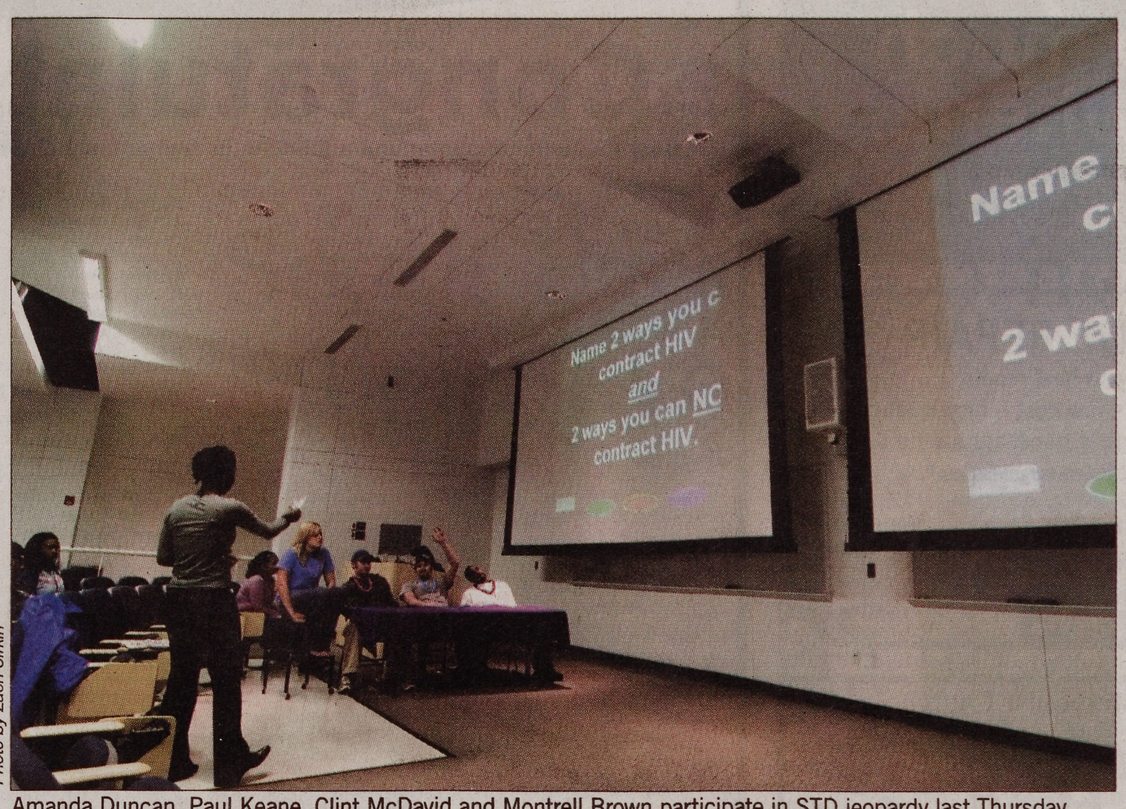

Photo by Zach Sirkin

Amanda Duncan, Paul Keane, Clint McDavid and Montrell Brown participate in STD jeopardy last Thursday.

Three events take place to inform students of STDs

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Campus Recreation and Wellness and Student Health Services was promoting Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness week from April 1 – 7. This is an annual event that has been occurring for over ten years.

The three main events that took place throughout the week were: Showing of the movie *Philadelphia*, a "Lets Chat Gardasil," Human Papilloma Virus informational table and STD jeopardy.

According to Erica Payton, a Community Health Intern who is working on this project with the Campus Wellness Department, the main goal of this week is to educate ECU students about sexually transmitted disease, encourage them to get tests and make them aware of the resources the ECU community has.

"We want students to know that it is important to protect themselves from STDS. We also are promoting abstinence as the only 100 percent effective method of protection," said Payton.

Students can make appointments at the Student Health Center to get tested for STDS. The tests are free and are also free at Pitt County Health Department.

On April 16th, the Student Health Center is having free Rapid HIV testing in the Multi-Purpose room from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"We hope to have more of the Rapid Testing days here at Student Health with Pitt County AIDS Service Organization and those dates will be forthcoming," said Health Educator for Student Health, Shawnte' McMillan.

Students can reach the Student Health center at 328-6841 to set up an appointment.

"We hope that these programs and events will cause change

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New elections chair and co-chair appointed

Dates for possible re-elections announced

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR WRITER

A new elections chair and co-chair were voted on by congress during the weekly meeting held on Monday.

Matt Wagoner, former elections chair, recently resigned and a new election chair was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the semester.

Courtney Tysinger was chosen to fulfill the duties of elections chair for the rest of the term.

Tysinger introduced whom the elections committee chose to be chair and co-chair for the 2007 – 2008 academic year.

Ashley Fish was selected to be the chair and Steven Shipley was selected to be co-chair.

Congress voted in favor of both of these individuals handling these leadership positions for next year.

Also discussed in congress was the current election situation of whether or not there will be a re-election for executive officers and congress.

"The vice chancellor of student life [Dr. Marilyn Sheerer] asked for the violations that have been filed to be sent back to the judicial board," said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of student experiences.

The decision that the judicial board makes will determine if there will be a re-election according to King.

Tysinger gave congress a proposed schedule of the new elections in the event that the judicial branch votes in favor of a re-election.

Filing for offices will begin as soon as April 12 from 9 – 4 p.m. and the compulsory meeting will follow filing at 7 p.m.

Candidates will be allowed to campaign and elections will be held on April 17 from 9 – 5 p.m.

The results of the elections will be announced at 5:30 after students have finished casting their votes according to Tysinger.

Candidates for these offices may be completely new candidates for executive offices and congress positions according to Tysinger.

Jon Massachi, speaker of the congress, announced that next Monday would be the last meeting for the current congress members.

"The new congress will take over on April 23," Massachi said.

Massachi reminded congress members that it was important for them to be present at the last meeting because they will be voting on appropriations and a new speaker of the congress.

The SGA Banquet is scheduled to happen this Friday at Rock Springs at 7 p.m.

The decision from the judicial branch about the re-election will be a factor in the events that will happen at

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News

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CORRECTIONS

In the News section, "Pets in apartments add to cost of living," we wish to clarify that North Campus Crossing also allows pets.

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

The Tempest
By William Shakespeare

Prospero lives on a desolate isle with his virginal daughter, Miranda. He's in exile, banished from his duchy by his usurping brother and the King of Naples. Providence brings these enemies near; aided by his vassal the spirit Ariel, Prospero conjures a tempest to wreck the Italian ship. The king's son, thinking all others lost, becomes Prospero's prisoner, falling in love with Miranda and she with him. Prospero's brother and the king wander the island, as do a drunken cook and sailor, who conspire with Caliban, Prospero's beastly slave, to murder Prospero. Prospero wants reason to triumph, Ariel wants his freedom, Miranda a husband; the sailors want to dance.
For more information, visit ECUARTS.com
McGinnis Auditorium
8 p.m., except Sunday at 2 p.m.

Choose the Centennial *Buccaneer* Yearbook Cover

The department of Student Media is inviting all students, faculty and staff to help us choose the yearbook cover for the centennial edition of the *Buccaneer*, ECU's official yearbook!
You can view all three covers and place your vote using OneStop. All yearbook covers were designed by ECU students and staff.

Scholarships being offered by N.C. National Guard

The North Carolina National Guard is currently offering two, two and one-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 916-9073.
344-A Rawl Building

Color Copies Now Available at Joyner

Library Copy Center, Joyner Basement, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Library Copy Center is in the basement of Joyner Library and is open Monday through Friday. It is a full-service copy center, with faxing also available. Cash or check only. Call 328-2326 for more information.

10 Tue

ECU hosts "Business of Healthcare" Spring Research Symposium
ECU faculty will discuss their respective research projects. The symposiums are sponsored by the ECU College of Business, The Center for Healthcare Information Systems Research and the ECU School of Allied Health Sciences, and is hosted by the ECU School of Nursing and the Laupus Library.
School of Nursing, Health Sciences facility, room 1120
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The School of Communication's Oratorical Exhibition
The theme for this year's Exhibition is "Speaking Out for Change."
Hendrix Theater
6:30 – 8 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Mendenhall Student Center
12 – 6 p.m.

11 Wed

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Mendenhall Student Center
12 – 6 p.m.

12 Thur

ECU hosts UN judge Bankole Thompson
Justice Bankole Thompson will present "The Role of International Law in Social Justice" presented by the Annual Carolyn Freeze Baynes Lecture on Social Justice presented by the College of Human Ecology. Justice Thompson serves as an appointee to the United Nations Special Court (War Crimes Tribunal) for Sierra Leone, Africa.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
2 p.m.

Informational Seminar: Masters Degree in Occupational Safety
Science and Technology Building 232
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Featured Event

Lecture: The Commoners of Amarna
Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the lecture, "The Commoners of Amarna: The Bioarchaeology of Residents from Pharaoh Akhenaten¹s Ancient Egyptian Capital City," will be presented by Dr. Jerome C. Rose, Department of Anthropology at the University of Arkansas.
Flanagan Building room 265
12th April, 7 p.m.

13 Fri

Video Conference Lecture "International Projects, Our Experience"
Hosted by ECU Dept. of Engineering and Dr. Gene Dixon. Video Conference between ECU and Czech Technical University in Prague. ECU's 100th Anniversary and Czech Univ.'s 300th Anniversary. Lecture involves faculty and students from both campuses interacting in an information exchange.
Flanagan Building Room 312
8 a.m.

Storms, Seafaring and Strata: A Symposium on the Natural and Human History of Eastern North Carolina
Topics include, but are not limited to: The history of the Atlantic Ocean, local geology, Native American and post-contact archeology, ecosystem changes, maritime history and Hurricane Floyd.
Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nutrition Bingo
Mendenhall Great Rooms
3 – 4:45 p.m.

14 Sat

ECNAO's Spring Powwow
The East Carolina Native American Organization holds its annual powwow displaying traditional Native American dancing, songs and crafts.
Bottom of College Hill

ECU hosts Spring Open House
Activities include an academic fair, a student life and organization fair, walking and bus tours of campus, and tours of the residence halls. There will also be sessions from Financial Aid, and the University Honors Program.
Wright Auditorium
9 a.m.

"Lion's Cup Golf Tournament" Presented by ADPi and LXA
Four man team super ball, $50 for each ECU student and $60 for each non student, registration deadline is April 11, all proceeds will be given to the Ronald McDonald House. Breakfast snacks, lunch and drinks provided. Contact Wylie Bindeman at Lambda Chi Alpha or Keri Brockett at Alpha Delta Pi for Registration Forms or Sponsorship information.
Bradford Creek Golf Course
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

First Uptown Greenville Arts Festival
The festival will consist of artist booths, live music, as well as a beer and wine garden for evening events.
Uptown Greenville along Evans St. between Fifth and Third streets
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

15 Sun

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

Casey's Race "Run for the Kids"
Presented by The Greek Community at ECU. For more information, visit caseysrace.com/index.html

13th Annual Hamstring Hustle
Sponsored by the Brody School of Medicine Medical Student Council, the 13th annual Hamstring Hustle 5K will be held April 15. Late registration and T-shirt pick-up will begin at 1:45 p.m. in the Viquest Center parking lot, 2610 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville. For more information, contact Kasey Joyner at kaj1001@ecu.edu or Landon Williams at ltw0702@ecu.edu.
Viquest Center parking lot, 2610 Stantonsburg Rd.
3 p.m.

16 Mon

Nutrition and Fitness Expo
Student Recreation Center Concourse
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Dating Doctor: David Coleman
Presented by ECU Student Union
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.

"He is Risen," spring fireside
Sponsored by Latter Day Saint Student Association; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Mendenhall multi-purpose room
7 – 9 p.m.

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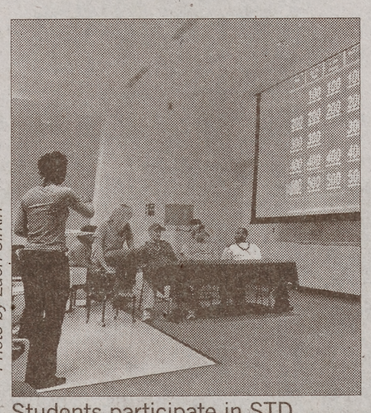

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Students participate in STD awareness week.

within our community, thus understanding the importance of being knowledgeable of topics that can adversely affect your health. I always say "A condom is cheaper than a baby, and cheaper than medications you will have to take for the rest of your life,"" said McMillian.

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the banquet and what the title will be.

The executive branch is sworn in at the banquet, so if the judicial branch votes on a re-election, it will not be called the SGA Banquet according to King.

"It's still going to happen because of contractual reasons," King said.

If the event is renamed and the officers are not sworn in, the SGA banquet will be held later with a smaller amount of invites.

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are extremely important to the people that created them and that is just not the way artwork should be handled. I couldn't even find some of my pieces because they were buried in boxes."

Mohyuddin declined to comment on the way the work was kept, but a regional gallery director said that this was not the correct way to store artwork for a show.

"The work should be kept the same way that it was brought in," the director said. "You should handle the artwork as little as possible and keep it separated. Especially metals, you are talking about thousands of dollars in materials, not to mention the time that went into creating it. Every piece needs to be treated like it is invaluable, like it is priceless."

Many students were also upset that the work on display at Illumina did not have the artists name or the title of the piece attached to it.

Without the name of the artist on each piece, friends and family could not tell whose work was whose and the artists were unable to be recognized for their accomplishments.

"Sometimes the title of the work will put the image in some kind of context and without the title that context can be lost," said Brian Gonzales, senior printmaking major. "It is their responsibility to label the work and I find the absence of the name to be very disrespectful. It's as if they are saying 'you aren't important enough to take credit for your achievement.'"

The absence of the artists name may have caused a monetary loss for some students as well.

"One night I walked up to look at the work and I heard a woman saying that she really liked a particular piece and wanted to buy it," Gonzales said. "Unfortunately for that artist there was no name, no title and no price listed."

Due to the problems with this year's show, many students said that they will be hesitant to enter future exhibits in Mendenhall.

"There was just a lack of care and respect for our work at this show," Phillips said. "We put a lot of time into our work and the whole thing was just unprofessional. Unless something changes I won't submit anything there again."

Mohyuddin encourages students to join the Visual Arts Committee and make the changes that they would like to see.

"There is always room for improvement in everything and the committee has learned a few lessons along the way," Mohyuddin said. "We invite everyone to get involved with the committee because we need more people to help decide what exhibits should come to campus and how things should be run. The Visual Arts Committee has done a lot of great things this year and our students have learned some important lessons from this experience."

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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY
Are you stalking me? Because that would be super!

{ Catch the fever }

Abandon apathy, all ye that enter here

Get up and do something

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The university is working hard to make ECU one of the top universities in nation—from hiring new staff to bringing in speakers to hosting a multitude of conferences every week on various topics. Heck, even the Board of Trustees and alumni are doing their part; after all, they're giving us another fountain to sit in Wright Circle, since our last one went kaput. Yes, everyone seems to be doing their part in this equation. Everyone, that is, except the actual students of the university.

It's about time that students realize that it's their responsibility, as well, to take the initiative to change things. Really, students just need to find what they're passionate about and pursue it while taking advantage of the countless opportunities made available to them. By no means do am I trying to work PR for the university, but apathy seems to be at an all time high at ECU.

In my tenure here, I have experienced a startling lack of motivation within the student body. Despite students' devotion to athletics and partying, I wish for sake of the university, that there could be the same kind of passion for any of the other outlets here.

The campus seems to have awoken though in the past two weeks, and thus I have a newfound hope —that there really are students out there who care, they just don't realize the gold mine of opportunity that lies before them.

This brings me to my point in all of this—in case you missed the news, two weeks ago the Media Board appointed new managers and editors to all of ECU's media outlets.

Correction, all areas of the media save the *East Carolinian*. Why you may ask? Because only one person applied for the position.

I wish I were kidding, but sadly I'm not.

I watch the newsstands empty every day on campus as student after student grab papers off the newsstand. So why the lack of interest in being part of the staff? The paper doesn't write itself after all.

At other universities throughout the country, the chance to work at the university newspaper is not a paying job, as it is here at ECU, but rather it is seen as a privilege. At the University of Virginia, over 200 students volunteer at the reputable *Daily Cavalier* every year. At Carolina, there are tons of volunteers on staff working for the *Daily Tar Heel*, and yet, here at ECU, we can only muster one applicant for the top position of the whole paper.

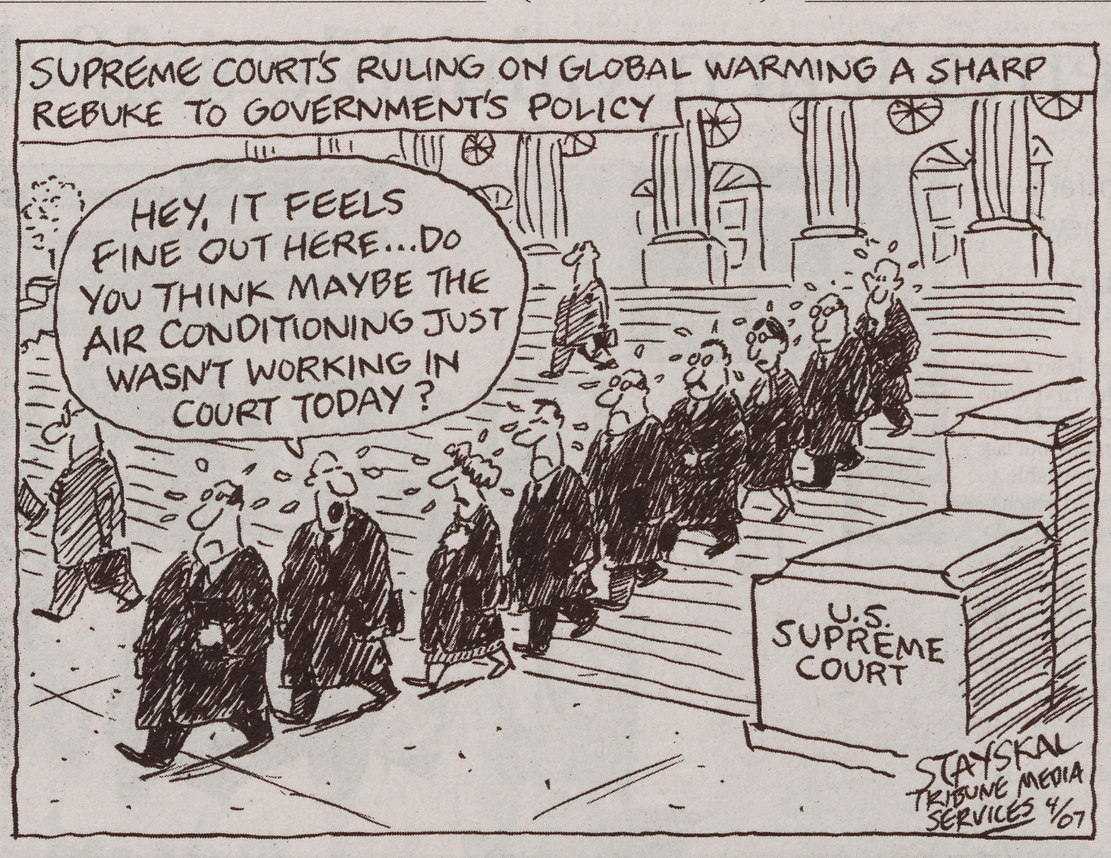
Throughout the United States, the media is considered such a powerful force that it's often called the fourth branch of government—it plays an essential role in keeping democracy in check by keeping the masses informed.

With our beloved first amendment as our protector, merely media law and the furthest reaches of one's imagination and creativity govern journalists. Without a doubt, journalism is one of the most empowering careers out there. And yet it's vastly unappreciated.

Regardless, the Media Board is giving students another opportunity to apply to be editor-in-chief. You have until this Friday to turn in an application. Don't waste another opportunity because of apathy.

My request to the Student Body is this—get involved. Maybe the paper's not your thing, but if ECU can't find students interested in the juggernaut of the media, then why bother trying with all of the rest? If students really don't care, what's the point?

Dare to prove me wrong ECU.



PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Rachel King, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

So, I definitely slept with your girlfriend. If you were wondering where that stain in her bed came from, now you know.

Why does ECU hate Greek Life so much? I got a lot of positive life experience out of it.

When is Reggae on the Lake?

Why don't they put a ferris wheel where the old fountain used to be?

You need to realize you are not in high school... someday soon!

I think that we should get the day after Easter off. I mean, Jesus just came back from the dead, and he has to go to work the next day? How fair is that?

There comes a point when we will exhale.

I'd rather have bad times with you then good time with someone else.

Dress like a thug and you will be treated like a thug. We deny white trash also, so don't feel special. –Bouncer

In a perfect world, you'd be mine.

No one cares about your relationship with your ex; he was a loser boyfriend anyways.

It is a good thing you think our personalities "aren't compatible" because I'm seeing someone else and simply didn't know how to tell you.

You want a girlfriend that will smoke pot with you? Here's a thought: How about dating a pot head? I don't pay tuition to burn it away on a blunt. Thank you for the offer, though.

College is where I learned to relax and party with life.

Does anybody know what the heck they are building at the corner of Charles Blvd. and Greenville Blvd.?

Is it bad that I spread AIDS to at least one girl every weekend downtown?

Whose bright idea was it to block off the B2 parking lots? Did you stop to think that people would want to leave the lots to go home without having to move big orange cylinders?

You are not pretty so stop staring at yourself in every mirror!

As much as you frustrate me, you intrigue me.

The great solution to the rat in my house was poisoning him, which resulted in the creepy thing dying in one of the walls. Thanks a lot, Mr. Exterminator. The heat can't be turned on with out the house having an unbearable dead rat smell... I'm freezing and grossed out.

To the boy that loaned me his jacket on my way to NSO after locking myself out: Thank you so much! The world needs more people like you. This campus definitely does.

I think she has someone in waiting in case you don't work out.

The new mulch on campus smells like BBQ sauce.

Why is finding a part time job on campus so hard for an undergraduate? I'm a college student, I need money.

One thing that has been bothering me a lot lately—how do blind people know that they are finished wiping?

Save your time, please.

Don't speed in N.C. They will put you in jail.

In the real world my personality and common sense will always win over your high GPA.

Next time before you come to my job and call me all sort of names like "loser" and "stupid," stop and think about what you are saying because when you weren't looking I charged you a ten dollar tip. Now who is the stupid one?

Why are there so many Rants about BSU being published every day? If anyone would spend just a couple of minutes in the meetings and not writing Rants about the organization, then they would see that organization is not half as bad as they thought.

My friend is not happy and I think it's my fault. I think it's time to be a good friend and go away.

Downtown is not racist, maybe they just do not want individuals who look like they are "gangsta" and like 50 cent, with maybe a gun or just causing trouble. You know those people are all about being "gangsta."

There's no need to deny it... we know you're not wearing panties.

Work out pants in class... best idea ever.

Maybe if you were paying attention to what was being passed out in Wright you would have realized that you missed your opportunity to make a change at ECU.

I'm glad I am graduating because I can't take another year of the cover-ups by the administration.

Ticket 4 would have won if the independents didn't mess it up.

SGA elections are a joke.

To the guy who insisted on trimming his finger nails in the trash can in the front of the bus, couldn't that of waited until you got home?

I think the movie *300* should be a recruiting video for the military.

Can someone please adjust the clock outside of Joyner? Everyone else has made the change for Daylight Savings. How about ECU, join the majority.

There is candy in the gym... What the heck?!

I made my cursor a magic wand and it makes me happy every time I move it around and then click on something. I use appropriate sound effects in my head and smile every time.

I would sleep, but submitting Pirate Rants is much more important.

I find it amazing that my three hour lab is always done in 25 minutes.

My hamster bit me almost a week ago on my thumb and now it's infected.

I love the baseball team, but I wish they would quit getting so far down and giving us a good scare before they score some runs!

Papers should write themselves.

To the one who asked if being a Christian makes you a loser... I'm a Christian guy and the world calls me a "loser" but hey, I am perfectly fine with it. The world doesn't make me who I am.

I'm so sorry I couldn't kiss you last night. You have no idea how much I wanted to, though.

There is way too much violence and crime going on around our campus. ECU seriously needs to step up and try to make our campus safer even in the downtown area.

To the person who asked why people drill it into our brains that unsafe sex is a terrible thing while smoking kills way more people... here's a no brainer: Unsafe sex is a terrible thing...unless you consider an STD a good thing, then you go right ahead.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

You may have noticed the f-bomb ran on the front page Thursday. Twice.

Were you offended? Appalled? You should be.

You should be offended, and deeply disturbed —I know I am.

You should be offended—but not by the photograph of Kappa Alpha's vandalized fence, or the news article that references it.

You should be offended by the graffiti's very existence, and the act that put it there in the first place. You should be disturbed, and you should want to address whatever underlying issues led to it, now, so they don't fester.

I received several comments from individuals who said they were offended by the photograph and/or the accompanying article, saying I should have edited or pulled parts of the article and photograph. I think their sentiments are misdirected, and I must disagree.

To have cropped the photo, or digitally tampered with it in any way, would have misrepresented the original message and immediately destroyed the photo's credibility. I can't sugarcoat photographs.

In the article that ran with the photograph, the graffiti was quoted directly, because even with the omission of a single letter, or group of letters, the message was obvious. I'm not going to insult your intelligence.

The article was not long enough to jump to a subsequent page to display the photograph, but even if it had been, I'm not sure the photo would have been placed differently.

The graffiti's message is not like those submitted in Pirate Rants or opinion columns, which would disappear should we choose not to publish them—it was already prominently placed in public.

Additionally, the graffiti's message and placement was not arbitrary; it was intentionally directed at Kappa Alpha, a large and long-standing student organization, located just a stone's throw from campus for all to see. To fail to bring the issue to your attention, so that it can be addressed, would have been a disservice to our community.

The article and its headline did not, and could not, fully and accurately convey the graffiti's presence and message without the accompanying photograph and quoted phrases. To omit either would have been to knowingly conceal parts of the truth, which I believe is unethical.

The truth is not always pretty, like in this case, and it's not always easy to report. Despite the content of the photograph, members of our editorial board thought an article about the graffiti was necessary and newsworthy. We still think so, and we hope the article will facilitate a discussion on campus—not to blame or point fingers, but instead ask why.

Let's ask ourselves why it was put there. Let's ask what—what feelings led to it? What feelings have been caused by it?

Three weeks ago, ECU celebrated Diversity Week and a campus climate survey began to help gauge the "current attitudes, behaviors and standards of employees and students concerning access, inclusion and level of respect for individuals or groups on campus." Two weeks ago, students heatedly debated affirmative action on campus. Last week, students created Facebook groups calling for the impeachment of our student body president, and opposing groups, which called students to organize on the basis of race.

Different issues have reared their heads in recent weeks, and although I recognize they are being addressed, I think we, as students and as a community, need make sure we continue to address them and work toward finding resolutions.

Big issues take courage to talk about and to tackle, but we can't turn a blind eye and claim ignorance. This university is a forum for your voice to be heard, and this page is yours to fill.

All we ask is that you have an open mind.

Sarah Bell
Editor-in-Chief

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I've been dating this boy for about a month now, but we have been hanging out since January.

I think I'm in love with him already. I think about him all of the time and I can't seem to go a day without seeing him. Is that at all possible?

Signed,
In Love

Dear In Love,

I wasn't quite sure what to say to this question of whether or not it's truly blissed-out love, so I asked the people in production and our news room, so this reply is from all of us.

Out of the seven available opinions, only two people believe in falling hard and fast. Ironically, they happen to be the two non-student opinions.

Four people said that there's no way you could be in love already. The general consensus is that you're probably doing some serious crushing, forming an attachment to this person and getting to know him better.

A few people suggested that you're experiencing serious infatuation.

One person looked solemnly at me and said, "Well, that depends on their age. If they're 14, then no, but if they're 30... well, maybe."

So while I cannot procure a straight answer for you on this topic, I can at least offer what the majority believes.

If "Do you believe in love at first sight?" was a question easily answered, you wouldn't have written in to begin with.

Personally, I think it depends on the person. You may very possibly be in love; only time will tell. After all, what is it to be in love? Take this one up with your philosophy professor.

Good luck in love,
Jane

South Park becomes a satirical voice

How has it gone from fart jokes to politics?

JONATHAN GARDNER
OPINION WRITER

"South Park" started as a cardboard Jesus animated to fight a cardboard Frosty the Snowman. When Trey Parker and Matt Stone were hired to create a series around the characters in this animation, their first couple seasons involved crude fart jokes, sexual innuendos and the constant death of the character Kenny. As of late, "South Park" has become less of the gross-out show and more of a tongue-in-cheek, satirical show. Willing, and essentially allowed, to take on any issue, no matter how taboo, "South Park" has taken shots at a variety of religions, movies, politicians and celebrities.

This latest season has exemplified the best of "South Park," the best of their gross-out humor and the best of their satirical side. Season Two started with the episode "With Apologies to Jessie Jackson," an episode which focuses on a character mistakenly saying the "N-word" on Wheel of Fortune. The episode took jabs at Michael Richards, as the episode took place almost immediately after his incident at the Laugh Factory, and at Jessie Jackson, when he apparently claimed to be "the emperor of black people" in the episode. The season continued with "The Snuke," an episode that parodied the TV drama, "24," and takes on both Hillary Clinton and racial profiling in the process. Clinton was thought to have a "snuke" in her body, or a "suitcase nuke designed to fit in a women's snizz." Immediately, the new Muslim family was thought to be the culprits, when in fact, the enemy is "America's oldest enemy," the British. In the end, a character states that they shouldn't be suspicious of just one race, "because actually, most of the world hates [America]."

And while the show continues to push every popular issue out there, it retains a small piece of its past, usually parodying or jabbing at the issues in an off-the-wall, offensive way. When discussing the effects Christianity has on its followers, they went into a long drawn out parody of *The Da Vinci Code*, ultimately ending with a Jewish character killing Jesus, allowing Jesus to resurrect outside the cage to kill the pope. When discussing Scientology and Tom Cruise, they made their Tom Cruise character lock himself in a closet, earning the response from many characters, asking Cruise to "come out of the closet." When Al Gore came out with the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, "South Park" came out with an episode involving Al Gore chasing "ManBearPig," a fictional creature that was half man, half bear, half pig, basically implying that global warming was fictional. During the episode, it's stated repeatedly that the characters "felt bad for [Gore]" because "he doesn't have any friends."

So how did "South Park" gain this type of flexibility? Despite multiple protests, banned episodes and angered celebrities, "South Park" ranks one of the highest rated shows on Comedy Central. It's been renewed for at least another season, and each episode seems to be better than the last. So why has this show survived for as long as it has? Probably the same reason Jerry Springer is still on television—shock value. The viewers have come to expect it from "South Park," and yet after each episode, they seem to push it farther than what any could have imagined.

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Horoscopes:

Aries
You're getting more decisive, and you're not making snap decisions. You've been thinking about this stuff for a long time. Now take action.

Taurus
Figuring out the best course to take is interesting, and yet, it can be rather devoid of passion. Today, factor in what you really want.

Gemini
A person you thought didn't like you will become one of your best friends. Wait and see what develops over the next few days.

Cancer
You're learning a very useful skill. Don't talk much about it. The proof that you've got the lesson down pat will be when you are able to do it.

Leo
Temporary confusion leads to an argument, which leads to a better fix for the problem. In this case, conflict turns out to be a good thing.

Virgo
Discuss your plans with your partner but don't worry if you can't agree. You can reach a good compromise within the next couple of days. Hang in there.

Libra
Get used to hearing what people have been holding back. For the next two weeks, they're going to feel less inhibited. Exceptional patience will be required, but it will be interesting.

Scorpio
At first, it looks like what you're doing isn't going to work. Actually, this is a test. You can pass with flying colors.

Sagittarius
You're doing well financially. This is a wonderful feeling. Don't get too wrapped up in it, though. More study is required soon, to keep yourself in the black.

Capricorn
Remember all those household chores you've been meaning to do. Better get into that list for the next two weeks, or you'll be nagged to death.

Aquarius
One never thinks one's mind has been closed until it begins to open. All those new, bright possibilities could be kind of scary, at first. Don't worry, you'll get used to them, fast.

Pisces
Confer with your team and inspire them. Let them inspire you. Figure out ways to make money for everybody involved. By the way, there's no shortage of money. It's everywhere.

Mendenhall Movies

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Children of Men

Wed 4/11 at 7 p.m.
Thurs 4/12 at 9:30 p.m.
Fri 4/13 at 7 p.m.
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Sun 4/15 at 7 p.m.

Volver

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Dessert Recipe:

Sauteed Banana Splits

4 tablespoons dry roasted peanuts
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
4 bananas, peeled and halved lengthwise
2 cups Neapolitan ice cream
1/2 cup warm hot fudge sauce
1 cup whipped topping

Place the peanuts in a plastic bag, seal, and crush with a heavy-bottomed skillet. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add bananas and saute for one minute on each side, just until golden. Transfer bananas to four shallow dessert bowls and top with ice cream, warm hot fudge sauce, whipped topping, and peanuts.

Students learn valuable self-defense skills

Judo Club offers something new

ELISE PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

Last year, president John Gray helped to organize the first Judo Club at ECU. For a number of years the club had been off campus, but last year it finally became available to ECU students as a source in which to learn, practice and compete in Judo.

According to the constitution of the Judo Club, the organization hopes "to teach the sport of Judo to the ECU community; to help the community through humanity projects; and to help bring self-defense awareness in the community. This includes people of all ages and experience levels from beginners to advanced players."

Presently, the club has about five members, and includes members of the community as well, since the group meets off campus. The club is advised by Alex Georgakilas, a member of ECU's Biology Department.

The long-term goal of the Judo Club is to become a more established organization on ECU's campus, and to compete with area schools, including N.C. State and UNC Chapel Hill, among others.

According to Gray, Judo is a martial art designed for self-defense. Originated in 1882 in Japan, Judo has become widespread in the U.S., and is supported by three national Judo organizations: United States Judo, Inc., the United States Judo Association and the United States Judo Federation. It can also be seen as a sport in the Olympics.

In Judo, a person practices the art of using the least force to achieve maximum results against an attacker or enemy. This can be achieved by using pins, arm bars and throws. Participants in the sport learn how to fall after being pinned or thrown in a way that results in little or no injury.

Gray strives to spread the knowledge of Judo to the student body of ECU.

"Everyone is welcome to join [the club]. If a person doesn't know anything about Judo, they will be taught the basics. Men and women, both young and old, are encouraged to join," said Gray.

Judo is ranked on a belt system, much like other martial arts. The type of belt each person receives dictates what kind of tournaments they will get involved in.

There are ways to become involved with Judo without having to do any actual self-defense techniques.

Gray says that students are also encouraged to learn how to become a referee of Judo or practice a graceful form of the sport, called Kata.

"Not all students have to become competitive," Gray said.

For more information on the Judo Club, or to learn how you can get involved, contact Gray at jwg0414@ecu.edu.

The Judo Club meets every Monday and Wednesday from 6 – 8 p.m. off campus at a dojo on 10th Street.

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ECU's Judo Club offers students opportunities to learn, practice and compete in Judo in a number of different ways. They meet every Monday and Wednesday from 6 – 8 p.m. off campus at a dojo on Tenth Street.

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Dr. Eribo offers students a unique prospective on global journalism.

Professor molds minds of future journalists

Professor Profile: Festus Eribo

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Many students have lives that are so convoluted with deadlines, studying, bills and work that they have very little, if any, time to engage in any form of extra curricular activities. Communication professor Festus Eribo, who has diligently taught thousands of ECU students since 1989, found enough time to publish a magazine and a newspaper, all the while traveling to some of the most prestigious universities in the world gaining an education that many of the most privileged students only dream about.

Born in Nigeria, Eribo attended a British school for African boys where he first gained an interest in journalism. When he was 17 years old, he published *The Torch*, which was his schools first newspaper.

"I noticed a scarcity [in writing and information sharing] so I started my own paper," said Eribo.

Eventually, Eribo realized that due to his exceptional writing skills and penchant for information sharing, journalism was his calling.

At 19 years old, he became Editor-in-Chief of *The Sword*, his schools magazine. According to Eribo, the magazine had great writers and material but had great difficulty in being published due to lack of useable printers.

However, Eribo's uncle, who was one of Nigeria's most prominent industrialists, had a printing press which allowed the magazine to exist if only for one issue.

After graduating from the school, Eribo furthered his education by attending the University of St. Petersburg in Russia on a full scholarship where he earned his bachelor's in journalism and his duel master's in business administration and journalism. After receiving his master's, Eribo went back to Africa where he wrote three to five articles a day while doing editor's work and constantly thinking of ways to improve journalism on the expansive continent.

Eribo longed to study in America, thanks to his passionate love for the country brought on by pen pals he had corresponded with since he was 14. His dream remained unattainable for most of his life because of the high cost of living in the U.S.

In 1969, Eribo's dreams were finally realized because of a scholarship which allowed him to study anywhere in the world. He chose the University of Madison-Wisconsin in which to earn his doctorate in journalism.

Dr. Eribo went back to Africa in 1983 where he handled the press for Nigeria's governor, Samuel Ogbemudia.

"He [Samuel Ogbemudia] is a great man and he is known all throughout Nigeria," Eribo said.

Eribo still enjoys a good relationship with the governor

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'Grindhouse' pays homage to B-list films

Tarantino, Rodriguez team up for double feature

JOHN BOSCO
SENIOR WRITER

A sleaze filled saga of an exploitation double feature.

That's the tag line for *Grindhouse*, the new cinematic experience from directors Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino.

Grindhouse really is an experience in exploitation cinema; each director has created their own full-length movie paying homage to the action, thriller horror and sci-fi B-list movies of the 1970s and 1980s.

Rodriguez's film, *Planet Terror*, revolves around ex-Go-Go dancer Cherry and her boyfriend as they and the local police force take on a mysterious virus that turns people into "sickos" who eat and infect other humans.

Death Proof, Tarantino's film, follows the psychotic Stuntman Mike, brilliantly played by Kurt Russell, as he stalks and murders women with his weapon of choice, his car, that is until his luck turns around on him and he's on the receiving end.

On top of that, the two films are connected by a handful of hilarious mock B-list trailers that offer almost as much fun as the two films themselves.

However, if you're expecting the next *Pulp Fiction*, you'd better think again.

These two movies aren't to be taken seriously or be over analyzed either; doing so misses the whole point of the movies that inspired these directors.

In comparing the two films, many critics have been quick to say that Tarantino's *Death Proof* is the more valuable of the two.

While they are very different and difficult to compare, I have to disagree.

I was surprised that Rodriguez's film packed in more horror, more sex, more gore and, in the end, more excitement. His story was wilder and offered loads of suspense, yet it still managed to offer plenty of laughs.

Everything about *Planet Terror*, from the dialogue down to the story, takes the horror and sci-fi genre it represents and kicks it up a notch.

That's not to say that Tarantino's movie was bad. On the contrary, it was still a great flick —it did, however, seem that the dialogue just tended to go on for a little too long towards the middle of the movie.

Not to mention that *Death Proof* has one of the most amazing car crash scenes ever created, which shows, from various angles, what happens to each of the four passengers in the vehicle during a head-on collision.

Death Proof's strongest trait isn't the script or story—it's Kurt Russell's epic performance.

Russell plays the demented, sexually frustrated Stuntman Mike, an ex-Hollywood stunt man who targets women and kills them, in various ways, with his car. His performance is fierce and powerful, especially when he breaks down.

What Tarantino and Rodriguez have achieved with *Grindhouse* isn't the reinvention of every cinematic convention established; instead, they've given moviegoers a breath of fresh air from the Holly-

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MCT

Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino combine their creative forces.

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Financial Director
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and just recently completed a Web site for the governor.

In 1983, Eribo accepted a visiting professor position at ECU where he became an asset throughout the school of communication.

During his tenure at ECU, Eribo has received many awards for his extraordinary teaching including the Five-Year Creativity Award and is listed in Who's Who in American Education and Outstanding Writers of the 20th Century.

Eribo now serves on the editorial board of two journals and travels to Europe where he just recently presented a paper on the freedom of press in Africa to the World Bank in Rome. Freedom of press around the world, but especially in Africa, remains Eribo's number one interest.

He is dedicated to the bettering of Africa through the end of corruption, the realization of continent-wide Internet access, and the reporting and education of the ever-worsening HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa.

ECU's communication department is filled with aspiring journalists who dream of grand journalistic achievements and glory.

Each of these future journalists would benefit infinitely from talking to and learning from Eribo, as he is one of the most experienced, professional and passionate journalists in the world.

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wood mentality that the artistic experience can't exist commercially at the B-list level.

Grindhouse proves is that, even with a huge budget, there's something important in the very spirit of a film.

Grade: A-

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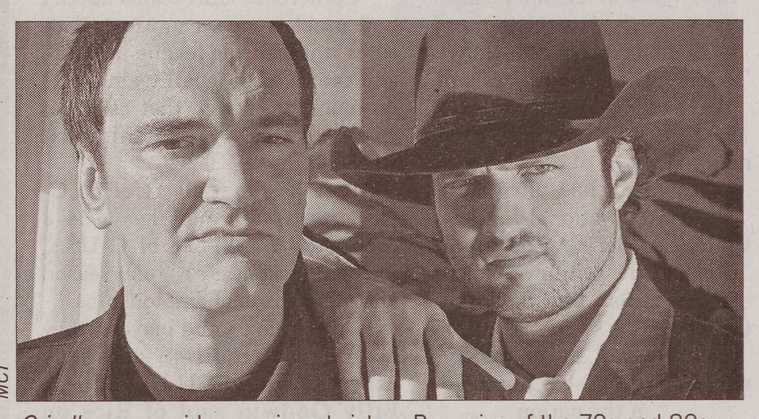

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Grindhouse provides a unique twist on B-movies of the 70s and 80s.

The Office of Greek Life would like to congratulate the following professors:

ECU's Panhellenic Council is continuing the honor the ECU faculty through their "Professor of the Month" award which is given each month to a professor who has gone above and beyond to make a different in our sorority women's education. The professor is chosen by a different sorority each month and they get 100 dollars in their name donated to Panhellenic's local philanthropy, the Boys and Girls Club.

January

Stephen Gray of the Dean of Students Office

February

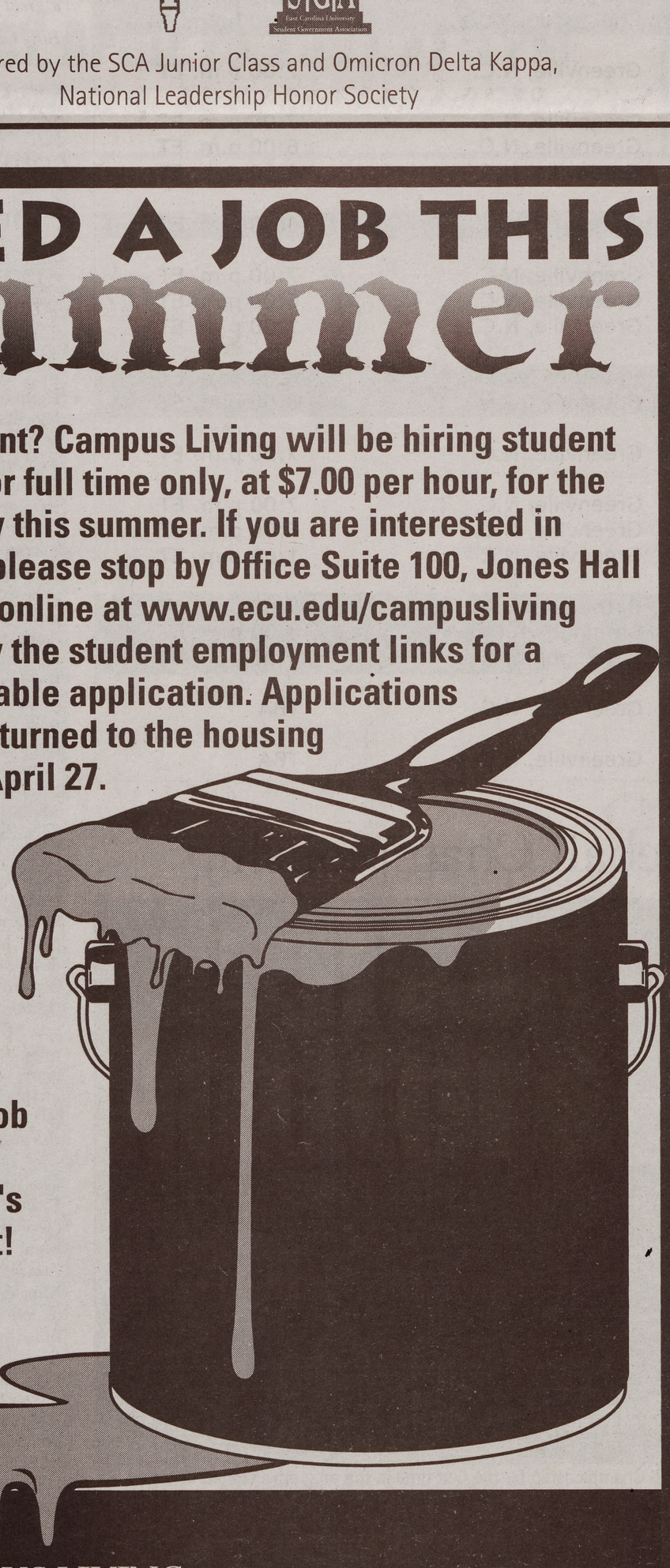
Mike McCammon of the Exercise Physiology Department

March

Gerry Macleod of Department of Undergraduate Medicine

NEED A JOB THIS summer

Like to paint? Campus Living will be hiring student painters for full time only, at $7.00 per hour, for the paint crew this summer. If you are interested in applying, please stop by Office Suite 100, Jones Hall or visit us online at www.ecu.edu/campusliving and follow the student employment links for a downloadable application. Applications must be returned to the housing office by April 27.



It's a fun job but somebody's got to do it!

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Career victories for Rice's baseball coach Wayne Graham; Graham is in his 16th season at Rice, where he has won 710 games; Prior to coaching at Rice, Graham won five national championships and tallied 575 wins at San Jacinto North College; Graham led Rice to its first national championship in 2003 and has taken the Owls to 12-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and five College World Series' since 1997; he is a three-time national coach of the year and was named the Collegiate Baseball's National Junior College Athletic Association's coach of the century for his success at San Jacinto North College; Rice swept ECU this past weekend, and currently sits in first in C-USA and No. 7 in the nation

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Years since the winner of the Masters golf tournament finished with a score of over-par; this year's Masters winner, Zach Johnson, shot a 69 on Sunday to finish with a four-round total of 289 (+1) and win his first ever Masters; the last time someone won the prestigious event with a +1 score was in 1956, which was also the first year that the Masters was ever televised, when Jack Burke Jr. won the event; this feat also happened in 1954 when Sam Snead's score of 289 won him a green jacket; Johnson, a 31-year-old from Iowa, beat out PGA Tour veterans Tiger Woods, Retief Goosen and Rory Sabbatini on Sunday as all three finished in a tie for second place

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Time that ECU has ever hosted the C-USA Baseball Tournament; Tulane was originally scheduled to host the event at the end of this regular season, but Tulane's Turchin Stadium in New Orleans will not be ready to host due to continuing renovations from Hurricane Katrina; ECU's Clark-LeClair Stadium was scheduled to host the tournament in 2008, so the two venues will now simply switch years, with next year's event to be held at Turchin Stadium; the eight-team, double elimination tournament will begin on Wednesday, May 23 and end with the championship game scheduled for Sunday, May 27

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Runs allowed by the ECU bullpen in 14 2/3 innings pitched last week; the Pirates led in three of four games played last week, but couldn't pick up any victories on the week; last Wednesday, ECU was leading NC State 2-0 heading into the bottom of the eighth, but relievers Jason Neitz and Shane Mathews allowed three runs in the inning, which gave the Wolfpack the 3-2 win; Mathews, who leads C-USA in saves, allowed five runs in two innings pitched last week; the bullpen fueled ECU's 14-game winning streak last month, but proved to be its downfall last week in the Pirate's four losses

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Top-five finishes for the ECU Track and Field team at the Florida Relays held in Gainesville, Fla. this past weekend; junior Terrance Myers picked up the Pirates only individual victory as he won the hammer throw event with a mark of 60.97; Pirate senior Eric Frasure placed third in the event with a mark of 58.47; the men's relay team also picked up two top-five finishes, with a third-place finish in the 4 x 100 relay and a fifth place mark in the 4 x 200; senior Chelsea Salisbury had the most success for the women as her mark of 55.17 in the hammer throw event was good enough for third place

Pirates go winless on the week

ECU suffers first ever sweep at Clark-LeClair Stadium

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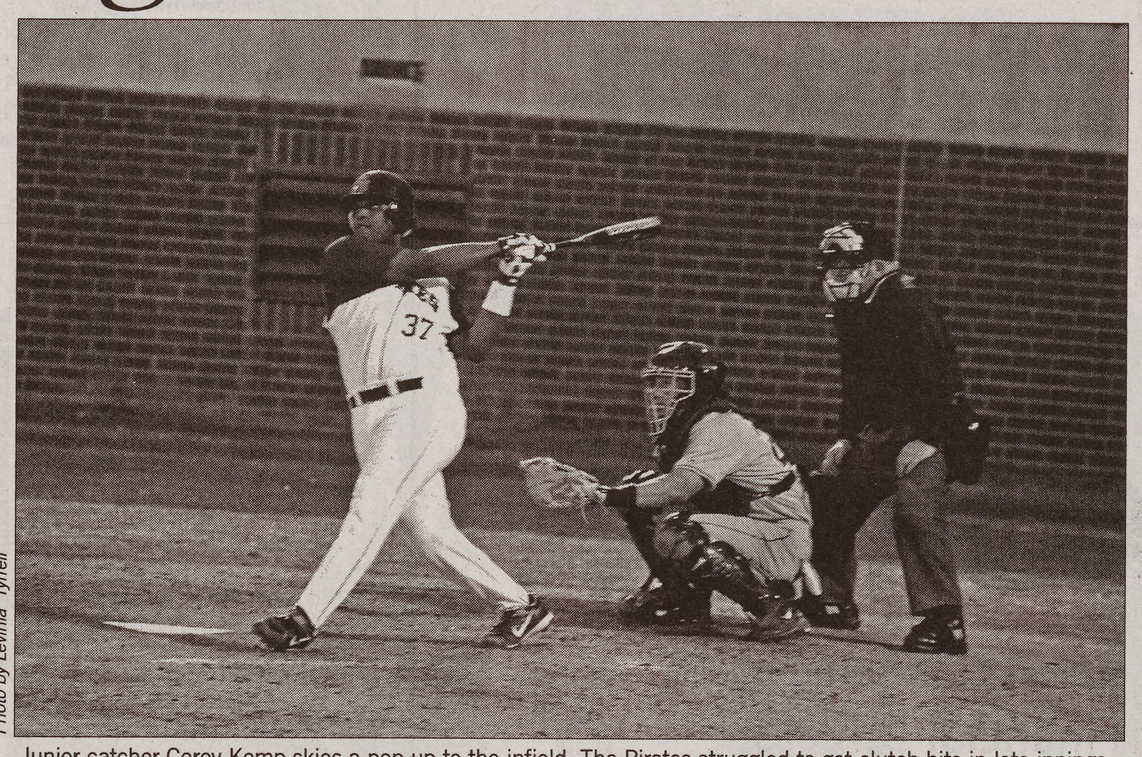
Conference USA teams haven't had much success against Rice since it joined the league in 2006, and the ECU baseball team didn't do much to change that as it got swept by No. 7 Rice this past weekend.

Rice has won all 11 of its C-USA series' and now has a 34-3 record as a member of C-USA, including last year's regular season and postseason championships.

"They have good players, they have great tradition and they expect to win," ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin said of Rice on Sunday. "When they get down they're not going to quit."

The Pirates led in both the Saturday and Sunday games against Rice, which has made five College World Series appearances since 1997 and captured the 2003 National Championship, but lost both games to the national powerhouse. Rice picked up a comeback victory on Saturday, 9-6, and comeback win on Sunday, 8-6, to close out the series and hand ECU its first ever series sweep at Clark-LeClair Stadium and first overall since the 2002 season.

"It was two good programs going up against each other and we came up on the short end," said Godwin. "I'm not going to overanalyze it, somehow I have to get these guys to believe in themselves again and that has to take place between now and Wednesday."



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Junior catcher Corey Kemp skies a pop up to the infield. The Pirates struggled to get clutch hits in late innings.

Saturday's loss was the most devastating as ECU scored in each of the first three innings, but squandered a 5-0 lead. Rice scored nine runs in the final six innings, including a five-run fifth, to pick up the 9-6 victory.

Rice's designated hitter, Aaron Luna, capped off the Owls five-run inning with a double that scored two and gave Rice a 6-5 lead.

Third baseman J.P. Padron led off the Rice fifth when he reached on a fielding error. ECU then surrendered two walks and allowed an Owl to score on a wild pitch prior to Luna's game-winning hit.

"I haven't coached in many games where you give up five runs in an inning and come out on the positive side of things," said Godwin. "I think it was a combination of several things, we walked some guys in that inning and there were some balls I thought we could have got to or made plays on that we didn't, so I think it was a combination of things and not one thing I could put my finger on."

The Pirates had the lead again on Sunday, as starting pitcher Josh Dowdy provided another strong outing, allowing two runs in 6 1/3 innings. ECU's bullpen couldn't maintain the lead however, as the Pirate relievers combined to give up six runs in the final 2 2/3 innings.

ECU rallied in the seventh and eighth, scoring two runs in each inning, but Rice answered each time as it scored seven runs in the final three innings. Rice's Adam Zornes, who entered the game in the seventh inning as a defensive replacement, hit a two-run home run in the eighth and Jess Buenger hit a game-winning two-RBI

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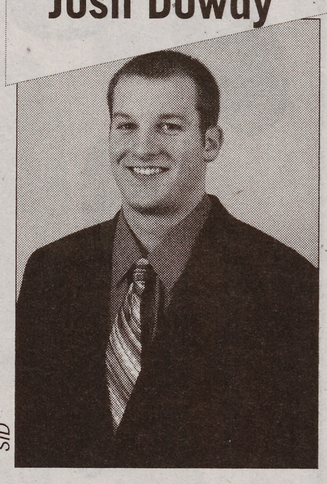
Most Valuable Pirate

Weekly ECU Baseball Award

Josh Dowdy



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Dowdy was one of the bright spots for the Pirates this past weekend as he continues to pitch well as the Sunday starting pitcher. Dowdy pitched 6 1/3 innings against No. 7 Rice on Sunday, allowing only two runs off six hits. Dowdy now has a 1-1 record in six starts this season, and has the lowest ERA (2.48) of the Pirates three weekend starters. Opponents are batting .211 against him and have only scored 10 runs in 36 1/3 innings.

"I thought Josh Dowdy was outstanding today, he certainly did everything we asked him to do. He left the game with us winning and gave us the opportunity to win, that's all we can ask out of our starting pitching, I thought he did a great job." – ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin

ECU Baseball Schedule

04/11/07	at UNC-Wilmington	Wilmington, N.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/13/07	at Marshall *	Charleston, W.Va.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/14/07	at Marshall *	Charleston, W.Va.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/15/07	at Marshall *	Charleston, W.Va.	12:00 p.m. ET
04/18/07	vs. Old Dominion	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/20/07	vs. Savannah State	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/21/07	vs. Savannah State	Greenville, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
04/22/07	vs. Savannah State	Greenville, N.C.	1:00 p.m. ET
04/24/07	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
04/27/07	vs. Southern Miss *	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
04/28/07	vs. Southern Miss *	Greenville, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
04/29/07	vs. Southern Miss *	Greenville, N.C.	1:00 p.m. ET
05/04/07	at Houston *	Houston, Texas	8:00 p.m. ET
05/05/07	at Houston *	Houston, Texas	8:00 p.m. ET
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05/11/07	vs. UCF *	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
05/12/07	vs. UCF *	Greenville, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
05/13/07	vs. UCF *	Greenville, N.C.	1:00 p.m. ET
05/17/07	at UAB *	Birmingham, Ala.	8:00 p.m. ET
05/18/07	at UAB *	Birmingham, Ala.	8:00 p.m. ET
05/19/07	at UAB *	Birmingham, Ala.	2:00 p.m. ET
05/23/07	Conference USA Tournament	Greenville, N.C.	TBA
05/27/07	Conference USA Championship Game	Greenville, N.C.	TBA

ECU will host C-USA Baseball Championship

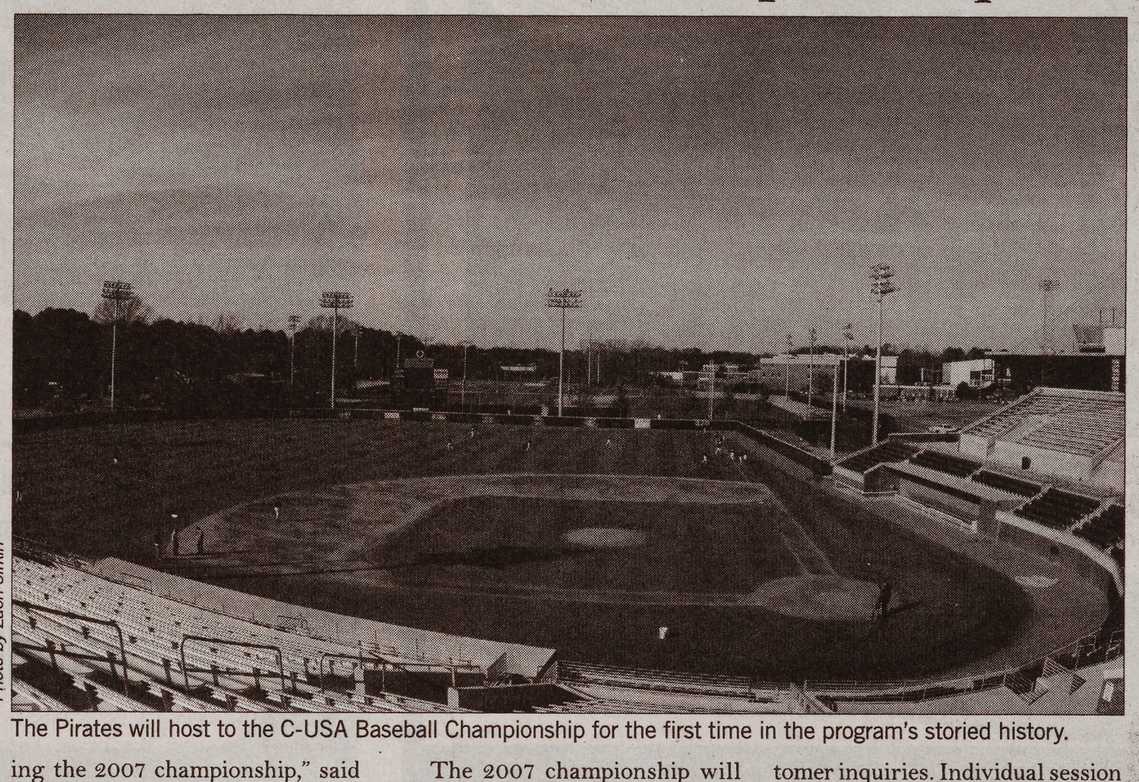
Site to change for this year's event; Tulane will host in 2008

(SID)—The 2007 Conference USA Baseball Championship, originally scheduled for May 23-27 at Turchin Stadium in New Orleans, will be changing sites. Due to continuing renovations on the stadium since Hurricane Katrina, the facility will not be completed in time to host the eight-team, double-elimination tournament.

"We were disappointed to learn that Turchin Stadium will not be ready to host the 2007 C-USA Baseball Championship, since we expect it will be one of the finest college baseball facilities in the country when it is completed," said Commissioner Britton Banowsky.

With Tulane unable to hold this year's event, ECU will now serve as the host of the 2007 championship at Clark-LeClair Stadium in Greenville, N.C. ECU was originally scheduled to host the 2008 championship and Tulane and ECU will now switch years, with next year's event to be held at Turchin Stadium.

"We certainly appreciate East Carolina stepping up and hosting the 2007 championship," said Banowsky. "ECU has an outstanding baseball facility and enjoys tremendous fan support. We know they will do a great job of hosting the championship and we are certain that the Pirate Nation will turn out in large numbers for this event."



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The Pirates will host to the C-USA Baseball Championship for the first time in the program's storied history.

The 2007 championship will take place Wednesday, May 23 through Sunday, May 27. All-session tickets will be priced at $60 and may be ordered online at ECUPirates.com, beginning this Monday, April 9. In addition, the ECU ticket office will be open at 9 a.m. EDT Monday to answer customer inquiries. Individual session tickets, if available, will be priced at $10, and will go on sale the week of the tournament.

Additional championship details will be released soon. Please check ConferenceUSA.com and ECUPirates.com for further information.

Track and Field competes in Florida Relays

Terrance Myers wins the Hammer Throw Event

(SID)—The ECU track and field teams competed in the Florida Relays on the campus of the University of Florida this weekend. The Pirates collected 16 top ten finishes, and seven top fives.

In the men's competition, Terrance Myers took home the Pirates only win of the weekend, as he won the hammer throw with a mark of 60.97. Eric Frasure's mark of 58.47 was good enough for Third. Akintunde Abisogun finished 13th in the long jump (5.56), while Barrick Spencer took home seventh in the javelin (53.02) to round out the field events. On the track side, the Pirates recorded three top 15 finishes in the 100 meter dash, with Aidan Sanderson coming in sixth (10.59), Anthony Green in 10th (10.67), and Kevin Thompson in 12th (10.73). Thompson collected another top 15 finish with 10th place honors in the 200 meter dash (21.73). Brandon Small came in 11th in the 400 meter dash (47.60), while Christopher Richardon finished 13th (48.31). In the relay events, the Pirates brought home two top five finishes, with a 3rd place mark in the 4x100 relay (40.35), and a fifth place finish in the 4x200 (1:25.99).

In the women's competition, Chelsea Salisbury recorded the Pirates top finish with her 3rd place mark in the hammer throw event (55.17). Charlene Grady came in 8th (51.90) and Amy Mueller was [illegible] (44.36). Mueller followed up with a ninth place finish in the shot put (13.22) while Danielle Eiler was 10th (12.82). Eiler tallied another top ten finish in the discus event, coming in 6th (43.77). Amy Hart's mark of 3.65m earned her fourth place honors. Aisha Bilal-Mack took home 10th place honors in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.91.The 4x200 relay squad came in 16th with a time of 1:43.63.

ECU will split time between the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. and the North Carolina Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. this coming weekend, April 14-15.

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single in the ninth to secure the sweep for the Owls.

ECU's bullpen struggled throughout the weekend, giving up nine runs in 11 1/3 innings against Rice.

The Pirates led in three of their four games last week, including ECU's 3-2 loss to in-state rival N.C. State last Wednesday, but came up empty for the week and will be on a four-game losing streak when they play at UNCW tomorrow night.

Overall, ECU's bullpen allowed 12 runs in 14 2/3 innings last week. Pirate closer Shane Mathews, who leads C-USA in saves, suffered the loss against N.C. State and allowed a total of five runs in two innings in the Pirate's winless week.

"Our club has done a good job of coming from behind and battling but the last week we've had some leads and haven't been able to put teams away or keep the lead, which somewhat concerns me," said Godwin.

The only game ECU didn't lead in last week came on Friday night against Rice. Owls ace Ryan Berry kept the Pirates in check as he recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts in seven shutout innings. Reliever Ryne Tacker added one strikeout to put the total at 13, the most for ECU this season.

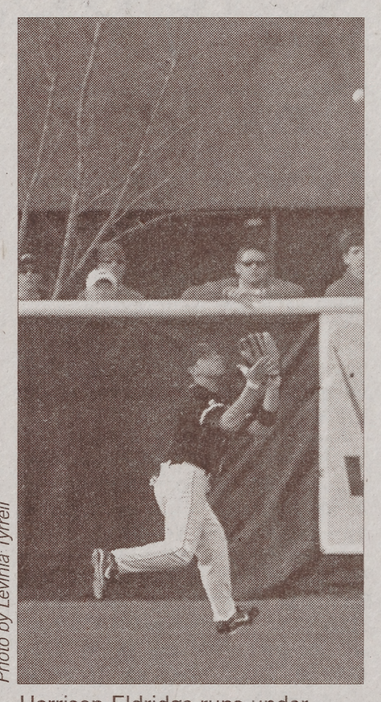
"He threw strikes and mixed up his breaking ball and fastball real well," Godwin said after the Pirates were shutout for the first time since Feb. 21. "I don't think we had good approaches at the plate. We didn't battle in some counts and we have to do a better job of that. We're not going to win any games if we don't score any runs."

Berry, a freshman from Humble, Tex., spread out the 12 strikeouts as he rang up all nine of the Pirates' starters at least once. He allowed only four hits and one walk, which came against the last batter he faced.

"He threw a lot of strikes around the zone," said Pirate outfielder Ryan Tousley. "He moved the ball well with his off-speed pitches and mixed in his fastball too. He kept us off-balanced. We only got four hits off him, so we have to give credit to him."

ECU has now played 10 games against teams who are currently ranked in Baseball America's Top 25, and sit at 4-5 in Ç-USA after playing three of the best teams in the conference in Rice, Tulane and Memphis.

"Rice has a good club and we knew that coming in, but we didn't get any results and that's disheartening," said Godwin. "We've got to bounce back and I think the toughest part of our schedule is behind us so we have to dig deep and come out ready to play at UNCW."



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Harrison Eldridge runs under a routine fly ball. Nothing was routine about Rice's series sweep.

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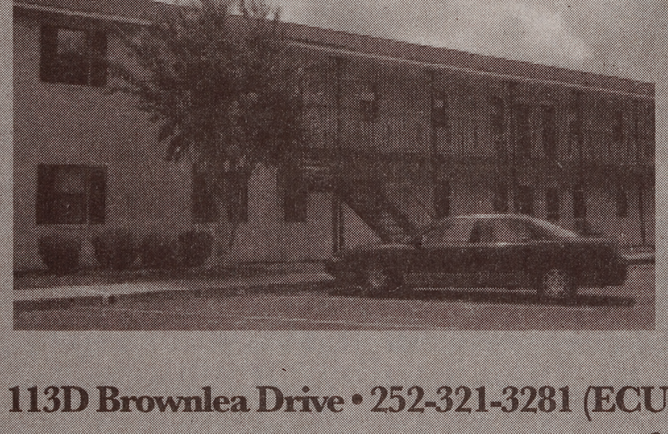

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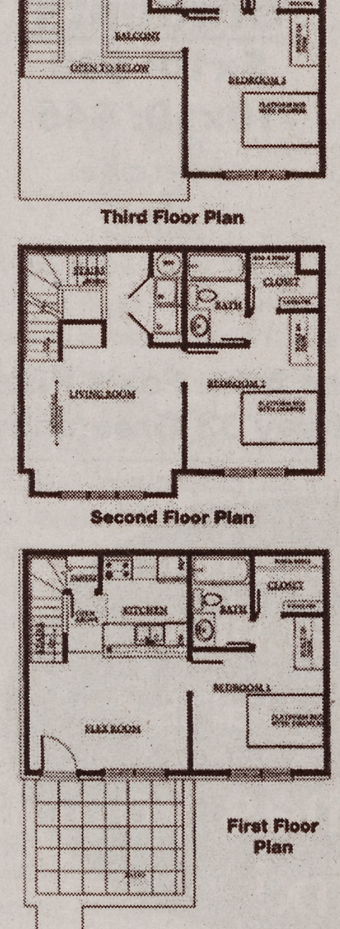

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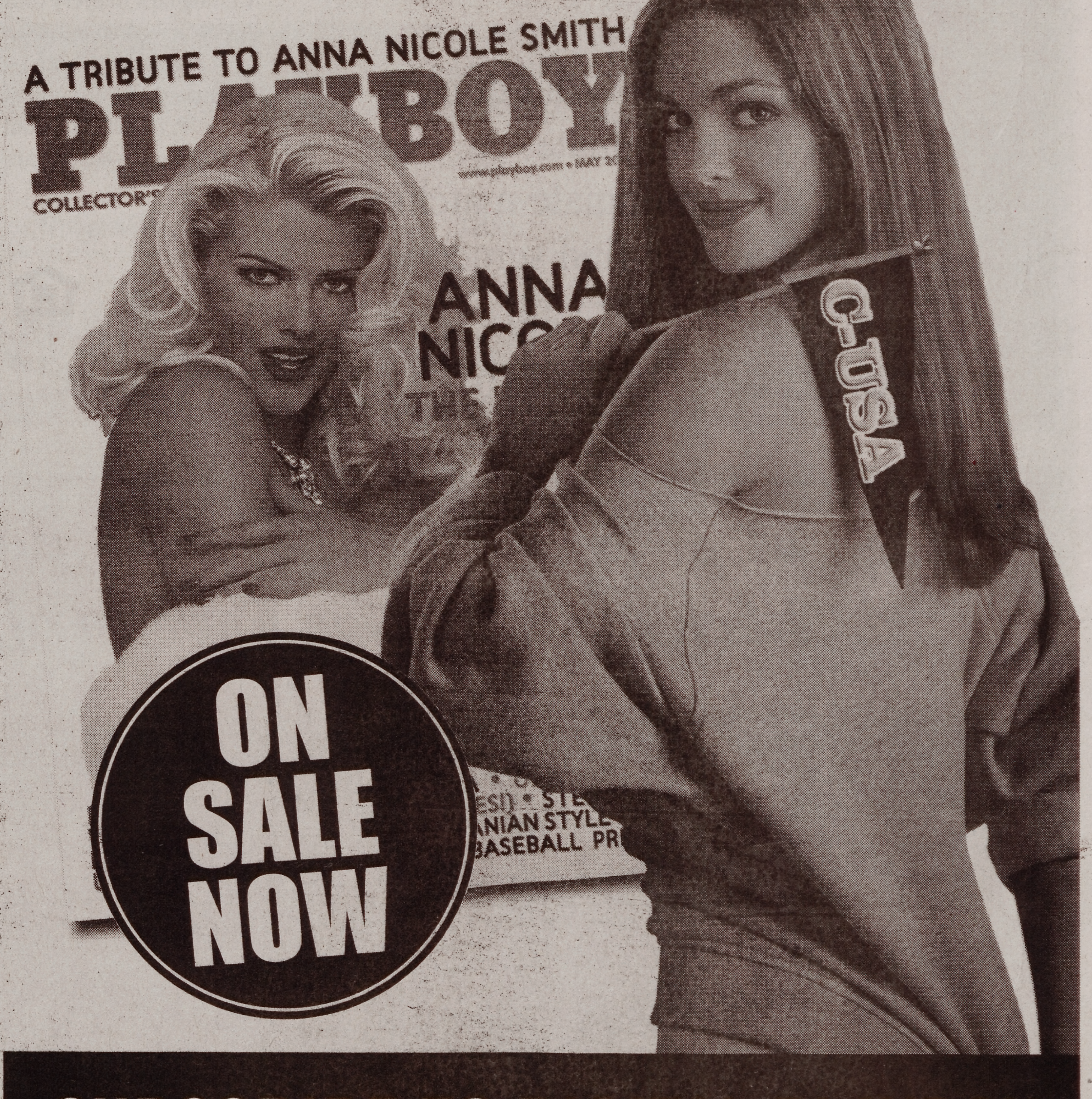

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