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Brody School of Medicine students awarded fellowships

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Lef to right standing to sitting: Holly Moye, Wyllie Carhartt, Rita Sridaran, Bari Eberhardt, Catherine Knight, Courney Weems and Natalie Desouza.

Seven selected as Schweitzer Fellows

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

Seven ECU medical students were awarded Albert Schweitzer fellowships. The fellowship is a one-year interdisciplinary program that focuses on community service and leadership development.

Requirements for the fellowship include 200 hours of a health-related service project, reports and evaluations, organizing a health symposium and recruiting future fellows.

Wylie Carhartt and Holly Moye will be providing nutrition education to Latino families at the Greene County Family Residency Program called Project FUN that will begin June 19.

"People across the country know about the great things Schweitzer Fellows do for the under served and this will help provide efficacy to many of my future service projects as I settle into other communities throughout my life," said Carhartt.

Natalie Desouza and Rita Sridaran are working on creating, Autism Star, a social training summer program for autistic children and their siblings. The camp is already in the planning stages and will run from July 2 through mid August.

"I have always enjoyed helping others and even regarding the responses we have gotten from our summer camp, I believe we are going to fulfill a great need," said Sridaran.

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Women in health care traveling exhibit and panel discussion

Laupus Library to host the event

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

The William E. Laupus library is hosting a national traveling exhibit honoring American women who have made a profound impact in the medical field.

The exhibit titled, "Changing The Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians," is made up of a series of 10-foot-high panels that display the biographies and accomplishments of great women in medicine.

"The exhibit brings out the women's personalities. They fought against the odds whether they were financial or institutional," said Gina Firnhaber, Laupus Library research associate.

The women displayed in the exhibit come from many different backgrounds and cultures.

Some of the women included in the exhibit are Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman to receive a medical degree, and Antonia Novello, the first female and Hispanic surgeon general of the United States.

The exhibit includes two interactive workstations that allow visitors to look deeper into the lives and achievements of female physicians from across the country. In addition

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Faculty members represent university at conferences

College of Technology and Computer Science faculty present work

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
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Faculty members in the College of Technology and Computer Science were selected to present their work at conferences in Nashville, TN and Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Merwan Mehta, associate professor of technology systems, was the only professor that attended both conferences in Nashville and Minneapolis.

Mehta was a keynote speaker at the International Conference on Software Process [ICSP] in Minneapolis, which was held on May 19-20.

From Minneapolis, Mehta flew to Nashville to join five other ECU faculty members at the Annual Conference of the Institute of Industrial Engineers. The Nashville conference took place from May 19 to May 23.

Participants in the Nashville conference were Dr. Paul Kauffman, chair of the department of engineering, Dr. Erol Ozan, professor of technology systems, Dr. B.J. Kim, assistant professor of engineering, Dr. Andrew Jackson, chair of the department of technology, Dr. Sandra Furterer, professor of technology systems and Dr. Evelyn Brown, associate professor of engineering.

Mehta and Jackson presented a co-authored paper entitled, "Theory of Constraints and Lean: A Natural Fit for Manufacturing."

Furterer presented a paper titled, "A Framework and Case Study for Implementing Lean Six Sigma in Small Companies,"

Furterer got the inspiration to choose this topic from work completed by one of the students in her class.

"My student, Blake Smelcer, applied Lean and Six Sigma tools

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Mendenhall Art Gallery exhibit displayed throughout May

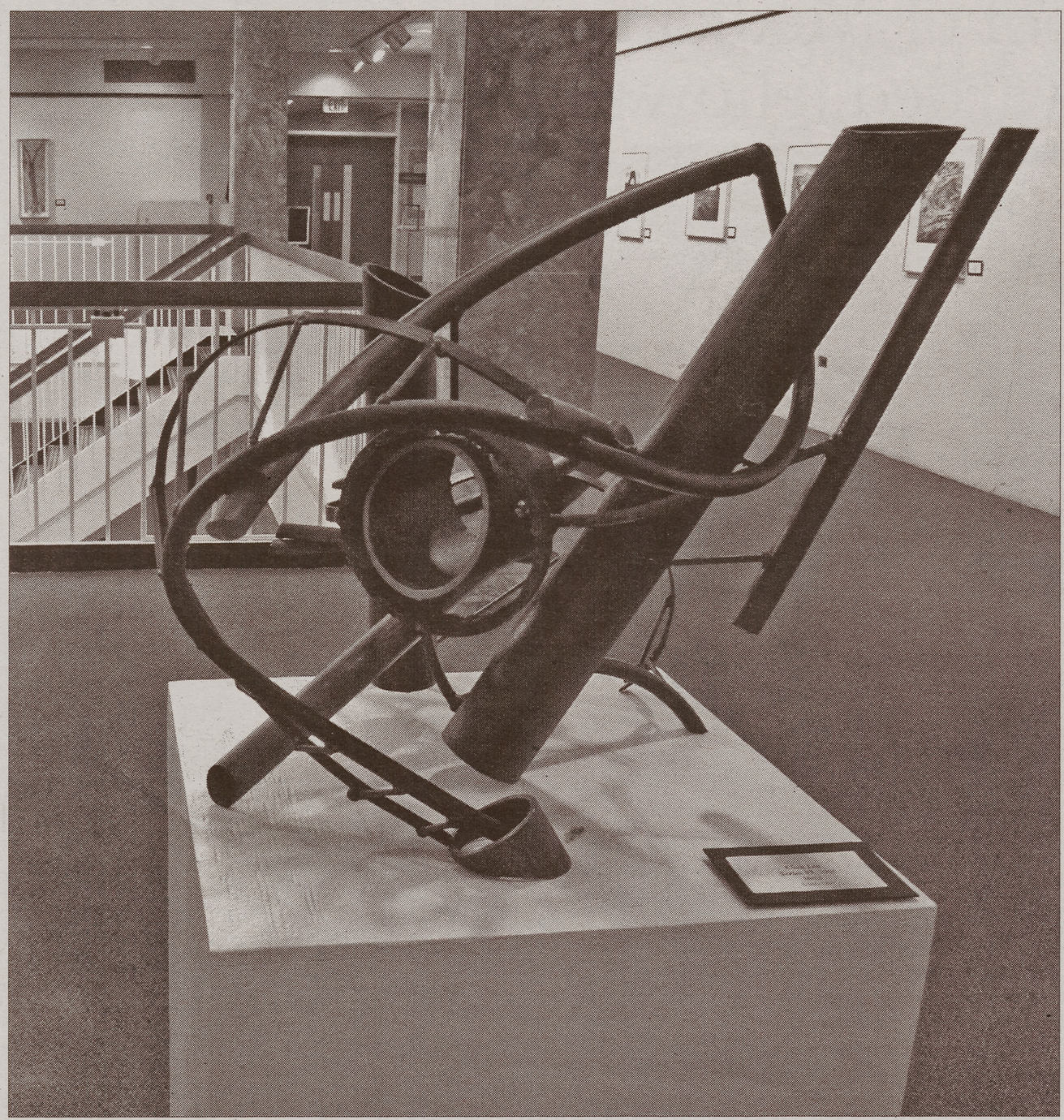

Photo by Lizz Wells

An example of one of the many works of art on display the Mendenhall Art Gallery exhibition is shown above.

Art work contributed by graduate and undergraduates

JOSHUA NELMS
STAFF WRITER

The Mendenhall Art Gallery is hosting an art exhibition titled "Space and Boundary," throughout the month of May.

Coordinated by The Visual Arts committee, "Space and Boundary" is an exhibit that hopes to bridge the gap between different mediums of artistic diversity and reflect aesthetic value in both tangible space and internal mental capacity.

The art mediums involved include textiles, sculpture and photography.

Ben Lustig, photographer, was an inspiration for the name of the exhibition. Lustig's photography incorporates many different parts of nature and captures the elements of landscapes.

Lustig's fascination with nature has a great deal to do with him growing up in a rural area.

"My images seek to re-visit the same close connection to the land I experienced as a child," said Lustig.

Maria Modlin designed a textiles portion of the exhibition. Modlin created different types of clothing using Photoshop to manipulate images of disease cells on to fabric. "The imagery of these diseases is actually beautiful and mimics other forms of organic life," said Modlin.

Adam Adcock, sculptor, also has work displayed in the exhibit. Adcock creates abstract, mixed-media sculptures as a physical representation of intangible ideas.

"The motivation to create comes from my desire to comprehend the complex, mysterious world that surrounds me," said Adcock.

Other artists involved in the exhibit include sculptor Chris Lee, along with textiles students Ellie McGlaufin and Jenn Brantley.

"Space and Boundary" is one of the many monthly exhibitions that the Visual Arts Committee has hosted.

The exhibit will be displayed in the Mendenhall Art Gallery until Thursday, May 31.

The Visual Arts Committee is responsible for managing the Mendenhall Art Gallery throughout the academic year.

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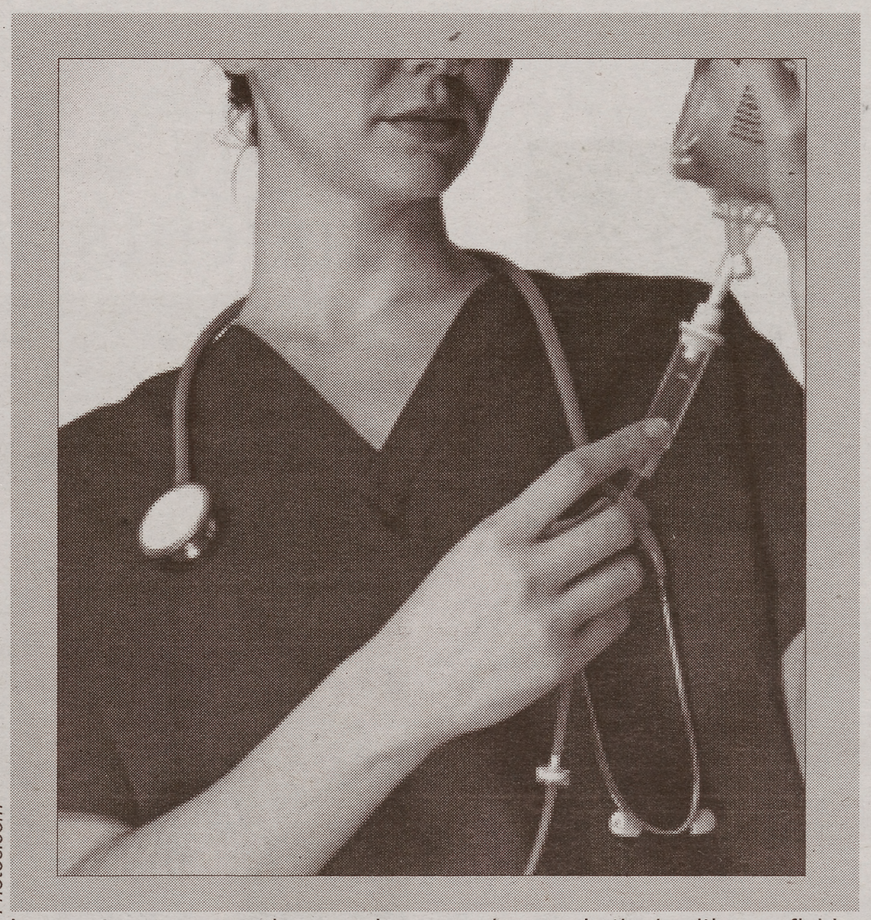

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In recent years women have made many advances in the health care field.

to displaying the breakthroughs that women have made in medicine, the workstations provide information to educate visitors on health issues that affect the community.

Laupus Library is one of the 61 libraries in the country that was awarded the grant to host the exhibit, which is sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

A panel discussion was held in conjunction with the traveling exhibit, which involved local women that hold various leadership positions who spoke on health issues that affect the community.

Afterwards, attendees got a chance to present questions to the speakers.

"The panel will serve to educate the community and share the things that they've gone through to represent who they are," said Kelly Rogers, information and communication specialist of Laupus Library.

The panel discussion was held yesterday at 7 p.m. in the Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center.

The exhibit was placed in the library on Saturday, April 28, where it will remain until Monday, May 28.

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Bari Eberhardt and Mary Catherine Knight will be working to create a bone health education program focusing on nutrition, lifestyle and physical activity for middle school students in Pitt County Schools.

Most of their project will be carried out during the 2007-2008 school year in Pitt County.

"It is a huge honor to be among the North Carolina Schweitzer fellows and I look forward to working on this project during the upcoming year," said Knight.

Promoting Education and Protection [PEP], is the project Courtney Weems will be involved in.

It is designed to promote skin cancer education and awareness to community workers in the tourism industry.

"Becoming a Schweitzer for life has been one of my proudest moments to date. I know my participation in this fellowship will affect all of my future plans and it will allow an outlet for my desire to serve," said Weems.

The fellowships have been offered since 1991 and have been implemented in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, New Hampshire and Vermont. They were first offered in North Carolina in 1994.

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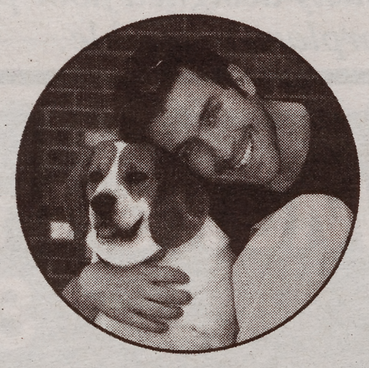

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to his family owned business where he is general manager, to reduce the cost of doing business and to enhance the customer service.

"I adapted my framework that I had developed for my dissertation research from 2004, where I implemented Lean and Six Sigma improvement methodologies in small companies," said Furterer.

"Effects of External Stimuli on Stair Descent in Older Adults," is the paper Kim presented.

Kauffman and Ozan also co-authored a paper called, "A Quality Function Development-Based Decision Model for the Avionics Industry."

Their paper has also received recognition in the March 2007 edition of the *Engineering Management Journal* in which it was published.

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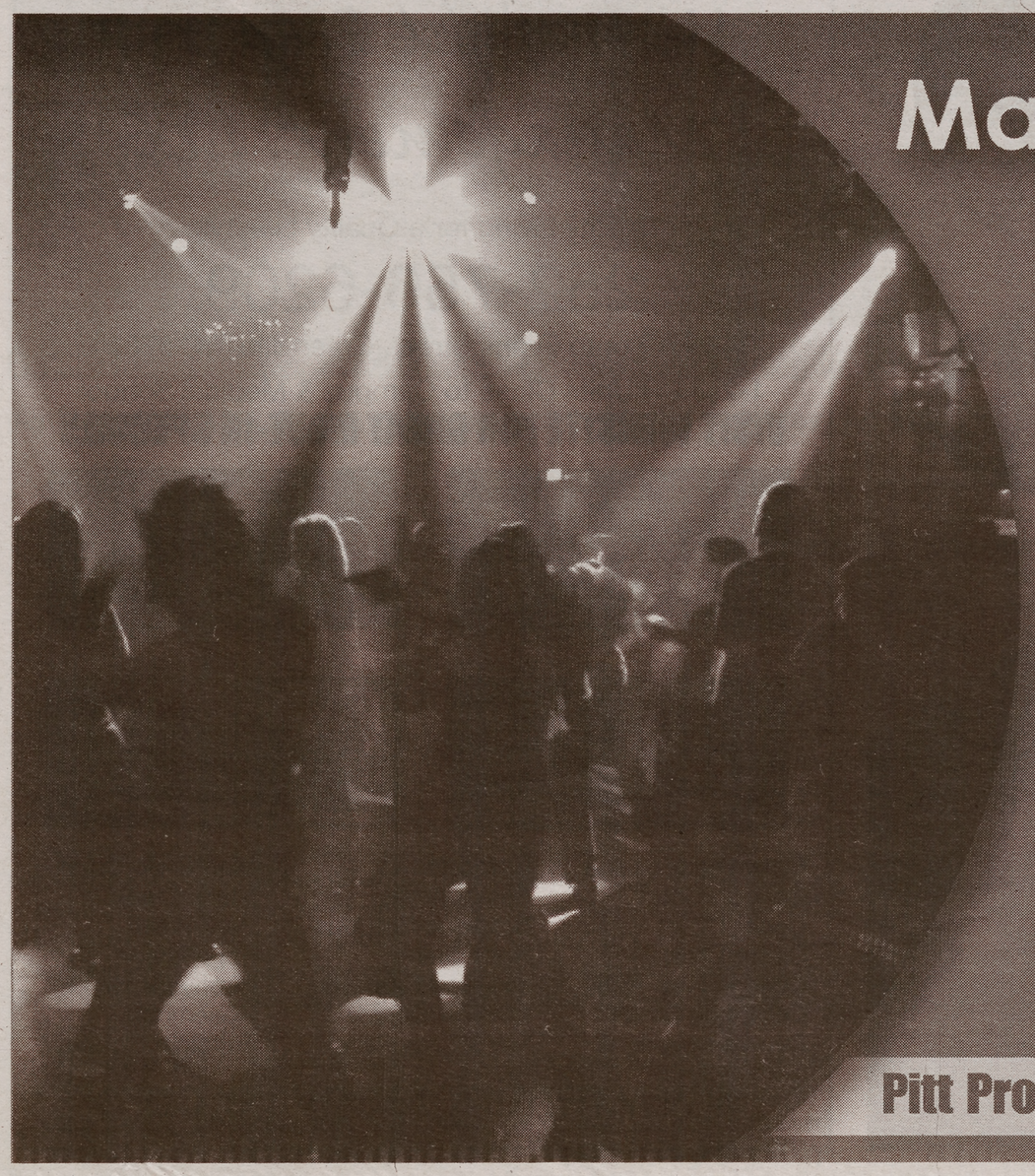

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RANT OF THE DAY

I'm not even in school this summer and I still read the pirate rants!!!

Racial profiling infects society

Stereotypes run deep

ELISE PHILLIPS
PULSE EDITOR

The other day as I was riding the bus, I noticed something that I have heard a lot about in classes and in the news, but had never experienced directly.

Sitting right across from me was a beautiful Middle Eastern woman, wearing traditional clothing with her head wrapped tightly. I had seen women like this before, mostly on television, but also in America. However, I noticed something different this time.

As I looked into the woman's brown eyes, I saw something disturbing; I saw an almost shameful fear in her eyes.

I looked around and saw all of the other passengers on the bus trying to steal a glance of the woman, but she continued to stare intently at the floor, with that look in her eyes.

I started to wonder if maybe she was feeling out of place, or maybe she was feeling that the other passengers were thinking that she was a terrorist. Maybe that's why her eyes portrayed the feeling that they did.

Why in America do people judge others based on their race?

It's probably an age-old question, but it seems that there are many stereotypes for different races in the United States, despite how open-minded some people consider themselves to be.

African-Americans are viewed as criminals, Caucasians as wealthy and privileged, some Asians are portrayed as intelligent, while others are considered only good enough to work in a nail salon. American Indians are portrayed as drug addicts or alcoholics, Hispanics as non-English-speaking construction workers and Middle Easterners as terrorists.

At ECU, I have noticed that even college students, a new generation of Americans, are still engaging in these racial stereotypes.

For the most part students still tend to socialize primarily with people of the same race.

Why does this type of thinking still govern in today's society?

Maybe the media perpetuates these ideas, or perhaps these ideas are so deeply ingrained in our mindsets that they can't be removed.

Maybe humans like to find people who are different from them to find fault with.

The US is not the only country to have problems between races. Just look at the struggle in Iran between the Kurds and Iranians as yet another example of how racial profiling plagues today's society.

Although the aforementioned racial struggles resulted in war, the stereotypes that we assign races in the US can be just as deadly.

For a country that prides itself on freedom and independence, we are oppressing certain ethnicities with our closed-minded molds of their expected behavior.

Maybe my writing on this subject is not even worth the time. Will our country ever change?

Maybe not, but I know that keeping quiet about these injustices will only further them.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Dear Guitar Hero, Can I have my boyfriend back now? Thanks.

I have a new idea when your sun burnt and have no aloe- use cold carrots! It's very soothing.

I'm not even in school this summer and I still read the pirate rants!!!

Does anyone know how to train a dog to play frisbee? I keep throwing one at my dog but it just hits her in the head

I look forward to getting out of class on Fridays at 11:00 and going home for the weekend until I get on the Minges bus and see the driver. Just looking at him makes me want to stay on the bus. He is super hot

If Quidditch were a real sport, I would so play

Just because you believe in something doesn't mean you should shove it down other people's throats. That goes for both sides of any and every debate

Being the "other woman" is nothing to brag about

You know you spend too much time in the library when you walk by the desk after hours and the guard doesn't even check your ID because he recognizes you.

I wish life had background music.

I know the editor's boyfriend.

My mother thinks I am an alcoholic, and I don't go out half as much as everyone else I know.

I like my job, but hate the people I work with.

I woke up this morning and my horoscope told me to blow off life for the day, so I did.

My best friend is leaving ECU for another school next year and I think I am going to die without her!!

I hate it when your dating someone and they are all lovie dovie when you are alone but then they act like total jerks in front of their friends!

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Horoscopes:

Aries

Decide what you want to accomplish. Get the picture in your mind. Next, of course, the work part will begin. Be convinced this is worthwhile.

Taurus

You can write limericks or ad jingles, and send them off in the mail. Your odds of winning such intellectual contests from home are now higher than ever.

Gemini

Hold yourself to high standards. Back up your theory with facts. No fair deciding what's going on until all the evidence is in. Leave yourself room to learn.

Cancer

Don't invest in a new gadget until you're sure you need it. You can wait, and while you do, think of something better.

Leo

Amazingly, the money comes in from somewhere. It doesn't seem to be work-related, but not gaming-related either. It's more like a gift or a legacy. Or it could be from under couch cushions. Check it out.

Virgo

Be careful, you're getting stronger. You're more likely to offer what you really think instead of what others expect. Be prepared for the verbal assault that could result.

Libra

The very thing that annoys you about another person could be similar to something you don't like about yourself. Think and be nice.

Scorpio

The pressure is easing, and soon you'll be able to relax with your friends. Don't tell them everything you've been doing. Get them to talking instead.

Sagittarius

Make your decision early; confusion increases later. If you've already set your perimeters, they'll be easier to maintain.

Capricorn

Count up your winnings and you should find more than you thought you had. Stash it away in a safe place, and continue to plan your escape.

Aquarius

Ask a person who's good with money to help you devise a sound budget. Don't ask the person who keeps trying to get you to go into debt. Cut that one out of the loop.

Pisces

By focusing on your work, you're making a good impression. Do that intently now. You can relax later.

Students: need a change of scenery?

Foreign Exchange programs offers diversity

LAURA HUHN
STAFF WRITER

Are you tired of only traveling to the library to study? Do you want to be able to travel, but know that as soon as the real world calls, there won't be any time? Would you like to be able to put your foreign language knowledge to good use?

Then ECU's Foreign Exchange Program is perfect for you.

The Foreign Exchange Program, which is offered through the Office of International Affairs, is focused on bringing once-in-a-lifetime international study experiences to ECU students of all concentrations. The exchange programs include either semester or year long stays. The cost is typically the same as ECU's tuition, and the room and board is usually paid to the host institution.

In the foreign exchange program, the goal is to bring as many international students over to ECU as they send overseas.

"For every student we send overseas, we get another one back. It's a great way to internationalize our campus," said Brandi Dudley, Assistant Director for Study Abroad.

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

International House offers students a number of chances to study abroad.

When students participate in an exchange, their lives are often changed in a big way.

"When students come back, they'll have a glitter in their eye," Dudley said. "They are typically better students, and will often go on to grad school and job ventures they would have never before considered."

There are three different options within the exchange program. First is the ECU Bi-Lateral Exchange, in which students are exchanged with an institution in direct relationship with ECU. The next program is UNC-EP, which is a statewide program that focuses on statewide relations within the exchange. Finally is ISEP, a global exchange program that is the largest of its type in the world.

Some of the many destinations included in the Foreign Exchange Program are Germany, Costa Rica, Finland, Australia, Japan, Poland, Russia, Uruguay, Ghana, Chile and Lithuania. The United Kingdom and France are among the most popular destination choices.

Not only does this program include a seemingly endless amount of different experiences, but its aim is also to provide the students with the most economical opportunities possible.

"I'm always looking for the most cost-effective way to get students abroad," Dudley said.

There are even ways of getting financial aid. There are two scholarships offered through the Office of International Affairs--The Rivers Scholarship and the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. There are often other scholarships offered through organizations and academic departments, which the Office of International Affairs

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Finding a place to call home during college

Photo by Lizz Wells

Student apartments like this one give students a place to call their own.

Student apartments offer variety

ELISE PHILLIPS
PULSE EDITOR

College life can be crazy enough without worrying about where to live.

Most students at ECU live at least one year in the dorms, where everything is included and where classes, food, the gym and other facilities are only a walk away. While dorms can be convenient for students, sometimes living with a roommate, combined with a lack of privacy can prove to be too much for some.

"When I lived in the dorms, I couldn't believe how little privacy I actually got. That little room with a person I didn't really even know was really stressful. I needed my own space before I went crazy," said Tiara Street, sophomore psychology major

So what do most students do when dorm life is simply not for them?

Many students do what sophomore Adrian Williams did: they move to a student apartment.

"After living in a dorm where everything was all-inclusive, I wanted to find something that would only require one bill for rent, electricity, cable, and internet. I wanted my privacy, but I also wanted the convenience of payment that the

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Movie of the Week: Shrek the Third

Third Shrek Proves to be Best of the Series

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Even though the summer movie season just began, three huge films are already battling it out to become this year's leading moneymaker.

Spiderman 3, *Shrek the Third* and *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*, all assumed pinnacles of three enormously popular series, are sure to be the biggest blockbusters of the summer. *Shrek 3*, which opened last weekend, is anticipated to be the grand winner of them all. While financial competition will definitely not be a problem for the film, the movie also gives its cinematic competitors more than ample competition with a beautiful arsenal of a well-written and hilarious screenplay, great vocal acting and hypnotic animation.

The movie continues the story line left open by the previous film, *Shrek 2*. A reluctant Shrek and his wife Fiona try to cope with the rigorous demands of blossoming royalty, all the while aided by their loyal friends Puss in Boot and Donkey.

Shrek 3 is marvelously well written. Most animated movies exist purely for the Saturday afternoon entertainment of children and offer little thought, just mindless filler intertwined with a few jokes and a dash of pretty colors.

Shrek, on the other hand, shines with intelligently conceived jokes that appeal to all ages and a flowing storyline that transitions wonderfully from the previous two films. The jokes are without a doubt what make the film what it is.

The main reason people see the film is because of the hilarious and intelligent jokes that seem to never run out of comedic steam. The film manages to turn even the most serious and dark of childhood fairy tale characters into laughable messes.

Of course, the characters are

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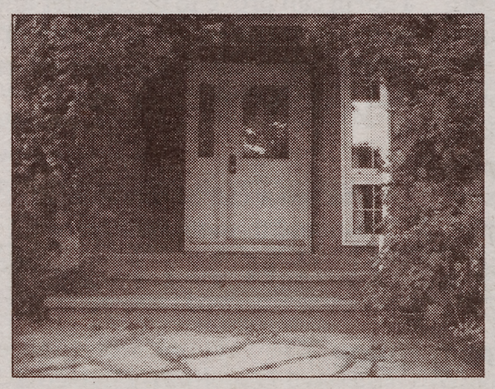

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would be able to help students find.

Vladim Bobrovnikov, a senior neuroscience major, and Courtney Elliott, a junior political science major, both participated in the Foreign Exchange Program last year. Bobrovnikov spent a year at Manchester Metropolitan University in Manchester, England, where Elliott joined him for the spring semester.

"I thought it would broaden my perspective. I also saw that it could be important for my academic and professional goals, and could give me an edge academically," said Bobrovnikov.

Elliott had her own reasons, as well.

"I wanted a change of scenery, and I recognized that it was just a great opportunity," she said.

The students also found that there was a lot to learn and bring back from the exchange experience.

"As a whole, it makes you more mature, in the way you both perceive and understand things. It also makes you appreciate what you have even more. In America, we have a lot of everything, and you can't help but make comparisons when you go abroad. You might as well go when you're young," Bobrovnikov said.

For more information on the Foreign Exchange Program, you can visit the website at ecu.edu/intlaffairs or send an email to studyabroad@ecu.edu.

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dorm provided," said Williams, who lives in North Campus Crossing.

One convenient aspect of dorm life that is hard to dispute is that one bill covers all of the necessities. In apartment complexes, there are sometimes many bills involved—one for rent, electricity, cable and internet service. However, many student apartments in Greenville offer a combined bill.

So which is better, the dorms or student apartments?

Some students genuinely enjoy living in a dorm.

"Living on campus is great. I've met so many great friends, and everything is so close. Campus facilities include two gyms, two dining halls, a swimming pool and I can basically roll out of bed and go to class. I think that living with a roommate is the least stressful thing about living in a dorm," said sophomore Danica Wanko.

However, with the influx of student apartments in Greenville, such as Pirate's Cove, North Campus Crossing, Pirate's Place, University Manor, The Exchange and Campus Pointe Apartments, it seems that many students like the idea of living off-campus in a student apartment.

"When it comes down to it, dorms are probably the more economical choice, and the parking is definitely simpler, but I would pay more and be a little more inconvenienced if it meant having the privacy I want and need," said Street, who lives in The Exchange.

"I feel like I'm establishing a sense of adulthood by living on my own, even if my complex is geared toward students. I'm learning how to pay my rent on time, how to clean up my very own living space and how to keep myself focused while living in my own apartment. I would much rather live here than in a dorm," Street said.

While most agree that living in a dorm can prove to be cheaper and more convenient, many students would trade these things for a place that they can call their own.

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voiced by the very same people that brought the previous two films to life. Mike Myers does an incredible characterization of Shrek. His voice is almost a carbon copy of his famous character Austin Powers.

Cameron Diaz provides the voice for Shrek's wife, Fiona. British actor Rupert Everett does a terrific job with voicing Prince Charming, and animation newcomer Justin Timberlake voices the young teenage King Arthur.

The film is expected to attract huge numbers for the first few weekends. Those planning to see the movie should plan to buy tickets as early as possible. In the already crowded field for this year's summer movie season, *Shrek the Third* definitely stands out as one of the best films to come out of the far far away land known as Hollywood.

Overall Grade: A+

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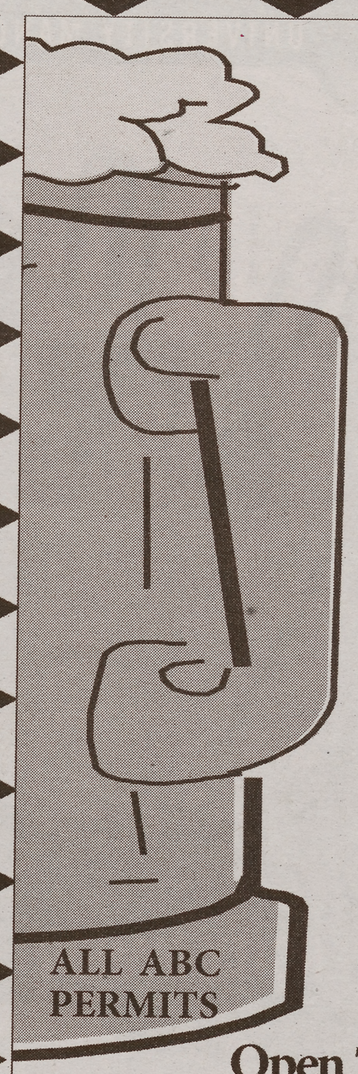

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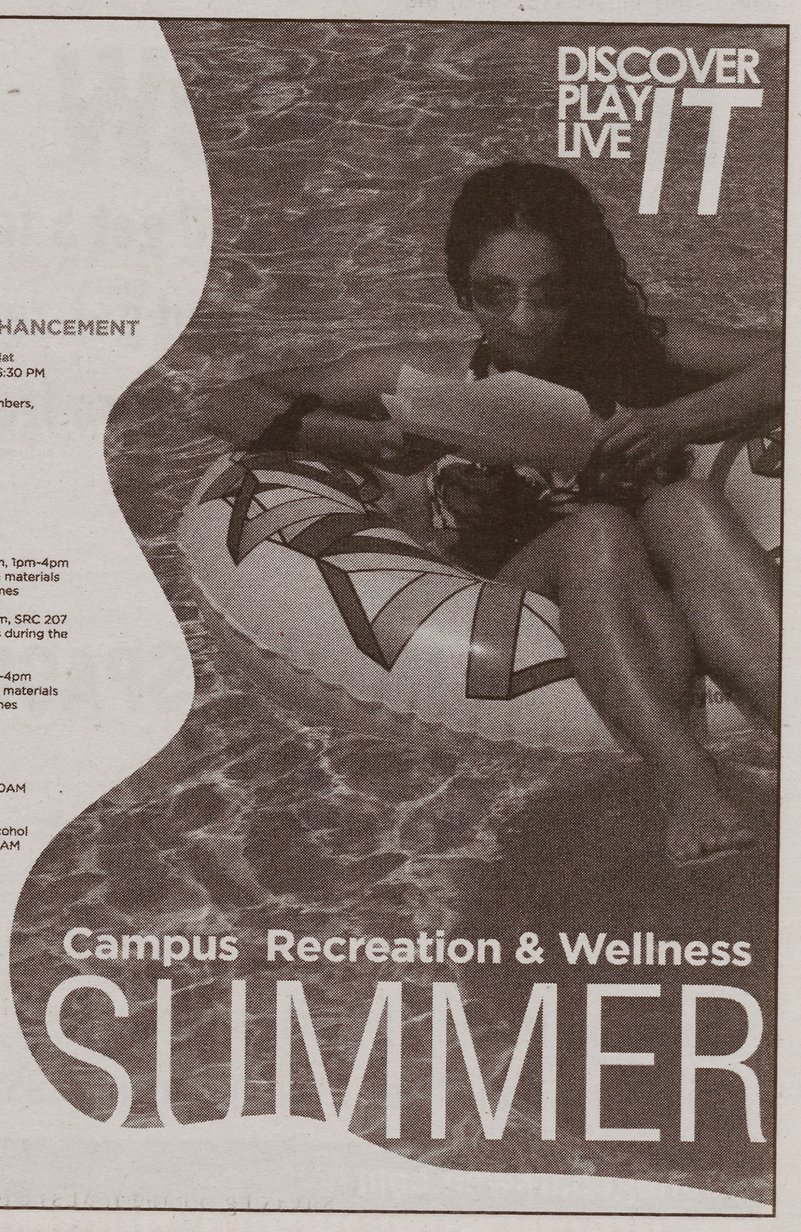

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Josh Dowdy

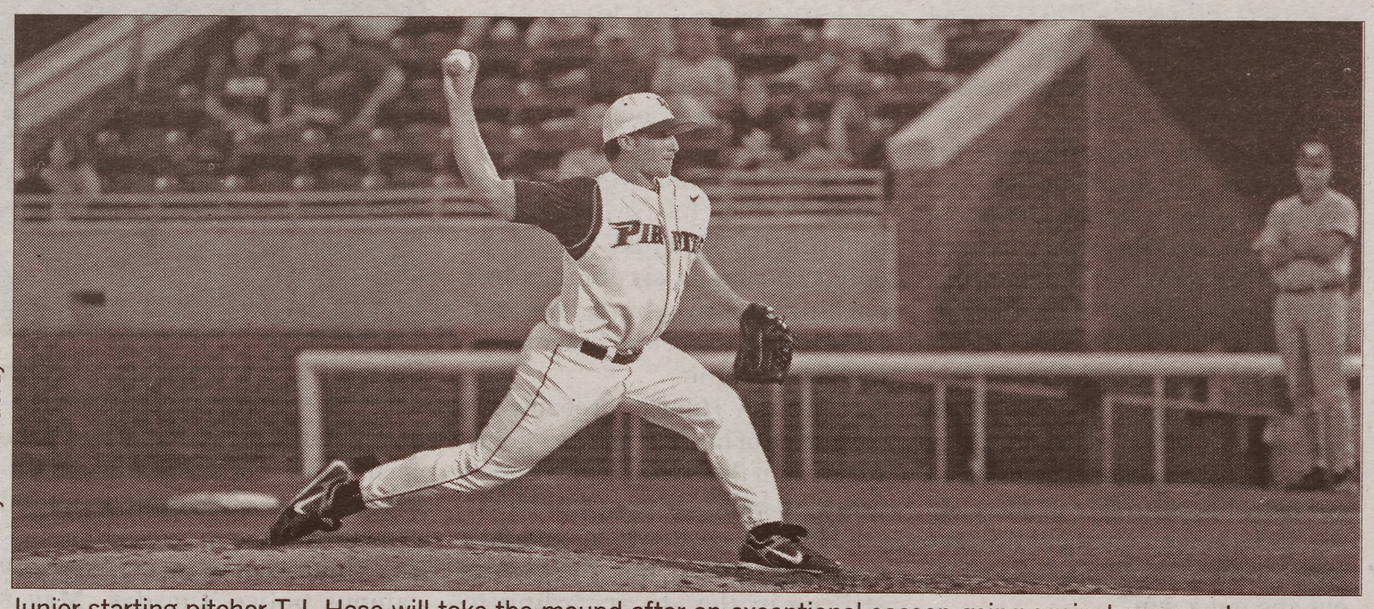
Dowdy helped ECU clinch the second seed in this week's C-USA Tournament by leading the Pirates to a 10-2 victory over UAB this past Saturday. The Pirates were in danger of losing the second seed in the tournament as they went into the series finale with only a half-game lead over third place Southern Miss, but Dowdy's strong pitching performance secured the Pirates' second place regular season finish. The sophomore ended the regular season with a 4-1 record and a 2.83 ERA in 63 2/3 innings.

"Our pitching staff has been a key component this year and one the reasons for our success...and Josh Dowdy gave us another solid start on Saturday."
- ECU baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin

ECU rounds third, comes home to host

Pirates will lean on weekend warriors and 10th man

RONNIE WOODWARD
SENIOR WRITER



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Junior starting pitcher T.J. Hose will take the mound after an exceptional season going against opponents aces.

Postseason college baseball is essentially a test of a team's pitching depth and durability, which is why ECU cannot afford a loss to Tulane in the first round of the C-USA Tournament tonight.

The Pirates have found three solid starting pitchers in T.J. Hose, Dustin Sasser and Josh Dowdy, but have been stuggling all season to find a fourth. A loss to seventh-seeded Tulane tonight would mean that ECU would have to win five consecutive games in the next four days to capture the C-USA Championship, which is very tough for any team to do.

"If you stay in the winner's bracket, you only have to play four games in five days," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin after practice on Monday. "The tough part is when you fall in the loser's bracket and are forced to play two games in one day or six games in five days, that's when it becomes taxing."

The Pirates' haven't won a game with someone other than

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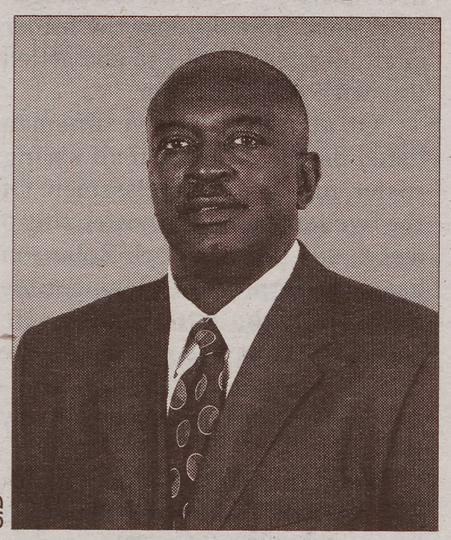
A hole is left on the defensive line



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Donnie Thompson

Donnie Thompson was a prolific recruiter

GREG KATSKI
SPORTS EDITOR

When ECU issued a press release stating that assistant head football coach and defensive line coach Donnie Thompson was arrested by campus police and subsequently resigned from his position many in the community were left wondering why, but perhaps an even bigger question should be posed by the Pirate faithful.

Where does the team turn now that Thompson has severed all ties with the program?

With 32 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level, Thompson was the most experienced assistant on ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz's staff. More importantly, Thompson was a seasoned recruiter with strong ties to the eastern North Carolina community.

While serving as the defensive line coach and a special teams assistant at UNC from 1989-1997 Thompson was credited with the recruitment and development of future NFL stars, including Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers. Under his tutelage during the 1997 season the Tar Heels posted a program record 42 sacks and ranked second nationally in rushing defense.

Like so many other greats of the game, including George O'Leary and Lou Holtz, Thompson's legacy has now been forever tainted. As stated by an ECU press release, a warrant was filed by the ECU police claiming Thompson created and submitted fictitious receipts to

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Pirates end regular season on a high note

ECU finishes second in C-USA

RONNIE WOODWARD
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU baseball team finished second in C-USA in the regular season, but that feat didn't come easy as it needed a win on the last day of the season to secure its second-place finish.

After losing the first two games of their last conference series, the Pirates had a half-game lead over a streaking Southern Miss club and were in danger of losing the second seed in this week's C-USA Tournament. But sixteen hits and a strong performance by pitcher Josh Dowdy led the Pirates to a 10-2 victory, securing the second seed.

"The difference in our season were the two weekends when we lost the first two games, but responded on the last day and won," said ECU baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin earlier this week. "We were picked to finish fifth or sixth in C-USA in some polls, but we finished second and to win 36 games with the schedule we had is positive, we just have to get hot at the right time and play well."

Dowdy (4-1) allowed two runs and struck out four in six innings on Saturday.

"I think I pitch better under pressure," Dowdy said. "We lost those two games, which we probably shouldn't have lost, but that's baseball and it happens. We came out on Saturday and hopefully that [win] will get us on a roll."

Dowdy said that he has thrived under pressure since his days at Raleigh's Wakefield High School. The outspoken pitcher posted a 1.06 ERA and struck out 85 batters, which both still stand as school records, in his senior season at Wakefield. He was also the Catfish Hunter Award recipient as Wake County's High School Player-of-the-Year in 2005.

"I like it when our backs up against the wall, and everything is left up to me," said Dowdy. "I've been that way since high school and I think that's carried into college, I've kind of showed some of the guys that even though I'm a younger guy, I can still step onto the mound and be ready to go.

"Saturday's win gave ECU a

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Online poll question:

Do you think that the ECU baseball team will ever fulfill former coach Keith LeClair's dream of playing in the College World Series in Omaha and someday winning the championship?

-Yes, the team is making strides under ECU baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin

-No, the team has been digressing ever since LeClair retired because of complications with ALS.

-Maybe, it's too early to tell if the team can get back to the competitive level it was at under LeClair.

To vote on this weeks poll question go to theeastcarolinian.com and submit your vote. Current results can be found by clicking on the View Results button under the poll question. The final results will be posted in next Wednesday's edition of The East Carolinian.

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Hose, Sasser or Dowdy as the starting pitcher since April 20, when freshman Mike Anderson started in ECU's 14-1 victory over Savannah State. The struggle to find a fourth starter was no more evident than in ECU's midweek loss to Elon last week. The Pirates used seven pitchers in the game, four in the first two innings, ultimately resutling in a 4-2 loss.

Junior T.J. Hose will start for the Pirates tonight. Hose has been the Pirates' No 1. starter all season, and has showed the ability to pitch well in big games throughout his career, especially at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

"It's a huge game," Hose said of the first round matchup with Tulane. "It's a clean slate and a way for us to get momentum back on our side. I hope to go out there, do the little things, command the zone with all three of my pitches and go out and get a win."

ECU and Tulane have some history in the C-USA Tournament. Tonight's match up will mark the third year in a row that the two clubs have faced each other in the conference tournament.

In the 2006 tournament, ECU beat Tulane in the first round, only to be eliminated by the Green Wave two days later. Tulane has won nine of the last 12 games between the two, including three of the last four in the C-USA Tournament.

"Tulane has one of the best baseball programs in the country, and when you have a good program, you have a chance anytime you play because the expectations are high," said Godwin. "It's going to be a dog fight, but I think our guys are up to that."

Tulane will start sophomore right-hander Shooter Hunt. Hunt finished the regular season with a 2.44 ERA and a 6-5 record in 14 starts. The University of Virginia transfer shut down the Pirate offense earlier this season, allowing one earned run and striking out nine in seven innings in an 8-2 Tulane win.

"They're throwing Shooter Hunt against us and we're expecting a big outing out of T.J. Hose," said Pirate leadoff hitter Harrison Eldridge. "It's going to be interesting to how this conference tournament pans out, but we're ready to go."

Hose pitched well against Tulane earlier this season despite suffering the prior loss. He allowed only two runs in six innings in a pitching duel won by Tulane, 2-1. Hose said he expects another pitching duel tonight.

"We saw Hunt in probably his best game of his year and he's going to throw in the low 90s, with a good breaking ball," Hose said of Hunt.

Hose is penciled in as tonight's starting pitcher, but the rest is still up in the air, according to Godwin.

"We're going to start Hose, and after that it will be to be determined," he said. "We'll match it up with the pitcher who gives us the best chance to win after that."

One thing Hose and the rest of the Pirates will have on their side this week is home-field advantage. Clark-LeClair Stadium has been a great atmosphere since it opened in 2005, and should be the same this week.

"I know I'll have the 10th man out there, the fans behind us and it should be a great crowd," Hose said.

ECU has three very strong starting pitchers in Hose, Sasser and Dowdy, and the conference's best closer in junior Shane Mathews. If the Pirates can win tonight and preserve its pitching staff the rest of the way, a run at the C-USA title is a realistic possibility.

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SID

Donnie Thompson riles up his defensive line before a game against Duke.

be reimbursed for money said to be spent while recruiting student athletes. The receipts came to a total of $11,373.70.

Thompson was arrested by campus police Tuesday, May 8 and released under an unsecured $10,000 bond, according to an ECU press release.

On Friday, May 11 Thompson pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor forgery charge in the Pitt County courthouse and subsequently resigned from his position on the staff Tuesday, May 15.

In the wake of Thompson's departure, ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland and Holtz said they would immediately look for a replacement. While a replacement will fill the needs of the team in the short run, not even the best coach can establish the relationship that Thompson had with his line. Thompson had close ties with many of his young defensive linemen, and even recruited some of them.

As a defensive lineman and three-year letter winner at the University of Connecticut, Thompson knew how to relate to his big men in the trenches; he's been there his entire life. Before playing at UConn, Thompson was a four-year letter winner as a defensive lineman at Bogalusa High School in Bogalusa, La. Immediately after graduating from UConn, Thompson joined the Huskies coaching staff as a linebackers and defensive ends coach.

One defensive lineman that truly thrived under Thompson was 6 feet 5, 277 pound, defensive end Marcus Hands. Going into his junior season, Hands, once rated as the 40th best defensive end nationally by Phil Steele Magazine, must now become the leader of an inexperienced and embattled line without his mentor.

Of all the defensive linemen listed on the ECU football spring roster, nine are underclassmen. Of the five seniors on the roster only 6 feet 3, 286 pound, Mark Robinson has seen significant playing time going into the 2007 season. He is projected as the starting nose guard, while fellow senior Wendell Chavis is listed as his primary backup..

Similar to Hands, junior standout defensive end Zach Slate has been mentored by Thompson during his career at ECU. The success of the line is in the hands of these emerging players, as well as UNC transfer and playmaker Khalif Mitchell.

The Pirates rush defense has improved with the maturation of Slate and Hands, but also the arrival of Thompson. When Thompson joined the program with Holtz in 2005, ECU's rush defense was one of the worst in the nation. In the wake of the John Thompson disaster, Holtz knew that the team could not win until it improved on both sides of the line.

Success was slow to come, as the 2005 Pirates were last in C-USA in rushing defense, surrendering an astounding 217.6 yards per game on the ground. ECU was only slightly better in the red zone, where strength on the defensive line is really tested. The Pirates surrendered points to their opponents 84.4 percent of the time the team was in the red zone.

In 2006 ECU jumped from 12th to 6th in the conference in rushing defense, allowing only 145.2 yards per game on the ground. Even more astounding was the Pirates red zone defense. ECU moved up from 10th in the league to 2nd, giving up a score only 76.7 percent of the time their opponent was in the red zone.

Time will tell if the Pirates will be significantly affected by the loss of the most respected and experienced assistant on Holtz's staff. To find any short term indication of his loss just look ahead to the end of next season and note where the team stands in rushing defense. In the long run though, the program will truly be able to tell if this was merely a minor setback or a giant leap back.

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36-20 record and a 14-9 mark in C-USA. The Pirates hope that Saturday's win will give them momentum heading into the C-USA Tournament, which will be held in Greenville, starting today.

"I think that last win was huge," Dowdy said. "After losing a couple games in a row, we got the win and now we come back home to our fans and have the conference tournament right here, which will hopefully let us go to where we need to get to."

The Pirate offense finally came alive on Saturday after scoring only two runs in each of the first two games against UAB. Catcher David Forbes recorded a career-high three hits and drove in three runs in the win, while sophomore Stephen Batts extended his conference-long hitting streak to 22 games.

Rice, which is ranked second in the nation and seeded first in the C-USA Tournament, is looking to defend its title after dominating the 2006 tournament. ECU and the other teams in C-USA are hoping to challenge the national powerhouse this week.

"All that matters now is confidence, and believing in what you can do," Godwin said. "If we come out and play well, we've proven that we can beat anyone in the country."

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C-USA baseball final regular season standings

	Conference		Overall	
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Rice	22	2	45	11
ECU	**14**	**9**	**36**	**20**
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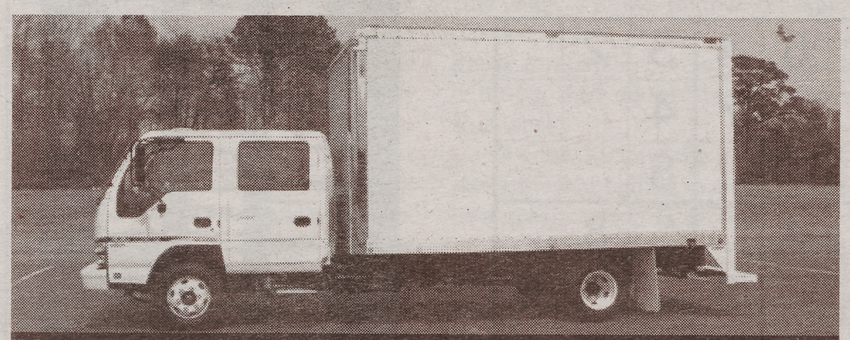

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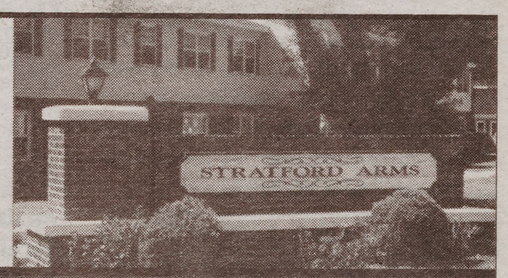

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