



ECU honors graduates in commencement ceremony



Photo by Kyle Fisher

Nursing graduates sprayed silly string during the ceremony in celebration of their commencement Dec. 11.

Nearly 2,500 students departed from ECU in fall

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Students gathered as they were recognized at the fall commencement ceremony in Minges Coliseum Dec. 11 where they received their diplomas and advice from the speakers at the ceremony.

Chancellor Steven C. Ballard spoke at length of the difficulties and challenges ahead of the graduates and urged them to use the wisdom and experience they gained at ECU to help them meet those challenges.

"Your beginning phase is over and now you are ready for the advanced course," said Ballard.

The chancellor also offered guidance on the nature of today's world and what graduates should expect.

"Our world is certainly competitive ... certainly complex," Ballard said.

President of the senior class, Erica L. Felthaus reflected on the process of maturation the graduating students have gone

through since they enrolled at ECU. "We have not earned just a piece of paper with our name on it, we have grown," said Felthaus.

"Now we get to spread our knowledge." Felthaus said the graduates should never forget the time they have spent at ECU.

"Our job has not ended, we are now alumni," Felthaus said. Former U.S. and state senator Robert B. Morgan was honored at the ceremony by receiving the Thomas Jordan Jarvis Medal, ECU's most prestigious award that recognizes extraordinary service to the university or society.

Morgan, an ECU graduate served on the board of trustees and worked to receive university status for ECU and was a key figure in establishing the school of medicine and the school of nursing.

Catherine Rigsby, chair of the faculty at ECU, said contrary to what many of the graduates might believe, what they do within the next three years is important.

Rigsby used the example of the political situation currently unfolding in the Ukraine, where a number of recent graduates pushed for peaceful resolution of the

election process and made a difference. After the speakers and award presentation came the conferring of degrees beginning with those receiving doctorates. These students came forth to be recognized.

Each department was then recognized individually and asked to stand in acknowledgment of their newly received diplomas.

Graduates from the school of nursing were the most boisterous and responded by spraying silly string and knocking around a beach ball when they were acknowledged.

William Amos, a graduate from the school of technology and computer science, used one word to describe graduating - "awesome."

Ronnie Botros, a graduate from the political science department, echoed a similar sentiment.

"It feels great, it's all over," said Botros. Kathy Cauley was on hand to watch her daughter graduate and said she could not be more proud.

"She's worked very, very hard," said Cauley.

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Photo by Tamesha Sistrunk

ECU officials gather during the ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the reopening of the Flanagan building.

Ceremony marks reopening of Flanagan

Building open for faculty, student use

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A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on the morning of Jan. 6, marking the official reopening of the renovated Flanagan building, just in time for the start of the spring semester.

Several dozen people including students, staff and professors attended the ceremony. Legislators from the state and local area also attended the event.

Chancellor Steve Ballard performed a speech preceding the ceremonial ribbon cutting, after which onlookers were invited to tour the building and help themselves to refreshments in the foyer.

Ballard said the renovation of the Flanagan building, the sixth renovation in the building's history, was just another step toward expanding the university and helping it grow.

"I'm just happy to be a part of it," said Ballard. The total cost of the project was close to \$14 million and was financed through revenue from the 2000 North Carolina bond project.

"We are very appreciative of the bond project," Ballard said. The Flanagan building was named after Edward Gaskill Flanagan, a local man who owned a successful buggy business and actively encouraged the progression of ECU back when it was known as East Carolina Teacher's College.

The building will provide office space, classrooms and laboratories to a variety of departments.

Tim Pulsifer, lecturer in the department of anthropology, said the renovations will help make teaching much easier through new implementations such as dual overhead projectors and PowerPoint in the classrooms.

"It's going to make a huge difference," said Pulsifer. Frank Crawley, professor in the department of math and science, said the new renovations have made Flanagan a first class facility.

"When I started in this building it was quite old, outdated," said Crawley.

"The windows used to leak cold air in the winter, hot air in the summer, the classrooms were antiquated ... it was long overdue."

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SpeechEasy donates \$10,000 to ECU's L.T. Walker Center



Staff photo

Glen Gilbert, dean of the college of health and human performance and acting executive director for the L.T. Walker International Human Performance Center, received a \$10,000 donation check from Darwin Richards. Richards came to represent the Janus Development Group, a partner with Micro-DSP Technology of Chengdu, China in SpeechEasy International.

ECU Board of Trustees holds second meeting

Trustees endorse student fees, tuition increases

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

The ECU Board of Trustees passed the proposed tuition increase of \$300 and the student fee increase of \$173 to be enacted for the 2005-2006 academic year.

David Redwine, member of the ECU Board of Trustees, expressed some concern about the continual year-to-year increase and how it would impact students.

"An increase in fees and an increase in tuition is ... at some point going to be problematic," said Redwine.

He said he feels ECU would

still be a good deal even with the increase, but with the shape of the economy and the fact that there are students who have to work two or three jobs in order to meet their financial needs, some students may find it hard to make ends meet.

"It's tough for students to make this up," Redwine said.

"I hope in the future we will not continue to keep doing this."

Chancellor Ballard said he understood Redwine's point and said there is nothing automatic about campus based tuition increasing year by year.

"We reassess this every year, we understand that there is a real tension between increasing daily costs of education and competitiveness of education around the



Staff photo

The ECU Board of Trustees met to discuss several concerns. see **TUITION** page A2

Brody School of Medicine excels

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

The Brody School of Medicine, faced with a \$6.5 million dollar budget deficit at the beginning of this year, is continuing to thrive in student success while working to compensate for these financial difficulties.

Cynda Johnson, dean of the Brody School of Medicine, said the school has been successful in increasing work in seeing patients as they have seen nearly 85,000 patient visits this year - up nearly 6 percent. Productivity has also been up with a 9 percent increase despite the fewer

number of faculty members. The school has also, however, received additional charges totaling up to \$50 million for a 13 percent increase. Additional financial challenges also include \$500,000 being withheld from Medicare which is expected to happen each year in the future (an increased cost in electronic billing which they have recently started being paid for resubmitted bills) and \$500,000 lagging in contract revenue.

Expected costs of increased salaries, malpractice insurance continuing to rise and an audit from 1998 indicated the school's need to return another \$500,000 to Medicare.

With the school's total

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Campus News

Delta Week

As part of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Delta Week, there will be Delta Bingo in 3006 Bate from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

Baptist Choir

The Baptist State Convention Choir of North Carolina will perform Jan. 11 at Oakmont Baptist Church, 1100 Red Banks Road. Call 919-467-5100 for more information.

Lacrosse

The ECU men's Club Lacrosse Team will have a mandatory meeting for all who want to play this spring Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in 202 SRC. If you cannot attend and are still interested, please contact either Jamie Montgomery at 443-253-4009 or Tim Connolly at 410-294-9913. You can also E-mail at eculax@earthlink.net.

Victory Campus Ministries

Victory Campus Ministries will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. in MSC.

MLK Holiday March

This annual candlelight vigil and march in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held Monday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. The march will begin at College Hill. For details contact David Dennard at 328-4364.

Community Unity Breakfast

The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, the Office of the Mayor and the City of Greenville will host this annual event at the J.H. Rose High School Auditorium Jan. 17 at 7:30 a.m. This is an event to celebrate and recognize the diversity and unity of the Greenville community. Attorney and motivational counselor Earl T. Brown will be speaking. Brown is also a volunteer mediator for the Eastern Carolina Mediation Center. For more information, please call 752-4101.

Faculty Recital

The School of Music will be hosting a faculty recital at A.J. Fletcher Music Hall Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 328-6851.

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Crime Scene

Jan. 6

Trespassing
A report of a woman entering Jarvis Hall unescorted was issued. The suspect, a 44-year-old white female, was found outside Garrett Hall and arrested for trespassing.

Jan. 7

8:45 a.m.
Larceny from building
ECU employee reported an unknown subject removing a wallet from an office in Rawl Annex.

4 p.m.

Larceny from Motor Vehicle
By unknown subject taking C-Zone parking hangtag.

9:46 p.m.

Simple Possession of Equipment/Paraphernalia
ECU Police received a report of marijuana odor coming from a room in Aycock.

Jan. 9

3:31 a.m.
Marijuana
A non-student was found in Jones Hall in possession of 8.2 grams of marijuana.

Weekly Crime Tip

Just a reminder: In light of a large number of hangtag larcenies last semester, please remember to lock your cars not only to protect your hangtags, but all your personal valuables in the vehicle. For ragtop vehicles, like Jeeps, parking stickers are available at Parking and Transportation in lieu of hang tags. Also be aware that possession of stolen property is a felony and you will be charged with such if caught with a stolen hangtag.

Local

NC-CH professors to help Beijing prepare for Olympics

CHAPEL HILL, NC - Several professors from the business school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will head to China next month to help officials in Beijing prepare for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

The professors from the Kenan-Flagler Business School will co-host a three-day symposium with Tsinghua University, China's top technology institution.

Together, they will start planning for the Olympics, which are expected to attract 200,000 athletes, journalists and other officials from more than 200 countries to an already crowded city. "The Olympics represent a tremendous logistics challenge," said Noel Greis, director of the business school's Center for Logistics and Digital Strategy.

"You have to ramp up very quickly and ramp down pretty quickly as well." Preparing for such a huge event means building a new infrastructure to house athletes, media and others, and streamlining ways to provide transportation, food and other services to guests.

The sheer numbers are staggering. Kenan-Flagler planners estimate that 1.2 million pieces of equipment weighing more than 75,000 tons will be needed, and that it will take more than 2,000 transport vehicles to bring it all in. In all, China has allocated \$5 billion out of an Olympic planning budget of \$23 billion simply for these sorts of logistics expenses.

One good example of a challenge facing Beijing: getting spectators to the various athletics venues.

"The streets are busy anyway," Greis said. "How do you handle this influx of people?" Jack Kasarda, who directs the business school's Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, will to Beijing next week to lead talks on a plan to build a \$12 billion city near the Beijing airport that will be used to accommodate travelers during the Olympics.

Four killed in Gullford County wreck

JULIAN, NC - A man speeding the wrong way on U.S. 421 crashed head-on into another vehicle, killing himself and three others including a pregnant woman, the Highway Patrol reported. Santiago Martinez Vasquez of Greensboro was driving north in a southbound lane near NC 62

about 3:30 a.m. Sunday when he hit a car carrying five people, authorities reported.

Vasquez's car, which was traveling an estimated 70 mph to 80 mph, exploded into flames on impact.

Three people in the other car died including driver Marciela Torrez, whose age and address are unknown, front passenger Alejandro Torrez, 25, of Smyrna, Ga. and Jose Maldonado, 27, of Lexington, said Trooper Wayne Hamilton.

Marciela Torrez was pregnant. Two other passengers who were in the back seat, Maria Dominguez, 19, the wife of Maldonado, and Lupita Vera, 18, of Ramseur, were in critical condition at Moses Cone Hospital, Hamilton said.

Each person in Torrez's car was wearing a seat belt and the air bags went off, but the impact overwhelmed them, Hamilton said.

Authorities are investigating why Vasquez was in the wrong lane. Vasquez, who did not have a previous record, was carrying the identification of his brother, Martin Vasquez, with him but did not have any of his own, Hamilton said.

National

Accused woman's family says they tried to warn

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Members of Lisa Montgomery's family say they tried to warn people that the woman was making up stories about being pregnant and their concerns increased after they learned in November that she had purchased a kit for home births.

Montgomery, 36, of Melvern, Kan., is accused of strangling a pregnant Missouri woman Dec. 16 and cutting her 8-month-old fetus from her body. The baby was found the next day in Melvern after Montgomery and her husband spent the morning showing the newborn off around town as their own.

Montgomery's mother, Judy Shaughnessy, told The Kansas City Star she knew something was wrong when she began receiving congratulations about being a grandmother again.

"I just said, 'Yeah, right, she either stole it or bought it,'" Shaughnessy told the newspaper for a story in Sunday's editions. Montgomery had been incapable of having children since undergoing tubal ligation surgery in 1990, her

family said. Shaughnessy said her daughter was able to fool her husband, his parents and their community. "I tried to tell them and tell them, but nobody listened," Shaughnessy said. Montgomery's two half sisters, Patty Hedberg and Jerri Kleiner, said they also tried to warn Montgomery's in-laws that she had faked at least five pregnancies.

The sisters and their mother said they found out in November that Montgomery had purchased the kind of birth kit used by midwives to deliver babies. Kleiner said she started to worry that her sister would do something drastic to get a baby. Starting in the late 1980s, Montgomery had four children in a little more than three years. She had her tubes tied after the fourth was born in 1990, but in 1994 she told her first husband, Carl Boman, that she was pregnant with twins.

Her half sisters said that after she met her second husband, Kevin Montgomery, in 1999, she told him twice that she was pregnant. The first time, he gave her money for an abortion, they said.

Workers patch hole in rail car damaged during wreck

GRANITEVILLE, SC - Crews put a temporary patch Sunday on a railroad car that had been leaking toxic chlorine gas since a train wreck last week, while investigators looked into why a switching mechanism had been set to lead the train into railcars parked on a side track.

Nine people were killed and more than 250 were sickened by chlorine gas released when the tank car was damaged in the wreck of a Norfolk Southern train early Thursday. Thousands of nearby residents were to remain evacuated until Wednesday at the earliest.

Thom Berry, spokesman for the state Department of Health and Environmental Control, said workers would now focus on transferring the gas to a safer container and removing all the damaged railcars. About 16,000 gallons of sodium hydroxide has been safely removed from another railcar at the crash site, he said.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators have interviewed the three-man crew that had parked the cars on the side track Wednesday evening. Investigators said a switching mechanism wasn't turned back to direct oncoming trains

down the primary rail. "We know that the switch was lined and locked for the siding," said NTSB spokeswoman Debbie Hersman. "We won't conclude anything today and we won't speculate about the cause of the accident until we have gathered all the information."

Hersman said it was the responsibility of the crew of the parked train to turn the switch, and that the FBI is fingerprinting the mechanism to determine who operated it. She said there was no sign of outside tampering with the mechanism. Rail switches are controlled manually in Graniteville, about 10 miles from the Georgia state line. The area lacks sensors to notify approaching trains of track changes or other possible dangers, Hersman said. Part of the investigation will also focus on the recent work history of the crews involved in the crash.

World

Shanghai mother in labor camp for disturbing the peace

BEIJING - China on Monday denied claims by U.S. officials and a human rights group that a Shanghai woman is undergoing re-education through forced labor because she campaigned to abolish the country's one-child family planning policy.

The woman, Mao Hengfeng, is in a labor camp not for her opinions about China's policy but because she disturbed the peace, the government said.

State Department officials and the New York-based Human Rights in China group have said Mao was fired from her job in the late 1980s after a second pregnancy, which violated family planning laws.

They said Mao, because of her campaign to abolish regulations that limit most urban couples to only one child, has been forcibly incarcerated in psychiatric hospitals, tortured and re-educated through labor. In a rare statement faxed to The Associated Press, the State Council, China's Cabinet, said Mao was fired in 1989 because she missed 16 days of work and not because she was pregnant with her third child at the time.

Mao's first pregnancy resulted in twin boys. In 1989, she had a daughter. She also protested at several judicial offices in May and October 2003, which disturbed the peace, it said. "Mao was sentenced to re-education

because she disturbed the public order," according to the statement, which was unsolicited. "It had nothing to do with the family planning policy." The statement did not address the claims of forced incarceration in psychiatric hospitals or torture.

U.S. nuclear

submarine returns to Guam

HAGATNA, Guam - A nuclear submarine that ran aground about 350 miles south of Guam, killing one crewman and injuring 23 others, reached its home port of Apra Harbor, Guam, on Monday, according to a Navy spokesman.

The dead man was identified by the Navy as Machinist Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley, 24, of Akron, Ohio. He died Sunday of injuries he received in the accident, said Jon Yoshishige, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Honolulu.

There were no reports of damage to the USS San Francisco's reactor plant, but the extent of damage to the 360-foot submarine would be determined after an investigation of its hull, Yoshishige said. The vessel reached port under its own power. Officials said they still don't know what the Los Angeles-class submarine hit Saturday, but Lt. j.g. Adam Clappitt of the Pacific Fleet said it had been conducting operations underwater at the time.

Details of the accident won't be disclosed while the investigation into its cause continues, Yoshishige said. It was apparent that the bow, or front, of the submarine sustained damage, and an assessment will be conducted to determine the extent of the damage, he said.

Lt. Arwen Consaul, a Navy public affairs officer here, said the hull was intact. Navy medical personnel from Guam were brought aboard the submarine to treat the injuries, which included broken bones, lacerations, bruises and a back injury, the Navy said. The submarine has a crew of 137.

Ashley, graduated in 1999 from Manchester High School where he played drums with the high school marching band, his mother, Vicki Ashley, said on Sunday. She said he followed the footsteps of his father, Daniel Ashley, who served eight years in the Navy during the Vietnam War. The San Francisco is one of three submarines based on Guam.

Located west of the international date line, Guam is a U.S. territory about 3,700 miles southwest of Hawaii.

U.S. helicopter crashes in Banda Aceh, injuring two

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) - A U.S. helicopter on a relief mission crashed in a rice paddy 500 yards from the Banda Aceh airport Monday, injuring two servicemen. Schools opened for the first time since the Dec. 26 tsunami, but many of the 150,000 lives the epic waves claimed were children, and thousands of desks sat empty.

Workers, meanwhile, struggled to recover 50,000 bodies the government said were "scattered" throughout the region.

The U.S. military said the Seahawk helicopter "executed a hard landing" and that there was no evidence it was shot down near the airport in Banda Aceh, capital of Indonesia's hard-hit Aceh province and the hub of international aid operations. Lt. Cmdr. John M. Daniels blamed the crash on a "possible mechanical failure."

He said one person fractured an ankle and the other dislocated his hip. The other eight suffered "no significant injuries," he said.

"There was no fire ball but a little smoke. It landed on its side," said Capt. Joe Plenzler, adding that the helicopter's propeller was twisted from the impact. Fifteen Seahawk helicopters have been flying up to nine hours a day on aid missions. Normally they fly a maximum of three to four hours a day.

The crash came amid heightened security concerns in several

tsunami-hit areas with ethnic rebellions - particularly in Aceh, where rebels have waged a separatist war in the province for nearly three decades.

United Nations staff in Aceh are on high alert, and armed guards patrol their compounds amid fears of rebel attacks.

Aftershocks from the massive earthquake that spawned the killer waves continued to rattle residents in the hardest-hit countries.

A 6.2-magnitude temblor sent people scrambling from their homes early Monday in Banda Aceh; no injuries or damage were reported.

Indonesian authorities promised to speed up the grim task of recovering and burying the dead. Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab said 58,281 bodies had been buried in the shattered area on the northern tip of Sumatra island. He said some 50,000 more are "scattered" around the region.

Some corpses are still trapped in collapsed buildings and rotting under debris in canals and rivers. Their stench still hangs over some areas of the provincial capital.

In the latest sign life is slowly returning to normal, children returned to school in Indonesia and Sri Lanka for the start of the new term - long before many institutions damaged in the disaster can provide proper education.

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revenue at \$26.6 million, these total expenses put the school at a deficit of \$3 million.

Despite these financial struggles, the Brody School of Medicine has been continuing to excel in student success with a number of support programs available including the summer program which enables them to prepare, electronic review of the M-CAT and the personal counseling center which has helped more than 300 students this past year. Students are also actively involved with the community in class projects and are assisted in

receiving scholarships through the scholarships program the school offers.

While the school is experiencing a tuition increase of approximately \$1,000, the school plans to remain the cheapest medical school in the nation.

Michael J. Lewis, vice chancellor for health sciences at the Brody School of Medicine, outlined various successes of the school with the Laupus Library providing research to more than 20 countries and the school of nursing being ranked within the top five in the country in distance educa-

tion. He said he foresees ECU's physical therapy degree attracting additional students.

Lewis said he is proud of the success of the robotic surgery of Dr. Rudolph Chitwood for which he has received recognition throughout the country.

A new master plan is underway with the construction of a cardiovascular center site plan, which will be located behind the Brody School of Medicine. The site is a 200,000 square foot complex.

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country," said Ballard.

He said there is a possibility of adjusting the figures as they go through the whole process of the increase, but they think the request is reasonable with all things considered citing the additional needs - video programs to address campus safety to combat the societal problem of violence in public universities and the overall need to fund the student services in addition to education.

Shannon O'Donnell, Ex-Officio on the ECU Board of Trustees and Student Government Association president, said she feels it's a difficult situation

to address due to the need of ECU's ability to continue to grow and excel while making sure we do not financially phase out students. She made reference to a work entitled "Personal Stories," distributed to all of the state legislatures, which is a collection of stories of students throughout the UNC system of how the increases in tuition have altered their educational opportunities in North Carolina.

"They [the stories] ranged from \$500 being the difference between being able to go to school in the fall and having to take a year off to work and save up more money," said O'Donnell.

O'Donnell said she would much rather see increases in campus based tuition and student fees because of the guarantee that the money will come back to ECU in some form rather than increases from the legislature which do not necessarily have to come back to ECU.

Campus based tuition proposals of ECU and other schools in the UNC system are being evaluated and will be ultimately decided on by the Board of Governors of North Carolina at a later date.

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Our View

Can students really afford to graduate?

It's that time again. Time for the powers that be to decide how much they want to raise tuition for next year.

Considering most ECU students receive monetary assistance from their parents, guardians, uncles or someone else, the whole idea of a couple hundred dollars doesn't sound like much. However, thinking about the rest of us, the ones who have been working to pay for college since high school, the extra bucks can have a devastating aftermath.

Of course, there are some projects on campus that must be accomplished and the necessary funding is required. The campus needs more office space to accommodate the growing faculty which allows the university to teach a growing student body. The faculty also deserves to get paid the amount they deserve, because they are sending us into a future much brighter than the one we could have with just a high school diploma.

Three years ago, tuition and fees for a full time North Carolina resident amounted to approximately \$1,500 per semester. This year, it has increased to \$1,727 each semester. There is a strong possibility that a couple more hundred may be added to this amount for the following year. So someone who was a freshman in 2002 could be looking at almost \$1,000 extra for their senior year.

So what about the students who are paying for college on his or her own? Students who work on campus and pay for college on their own have such limited funds that buying groceries, let alone rent, utilities and book costs, can be a hardship.

Truth is, until we are alumni and offering to give thousands of dollars to the university, the problems of us who have to suffer financially through their college years is simply that - our problem.

So to those who never get sleep because they are constantly at work or in the library to stay on the dean's list and who are learning to live without certain basic needs in order to raise a few hundred more, congratulations and keep in mind that fighting harder will pay off in the end.

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Opinion Columnist

Break provides many possible topics

There's never a lack of idiocy in this world

TONY MCKEE
STAFF WRITER

After a very restful and enjoyable break, I'm b-a-a-a-ck. For some loyal readers my return is cause for relief and joyous celebration. For others however, my continued presence on these pages (and on this planet) is a source of great annoyance. I thank you for your continued patronage.

For those who are new to this sterling pinnacle of higher education known as ECU (among other things) and have yet to experience the wit, intelligence and truths contained within this column every week, welcome and enjoy the ride.

Now, what shall this week's topic be?

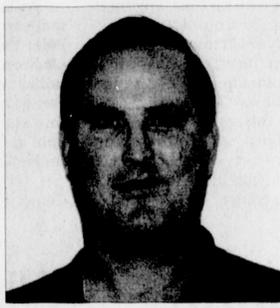
I had considered writing about the media's blatant hypocrisy concerning their coverage of the tsunami disaster in Asia.

We have been inundated (no pun intended) with stories, photos and film clips of the wave coming in, people being swept away to their deaths, bodies lying in the rubble and laid out like fence posts, etc. This is from the same media that refused to show images of the planes hitting the World Trade Center or of the Towers coming down because the images were "too disturbing."

Bodies stacked like cordwood are fine, but a murderous attack on America is too disturbing? That's more than I wanted to deal with this week.

Also considered was a column about the "explanations" for the tsunami coming from some Muslim clerics and leaders. These include that the tsunami was "punishment" for wickedness and/or celebrating Christmas, the result of American/Israeli/Indian nuclear tests and even global warming.

I decided against this because



the theme is basically the same: the U.S./Westerners caused it to happen. Besides, you can read all about it on aljazeera.net or other such sites.

Then there was the fact that Israel offered to send 150 or so trained medics to assist in helping the injured but their offer was refused. The leadership of certain Muslim countries would rather let more of their people die than accept help from Israel. What could I possibly say to that?

What else? Well, the insanity of some of this country's judiciary was another possibility for this week.

It was reported last week that a judge had decided that it was OK for some 200 illegal aliens to sue Walmart for allegedly violating labor laws. Huh?

People who are in this country illegally, who have no legal right to hold jobs and who should have been sent back to their home countries as soon as they were brought to the attention of the authorities, are now able to sue American companies? Idiocy.

I even thought about commenting on the Democrats pathetic maneuver to "challenge" the Electoral College votes of Ohio because of "voting irregularities." What a crock. There were numerous states with alleged "irregularities" in the last election, many with results much closer than Ohio, so why complain only about that state? Perhaps it was because Ohio's Electoral

College votes were enough to have given the election to Kerry. Maybe they did it to shut up the obnoxiously vocal lunatic mainstream (fringe) of their party. Personally, I think it is because they are a bunch of whiny, spoiled sore losers. But hey, that's just my opinion.

None of these subjects seemed worth using space in my column for so I decided that this week I would do a little public service piece. So, without further ado, here we go.

Several new laws went into effect in our fair state on Jan. 1. While there are entirely too many to mention here, there are two that will directly affect most of us.

First, there is a new child safety seat law. As of Jan. 1, children under the age of eight years and/or 80 pounds must be in a booster/safety seat. That is up from the previous 5 years, 40 pound requirement. Violations could result in a \$25 fine, court costs (\$100) and two points on your driver's license.

The other law of immediate interest concerns changes in vehicle inspection requirements in Pitt and other counties. Again, as of Jan. 1, all 1996 or newer vehicles will have to have an emissions inspection instead of just the safety inspection we are used to. Long story short here? It will now cost \$30 to have your vehicle inspected instead of \$9.25.

You may find someone who will do it cheaper, since shops are allowed to charge up to, but no more than, \$30. You can obtain a list of all places in Pitt County (or your hometown) that will conduct such inspections at ncdot.org.

Letting the inspection lapse could result in a \$250 fine (plus \$100 court costs, of course) and/or your vehicle registration being blocked until you present proof of a satisfactory inspection.

There you have it, government forcing you to spend more money. Again. On that note I bid you adieu until next week.

Pirate Rant

I think it is absolutely horrible that if I have to be on campus all day, I have to bring all my meals with me because a sandwich at the Wright Place costs \$5.

This weekend, I spent most of my Saturday doing homework and I only had two classes on Friday. Professors: Why do you have to do that to us on the first day of class?

Why are there 8 a.m. classes? Really, who does that?

It's one thing when you are outside of the dorm, but if you are inside the dorm and someone walks to the door with full hands, why not hold the door?

This warm weather is crazy. Were we to have only one week of cold during this so-called winter season? I can't decide if I should pack up my sweaters or bring out my shorts.

Since when is Friday the beginning of a new week? Why did it have to be the start of a new semester?

Certain ECU players: If you aren't winning football games, and you aren't passing enough classes to stay in school, where are your priorities? I mean just pick one - football, which equals wins or higher scores, or grades, which equals staying in school, dodging the embarrassment and showing others that you can juggle two things. I would not have given ECU students or the public the satisfaction of knowing that I have been suspended from school due to academic problems.

I appreciate the invisible e-mail the financial aid office sent out informing us our direct deposit will be late this semester. It really helped me plan my expenses for the week so I could afford things like groceries and books.

I just wanted to apologize to each and every student at ECU for not waking up every morning and asking each individual if my outfit was OK to wear to class. If you don't like the way I dress, don't look at me.

What's with people calling ECU, "EZU?" With exams last semester, we all know the classes are challenging and by no means "easy." ECU is an all-around quality school with brilliant professors who teach talented and diverse students. People need to look at themselves before they start to degrade our school.

I am so tired of whiny people who write in the Pirate Rant and complain about how horrible life is. Learn to appreciate things in life and you will be a much more pleasant person to be around.

For the person who wrote the rant about Snoop Dogg's new song, "Drop it Like it's Hot," no one makes you listen to the music. There is a lot of music out there that sounds like crap, but if you don't like it then don't listen to it. There are some people out there that have different tastes in music from your tastes.

I got a 79 percent in my accounting class and my teacher giving me a C. I hate accounting. I don't need accounting and now I have to take it again. Couldn't you have just bumped my grade up that one percent mark?

Why is it that The Spot is now only selling king size candy bars, instead of regular size bars?

What ever happened to accessing e-mail on Onestop?

Every morning I wake up and check online for the casualty reports from Iraq. I want to make sure that my best friend and little sister come back OK.

I think that the university should ban surround sound and loud speakers from dorm rooms. The people in the next room don't want to hear your music or TV show that you must play as loud as possible.

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In My Opinion

We should keep young drivers out of old SUVs

(KRT) - Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year-olds. So it's a natural inclination for parents to encase new drivers in the largest piece of steel they can find. Many are choosing sport-utility vehicles, the closest thing to a tank on the road.

But evidence is mounting that SUVs - especially used models - aren't the safest choice for accident-prone young drivers.

National research shows that crash rates, per-mile driven, are higher for drivers ages 16 to 19 than for all other age groups. The crash risk for 16- to 17-year-olds is almost three times as high as for 18- to 19-year-olds. In other words, the majority of teens are likely to get into some kind of an accident. It's a question of how bad.

The auto industry has long acknowledged that SUVs handle differently from cars - owners' manuals even say so. But most teens learn to drive in sedans. They're unprepared to handle higher, heavier SUVs, especially in emergencies.

Falsely wrapped in the illusion that vehicle size equals safety, teens tend to drive SUVs too fast, leave inadequate time for braking, and overcorrect in turns - in a vehicle that has a greater

tendency to roll over than a car.

A study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, which looked at SUV crashes and fatalities between 1999 and 2001, found that about 37 percent of SUV drivers younger than 25 in single-vehicle crashes rolled over.

Rollovers account for 3 percent of U.S. crashes but a third of driving deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NHTSA administrator Jeffrey Runge, a former emergency room physician, remarked bluntly two years ago that he wouldn't let his own child drive a vehicle with a poor rollover rating "if it was the last one on earth."

Just as new drivers aren't ready for a Lamborghini, neither are they ready for an Explorer, especially a used one.

Automakers have improved the safety of newer SUVs by lowering their center of gravity and matching their bumpers better with cars. However, older, more accident-prone SUVs are moving into the used market, making them affordable to the least experienced drivers.

That worries public safety advocates such as Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, the consumer organization founded by Ralph Nader.

"What parents should do is keep the old SUV and buy a new car for their kids," said Claybrook, who was head of NHTSA under President Jimmy Carter.

If teens have no options other than an SUV, they should at least log significant training hours with a parent or qualified driver.

As in any vehicle, parents should make sure teens adhere to driver's license restrictions regarding hours they can drive and number of passengers they can transport. Distractions such as cell phones, food and loud music should be strongly discouraged.

Clearly, reckless teen behavior contributes to many accidents. More than half of the 3,660 teen drivers killed in 2003 weren't wearing seat belts, and a third had been drinking.

Such risk factors coupled with crash statistics argue for putting teens in the safest vehicles possible to improve their chances for surviving an accident. Teens need an easy-to-manuever vehicle, not a challenge behind the wheel.

The perception of safety doesn't always match reality.

For information about buying a safer car or to check rollover ratings, check NHTSA's Web site: <http://safercar.gov/>

Announcements:

An annual candlelight vigil and march in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on Monday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. on College Hill.

Darryl Taylor will perform *American Giants: Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes* on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in ECU's Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

On Saturday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. see *Aida - Opera Verdi Europa*. This takes place at Wright Auditorium and tickets are \$10 - \$24.

On Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m., Qi Shu Fang will introduce you to Chinese Peking Opera. Their tales are told through a combination of martial arts, acrobatics, music, dance and mime. Tickets are \$6 - \$9.

Names in the News:

Teen pop singer Aaron Carter escaped serious injury when his luxury sport-utility vehicle erupted into flames. Carter, 17, was driving his Cadillac Escalade to Orlando about 12:30 a.m. when a mattress came loose from a delivery truck in front of him, said his spokesman, Brad Zeifman. Carter drove over the mattress, which got stuck under his sport utility and caught fire, probably from the heat of the exhaust system. The singer pulled over and escaped, then watched his car explode in flames, Zeifman said. "I'm OK, but you can imagine I'm still in shock," Carter said in a statement.

MTV has announced that British rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his foul-mouthed brood are launching the fourth and final season of their hit reality show. "The Osbournes" will return Jan. 17 to begin a last batch of 10 episodes chronicling Ozzy's bout with insomnia, his daughter's drug rehab and her budding new commercial TV career and a family vacation to Hawaii. The final episode is set for March 21. The bleep-filled series premiered in March 2002 and instantly became MTV's biggest hit. It followed the daily exploits of the heavy-metal star in his off-stage role as a befuddled father, showing Ozzy puttering around his Beverly Hills house, cleaning up after his incontinent dogs, taking orders from his wife, Sharon and sparring with their teenage children, Jack and Kelly. Though the program has faded in the ratings since its heyday, it has remained one of MTV's most watched programs, averaging more than 3 million viewers per episode.

People magazine reports that just weeks after giving birth to twins, Julia Roberts bought herself a plus-size Christmas present: 32 acres of prime real estate in Taos, NM. The man she bought it from is none other than Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Roberts, 37, has been buying land from neighbors since she took up part-time residence in the state in 1995. Her latest purchase is adjacent to 80 acres she already owns.

From Paris to Beijing, Hong Kong to London, musicians are beating the drum for victims of the Asian tsunami, holding charity concerts and recording special songs. In Britain, DJ Mike Read says he has Band Aid veteran Boy George and pop musician Cliff Richard ready to record a benefit version of Read's "Grief Never Grows Old." Canadians Avril Lavigne, Sum 41 and Sarah McLachlan are set for charity concerts in Calgary and Vancouver, while in Germany, proceeds from an annual benefit concert at the Berlin Philharmonic will go for tsunami victims. Friday, some of Asia's biggest names, including action-movie star Jackie Chan, launched a marathon charity concert in Hong Kong. Dozens of benefit concerts are planned in Norway as well. "It's about solidarity with people," says Norwegian bluesman Reidar Larsen. "If you have the chance to help people in need, most will turn out, whether auto mechanics or artists."

This semester at the Student Recreation Center

Get back in shape with spring programs

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The Student Recreation Center provides many year-round fitness and adventure programs, as well as over 20 club and intramural sports teams. This semester is highlighted by new fitness programs, special events from P.I.C.L. and ARISE (A Real Integrated Sports Experience) and the start of spring sports.

The SRC is holding free group fitness classes from now until Jan. 18. With equipment such as stair climbers, treadmills, and cycles this is the perfect way to shed the few pounds you might have gained over the holidays. These classes are free for all SRC members.

The most exciting fitness program at the SRC this spring is Gold Rush 2005. For only \$35 you have unlimited access to all group fitness programs. These include programs like Non-Stop Cardio, a 50-minute mix of aerobics and step training and TKO (Technical Knockout), a 50-minute class emphasizing kickboxing techniques such as shadow boxing and coordination drills.

If you're more interested in the outdoor world, there are more than a few adventure programs this semester. The first is a Sea Kayak/Flatwater Canoe trip to Alligator River. It costs \$25 for SRC members and \$35 for non-members. Registration ends on Friday. If you're looking to go out



The SRC offers many programs and activities for students with all fitness and activity levels.

west, sign up for the Canyoneering trip to Colorado in May. You'll travel across the Midwest exploring desert canyons in Utah and Colorado, while camping along the way. The sign-up deadline for this trip is April 14.

If you'd rather join a team for club sports, registration starts now and continues into April if you're a golfer.

As far as special events, this semester starts with a splash. The Polar Bear Pool Party is taking place on Jan. 19. For those unfamiliar with this infamous ECU event, students (and faculty) dive into the freezing cold outdoor pool at the SRC. More than 300 students attended last year's event.

"[The Student Recreation Center] offers a lot of programs

for both freshman and upper-classmen to get involved and active," said ECU senior graphic design major, Ashley Joswick.

For more information regarding the SRC and its programs visit reserv.ecu.edu or call their hotline 328-6443.

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SRC Calendar of Events

What? When? Where?

January

- 3-19 Gold Rush 2005
- 18 Bowling Registration
- 19 Polar Bear Pool Party
- 22 Sea Kayak/Flatwater Canoe Trip
- 24 Football Registration
- 24 Racquetball Registration
- 29 Weight Training for Dummies

February

- 1 Nutrition for the New Year
- 3 Wheelchair Basketball
- 4-6 Skiing Trip
- 10 Wheelchair Basketball
- 11-13 Caving Trip to Virginia/West Virginia
- 15 Indoor Soccer Registration
- 17 Wheelchair Basketball
- 20 Climbing Day Trip
- 21 Softball Registration

March

- 3 Wheelchair Basketball
- 5 Climbing Day Trip
- 23- April 13 Self Defense Classes
- 28 4-on-4 Flag Football Registration

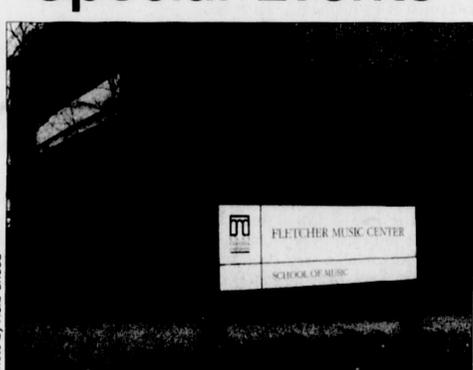
April

- 1-3 Backpacking Trip
- 5 Golf Registration
- 6 Softball Hitting Challenge
- 20 Frisbee Golf Tournament

May

- 2-13 Free Group Fitness Classes
- 9-5 Colorado & Utah Canyoneering Trip

Special Events



Fletcher Recital Hall to hold unique events Spring 2005

Great Spring 2005 Music

January

- 17 - 7 p.m., Guest Recital: Darryl Taylor, vocalist, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 20 - 8 p.m., Faculty Recital: Henry Doskey, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 23 - 3 p.m., Faculty Chamber Music Concert, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 28 - 8 p.m., Jazz Night, Mendenhall Great Room
- 28 - 8 p.m., Distinguished Professor Concert: John Ferrari, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall

February

- 1 - 7 p.m., Faculty Recital: Britt Theurer, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 4 - 8 p.m., A Night of the Classics, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 7 - 7 p.m., Faculty Recital: Mary Burroughs, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 9 - 8 p.m., Distinguished Professor Concert: Brian McWhorter, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 13 - 8 p.m., Faculty Recital: Paul Tardif, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall
- 19 - 8 p.m., A Tribute to Motown Concert, Wright Auditorium
- 24 - March 1 "My Three Angels" Theatrical Production, McGinnis Theatre

Winter lessons of compassion

College students visit the Dominican Republic

(KRT) — Some college students use their vacation break for basking in the sun and surf. Others use the time to dive into community service.

The Rev. Ronald Stanley should know. As a campus minister at Ramapo College, he has led 15 college student service trips over the past seven years in January and May to La Cuchilla, a poor, rural farming community in the Dominican Republic.

"There are wonderful college students out there," said Stanley, who is known as Father Ron. "They have such giving hearts, they are willing to get out of their comfort zone and become foreigners in a rural, agricultural Third World country. It's a joy to be with them."

On Jan. 2, 16 students left for La Cuchilla, which is about a three-hour ride from Santiago, the second-largest city in the country. They stay with families in the remote mountains for two weeks.

The students, most of whom come from middle-class families, will live in homes that lack the familiar comforts of electricity and indoor plumbing. They will have to acclimate themselves to outhouses, shopping at the

only general store in the area and traveling up and down the muddy, mountainous roads with no transportation.

The students will teach English, math or arts and crafts in the schools and they will distribute clothing, medicine and other items donated to the mission by friends back home.

Each group works on a large community project. One year, they brought electricity to public places in the village. They purchased the posts, the cable wire and the transformer. And with the help of the villagers, they strung it up and lit the neighborhood. Last year, they brought materials and helped the community to build a large meeting room in the center of town.

This year, students will build a fence to protect the meeting room, water tank and chapel from animals that roam the area, Stanley said.

Stanley, a trained social worker who serves as the college's Catholic chaplain, initially went to La Cuchilla 30 years ago to learn Spanish as part of an immersion program. He fell in love with the community and has returned every year since.

"The warmth and unity of the people is very special. They are very appreciative of everything they have and everything given to them."

He saw their desperate need and wanted to help. "They are

very impoverished," he said. "If there is no rain, there's no food. People often go hungry. All they eat is corn and beans. There are kids who can't go to school because they don't have the right clothes or even basics like pencils."

In 1996, Stanley took his 16-year-old nephew to La Cuchilla and decided to offer his students the same opportunity. "He got to see an entirely different world of a Third World farming community. He loved it and the people there loved meeting him. It was so successful, it gave me courage to bring my students."

He was thrilled to bring a larger group to meet the community's 45 families, he said. "With the students along with me, it multiplies the work I do a hundred-fold."

Some students draw murals, teach the villagers how to dance and introduce them to musical instruments. One student brought along science experiments to perform. "Students love to serve. They are so creative in what they do. They want to be challenged," he said.

The work is arduous and the setting is rustic. But the students find the experience of helping the poor to be personally enriching.

"It's such a wonderful experience to go there and help," said Alely Rodriguez, a

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Pell Grant formula changes may put greater financial burden on students from public, private colleges

Students everywhere are affected

(KRT) — As a freshman, Temple University student Arsema Solomon needed to borrow just \$5,000 to cover college expenses that were not met by grants, some limited family help and a part-time job.

Three years later, Solomon has added a night shift as a bank teller to her day job and still mounting costs have forced her to double her student-loan load, to \$10,000 a year.

Her financial burden may be even greater next year, if the Bush administration goes ahead with a plan to change the Pell Grant funding formula.

"I already work full-time to supplement my grants and

loans," said Solomon. "But I guess I'd just work more."

If the formula is changed, an estimated 90,000 students receiving Pell grants would become ineligible for the program, and an additional 1.2 million students would see their grants shaved by \$200 to \$300, according to a financial-aid advisory committee created by Congress.

All financial-aid administrators agreed their campuses would feel the pinch — especially public universities such as Temple and Rutgers University in Camden, N.J., where more than a third of all students receive Pell grants. But it is too soon to tell exactly what the impact would be.

The Pell program, which was authorized in 1972, is the principal federal grant program for higher education. About five mil-

lion students a year now receive Pell grants, splitting \$12.5 billion. Congress has invested heavily in the program in recent years, but the Pell applicant pool has grown so quickly up 37 percent in the last decade appropriations still routinely lag behind demand.

Consequently, Congress has frozen the size of Pell awards for the last three years at \$4,050 annually an amount given only to the neediest students. The trouble is, nobody froze college-related expenses.

The combination of stagnant federal grants and spiraling college costs has made stories such as Solomon's common at Temple, said Tim Rinehart, the university's associate vice president for enrollment.

"We have a high population of needy students who are dependent on state and federal money

to attend Temple," Rinehart said. "But the government is meeting that need less with grants and more with loans over the last few years. And that's alarming, because students are coming out with huge debts."

The formula tweak being considered would update antiquated tax information the U.S. Department of Education has used to help determine Pell eligibility and need. The tax tables currently in use were compiled in 1988. Although new tax tables would be a more accurate reflection of student need, the adjustments would end up hurting far more students than they would help, said Brian K. Fitzgerald, director of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, which was created by Congress.

Republicans in Congress have

urged the changes over the objections of Democrats, most notably Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J.

Congressional Republicans argue that by more accurately evaluating current need, there might be more money available in future years to increase the grant size past \$4,050 for the neediest students.

The Pell program annually spends about \$1 billion more than it is appropriated. Until that gap is closed, the maximum grant is likely to remain capped.

While Fitzgerald agrees newer tax tables must eventually be used, he said a better approach would be to phase in the changes so students do not suddenly see their grants drop precipitously or, worse, discover they are no longer eligible.

"It's a one-time shock, but it's a big shock," he said.

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junior from Paterson. Rodriguez, a nutrition major, said she has lesson plans prepared so that she can go into the schools and teach about the importance of a healthy diet. Erin Ashton, a freshman who will be taking the trip for the first time, said that she and her American friends were brought up in a spoiled culture. "We have too much and we consume too much. It's good for us to see the way other cultures live. We can learn from them how to be satisfied with less."

The trip is funded largely by donations. Students pay for their own airfare and raise at least \$200 in donations to pay for room, board and transportation. They also collect clothing, medicine and toys to distribute to the families.

Stanley raises funds for the larger projects through grants and collecting from acquaintances and past participants.

Some of Stanley's former students said they gained more from the trip than they ever could learn in a classroom. They said it

not only helped improve the lives of others, but their own, as well. Kristen Blom traveled with Stanley last May and plans to return next week. She was overwhelmed by what she saw.

"We think of rich in monetary terms. But in La Cuchilla, the term rich had an entirely different meaning. It only took me about a day to realize that La Cuchilla was rich in love, family and faith."

Other colleges have taken on the task of promoting civic responsibility among students.

Administrators continually try to come up with new ways to get students involved in community service as a way of helping out the underprivileged while giving students practical experience.

Pam Bischoff, vice president for student affairs at Ramapo, said the project can be life-changing for the students.

"It helps students to broaden their horizons and see Third World countries in a way that is fully human," she said. "Father Ron has done a great job. People who go have their lives trans-

formed from the experience. He's very devoted to this and students can see that. We're very interested in these alternate breaks and encouraging students to use their free time productively."

The trend of sending volunteers abroad is driven in part by the relative ease of modern air travel and also by the desire to promote awareness of the need to help developing countries.

Many students forgo the typical college breaks of bikinis and beaches to head toward poorer destinations where they build

homes, plant trees and perform other manual labor.

Stanley said what separates his program from the others is that students live with the people they help and get to see everyday life from the villagers' perspective.

"People think we give them more, giving them water tanks, new houses and electricity," Stanley said. "But the way that they touch our students' hearts and souls is priceless. I think we get more out of it than they do."

Teacher suspended for showing political film

(KRT) — The week before the Nov. 2 election, administrators pulled instructor Davis March out of his class at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Concord, NC, while he was showing the Michael Moore film *Fahrenheit 9/11*. College officials said showing the film contradicted two memos reminding staff members of the school's policy to remain nonpartisan during the heated election season.

But the instructor said the administration's actions are restricting freedom of thought. And a spokesman for a national professors' group called the move an affront to faculty and students and a threat to academic freedom.

March, who has taught at the college for more than 20 years, was suspended with pay for four days and was back in the classroom Nov. 2. He said he has a responsibility to present controversial material to get his students to think and take positions.

"I never campaigned for or pitched anyone's agenda in the classroom," said March, 54, who teaches English argument-based research, English composition, and introductory and advanced film classes.

Before he returned from the suspension, March agreed not to show the film again. But he said he now fears an overall "chilling effect" on freedom of thought in the classroom.

"It's not about Moore's movie anymore," he said this week.

March said quashing the film was, in itself, a partisan act. Moore made *Fahrenheit 9/11* as a documentary film about events leading up to the U.S. invasion

of Iraq, but he was criticized for omitting some facts and for his unabashed slant against President George W. Bush. College President Richard Brownell is registered as a Republican; March is a Democrat.

"Of course it's editorially biased, and I never denied that," March said of the film. He said he was not testing the school's policy. "I never set out to be anybody's crusader."

Stopping March midway through his English composition class was "extraordinary" and an affront to the faculty member and to students and a threat to academic freedom, said Jonathan Knight, director of the American Association of University Professors' program on academic freedom and tenure. The association has 45,000 members at four-year and two-year institutions.

Knight said over his three decades tracking academic freedom, he cannot recall an instructor being removed while class was in session, unless the instructor were physically threatening.

"Controversial films, controversial textbooks, paintings, poetry are used by faculty in classes across the country to stimulate thinking," he said. "There can't be a more appropriate venue for doing so than a college classroom, especially

during the midst of a political campaign."

Community colleges and their boards have control over school practices and personnel, said Audrey Bailey, spokeswoman with the NC community college system.

The RCCC board of trustees established the school's policy of nonpartisanship, and that was reinforced with the two memos from Brownell, said executive vice president Ann Hovey.

An Oct. 25 memo said, in part, "RCCC is a public college supported by the taxpayers and must maintain a secular, non-partisan professional environment at all times. No employee of this college is authorized to use the classroom or college environment as a platform to promote their own personal, religious or political views or to advocate for specific political candidates."

If Moore's movie was being shown, "then the opposing point of view should also be presented," Hovey said, "to present fairness and a balanced perspective in an environment that was increasingly divisive as we approached the election."

Irvin Newberry, vice chair of the board of trustees, said showing a controversial, one-sided work puts the student into a precarious position if he or she disagrees

with it.

"If that student is dependent on that professor for a grade, what is he to do?" Newberry asked.

March said he acts more as a moderator, because often students disagree with each other.

"I make it abundantly clear that their opinion, whether it agrees with 'Dad' or not, it's not going to cost them either way," he said.

English instructor LaNita Kirby said controversial material or propaganda, although partisan, is useful in various classes.

"That allows the discussion of absolutist thinking, and how that is not conducive to a democracy," said Kirby, an AAUP member in her sixth year at the college.

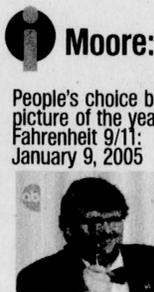
"To automatically assume some instructor has some sort of motive in choosing something is precipitous, and it does have a chilling effect on anyone," she said. "That's exactly the opposite of what a college environment needs to be like."

March said college officials didn't ask him why he was showing the movie. And he said he shouldn't have to show the "other side" to balance anything.

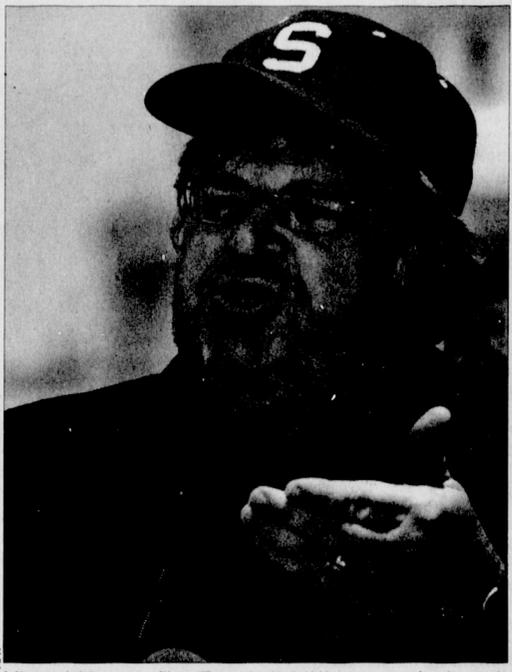
March has shown potentially divisive films in class before, such as "Dead Man Walking," about a nun who reaches out to a convicted murderer on death row.

After showing that movie, he said, he asked his students, "Did you find your perspective (on the death penalty) altered by this?"

"His classes have always been



Moore:
People's choice best picture of the year *Fahrenheit 9/11*: January 9, 2005



Michael Moore's film *Fahrenheit 9/11* has sparked much controversy since its box office debut last summer, still now.

designed to open up our minds," said student Kristen Pitel, 21. "He is one to drop a bomb in the water and see where the fish go."

Despite the dispute, Hovey agrees March is valuable and challenges students to think: "I would hate to think we would have a faculty that is uniform

and cut from one cloth."

In March's case, the community college has established a precedent, Knight of the AAUP said.

"They set themselves upon a course which is extraordinary here, in the sense that they are taking responsibility for the content of the course," Knight said.

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Right champion, wrong match-up



USC trounces OU in joke of title game

OPINION
ROBERT LEONARD
SENIOR WRITER

In an earlier edition of TEC, I called the BCS the "worst thing in sports today." I will never recant that statement until the BCS fixes its obvious problems I pointed out in that article. But this year, despite five teams making it to their respective bowl games unbeaten, the BCS did its job.

All I want the BCS to do is provide us with someone we can all agree is the best. This year, we have a clear national champion. There is hardly any doubt USC is the best team in the country. They put up an unheard of 55 points on Oklahoma's defense. I'll be honest, I was picking Oklahoma by double digits. My main reasoning for this was the Sooners' dominating performance against Texas 12-0 earlier in the season.

That game was the Longhorn's only smudge on a great showing for Mack Brown and his team. It looked like Oklahoma could not be stopped. A former Heisman winner at quarterback (Jason White) and the future of the Sooners and another Heisman finalist (Adrian Peterson) was the best One-Two attack out of the backfield in college football. If you could stop these two guys, you faced the defense that shut out offensive powerhouse Texas. And what do the Trojans do? Come in and destroy them.

Pete Carroll and his coaching staff did an excellent job. They abused the middle of the field and found the holes in Oklahoma's offense that no other coach could.

The numbers on USC are just sickening. They outscored their opponents this season 496 - 196, making their average game score 38 - 15. They gave up 26 points in the fourth quarter, for all 13 games combined. Like I said in my previous column, the other BCS games are meaningless, they are just another bowl game. It gives a school and their conference money and 98 percent of the country does not care.

After the Sugar Bowl, I thought Auburn was properly placed out of the national title game. They struggled against Virginia Tech, a team USC beat in Blacksburg 24 - 13. The Tigers would have lost had the Hokies not made several costly mistakes, particularly their failed 4th down and goal attempt in the first half.

However, after the Orange Bowl, my mind changed thanks to Oklahoma's performance. Auburn would have been a better opponent for USC. They played in a much tougher conference than OU, making their undefeated season worth a little more. The problem the Sooners had was defense and Auburn had a defense that would have never given up 55 points. They surrendered 147 points over the span of the entire season, including the SEC championship game and the Sugar Bowl and allowed 14 or more points just four times. While I think USC would have won a match up with the Tigers, it would not have been an embarrassment like the title game we had.

So did Auburn get screwed out of the title game? In my opinion, yes they did. They had the most impressive resume of the three teams. The reasoning Auburn was left out was simply because of rankings. Now that the Associated Press has announced their poll will not be included in next year's BCS formula, it will be interesting to see what happens.

Although the BCS did its

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Pinkney, Whimper no longer enrolled

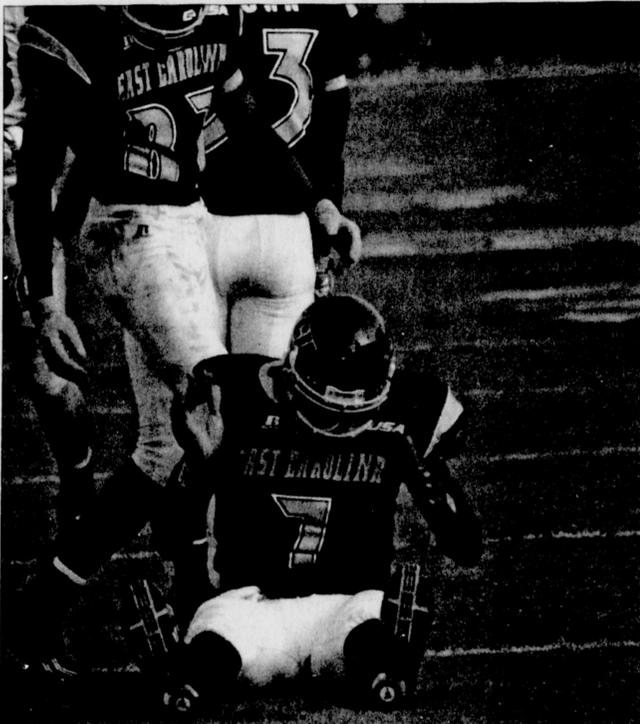


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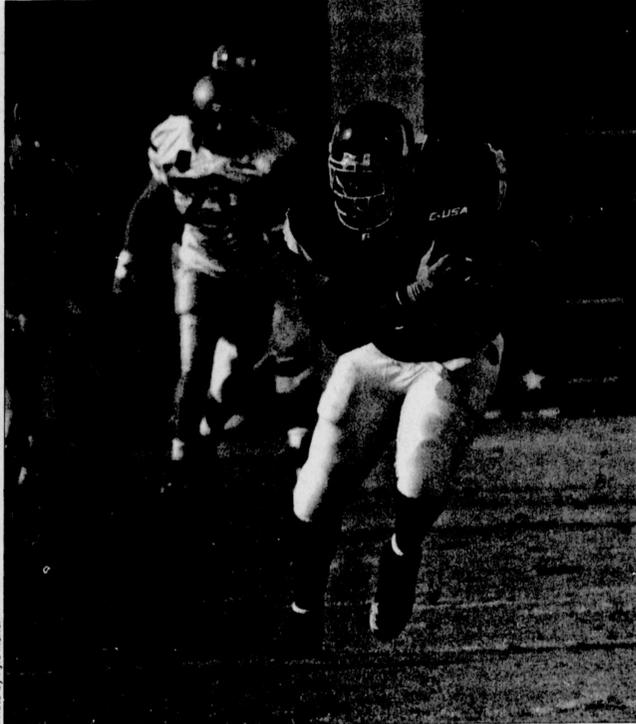


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James Pinkney (left) took over as ECU's offensive leader last year at quarterback while Guy Whimper (right) has steadily improved as a threat at tight end. Both Pinkney and Whimper are just two of many players who have left the football program during the two years in which John Thompson was the head coach.

Holtz will look to new QB for 2005 season

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Two ECU students were missing on Friday when classes commenced for the spring semester. Former starting quarterback James Pinkney and tight end Guy Whimper are no longer taking classes at ECU. University officials confirmed the rumors late last week.

Both players are protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which prohibits discussion of a player's academic standing with the media. However, speculation has arisen that Pinkney was in poor

standing academically throughout the semester.

Pinkney, the starter for every game in the 2003-2004 season, can re-enroll for summer school after sitting out the spring semester. However, re-enrolling at ECU will not make him eligible for the 2004-2005 season.

ECU's academic policy states that an academic suspension occurs when "a student's scholastic performance has not met the requirements necessary to continue enrollment. The student is suspended for one semester followed by readmission on probation."

An academic suspension is the third level of academic standing codes. Students are first placed on academic warning followed by academic probation and then a suspension.

Combine the fact that Pinkney did so poorly during the fall semester to warrant an academic suspension with him not completing any hours at ECU during the spring semester makes it a remote possibility he will ever play again for the Pirates.

Pinkney and Whimper came to ECU in the 2002 recruiting class, the last under former coach, Steve Logan. Pinkney, red shirted his freshman season, while Whimper saw immediate action. Whimper was named to the Conference USA Freshman Team playing on the defensive line.

Pinkney took over the starting job for Desmond Robinson this past year. The 6-foot, 3-inch, 210-pound quarterback grasped Noah Brindise's offense remarkably well during spring practices. He passed for 2,195 yards in 2004,

good for sixth all-time in a single-season. He tied for fifth all-time in single-season touchdowns with 18.

Whimper moved over to tight end in midseason after junior college transfer Shawn Levesque suffered a knee injury. The Havelock native moved into the starting lineup after Sean Harmon suffered a season-ending injury.

Both players were seasoned veterans that Skip Holtz could have built around. Now, he will have to find some cornerstones elsewhere.

Holtz now will turn to two red shirt freshman quarterbacks. Patrick Pinkney, no relation to James, played very well in the preseason scrimmages and JV game showing a very accurate arm. Pinkney had shoulder surgery after the JV game and will

most likely be granted a medical hardship waiver.

Devon Drew, a top 25 national product and NC Athlete of the Year in 2003, ran the scout team last year. The former New Bern quarterback is very athletic and will use his 6-foot, 4-inch, 215-pound frame to his advantage.

ECU last lost their incumbent quarterback all the way back in 1993. Michael Anderson, a very promising and highly touted quarterback, was kicked off the team by then-coach Steve Logan. The team looked to freshman quarterback Marcus Crandell to lead the team, but he was injured early in the season. Much like the last version of the Pirates, the 1993-1994 team went 2-9.

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Jackson, Sutton, Cooper help Lady Pirates flip script

Ladies win three straight after posting 2-6 record over Christmas break

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Rather than send the Lady Pirates reeling further into the downward spiral they had fallen into over Christmas break, a heartbreaking loss to Buffalo on Jan. 2 has seemingly sparked a fire in ECU as the team has ripped off three straight wins at home from Jan. 4 - Jan. 9.

NC A&T came into Greenville last Tuesday, marking the last non-conference game before the Lady Pirates entered C-USA play. It also started a three-game winning streak as ECU came out with all cylinders rolling, obliterating the Aggies 81-56. Jennifer Jackson once again led the ladies in scoring with 23 points and moved into eighth place on the all-time scoring list for ECU while Cooper collected 10 points.

ECU opened conference play on a good note against Memphis three days later as they ripped the Tigers 60-47. Jackson led ECU with 18 points while Sutton dropped 12 but Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener felt the defense was largely responsible for the victory.

"Our defense did a really good job tonight," said Baldwin-Tener.

"If we're going to win games, we are going to have to defend well because we are still having a hard time putting the ball in the basket. Luckily, we scored more points than them and our defense played well."

The defense continued to play well only two nights later as ECU held St. Louis to a paltry shooting percentage of 28.6 and cruised to another impressive double-digit 'W,' 66-40. The Lady Pirates' offense also did very well as Jackson led the way with a double-double (19 points, 11 rebounds), marking the



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Jackson moved up four spots on the Lady Pirates' all-time scoring list over the break, placing her at seventh thus far.

15th double dip of her career. Jackson also moved up another spot on the all-time scoring list to number seven. Sutton dropped 17 for ECU and sparked an 11-3 run to open the second half.

Prior to their recent success, the ECU women dropped four out of six games over Christmas break.

The Lady Pirates first match-up during their 2-6 skid was against Wake Forest. ECU struggled during most of the second half, which allowed the Deacons to cruise to a 70-47

victory. Jennifer Jackson led all Lady Pirates with 21 points and Shanita Sutton followed with 13 points.

The next challenge for ECU came against UNC Wilmington, a game that ended in a tight finish and heartbreaking loss for the Lady Pirates. Wilmington's Meg Withrow hit her only points of the contest with 10 seconds remaining, putting the Seahawks up by 1, 57-56. ECU had one last chance when Jackson went up

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Moussa Badiane has struggled in the paint as of late.

Hardwood Pirates struggling recently

ECU has lost seven of their last eight games

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

With an impressive showing in the BCA Invitational Tournament at the beginning of the season, the ECU men's basketball team made things look as if they finally were headed in the direction of postseason play in March.

However, with their recent struggles, ECU is now scrambling to establish some sort of identity within the team.

"Now what we're fighting is the spirit and the confidence," said ECU coach, Bill Herrion, in an interview with The Daily Reflector.

"That's going to be an issue now with our kids. We've taken a few tough blows so far this year in

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job this year, whose to say it is the correct system? If USC wins a close game instead of blowing out Oklahoma, the controversy would not have been solved and everyone would be left trying to figure out who was number one. No matter how you feel about the BCS or the 2004 college football season, you have to give it up for the Trojans of USC. They have had a great run here

in 2004 and are deserving of that national title.

So, what's up for 2005? My prediction is another national title for USC. Who is going to stop them and their 79 returning players? Here's another prediction. The BCS will screw something up.

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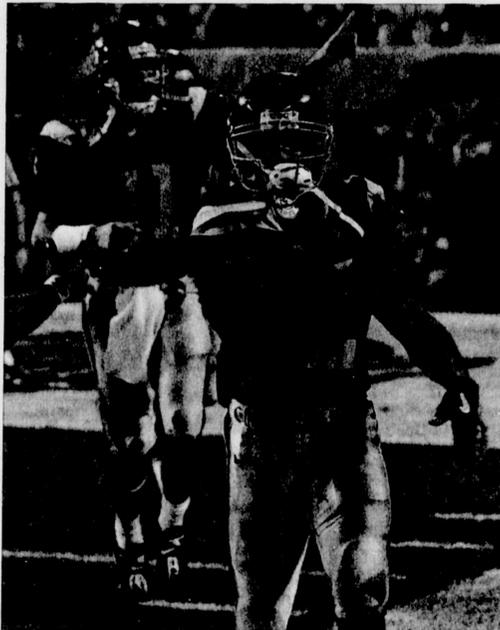
for a two-foot jump shot with three seconds on the clock, but the attempt fell just short and time ran out. Regardless of her last second miss, Jackson moved up on the Lady Pirates' all-time scoring list to number 11.

Next on the agenda for the Lady Pirates was West Virginia. ECU got off to a blazing start, building a 17-3 lead and at one point leading by as many as 16 points. However, WVU closed the gap before the end of the half as they went on a 18-9 spurt, leaving ECU with just a five-point lead at halftime. The Lady Mountaineers then opened the second half on a 28-4 run, crushing the Lady Pirates' hopes of regaining any momentum or shot at the lead. ECU fell for the third consecutive game, 76-54.

The Lady Pirates finally broke their losing streak, much to the chagrin of Virginia Commonwealth. ECU finally got its Christmas wish as they crushed VCU, 68-45. Jackson and Sutton combined for 50 of ECU's 68 total points.

ECU then traveled farther up the east coast to New York to play against the University of Buffalo. After 30 minutes of stifling defense and tenacious competition, Buffalo's Brooke Meunier hit what proved to be the game winning three-pointer with 1:16 remaining.

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Matt Leinart and Steve Smith terrorized OU's defense.

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close games and in the past."

In their last eight outings, the Pirates have managed to come away with just one win against an under-manned and Division II opponent, St. Andrews. Four of the Pirates' seven losses have been by five points or less, with the most recent heartbreaker at the hands of the South Florida Bulls, 72-71. ECU also lost to Old Dominion University in the final few seconds of the game, led a very good South Carolina team for most of the second half before relinquishing the lead and falling 57-53 and fell victim to Western Carolina on the road in overtime 77-72.

Most of the blame for the Pirates' recent downfall could be placed on their sub-par shooting in the seven losses, which tops out at a lowly average of 35.7 percent. Along with not putting the ball in the bucket, Coach Herriion believes his team is not doing what it takes down the stretch

to win basketball games.

"What we're having trouble doing is closing out games," Herriion said.

"We're a good basketball team, but we just haven't figured out what to do when things get tough and it gets down the stretch. There's not a lot of leadership and we don't make plays."

The Pirates will have to change their performance down the stretch of games, especially now, as they have already played two conference games and came away on the wrong side of the box score in both. In the home C-USA opener, ECU held a 13-point second half lead against the Bulls only to see it vanish.

"Maybe the league, the athletes and the size intimidates us a little bit," Herriion said.

ECU did show signs of improvement at Halton Arena in Charlotte this past Saturday, as the Pirates hung tough with the 49ers throughout the contest,

eventually falling 72-60. The key to game may not have been the outcome but rather the score. The Pirates in their three previous trips to Halton Arena left on the losing side, each time by 20 plus points.

"I'm encouraged with how our team is playing lately," Herriion said.

"I thought we gave ourselves a chance to win tonight. We're close."

The Pirates may be close to breaking through, but as Herriion and his team knows, close will not cut it in league play, especially in a league like C-USA.

ECU welcomes the 20th ranked Cincinnati Bearcats into Minges Coliseum tomorrow night. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

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Yow to miss two games with recurrence of breast cancer

RALEIGH, NC (AP) — North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow will miss two games because of a recurrence of breast cancer, which she was first diagnosed with nearly two decades ago.

Yow, 62, is expected to return to the bench against Miami on Jan. 20. Associate head coach Stephanie Glance will take over in the interim.

Yow had surgery last month to treat what school officials described as a "limited tumor recurrence." She has kept the team informed of her condition along the way, Glance said.

"Coach Yow handles everything with a lot of poise and grace," Glance said Monday morning. "She just sets a great example. No matter what our initial reactions were, she's such a warrior, a graceful warrior. ... She's most concerned with her

team through all of this." Yow was originally diagnosed with the disease in 1987.

Besides her surgery, her relapse has been treated with radiation and daily hormone therapy.

Yow's doctors said the recurrence is unusual but not rare. It is often controlled by the treatments Yow will continue to receive, the school said. As a first phase, Yow will follow a program that modifies her diet over the next eight days.

School spokeswoman Chenelle Miller would not say where Yow was seeking treatment.

"She's feeling good. She's in good health," Miller said. "She's going to come back and be as good as she was before."

Yow has a 665-303 career record in 34 seasons, including a 608-284 mark in 30 years at NC State. She is a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and coached the 1988 U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal.

Yow is one of five Division I coaches with 600 wins at the same school, reaching that

milestone when the Wolfpack beat Seton Hall 65-36 in December.

Yow coached in two games this week, leading the Wolfpack (12-3) to an upset of Vanderbilt, ending the Commodores' 49-game home non-conference winning streak. NC State lost 78-65 at Clemson on Sunday, Yow's last game.

Glance said the players knew that she would leave the team afterward for treatment.

"She has kept them informed but was also very protective of them," Glance said. "She didn't want them to be hanging, wondering what was happening next. She waited until she could know as much as she could the first time she told them."

Yow's contract runs through the end of the 2008-09 season.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Coach Yow," athletic director Lee Fowler said in a statement. "We expect Coach Yow to resume her normal duties when she returns and we look forward to her coaching many, many years with the Wolfpack."

Moss likely to be fined for pretend mooning

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Moss is almost sure to be fined for pretending to moon fans in Green Bay during a playoff win, according to NFL rules.

The league is looking into the star receiver's antics in Minnesota's 31-17 win over the Packers on Sunday and will announce its ruling later this week.

When asked whether the oft-fined Moss would be penalized again, a league spokesman recited NFL rules mandating discipline for "obscene gestures or other actions construed as being in poor taste."

A fine for the first offense under those guidelines is \$5,000. Moss has not previously been fined for such action, but paid a \$25,000 penalty in 1999 for squirting an official with a water bottle.

In the last year, the NFL has dealt with a couple of highly publicized situations that many fans found objectionable. There was the Janet Jackson breast-baring episode during the halftime show of the Super Bowl in February and the steamy "Monday Night Football" introduction this season featuring Philadelphia receiver Terrell Owens and "Desperate Housewives" star Nicollette Sheridan.

On Sunday, Moss caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter and headed toward the goalpost. He then turned his back to the Lambeau Field crowd, bent over and pantomimed pulling down his pants.

"Just having a little fun with

the boys," Moss told a Fox reporter as he left the field. "I hope I don't get in trouble by it, but if I do I'll take the heat."

Moss, making \$5 million this season, declined comment Monday.

Vikings coach Mike Tice said he spoke Monday with NFL vice president Art Shell.

"The league has called me," Tice said. "I didn't see it until last night."

Tice added he always thought of Green Bay fans as having "a tremendous amount of class" but that he didn't think they acted that way Sunday.

Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy said he saw Moss' action and, "I thought it was kind of humorous."

"It's not the kind of thing you want to see on national TV, but I understand what it was all about," he said.

"Anyone who has played in the NFL Central knows what that's about. The fans in Green Bay have a tradition in the parking lot after the game where they moon the visiting team's bus," he said. "It's kind of a unique send-off."

"I had seen it seven times because when I was with the Vikings, we lost to them seven times up there," he said.

Fox did not show a replay of Moss' display during the game.

"It was inappropriate to replay it in the context of the game," Fox spokesman Lou D'Ernilio said.

ESPN declined to show the replay Sunday because, "in the

end, we decided a conservative approach, taking a breath rather than rushing to air, would be prudent," spokesman Josh Krulewitz said.

He added: "In hindsight, we could have shown it once the day it happened while being very mindful of not being gratuitous about it."

Krulewitz said replays were to be shown Monday "conservatively, based on the NFL's and the Vikings' reaction to it."

Last month, Denver quarterback Jake Plummer was fined \$5,000 for an obscene gesture.

Moss was originally fined \$40,000 in 1999 for squirting an official, but it was reduced to \$25,000 on appeal.

Moss verbally abused corporate sponsors on the team bus in 2001. That resulted in the team fining him \$15,000 and forcing him to attend anger management classes.

In December of 2002, he was fined \$1,200 by a judge after being charged with bumping a traffic officer with his car in downtown Minneapolis.

And last week, he was chewed out by teammates for leaving the field before the end of a loss in Washington. Center Matt Birk, one of the Vikings' leaders, confronted him and quarterback Daunte Culpepper also was upset.

Moss, his hair poofed out in a giant Afro, had four receptions for 70 yards and two touchdowns in Sunday's game.

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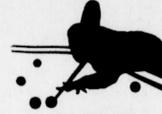
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3 Bedrooms/ 3 Full bathrooms- University Terrace. Walk in closets, large living room, balcony, w/ water/ sewer included. Spacious laundry room, close to campus and on the ECU bus lines. Short term (6 month) Spring '05 leases available @ \$850.00/month. Currently pre-leasing for Fall '05, Early Bird Special of \$875.00/month. Please call Pinnacle Property Management 561-RENT or 561-7679.

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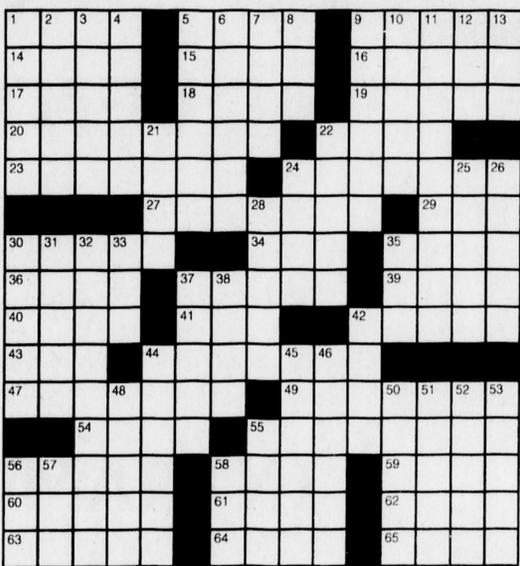


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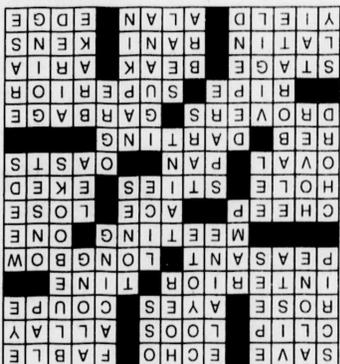
- ACROSS**
- Rescue
 - Rebounding yodel
 - One of Aesop's tales
 - Short extract from a film
 - "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" novelist
 - Relieve
 - Stood
 - Those in favor
 - Two-door car
 - Midmost
 - Fork prong
 - Rustic
 - Robin Hood's weapon
 - Assembly
 - Small bill
 - Young bird's sound
 - Sure shot
 - Fail to win
 - Cavity
 - Porkers' pads
 - Barely managed
 - Egg-shaped
 - Criticize harshly
 - Tobacco kilns
 - CSA soldier
 - Flitting
 - Steer steers
 - Trash
 - Ready to harvest
 - Above it all
 - Point of a process
 - Bird's bill
 - Operatic melody
 - Cicero's tongue
 - Rajah's wife
 - Kesey and Burns
 - Concede
 - Alda or Arkin
 - Rim



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Solutions



- DOWN**
- Temporary paper currency
 - In isolation
 - Scenic view
 - Fencers' foils
 - "Seinfeld" character
 - Prairie wolf
 - Gardener, at times
 - CIA predecessor
 - Confronting directly
 - Parallel to
 - Government employee lists
 - Track circuit
 - CBS logo
 - Cloverleaf part
 - Shades of color
 - Mature nits
 - Beginning
 - Plucks plant pests
 - Tarnish
 - Notes played simultaneously
 - Hang flutteringly
 - Rich in detail
 - Moray
 - Pastoral spot
 - Doughnut in the trunk
 - Jolly old salts
 - Grimm monster
 - Rely
 - Tropical lizard
 - Serviette
 - Night watch
 - Thicket
 - Broadcast
 - Departing
 - Remove text
 - Symbol of office
 - Cunning
 - Mai cocktail
 - Bikini part

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**INTRAMURAL
BASKETBALL
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MEETING**

**Mens, Womens
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DIVISIONS**

**5:00 pm Jan. 11th
MSC room 244**

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**FITNESS
PROGRAMS**

- 1/3-18 Free Croup Fitness Classes
Cost: FREE
- 1/3-19 Gold Rush 2005
Cost: \$35 member
- 1/10-3/11 Exercise Wisely for Faculty & Staff
Cost: \$25 (non-member)
- 1/11-2/15 Relaxation through Yoga & Pilates
Cost: \$25/\$35
- 1/11-2/17 Tai Chi
Cost: \$25/\$35
- 1/11-2/17 Aquasize (New!)
Cost: \$10/\$20
- 1/12-2/16 Dynamic Definition: Yoga & Pilates
Cost: \$25/\$35
- 1/12-2/16 Hatha Yoga: Body, Breath & Spirit
Cost: \$35/\$45
- 1/13-2/10 AM Yoga
Cost: \$30/\$40
- 1/18 The Winter Blast Workout
Cost: FREE
- 1/25 AB-Solutions
Cost: \$2/\$10
- 1/25-3/1 Yoga at Noon
Cost: \$25/\$35
- 1/27 Mission Accomplished: Goal Setting
Cost: FREE/\$10
- 1/29 Weight Training for Dummies
Cost: \$5/\$10

**ADVENTURE
PROGRAMS**

- 1/22 Sea Kayak/ Flatwater
Canoe Alligator River
Pre-Trip. 1/18 Cost. \$25/35
- 1/29 Adventure Workshops and
Skill Building
Pre-Trip. NA Cost. FREE/\$5
- 1/30 Challenge Course Open Event
Pre-Trip. NA Cost. FREE/\$5

**INTRAMURAL
PROGRAMS**

- 1/11 Basketball Registration Meeting
Time. 5:00pm Location. MSC 244
- 1/18 Bowling Registration
Time. 10am-6pm Location. SRC 128
- 1/24 Foosball Registration
Time. 10am-6pm Location. SRC 128
- 1/24 Racquetball Registration
Time. 10am-6pm Location. SRC 128

**ARISE
PROGRAMS**

- 1/10 PAIRS Registration Begins
- 1/19 Polar Bear Pool Party
Time. 7pm-9pm Location. SRC
Outdoor Pool
- 1/24 Foosball Tourney Registration
Time. 10am-6pm Location. SRC 128
- 1/25 ARISE Social
Time. 4-5:30pm Location. SRC 202
- 1/26 Cultural Arts Workshop Registration
Time. 8am Location. SRC 128

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