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Linebacker Quentin Cotton and the Pirates took care of business Saturday against Tulane. Check out the sports section to find out how the seniors on the squad made their final home game a special one and what lies ahead on the bowl horizon for the Pirates.....**Page B1**

Freshman point guard Brock Young started the first game of his promising career against North Carolina Wesleyan. Turn to the sports section for a player profile on Young, one of the most highly recruited guards in the nation.....**Page B1**

"Sometimes I Cry," a play highlighting women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS kicks off this week to raise awareness about World AIDS Week. The play is just one of many events occurring at ECU and the Greenville area to bring attention to the disease.....**Page A5**

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First software engineering graduate degree in NC will be coming to ECU

Program will begin next semester

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Natassia Negron

ECU's Department of Computer Science will be offering a new degree program next semester.

The degree, a Master of Science in Software Engineering [MSSE], is the first of its kind in North Carolina.

The university seems to be striving for a degree that will set them apart from other institutions.

"ECU tries to focus on a 'special niche,' not engineering programs like at NC State," said Patrick Pellicane, dean of graduate studies.

Offering this degree has been a longtime goal involving 15 years of preparation, according to Nasseh Tabrizi, director of graduate studies for computer science and engineering.

Business and industry leaders offered advice to aid in the creation of the MSSE program. The program's creators used the leaders' suggestions to focus the curriculum and intended goals of the program.

The MSSE program will be offered on campus as well as online through ECU's Distance Education program.

"This program is aimed toward the student who has recently completed his or her bachelor's degree, someone who wants to improve their position in the business world or a student that wants to seek a Ph.D.," Tabrizi said.

With the new program, marketing, service, business and technical managers can learn more about software engineering and move toward more prestigious employment opportunities.

"We're always anxious to find new ways to contribute to society. We feel that this could be one of those areas that could be very useful in energizing the local economy," Pellicane said.

As an interdisciplinary field, software engineering combines

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SGA discusses Congress structure and Hard Waiver Insurance

Members attempt to come to a consensus on issues

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

SGA continued an ongoing debate regarding the possibilities of Hard Waiver Insurance and recommendations to restructure the make-up congress on Monday.

Both issues were addressed in the weekly congress meeting last Monday in which representatives presented a power point describing the implementation, cost and other topics concerning Hard Waiver Insurance.

Shawnte McMillan, health educator and Amy Viverette, insurance coordinator, attended the meeting to illustrate what the new insurance plan is all about and to answer student's questions.

The facilitators of the power point (McMillan and Viverette) tried to bring the issues close to home to students by stating compelling statistics and facts.

"We do have students that drop out of ECU because of health care issues," McMillan said.

Some known medical issues that have affected students include injuries due to car accidents and cancer, according to McMillan.

"These are real issues that are affecting our students," McMillan said.

A large proportion of students are without health insurance under the current voluntary option.

The present estimate of uninsured (students) on a college campus is 40 percent, according to Viverette.

The presenters (McMillan and Viverette) also gave a comparison in the cost of popular prescription drugs with the Hard Waiver Insurance provider to outside insurance plans.

Each drug given as example was extremely lower with the Hard Waiver Insurance plan through Pearce and Pearce.

After presenting these facts, the congress members were reminded that no final decision about insurance has been made.

"ECU has not made a decision about whether ECU will go to the Hard Waiver Insurance but we will have an answer by the end of the school year, according to the chancellor," Mc Millan said.

The information presented in last week's meeting led to congress members stating their opinions about the possibility of ECU following many other UNC institutions in mandating insurance.

UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State are the only institutions that do not mandate insurance and that aren't looking to do so.

They already have participation on their optional plans, which makes their premiums lows, according to Johnson.

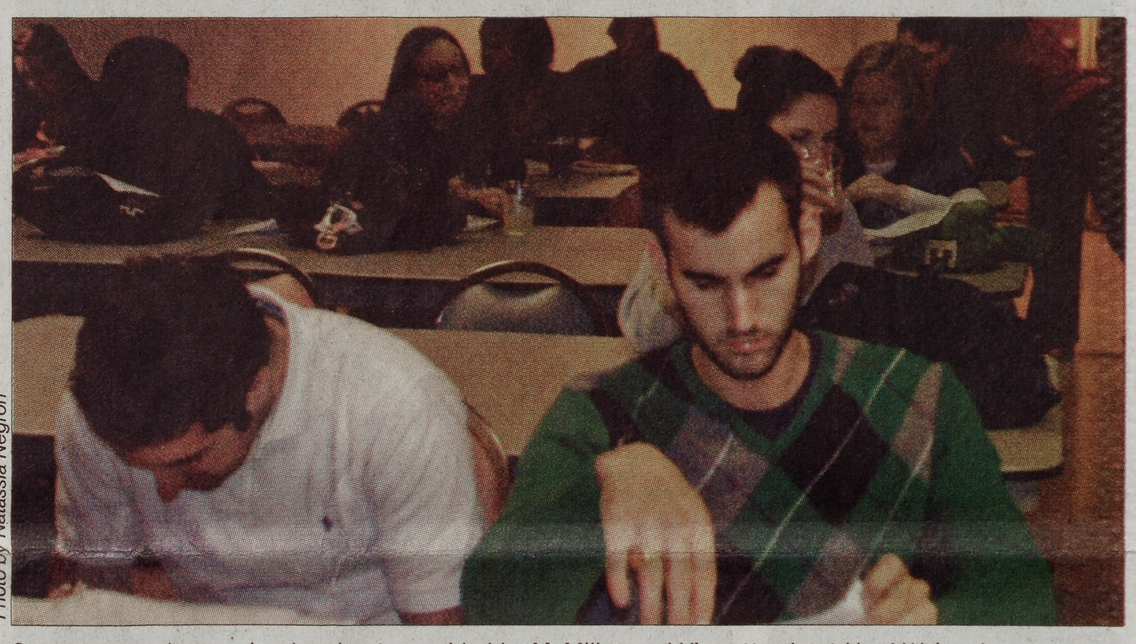

Photo by Natassia Negron

Congress members review hand-outs provided by McMillan and Viverette about Hard Waiver Insurance.

Congress agreed that the positions expressed, both positive and negative, would be transformed into letters to the chancellor and the Board of Trustees to represent the student body's feeling about the initiative.

Dialogue concerning Hard Waiver Insurance continued in room 221 of Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) following the congress meeting for an event called, Hot Topic.

The second major subject discussed in both meetings was the constitutional task force recommendations.

Three different recommendations presented to congress, were constructed by the oversight committee.

The purpose of the recommendations were to provide options on what will be a good way to increase attendance in congress meetings while efficiently representing the student body.

"The purpose tonight is just to see how you want this body represented," said Keri Brockett, SGA president.

Recommendation one involved the same construction the congress currently is composed of with the addition of an amendment to include the graduate council.

Recommendation two and three had more strict stipulations on the amount of members and where congress members would be recruited.

Congress voted in favor of recommendation three, which states a tri-cameral system of a house of organizations, an undergraduate congress and a graduate congress would compose the body of members.

A vote was passed to have a discussion about specific details about recommendation three for the next meeting.

Students are encouraged to attend the next congress meeting on Monday at 5 p.m. in the MSC Social Room.

To find out more about SGA, you can visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga or call the office at 328-4742.

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Eliminate stress before exam week

Methods to reduce stress during exam week

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

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Many students find it hard to cope with the pressures of exam preparation.

A program designed to address healthy test preparation will be offered to ECU students today from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center's Social Room.

The program is a collaborative effort between ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development, Student Health Services, Campus Recreation and Wellness, Academic Advising and Peer Health and Healthy PIRATES.

Each office will offer test preparation advice from their point of view.

"Topics addressed will include: test taking anxiety, study tips, healthy snacking, importance of physical activity, hindrances of alcohol and drugs and stress management techniques," said Renita Moore, mental health outreach specialist.

"Students will be able to stop by and visit each of the tables which will discuss various aspects of test preparation."

Student Health Services will provide a nutritionist that will offer healthy snacks for students.

"This event will be a Wellness Passport Event, so after visiting the tables, students will be able to receive a passport stamp for their participation," Moore said.

Procrastination is one of the main problems that students face during exam week, according to Moore.

"I do little things throughout the day so I won't get behind on a big project," said senior Saman-

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Bridport prize winner holds reading on campus

Wieland shares her stories

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Liza Wieland, a literature professor at ECU, held a reading of her Bridport prize story and one of her new stories on Nov. 14.

"I've given many readings over the years, but this is the first at ECU. I'm thrilled to be able to introduce myself to the community in this way," Wieland said.

At Wieland's reading, she read two of her short stories, "Pound in Venice" and "Slip, Out, Back, Here."

The short story, "Slip, Out, Back, Here," is the work for which she was awarded the 2007 Bridport Prize.

According to a literary review Web site, Tracey Chevalier, a judge for the Bridport Prize, said, "'Slip, Out, Back, Here' is an unusual, gorgeous contemplation of a young girl's relationship with her mother, a dream-like examining of the tight bond that both stifles and secures them. It takes risks with structure and its ending is soaring and emotional without being sentimental."

The Bridport Prize International Creative Writing Competition is for short stories not exceeding 5,000 words or poetry that does not exceed 42 lines.

All of the entries are judged anonymously. Everyone has the same chance of winning, no matter if they are a famous writer or if it is their first competition.

To enter the competition, the writer must have previously published at least one literary novel or story. This year there were 11,000 entries in fiction and poetry.

Wieland read about this competition in a publication called *Poets & Writers*.

"It's a great source of literary news and information, not just about contests, but about writers, publishers and schools," said Wieland.

Wieland's track record of publication and writing is large. She has published two novels, including "The Names of the Lost" and "Bombshell."

She has written two collections of short fiction stories

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News

{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anthropology Lecture: "A Possible Early Christian Church found in Jordan"
Wednesday, November 28
7 p.m.
Flanagan 265
Dr. S. Thomas Parker, professor of history at N.C. State University, will discuss the current controversy surrounding the identity and use of a structure identified as one of the earliest churches in Aqaba, Jordan, based on historical and archaeological evidence.

"Sometimes I Cry"
Thursday, November 29
7 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
A complex and thought-provoking show, "Sometimes I Cry," was inspired by the real life stories of women who are infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The show creatively examines the female struggle when coping with HIV and AIDS and offers an engaging window into the unique difficulties women face. Sheryl Lee Ralph becomes each character through word and song, with every move and simple gesture, breathing life into them and their stories. Tickets went on sale Nov. 1 at the ECU Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center. Ticket prices are $15 general public and $12 staff/faculty. The first 250 students receive free tickets, after which student tickets sell for $5 each. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sells will be donated to the Pitt County Aids Service Organization (PiCASO). For more information on tickets contact the ECU ticket office at (252) 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS V/TTY (252) 328-473

SOAD welcomes Buddhist lecturer
Thursday, November 29
7 to 9 p.m.
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Building
Peter Mugan Schellin, an ordained Buddhist monk, will speak on peace from the Buddhist perspective in a presentation, "This is It" in conjunction with the School of Art and Design's Countdown to Peace Art Exhibit.

ECU's Great Books, MRST, women's studies host lecture
Friday, November 30
4 p.m.
Bate 1026
Christine de Pizan's "Book of the City of Ladies" (1405) argues for women's potential as thinkers, leaders, warriors and visionaries. Recent scholarship has explored the author's feminism in depth, with one notable exception: its possible motivations. Christine's defense of women does not extend to actual social reform, so why did she bother to write it? To find an answer, we will take a closer look at Christine's work as well as some of her major influences, Augustine and Boethius. Dr. Holderness is trained at Yale, the University of Geneva, the Ecole Normale Superieure (Paris), and Johns Hopkins. She teaches at Michigan State University, and is currently a Visiting Scholar at Harvard. This talk is sponsored by: ECU's programs in Great Books, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and Women's Studies, as well as the departments of English, history and philosophy.

Country Doctor Museum's 3rd annual Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Admission and activities are free. Complimentary hot apple cider and cookies will be served in the museum gift shop. In the library, guests can make free sachets throughout the day. Demonstrations on how to make pomanders and lavender bath salts will be held at 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. All participants will receive take-home instructions and a sample of bath salts. A drawing will be held for a pomander. On the same day, several museum staff members, dressed in historic costumes including a country doctor, midwife, World War I nurse and 1950s nurse, will participate in the Bailey Christmas Parade in downtown Bailey at 1 p.m.

27 Tues

Art History Guild Movie Night
7:30-10:00 p.m.
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Building

Anthropology Lecture: "A Possible Early Christian Church found in Jordan"
7 p.m.
Flanagan 265

"Making the Grade:" Success For Life Workshop
7-8:30 p.m.
Bate 1028

Men's Basketball
Winthrop
7 p.m.
Minges Coliseum

***Featured Event**
Tree Lighting
6 p.m.
Sheppard Memorial Library

28 Wed

"Sometimes I Cry"
7 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

SOAD welcomes Buddhist lecturer
7- 9 p.m.
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Building

29 Thurs

Uptown Greenville ArtWalk
6-9 p.m.
30 downtown merchants

ECU's Great Books, MRST, women's studies host lecture
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Bate 1026

Tree Lighting
6 p.m.
Sheppard Memorial Library

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month
6:30-9 p.m.
MSC 221

30 Fri

Country Doctor Museum's 3rd annual Holiday Open House
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Country Doctor Museum, off U.S. 264, Bailey, N.C.

Greenville Jaycees Christmas Parade
10 a.m.
Begins on W.10th Street

Women's Basketball
VCU
2 p.m.
Minges Coliseum

1 Sat

Reindeer Dash for Cash
5k and 10 mile run
2 p.m.
Town Common on 1st St.

Holiday Concert
ECU School of Music's Friends Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert
3 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

2 Sun

Blood Drive
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wright Plaza

3 Mon

PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

TUESDAY:

Hi: 65F
Low: 57F (late night lows dropping below 40F)
Wind: Northwest 10 - 15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 65% before afternoon
General Weather: overcast and muggy morning shifting to a clear and cold evening

WEDNESDAY:

Hi: 60F
Low: 41F
Wind: Northerly 3 - 5 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0%
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Free programs from PBS will be offered through Joyner Library

Services available on and off campus

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 1, 2008, Joyner Library will begin to offer students, teachers and library patrons free access to PBS programs to educate and entertain over the Internet.

"The big benefit is convenience, on-demand viewing and, of course, the fact that it's free," said Jan Lewis, associate director of Joyner Library.

There will be about 250 available programs offered on campus and at home. If users are trying to log in off campus, they will have to enter their Pirate ID and passphrase.

The series that will be featured are "Scientific American Frontiers"; a history series, "Empires"; an Emmy award-winning journalism program, "Frontline"; and a series for kids including "Cyberchase" and "Liberty's Kids."

"I'm really excited about being able to offer these high quality, well-researched documentaries to our students," Lewis said.

This PBS service is paid for by the North Carolina State Library and is offered through NC LIVE, which offers collections of electronic resources at no cost.

According to the NC LIVE Web site, "These resources include articles from over 16,000 newspapers, journals, magazines and encyclopedias, indexing for over 25,000 periodical titles and access to over 25,000 online print and audio books."

There are about 200 libraries across North Carolina that use NC LIVE.

The link for these programs will be available at ecu.edu/cs-lib/ in January.

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WIELAND

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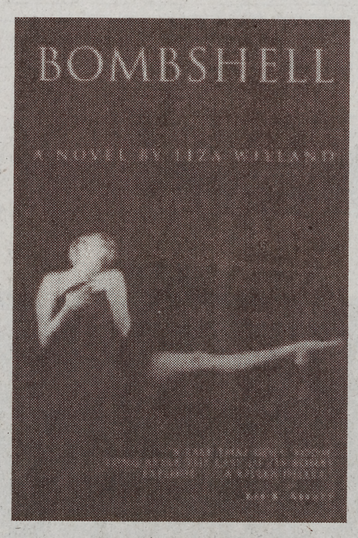
titled, "Discovering America" and "You Can Sleep While I Drive."

In addition to the fiction stories and novels, she has published a collection of poems, "Near Alcatraz."

"I am very happy for her. She has worked hard in her writing. It is always good to see her have some success," said Dan Stanford, Liza's husband.



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Wieland has been writing novels since she began her first novel, "Names of the Lost," in 1988.

"I've always loved words, how they look, how they sound, how they feel, how they can be put together in interesting ways," Wieland said.

Wieland thinks that reading got her interested in writing. She remembers writing her first story in third grade, a mystery titled, "The Scream That Carried Me All The Way to Savannah."

"I hope to keep writing and teaching and supporting the arts in eastern North Carolina," said Wieland.

Wieland just began teaching at ECU this past semester. She is currently teaching English 1100 (Composition) and English 3410 (Introduction to Poetry).

"I have some pretty terrific students in those classes," Wieland said.

Next semester, she will be teaching English 3850 (Beginning Fiction Writing) and English 5850 (Advanced Fiction Writing).

"She is a very intriguing and interesting person. The way she tells her stories- her tone - brings me into the story," said Aliana Ramirez, Wieland's junior poetry student.

Liza's website can be visited at lizawieland.com.

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STRESS

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tha Allen.

One method of easing tension and keeping the brain focused on studying is incorporating exercise that speeds up the heart rate into an exam preparation schedule.

Study breaks are also an important part of an exam preparation routine. Breaks should last no longer than 20 minutes. This is sufficient time to have a healthy snack, make a phone call, send e-mail, use the restroom, etc., according to Moore.

Setting short-term goals within larger long-term goals can also help students stay focused and cope with the stress of exams.

Including enjoyable activities during an exam preparation routine gives students something to look forward to and helps keep stress at a manageable level, according to Moore.

Student Health Services will offer a "regression table" for students to participate in coloring, Play-Doh and other fun activities, according to Shawnte McMillan, student health services administrator.

"Students can expect to learn how to sit back and relax," McMillan said.

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ENGINEERING

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the studies of computer science and engineering.

The MSSE program is expected to prepare graduate students to specify, model, implement and manage large software system projects.

"We don't anticipate a large application pool at this time," Tabrizi said. "This is a new degree. It is the first to be offered in NC."

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of ECU's Graduate School. These requirements are satisfactory undergraduate grades and scores on either the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and three letters of recommendation.

An undergraduate degree in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, information systems or a related discipline is preferred.

Tabrizi must evaluate students with other graduate degrees to approve admission.

Distance Education students must have access to a fully functional computer and the Internet.

The option of earning a MSSE degree through Distance Education increases the possible student base. This allows someone in the business world an opportunity to earn a graduate degree while also working during the day.

The degree will require the completion of 30 semester hours of courses. Graduate assistantships will be available on a competitive basis.

Application and course information can be found online at virtual.ecu.edu, www.cs.ecu.edu or www.ecu.edu/gradschool.

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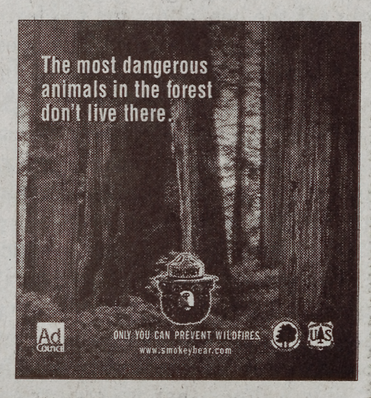

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Opinion

{ Rant away, Pirates. }

RANT OF THE DAY
I know it's sick, but I was so glad not to be the fat grandchild this year!

Shari'ah law, rape and you

The more you know

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

Alright, folks! I am back from my self-imposed time out and have brought that change of pace a handful of you have been calling for. While this is the next to last issue of the semester, I decided to change the hat I normally draw my topics of discussion from and spin a recently established wheel. Today's subject of interest just so happened to land on Shari'ah law!

Sweet, I know, but please attempt to restrain yourselves long enough to get through the next few paragraphs.

Recently over in the good old Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a woman and a male friend were sexually assaulted by a group of men. The woman was sentenced to prison and received lashes for being out unchaperoned with an unrelated male.

This event has been brought to the forefront of news Web sites; human rights groups across the USA are jumping on the bandwagon (or boat) of good faith to cross the ocean and set things straight. I, however, feel this is a single case blown out of proportion, like so many things our short attention spans seem to latch onto.

I had the chance to ask a few brothers I am in contact with overseas for their input on the matter, and I was not surprised by their replies. In this case, the woman in question broke a law that carried consequences. She was given the chance to appeal the decision as one normally would in the United States, however, the woman declined and reported the incident to the media. Additionally, being a Shia in Saudi Arabia probably did not help. Still the sudden increased punishment for not following the appeal process is where the thulm (oppression) begins.

This piece, however, will not focus on the issue of rape as previously mentioned, but the umbrella of which the laws regarding the matter fall under. Right off the bat, allow me to clear a misconception and say that no country practices true Shari'ah Law. Saudi Arabia is close, but as my good friend HAL from 2001: A Space Odyssey once remarked, "It can only be attributable to human error." The offenders should have been charged with adultery (if married) or spreading mischief amongst the lands, both punishable by death.

When someone says that "political extremists" are attempting to implement Shari'ah law into a country in Europe, I normally laugh at the thought. The definition of words these days are becoming so loose, they are molded to fit the liking of the user.

This follows that no country practices true Democracy and I include the United States in this generalization. In the words of Lincoln, "A government of the people, by the people, for the people," so what exactly is the Electoral College? Oh yeah, that is right, the founding fathers specifically stated they felt the average citizen was incapable of making an educated decision in regards to their head of state.

Before this topic becomes an epistemologist debate on the token of words in sentences, I will end it with some statistics from the good old Interpol. The United States rates amongst the highest of countries listed in terms of rape cases, Saudi Arabia and Japan amongst the lowest. One in six women in the United States survived an attempted or completed rape. With these in mind, the number of rape cases in the United States has steadily declined in the last ten years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I love the atmosphere of game day, the noise of the crow, the unadulterated emotion in a packed stadium and my Pirates. I'm from the class of 2004, with a vision for my alma mater.

The pride level of Pirates, alumni, and fans alike is EXTREMELY high and with good reason, our Pirates are having a great football season.

The energy emitted from the Pirate fans feeds our players. There is nothing like the rush we all get when the cannon goes off after a score or the 4th quarter raising of the NO QUARTER flag. But perhaps the most invigorating is when Jimi Hendrix starts rockin' out and our team emerges through the Purple Haze and rushes the field. And from that point is where the vision begins…

I wish to change nothing about aforementioned entrance of our team onto Dowdy-Ficklen, merely add one more element; a concoction whose ingredients include the swelling, smothering characteristic of the Wave and a Sea of Purple.

The set-up only requires one thing; all Pirate Fans in attendance at Dowdy-Ficklen MUST wear PURPLE, UNDERNEATH whatever game day schwag they are planning to wear.

The set-up: 'Purple Haze' plays, players storm field, purple smoke billows… beginning from where the purple smoke reaches the stands, Pirate fans, in the motion of a well executed wave, remove their top-layer of clothing to reveal the PURPLE underneath.

The end result: Think "Penn State White Out," but Purple… A color-changing, wave of purple that engulfs 44,000 Pirate fans whose energy can be measured in GBPSIs (Goose Bumps Per Square Inch.)

I understand that traditions are rarely planned and usually just come to fruition over time, but close your eyes and picture this. Do you see it? All that PURPLE! To make this happen we need support and buy-in. We need ideas on execution and implementation...

Thank you for your time. Go PIRATES!

Chuck Dove
Greenville, NC

Please visit our Web site for the full contents of the letter.

THIS IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS...

This picture was taken with a digital camera on the 18th of November 2007, in beautiful town of Bath.

"I think this picture is worth thousand words as it symbolizes peace and connecting with beauty of nature. The person in the picture is my friend Rushikesh Veni (grad student, Computer Science)," said photographer, Sandeep Gottipamula, MBA student at ECU.

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PIRATE RANTS

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I think I had fun jousting with you in Rants, but you bore me now. You're predictable. At least I know how you really are now. Hope your landing has a lot of cushion when you fall off of that pedestal. In addition to overestimating my interest in you, you underestimate my decency. Denial is not coping. Chew on that for a while.

They broke the mold after they made you. And then they shot the SOB who made it.

Your Mom called. She wants you to come home and shave her back.

Just because you might be a 'big deal on campus' doesn't give you the right to think you're better than me.

I figured out that I get good grades so that I can go to keggers all four years of college. I'm not that guy that goes to keggers and only stays here for one semester. I'll be here all four years, don't worry.

I'm not going to lie, I'm pretty happy I'm the only one who hasn't learned that stupid "crank that Soulja Boy" dance. Thank God.

I love going out with girls older than me. It's great because then you can call them "mom." What?

I like how the little girl in "Monsters Inc." is named "Boo". It makes me think of my best friend.

Can't people understand it's tough to do work when I'm blazed all the time?

So, I'm a sorority girl that happens to love pro football and World of Warcraft...I think that makes my boyfriend a really lucky guy!

Why must all the girls on White Hall drown themselves in perfume? Don't they realize that some people are sensitive to the strong scents? There's nothing worse than being stuck in the elevator with some chick I could smell before she got on. Ew.

Are you still trying to burn the candle at both ends? It worked out so well for you last semester.

My boyfriend doesn't realize I'm a catch. It's too bad my ex does but he's not the one I want to be with.

I'm so in love with you and I dont even know if I met you yet...

I'm looking for something to do on the weekends besides drink alcohol and go downtown. Any fun ideas?

I'm trying to make some guy friends because I like to hang out with guys more than girls, but it seems like none of them want to be my friend once they find out I have a boyfriend. I don't know why. It couldn't possibly be because they're all after one thing.

So what if I think communism is a good idea in theory!

My friend has a really hot neighbor I can't take my eyes off everytime he comes to visit. If he didn't have a girlfriend, I would completely rock his world!

I wish my parents would quit smoking...I am tired of having to wash my clothes a second time just to get the smoke smell out.

You need to clean up your food. It's been there for a week. And make some friends.

If we're going to screw, great. If we're going to date, that's great, too. Just make up your mind or leave me alone!

The smartest move I ever made was to remove myself from between your legs. Bestiality is prohibited.

You really are troubled inside. Seek help little lady. It's not too late.

I want to be in love again...I miss it.

I am not happy anymore. I wish I could change that.

Because of Pearl, "I need to get my drink on" is my signature catch phrase!

My new favorite word... SOROSTITUTE.

Until you decide that student safety does matter, I'll keep my Glock handy.

Quit hating on the baseball players because you're fat.

What will you do with your degree?

I hate people who litter. The reason Americans are so fat is because they're too lazy to get off their butts and walk five feet to a freaking trashcan!

I overheard two people laughing about my Rant in history class, and I laughed to myself secretly because they didn't know that I sit right next to them.

Go do something, I'm sick of looking at you in the room, all the time.

Frannnciscoooo....

STOP SENDING ME those stupid application invitations on facebook. I'm going to un-friend you!

The bathroom in Brewster D creeps me out. I swear that a ghost lives there!

That wasn't a break. That was a tease!

"Elle guess what? I got BANGS!"

The best part about Thanksgiving is that it's finally the official Christmas season!

My hairdresser warned me before they applied the dye that I might become chemically dependent. She was so right. Thank God for hair dye!

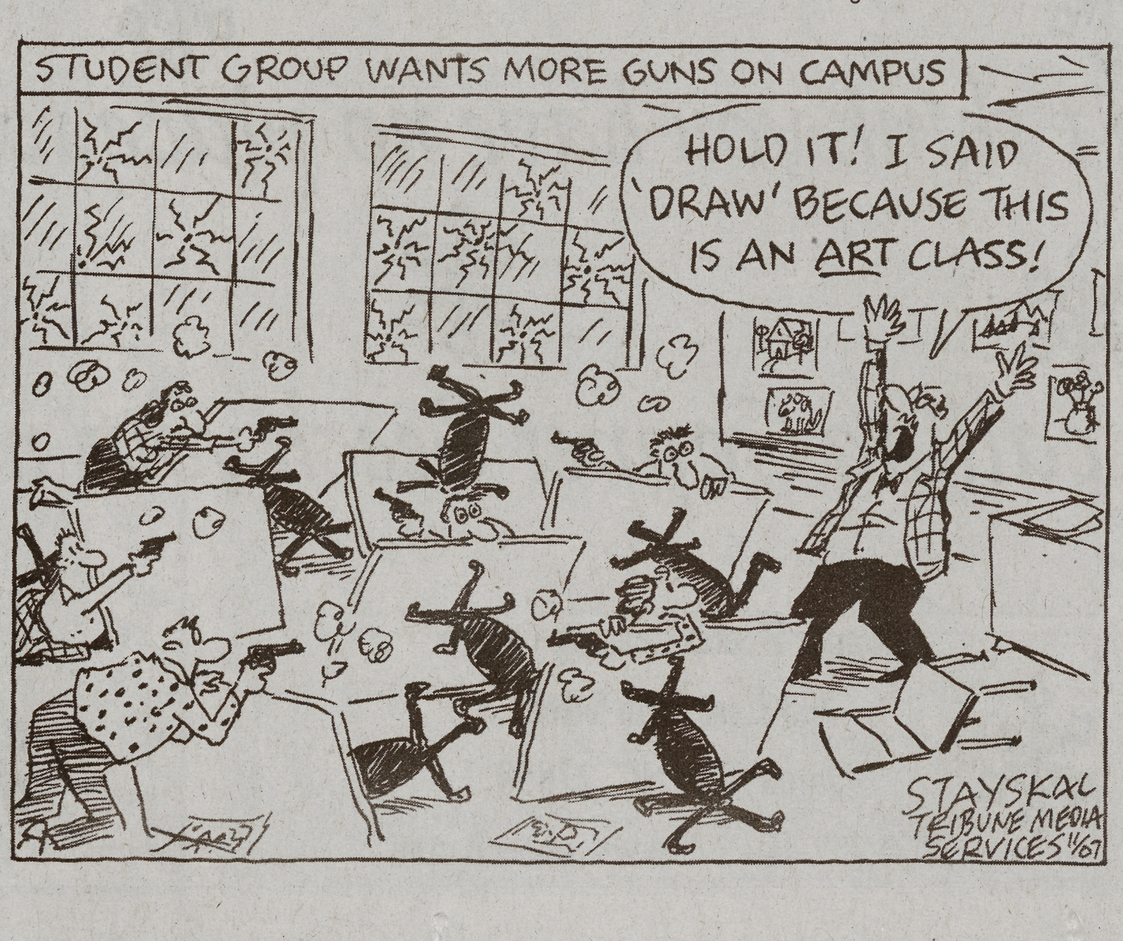
I know it's sick, but I was so glad not to be the fat grandchild this year!

One would think that taking a nutrition class would have some impact on one's eating habits. Guess it's not a very effective class.

I bought an umbrella this morning right before classes because it said that it was going to rain. It didn't rain until after classes and I was back home. Ugh!

Why is it that people cannot seem to read simple instructions for a quiz from a professor? He told us to bring a bubble sheet on the first line of his email. Anyone who didn't have one should not have been allowed to take the quiz.

It doesn't matter what you say, I'm wearing a scarf!



"I am... Beowulf"

Hollywood is definitely "Beowolf"

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OPINION WRITER

I will immediately start by saying that I saw "Beowulf" last weekend and—God help the movie industry—it was terrible. Everyone should know what "Beowulf" is; if you don't, I'm not explaining it, and I have always thought that it could be a great movie if it was done correctly [editor's note: Beowulf is an epic poem about a warrior (title character) that, among other richly details accounts within the context of the poem, has to battle a neighboring land's monster, monster's mother, and later, the dragon that plagued that land…It's complicated].

It has all the elements a greatly exaggerated action movie should have, e.g. a ridiculously macho main character, mass amounts of death, monsters and a morally infallible main character. Of course there are separate variables that can automatically make an action movie tempting to anyone. Vikings will always fall into this section, which "Beowulf" has plenty of. And yet when I saw this movie I came to realize that Hollywood decided to not only create a terrible script, again, but to make this redunkulous action opportunity into a poor Shakespearean Video Game.

When it comes to CGI everyone can agree that it is just better if you never notice it. If we were to look at "300," although some things are obviously CG, the mere fact that there were real people excluded the CG elephants and rhinos. Go on and re-read my equation for a great action flick there you can see "300" fits perfectly. Now noticing this and seeing "Beowulf," you only wish that Frank Miller could have done it instead.

Who came up with this all-CG idea? There were countless times in the theater when everyone would burst out laughing. And these were the "dramatic" scenes. But how can one really feel connected with a completely animated character, especially when it attempts ("attempts" is definitely the right word) to make you think they are real? This will never work and hasn't worked ever since they tried it with that awful Final Fantasy movie. In fact, for a movie that was made around six to seven years ago I am surprised that it is basically on par with "Beowulf." Of course this isn't the only thing these two films have in common (sucking being one), but also the terrible, what I must call, acting.

So now "Beowulf" is dead and a chance at making a great poem into a great movie is completely lost. What makes this so much more pathetic is that "Beowulf" was already written for Hollywood. And written in such a way that you would never have to worry about inner dialogue or anything. Beowulf good, Beowulf big man can kill anything, people die but Beowulf there to totally rock out to viking metal. Why was this so difficult? "300" can get away with it but "Beowulf" can't? Wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong. In fact so wrong that I bet a 12-year-old boy could have directed something more entertaining than the crap Robert Zemeckis just pulled.

Overall I think Hollywood just needs to return to the basics and quite trying to complicate VERY simple stories. There is nothing wrong with a hero killing everyone and beating everything it comes up just because. Don't try to mix fantasy CGI with simplified-complicated characters because now the poem "Beowolf" shall always be remembered as that "crappy CG movie."

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Horoscopes

Aries
It's better to keep your mouth shut if you're not certain what's going on. Be watchful and silent and wait for somebody to carelessly drop a few clues.

Taurus
Shopping has been more of a challenge than a relaxation lately. Keep studying; you'll find new and creative ways to stretch your dollars.

Gemini
By using your wits you can make the task easier and increase your profits. Costs are high, so it's important to save wherever you can.

Cancer
After an initial setback, life gets a lot easier. You may not reach total agreement, but at least you know where you stand. Differences make the relationship more interesting and exciting.

Leo
You're too busy to worry about others' complex social interactions. Ask them to save their problems and gossip until another time.

Virgo
Let your friends know what's bothering you. One of them has the answer. It's hard to admit you were wrong, but if that's required, go ahead and do it.

Libra
Discretion is advised in career negotiations. Get everything in writing, but don't publish any of it yet. Make all the revisions first, and you'll end up with a big success.

Scorpio
Finally, you're able to achieve what you set out to do. Reinforcements arrive just in time, thanks to your communications. Good work!

Sagittarius
Reality rears its ugly head. How are you going to pay for all the crazy things you want? You're not. Pay off bills first. Save crazy for later.

Capricorn
Accept encouragement and assistance from someone you don't always like. Liking is transitory. This person's there for you. That's what's important.

Aquarius
You can figure out what needs to be done. Keep the others on track. Without your coaching, they'll be running in all directions.

Pisces
Sneak away from the crowds to spend more time with your loved ones. Make plans, and keep going after your goals in spite of all obstacles. Together, you guys are awesome.

Mendenhall Movies

11/30 @ Midnight: Midnight Movie: Edward Scissorhands

12/01 @ Midnight: Midnight Movie: Edward Scissorhands

Did you know?

Approximately $2, 255, 750,000 is generated by photographs with Santa in shopping malls in the USA in dollars.

7% of mall Santa applicants were discovered to have criminal backgrounds.

Santa must visit 842,000,000 homes on Christmas Eve.

He must travel 4,796,250 mph to visit all those homes.

20% of Americans finish off their Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve.

27% of pet owners who have their dog or cat pose and photographed with Santa Claus.

28% of Americans re-gift.

Artificial trees are the most popular with 40,694,463 on display in comparison to real trees at 34,335,809.

180 Barbie dolls are sold around the world every minute.

4,000,000 Tons of trash is generated annually from the gift wrapping and shopping bags.

The word Christmas is Old English, a contraction of Christ's Mass.

The first president to decorate the white house Christmas tree in the United States was Franklin Pierce.

Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph to perform for World AIDS Week

One woman show inspired by HIV/AIDS

ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Nov. 29, Broadway and television actor Sheryl Lee Ralph will perform her one-woman show, "Sometimes I Cry," at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Written and performed by Ralph, the show focuses on the "lives, loves and losses of women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS," according to a Web site advertising the event. The show is sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity, Student Health Services and the Pitt County Health Department.

"Sometimes I Cry" chronicles the lives of different women from diverse backgrounds and cultures and how they struggle against the effects of HIV/AIDS. Ralph expresses and explores these stories through word, movement and song, playing the role of each character and allowing the audience to understand the unique difficulties each woman faces.

Catherine Adams, program specialist for the Office of Institutional Diversity, believes that the one-woman show will be a unique and engaging way for the ECU campus and Greenville community to become more aware of the disease.

"Many people receive information in different formats, like films or lectures, but we thought Ralph's show would be an entertaining and thought-provoking way to educate the campus and community at large," said Adams.

"We hope that viewers will get a sense of the various stories and testimonies behind AIDS, not only those infected but those coping with the effects of the disease."

Ralph is an award-winning writer and actor of film, television and the Broadway stage. She earned her first Tony award by originating and creating the role of Deena Jones in the musical "Dreamgirls." She is probably most-known from her television role as "Dee" on the hit TV series "Moesha" and in her writing and directing of the award-winning short film "Secrets," a finalist in the HBO Film Short Competition.

Ralph is also a committed advocate in raising global awareness regarding information about HIV/AIDS. She was the first recipient of the Red Ribbon Leadership Award from the National HIV/AIDS Partnership and serves as the spokesperson for the National Minority AIDS Council and Board Member of the Black AIDS Institute.

Tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office on the main floor of Mendenhall Student Center or by calling 328-4788 (ECU-ARTS).

Tickets are $5 for students, $12 for faculty/staff and $15 for the general public.

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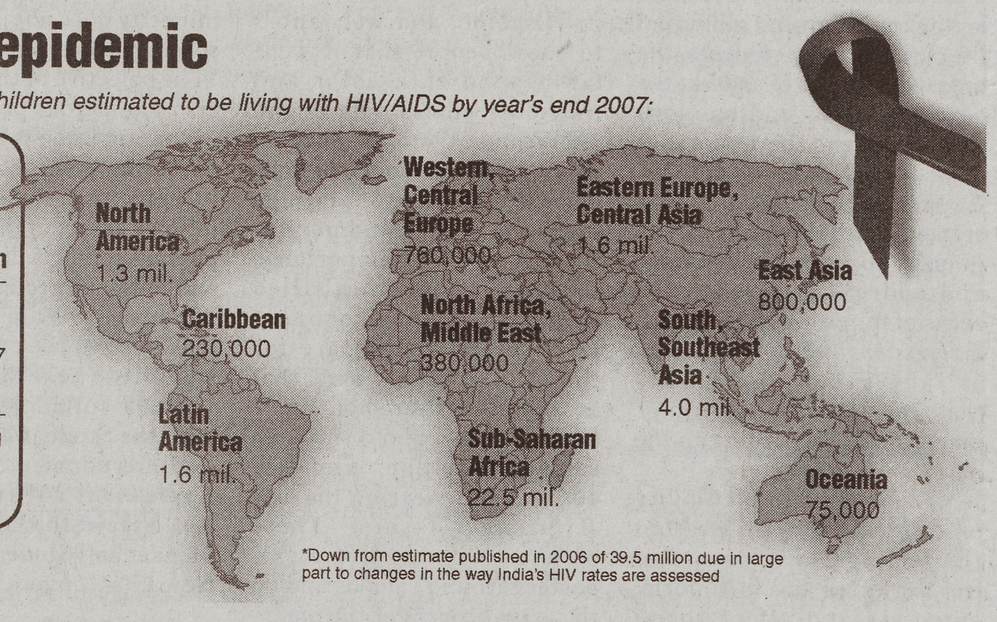
AIDS epidemic

Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS by year's end 2007:



WORLD AIDS WEEK EVENTS

"Sista Talk"
Tues., Nov. 27 at 8 p.m.
Mendenhall Student Center Room 221

Sometimes I Cry"
Thurs., Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

Showing of "Girl Positive"
Wed., Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk
Sat., Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.
Thomas Foreman Park
400 Nash St.

Three game systems compete for dominance

Which game system is for you?

BRIAN MAZUROWKSI
STAFF WRITER

Last year the world witnessed the launch of three new innovative game systems with far more capabilities and possibilities than ever before. Now, a year after the release of the three systems, how do they compare among consumers?

What the Nintendo Wii lacks in graphics it makes up for with its hypnotically entertaining games and unique controls. Microsoft's XBox 360 has had a rash of problems but provides gamers with a large and impressive library of games to choose from. The Sony Playstation 3 boasts a larger price tag than its competitors but continues to impress people with its articulate design and sleekness.

So which game system is truly better?

The excitement and mystique that surrounded the Nintendo Wii's release wowed consumers last Christmas. After the disappointing sales of Nintendo's last release the Game Cube, Nintendo was looking for a way to thrust itself back into the market with a competitive edge. The Nintendo Wii provides an accessible style of gaming for every level of gamer while still maintaining credibility amongst even the most hardcore of users. The unique motion sensitive design of the Wii's controller allows the gamers to experience a more immersed style of gaming, and its built-in Wi-Fi capabilities makes it Internet accessible and even more attractive to consumers. Nintendo also appeals to the nostalgia of gamers by allowing the gamers to download older, classic Nintendo games. "The Nintendo Wii is completely different, the controller is revolutionary.

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"Overall, Nintendo has created a fun and easily enjoyable game system for the likes of everyone," said Michael Robert McAndrew, a political science major and senior at ECU.

The Playstation 3 is the most expensive of the three systems but also offers a more technologically advanced game system with rich graphics and an equally compelling gaming experience. However, the high cost of the system and a short supply initially hurt the sales of the Playstation 3 upon release. One of the new features of the Playstation 3 is the ability to read blu-ray discs, which can hold a huge amount of information on a disc the size of a normal CD. In turn, the Playstation 3 games offer rich and realistic graphics and sounds that are somewhat superior to its competitors. Not only does the Playstation 3 offer gamers amazing graphics, it also offers 5.1 Dolby Digital Surround capabilities. The system's controller changed very little from its Playstation 2 predecessor, except for the wireless capability in the new controller. Something that is unique to the Playstation 3 is the ability to be used as a personal computer; it offers a spot to connect a keyboard using a USB connection as well as a spot to insert a memory card. This, along with Playstation 3's free Wi-Fi service, allows the owner to use the console in ways that were once not possible, such as uploading endless images to the console.

While Nintendo rushes to create and put out new

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Countdown to peace art exhibit carries political undertones

Photo by Samantha Johnson

A visitor to the Countdown to Peace art exhibit in the Mendenhall Art Gallery admires various art pieces.

Exhibit on display until the war in Iraq ends

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Newspapers are filled with headlines, network airwaves are overflowing amid countless minutes of airtime updating Americans on the war in Iraq and politicians are using the war as a basis for campaign strategies.

The war in Iraq has become a part of daily life in America. Each day Americans are bombarded with media surrounding the war, leaving two ECU professors pondering the prospect of peace.

Mendenhall Art Gallery is currently displaying the Countdown to Peace art exhibit. Art professors Catherine Billingsley and Jodi Hollnagel-Jubran put the exhibit together in an effort to exemplify the concept of peace.

"The goal is to help people identify with peace. Express our need for peace. Let people know we would like the war in Iraq to end, that we are not going to forget about what is taking place and that there are better solutions like peace and talking and identifying the problems and agreeing to disagree than war to solve our problems," said Hollnagel-Jubran.

The exhibit is currently made up of 71 pieces, each representing a day of a calendar timeline of the war.

"Each entry we have received represents that artist's individual vision of peace. Maybe with all of us visualizing peace, we can make it happen. Everyone's idea of peace is expressed differently," said Billingsley.

Although the exhibit is currently housed in Mendenhall, it will become a traveling exhibit after being taken down at the end of Novem-

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New Expressions magazine released this month

"Minority" served as the theme

ERIN EDWARDS

STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 26, *Expressions* magazine released its new issue, titled "Minority." Complete with an impressive marketing campaign and submitted literary pieces by students, the magazine strives to address the concerns, ideas and opinions that represent the minorities present on the campus of ECU. *Expressions* magazine was started in the 1980s at ECU in order to introduce opinions and address different concerns of minorities on campus. *Expressions* defines minority as "any group of students that feels outside the norm or mainstream," according to the magazine's Web site.

The overall responsibility of *Expressions* is to present the feelings of groups that feel neglected and to "inform, entertain and affect social change and understanding." *Expressions* General Manager Guillaume Bagal feels the upcoming issue will inform students of what the term "minority" means and throw away any stereotypical beliefs that students might have previously held.

"We felt that the term 'minority' was very intimidating to most students. Many see minority as either black or Hispanic, and we wanted to show people that it went far beyond skin color and religious beliefs," said Bagal.

"[We want] to be sure to cover issues not only of concern to students belonging to a minority, but also those that are of importance to any student unfulfilled by other campus forums." In an effort to prepare for the release, Bagal said that he and his art director, Ricky Chan, set up a photo shoot on campus with approximately 100 students wearing the new *Expressions* T-shirt. These pictures were used to create posters around campus and on the actual covers of the magazine. Students were also given the opportunity to explain what minority means in their own words, which would also be included in the issue. Bagal said that the campaign for the promotion of the magazine was the most groundbreaking in the history of the publication. Chan believes the posters that were created using the snapshots of students will help students to realize that being a minority does not just apply to specific people, but to everyone. "The objective of the new posters of numerous people for the upcoming issue is to address a point that everyone is a minority sometime, somewhere, and in some aspect of their lives. By photographing a diverse ethnic and religious group of students on campus [we can] help one to look beyond the stereotype of 'minority,'" said Chan.

In a collaborative effort with the Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee, *Expressions* will release the new issue at the Poetry Jam in Mendenhall Student Center on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

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games for the Wii, Xbox 360 provides an impressive amount of entertaining and fun games to choose from. The Xbox 360 provides a seemingly modest price tag in comparison to the Playstation 3, but it is still far from inexpensive. The price of the Xbox 360 varies depending on the size of hard drive included in the system along with other features, but usually ranges from $300 to $450. Like the Playstation 3, the Xbox 360 experience is based on games that offer textured atmospheres that engage the players in a variety of differently styled games. Offering an emphasis on games that target a more mature audience such as *Halo*, *Saints Row* and *Gears of War* have contributed to the popularity of Xbox 360 games.

However, the Xbox 360 has become notorious amongst gamers for having low reliability and an occurrence of what is known as a general hardware failure.

All in all, this Christmas is sure to have shoppers scoping out the "best" and "most advanced" game system to place under their trees.

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ber. It will continue to be displayed in a number of locations until the end of the war.

Students and community members were invited to be part of the exhibit by submitting work. All forms of media were accepted, and pieces in the exhibit range from drawings to photographs and ceramics to weavings.

"I wanted to be a part of this unique collaborative effort to raise awareness that artists participate directly in their communities. Today, so much of art is created for individualistic purposes, but we can still be united in a shared global vision," said graduate student Charity Hall.

Those interested in contributing work or suggesting a venue to host the exhibit can contact Billingsley or Hollnagel-Jubran at caterine.billingsley@yahoo.com or jodijubran@yahoo.com.

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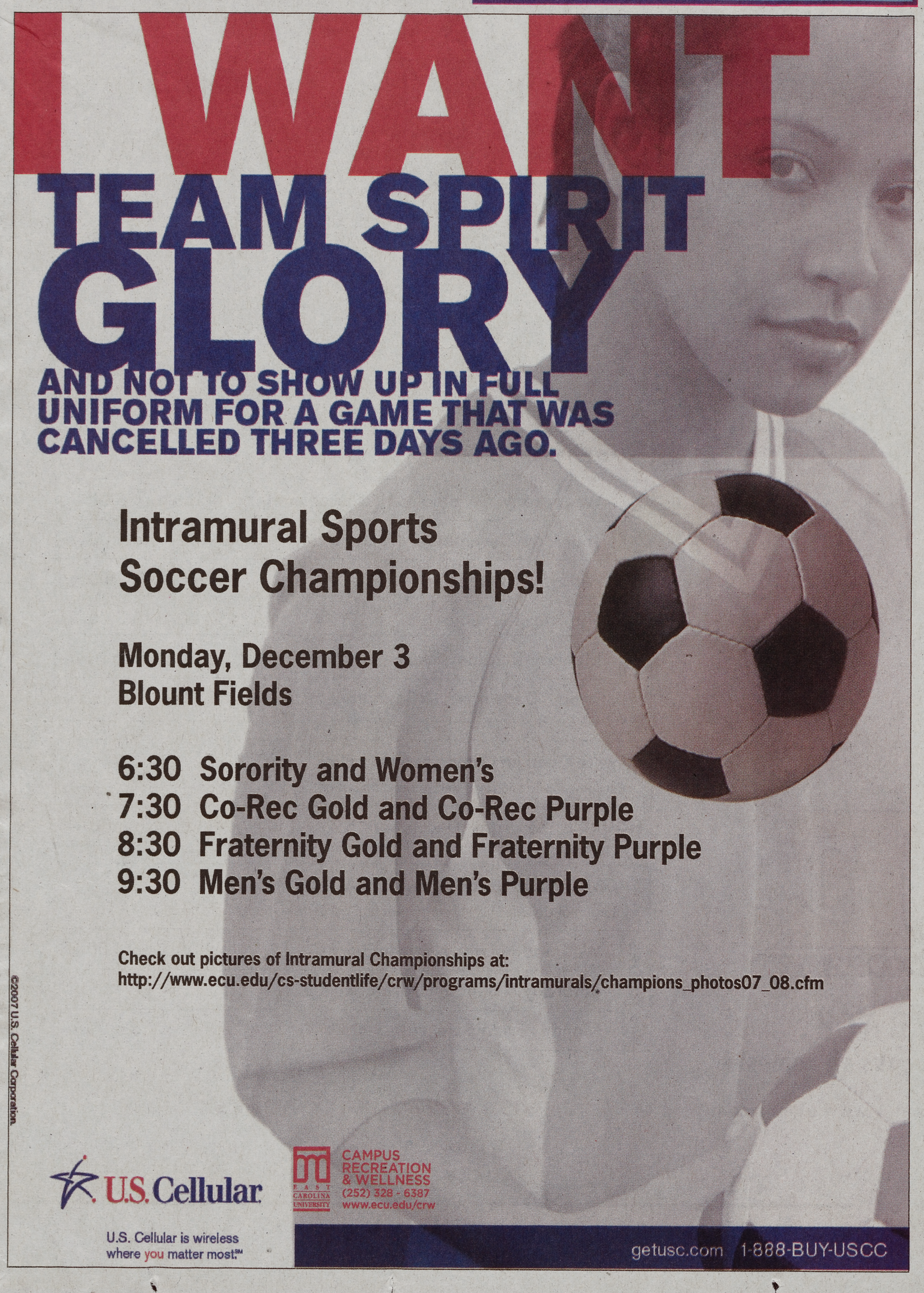

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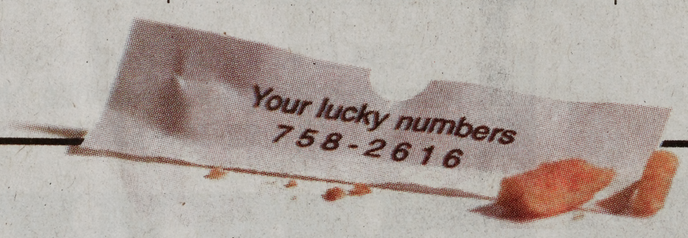

Most Valuable Pirate

Chris Johnson

Johnson went out in style this past weekend. The accomplished senior scored three touchdowns and amassed 240 total offensive yards in his final game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Johnson rushed for 155 yards, which was 35 more than Tulane's Matt Forte, who came into the game as the nation's leading rusher. Johnson also led ECU in receptions with four catches for 85 yards, including the Pirates' final regular season touchdown on a 33-yard reception that made the score 35-12.

"Once I got in the open field, I got a cramp so I was just glad I was able to make it to the end zone."
-Johnson on his final touchdown at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

THE TURNING POINT

Just before halftime, ECU held a one-touchdown lead with the ball at midfield. Rob Kass then found Phillip Henry once and Jamar Bryant twice to give the Pirates all the momentum they needed. Kass hit Bryant for a 25-yard touchdown pass to give ECU a 21-6 lead with :43 seconds left in the first half. Tulane went three-and-out on the ensuing drive, and the Pirates went into the half with full control of the game.

They Said It

"The flow of the game starts from the beginning. They told me to push the ball every chance I get and keep the game fast. The more I keep the game fast in the beginning the more the other team will get tired."- Freshman point guard Brock Young

"The way we are playing, you are going to have some spurts like that where when we turn it over and they are going to get some easy baskets"- ECU men's basketball Head Coach Mack McCarthy on the team's turnover problems

"We are still searching for that combination that can get us off to a good start."- McCarthy on starting Young over senior guard Cory Farmer against North Carolina Wesleyan

Seniors lead ECU to rewarding victory

Pirates win last home game

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It was a storybook ending for Chris Johnson and the rest of ECU's senior class.

After an up-and-down roller coaster ride for the last four years, everything was perfect this past Saturday for the Pirates' seniors in their final home game of their respective careers.

ECU (7-5, 6-2) dominated Tulane, 35-12, to wrap up the regular season. This marks the first time ECU has won more than five conference games since it went 7-0 in the Southern Conference in 1973.

"I'm proud of the things that they've accomplished and for these seniors to go out a winner at home," said ECU coach Skip Holtz.

Central Florida's 36-20 win over UTEP eliminates the Pirates from Saturday's C-USA title game, but ECU will be going to a bowl game for the second straight year. The most likely destination is the Dec. 23 Hawaii Bowl in Honolulu.

"We have an opportunity to go to a bowl game back-to-back years," Holtz said. "I hate that we stubbed our toe last game [against Marshall] but we can't complain about how the ball bounces if you drop it. ...I thought they bounced back strong this week and it's great to get that seventh win."

Johnson paved the way for the seventh victory, racking up 155 rushing yards, 85 receiving yards and three touchdowns in his final game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

ECU coach Skip Holtz is joined by the Pirate seniors, including receivers Juwon Crowell and Phillip Henry and defensive back Travis Williams.

"Coach Holtz told us last night that a lot of seniors don't have a good game on Senior Day because of all the stuff that's going on," said Johnson, who was one of the 17 seniors honored before the game. "I just wanted to come out here and have a strong day in my last regular season game."

Johnson was able to upstage Tulane's Matt Forte, who came into the game as the nation's leading rusher.

"Chris Johnson is one of the best backs in this conference and one of the best in the country," ECU senior Travis Williams said. "We just put things on him and let him carry us."

After Forte gained 59 yards on Tulane's opening drive, which resulted in a 3-0 lead, the ECU defense held him to 64 yards and outscored the Green Wave by 26 points.

"We pride ourselves in not letting good backs come here and rack up a lot of yards," defensive tackle Mark Robinson said.

Forte finished the season

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'Young' guard catching on with Pirates

Freshman making early impact

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Heavily recruited out of Broughton High School, Brock Young came to ECU wanting an opportunity to play, to improve upon last year's 6-24 mark and showcase his speed and court vision while still remaining close to his family in Raleigh.

"ECU guaranteed me an opportunity to play big minutes and I wanted to go somewhere close to my family," Young said. "I wanted them to see me play at the collegiate level."

Touted as the 38th best point guard in the nation by Source.com, Young is optimistic about what he can accomplish in his first season in Greenville.

"I came here to win. When I'm on the court, I'm going to be aggressive and create opportunities for my teammates to be more involved," he said. "Whether it be running the point or creating opportunities off the dribble, my goal is to find the open man."

Unselfish in his point guard play, Brock has impressed coach Mack McCarthy, who understands Young's role on the team most.

"Brock [Young] is a true point guard. He's never played anything but point guard and he understands that role and knows how to control the tempo of the game," said McCarthy. "He's a distributor of the ball first and foremost and has the ability to put up big offensive numbers in the future. But when he's on the floor, his primary goal is to get his teammates involved. Any scoring after that is a bonus."

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Freshman Brock Young was rated the 38th best guard in the nation.

In his first few games with ECU, Young is being worked into the Pirates' offense slowly, coming off the bench to average eight points a game and contributing nearly four assists and four rebounds in 15 minutes a contest.

Who better to assist Young in his transition from high school to college than last year's conference leader in assists, Darrell Jenkins. Jenkins, a traveled veteran at the collegiate level, likes Young's fit within the offense.

"He has the guard skills to be great and we push each other everyday in practice on and off the court," Jenkins said. "He makes me better and I make him better. We challenge one another and knowing he's coming off the bench with his quickness and speed, it puts the pressure on me to step up my game."

The addition of Young to the back court puts pressure on opposing defenses to shut down slashing drives and guard penetration, which will hopefully open up opportunities for ECU's big men to flourish.

Young does have facets of his game that he's working on though. Not considered a three-point threat and tentative to take the floater in the lane, Young is working on his shot everyday in practice, improving his offensive skills to be a greater threat to opposing defenses.

"My shot is not where it needs to be and I'm pushing myself every day to become a better shooter," said Young. "Even though my first thought is to drive and dish and get my teammates involved, I understand that I need to score at times too."

Putting up points is not uncharted territory for Young though, as in high school he scored over 1,500 points, leading his team in scoring his freshman year. The key for Young is to not force shots and instead distribute the ball to the open man. And with experience comes confidence for Young's offensive game, as his all around play will be something ECU and its fans can look forward to for the next four years.

Young's intended major is Communication and if his communication on the court translates to the classroom, Young should have no trouble academically succeeding here at ECU.

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Pirates overpower N.C. Wesleyan

ECU tames lesser competition

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

John Fields and Cory Farmer combined for 23 points to lead the Pirates to an 88-69 victory over the visiting North Carolina Wesleyan Bishops last Tuesday night.

ECU had trouble finding its rhythm in the first half, falling down 11-0 in the first four minutes. Freshman guard Brock Young's floater capped off a 6-0 run that would get the Pirates within five but ECU's troubles would continue. ECU shot 41 percent from the floor in the first half and capped off the period with a 6-0 run to go into the locker room down 38-37. The Bishops shot 41 percent from the field and 87 percent from the foul line.

ECU quickly assumed control and took its first lead on the second half's opening possession. After trading baskets, Young completed a four point play off a flagrant foul and four of Fields's team-high 12 points put the Pirates ahead for good as they stretched the lead to seven, 57-50. Jamar Abrams provided two straight baskets in the waning minutes to cap off a 13-1 run that would finish off the Bishops and conclude ECU's impressive second half.

ECU went on to outscore Wesleyan 51-31 in the second half, holding the Bishops to 25 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 12 Bishops' turnovers.

The Pirates were a different team on offense in the second half, shooting 48 percent from the field and 88 percent from the line.

"We knew they had a seven-man rotation and if we kept them busy, they were bound to get worn down and tired," said Young. "We had to keep the intensity up and spread the ball and just pick away at their defense. They are a Division III basketball team, but that doesn't mean we let our guard down and we didn't overlook their competitiveness."

In his first start of the season, Young contributed 11 points, dished out five assists, grabbed five rebounds and collected three steals. He filled in for guard Cory Farmer, who came off the bench for the first time this season and ignited the Pirates' offense by going 3-for-5 from beyond the arc, while contributing five rebounds and four assists.

ECU's bench was integral to the team's second half success as it outscored the Bishops' bench 44-19, capitalizing on second chance points and play in the paint.

The Pirates had a hard time containing Wesleyan's quick guard play but took advantage of their opponents undersized lineup, as ECU's big men dominated down low, outscoring the Bishops 48-28 in the paint.

Four ECU players scored in double digits for the night and every player who dressed managed to contribute minutes in the victory.

The Pirates fell to USF on Saturday, 81-67, in their first road game of the season and look to bounce back when they return home to play a 3-2 Winthrop squad Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Forward Jamar Abrams provides length and athleticism to the Pirates.

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with 2,127 rushing yards, which is the sixth-most in NCAA Bowl Subdivision history.

ECU out-rushed the Green Wave (4-8, 3-5) by 111 yards however.

"We really challenged the offense to be able to run the ball," said Holtz. "We wanted to have the opportunity to out-rush Tulane. Chris Johnson really is something special and I'm really proud and happy for him with the success he's having right now."

Quarterback Rob Kass also found success against the Green Wave, throwing three touchdown passes against C-USA's top-ranked rush defense.

"We really wanted to send out these seniors with a win in their last game at home," said Kass. "Chris Johnson makes things a lot easier for any quarterback and any offensive line. It was a team effort though; everybody worked together to make things happen."

ECU's seniors have witnessed first-hand the revitalization of the ECU program. In 2004, when most of the Pirates' seniors were freshmen, ECU went 2-9 in John Thompson's final season as head coach.

Holtz took over in 2005 and has guided ECU to two straight winning seasons, two straight bowl games and brought pride and life back to Pirate Nation.

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Senior running back Chris Johnson went out with a bang in his last home game, scoring three TDs.

"It's easy to want to win when everybody tells you that you're not very good and you feel like you have something to prove," Holtz said. "You roll your sleeves up, you get determined and jump in with both feet and try to turn things around, and they've done that. ... I'm proud of this football team for the things that they've accomplished and the things that they've done."

Johnson is proud of the progress of the ECU program and of his final game in Greenville.

"We came here [as freshman] and only won two games and then the next year won five and couldn't go to a bowl game and always had to go home early for Christmas," he said. "These last couple of years we've been able to stay here and go to a bowl game and it feels good to spend some more time with this team before it's time to move on."

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ECU finishes third at invitational

Point guard Jasmine Young records double-double

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

ECU split its weekend series in the Sixth Annual Lady Pirate Invitational. The Pirates fell to Winthrop Friday evening in the opening contest, 61-66, but salvaged a win in the consolation match-up with UMass, 66-51, as Jasmine Young recorded her first career double-double.

This year's tournament marked the first year ECU failed to make it to the championship game, as the Lady Pirates couldn't find their shot against Winthrop.

ECU fought back but fell short, as its last-minute effort wasn't enough to send the Pirates into the weekend's championship game.

Ashley Haugtvedt opened the game with five straight points to give the Lady Eagles a brief early lead. With 11 minutes remaining, Tiahana Bowens completed a three-point play to put the Lady Pirates up 11-9.

Both teams traded baskets until Winthrop's Tiffany Rodd took over in the final minutes, draining two three-pointers to cap off a 9-5 run that stretched the lead to four going into the break, 27-23.

ECU came out flat in the second half, as Winthrop put together a 14-4 run to extend the lead to 20, at 50-30 midway through the half. ECU worked the lead down to 13, 58-45, ignited by a pair of three-pointers by Jasmine Young on a 13-2 run with just six minutes remaining.

Continuing to cut into the lead, ECU drew within six on Shuanda Ashford's three-pointer with just over a minute to play. After a free throw from Winthrop's Jessica Fansler, Young connected on one of five three-pointers on the night to cut the deficit to four, 64-60. After a failed three-point attempt on ECU's next possession iced the game for Winthrop, 66-61.

Young led the Lady Pirates with 17 points on the night, going 6-for-21 from the field. Lacoya Terry chipped in with 15 points, shooting 3-for-15 from the field and 8-for-11 from the line, adding six rebounds and seven assists.

ECU shot a season-low 29 percent from the floor while the Lady Eagles shot 41 percent on the night. The Lady Pirates did play physical to offset their poor shooting performance, forcing 29 turnovers and putting three of Winthrop's starters into foul trouble.

ECU only had two players score in double digits as its low-post players failed to get key points in the paint and had trouble establishing the offense down low, a common theme to this year's slow start.

Despite making it to the charity stripe throughout the second half, the Lady Eagles created more second chance points on the offensive end, outrebounding the Lady Pirates.

In the tournament's consolation match, three ECU players scored in double-digits as the Lady Pirates snapped their four-

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Preseason C-USA predictions

Greg Katski
Sports Editor

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2. ECU	7-5	5-3
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6. UAB	2-10	1-7

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3. SMU	7-5	5-3
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C-USA Championship: Tulsa over Southern Miss

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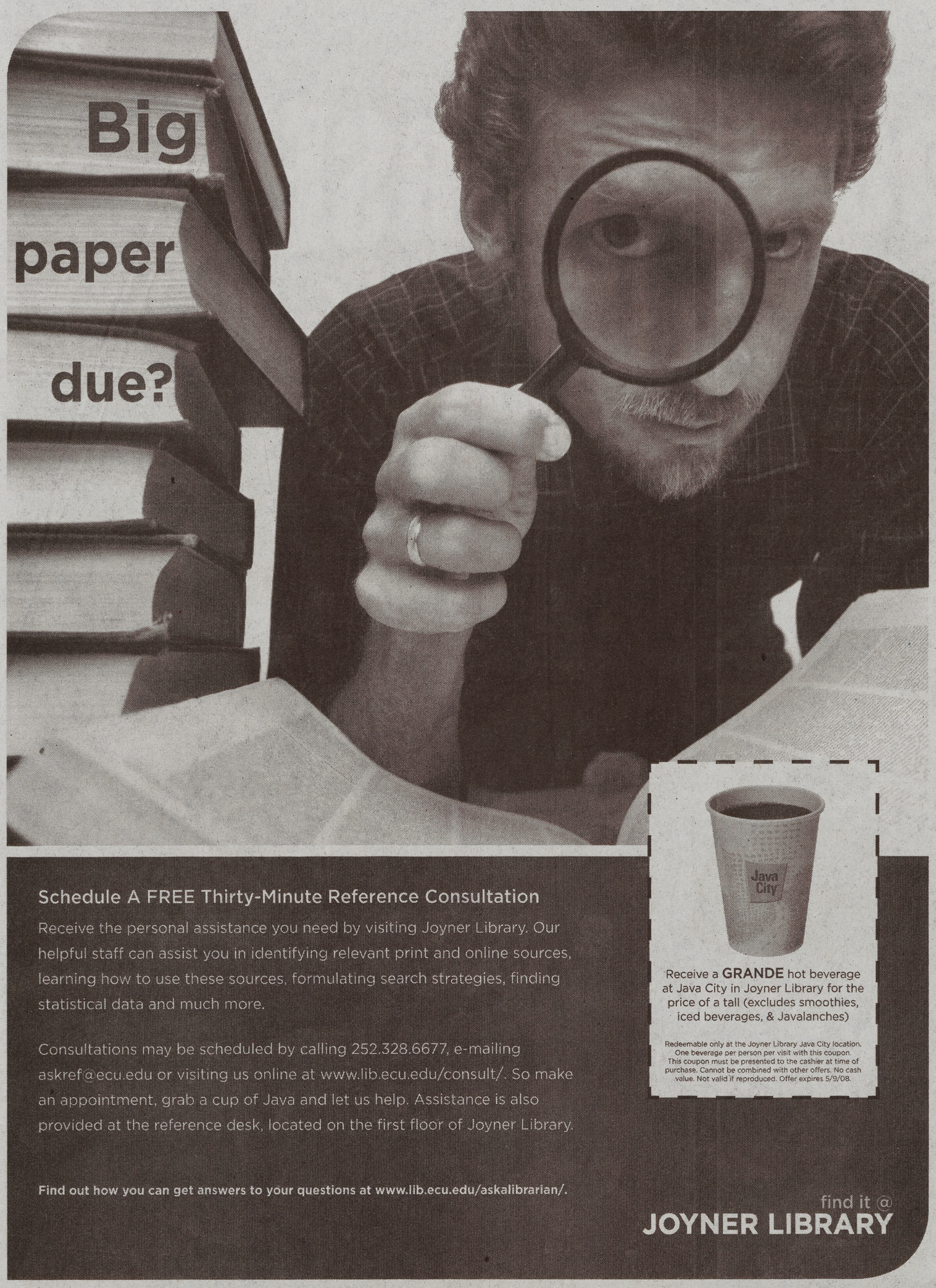

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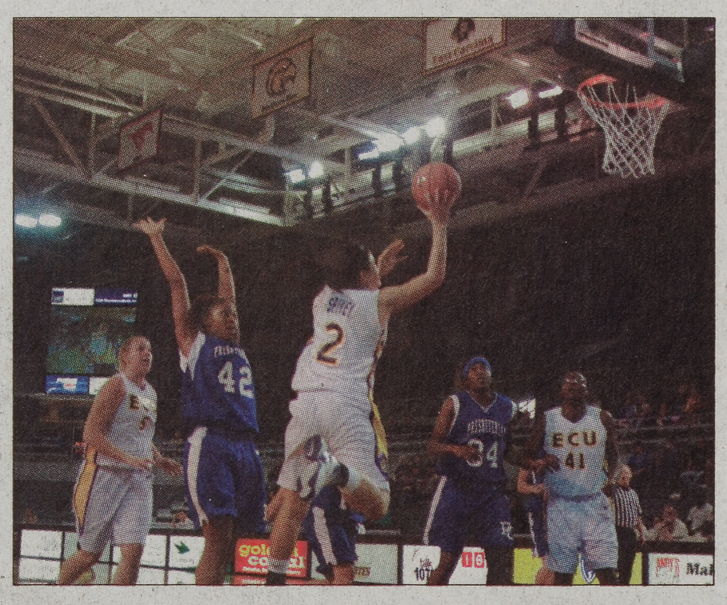

game losing streak in a 66-51 victory over UMass Saturday evening.

Jasmine Young bounced back from her difficult 6-for-21 shooting performance and recorded the first double-double of her career with 18 points and 10 assists. Young also had seven steals and pulled down four rebounds as ECU improved to 2-4 on the season.

ECU couldn't buy a basket in the early stages of the game. UMass couldn't capitalize on the Pirates' slow start, but built a 12-6 lead following Kim Benton's three-pointer with 11:33 left in the half. That would be UMass's largest lead of the night as ECU clawed back after a three pointer by Young and a Tiahana Bowen's lay-up cut the UMass lead to one. Two minutes later, Gabriela Husarova's jumper gave ECU its first lead of the night, 15-14. UMass would regain the lead off a Sakera Young lay-up but ECU would answer with a 10-3 run capping off the half and going into the locker rooms with a 25-19 advantage.

Jasmine Young opened the second half with a three-pointer from the top of the key to stretch the lead to nine. The Minutewomen were quick to respond though, mounting an 8-2 run that would cut the Lady Pirate lead to three just four minutes into the half. After trading baskets, UMass forward Kate Mills tied the game at 37 with 13:20 left to play. Allison Spivey's three-pointer put the Lady Pirates back on top and after Nicole Days completed a three point play, Husarova then capped off an 11-2 run with a trey of her own from the right corner. The Lady Pirates stretched the lead to 17 and UMass countered with a 7-0 run, closing the lead to 10 just outside the five-minute mark. The Minutewomen would fail to get any closer as ECU went on to win, 66-51.

ECU shot 42 percent from field and an impressive 6-for-12 from three-point land as the Lady Pirates offense caught fire in the second half and ended the invitational on a high note.

Three ECU players scored in double figures as Allison Spivey tied her career-high of 14 points, going 4-7 from the field and hitting two treys in the waning minutes when ECU needed them most. Young, who had a career-high seven steals, plagued the Minutewomen with her overpowering defense and quick hands. Lauren Cochran collected a season-high seven rebounds as ECU out-rebounded UMass 40-30.

ECU visits Boone Wednesday, Nov. 28, as the Lady Pirates face off against the 1-3 Appalachian State Lady Mountaineers. Tip-off from the Holmes Center is set for 7 p.m.

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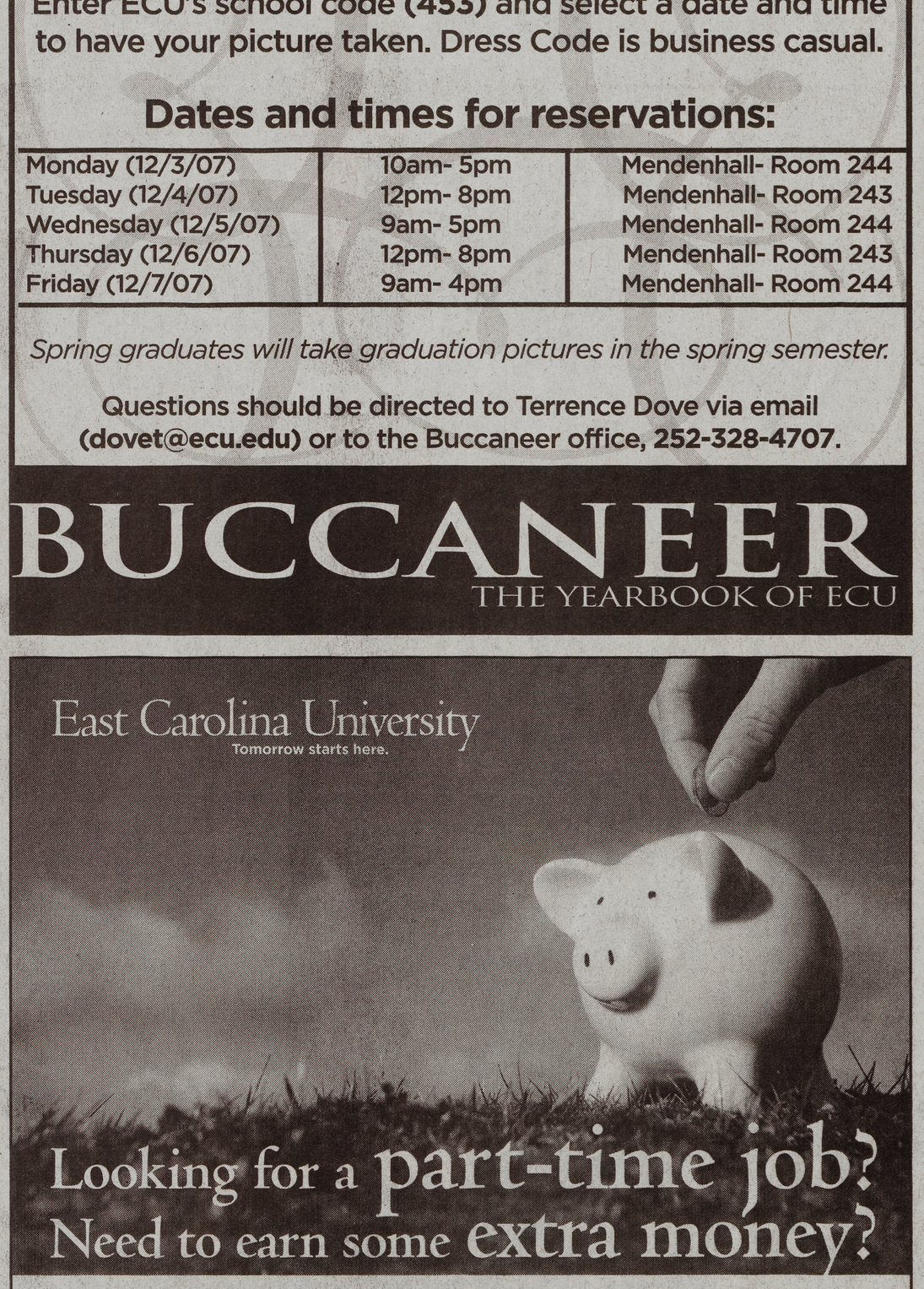

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