

Pirates plunder cold waters



More than 100 students took part in the Polar Bear Plunge. Ice was poured into the water to make it colder.

Polar Bear Party attracts crowds

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The annual Polar Bear Pool Party kicked off its 10th year running this past Thursday.

The event consists of participants, primarily students and faculty, getting into their bathing suits and jumping into the cold waters of the Student Recreation Center outdoor pool. With more than 100 people in attendance and prizes up for raffle, students appeared eager

to jump into the water.

"Everybody has their definition of like, what a rush is and this is that for a lot of people," said Phillip Hamilton, sophomore political science major, in regard to why people want to do it.

"Because we can't go to the



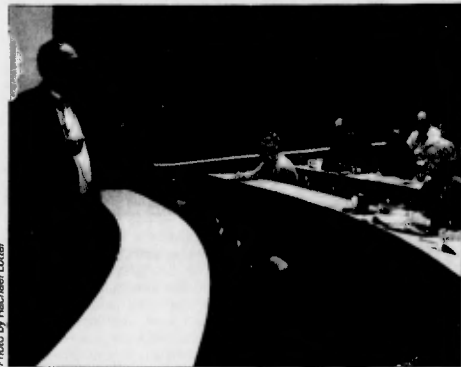
Two ECU student in mid-jump.

ocean, this is our way to plunge into the cold and start the New Year off with something exciting," said Nancy Mize, assistant vice chancellor of Recreation Development and the official in charge of the event.

Participants would come out of the recreational center in groups of 15 and line up at the edge of the pool. After the crowd gave a 10 second countdown, the participants plunged into the water only to scramble out just as quickly.

Shortly after jumping in, Kimberly Yow, freshman exercise physiology major, spoke in regard to whether or not it was worth it.

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Costa speaks to faculty and students at this year's first forum.

Great Decisions One: Brazilian affairs

Analysis of Brazil/U.S. relations

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Last Saturday, the second annual Great Decisions series on global politics started with a presentation by an expert on Latin American politics.

This was the first of eight forums running weekly at 10 a.m. in Rivers Auditorium. Last week's speaker was Thomaz Guedes da Costa, professor of national security affairs at National Defense University in Washington.

Costa's lecture centered on the bilateral relationship between the United States and Brazil, national security issues and the lack of attention given to Brazil's role in U.S. foreign policy.

"Latin America is not on the radar," said Costa.

Costa said there is too little attention given to a country that has the fifth largest population in the world. He does not think the media focuses on substantive Latin American issues. Instead, newspapers tend to devote time covering obscure things. He gave an example of newspapers reporting on a Brazilian mayor who made dying illegal because of a lack of cemetery space. There are reports like this, but nothing on wide-scale issues.

"This does not give us a systemic look at Latin American countries," Costa said.

The United States has many reasons to be interested in Brazil's role in trade and their fight against terrorism. Even those not normally concerned with complex trade issues have reason to be interested in Brazil's copious flip-flop industry, front lined by the popular Havaianas.

"Brazil has a very desirable flip-flop, [they] don't break when bent, don't smell and middle part does not come up," Costa said.

This is an example of how Brazil, like China, has a huge scope of influence on what Americans and other consumers purchase.

How do the United States and Brazil interact globally?

"What Brazil and the United States do together is out of self-interest," Costa said.

He does not think they are friends or even allies. They work together out of a mutual desire to advance economically.

However, there have been problems with corruption and organized crime. There have been intelligence problems, government slush funds and counterfeit. The price on cigarettes in Brazil is roughly \$1.50 a pack with \$1 from taxes according to Costa. He said this and other economic abnormalities tend to trouble.

Great Decisions 2

Great Decisions 2 will be held Saturday at Rivers Auditorium at 10 a.m. The topic will be "Human Rights in the Age of Terrorism" and will be hosted by Scott Silliman, professor from Duke University. The other topics that will be covered in future forums are global health pandemics and security, United States and Iran, UN Reform, China and India, Energy Resources and the last presentation will be on Turkey.

"You have strong economic incentives for organized crime," Costa said.

Brazil also has a complex multicultural identity. Among Japanese people living outside of Japan, Brazil is home to more than any other country.

"One of the most valuable passports is the Brazilian passport," Costa said.

The Brazilian passport proves to be useful because of the multiculturalism. It is difficult for officials to look at a passport and conclude it is forged based solely on appearance.

Costa was asked what he thought about Brazil's potential to develop nuclear weapons. He said they were doing it in 1981 and 1982 but never tested anything. "Brazil was playing a game with Argentina as well as the United States regarding proliferation," Costa said.

They eventually gave up their ambitions, but Costa believes Brazil should have done a better job bluffing.

"I was one of the few who thought they should not have signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty because when you play global politics, you have to leave the doubt out there," Costa said.

Costa gave the audience long, detailed explanations for many of the questions answered. All Great Decisions forums allow for the public to ask anything about the topics being discussed.

At the end of the presentation, audience members are allowed to fill out voting ballots that work like referenda. On the voting ballots, there are questions regarding policy decisions. People can voice their opinion on issues and have their opinions considered by the U.S. State Department. Last year's results showed that the ECU forums were very successful.

"North Carolina was one of the leading states to participate in the program," said Richard Kilroy, visiting assistant professor and coordinator of the Great Decisions series.

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Colombian graphic artist visits campus

Refugee speaks to students on art, life

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Enrique Seba, Colombian graphic artist, was on hand Jan. 19 at Spelght Auditorium to speak with Richard Tichich, director of the School of Art and Design, about his art and his recent relocation to Greenville.

Seba, who graduated from the School of Design in Medellin, Colombia, with a Graphic Arts degree, is responsible for the world's largest finger painting by children, as well a mural that holds the place of honor in Bolivar Square, the political center of Colombia, located in Bogotá.

His story begins in college, where he first became interested in art.

"I think when I was in high school, many people said 'You could be an artist,'" said Seba.

"In college, I studied law until I had enough ... In my free time, I went to the art school to paint, to draw and to model. A teacher told me that I should do art, so I studied fine arts in Medellin. I finished ... and then worked for a publisher, and one day, a friend of mine told me to go to this advertising agency for some work ..."

"At this job, he would meet his wife and begin a new chapter in life helping the victims of violence in Colombia.

Violence, drug cartels, pro-

stitution and the like are a huge problem in Colombia today. Tichich pointed out a particular statistic that describes the situation in Colombia.

Medellin, the capital of the state Antioquia, has a population of about 2 million. Approximately 4,637 people were killed there last year. This was compared to Philadelphia, who, with a population of only 1.6 million, had approximately 525 victims of violent death. Seba commented that as a teenager, his quality of life was limited because of all the danger in his home town. He then said kidnappings are so prevalent in Medellin that the local newspaper has a section for the names of people kidnapped.

"Medellin is the most violent

place," Seba said.

"It's the industrial center of the country and many rich people live there, so it's a good place for bad people."

Seba's wife recalled a conversation she had with her husband when he came to work with the foundation in which he compared life to a blank canvas.

"If you mess it up, you erase it and do it again," she said.

With that, Seba began a new project.

Seba and his wife joined others for a project called "48 Hours" in which they began working with displaced people of Medellin. Desiring to create a tribute to the victims of the

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SGA Senate discusses Academic Bill of Rights

Senators look into building bus stop shelters

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The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution to move toward implementing an Academic Bill of Rights at ECU.

SGA Senator Justin Byrd endorsed the resolution because such policies already exist in many other universities. The idea behind the proposed bill of rights is providing freedom to students to express political and religious beliefs without being chastised.

"Academic freedom consists in protecting the intellectual independence of professors, researchers and students in the pursuit of knowledge and the expression of ideas from

interference by legislators or authorities within the institution itself," stated in the proposed Academic Bill of Rights.

In other SGA affairs, SGA Senator Jonathan Masachi brought forth an initiative to build shelters at some of the bus stops on campus. Masachi appealed to senators by elaborating on the necessity to ameliorate bus stop conditions.

"You want shelters so that if it rains, you don't get wet waiting for the bus," said Masachi.

The plan is to put shelters at the most populated bus stops like the ones at Joyner Library or Minges Coliseum. Senate Resolution 12-2 was not conceived with the thought of getting the shelters built immediately though. The resolution, which passed unanimously, was designed to



Lee Hyde speaks about opportunities for student lobbying.

serve as a catalyst to get the administration to examine it and figure out a price tag for it. SGA hopes passing the resolution will indicate to the administration that there is student interest in the project. Once SGA finds out what the expenses will be for this endeavor, they will debate whether or not to follow through with it.

The other issue involving transportation was the plan to add parking spaces to the Joyner Library parking lot. Bill Koch, Parking and Transportation Committee chair, said there is an argument between the Parking and Transportation Committee and the Greenspace

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Bush Unplugged: Audience Q-and-A is new feature for presidential speeches



Bush has agreed to answer questions with an interactive audience.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Move over, Oprah. President Bush is making himself into television's newest talk show host by making audience participation a feature of his appearances.

Bush has been taking questions from audience members in recent speeches, and the White House says none has been prescreened. It's a throwback to the folksy style on the campaign trail that helped him win re-election and a departure from the heavily scripted speeches that were the norm last year.

His answers have resulted in

some revelations, both personal and political.

The White House has grown so comfortable with the format that most of his appearance Monday at Kansas State University was reserved for Q-and-A with the audience.

And unlike the more intimate settings where the president has taken questions before, this appearance was set in front of a coliseum full of several thousands, including students, soldiers from nearby Fort Riley and invited guests.

Bush has taken a wide variety of questions in three appearances

during the last six weeks. Many of the people he has called on have fawned over him, thanking him for his wartime leadership, saying they pray for him and bringing best wishes from other fans in their family who couldn't be there.

"It's always good to have a plant in every audience," Bush joked last week in Sterling, Va., after a woman rose and said she was proud of him.

But he has gotten some tough questions — too, such as the one from a woman in Philadelphia last month who challenged the administration's linkage

of the Iraq war to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Bush said Saddam Hussein was a threat and at the time was widely believed to have weapons of mass destruction — which later proved false.

In response to another question in Philadelphia, he estimated 30,000 Iraqis had died in the war, the first time he publicly put a number on Iraqi deaths. In Louisville, Ky., he signaled that after initial reservations, he was resigned to congressional hearings into his domestic spying program as long as they don't aid the enemy.

Announcements

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.

Toying with Science

One-man marvel Garry Krinsky juggles, mimes, dances and even balances five ladders on his chin to bring the laws of science to life. Mr. Krinsky will be bringing his show "Garry Krinsky's Toying with Science" to ECU Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Non-stop energy and audience participation will keep all ages engaged in this inventive and informative show. Advance individual tickets are \$8 for ECU faculty and staff and \$6 for ECU students and youth. All tickets at the door are \$9. Better ticket options are available through subscriptions. For more information, contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 or go to ecuart.com.

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.

Study Abroad Information Session

For those interested in venturing outside of the country for part of their education, the Office of International Affairs is offering a Study Abroad Information Session Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 3 - 5 p.m. in Merdenhall Student Center, Great Room 2. Refreshments will be provided and the event is open to the public.

Great Decisions 2006

The second in a series of discussions of major world political moves hits ECU Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. in Rivers Auditorium. Professor Scott Silliman of Duke University will present his lecture, entitled "Human Rights and the Age of Terrorism." The cost for attending this and any individual session is \$15. The full eight-week program costs \$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 ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/great-decisions.cfm.

Alumni Association Scholarships

The ECU 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 Tuesday, Feb. 28. For more information and to download an application, visit piratealumni.com and click on "Awards and Scholarships" or call the Alumni Association at 328-6072.

Mentors Needed for Elementary School

Mentors are needed to assist in the after school program at Northwest Elementary. The program runs Monday through Friday from 2:20 - 5:30 p.m., but mentors do not have to be available for the entire week or during breaks. Persons are needed with experience coordinating physical activities for children and/or providing nutrition education. There will be a daily stipend to offset the cost of transportation. For more information, contact Correal Moore at mooreco@ecu.edu.

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New female commander at Lejeune
CAMP LEJEUNE, NC (AP) - The first female commander in Camp Lejeune's six-decade history takes over Monday at the largest Marine Corps base on the East Coast. Col. Adele Hodges, 51, takes over as commander after more than 27 years of experience as a logistics officer. "As a Marine, I don't look at myself as a female," she said. "I want to be a role model for the female Marines, but not just the females. Everybody." Hodges enlisted in 1978 at her sister's urging with the plan of serving for four years and then returning home to Bridgeport, Conn. But the admittedly shy Hodges discovered during her first assignment at Camp Pendleton, Calif., that she wanted to lead Marines. She already had a degree from Southern Connecticut State College and was accepted into the Enlisted Commissioning Program to become an officer. She became a second lieutenant in 1980. "I was shy and still am to some degree, but the Marine Corps forced me to come out of my shell a bit," Hodges said.

Organizational changes within the Marine Corps means a colonel is taking over for Maj. Gen. Robert Dickerson, the previous commander of Camp Lejeune who had the duty since August 2003. He was placed in charge of seven East Coast installations, including Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station, which are now all commanded by colonels. Hodges said her role would be very similar to Dickerson's, except that her predecessor will represent a layer of oversight above her team.

Three ABC board members quit after scrutiny

HIGH POINT, NC (AP) - Three members of the High Point ABC Board have resigned after scrutiny of a secret meeting to hire a lawyer at public expense following allegations that

they mismanaged liquor sales and kept a slush fund.

The three members held a meeting Aug. 30 to hire lawyer Arch Schoch IV, who was paid more than \$18,000 in public funds. Although public boards are allowed to have private meetings to discuss legal representation, they must vote in public to have the meeting and announce the results afterward. Board minutes don't show that happened until a reference in September to an "informal action."

State ABC officials have criticized the attorney fee and are conducting their own investigation. The state ABC Commission regulates state liquor sales. Michael Herring, the state ABC administrator, said the investigation that Schoch was paid to conduct for board members Fred Swartzberg, Charles McNeil and Gilbert Gates Jr. hasn't helped state investigators. Swartzberg, McNeil and Gates quit last week. McNeil and Swartzberg said they were stepping down Thursday because the state probe was biased. Gates is a lawyer who quit Tuesday after it was discovered he had charged the board \$6,644 for legal work while serving as a member. A new board was appointed Thursday by the High Point City Council.

National

Demonstrators mark Roe vs. Wade anniversary

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - On the 33rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Katie Whitte braved below-freezing temperatures outside Minnesota's Capitol to march for the first time against abortion.

"This year is special for me because I am a mother out of wedlock," said Whitte, 20, whose daughter is five months old.

"I wanted to get the message out that life is important. It doesn't matter what your circumstances are." Whitte was among thousands of abortion opponents who rallied across

the nation over the weekend, many of whom said they were heartened by President Bush's choice of Samuel Alito to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a moderate who was often the court's swing vote.

In Washington, abortion rights advocates held a candlelight vigil in front of the Supreme Court Sunday night, waving signs that read: "Alito - No Justice For Women," and "Keep Abortion Legal." Anti-abortion activists also were to converge in Washington, where they planned to march to Congress and the Supreme Court Monday. The nation's high court made abortion legal Jan. 22, 1973. Thirty-four states have since passed laws requiring parents either to be notified or to give consent when their underage daughters seek abortions.

Wind-fanned brush fire threatens homes in Los Angeles County

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) - A brush fire driven by 40 mph wind, with gusts to double that speed, threatened homes as it charred several acres early Monday in this upscale community near Los Angeles, officials said.

Residents were evacuated from about 15 homes on a street near the blaze, Los Angeles County fire inspector Sam Padilla told KABC-TV. Officials were concerned that the wind, which was gusting to 80 mph, could carry embers up to a mile away, he said.

No injuries were reported. About 100 firefighters were on scene. Padilla said the fire broke out around 2:35 a.m. in a steep canyon and quickly grew to about 5 acres in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, said Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Edward Osorio. The cause had not been determined.

A high wind advisory will be in effect in the area until Tuesday afternoon, the National Weather Service said. La Canada-Flintridge is 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

World

Search slows for chopper missing along Afghan-Pakistan border

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - On Monday, rescuers temporarily suspended a search for a helicopter with seven people aboard that disappeared in rugged mountains along the Afghan-Pakistan border, officials said. Contact with the Mi-8 transport chopper was lost Saturday after it took off from the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar. It had been scheduled to land at the Afghan capital, Kabul, before refueling and flying to neighboring Turkmenistan, where it was based.

The helicopter was chartered by the Red Cross for earthquake relief work in Pakistan. Its crew were employees of Turkmenistan Airlines, which operated the aircraft. No Red Cross staff were on board. Monday, Afghan government helicopters and troops were still searching their side of the border, but aircraft belonging to a NATO-led peacekeeping force in Afghanistan had withdrawn from the area.

A search on the Pakistani side also failed to locate any sign of the aircraft. The helicopter was still not located by nightfall Monday and the search was called off until morning, said James Reynolds, deputy head of the Red Cross in Pakistan.

"Whatever happened to it, it happened in Afghanistan," he said. But Afghan Deputy Transport Minister Raz Mohammed Alami said he doubted the helicopter had entered Afghan airspace.

"We have been searching for this chopper for 48 hours but there's no sign of it," Alami said. "If it had gone down on our side of the border, we would have found it." Still, he said, government choppers and soldiers on

the ground would continue their search.

A spokesman for the NATO peacekeeping force in Afghanistan, Maj. Andrew Elmes, said the force's aircraft were still on the lookout for the missing chopper, but special search aircraft had been withdrawn.

U.S. general says slaying of Japanese woman has 'challenged' U.S.-Japan relations

TOKYO (AP) - The top U.S. military official in Japan said Monday that the alleged slaying of a Japanese woman by a Navy sailor was "horrific" and has challenged the two countries' military alliance.

Earlier in the day, however, the two nations said Tokyo would spend \$1.2 billion in 2006 and 2007 to help cover the costs of keeping tens of thousands of U.S. troops in this country, and stressed that despite concerns over the slaying their bilateral ties are strong. Japanese authorities say William Oliver Reese, 21, fatally beat and robbed a Japanese woman of about \$130 near a U.S. Navy base southwest of Tokyo Jan. 3. He has been turned over to Japanese custody.

"The alliance is a partnership," Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright told a news conference. "This alliance has just been significantly challenged. It's horrific. It's horrible."

Wright, head of the U.S. Forces in Japan, said he would instruct commanders to work harder toward a goal of "zero criminal incidents" involving American service personnel in Japan.

The murder has rekindled lingering concerns over crime related to the roughly 50,000 U.S. troops stationed here under a mutual security pact. Such concerns boiled over into huge protests after the rape of a schoolgirl on the island of Okinawa in 1995. Learning from experience, U.S. officials have been quick to express their regrets. Wright even attended the wake for the slain woman.

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"Heck yeah it was," said Yow. She went on to add that she expects to attend every year while at ECU.

"When you hit the water, you're just like, get out it's so cold when you plunge," said Ryan Mayo, freshman chemistry major. He, too, intends to return next year.

Marisa Pascal, freshman psychology major, said people do it

for "kicks and giggles."

Michael Grantham, junior outdoor recreation major, said he did it "So I can get a free T-shirt or maybe an iPod."

Despite the pool full of cold water, the Polar Bear Pool Party's turnout shows no signs of diminishing any time soon.

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violence, Seba obtained special permission from the government to create a mural in Bolivar Square.

This mural, which is more than 10 feet high and 15 feet long, would be finished in only 43 hours with the help of Seba and two others. All the materials used to create it were donated, but for Seba, it isn't the finished product that is so special.

"The real relationship was the one with the people coming by, especially at night," Seba said. "There were poor people, prostitutes, police officers and others. We would take a few short breaks to have coffee with all of them," Seba said with a smile.

The mural is now on permanent display in the Republic of Colombia Congress Main Hall in Bolivar Square.

In April 2005, Seba also completed the largest finger painting by children in the world. It is a painting of the Colombian flag and measures 60 meters by 18 meters. It was painted by 800 children who were all victims of the violence.

"They are the artists," Seba said.

"It was very emotional. In the first moments for the children, they were afraid and excited. But then I said, 'Okay. This is painting. Use your hands and your

feet. Enjoy yourself."

After that, the children, most of whom lived in foster homes, had a lot of fun creating the gigantic work of art.

"When did you and your wife begin to really feel the pressure to leave Colombia?" asked Tichich.

Seba and his wife continued to work with Retorno, the foundation that sponsored "48 Hours," until assassination attempts began on their very lives.

"Our foundation was discovering [money] that was stolen and other things and the terrorists found out and tried to kill us several times," Seba said.

After being shot at on more than one occasion, the Sebas decided it was time to go. The agency helped them look for a suitable location for four of five months before it was able to send Seba and his family to Ecuador, where they lived for a month before coming to Greenville this past September.

Two local churches, St. James United Methodist and Jarvis Memorial, sponsor the family.

"They help us out with almost everything," Seba said.

He and his family have plans to stay in Greenville permanently.

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Committee regarding land usage conversions. The Greenspace Committee is concerned about the depletion of green space on campus. They do not want to lose the grassy areas near the library. Koch wants to prove that building a parking lot will have little effect on the green space on campus considering there is not that much there anyway.

"It seems more useful for parking that green space," said Koch. "At the same time, we're concerned about green space as well."

The plan is to build roughly 15 - 20 parking spaces to alleviate parking congestion at Joyner Library.

The senate also addressed an issue pertaining to fund-

ing of partisan and religious groups on campus. SGA's legislative bylaws forbid such funding but SGA voted two weeks ago to give money to the College Republicans to pay for conferences they wanted to attend.

The senate realized they had to amend the bylaws or take away the funding. Speaker of the Senate Benjamin Wyche said contributing money to partisan groups did not violate federal or state laws insofar as they did not go to supporting a specific candidate's election campaign. Most senators agreed that the specific semantics of the bylaws needed adjustment.

"It speaks to the fact that our Constitution and bylaws are

outdated," said Wyche.

SGA Senator Terry Gore argued that the assembly should allow the judiciary a chance to review the bylaws before making changes.

"It may be better to let the judicial branch deal with that," said Gore.

Gore was not against updating the bylaws but merely advocated letting SGA step back and analyze the situation before acting.

However, the motion failed 21 to 23. SGA will still be having a "constitutional steering meeting" tomorrow to review all their rules.

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Our View

Remember who was hot in 2001?

Napster founder Shawn Fanning was battling it out in court with Metallica as his free downloadable music service reached its peak of popularity.

A bespectacled Brit named Harry Potter was topping the box offices.

And newly elected President George W. Bush was getting comfortable in the White House Oval Office.

All of this was big news, but nothing compared to what defined the year and quite possibly a whole generation of Americans, September 11.

And does everyone remember the man directly responsible for the attacks?

It would not be surprising to hear some less informed people blame Saddam Hussein - after all, the U.S. military has spent the last few years taking over his country. Although undoubtedly a tyrant in his own right, the deposed former leader of Iraq seems to be the scapegoat for a Bush administration that is desperate to conceal the horrible truth that they simply cannot find the real perpetrator of the attacks.

Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq?

I think not.

But we're there anyway.

And now, as the number of American troops killed in Iraq has climbed past 2,000 and is rising daily, we got a message last week from Mr. Bin Laden, the first in over a year.

He says that "the war against America and its allies will not be confined to Iraq." And he's right. (See London subway attacks.)

He also says that Iraq has become a magnet for attracting and training talented fighters. Right again.

And he goes on to threaten more attacks, which hopefully, he is wrong about.

We must give Bush credit, there have been no more terrorist attacks on American soil since 9-11.

But whether that is good work or sheer luck is debatable. And when it comes down to it, isn't it far more important to invest U.S. money and lives hunting down bin Laden, a fugitive with the blood of thousands of Americans still red on his hands than to launch a full-scale invasion and occupation of a country for reasons that are still not validated besides the fact that Saddam Hussein got into a big fight with your daddy?

The Bush administration as dismissed the newest tapes, saying that terrorists networks like Al-Quada are getting weaker by the day.

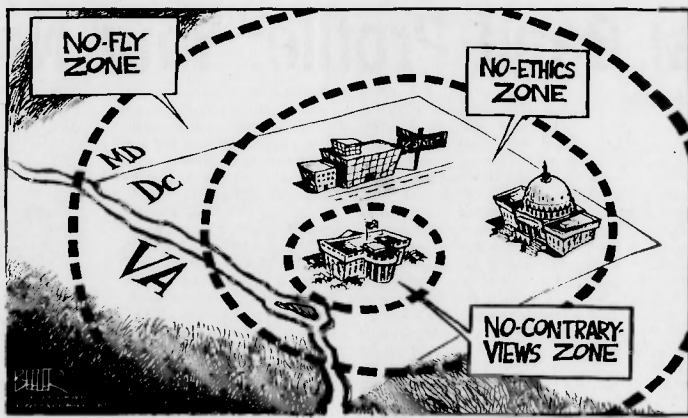
But Osama and his ilk are still out there, and though he may seem now like nothing more than a hermit hiding in a cave in remote Afghanistan, on a hot morning back in September 2001, he wielded enough power to bring the United States to its knees, and we would all be fools to count him out now.

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Opinion Columnist

Thug Life: Marcus Vick on display for all to see

Vick-tory!

DANIEL BROCK
OPINION COLUMNIST

Marcus Vick is a thug, a goon and an idiot savant. All of which he has prominently put on display recently.

Vick's stint at Virginia Tech was tumultuous at best. Before the 2004 season, Vick was convicted on charges relating to an incident during which he provided alcohol to three underage girls. In July of that year, he was charged with reckless driving and possession of marijuana. Though he pleaded no contest, his license was suspended and he was kicked off the football team for the entire 2004 season.

Vick had football-related problems as well. While the team may have been winning (which is a big reason why he stayed around as long as he did), his conduct showed little class. He flicked off the crowd, which had been pelting him with chants of "child molester," at West Virginia. He mumbled a half-hearted apology and nothing was heard of the incident again.

After a loss to Florida State in the ACC Championship, Vick stormed past reporters claiming he didn't have to talk to them. Marcus' on-field coupe de grace was in the 2006 Gator Bowl. After being tackled, he got up and maliciously stomped on the leg of a Louisville lineman. Inexplicably, the officials missed this ludicrous display, but it did not escape television cameras. There was a large fallout, and everyone from football analysts to politicians pondered and expounded on what should become of him.

Virginia Tech, who most thought had been a little too long suffering, seemed as though they were going to administer another slap on the wrist until they learned that Vick had been pulled over Dec. 17 for speeding and driving with a revoked license. Vick had been on a so-called "No Tolerance" policy with the university since January 2005, and this was the final, final straw.

Vick declared for the NFL Draft Jan. 6, but three days later was arrested for allegedly brandishing a firearm at three people in a McDonald's parking lot, (maybe he was there applying for a job leaving his draft hopes in doubt.)

Who's to blame for all this? Obviously Marcus Vick. However, that doesn't mean there weren't other contributing factors. Vick's stupidity is rivaled only by his athletic prowess, and that allowed him to get away with as much as he did.

Virginia Tech head football coach Frank Beamer is the boss in Blacksburg and he mishandled this situation at almost every turn. Beamer has taken a once middling program and turned it into a national powerhouse. He's overseen the expansion of their stadium into one of the finest facilities in the country, and

he has made the university and himself a lot of money. Winning takes money and makes money. The only way to stay on top is to have the top athletes. Marcus Vick would certainly fall into that category. As the younger brother of Atlanta Falcon's quarterback Michael Vick a.k.a. Ron Mexico, the apples apparently didn't fall far from the tree or each other. Before his dismissal, the younger Vick was ahead of his brother in some aspects of his game at the same point in their careers. Some even predicted he would be better than Michael. Beamer was willing to hold on to talent like that at any cost. It's doubtful that Vick would have been around after his first two arrests if he were a back-up lineman. But he was no lineman. He was the head-liner. Beamer continually made exceptions for his star, not for Vick's sake, but for the continued success of the program. Even after informing Vick of his dismissal, Beamer put his football team ahead of a young man whose life is quickly falling apart stating, "We wanted what's best for this football team and Marcus."

Another contributing factor to this debacle is hip-hop culture. The Tidewater area from which Vick hails is known for producing outstanding athletes and for its areas of abject poverty and violence. The "757" - as it's known in hip-hop circles - has produced athletes such as Allen Iverson, Aaron Brooks, B.J. Upton and of course Michael Vick. Areas like Norfolk are known for their high crime rates and low incomes. Athletes in these places are looked upon as heroes and tickets out. Exceptions are made and people often times look the other way at bad behavior, which creates a false reality for these talented individuals. The violence and machismo that surround the hip-hop lifestyle furthers these notions of superiority and entitlement. Guns, drugs and other illicit activities are glorified in this culture that permeates African-American life in this country. It's not a stretch to imagine that high profile athletes and high profile thugs living in the same impoverished neighborhoods would fall in together. They are, after all, both a certain type of celebrity and have probably even grown up together.

Poverty is really the common bond and everyone is looking for a way out - some through illicit activities, some through music, some through hard work and some through sports. Parents often overlook the flaws of their children if they see even the slightest chance of them escaping such bad circumstances. Vick's mother, Brenda Boddie, made numerous excuses for her son, recently claiming about his vicious stomping, "Everybody does it in the NFL and college football. He just got caught doing it, and since he's been in trouble in the past everything just got blown all out of proportion."

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
As a student of ECU for the better part of a decade, I have seen many things around campus that have upset me, but nothing as much as the military uniforms rant in last week's paper. I have been a service member in the NC Army National Guard for the last nine years and I wonder where someone gets the nerve to say something like that.
During my nine years of service I have been pulled out of ECU twice to serve my country. The first time was for one and a half years from 2000 to 2001 to serve on SFOR-8 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. I came back for

It was not blown out of proportion. It was a heinous move, and it fit perfectly into a pattern of unacceptable behavior that has tarnished not only his family name but also the university for which he starred.

That university provided him with his ticket out of the ghetto, albeit with an ulterior motive. When it comes down to it, do you think that Frank Beamer and Virginia Tech really care about Marcus Vick as a person? Probably not as much as they would like you to believe. They were just using this kid and every poor black athlete they can find to facilitate their success. They'll bring kids in, use them for what they can and then cut them loose without caring what happens in their future. Graduation rates for African-American players are low. That means coaches need to do more to ensure their success or not bring them to school at all. Wasting money on athletes that coaches know can't handle the school work or won't act properly is irresponsible and selfish. Also it provides false hope to youths in the poor communities. What good is a couple years on a college sports team going to do someone when they're 25, without a diploma and working at McDonald's (and Marcus Vick comes in wildly waving a gun)?

Be all that as it may, everyone makes their own choices. Marcus Vick was blessed with unbelievable athletic ability and talent. As an All-ACC quarterback, a lucrative NFL contract was almost guaranteed. However, he acted arrogantly and stupidly and the next thing you know he's waving a gun in a kid's face at McDonald's. Vick himself doesn't seem too concerned about things. When asked what he planned to do after being kicked off the team he replied, "It's not a big deal. I'll just move on to the next level, baby." Maybe he thinks if all else fails he can just live off this brother.

Marcus Vick isn't the first athlete to have off the field problems. In 2004 quarterback James Pinkey was suspended from school and the team for poor grades and was also involved in a dubious car crash. During his time out of school, we were co-workers at Logan's Roadhouse. I thought it was terrible that he had gone from starting quarterback to a bus boy in a couple of weeks. However, he never had a bad attitude and he was great to work with. Apparently he hit the books and the practice fields hard as well, getting back into school and having an outstanding junior season.

That really illustrates the fact that it's up to each individual whether they are going to succeed or not. It doesn't matter if you're a star athlete or a business major. The thing that determines success isn't found on the streets of Norfolk or on a football field in Blacksburg or in a McDonald's parking lot, it's character and it's found inside yourself.

rant or wear what they want. Hopefully they will realize that it is because of the men and women who serve in the military that we have these rights. So until this "rant" walks 20 miles in a pair of combat boots, they should be quiet and accept the fact that we will continue to wear our uniforms with pride whenever we please.

Thank you,
SGT Dan M. Blalock,
M1A1 Tank Gunner
Co. D 1/252 CAB,
30th BCT, NCARNG
Bosnia & Iraq Veteran
Construction Management

Pirate Rant

I am a smoker. If my smoking ever offends or bothers you, please tell me to stop or go somewhere else - I will gladly oblige. Smoking is a filthy, disgusting habit, and nobody - smoker or not - should even attempt to defend it.

Why is it that the majority of the guys who go to ECU are gorgeous and the majority of the girls own at least one pair of overalls, a gun, wear something camo everyday and would love to hang a deer head on their dorm room wall if given the chance?

I just want to thank the nice girl who drove all the way back to campus after finding my cell phone sitting on one of the buses to return it to me. I can't thank you enough. It was the greatest thing that happened to me all week!

Thank you ladies at Java City Mendenhall so much for a nice attitude and serving me even before it is time to open. You should get a raise.

Oh my God. Somebody get the media. TEC, for the first time this year, has managed to fill the entire front page with news that is actually somewhat relevant to ECU in each of their week's issues. I wonder how long that'll last.

Roommate, I am kind and considerate to your guests. It would be great if you could do the same to mine.

OK, I was almost late for class on Friday because after riding around campus looking for a parking meter, the only three I could find were broken. If we are only going to have that much available parking on campus, the meters should at least be in service. Thanks ECU parking... for nothing.

Yes, my Lacoste is real, but yours obviously is not.

I'm so happy that next semester Fletcher (seventh floor only) will be smoking again. Thanks ECU for thinking about the students!

I really hope you people don't drive as bad as you walk through campus. How hard is it to walk on your side of the sidewalk and go in the "IN" door and out the "OUT" door?

The chairs in Bate have the most annoying squeaks ever... so why do people insist on twisting back and forward all through class?

I hate it when dudes drink out of straws.

Is it me or is that guy in the Pep band at Minges with the short black hair and stubble hot?

I've been trying to do this new thing called "going to sleep early" (and by early I mean before 3 a.m.) I'm struggling!

TEC works great for starting my barbecue grill. Using TEC to ignite the coals eliminates the need for lighter fluid and hence takes away the lighter fluid taste.

The new College Hill Suites looks sweet, but where's the price? Every other apartment complex in the newspaper has their price listed, what's the deal?

To the person who said "my heart will always be at Carolina." Why don't you take the rest of you up to Chapel Hill along with your "heart." We don't need anymore wannabe Carolina fans at ECU.

Thank God that the lobby is 24-hour visitation! Would it be too inappropriate to camp out down there with my boyfriend who drove hours to come visit me or should I just continue to secretly hold him hostage in my room? He really enjoys not being able to leave my room to pee in the middle of the night. That's not a fold out couch down there is it?

How hot are boys who love bluegrass and dancing in the dark?

For those of you wondering why some people are wearing their Military uniforms around on campus, it's because they are part of the ROTC program at ECU. ECU has an Army & Air Force program. So no, they are not wearing it for their health or just because they are extra motivated!

How dare NBC not show "The Office" on Thursday! I recorded it on my DVR and all I saw was some lawyer show! This is not OK!

Why waste money on ECU sports when all they do is disappoint the school? Just look at the declining attendance to football games and other sports and the number of coaches we pay who do not actually coach!

We at Croatan do all we can to keep our work place clean and we can't help it if someone makes a bad move. We can't control the spray that flows in the air. All we can do about that is pray disinfectant. We are here for the kids. This remark about our bathroom shouldn't have been printed. We checked the bathroom, and it was clean. It had a smell, but like I said who can control what flows in the air? Thank you.

Don't get me wrong, TEC is wonderful, but it's not completely satisfying. I mean, how can you expect us to get through the first few weeks without a crossword puzzle?! Please, save us from the stress!

Why is it that West End was closed all weekend and 360 closed at seven every night? Do people on west campus not get hungry like the people on the hill?

I wear a uniform because I'm required to. Sure beats prancing around campus looking like an 8th grade wannabe American Idol. Who requires you to wear that clown suit?

To the person looking for Ed... Try in and around the art building, that's where I always see him!

JJ Redick is a tool

I think it's awesome how Pirate Rants are anonymous... because if they weren't, then there would probably be a crap load of people getting their rear ends beat because they are so ignorant and don't know what the heck they are talking about. Lesson to be learned, don't be ignorant!

Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

Names in the News:

And on the lefty side

Amazon.com is launching a weekly talk show on the Internet hosted by Bill Maher. The show, "Amazon Fishbowl," will begin with a Maher monologue and will feature interviews with authors, conversations with filmmakers, and musical performances. Maher, who you may recall lost his show "Politically Incorrect" after suggesting that the Sept. 11 terrorists were not cowards, reemerged on HBO with "Real Time With Bill Maher." Each "Fishbowl" segment will include a commercial for its sponsor UPS, in which a celebrity makes a surprise delivery to an Amazon customer. The show will be Webcast live Thursdays at 11 p.m. starting June 1.

He wouldn't hurt a giraffe

Say what you want about Michael Jackson's beastly behavior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says that at least he's kind to animals. "I'm unaware of any violations of the Animal Welfare Act at Neverland," a USDA spokesman said after an investigation into reports that exotic (four-legged) creatures on Jackson's 2,700-acre ranch were being mistreated. Last December, the radical animal-rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) filed a complaint against Neverland Ranch after aerial photographs seemed to show giraffes, crocodiles and elephants living in squalid conditions. "We take all complaints seriously, and on Dec. 21 a USDA veterinary officer went on site for an inspection but found that nothing was amiss and that the animals were in good shape," the spokesman said. But PETA reportedly plans to file another complaint, this one with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, claiming Jackson's elephants and orangutans are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

John Lennon's original manuscript to "A Day in the Life" is being offered by Bonhams auction house in New York until March 7. It is expected to fetch approximately \$2 million. Lennon wrote the song, which begins, "I read the news today, oh boy," while reading the London Daily Mail on Jan. 17, 1967.

Bidding Begins

With a very short time until the Grammys, the lineup of performers is taking form. So far, Mariah Carey, Kanye West and John Legend are on the bill. Each has eight nominations this go-round, including album of the year for Carey (*The Emancipation of Mimi*) and West (*Late Registration*). Legend's nominations include best new artist and best R&B album for *Get Lifted*. The Feb. 8 show will be held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles and is sure to be an interesting night.

Grammy lineup

Aretha Franklin and Aaron Neville will perform the national anthem at the Super Bowl on Feb. 5, accompanied by pianist Dr. John and a 150-voice choir singing on a taped vocal track that will be recorded in the Motor City several days before the game at Ford Field, according to the Detroit Free Press. John Legend and Joss Stone will join Motown star Stevie Wonder in performing Wonder's hits as part of the Super Bowl pregame show on ABC. The NFL first announced the Rolling Stones would headline the halftime show, but that prompted demands that Detroit's musical legacy be recognized. So Wonder and Franklin were brought on board. (She was two when her family moved from Memphis, Tenn., to Detroit in 1944, making her the lady for the job.)

Super bowl stars

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Local Band Profile: Your Name in Vain

Music lovers wanted

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STAFF WRITER

After chatting with the band Your Name in Vain for only about five minutes it became crystal clear that these guys are not only incredibly nice, but also very passionate about making music. All of the guys in the band are not only avid music lovers, but also students here at ECU. Since exploding onto the local music scene during their first performance ever at the 12th Annual Battle of the Bands in March 2005 with a second place victory, this band has seen nothing but success.

When Josh Williams and Alex Jones met during a class in fall 2004 they probably didn't imagine that their newfound friendship would ultimately lead to the creation of a band. After several months of writing the two decided to form a band with long time friends, Shane Crump and Jason Thompson. However, they were still missing one thing, a drummer. They

began auditioning drummers and after hearing J.P. Prieto knew that he would complete their sound, so he joined the band the very night of his audition and the five guys have been playing together ever since.

Your Name in Vain describes their music as a mix of rock, post hardcore, pop, alternative and emo blended into one. The band cites Underoath, New Found Glory, Acceptance and music in general as their inspiration.

"Everyone (in the band) brings something different, in order to provide a broad spectrum of musical talent," said Jones.

Williams provides mostly rhythm for the band through this guitar playing. He also acts as the bands business manager by booking shows and watching out for their best interest. Jones writes lyrics, melodies and hooks as well as using his unique voice to sing lead vocals. Crump plays bass as well as singing back up vocals - his role is crucial considering the fact that without his bass performance the music would sound incomplete. Thompson plays guitar and pro-

vides back up vocals. His taste in hardcore music influences the band's sound. Prieto's drumming creates structure and his experience from playing with other bands helps them navigate through key choices.

It has been less than a year since their debut at the Battle of the Bands and Your Name in Vain has already accomplished many things. They have been signed by Tragic Hero Records, a Raleigh-based indie label, and in December 2005 released their debut album, *Six Accounts of Skin Deep Beauty*. They receive over 6,000 plays and 1,000 downloads each day, and add twenty new fans every two hours.

Their music can be heard regularly on 99X or 99.5 WXNR, Greenville-New Bern-Jacksonville, NC. You may have seen them headline the 2005 X-Fest with Chevelle, Taproot and Crossfade. MTV has invited them to Ft. Worth, TX to perform for an episode of "My Super Sweet Sixteen" and in May they will be accompanying Alesana at



These five ECU students are definitely on their way to the top.

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Toying with Science-Krinsky is coming



Garry Krinsky, an experienced showman, will perform here at ECU.

ECU Family Fare Series does it again

AMANDA WINAR
SENIOR WRITER

Looking for a fun and educational show that your entire family will enjoy? Well Garry Krinsky's *Toying with Science* is coming to Wright Auditorium Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. and Carol Woodruff, Cultural Arts director at ECU says it's a show that surely should not be missed.

This dynamic and fast-paced show helps the young audience master basic principles of science while enjoying a fun and exciting show of colors and juggling acts.

Garry Krinsky, an experienced showman, as well as an original member of the Boston Buffoons, co-founder of the Patchwork Players and member of the New England vaudeville troupe The Wright Bros. Krinsky has been entertaining and educating the masses at schools, theaters and festivals since 1978.

"I'm not a scientist, but I play one on stage," Krinsky said in a press interview.

"*Toying with Science* is about showing that the essence of science is all around us - science doesn't have to be a complex, intimidating idea, but rather a tool we can use to keep our mental muscles greased. When we have that passion for learning, it inspires us to keep our minds open and continue to learn and be fascinated by the world around us."

Toying with Science has been performed all over the United States and Canada, and Krinsky has even appeared on NBC's *Today Show*.

People who go to see Krinsky are in for a rare treat. He combines his circus skills, original music and involves

the audience in exploring the scientific ideas of fulcrums, leverage, gravity and simple machines. He inserts the heroes of science and entertains through his motion, music, insight and humor. Some audience members even get to participate in the exploration.

Krinsky will entertain you through music, ideas and even one of his well known tricks, learning the concept of gravity. He centers many ladders on his chin with a giant beach umbrella on top in order to show how one can find the center of gravity.

The Maxwell C. King Center in Melbourne, Fla. raves that Krinsky was a "delight." The performance was felt with much enthusiasm by the audience. Garry was very professional, energetic and totally engaged the audience. "The Lowell Sun adds that "Krinsky's show is bright, fun-filled and audience interactive- and learning a thing or two didn't hurt either."

New this year, birthday boys and girls can celebrate with Family Fare! ECU's Family Fare Series offers a birthday package that includes a party before or after any Family Fare show. Also, discount tickets are available to groups of 15 or more, including scout troops, youth groups, and daycare groups. For more details on birthday parties and group discounts, contact the Cultural Outreach Office at 252-328-4766.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit the Central Ticket Office, located on the main floor of Mendenhall Student Center. Advance tickets are \$9 for the public, \$8 for ECU faculty and staff, and \$6 for ECU students and youth.

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The photo above from Dance 2005 shows just a glimpse of what to expect at Dance 2006 this year.

Long awaited 'Dance 2006'

Something for everyone

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Whether you are a dance enthusiast or someone just looking for something interesting to do, Dance 2006 is the perfect way to spend your time enjoying an experience you won't soon forget. Although this dance performance is held every year, the most vital part of the performance changes yearly, the choreography.

This year students and faculty alike are excited and honored to be able to perform a reconstructed version of "Sky Light," Laura Dean's signature work. She is well known for her use of live music as well as distinctive form. The reconstruction was done by School of Theatre and Dance faculty member, Rodger Belman, who has danced "Sky Light" with Dean as part of her

company, Laura Dean Dancers and Musicians. This classic ballet incorporates Indian, African and Asian dance rituals.

During his residency with the School of Theatre and Dance earlier this year, Nicholas Pupillo created "Chronic Force," especially for the students who are going to be performing it.

"The forces that are always present pressures us into physical

circumstances. You can choose to use that active power to regain energy and strength of the force take control," said Pupillo of "Chronic Force."

Also this year is the reconstruction of Victor Gsovsky's "Grand Pas Classique," by Gallina Panova. This ballet features intricate point pieces along with thrilling leaps and lifts. This piece will have audiences on the edge of their seats.

Each year the dance performance features a tap number by Clarine Powell. This year's piece, "The Elevator Goes Up," is based on several different forms of jazz music. The tap dancing in this number will entice the audience and make them tap along to the beats from the comfort of their seats.

Dance 2006 will be performed by about 120 students.

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Recreational Services springs into action



On West Campus, the SRC offers activities everyone can enjoy.

SRC offering events and opportunities to further teamwork

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The Student Recreational Center has extraordinary equipment and facilities. Even more impressive than those, are the spring events for this semester.

There are over 40 different sports in the Intramural Sports Program. According to David A. Gaskins, the associate director of programs at the Department of Recreational Services, the word "intramural" came from Greek origin meaning, "within the walls." The intramural program is student run by ECU students who form their own teams, schedule games, referee and keep score. Students, staff and faculty from ECU are more than welcome to join the teams of the intramural sports.

Club sports are student run organizations with over 31 sports available. These sports do their

own recruiting and raise 40 percent of their funding. They are competitive, spirited teams that teach the members teamwork, time management and help improve their athletic abilities. Jennifer Larimore, a sophomore Biology major, is on the Women's Rugby team. She expresses how beneficial the Club sports are by stating, "I found something more than I imagined. I found a place to really be myself. I value the friendships I made on the team."

Fitness Lifestyle Enhancement Program, LEP, is group fitness with a group leader who facilitates a group with music and a proper workout. Students have an opportunity to be personal instructors and personal trainers. Fitness assessments are offered, which enables students to evaluate their strength and flexibility with a sit and reach and a bicycle test. The fitness trainers can help these students improve their health and fitness by using components of the assessment results.

A Real Integrated Sports Experience, ARISE, is a program intended

to provide students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members with or without disabilities the opportunity for involvement in a variety of sports and fitness. Mary Antor, a senior psychology major does not have any disabilities but has participated in Wheelchair Rugby and believes it "was a good opportunity to appreciate the difficulties quadriplegics face every day, yet a way to see that it is not [totally] limiting." ARISE is going on an Active Living Beach Retreat where students can experience the outdoors in an adapted adventure camping style. The program is Friday, April 7 - Sunday, April 9 at the Pine Knolls Shores. Registration begins March 1, at the SRC 128.

The Youth and Family program is available for children of ECU students and faculty. Among the various activities they deliver, a highly anticipated date is Family Fun Day, which is an annual event with activities including fitness, sports, wall climbing, cart racing and arts and crafts. A free lunch will be provided for all participants. This event is Saturday March 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SRC.

The Adventure program encourages students to develop skills, knowledge and appreciation for nature. The Adventure program offers more than 20 trips in each semester including kayaking, canoeing, skiing, back-

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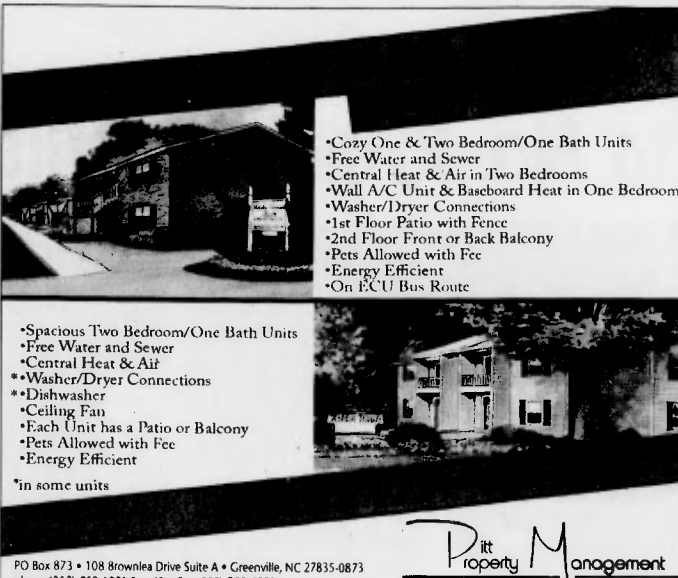
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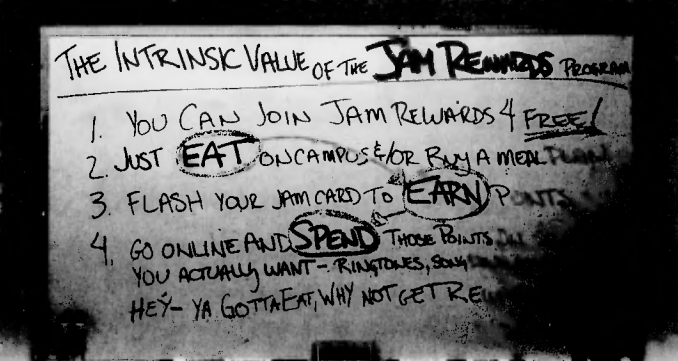
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AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

It has come to my attention that we, as students of ECU, have a great tool at our disposal, "Ask a Librarian through AIM." This relatively new service is quite easy to establish and easy to use. If you have AIM, the AOL based Instant Messenger system, this process is only a click away.

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Thank you to Mark Sanders for the time he took to provide information about this great, new service.

Test it out people, don't let this valuable, potentially time saving, resource go to waste.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

Dance from page A4

"The primary focus of Dance 2006 is to give dance students a main stage performance opportunity, and secondly to give students an opportunity to experience something they would not have normally been exposed to."

"Our annual dance concerts are truly something special for audiences. Most dance concerts are either an evening of a story-length ballet or a series of shorter dances but with a similarity of dance styles. Our productions run the gamut of styles and themes making it fun and enlightening at the same time," said Jeff Woodruff, managing director of the School of Theatre and Dance.

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Tickets in advance for this event are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and current ECU faculty/staff and \$8 for youth and current ECU students. However, tickets at the door will be sold for a standard rate of \$12.

You can experience the magic of Dance 2006 first hand beginning Thursday, Jan. 26-31 at the McGinnis Auditorium on campus. Times are 8 p.m. for everyday except Sunday, which will be 2 p.m. For more information visit the School of Theatre and Dance Web site at theatreanddance.ecu.edu.

Vain from page A4

The Brewery in Raleigh to film an episode of "A Day in the Life of..." They are planning a full six week tour of the East Coast and Midwest this summer and are heading into the studio to record a full length album.

The band may be on their way to the top, but they still have their feet planted firmly on the ground. "We want to reach a larger audience through our fan base and record label, we want our music to mean something to people," Jones said. Although they have a large local fan base they are still striving for national recognition, a dream that may become reality soon.

"Tragic Hero Records is trying to get national distribution through Tower Records," said Crump. "The bottom line is that people want to have fun at shows and when they come to see us they do, because we aren't only fun to listen to, but also fun to watch," said Williams. Check out Your Name in Vain on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 p.m. at the Salty Dawg in New Bern.

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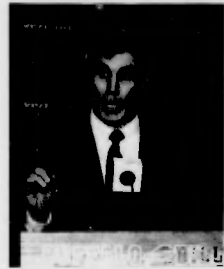
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Sports Briefs

Jauron, takes reins with Bills



Dick Jauron will get a second chance to prove himself as a head coach after being hired by the Buffalo Bills on Monday. Jauron's hiring was announced by Bills owner Ralph Wilson and general manager Marv Levy at a news conference. This is Jauron's second time as a head coach after going 35-46 - including one playoff loss - in five years with the Chicago Bears. Fired by the Bears after the 2003 season, he had only one winning season going 13-3 in 2001 when he was named the NFL's coach of the year. Jauron spent the past two years as the Detroit Lions defensive coordinator, and finished last season as the team's interim head coach after Steve Mariucci was fired in late November. He replaces Mike Mularkey, who resigned 10 days ago, and becomes Buffalo's fourth head coach since Levy, the Hall of Fame coach, retired after the 1997 season. Jauron takes over a team that underachieved with a 5-11 finish last season, missing the playoffs for the sixth straight year - the team's longest drought since the NFL merger. The Bills have gone 31-49 since 2001, tied with Cleveland for the third worst record in the NFL over that span - not including Houston, which joined the league in 2002. That's a significant drop off from the AFC's winningest franchise in the 1990s. The team made an unprecedented four straight Super Bowl appearances under Levy. Jauron is a defensive specialist who, as Jacksonville's defensive coordinator from 1995-98, helped the expansion team reach the playoffs three times. A former NFL defensive back, Jauron broke into coaching as an assistant with the Bills in 1985 and also spent nine years as a defensive backs coach with Green Bay.

UConn climbs to top for first time since Dec. '04

With no more unbeaten teams left, Connecticut took over the No. 1 spot in the Associated Press college basketball poll Monday. Two days after Duke, Florida and Pittsburgh lost, the Huskies (16-1) moved from No. 3 to the top of the rankings for the sixth time in school history and the first since a one-week run in December 2004. The Blue Devils, Gators and Panthers were the final three undefeated Division I teams. The Huskies are one of seven Big East teams in the Top 25, tying the record for most schools from one conference. The Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten have each done it twice, and the ACC did it most recently last season. Duke (17-1), which had been No. 1 since the preseason poll, dropped one spot after losing 87-84 at Georgetown on Saturday. The win sent the Hoyas (12-4) into the Top 25 for the first time since Dec. 31, 2001. Florida (17-1), second in the poll the past two weeks, dropped to No. 5 after losing 80-76 at Tennessee on Saturday. The win got the Volunteers (12-3) back in the rankings after being out for four weeks. Pittsburgh (15-1) lost 55-50 at St. John's on Saturday and fell from ninth to No. 12. Connecticut received 64 first-place votes and 1,790 points from the 72-member national media panel. The Huskies have spent a total of 21 weeks at No. 1. The longest run was 10 straight polls in 1998-99, when they won the first of their two national championships.

Dallas chosen as host for All-Star Game in '07

The Dallas Stars will host the 2007 All-Star Game, the NHL's first since 2004. The game will be played on Jan. 24 at the American Airlines Center, the league said Monday. The Wednesday night game marks the first time since the 1989 All-Star Game in Edmonton that the events won't be held on a weekend. The NHL lockout wiped out the All-Star Game last year and players will compete in the Olympics next month. The Stars, who moved from Minnesota in 1993, won a Stanley Cup title in 1999. The SuperSkills competition and YoungStars game will be Jan. 23.

Bryant shoots to No. 2 behind Wilt

(AP) — Kobe Bryant, often unstoppable, played at a higher level than even he imagined possible.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star scored a phenomenal 81 points Sunday night - the second-highest total in NBA history in a 122-104 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Only Wilt Chamberlain's storied 100-point game nearly 44 years ago ranks higher.

"Not even in my dreams," Bryant said.

"That was something that just happened. It's tough to explain. It's just one of those things.

"It really hasn't, like, set in for me. It's about the 'W,' that's why I turned it on. It turned into something special. To sit here and say I grasp what happened, that would be lying."

The Lakers trailed by as many as 18 points early in the third quarter, angering Bryant.

"He was ticked off," teammate Lamar Odom said.

When asked what Bryant said at that stage, Odom replied: "Nothing. That's when it's bad."

Bryant scored 51 points after the Raptors extended a 63-49-halftime lead to 71-53. The Lakers outscored the Raptors 38-14 to finish the third quarter to go ahead for good.

"That was incredible, remarkable," Odom said.

Bryant, the NBA's leading scorer, left to a standing ovation with 4.2 seconds remaining, having shot 28-of-46 from the floor, including 7-of-13 from 3-point range, and 18-of-20 from the foul line.

With the 18,997 fans at Staples Center chanting "MVP! MVP!" Bryant made two free throws with 43.4 seconds remaining for his final points. He scored 27 points in the third quarter, 28 in the fourth.

"We are on a journey, and to put on a show like this for the fans here in L.A. is truly something special," Bryant said. "I grew up in front of these people, and now they are seeing me as an older, young man."

The 27-year-old Bryant joined the Lakers out of high school, and is in his 10th NBA season.

Chamberlain scored 100 points for Philadelphia against the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa., on March 2, 1962, shooting 36-of-63 from the field and 28-



Bryant drives to the basket for two of his staggering 81 points Sunday night, the second-highest single game total in NBA history.

of-32 from the foul line while playing all 48 minutes.

Chamberlain had 59 points in the second half - the only player with more points in a half than Bryant's 55 after halftime in this game.

Chamberlain's second-highest total was 78 against the Lakers in three overtimes on Dec. 8, 1961.

Michael Jordan's career high was 69 points, and only four players had ever scored more than 70 Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor, David Thompson and David Robinson.

Bryant made it five. His previous career high was 62

points during a 112-90 victory over Dallas last month he sat out the fourth quarter because of the one-sided nature of the game.

"I was just determined. I was just locked in, tuned into what was going on out there," Bryant said. "These points tonight mattered. We needed them. The points I put in the basket were instrumental. It means a lot more."

Bryant raised his scoring average to an NBA-leading 35.9 points this season.

"I never imagined I would see history like that," said Devean

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Breakdown of Kobe's 81

Points	81
FG-FGA	28-46
FG%	60.8
3-pt. FG	7-13
3-pt. FG%	53.8
FT-FTA	18-20
FT%	90

1st Quarter Pts.	14
2nd Quarter Pts.	12
3rd Quarter Pts.	27
4th Quarter Pts.	28

Pirates' ship sinks in New Orleans, lose 60-52

Tulane leaves ECU as last winless C-USA team

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Dave Dickerson, Tulane men's basketball head coach and ECU head man Ricky Stokes vied for their first Conference USA win on Saturday night. Forty minutes later, Stokes found himself still searching for his.

The Green Wave (5-11, 1-3 C-USA) was boosted from a game-high 20 points from senior forward Quincy Davis and 15 points from Chris Moore. The Tulane junior guard is no relation to the ECU line-backer who garnered three solo tackles in the Hula Bowl over the weekend.

The Pirates' loss was their fourth consecutive, leaving ECU (6-11, 0-4) alone at the bottom of the league standings.

Sixth man Courtney Captain was the only ECU player to log double figures with 12, and senior forward Corey Rouse chipped in nine points and 11 rebounds. The Kinston product now ranks eighth nationally in

rebounding at 10.6 per contest.

The Pirates' shooting woes, which has followed ECU like a shadow, continued to haunt chances of a winning season. ECU shot just 29.4 percent (15-of-51) from the field. Comparatively, the Green Wave knocked through 50.1 percent (23-of-45) of their total field goals.

ECU's sophomore guard Jeremy Ingram finished with just seven points on 1-for-10 shooting, while Sam Hinnant finished with seven points and a 2-for-7 shooting effort. Ingram and Hinnant, the second and third leading scorers respectively, average double figures.

Tulane held a 53-47 lead with 39 ticks remaining when ECU hit a pair of free throws to pull within four. Tulane's Matt Wheaton hit the first of two from the charity stripe, but missed his second. The Green Wave recovered the rebound and junior guard Andrew Garcia knocked down a pair of free throws for a 56-49 advantage with 33.1 seconds on the clock.

After an errant 3 attempt

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Tulane defeated ECU Saturday night, making them the only squad winless in Conference USA play.

Sizing up the Super Bowl

(KRT) — Roethlisberger vs. Hasselbeck sounds more like a beer-tasting contest than a Super Bowl. In Pittsburgh and Seattle, they don't care. It is a match up not many expected, and the winner might be even harder to predict.

The Steelers have been to Super Bowls before. The Seahawks haven't been anyplace.

Somebody will send a map of how to get to Detroit, and it will be fascinating to hear how many of Seattle's "12th man" fans can make the trip.

"Everybody in the stadium is coming," Seattle coach Mike

Holmgren said.

But this game will be a home date for the Steelers, and not just because running back Jerome Bettis grew up in Detroit.

The Steelers are as national as a sports team gets. The Seahawks are so regional not everybody remembers they played in the AFC for most of their 30-year history.

Pittsburgh fans will descend on Detroit in droves. For one thing, they can drive. They already have the chains on their tires. They have so much experience finding tickets that places like Cincinnati, Cleveland and

Indianapolis plot ways to keep them away.

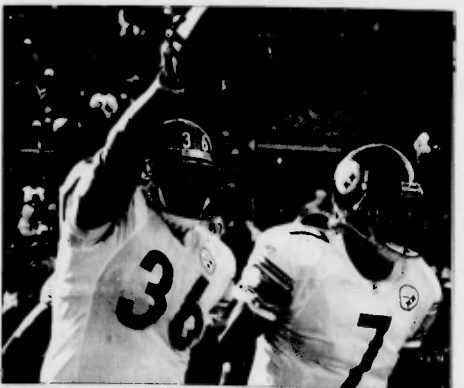
They invaded the Denver airport Saturday night waving their yellow Terrible Towels. They were on the streets, in parking lots and scattered throughout the stadium.

"We're a road team," safety Troy Polamalu said.

"We're the Pittsburgh Steelers. We have fans everywhere."

Yet you can hear it now. The Steelers will do everything in their power to keep playing the underdog role.

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Bettis is headed home to Detroit for Super Bowl XL, largely due to Roethlisberger's stellar play during Pittsburgh's post-season run.

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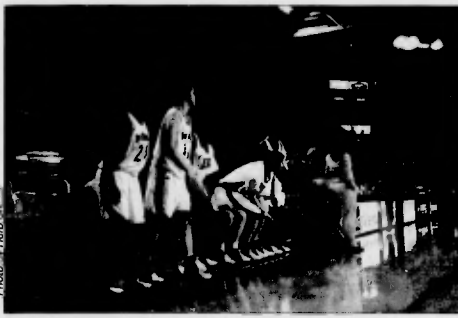
Lady Pirates squeak past UCF

(SID) — The ECU women's basketball team hit key free throws down the stretch Sunday afternoon to pull away with a 68-63 win over UCF for their third Conference USA victory of the season.

Senior LaToya Horton netted a career-high 17 points, 13 of which came in the second half, to lead all scorers. The freshman duo of Jessica Slack and Jasmine Young each added 10 points to pace the Pirates.

After trailing 30-27 at the intermission, ECU (11-6, 3-3) trimmed the Golden Knights (4-14, 2-5) lead to two, 42-40, with 11:23 left to play. ECU took its first lead of the game, since the 8:03 mark in the first, when Young drove the paint putting the Pirates up 44-42.

The two teams would trade baskets and the game would be knotted up four times before the Pirates would take the lead for good on a pair of Cherie Mills



The Lady Pirates pulled even in Conference USA to 3-3.

free throws at the 5:05 mark. Mills would finish the game one-point shy of recording her 17th straight double-digit game of the season, while grabbing six rebounds.

During the final 30 seconds of play, freshmen Impris Man-

ning and Jessica Honesty each cashed in on key free throws to secure the Pirates 11th win of the season.

Each team opened the game changing possessions during the first 5:14 with the Golden Knights taking an early 5-4 lead

on an Amber Long jumper. ECU would answer with a basket of their own as a Jessica Slack lay-up at the 15:23 mark.

UCF took a 15-11 lead with 9:48 remaining until the intermission before the Pirates went on an 8-0 run over the next 1:25 to take its largest lead of the half, 19-15. During the run, Slack connected on her lone three-pointer of the day and drained three consecutive free throws.

Over the next four minutes costly turnovers found the Pirates down six after a 10-0 UCF run, 25-19. The Golden Knights extended their lead to seven with 1:09 remaining after a Keunta Miles free throw. The Pirates would cut into that lead during the closing minute, netting a pair of baskets to close the gap at 30-27.

The Pirates will be back in action Friday night when they play host to SMU at 7 p.m. inside Minges Coliseum.

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George, a teammate of Bryant's with the Lakers for 6 1/2 seasons. "I can't tell you where that came from. He just kept attacking, attacking, attacking every time he got the ball."

Bryant played nearly 42 minutes, going the entire second half until being lifted by coach Phil Jackson.

Jackson coached Jordan and the Chicago Bulls to six championships in the 1990s and the Lakers, with Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal, to three more titles, from 2000-02.

"That was something to behold," Jackson said. "It was another level. I've seen some

remarkable games, but I've never seen one like that before."

Baylor held the Lakers' previous franchise record of 71 points at New York on Nov. 15, 1960. Lakers special assistant Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's all-time leading scorer, saw that game, too.

"Elgin's game was an incredible performance, also," Abdul-Jabbar said.

"I don't think there's any comparison. Elgin did it without 3-point lines. His game was attacking the hoop and hitting jumpers inside 20 feet. Kobe's range is unreal, and he does it his way."

"It was a real treat. His ability

to shoot from long range and also attack the hoop, split the defense and get in close for opportunities near the basket is unique. He's made a niche for himself, and he deserves it."

Bryant scored all but 15 of his team's 42 points in the third quarter, and all but three of their 31 in the final period.

"You're sitting and watching, and it's like a miracle unfolding in front of your eyes and you can't accept it," Lakers owner Jerry Buss said. "Somehow, the brain won't work. The easiest way to look at it is everybody remembers every 50-point game they ever saw. He had 55 in the

second half."

Bryant scored a season-low 11 points in the Lakers' 102-91 victory over the Raptors in Toronto last month. He has led the Lakers in scoring in the last 21 games in which he's played, and is averaging 45.5 points in 10 games since sitting out a two-game suspension.

"We were just watching him shoot," Toronto's Chris Bosh said.

"He takes the type of shots where you don't think they're going in, but suddenly he's rolling, so he's kind of hard to stop. We tried three or four guys on him, but it seemed like nobody guarded him tonight."

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from ECU on the next possession, Garcia netted four free throws over the last 23.2 seconds to seal the victory.

Dickerson, a rumored finalist to ECU's coaching vacancy ultimately filled by Stokes, was more than ecstatic to grab his first conference win.

"We needed this win for our confidence," Dickerson said in a Tulane press release following the contest.

"With our record, we need to get wins like this at home. The two things we did which were very important for us [Saturday] was we cut our

turnovers and we made our free throws when it counted."

The Green Wave win dropped the Pirates to 3-31 on the road in C-USA. At 0-4 in the conference, ECU is a game behind Houston, Marshall, Southern Miss and Tulane. Unlike in previous seasons, all 12 teams advance to

the conference tournament.

The Pirates will search for its first C-USA win of the season on Wednesday when they return home to host UCF. Tip-off for the midweek matchup is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Super Bowl from page A6

They are the first sixth seed to make it. The Seahawks are the No. 1 seed in the NFC. The Seahawks are the league's top-scoring team. The Seahawks have the league's most valuable player, Shaun Alexander. All the Steelers have is a run-down, 33-year-old Bettis.

No quarterback as young as Ben Roethlisberger ever has won a Super Bowl. Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck has been around longer and paid more dues. Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren won a Super Bowl with Green Bay in 1996. Steelers coach Bill Cowher lost one in 1995.

The Seahawks led the league in sacks, so who are the Steelers to brag about their stifling defense?

The Seahawks won the NFC title game Sunday by a bigger margin than the Steelers won the AFC.

The Seahawks and Steelers last played in 2003, and Seattle won. The Seahawks have won eight of 14 games between the two franchises.

The Seahawks got to stay home and win two playoff games. The Steelers had to go on the road for three games and beat the top three seeds, wearing themselves to a frazzle.

By Monday night, the Steelers and their fans will happily conclude that no one in their right mind will give them a chance of succeeding in Detroit.

It will be tough duty, but they will find a way to stay "disrespected." On Sunday, they said this year was easier for them than last year, when they were 15-1 and lost the AFC title game at home to New England.

"Everyone put overwhelming pressure on us," receiver Hines

Ward said.

"It was overwhelming for everyone, including the veterans."

This year?

"People said there was no way we could do this three weeks in a row," Ward said.

"There was more pressure on (the Broncos) than on us."

The Steelers will use the same reasoning against the Seahawks, who coasted down the stretch after wrapping up home-field advantage.

By contrast, the Steelers have been in playoff mode since Dec. 11, when the Bears went to Pittsburgh after the Steelers had lost three games in a row. The Steelers ran all over the Bears and started on a seven-game winning streak.

"The Chicago game was a big game for us establishing ourselves as a running football team," Cowher said.

"We started to get Ben back at that time, too, when he came back from his (knee and thumb) injuries."

The Steelers and Seahawks both love to run and stop the run, the twin keys to success. It's a familiar formula on which the Bears pride themselves. It also is telling to note that both the Steelers and Seahawks ran and stopped the run better this year than the Bears did.

Because the best teams play run defense as well as they run, the biggest games usually get decided by which quarterback passes better. Roethlisberger's passer efficiency rating for the season was 98.6, Hasselbeck's 98.2.

That makes it hard for either team to play underdog, not that both won't be trying every day for the next two weeks.

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To the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi: Thanks for the awesome 80's social! We had a blast!! -The sisters of Delta Zeta

Alpha Delta Pi Spring Recruitment! January 25th anytime between 4-7 at 1407 E. 5th Street (ADPI house). Call 758-5447 for rides. Hope to see you there!

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The sisters of Kappa Delta would like to thank Kelley Ann Ryan and Beth Ann Koury for being our sisters of the week. Congrats girls!

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi would like to thank Chi Phi for the fun social at El Ranchito. We all had a great time!

Delta Zeta would like to thank Kappa Sigma for a great social! Way to start the semester off right!

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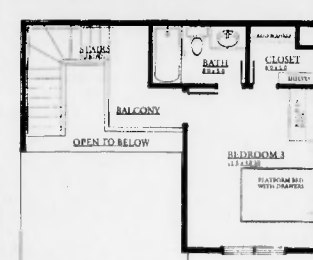
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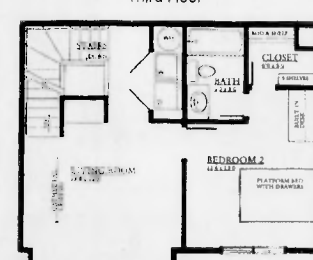
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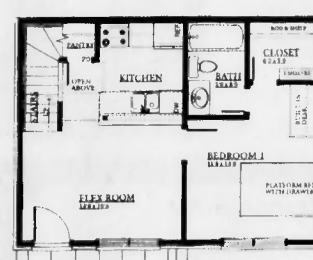
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