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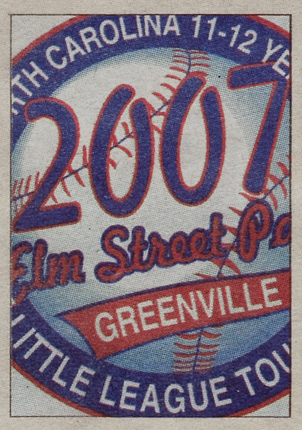

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Local teachers share valuable experiences with peers in Japan

Partnership between countries continue

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

ECU faculty members Dr. Carolyn Ledford and Dr. Betty Peel along with Pam Justasen, local Pitt County Talented and Gifted [TAG] teacher, embarked on a recent trip to Hiroshima, Japan, for an international exchange program.

The exchange is for select teachers of American schools to visit different Japanese schools and vice-versa, in order to learn more about the other country's education practices. The exchange is part of an accord established between three universities in Japan and three universities in the United States. In Japan, Osaka Kyoiku University, Hiroshima University and Naruto Kyoiku University are participating in the exchange. Local participants of GPSC include Western Carolina University, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington

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Above is Dr. Carolyn Ledford presenting a slide show to fellow educators in Japan.

Grant awarded to improve the nursing program

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Pictured above: Linda Steele

Federal grant awarded last week

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

A federal grant was awarded to Linda Steele, associate professor and director of the adult family nurse practitioner concentration, last week to help increase the access and quality of health care to poor, rural eastern North Carolina counties.

The grant, obtained on the federal level, comes from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

"I'm stunned. It was very competitive this year. I have a lot of colleagues that didn't get funding," Steele said.

"It's a great honor that they thought our project was worthy of funding."

The grant will provide $282,330 for the first year, renewable for $227,506 the second year and $207,565 the third year.

Steele said that the project has three goals in which the grant will be used for.

"First is to increase the number and diversity of nurse practitioner students coming into the program," Steele said.

The second of the three goals is to continue to develop the virtual clinic.

"It's really an awesome thing. It's a high tech, state of the art simulation for students, similar to going to see actual patients," Steele said.

The third is to establish a site in the middle part of the state to accommodate distance education students and allow them to per-

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College of Education hosts third annual Summer Institute

Teachers prepare for AP curriculum

NIA RICHARDSON
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ECU College of Education is currently hosting the third Advanced Placement [AP] Summer Institute for teachers at South Central High School from July 25-29 and July 2-3.

The AP Summer Institute is compiled of sessions in which teachers gain experience in the content of advanced placement courses that they will teach to high school students.

Teachers will receive training from College Board consultants who are experts in AP course subjects including calculus, English, environmental science, European history and government and politics.

While the program is not required, the Institute is beneficial to both new and more experienced teachers, as they are exposed to new methods of teaching as well as changes to the AP curriculum.

"They often praise the consultants for giving them greater insight into their own content and exposing them to innovative instructional techniques.

"Most AP teachers realize it is a continual learning process and they are eager to go to sessions to learn new material or exchange ideas about better teaching methods," said Margaret Wirth, director of the institute and instructor in the College of Education.

Teachers are allowed to choose a school that offers an Institute program that fits their needs. However, ECU is one of the few colleges across the country to host a site for the AP Summer Institute endorsed by the College Board. Due to this, teachers from various parts of the country are traveling to ECU.

"We try to cater to our own NC eastern regional teachers needs in choosing our offered courses each year but we still attract teachers from all over the US," Wirth said.

A benefit for teachers is that the

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Pictured from left to right: Dr. Carolyn Ledford, Dr. Betty Peel and Pam Justen. These local teachers traveled to Japan .

and East Carolina University.

The purpose of the trip is to help educators from each country understand and share experiences with each other.

This is not the only time Ledford has taken the trip to learn more about education in Japan.

Traveling back and forth since 1999, she has brought groups of students, faculty and various Pitt County teachers along to share this fruitful experience. The trip has proven to positively benefit the education in American schools.

"It opens up so many perspectives on teaching and brings new ideas into our schools."

Hannah Boettcher, elementary education major, said.

Many people believe that traveling to Japan in the interest of education has many advantages.

"I think the exchange is a great idea because when people go and experience something different they are able to use these experiences and share them with others. It takes things outside the box and that can be so important when teaching," Hannah Boettcher, fellow education major, said.

Another part of the exchange includes presentations by each of the three teachers, with Ledford and Peel presenting together. They created a slideshow on "Becoming a Teacher," familiarizing their colleagues with ECU's Elementary Education Program.

Justasen presented a discussion on Curriculum Compacting.

Ledford also presented a segment on Global Education to the attendants of the Global Partnership School Center [GPSC] School Exchange International Forum.

Though the ECU teacher trip to Japan has been concluded, students and faculty of Hiroshima University are scheduled to visit ECU in September, according to Ledford. Mainly graduate and English students from Japan will be visiting to exchange educational experiences with students here.

Already, teachers have been positively affected by the most recent trip to Japan.

Ledford in particular was motivated to share with local students a quote she saw written on a wall of an elementary school in Japan.

"'We are all one people under the same sun,' and I certainly believe that is true," Ledford added after reciting the quote.

The exchange program has been and will continue to be a wonderful tool in increasing the appreciation of other cultures' education systems and in providing teachers with new inspirations in the classroom.

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form examinations on standard patients.

Steele said that the nurse practitioners coming out of the program will go into "the rural and poor areas that lack health care in this part of the state."

"I think it [the grant] speaks well of ECU. The university itself and the nursing program are held in high regard in the national arena, and this grant funding reinforces that," Steele said.

Eastern North Carolina has problems with adequate health care on many levels.

According to an article published last fall in *The East Carolinian* about the proposed ECU dental school, there are four counties in the eastern part of the state with no dentists at all.

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school systems cover the cost of their attendance. These expenses include materials, textbooks and meals. Teachers also receive professional renewal credit [CEUs] for attending the Institute.

Other schools that offer the AP Summer Institute can be viewed on the College Board Web site.

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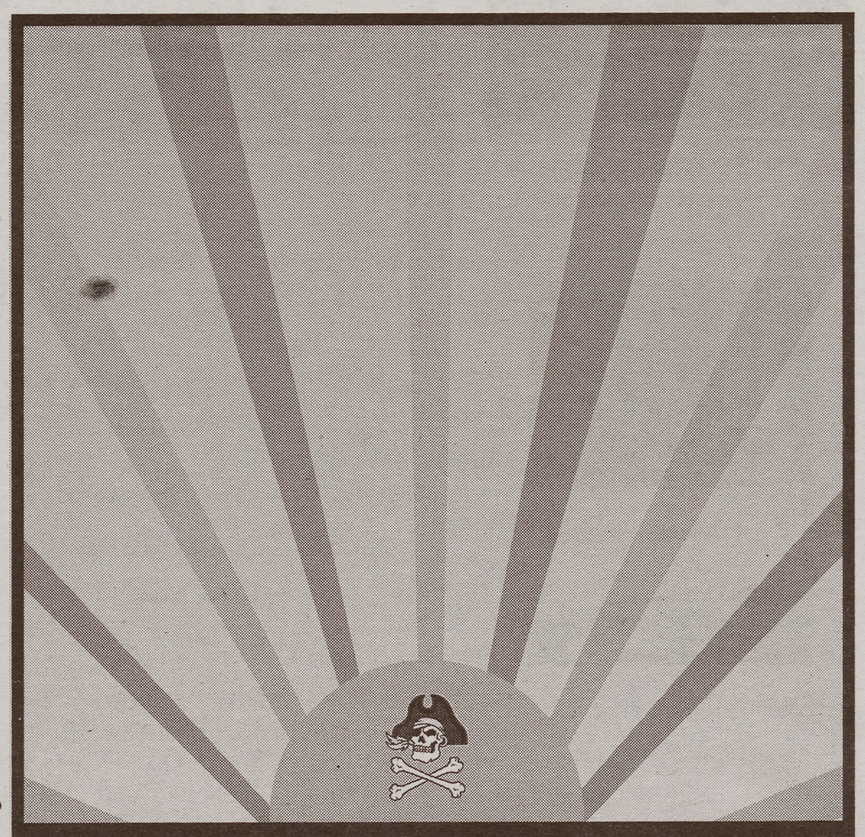

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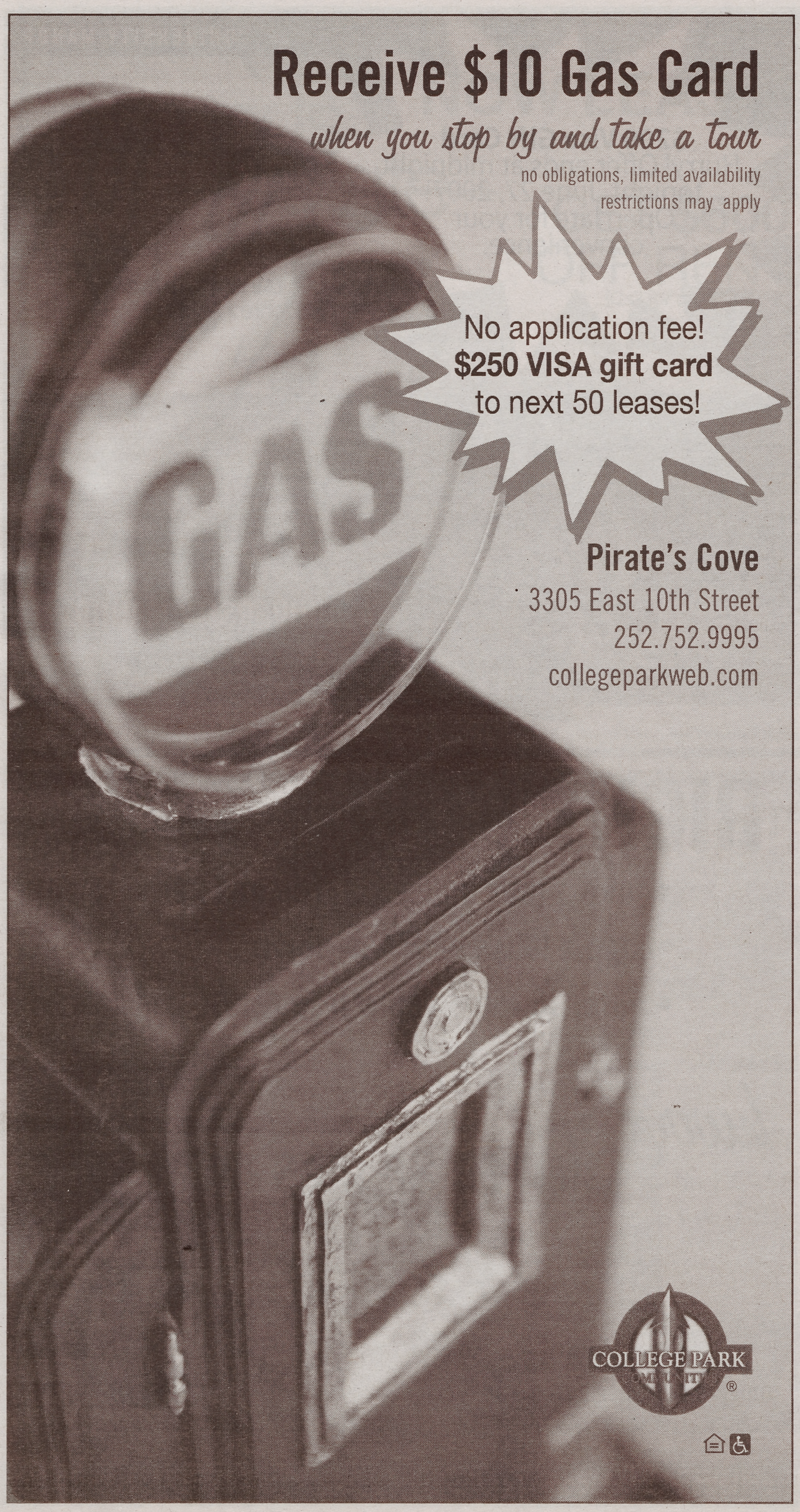


Administrative changes announced at ECU

Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, vice chancellor for student life at East Carolina University and a veteran campus leader, has been named interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs for a two-year period, beginning July 1.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said, "Marilyn Sheerer is one of the ablest higher education administrators in the country. She has a well-earned reputation for innovation, effectiveness and decisiveness, and I am delighted that she has accepted this new assignment."

Ballard said Sheerer's new position is part of a number of organizational and personnel changes designed to provide an enhanced student experience at ECU. "Marilyn has my complete confidence in her ability to carry out the changes that we need to make to move ECU forward," he said.

The university will conduct a national search for a provost, beginning in the fall of 2008, and Sheerer is welcome to be a candidate, Ballard said.

The chancellor said the university's "new directions emphasize integration, efficiency, the whole student, the concept of a leadership university, and new signature programs that speak to the core mission of ECU."

"It is time for ECU to speak boldly about where it is going and what it wants to accomplish," Ballard said. "We must create vehicles and accountability measures to enhance quality, create change and respond to the needs of Eastern North Carolina."

Ballard said the changes are in keeping with the university's strategic initiatives as well as those of Erskine Bowles, president of the University of North Carolina system.

Other changes announced by Ballard include:

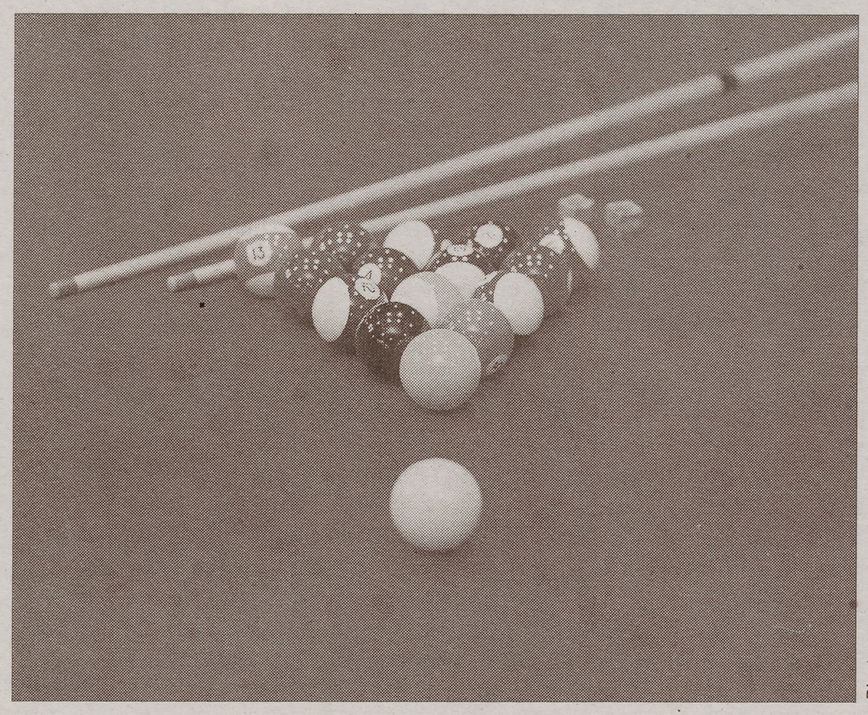
- The divisions of academic affairs and student life will be combined into a single unit under the supervision of the provost. A new position of vice provost for student life will be created to provide day-to-day oversight for functions in that area.
- Dr. Judith I. Bailey, a former president of Western Michigan University and Northern Michigan University, has been named senior executive director of enrollment management for a one-year term. This is a new position, and she will be charged with developing initiatives to attract, enroll and retain students at ECU, and she will oversee the offices of admissions, financial aid, registrar, and first-year center, which includes new-student orientation and advising and freshman seminars. Those operations were previously housed in the academic affairs division. Bailey, a former professor of education and a former provost, will not be a candidate for the permanent position, which will report to the chancellor.
- Claudia McCann, director of institutional research and testing, has been appointed interim director of the office of institutional planning, research and effectiveness, which will move from the academic affairs division to the chancellor's division.

Sheerer joined ECU as a faculty member in 1996 and was named dean of education in 1998. Under her leadership, the College of Education won several national awards. She has been vice chancellor for student life since last summer, and she has also served as interim vice chancellor for university advancement. As provost, she succeeds Dr. James LeRoy Smith, who announced this month that he will step down from the position to return to teaching.

Sheerer said, "ECU is a dynamic, exciting institution. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely with our superb faculty and deans as we enter our second century. It is because of them that we will continue to be able to make such a difference for this region and this state."

Sheerer holds a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania, a master's in student personnel in higher education from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in curriculum and supervision from Ohio University. Before joining ECU, she held student life positions at Temple University and faculty and administrative positions at National-Louis University in Chicago, Ohio University, Edinboro University in Pennsylvania and Northern Illinois University.

WZMB to host pool tournament



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Pirates gear up for some old fashioned fun! This Friday, June 29 a pool tournament hosted by WZMB 91.3 FM will be held at the Pirate Underground, located in Mendenhall student center from 5 – 9 p.m. Throughout the night a number of giveaways will be handed out to viewers. A grand prize will be rewarded to the victor of the tournament. Spaces are limited so sign up today by calling WZMB General Manager Stuart Lannon at 252-340-5034 or e-mailing your name and phone number to SDL0928D1@ecu.edu. Participation is free to all ECU students!

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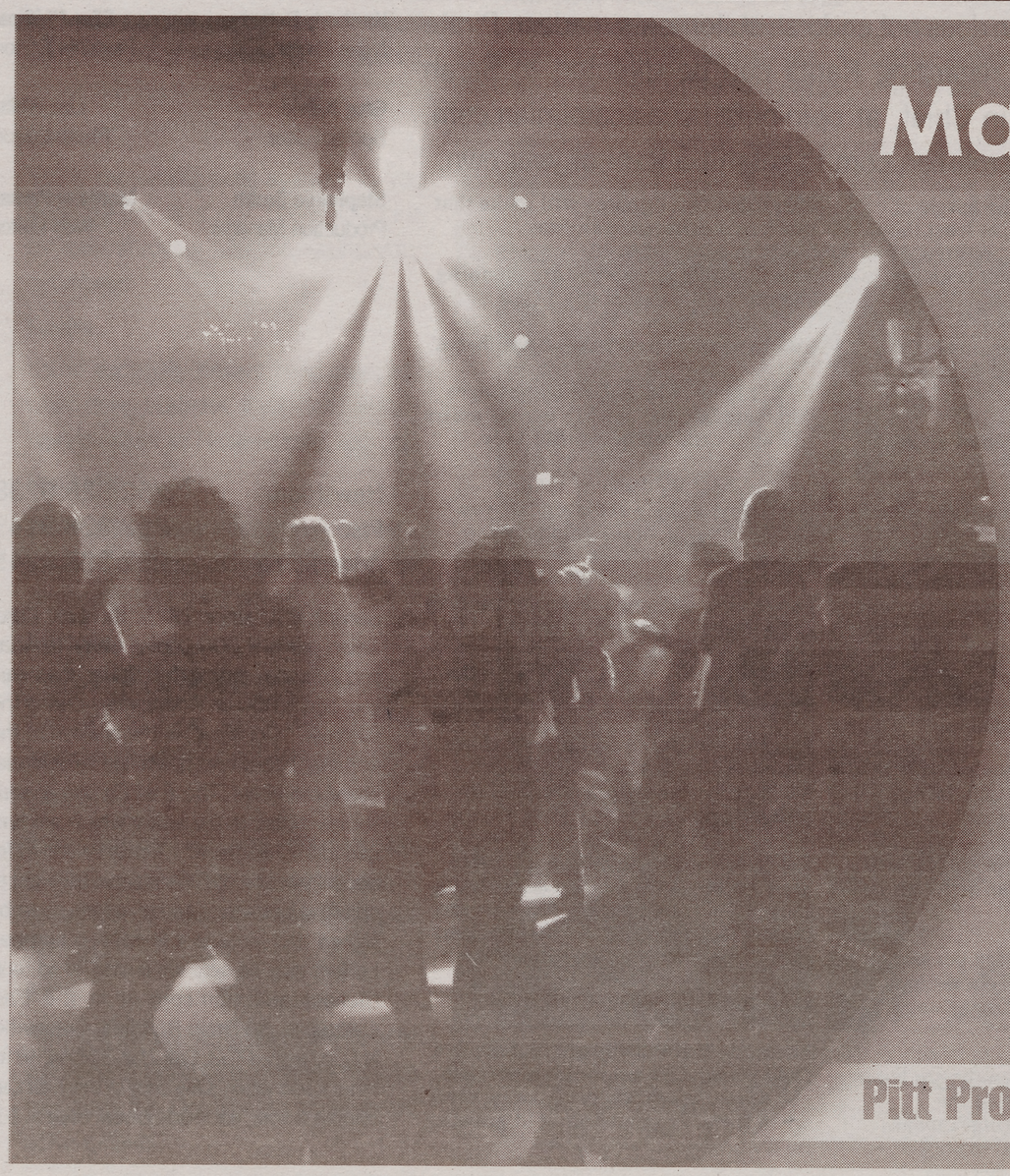

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Opinion

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My friend named her Giga pet after me, and after a recent fight we had, it 'mysteriously' died. Disturbing, maybe?

Do the light thing

Changing a light bulb could decrease global warming

(MCT)-Fluorescent light bulbs use 75 percent less energy than the familiar incandescent bulbs found in most living rooms. Fluorescents also last up to 10 times longer than incandescents. And because they draw less juice from power plants, they indirectly contribute lower greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere. A single fluorescent bulb can save about $30 in electrical and replacement costs over its multiyear lifetime _ assuming the dog doesn't knock over the lamp.

So why hasn't everyone switched to fluorescents? Because they are ugly, they cast a harsh and unforgiving light, and they cost eight times as much up front.

People who care about global warming _ or about energy costs _ are working to overcome those product shortfalls. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that if each American household replaced just one incandescent bulb with a fluorescent, we'd save enough energy to light 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of 800,000 cars. Still, fluorescents represent less than 6 percent of the light bulbs sold last year.

A number of local and state governments have already made the change in their buildings. Taxpayers should appreciate the savings, and most people don't care if the lighting is harsh at the driver's license facilities, anyway. But how do you get individuals and companies to switch?

You can send a youth brigade into homes to swap bulbs, as Fidel Castro did in Cuba. You can offer instant rebates to encourage shoppers to buy fluorescents, as Maine's Public Utilities Commission has done. Or you can try to pass a law against incandescent bulbs and be done with it, California-style. The proposed How Many Legislators Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb Act (yes, that's its proper name) would ban incandescents in California by 2012. Australia already has adopted a similar measure.

This seems heavy-handed and unnecessary, especially since the fluorescent bandwagon is starting to roll on its own. In Connecticut, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life celebrated Hanukkah _ the Festival of Lights _ by helping congregations convert to fluorescent. Countless green groups across the country are encouraging people to change their bulbs as well.

So how many legislators does it take to change a light bulb? Zero _ unless you think only government mandates can motivate positive changes in our buying behavior.

Education, encouragement and incentives will lead us to the light. Let's hope it's a little more flattering by the time we get there.

PIRATE RANTS

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ECU went through all the hassle of updating their Web site, at least they could have changed the pictures. I bet most of those people don't even go here anymore.

Why can't all school sessions be like the summer school schedule? Easy In, Easy Out!!

How can a teacher not round up a 89.85 to an A?

Why does my girlfriend always route for the opposite team??

It's pretty sad that I'm sick of summer and ready to go back to school.

Bring back Jane!!

I would have given you my heart, but you never gave me the chance.

Do you think Paris Hilton's cell is gold plated like the one in Gwen Stefani's video? That would be sweet!

I love how you can't write on my wall on Facebook, but you can write on hers.

My friend named her Giga pet after me, and after a recent fight we had, it 'mysteriously' died. Disturbing, maybe?

I think it is so rude when the students in my class pack up before the professor is done lecturing, I mean, where do you have to go in such a hurry that two minutes will make that much of a difference anyway?

The squirrels on campus are planning something. I can feel it!

Your bag does not need its own seat on the bus.

I don't know why but away messages make me feel the need to put my entire life up for the whole world to see

This just in: Wednesday is the worst day of the week ever. All you anti-Monday people could never understand.

I have a thing for girls that wear baseball caps... I don't know why, I just do

Guys look silly when they are on the elliptical machines.

I've been trying to do this new thing called "going to sleep early" (and by early I mean before 3am.)....I'm struggling .

I'm sick and tired of seeing all these girls walking around campus wearing these HUGE sunglasses. They are not classy; they are not cool. So give your glasses back to your grandma. Please.

I am addicted to ebay!

I secretly throw away my roommate's food when she's not looking because she never throws anything away, even when there's a pound of mold growing on it

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Features

Horoscopes:

Aries

Your message is getting out. Your good reputation is growing. Don't make your life more difficult with a silly financial decision.

Taurus

Put together a group who can help you accomplish your objectives. Think of a reason they'll want to help out. Let them know what's in it for them.

Gemini

Your adversary has the advantage now, so be careful. Your partner can be more effective in this situation than you can be.

Cancer

There's lots of work but you're enthused. You make it look easy. It is getting easier partially due to your excellent attitude.

Leo

The pressure has eased; you'll finally get to rest your weary head. Having made it this far constitutes a win. Be proud of yourself.

Virgo

Clean up your place and get rid of the stuff you're not using any more. Get it fixed up so you can have company over.

Libra

You're not earning quite as much as you were just the other day. This is your clue to keep studying and increasing your knowledge.

Scorpio

You're especially brilliant now, especially when doing business. If you don't already have your own, for Heavens sake, start one.

Sagittarius

You're getting better looking every moment. You can talk a leopard out of his spots. Be gentle with your great powers.

Capricorn

Figure out how to make more from what you already have. Recycling, and the financial benefit from it, begins at home.

Aquarius

A meeting goes very well. There are lots of great suggestions. One which seems outrageous at first, will work. Blast past old limits.

Pisces

You need to assume responsibility for what you've done. Accept the compliments from everybody too. Don't be shy about recent achievements.

How to market your best asset: yourself

Building an effective resume leads to career oppurtunities

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

The Career Center offers services for students to build resumes that highlight relevant experiences for future jobs.

If students are tempted not to read this article because the topic seems boring or overdone, wait just one second.

Recognizing the value of an excellent resume and learning how to create one may be the difference between getting a dream job soon after or even before graduation and getting a series of rejection letters.

When applying for a job, recent graduates are not only competing with those who are in their graduating class, but those who have graduated before and after them. Wonder how college graduates get great jobs soon after graduating? It's not about experience; it's about how well an individual showcases themselves to potential employers.

The first thing one must realize when building a resume is that they are marketing themselves. A resume is the only thing that potential employers have to separate one from dozens of other applicants vying for the same position, most of which are equally or more qualified and experienced than them.

Employers do realize that most recent grads will have little to no experience in the field they are applying for. Therefore, they look at how the potential employee utilizes other work experiences to their advantage. Many people assume that the interview means a lot, and if one is obtained, it will most likely determine whether or not one gets the job; but the resume is what will get someone in the door—if they do it right.

In constructing a resume, one must remember to show employers what they have to offer. For each different employer and position one is applying for, a separate resume should be used. In other words, each resume should be tailored to

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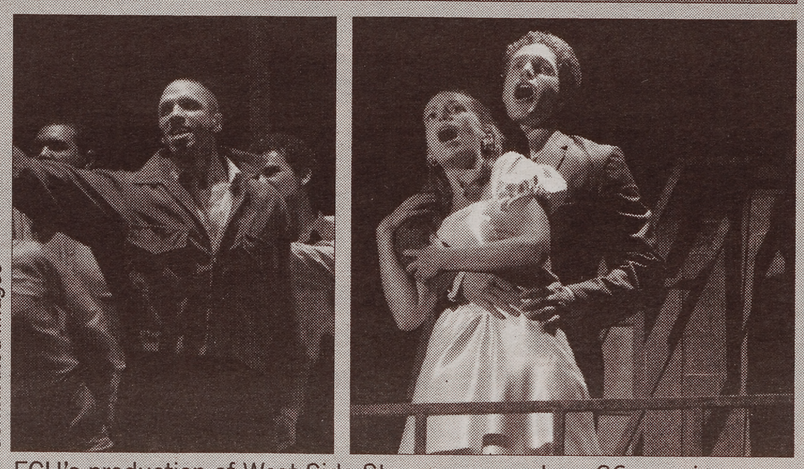
ECU's West Side Story



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ECU's production of West Side Story opens on June 26, running through June 30. The play, a take on the classic Romeo and Juliet, will begin in the McGinnis Theatre every night starting at 8 p.m, and on Saturday at 2 p.m. For tickets and information, visit ecuarts.edu.

ECU communication professor teaches students valuable lessons

Dr. Privadera's approach engages students

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

It is hard to meet a Communication student that has not gained something from the valuable lessons taught by Dr. Laura Prividera.

Born and raised in Albany, New York, Prividera spent most of her life dedicated to the helping of others by the gaining and giving of education.

"When I was growing up I was always interested in helping people and making a difference in the world," Prividera said. "As I got older, making a difference [in the world] became that much more important to me."

It was this ambition that led Prividera to challenge herself through education. Upon graduating high school, Prividera enrolled in the University of Albany. She choose the school because of its proximity to home and because it had a great school of business.

"I was very interested in preparing for a career, and I felt that the University of Albany was a great school for which to do that," said Prividera.

Besides preparing for a career, Prividera also found time to enjoy the other things that come with college. She describes her time at Albany as a time of deep educational exploration. Prividera also felt that she grew both personally and professionally during her time at Albany.

This growth had not yet peaked when Prividera graduated from Albany in 1993 with a Bachelor's in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration.

Following graduation, Prividera took her accounting degree and gained a full-time auditing position at the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, where she had previously been an intern for a year. While crunching numbers

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Stephen King instills fear in audiences

Master of horror delivers again

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

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Before this summer, I had the depressing notion that the horror genre was dead. Overused plots and terrible remakes plagued what was once an amazing part of the film industry.

Thankfully, this year has restored my faith in horror. The release of *1408* proved that Hollywood could still make a great horror film that didn't rely on cheap closet monsters or cheesy desert mutants for entertainment.

1408, directed by Mikael Hafstrom and written by Matt Greenberg, is based on a short story written by Stephen King. The plot follows the often-used format of a person trapped in a haunted hotel. However, King takes the concept to a whole new and terrifying level.

Mike Enslin, played marvelously by John Cusack, is a horror writer who makes a living inking out embellished guides to haunted locations in America. When he is called into investigating room 1408 at the Dolphin Hotel in New York City, he arrives thinking that it is going to be another wild goose chase.

Despite warnings from the hotel manager, played by Samuel L. Jackson, not to stay in the room, Enslin finds out that the room may be the real thing after all.

Besides the main story of the horror Mike experiences in the hotel room, *1408* delivers a well-developed background into Mike's family life. Along with offering a much-needed break from the main action, the family life of Mike helps the viewer to understand why Mike has the cynical mentality that he constantly displays.

The movie is shot extremely well. The cinematography and the direction both add to the already creepy storyline. The hotel is essentially a relic of the jazz age. The wide halls, dark paint and gray atmosphere the viewer sees before Mike enters room 1408 only adds to the anticipation of what is behind 1408's door. The camera angles are set up

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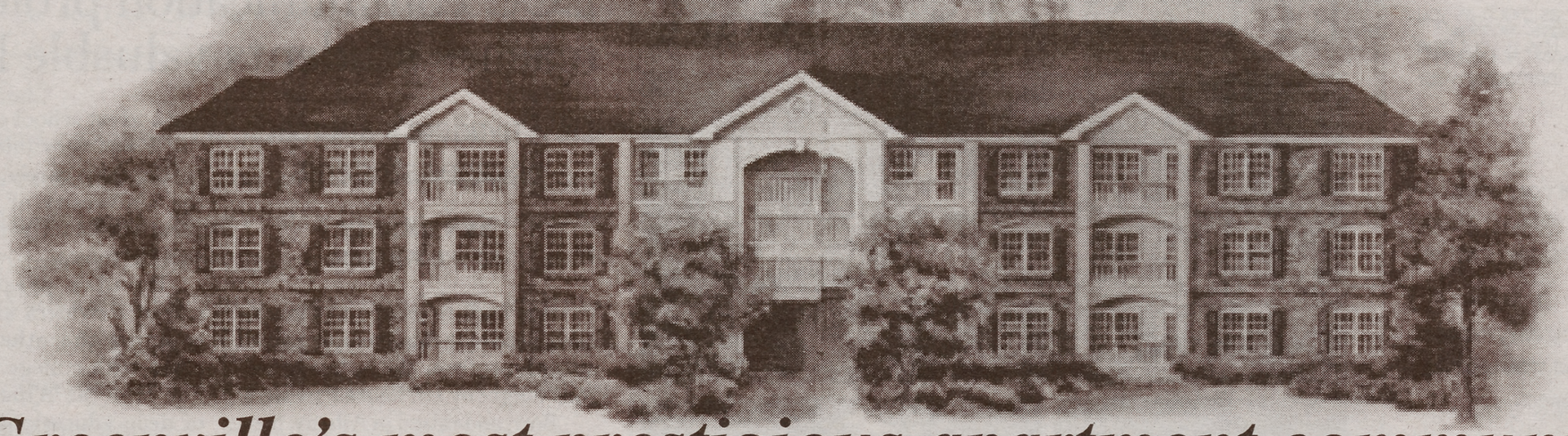

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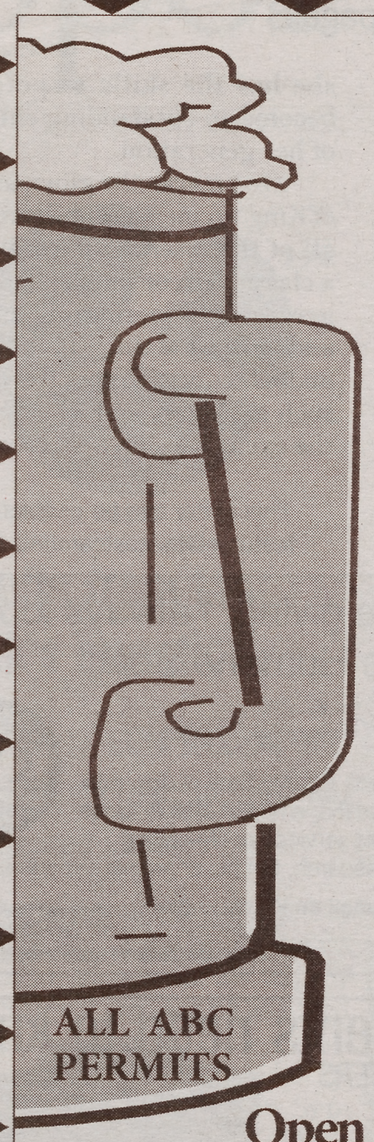

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A good resume should include an objective. The objective needs to have at least three of four things: a specific job title, the industry one is interested in, what one plans to do and key tasks.

Also included should be a capabilities profile. This is essentially a list of abilities that the potential employee possesses. To create this, a great resource is available online at online.onetcenter.org. Here, one can find occupations they are interested in and review the typical responsibilities of those positions. By condensing these phrases into tasks, one can create a capabilities profile of possessed skills that would be valuable to the employer.

Furthermore, all information in a resume should be arranged in order of the importance it has to the employer. If skills from classroom experience are one's greatest asset, education should be first; included would be a list of selected coursework. But if someone has experiences in the particular field, it needs to be positioned first. The resume can also include short examples of key accomplishments in classroom or work experience; let employers see contributions to projects or problem-solving experiences.

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Remember, aesthetics matter. A resume should be neat and easy to read. As always, pay special attention to spelling and grammar.

As an ECU student or alumnus, there is a wonderful resource available for assistance: the Career Center. One can schedule an appointment to get help with such tasks as revising or crafting a solid resume.

In addition, the Career Center has liaisons for each college or school at ECU, so students have the option of seeing someone who is specifically experienced in their degree area.

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Dr. Privadera delights students with her fresh approach to scholarly topics.

and filing forms, Prividera began to reflect on communication and its impact on the corporate world.

"It was at KPMG that I first realized that being a certified public accountant wasn't for me. I knew this other path that I was about to travel on was going to lead me to develop my education further," said Prividera.

In the interest of further education, Prividera enrolled in Bowling Green University in Ohio to begin work on her Master's in Interpersonal Communication.

Upon completing her Master's in 1998, Prividera stayed at Bowling Green to begin her work on her PhD.

Also around the time, she became interested in teaching. She spent the latter part of her PhD work using her graduate assistantship to teach students.

"The graduate assistantship was a great opportunity because it allowed me to teach and it waived my tuition," explained Prividera.

After graduation in 2002 with her PhD, Prividera spent two years teaching full-time at Bowling Green before she made the move to North Carolina.

It was then that Prividera, along with husband and fellow ECU professor Dr. John Howard, left the cool climate of the Northeast for the warm humid climate of eastern North Carolina to teach at ECU.

Prividera stated that she liked ECU because it offered a broad-based communications program and she was impressed with the students. She was also enticed with the prospect of having a hand in creating the School of Communication's graduate program.

"I feel like I have really grown and developed. I have wonderful coworkers, I teach a great curriculum, both in the graduate and undergraduate programs, and I love the variety that comes with teaching at a university," Prividera stated.

As far as future plans go, Prividera hopes to continue her research on interpersonal communication and gender communication.

This ambitious and well-educated professor has already been established as a proficient and engaging professor, as well an innovative faculty member at ECU who is just getting started in making the communication program stronger.

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perfectly to give the viewer that heart-pounding jolt whenever the inevitable surprise occurs.

Cusack delivers one of the better horror performances in a while, acting with the emotion and concentration that only a veteran actor of his standing could pull off.

Cusack is flanked by an impressive supporting cast, with Mary McCormack playing Mike's wife Lily, and Jasmine Jessica Anthony playing Mike's daughter Katie. Each actress delivers outstanding performances. Anthony shows that she has the skills to potentially become an outstanding child actor of her generation.

1408 marks the glorious return of King to cinema. The film contains all of the essential ingredients for a classic horror movie, including a great storyline, amazing directing, and skillful acting. This film will undoubtedly join other King classics such as *Misery* and *The Shining* in the exclusive club of horror greats.

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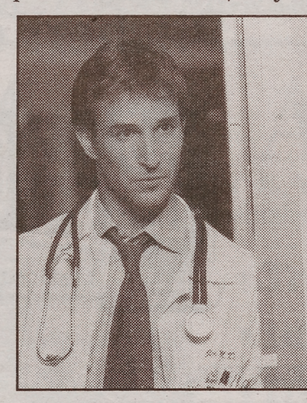

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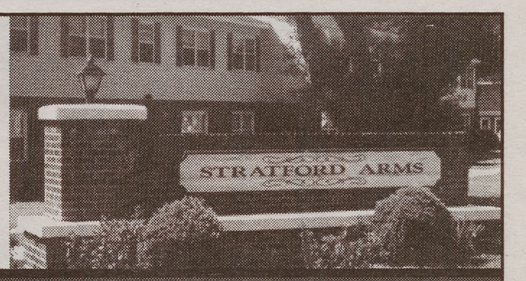

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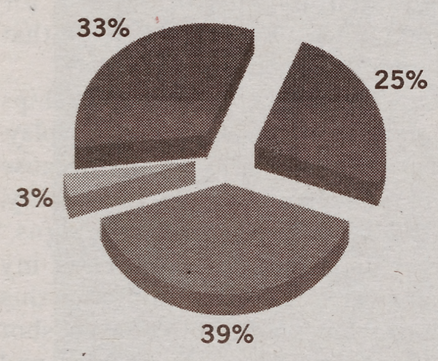


Results from last week's question:

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

25%- 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.

33%- The home opener on Sep. 8 against North Carolina. UNC's new Head Coach Butch Davis won a national championsip at Miami (Fla.)

3%- 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.

39%- 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.

Online poll question:

Which ECU basketball program will win more games next season?

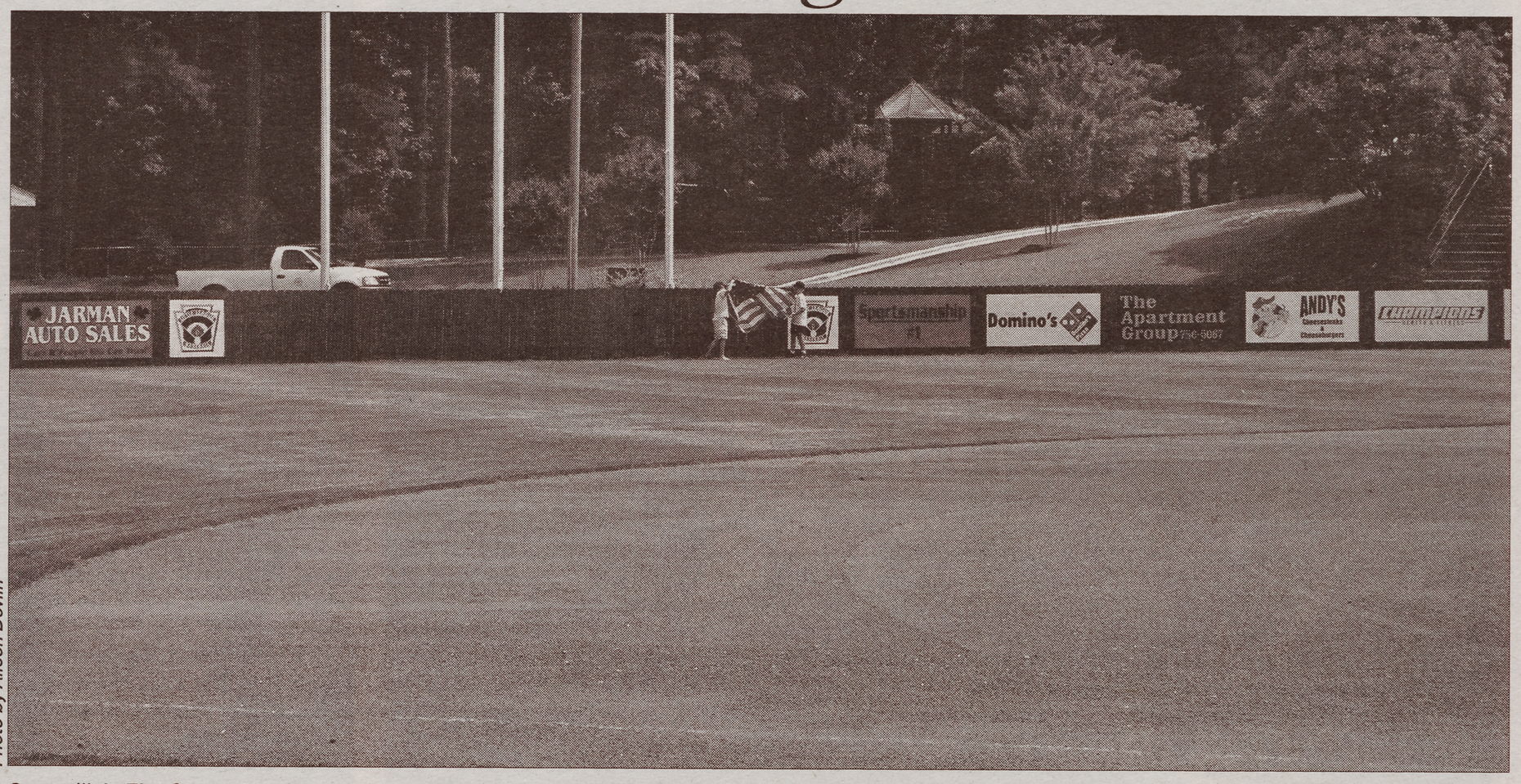
A. The Men's team

B. The Women's team

C. They will win the same number of games

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 the July 11 edition of The East Carolinian.

Greenville Little League is a 'home run'



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Greenville's Elm Street Park is not only one of the nicest Little League stadiums in the state, but it is also one of the best in the entire Southeast.

League has rich tradition and ECU connections

JOSEPH MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Youth baseball is on the decline for the most part in this country, but not in Greenville.

The Greenville Little League is thriving thanks to extensive support from the University and local community.

At first glance, the League's Elm Street Park passes as a miniature minor league park; complete with bullpens beside each dugout, lusciously kept grass, a public address system, three flagpoles at dead center flying the Little League, and advertisement placards adorned on the scoreboard, along the entire outfield fence, and behind the bleachers in right field. The ads are not just for local car dealerships, dentists, furniture stores, optometrists, attorneys and dentists, but also for sandwich and pizza chains, soft drinks, gas stations, banks and health insurance providers.

"I put a lot of my effort and time into the professional type atmosphere," said League Commissioner Brian Weingartz. "And the

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ECU basketball reaches out to Greenville community, youth

Youngsters learn from the Pirates

JOHN HOLT
STAFF WRITER

As a college town, Greenville is generally much quieter in the summer than during the regular school year. However, this summer, Minges Coliseum brought some life back into the town last week when Ricky Stokes conducted his third annual basketball camp since being named Head Coach of the ECU Men's Basketball program in 2005.

"Camps are exciting," Stokes said. "I can go back and remember when I was young and a camper a long time ago. It's fun learning the skills and making new friends, basketball is a fun sport so it's great."

The camp ages range from 7-17 and the campers meet Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., except on Friday, when camp concludes at noon.

Stokes is impressed with how the camp has grown and improved over his three-year tenure.

"I like to see kids come back each year," he said. "You get a chance to see how much they have learned. When kids come back it means you know you are doing something right too. I enjoy seeing how much they have grown from one year to another."

One of Stokes' three senior players, Taylor Gagnon, agrees.

"The first year, I know the numbers were real low," Gagnon said, "now the same kids are coming back, and then they tell their friends about it. I know it's increasing each year."

The ECU players provide Stokes with plenty of support each year the camp runs.

"We have a lot of our players working as refs, coaching and teaching drills," said Stokes. "We're such a fan friendly team that I think the campers really enjoy the chance to meet a Taylor Gagnon, Brandon Evans, Cory Farmer, Greyson Sargent etc. So it's really important for them to be here, the players really enjoy working with young kids as well." Gagnon has had a great experience coaching at the camp the past couple years, and might want to do similar things in the future.

"I love coaching and I want

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ECU football ticket sales approaching unprecedented territory

(SID) -For the first time in school history, the ECU Department of Athletics is nearing a sell-out of its entire football season ticket allotment.

With more than 18,000 season tickets already ordered, ECU now has less than 4,000 season tickets available with over two months remaining prior to the Pirates' home opener against North Carolina Sept. 8.

Since surpassing ECU's previous all-time high in season tickets sales on May 16, the demand for Pirate football season tickets has continued its brisk climb with 1,800 more season tickets sold.

"At the pace we are going, we will not have any individual game tickets available for the UNC, N.C. State and Southern Miss games," Assistant Director of Athletics for Tickets & Marketing Scott Wetherbee said. "If fans haven't purchased season tickets or if Pirate Club members need additional tickets for UNC or N.C. State, we strongly recommend that they buy season tickets to guarantee ticket availability."

ECU set an all-time high of 16,318 purchases last year in Skip Holtz' second season guiding the Pirates, surpassing the previous standard of 16,173 established in 2000.

Due to the high demand for season tickets, individual home game tickets will not be made available until August.

Any remaining tickets will be sold to Pirate Club members first and will be assigned using the Pirate Club's Priority Point System.

For membership information, which includes a list of many additional benefits, prospective new fans are encouraged to call the organization's administrative offices at (252) 737-4540.

Games against the Atlantic Coast Conference's Tar Heels and Wolfpack (Oct. 20), and defending Conference USA East Division champion Southern Miss (Sept. 15) highlight East Carolina's 2007 home schedule.

In addition, league opponents Central Florida (Oct. 6), UAB (Oct. 27) and Tulane (Nov. 24) are slated to visit Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.ecupirates.com or by calling the ECU Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-DIAL-ECU.

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kids just love it."

The placards along the fence that are most indicative of the leagues' success are the Sports Illustrated "Sports Town USA" sign and the one in right field that denotes the achievements of the 1998 Greenville team that finished first in the south, second in the U.S. and third in the world at the Little League World Series.

The Greenville Little League's success didn't happen overnight.

Weingartz shrugs off credit and gives it to the past and present community.

"Basically we've maintained what was established before I ever showed up in this town," he said. "Little League has always been a big deal here."

The league dates back to 1951, when the North State League began to play. Three years later, the Tar Heel League formed. Each eight-team league is operated identically.

Monday night, the champion of each league was determined. They include North Care in the Tar Heel, as well as the Host Lions in the North State, who will begin a best of three series tonight to establish the victors of the city championship.

Baseball's importance and the leagues' success also derives from ECU.

"A good number of our umpires and coaches are ECU students or were ECU students from the Department of Campus Recreation and Wellness," Weingartz said. "Pirate baseball is a big deal to a lot of the players, some of them have season tickets and their parents are members of the Pirate Club, we have a lot of connections [to the athletic department]."

Weingartz himself is involved with Pirate athletics. He controls the play clock at Pirate football games and the scoreboard at Men's and Women's basketball games.

Weingartz credits the current bloom of youth baseball in Greenville to J.H. Rose Head Baseball Coach Ronald Vincent.

"The number one reason why baseball in Greenville is such a big deal is Ronald Vincent," said Weingartz. "He knows all these kids, he works with them, he runs camps all summer, and the kids love him."

Vincent has the most wins of any high school baseball coach in North Carolina history.

"[Coach Vincent] is the person that just fosters the love for baseball in this community, and he's a better person than he is baseball coach," said Weingartz.

But why else does the Greenville Little League flourish while youth baseball flounders elsewhere?

"I think what happened with baseball is that a lot of communities have just priced kids out of it," Weingartz said.

While other leagues charge hundreds of dollars a year for kids to play, the Greenville Little League only requires $65 and kids whose families can't afford it still get to play.

"We have a no-questions-asked policy that if you can't pay you play anyway," said Weingartz "Most people are happy to write a check to put their kids in uniform for 22 games but there are some that simply can't afford it."

That's where the sponsorships and advertisements come into play.

"We're able to do that because of the support from the community, that's why you see all these signs.

"Community support is my answer for a lot of things in this program, we wouldn't have a shot if we didn't have businesses and individuals that gave so much to this program," said Weingartz.

Once the city champion is determined, the league will select an all star team to represent in district competition, where success could lead to state, regional and World Series play.

The Greenville Little League will play host to the 11 and 12-year-old state tournament July 21 at the Elm Street Ballpark.

"We're real excited, it's the first time we've had it in 13 years," said Weingartz.

It is evident from the ballparks pristine condition that Weingartz' work with the Greenville Little League is a labor of love.

"This park is really my favorite place in the entire world," he said. "The kids probably feel the same way too."

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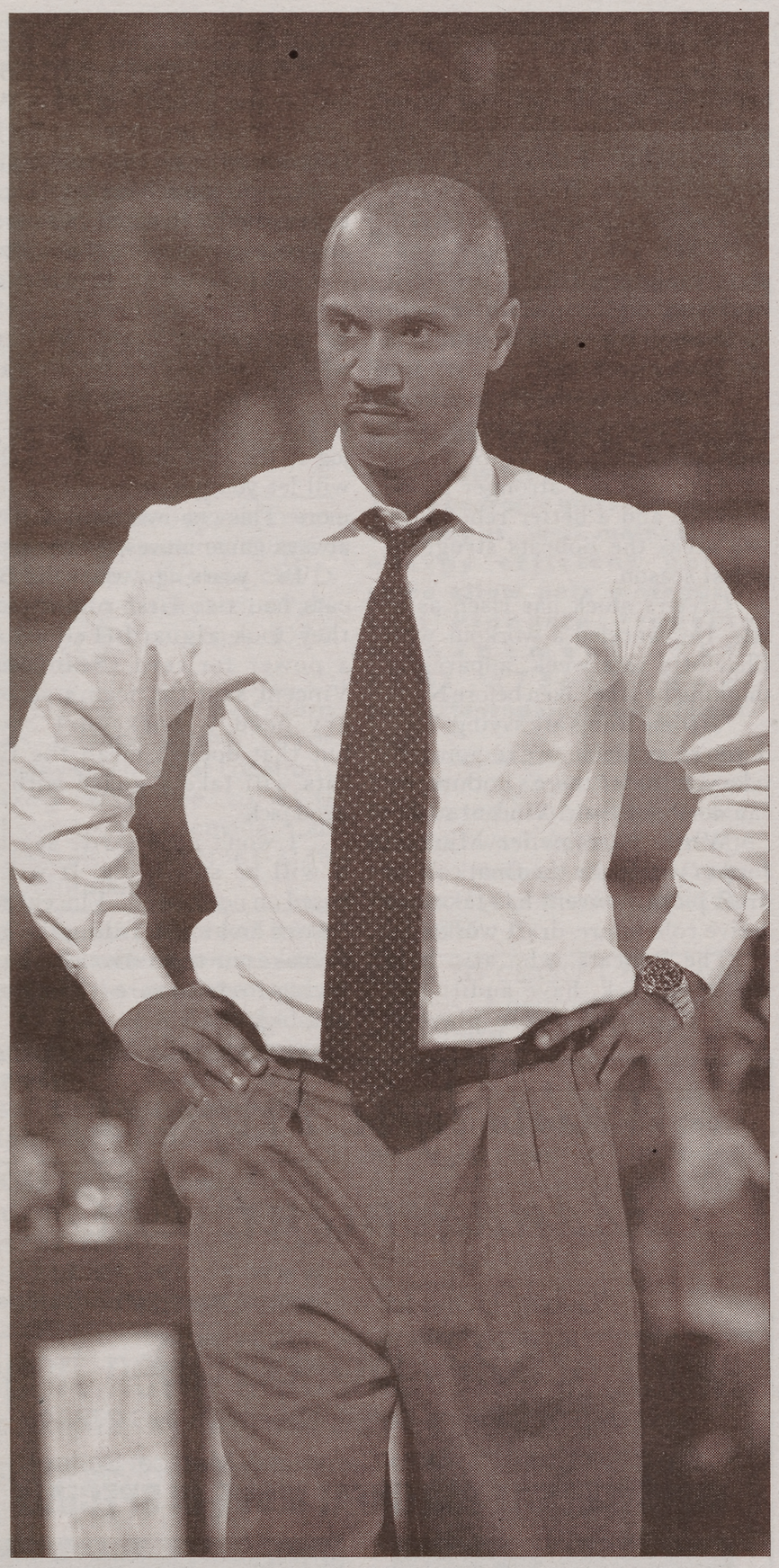

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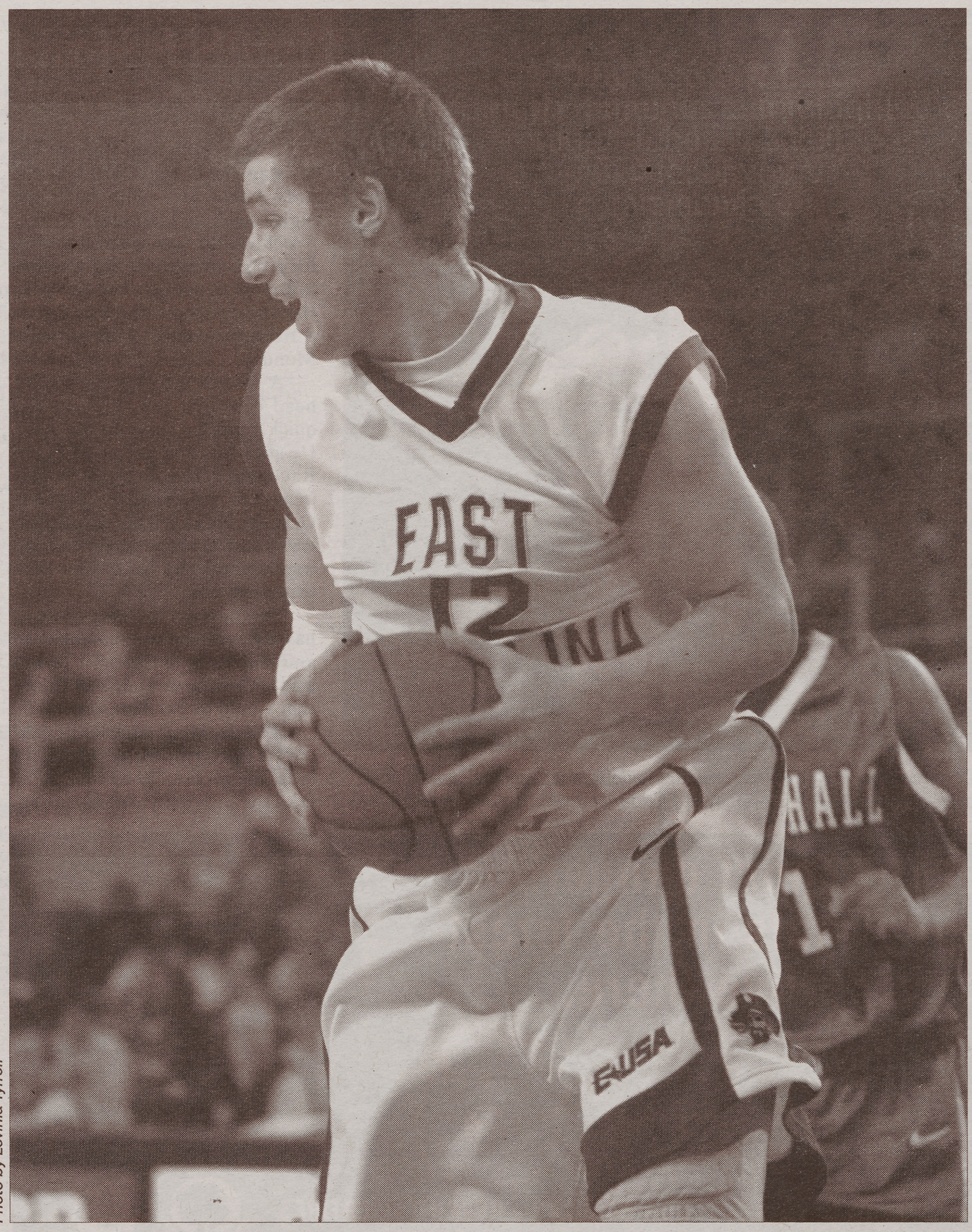
Ricky Stokes is entering his third year as Head Coach of the Pirates.



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Senior Taylor Gagnon enjoys lending his advice as one of the most popular players with the summer campers.

to get into it once I'm done with basketball," the six-foot-six senior said. "Just being around these kids, the young ones especially, you can really say anything–it doesn't even have to make complete sense and they will laugh and smile, which is the great thing. I just love being around groups of kids like these."

Throughout the week, the campers are able to compete in contests such as one-on-one matchups and three-point and free throw contests to win prizes such as tee shirts as well as basketballs.

After working at the camp for three years now, Gagnon feels the campers come to camp as one person and leave as a better one.

"I think coming into camp, some of the kids are a little hesitant about being social and interacting with each other," said Gagnon. "But towards the end of the week, they're all grabbing on you and punching you and having fun with one another.

"I think that's a good thing about the camp. Sometimes this is the only time that these kids get to see each other because they all go to different schools, so this is a good opportunity for them."

Stokes believes the campers understand that what they learn at camp must be applied to their outside lives in order for campers to become better players.

"The biggest thing we strive is for kids to have fun, make new friends and take the drills and fundamentals that they learned from the camp and execute it at home," said Stokes. "They retain the knowledge that they learn in camp, but it means nothing unless they go home and practice it."

The majority of the campers come from the Greenville area, but Stokes said there are some from out of town that attend because they are in town visiting relatives. Stokes feels the size of the camp is perfect at this time.

"It is still at a manageable number," said Stokes. "Usually we have 100 campers per week. We want to keep the numbers low as far as teaching goes."

Incoming six-foot-three freshman Jontae Sherrod attended the East Carolina "team camp" and was noticed there by the Pirates coaching staff, but Stokes can't recall in his twenty years of coaching a player that attended an individual camp that he later recruited or went on to coach.

Gagnon gives all of the campers positive advice on how to succeed not only on the court, but off the court as well.

"I tell them, 'keep working hard and to stay focused, if you want to do something you can do it'," said Gagnon. "You don't have to be the most talented person, you just have to have a good attitude and be a smart player and person, and things will work out for you."

Right now, the individual camp contains two weekly sessions, which are both considered day camps.

"If it were to become an overnight camp, that means I would have to work at night," Stokes said with a laugh.

"I kind of like where everyone goes home in the afternoon and I have the night free, we have enough long nights as coaches. It is fine with me for the time being."

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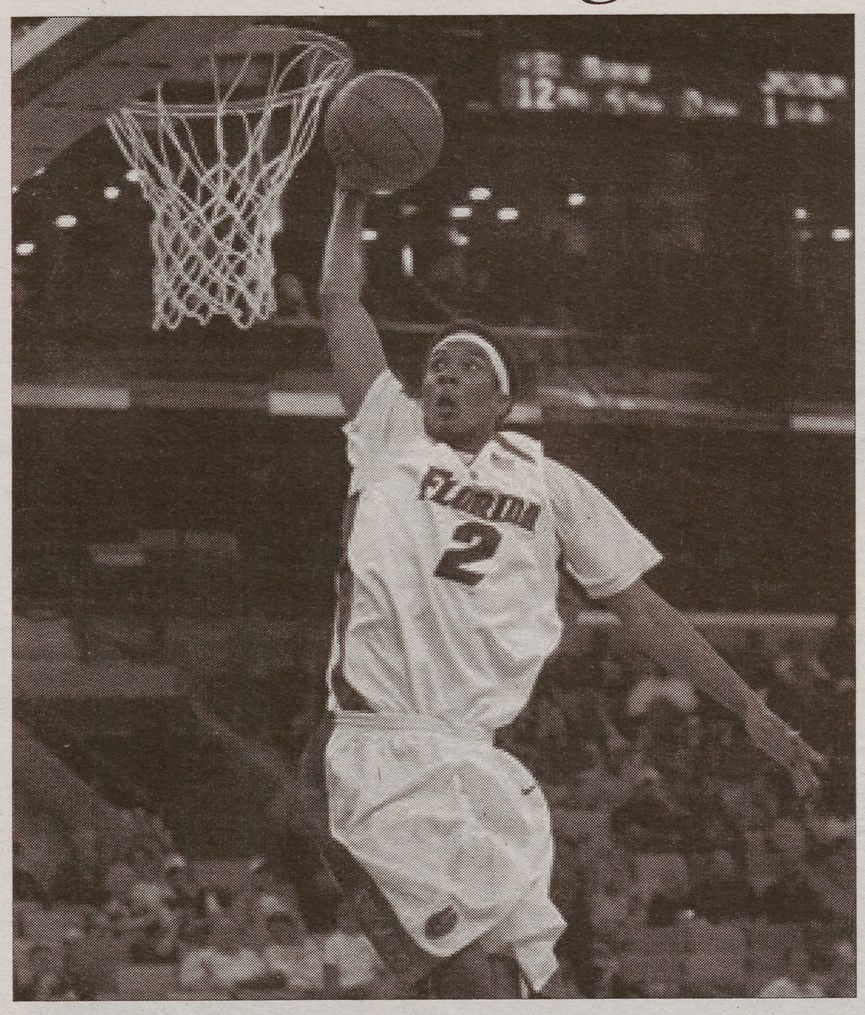
Bobcats looking for front court help in tomorrow's draft



Corey Brewer could be on his way to Charlotte after winning two national championships at the University of Florida.

AP

(AP) - In last year's NBA draft, the Charlotte Bobcats took a good perimeter shooter without great athletic skill who was a suspect defender.

If new coach Sam Vincent has his way, the Bobcats will take the anti-Adam Morrison with the eighth pick in Thursday's draft.

"I would say we're looking for a big, an athletic big who has low post scoring, that gives us the ability to get the ball inside a little bit more," Vincent said Monday.

A month into his first NBA head coaching job, Vincent has quickly put his mark on the team. He got Morrison and point guard Raymond Felton to agree to play in next month's summer league in Orlando. He's been prodding players to stay in shape and encouraging them to work out in Charlotte this summer.

"Every team I've ever coached has always been well conditioned and good on defense," Vincent said. "Those are a couple of things that would be priorities for me."

The Bobcats are expected to have choices in getting help for power forward Emeka Okafor in the frontcourt.

Brandan Wright of North Carolina is expected to be gone before the eighth pick, but three other all athletic forwards could be available: Florida's Corey Brewer, Florida State's Al Thornton and Georgetown's Jeff Green.

When asked Monday what players impressed him in pre-draft workouts, Vincent quickly brought up Brewer, who isn't known as a low-post scorer.

"He's not a big muscle guy, but a great defender, playing multiple positions, good shooter," Vincent said.

Thornton is a stronger inside presence and a better rebounder, two areas the Bobcats struggled in last season.

Green's stock has risen as of late. He canceled a workout with Charlotte this week, apparently thinking he'll be taken before No. 8.

"If some teams are saying, 'Hey, if you're available, we're going to take you No. 4,' there's nothing we can do about that," Vincent said.

While part-owner Michael Jordan will make the final call on draft picks, Vincent has taken an active role in pre-draft workouts.

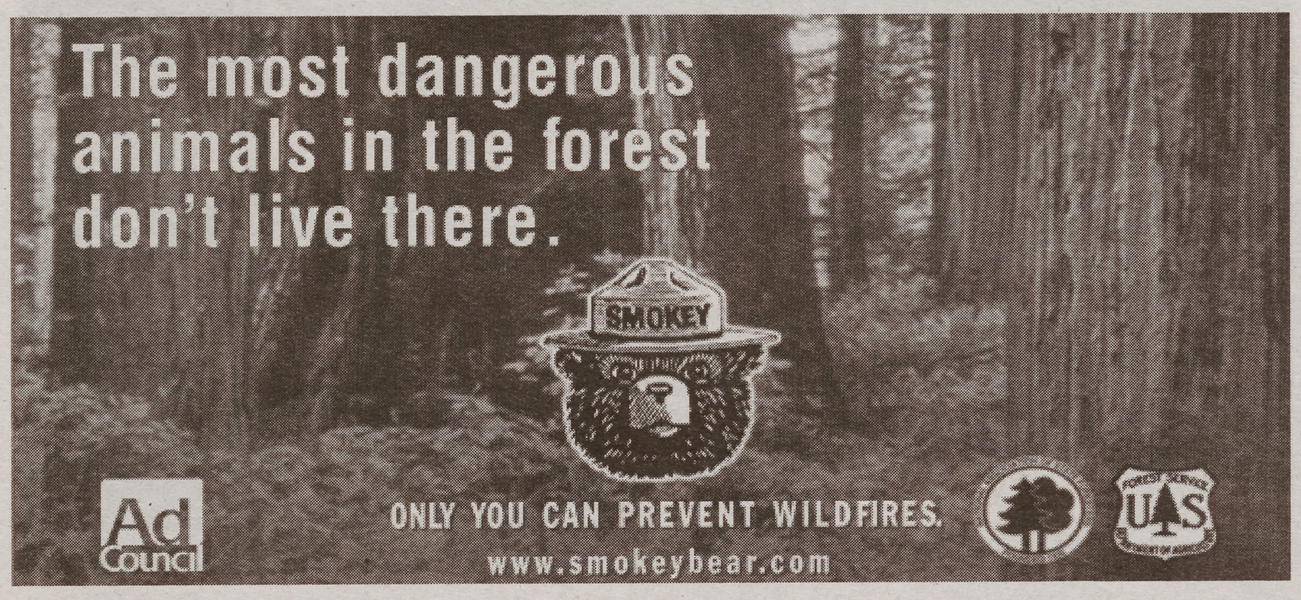
The Bobcats, who also hold the 22nd pick, have auditioned more than two dozen players. Small forwards Marcus Williams of Arizona, Arron Afflalo of UCLA and Alando Tucker of Wisconsin _ all projected to be late first-round or second-round picks _ were in town Monday. Tucker aggravated a strained calf muscle and couldn't complete the workout.

"The coaches in this one were a lot more involved as far as motivating," said Williams, who has worked out for 10 teams.

"We were going from one drill to the next and making sure you jog to the next drill. Some of them will let you get away with a little more. This one was intense. It was always game moves, game speed."

Two years ago when the Bobcats had two first-round picks, they took a guard (Felton) and a power forward (Sean May). Vincent said the team's secondary need is backcourt court, but that doesn't mean the Bobcats will take a guard with the 22nd pick.

"I won't necessarily say that it will be small, big. It will be based on need, need," Vincent said. "We're looking at filling the gaps to make our team stronger versus trying to make sure it's balanced out, big, small."



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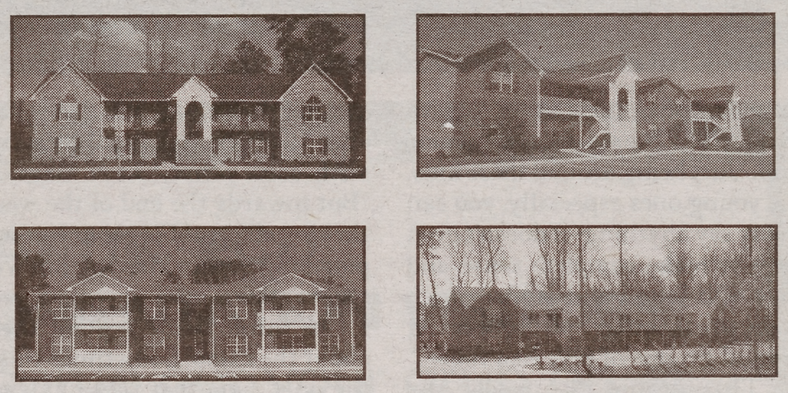

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