
 **Thursday**
 High: 12
 Low: 150
 **Friday**
 High: -3
 Low: 118

 **Online Survey**

Will you seek medical treatment from the Sonic Plaza radiation?

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Dean Dong finds himself a new hottie. Inquiring minds want to know who the lucky lady is.

Sonic Plaza emits dangerous radiation

Students Against Horrible Deaths protest

HARRY PITZ

Walking between the light-sensitive pillars in front of the new Joyner Library addition may be hazardous to your health, according to recent findings by the ECU School of Medicine.

Tests on mice and special radiation-sensitive film show high levels of unsafe radiation all around the pillars, whose new light sensors use infrared beams to trigger a musical burst each time a student

passes by and trips a sensor.

Said Dr. John Polish of the Radiation Treatment Center, "A beam of radiation that intense can interfere with a student's motor capabilities, cause brain damage, render him or her sterile, or prove fatal."

Head of Facilities Services Barbara Spoons claimed that she was "unaware of the risk" and has taken steps to reduce the radiation by at least 13 percent.

"In addition to turning off the Sonic Plaza's electricity at 11 p.m., we will now leave it off between the hours of four and six p.m. on every other Friday afternoon," she says.

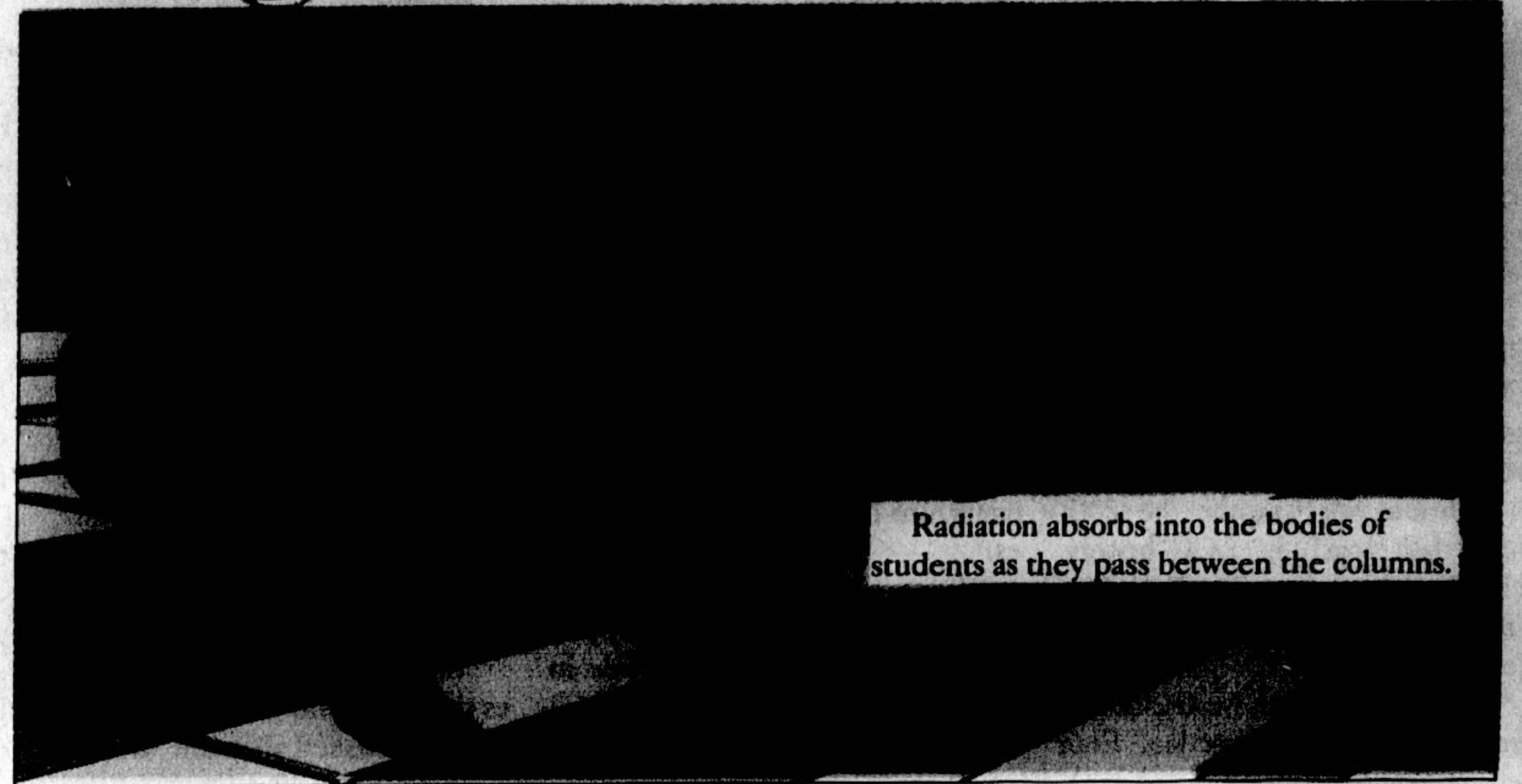
"I don't really think I want my daughter to attend a school where there is a 65 percent chance she'll turn into a mutant," said Charles Pew, father of an unnamed prospective freshman.

Students are already organizing campus-wide protests for April, including a candlelight vigil and boycott of the library.

The PDQ fraternity is sponsoring a protest car wash, and the local chapter of Students

Against Horrible Deaths are heading up a march, which they hope will attract national attention.

"I like this school," said student leader Ernest Spatts. "I just don't think we should have to die here."



Search for Coach Ends

Pitino signed, tuition slated to rise

STEPHEN SPAM
NATURE BOY

When the search for a new basketball coach began, the goal was to hire a big name coach. Wednesday, ECU announced it had landed one of the biggest coaches in the game, Rick Pitino.



The former Kentucky Wildcats and Boston Celtics coach will be officially named head coach in a press conference slated for Friday.

Pitino has reportedly inked a nine year deal worth over 145 million dollars.

The contract is the largest in college basketball history. The specifics of the deal have not been released.

Tuition will be increased by 200 percent over the next year to pay for Pitino's services.

Student reaction to the deal was mixed.

"Do what?" said senior, Physical Therapy major, Chase Harrington. "I knew they wanted a good coach, but that's a lot of money."

Other students were less critical. "Who's Rick Pitino?" said sophomore, Decision Sciences major, Bryan Schultheis.

ECU athletes are pleased with the signing.

"That would be straight," said ECU sprinter Britt Cox. "Pitino is a good coach, but they should have gotten Phil Jackson."

Pitino won a National Championship in 1996 with the University of Kentucky.

He took the Wildcats to three Final Fours. He also took Providence to the Final Four once. He will make more money at ECU than he made in the NBA.

Pee Dee Given Kinder, Gentler Image

Changes bring peace to campus

FLATULENT FAIRY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU board of Regents, in conjunction with ECU Athletics, announced a decision yesterday that will have a profound effect on Pirate attitude: Petey the Pirate is scheduled to become a kinder, gentler mascot beginning next Monday.

"We've had complaints in the past, ever since Petey changed his image last year," said board member Nass T. Oldman.

Petey's new image impressed students and faculty at first, but the sudden weight loss and the new pressure to look "cool" have taken their toll on him mentally.

This year has been turbulent for our mascot, the brave and valiant Petey the Pirate.

After a strenuous semester of dieting and exercising in the Minges training room, Petey proudly displayed his slimmer, trimmer, more muscular physique to the world a year ago.



The Board of Regents announced the new kinder, gentler Pirate in response to this year's testosterone charged image.

ILLUSTRATION BY CHRIS KNOTTS

Hoop Ho tryouts to begin

10 women will walk, jiggle, recruit

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TOO SKINNY CHIEF

Following the success of the Athletic Department's Diamond Girl program, plans were announced in a press conference Monday for a spin-off called Hoop Hos.

The Hoop Hos program will solicit female college students to try out for a coveted spot as a 1999-2000 Hoop Ho.

Ron Jeremy, Director of the program said women will be chosen according to the following criteria:

"Candidates must know where Williams Arena is.

"Candidates must at least pretend to enjoy basketball.

"Candidate should maintain a maximum 2.0 GPA

"The exceptional candidate should be able to walk, jiggle, and recruit adolescent high school players all at the same time.

Jeremy made it clear that this program should not be confused with Pirate Cheerleaders or Pure Gold Dancers.

"We are not looking for women with any particular athletic talents, so to speak," Jeremy said. "We want to celebrate the natural abilities of young ladies and apply those abilities to help boost ticket sales, secure better recruits and brighten up promotional events."

The program is being modeled after the WCW's Nitro Girls.

"We don't really expect our girls to achieve what the Nitro Girls have," Jeremy said. "Not in the first year anyway."

Jeremy has already ordered propts that should arrive before the first practice session.

"We've got tassels, fingerpaint, all colors of latex fabric for uniforms and most importantly eight inch platforms," Jeremy said. "We want these ladies concentrating on walking well and looking hot. There really shouldn't be anytime to think about anything."

Committee honors mall preacher with statue

Birdlove condemns students lifestyles

KRISTY KREME
LATE WRITER

A statue of the annual mall visitor has been given to the school in honor of his mission work.

Jery Birdlove, an evangelist that visits ECU's campus annually, has decided to give a statue in honor of his message.

Birdlove feels the campus needs the statue to remind them of their daily sin.

The statue will be placed in the mall directly across from the library. When people walk by, the statue will blurt out phrases. Birdlove feels if the statue is here on campus, then there will be less of a need for him to come here and preach to the students.

The statue will stand on a platform and be a total of nine feet in height. Birdlove will be holding a Bible and pointing his finger as if he were preaching.

The estimated cost of the statue is \$200,000.

Birdlove, who claims to have a degree from the Christ to the Nations Bible College in Dallas, Texas, travels from university to university to preach to the many

short shorts.

According to Birdlove, ECU is one of the top party schools in the country and is in sore need of reformation.

Birdlove has his opinion on women being subservient to their husbands. He feels women should obey and submit to their husbands.

"When you meet a man like me, you'll want to submit also," Birdlove said.

Birdlove was quick to judge the women in his attending crowd the last time he came to campus. He was constantly reminding them they were living in sin because they were wearing

short shorts.

He event went as far as saying that declining grades comes from masturbation.

"I think Birdlove is full of nothing. How would he know this fact, unless it came from personal experience," said one male in the crowd.

Despite the fact that Birdsong enrages spectators each year he visits, the university is allowing his stature to stand on the mall. A sensor will detect passersby and trigger a digital voice to shout some of his favorite sayings.

