



## Students plunge into chilly waters



Photo by Kyle Fisher

An estimated 350 students participated in the annual Polar Bear Jump held at the Student Recreation Center Wednesday night with temperatures falling in the low 20s. Participants in the event were treated to free food and a free T-shirt. P.I.C.L. sponsored the event.

## SGA pledges to support tsunami relief effort

Group asks for \$1 from every student

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STAFF WRITER

ECU's Student Government Association is pledging to make a difference in the lives of the survivors of December's tsunami tragedy.

Shannon O'Donnell, the student body president, along with the SGA, is asking for all student organizations to make an effort in raising money to give to the SGA, where it will all be sent in together.

SGA's goal is to collect \$1 from each of the 21,658 students who attend ECU this semester.

The tragedy has claimed more than 162,000 lives to date and millions are still awaiting aid from international workers. Many of those affected by the tragedy are still without clean water, food and proper supplies.

With monetary donations, aids will be able to reduce the burden on scarce resources in the affected region, support the local economies for the troubling months to come and ensure assistance that is medically, culturally and environmentally appropriate.

"The magnitude of this tragedy is incredible," said Ashley Young, freshman biology major and member of SGA. "We as human beings should have an innate desire to help those in dire need because we would want the



People carry their belongings in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.



A Canadian parliamentarian holds a tsunami survivor.

same in return."

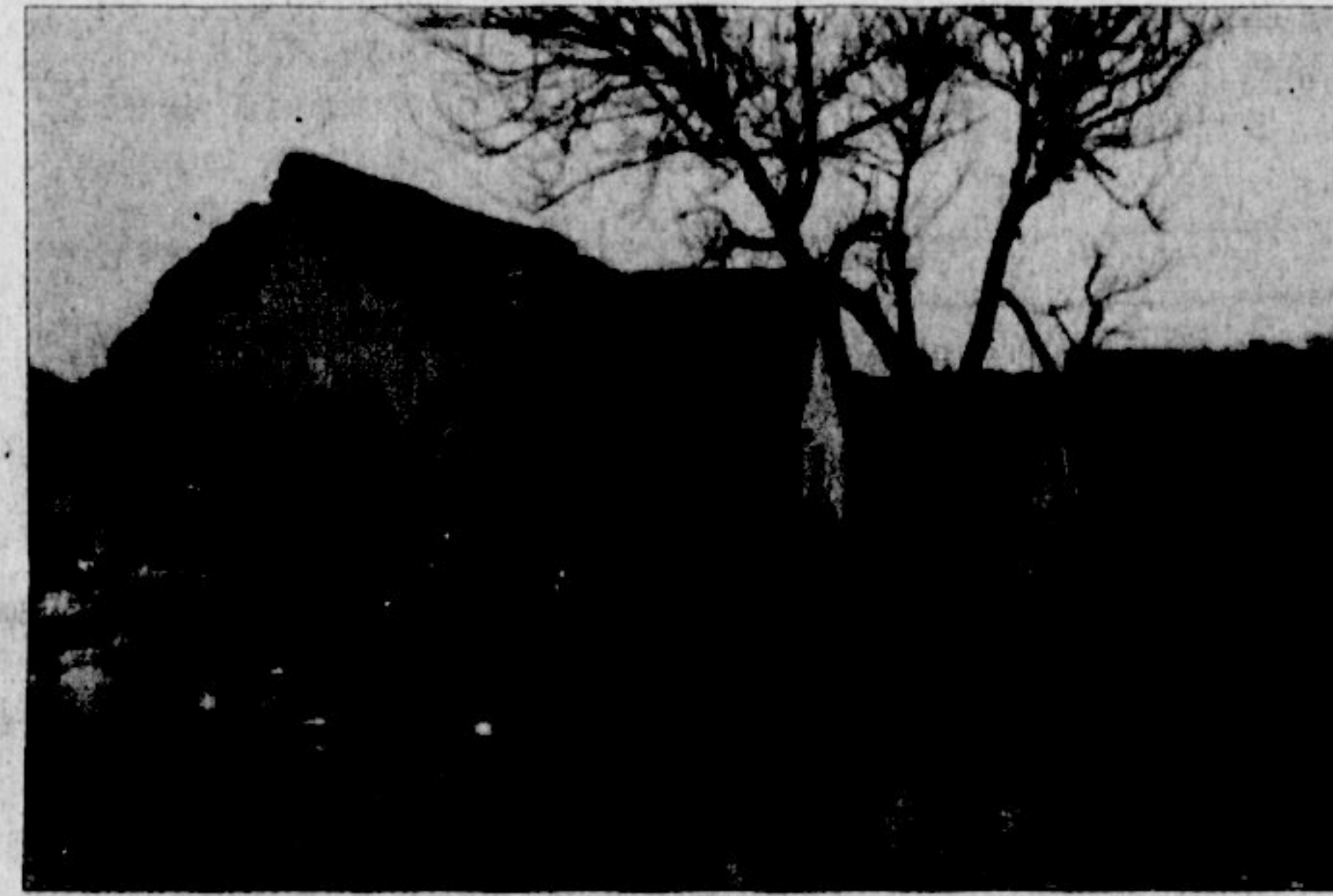
Young said she thinks O'Donnell has done a great job in initiating this humanitarian effort.

Aside from accepting funds from student organizations, the SGA will be collecting donations

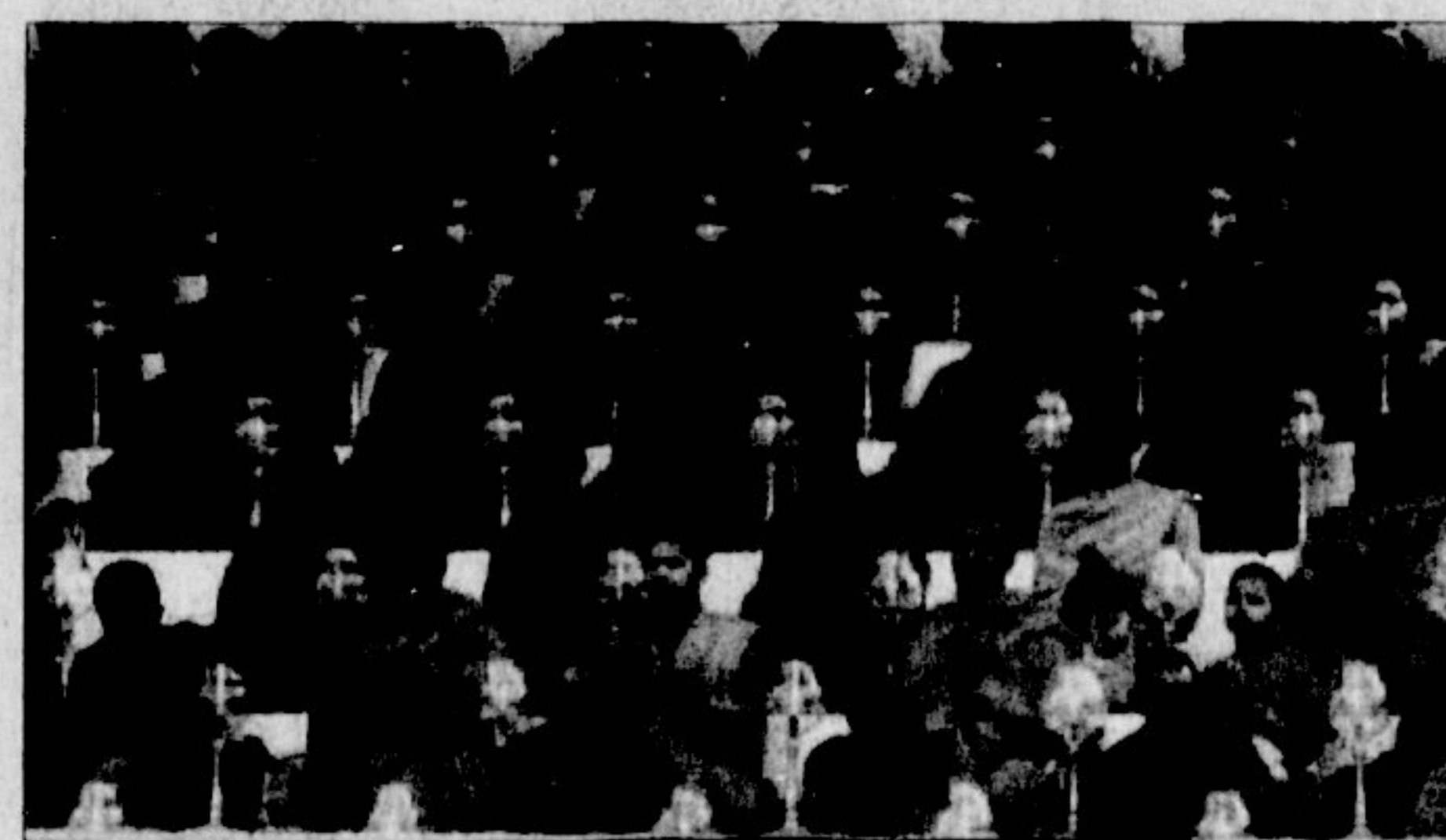
at all home basketball games through the end of January.

Tosin Oyelowo, sophomore chemistry major and SGA student senator, believes it's only appropriate for SGA to represent the voice of the student population.

"It's our job to be the first



Two women grieve over their damaged house in India.



Tsunami Tidal Disaster

Thai Buddhist monks pray during a memorial service.

amongst student organizations to help alleviate the pain and suffering brought upon the victims," said Oyelowo.

"I just hope students contribute in a large way... the SGA really wants to make our goal, perhaps even exceed our goal,

and make a difference."

Once all donations are collected, the SGA will submit the money to the ECU Foundation, who in turn will write one large check to UNICEF, a non-profit

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## Nursing students unite to benefit tsunami victims



SCHOOL of NURSING

Organization hopes to raise \$50,000

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The ECU School of Nursing students have formed an organization this semester in an effort to raise money for the victims of the tsunami devastation.

Michael Raper, senior nursing student and founder of ECU Nursing Students Tsunami Relief, said he felt compelled to form the organization, which he hopes will raise \$50,000.

Raper said he knows the devastation of floods after living

in Greenville during the 1999 flood caused by Hurricane Floyd and seeing the aftermath of the tsunami is what triggered him to begin the organization.

"This is something that will affect those people for many, many years to come. We must continue to help for a long time," said Raper.

Raper contacted Martha Engelke, who agreed to be the faculty advisor of the project. Raper chose Engelke since she has a lot of experience in fundraising and is familiar with the university's guidelines for raising money.

Raper and Engelke asked for student volunteers from the nursing department to join the organization. They were then able to form a committee of six nursing students to help in the project.

A bank account was opened to collect the donated money. The money collected will then

be sent to areas most in need determined by the International Council of Nurses.

"We want this to look as professional and organized as possible," Raper said.

"We want people to know the money will be going directly to help the victims."

The collection of money began on the first day of classes following Christmas break. Currently, buckets are being passed around ECU classrooms collecting additional donations.

Raper said he challenges every student on campus to give something, may it be \$1 or \$20. An ECU student who is not a part of the nursing program can donate to this organization by bringing a donation to the nursing center at the office of student services. They are also able to take part in any of the several fundraisers the school of nursing will have.

Raper said the project has sparked other interest in fundraisers. He said some residence halls are doing similar fundraising projects.

The original challenge was for each of ECU nursing students to raise \$100. If each student could raise \$100, that would raise more than \$40,000.

The organization will begin to do larger fundraisers as the semester progresses. They will also be asking the community to pledge money as well. Since establishing the foundation, more than \$1,000 has been collected.

"This organization is really what nursing is all about. Meeting the health needs of people through individual and family care as well as community outreach," said Engelke.

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Beta Theta Pi fraternity raises \$558 in a drive last week.

## Pitt County Red Cross aids tsunami victims

Nearly \$10,000 raised

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STAFF WRITER

The Pitt County chapter of the American Red Cross is actively engaging in collecting relief funds to aid victims of last month's tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia and East Africa.

Charlene R. Lee, executive director of Pitt County Red Cross, said as of Jan. 16, \$184.5 million had been donated nationally from the Red Cross.

"The only thing we're doing right now is taking monetary contributions because in the history of the Red Cross, we have found that monetary donations are the best because everyone's needs are different," said Lee.

"If we have monetary donations, we can give people dispersing orders and they can get the things they need."

Pitt County Red Cross has been active already in helping serve this cause by holding fundraisers and plans to continue its agenda until relief needs are satisfied. They were involved in a fundraiser at Pizza Inn that culminated in \$1,500 of aid money.

Lee said there were plans for ECU to set up coin drives around campus in order to encourage student contributions for victims.

Lee said the problems with sending aid workers to foreign countries were becoming more evident as victims were struggling and rioting to get supplies.

"The Red Cross has to be very careful with sending people into these areas because their culture is so different from ours," Lee said.

There is a degree of cultural relativism factoring in here making some donations not the best way to support tsunami victims.

"The food we eat here is not the food they eat in Asia," Lee said.

Various businesses and organizations around Greenville are also contributing to help serve this cause. Such organizations include local churches, radio stations, Lowe's and Harris Teeter.

The tsunami aftermath tops the Red Cross's agenda for charity, but they are still involved with a number of other disasters that have affected people

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross promises to use each donation dollar in the most easy and effective manner as possible. Reputable charity "watchdogs" such as charitynavigator.org and the American Institute of Philanthropy recognize the commitment of the Red Cross and responded with high marks for the organization in recent ratings.

Approximate costs of items needed in the tsunami relief and recovery operation

- \$2 - a sleeping mat
- \$5 - a mosquito net (essential in areas where malaria is a common disease)
- \$15 - a kitchen set
- \$175 - a waterproof tent

More information can be found at RedCross.org.



Tsunami Aid

On Jan. 30, students in the school of nursing are going to wait tables at Golden Corral in Greenville during breakfast hours. Tips received will go toward the organization fund.

All students are encouraged to get breakfast on this day and donate to the organization.

Students can contact Raper at 758-1261 with more questions on how to donate.

The tsunami that hit on Dec. 26 2004, was one of the worst in the world's history.



## Campus News

### Presidential Inauguration

President Bush will be inaugurated for his second term in office Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. Other inaugural events will be held throughout the day.

### 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.

### Commute: Breakfast

Student Professional Development is hosting the Good Morning Commuter Breakfast Jan. 20 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the lower level in Mendenhall Student Center. Bruce Maxwell, associate director of Student Professional Development, will be available to talk about career services provided by SPD.

### Salsa Dance

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville and the ECU Folk and Country Dancers will hold a salsa dance in the Willis Building Jan. 21. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. and the dance starts at 8 p.m. Call 752-7350 for more information.

### A Sculptor's Odyssey

Professor Carl Billingsley will present "Journey of Discovery: A Sculptor's Odyssey" in Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Center on Jan. 20 at 5:15 p.m. A reception will follow immediately after the lecture.

### Art Reception

Scott Avett will be in the art gallery in Mendenhall to meet with students and speak about his current art exhibit Jan. 20 from 6 - 8 p.m.

### Pirate Underground Bands

Idea of Beauty and The Hotness will perform at Pirate Underground Jan. 20 at 9 p.m. This event is free and sponsored by the Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee.

### Advance Care Planning

Interested people can learn how to plan for end-of-life care and make their wishes about living wills, advance directives and other decisions official during and following the Sunday service at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation in Greenville on Jan. 30. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. and counselors will be available for additional information to help complete a living will or health care power of attorney. This event is sponsored by the End of Life Care Coalition of Eastern Carolina and is open to the public. The Unitarian-Universalist Congregation is located at 131 Oakmont Drive. For more information, please call 847-0868.

### Speech and Hearing Screenings

Speech and hearing screenings for the spring semester will be held Jan. 24 - 26 from 5 - 6 p.m. at the clinic in Belk Annex 1, near the intersection of Charles Boulevard and the 264 by-pass. Sign-in begins at 4:45 p.m. at the west entrance of the clinic and ends at 5:45 p.m. Screenings are done on a first-come first-serve basis and no calls are accepted. Make-up sessions are held each Friday morning and there is a \$20 fee. For a make-up session appointment, call 328-4405.

### Great Decisions 2005

Beginning Jan. 22, ECU will sponsor the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program. The event includes a series of lectures held every Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon in the New Rivers West Auditorium for eight consecutive weeks. Topics will range from the Middle East and Russia to Intelligence Reform and Overseas Job Outsourcing. Attending costs \$49 for all eight programs, which includes the textbook. Full-time students and teachers can attend for free and purchase the book for \$15. They can also earn teacher renewal credits or continuing education units for attendance.

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## News Briefs

### Local

#### Teen and father in prison for same crime

WILMINGTON, NC - The man arrested and charged in the shooting death of a Boiling Spring Lakes auxiliary police officer is the son of a man who is serving a life sentence for killing a retired police officer.

Darrell Wayne Maness, 19, of Burlington, was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the death of Officer Mitch Prince. He is being held without bail in the Brunswick County jail.

His father, Darrell E. Maness, is serving a life sentence in Caledonia Correctional Institution in Tillery for killing a retired police officer who was working as a security guard at an Eckerd drugstore in 1986.

"I don't know that the son really knew his dad, [with] the boy being 19," said Boiling Spring Lakes Police Chief Richard White.

"The father has been in prison since 1987."

Prince, 36, was shot three times and killed during a traffic stop early Tuesday in eastern Brunswick County. He was found dead at the scene about 1:20 a.m. by a Southport police officer arriving to back up Prince. Officials said Prince was shot with his own gun, a .40-caliber Glock.

Prince reportedly had stopped Maness on suspicion of driving while impaired. Maness was found hiding under a mobile home near Oak Island.

#### NC board fails to protect mobile home deposits

RALEIGH, NC - The state board that regulates the mobile home industry rejected a proposal aimed at ensuring that homebuyers don't lose their deposits when a dealer goes out of business.

Tuesday's decision means the Manufactured Housing Board has not complied with a law approved by the General Assembly 17 months ago. The legislature called for protecting deposits when it passed a collection of consumer protections for mobile home buyers in 2003.

More than a million NC residents live in mobile homes. Legislators agreed that reforms were needed to make the homes a

better investment and to shield buyers from dishonest dealers.

The housing board on Tuesday rejected a system of escrow accounts proposed by consumer advocates, who argued that requiring dealers to place deposits in separate accounts would prevent the money from getting lost in a bankruptcy.

Six of the nine members on the housing board represent the industry, which argues that escrow accounts would be cumbersome and unnecessary. The board's two public representatives voted in favor of the escrow accounts.

No customers have lost deposit money they were entitled to in the past year, said Frank Gray, an attorney for a manufactured housing trade group in Raleigh. "It is not necessary to impose an escrow system on an entire industry when there is no problem."

Housing advocates say that consumers have lost deposits in the past and that a large bankruptcy could bring more losses.

Besides, they say the General Assembly didn't give the housing board a choice.

### National

#### Bush calls for national healing

WASHINGTON - President Bush is calling for national healing after last year's bitterly divisive election, while devoting parts of his inauguration week to core Republican supporters - the big donors who helped finance the festivities.

Bush said Tuesday his second inauguration should serve as inspiration to fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The inauguration of a president is a great moment in the life of our country," Bush said in a speech to thousands of military personnel and supporters at a sports arena.

"With an election behind us, the American people come together in unity to celebrate our freedom," Bush said.

"A presidential inauguration is a testament to the power of democracy, a symbol of our confidence in the popular will and a sign of hope for freedom-loving people everywhere." As he did the day before, Bush on Wednesday was shuttling between private events for supporters and big, semipublic celebrations

marking his inauguration.

The president and first lady Laura Bush were beginning the day with a tour of the National Archives. White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the Bushes would be viewing important historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and George Washington's first inaugural address. "A Celebration of Freedom," complete with musical performances and fireworks, was scheduled for dusk on the Ellipse south of the White House. Bush's schedule was ending late Wednesday night with the first of the week's inaugural galas, the Texas State Society's Black Tie and Boots Ball.

#### Study finds many elderly gamblers bet more than should

PHILADELPHIA - Problem gamblers who are on fixed incomes often end up in greater peril than younger people who have more years of working to straighten out their debts, said Dr. David Oslin, senior author of the study in the current edition of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.

Of the 843 senior citizens interviewed by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and the Penn State College of Medicine, nearly 70 percent said they gambled at least once in the past year.

Of that number, nearly 11 percent fit the researchers' criteria of "at-risk" gamblers - reporting that they plunked down more than \$100 in a single bet, gambled more than they could afford to lose, or both.

"These seniors who are at risk may not be ready for Gamblers Anonymous, but many of them don't have a lot of money and spending on gambling could mean that they won't have anything left to buy medicines," Oslin said Tuesday.

The researchers gave questionnaires to a random group of patients, age 65 and older, at several primary care clinics. The most popular choices for those who specified a gambling preference were lotteries, playing on gambling machines and going to casinos.

The results suggest older women are just as likely as men to gamble and develop gambling problems. However, it also indicates that those defined as at-risk gamblers were

more likely to be minorities, binge drinkers, or suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder - and they may be less likely to seek help.

### World

#### Blair condemns Iraq prisoner abuse

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday the military would not tolerate any abuse of Iraqi prisoners as new graphic photos depicting alleged mistreatment of detainees blared across the front pages of British newspapers.

The photos emerged during the courts martial of three British soldiers charged with abusing prisoners. Some of the pictures show a bound Iraqi being dangled over a loading dock by a forklift and two Iraqis stripped and forced to simulate sexual acts together.

"Everyone finds those photographs shocking and appalling and there are simply no other words to describe them," said Blair.

"The vast majority of those 65,000 British soldiers who have served in Iraq have done so with distinction, with courage and with great honor to this country. Whilst we express, in a unified way I know, our disgust at those pictures, I hope we do not allow that to tarnish the good name fully deserved of our British armed forces."

Newspapers on Wednesday raised concerns that the photos could be as damaging as the graphic images of mistreatment of detainees by U.S. forces at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad. Charles Kennedy, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats, said the photos were "liable to increase the difficulties and dangers for our existing troops, our good and honorable troops, within Iraq."

The photos were released by the military court at a British base in Osnabrueck, Germany where the three soldiers are on trial. The alleged mistreatment happened as British soldiers sought to re-establish order amid rampant looting in southern Iraq in spring 2003 after the U.S.-led invasion.

#### Palestinians promise action against militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - The top Palestinian security commander said Wednesday he will deploy forces

on the border with Israel to prevent attacks, the first concrete step to rein in militants since Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas took office over the weekend.

The order came a day after a Hamas suicide bombing disrupted fledgling efforts by Abbas to coax militants into halting their attacks. Abbas, who is under tremendous pressure from Israel to take action, was meeting with leaders of armed groups in Gaza on Wednesday to negotiate a truce.

Shortly after the announcement of the troop deployment, however, militants fired a missile at an Israeli military vehicle near the border, wounding two soldiers.

The Hamas suicide bombing and the missile attack clouded Abbas' prospects. An agent of Israel's Shin Bet security service died in the bombing, and eight soldiers and agents were wounded.

The latest violence appears to be an attempt by the militants to increase their leverage.

Abbas met with his security advisers and commanders in an emergency session after the bombing and later with leaders of the two Islamic groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Lt. Gen. Abdel Razeq Majaide, the top Palestinian commander in Gaza and the West Bank, said Wednesday that Palestinian forces would soon be deployed near the border with Israel.

"Preparations are under way to deploy Palestinian national security soldiers along the borders to stop any sort of violations," Majaide said in a radio interview. Palestinian militants near the Gaza-Israel border frequently launch rockets into southern Israel.

Palestinian forces were last deployed along the Israeli-Gaza border during a two-month cease-fire that Abbas, who was then prime minister, negotiated with the militants in 2003.

The Palestinian forces, however, have been greatly reduced by more than four years of fighting with Israel and security officials say they will not be able to be deployed in the area without an Israeli agreement not to target the troops.

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humanitarian organization, to represent ECU and Greenville.

Thomas Goldberg, sophomore business major, said he is very proud of the SGA for taking an initiative.

"What happened in South Asia and parts of Africa is horrible - the number of people that have been affected by this event is beyond words," said Goldberg.

"I'm just glad ECU is contributing to the relief."

In a letter to all organizations, O'Donnell called upon everyone to remember ECU's motto, "serve," which means, "to serve."

Students interested in donating can contact participating campus organizations or give directly to the SGA in the Mendenhall Student Center.

Donations are being collected from now until the end of January.

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recently. Attention is still needed in Florida, where places remain devastated after being hit by four hurricanes last summer. Moreover, there is a large cry for help in California in the wake of deadly mudslides in La Conchita.

Lee said there is also a need for people in the Greenville community to give attention to those affected by fires or floods all the time.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, the relief effort is being broken into a four-step immediate response phase and a two-step, long-term response phase. The goals of the immediate response phase are food distribution, emergency water and sanitation, vaccination and healthcare and relief supplies. The long-term goals are preventing diseases and taking preventative measures to reduce loss of life.

The most difficult thing for them right now is recognizing the immediate needs of disaster-ridden areas.

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## Flood speaks on racial issues



Dudley Flood speaks to the students about resegregation.

### Speaker discusses problems with resegregation

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Dudley Flood, associated superintendent for Department of Public Instruction, director of human resources and retired superintendent from Raleigh, spoke to ECU students and faculty about the dangers of resegregation on Wednesday.

Flood spoke about the history of desegregation with the key court cases that helped change the laws of segregation in America.

The topic is of great importance to the ECU community because the eastern part of North Carolina has a high percentage of African Americans.

He brought up an important point that schools are not for the good of the individual but for the benefit of the people, indicating how detrimental resegregation can be to the school systems.

When asked if resegregation was an issue at ECU, Grobe felt that it wasn't.

"Coming from the faculty, we're pretty integrated," said Flood.

Flood spoke about the different programs that helped bring students who were allowed to go to schools outside out of their districts in order to get a better education, similar to the "No Child Left Behind" program initiated by President Bush.

However, Flood indicated the

problem that would occur would be the bus system would not pick up students who lived five or six miles outside the school's range or parents in the district would become angry that students outside would take the place of their children.

The problem of resegregation doesn't just stop at getting students to the right schools, but also with the children at school, amongst their peers.

When asked by a student how to desegregate children who tend to congregate with their own race or ethnicities, he suggested to start with parents and faculty.

"Students will do anything that the parents, adults celebrate. The cure is not with the children. When we as adults say respect each other, the children will follow. This generation is our salvation," Flood said.

Flood spoke about how thankful he was that none of the students present could not comprehend the fact there were laws that barred anyone other than white in the front of an auditorium, sit in a restaurant or get a room at hotels.

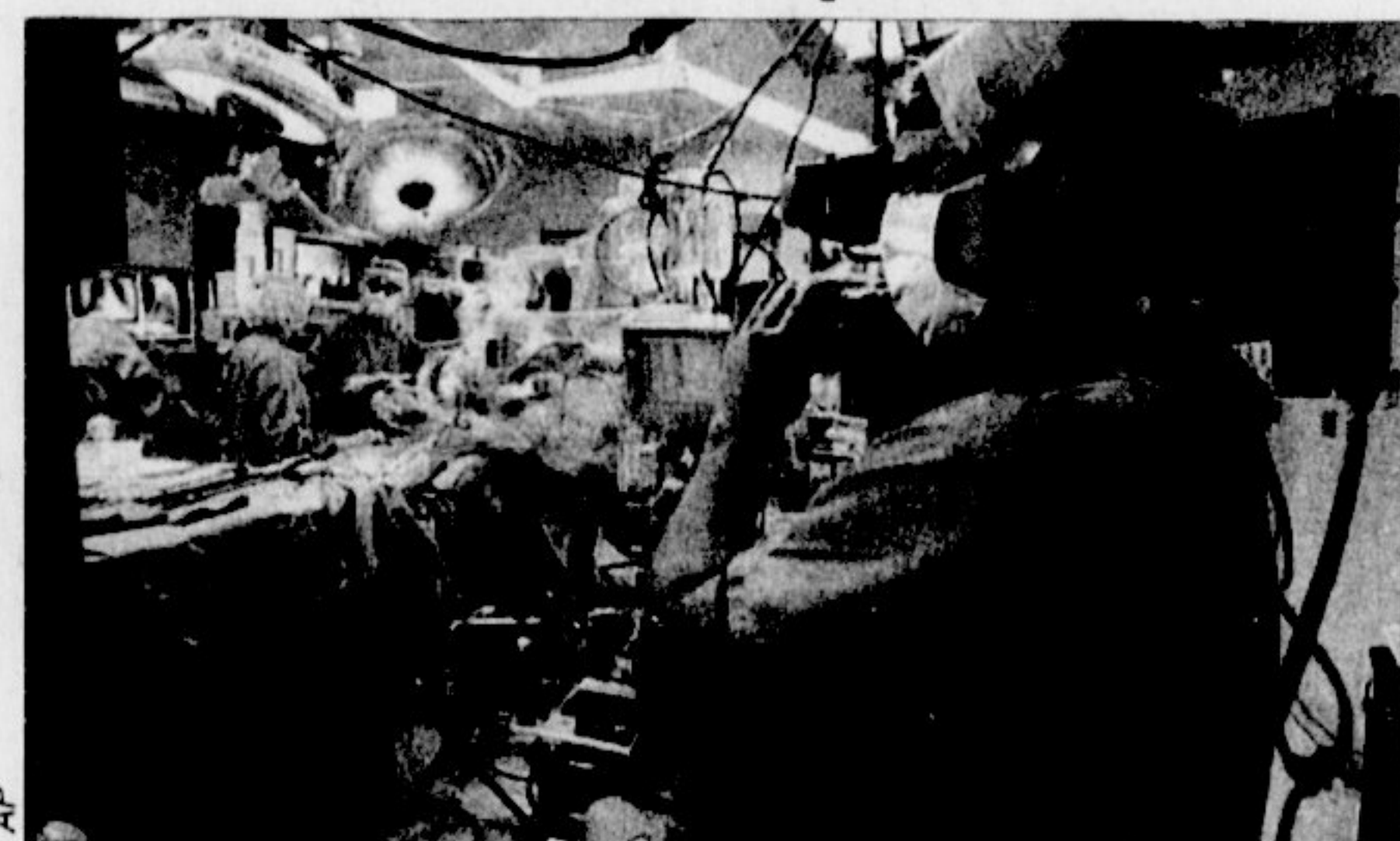
He expressed gratitude that today's generation would never have to endure reading signs that said "whites only."

Resegregation is where people make a voluntary move of selecting the people they associate themselves with based on similar cultures, ethnicity or race.

Flood has had 30 years of experience in desegregation of North Carolina schools.

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## Brody surgeon performs online heart operation



Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood and his surgical team perform a mitral valve repair using robotic technology for a live Internet broadcast at Pitt County Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

## Medic returns from Iraq, pays thanks to professors



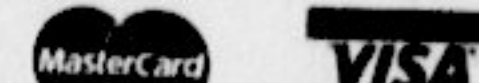
Dave Cowan, far right, spent the fall semester in Iraq serving as a medic while taking online courses from ECU, came to Greenville to thank his professors.

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## Van donated to ECU Volunteer Center

*Foreseen to increase, improve center's service*

GINGER VEREEN  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Volunteer and Service Learning Center has recently received a donated Pontiac Montana van to aid them in transportation to their various activities and events.

The Brown and Wood car dealership in Greenville and Judy Baker, former director of ECU's Volunteer Center, made the donation possible.

"This van has opened up a whole new avenue for us," said Jason Denius, director of the volunteer center.

"We are now beginning to think about what new projects we can begin. We will definitely be putting some miles on this van."

The van will also allow safer and more convenient travel for students. Instead of taking two or three cars to a location, one van can be taken.

Since the center volunteers in four different counties in the area, the van will be an asset when transferring multiple students to each volunteer effort.

Baker has played an avid role in the center since its establishment in 1990. She was the director of the center for 13 years before she recently retired. Baker's goal before she retired was to get a vehicle donated to the center. She contributed some of her own money to help purchase

the van since she believed the center had played a very positive role in her life along with ECU and the community.

Baker began the center when she was a Health 1000 teacher. The center promotes volunteerism, service-learning and civic responsibility. The program has undergone much expansion since it was founded.

"Then, there were no volunteers and eight agencies where we volunteered. Now there are more than 8,000 volunteers, 126 agencies and 100,000 hours have been volunteered," said Baker.

Since Baker's retirement, Denius has become the director of the center. He began his internship at the center in the fall of 1999. He earned a part-time position in the spring of 2000.

"ECU's motto is to serve," Denius said.

"This is why I find it very important to have the volunteer center and give students a chance to live out that motto.

"By the advertisement, the community as a whole can look at us and say ECU is really making a positive difference in the community."

Denius said the center is very appreciative of this generous donation.

"We can not thank Brown and Wood or Mrs. Baker enough for their generous contribution," Denius said.

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6:00-7:00PM, BREWSTER B 102  
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**TUESDAY / JANUARY 25**  
3:00-4:30PM, MENDENHALL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
-Come hear from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as they share about both Medical and Dental schools as well as their admissions process

4:30-5:30PM, MENDENHALL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
-The Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine will be here to share about their Medical school as well as the admissions process

**WEDNESDAY / JANUARY 26**  
3:00-4:30PM, MENDENHALL, GREAT ROOM #3  
-The Uniformed Services University will be here to share about their Medical school as well as the admissions process

4:30-5:30, MENDENHALL, GREAT ROOM #3  
-Come learn about medical school scholarships offered through the U.S. Military. Sgt. 1st Class Arthur Sweeney will be here to share more about these opportunities.

**THURSDAY / JANUARY 27**  
4:00-5:30PM, BATE BUILDING, ROOM 1028  
-Medical students from the Brody School of Medicine will be here to share first hand experiences of being in medical school. The panel will consists of medical students from the 1st year to the 4th year. The Brody School of Medicine will be offering medical school mock interviews, sign-up sheets will be available for students Thursday and Friday!

5:45-7:00PM, BATE BUILDING, ROOM 1028  
-Join the Brody School of medicine as they share about their medical school as well as the admissions process

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## Our View

### Tsunami tragedy brings unwarranted actions

As our front page can attest to, communities everywhere are joining efforts to help those affected by the recent tsunami. It is a wonderful thing to see so many Americans, especially members of the ECU community, donate time and money to the people who have lost everything in the wake of the tsunami that hit Asia.

The idea that we can help people who may not be like ourselves is heartwarming. This heartfelt effort is also a great shot in the arm of the United States' public relations.

However, not everyone is so generous in the wake of such a devastating tragedy - many have made unwise decisions.

According to Reuters news service, a computer virus posing as an e-mail asking for aid to help tsunami victims has been circulating en masse.

The worm virus appears on a user's computer with a subject line of 'Tsunami donation! Please help!' If the recipient opens an attachment called "tsunami.exe" the virus will forward to everyone in that user's address book.

Another problem in the tsunami aftermath is getting aid to every single area affected. According to the Associated Free Press, the head of the United Nations operations in Aceh, Joel Boutroue, had "imposed a 24-hour ban Monday on UN aid workers traveling between the provincial capital Banda Aceh and the North Sumatran capital of Medan." The ban was imposed after reports surfaced of fights breaking out between insurgents and Indonesian government forces.

Boutroue has since lifted the ban, however TEC can't help but express our concern for the residents in those areas who were denied help from the UN - even for a period as brief as 24 hours. Although the UN was right to worry about the safety of Aceh residents, getting aid to those in need should be their first concern.

TEC encourages our readers to get involved with the tsunami relief efforts, whether it be through a national organization, a campus organization or just a simple donation out of your pocket.

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## Opinion Columnist

### My personal pleas to President Bush

Inauguration poses more questions than answers

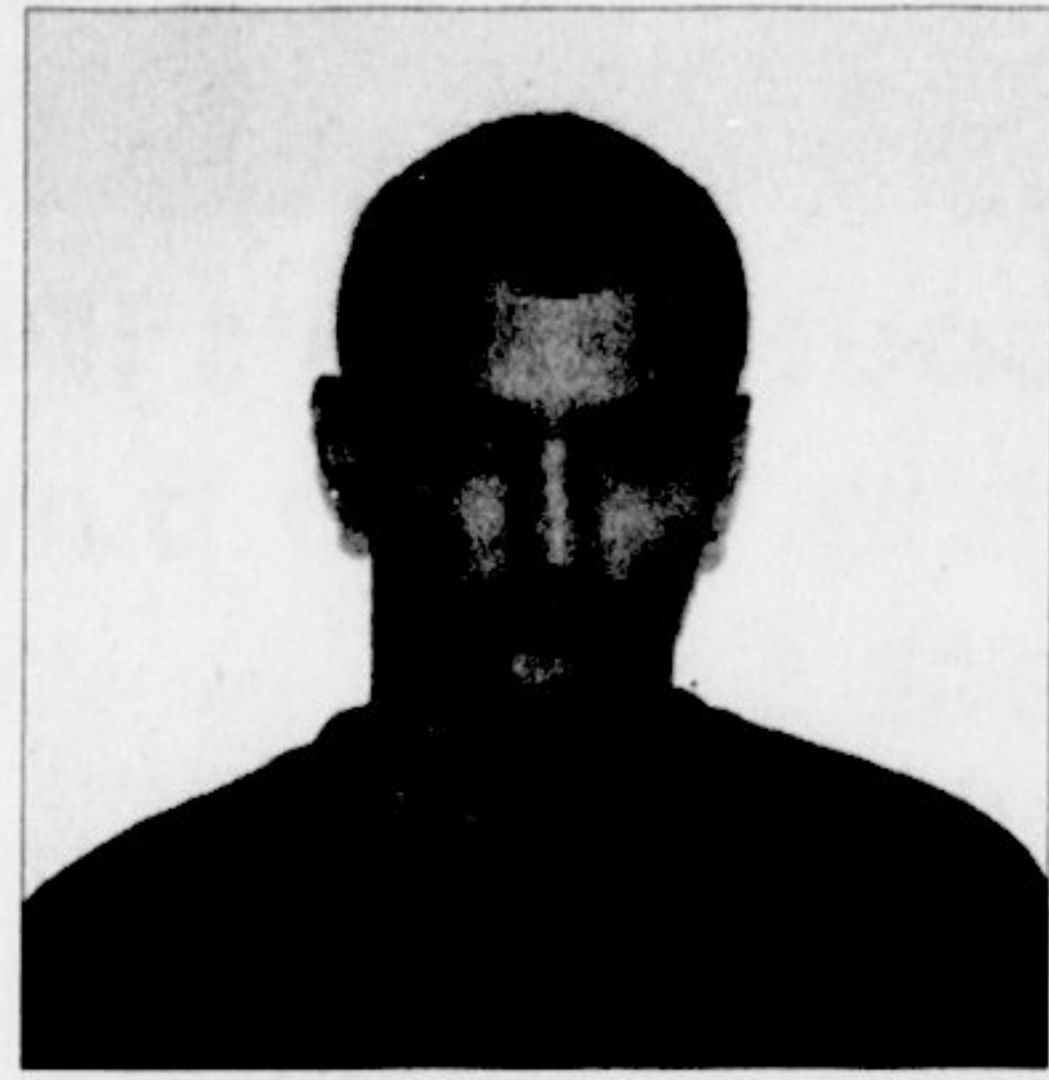
PETER KALAJIAN  
LIBERAL EXTRAORDINAIRE

At the same time that President George W. Bush is frolicking in the limelight of Election Day victory and spending millions of taxpayer dollars on his second presidential inauguration, chaos will be engulfing Iraq.

With the first national elections in Iraq in more than 30 years looming on the horizon, the presidential inauguration takes on a new significance. I have already been extended invitations by two individuals planning to join the tens of thousands of protesters readying themselves for a siege of the inaugural brouhaha, but unfortunately, my attentions will be elsewhere. My amazing girlfriend will be turning 23 on that very day, so for once my focus will be away from the glaring contradictions and doubletalk of national politics and attending to more pressing matters.

In the hopes of dodging the unimaginable, yet unavoidable, political stumbling of the upcoming Bush administration, I would offer my pleas to the president (should he, by some fluke of coincidence, or gift of destiny have the privilege of reading these words):

Mr. President, I implore you, in your infinite wisdom, please re-evaluate the situation in Iraq. Before you know it, it could turn into the worst military



and political quagmire since Vietnam, and as Iraq descends past the first circle of hell, so shall your beleaguered administration find itself struggling for breath.

As the majority of active Army Reserve units in Iraq begin to reach the legal ends of their enlisted terms of service, our military apparatus could soon be struggling to maintain personnel levels, therefore endangering more than just the war effort, but whatever support still exists for you at home. And on that note, Mr. President, I would offer my personal warnings against even the idea of a new draft. Naturally, you have offered your assurances to the American people that our armed forces would remain a purely volunteer entity, time and time again. But, unfortunately, history has proven the long-term livability of political promises to be about as reliable as national campaigns are long.

As a young man who would more

than likely be called up for service, and an unabashed critic of many U.S. government policies, in particular those relating to wartime strategy, I predict the backlash would be something perhaps even the George W. Bush political juggernaut could not contain.

Memories of Vietnam and naive, fresh-faced young American boys being shipped home in wooden boxes are still fresh in the national conscience. Keeping the promise of "no new draft" should certainly be one of your new administrations prime directives.

As for the nation, Mr. President, you are one of the most hated and most loved, presidents of the 20th century, so take care in your demeanor. You represent all of us, even those visionary 48 percent who chose not to cast their votes in your favor, so remember that Christian fundamentalism and educational repression do not sit well with a great many Americans. Maybe the next four years can work to improve the tarnished image of Americans around the world. This is my sincere hope and deepest wish.

I would end my correspondence with a quote - "He who extends the invitation of peace and strikes with the force of wisdom shall forever be heralded. Yet, whosoever should poison the well of brotherhood and laugh in the face of reason will for all time be recalled as a tyrant" - Anonymous.

P.S. Feliz Cumpleanos, Tulipan. Te quiero mucho.

## In My Opinion

### Emergency contraception should be over-the-counter

FDA regulation could reduce high abortion rate

JOHN BREAM  
SENIOR WRITER

As early as this week, the Food and Drug Administration will hand down a decision on whether or not emergency contraception, often deemed "the morning after pill" or "Plan-B," should become available as an over-the-counter medication. As a society that is now more than 100 years post-Planned Parenthood, it seems odd that contraceptives aren't available over-the-counter. If not for the ultra-conservative, obscenely moral stance of the Bush administration, such a measure would have been passed the last time this issue arose a few months ago, but yet again, we hold our breath.

Making emergency contraception available over-the-counter is ingenious because it provides a safe alternative to abortion. In fact, the abortion issue is avoided by emergency contraception because implantation into the wall of the uterus never occurs, which is ubiquitously considered to be the beginning of pregnancy among scientists. This occurs because Plan-B

delivers a progesterone-inhibiting hormone, which prevents the uterine wall from attaining the capacity to house an embryo up to 72 hours post-coitus. Allowing Plan-B to be sold over-the-counter would help to significantly reduce the 1.3 million abortions that occur in the United States per year and provide a safer, cheaper alternative than a trip to an abortion clinic. Of these abortions, 46 percent happen because females do not use contraceptives and 16 percent transpire because contraceptives fail. Based on these statistics, which can be found on most reputable medical Web sites, allowing over-the-counter sales could potentially half the number of abortions that are carried out in the United States each year.

Opponents of introducing Plan-B as an over-the-counter drug cite two main reasons: the promulgation of risky sexual practices and potentially dangerous side effects. The first argument is significantly more puissant than the first - given its safety record, if Plan-B were able to prevent heart attacks or cancer, it would have been approved long ago. Safety is clearly not a pressing issue. What worries the groups who lobby against making emergency contraception readily avail-

able is that girls will begin engaging in sexual activity without using condoms because having Plan-B available at the nearest drug store will provide a safety valve for risky sexual behavior. The newest proposal before the FDA would require females below the age of 16 to have a prescription for Plan-B.

Luckily for ECU students, Student Health Services provides emergency contraception. Some females end up pregnant because they cannot find a physician who is willing to prescribe emergency contraception or cannot make an appointment within 72 hours of having sex. This problem is prevalent in rural areas and would be eradicated by a reversal of the FDA's previous stance.

What is clear is that people are not going to quit having sex, regardless of the possibility of pregnancy - no preventative method aside from abstinence - is foolproof. Birth control is 97 percent effective, condoms are 95 percent effective and coitus interruptus and spermicides have much lower success rates. All we can hope for is the FDA finally opts to protect females and lower the risk of pregnancy instead of bowing to the political pressure of Bush's misguided, egregious "moral diplomacy."

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Tony McKee is full of something. I had hoped the New Year would bring a halt to the spittle-flecked ranting and disinformation in the pages of TEC from the paper's resident right-wing loon, Mr. McKee, but no such luck.

While Mr. McKee's cheap Rush Limbaugh imitation is at times amusing and invariably ill-supported, he scaled new heights and deposited one of his smelliest loads of hyperbole (or was that horse manure) yet on the TEC editorial page in his Jan. 11 column ["Break provides many possible topics"].

In his column, McKee complains about the "media's blatant hypocrisy" of showing footage from the recent tsunami disaster and then turns around and tells an outright lie when he says the "same media refused to show images of the planes hitting the World Trade Center" or "of the towers coming down because the 'images were too disturbing'."

My question to Mr. McKee is what rock was he hiding under on Sept. 11, 2001? I clearly recall seeing the images he says were missing on multiple networks on Sept. 11, complete with the poor souls trapped in the WTC leaping

to their death to escape the flames. The images he claims were not broadcast were shown dozens of times for days on end after Sept. 11 as well.

No matter, I'm sure McKee will do what right-wing media loons such as Limbaugh, Hannity, O'Reilly and their ilk do best - dissembling, lying and revising history - since they are not members of the reality-based world.

Good work, Mr. McKee. You would have made Joseph Goebbels proud.  
Bill Proctor  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
ECU Department of Biology

## Pirate Rant

Is there a reason why everyone picked the Colts over the defending champs this past weekend? Hmmm, Tom Brady is 6-0 in the playoffs and the Colts haven't won in Foxboro yet. I guess that "unstoppable" offense was stoppable after all. Never pick against the champs.

Professor speak: "I want you to find the answers on your own." True meaning: "There are many wrong answers and no right ones."

The iMac is the most useless piece of garbage ever created.

What do you call it when a football player gets kicked out of ECU? Progress.

I was waiting in line at the DMV and overheard a girl talking about how she failed the written driving exam twice because it is so hard. I hope I'm never sharing the road with that airhead.

I love hearing a girl just after coming off a breakup saying that all she wants is a "nice guy." Because by time she is ready to get into a new relationship, she's looking for the same kind of creep she was with before.

If this school will spend \$60 million on a science and technology building to cater to only some of ECU's students, why can't it spend \$7 million on a parking deck to cater to all of ECU's students?

Fraternity rush is this week. Become a part of Greek life.

Memo to Lakers: You were already screwed even with Kobe Bryant leading the team. Now with him out, you're double screwed. But who knows, maybe it will give you guys a chance to actually develop some kind of a team concept.

In response to the person who asked who wears shorts and flip flops in January, I'll tell you who - people who noticed it was 70 degrees. I swear people on this campus use a calendar for their weather. Here's an idea, watch the weather. Just because it's January doesn't mean it's cold.

I don't care what other people say or think about my clothes. I'll wear what I want to. Why do you care?

Why is it that I haul my butt all the way across campus to make it to class on time and sit there waiting for 10 minutes for the teacher to show up? Then when a student is late they get chewed out?

Hey friend, let's stop and converse in the middle of the sidewalk. We are far more important than the 80 people we're blocking.

I hate popup ads. Click click click that dang 'ol "X." OK, this machine is out the window.

I hate pennies, they're useless. Why can we just round things to the nickel?

It's annoying that the last two Thursdays I've been to El Rancho, there has been no mariachi band, despite having it on their billboard for the past three months.

The Polar Bear Plunge is the silliest idea I've ever heard of. Sure, jumping into an outdoor pool in the snow sounds like an ingenious concept. Instead of giving out free T-shirts, they should give out free towels.

What sense does it make to assign me a six-page paper on a piece of software before I've even got a chance to use it? Don't you think I should learn how to use it first?

It would have been nice to know I could receive a ticket for failing to get in the left-hand lane when a cop has someone pulled on the shoulder (way off of the road, might I add). I never learned that law in driver's education. A written warning would have sufficed, but no, I now have to pay \$125.

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## Announcements:

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.

**SALSA DANCE!** Friday, Jan. 21 at the Willis Building. Lessons will be from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. and the dance will be from 8:30 - 1 p.m. Admission for students is \$3.

Pastor Maxx Flymm invites you to a Holy Spirit Anointing Seminar with author Albert Gengenbach, at Radiant Life Church in Greenville. Times are Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information call 355-2888.

Gamma Chi Epsilon sorority Spring 2005 recruitment will be Jan. 18 - 20 at 7 p.m. in 1013 Bate. "Where every sister knows your name." For more information, call 757-672-7947.

Anyone interested in the Equestrian Club, contact Courtney Quinn at cdq0525@mail.ecu.edu. This club utilizes Hunt Seat Horseback Riding, all levels are welcome to join.

## Local concerts:

Letter Kills featuring Stutterfly will perform Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at Cats Cradle in Carrboro. Tickets are \$8.

Rascal Flatts featuring Blake Shelton will be together on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Colonial Center in Columbia, SC. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Josh Groban featuring Chris Botti will be at the RBC Center in Raleigh on Friday, Feb. 4.

Bright Eyes at BTI Center Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Monday, Jan. 31. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 - 20.

Chingy will be at The House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. No cameras allowed. Tickets are \$17.50.

Ryan Cabrera will be performing at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$17.50.

## Names in the news:

There's nothing like kids to bring out the best in human beings. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the life of Courtney Love. This week the hopelessly errant rocker regained custody of her daughter, Frances Bean Cobain, 12, after losing it in 2003, when she was busted for allegedly trying to break into an ex-boyfriend's house while high on narcotic painkillers.

Platinum-tressed dream girl Gwen Stefani is missing a dress. Well, actually, the Fullerton Museum Center in California is missing the red vinyl dress Stefani wore on the cover of *Tragic Kingdom*, the first album by her band, No Doubt. The dress was part of an exhibit on the history of rock music in Orange County. The exhibit's curator, Jim Washburn, said the dress could be worth \$5,000. Prime suspects reportedly are two backpack-carrying young women seen acting fishy at the show.

When it comes to awards, nothing comes close to Blackwell's list of the worst dressed of the year. It's a list celebrities would kill to stay off. The top honors for 2004's "mind-boggling mix of The Bad, The Sad and The Downright Ugly," go to: Nicolle Sheridan of "Desperate Housewives." Close in second place is everyone's favorite walking teenage nervous breakdown, Lindsay Lohan, who is "over-hyped and under-dressed." Rounding out the top three is a two-way tie between sisters Jessica and Ashlee Simpson: "these two prove that bad taste is positively genetic."

Nas, 31, is making gossipers the world over scratch their heads in bewilderment: the rapper married fellow hip-hopper and one-named individual, Kelis, 24, leading some to ask what their married name will be.

# NORTH vs. SOUTH

## Where do you stand?

## Southern Living

A southerner's perspective on historical events

TREVOR WORDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Ahh, the South, where everything is slower, people are friendlier and most people have a nice drawl in their tone. It's in this setting that many of you have grown up, or call home. It is these common traits, found south of the Mason-Dixon Line, that have withstood an ever-changing society. Despite advances in technology, the streamlining of America and the invasion of so many unwanted northerners, a lot of the south has still been able to maintain its small town-simple living vibe of which it is trademarked. But when did the change begin? When did these simple citizens give up so many of the simple pleasures and freedoms that they once knew?

In the beginning, as every good story begins, there were simple people, living simple lives, who banded together for the fight of state's rights. These people felt their rights had been infringed upon, because they were being told what they could and could not do. They were also being told who could and could not work for them. These simple people made their money and their food in their own back yards. Through cotton, tobacco or other crops these people provided for their families and their communities.

It was when the national government began mandating rules and rhetoric to these southerners that communities and states banded together to make a separate rule of government. They seceded from the United States of America.

It is important to note the rules the national government imposed upon southern citizens were unfounded and impossible. The South owned workers and so did the North. The North had factories and alternative ways to earn their money and therefore needed fewer slaves than the South. The South was not as fortunate to have these factories and agriculture was the only way to earn money, so more laborers were needed to complete tasks. So, the southern people bought others, to help with the work at hand, as was the custom. When the national government saw the South owned more people than the North, they felt as if they should put mandates on their commerce of buying workers. It's also important to note only 5 percent of southern people owned workers.

The government regulated and argued, but the

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## Northern Exposure

How the region helped shape the changing nation

GARY MCCABE  
STAFF WRITER

The North. Even today there are people in the Greenville area and in the South in general who say these two words with a hint of indignation or bitterness in their voice. Gary Edwards, a sophomore at ECU tried explaining why he believes there is underlying tension in their words.

"Northerners carry themselves differently and have a different demeanor than someone from North Carolina or Georgia," said Edwards.

"Maybe that's what puts off some people from this area."

The difference between people in the South and in the North became crystal clear following the 2004 presidential election. Democrat John Kerry carried traditional northern states, including New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts by large margins while President George Bush did the same carrying each and every southern state in the union including North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. So at a time when the nation is polarized to a degree unseen for decades, it is time for the factions in America to put their differences aside and begin to appreciate what each one brings to the table.

The tension between the two portions of the country ultimately stems from the differences in one key category: their economies. The South developed a strong agrarian economy over the past few hundred years, relying on certain cash crops such as tobacco and cotton. The North, however, diversified and incorporated shipping and manufacturing with their agriculture. Therefore, the landscape of the North and South are different from each other. The South is made of lush, beautiful farmland with a few large cities while the north is highly urbanized.

With more capacity to hold people, the North did just that. With more people come new ideas and different beliefs, opening the population's mind. This diversity had a variety of side effects, but two major ones. First, a premium was put on education in the area. The University of Pennsylvania, America's first university, opened in 1751 in

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# Not quite North or South

What the middle states think

TOMEKA STEELE  
SENIOR WRITER

Maryland, D.C., Virginia: one thing all these places have in common is they're not quite considered the North or the South. So what is it that they think about both? Here at ECU there are tons of people from these states who can answer that question.

For those who don't know much about the Civil War here's a quick overview. Back in the day the northern states and the south-

ern states were divided. The North formed the Union and the South formed the Confederate army.

The Confederates supported slavery, made their living from farms and plantations and wanted to lower taxes on goods. The Union was opposed to slavery, made their living from factories and trade and wanted higher taxes on European goods so southerners would buy northern products.

The Confederacy was made up of states from Virginia and below and the Union was made up of all states north of Virginia. Since the Civil War there has always been that separation of so-called Yankees and slow southerners.

"I am originally from Pennsylvania but I now live in Maryland. I like the North because people from the North have a better advantage than people from the South. We get the latest fashions first, we hear the news, albums and music first and everything just moves at a faster pace," said Tierra Kelly, junior business management major.

As far as fashion goes, everyone knows New York is the fashion capital of America. With many of the top designers based out of the North they do indeed get much of the hottest clothes before shipping begins to other states.

Another factor that distinguishes the North and South

is the cost of living, minimum wage and the difficulty of getting into a good northern college. It is this reason that many northerners go to school in the south.

"It's extremely hard to get into the top schools in the North such as Columbia University or the University of Maryland. It's hard because so many people from all over are trying to get into those schools. But down here in the South it's easy to get accepted to almost any school," said Simone Baptiste, junior speech language pathology major.

For a lot of students who come from the semi-north to ECU it can be life altering. Many students

come to the South and find that it isn't as bad as they thought it would be. Some like it in the South.

"I am from the Maryland area and being a city girl coming to the South was a big culture shock. However, I do enjoy the South and plan on spending the rest of my life here, to my surprise. The people in the South are way friendlier than northerners. The only thing that I don't like and can't really get used to is how slow and country everything is, but I absolutely love southern men," said Sarah Berluche, junior criminal justice major.

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## Mendenhall Student Center provides entertainment



Student Union provides activities for financially challenged students.

Campus good times for low price

KYLE BILLINGS  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone looking for on-campus date ideas with someone special?

You and friends looking for a fun new way to enjoy the evening? And if your pocketbook is getting thin, look no further than ECU's own Mendenhall Student Center. MSC continues to serve ECU students as an escape from the daily grind that is the world of academia. With little doubt MSC has an outlet

for every type and this semester's rotation looks promising.

Recently on my way to do research for this article, I noticed a huge line extending far outside of MSC. A collective hazy cloud could be seen from a distance, the icy breaths of hundreds of people waiting in the cold. The excited anticipation was for Bingo Night, a monthly event where more than \$500 in prizes are given out every first Thursday. Bingo is just one of the many events the Student Union hosts.

Perhaps the biggest attractions for students are the A-list movies presented at MSC. Hendrix Theatre provides showings of the films released in the past few months ... free. Such a price tag allows anyone with a valid ECU ID to see new movies this semester such as *Kay*, Quentin Tarantino's *Hero* and the director's cut of cult classic *Donnie Darko*.

Another magnet to MSC is

the Pirate Underground. At first glance this place is impressive, with pool tables, ping pong tables, arcade games and foosball to engage one's competitive nature. However, even at first glance the depth of Pirate Underground is not fully conceptualized. Doves of people crowd the interior for the latest bands that you have yet to hear on the radio. Pirate Underground plays host to numerous bands throughout the year. Also, Open Mic nights showcase our talent here on campus. Check out The Hotness and Idea of Beauty at your new favorite hangout spot, Pirate Underground, this Thursday, Jan. 20 at 9 p.m.

Bowling anyone? MSC can whet your bowling appetite at Outer Limitz. Regular price is \$2 a person per game, and \$.50 for shoe rental. From 1 - 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and

Fridays, games are only \$1. Sundays during the same time, each game is dropped down to the very economical price of \$.50.

So check out this potential date situation: You start the evening out by taking your special someone to a romantic MSC dinner. Afterward, melt any remaining ice with an exciting game or two of Outer Limitz bowling. Next swoon the audience (and that special someone) with a personal song that you wrote, and perform in front of a welcoming crowd at Pirate Underground during Open Mic Night. Java City is there to provide a caffeine fix to keep the momentum going, and from there you and your date sip vanilla lattes as you finalize your evening with a showing of *The Grudge* (scary movies = good, as girls always

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Philadelphia. The university is one of the seven Ivy League colleges, all of which are located in the northeastern states and are universally considered to be the most prestigious and respected schools in the country.

Big northern cities attracted great thinkers like Thomas Paine, the Marquis de Lafayette and Alexander Hamilton who was born in the British West Indies and immigrated to Boston as a teenager. The North also gave birth to great minds. In the 1700s alone, the North produced John Adams, Daniel Webster, John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin, America's foremost renaissance man. In his remarkable life, Franklin ran a successful print shop, made incredible discoveries on the subject of electricity, invented bifocals, signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and as a diplomat, won the support of France which was key to the winning of America's independence.

America's independence is the other side effect of the North's urbanization. With the new ideas and thoughts moving through the large northern cities such as Boston, New York City

and Philadelphia, great patriots like Sam Adams, Paul Revere and the Sons of Liberty found that a life of subservience to English rule no longer suited them. Open rebellion broke out in these cities with boycotts of British goods and acts of both defiance and violence. It was in the North where the ideas of a revolution were formed and it was in the North that the ideas turned into action, ultimately leading to an unprecedented victory for the now independent country.

Both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America were drafted and signed in Philadelphia and the nation's capital was originally located in New York City, which was moved temporarily to Philadelphia before finally ending up in Washington, D.C. Throughout the years, the North would continue to be at the forefront in matters concerning the country. Currently, New York City is widely known as the economic, intellectual and social capital of the country. The vast diversity is what continues to push the area to continued prosperity. Their prosperity is undeniable.

Morgan Quinto Press released a list of the most livable states in America in order, using 44 categories to determine the best states in which to live. Four northeastern states crack the top 10 with New Hampshire topping the list. In another list released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis calculating the per capita personal income by state, all but one of the 10 northern states surpasses the national average. The top 10 states are comprised of five northern states, which hold the first five spots.

In short, the North is a very successful and interesting portion of America. Every year, people take trips to see the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, the Boston Harbor where the Boston Tea Party took place or the Statue of Liberty in New York City. All these monuments symbolize the grand effect it has had on this country. Whether southerners like people from the North or not, it would be ignorant to disregard their many achievements which have benefited the entire country. So what if it goes to their head occasionally.

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southerners saw through their hypocrisy and decided that succession was the only option. It was then the North declared war. But not only did they declare war, they fought the war down in the South. This ruined the agriculture of the south, which was so heavily depended on by its inhabitants. And when the after effects came, and the North won, the southerners were treated like a conquered country. The people were starved and lived in dire poverty. People who fought in the war were tortured, and life for the South was miserable.

It was in the South's poverty that the northerners found opportunity, and many moved down to discover warmer climates, gorgeous land and cheap prices. The Carpet Baggers took the southerners' land, and destroyed their property. It is for this very reason many south-

erners today look down upon northerners, not because of the war, but because of how cruel the Yankees treated the poor southerners. This is still the practice of today. Sadly, many Yankees still move to the South discovering all of its amenities, which push prices higher and unemployment through the roof.

If you ask a southerner, the war was not about slavery. Slavery alone would have died out on its own. The war was about state's rights, which were denied to simple citizens, and when action was taken they were suppressed. Not only suppressed, the southern people were treated inhumane. Their dignity was lost, their land was taken, their belongings were seized, their towns were left in shambles, their prices were driven higher, increasing their destitution and their anger was roused.

It is because of the actions by those living north of the Mason-Dixon Line that cause so much pain in a southern heart. It is why we cringe when we hear those nasal accents. It is why we mourn to see our land being developed with five story mansions on our beaches on which we used to play, on our mountains where we used to explore or in our forest with its old climbing trees. The cruelty and force from those who called themselves our fellow citizens cannot be erased. Their infamous acts will be passed on from generation to generation, and though some of these Yankees may be our friends, their ancestors' actions will not ... cannot be forgotten.

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When it comes down to it many students don't have a preference for either the North or South. Many think both places have certain positive and negative aspects and that no one is better than the other.

"I don't necessarily think the North is superior to the South or vice versa. Both places have good qualities. The North has really good universities as far as education is concerned. The North is known for all the great places one can shop and is also very rich in diversity because it's just a melting pot of all types of people. The South is a great

area to raise families, have quiet time and enjoy clean air," said Tieren Evans, junior child development and family relations major.

The way the North and South are viewed is pretty much the same for everyone. The North is fast. The South is slow. But still no consensus on one as being the head honcho.

"I moved to the Outer Banks about 10 years ago. Up North, we move a lot faster. I have mixed feelings about which I like better. On one hand, I like New York better because there's always something to do, and you don't have to be too creative to find it. Down South is

better in the sense that the air is cleaner and it's just much more peaceful. You don't have to lock your front door all the time, or your car door in fear that your vehicle will be stolen," said Maureen McNamara, rehabilitation major. It seems living in the North is good for some people and living in the South is good for others—it really just depends what type of person you are. If you can't decide, maybe the middle of the road is the place for you, so there is the best of both worlds.

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## Sports Briefs

## Clemens seeks record deal

Roger Clemens filed for a record \$22 million in salary arbitration on Tuesday, and the Houston Astros offered the seven-time Cy Young Award winner \$13.5 million. The Rocket, who helped lead the Astros within one win of their first World Series appearance, still has not decided whether to pitch this year or retire. Clemens, who wears No. 22, would be playing his 22nd major league season. Until now, the highest figure ever submitted for arbitration was \$18.5 million in 2001 by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, who then agreed to a \$189 million, 10-year deal. The highest salary ever earned by a pitcher in a single season was \$17.5 million, last year by Boston's Pedro Martinez. Clemens, 42, left the Yankees after the 2003 season and intended to retire. But after former teammate Andy Pettitte signed with the Astros, Clemens was persuaded to sign with his hometown club. He took an undermarket deal that guaranteed him \$5 million, of which \$3.5 million was deferred without interest until July 1, 2006. Clemens earned an additional \$1,825,000 in bonuses based on his selection to the NL All-Star team and Houston's home attendance, which was more than 3.3 million, including the postseason. Clemens had a remarkable season, going 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. As he did last winter, he says he is leaning toward retirement but has not ruled out playing.

## Nationals sign Loaiza

Free agent pitcher Esteban Loaiza joined the Washington Nationals on Wednesday, agreeing to a \$2.9 million, one-year deal. Loaiza went 21-9 with a 2.90 ERA and a league-leading 207 strikeouts for the Chicago White Sox in 2003, was the AL starter in the All-Star game and finished second in Cy Young Award voting behind Toronto's Roy Halladay. He struggled with his velocity last year, going 9-5 with a 4.86 ERA for the White Sox, then was traded to the New York Yankees and went 1-2 with an 8.50 ERA in 10 regular-season games. He quickly lost his spot in the starting rotation and needed seven tries to get his 100th win - getting it when he beat Halladay on Sept. 21. Loaiza is 100-89 in his career with a 4.70 ERA. He made \$4,015,000 last year. Pitching has been a top priority for Nationals interim manager Jim Bowden, but the team's limited budget has made it difficult to improve a staff that was 12th in the NL in ERA last year. Loaiza joins a starting rotation that includes Livan Hernandez, Tomo Ohka and Tony Armas Jr. Loaiza pitched 150-plus innings in each of the last five seasons while averaging 29 starts. He is 100-89 with a 4.70 ERA over 10 seasons with Pittsburgh, Texas, Toronto, Chicago and New York.

## Talks continue in NHL lockout

With nothing to lose but the rest of the hockey season, Vancouver Canucks forward Trevor Linden thought his idea was worth a shot: Get together a small group of representatives from NHL management and the players' union and try to find some middle ground that would jump-start talks toward ending the 125-day lockout. That is, try to do what previous, more formal negotiations couldn't. And so on Wednesday, six people - three from each side - will meet in Chicago for this very purpose. Failure to produce even some movement, likely will signal the end of any hopes that the season can be saved. Through Tuesday, 655 of the 1,230 regular-season games were canceled as was next month's All-Star Game. What's more interesting about the meeting is who won't be present. Linden reached out to the league by inviting Harley Hotchkiss, the chairman of the NHL board of governors, to sit down and talk without NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Bob Goodenow in the room.

## Pirates preparing to defend title

ECU baseball opens first week of practice

BRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The ECU baseball team officially began its Conference USA and regional title defense Sunday afternoon with the opening of practice for the 2005 season. It didn't take a meteorologist to predict the weather for the week of Jan. 17 either. As has been the case since the turn of the century, the 70 degree weather that spoiled most North Carolinians quickly took a turn for the worse as the first week of practice rolled around.

Day one for the Pirates brought rain showers, occasional flurries and temperatures that barely hovered above freezing. However, it's going to take more than just cold temperatures and a little precipitation to slow down Head Coach Randy Mazey and the Pirates.

"We're going to try and get outside every opportunity we can," said Mazey.

"If you know you're going to play on [days like this], you have to learn how to play on days like this and in order to do that you have to practice on days like this.

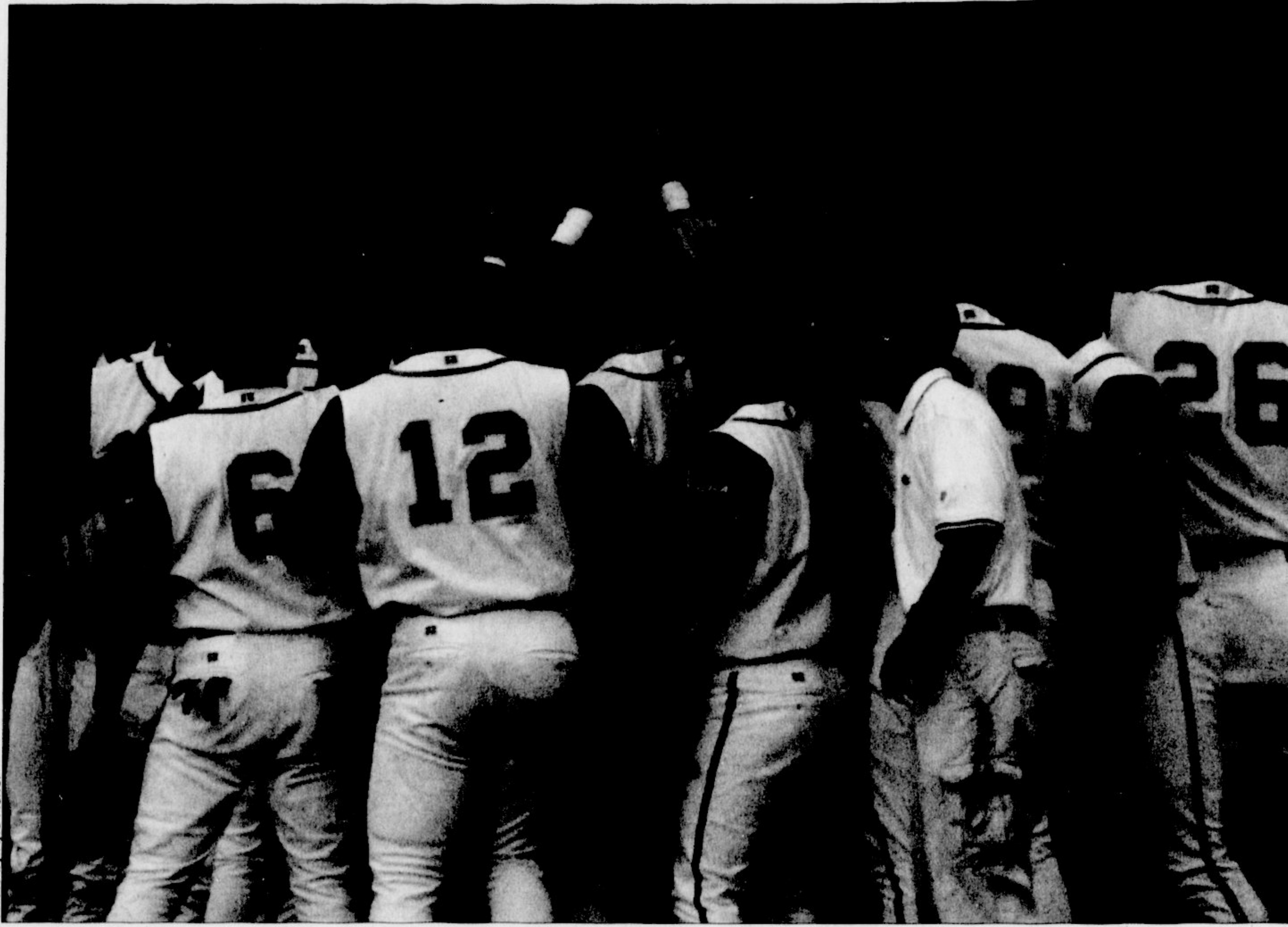
"Any opportunity we can get to get outside, however tough it may be, we're going to get outside."

Despite having to put up with frustrating weather trends that seem to be on schedule with the Pirates' practice docket, Mazey is glad to finally get back on the field.

"It feels pretty good," Mazey said.

"It seems like forever since we had an opportunity to be on the field, so it's good to just get back after it a little bit.

"Our guys are chomping



The Diamond Bucs' first game in the new Clark-Leclair Stadium will be March 4 for the annual Keith Leclair invitational.

at the bit to get out there and get going. They practice hard no matter what the weather conditions are, so we don't have to worry about that."

As construction continues to progress toward the completion of Clark-Leclair Stadium, the Diamond Bucs' are furiously working out at the J.H. Rose's practice facility. The agenda for the first week seems to be geared toward fundamentals like opposite field hitting, bunting and base running, but Mazey hopes to use the first

week more as means to get his guys in the groove of things.

"The idea now is to just get back in the flow," Mazey said.

"We want to start seeing the ball and swinging the bat, taking some ground balls and reviewing everything we did in the fall and getting everyone on the same page.

"When we start playing intersquads and doing that, then we'll start figuring out some line-ups and pitching rotations, but the idea right now is to just get the guys going and get them

into the routine of being out here everyday."

Eventually, the Pirates will turn their attention to their opening series against the College of Charleston, which begins Feb. 11 in South Carolina.

"We started thinking about them as soon as the schedule came out," Mazey said.

"But when we get a couple more weeks down the road, we'll start seeing what they're all about. I know coach Pawlowski real well, he was my college roommate as a matter of fact, I

know we'll be ready to play and they'll be ready to play, so it's going to be a real good series.

"They're ranked pretty high, so it'll be a real good test for us."

The Cougars are ranked 29th by *Baseball America*, the same publication that also has picked them to win the Southern Conference this season.

Charleston returns eight of nine hitters and two of three starting pitchers from a year ago.

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## Pirates make last trek to Louisville Wednesday night USC's Leinart content with decision to stay

(SID) — ECU will be paying its final visit to historic Freedom Hall to face nationally ranked Louisville in a Conference USA tilt Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The Pirates are in the midst of a four-game slide, while the Cardinals have won three straight and eight of its last nine games.

Wednesday night's game will mark the Pirates' third game of the season against a ranked opponent and second in the last three games. ECU lost to then 13th ranked Cincinnati by six this past Wednesday and lost at then No. 19 NC State earlier in the year.

ECU is coming off a 12-point loss to UAB on Saturday, 76-64. Junior Corey Rouse recorded his sixth double-double of the season with a game-high of 17 points and 14 rebounds. Senior Moussa Badiane added 15 points, while sophomore Mike Cook and freshman Tom Hammonds scored 11 points each.

Louisville rallied from a double-digit deficit against Cincinnati on Saturday to claim a 69-66 victory on the road. The Cardinals made 10 three-pointers and out-rebounded the Bearcats



Corey Rouse is one of only 11 players in the nation who is averaging a double-double so far this season.

by 12. Taquan Dean led all scorers with 25 points, making 7-of-16 three-point field goals.

The game will feature the best two rebounders in the league. Rouse leads C-USA in rebounding with 10.1 boards per game, while Louisville's Ellis Myles ranks second behind Rouse with 9.4 rebounds per contest.

Louisville leads C-USA in four offensive team categories, including points per game (83.3), scoring margin (+21.1), field goal percentage (.483) and three-point field goal percentage (.406).

As a team, only Charlotte averages more rebounds per game.

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LEINART

(AP) — Five days after taking what might be the biggest risk in sports history, here is the short list of things Matt Leinart still does not have:

Millions in the bank.

A new Chevy Tahoe in the driveway.

Regrets.

"I'm relieved more than anything," said Leinart, Tuesday night over the phone from Los Angeles. "It feels really good to get all that pressure off my shoulders. It got to the point where I realized whatever decision I made, there was going to be some criticism.

"So," he said, "I just did what was best for me."

The guys who run the NFL aren't used to hearing no. Even though Leinart brought the Heisman Trophy back to USC and then tied the bow on a second straight national championship, you'd think the biggest man on campus would be even bigger after announcing he was passing up an eight-figure signing bonus from the pros to come back for his senior year. But no.

Most of the 500 or so Trojans fans who packed Heritage Hall and spilled over onto the lawn outside when Leinart announced his decision last Friday have returned to classes. And so has he, with surprisingly little fanfare.

"I walked into geography yesterday and nobody made a big deal. My teacher said some

nice stuff, but that's about it," Leinart said.

"Other than a few teammates, everybody's been real respectful. And the only reason they're bummed," he added, "is because they thought I was going to buy them cars."

And so running back LenDale White's request for a Range Rover was put on hold. Ditto for Leinart's purchase of a Tahoe to replace the little white Ford pickup he's dubbed the "Danger Ranger."

"It still gets me where I need to go," Leinart said.

Still to be determined is whether he'll be able to say the same about the Southern California program around this time next year. Leinart will be surrounded by another talented corps of skill players - coach Pete Carroll has already seen to that. And he'll still be orchestrating the madcap offensive schemes drawn up by coordinator Norm Chow. Even so, it's hard to imagine the Trojans improving on the just-ended season. Just matching it, considering the raised expectations, will be tough enough.

Maybe that's why so few people were willing to take Leinart at his word. He said all along it would take "a lot for me to leave," and because there seemed to be nothing left to prove in college and everything to gain by turning pro, we just assumed he was talking about money. But that wasn't it at all.

Leinart was raised in a well-to-do section of Santa Ana, Calif., comfortably enough to be able to make decisions based on factors other than need. His parents paid the premiums for a \$1 million insurance policy this season - about \$20,000 - and they'll do it again next season. Getting hurt would take a huge chunk out of Leinart's net worth, much the same way that Buffalo running back Willis McGahee slid from the top of the draft to the tail end of the first round after wrecking his knee playing for Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, his last college game before declaring for the NFL as a junior. But that doesn't scare Leinart, either.

"I don't play scared," he said at last week's news conference. "I play to win ... I could be hurt

## Everything back to normal in ACC

## Upset city for Georgia Tech, Wake Forest

TONY ZOPPO  
SPORTS EDITOR

With Wake Forest down by three points against Florida State Tuesday night, Taron Downey hits from downtown with just four seconds remaining and gets fouled, giving him a chance to win the game. Wake, a previously lousy free throw-shooting team (65 percent) decided to rip off an NCAA record 50 straight free throws carrying on from the UNC game up until this particular point. Downey is the Deacons' best charity stripe shooter (86 percent). Turn out the lights, ladies and gentlemen - this party is over.

Then again, maybe not. Downey misses. FSU rejoices. Todd Galloway erupts.

Galloway made Wake and

Downey pay for the costly miss as he scored nine straight points in the overtime period, including a bomb of a three-pointer, to lift the Seminoles over the Deacs, 91-83.

It's one of the most beautiful aspects in sports.

You have a Deacon team that drubbed a national championship caliber squad at home (UNC), set an NCAA record in consecutive free throws and then goes on the road only to lose their very next game to a Seminoles squad with just one conference win who, by the way, had three players set career highs against Wake.

Welcome to the ACC.

With North Carolina steamrolling Virginia Tech, Maryland and Georgia Tech in their first three ACC games, and Wake getting pounded at Illinois while showing severe defensive lapses, there was a question before Jan. 15 as to whether UNC may actually

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Colts to focus on defense during off-season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Dungy knows the Indianapolis Colts need to make some personnel changes, especially on defense. His approach to coaching, however, will remain the same.

"I don't know any different ways to do it," said Dungy. "We've got a very good offensive system in place, a very good defensive system and a good special teams system. We've got good players and good coaches, and we've just got to continue to grow on that."

The Colts lost 20-3 on Sunday at New England — Indianapolis' perennial nemesis — and it

dropped the AFC South champions to 13-5. It was a disappointing finish for a team that many thought has a good shot at getting to the Super Bowl.

"When you don't win the ballgame, there's a little bit of an empty feeling," Dungy said. "We'll be able to, in another week or so, look at the season in total and realize that we did have a fine year."

Record-setting quarterback Peyton Manning, the league's MVP, and all of his top receivers (Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley) will all

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Dungy hopes to never have this look on his face again in Foxboro, a place where Indy simply cannot win.

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game than ECU. The Pirates are yanking 40.1 boards per outing compared to 40.2 by the 49ers. ECU has out-worked three of its first five C-USA opponents on the glass this season and has finished the game with the rebounding edge eight times this season. Both Badiane and Rouse are averaging over nine rebounds per game in conference play.

In the midst of a tough stretch

ECU is in the midst of arguably its toughest part of the schedule this season. The Pirates will be playing their fourth of five consecutive games against 2004 NCAA Tournament and eight against postseason tournament teams Wednesday night. Following Wednesday's game at Louisville, ECU will make its final

trip to Chicago for a C-USA game against DePaul.

Moose Gets 500 Boards

Badiane recorded his 500th career rebound this past Saturday against UAB, becoming the 18th player in school history to reach that milestone. Badiane has totaled 507 rebounds during his career.

Rouse Averaging Double-Double

Rouse is one of only 11 play-

ers in the country to be averaging a double-double this season (through games of Jan. 16). Rouse is averaging 10.8 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. He has recorded six double-doubles this season, scored double figures 10 times and grabbed double-digit rebounds nine times. His 10.1 rebounds are tops in C-USA and ranks 12th best in the country.

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be back, and owner Jim Irsay is ready, if necessary, to designate running back Edgerrin James, the Colts' franchise player and lock him in place at least one more season.

On defense, Dwight Freeney led the league with 16 sacks and helped the Colts produce an NFL-best turnover margin of plus-19. Punter Hunter Smith was second in the NFL in net yardage, and Mike Vanderjagt remained the most-accurate field goal kicker in league history.

Dungy and the rest of the coaching staff will take some

time off for vacations, watch the rest of the playoffs on television and maybe attend the Senior Bowl on Jan. 29 in Mobile, Ala., to scout many of the top players coming out of college this year.

Then it's back to work, preparing for the combine at the RCA Dome next month and then the college draft April 23-24.

"You never know who's going to be available, but certainly when you've got an offense like ours you want to keep it tooled up and going well," Dungy said. "Obviously, defensively is where we would probably look in the

draft, but I don't see any major philosophical changes. I think we just keep fine-tuning and keep improving and keep growing with a lot of the guys in our system already."

Among the Colts' potential free agents are linebacker Rob Morris, cornerback Nick Harper and safety Idrees Bashir - all starters.

"We'd like to get everyone re-signed," Dungy said. "It's not an easy procedure, but hopefully we can get as many guys back as possible and then figure out where we go from there."

An unavoidable byproduct of the Colts' success, of course, is a spot toward the bottom of the draft order, but Dungy said that didn't necessarily mean the Colts would place greater emphasis on trades or free-agent acquisitions.

"I think you can find some guys (in the draft) that can help you Robert Mathis has been a big help to us, and he wasn't a first-day choice. Raheem Brock was probably a really big part of what we've done, and he wasn't even one of our draft choices. So you can find guys in a lot of areas."

**ACC** from page A8

have a chance to run away with the conference title this season.

Georgia Tech lost B.J. Elder to injury for a couple of weeks and the Jackets showed weaknesses even before he left the lineup. NC State had the best game of their existence against ECU in the BCA Invitational only to later follow it up with four losses in six games. Virginia has some talent but have started 0-4 in the ACC and although Miami, Virginia Tech, Clemson and FSU will make some noise, let's all be rational human beings and rule them out.

That leaves us with Duke, who boasts an undefeated record but have played just two quality teams en route to that 13-0 record - Michigan State when they were No. 9 early in the season and perhaps Virginia in the Blue

Devil's latest win. Not to mention the fact they struggled with both Temple and Clemson in Cameron, two teams that are at best mediocre. They also trailed for most of their game against NC State last week, a team that looked more and more like a good high school squad until they beat the B.J. Elder-less Yellow Jackets. In addition, out of Duke's 13 games, 10 have been at home.

ESPN's Jay Bilas, a former Duke, even stated on Sportscenter one evening that if UNC kept playing like they were, the Tar Heels might just make a mockery of the best conference in the country.

Then reality hit when UNC fell to Wake who then fell to FSU and all was well in the world again.

Face it folks, there won't ever be a team in the ACC who can

run the table or dominate the league. Think about it, what do you hear concerning who is the top team in the conference right now? UNC and Wake.

There is an undefeated team who is a force to be reckoned with year in and year out in this conference and they're not even considered as one of the two best teams. Regardless of what I like to call they're "false front" record, being undefeated and not even numero uno in your conference says a lot about the competition you're pitted up against.

Plus, road games in the ACC are cast from a different mold than other conferences. They carry an extra weight and electricity that even the most experienced, poised and talented teams can have trouble dealing with. Show me a team that consistently

wins their road games in the ACC and I'll show you the conference champion and a number one seed come NCAA tourney time.

So, stop all of your jabbering about Wake or Chapel Hill running away with the conference. It's still too early to see what these teams can really do. Wait another month when these kids have gone on the road against tough ACC opponents and Carolina has played Duke once - then we'll start talking about whose going to take the regular season title. There are plenty more upsets in store in the very recent future and throughout this basketball season.

Who's next? The "13-0" Blue Devils at Miami or Florida State.

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**Leinart** from page A8

tomorrow." The simple fact is that Leinart didn't take that factor into account, either. His decision came down to where he most wanted to be for the next year of his life - no matter where the money or expectations were - and everything kept pointing to the place he already was. "It's another year with my pals, no matter how it turns out. If I told you what I do with most

of my time, my life would sound pretty boring," Leinart said. "But I'll tell you what: I didn't want to look back 10 or 20 years down the road and find out I passed on the chance to be a part of something really special."

There's no chance of that now, no matter - as Leinart said - how the coming year plays out. What still seems like play will become a job after that, and it's

not like his resume will need any polishing by then.

"The attention has been overwhelming at times, and now it might be a little worse, I guess, because turning down a lot of money is something nobody has really done before. But this is fun. I just got back to working out this week, and I'm already excited to find out," he said, "how much better we can get."



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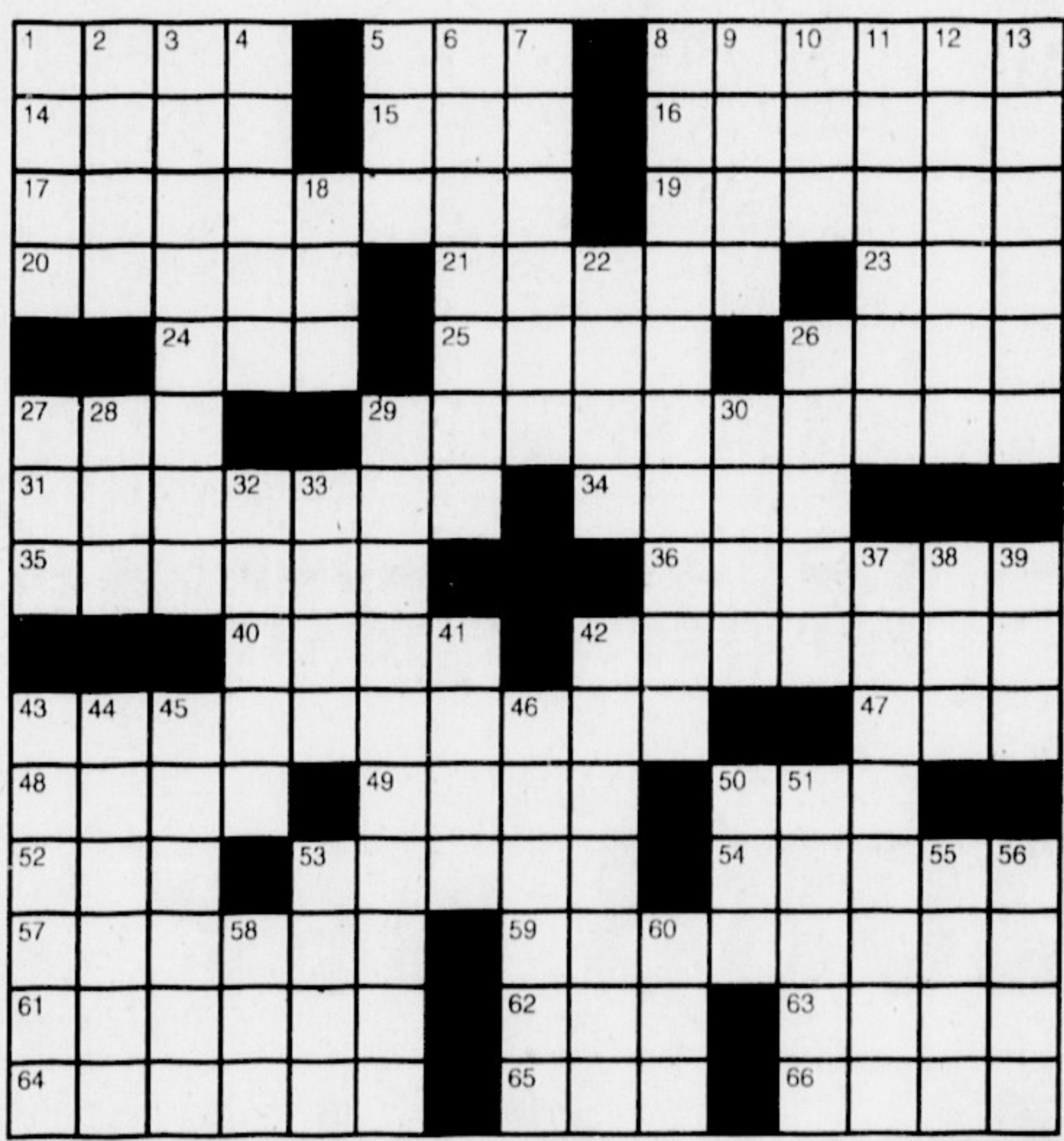


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