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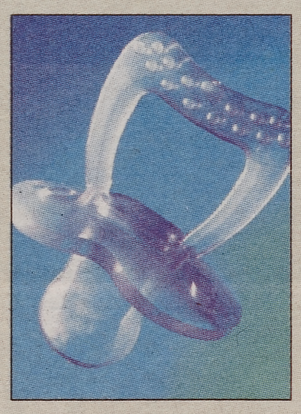

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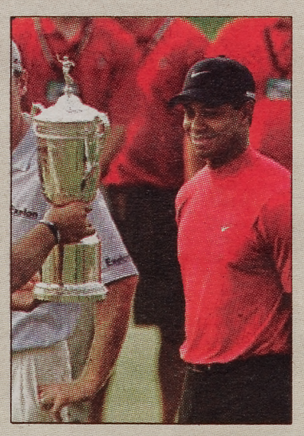

Tiger Woods was turned-away by an Angel from Argentina in the U.S. Open over the weekend. Turn to the sports section for a special feature on what seems to be ailing Woods....**Page 9**

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Painted pirates set to take over Greenville

New public arts project adorns community

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

A new wave of pirate spirit will soon crest in Greenville, thanks to plans to place numerous 6-ft-tall pirate statues throughout the city beginning in April 2008.

This commemorative public arts project works in conjunction with ECU's Office of Centennial Events as a development of the East Carolina Alumni Association and the Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce.

Proposals for artist designs were due June 15 and will be reviewed by the Pirate Project Committee throughout July.

With the vast college population of students residing in Greenville, the committees hope for high student involvement in the project.

"We would like ECU students to get involved someway or somehow. The more proposals we get, the more involvement we have and that involvement will hopefully attract more people to our area," said Scott Senatore, marketing director for the Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce.

The public displaying of pirate statues will continue the tradition of ornamented statues seen throughout many cities in our country.

Cities such as Norfolk, VA, Chicago, IL and even North Carolina's own Outer Banks have adorned their streets with statues commemorating unique public heritage.

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Other cities have painted statues of different objects that represent their heritage.

"This project is going to be a great way for the Alumni Association to celebrate ECU's Centennial, while at the same time partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to produce a public arts project that will build spirit throughout the city, the university and the pirate nation," said Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations.

The statues will be unveiled in April 2008 and will remain on display for approximately six months to a year.

The exact time period in which the event will occur has not yet been determined, but it will take place sometime before Pirate Fest 2009.

Three levels of statue sponsorship will be offered to those interested: "Quartermaster Sponsor" donations of $2500, "First Mate" donations of $5000 and a

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Leadership series set for fall

Events sponsored by college of business

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

A new series of speakers coming to ECU this fall will offer students a broad range of perspectives from some of Greenville's leaders.

"The series will bring to Greenville men and women from business and industry, public affairs, government, public and private enterprises, for-profit and not-for-profit firms, entrepreneurial activities and other applicable fields of work and service," said Rick Niswander, dean of the college of business.

The series will be an annual event, with three to four speakers coming each year. All of the events will be free and open to the public.

A similar event, the Beta Gamma Sigma Distinguished Speaker Series, has been sponsored by the college of business since 1986. It brings one guest every year during the spring semester.

"In general, speaker topics will be related to areas such as leadership, professional development, ethics and the role of business in modern society," Niswander said.

The Cunanan Leadership Series is being funded by a donation of almost $300,000 from Steve and Ellen Cunanan and Johnson and Johnson.

In addition to collaborating to make the donation to the college of business, Mr. Cunanan and Johnson and Johnson are affiliated in other ways as well. Mr. Cunanan is employed by Johnson and Johnson in Pennsylvania.

The decision to donate money to ECU's College of Business rather than another university is in direct correlation with the fact that the Cunanan's are no strangers to the Pirate community.

In 1988, Ellen received a degree in business while Steve graduated with a psychology degree in 1987.

These leadership speakers will provide students with vital information and resources that will be imperative in the future.

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ECU hosts Legislator's School

Week long program offered to youth

NIA RICHARDSON
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ECU is currently hosting the 21st Annual Legislator's School for Youth Leadership and Development.

The Legislator's School is a week-long program that gives Eastern North Carolina students the opportunity to develop leadership skills such as conflict resolution and problem-solving strategies.

The students attending the Legislator's School are nominated by their schools based on need, interest, citizenship, ability to acquire skills for personal development, interpersonal skills and academic development.

Two students are chosen from each school to attend either the high school session, which is currently running from June 19 to June 22, or the middle school session that will run from June 23 to June 29.

The program is geared primarily to students who are from the more rural areas of the state. This is because students from urban areas of North Carolina often receive more learning opportunities than students in rural areas. A total of 89 high school students and 107 middle school students are participating in the program.

The Legislator's School for Youth Leadership and Development is hosted at two North Carolina colleges that administer the program to students from different regions of the state.

Western Carolina University serves the western counties and ECU serves the eastern counties, as well as the counties in central North Carolina.

The ECU program is providing its participants with the chance to learn new skills related to topics such as communication, community service, environmental awareness, multicultural awareness and personal growth.

"It is very important that students gain valuable leadership skills

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"Captain's Sponsor" of $7500.

All Captain Sponsors will own their pirate statue after the six month to one year viewing period. For all other sponsorship levels, statues will become property of the Pirate Project Committee and will be saved for auction at the Pirate Gala.

Also in the works is a special "Parade of Pirates" that will be held during Homecoming. After Homecoming festivities or during Pirate Fest 2009, the gala will be held and the statues will be auctioned off for community benefit.

All proceeds benefit the Historic Fleming House Renovation Fund and the East Carolina Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The original design for these pirate statues was created by Glenn Eure, an ECU alumnus now living in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

"I think the project is a great idea. It will really add to the aesthetic appeal of the city and when you see the statues, they will automatically remind you of ECU," said Banita Onyirimba, graduate student of public administration

For more information, contact the Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce at (252) 752-4101, or visit their Web site at greenvillenc.org, or contact Paul Clifford of the ECU Alumni Association at (252) 328-6072 or visit the corresponding Web site at piratealumni.com/ng.

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Painted pirate statues will fill the city of Greenville as early as April 2008.

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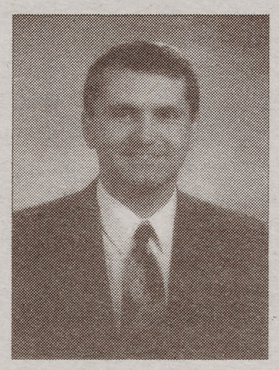

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in order to compete with others in this world. The Legislator's School provides a curriculum that assists students in becoming better communicators, problem-solvers, to deal with conflict and to develop service projects," said Tarrick Cox, director of Student Outreach.

The students of the ECU program will use *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, a book by Dr. Stephen Covey, as well as *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey.

"The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and Teens were chosen as a framework for the curriculum because it outlines seven principles that we felt would help young people become more effective in their everyday life. Participants are provided the opportunity to stretch to do more than they think they can do, the ECU program states in it mission statement," Cox said.

The Legislator's School is staffed by outstanding teachers from the North Carolina Public School System who are also assisting in the development of the program.

The Legislator's School was created in 1985 when the North Carolina General Assembly decided to form a program that would help develop future leaders throughout North Carolina.

A bill was funded by the assembly to start the program to train students ranging from eighth through twelfth grade.

Students participating in the program are currently residing in Tyler Residence Hall and are being counseled by college students from North Carolina Universities.

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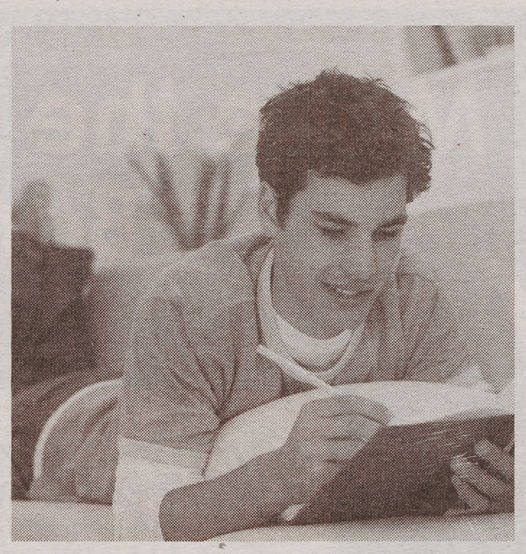

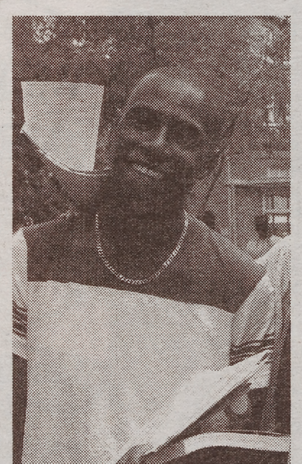
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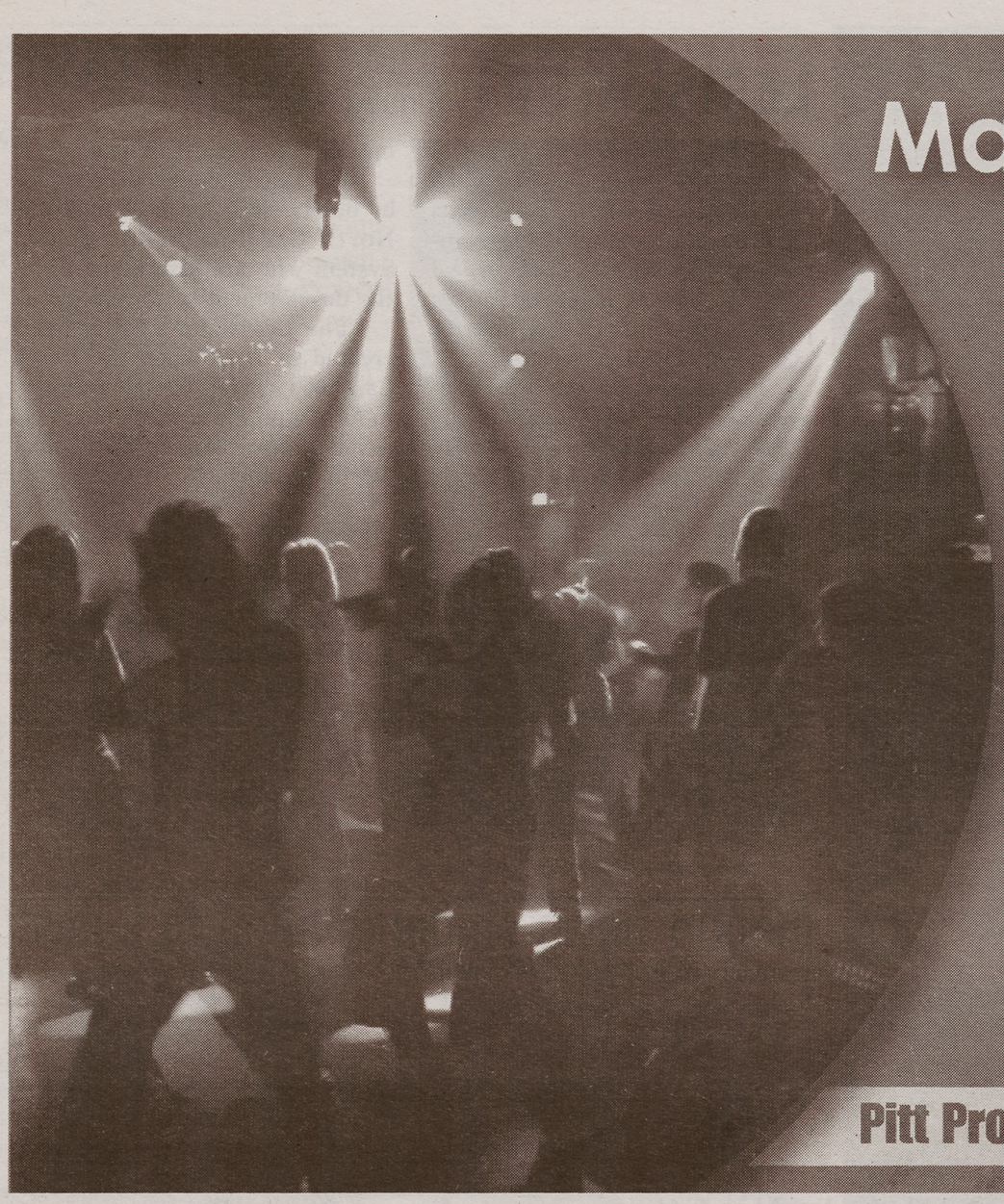

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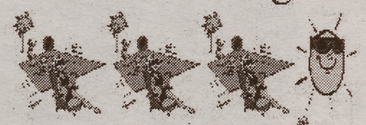

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RANT OF THE DAY

Is there any nice way to tell someone to please just go away and stop talking to you?

Professional athletes held accountable for actions

NFL's fashions a new conduct policy

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

This just in, young people with access to large amounts of money don't always make the best decisions. Recently Michael Vick, Adam "Pacman" Jones, members of the Cincinnati Bengals and Paris Hilton have learned that there are consequences for their actions just like everybody else, despite their celebrity status and lavish wealth. Alex Rodriguez and Lindsay Lohan probably share mutual disdain for the paparazzi that follow their every move, and at their most disgraceful moment swoop in like buzzards to capture an image of it to sell to the highest bidder.

Celebrities aside, the big NFL news this off-season has not been Terrell Owens's antics but instead new commissioner Roger Goodell's hard-line approach to dealing with players' off-field conduct. Titans defensive back and return man "Pacman" Jones will watch this season from the comfort of his home or the friendly confines of his local strip club. Since Jones was drafted in 2005 he has been arrested five times and questioned by police ten times. His former West Virginia teammate and current Bengals receiver, Chris Henry, will sit out eight games for his lengthy rap sheet in the last three years that includes alcohol, drug and weapons charges, and an alleged sex crime still under investigation. Bears defensive lineman Tank Johnson will sit out for half the season, although that should be easier than his recent stint in prison for weapons charges.

Goodell has yet to deal with Falcons quarterback Vick, the leagues highest paid player and most prominent national disgrace. Vick's off-field humiliation began in 2003 with the "Ron Mexico" incident well known to many fans, especially those whose team has built their entire defense around containing Vick's often breath-taking scrambles. A woman sued Vick for infecting her with herpes and alleged that Vick knew of his condition because he used the alias "Ron Mexico" for testing and/or treatment. The suit was eventually settled out of court.

Last season after a home loss to the Saints, Vick flicked off his own fans while leaving the field. In January, Vick was searched by security at the Miami International Airport for attempting to bring a water bottle with the fragrance of marijuana aboard a plane. Although no contraband was found in the water bottle or in Vick's possession, there was a storage compartment behind the label, supposedly used to store jewelry.

However, these incidents and transgressions pale in comparison to the April discovery of more than five-dozen dogs bred for fighting on Vick's property in Surry County, Virginia. Police found the dogs while searching the property, then occupied by Vick's cousin, for narcotics. Since then, anonymous sources have given first hand accounts of Vick's status as a high roller in the gruesome underworld of illicit dog fighting. Vick has pled ignorance of his cousin's actions on his property despite reports to the contrary.

Goodell is waiting until the separate state and federal investigations determine what, if any, role Vick had in dog fighting before he decides the league's course of action. He could decide to suspend Vick regardless of whether he is eventually indicted. Either way, the luster is gone from the superstar's image. Vick was once considered the torchbearer of a new revolution in quarterback play, but his accuracy and decision-making in throwing the ball, the most important part of playing quarterback, leaves much to be desired. It's doubtful that he will ever again grace the cover of Madden or be featured in any ridiculous rollercoaster-themed Nike advertisements. If he does make it on the field this season, opposing fans' abuse will be relentless. Vick appears set to join Barry Bonds and Kobe Bryant as the most despised player in his league.

For all the bad publicity that has troubled the NFL this off-season, it is a relief to recall that Peyton Manning, the league's most endearing and personable star, got his long awaited first Super Bowl title, cementing his place among the greatest quarterbacks of all time. It's too bad that the need to fill air time in the off season has drawn attention away from the game itself and the stars that do portray model behavior.

Charles Barkley's "I'm not a role model" commercial rings true now more than ever. He encouraged children to look up to those in their families and communities rather than the professional athletes on their television screens. The glitter has worn off on these modern gladiators, revealing broken people more human than hero.

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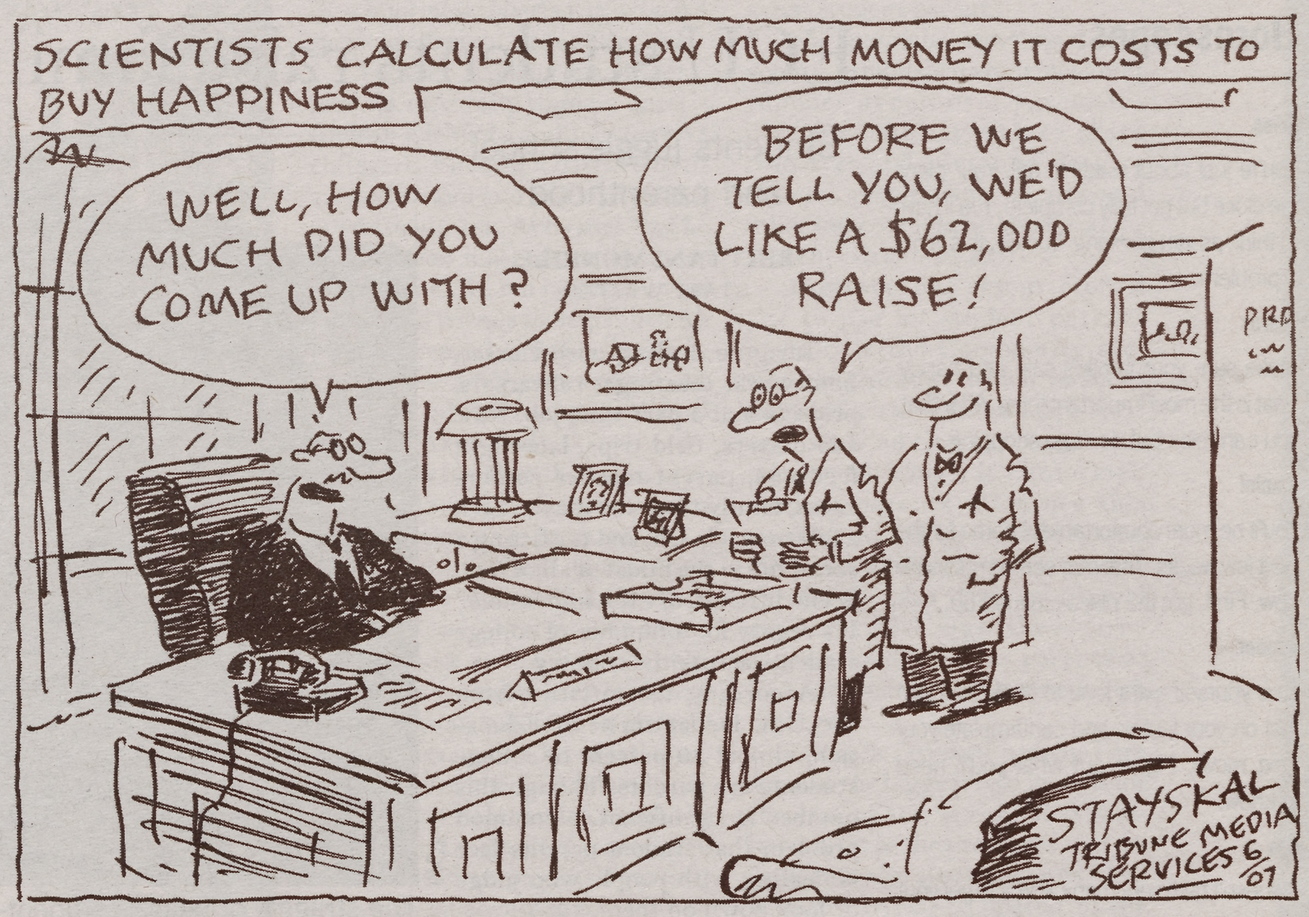

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I don't even go to this university anymore, but I still read Pirate Rants.

I'm so glad the first summer session will be over by the time this is printed. It's been a real nightmare.

I am so ready for the fall so it can be football season again!!! GO ECU PIRATES!!!

Does anyone else have trouble keeping a girlfriend in the summer?

What is it that changes their minds once summer school starts?

Chuck Norris once read that if a Leprechaun is captured it is obligated to give its captor the pot of gold that it keeps hidden at the end of a rainbow. Within a half hour Chuck Norris had a basement full of Leprechauns and more gold then Mr. T.

My roommates and I decided to buy a basketball goal and put it outside of our house for next year. Our plan is to attract hot dudes!

When I ask how many will be dining... don't say four more and make me do the math. JUST SAY SIX!!

I want school to start up again...I MISS ECU!

Gimme some Pirate FOOTBALL!!!!!

This isn't how I wanted to end my friendship with him. But I can't keep feeling like he used me.

I need a job. One that requires very little work. And pays well.

I finally got a tan, and two days later it is peeling off. Lame.

Is there any nice way to tell someone to please just go away and stop talking to you?

Who wants to go swimming?

Heat+My Professors Attitude=A very bad situation!

I have a crush on the guy that sits beside me in class. The last day of class is going to be bittersweet.

I have become addicted to Brasski's Hawaiian Shaved Ice.

How can I get excited about the end of SSI when I have SSII plus a bill to look foward to. Thanks ECU for giving us full-time summer students a break!

Free Paris Now!!!!

Guys who wear CK underwear are so hot.

In answer to the person who thinks Banner is the best thing that has happened at ECU in a long time - YOU ARE DELUSIONAL! You need my room in the Psych Ward at Pitt more than I do!

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Horoscopes:

Aries

You're just about ready to roll. Your plans are close but not fully complete. You'll have to think as you go along. Luckily, this is not a problem.

Taurus

Make sure your family's safe and happy. That is the most important thing. After that, you can relax but don't go shopping.

Gemini

You'll be more comfortable at home for the next few weeks. That may seem impossible now. First, get the place cleaned up.

Cancer

Give yourself extra time to think. You can rest on your laurels and contemplate your next move. Figure out what you'll need to know.

Leo

It doesn't take very many words to get your message across. Avoid friendly distraction. Take care of business.

Virgo

When queried, let people know the intricacies of your craft. If they don't ask, just behave regally, with pride.

Libra

Take time to think about what you've been learning recently. Practice new skills but don't try to rely upon them yet.

Scorpio

Go over recent developments in a meeting with good friends. Don't tell them everything, however. Maintain your advantage.

Sagittarius

A person you met on an adventure can help you further your career. Hasn't happened yet? Get out there and have more adventures.

Capricorn

You're beginning to wonder what's on the other side of the hill or ocean or whatever barrier that you're up against. Don't go yet; read about it.

Aquarius

Be very careful how you spend other people's money. Keep meticulous notes in case you have to pay back.

Pisces

You have to break eggs to make omelets. Keep you objective in mind. Conditions get messier as you're cleaning up.

ECU students raise families while attending school

Students juggle school and parenthood

BRITTANI MCNEILL
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MCT

The struggle of being a student-parent is something that many ECU students do on a daily basis.

Imagine dealing with classes, homework, meetings, rehearsals, projects and a part-time job. Now add diapers, field trips, late night feedings, parent-teacher conferences, family time and maybe even a full time job. Oh, and try fitting a social life in the midst of all of that. Seem difficult, or even impossible? It's reality for a number of college students across the country

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, almost 30 percent of college students are parents. Though this number is significant, a common problem that student-parents face is dealing with people who judge or look down on them.

Howard Artis, an ECU sophomore and proud parent, warns that people shouldn't be quick to judge.

"For one, the term student-parent means that they are trying to do something with their life, and... [they] understand the responsibility of taking care of their child," said Artis. "It's hard enough being a student or a parent alone...and then to be both at the same time, and to be judged! It's extremely stressful sometimes."

Although ECU junior Quintin Mallette is not a parent, he can relate to the struggles many student-parents face. His girlfriend, an ECU senior, has an 18-month-old daughter. He says he appreciates what responsible student-parents deal with and the sacrifices they make.

"I think people that judge student-parents are people that are...scared by what they don't know. People assume that younger student-parents are irresponsible. There's another assumption that

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Financial Planning: A profitable career of the future

Career Profile: Financial Planner

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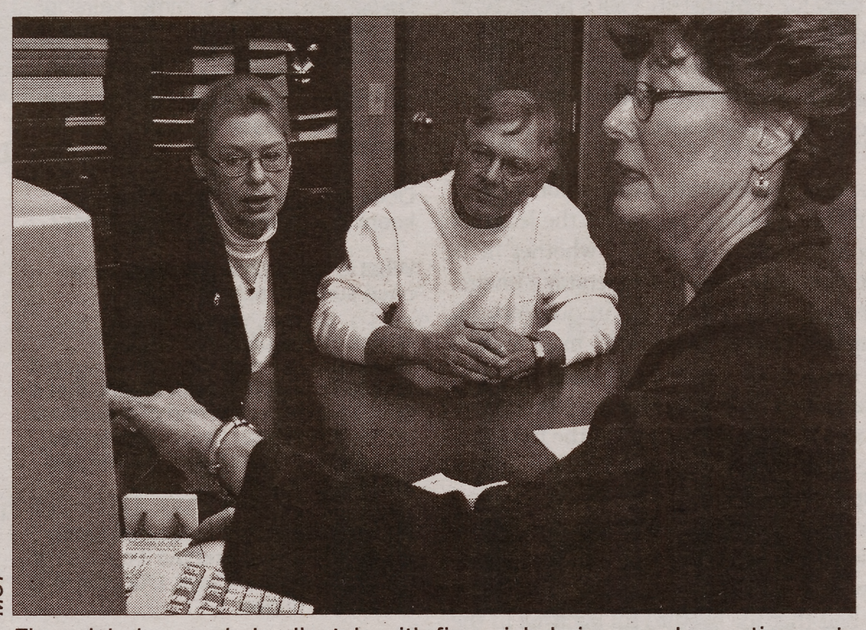

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Financial planners help clientele with financial choices, such as retirement.

Many college students dream of hitting it rich one day. We want to make millions entertaining, inventing, or managing. Those of us who achieve monetary wealth will nevertheless need someone to handle that money. This is where a financial planner comes in.

Like the name implies, a financial planner deals with finances and plans dealing with spending one's money. Many financial planners deal with single clients while some deal with entire companies. Those who deal with single clients are Certified Financial Planners (CFP).

Dr. Robert Prati, finance professor and CFP, says that a CFP is the best designation for financial advisors. "Most advisors are chartered life underwriters but those with the CFP designation are best able to give financial advice," said Prati, "it is best to always ask any planner you go to which designation they have."

According to Dr. Samuel Eakins, another finance professor, there are over 60 different possible designations for planners, many individuals ending up with over 20 different certifications. The CFP designation, given by the Board of Standards Incorporated, is awarded to those who pass the CFP exam. The CFP exam is a very rigorous exam that requires many long nights of vigorous studying.

While possessing a finance degree is certainly a big help in regards to taking the exam, it is not required among CFP hopefuls. According to Prati, those who want to become CFPs can get a degree in anything--be it economics, chemistry or English.

After passing the test and gaining the designation, CFPs have two options when choosing where to work. Eakins says that CFPs can either choose to work with a major company such as Fidelity or Wachovia, or work independently. Those who work solo spend a majority of their first years building a clientele. This entails making house calls, phone calls, and going out to various social gatherings in hopes of gaining new clients.

Once a satisfactory clientele has been obtained, a financial planner spends the majority of their time tracking money markets, opening

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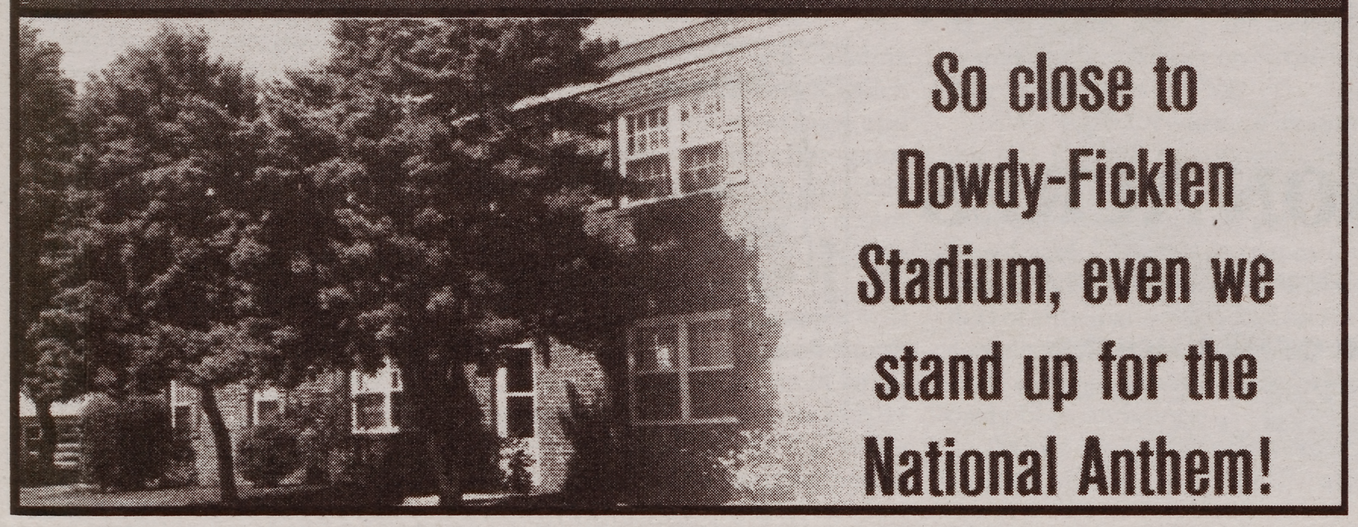

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goes along with the older student-parent—that they didn't focus at an early age so they have to be in school now. Neither of which I think are factual," Mallette said.

Another problem for student-parents, especially younger ones, is finding adequate and inexpensive childcare. Finding a daycare to fit around school and work schedules is a difficult task. Artis says that he doesn't know much about resources offered by ECU, but he relies on his family and friends to help him with his seven month old son, Josiah.

"I have a support system, or, a better phrase may be 'spoil system'," Artis said.

Artis says that the main conflict between being a student and a parent is time management.

"From a father's perspective I would say it's more difficult to show that you want to spend time and be there as much as possible. But me, personally, I try to see my son everyday which is definitely not the case with a lot of fathers."

However, the dilemma of finding a good balance isn't isolated to fathers, or single parents; and with all student-parents a support system is an advantage.

"The hardest thing with my girlfriend is balancing spending time with school and spending time with her family," said Mallette.

Many ECU student-parents say they would like to see more information and resources available to assist them. ECU could possibly benefit from following the example of some schools across the country that are beginning to make strides to accommodate and assist student parents.

For example, starting a university-established student-parent support group or a parent-to-parent email network to share resources and advice on doctor's offices, playgroups, tutors and other topics would be beneficial for student-parents at ECU.

However, one resource often put to use by student parents at ECU is the Community section on Onestop, which includes forums for students to share ideas and seek advice on numerous issues. Although it's informal, student parents often use this resource to search for babysitters, daycares, advice or to find other parents for play dates or general support. Although they carry a great load, student parents at ECU are managing to accomplish their goals.

"I think [student parents] are some of the biggest role models for the rest of the world," said Mallette. A lot of the pressures that we [students who are not parents] deal with are trivial compared to the issues of someone who has to help influence and raise another life."

Artis, along with numerous other student-parents, is taking the challenge of being a student and raising his child one day at a time.

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new investments, and meeting with clients to discuss financial matters.

According to Keais Hought, financial planner at AG Edwards, people in this profession often have long meetings with clients in order to make plans based on a client's goals, income, and expenses. Planners help clients reach their financial aspirations by making budgeting plans for events such as retirement, purchasing a home, and saving for college. Due to the massive amount of financial responsibility that must be maintained, planners are paid generously by their clients. Financial planners have the ability to get a paycheck of up to six figures a year. Individuals in this career can earn such a salary using various methods of billing for their services.

According to Dr. Eakins, there are three ways a financial planner can be paid. Fee-only planners charge a set fee for making financial plans. Commission planners can be compared to salesmen, earning a commission based on the types of financial products they sell. The third type, management planners, charge a percentage of the money that a client entrusts to them.

"It is the general consensus that commission and management planners receive the best compensation because there is virtually no limit to how much they can earn," says Eakins. The comfortable compensation is just one of the many reasons people are attracted to financial planning as a career.

Dr. Prati, believes that the demand for financial planners is only expected to grow because of the number of baby boomers soon to retire.

"People are expected to handle retirement accounts now," said Eakins, "and as always they are going to need financial planners to help them."

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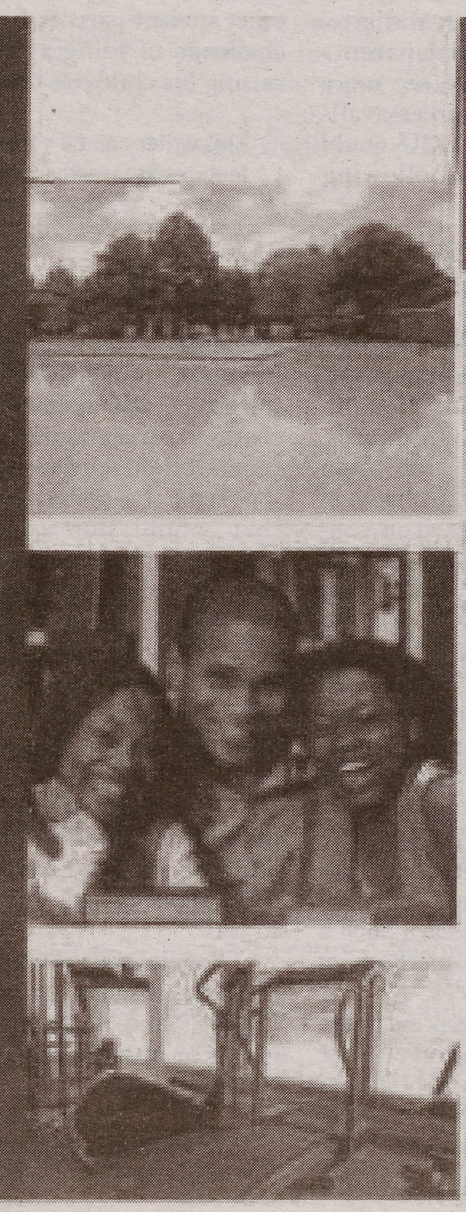

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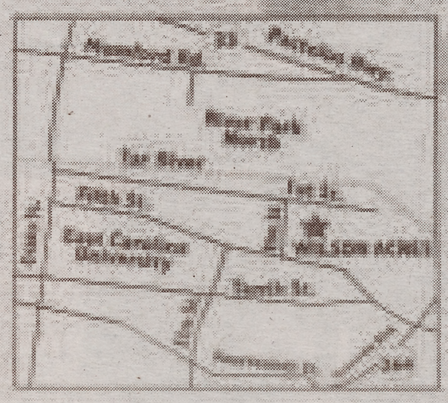

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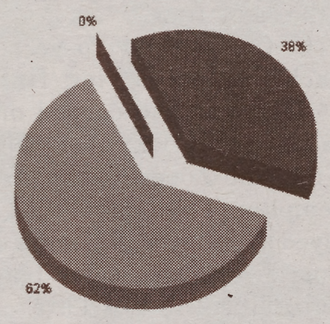

Results from last week's question:

Do you think that Vernon Hargreaves was an exceptional hire to replace Donnie Thompson on ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz's staff?

38%- Yes, Hargreaves is a solid defensive coach with a proven track record. He will fill in well for Thompson as the defensive ends coach and bolster the staff as the new special teams coordinator.

0%- No, Hargreaves will never be able to replace Thompson, a veteran coach and solid recruiter who lured the likes of Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers to his unit.

62%- Maybe, Thompson was a big-time recruiter but Hargreaves excelled under pressure at a big-time program in the University of Miami (Fla.). It's too early to tell at this point.

Online poll question:

Which 2007 ECU football out-of-conference matchup are you most excited about?

A. The season opener on Sep. 1 at Virginia Tech. This will be the Hokies first football game since the tragedy earlier this year, and will be televised nationally by ESPN.

B. The home opener on Sep. 8 against North Carolina. UNC's new Head Coach Butch Davis won a national championsip at Miami (Fla.)

C. The Sep. 22 matchup at West Virginia. WVU finished last season ranked tenth in the nation, and is expected to contend for the 2007 BCS National Championship.

D. The Oct. 20 home game with ECU's biggest rival, NC State. The Wolfpack will be making their first appearance in Greenville since ECU's 23-6 victory over the Wolfpack in front 50,092 fans at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in 1999.

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.

Fearsome Tiger slain by an Angel

Cabrera withstands the heat, wins under pressure

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Over the weekend, the storied Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania put Tiger Woods' skills to the test. A deep field of the world's best golfers, lightning fast greens, narrow fairways and ridiculously thick rough all stood in the way of Woods achieving his 13th major win and gaining another step toward reaching his goal of surpassing 18 majors by all-time leader, Jack Nicklaus.

Coming into the final day Woods was trailing the leader, Aaron Baddeley, by two strokes. Baddeley quickly took himself out of contention by folding under the pressure and scoring a triple bogey on the first hole. The young player had been challenged by Woods in a press conference the previous day where Woods claimed he was the only one in contention with

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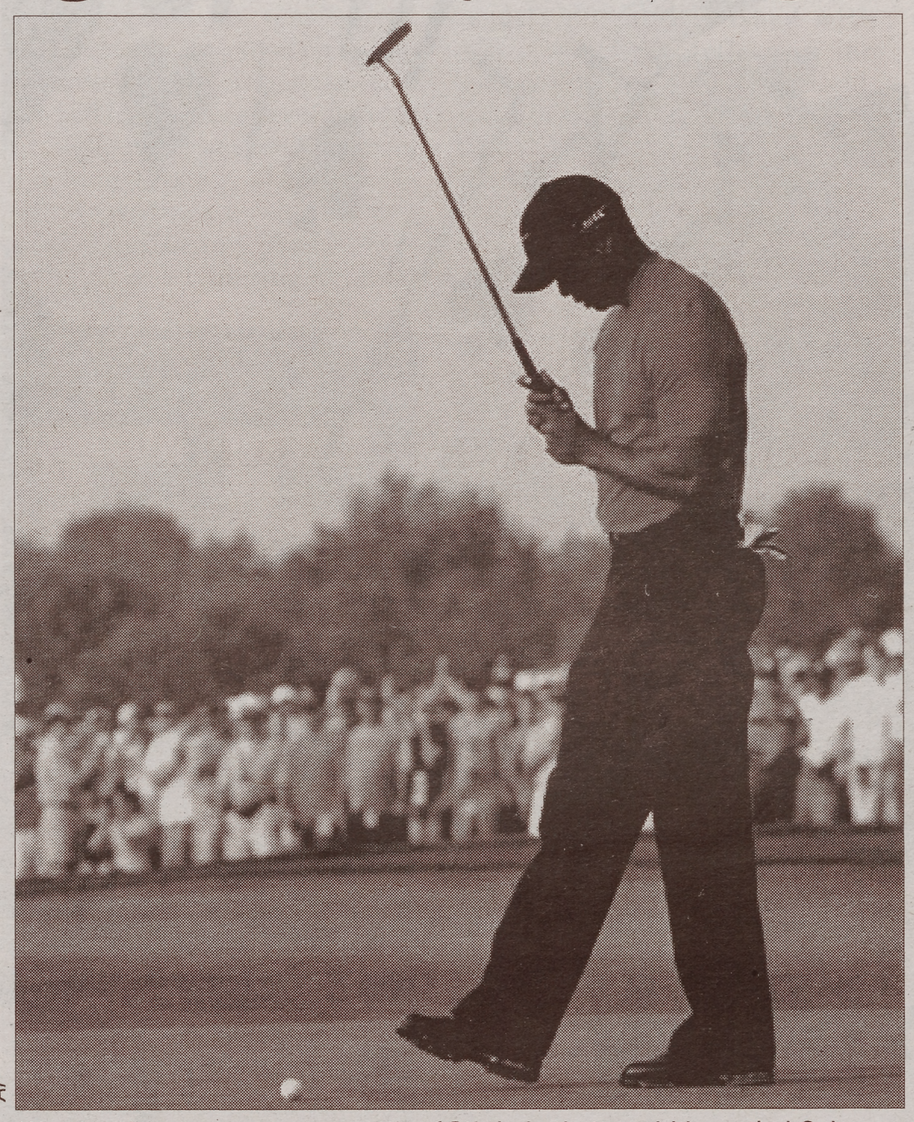

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Woods missed a tough putt on the 18th hole that would have tied Cabrera.

ECU, South Carolina to renew football series

Pirates to face Gamecocks five times beginning 2011

SID- ECU and South Carolina will renew a football series which features 15 prior meetings and dates back to 1977 with a five-game agreement beginning in 2011 and ending in 2016 according to a joint announcement made by the two schools Friday.

Three of the five games will take place in the state of North Carolina as the Pirates and Gamecocks will meet in Charlotte in 2011 and 2014 before taking the series back to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville during the 2015 season. USC will host ECU at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia in 2012 and 2016.

As part of the agreement, Raycom Sports secured operating rights for the two contests scheduled to be played in Charlotte. While the dates are still tentative based on the availability of Bank of America Stadium from the Carolina Panthers' National Football League schedule, the Pirates will serve as the visiting team on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011 before acting as the home team three years later on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

"We look forward to resuming our football relationship with South Carolina," ECU Executive Associate Athletics Director Nick Floyd said. "These are games our fans look forward to with a great deal of anticipation and will further complement our future non-conference schedules which have previously been announced."

While the Gamecocks lead the overall series 10-5, the Pirates have enjoyed the upper hand lately - winning three of the last four and five of the last seven matchups beginning with a 31-20 triumph in 1991. The two programs last met Sept. 18, 1999 at Williams-Brice Stadium where ECU posted a 21-3 victory. However, the Pirates' stay in Columbia lasted an additional week because of the flooding associated with Hurricane Floyd in the Greenville area and ECU was extended workout privileges on the USC campus in preparation for its next game against Miami (Fla.).

In all, 12 of the previous 15 meetings have taken place in Columbia while ECU played host roles in 1985, 1991 and 1997. In addition, the future games against USC will mark a return of Southeastern Conference opponents to the Pirates' schedule, which includes prior contests against Alabama (1998), Auburn (1985, 1986, 1994), Florida (1983), Georgia (1990), Kentucky (1993), LSU

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ECU-Virginia Tech kickoff set for noon

Pirate-Hokie matchup to be televised by ESPN

SID- The kickoff time for ECU's season-opening non-conference contest against Virginia Tech, scheduled for September 1 at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, has been set for 12 noon (EDT) to accommodate a live ESPN national television broadcast according to an announcement from the network Monday morning.

The Pirates will open Skip Holtz' third season at the helm of the ECU program by renewing a 12-game series with the Hokies that began in 1956. The meeting against Virginia Tech, which wrapped up the 2006 season with a No. 18 national rank and an appearance in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, will be the first since a 45-28 Hokie win at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Sept. 7, 2000. In all, ECU won four of the first seven matchups before V Tech rolled off five straight.

The national telecast will be the third for ECU in its last 11 games on an ESPN entity, dating back to No. 4 West Virginia's visit to Greenville on Sept. 23 and the Pirates' bowl clash against USF last December - both of which were carried by ESPN2.

Other ESPN selections announced Monday involving C-USA teams include Marshall at Miami (ESPNU, Sept. 1/12 noon), UCF at N.C. State (ESPN360, Sept. 1/6 p.m.) and UAB at Florida State (ESPNU, Sept. 8/5 p.m.).

This original release was revised June 12 when network officials announced that the ECU-Virginia Tech contest was moved from ESPN2 to ESPN because of a Big 10 Conference commitment.

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(1981) and Tennessee (1995).

ECU posted a 7-6 overall record last year, which marked the program's highest win total since an 8-4 ledger in 2000. The Pirates also made their first bowl appearance since 2001 when they accepted an invitation to the Papajohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. ECU closed the season by winning five of its last seven games and finished league play with a 5-3 record to earn a second-place standing in C-USA's East Division.

The Pirates have won two of the three prior contests played in Charlotte, recording 50-29 and 30-23 victories over N.C. State and West Virginia in 1996 and 1999, respectively, before falling to the Wolfpack 52-14 in 2004. In addition, ECU is scheduled to play Virginia Tech at Bank of America Stadium to open the 2008 season.

"The opportunity to play two games in a first-class stadium in a major league city will certainly help recruiting efforts for both programs," ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland added. "I don't think there's any doubt that it also provides our fans with an entertaining venue that is similar to a bowl experience while touching many of our alumni in the area at the same time."

USC, led by third-year head coach Steve Spurrier, finished 8-5 last year and capped off the season with a win over Houston in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis. The Gamecocks have played in two straight bowls under Spurrier but have never played a football game in Charlotte.

The five-game contract with USC enhances ECU's unprecedented future non-conference scheduling agreements originally announced by Holland in June, 2005 that features nine remaining meetings against V Tech, seven against N.C. State, four against North Carolina, three against West Virginia and Navy and one more vs. Virginia. The Hokies (four times), Wolfpack (three), Tar Heels (two), Midshipmen (two) and Mountaineers (one) are scheduled to visit Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium either in 2007 or during future campaigns.

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Cabrera holds the 107th U.S. Open Golf Championship's trophy.'

enough experience to handle the pressure of winning on this tough course.

Subsequently tied for the lead, few people thought the trophy would be hoisted by anyone other than Tiger Woods. Nevertheless, his failure to convert clutch birdie putts carried over from the previous day.

Though he played one of the best rounds of the tournament on Saturday, posting a 69, Tiger failed to knock down several reasonable putts for birdie. He finished his round with only one bogey on the eighteenth hole. Despite the fact that it was the hardest hole on the course, the strokes he could have gained on both Saturday and Sunday ended up costing him the tournament.

The man who ended up easing the pressure was Angel Cabrera, who had led the field several times throughout the weekend. Cabrera is a long hitting, chain-smoking, Argentinean, who doesn't speak English but played fearlessly, especially during his final round Sunday. After losing the lead the previous day, posting a score of six strokes over par, Cabrera rebounded on Sunday with a 69. Playing with the lead, he pared the treacherous eighteenth hole and finished with a one shot lead, deflecting the pressure to the rest of the field. Jim Furyk, who last won the US Open in 2003, made a charge, scoring several consecutive birdies on the back nine but failed to match Cabrera's final score.

Woods needed only a single birdie going into the last three holes to force a playoff but never put himself in a good position to make one. Cabrera thus earned his impressive win the hard way, fending-off charges from the number one and three players in the world, Woods and Furyk respectively. At the end of the day Angel Cabrera hoisted the trophy and became only the second Argentinean to win a professional golf major; Roberto De Vicenzo won a major over 40 years ago.

As for Woods, by his own ridiculously high standards, he is in a slump. Woods has only won three tournaments in 2007 and has finished in second place in the last two majors he has played. Behind Cabrera by a single stroke on Sunday, Woods failed to make a run at the title. This led some critics to believe that maybe the distraction of playing on the first Father's Day since his dad passed on, or that his wife was a day away from giving birth was affecting his play. But the fact is, he has never won a major going into the final day when not leading the field. No one has questioned Woods' ability to fend off charges by players trying to make runs at him when he leads, but some critics question his prowess in coming from behind to take charge of a tournament.

Woods will have a chance to rebound and win his first major this year at the British Open in July. The tournament will be hosted at the Carnoustie Golf Course in Scotland and Woods, who is still the number one golfer in the world, will almost certainly be the favorite going in.

One thing is for sure, Woods is never satisfied with a second place finish and he will be anxiously waiting for another shot at a major win.

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