Holland dials USC's number again for second major hire

Stokes becomes first men's minority coach ever at ECU

ERIC GILMORE SENIOR WRITER

Ricky Stokes, a University of South Carolina assistant and former Virginia Tech head coach, made history when he was anointed by athletic director Terry Holland to become ECU's 21st head basketball coach March 16.

Stokes was fired two years ago at Virginia Tech, and compiled a 45-70 record during his four year stint. The Hokies moved from the Atlantic 10 to the more competitive Big East, much like the Pirates did from the Colonial Athletic Association to Conference USA. Since, he reunited with ex-ECU coach Dave Odom to whom he was an assistant for the past two seasons.

Terry Holland immediately named Mack McCarthy as associate head coach. McCarthy brings a wealth of basketball knowledge having compiled a 309-177 record over 16 seasons with stints at Tennessee-Chattanooga and Virginia Commonwealth. McCarthy was named Southern Conference Coach-of the-Year three times and led the Mocs to five NCAA tournaments and two NIT appearances even punching a ticket to the Sweet 16.

Stokes replaces Bill Herrion, who was asked to step down on Feb. 22, three games before the regular season concluded. Herrion held the Pirate reigns for six years compiling a 70-98 record. The Pirates finished this season 9-19 and 4-12 in C-USA. The Pirates only won four games against Divi-

sion-I opponents after Dec. 1. Stokes enjoyed a four-year career at the University of Virginia under Terry Holland. The former 5-foot, 8-inch point guard helped lead his team to three consecutive ACC championships and four straight



Ricky Stokes speaks to media and fans at a press conference last week after Athletic Director Terry Holland named Stokes as the next head coach for ECU men's basketball.

NCAA tournament appearances. He played in a school-record 134 consecutive games and in his senior campaign earned the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award, which is presented annually to the country's best player under six feet tall.

Stokes began his coaching career at Bowling Green State University. He then joined Dave Odom's staff at Wake Forest in 1989. While in Winston-Salem, Stokes was credited with the recruitment and development of the 1997 College Player-ofthe-Year Tim Duncan as well as NBA first-round picks Randolph

Childress and Rodney Rogers. During the eight years at Wake Forest, the Demon Deacons advanced to the NCAA tournament seven times, which included an Elite Eight appearance in 1995-1996.

Stokes reunited with his former college teammate in Jeff Jones at Virginia for one season before following Rick Barnes from Clemson to Texas. He spent the 1998-1999 season as associate head coach playing an important role in guiding the Longhorns to their first-ever Big 12 title.

With the hiring, Stokes

becomes the first-ever men's minority head coach at ECU. Stokes is one of two minority head coaches within the 17 North Carolina Division-I schools.

Stokes earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia in 1984 and a master's degree in counselor education at Virginia Commonwealth in 1988. McCarthy also owns a bachelor and master's degree, both of which he earned from Virginia Tech.

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Students pass through the service line at West End Dining Hall Monday. The dining hall opened for dinner March 20.

West End Dining Hall open for operation

Increased dining options available for students

CHRIS ADAMS STAFF WRITER

The West End Dining Hall, which has been in construction since the fall of 2003, officially opened its doors for dinner March 20 and has been in full operation since that time.

"So far it's going great. Students seem very excited," said Dana Dawes, senior food service director.

The \$13 million facility has features unique when compared to Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls in terms of design, types of food offered and service to students.

West End Dining Hall is an upscale building with an elegant design and a comforting atmosphere. The dining hall seats 600 people, which is 250 more than the Mendenhall cafeteria could. Several new features are available for students. A Mongolian grill, named Fire and Rice, is a new feature that allows students to specify what they would like to eat in their dish, which is prepared right in front of them.

Students showed positive reactions to the new dining hall and what it has to offer.

Houtan Kargar, senior industrial distribution major, said he thought the food quality and presentation has improved

compared to what he had seen in the past.

"I walked in here and thought I was dreaming," said Kargar.

Mallory Osborne, freshman occupational therapy major agreed.

"I like how it's more open," said Osborne.

Joyce Sealey, food service director in the department of dining services at ECU, spoke about the versatility of the grill itself.

"We want to be able to do things other than just the Mongolian grill," said Sealey.

"We want to be able to cook pancakes and serve dishes other than just Mongolian cooking."

The deli, entitled Wrap and Roll, offers a variety of sandwiches one might find in a café or coffee shop as well as traditional subs. Certain diets, such as vegan and vegetarian, have been given specific sections in the dining hall devoted to their personal taste in foods.

Allison Metcalf, marketing program manager of Aramark, said the dining experience at West End was designed to reflect the individual's taste.

"We are done with the family style of cooking," said Metcalf.

"If you want a casserole, it is individualized. If you don't want a certain spice in there, it's your choice."

Future plans are underway with the former Mendenhall

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City Manager Wayne Bowers, landlords and ECU personnel walk through the neighborhood observing the conditions.

Student Neighborhood Relations to improve community living

Group conducts survey to evaluate conditions

LAUREN DONOVAN STAFF WRITER

The student neighborhood relations of ECU conducted a survey of students and residents living in neighborhoods close to the ECU campus shortly before spring break.

The area of focus is homes from Charles to Evans and from 10th Street to 14th Street. This is an area spanning approximately 12 blocks and encompassing about 165 residences inhabited by both ECU students and nonstudents. This specific area was chosen due to the high mix of students who lease homes and families who own homes living

as neighbors.

Approximately 45 percent of the area is student housing. When students and families live together, there are occasionally problems with students not respecting the lifestyle differences between themselves and their neighbors. Loud music, trash in the lawn, parties and speeding are common issues that cause conflicts.

Justin Gross, a student neighborhood relations graduate assistant, was actively engaged in the door-to-door surveying procedure.

"We're just trying to figure out how individuals feel about living in the community and gain opinions about how to improve the neighborhood,'

see RELATIONS page A3

Steam pipe heating system defect creates complications on campus

Workers shut heating down during repairs

NICK HENNE NEWS EDITOR

A defect within the steam pipeline heating system of ECU caused by a hole in one of the pipes left campus without heating or hot water and required facility staff workers to spend hours in a manhole repairing the system.

It was at first undetermined how long the repairs would take to be complete and an estimated 10 - 16 hour time frame was announced. The facilities staff was however able to fix the problem sooner than expected and brought the main campus steam plant back on line and to full pressure by approximately 6 p.m. Monday evening.

The problem was first noticed Saturday evening due to the large amount of steam being released.

"When you see steam coming out and up you know you've got an immediate problem somewhere because there shouldn't be steam coming up out of the vents or anything," said Dennis Ray, steam plant supervisor.

ECU's entire heating system was temporarily down as all of the boilers were temporarily disabled while the workers made the appropriate repairs.

"We have to make a repair now. If we don't make the repair now it's just going to get worse," said Del Kingsland, steam distribution supervisor.

The defect, which started out rather small, escalated into a much larger problem by Monday.

"Saturday evening it was a small spot," Kingsland said.

Upon recognizing there was a problem, numerous manholes were checked in order to determine the exact location of the defect. After the precise location was found, workers then rotated turns going in and out of manholes to resolve the problem. They entered the pit for approximately 15 minutes and took 45minute breaks.

"You got to be kind of crazy to go in some of these manholes. They run anywhere from 120 to 140 [degrees]," Kingsland said.

Two fans were placed within the pit providing a steady circulation of air to deal with the extreme temperatures.

"One [fan] is trying to draw it out, one is trying to push it in so you have a circulation of air in there. It's so hot the pipe is & unbearable to touch, even with gloves you couldn't do it," Ray

Neil Thorne, maintenance mechanic who entered the manhole, said it was extremely wet, hot and difficult to breathe. He said they turned the valves on and off as they attempted to pinpoint the exact location of the pipe where they had to apply the patch.

Joel Crisco, maintenance mechanic, said he agreed they were working in some extreme and harsh conditions and thought they were making good progress in fixing the problem.

"They're dedicated to this campus on getting the job done," Kingsland said.

Kingsland said working in these conditions is a very dif-



Facility personnel alternate turns working in the manhole to patch a hole within a heating system pipeline.

ficult job both mentally and physically.

Kingsland said incidents such as this are caused due to the age and deterioration of the piping and there is not a lot that can be done to prevent such occurrences.

"We're replacing pipe as we go along because some of the pipe is old that's in here. We have a good maintenance program here and we go through the system like we should ... but it's just because of the age of some of the equipment these things happen," Kingsland said.

He said the crew does a fantastic job in maintaining the system and keeping it up and

A 5 - 10 mile pipeline system extends underway throughout ECU's campus providing heating all throughout.

Most of the equipment on campus is run by steam which provides heating for water, heat, humidity, cooking and air conditioning.

"Steam is vital to campus operations ... everything you do here comes from steam," Kingsland said.

Lauren Brinsfield, senior criminal justice major and Residential Advisor of Clement Hall,

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Announcements

Blood Drive

ECU College Democrats is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive March 23 at Mendenhall Student Center.

Diabetes Screening

Wellness Education, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and Student Health Service are sponsoring a free diabetes screening March 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mendenhall and Wright Plaza. The screening is available to all students, staff and faculty to help identify those who may have diabetes and to provide more information on diabetes. For more information, contact Wellness Education at 328-6794.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held every Wednesday at noon in 242 Mendenhall Student Center and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 14 MSC. For more information, call 760-500-8918.

Spotlight Seminar

The ECU chapter of Sigma Xi is sponsoring this seminar that will update students on the new BS in Engineering program March 23 at 3:30 p.m. in SZ207 Science and Technology Lecture Hall Annex. The seminar will feature Paul Kauffmann, chair in the department of technology systems, and light refreshments will be served.

Poetry Reading

Betty Adcock, Writer-in-Residence at Meredith College, will be giving a poetry reading March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.

SGA Annual Funding

SGA will hold funding seminars to help student organizations learn how to make money during the next two weeks. A seminar will be held March 23 at 8 p.m. in 1026 Bate. Three remaining seminars will be March 28 - 30. For more information, call 328-4726.

Contemporary Jazz Ensemble Concert

The school of music is holding a jazz concert March 23 at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. For more information, call 328-6851.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Friday, March 25 at the Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade streets. The beginners' lesson will be at 7:30 p.m. and the dance from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live old-time and Celtic music will be provided by a string band. Cost to attend is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. For more information, please call 752-7350.

Ballroom Dancing

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is hosting a dance March 26 in the Wills Building at First and Reade streets from 7:30 - 11 p.m. The evening will begin with a free dance lesson. Call 355-5847 for further details.

Songs for a New World

The school of theater and dance is holding this event March 29 at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Call 328-6851 for more information.

2005 GPD/Special **Olympics Golf**

Tournament The Greenville Police Department is sponsoring this year's Special Olympics Golf Tournament April 1 at Bradford Creek Golf Course in Greenville. A 2005 Nissan Altima will be offered as a prize for a hole-in-one on a designated hole this year. For more information, call 329-4357 or 329-4703.

Israel in Egypt

The Chamber Singers and Early Music Ensemble will hold this concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church April 1 - 2 at 7 p.m. Call 328-6851 for details.

Local

Concord teen accused of

shooting mother to death CONCORD, NC - A 17-year-old girl is accused of shooting her mother to death in their front yard during a botched robbery attempt.

Ashley Kathleen Boyd is charged with first-degree murder, attempted armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Wayne Anthony Williams, 18, of Concord is charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Police said he drove the getaway vehicle.

Both were held without bond pending a hearing Monday.

Paula Faye Brooks, 50, was shot shortly after midnight Sunday morning. Neighbors said they heard two women arguing in the yard, then screams and gunshots.

Ashley Boyd's stepfather, Joseph Boyd, told a neighbor he dodged as his stepdaughter attempted to shoot him.

The assailants fled. Police found Ashley Boyd about three hours later in east Charlotte, where her family had been renovating a rental home. Williams was arrested several hours later at his home.

Court records show Boyd has broken the law a number of times since turning 16, being convicted of two counts of forgery, plus misdemeanor counts of larceny, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and injury to personal property. Last year she was charged with assaulting her mother, but court records show the charges were dismissed.

Wilson man charged with killing grandparents

has been charged with killing his

grandparents while they were asleep. and authorities say robbery was the motive.

NICK HENNE News Editor

Justin Keith Pelletier, 21, who lived with his grandparents in rural Wilson County, was charged late Sunday with first-degree murder in the deaths of William Brantley, 66, and his wife, Edna Brantley, 63.

Pelletier was being held without bail in the Wilson County jail pending a hearing April 4.

Wilson County Sheriff Wayne Gay said Monday the Brantleys were found Sunday after a friend told authorities that the couple had not shown up for a planned visit. Both apparently had been shot twice in the head while they were asleep in their bed, he said.

Gay said Pelletier had lived with the Brantleys for about two years.

"It was a cold-blooded killing of two people who loved [Pelletier] very much and took him in," Gay said.

The sheriff said Pelletier had told relatives that he needed money to pay court costs on traffic charges that were scheduled to come up this week. Pelletier had attempted to borrow money from his grandparents, the sheriff said.

"Robbery certainly appears to the motive for the slaying," he said.

The sheriff said investigators think that Pelletier also wanted money for illegal drugs. "We knew he had a drug problem," he said. "He finally told our investigators he had used crack cocaine."

National

Gunman kills grandparents, seven at high school

REDBY, Minn. - The suspect in the worst U.S. school shooting since WILSON, NC - A Wilson man Columbine smiled and waved as he gunned down five students, a

teacher and a guard, asking one of his victims whether he believed in God, witnesses said. The teen's grandfather and his grandfather's wife also were found dead, and the boy killed himself.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at the school's entrance, killing a

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say something to his friend Ryan: "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he shot him."

The death toll at the Red Lake Indian Reservation in far northern Minnesota made it the nation's worst school shooting since the rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The victims included the gunman's grandfather, the grandfather's wife, a school security guard, a teacher and five other students. At least 14 others were wounded, and two students remained in critical condition Tuesday at MeritCare in Fargo, N.D., officials

'There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that we've experienced here," Floyd said.

Federal judge denies request to have feeding tube reinserted

TAMPA, Fla. - A federal judge on Tuesday refused to order the reinsertion of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, denying an emergency request from the brain-damaged woman's parents that had been debated in Congress and backed by the White

U.S. District Judge James Whittemore said the 41-year-old woman's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, had not of success" at trial on the merits of their arguments. Whittemore wrote that Schiavo's

established a "substantial likelihood

"life and liberty interests" had been protected by Florida courts. Despite "these difficult and time strained circumstances," he wrote, "this court is constrained to apply the law to the issues before it."

Rex Sparklin, an attorney representing Terri Schiavo's parents, said lawyers were immediately appealing to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to "save Terri's life." That court was already considering an appea on whether Terri Schiavo's right to due process had been violated.

Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, praised the ruling: "What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians."

International

Iran delegate says Tehran will move forward with civilian nuclear program

PARIS - Iran will press ahead on the "tortuous path" to developing civilian nuclear power, an Iranian official said Tuesday, despite U.S. suspicions that the effort masks plans to build nuclear weapons.

Speaking on the final day of a twoday international conference on the future of nuclear power for civilian uses, Mohammad Saeidi said the generation of nuclear electricity is the "prime priority of Iran's nuclear program.

The people and government of Iran are determined to open their way through the tortuous path of peaceful use of nuclear technology despite all imposed restrictions and difficulties," said Saeidi, the vice president for planning and international affairs at the Atomic Energy Organization

France, Germany and Britain are holding talks with Tehran to ensure that it does not develop nuclear arms as some fear. A new meeting was set for Wednesday. The United States recently threw its support behind the

Indian prisoners walk to freedom after being released by Pakistan

WAGAH, Pakistan - Pakistan released 564 Indians from its prisons on Tuesday in a goodwill gesture toward neighboring India.

The prisoners, mostly fishermen, were handed over to Indian officials at Wagah, about 15 miles east of

"This is the first time that prisoners in such a large number have been handed over to us by Pakistan," Balvinder Hampal, an Indian embassy official, told reporters. "Such steps will certainly help promote the peace process between the two

Before walking through the huge gates at Wagah that separate the two countries, the prisoners said they were grateful to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf for freeing them.

countries."

"It was a bad experience. I saw jail for the first time," said 60-year-old Lakshman Shanker. He was one of dozens of fishermen arrested in November 2004 after their boat strayed into Pakistani waters.

Pakistan and India share a border in the Arabian Sea and often arrest each other's fishermen for illegal entry.

The two countries have taken steps in recent months to normalize relations after more than half a century of hostility, mainly over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

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Dining Hall and other dining locations on campus.

Both Sealey and Metcalf are overseeing renovations within Mendenhall, Todd Dining Hall, The Galley and Wright Place.

Sealey said Todd Dining Hall will be renovated to reflect the new type of individualized food service currently available at West End Dining Hall while Mendenhall will become a hub of fast food service with the inclusion of a Chick-Fil-A Express.

The planning and construc-

tion of the new dining hall was not a simple process. Originally scheduled to open Sept. 27, 2004, delays involving weather problems, worker morale and construction changes extended the

completion time of the project. Between the start of the building and June 2004, three weeks were lost due to weather related problems alone. In January, snowstorms set back the construction due to the massive amounts of ice and snow that made working conditions dan-

gerous. After the snow melted, the ground on site was wet and muddy which further hampered the ability to perform the construction necessary to remain on schedule.

Gina Shoemaker, project manager in facilities engineering and architectural services at ECU, oversaw the planning and completion of West End Dining Hall. "Everyone sees the project

should have been done at the end of September, but he [the site contractor] got three plus weeks

of weather delays which would have brought the date out to the end of October," said Shoemaker.

"There were 30 change orders that had to be completed and probably even more than that by the time all the paperwork is finished."

Each time a change order is issued, whether it is in relation to the intricate electrical wiring or the simple placement of a window, four different groups of people must approve the change order before any work is allowed

on the order itself.

"There is a paper trail for everything," Shoemaker said. "These things take time. They

are not quick processes." Shoemaker said delays

resulted from the problems surrounding sub-contractors. Several of the sub-contractors did not arrive on time for work and delivered poor performances on-site.

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Crime Scene March 9 10:10 a.m. Criminal damage to property. An unknown subject bent 33 mixture stops from a pipe organ in 312

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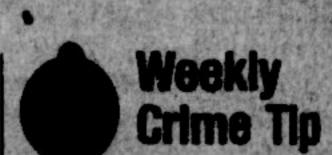
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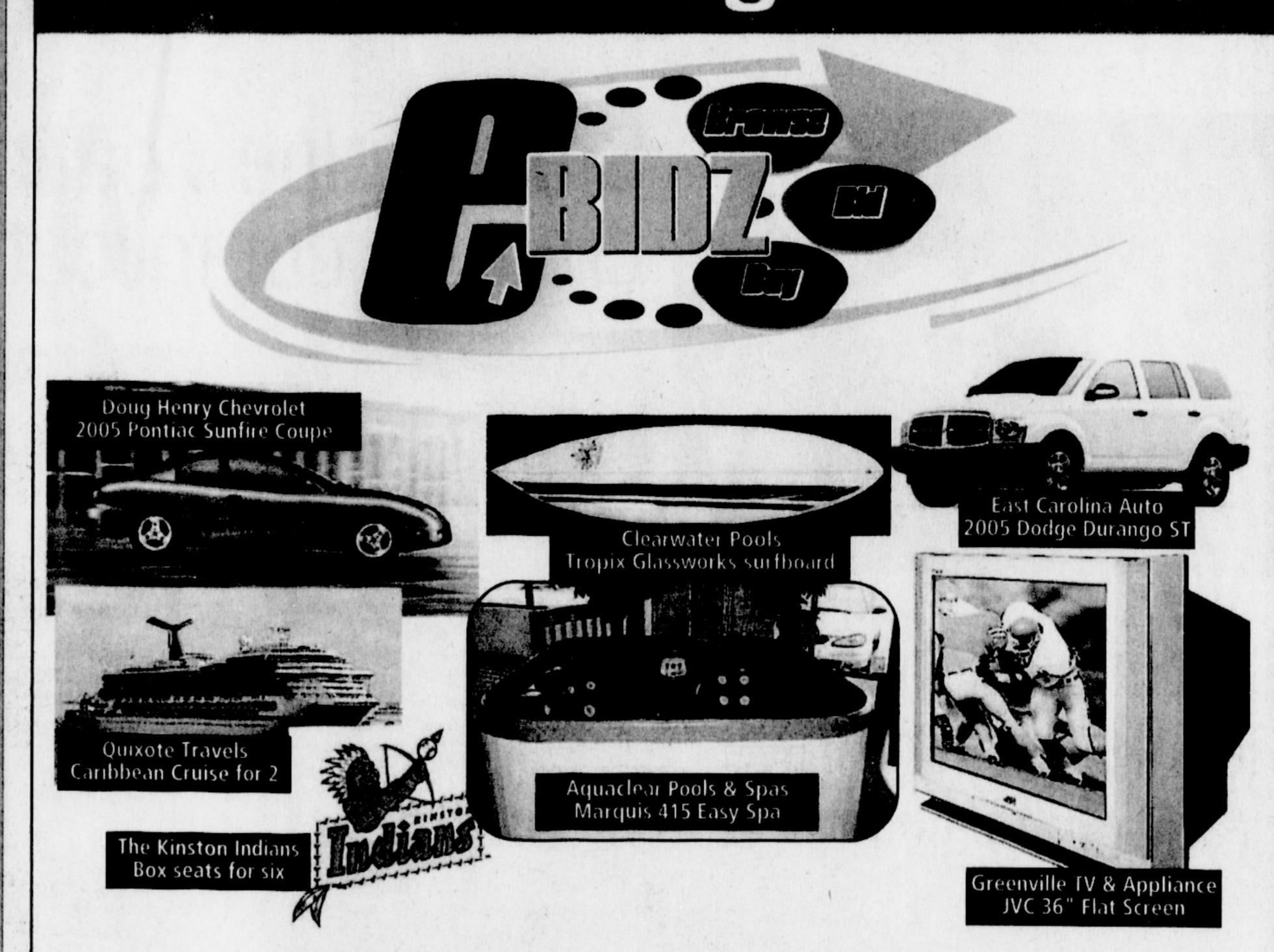
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The survey is made up of two parts. The first part deals with the physical appearance of individual residences encompassing issues such as cleanliness of yards and vegetation being kept under control. The second part allows individuals to express their opinions of the overall quality of the neighborhood, asking questions relating to safety issues and if residents feel a sense of community in living where they do.

This specific area is not the only area in Greenville where students and residents live side by side, but it is merely a starting point for the ECU student neighborhood relations. The mission of the student relations team is to "Enhance the quality of life for students in the city of Greenville and for their neighbors."

Michelle Lieberman, student neighborhood relations facilitator, is optimistic about taking the results of this survey

and making improvements to this area.

"We want to show students the benefits of cleaning up and participating in making the neighborhood more aesthetically pleasing," said Lieberman.

Lieberman is working along side a three-member research team consisting of three graduate students from the geography and sociology departments. They are working with the city of Greenville, who will aide in making the necessary changes found through the survey process.

The landlords of the area are also working hard to fix up the existing homes and make them more suitable for students to move in to.

"We want students to establish a sense of community as a resident of Greenville, not just a temporary student," Lieberman said.

The information found through this survey will also be

used to evaluate and improve other areas of Greenville. The survey results are going to be combined into a case study for the Southern Sociological Society in Charlotte, NC.

Lieberman, along with Gross and the other graduate students will be giving a 75-minute presentation summarizing the findings of this study, which could be used by other towns to conquer similar areas of their communities.

Members of the Greenville community will be given a chance to help on April 23, which is a day for a city wide clean up.

"Fraternities and sororities will be helping out and anyone else is welcome. Food and drinks will be provided for those who help," Lieberman said.

Student residents of the neighborhood agree with the issues emphasized in the survey.

"I do hear gunshots ... there were a few shootings last year

and this year ... One was two houses down," said Kate Tabor, graduate student in counselor education and resident of the neighborhood surveyed.

Tabor said she thinks the cleanliness issue of the area could be improved.

"These houses are old and not kept up that well ... There's nothing new done to them until it breaks," Tabor said.

"I think that out of any places this would probably be the main target for the survey."

While there are some crimes behind the Fifth Street student neighborhood, she feels her neighborhood needs to be addressed.

She said she appreciates the fact that ECU is taking action in addressing this problem and the neighborhood would only become more run-down if nothing is done.

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said many residents came to her complaining there was no hot

and said it was rather cold.

"It [shower] was cold so I took it very quick," said Brinsfield.

did not experience any problems in the morning with hot water. He said he showered at 7:30 a.m., suggesting the heating system to his dorm had not yet been

Brinsfield did take a shower shut down.

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Burton Morris, sophomore news@theeastcarolinian.com. communication major, said he OAKMONT SQUARE

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Tuesday, March 29th 3:00 p.m.

Where?

Why?

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Founders Week 2005 Student Day Schedule of Events Tuesday, March 29th

2:00 p.m.

The Victory Bell Commemorative Service Victory Bell on 10th Street outside of Christenbury Memorial Gym

This ceremony will honor men and women from East Carolina who served in the military. The Victory Bell was dedicated in 1953 and was traditionally rung after East Carolina won a game. The 382-pound brass bell, which was cast in Philadelphia in 1855, has a long military history. It was used on the USS Broome, which was christened in 1919. The ship was decommissioned in 1922 and then re-entered service in 1930. During World War II the ship escorted convoys across the Atlantic. The Victory Bell was a gift to East Carolina from the United States Department of the Navy.

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Our View

Stewart having the comeback of the century

John Travolta might be the king of comebacks, but he's making room for America's newest sweetheart: Martha Stewart.

Congratulations to Martha. Sure, she was found guilty of lying to government investigators who were checking out her stock activities last year and was sentenced to five months in the Alderson, W. Va. prison, but jail time has never been better to anyone than it has been to Stewart. As she emerges from her cell, Stewart has already made a new impact on America's pop culture and economy while making fans out of people who hated every aspect of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Along with her TV show "Martha Stewart Living" playing on the Style Network, she has two new shows in the works. In September, she will begin hosting a one-hour show taped live in front of an audience, with whom she will discuss various topics about cooking, decorating, gardening and the like. She is also working on a show similar to the reality hit "The Apprentice."

Stewart has already experienced success with her newest book and she was reportedly making millions from her company stock while at Camp Cupcake. Not to mention, 20 pounds lighter and looking better than ever, it's hard to believe Stewart is a 63-year-old. Approximately five more months held up in her New York estate and Stewart will be back and ready to take advantage of her new-found popularity.

So why has her fame grown so much during her prison time? One would suspect that her fans would be turned off once she was convicted and her reputation put into question, but they remained loyal to Stewart and celebrated her release.

As for her new admirers, it is possible that knowing the squeaky-clean goddess of all things homemade isn't so pure after all created a whole new fan base. Perhaps it's the strength Stewart showed through her time in prison that made people love and support her.

Whatever the reason is for Stewart's pristine success and popularity and however long it might last, Stewart is living the comeback of the century - and America loves a comeback.

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Opinion Columnist

Starving to death is 'dying with dignity?'

Lawmakers need to treat Schiavo as a human

TONY MCKEE PROUD MEMBER OF THE

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"The body attacks itself - fat, cartilage, muscle, all are sacrificed. The tongue swells and cracks, making swallowing difficult. The mouth dries out, becoming caked or coated with thick deposits. The mucous membranes in the nose dry out causing nosebleeds. The stomach lining dries, causing dry heaves and/or vomiting. Uncontrolled diarrhea could also result. The patient feels the pain. Body temperature increases. Brain cells dry out and die. Seizures start. The skin hangs loose, dries out, cracks, becomes inelastic and scaly. The eyes recede back into their orbits. The cheeks hollow out. The body slowly shuts down. The weakness becomes so extreme that the head cannot be raised. Consciousness is lost. The major body organs shrink and eventually give out. Death occurs. The process takes 1 - 3 weeks."

This is not the description of some terrible disease. This is just a general description of what happens when a person dies from starvation. Not a pleasant way to die, is it?

This is what Terri Schiavo will go through when (if) her feeding tube is removed - an agonizingly slow, torturous death by starvation.

She will feel the cravings from the pangs of hunger and thirst that will rack her body. She will feel the pain as her body consumes itself in a desperate attempt at self-preservation. She will feel the weakness spreading through her body hour after hour, day after day,

Opinion Columnist

The Republican ethos of small, less

powerful government in the United

States took another hit Sunday night,

as the U.S. Congress held an emergency

meeting in Washington to vote on

whether the federal government should

intervene in the case of Terri Schiavo

- the brain dead Florida woman whose

feeding tube was recently removed at

multiple levels of the Florida judiciary

have concluded that Schiavo is now,

and will forever be, lost in a "persistent

vegetative state" (characterized by a

complete lack of higher brain func-

tion, also known as "brain death"), the

executive and legislative branches of

our government have decided that the

matter is in need of further investiga-

tion. As a skeleton crew of congressmen

and senators met in Washington to pass

the proposal, which will federalize the

Schiavo case, it became clear to me

that a disproportionate number of our

national legislative officers are board

certified neurologists, as they spoke

intelligently on the medical ins and

outs of a woman whose own doctors

have long since determined will never

again experience the emotions, stimuli

and personal awareness which are so

by the federal government, which

included the last minute adjustment

of the President's schedule so he

could physically be present to sign the

proposal into effect, could have long

lasting repercussions for the state of

the American judiciary. By interfering

in what is clearly a state matter, the

federal government is demonstrating

why the founders of the Constitution

called for a "balance of power" within

the federal establishment, and the

The unprecedented steps taken

integral to the human experience.

Even though sworn testimony from

the behest of a Florida judge.

State judiciary undermined

PETER KALAJIAN

OUTRAGED TAXPAYER

as she wastes away. She will experience agony as her skin cracks and bleeds, her tongue swells, seizures rack her body and her organs start to fail.

She will feel all of this right until

the moment that she finally slips into unconsciousness. All awaiting her after this is the release of death delivering her from the torture she has been forced to endure. And make no mistake - Schiavo will feel all this because she is conscious. That has been one of the most

underreported aspects of this whole episode. Despite a diagnosis of being in a "persistent vegetative state," Schiavo is awake and able to respond to voice commands as well as recognize people.

She is not brain dead. She is not on a respirator. She is not a lifeless bag of flesh and bones who will die if the electricity is turned off. She is a living, breathing human being who suffered a brain injury and just happens to require a feeding tube.

Let's put aside the arguments of "he said, she said" that have been going on between Schiavo's husband and her family for a while and look at something a little more concrete Florida law.

When I was researching this situation, my understanding of Florida law is that the patient has to be not only in a vegetative state but (and here is the big one boys

and girls) "unconscious" as well. That little point of law is just a minor inconvenience for Florida's judiciary, who has twisted themselves, and the dictionary, inside out in their attempt to justify Schiavo's murder starvation. They have, in fact, decided

that even though she is awake, responds

Schiavo case draws attention of Congress

dangers involved when one party (the

Republican party in this case), controls

all three branches of government. As

the House of Representatives argued

the matter, it became clear that the

Republican members had little interest

in the legal and jurisdictional hornet's

nest at which they were hurling rocks,

and resorted to flowery language and

emotional rhetoric to further cloud

the issue. Whether or not Schiavo is

alive, whether she can laugh, cry and

recognize her mother is not the issue.

Those questions are left to the state,

her family and the medical establish-

ment of Florida. Even if she is "alive"

and aware of her surroundings, it is not

an issue for the U.S. Congress and the

in this country for a reason, and the

federal government bypassing the

Florida judiciary on this matter is a

simple case of political grandstanding

and President Bush doing everything in

his power to win extra points with his

electoral base. How many thousands of

families in this country, as we speak,

are grappling with these same ques-

tions of life and death, of the right to

die and the Constitutional protection

afforded by American citizens? Should

the federal government involve itself

in all of them, or should they go about

with their elected responsibilities and

concern themselves with the day to

day operation of the largest and most

of the hypocrisy and double talk of the

Republican leadership in this coun-

try. God forbid the government take

steps to protect the lives of innocent

American citizens by restricting the sale

and purchase of deadly firearms (not

hunting rifles, not weapons for home

protection, I am referring here to the

high capacity/military surplus weapons

which cause so much destruction in

this country every year) or articulate

the rights of a woman to control her

This situation is a perfect example

complex bureaucracy on Earth?

We maintain state governments

president to involve themselves in.

to commands, moves her head to track people's movements, etc. that she fits the definition of "unconscious" and can therefore be starved to death.

Many disagree with that and are determined to stop it, for very good reasons. It is illegal in Florida to starve a dog to death. A person would be charged with cruelty, fined and more than likely jailed. Yet starving a human being to death is not only OK, it receives a judicial, and political, stamp of approval. Mrs. Schiavo is worth less than a dog, huh?

Advocates of starving Schiavo to death say that they are only trying to make sure that people have "end of life choices" or "death with dignity." Really?

Show me how Schiavo will have any dignity as her eyeballs fall back into her skull, as her body slowly consumes itself, as she thrashes from seizures, as she uncontrollably soils herself. Where's the dignity? And where's the choice?

I don't recall Schiavo being asked at any time, even though she could communicate yes or no, if she wanted to die, let alone endure the agony of starvation.

Schiavo's case is now being debated in the U. S. Congress. Whether you agree with that action or not, the decision is out of our hands. By the time you read these words the issue may already be decided. Hopefully, the decision will be in favor of life for Schiavo.

If, however, Schiavo's feeding tube is ultimately removed, a camera should be set up in her room so that the whole world can witness 24/7 the torture she will endure as she slowly starves to death, and we can all watch her "die with dignity."

sanctioned murder of minors.

majority of people who consider them-

selves "pro-life" also consider them-

selves "pro-death" with their support

of capital punishment. These blatant

contradictions in political dogma are

easily overlooked by most Republicans

and serve as a thorn in the side of the

are unable to see through Sen. Tom

Frist's declarations that a woman with

no brain activity whatsoever, with the

proper love, support and expensive

rehabilitation, will someday be able to

speak and feed herself. Nonsense. The

human brain is the epicenter of life.

Life is not simply the beating of the

human heart, the functioning of the

lungs or the blinking of the eyes. It is

not ventilators or feeding tubes. Life is

emotions, feelings and self-awareness.

Life is the ability to interact with the

world around us, to empathize with

die is an abomination of God's law,

(as one guest of a political pundit so

eloquently put it)? Would God desire

the continuation of a life which he has

most clearly given up on? The fact is

that without government intervention,

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business anywhere near the halls of

Congress. Perhaps a little less focus on

and further deepen the ideological

Afghanistan.

The Schiavo case, while it

feeding tube, Schiavo would die.

How is it that allowing Schiavo to

others, to laugh, to cry.

Unfortunately, most Americans

embattled Democratic Party.

Pirate Rant

intelligent departments who posted or announced their Spring Break hours on their Web sites and/or answering service. I guess it was just too much to ask of others.

sent. That is so aggravating. I something long you will never remember is not enough.

To the person who believes wearing flip-flops during 30degree weather contributes to the spreading of the flu: You are so wrong. The flu is not caught because you play out in the snow or because you wear open-toe shoes when it's cold. Bacteria grow in warm environments like your home. You have a higher probability of catching the flu if you stay inside (with the heat) than wearing flip-flops.

Why aren't the walls in the group study rooms sound proof? Kind of defeats the purpose, don't you think?

I fart in your general direction.

Attention all students: If you and grow up.

In response to the person who said, "what are the smokers supposed to do:" Here's a thought stop smoking.

It was too good to be true, yet I am happy for LaShawn Merritt. It is unfortunate that we can't keep an athlete such as Merritt, seeing how weak our other athletics fare (with the exception of swimming and baseball). At least we can say the second fastest man in the 200's was a Pirate. How do ' you like them apples, America?

West End Dining Hall rules. Now, if we can just get those jealous "College Hillers" out of our territory.

What's with all the rants about the swim team being "so great?" The reason articles are written about the football and baseball teams is that those are the sports that people actually go see. I've been to numerous ECU football games and I am planning to go to as many baseball games as possible. I don't have any plans to see the swim team.

reproductive system or outlaw the state-Apparently, Republicans want the government to be big enough to fit inside our bedrooms or our hospital rooms. It is not a coincidence the vast

Why do people hold Creationism in such high regard? Personally, I'd rather think that I evolved over the years, but you people really prefer to think that we have made a far more noble descent from dust?

My friend just got married. Congratulations, buddy - one girl for the rest of your life.

My girlfriend will not go home... she thinks she's welcome

How about we quit crying about the smoking rules? I don't think the Pirate Rant is the place to write to if you want action to be taken. Why don't we get back to the funny rants that make me laugh in the middle of class?

I just want to say that TEC does a good job hiring beautiful editors. Amanda and the Kristins give me a reason to read the paper. on Wednesday.

Why should I be on time for class if my professor is always

raises interesting and important questions about euthanasia, life and Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is death and the right to die, has no an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be individual cases which can rally the submitted anonymously online at Republican base around the president www.theeastcarolinian.com, or emailed to editor@theeastcarolinian. lines dividing America and more focus com. The editor reserves the right on issues like, say, The War in Iraq and to edit opinions for content and brevity.

I just want to thank all the.

Pirate Mail needs to stop telling me what to do: "You need to delete your e-mail," "your mailbox is too big," etc. Those messages take up massive space alone, and then it keeps being guess having to change your password every three months to

To the professors who like to give midterms one day before Spring Break starts: You suck and

wear topsiders you must own a boat, if you wear high heels you must be a stripper and if you wear boots you have to camp or work in construction (note my sarcasm). Get over yourselves

"Christianity neither is, nor ever was a part of the common law," - Thomas Jefferson, letter to Dr. Thomas Cooper, Feb. 10,

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4. "Desperate Housewives"

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Gemini - Having people over to your house isn't a bad idea, but cleaning it up before they get there could be a daunting

Cancer - You may have to scramble to keep a promise. If you don't really know how to do it, find an author who does. Staying up all night reading will be well

Leo - It would be pretty easy to spend more money now than you've got. Don't create a conflict with a loved one by doing that.

Virgo - You're particularly good with details for the next couple of days. Take on a chore that requires concentration and accuracy. It'll

Libra - You may feel under a bit of pressure to be as perfect as you can. Take extra time with the details and nobody will be

Scorplo - The odds are good that you're doing too many things at the same time. Others may counsel you to slow down, but you don't have to listen. You work well under pressure.

Sagittarius - Although you'd rather run and play, responsibilities call. Don't simply ignore them, at least take a number and promise to call back.

Capricorn - Travel beckons, but it's not a great idea to go. Complications are predicted. Wait 'til next week if you can. That goes for mailing things, too.

Aquarius - It's not a good time to take risks with money, yours or anyone else's. Even a great offer from a friend is liable to backfire. Wait.

Pisces - You're glad to be available during working hours, but it's up to you to set limits. Protect your own private time. It

March 22:

Lullabies to Paralyze Moby - Hotel Louis XIV - Best secrets are kept Lifehouse - Lifehouse

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April 5:

Hot Hot Heat - Elevator The Crystal Method - Community Service II Reel Big Fish - We're not happy 'til you're not happy

April 12: Garbage - Bleed like me

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Top right: Lifehouse press photo. Bottom right: Moby press

photo. Left: Queens of the Stone Age press photo.

Spektor's music and 'unique' personality are reflected in her photo.

'Soviet Kitsch:' Not just the

Regina Spektor was born in

Moscow and raised in the Bronx

of New York City. She was trained

classically on the piano and with

all this combined, something truly

Kitsch displays her talent as a

pianist and vocalist. Although her

voice has a different sound, it is

the album is lyrical perfection.

There seems to be something a

little off about the songwriting.

She might need some more time to

short story writer writes stories,"

"I try to write songs the way a

refine or grow as a writer.

Her latest CD release Soviet

The only thing lacking from

original is the outcome.

soulful and pleasant.

café scene anymore

JESSICA CRESON

SENIOR WRITER

Spektor branching out

said Spektor in a biography on

I write a song from the point of

view of a man or a criminal or

an old woman?' Obviously some

of it comes from personal things,

but it's so much more fun when

a concept or idea pops into my

head and then I pull on it and

out comes this thing that I never

almost makes up for the lack of

teacher and her father was a

violinist and photographer, so her

background in music is strong. She

began to play the classical piano at

the age of six and it seems this will

City, her piano did not come, so

she had to seek out a teacher whom

When she moved to New York

always be her first love.

But the way she sings

Spektor's mother was a music

"I always thought, 'why can't

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expected."

lyrical greatness.

KRISTIN MURNANE Assistant Features Editor

Rock fans have a choice in March, perhaps

being able to find a safe haven from the rap and

pop dominated airways both on television and

radio. The selection expanded on March 22, with

both well-known bands and some new kids on the

block, no pun intended, distributing highly touted

releases. Among the veterans are Queens of the

Stone Age, Moby and Lifehouse. Lesser known is

Louis XIV, who will release their critically lauded

Lullabies to Paralyze, which is "loud and sludgy on

the group's third album" writes Aidin Vaziri on

amazon.com. Even without skilled former bassist

Nick Oliveri, Vaziri writes "monster riffs, choppy

rhythms, explosive melodies and, yes, even a gener-

ous serving of cowbell, propel standout songs like

'Medication' and 'Little Sister' on the follow-up to

- Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top), Shirley Manson (Garbage)

and Brody Dalle (The Distillers) all assist in the

fifth studio album with a March due date. The

upcoming long play, titled Hotel, is a testament

to experimentation, which of course Moby is no

stranger to. The CD will feature 14 tracks, 10 of

which contain vocals, two are instrumental and

two tracks don't even feature the front man on the

microphone, though he plays the instruments in

album as continuing "in Moby's tradition of

beautifully eclectic records and runs the gamut

from quiet instrumentals, to anthems, to down-

tempo sultry jams, to uplifting electro-disco, to

His Web site, moby.com, described the new

Fellow musicians add harmony to Lullabies

Fans check in to Moby, who will release his

Queens of the Stone Age have returned with

debut LP The Best Little Secrets Are Kept.

2002's breakthrough Songs for the Deaf."

Promising month for rockers

KYLE BILLINGS

STAFF WRITER

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No movies this week.

Top 5 Movies: 1. The Ring Two

2. Robots 3. The Pacifier

4. Ice Princess 5. Hitch

Top 5 DVDs:

2. The Exorcist: Beginnings

4. Flight of the Phoenix

5. Ray

1. 50 Cent

4. Jennifor Lopez

Top 5 TV Shows: I. "CSI"

"Without a Trace"

Horoscopes:

Aries - For the next several weeks, you'll be more compassionate, less adversarial. This is good, because there's a huge job to be done. You need all the help you can get.

chance, dance.

prospect. Get a Virgo to help.

worth the effort.

Leave the credit cards at home.

be fun, almost.

disappointed.

is truly valuable.

CD Releases:

Queens of the Stone Age-

March 29: Beck - Guero

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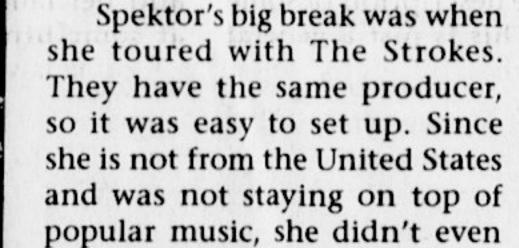
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"Who stays: Anthony Fedorov Who goes: Mikalah Gordon"

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"Who stays: Carrie Underwood Who goes: Mikalah Gordon"



she stuck with until she

to play locally in New York

and eventually formed a fan

During college, she began

when she found out they had the same producer. "Anti-folk" is the musical movement Spektor is trying to enforce. It is mostly a soft song with the piano in the background, an angrier song or a more playful song. So it is & hard to describe what genre she

know who The Strokes were

"I don't have an overall క్ట్ sound," Spektor said.

would fit into.

"I tend to think of each song as its own little world, so one song can be a complete punk song, while another could be a chamber ensemble with strings. It's more fun that way because I never have to do the same thing over and over again."

The Strokes opened her eyes to where music is going today and what's out there to offer her.

She met Kings of Leon on tour with The Strokes as well and has plans to tour with them in Europe.

Spektor puts her talent with piano out there and has learned slowly to improvise and let loose to be creative. "The Flowers" is a song that shines with her ability with the piano and haunting, delightful voice.

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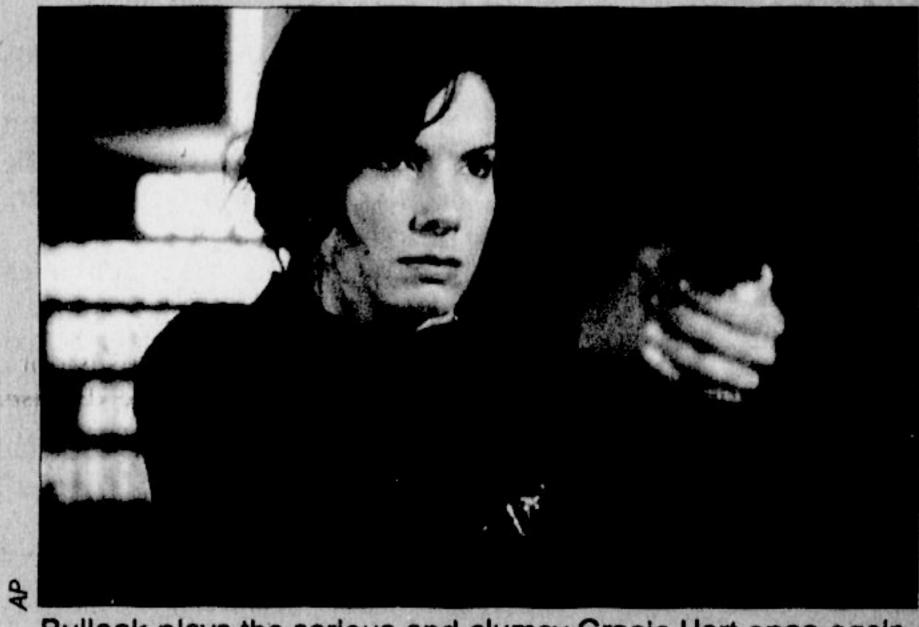
To the appeal of less-than-secular fans, Lifehouse resurrects its musical résumé with a new selftitled album. Many can remember the oft-played radio favorite "Hanging By a Moment," so Lifehouse has brought a new album to replace the song seemingly stuck in your head for the last three years. Their first single "You and Me" has already reached platinum status, maintaining their colossal grip on the charts with their number 16 spot in Billboard's Adult Contemporary singles chart. Front man Jason Wade writes on their Web site, lifehousemusic.com, how he approached the third album: "[I write] the kind of music I like to write. That's one of the great things about having done a couple of records. don't second-guess myself anymore. When I'm writing I'm not trying to please everyone. My first question is: Do I like it?"

With publicity coming from all ends of the spectrum, including MTV and Rolling Stone magazine, band Louis XIV is primed and hopes to make history with the release of their debut album The Best Little Secrets Are Kept. The four man crew hails from San Diego, yet got their name (also the title of one of their singles) from the Sun King during time spent in France. Brian Hiatt of Rolling Stone labels one of "10 Artists to Watch," and writes of their style and sound: "dirty-weet guitars, swinging beats and lead vocalist Jason Hill's talk-singing dominate the CD."

For alternative tastes, other notable CDs released on March 22 included Mariah Carey, a box set of Ozzy Osbourne material, Frankie J, and for the older patrons, 12 brand new tracks from 1980's fave Billy Idol in his upcoming album Devil's Playground.

So as the month that brought us madness and a well-desired break dwindles down, consider celebrating the end of March with a little bit of its mayhem.

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Bullock plays the serious and clumsy Gracie Hart once again. Sequels strike again

Bullock entertains in 'Miss Congeniality 2'

KATHERINE DAY

STAFF WRITER For those of us who can't get enough of watching Sandra Bullock tripping and acting so darn aloof on screen, the March 24 opening of Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous

The sequel to Miss Congeniality takes off where the original picture left. The adorable Bullock, star of such blockbusters as Speed and The Net, is reprising her role as Gracie Hart, an FBI agent assigned to protect the participants of a beauty pageant by going undercover as Gracie Lou Freebush.

should satisfy our tastes.

Bullock will be "gracing" the screen for the second time this year. Five years after Miss Congeniality made it big, grossing \$212 million worldwide, Bullock is trying her luck again, starring in and producing the sequel to her hit comedy. As a rule, sequels rarely live up to the standards of the original. So will Miss Congeniality 2 soar like the bus in Speed or sink like

the boat from Speed 2?

Ignoring any previous bad luck Bullock may have had with sequels, Miss Congeniality 2 looks to keep the sweet, eccentric personality of its star as the main draw for this comedy/thriller. However, for all you Michael Caine fans, you're going to have to stick it out with your old copy of Blame It On Rio, as he will not be returning as Victor Melling, the miracleworking stylist that somehow managed to transform Bullock into a beauty queen.

The original Miss Congeniality ended with FBI agent Gracie Hart saving the contestants of the Miss United States pageant from a disgruntled beauty queen (Candice Bergen.) Hart ended up being runner-up to Miss Rhode Island, who managed to win despite the fact her airhead answer to the question "What is your idea of a perfect date?" was "Well, my idea of a perfect date would be April 23. Because it's not too hot or too cold, and all you need is a light jacket." An actual answer

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Crowds at Bonnaroo Festival will see rock performers Dave Matthews Band and Widespread Panic.

All-star bands to headline the weekend event

LAURA KEELING SENIOR WRITER

Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival 2005 will be a weekend full of good music, great bands and an awesome experience. The festival has been going strong every summer since 2002 when it sold more than 90,000 tickets solely by word of mouth. The official Bonnaroo Web site describes the event as a "Four day, multi-stage camping festival on a 200 acre farm in Manchester, Tenn." The weekend of the extravaganza is June 10 - 12.

This year's show will include many bands such as Widespread Panic, Dave Matthews Band, Trey Anastasio of Phish, Jack Johnson, The Black Crowes, The Allman Brothers Band, Allison Krauss & Union Station, Modest Mouse, Keller Williams, Joss Stone, OAR, Iron & Wine and Drive by Truckers, just to name a few.

Some of these acts are legendary and seasoned performers that are coming together to create a concert the listener and viewer will never forget. All of these bands and many others will play at various points during the weekend and are sure to be a true crowd pleaser. Camping sites and parking spaces will be available as well as hotel accommodations. Camp site accommodations include water and portable rest room facilities. Recreational vehicles will be allowed for an additional \$40 due to the limited amount of space and popularity of camping at the show.

Ticket prices start at level I and go to level III. Tickets have increased to \$172.50 for level III and can be purchased on the official Web site, bonnaroo.com. Ticket levels I and II have already sold out. The ticket price includes a service fee of \$14.50, which includes fees for the county, \$1 for charity and the rest for shipping and handling. Tickets also include a three-day pass that features tent camping and parking. VIP passes are available for those who want to celebrate in style.

The event also features many vendor tents for bands, food tents, comedy tents, Cisco Networking Internet areas and festival yoga. Other services that will be included as stated in the Web site are, "Portable water,

medical assistance, shade tents, hand wash stations (no showers) and portable toilets. We will have a general store on-site and vendors will be selling a variety of reasonably priced foods, beverages and snacks. There will be pay telephones and ATMs."

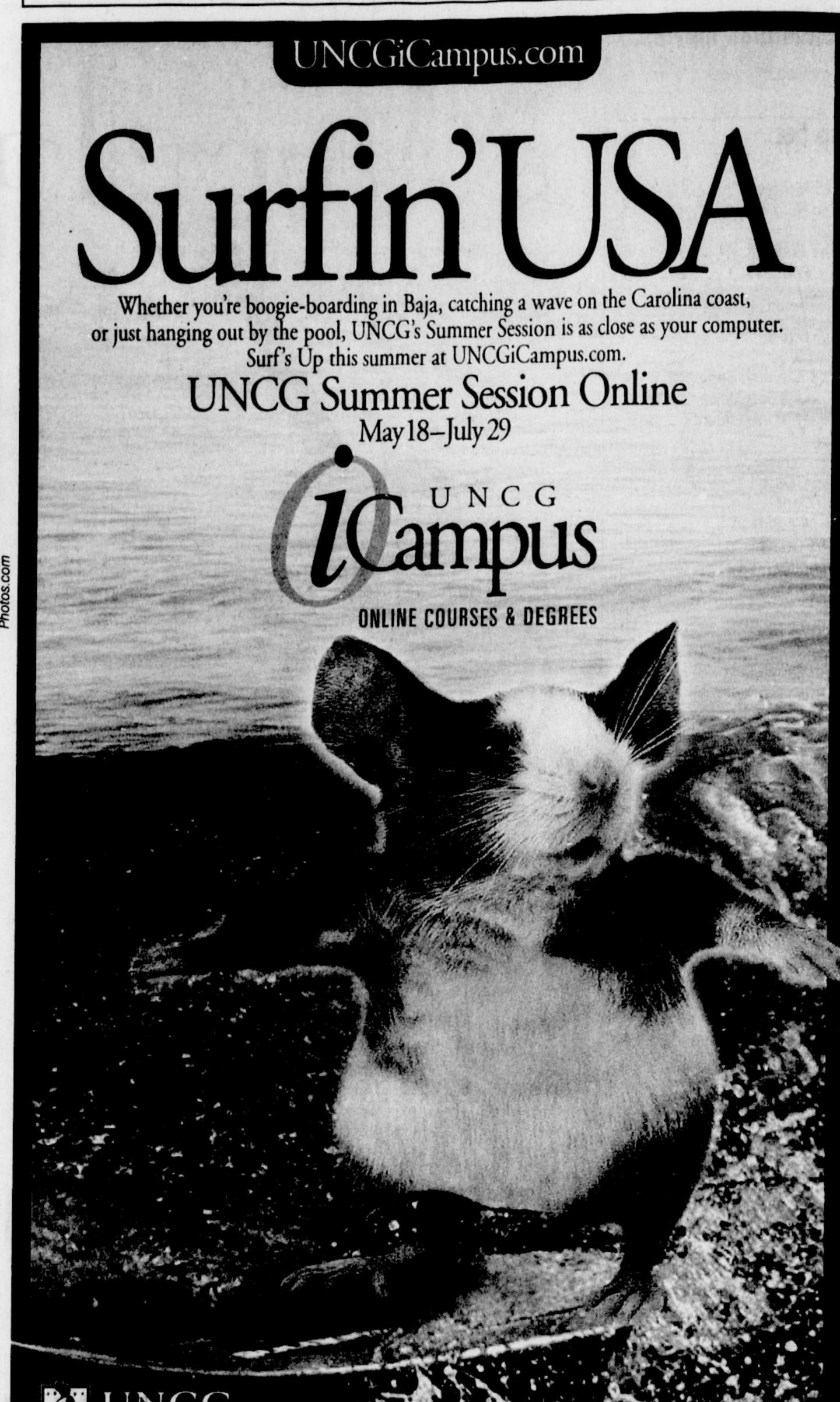
The festival also recognizes the need for those with disabilities and handicapped accessible campsites will be available.

This show might seem a little on the costly side but if you really think about it, you are getting to hear many bands in one weekend and have an incredible music experience. All of those concerts would cost a pretty penny separately. Tickets are on sale now and will quickly sell out. Buy them today and plan a trip to a farm in Tennessee for one of the greatest jam band happenings on the east coast. This summer is sure to be one for the record books, as Bonnaroo has become better each and every year. Here's to this year's festival and many more to come.

For more information about the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival please visit their Web site at bonnaroo.com.

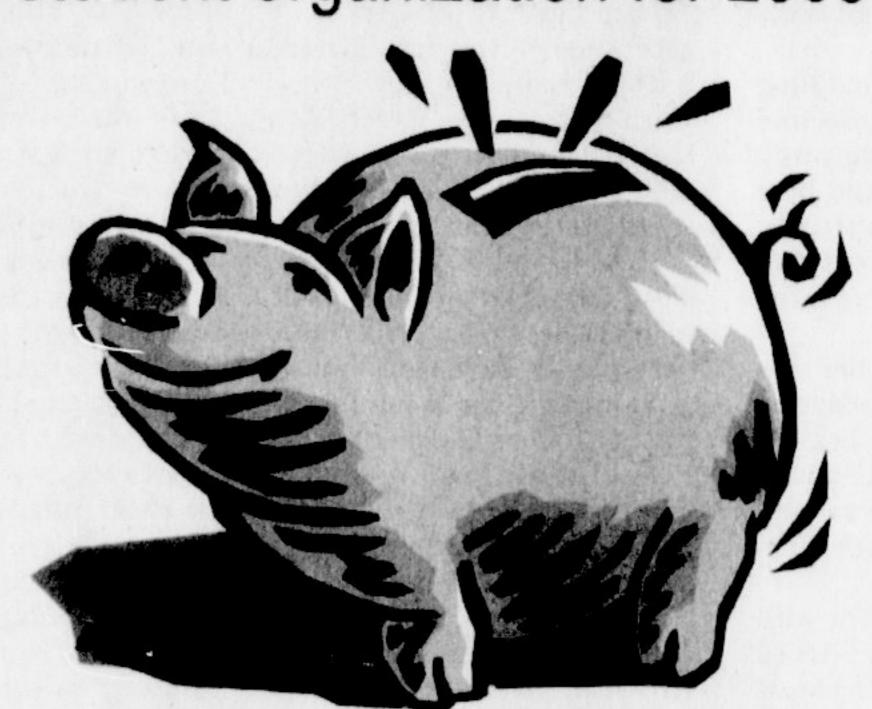
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to a question in a beauty pageant, Miss Rhode Island is lucky she's so sweet.

Also missing from the sequel is Bullock's love interest, Eric Matthews, played by Benjamin Bratt. A coworker of Hart's, FBI agent Matthews had a penchant for a pretty face. So once Bullock had her makeover, she met all of his requirements. Unfortunately, the relationship between Matthews and Hart didn't carry on to the sequel. Presumably Bratt had bigger plans in mind, namely starring in Catwoman.

Somehow, William Shatner found time in his busy schedule to reprise his role as Stan Fields, the pageant manager. What the crooner didn't predict was that he and Miss Rhode Island, Cheryl Frazier (Heather Burns) would be kidnapped and only 'Miss Congeniality' herself would be able to save them.

After the Miss United States pageant, Gracie returns to the FBI as the popular runner-up in a beauty contest. She works the talk-show circuit and is considered to be the new face of the FBI.

With her newfound popularity, Hart begins to realize that she's losing touch with her coworkers and no longer commands the respect she used to. What is now considered a joke in the FBI, the "new face" must get back to what she's best at doing - falling flat on her face at the most inopportune moments in hilarious fashion.

So when her best friend and former manager are kidnapped in Las Vegas, she must shape up and kick butt. She can't do it alone though. She needs the

help of Sam Fuller (Regina King), an eager worker in the FBI who considers Hart's fame to be a mockery of the FBI. Also around for the ride is Jeff Foreman (Enrique Murciano)

to prove a love interest for Hart. In the new movie, Bullock is anticipated to trip or fall down no less than 40 times. The same formula that worked so well for the first movie is likely to be repeated, except this time the bickering is between Bullock and King rather than Bullock and Caine. That is, of course, until the two manage to put aside their differences and work together to save the day.

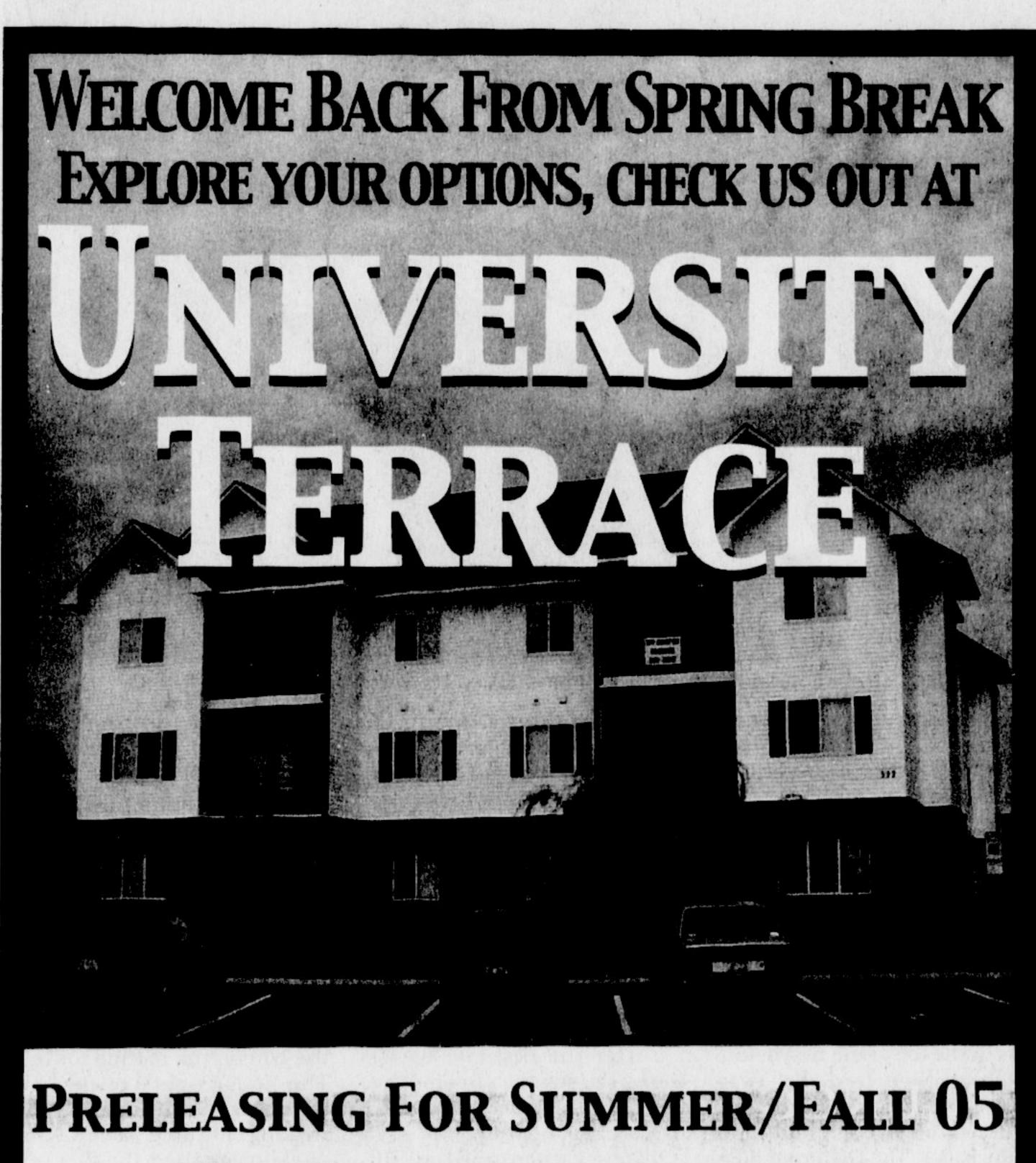
While very successful with audiences, Miss Congeniality did not fare as well with the critics. What Roger Ebert called "a dreary sitcom mishmash," the only thing keeping this trite mess afloat was the presence of

Bullock, who "has a warmth that gets you smiling even when the material is weak."

So if you're a fan of the original and are a huge Sandra Bullock fan, chances are this movie will be worth watching. Even if you haven't seen the first, the plot in the first one was thin enough that after five minutes of the sequel, more than enough information will be sufficed.

What can be expected is Bullock acting adorable, Shatner singing and a happy ending. There's nothing more to be expected in this film, but for a good time at the movies, Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous should be just the thing for a lively and sweet time.

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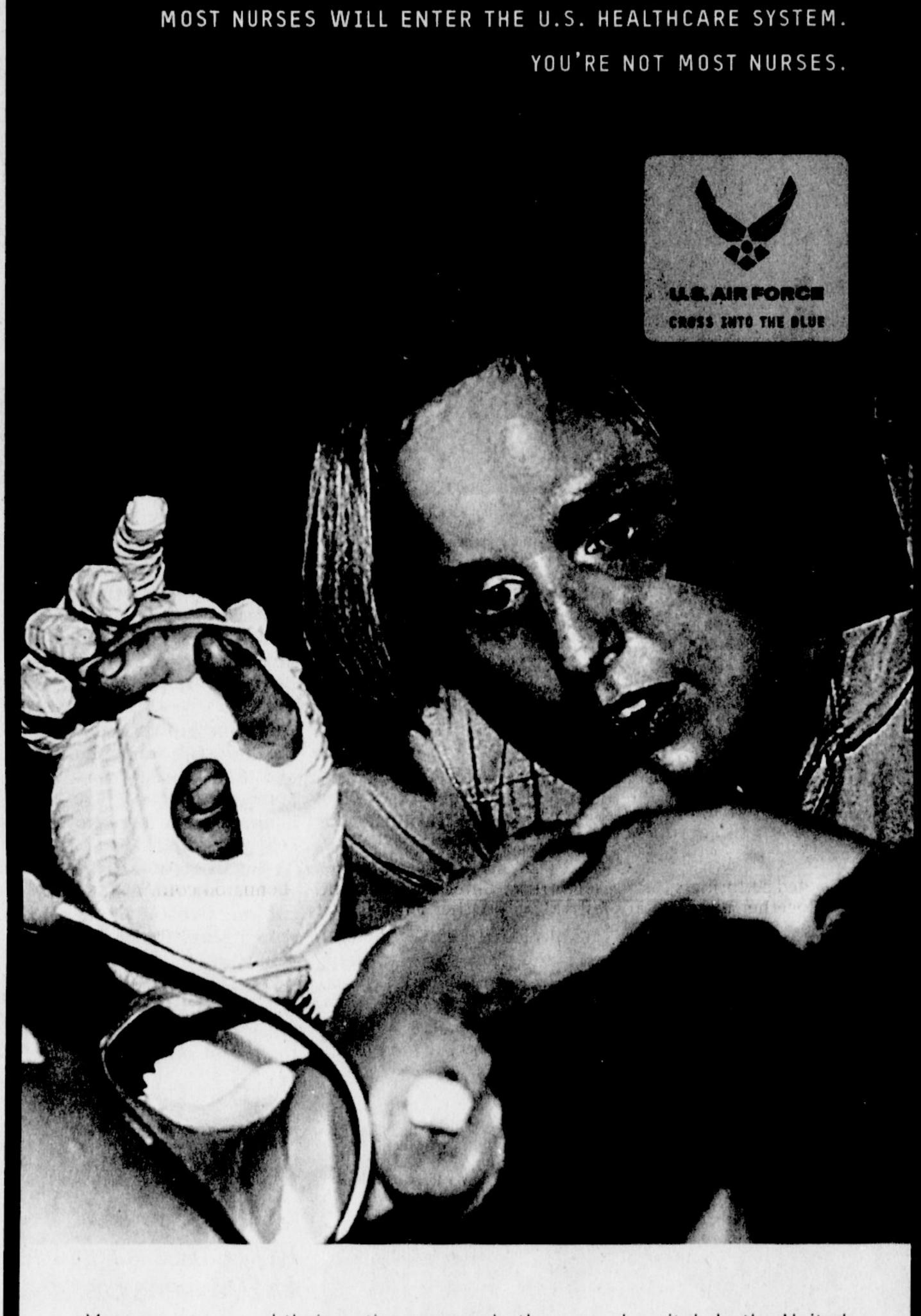


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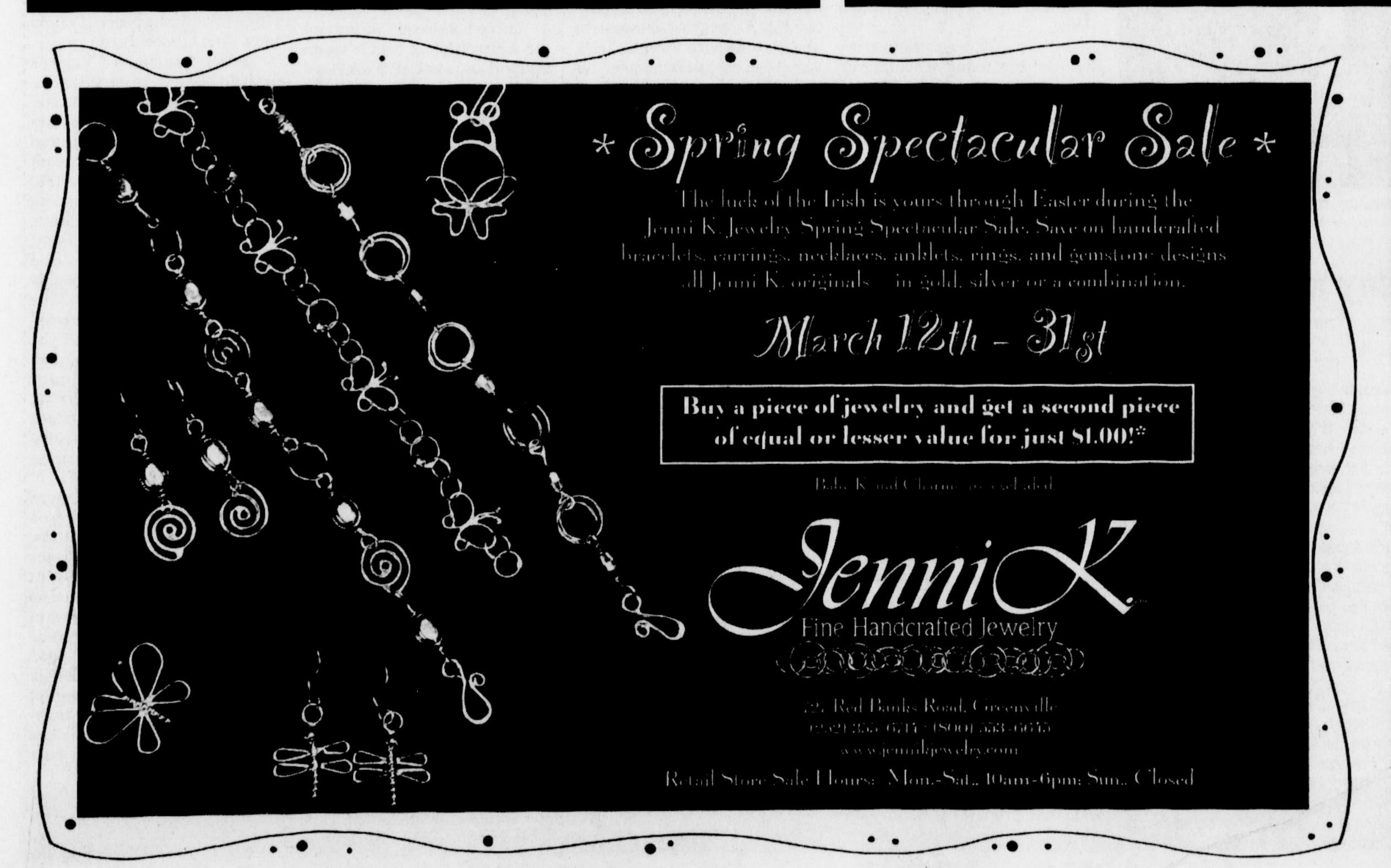
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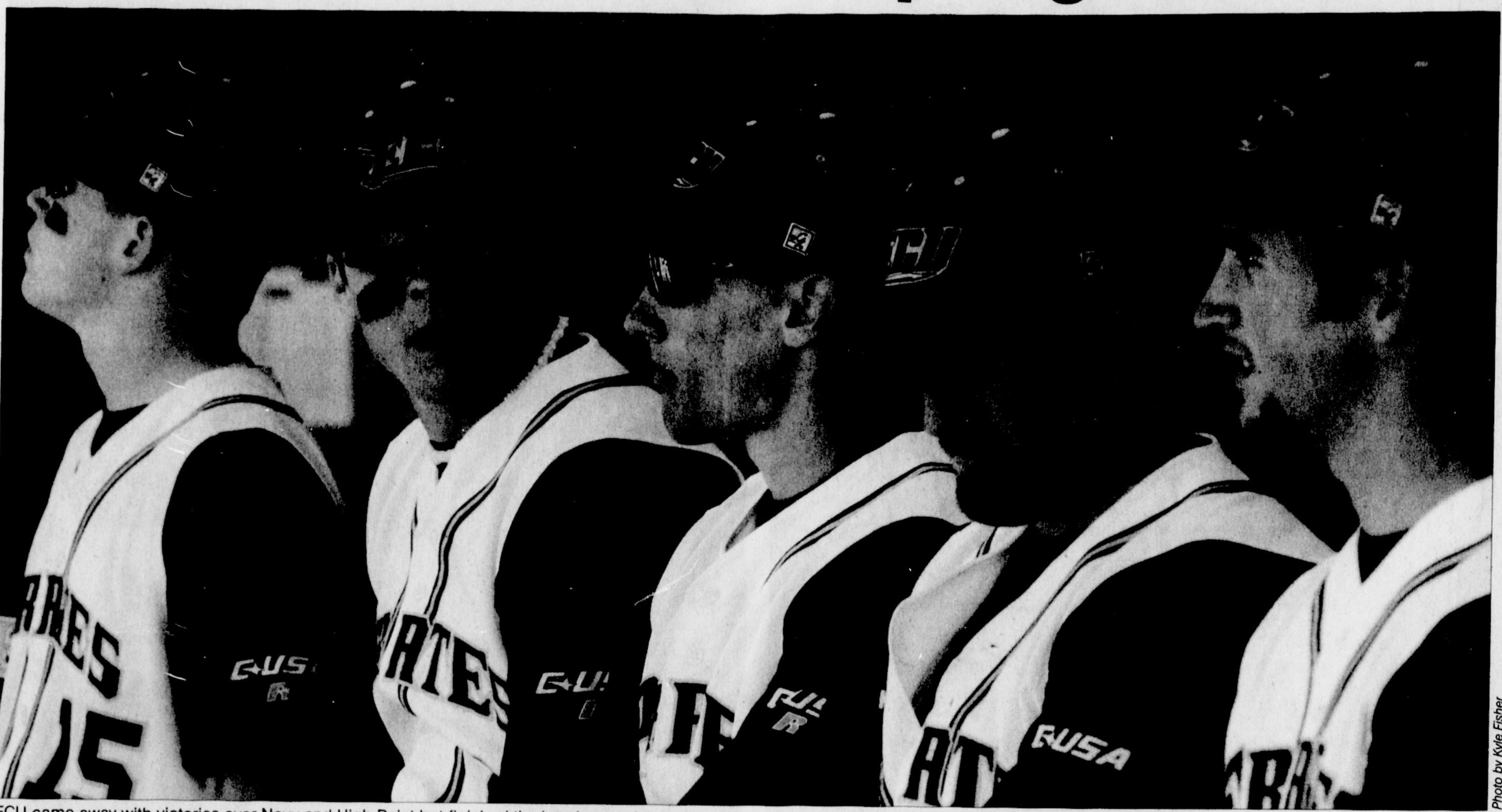
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Diamond Bucs finish spring break 4-3



ECU came away with victories over Navy and High Point but finished the break on a down note after being swept in a weekend series with No. 3 Tulane, losing by counts of 6-5, 13-6 and 8-6.

Billy Richardson hits for the cycle against Navy

BRENT WYNNE SENIOR WRITER

After sweeping Navy, then picking off High Point in a midweek game, the ECU baseball team didn't exactly get off on the right foot in Conference USA play, as they were swept by No. 3 Tulane in a three game series over the break. The Pirates dropped the three contests by scores of 6-5, 13-6 and 8-6 respec-

tively. The Green Wave won games one and three in the bottom half of the last inning.

The first game ended when Pirate pitcher Ricky Brooks surrendered a walk off home run in

the ninth with the score knotted at 5-5 to wave batter Nathan Southard. Brooks suffered the loss, as he pitched two innings of relief, giving up only one hit, the game winner, while striking out one.

ECU didn't appear to be 4-0. intimidated coming into one of college baseball's most hostile environments in Turchin Stadium, as they raced out to an early 4-0 advantage after two

Billy Richardson led off the game with a double to right and later scored on a single by Mark Minicozzi that was too tall for Tulane third baseman Brad Emaus to handle. Mike Grace then reached on a bloop single and was joined on the base paths by Jake Smith, when he was hit

by a pitch. Brian Cavanaugh's single to center, scored Minicozzi and Grace to give the Pirates a

Minicozzi drove home Richardson in the second with a double to increase the lead to Tulane got on the board in

the third after Southard doubled and then scored on a Tommy Manzella single. Emaus then homered in the fourth to cut the ECU lead in half. Emaus struck again in the

two-on, two-out double that scored Matt Barket and Greg The Green Wave took their first lead of the series when Joe

Holland hit his first long ball of

the season off of Pirate reliever

sixth, tying the contest with a

Kevin Rhodes to give Tulane a 5-4 lead.

Freshman Harrison Eldridge doubled to right with two outs in the top of the ninth, scoring Cavanaugh to tie the score at five, setting up Southard's heroics for Tulane.

Richardson, Minicozzi and Cavanaugh all led the Pirates with two hits apiece.

Game three was eerily similar to one as the Pirates scored three runs in the top of the first before watching their lead slip away once again, ultimately dropping a rule shortened contest in eight innings, 6-8. The Diamond Bucs carried a 6-4 lead into the bottom of the eighth, before allowing Tulane to reel off four runs to take an 8-6 lead. After the inning, officials met and decided to call

the game, citing a rule in the conference rule book that states no game can start another inning after five o'clock eastern standard

Freshman pitcher T.J. Hose

was saddled with the loss. Hose

pitched four perfect innings in relief of starter Jeff Ostrander, who went 3.2 innings, before giving up all four hits, and four runs with two outs in the After the first two batters

were retired, the Green Wave used two singles and two doubles to score the four runs.

Drew Costanzo led all hitters on the day, collecting three hits with a RBI and three runs

The beginning of spring break brought the Navy Mid-

shipmen into town for a three game set with the Pirates. ECU faired much better in this series, as they won all three games, 6-5, 17-4 and 14-0 respectively.

Game one was a very exciting contest that ended on a walk off single from Richardson that scored Eldridge from third to lift the Pirates to victory.

Rhodes, who came on in the eighth, was the beneficiary of the game winning single to get the win on the mound for ECU. The junior righty pitched two innings, giving up one hit, while striking out three.

Minicozzi led the Pirates in game one with three hits.

Games two and three were a display of the Pirate offensive

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Holland shoots, scores... again



Holland speaks at a press conference in November of 2004.



Trust Terry to do his job

TONY ZOPPO SPORTS EDITOR

Many of you may not like this but it needs to be said. Terry Holland was brought to ECU to get the athletic programs back on track. In order to do that, difficult decisions must be made and Holland is and always has been well aware of that. In the past, Holland took two schools, Davidson and Virginia. and transformed their athletic programs into winners, particularly basketball. Many people said Skip Holtz was a bad hire at first and now say Stokes is a no-name. Tell me, can anyone name any of the coaches responsible for the success enjoyed at Davidson and UVA?

I've heard the stories of a Greenville who supported teams that defied all odds and took it to the big boys back in the 1990s. I remember a town that was fed up with ECU athletics after the Logan-Hamrick disasters. I recall the memory of a town elated over the summer when they heard about the Holland hire and were looking forward to a new era in ECU sports.

And now, after Holland has handled two extremely difficult and highly volatile situations with grace and ultimate professionalism, many of you are willing to say he's not qualified to do this job.

When a school has a man with the track record Holland boasts as the leader of that university's athietics, the community must trust him until one of his decisions goes awry, and even then the train had better run completely off the track for folks to lose falth. Holland has been with ECU for less than a year and is doing what he was hired to do - rebuild ECU athletics. Ricky Stokes is a key element in that plan. It's time for fans and students to start supporting Holland like they support all of their Pirates. Instead of parading around "Fire Holland" T-shirts, let the man do his job and start wearing apparel that reads more like "in Terry We Trust."

Ricky Stokes is right hire for ECU men's basketball

TONY ZOPPO SPORTS EDITOR

There's the big name hire and there's the right hire. The head coach vacancy for ECU football featured this dynamic, as far as speculation for the new head coach. Big name hire - Steve Spurrier, Ron Zook, Ty Willingham. The right hire - Skip Holtz.

ECU men's basketball also featured big name speculation as Greenville residents and Pirate fans everywhere kicked around names like Dave Odom, Matt Dougherty or Bobby Cremins. The right hire - Ricky Stokes.

Recruiting

Tim Duncan, Randolph Childress, Rodney Rogers, Robert O'Kelly, Loren Woods. Stokes recruited all of these guys during an eight-year stint with Wake Forest University. Duncan was while O'Kelly grabbed ACC Player of the year in 1998. Childress, Rogers and Woods were also outstanding college players, even if Woods didn't play on the team for which Stokes originally recruited him. And by the way, with Stokes on the staff at WFU those eight years, the Demon Deacs danced seven times, including an elite eight appearance and a pair of sweet sixteen trips.

I'm not delusional. I know Stokes, no matter how great of a recruiter, is not going to bring the next Big Fundamental to ECU. Not yet anyway. However, what he will do is recruit smart, solid, athletic kids who are good students and can help put the Pirates

on the NCAA basketball map. It also helps that Bill Herrion has prepared a team who is ready to win for next season

in a watered-down Conference USA. Plus, Stokes is looking to run an up-tempo offense in the upcoming season, a smart move when you consider that ECU looked like a completely different team when they tried to run the floor this past year with some very athletic players such as Tommy Hammonds, Corey Rouse, Marvin Kilgore, Jonathan Hart and Mike Cook.

Winners breed winners

Stokes comes from a background rich in success, despite his well-documented and often-criticized 45-70 record in four years as a head coach with Virginia Tech. Before I go on, just remember, his last three years with VT was the basketball program's first three years in the powerhouse that is

the Big East. Stokes is a guy who, as a player and a coach, has been to the NCAA tournament 13 times and the final four twice. He played under ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland at the University of Virginia and was most recently an assistant on Dave Odom's staff at the University of 1997 College-player-of-the-year South Carolina. Odom is a combined 335-216 in his career as head coach while Holland posted

a career slate of 326-173. Also consider the recent comments from coaches like Odom, Jim Larranga and Seth Greenberg. Odom, while happy for Stokes' opportunity with the Pirates, hates to lose such a quality coach. Larranga praised Stokes' ability to find quality student-athletes and past experience. Greenberg may have said the most positive thing of all as he openly admitted that Stokes' recruiting ability has been a big part of Virginia Tech's success this year in the ACC as the first-year Hokies finished fourth in the conference.

"Building a program is a process and there's no doubt that the foundation Ricky laid has enabled us to enjoy the success

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Stokes hiring just doesn't add up

Holland failed to make big hire ECU needed

ERIC GILMORE

SENIOR WRITER

Athletic director and near basketball legend Terry Holland was supposed to hit a home run. Instead, with the hiring of Ricky Stokes, he bunted. And bunted

badly. This whole weird "Young and the Restless" tale began when Holland and associate Nick Floyd met with now-former coach Bill Herrion and asked him to be a "fundraiser" on Feb. 22. The Pirates were poised for the Conference USA tournament, playing fairly well and had a favorable

schedule to end the season. Instead, Holland and Floyd caused uproar among the Pirate Nation forcing fans to choose sides between an embattled coach and a new administrative regime. The weird part is that the news was not supposed to be exposed until after the season ended. Holland had to provide an "open letter" online justifying the firing attempting to soothe

the hornet mad fans. The very next day, Herrion and Holland were reported to have had "words" inside Minges Coliseum. However, the Pirates fizzled late in the season and did not make the C-USA tournament for the second time in four

The momentum of the Pirate Nation started to swing into one of hope for a new day in Pirate basketball with national prominence and at-large NCAA berths. People were speculating that Holland was going to use his Yellow Pages-like Rolodex and find a diamond in the rough.

On March 15, the day before the Stokes announcement, Holland held a press conference

updating the press about the search. He concluded that it would be "10 days to two weeks" before an announcement was made. Awkwardly, the very next day, Stokes was announced the new coach at an impromptu press conference.

Much like Skip Holtz, Ricky Stokes had been a head coach once prior to heading up the ECU program. Holtz won at the University at Connecticut and left on his own terms. Stokes didn't win at Virginia Tech and was fired. Given his walking papers. See you later. That kind of fired.

Stokes went 45-70 at Virginia Tech. In his first season in Blacksburg, Stokes' team went 16-15 and 8-8 in the Atlantic 10. The team bowed out in the second round of the Atlantic 10 with a 19-point loss to Temple. The 1999-2000 team also had embarrassing losses at East Tennessee State,

and home to Radford and Liberty. Stokes' second season and first in the Big East is probably one he would like to forget. The team was pitiful going 8-19 overall and 2-14 in the Big East. The Hokies lost 12 of their 13 games. Embarrassing losses included William & Mary and Liberty at home and away versus a Mack McCarthy (now the ECU associate head coach) coached Tennes-

see-Chattanooga squad. Stokes began to implement his system and recruit his type of players in his last two seasons. In his third year, the Hokies made a steady improvement to go 10-18 overall and 4-12 in the Big East. The 2001-2002 team dropped ten games in the middle of the season. Bad losses included Murray State and now-Cinderella Wisconsin-Milwaukee at neutral sites, at home to Western Michigan and at Old Dominion. The Hokies ironically enough beat

ECU 90-62 in Blacksburg. With Stokes on the hot seat, he needed to prove himself in

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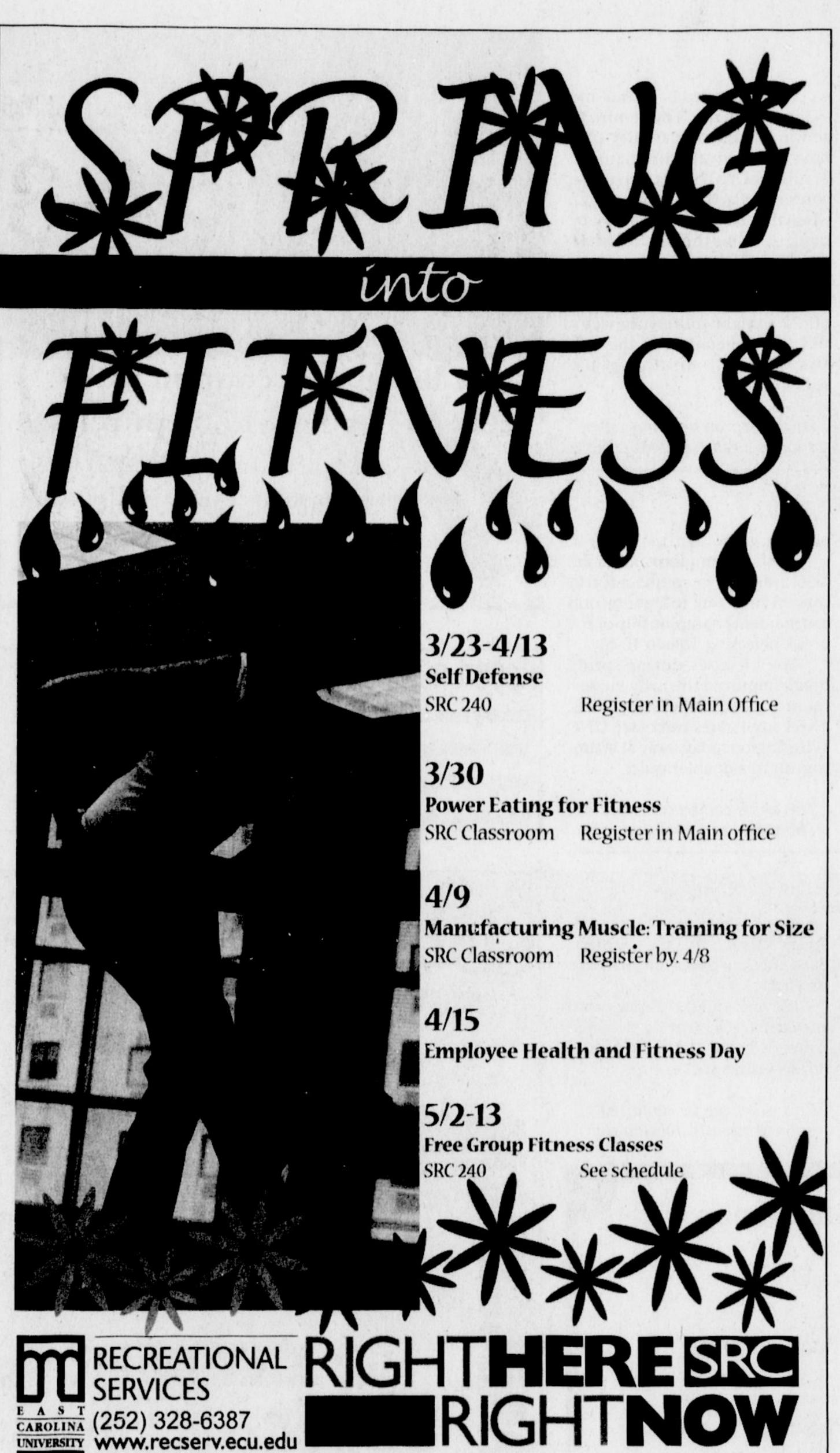
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Lady Pirates improve to 36-8 for the season

ECU softball team wins 12 of 15 games

DAVID WASKIEWICZ SENIOR WRITER

After defeating St. Louis in two out of three games, the ECU softball team had confidence and momentum heading into the spring break. The Lady Pirates' first competition of the break came in the form of the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, SC. The tournament was practice for the team's upcoming conference games against UAB.

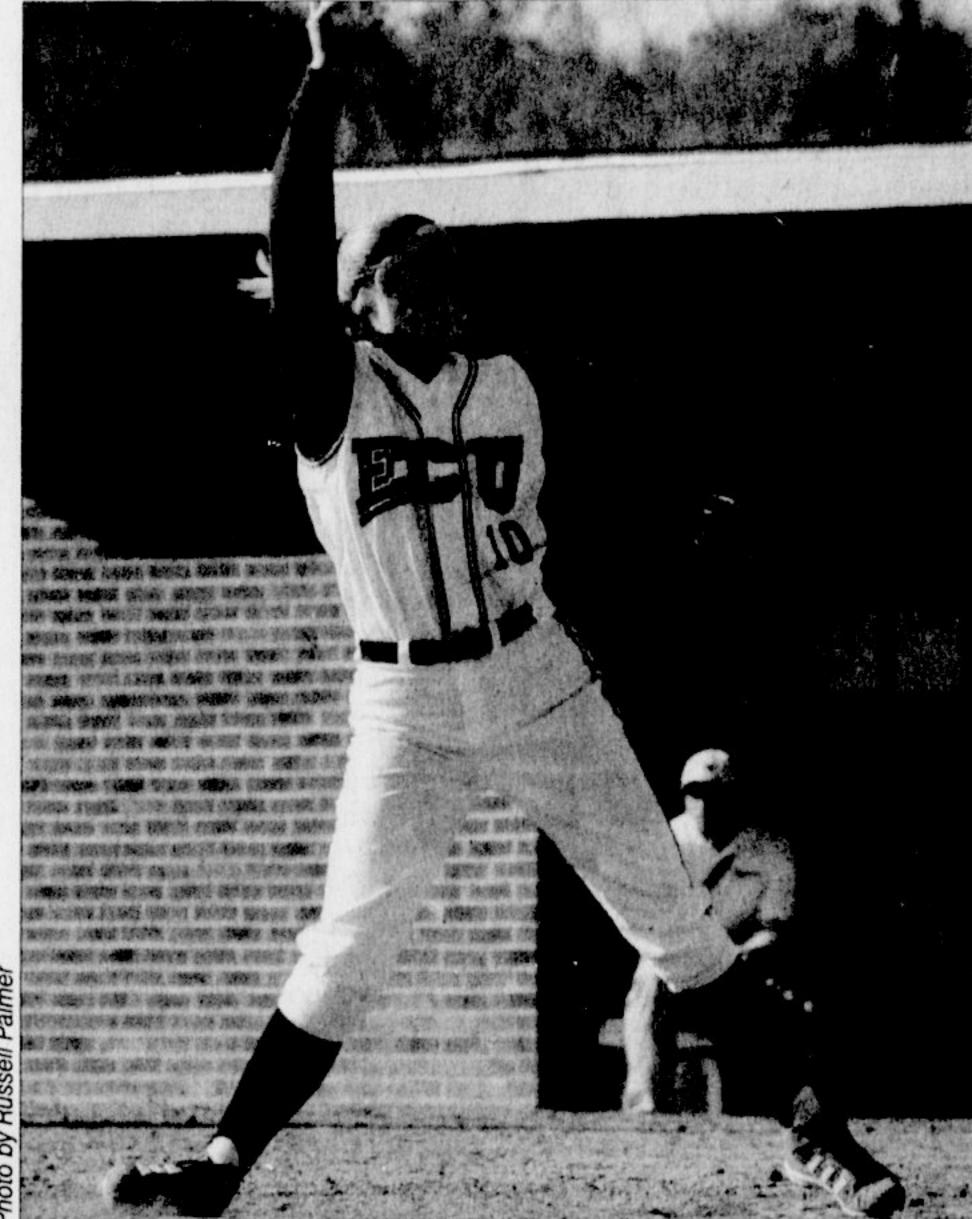
Sophomore Keli Harrell took the mound for the Lady Pirates in their first game of the invitational against Akron. Harrell pitched a complete game allowing only two hits, as ECU went on to win their 25th game of the year, 2-1.

The winning continued for the Lady Pirates later in the day as they won their second game against Charleston Southern 7-5.

On day two of the tournament ECU was able to keep up their winning momentum defeating East Tennessee State 3-O. Junior pitcher Stephanie Hayes was credited with the shutout as she picked up her sixth win of the season. In the second game of the

day, senior Mandi Nichols hit a three-run home run to help the ECU softball team win against Garner-Webb 5-4.

The final day of the tournament pitted the Lady Pirates against Winthrop. Harrell tossed



Harrell posted her sixth shutout of the year against Bowling Green.

another shutout to lead ECU past Winthrop 2-0. The win earned the team rights to play in the championship game against the College of Charleston.

Senior Kate Manuse was able to tie the score against C of C at four in the fifth inning with a solo home run. Junior

Krista Jessup was able to score the game-winning run in the eighth inning to lead ECU over C of C 5-4.

Jessup was named the tournament's MVP for her performance. Hayes was voted the

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To take a chance on Stokes by

taking at least a half step down

in his profession as a head coach

and come to ECU says a lot about

Stokes' character and potential

for success with the Pirates.

Stokes and McCarthy give the

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we have now," said Greenberg.

"Ricky Stokes is a great person and a great evaluator of talent. Successful players in our program today, like Carlos Dixon and Coleman Collins, are here because of his recruiting efforts."

Dixon and Collins were the Hokies' second and third-leading scorers this year.

> Mack McCarthy Mack McCarthy will be the

associate head coach for ECU on the nation. Stokes' staff, which is one of the biggest positives in the Stokes hire. Prior to his most recent success in rebuilding Virginia Commonwealth, McCarthy led Chattanooga to unprecedented success from 1986-1997, leading the team to five NCAA tournament appearances and two trips to the NIT. In 14 years as a head coach, McCarthy has compiled a 309-177 record and is one of

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machine. ECU combined to score 31 runs in the final two games while holding Navy to four.

Mike Flye benefited from the offensive outburst in game two, to pick up his fourth win of the season. The sophomore pitched five innings, scattering six hits and one run, while striking out five.

The Pirates banged out 16 hits in all, led by Richardson's 3-for-5 day at the plate, which included a RBI and four runs scored.

Ostrander improved to 2-1 on the season when he pitched five innings of scoreless ball in game three to pick up the win.

The lefty struck out seven batters and only gave up two hits.

Richardson was strong again for the Pirates, collecting four more hits. All four hits were of different variety, the last of which was a triple that sent the crowd into an uproar as Richardson completed his first career cycle.

The California native led off the game with a homer, doubled in the fifth, singled in the seventh and capped it off with a triple in the eighth.

As icing on the cake, Richardson made his first career appearance on the mound for the Pirates, pitching the

ninth, giving up two hits, no runs and one strikeout.

For the series, the senior shortstop was 9-for-15 with six RBI and six runs scored.

ECU defeated High Point Tuesday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium 14-5. Scott Andrews picked up his first win of the season, when he came on in relief of Ricky Brooks, who left after 1.1 innings with an injury. Brooks has recovered since then. Costanzo led the bucs with three hits, and Cavanaugh added his first home run of the season to pace the offense for the Pirates.

The Pirates are 12-7 overall and 0-3 in conference. They return to action Wednesday as they play host to arch-rival Wilmington at 7 p.m. ECU then returns to conference action this weekend, when they take on another in-state rival, this time the 49ers of Charlotte in Clark-LeClair stadium.

A year ago, the Pirates started 1-3 in conference before reeling off 22 straight conference victories to seize control of the lead and ultimately win the regular season title.

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most outstanding pitcher for the Winthrop Invitational. Hayes was later named Conference USA pitcher of the week for her performance in the series against St. Louis and in the Winthrop

Invitational.

The wins in the tournament gave ECU momentum heading into their conference meet against UAB at home. The first game of the three-game series against the Lady Blazers set the Lady Pirates back for the first time during spring break, losing 3-1.

ECU was able to bounce back in their second game of the day

with a convincing 8-3 win.

In the final game of the series ECU was able to improve their conference record to 4-2 with another 8-3 win against UAB. Senior Leigh Savoy sparked the Lady Pirates with a two-run shot in the first inning and the team never looked back.

The Lady Pirates closed out spring break with another tournament, the Hoo's Who Tournament in Charlottesville, Va. ECU came

out strong against Rutgers in the tournament winning 16-8 only to lose their next game against Virginia in a close game 3-2.

ECU split in the second day losing to Bowling Green 1-2, only to turn around and win their second game of the day against Toledo 4-2.

In the final day of the tournament ECU faced Bowling Green once again, only this time the outcome was different. The team went on to defeat Bowling Green, shutting them out 4-0 and earning their way to the champi-

In the championship game, ECU was able to combine for 14 hits on their way to their second tournament championship of the break defeating Toledo 10-5.

The victories during spring break improved the Lady Pirates' record to an impressive 36-8. The Lady Pirates next face UNC Wilmington today away at Wilmington in a doubleheader.

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year four. He had recruited virtually all of the players and had plenty of time to get his players acclimated to his system. The Hokies ended up 12-17 overall and 4-12 in the Big East. Virginia Tech had quality wins against No. 18 Connecticut and now-ACC foe Virginia. However, the Hokies also lost to Wofford at home and at Western Michigan

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and William & Mary. Coming off a 28 win the year before, the 2002-2003 team lost to ECU 76-

Stokes was fired after the 2002-2003 season and Seth Greenberg was hired from South Florida. The day previous to Stokes being hired Greenberg was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year. While Stokes may have recruited

the majority of the players, he received no recognition and isn't fondly remembered in Blacksburg, Va.

There is no doubt Ricky Stokes is a good person. He will graduate his players and hit the recruiting trail as hard as ever. He has a very talented team that needs some cohesiveness. He will be in a revamped and perennially

weaker C-USA. But, with such a pivotal time in ECU's athletic path, he must succeed. He must succeed.

Maybe Holland knows that sometimes a bunt is the best strategic move. But right now, it doesn't make sense.

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