

New visitation policy garners mixed views

Pro

Weekend visitation freedom in dorms
Advantages of visitation policy

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There is evidence that suggests the new dorm visitation policy is having the desired effect intended by campus life officials.

There is even a possibility it could be expanded to include other residence halls next semester.

"The RHA has recommended that it be continued, and it is being considered by the administration," said Steve Myszak, assistant director for residence life.

Fleming, Umstead and White residence halls all have the new policy, which allows students to have overnight visitors of either sex to spend the night in the dorm as long as their roommate has no objections to that guest.

These dorms were selected as buildings to be tested in this first year pilot program because they are upperclassman dorms.

"All the halls are upper division halls, and first year students do not live in those environments," Myszak said.

The new policy was established to provide upperclassmen more freedom and flexibility with their guests' visitation rights.

"It allows upper division students an opportunity to have friends over to study or friends who are from another college to visit," Myszak said.

"So it's a mixture of academic and social [advantages]."

The advantages of the new policy are that it allows students to practice responsible behavior and gives them more freedom.

"I think with the 24-hour, especially weekend, it does allow responsible behavior where other peoples' rights will not be infringed upon and also just the ability to study because we all know that students don't study



Con

Negative effects seen from visitation policy
Why a visitation policy is not necessarily a good thing

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Campus Living's Residents' Handbook of 2005-2006 outlines the visitation policy for all non-residents and details the differences that now exist among different dorms.

The visitation policy affects all halls except for Fleming, Umstead and White, which are upperclassman halls, in the same way. The policy outlines visitation hours as being from 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily. Residents may have guests of either sex during regular visitation hours.

Residents of Fleming, Umstead and White Halls have the same visiting hours and restrictions Sunday through Thursday, but beginning Friday at 5 p.m. and ending Sunday at 5 p.m., there is no restriction regarding who can or cannot stay through the night with the roommate's permission.

Cohabitation, which is defined by the handbook as "a non-assigned person living in a residence hall space for more than 48 hours regardless of the approval of the assigned resident," is never allowed in any hall.

Furthermore, many students may not be aware that one may not have the same overnight guest more than 10 nights total for the entire academic year.

All residents are strongly encouraged not to host overnight guests under the age of 18. The resident should receive approval from his or her hall coordinator and the roommate before having any guest under the age of 18 stay with him or her all night (Friday

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Students watch with dismay as Resident Advisor issues them a warning for violating the dorm visitation policy in Umstead Hall.

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Britney Sproat is congratulated by Red Cross Director Ginger Dall.

Teaching fellowships: more than merely scholarships

Charitable acts done by teaching fellows

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There is no question that the ECU Teaching Fellows program is much more than a scholarship, evidenced by multiple non-profit projects and a large total of mentoring/tutoring hours taken on by students.

This fall, approximately 920 mentoring/tutoring hours were completed and six non-profit service projects were done by the sophomore and junior classes.

These projects were sponsored by the Teaching Fellows service committee and included programs such as Toys for Tots, a holiday food drive and Adopt-a-Highway.

Brittany Sproat, junior elementary education major and co-chair for the service committee, helped organize the adopt-a-highway project.

"We go on Elm Street and clean up Elm Street at least four times a semester through American Clean Up," said Sproat.

In addition to those projects, the Teaching Fellows also raised more than 2,000 food items for local food shelters for homecoming. This will now be done annually.

Operation Christmas Child was another one of their projects. It ensures that children all over the world will have toys for Christmas by sending them

a variation of small toys in a shoebox.

In fewer than two weeks, the Teaching Fellows met their goal of raising \$1,000 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The sophomore and junior Teaching Fellows must have a certain amount of mentoring/tutoring, but most of the participation they do is voluntary.

They must tutor at least 10-12 hours per semester and they must participate in at least two of the four activities in the service committee.

"Our sophomores and juniors tutor one hour a week," said Martha Parrish, assistant director of NC Teaching Fellows.

"Our sophomores tutor with after school non-profit agencies or after school clubs, and our juniors tutor one hour per week in a school setting in their licensure area. The fund-raising and some of the service projects are strictly volunteer and going a little bit above and beyond the requirement."

The sophomores tutor in local places such as Operation Sunshine, the Little Willie Center, Carver Library, PC Stars and the Boys and Girls Club.

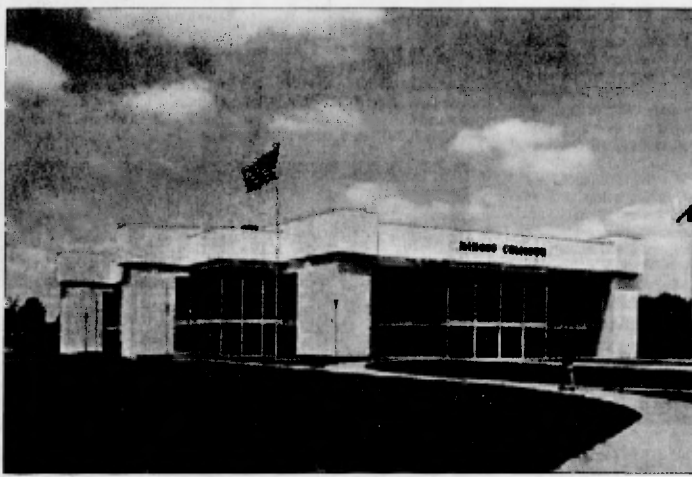
"Our class tutors at different sites around Greenville, which include inner-city youth organizations, Boys and Girls Club, elementary schools and other groups that need help,"

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ECU Centennial coming next year



From top left is Jarvis Hall in 1916, Jarvis in 1982, Wright Circle in 1988 and on the right is Minges Coliseum in 1964.



Centennial celebration to begin spring 2007

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Since the beginning of the year, ECU's Web site has been host to a number of images that have differed from those that are usually displayed.

They depict students or faculty who look worlds apart from those of today's university. The images are in black and white and to today's student body, may look like something out of an old film. While a few of the buildings in the pictures may hold some resemblance to those of today, to many students the images may represent an entirely different period in the university's existence.

Although the images represent ECU's past, they serve as a strong reminder of the great strides the university has taken in the past 100 years.

In an effort to honor those strides, ECU will commemorate

the 100-year anniversary of the opening of the institution with a two and a half year celebration, beginning March 8, 2007 and continuing through Oct. 5, 2009. The Centennial will include celebrations to recognize significant events that have occurred within the last 100 years and celebrate the legacy of the institution.

The team behind the planning of the Centennial celebration, the Centennial Task Force, is made up of ECU faculty, staff, alumni, students and the Greenville community, all of whom have been planning the celebration for almost two years now. The Task Force is in the process of creating a calendar of events for the celebration, which will recognize the milestone at various university events and also create one-time specific events.

In addition to the celebration, Henry Ferrell, university historian, has created two books to celebrate the anniversary. Both will cover the 100-year history of

ECU while one, entitled *No Time for Ivy*, will be an illustrated look back. The other, titled *Promises Kept*, will be a written text.

The coordinating co-chairs for the Task Force are Patricia Anderson, associate professor of education, and Chief of Staff Austin Bunch. Both want to emphasize that all of the events that are being planned to take place throughout the Centennial are those that will celebrate the "essence of the university." Furthermore, the phrase that is displayed on the ECU Centennial homepage is one that has been coined to reflect the spirit of the celebration, and all events that are being planned revolve very closely around it.

Bunch views the Centennial as a "once in a lifetime event for celebrating the institution."

"All the energies that are being put forth into this event are befitting of the spirit of ECU," said Bunch.

Similarly, Anderson views those "energies" as a "labor of love." According to her, all who

are involved in the Centennial Task Force, with only a few exceptions, are strictly volunteering to do the work. She feels that because these individuals are so willingly volunteering their time, it reflects very closely the way people feel about the university.

Both Anderson and Bunch are anxious for the continuation of the planning and are looking for active participation by the students with this celebration. They agree the visuals on the Web site are just the beginning of what will be and are hoping that awareness of the upcoming milestone will only broaden with time.

Students have the opportunity to become involved with sub-committees around campus and play a part in the biggest celebration in the history of the institution. If interested, students should contact SGA President M. Cole Jones or the Centennial Task Force at centennial@ecu.edu.

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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 in downtown, Procopio and friends will provide instruction 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 is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the public. This is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking event. For more information call 752-7350.

Great Decisions 2006

The Great Decisions program begins Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in Rivers West RW 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 located in Jenkins Fine Arts Center. 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. Yang has recently had several concert engagements and has recorded a CD. Upcoming collaborations include the Indianapolis and Tucson Orchestras and the Grammy award-winning Takacs Quartet. Tickets are required. For more information, contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

RHA Winter Trip

The Residence 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.

PICASO Rocker-Thon

The first annual PICASO Rocker-Thon will be held Thursday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Colonial Mall. Teams will sit and "rock" all day to raise donations and give support to those affected by HIV and AIDS in Pitt County, as well as educational programs to help prevent the spread of AIDS. For more information, contact Shanay Ouch, PICASO executive director, at 830-1660 or scouch@picaso.org.

Field Trip to NC Museum of Art

The School of Art and Design is sponsoring a trip to Raleigh to view "The Potter's Eye" exhibit at the NC Museum of Art. The exhibit includes 90 pots from the 19th and 21st centuries. Seats on the bus should be \$10. The group will depart at 9 a.m. and return in the evening.

News Briefs

State

UNC-Greensboro drops speech charges against students

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) - University of North Carolina at Greensboro officials have dropped charges against two students accused of speaking outside of designated "free speech zones" on campus, the school's lawyer said Tuesday. Students Allison Jaynes and Robert Sinnott were accused of violating campus policy by helping to organize a rally of about 40 people Nov. 16 in front of the campus library. When a school official told Jaynes to move to a free speech zone, she refused and was later charged, along with Sinnott, with a campus violation. The punishment could have ranged from a warning to probation with restrictions, said Jaynes, a senior physics major. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education based in Philadelphia said public pressure forced the university to drop the charges and take another look at its free speech policy. The organization co-authored a study that said UNC campuses had a number of problems with free speech. But university counsel Skip Capone said the institution wasn't trying to abridge free speech. The zones predated most employees at UNC-G and were created in the 1970s during Vietnam protests so students wouldn't be blocked from their classes, he said. A committee approved Nov. 14 will study the issue because of court decisions against restrictions on speech, Capone said. The committee is being formed now, he said, and will include students and faculty.

Lawyers debate whether cohabitation lawsuit should proceed

BURGAU, NC (AP) - Lawyers for a woman who quit working for Pender County after the sheriff told her to leave her live-in boyfriend, many him or find a new job argued Tuesday that the courts should allow the lawsuit to move forward. Sheriff Carson Smith and representatives of State Attorney General Roy Cooper both argue that Debora Hobbs has no standing to sue them. Smith's lawyer argues that the sheriff was merely enforcing a 200-year-old state law that prohibits unmarried couples from living together. Cooper's counsel says the lawsuit lacks merit because challenges to a criminal statute have only been allowed when a criminal complaint has been filed or is threatened. Hobbs has not been charged with a crime nor is she threatened with arrest, Cooper has said. But Jennifer Rudinger, state executive director for the American Civil Liberties Union and Hobbs' lawyer in the case, says her client could be charged at any time. The rarely enforced cohabitation law carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and as much as 60 days in jail. Pender County Judge Benjamin Alford did not indicate when he would issue a ruling in the case.

and former Attorney General John Ashcroft. The court said they improperly threatened to use a federal drug law against Oregon doctors who prescribe lethal doses of medicine to dying patients who request it. At least six other states have proposed, or are considering, some form of an assisted suicide law, with bills currently in the legislatures of California and Vermont. The Oregon law was passed by initiative in 1994 and affirmed by an even larger majority of voters in 1997, within weeks of another Supreme Court ruling in a Washington state case that also backed states as the final authority for regulating medical practice. A total of 208 people - mostly cancer patients - have taken the lethal prescription from 1998 through 2004, according to figures collected by Oregon health officials tracking how often the law is used. The issue remains thorny among physicians, who offer differing opinions. Dr. Kenneth Stevens of the foundation Physicians for Compassionate Care, which has opposed the law, said he wanes the terminally ill may feel pressure to end their lives. He noted the American Medical Association also is against it. Although the Supreme Court ruling will make it easier for other states to craft their own laws, political opposition in many states is high, said Eli Stutsman, a Portland attorney who has defended the law since 1994. Polls in Vermont also showed broad support for an assisted suicide law based on the Oregon model, said Michael Sirotkin, spokesman for Death with Dignity Vermont and End of Life Choices Vermont.

Suspicious of the driver, authorities said

The bomb and firearms were found in a car that had just passed through the Peace Arch border crossing at about 9:30 p.m., Royal Canadian Mounted Police said in a statement. The explosive device was found in the engine compartment, officials said. Interstate 5 in the United States and Highway 99 in Canada were closed at the crossing - the busiest between the two countries west of Detroit. The discovery was made after officials became suspicious of the passenger car, which was occupied only by the driver, a man who was acting erratically, said Paula Shore, spokeswoman for the Canada Border Services Agency. The Mounties' explosives squad was summoned, she said. "Our border services officers are trained to look for inconsistencies," Shore said. "It's never just one thing that makes them want to take another look at someone." Traffic in both directions was diverted less than a mile to the east to the Pacific Highway crossing, officials said.

Supreme Court ruling may ease assisted suicide passage in other states

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - After more than a decade of legal battles over assisted suicide, a Supreme Court ruling affirming that states have the authority to regulate medical treatment of the terminally ill may help turn an Oregon law into a national model. The 6-3 ruling Tuesday was considered a rebuke to the Bush administration

World

Drought sparks food shortage in eastern Africa; millions on the verge of famine

DENAN, Ethiopia (AP) - Millions are at risk of famine in eastern Africa after a potentially devastating drought wiped out this year's crop. Aid organizations warn that unless urgent supplies of food, water and medicine are delivered to the region, more people could die than perished in the drought of 2000, which killed nearly 100,000 in Ethiopia alone. Preliminary assessments show those affected by the drought include an estimated 3.5 million in Kenya, 1.75 million in Ethiopia, 1.4 million in Somalia and 60,000 in Djibouti. Poor rains over the last nine years have left many families living on a knife's edge. This year the rains failed completely. Food prices are up as much as 50 percent, while the value of prized livestock has plummeted, hitting hard the nomads who rely on cattle, sheep, goats and camels for food and income. The warning signs of famine appear long before it takes hold in this corner of Ethiopia, about 870 miles southeast of the capital, Addis Ababa. The bones and rotting carcasses of cattle mark the landscape. Children, whose immunity systems are hopelessly compromised by insufficient nutrition, are beginning to fall sick. Efforts to help the region's hungry have also been troubled by a low-level conflict between the Ethiopian army and separatist rebels in the area. In recent months, trucks carrying food aid have been attacked and, in some cases, burned.

UNC semester in Washington offers internships for students



Students have the opportunity to work in their nation's capital.

Program sends three students each semester

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What began just two semesters ago in the summer term of 2005 has already grown to an excellent opportunity for ECU students.

The UNC Semester in Wash-

ington program, which sends three students from each of UNC's sister institutions to Washington, D.C. for a semester to experience internships at Washington-based organizations, has already welcomed four ECU students from the past summer term and fall semester. The goal of the program is to allow students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real-world

situations and to further their learning in their field of study through their interactions and experiences.

While participating in the program, students are required to live in UNC-leased housing that is two blocks from the U.S. Supreme Court and intern with an organization in the D.C. area. In addition to interning four days a week for a minimum of 32 hours, students must also complete three hours per week of an academic seminar called "The Washington Experience." The seminar, which is currently being taught by Leslie Omoruyi, assistant professor of political science, is taught each year by a UNC system faculty member in residence. In addition to the internship and the seminar, students also have the opportunity to take another course either online or as an independent

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just between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight," Myszak said. There have not been any reported problems with the new policy so far. During the pilot period last semester, the policy worked according to plan. "The new visitation policy has been going great so far," said Hanna Zhu, resident coordinator of White Hall.

"We don't have any problems with the policy in our building. It seems residents have been enjoying the freedom of the new policy without abusing it." Students seem to enjoy the freedom of the policy and would like to see it continue next semester.

"Living on your own and not having the restrictions that you did back at home makes the college experience that much better," said Crystal Toone, sophomore physical therapy major. "The time I have spent in the dorm is better when my loved ones can spend the night."

The visitation policy for the other dorms allows students to have guests from 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily. The upperclassman halls with the new policy allow guests to come during the same hours Sunday through Thursday.

Although there are restrictions on the 24-hour policy and the non-upperclassman halls, there are areas in the dorms that will allow visitation throughout the day. "All of the residence halls do at least have a lobby that is [open] 24-hours where studying can occur," Myszak said.

Each dorm has a 24-hour designated lobby area or a basement lounge where they are safe from being told that their visitors must leave.

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or Saturday night only). Where does that leave students? A few share their feelings and opinions on the current visitation policy.

"I agree with it up to a certain point," said Luke Daughtry, sophomore art major.

"If it's someone from your dorm or [a person] you know and are comfortable with them and trust them, it really shouldn't matter. [The policy] shouldn't be so rigid. It's driving people away from wanting to live in the residence halls. You lose track of time one night and you get written up for it, and it's not fair."

"As adults, I believe we should be able to make the decision whether or not to have people of

the opposite sex in our room past 2 a.m.," said freshman Ashley Williams.

"I believe the visitation policy exists to give parents a false sense of security for sending their kids off to college because things will occur between people of the opposite sex whether it's past visiting hours or not. The roommates have to agree on who may stay in their room and when it's OK regardless of the policy," Williams said.

Some students think the policy exercised in the three upperclassman halls should apply to everyone at ECU.

"I can understand having a visitation policy for weekends, but to have it on weekends for the opposite sex in most dorms doesn't make much sense

to me," said Will Elsen, junior economics major.

"I think the decision should be solely between the person and their roommate and how comfortable they both feel with having someone stay overnight in the room. I just don't see what the harm in it is."

"We shouldn't have a policy on the weekends because everything in town closes at 2 a.m. and people who want to come back to the hall and hang out cannot because they're no longer allowed in each others' rooms," said Lucy Coolahan, freshman hospitality management major.

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The four ECU students who have already completed the internship are Carmin Black, Christopher Harris and William Morgan, all of whom were enrolled in the program over the summer, and Matthew Herman, who recently completed the fall semester. All of the students are pursuing degrees in different fields of study, but all experienced successful semesters in the nation's capital.

Their experiences ranged from internships with ABC News, the National Institutes of Health, the Federal Reserve Bank and most recently, in the Office of U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones.

Matthew Herman, who had the opportunity to intern as a Congressional Fellow with Jones, views his experience as one that was incomparably beneficial.

"Working on Capitol Hill afforded me the opportunity to

meet, as well as interact with, a multitude of diverse individuals within an extremely complex and dynamic environment," said Herman.

In addition to working daily under Jones, Herman met many notable figures, two of whom were Senator Richard Burr and Senator Joe Lieberman, and saw figures such as President and Mrs. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Herman was also fortunate enough to witness history in attending visitations for Rosa Parks and Chief Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist and a confirmation hearing for Chief Justice Roberts.

Dorothy Muller, the ECU campus coordinator for the UNC Semester in Washington program, acknowledges the benefits of this program and the value of taking advantage of the opportunities surrounding those who participate.

"These internships have been superior and these are superior students," said Muller.

"They didn't do copying and stapling, they did the real stuff." To be eligible for this program, students must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate at a University of North Carolina constituent institution. Students must be juniors or seniors with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average. Participants should possess strong written and oral communication skills and be reliable and motivated.

To apply for this program, students should contact Dorothy Muller, assistant to the provost at ECU, at 328-1426 or mullerd@ecu.edu. Students should apply for this program at least two semesters in advance.

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said Kyle Johnson, sophomore English education major.

For the spring, the Teaching Fellows will continue to participate in more fund-raising and mentoring projects.

The Teaching Fellows expect to have a total of more than 1,000 mentoring/tutoring hours by the end of the semester.

"Our sophomores with their after school tutoring programs will all develop a service project within the group they work, whether it be Wild Coats after school, Operation Sunshine or the Boys and Girls club," Parrish said.

"We're looking into adding a soup kitchen, but that's not set in stone yet," Sproat said.

The ECU Teaching Fellows made a definite impact last fall with 185 out of 500 total fellows in the state of North Carolina at ECU.

The students in the program seem to recognize the importance of the program and the kinds of opportunities the program gives them.

"Many people think that it is a full ride through college or just free money, but in fact, the Teaching Fellows program prepares us to become wonderful educators and great pillars of our society," Johnson said.

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TEC is committed to writing solid, well-grounded opinions that are reinforced with empirical facts. With that said, here is a quotation from an abstract of a scholarly work titled, "Sleepless at Stanford: what all undergraduates should know about how their sleeping lives affect their waking lives," written by William Dement of Stanford.

"Each of us has a specific daily sleep requirement. The average sleep requirement for college students is well over eight hours, and the majority of students would fall within the range of this value plus or minus one hour," wrote Dement.

How many of you honestly get that much sleep? Better yet, how many of you do that and attend all of your classes? We are willing to bet that many people at ECU come to college, adapt insane habits of staying up until 5 a.m., then sleeping until 1 p.m., before waking up to start the day. That assumes you actually sleep the number of hours Dement recommends. Some of you may sleep from 6 a.m. to noon. In reality, some of you go to sleep at 3 a.m. and wake up at 2 p.m. That is one way to get adequate sleep. Too bad there are hardly any post-college lifestyles that allow for such slumber methods.

We would like to believe these ridiculous sleep patterns could be blamed on something outside a student's control, but if we were to believe that, we would be too innocent to be let out of the house. There are plenty of legitimate sleeping disorders that affect lots of people, particularly people who have long, laborious jobs. However, college students are generally lazy and do not have laborious jobs, at least not the ones who sleep until 2 p.m.

In all fairness, this does not apply to the significant portion of the student population who either have more than 18 hours of courses and/or greater than 20 hours of work with other jobs. Nevertheless, the vast majority of people with whacky sleep schedules are losers who simply forgot humans are diurnal creatures. These are the people who are sleeping away the millions of dollars North Carolina ties up in education subsidies intended for students like them to make something of their lives.

When the government expects to get something out of you, you have a duty to deliver. Not only are people missing classes and not making anything of themselves, they are staying up late to holler, party, run up and down dorm floors and even play loud music. This hurts the sleep system of others and negates their ability to better themselves and society.

Being irresponsible with your sleeping habits is not a personal choice. It cannot be when state funding is involved nor is ruining others' sleep a personal choice.

Luckily, most people who sleep until noon are too lazy to read this opinion and thus nobody should be besmirched by its content. Hopefully, all of our loyal readers will continue to get good sleep, keep their feet on the ground and reach for the stars.

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Opinion Columnist

"Most hated man on campus" leaves his mark

I hope my attempt to inject truth and common sense was noticed

TONY MCKEE
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

Circumstances and responsibilities have converged in the person of my daughter, who will be graduating high school this year and wants to go to college herself. She has been accepted to five or six schools already, all of which are out of state and all of which she and her mother and I want to visit.

The result of this? I was presented with the choice of spending thousands of dollars continuing my education now or spending thousands of dollars on tickets, gasoline, fees, deposits (when she finally decides which school she likes best), etc. on various college visits to allow my daughter to follow her dreams. I wish that all the choices in my life were this easy.

It is said that all things must eventually come to an end. So it is with my contribution to TEC. Over the past two years, many people have asked me why I choose to write what I do instead of "what interested college kids." There is a very simple answer to that, I saw no need to waste my time commenting on such vacuous subjects like who was doing what, and to whom (or who was doing who, for that matter) on some lame television show or "reality" series. I wrote about what I am passionate about and what matters to all of us.

When I returned to ECU in 2003, after an injury forced me to abandon my career and learn a new one, I entered with the naive belief that the college experience of today would be somewhat as I remembered it from when I was

here in the late 1980s.

I was in for a rude shock. The campus atmosphere I remembered was gone. It used to be that ideas were openly debated and people politely listened (or at least pretended to listen) to differing opinions. People could pretty much say what they wanted, no matter how objectionable it might have been to others, anywhere and anytime. College in general, and ECU in particular, was an institution of learning.

That ECU exists no more. What I saw in 2003 and since shocked, infuriated and nauseated me. ECU has become a place where anyone who disagrees with the "conventional wisdom" of Liberalism is subjected to ridicule and scorn from students and staff alike. ECU is now a place where "free speech" is graciously allowed in the properly designated area and severely curtailed everywhere else. Political correctness is enforced by the Thought Police. Propaganda has replaced common sense and "truth" is defined by the Liberal (i.e. Democrat) agenda.

I could not, and did not, sit idly by and watch this happen.

The purpose of my columns from the beginning has been to attempt to inject a modicum of truth, common sense and the values of the majority of Americans into the putrid atmosphere of lies, arrogance and ignorance that permeates colleges today.

I tried to offer balance by pointing out the blatant hypocrisy of Liberals. I countered the fallacies taught in the classroom by pointing out that the Democratic Party and Liberalism has been the worst thing to befall minorities in this country since slavery. All they have done for minorities is to substitute one

form of servitude and fealty for another.

In short, I made every effort to do what ECU hasn't: to provide you with the other side of the story so you can critically evaluate the issues so you could make informed decisions.

Only time will tell how successful I was.

Of the many highlights of my time at TEC, perhaps the biggest (other than Ms. Rachel repeatedly editorializing that I should be fired for not writing what she wanted to read) was shortly after the 2004 elections. It was then that a very irate, typically misinformed young Liberal got in my face and accused me of helping get President George Bush reelected. What could I say except "You are welcome"? That was the nicest thing a Liberal ever said to me.

I want to thank the editors I have worked for at TEC. Michelle, thanks for offering me the opportunity to write for you. Amanda, thanks for teaching me how to focus my thoughts and therefore become a better writer. Jennifer, thanks for being you.

I reserve my most heartfelt thanks to the loyal readers of TEC, especially all (both supporters and detractors) who shared your comments. I appreciated all of them. It is because of your consistent comments and loyalty that I have (semi-unofficially) been given the title of "Most Hated Person on Campus."

I wear the title proudly.

I fervently hope that the Conservative Corner does not die during my absence. Every college campus, especially ECU, needs one. I pray there is a Conservative among you courageous enough to continue carrying the torch. You are needed. Godspeed.

In My Opinion

(KRT) — The couple who schemed to defraud Wendy's restaurant chain by planting a severed human finger in a bowl of chili received nearly the maximum punishment possible Wednesday.

Santa Clara County Judge Edward Davila sentenced Anna Ayala to nine years in prison and her husband, Jaime Plascencia, to 12 years, four months behind bars.

"Greed and avarice overtook this couple, and they lost their moral compass," he said.

Ayala was facing a maximum of nine years, eight months in prison. Plascencia could have received up to 13 years for his role in the scam and other crimes. Plascencia, 43, and Ayala, 39, concocted a scheme to defraud Wendy's. On March 22, she placed a finger tip into her chili and caused a commotion at the fast food chain's restaurant in South San Jose. The case was soon known across the globe.

But it turned out the finger tip came from one of Plascencia's co-workers, who lost it in a workplace accident in Las Vegas and sold it to Plascencia.

Plascencia pleaded guilty to two felony charges arising from the scam: conspiracy to file a false insurance claim and attempted grand theft with damages exceeding \$2.5 million.

Before Davila announced his sentence, a tearful Ayala read a statement apologizing to Wendy's, which she said was one of her family's favorite restaurants.

"I do take responsibility for my actions and offer my most sincere apologies, especially to Wendy's in San Jose and its employees," Ayala said. "I'm truly sorry."

In a prepared statement, Plascencia said he too was sorry for the harm his actions and caused.

"I am paying the ultimate price with my dignity," he said.

In the courtroom were several Wendy's employees, representatives from the fast-food chain's corporate office and the owner of the Monterey Highway franchise where the fingertip was planted. Hector Pineda, who for 13 years has made the chili at that Wendy's, said Ayala's crime led to a cutback in his work hours and caused him personal embar-

assment.

"When this happened, I got scared," he said through a translator. "People who I thought were my friends accused me of doing things I had nothing to do with."

Wendy's representatives estimate the restaurant has lost more than \$21 million overall as a result of the crime. The San Jose franchise owners claimed losses of almost \$500,000.

Ayala and Plascencia were ordered to pay those amounts in restitution, but Wendy's and Joseph Desmond, the owner of the Monterey Highway Wendy's and seven others in San Jose, said they will not seek to collect the money. Ayala and Plascencia will be held responsible for about \$170,000 in restitution to employees of Wendy's for lost wages.

In addition to the felony counts in the chili case, Ayala had also pleaded guilty to an unrelated charge of defrauding a San Jose woman in a mobile home sale. Plascencia also pleaded guilty for failing to pay child support, child abandonment, identity theft and fraudulent use of official documents.

Pirate Rant

I'm tired of all the racism that is going on in the world. How does the generation before us expect it to not affect us if they cannot let it go themselves? It is something we need to leave in the past and live together as one. One Race = Human Race.

Why does it take five minutes to load "My Personal Settings" in Rawl's computer lab? All I want to do is check my e-mail... oh and I have no personal settings!

This is for Gary McCabe: I hate it when people critique something they obviously know nothing about. If you had even bothered to listen to the Jaime Foxx CD, you would understand why it's been number one for two weeks. Not only is he multi-talented, he doesn't impersonate Ray Charles in one song! Do your homework!

Can we please stop the "To the person who" rants? Besides being juvenile back-and-forth debates, they clog up serious ranters' space.

Guys: Valentines Day is coming up in a few weeks, so here is some advance notice. Even though the word date seems to be missing from your vocabulary, and whether she is officially your "girlfriend" or not, do something to make her feel special. It's only one day a year!

If any regular student here had an "incident" with some minors, got pulled for driving with no license, physically caused injury to someone while representing the university on a national scale, and then flashed their heat at McDonald's to some teenagers, do you know what we'd be called? Criminals. But none of our last names are Vick, so we don't get to do these things and then get ready to play in the NFL, all while riding our older brother's name. Michael went pro, Marcus went con.

My hair is nothing more than a shining configuration of gel that glistens under the sun as I walk by in the Wright Place. I'll bet you can't guess what fraternity I'm in. Come rush my fraternity.

The sign says "printers down." Don't ask me, "both of them?" or "so there's no printer?" *sarcastic tone* No, the printers are working fine, I just wanted to make you squirm.

I am tired of the freshman girls who are always downtown. Do they really have nothing better to do than get drunk downtown? I always see the same ones and it does not really matter to me, but they should look for something better than Cabana's or the Cavern every night.

Can somebody please clean the girl's bathroom in the Croatan?

A great big thank you goes out to the ECU maintenance driver who hit my car! You just made my day with your horrible attitude!

UBE and Dowdy Student Stores should start printing out T-shirts that say, "I was robbed at ECU!" They would be the stores' top seller.

Fair warning: the first person (and any others to follow) who burns me with their cigarette while they are carelessly walking, talking and smoking... I'm going to hit you in the face.

Attention Guys: It is not normal to spend 10 hours a day playing with your Xbox! That is why you're single!

Hands-down, 14th Street behind the Hill is the worst road to drive on with a hangover.

To the Bear's fan who made fun of Jake Delhomme last semester: A QB is defined by how he performs under pressure (i.e. the playoffs). The Bears are going to be good for the next few years, but for now eat your heart out.

Attention drivers: there is a lever that comes out of the left side of your steering column called a turn signal. Use it!

Am I the only person who realizes that it's Mardi Gras not Marti Gras? Maybe the KD's should be required to pass a spelling test before becoming sisters.

I saw Kristin Murnane and Kristin Day on campus the other day and recognized them from their articles last semester. I felt special sitting close to campus celebrities. All I need to do now is track down that Ed guy.

If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem. Grow up and take responsibility! There, I said it. Thank you.

What a bunch of immature, pathetic whiners. Quit "ranting" and start doing what you came here to do! Study and make something of yourselves for crying out loud!

Marines should be banned from downtown. They certainly don't come here for the beer and they often start trouble, so keep them out.

Is Jennifer the nursing major who likes swimming and going to the beach the only student who donates plasma?

My new years resolution is to have one of my rants in TEC before I graduate at the end of 2006.

Why do right-handed people sit in the left-handed desks? There aren't enough for both left and right handed so stop sitting in the left-handed desks!

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Campus Confessions:

I can't stand my roommate and I am going to move out at the end of the semester, even though I told her I was staying until September.

I like to sit next to guys on the bus so I can see if they smell good or are wearing the same cologne as my boyfriend. I have a sniff fetish.

I don't have a parking permit of any kind and still park on campus. No ticket in a whole year. Awesome work, ECU police.

One day I was walking through Wright Plaza jamming to Fall Out Boy on my iPod when all of a sudden, I noticed a group of guys laughing so I turned down the volume and to my horror realized they had been laughing at me. I was singing along to the music. I guess I completely forgot that no one else could hear it but me.

I once went to my 10 a.m. class at 9 a.m. and sat there wondering why I didn't know what was going on and where everyone from my normal class was, but I just figured I was imagining things. At lunch, I met up with a friend who asked if I had changed my clock for daylight savings. I just nodded and smiled. I didn't want to confess that I totally forgot and went to the wrong class.

When I see people I went to high school with on campus, I usually avoid them - if I didn't like you in high school, why would I like you now?

I accidentally walked into the girls' bathroom and used it before I realized it was the wrong one. I then proceeded to become a blind man who only spoke German to avoid being caught for being stupid. Boy did I succeed in accomplishing that.

I talk to myself more than I talk to my friends, my parents and my girlfriend. I guess I like to be listened to.

I'm freaked out by the purpose of tampons. Really, really freaked out.

I'm a guy and I have worn women's underwear.

I have an obsession with Bette Midler.

Gymnastic floor routines involving streamers get me off.

I have a crush on my boss.

I know that my roommate's boyfriend is cheating on her and with who...

I received a bad grade in a class and totally talked my way into a higher one (a passing one).

I fooled around on my roommate's bed.

I keep random checks on my boyfriends e-mail account.

I always laugh hysterically when people trip and fall.

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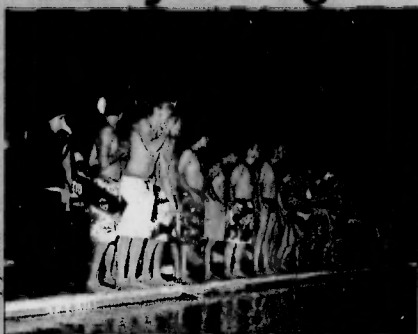
Together again
Dread love, especially of the hip-hopping, grimy-and-sweaty-yet-oh-so-sweet Motor City kind, can't be held down for long.

And so, Eminem, whose songs over the years have chronicled his less-than-idyllic marriage to high school sweetheart Kim Mathers, has opened himself back up to the rhymes that Cupid has been laying down. He's hit the replay button: Marshall Bruce Mathers III and Kim, who first filed for divorce in August 2000, only to reconcile four months later, only then to re-file and legally finalize the split in October 2001, remarried, having re-reconciled in late 2004.

The "1 dots" at some 110-room Michigan mansion were attended by family and friends, including 50 Cent, Obba Babba Stanley and members of G-Unit. Proof, from the crew D12, was best man. No word on whether Em's mother, Debbie R. Mathers-Briggs, who once sued him for \$12 million, was there, although the Detroit Free Press says she wasn't invited. Slim and Kim have a 10-year-old daughter, Hailie Jade Mathers.

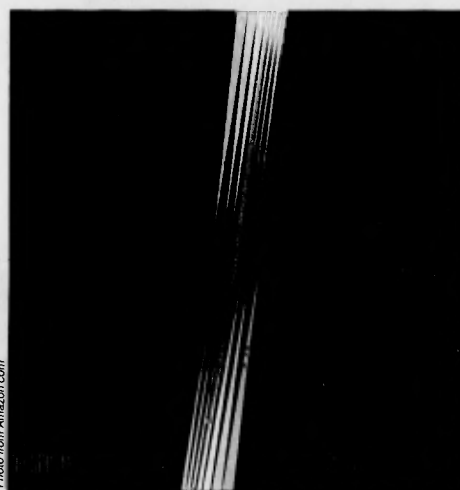
Queen comes home
Queen Latifah hosted a premiere of her latest movie, *Last Holiday*, in her hometown of Newark, N.J., Wednesday by inviting hundreds of guests to a city movie theater.
"It just means I don't have to go far to get home from the premiere," said Latifah, who has homes in New Jersey and Los Angeles.
"My whole family is here, so it's wonderful. I can celebrate with Jersey for a change."
Also in attendance were co-star LL Cool J and comedian/Jersey guy Joe Piscopo. Gushed Newark Mayor Sharpe James: "She's our queen."

Polar Bear Pool Party: Tonight



This year's event is Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center pool. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. This is the 10th year of this annual campus tradition. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff will "take the plunge" into the icy waters of the outdoor pool in the heart of winter. Some light indoor pool activities (water basketball, canoe/kayak, swimming, etc.) will be available before and after the jump. All student jumpers will be eligible to win an iPod Nano through a drawing conducted after the jump is completed.
Sponsors for the event are Recreational Services, Aramark Dining, Mendenhall Student Center, McAllister's and Chili's. Jumpers may bring their own towels or may get one from the Customer Services desk at the SRC. All jumpers will be given a Polar Bear T-shirt and certificate designating their membership in the 2006 Polar Bear Club. Dive away Pirates!

The Strokes, 'First Impressions of Earth'



Fairly impressive new CD for this relatively old favorite

DANIEL BROCK
STAFF WRITER

I remember 2001. Well, not a lot of it actually. I do remember The Strokes' first album. The first time I saw their video for "Last Night," I thought I was watching VH1 Classic, but it was some sort of "Artists to Watch" show on MTV. I've always liked the images of the 1970s, the music, the clothes, the haircuts. Anyway, these cats were bleeding 1970s.

If you'll recall at that time, a midget with a backwards red baseball cap was screaming about "nookie" and running what was left of rock into the ground. The Strokes, on the other hand, looked and sounded like real rock stars. They were here to save rock and the new decade would wash its hands of nu-metal and boy bands.

Well, it didn't exactly happen like that. The Strokes were massively hyped and while *Is This It?* did a lot to revive rock, other bands (The White Stripes) moved to the vanguard of that movement. The Strokes, meanwhile, released *Room on Fire*, or as it's known in some circles, *Is This It?* the second edition. They were then dismissed by the rock press as trick ponies and people jumped off the bandwagon as quickly as they had hopped on.

So that brings us to this album, *First Impressions of Earth*, and the first impressions aren't that bad. This album is a departure in several respects. First, The Strokes affect a more rounded sound, as opposed to the angular structure that had some people referring to them as the Down Strokes. Also, the running time of the album is nearly as long as the first two discs combined and the guitars are given more room to roam.
Front man Julian Casablancas has taken bar room musings and turned them into

mumbled lyrics: "Some people think they're always right/ Others are quiet and uptight." I wonder if he was reading the words off the napkin he originally wrote them on when they cut the tracks. For the most part, he keeps his dour tone of self-entitlement that he's had previously and fairly oozes pretentiousness from the top of his head to the soles of his white shoes.
His range of subjects has expanded to include religion and the meaning of life, which shows some acquired maturity. He did, after all, get married and quit drinking in between albums.

Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. continue to improve individually and together, finally letting loose and showing off a little bit. I don't think they'll be setting their axes on fire anytime soon but the dual guitar lead on "Juicebox" has a nice little solo and the rest of the album is dotted with guitar fireworks including a Who-like break down about half way through "Vision of Division."

Once again, the rhythm section of Fabrizio Moretti and Nikolai Fraiture is competent and intriguing. Moretti's drumming keeps the band moving, especially on tracks like "On the Other Side" and Fraiture's signature bass style shines through, although the beginning of "Juicebox" sounds like "The Munsters" theme song. This album is more diverse than the first two efforts, a fact that is illustrated on "Ask Me Anything." It sounds like John Lennon had been hanging around the studio on a rainy afternoon. There are a few misses like "Ize of the World," but it's not for lack of trying.

First Impressions is the sound of a band branching out with success. Apparently, you can get a second chance to make a first impression.

Grade: A
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Story that must be told



Josh Lucas stars as Hall of Famer Don Haskins, the dedicated basketball coach of a college team.

'Glory Road' a victory for all
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SENIOR WRITER

In the world we live in today, music and movies are the best possible ways to get information across. Through the magic of the big screen, we see stories about people who do extraordinary things and persevere through the worst adversity. Every now and again, the story is even true.
In the case of *Glory Road*, it's all of those elements wrapped up in a compelling story that the world must hear.

From Walt Disney Pictures and director James Gartner, *Glory Road* tells the inspiring story of the 1966 Texas Western Miners and their coach Don Haskins. Haskins turned the nation on its ear by recruiting seven black players to his program and then taking them to the top of college basketball that took the young team over, around and through the hatred of the time. They even managed to upset the Kentucky Wildcats juggernaut and their Hall of Fame coach Adolph Rupp in the process. Anyone with a sports background knows this. Adaptations of true stories often carry a sort of burden because the audience knows the outcome, and the film must still manipulate the emotions of

viewers. It must still rivet and inspire - otherwise, it's a failure.

Glory Road's audience will most likely enter the movie knowing what happens. However, the important part of this movie isn't in the unlikely national championship win or the stunning upset - it's in the journey and the road that these seven black men and their coach traversed.
Unlike Disney's other true sports story, *Remember the Titans*, the race-related anger in this movie gets kicked up a few notches. On the average, you'll hear a racial epithet every three minutes or so, not to mention a sea of disapproving glances. The film's biggest success is the way it makes every person in the theater feel like an entire culture is united against you.

As many of the critics say, the game is chock-full of the old cliché, inspirational gimmicks. The coach is a hard-nosed man with a heart of gold who wants the best for his players but runs them into the ground at first. The team plays like an invincible powerhouse in an exciting montage of scoring and newspaper headlines. They overcome the plethora of insurmountable odds.
However, I pity a world where the general public would call the Miners' struggles cliché.

These young men went to college for free and they all moved on to great things in life, but they

paid for their education by entering gymnasiums with people throwing things at them, dumping drinks on them and calling them every name in the book.

As far as I'm concerned, it should never be cliché when someone beats the establishment at its own game, all while being tormented and abused.

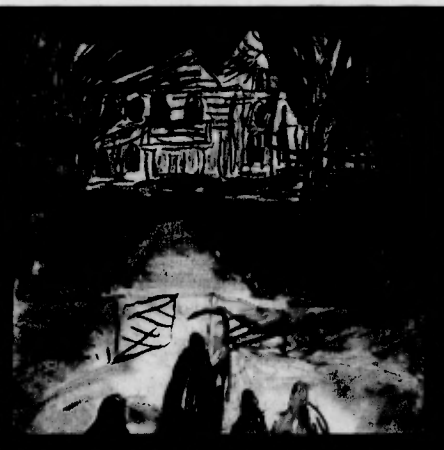
Josh Lucas' turn as Don Haskins will impress and Derek Luke's portrayal of Bobby Joe Hill will amaze. The supporting cast in all (including a comedian and regular on the MTV show "Punk'd") turns in a great performance and really shows the Miners in a light that will inspire children and players to believe they can achieve miracles and accomplish great things.

The biggest problem with the movie is its ambivalent showing of Kentucky coach and Baron of the Bluegrass Adolph Rupp, whose attitude comes off more as egotism than racism. The truth is Rupp's egotism took a shot after the loss.

After Texas Western beat his boys, Rupp trashed the Miners through the local media and took all kinds of cheap shots at Haskins' team. The truth is that Rupp may be top five in the history of college basketball in victories, but he was a product of his time. Rumor has it that Hall-of-Fame football coach Bear

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Ryan Adams squeezes out album for new year



Jacksonville, NC native tackles a concept album and delivers big

JOHN BOSCO
STAFF WRITER

If he hasn't done so already, Ryan Adams has officially put to rest the old adage that "art is hard." To cap off 2005, Ryan Adams went out in style. He released one more studio album just in time for 2006.

As if two weren't enough - both with his band, the Cardinals - Adams expands his solo musicianship with a concept album. The album, 29, spans nine tracks, each focusing on a different year in his twenties.

Adams, 31, teamed up with producer Ethan Johns (who he has worked within the past) to complete 29, a wise move on Adams' part. While everyone has their opinion on the music, critics unanimously agree that Johns'

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production on the album is near perfect and after listening to it once through, you can't help but jump on the bandwagon.

The most important thing for anyone unfamiliar with Ryan Adams to know is that he has a wide range of musical influences. Although his music falls somewhere in the genre of folk, southern rock and blues, he pushes the standard limits

within those categories. 29 is no different, but this time around, Adams' lack of musical identity doesn't spoil his introspective look at his twenties.

29 winds up being an intimate and very fragile album that moves Adams' songwriting forward, allowing him to tread territory shared by folk greats like Bob Dylan (though he's not quite there yet).

The concept of 29 isn't very overbearing, either. This isn't quite a STYX album - it is melancholy and only subtly somber and dark. It speaks to the 20-year-old struggling to make it through because it acknowledges that getting through your twenties is tough. At least Adams sure makes it seem like it is.

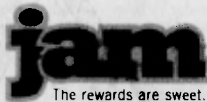
The best part of 29 is its lyrics. Adams' story-telling abilities are powerful as he creates images and storylines you don't mind getting lost in. Most importantly, the lyrics are honest and rich if you give them enough attention. For instance, on the track "Starlite, Diner," Adams answers questions we all wonder about at some point. The line, "Is it possible, to love someone too much? You bet," sums up the tone of this album perfectly.
Adams' vocal range is ridiculously well showcased on this record. From his amazing southern-accented falsetto to his thick, vibrant howls, we see facets of Adams' talent that were not previously tapped into.

The guitar is as strong as ever with great slide sounds and a very melodic, "folky" feel to the rhythm sections. The piano arrangements are all impressive and complimentary Adams' vocals perfectly.
The only complaint I do have is that on occasion, the tracks sort of drift and go on a little too long in a certain direction, but in no way does this compromise

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Matisyahu live, new dynamic CD

"Live at Stubb's" rockin' the world scene

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

Well, it's time to venture down the listening avenue of life and review a CD for all to hear. The Matisyahu album, *Live at Stubb's*, is something very unique in the realm of music. By that, I mean reggae music fronted by the lyrical styling of rap with a Jewish/spiritual message. So follow me as I review another Jewish band's music.

Think of this group as Sublime meets a Jewish Gregorian chant delivered through a strong flowing voice. This is an excellent album for everyone, even though the message of faith comes off a bit strong at times throughout the album.

That may not be the thing that people wish to hear in music, but as I have learned, be sure to keep an open mind. If it is good, which it is, listen to it and accept the message of tune it out.

If anyone can remember, I recommended this album as a holiday gift because it was, and still is, one of the best new albums I have heard in a long time. Of course, I was throwing out classics like "Let's Shake Something off 10,000 Times" by Mariah and "Can We Sound Like the Cookie Monster and Elmer Fudd" by Ja Rule featuring James Hetfield of Metallica.

Now let us speak about the interesting man who brings us such unique musical sounds.

Matisyahu was actually born Matthew Miller on June 30, 1979 in Westchester, Pa. Born into a traditional Jewish household, he rebelled early on but reconciled in his teen years.

His family eventually settled into White Plains, N.Y., which he would consider home. During his teen years, he found interest in Jewish teachings and reggae music as well.

If you have ever seen this band or a picture of this man, you will agree that he is quite a



sight to see. This is even more true if you have already listened to his music and imagined a Hasidic Jewish man singing over reggae beats and stage diving during performances.

By now, everyone has either both seen or heard the song "King Without a Crown" on TV. I know all you people have nothing more to do than watch music videos all day. What else are you going to do - your homework? Or even worse, learn? Save us from this fate.

The album isn't all reggae music. "Meat Box" features a

human beat-box sound. I am not one to like this old school beat-box type ordeal, but I respect the talent it takes to do this well.

The highlights of the album are "King Without a Crown," "Chop 'Em Down" and "Refuge." However, don't ignore the song "Warrior" and the loving words of someone who is willing to save your soul, even if it isn't what you want to hear about God.

This album even sports another instrumental song which is a shakedown. Every instrument reminds me of a collective jazz band effort, taking turns to deliver unique solo performances. This goes along with the reflective feel of the album and lyrics.

In summary, the album receives an overall grade of "A," but the song writing receives a "B." While good, is a bit on the religious propaganda side but is saved by the feeling that is expressed in the Jewish chants throughout this live album.

No matter your faith, most can appreciate an artist that takes pride in what they do, especially if you can feel the passion they display for their craft.

The music gets an "A" for its unique combination of various musical styles and the fact that good reggae can rock the pants off your grandma. Not that your grandma's pants are any concern of yours, I just thought I would give you guys a heads up. As always, keep the mind open and breathe easy!

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the focus of the big picture or the themes he tackles.

While a lot of buzz is circling the track, "Night Birds," I can't help but point out that "Strawberry Wine" is the strongest track out of the nine. It has the best production (featuring a ukulele) and an amazing storyline that sucks you right in. In "Strawberry Wine," Adams asks "Can you still have famous last words if you're somebody nobody knows?" and proves that he's more than just a one-dimensional lyricist.

"The Sadness" tackles a fla-

menco-esque sound unfamiliar to Adams' songs. The texture has a 1950s-era tone with a hint of mariachi and shows Adams is multi-faceted and still trying to discover his personal and musical possibilities. He's succeeding, too.

29 has a good variety in its sounds and Adams is really trying to expand his abilities. Some of it works, some of it doesn't, but in the end, the album leaves you wanting to listen to more.

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Bryant left Kentucky after Rupp told him to stop recruiting black players to his school.

At any rate, the movie is a very inspiring piece that will leave you with a feel-good sense of euphoria. As a true story, it will still make your heart skip a beat and glow with warmth when the final buzzer sounds. That's the best compliment you could give.

Grade: A

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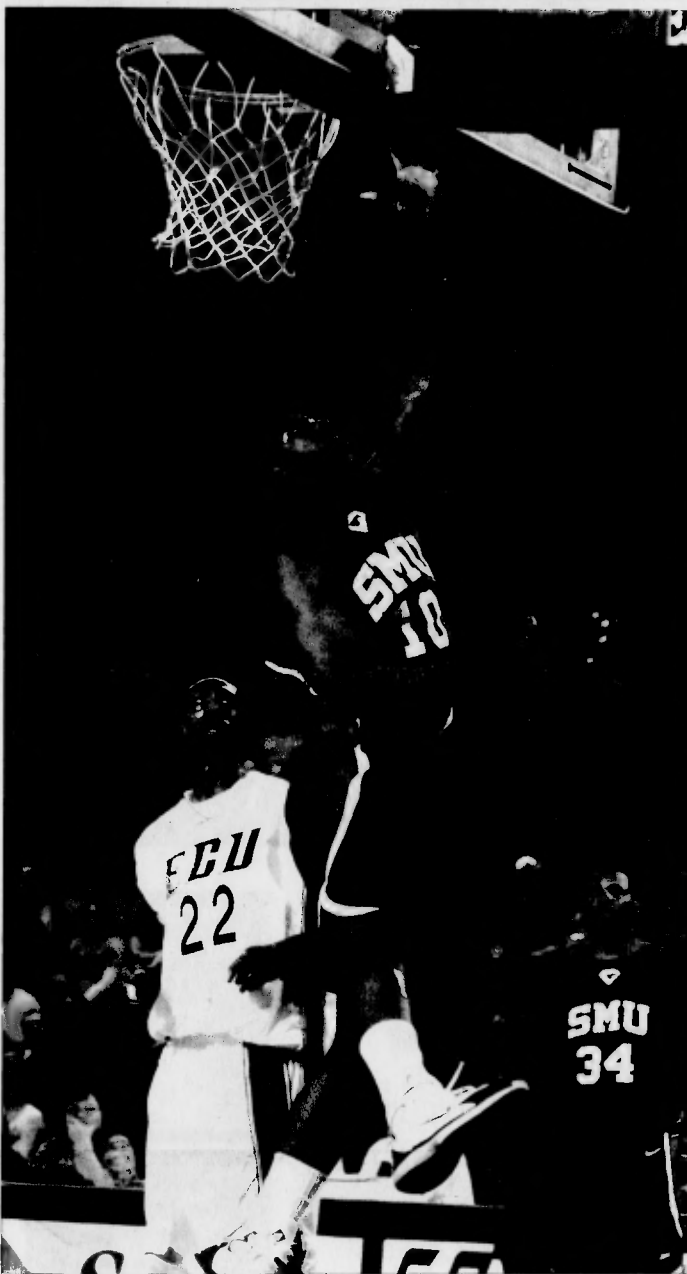
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Mustangs forward Ike Ofegbu drives to the basket in the first half against ECU Wednesday night.

Pirates fall to SMU in overtime, 74-70

Pirates' miss another opportunity, drop another Conference USA game

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Once again, ECU's late game script stayed true to form. For the third time in five games, the Pirates' fumbled away a golden opportunity in the waning minutes to pull out a marquee win.

As the seconds wound down

to end regulation, ECU (6-10, 0-3) dumped the ball into Corey Rouse on the low block. Rouse's left hook was inches short and so too were ECU's chances.

SMU (8-7, 1-2) never trailed in overtime en route to a 74-70 road win. The Mustangs converted 8-of-13 free throws in the extra session to steal their first Conference USA win of the season while keeping ECU winless in conference play.

"We tried to get an isolation, 1-on-1, around the basket and I

thought he had a great look at it," said ECU first year Head coach Ricky Stokes.

"It just didn't go in. That's the play we wanted, executed. The other team did a great job, but we've got to make that shot."

Rouse paced ECU with 14 points and added 10 rebounds despite fouling out late in overtime. Rouse's frontcourt partner, Tyrone Beale hit 6-of-11 shots from the field for 12 points.

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JAKE VS. A JAKE?

NFL's Final Four prepare for battle

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STAFF WRITER

The NFL's conference championship games are Sunday, and neither host team has lost a home game all year, with both Denver and Seattle being 9-0 at their respective home stadiums. The Broncos and Seahawks will play host to two teams who have both won two road games to reach their conference championship games, each going for a third to reach Super Bowl XL in Detroit Feb. 5.

Seattle took care of the Washington Redskins last week, despite losing league MVP Shaun Alexander early to a concussion. Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck stepped up and played a superb, mistake-free game to lead the Hawks to a 20-10 win over the Skins. It was Seattle's underrated defense which held Washington's offense, led by should-be Pro Bowler Mark Brunell, to just 289 yards of total offense. Clinton Portis was held to just 41 yards rushing, which spells doom for Carolina's offense, which lost running back DeShaun Foster to a broken ankle, in its 29-21 win over Chicago.

Carolina's offense is centered on one player, wide receiver Steve Smith. The NFL's Comeback Player of the Year led the NFL in receiving yards and touchdowns this year and just torched Chicago's secondary last week with 12 catches for 218 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Quarterback Jake Delhomme has been the NFC's highest rated passer in the postseason, tossing four touchdowns and a lone interception versus Chicago.

While Delhomme has been great under center

for the upstart Panthers, another Jake has the Mile-High City forgetting about John Elway. Well, maybe not quite yet. Jake Plummer led the Denver Broncos to a 13-3 regular-season record, good for an under-the-radar No. 2 seed in the AFC. The Broncos just took apart Tom Brady and the two-time defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots in last week's 27-13 dominating drubbing. Denver will be very tough to beat in the cold and elevation at the base of the Rockies.

If any team can do it, however, it is the Pittsburgh Steelers. Pittsburgh (13-5) thoroughly whooped Cincinnati in Cincinnati in the wildcard round, and then took control of the game at Indianapolis early and never trailed last week in a 21-18 game that was not as close as the score would indicate.

So what to expect from this weekend? Wins by the home teams. Although a Jake vs. Jake Super Bowl would make for a nice sidebar for the NFL's biggest spectacle, a Matt vs. Jake matchup is most likely. With Shaun Alexander in the lineup and a receiving corps that is underrated, led by Darrell Jackson, the 14-3 Seahawks have such a potent offense with good tight ends and an excellent, yet underrated quarterback in Hasselbeck. Seattle's secondary should be up to the task of taking away the one weapon the now one-dimensional Panthers offense has.

Like Seattle, overlooked because they are in the Northwest corner of the country, the Denver Broncos went unnoticed due to the 13-0 start of the eventual 14-2 Colts. Denver's offense was fifth

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Coaches take center stage in conference championship games

(KRT) — The coaches are the stars of this week's AFC and NFC championship games.

Denver's Mike Shanahan, Seattle's Mike Holmgren, Carolina's John Fox and Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher all have been to Super Bowls. Shanahan and Holmgren have won rings.

Not many players on any of the final four teams have won Super Bowls. Except for the Panthers, who were runners-up two years ago, not many players have even been to a Super Bowl. Thus, their coaches will have to lead the way.

Only 22 coaches have won Super Bowls. Only 39 coaches have won NFL titles since regular championship playoffs started in 1933.

The overwhelming majority of them have won their first titles early in their careers: 69 percent by the third season, 79 percent by the fourth.

A third of them — 13 — have won it all in their second season. That's why the Bears' Lovlie Smith knows what he's talking about when he said after his second season, "We're definitely on pace, not necessarily ahead."

Cowher, in his 14th season, would break Tom Landry's record for winning a Super Bowl so late in a career. Landry was in his 12th season before his Dallas Cowboys won their first.

Shanahan and Holmgren would break Landry's record for winning Super Bowls so far apart six years between his 1971 and 1977 teams.

Holmgren won in 1996 with Green Bay and Shanahan's Broncos beat Holmgren's Packers in 1997 and won again in 1998. The Bears' George Halas still holds the all-time record for gaps between championships — 17 years — between 1946 and 1963 before Super Bowls were invented.

Holmgren would be the first to win Super Bowls with two different teams. Weeb Ewbank won NFL titles with the Baltimore Colts in 1958 and 1959 and then won Super Bowl III with the New York Jets in 1968.

You wonder why coaching contracts are so short: three, four, five years. You wonder why Green Bay's Mike Sherman got fired after five winning seasons followed by one 4-12. Then you see a pattern.

Only five coaches in NFL history have won titles after their fifth year on a job: Landry, Green Bay's Curly Lambeau in his ninth year, Philadelphia's Greasy Neale and Oakland's John Madden in their eighth years and Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll in his sixth year.

True, four are in the Hall of Fame and Madden is a finalist this year, but all coached in an era of slightly more patience... only slightly.

Like Halas, Lambeau's long coaching career began (1919) before title games were played. He was in his ninth year before the Packers placed first in the standings.

Landry was the first coach of the 1960 expansion Cowboys,

who stuck with him from thin until thick.

Cowher, dean of NFL coaches, is lucky he works for the same Rooney family that stuck with Noll, but unlucky that Noll had won four Super Bowls by his 11th season. Cowher is 1-4 in AFC title games and 0-1 in the Super Bowl for owners who reward consistency.

The urgency to win is greater now with free agency increasing possibilities and high franchise cost increasing demands.

In the last 25 years, a coach has been on the job only 2.7 years before winning his first title. In the first 47 years of playoff games, the average was 3.7.

In the last 25 years, Holmgren is the only Super Bowl winner to do it as late as his fifth season. That 1996 title in Green Bay was as patient as the Packers apparently are going to get.

Now in his seventh season in Seattle, Holmgren has survived the loss of his dual title of general manager and is attempting to make history.

In only his fourth season in Carolina, Fox is in prime time to win his first. He would join Jimmy Johnson, Bill Parcells and Mike Ditka in that span.

If the Bears win in Smith's third season next year, Smith would join very good company, including Vince Lombardi, Don Shula, Bill Walsh and Shanahan.

He's already behind Halas, Paul Brown, Blanton Collier and Joe Gibbs, each of whom won in his first or second season.

Not every Super Bowl quarterback has to be super

(AP) — Brad Johnson and Trent Dilfer both won a Super Bowl in the last five years. Stan Humphries, Neil O'Donnell, Chris Chandler and Kerry Collins all started one in the last dozen.

Coach Joe Gibbs won the NFL's showcase three times with three different quarterbacks. None of them found their way into the Hall of Fame, either.

Not every Super Bowl quarterback is super.

We've been spoiled by Tom Brady and his late-game heroics in three of the previous four. But in 2001, the year before Brady arrived on the league's biggest stage, the matchup was Dilfer vs. Collins. And the hiccup in the Patriots' dynasty produced the equally forgettable Johnson vs. Rich Gannon showdown in 2003.

Look at the leaders of the NFL's final four teams this season: Denver's Jake Plummer, Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, Carolina's Jake Delhomme and Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck. With personnel turning over faster than ever and exotic defensive schemes all the rage, we may be ushering in an era of the quarterback-as-caretaker.

They're praised as quarterbacks who've learned to minimize their mistakes and "manage" the game, to do just enough and turn over the heavy lifting to the running backs and linebackers. Less certain is how these QBs would fare if the coach's last instructions were to forget about caution and win one with moxie and their arms.

In 39 previous Super Bowls, quarterbacks took

home the MVP award more than half the time (20), and nearly three times more often than the next-closest position player (running backs, seven). Joe Namath became a legend by guaranteeing a win beforehand; Brady by engineering two in the final minutes. Joe Montana, the most accomplished quarterback in Super Bowl history, burned his legacy with an impossibly cool comeback.

Beginning at his own eight with barely three minutes left in the 1989 game against Cincinnati, he glanced out from the huddle and over toward the sidelines. "Hey look," Montana said, cracking up his 49er teammates during a timeout, "there's John Candy!" Then, he went back to work, connecting on eight of nine passes, the final one a 10-yard TD strike to John Taylor that gave San Francisco a 20-16 win.

"Sometimes a guy's just a normal guy, but he's got a Microsoft brain," teammate Ronnie Lott once said about Montana, by way of explanation.

Among this year's contenders, who would you drop into the same spot? Delhomme is an adequate regular-season performer with a nose for the playoffs. He's 5-1 in six postseason starts, the sole loss coming against Brady in the Super Bowl, and his quarterback rating is a revealing 24 points better in the playoffs. He may need every one of them, though, after losing tailback DeShaun Foster because of a broken ankle suffered in Sunday's road win over the Chicago Bears.

Roethlisberger is the only other QB in the final four with a winning postseason record. He's 3-1 after dispatching the Colts and Peyton Manning, the league's other marquee quarterback. And as the youngest member of the surviving quartet, he may have the biggest upside.

Playing against type, Roethlisberger and the Steelers came out firing early against Indianapolis. He completed six of seven passes in the opening drive, then hooked up with receiver Hines Ward for 45 yards after a masterful play fake on a gutsy third-and-10 call on the second drive en route to a 14-0 lead.

"In a lot of respects, we are going to be able to go as far as he is going to take us," coach Bill Cowher said. "I'm not trying to put any pressure on him. That's the fact and he likes that, he knows that."

But for all the kind words, Cowher still put Roethlisberger on the familiar diet right after halftime. He threw just five times after intermission as the Steelers loaded up on the run.

Hasselbeck already had his Namath-like moment in the 2004 playoffs. He played a brilliant second-half against Green Bay — completing 15 of 22 passes for 195 yards, including a TD throw to Shaun Alexander to force overtime — and kept the roll going by correctly calling heads on the overtime coin flip.

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Hasselbeck may not have to be Superman to lead the Seahawks to the NFL promised land.

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Despite the big's best efforts, the perimeter players failed to knock down open shots. Sam Hinnant, Courtney Captain and Jeremy Ingram combined to go 8-of-33 from the field, good for a dismal 24.2 percent. The trio shot a similar percentage (23.8) from behind-the-arc.

"The shots, I mean, they just weren't falling," said Ingram following ECU's 2-of-12 shooting in the extra frame.

"We practice shooting everyday. We put a lot of time into it and they just come up short sometimes."

Bryan Hopkins paced SMU with a game-high 24 points with only three minutes of rest. The surefire all-conference selection knocked through 8-of-9 free throws while sparking SMU with eight points in overtime.

A sparse crowd of 4,612 watched the Pirates' pop out to a quick 10-3 margin. SMU chipped away at ECU's early lead with a 20-5 rally over eight minutes, 31 seconds midway through the first frame. Hopkins' hit two of his four first-half 3's to jump-start the struggling Mustangs.

"We didn't come out and play ECU basketball," Ingram said after totaling 14 points.

"We didn't come out with the right intensity, the right enthusiasm that it takes to win a basketball game."

Donatas Rackauskas converted two lay-ups to end the half, closing an 11-3 Mustang run. SMU's 35-26 halftime advantage was their largest lead of the game.

"This game could have gone either way," said SMU's tired head coach Jimmy Tubbs.

"Life is not easy," Stokes said. "And this is basketball, but [we'll] be resilient. Everybody is disappointed, no question."

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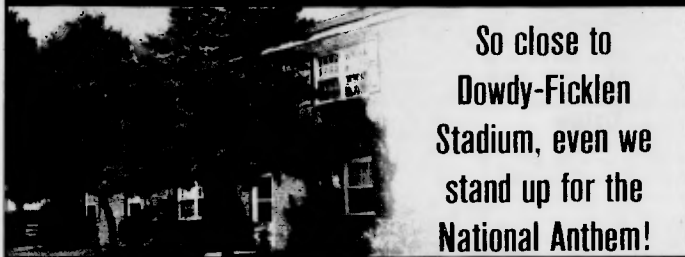
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Then, a microphone picked up Hasselbeck telling referee Bernie Kukar, "We want the ball, and we're going to score."

Instead, on Seattle's second possession in the extra period, Hasselbeck called an audible and his pass for Alex Bannister was grabbed by the Packers' Al Harris and returned 52 yards for the winning score. If the Super Bowl comes down to a final drive, he might want to skip the predictions and do some stargazing instead.

Throwing interceptions at inopportune moments was practically a Plummer trademark until Denver coach Mike Shanahan convinced his quarterback he was trying to do too much. Shanahan could make the case that John Elway didn't win the big one until he was surrounded with a supporting cast that was good enough to earn his trust.

"It was a group of people playing together and playing extremely hard," Shanahan said after the Broncos sent New England packing. "Hopefully we can continue to do that and do something special as a team."

He got no argument from Plummer. Bailed out several times by Denver's defense, the quarterback didn't sound as though he was in a hurry to be tested.

"I kind of don't like grades. We got a 'W,'" Plummer said smartly, "and that's all that matters."



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Super Bowl XL may feature two Jake's at the helm.

overall in the NFL while being second in rushing due to the deepest running back corps in the league. Mike Anderson ran for over 1,000 yards while Tatum Bell and former Heisman winner and New York Giants castoff Ron Dayne each put up 100 yard games this year.

Plummer was possibly the best on-field manager in the league this season. He cut his interceptions down to just seven while throwing for over 3,300 yards, most of which went to veteran Pro Bowler Rod Smith. While Denver's powerful offense should give an excellent Steelers defense fits, it's the Broncos second-rated rush defense that will be the difference maker. Taking away Pittsburgh's bread and butter will force quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to throw in cold and windy conditions against a play-making secondary led by long-time center fielder John Lynch.

The NFC will get the first Matt versus Jake quarterback matchup this weekend, but the NFL should see another Feb. 5.

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Check Out the Events that Student Union offers You

Live Music Featuring Farewell/Sunset greets the Moon/ Jews & Catholics

Thursday, Jan 19th @ 9pm
 In Mendenhall's Pirate Underground



Bingo

Tuesday, Jan 24th @ 7pm
 In Mendenhall's Destination 360



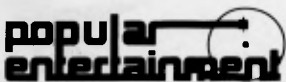
Platanos and Collard Greens

Thursday, Jan 26th @ 7:30pm
 In Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre



Haireoke (80's metal Karaoke Contest)

Thursday, Jan 26th @ 8pm
 In Mendenhall's Pirate Underground
 \$200 in cash and Prizes



Jazz at Night

Friday, Jan 27th @ 9pm
 In Mendenhall's Great Rooms



films

Movies are shown in Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre.

JUNE BUG

Thu Jan 19th @ 9:30pm
 Fri Jan 20th @ 7pm & Midnight
 Sat Jan 21st @ 9:30 pm
 Sun Jan 22nd @ 7pm

BLOCKBUSTER FILMS

CORPSE BRIDE

Thu Jan 19th @ 7pm
 Fri Jan 20th @ 9:30pm
 Sat Jan 21st @ 9:30pm & Midnight
 Sun Jan 22nd @ 3pm

Questions? Call 328-4715
 Visit www.ecu.edu/student_union
 Email STUDENTUNION@MAIL.ECU.EDU

RUN FOR STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Pick up your application at the Mendenhall Student Union Office (Room 236) Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and will need to be free for the summer of 2006. Applications are due to the Student Union by January 20th. Interviews will be January 24th-25th. Committee Chair applications are due January 20th and require a 2.25 GPA. Chairs Include: Popular Entertainment, Cultural Awareness, Marketing, Spectrum, Visual Arts, Films and Barefoot.



CLASSIFIEDS

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THURSDAY January 19, 2006

FOR RENT

Three bedroom one bath house currently available. Recently Remodeled, Washer/Dryer, two blocks from campus. 308 Student Street. \$750.00 month plus utilities. Jack 717-9711

Pirate's Cove Spring Semester Sublease Available Ground Floor apartment (1 of 4 bedrooms with separate locks sharing common kitchen, living room, and laundry with W/D). Smoking allowed. \$200 credit against 1st month. \$387/month thereafter. Call 1-866-205-5004 PIN 5473, Toll Free.

Two bedroom one bath apartment currently available. Washer/Dryer Coin op. Downtown above Catalog Connection. \$500.00 month plus utilities. Contact Jack at Uptown Properties. 717-9711

Room for Rent E. 3rd Street Duplex 1 Bedroom 1 Bath \$250/Month Utilities Included Available Immediately Call Brendan 410-608-4732

2 Rooms For Rent Pirates Cove Phase II - Fully Furnished - W/D Available Now Contact Nicole 919-452-3849 - NLH0320@mail.ecu.edu \$387/month utilities included

For Rent: Very nice 4 br, 2.5 bath house with 2 zone, central heat/air, off street parking, close proximity to ECU campus. Completely renovated. 25% rent discount for prompt pay. Call 752-1000, ask for Murrell.

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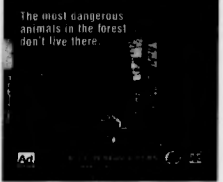
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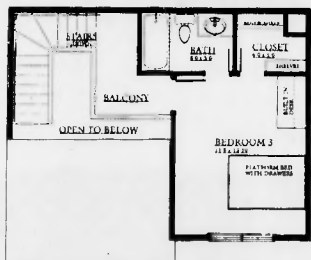
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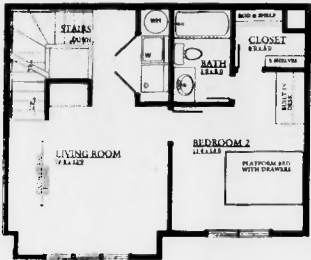
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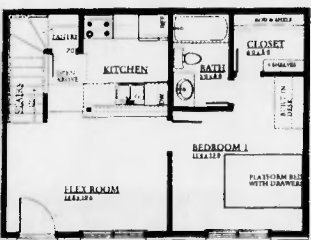
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