



Tribute services mark MLK day



Photos by Zach Siven

Students and faculty march with candles and posters down College Hill during Monday's Candlelight Vigil in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Professor's book signing goes well despite lack of books

No book, no problem

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Late Thursday afternoon, Steven Cerutti, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures, was still unsure whether his book signing, scheduled for that night, would still take place. His problem? No books.

Cerutti's publishing company was not satisfied with the print quality of the books and was threatening to cancel the order, therefore shutting down the book signing. Cerutti made plans to give his talk even if the texts did not show up.

By 7 p.m., one acceptable order had arrived and already nearly sold out. When Cerutti stepped up to the microphone amid a crowd of close to 200 people, there were no books for audience members to get signed. Instead, buyers could sign up to receive the book when more shipments arrived.

Nevertheless, the event was an undeniable success, with students and spectators packing the aisles of Barnes and Noble Booksellers to hear Cerutti talk

about his book, *Words of the Day: The Unlikely Evolution of College English*.

The book takes a look at many of the words that have worked their way into the language we use everyday and traces their origins back to the classical age. "Everyone needs to understand the meanings of the words they use," said Cerutti.

"Most people don't understand what 95 percent of the words they use every day mean."

The book doesn't stick to only words deemed part of the social norm, but it also investigates the histories of what are considered by many in society to be obscene and vulgar words.

"There is no such thing as a bad word," Cerutti said.

"They're just wounds we make and assign meanings to."

Cerutti said when it comes to the study of words a student or professor has to be objective, like a scientist.

"A doctor doesn't see nudity as something obscene. He sees a machine that is broken and he can fix it," Cerutti said.

"Just as an auto mechanic doesn't feel any different about an air filter or muffler, a physi-

cian doesn't feel any different about an elbow or an asshole."

Cerutti was prompted to write the book after being asked to make suggestions to the third edition of the text he was using to teach his class. When the new book came out, Cerutti felt the book had been altered for the worse.

With 10 years of experience teaching classical vocabulary courses, Cerutti did not see too much of a challenge in writing his own textbook.

After completing the manuscript, Cerutti turned to the student body to help him wrap up the project. He enlisted Joel White, freshman art major at the time, to illustrate the book.

Cerutti is frightened by the fact that most of what comes out of our mouths every day has no base or background in our heads.

"Especially now with cell phones, people are talking and text-messaging and using more words than ever," Cerutti said.

"It's a scary prospect when you think about it."

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Staff photo

Cerutti previews his book to ECU students.

Making ECU a safe haven for students



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Surveillance cameras are part of a safe campus. Facts, ideas for promoting a secure college environment

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Many students may not know they are caught on tape several times a day on campus or that they are responsible for reporting "suspicious behavior" when they see it.

Major Frank Knight, Support Services and Campus Safety Divisions officer, laid out ECU's overall campus safety goal.

That goal is "to make the campus a safe and secure environment for the students to learn, for the faculty to teach and conduct research, for staff members to work and for visitors to visit," said Knight.

Although 2005 crime statistics are not yet available, the ECU Police Department knows exactly what needs to be done to make ECU a safer place.

The major campus safety goals for the year 2006 are "to reduce the number of physical and sexual assaults on campus, to reduce the theft of insecure property and to reduce vehicle breaking and entering," Knight said.

Because the 2005 data is not yet available, comparisons were made between the years 2003 and 2004. According to Knight, the number of alcohol and drug violations that occurred on campus increased from 2003 to 2004. However, vehicle theft and burglary were both down.

"Some of this increase can be attributed to the combined efforts of the police department and campus living officials who placed a greater emphasis [on] crime deterrent in and around the residence halls," Knight said.

"Students have been very helpful by reporting drug and alcohol use in the residence halls."

Sgt. Amy Davis in the Crime Prevention Unit of the police department affirms that students' responses to dangerous situations are a necessary component in making ECU a better place to live, work and play.

"What is suspicious to me may not be suspicious to you," said Davis.

"You know who belongs in a building and who doesn't, for example. We want students to be aware enough to say 'I need to report this.'"

Everyone defines "suspicious" in a different way, but there are commonalities that should set off red flags for students. Davis defines "suspicious" as simply "anything that makes you uncomfortable."

"It takes the whole community to see and react to suspicious things," Davis said.

By doing so, the campus as a whole can become safer.

The police department also commented on procedures that worked well in 2005, such as "more visible patrol coverage of the downtown ECU parking lots and residential area north of campus."

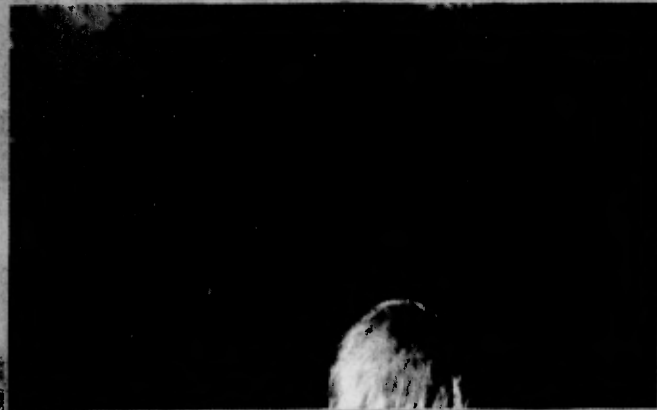
Major Knight also identifies the SAFE Ride program, educational programs promoting self-defense and alcohol training, the Off-Campus Community Liaison Program and even student health programs, among others.

"It is always a combination of factors that helps to drive down the crime rate and not one isolated item," Knight said.

"It takes a cooperative effort from the police, Campus Safety, OSKR, Campus Living, Facilities Services, students, faculty and staff to reduce the crime rate and make the campus safe."

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Irish history and archaeology lecture series begins at Flanagan



Staff photo

John Bradley, professor at the National University of Ireland-Maynooth, kicks off the Medieval Irish History and Archaeology Lecture Series. Bradley gave his lecture, entitled "Archaeology and the End of Irish History," last Thursday night in Flanagan 265. The next lecture in the series will be Thursday, March 2, when Aidan O' Sullivan of the University College Dublin presents "People and Their Worlds in Early and Medieval Ireland."

City Council discusses zoning details

Keep America Beautiful makes plea

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The Greenville City Council convened last Thursday to discuss and vote on multiple items. Mayor Don Parrott brought the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The first order of business was a presentation that was made by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Public Works staff. The purpose of the presentation was to convince the Greenville City Council to allow for submission of an application for membership of Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

The proposal included benefits of membership that involved getting the community more active in litter and trash management. One of the key points emphasized was that many people are under the impression that someone else will clean up trash for them.

The motion by the council was approved swiftly and without



Photo by Zach Siven

City Council members meet to discuss issues concerning the general welfare of all citizens of the city of Greenville.

debate.

After the first order of business, the council moved on to ordinance and zoning issues. Harry Hamilton, planning and community development official, presented the items up for re-zoning.

A motion to approve a re-zoning ordinance spanning more than 249 acres was successful. The zoning will take place north

of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, west of Greenville Boulevard, south of 10th Street and east of Fomes Run. The zoning is aimed at pleasing families.

The rest of the meeting consisted of small zoning issues, all of which were approved, as well as public commentary.

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Announcements

Polar Bear Plunge

For those ready to brave a dip in wintry, icy waters, Student Recreation Services will have its annual Polar Bear Plunge Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the SRC pool.

Salsa Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a salsa dance Friday, Jan. 19 at the Willis Building located at First and Reade Streets downtown. Instruction will be provided by Procopio and friends at 7:30 p.m. and the dance will run from 8:30 - 11 p.m. with music provided by D.J. Ramon. The price for students is \$3, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the public. This is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking event. For more information call 752-7350.

Communication Fraternity

Interested in communication? If so, Pi Kappa Delta, ECU's communication fraternity is holding an information session Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room. Please visit pkd.com for more information.

Great Decisions 2006

The Great Decisions program begins Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in Rivers West 105A. The topic is U.S. - Brazil Relations. The speaker is Dr. Thomaz Da Costa, professor of National Security Affairs at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. The program is open to the public. There will be special foods and a cultural display on Brazil. The cost for attending this and any individual session is \$15. The full eight-week program cost is \$69, which includes the Great Decisions book. Any full time student or teacher may attend free of charge. For more information, call 328-2349 or visit the Web site at ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/great-decisions.cfm.

Refugee Artist to Speak

The School of Art and Design will be welcoming visiting artist Enrique Seba at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 in Speight Auditorium. Seba will be speaking about his experiences as a graphic artist and refugee from Colombia. Seba left Colombia with his wife and children last year due to political unrest in Colombia and settled in Greenville.

Award-Winning Piano Performance

Joyce Yang, 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Silver Medalist, will perform at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium Thursday, Jan. 19.

Correction

The name of the first full time African American student to enroll at ECU was Laura Marie Leary not Laura Marie Little.

Dance 2006

The week of Jan. 22 - 28 will be Dance 2006. Highlights include choreography by ECU School of Theatre and Dance faculty and guest artists. Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical and sometimes eccentric, this annual dance showcase has become an immensely popular event. Sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike, this is a fast-paced and unpredictable cornucopia of dance styles.

RHA Winter Trip

The Resident Hall Association is sponsoring a Winter Trip to the Jan 27 Charlotte Bobcats vs. Miami Heat basketball game. Attendance is open to all students. The cost to attend is \$27 for students who live on campus and \$40 for commuting students. The price includes the cost of the basketball ticket and transportation. If interested, contact the RHA office at rha@mail.ecu.edu or 328-1679. Dispersal of tickets will be based on a first come, first serve basis.

News Briefs

State

University system struggling to deal with nursing demand

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - State universities have been charged with turning out more nurses to meet the demand in health care, but some officials say the shortage won't be solved without spending more money for faculty and classrooms. Public colleges, including community colleges, are being asked to educate more students in nursing. Nine institutions with nursing degree programs have been told by the University of North Carolina system to double graduates to around 1,300 in four years.

UNC Board of Governors Chairman Brad Wilson said he will reconvene a task force to study the nursing shortage, which he said was critical. A request last year to the Legislature for more money wasn't granted.

More nurses are needed because the population is getting older and will need more health care and many nurses are approaching retirement age.

Experts in the field say private companies are offering nurses attractive salaries, making academic positions harder to fill. NC Central University nursing chief Loma Harris said the state must pay nursing professors better salaries, at least \$60,000 to \$70,000.

The nursing shortage also is linked to inadequate classrooms and lack of practical training with real patients. "Right now, we're turning qualified applicants away from schools," Cleary said.

Nationally, 147,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing schools, according to the National League for Nursing.

Israel's high court rejects Pollard petition

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's Supreme Court on Monday rejected a petition by Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. citizen who spied for Israel, to be declared a Prisoner of Zion.

The status Pollard requested would

have required the Israeli government to do all it can to get him released. Pollard, 51, is incarcerated at a federal prison in Butner, NC.

"It is clear to every single Israeli with a heart and a sense of justice, Jonathan Pollard has served the State of Israel for 21 years; that he is a Prisoner of Zion; and that he certainly deserved better than this from the country he served," said a statement from Pollard's wife, Esther.

Israel, which has pressed the issue of releasing Pollard with the U.S. administration, has refused in the past to assign him that status, originally created for Jewish activists imprisoned in the Soviet Union in the 1970s and 80s.

The Supreme Court rejected the petition on technical grounds, saying Pollard didn't qualify for that status under Israel's compensation law.

Pollard was a civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy when he copied and gave to his Israeli handlers enough classified documents to fill a walk-in closet.

National

California inmate, 76, says he is too old and frail to be executed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal Monday from a 76-year-old convicted killer who argued that he was too old and feeble to be executed.

The ruling cleared the way for Clarence Ray Allen - legally blind, nearly deaf and in a wheelchair - to be executed by injection early Tuesday for a triple murder he ordered from behind bars to silence witnesses to another killing.

Allen, whose birthday was Monday, stood to become the oldest person executed in California and the second oldest put to death nationally since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Allen raised two claims never before endorsed by the high court: that executing a frail old man would violate the U.S. Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment,

and that the 23 years he spent on death row were unconstitutionally cruel as well.

The high court rejected all three of his requests for a stay of execution, about 10 hours before he was to be put to death.

On one of those orders, Justice Stephen Breyer filed a dissent, saying: "Petitioner is 76 years old, blind, suffers from diabetes and is confined to a wheelchair, and has been on death row for 23 years. I believe that in the circumstances he raises a significant question as to whether his execution would constitute cruel and unusual punishment. I would grant the application for stay."

The Supreme Court has never set an upper age limit for executions or created an exception for physical illness.

Capsule with comet dust heads to Houston in almost perfect condition

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Stardust space capsule that returned to Earth with comet debris suffered just a small nick when it landed in the Utah desert - a huge relief for NASA after a similar space probe cracked open like a clamshell two years ago.

Technicians at Utah's Dugway Proving Ground spent Monday readying the capsule for a flight Tuesday to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Scientists there will unlock the inside canister for their first peek. The Stardust capsule survived a fiery plunge through the atmosphere early Sunday, parachuting to the Utah salt flats. It bounced three times in soft mud before coming to rest on its side.

The landing chipped off a piece of the capsule's heat shield, meant to protect it as it re-enters Earth. But the capsule and its canister were in otherwise good shape, said Joe Vellinga of Lockheed Martin, which built the capsule.

Stardust's homecoming with the first comet particles ever captured in space was a relief for NASA, whose Genesis space probe carrying solar

wind particles crashed and split open in 2004 after its parachutes failed to open. Despite the accident, scientists were able to salvage some of the fragile solar samples for analysis.

Stardust spent seven years in space, looping around the sun three times, capturing interstellar dust. In 2004, the spacecraft swooped past the comet Wild 2 to scoop up dust.

At the Johnson Space Center, scientists will study the particles under a microscope to determine what they are made of. Some could be older than the sun.

World

Sirleaf pledges break with Liberia's violent past as she is sworn in as president

MDNRROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf pledged a "fundamental break" with Liberia's violent past as she was sworn in Monday as president, carving her name into history as Africa's first elected female head of state.

Wearing a traditional African headress, Sirleaf took the oath of office in a ceremony attended by thousands of Liberians and scores of foreign dignitaries, including first lady Laura Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Standing in front of a one-starred Liberian flag with her left hand on a Bible, Sirleaf pledged to "faithfully, conscientiously and impartially discharge the duties and functions of the office of president of the Republic of Liberia to the best of my abilities, so help me God."

Sirleaf takes charge of a nation struggling for peace after a quarter century of coups and war and she has promised to unite it.

Speaking for the first time as president, she also pledged to stamp out corruption to secure the trust of skeptical foreign donors whose aid is desperately needed to rebuild.

In a statement, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan congratulated Sirleaf, saying she had a "historic mandate to lead the nation toward a future of

lasting peace and stability." Security was tight at Monday's ceremony, with armed U.N. peacekeepers surveying the scene from atop surrounding buildings with binoculars.

Saddam Investigator suggests resigning trial judge will be replaced by deputy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The chief judge who resigned from handling the Saddam Hussein trial will likely be replaced by his deputy, the top Iraqi investigator in the case said Tuesday.

Judge Raed Juhl said the court trying Saddam was set up under a law stipulating the chief judge's deputy would take over for him if need be. Saad al-Hamash is the second-ranking member of the five-judge tribunal headed by Rizgar Mohammed Amin.

Juhl investigated Saddam before his trial started but is not one of the judges trying the deposed Iraqi leader.

The tribunal said Amin wanted to quit for "personal reasons" and not because of government pressure. His resignation was not expected to prevent the trial from resuming Jan. 24 as scheduled.

Saddam and seven co-defendants are accused in the stayings of more than 140 Shiites in the town of Dujail in 1982. The trial recessed on Dec. 22 after two days of testimony.

Conviction could bring a sentence of death by hanging.

Amin became fed up with criticism that he let the proceedings spin out of control, a court official said Saturday. Saddam has often grabbed the spotlight during the nearly three-month-old trial, railing at Amin, refusing to show up at one session, claiming he was tortured and openly praying in court when the judge would not allow a recess.

Since the trial opened on Oct. 19, two defense lawyers also have been assassinated and a third has fled the country. Police also uncovered a plot to fire rockets at the courtroom in late November.

Great Decisions 2006 FREE FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

A Community Forum on International Affairs, National Security and U.S. Foreign Policy*

Brazil Professor Thomaz Guedes Da Costa, National Defense University	Jan. 21
Human Rights in the Age of Terrorism Professor Scott Silliman, Executive Director, Center for Law, Ethics and National Security, Duke University	Jan. 28
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In response to what improvements the department could make, Knight acknowledges the Safety Walk that occurs each semester to help identify areas of concern, and the student patrol officers that report burnt out lights on campus for repair.

"As the university obtains more property, plans are being developed to expand the number of officers in the department and to obtain facilities to support the police and campus safety missions of the university," Knight said.

Overall, students are pretty well-protected, especially when they pitch in to help the police department. Most expectations were met but there will always be ways to improve campus safety and, therefore, campus life.

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My Random Column

The truth about Men and Shoes

So my sister bought me these two "Bad Girl's Guide to..." books. In the one titled "The Bad Girl's Guide to the Party Life" is a great and handy guide to the shoes men wear and what they mean. So I will get on with the list that would most directly affect the college women:

Shoe Styles are as follows -

Athletic shoes

What He Thinks It Says: I came from the gym.
What It Really Says: I work at a gym.

Square-toed black boots

What He Thinks It Says: I've got it going on.

What It Really Says: I've got a girlfriend who dresses me - or I'm gay.

Birkenstocks

What He Thinks It Says: I'm socially responsible.

What It Really Says: I'm socially retarded.

Flip-Flops

What He Thinks It Says: I'm totally cool.

What It Really Says: I'm a total fool.

Cowboy Boots

What He Thinks It Says: I'm like the Marlboro man.

What It Really Says: I like the Marlboro man.

Skater sneakers

What He Thinks It Says: No one tells me how to dress.

What It Really Says: No one told me this was a grown up party.

Clogs

What He Thinks It Says: I'm a sexy chef.

What It Really Says: I'm a smelly chef.

Combat Boots

What He Thinks It Says: I'm an artist, a social rebel and an anarchist.

What It Really Says: I have a bad coach roach problem at my apartment.

So there you have it ladies, this guide to the shoes that men wear to parties can tell you a lot about them. Oh, and watch out for all men in loafers of any kind, they are either old or have never had a girlfriend.

Until next week - Jennifer Hobbs

* All information from chart was directly taken from "The Bad Girl's Guide to the Party Life" by Cameron Tuttle.

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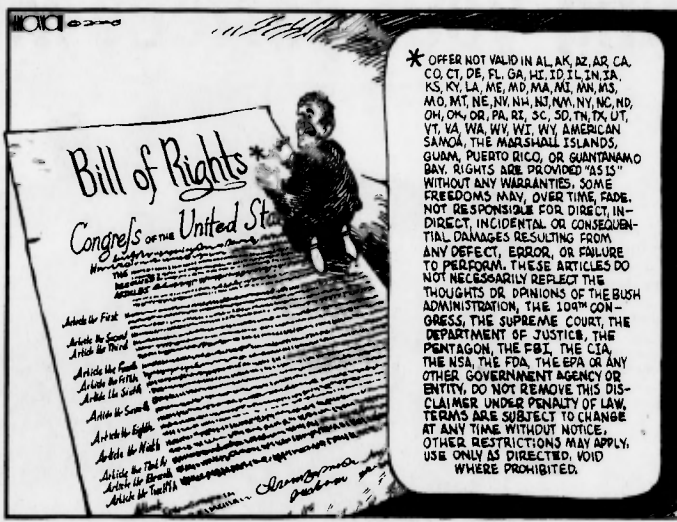
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Opinion Columnist

Predictions 2006, a different view

Better late than never

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BITTER BOULEVARD

Predictions for the coming year usually fill newspaper pages while the year is still coming, not a week or two into it. However, with that being said, I always enjoy reading those kinds of articles. In fact, after reading brand-spanking-new TEC columnist Daniel Brock's psychic tour de force, I kicked myself because I hadn't thought of doing it first.

Then I began thinking, "Would it be such a crime if I took a shot at playing prognosticator a bit late?" I mean, I'm a lot of things: bitter, sarcastic, a curmudgeon... But one thing I'm not is conventional. So taking a cue from Mr. Brock - who in the name of synergy surely won't mind my loosely borrowing his format - I humbly offer my predictions for the coming year. The fact that it's already mid-January be damned.

Sports. Some things never change. I'm typically not a fan of such clichés. However, when it comes to ECU athletics, things truly never change. Even though they rarely win a game, our football and basketball teams get all the attention on campus while others, like our stellar baseball and women's rugby squads, get little to no respect whatsoever. I do not expect things to change in 2006 or have changed by 2060, for that matter.

In terms of professional sports, the NHL will continue to grow and sell out arenas despite being an altered version of its former self. I see the Philadelphia Flyers riding the broken back of Peter Forsberg all the way to the Stanley Cup. In baseball, the Boston Red Sox will win no less than five and no more than seven games after giving away their entire championship team. The NBA, meanwhile, will continue to be meaningless and obscenely boring.

Movies. The Academy Awards aren't but a month or so away and I'd love to tell you who's going to win, only I haven't had the opportunity see any of the top films of the year other than *Walk the Line*.

In My Opinion

(KRT) - By the second time they buy a car, most American drivers have learned to view skeptically the mileage estimates listed on the windows of those shiny new automobiles in the showroom. "28 m.p.g. highway, 21 city." Yeah, right.

Now, investigations by Consumers Union, AAA and other groups have verified that skepticism. The studies revealed vast discrepancies between the fuel efficiency automakers say vehicles can achieve and what they actually deliver. On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency finally admitted that its 20-year-old mileage rating system is outdated and vowed reform. Beginning in 2008, cars, trucks and SUVs will have new fuel-economy ratings reflecting real-world driving conditions.

For the first time, ratings will take into account higher speed limits, rapid acceleration, use of air conditioning and cold weather. They'll consider road

and *The Constant Gardener*. I'm told that Greenville is a college town, only it's hard to believe it when there's only one place to see movies and it's a giant multiplex that never shows any good indie flicks.

However, I won't let small inconveniences get in the way of my amazing psychic abilities. I'm going to give you this year's winners now and save you some time. *Brokeback Mountain* is a shoe-in to win "Best Picture." There's no better way to stick it to the man than to give Best Picture to a film about two guys that... never mind. "Best Actor" will go to Phillip Seymour Hoffman for *Capote*. "Best Actress" will go to Reese Witherspoon for *Walk the Line* and "Best Director" will go to Ang Lee for *Brokeback Mountain*. The highest grossing film of the year will either be *Superman* or *Garfield 2*.

Music. Rock 'n' roll will officially die in 2006. It doesn't matter that 2005 was a great year for the rock 'n' roll music and brought amazing albums from Bright Eyes, My Morning Jacket, Franz Ferdinand, The White Stripes, Queens of the Stone Age and Babushambles. It doesn't matter that the Strokes have already put out a great album in 2006 - rock 'n' roll is doomed.

The best argument is a simple one, the best selling album for the past two weeks is from Jamie Foxx. That means more people wanted to hear the star of *Boaty Call* pretend he's Ray Charles some more rather than hear serious musicians. Not only does that mean the death knell for rock 'n' roll, I'm pretty sure it's one of the four horsemen signaling the apocalypse. I'm not sure though.

Politics. Surprise, surprise! I'm not so optimistic about the "upcoming" year for the Bush administration and unlike Mr. Brock, I don't think that President Bush will "recover in a big way" and to believe so would be to disregard the time-tested fact that history is doomed to repeat itself.

This will be President Bush's sixth year in office. The sixth year to a two-term president is roughly the equivalent of a puggle bite to the crotch. Care to guess when President Nixon resigned from

office? Or what year President Clinton was impeached? Or which year of Reagan's term the Iran-Contra Scandal broke? The sixth year, of course.

Bush has a lot on his plate this year, an unpopular operation in Iraq, a slumping economy, an administration filled with scandal and the firestorm that his newly packed Supreme Court dare take on the issue of abortion. God forbid some sort of natural disaster hit because we learned last year just how capable he is of dealing with them.

This is my prediction for President Bush, the stress will continue to get the best of him. His face will grow more wrinkled and his hair more gray. His body will continue to deteriorate under the weight of a job he's never been quite prepared for and by year's end, he will be a shriveled, broken shell of his former self - making poor decision after poor decision with seemingly no regard for the consequences.

The East Carolinian.

Come May, you won't have your "resident curmudgeon" to kick around any more. But until that time - whether I'm the most popular man at ECU or the least - I'm going to continue to write for this paper and continue to share my opinions and ideas whether you agree with them or not. I really enjoy writing these weekly columns but I enjoy hearing intelligent arguments even more. For instance, if you disagree with my opinion of the South, give me a better argument than "the South is a delicate flower." What does that even mean? Furthermore, instead of taking personal shots at me because I happen to have a more cynical outlook on life than most, give me credit for putting myself out there like that. I'm pretty sure that I enjoy the same freedom of the press which all of you readers do, unless any North Koreans are accessing this article over the internet, of course.

My prediction for TEC for 2006 is this: TEC will continue to be a great outlet for students to say what they believe and have it read by a vast audience. As for me, I think I'll write a book. It'll be titled *How to Appear to be Interesting*. The first chapter will be called "Pick a fight with someone who is."

Pirate Rant

We at the Carmike in Greenville regret to inform the students at ECU that our managers do not have the ability to decide or regulate any of the movies we get. We all have a Mr. ? to blame/thank at the corporate office in Columbus, Ga. My advice to those who wish to see certain independent movies at the C-12 should go on our Web site, carmike.com, and call or e-mail our district manager or the home office for your request. There have been instances where enough people complained about an issue like this and they have sent us a copy of that particular movie. Thanks.

I don't know what game the announcers on the ESPN half time report were watching but Memphis did not have an easy time here! Give us some freaking credit! Nice game guys!

WZMB is the best part of ECU. If you don't like it, then apply for a job and go change it.

Does anyone find it a tad "overkill" when you see someone wearing an army uniform around campus? I respect all of the soldiers and veterans, but there is something called being modest, which is not wearing your army uniform everywhere you go.

Why in the world do people keep walking in the taped-off area behind Austin? It's taped off for a reason I'm sure.

If you have a runny nose, how about you go blow it instead of irritating everyone in a 10-foot radius with nonstop "sniffs"?

We have some incredible athletes here at ECU and though it has been long in coming, we are beginning to rebuild our programs. It is a delight to see.

I find those that complain about seeing students wearing other university apparel quite intriguing. First of all, these people need to realize that this is a free country. Secondly, in my case, I wear UNC stuff because I have been a Carolina fan much longer than an ECU fan. Yes, I am a student at ECU and I am proud of that, but my heart will always be at Carolina. Be independent folks and wear and be who you want to be.

Why do they have to make chemistry so hard? My life is dedicated to chemistry, and I can't even get an A!

Hey, tell the editors to take a grammar class. They have the final say in what's printed.

Seriously, if you show up to the ECU vs. Memphis game wearing a Duke jersey or anything else, get your butt out of Williams Arena and go home and watch them play! They played a great game, and I was proud to walk out of there wearing purple and gold!

Today's Dave Matthews Band is yesterday's Beatles. Every song that both of these artists have ever done is quite remarkable.

Let me say that I saw some winners in the Galley last night. From the girl sweeping the floor with seven people in line at the register to the dude who threw his smoothie on the floor. This is why I don't live on the hill!

Does anyone else feel like our dance team is a waste of money? They are just wannabe cheerleaders who can't tumble.

Dear Non-RA students: Let me just say get off of our backs. Everyone gets mad when they get in trouble, but whose fault is that? Not the RA's. We all know the rules so if you break them, take the punishment like a man or woman and suck it up. (We are in college, and we should be grown-ups) Until you can give me the \$5,000 the school does for each semester, I'm not going to let you off the hook. This is a job! So do me the favor - just don't get caught! P.S. We are students too. If we see it or hear it, we will document it. If not, we don't know about it!

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Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies

1. Hoodwinked
2. Glory Road
3. Last Holiday
4. The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
5. Hostel

Top 5 Pop Albums

1. Jamie Foxx
2. Mary J. Blige
3. Eminem
4. The Strokes
5. Carrie Underwood

Top 5 TV Shows

1. "Rose Bowl, USC vs. Texas"
2. "Desperate Housewives"
3. "Lost"
4. "Without A Trace"
5. "Grey's Anatomy"

Top 5 New DVDs

1. Lord of War
2. Resident Evil: Apocalypse
3. Two for the Money
4. Venom
5. Underclassmen

Horoscopes:

Aries - The next few days aren't much fun, but they could be quite profitable. Focus all your energy on doing what must be done.

Taurus - You're getting luckier. Reaffirm a commitment. Then, together, set off to explore what you've always wanted to know.

Gemini - You can find the funding to tune things up around your place. This doesn't necessarily mean musically, but it could.

Cancer - Study your work routine and then pul in several corrections. Become more efficient so you'll have more time to play.

Leo - You've already been doing the job. Now start bringing in the rewards. Opportunities abound. Grab a few more of them.

Virgo - You've got the advantage, although there'll still be a few interesting obstacles. Watch out for those but remember that now is your chance. Luck's on your side, so go for broke! Full speed ahead!

Libra - For the next day or two, you may feel compelled to clean out closets and recycle. You'll find lots of stuff you can use. Get rid of the rest.

Scorpio - The reinforcements have arrived. The situation calms. They're looking to you for leadership. Luckily, you've got a plan, right?

Sagittarius - Your assignment for today is to provide prompt and excellent service. No excuses. No complaints. You can do it.

Capricorn - Strange how the good travel days come now in the middle of the week. If you're a good entrepreneur, which you should be, you can get the time off.

Aquarius - As you count your assets, don't forget the tangibles you've been saving. That includes antiques or coins, whatever you have around the house. Take inventory.

Pisces - A person who's very good at arranging things would love to take control of your time for the next day or two. It's a good idea. Relax.

Announcements:

The East Carolina Alumni Association annually awards scholarships funded by alumni contributions. Twelve \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving ECU full-time undergraduate students for the following academic year. Applications for scholarships are due by Feb. 28. For more information and to download an application, please visit PirateAlumni.com and click on "Awards & Scholarships" or call the Alumni Association at 328-6072.

Joyce Reed, a faculty member in Criminal Justice and former director of the ECU Scholars program, has undergone a bone marrow transplant in her battle with cancer. A group of ECU students and faculty, as well as members from the community, are working with the National Foundation for Transplants to raise money to help defray the costs associated with her transplant. On Jan. 21 there will be a benefit concert to help with this effort. The artist is Christine Kane, a folk singer from western North Carolina. The concert will be taking place in the Jenkins Building. For more information regarding this event, please contact Kris Smith at 328-9495.

The Features Section is looking for new writers. We are accepting applications from students with a writing, research and interviewing background.

Finding your perfect MP3 player

There are so many to choose from: Weed through them

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Walking around campus, you may notice that almost everyone is jamming along to their favorite music via MP3 player. These music systems have transformed the way we live our lives. Now people can listen to their favorite songs whenever they want without having to lug around a heavy CD case or flip through endless radio stations. If you are in search of the one most suited for you, there are several things to consider such as cost, capacity, size and accessories.

Apple iPods are the most popular MP3 players right now not only because of the quality of the product, but also because customers can easily find accessories such as skins, speakers, FM transmitters and docks for syncing and charging in stores like Best Buy, Circuit City and Target. "iPods are handy because you can find accessories for them almost anywhere. Most other MP3 players require you to order them online or out of



The new age of MP3 players is upon us with new models and great features being released this spring.

catalogs," said Jenny Ayers, junior English education major.

The top selling iPods right now are the Video iPod, iPod Nano and iPod Shuffle. The Video iPod is the updated 30 GB version of the original 20 GB iPod that is 30 percent thinner than the original. This iPod

holds up to 15,000 songs, 25,000 photos and 150 hours of video in a sleek black or white design. The starting price of \$300 may be a bit pricey for the average college student, but for the avid entertainment lover it may be worth the extra cash considering you not only get to listen

to your favorite tunes, you can also watch your favorite shows.

The iPod Nano is offered in 2GB (500 songs) and 4GB (1,000 songs) versions as well as two colors, black and white. This item's claim to fame is that it weighs only 1.5 ounces, while still offering the com-

plete design of the original iPod such as viewable playlists at a price around \$200.

On the other hand, the iPod shuffle is the most lightweight iPod, coming in at a mere .78 ounces. The only drawback to these is that you can't see what song you are listening to or pick from a selection of songs - you just have to flip through until you find something you are in the mood for. The auto fill selection makes it easy for customers to allow their computer to randomly fill it to capacity with their favorite songs. These players start at \$100 and are offered in 512MB (120 songs) and 1GB (240 songs).

The iRiver U10 offers some of the same capabilities as the Video iPod for about \$100 less. Don't run out and buy one just yet though, because although it stores photos, you have to use conversion software and video formatting software that is not included.

The Deil DJ Ditty is very similar to the iPod Shuffle. However, the main differences are the FM radio and screen that accompany this player. This player can hold up to 120 songs and costs about \$100. The scroll wheel is sometimes

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Relationship regulations

The unspoken, common and not so common

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When you are single, it's simple to have random plans, go about as you please, not worry as much and have as many guy/girl friends as you please. Once you find someone who you believe is worth settling down with and actually giving effort to creating a relationship with, most of your "single ways" are non-existent. After you commit to someone, it's as if they have reasons to believe your habits and friends should change in some way. Just for your knowledge, most guys and girls do not change their closest friends or their weekly downtown night with them, so be sure your groups get along and you completely trust them. Without trust, your relationship is nothing shy of a fling.

So where do you draw the line with guys who have close friends who are girls and vice versa? The opposite sex can generally get a feel for the people who are "just friends" and the ones who actually want a little more. It's extremely important to keep the communication line open. Talking about the little things is just as essential as the big ones because they will only grow and become more bothersome.

"I knew that my boyfriend's best friend, who was a girl, really liked him deep down, but I just kept my mouth closed because I wanted to avoid confrontation, but finally I got to the point where I couldn't hold it in any more and I finally just blew up one night," said Candice O'Neal, sophomore political science major.

As any average Joe knows, cheating is absolutely not allowed. Anyone who has been cheated on knows how it feels and is less likely to ever do that to someone else. To all who have cheated, you will get what you deserve. If you care or respect the person you are with, just keep it off before you go out and create a huge scene. Many ask if going to lunch with "just a friend" is considered a date. Guys, there's a big difference between "getting lunch" and "going out to dinner" - keep that in mind.

Along that same note, girls cheat too, which is also not acceptable. It is one of those society double standards that no one really understands... guys who cheat are scum but girls who cheat must have been lonely, right? No, not even close. So watch it ladies - what goes around, comes around.

Having a healthy relationship takes effort and patience. Jealousy tends to be a major problem in many relationships. It's a bad idea to date someone who tends to be a big flirt if you are the jealous type. If you feel the "friendly conversation" is going a little too far, just go over and join in. If the situation is what you believed it to be, the other person will more than likely back off or the person



Don't let yourself get unwillingly 'locked' into an unhealthy relationship.

you are dating will get the hint. No matter what the situation, keep your dignity and try not to overreact. You know who he/she will be leaving with at the end of the night. Freaking out and making a big scene is the worst idea possible, but if the situation is mixed with alcohol it is bound to happen. Doing so makes you look immature and very insecure, so keep your true feelings inside until you are able to think about everything, and then calmly and rationally talk about them.

"After a night of drinking at a house party, I thought this guy

ship by managing time with your significant other, family, friends and yourself. Smothering each other will only lead to fights and frustration. Many couples spend so much time together because they worry about each other when they are apart. This is a red flag and a sign of distrust. Again, without trust you really have nothing.

Showing concern and respect is the best way to approach any conflict that comes up during the relationship. Let the other person know that you care about their feelings and try your best to always see their point of view. Respect is a must if you want the relationship to grow. Everyone has their own opinions, values and standards. Understanding and compromising is the key to any obstacle.

Nevertheless, a relationship is a connection between two people who share common interests, gain from each other and have fun when they are together. When the constant nagging and overbearing stress becomes a regular thing, it's time to realize that you need some space. If you want to continue being friends, suggest taking a break or sit down and decide if you two are still good for each other. While this may be hard, it can be no harder than fighting all the time and being miserable.

Remember you are still in college and there's plenty of time to find "the one," but it's still fun dating different people and getting to know them while you are looking for Mr. or Ms. Right.

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With a long list of accomplishments, Chuck Norris is worthy of fame.

Celebrity profile: Chuck Norris

The eyes of 'The Ranger' are upon you

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Carlos Ray Norris is unquestionably the "baddest man on the planet." Chuck, as he's known around the world, has kicked more butt than anyone... ever. He's laid the smackdown in Dallas and the Delta Force, and he's done it with arguably the steeliest gaze ever captured on film.

However, that is just one bad to the bone side of Chuck Norris. As the 80s Monster Ballads CD commercial says, "Even bad boys have a soft side." And while Chuck Norris' soft side would still break any man's spirit, it's comparably soft to his normally iron will. Norris has fought his way to the top - literally. Contrary to popular belief, Norris was not spawned of the elements. Norris was born in 1940 in Ryan, Oklahoma and was raised in Torrance, California. After graduating high school, Norris joined the Air Force. The Air Force might not sound that extreme, but the plan was to use Chuck himself as a bomb. Fortunately, things never escalated to the point where they needed to use Weapons of Chuck Destruction (WCDs).

During a stint in Korea, Norris began studying Tang Soo Do, an Asian martial arts form. Norris' reign of destruction really began in 1964, when he began crushing opponents in martial arts tournaments. Between 1964 and 1968, Norris won innumerable amateur karate titles.

In 1968 he grew tired of man handling inferior adversaries and entered the World Professional Middle Weight Karate Championship. Not only did he win the title that year, he won it the next five years and retired in 1974 as the undefeated champion. In 1997 Norris became the first person ever in the Western Hemisphere to achieve eighth degree Black Belt Grand Master status in the Tae Kwon Do system, and he's in the Black Belt Hall of Fame three times.

Not one to hoard his knowledge, Norris became a top-notch instructor as well. Some of his high profile pupils have included

Steve McQueen, Priscilla Presley, Bob Barker and Donnie and Marie Osmond, which goes to show that Norris is both a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll.

Norris has also enjoyed an amazing acting career. He gave incendiary performances in *Missing in Action I, II and III*, and who didn't love him in the ground breaking *Delta Force* films? Norris and his heard have starred in other action classics like *The Octagon*, *Forced Vengeance* and *Silent Rage* as well.

Norris may be remembered most for his *tour de force* portrayal of Ranger Cordell Walker on the massively popular television series "Walker, Texas Ranger." Along with his partner Jimmy Trivette, assistant county district attorney Alex Cahill (a sultry Sheree J. Wilson) and retired Ranger C.D. Parker, Walker and Co. dashed out old-fashioned justice every Saturday night on CBS for eight magical seasons. When the show wrapped in 2001, fans everywhere mourned, but it was not the last we would see of Norris as Walker. Conan O'Brien introduced the insanely popular "Walker, Texas Ranger Lever" on his show, and in October, 2005 the made for TV movie *Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire* aired to critical and popular acclaim.

There's an old saying that says you can't win 'em all. Well Chuck Norris stomps on that notion like he stomps on bad guys. Always looking for action, Norris started racing powerboats. Often time reaching speeds in excess of 140 mph, Norris put the pedal to the metal. In 1991 he and his team won the World Offshore Power Boat Championships. Just for kicks, Norris then decided to set a new world record by racing a 38-foot Scarab boat from Chicago to Detroit in 12 hours and eight minutes.

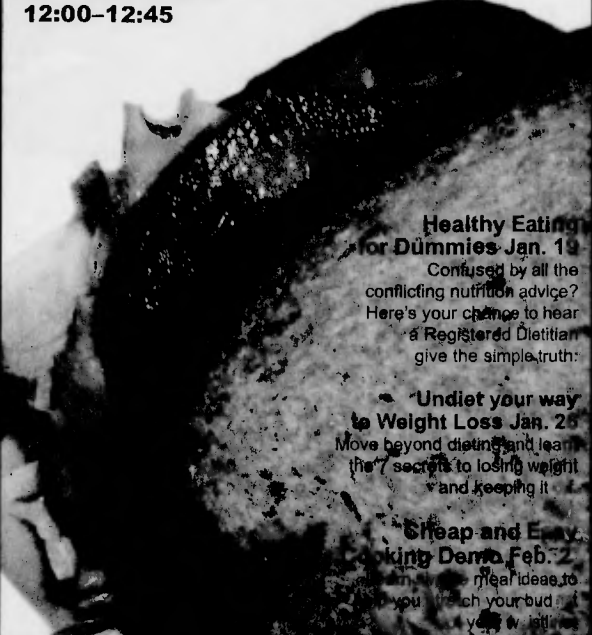
But Norris isn't all beat downs and boat races. His 1988 biography *The Secret of Inner Strength* became a New York Times Best-Seller. An eight-minute United Way commercial that he was involved with raised two billion dollars. "Walker, Texas Ranger" won the Epiphany Award for Best Christian Program, and he was

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difficult to maneuver and when skipping from song to song, there is a substantial lag time between them.

Other options that can be purchased here in Greenville include players from Creative, Philips, Samsung, SanDisk, Sony, Toshiba and more. These companies, like Apple, offer a wide variety of players with many different prices and features.

The bottom line when searching for the perfect MP3 player is finding the features to suit your needs without breaking the bank. You can visit the Web site pcmag.com to find a comparison guide of hundreds of MP3 players out there. Happy hunting.

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The Winner is...

Creative Zen Micro
 The Creative Zen Micro offers the best player for your buck, coming in at around \$200. This player is offered in 10 different colors ranging from plain white to a vibrant pink and green. The 4GB holds around 2,000 songs while the 6GB holds around 3,000 songs. This player also offers a built-in FM radio as well as voice recording.

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Jewish Humanitarian of the Year (how can that even be?). He won the BMI Television Music Award for the "Walker, Texas Ranger" theme, which he sang. He's also in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and he's a commissioned police officer in Terrell, Texas.

Chuck Norris reigns supreme everywhere he goes. Any of his characters could take Patrick Swayze in *Roadhouse* and Rambo ... at the same time. As for commercials and product schilling, everyone knows that The Total Gym 2000 runs shop on John Basedow and his Fitness Made Simple programs.

It seems that "Chuck Norris mania" is sweeping the land, and after reading this article it is easy to see why. Chuck Norris is undoubtedly the man. If you have a problem with that, talk to Chuck Norris about it.

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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
 VIEW FROM JONES HALL

Campus Life is...
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Sports Briefs

ECU, ISP Sports announce partnership

The ECU Department of Athletics and ISP Sports, the national leader in the collegiate sports marketing industry, have reached an agreement that provides the company with the exclusive multimedia rights to Pirate Athletics effective July 1. The partnership, which guarantees the university an annual rights fee plus additional considerations based upon revenue generated by ISP, will encompass all sales and marketing opportunities associated with ECU sports, including radio and television programming, game programs and other athletics publications, signage in all campus athletic venues and at-event corporate promotions and hospitality functions. A three-person staff of marketing professionals with offices at the university will be responsible for the ISP Sports sales efforts on behalf of the Pirates. The group will be headed by Meghan Molnar, former general manager of the ISP sales team at Vanderbilt. She will be joined by Craig Curtis, current assistant athletics director for marketing at ECU, and a third person to be named later.

Holtz, Moore, Whipper headed to Hula Bowl

The ECU football program will be represented during the 2006 Hula Bowl as Head Coach Skip Holtz, linebacker Chris Moore and offensive tackle Guy Whipper will have an opportunity to display their talents in front of a live national television audience Saturday night. Holtz, who was appointed to a sideline position in the prestigious contest by the American Football Coaches Association last July 26, will be joined by Moore and Whipper, who each earned an invitation to play in the 60th anniversary edition of one of the NFL's top showcases at the conclusion of the 2005 season. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. (EST) with all of the action being carried live by ESPN from Honolulu's Aloha Stadium. Holtz, who guided the Pirates to their most successful season since 2001 during his initial year at the helm of the ECU program last fall, will join Appalachian State's Jerry Moore and Moravian's Scot Dapp as assistants under Auburn's Tommy Tuberville for the East Squad. Moore closed out his ECU college career by becoming just the fourth player in school history to record more than 400 tackles. Despite numerous injuries, he played in 42 of 46 games with 38 starts and led the Pirates in tackles as a sophomore, junior and senior. Whipper made an impact at three different positions during his collegiate career at ECU. After originally signing with the Pirate program as a defensive lineman, he played tight end (2004) before being moved to the tackle position during preseason camp in 2005. He ended the season with 10 consecutive starts while playing in all 11 games. He participated in 712 plays and tallied 31.0 knock-down blocks.

Rangers give Teixeira a \$15.4 million



All-Star first baseman Mark Teixeira agreed to a \$15.4 million, two-year contract Tuesday with the Texas Rangers, avoiding salary arbitration this year and next. Teixeira hit .301 with 43 home runs and 144 RBI last season. The RBI were the most for a switch-hitter, breaking the record set by George Davis, who had 136 RBI for the New York Giants in 1896. The Rangers also agreed to one-year deals with right-hander Adam Eaton (\$4.65 million) and outfielder Brad Wilkerson (\$3.9 million), avoiding arbitration with two players acquired in separate trades last month. Teixeira will get \$6 million this season and \$9.4 million in 2007. He will turn 26 in April and is not eligible for free agency until after the 2008 season. Wilkerson, expected to be the Rangers' leadoff hitter, came over from the Washington Nationals in the deal that sent All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano to the Washington Nationals. Wilkerson would earn \$50,000 bonuses for playing in 135 and 150 games. He hit .248 with 42 doubles, 11 homers, 57 RBI and 84 walks in 148 games last season. Eaton was part of a six-player trade with the San Diego Padres. He was 11-5 with a 4.27 ERA last season, when he was limited to 128 2/3 innings and 24 games (22 starts) because of a strained middle finger.

College ball in the Carolinas



Ranking DI men's basketball programs in North Carolina, South Carolina

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(Rankings as of Jan. 17)

1. Duke (16-0)
Best Win: vs. Memphis 70-67
J.J. Redick and Sheiden Williams have lived up to preseason hype. Once again, the Blue Devils are a legitimate national title contender. Winning the ACC should be a formality, but Coach K will need to develop some depth before the postseason.

2. N.C. State (14-2)
Best Win: vs. George Washington 79-58

Herb Sendek continues to quiet the doubters in Raleigh. The Wolfpack have a chance to even the ACC standings with a road win over Duke on Wednesday. To do so, Cameron Bennerman will have the tallest task of trying to stop Redick defensively.

3. UNC (10-3)
Best Win: vs. NC State 82-69

The Tar Heels' guards got outplayed by a quicker Miami backcourt on Saturday. Roy Williams will have to divert his team away from trap road games against Virginia and Florida St. to compete for second in the ACC.

4. Clemson (13-4)
Best Win: vs. Wake Forest

Vernon Hamilton knocked in a career-high 31 points off the bench against Duke. The Tigers will be a bubble team come NCAA Selection Sunday. Oliver Purnell is desperately missing six-foot-nine-inch sophomore James Mays, who isn't currently enrolled. Since his departure, the Tigers are just 2-4.

5. Charlotte (10-6)
Best Win: at La Salle

The 49ers have yet to record a quality win. With a bonafide star in Curtis Withers, Bobby Lutz's squad should never have dropped three of their first four. Competing in the Atlantic 10 will hurt Charlotte's RPI come bubble time. A Saturday win over George Washington could propel the 49ers back into the upper echelon of the conference.

6. Wake Forest (11-5)
Best Win: vs. Wisconsin

The Demon Deacons haven't

recovered from Trent Strickland's failed reverse dunk against Duke. Skip Prosser has an excellent inside outside game with Eric Williams and Justin Gray. Until the point guard problem gets solved, the team is bubble bound.

7. Winthrop (10-4)
Best Win: at Marquette

Winthrop Head Coach Gregg Marshall has nothing to hang his head about. If the Eagles win the Big South tournament, don't be surprised to see Marshall as the head man at South Carolina next year. For this season, Winthrop is downright scary and should breeze through conference play.

8. UNC Wilmington (12-6)
Best Win: at Northwestern

Brad Brownell is an excellent coach with another talented team. Talent aside, the Seahawks are haunted by losses at College of Charleston, ECU and now Hofstra. In order to impress the selection committee, the Seahawks will have to improve No. 70 Sagarin ranking.

9. South Carolina (9-7)
Best Win: vs. Winthrop

Dave Odom's time is running thin in Columbia. The Gamecocks had momentum coming into the season following a NIT title. But three losses, all within 10 points, have USC in the pits of the SEC. Unless Odom can find a way to pull out close games down the stretch, USC will be forced to defend the NIT title.

10. Davidson (9-6)
Best Win: vs. Missouri

Bob McKillop recently became the Southern Conference all-time winningest coach in Southern Conference history. But his celebration was short lived after a puzzling road loss to Furman. Last year, the Wildcats went undefeated in SoCon play. Now, they will have to duel Georgia Southern and upstart Furman.

11. Elon (7-9)
Best Win: at Clemson

Ernie Nestor's club is finally turning the corner in year three

After losing nine of 10 at one point in the season, the Phoenix have reeled off five straight, including four SoCon victories. The question now will be whether Elon can continue its winning ways or fall back to reality.

12. Western Carolina (9-10)
Best Win: at ECU

Larry Hunter's Princeton-style offense is diffusing the talent gap of the Catamounts and their opponents. After dropping a mid-week game on regional television to App. St., the Catamounts pulled out a tough road win against UNC. Give Hunter two more years and the Cullowhee school will be NCAA tournament bound.

13. ECU (6-9)
Best Win: vs. UNCW

The Pirates are a better team than their ranking indicates. Had Jeremy Ingram been eligible for the former portion of the season, ECU could be five slots higher. Close losses to Wake Forest and Memphis prove that ECU has big game potential. In a weaker Conference

USA, finishing .500 in conference play should be attainable.

14. App. State (7-10)
Best Win: at Marshall

Mountaineer fans are happy with first-ever Division I-A football championship. However, the basketball season has been a roller coaster ride. One minute, the Mountaineers look like an elite SoCon team and the next, the team gets blown out.

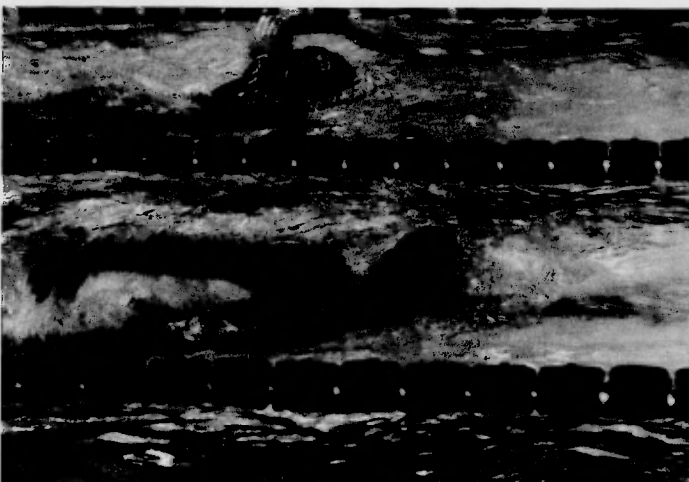
15. High Point (10-4)
Best Win: at Elon

Panthers have wins over SoCon foes Western Carolina and Elon. But the Big South is really where High Point is doing their damage having won three straight. JUCO transfer Arizona Reid is averaging 20.5 points per game. Panthers have Saturday showdown with Winthrop.

16. Furman (9-6)
Best Win: vs. Davidson

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Pirates fall to VT in dual meet



The men and women swimmers and divers dropped their first meet of the season to the Hokies.

(SID) — The ECU men and women's swimming and diving teams each dropped their meets Sunday afternoon to Virginia Tech in dual meet action in Minges Aquatic Center.

The women's team, who fell 125.5-116.5, was led by junior sprinter Rebecca Perry, who set a pool and varsity record in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:50.49 finishing almost three full seconds ahead of Virginia Tech's Sara Smith. Perry, along with Adrienne Williams, Amanda Duncan and Kate Gordon, was also part of the 200-free relay, which set a pool record with a time of 1:36.35.

Sophomore distance swimmer Megan Pulaski captured the 1,000-freestyle with a pool

record time of 10:18.40 finishing 13 seconds ahead of the Hokies' Stephanie Jones. She also edged out Beth Byrum of Virginia Tech for the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:03.23.

In other women's action, Adrienne Williams (24.38) claimed the 50-freestyle, Christie Icenhower took home the one-meter diving event (231.08) and Duncan (\$6.91) won the 100-yard butterfly. The Hokies were too much on the men's side as they defeated ECU 144-96. The 200-yard medley team of Greg Neville, Charlie McCannless, Chris Lubenau and Bryan Yasinsac finished second with a time of 1:35.25.

Neville finished third in the 200-freestyle and claimed event honors in the 100-back-

stroke with a time of 51.12.

In other men's swimming action, Andrew Phelps finished fourth in the 1000-freestyle while claiming first in the 500-freestyle, Yasinsac (21.90) placed second in the 50-freestyle and Lubenau was second in the 100-butterfly (50.22).

Sophomore diver Ryan Hunt took home the one-meter (241.28) and three-meter (238.43) events, while Peter Bradyhouse finished third (197.93) and fourth (171.23) respectively.

Both the men and women's teams will be back in action Saturday, Jan. 21 when they travel to Baltimore, Md. to face UMBC.

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ECU drops weekend series to Clemson



The ECU ice hockey team took a long road trip to Clemson University this past weekend for their first games of the spring semester, but returned to Greenville disappointed after losing both their matchups against the Tigers. Despite sub-par skating in their first game against Clemson, the Pirates still managed to battle hard for most of the game, eventually falling short 6-5. The Saturday game featured a much more solid effort from ECU, but it all unraveled for the Pirates in the third period. The Tigers exploded for five goals in the final frame before ECU scored their only goal of the period, finishing the game in a 7-3 loss. Pennsylvania native Mike Ormsbee led the Pirates on offense as he notched five points over the weekend (4 G, 1 A). ECU will take to the ice again this Friday and Saturday in Hickory, NC where they will skate against Appalachian State. Their next home series will be against UNC-Chapel Hill on Jan. 27 at 9:30 p.m.

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The Terriers' best player, Eric Marshall has been hurt ever since Dec. 6. Wofford hasn't found an answer to replace Marshall's 11.4 points per contest and vital 3-point shooting. Unfortunately for the Terriers, only two of their six wins are against Division I opponents.

21. Campbell (5-9)

Best Win: at Gardner-Webb
Fighting Camels problem is on the defensive side of the ball. Through 14 games, Campbell is dead last (326th) in scoring defense allowing 87.2 points per game. The win over Gardner-Webb should give the Fighting Camels some confidence to make a run up the Atlantic Sun standings.

22. Coastal Carolina (7-8)

Best Win: vs. UNC Asheville
Buzz Peterson is undergoing a heavy rebuilding effort after being fired from Tennessee last season. The Dean Smith protégée was successful at App. St., but it will take time in Conway. Leading scorer Jack Leasure is making 4.4 3 pointers per game.

23. College of Charleston (9-6)

Best Win: at UNC Wilmington
Tom Herrion, Bill's brother, is in his fourth season at the helm of the Cougars. But Herrion's fourth is following the same path as his brother did at ECU. And that's not a road the younger Herrion wants to head down. Dontave Draper is the leading scorer at 18.1 per contest.

24. The Citadel (6-11)

Best Win: at Stetson
The Bulldogs are currently winless in five times in SoCon play. After a couple of brief two-game winning streak against Division II opponents, The Citadel has dropped eight consecutive games. One thing the Bulldogs do have on their side is depth as 12 players' average double digits in minutes per game.

25. UNC Asheville (3-12)

Best Win: at Furman
The Bulldogs got first win over Furman looks more impressive as time progresses. However,

the small state school is struggling in scoring margin, averaging a 12.3 point loss. Maybe, the Bulldogs can begin to use their height to their advantage. UNCA has two seven-footers and a six-foot-eight-inch shooting guard.

26. South Carolina State (4-11)

Best Win: vs. Marshall
The Bulldogs are having trouble putting the ball in the basket as they average a measly 57.1 points per game. Even so, the Marshall win was impressive and could vault them into MEAC contention. The Bulldogs have lost five of their last six games.

27. N.C. A&T (1-13)

Best Win: vs. Bethune-Cookman
The Aggies finally picked up their first win of the season on Monday. Currently, only Morgan State, Baylor and Savannah State are the only teams in Division I not to post a win. Head coach Jerry Eaves is 10-58 since taking over the once-proud program.

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- * Future Club Meetings
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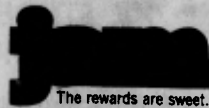
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