

Students and employers gathered at a very crowded Mingos Coliseum Wednesday to discuss futures, job opportunities and internships.

## Career Center hosts Business Career Fair

Students should come prepared to do business

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The Career Center hosted the 2006 Business Career Fair last Wednesday.

Companies from all over convened at Mingos Coliseum to present students with information regarding possible employment. The companies present took up nearly the whole second floor of the coliseum.

Planning the Career Fair requires quite a bit of time and planning.

"We have a database of employers," said Suzanne Martin, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"We start in the summer and send out invitations to employ-

ers giving them dates for the fall career fairs and the spring career fairs."

Businesses have also approached the Career Center for the chance to present themselves at the fair.

One special feature of the fair this year involved mock job interviews with companies. The feature is intended to give students the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of a live job interview.

"We had 700 mock interview slots available and 500 students registered," Martin said.

Also available was the creation of a résumé CD. The CD was then handed out to employers for their viewing. Résumés can also be posted online.

Heather Engle, financial manager for Wells Fargo, a full service consumer lender, was present at the fair.

"We're looking to promote for entry level positions in all of our offices across the state of North Carolina," said Engle.

"ECU has one of the better career fairs."

An ECU alumna herself, Engle went on to say how many graduates fill the entry-level positions completing successful work.

"We have some firms that come every year," said Ginger Johnson, marketing graduate assistant for the Career Center.

"And it's getting larger and larger every year."

This is the first year that the fair has been held in Mingos Coliseum.

"I think that it is important for students to think about getting some experience prior to looking for a job," Martin said.

Whether it be an internship or some other method, she believes it is necessary and

the job fair can help students learn about opportunities.

Martin emphasized the importance of having a mock interview before going to a job fair. She feels that the mock interview will help students better express their thoughts and gain an idea of what interviews are like.

"It's definitely a great opportunity to meet employers," said Brian Comings, senior industrial distribution major.

"All these huge colleges just give you a degree and send you on your way, so it really takes care of you to get to know all these employers here."

Students interested in gathering more information on their intended careers or want to know when the next career fair will be can log onto [ecu.edu/e3careers](http://ecu.edu/e3careers).

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## Greetings Fellow Students,

My name is Thomas Doyle and I am the Student Union President. First, I would like to thank you for supporting us by attending our events throughout this year. We are excited to serve you, the students. As a way of extending our gratitude to you, tonight we are having a Casino night in the Pirate Underground. We will be giving away some great prizes, there will be free food and you are guaranteed to have a great time! Casino Night is also our way of inviting each and every one of you to come out and learn more about the Student Union. What better way to get people involved than to give them free food and a chance to win big at the casino? We want you to become a part of our organization.



Photo by Lizz Wells

Our mission in the Student Union is to provide diverse, quality programs that educate, as well as entertain, the community of ECU. We provide events for all students, from Bingo in Destination 360 to the free movies in Hendrix Theatre each week. Not only can you participate at the events, you can also become a volunteer and gain experience behind the scenes as a committee member. Volunteering can lead to becoming a chair of one of the seven committees, a member of the executive board, or perhaps one day being President of the Student Union. By joining the Student Union you will be able to gain valuable knowledge applicable in the real world. Every major is welcome and valuable!

To give you an idea of just some of the types of events Student Union is responsible for and to give you the chance to have a well-deserved break from classes and homework, I'm including some of Student Union's upcoming events. Please come out, have fun and get busy with the Student Union!

Be sure to mark your calendars because these are just some of the upcoming events!

Tonight from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Pirate Underground we will have a Casino Night. Great prizes like an iPod Shuffle, a digital camera, a portable DVD player and cool ECU memorabilia are available for you to win! There will also be free Bowling and Billiards, along with some tasty free food. Come out and meet the Student Union Program Board and learn what Student Union is all about.

Also, tonight at 9 p.m. in Destination 360 there will be a Casino Bingo. Come out to play for a chance to win big. Sponsored by the Student Union Spectrum Committee.

Starting March 6, the Visual Arts committee will be accepting entries for the annual art competition, Illumnia. All students are invited to submit!

Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Pirate Underground Steven Kellogg and the Sixers will be playing for your listening enjoyment! Sponsored by the Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee.

Friday, March 31 there will be a sneak preview of *Pucked* at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre!

Sponsored by the Student Union Films Committee.

Wednesday, April 12 there will be a sneak preview of *American Dreamz* at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. Sponsored by Student Union Films Committee.

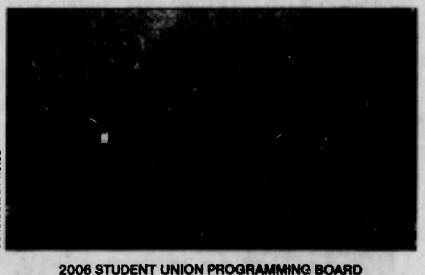
Thursday, April 20 is Barefoot on the Mall! Our annual all day event that will include nationally known bands and will feature a carnival-like atmosphere.

This is just a brief calendar of events. For a full list of our events you can go to our Web site.

We are always seeking new volunteers. Volunteer as much or as little time as you can manage. What is important is your involvement. Where else can you help decide on some of the major events that come to campus than being on a Student Union Committee?

So come and be a part of something bigger! Get busy with the Student Union!

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## Campus safety is important to all students

Defend yourself, ask questions later

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When attending school away from home, it is easy for students to remember we are taking care of ourselves by ourselves. Luckily, the statistics for campus related crimes, especially hate crimes, have not been high in recent years. Nearly none have been reported.

ECU provides many links on their Web site to access reports, statistics and safety tips. It informs students on the importance of keeping dormitory and apartment doors locked as well as other safety precautions.

Students are encouraged to walk with each of your keys between your fingers. Many students keep mace or pepper spray with them most of the

time, especially when going out at night. Being downtown at night, drunk or sober, can make you more vulnerable to being sexually assaulted and to other attacks as well. Alcohol does not bring out the best in everyone, including the inevitability of poor judgment when you push your tolerance.

When you are outside, mainly at night, don't hesitate to take advantage of Safe Ride. That is what they are here for, making sure you get back to where you are going safely. Play it safe. Be careful. Most of us aren't trying to die right now, so let's stay focused and do what we need to do to protect each other and most of all, ourselves. You could be saving a life. For more information on campus crimes, visit [ecu.edu/cs-admin/po/hs/crimestats.cfm](http://ecu.edu/cs-admin/po/hs/crimestats.cfm).

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## Job-hunting ideas for new graduates

(CareerBuilder.com) — Despite a chronic case of senioritis, you turned in that 100-page term paper, presented the group project for which nobody pulled his weight, and completed final exams. Now after surviving the never-ending commencement activities with your family, it's time to kick back and take advantage of some of your newfound freedom. Right?

Wrong! The grim reality is that you're no longer on the Mom and Dad gravy train. The rules have changed and it's time to fend for you, and that doesn't mean waiting tables at your neighborhood cafe or serving drinks at your college stomping ground. You're actually expected to put your shiny, new, freshly minted degree to work.

Fortunately, CareerBuilder.com found there's good news for the class of 2005. Sixty-two percent of hiring managers plan to recruit recent college graduates this year and one-in-four say they will be increasing starting salaries over those offered in 2004.

"It's a different job market

today with more promising prospects for college graduates," says Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder.com.

"Educated labor is in demand and 18 percent of hiring managers say they plan to hire a greater number of recent college graduates this year than they did in 2004."

In terms of compensation, 28 percent of hiring managers expect to increase the starting salaries for recent college graduates this year, and only 6 percent plan to decrease them. Fifty-nine percent of hiring managers expect to offer less than \$30,000, and 26 percent will offer \$30,000 to \$39,000. An additional 10 percent will offer \$40,000 to \$49,000 while 6 percent will offer \$50,000 or more.

With promising job opportunities, favorable salaries and plenty of free time, new grads should have no reason not to look for that first job. Here are the top things hiring managers look for when sizing up a candidate:

"Twenty-eight percent of hiring managers say the candidate's ability to relate their experience to the job at hand is

the most important factor in the hiring decision," Ferguson says.

"Unfortunately, college graduates often underestimate the experience they have through internships, part-time jobs and extracurricular activities. In fact, 63 percent of hiring managers say they view volunteer activities as relevant experience."

While interviews can be nerve-wracking, employers are looking for candidates who show grace under pressure at all times. Come in prepared to discuss how your qualifications can specifically contribute to the success of the company and always be respectful of the interviewer's time and position. And remember to dress professionally and check your bad habits at the door.

Just because you look good on paper doesn't mean you're a shoe-in for the job. Employers want to make sure you'll be a good fit within the company and your new co-workers. Be yourself, but mind your it's - never insult, interrupt or irritate the interviewer. Offering up a blank stare when the interviewer asks why you are the right fit for the job

will not go over well.

In the education section of your resume, include the university you received your degree from, your major, minor and degree earned. If relevant to the job, include courses taken and completed projects. With grade point average, it can be tricky. Include it if the job requires it or it is high (2.5 or higher), but if it doesn't require it, then it's your call.

Employees who are passionate about their jobs tend to be more productive workers. The answer to, "Why do you want to work here?" should always focus on the strengths of the company and the challenge of the position, not the perks. A "take or leave it" attitude about the job will leave the employer feeling the same about you.

The CareerBuilder.com survey, "College Hiring 2005," was conducted from Feb. 24 to March 3, 2005. Methodology used to collect survey responses totaling more than 600 hiring managers for this study involved selecting a random sample of comScore Networks panel members.

## Keeping your résumé out of the "no" pile

(CareerBuilder.com) — The last time you applied for a job and didn't get an interview, was your résumé tossed on the "no" pile after someone skimmed it for only a few seconds, or did the employer read it carefully and you just missed making the cut?

Seventy recruiters met recently at the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business to discuss what can make or break a résumé. The recruiters represented a variety of industries including oil and gas, tourism, technology and financial services, and some of what they revealed may surprise you.

An employer may review 100 or more resumes in an hour, spending only 20-30 seconds on each one.

"Recognize that most employers are using the résumé to screen you out rather than to select you

in," says Derek Chapman, Ph.D., professor of industrial organization and psychology at the Haskayne School of Business.

"If you don't catch my eye, you're out," one recruiter said.

That doesn't mean you should use bright pink paper or multi-colored lettering, but several recruiters said they don't mind applicants including a photo. Creative photos (such as the shot an applicant included of herself in a snow suit with snowmen on either side and a caption saying "I'm the one in the middle") might help land the interview.

However, Chapman cautions against including a photo. "A photo can be used to screen you out on the basis of your sex, age, national or ethnic origin, etc. If someone hires you for your good looks, are you sure you want to work for that supervisor?"

A better way to catch an employer's eye is to include names of well-known companies you have worked for. As one recruiter explained, if you previously worked for a reputable company, it enhances your application "because they have some standards." Employers are likely to assume you will be a good employee because you successfully passed that company's hiring process and were well-trained. If you haven't been employed by any large companies, consider doing an internship or volunteer work for a well-known organization.

Surprisingly, "name dropping" only works when mentioning companies. The recruiters said they are turned off when an applicant writes in a cover letter that they were referred by someone such as a company executive.

The employers said if someone really thinks you are a good applicant that person should deliver the résumé to the recruiter or phone on your behalf.

While employers want résumés that are error-free, making a mistake such as addressing your cover letter to the wrong company won't necessarily disqualify you from the job. Of course, it depends on the employer. For some recruiters, that kind of mistake is inexcusable. However, many others will allow one or two mistakes - even stapling the second page upside down - as long as you have the right qualifications.

To minimize mistakes, proof-read your résumé. Your spell-checker doesn't know you meant to say "manager" instead of

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## Announcements

### Cultural Outreach season schedule

Now through Saturday, April 1. The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, ECU's flagship performing arts series, annually presents a season of nine of the world's top orchestras, ballet companies, jazz artists, soloists, modern dance ensembles, Broadway shows, opera companies, chamber ensembles and pop artists. The Family Fare Series features kid-centered cultural excursions for the entire family. This series features four curriculum-based performances by the nation's finest young-audience touring companies. For more information, contact: 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS

### 2006 Majors Fair

Wednesday, March 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on first floor Ball. Take another step toward your career decision. There are more than 100 majors at ECU. Attend the fair to learn more about them. This program is sponsored by the Academic Enrichment Center, the Academic Advising and Support Center, the Career Center, Campus Living and the Office of Student Experiences. For ticket information, contact the Academic Enrichment Center at 328-2645 or visit Brewster B-103.

### Storybook Theatre, My Hero... Reaching for the Stars!

Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Back by popular demand! Following their successful debut at Wright Auditorium last year, ECU's Storybook Theatre returns with stories about ordinary youngsters who make extraordinary contributions to the world. Purchase subscriptions by Oct. 8 for best options: Family Pass (four tickets to each show) \$96, Public Subscription (one adult ticket to each show) \$30, ECU faculty/staff Subscription (one adult ticket to each show) \$25, ECU Student/Youth Subscription (one student/youth ticket to each show) \$20. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased and cost \$9 public, \$8 ECU faculty/staff, \$6 ECU students/youth. All tickets at the door are \$9. Tickets are required. For more information, contact the Central Ticket Office, 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecurts.com.

### Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services

March 15 is the application deadline for persons interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services. Applications can be obtained on line at [ecu.edu/rehb/](http://ecu.edu/rehb/) or from the Department of Rehabilitation Studies, 312 Belk Building. If you have questions regarding the degree, please contact Dr. Martha Chapin at 328-4424.

### PRSSA teams up with MAC Cosmetics

ECU's Public Relations Student Society of America is bringing MAC Cosmetics to Wright Plaza on March 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Wright display is part of the PRSSA-sponsored campaign to help promote MAC's Culture Bloom Makeover Event March 4 at Belk's MAC counter in Colonial Mall of Greenville. Students can schedule appointments and browse the limited addition spring line at the PRSSA table outside of Wright Plaza. Students can begin scheduling appointments now by calling the MAC counter at 758-7540.

### Japan Center East hosts "Trip to Japan"

On March 1, Japan Center East is holding a free presentation, "Experience Japan," from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Willis Building. The event will include a slide presentation on Japan and information on an economy trip to Japan being offered in 2006. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Chikako Massey at 737-1352.

## Briefs

### State:

#### SC state symbol

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - It's official: Sweegrass baskets are now South Carolina's state Lowcountry Handcraft. And it appears boiled peanuts could soon become the official state snack something South Carolinians might enjoy along with the official state hospitality beverage, Carolina-grown tea.

In a time where lawmakers more commonly hear from pushy lobbyists or disgruntled public interest groups, they increasingly are approached by students suggesting additions to an ever-growing list of state symbols. Gov. Mark Sanford signed the sweetgrass basket bill last week after a third-grade class from Belle Hall Elementary School in Mount Pleasant asked legislators to approve the designation last year.

The children even made a presentation about why the woven baskets, originally made by slaves on coastal plantations, are important to the state's heritage. Jeanne DeCamilla's class got the idea after studying state symbols and learning ideas for the last three symbols also came from third-graders.

"I'm not a boiled peanut fanatic or an expert," said Sanford, a Clover native who graduated in December. "I just enjoy them."

He contacted state Rep. Gary Simril, R-Rock Hill, and last week the boiled peanut bill easily passed the House and went on to the Senate.

Now South Carolina is poised to have its own state snack just as Texas has chips and salsa and Illinois has popcorn.

"The only thing that may stand in our way is the pork rind lobby," Simril said.

#### Sherrill not running

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Rep. Wilma Sherrill, a Republican budget-writer often at odds with the GOP establishment and a champion of sweeping domestic violence law changes, said Monday she won't run for a seventh term. Sherrill, R-Buncombe, was diagnosed last week with breast cancer, but she said in an interview the illness wasn't the reason for her decision. "I'm just really thankful that we got it," said Sherrill, 66. "I don't think it's a death sentence. I'm not through working for these people up here." Rather, after being Division of Motor Vehicles commissioner from 1985 to 1991, she has grown tired of traveling between Asheville and Raleigh, she said.

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"manger."

Another surprise is that about one-third of the recruiters at the session said they do not read cover letters. To make sure your important information doesn't get overlooked, it should be in your resumé.

Here are some additional tips to help you make the "yes" pile: Have a conventional e-mail address. Your name is fine; [kookybear@hotmail.com](mailto:kookybear@hotmail.com) or [partyanimal@msn.com](mailto:partyanimal@msn.com) are not.

Tailor your resumé to each job you apply for. Make sure it shows you have the skills the employer is seeking for that particular position.

Use lots of white space and bullet points to help information stand out.

Include interests that are relevant to the job. If you are applying for a job in agriculture, for example, show that you have rural roots.

If you are submitting an electronic resumé use a standard format such as Word to ensure it can be opened.

Don't disclose irrelevant personal information. ("I don't want to know you are five-six, and weigh 195 pounds" one employer said.)

State your accomplishments rather than just your responsibilities. "For example, simply stating: 'Managed a budget of \$200,000 annually for training and development' is not nearly as powerful as 'Reduced training and development costs by 20 percent while maintaining the quality and quantity of training provided to employees,'" Chapman says.

"Placing positive information at the very beginning and again at the very end of the resumé helps keep the employer's attention and capitalizes on the psychological principles of memory to work in your favor," Chapman says.

"Remember, most employers are only skimming your resumé at first to make a preliminary decision. Make sure they can find your information easily."

Sherill, who was first elected to the House in 1994. Initially promised her family she would serve in the General Assembly for only 10 years, but she still ran for re-election in 2004 in the Republican-leaning district.

Allies of Morgan, who was elected the No. 2 House leader for the 2005-06 session, have gotten top committee and leadership assignments, but also been criticized for bills that raised taxes. The state GOP sent a letter last year to Sherill's financial supporters attacking her for her support of a bill that extended a sales tax increase.

"I made a very sincere, conscientious decision. I've decided to support Speaker Morgan and he never let me down," Sherrill said. In 2004, Sherrill helped push through legislation that toughened penalties for strangulations, which authorities say occur often during domestic violence incidents. The law also created a fund to help pay for victims' legal services. Despite her illness, she said she intends to complete her two-year term and be in her seat when the General Assembly reconvenes May 9. She also said she will continue for now to lead a House committee examining eminent domain issues. "I'm not doing it," she said.

### National:

#### Governors GOP dismay

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican governors are openly worrying that the Bush administration's latest stumbles - from the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina to those of its own making on prescription drugs and ports security - are taking an election-year toll on the party back home.

The GOP governors reluctantly acknowledge that the series of gaffes threatens to undermine public confidence in President Bush's ability to provide security, which has long been his greatest strength among voters.

"You've got solid conservatives coming up speaking like they haven't before. It's likely that something's going on at the grass roots," said Republican Mark Sanford of South Carolina. "Whether it's temporary or not remains to be seen."

The unease was clear in interviews with more than a dozen governors over the weekend, including nearly half of the Republicans attending the winter meeting of the National Governors Association. The annual conference was taking place in a capital enthralled by the political first-term over government plans to approve takeover of operations at six U.S. ports by a

company owned by the United Arab Emirates government.

Republican Haley Barbour of Mississippi said midterm elections for second-term presidents are historically disastrous for parties in power, a fact that has Republican governors skittish about November. "Anybody with a brain in their heads knows that '06 historically could be a weak year for Republicans," said the former chairman of the Republican National Committee. "It has less to do with the weakness of the president." For Republican Mitch Daniels of Indiana, who served in the administration as budget director and left to run for governor, the stumbles are undeniable but must be seen in context. "There's a lot of lousy luck involved," he said. "I'm not saying the White House hasn't had better days, but I'm probably not nearly so hard on them as most."

His return to a Washington weathering a barrage of criticism reminded him of the benefits of leaving. "I'm proud to have been associated with this administration. But second terms are tough. I think they've caught some bad breaks. I'm not yearning to be more than a tourist here."

#### New Orleans reinventing teachers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Thousands of New Orleans public school teachers lost their jobs in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. And many will likely not be back.

The school system is expected to be much smaller, with far fewer students and buildings. The Orleans Parish school board recently reaffirmed its decision to fire about 7,500 school district employees. The group had agreed to take that step in December, but a lawsuit delayed that action.

A judge ruled in February that the district didn't adequately notify its workers of the firings by posting the information on a Web site. Media accounts also reported the dismissals. Many teachers have complained they had no access to computers after they were forced to flee the city and ended up in shelters and motels.

The district will now have to mail written notices to all workers at their last known addresses.

Some teachers have returned to the 20 New Orleans public schools that have reopened in recent months. All but four are charter schools, not covered by the teachers' union contract. About 185 teachers are at public schools that are not charters, according to Alvarez & Marsal, the turnaround firm hired to help the system.

About 250 other teachers most from the old New Orleans system are at five schools that are part of the newly organized Algiers Charter Schools Association. And an unspecified number of teachers also returned to classrooms in 11 other charter schools in the city.

### International:

#### Vatican embryo ethics

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Benedict XVI said Monday that embryos developed for in vitro fertilization deserve the same right to life as fetuses, children and adults and that right extends to embryos even before they are transferred into a woman's womb.

The Vatican has long held that human life begins at conception, but Benedict's comments were significant because he specified that even an embryo in its earliest stages when it is just a few cells is just as much a human life as an older being.

The pope made the comments during an audience with members of the Pontifical Academy for Life, who opened a Vatican-sponsored conference Monday on the ethics surrounding the handling of embryos before they are implanted during in vitro procedures.

The Vatican opposes in vitro procedures because embryos created in a laboratory are often discarded, whereas others are frozen and still others are created solely for experimentation or to create stem cells.

#### Saddam trial

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Saddam Hussein's Iraqi lawyers will attend this week's trial session, a month after they walked out in protest and accused the chief judge of being biased against their client, one of the lawyers said Monday.

Khamis al-Obeidi said only the eight Iraqi attorneys will be at Tuesday's session; he said five foreigners defending the ex-president and members of his former regime could not come to Iraq due to days of curfew and violence. "They will attend the following sessions," al-Obeidi said. However, in Switzerland, two foreign members of Saddam's defense team said they were unsure when they might be allowed to see the deposed leader. They accused the court of blocking access to their client. Saddam's chief lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, met with Saddam on Sunday the first time he had seen him in weeks, al-Obeidi said, and found him "in good health and high morale."

as usual." The defense team asked to postpone Tuesday's court session because of sectarian violence that left more than 200 people dead following the bombing of a Shiite shrine last week. Al-Obeidi said any delay would be announced at the beginning of Tuesday's session.

Saddam and seven co-defendants have been on trial since Oct. 19 in the killing of nearly 150 people from the town of Dujail after a 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam there. They face death by hanging if convicted.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said Tuesday's session will include reading the testimony of six witnesses and presenting more documentary evidence.

On Wednesday, the court said the lawyers would be allowed back to defend their clients, reversing a decision made after they walked out of the trial Jan. 29, accusing chief Judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman of bias against Saddam.

Asked why they decided to return even though Abdel-Rahman is still in his post, al-Obeidi said that the lawyers have filed an official request concerning the judge.

"We are not against the judge as a person. He is an Iraqi citizen and we respect all Iraqis," al-Obeidi said. "Our problem is with the judge's behavior. Things will change when he changes his behavior."

The trial has been repeatedly disrupted. The first chief judge stepped down last month amid charges of political interference and accusations that he failed to control the proceedings. Two defense attorneys have been assassinated. Since taking over, Abdel-Rahman has worked to bring order to the courtroom, requiring defendants to ask permission before speaking and sometimes instructing guards to force a defendant to remain silent. Al-Obeidi said Sunday that Saddam and some of his co-defendants had ended a hunger strike they started two days before the last trial session Feb. 14.

The court has heard 26 prosecution witnesses, mostly recounting their imprisonment and torture at the intelligence service headquarters in Baghdad, Abu Ghraib prison and a desert detention camp near the Saudi border.

None linked Saddam directly to the ordeal, but some witnesses identified his half brother Barzan Ibrahim, who also is on trial, as having personally taken part in their torture. Another defendant, former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, was linked by witnesses to the destruction of Dujail's orchards and farm fields.

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## At DePaul, queer studies finds a niche



Professor Gary P. Cestaro teaches a class called "Introduction to LGBTQ Studies" (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer), at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. in February.

(KRT) — College student Eric Oliver sits in the classroom's front row, ready to learn about Italian poet Dante and Catholic theologian St. Thomas Aquinas and their views on morality and sin.

But this isn't a religion, philosophy or literature class. It's an introductory course in queer studies, and for the next 90 minutes, Oliver and his classmates study the history of same-sex desire, the biology of gender identity and government reactions to homosexual behavior dating to the 14th century.

It's no longer remarkable that the subjects are taught, but on this day, it's notable where the discussion is taking place. The classroom is on the campus of DePaul University, the country's largest Catholic university and, it is believed, the first Catholic school to offer an undergraduate minor in queer studies. The minor became available in January.

"I can see how it may seem like a big step," said Gary Cestaro, director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Studies, the official name of the minor.

Other Catholic schools, including Georgetown University and Santa Clara University in California, offer courses in the subject, but they fall under Women and Gender Studies programs. The University of Notre Dame offers a course on sex and sexuality in U.S. history that includes discussion on homosexuality and gay liberation.

Several non-religious colleges offer degrees in the subject, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which allows students to focus on queer studies within the gender and women's studies department.

"Institutions of higher learning, Catholic or not, are about open investigation and free inquiry. DePaul particularly has a strong identity that involves commitment to social justice and to the urban community. At least from that perspective, LGBT studies make a lot of sense here," Cestaro said.

The new program, which began this semester, comes as religiously affiliated universities are grappling with potential conflicts between contemporary issues and religious values. The Rev. John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, recently limited the campus' Queer Film Festival and *The Vagina Monologues* show, requiring the festival to change its name and banning fundraising for the performance.

Jenkins, who wants the Catholic viewpoint represented in discussions of morality, has requested faculty and student input before deciding whether the shows should continue in future years.

Nicholas Lund-Molfese, who works with the higher education agency at the Archdiocese of Chicago, said the archdiocese isn't necessarily opposed to the program.

"I don't have any allergic reaction per se to the subject matter. There are ways it could be treated good and ways it could be treated bad, which is true of any course that deals with history or sociology," he said. "Are there ways of doing this that would be according to Catholic teaching? Yes. Are there ways of doing this that would be opposed to Catholic teaching? Yes."

Karl Maurer, spokesman for Catholic Citizens of Illinois, said he planned to send a letter to DePaul's president, denouncing a program that he contends "validates people in a sinful lifestyle." Catholicism teaches that homosexual activity is immoral.

"I am very disappointed that anti-Catholic propaganda would be given such a high level of attention by DePaul," said Maurer, a DePaul graduate. "Keep in mind this is a university that calls itself the largest Catholic school in the country. This is about truth in advertising."

The study of the gay community, commonly known as LGBTQ Studies, has increasingly become part of university curriculums during the past decade. DePaul has offered several classes through different departments in the past few years, so packaging them together to create a minor made sense, Cestaro said. Students will learn how gay issues are addressed in the fields of history, literature, religion, political science and psychology.



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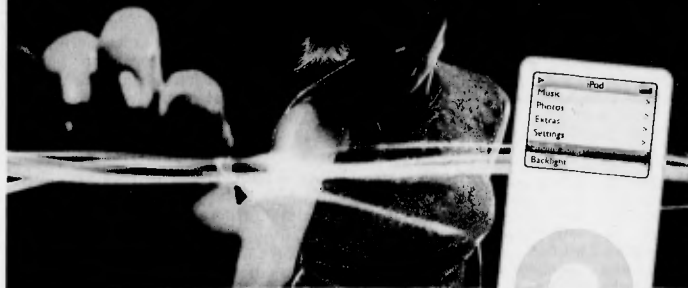
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## My Random Column

### 10 Days and Counting

I am so ready for Spring Break, I am making myself crazy. I don't have any big plans. Spending some time at home with my dad and in Charlotte with my godson and best friend is the extent of my travels. It is a much-needed break from Greenville, though.

With that said, where did the first two months of this year go? It seems like just yesterday we were starting classes, and now we are taking midterms. Those two and a half months people use to work out and get a tan before Spring Break shows its face are essentially gone. Sooner than later exams and summer break will be here.

Does anyone else feel like they are being cheated out of time? Like hours of the day are stolen without return to a mystery place where they will never be seen again? Sometimes minutes, other times days - time is just gone, never to be retrieved in the world. Strange thought.

I was advising a friend that you have to look out for yourself and your own well-being because you are the only one who always will. The only person always there for you is yourself. You have to make yourself happy, not just content with what you are doing. If you are not happy, change the situation. There is always another option. Learn what you can so you can grow as a person. It is the only way you will know what you like and don't. Try new things and try things that scare you. You will be a stronger person in the end.

You can never get time back so spend it how you want to, make yourself happy and live life to the fullest. You don't get another chance at life, so enjoy what you have.

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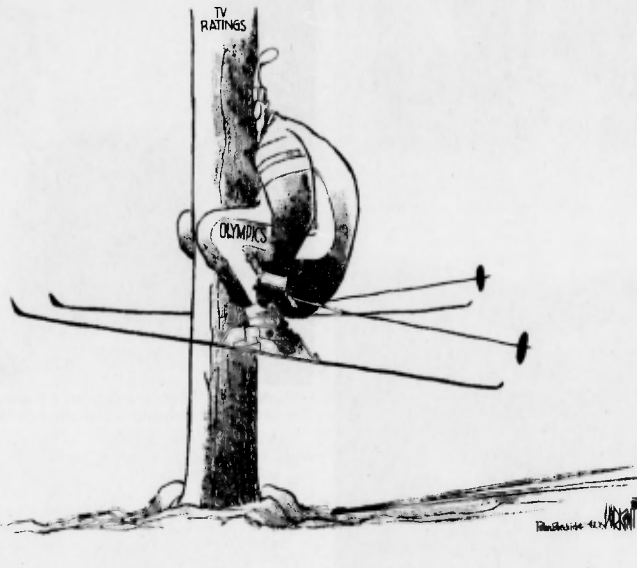
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## Opinion Columnist

### Slow down and let things out

Rantings and Ravings  
BENJAMIN CORMACK  
CASUAL OBSERVER

Have you ever felt like the soundtrack for your life is stuck on the Benny Hill chase music? Have you ever felt that your life is moving at the speed of a montage? Well that's how it's been for me as of late. I've got to tell you, I'm drained. I've been looking at apartments, doing class work, writing, dealing with student organization registration, getting things together for the student organization, shopping around for desktop computers, getting a suit for a mock trial in one of my classes and wrecking my brain trying to figure out what to write about this week. I still have to talk to my advisor. I haven't even been able to do laundry. The funny thing is that it's piling up and I'm running out of clothes. What are the odds? I know this may not seem like a lot to some, but I am just mentally stressed and exhausted. It's times like this that I wish I could just make time stand still for an hour or two. Heck, at this point, I kind of wish I was back in high school, and I hated high school.

So join me in ranting about things that have driven me crazy over the past few days, and hopefully next week will be more inspiring.

**Crazy North Carolina weather:** After living here nearly all my life, I've grown accustomed to bizarre and unusual weather. Lately, however, this has been just a little too much. Over the past few weeks the temperatures have gone from 30, to 40, to 50, to 60, to 70 and it could even reach 80. Is Mother Nature high? I honestly think that if this keeps up, I'm either going to get sick or I'm going to explode. I can just picture it, too. I'll be standing in line at West End dining hall, next thing you know ... boom! Actually it might sound more like a water-ballooning when it bursts, only much louder.

**Cisco Clean Access Agent:** One day, about an hour before one of my classes, I thought I would check my e-mail. So I turned on my computer and then that log-in window appeared. I put in my info, my password ... it took 45 minutes to download updates, restart my computer and log-in again just to check my e-mail. I had no new messages.

**Squirrels:** I cannot confirm any rumors, theories or connections to any actual events, but I know the campus squirrels are up to something.

**Campus Drop-Offs:** Nearly every day, there are cars backed up along the street that goes through the middle of campus by the Science and Technology Building, the Bate Building and Wright Auditorium. Don't people realize that the pedestrian traffic just makes the road traffic even worse? I mean, would it kill you to take the bus?

**Twens:** It's not that particular age group that I have the problem with, it's that word. "Tween." Just saying it leaves a bad taste in my mouth. It sounds more like something a two-year-old would say, and not something an eight to 12 year old would say. To me it could even be the name of some kind of horrible virus. I can just imagine it: "Tween-virus ravages the country side. Hundreds are dead and thousands are dying with no hope of a cure to the horrible disease in sight." I've only talked to a few kids within the "tween" age range, and none of them seemed to like the word. If not for me, then for the sake of the children somebody please come up with a better word to replace it.

**I don't care where you at:** I can't stand hearing that annoying sound, which I can only describe as an electronic fart that I hear whenever someone uses that "walkie-talkie" feature on their cell phones. It's bad

enough when I hear it around campus, but I sometimes hear it in class. I nearly get as sick hearing that sound as I do when I hear "tween." You'd think that with the ability to do different ring tones, they could make different sound options for that feature.

**Midterms:** I think that says it all.

**Unrecognized greatness:** To me, Morgan Freeman has not been recognized as much as I feel he deserves for his acting ability and general greatness as a human being. No offense Denzel Washington, but in my opinion Freeman should have been the first African American to win the Oscar for Best Actor years ago. The man has constantly shown himself to be a great speaker and actor. He's been in some great films like *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Lean On Me*, *The Shawshank Redemption* ... the man was even on *The Electric Company*. He played God in *Bruce Almighty*. Freeman even narrated *March of the Penguins* for crying out loud! Give the man his dues! At least throw him a surprise party!

**Flavor Flav reality TV:** Why are women throwing themselves and generally doing whatever they can to be with Flavor Flav...Flavor Flav...Flavor Flav...Flavor Flav! I know I'm not with it, down, dope, whatever the term is now, but I just can't wrap my head around this. I think I passed out trying to make sense of this and woke up two days later.

**Dick Cheney:** OK, he shot somebody. Yes it's funny, but a little too easy for my taste. OK, one joke. What does Dick Cheney like to hunt for? Duck!

Phew! That feels better. I hope I've given you all something to discuss or think about. Now, I'm going to lie down. That Flavor Flav thing is starting to make my head hurt again.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
Has anyone else seen or read about what is going on with the Confederate Soldier statue on the courthouse grounds in downtown Greenville? If not, let me go ahead and sum it up for you. The local NAACP leaders want to take down the memorial, calling it a "relic representing slavery and hatred." I can't understand why people continue to look at this issue like this. It leads me to draw two conclusions on the issue.

Number one, the people who are in favor of bringing down the monument love to see their name and the name of their organization in the news. This is the case that I believe is the truth. Why is the local NAACP worrying about a stupid statue when they walk out of their own front door on MLK and take a look around at the current problems in west Greenville? We all know about the crime problems in this town, and let's put it this way, it's not the students of ECU committing these crimes upon our colleagues. There are many problems in the city of Greenville, and I think it's absolutely ridiculous that city leaders and leaders from the

NAACP are involved in an attempt to tear down a statue that has been standing for nearly 100 years. These "leaders of the community" need to stop looking in the mirror and take a look out their front door because this city has major issues and a statue downtown is not one of them. Basically, my point is it's a statue. There is no Confederate flag flying on the courthouse. There are really no signs of hatred and racism, other than the fact that it's a Confederate statue. Correct the real problems in this town, specifically west Greenville, and then worry about statues and such. The NAACP stands for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. How the heck is debating over a statue advancing your people when three blocks away, you have one of the worst gang problems in the state of North Carolina? Get your act together and let's clean up this city!

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## Pirate Rant

TEC, please proofread your paper before sending it out. There are always mistakes that can be fixed by actually reading your paper.

So far, I have eaten six boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

RAs are not robots. We eat, sleep and breathe like the rest of you. So please forgive us for not hearing that one single loud scream/stomp/blast of music past quiet hours at the same time you hear it. You are in a building of 400 people, you can't expect it to be completely silent at night.

To the person who complained about the ECU Police Department spending too much time worrying about illegally parked cars, before you rant about something, make sure your rant correctly. You're right that ECU Police do have better things to do than writing tickets, that's why they don't. Take your problem up with the Parking and Transportation Office, not the police.

It is extremely sad to see that people only donate their time and money to "popular" tragic events at the current time. People! Even though Hurricane Katrina happened months ago, these people still need our help! There are still bodies lying dead in the streets, and still families without permanent housing. Don't forget!

Using a letter opener is simple yet satisfying.

I'm all for women's equality. Pay for your part of the date and stand up on the bus!

The professor is trying to teach the class how to work word problems conceptually, and you, Miss Thang in the front of the class, openly complain that it's a waste of time. Not only do you tell the professor this, but you continue to argue with him for the next 15 minutes, wasting our time. Good job being hypocritical and annoying at the same time.

Beer makes the front page? It wastes your money, makes you fat and causes hundreds of thousands of drinkers to kill other innocent people each year when the idiots get behind the wheel. Those who really do idolize Max will be the ones living in a trailer wondering why their jobs are outsourced to harder working folks in other countries.

To the girl who took the White Hall Computer Lab Scissors on Tuesday, please bring them back. I said, "Yes, you can borrow my scissors as long as you bring them back." Guess I won't be doing that again!

To the person who said they like the biscuits in Wright Place, have you seen their Sanitation Score? A "B" = food sanitation problems! Take EHS 2110.

To my roommate who constantly talks about quitting ECU and going to culinary school, I wish you'd do it already. You're constant whining about how awful life is here is really getting old.

To the study room couple in library, no we can't see you with the windows blocked, but we can hear you, and while I may be accepting of alternative lifestyles, it is very hard to study while overhearing your version of Brokeback Joyner.

The people committing the crimes are preying upon drunken college students walking home from downtown. If you are worried about getting shot downtown, then don't go downtown. Would a mouse crawl down a snake hole? I think not!

For the love of God, for the last time, ECU Police do not handle parking violations except handicap, fire lanes and if the vehicles obstruct the roadway.

You don't deserve to be treated like a princess when even your roommate calls you a slut.

Nice guys are out there. Lots of times we are just harder to find.

He doesn't come over when he says he will. He's never at his house when you go over or even attempt to be there (when he knows you're coming). He told you he has a girlfriend and a baby on the way. You still think you have a chance? One word describes you sweetheart, denial!

Theme songs with your iPod - on your way to class: Coolio's "Gangster's Paradise." Walking through building to classroom: James Bond theme. Leaving class: Bee Gee's "Staying Alive."

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## Mendenhall

Coming March 1st at Mendenhall p.m. with a live will be provided

'Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang' Thursday at 9 p.m. Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m.

'Harry Potter' Thursday at 7 p.m. Friday at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday at 3 p.m.

## Top 5s:

### Top 5 Movies

1. Eight Below
2. The Pink Panther
3. Date Movie
4. Curious George
5. Firewall

### Top 5 Pop Albums

1. Jai Rodriguez
2. Jack Johnson
3. Barry Manilow
4. Mary J. Blige
5. Andrea Bocelli

### Top 5 TV Shows

1. American Idol
2. American Idol
3. Grey's Anatomy
4. Desperate Housewives
5. 'Olympic Winter Games'

### Top 5 Books

1. Cell
2. The Da Vinci Code
3. The Last Temptation of Christ
4. Sea Change
5. Memory in the Flesh

### New DVDs on shelves

1. Walk the Line
2. Yours, Mine & Ours
3. Pride and Prejudice
4. A History of Violence
5. Prime

## Horoscope

**Aries** - For a while now, you've been like yourself, it's not your fault and enjoy it.

**Taurus** - Let your push in the right direction. Ask for help. Try to be more patient.

**Gemini** - You've been a bit of a mess and soon, if you're not careful, you'll be a mess. Confess, all right.

**Cancer** - If you would be grateful. Also, be grateful for your shortcomings.

**Leo** - The more the better. To loan. Signify a slaying within.

**Virgo** - It's OK. Call the shots and let some serious thinking.

**Libra** - It's the advice from your friends. Increase your income drama.

**Scorpio** - You doubt about the love you have because now you're in love.

**Sagittarius** - Your motto now. This could mean your money.

**Capricorn** - Your head in the clouds. The machine catch up on you.

**Aquarius** - You now, or lose or to a Capricorn to you.

**Pisces** - Although also very strong especially now. Know exactly what you want.

## Announcements

Feb. 26 - Marco Body Image a more informed student health...

My Hero... Realized I've performed Saturday, March 4th at 7 p.m. Central Ticket office at 1-800-368-2222.



**Mendenhall Movies:**

Coming March 8, watch the Oscar's at Mendenhall. The event starts at 7 p.m. with a live Oscar broadcast. Food will be provided.

**'Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang'**  
Thursday at 9:30 p.m.  
Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight  
Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

**'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire'**  
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Sunday at 3 p.m.

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2. *Yours, Mine & Ours*
3. *Pride and Prejudice*
4. *A History of Violence*
5. *Prime*

**Horoscope:**

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**Taurus** - Let your friends give you a push in the right direction. Don't wait, ask for help. They'll be glad to do it.

**Gemini** - You'll fully understand the reason you've played by the rules - and soon. If you've cheated, even just a little, that will be noticeable, too. Confess, all ends well.

**Cancer** - If you can go now, that would be grand. Odds are in your favor. Also, begin new projects and send your short story to the publisher.

**Leo** - The more debt you pay off, the more the bank is willing and eager to loan. Stay ahead of the curve by staying within your means.

**Virgo** - It's OK to let your partner call the shots for a little while. Relax, and let somebody else do the serious thinking.

**Libra** - It's important to remember the advice from a wise elder: You can increase your productivity and your income dramatically now.

**Scorpio** - You are loved, there's no doubt about that, in direct proportion to the love you spread around. Enjoy, because now it's everywhere.

**Sagittarius** - Sell high, buy low. That's your motto now, no matter what it is. This could mean your time as well as your money.

**Capricorn** - You could merrily bury your head in the books for a while. Let the machine answer the phone and catch up on your reading.

**Aquarius** - You could make a fortune now, or lose one. It's up to you. Listen to a Capricorn who only wins when you do.

**Pisces** - Although you're kind, you're also very strong in your opinions, especially now. Let other people know exactly where you stand.

**Announcements:**

Feb. 26 - March 3 is Eating Disorder/Body Image Awareness Week. For more information visit [ecu.edu/studenthealth](http://ecu.edu/studenthealth).

**My Hero... Reaching for the Stars!** will be performed at Wright Auditorium, Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information call the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, toll free at 1-800-ECU-ARTS or visit [ecuarts.com](http://ecuarts.com).

## Wake up and smell the fashion

**Timeless fashion do's**

TOMEKA STEELE  
SENIOR WRITER

Fashion is one of my personal favorite pastimes. My bank account balance can prove it. I can't help myself, I love keeping up with what's hot and what's most definitely not in the fashion world. Some of the hottest television shows like "What Not To Wear" and "Project Runway" are dedicated to fashion and keep the general population informed about what the next big trends will be.

There are a few things in my book that will never go out of style when it comes to fashion do's. For women, the pencil skirt, gold accessories, jersey material shirts, wide belts and a killer pair of stilettos will never go out of style. For men, polo shirts, leather loafers, a pair of Air Force Ones, fitted hats and a tailor-cus-tomized blazer are timeless pieces for a wardrobe.

Even though fashion changes, these pieces seem to always remain the same with subtle changes throughout fashion history. The pencil skirt has been popular for decades. The basic black pencil skirt can

be worked with almost anything. It's sexy yet classy. The spin on the pencil skirt today is the colored pencil skirt. Choosing bold colors like purple or navy blue add spice to the most popular skirt in history.

Gold is everywhere. Gold earrings, gold bracelets, gold purses and gold shoes are posted in every fashion magazine and being seen on every runway. Gold has been popular for only about a year and a half, but its craze is spreading like wildfire. Gold is a neutral color, which makes it easy to incorporate into a colorful wardrobe.

Jersey material shirts are very comfortable and drape well over the body. The great thing about jersey is that it doesn't wrinkle. You can find a jersey shirt balled up in the back of your closet and wear it to the club without ironing or throwing it into the dryer. It's convenient and flattering.



Model Heidi Klum and fashion designer Michael Kors attend the 'Project Runway' fashion show.

of a woman with fashion sense. Men have it easy when it comes to fashion, because what's hot doesn't change too drastically from one year to the next. One staple in men's fashion is the polo

shirt. These colored shirts show that a guy can be fun but serious too. They come in many different colors, but all that matters is the collar. Confident fashion forward guys choose to pop them and

some guys don't. It doesn't really matter, but the polo is definitely in for guy's fashion.

Every man should have a  
see **TRENDY** page A6

## All-over fashion faux pas



Anyone who would wear this ensemble needs some good advice.

**The worst fashion trends that we love to hate**

ELIZABETH FULTON  
STAFF WRITER

Fashion is a fickle thing. One moment, you're perusing the latest issue of *Vogue* or *Cosmopolitan* sweating that you'd never be caught dead wearing whatever trend they are promoting. Then before you can say haute couture three times fast (try it), it is everywhere and suddenly the latest craze doesn't seem so silly anymore.

In the grand scheme of life, fads always fade and we all find ourselves sorting through past candid portraits and wonder, "what were we thinking when we donned that get-up?"

The truly heinous ones will stay burrowed in our memories often surfacing and resulting in a good chuckle at the stupidity of past fashion crimes.

Poor taste has been around as long as good taste - keeping a natural balance in human nature. Here is a list of fashion horrors that terrifyingly enough could once again become all the rage.

The 1970s were not kind to the male species. While girls were going more natural and enjoying the beauty and practicality of wedge heels, the leisure suit appeared on the scene in all of its polyester glory. Even worse than its tight-fitting design and the preference of awkward loafers as its companion were the colors. Tangerine is hardly a good palette choice and adding a paisley ascot does not equal fashion domination. Luckily, the 1980s brought back the time-tested and always classy preppy genre.

Ladies didn't survive the 1970s unscathed. The emergence of blue eyeshadow in excessive use has plagued them for some time. Less is more definitely applies to this situation.

Moving on to the 1980s when "anything goes" was an expression that designers took to heart. Day-glo colors, the neon rainbow of yellow, sherbert orange and lime green appeared in an explosion of socks, shoelaces, headbands, nail polish and T-shirts. For a quick jolt, watch Wham's powerful video "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go." Neither man nor woman was safe from this color eruption. Any child of the 1980s could probably dig up a neon artifact or seven.

Also in the 1980s, the ever-changing Madonna decided pointy bras would be a good statement to make. Lucky for all of us, now she simply prefers to pretend she is British.

Women were very confused with what a smart fashion move was in the 1980s. Shoulder pads, stirrup pants and teased hair (affectionately referred to as "Jersey hair") created a top-heavy look that made them look like they couldn't decide between football practice and ballet lessons.

The 1990s arrived and everyone thought we would be safe from poor attire selections. Unfor-

see **FAUX PAS** page A6

## Walker - Too hot to handle

**The inside scoop on Hollywood's leading stud**

MEREDITH STEWART  
SENIOR WRITER

What girl can help but swoon at blue-eyes, a body sculpted to perfection and blonde hair that always looks manageable and never out of place. Guess who I am talking about? Paul Walker, of course. He is in magazines everywhere, all over the television and coming up in the movie theaters.

Walker's name became famous after he co-starred with Vin Diesel in *The Fast and the Furious* in 2001. This was a big turning point; he soon began interacting with a new group of fans and gained a whole new population of groupies. In 2002, Walker and Diesel took home the MTV movie award for Best On-Screen Duo.

This was his mark as a full blown star in Hollywood. Girls everywhere fanaticized about him while guys wanted his cars and smooth skills with the ladies.

"I remember when *The Fast and the Furious* came out. My girlfriends and I waited in line way before the movie started just to get a ticket. It was definitely worth it back then, and the name Brian O'Connor was all we could think about," said

Catherine Smith, sophomore English major.

Before Walker hit fame, he started out as a child actor/model. His mother was a model, and with her inside connections to the entertainment industry, she helped his chances. He appeared in many commercials, including one for Pampers baby diapers, which will surely come back to embarrass him sooner or later.

He continued modeling through the late 1980s. With the encouragement of his parents who wanted him to make some money to go to college, he began making appearances in low-budget movies such as *Monster in the Closet* (1987).

For him, acting had served its purpose; he was able to attend community college and dreamed of becoming a marine biologist. Walker continued acting on the side and could be seen in the hit 1993 soap opera "The Young and the Restless." One year later, he appeared in yet another low-budget film *Tammy and the T-Rex*.

His first widely released film was *Meet the Deedles* in 1998. Later the same year, he landed a role in *Pleasantville*, in which he was able to star with Hollywood's

see **WALKER** page A6

## You're better than this ... One night stands overrated

**Sometimes, someone just has to speak the truth**

SENSIBLE PARTY GIRL  
TRUTH WRITER

We're in college now. This typically means no bedtime, very little parental control and much more interaction with the opposite sex. Some people have a little trouble adjusting to this. In fact, I think a lot of people would agree that drunken nights downtown can lead to a lot more than you bargained for.

Personally, I don't find it difficult not to hook up with random people; I just don't have the desire to do it. Sure, I am in a relationship with someone whom I care a lot about, but I know that even if I was single, I have enough self-respect not to get trashed and sacrifice myself both emotionally and physically.

You all know the type. When going downtown or to parties, it's easy to pick out "that girl." She's stumbling around from

person to person, slurring her speech and trying haphazardly to dance her sexy dance. Before you know it, she's leeching herself onto a confused but grateful guy and everyone in the room knows exactly what's going to happen later. Part of me feels sorry for her, but a bigger part of me wants to scream at her.

We're not just talking sex either, because I know some girls who convince themselves that if they're only making out, it's not the same thing. Regardless of what random sexual task you're completing, there is no explaining it. Some girls claim they were too drunk to remember making such a bad decision.

My answer to that is, "Maybe you shouldn't drink so much that you aren't aware of what you're doing?"

I feel the same about being the girl on the side; there is no valid reason for making yourself someone's sloppy seconds ... everyone deserves more than that. There's a guy out there



who's willing to devote all his time and energy solely to you. Now, I know this is college. I know that some of you are

reading this and thinking: "Relax, this is what we're supposed to do." But I have a really hard time believing that. There's no doubt that college is a time for trying new things and is a chance to find yourself.

On the other hand, if you're constantly finding yourself in a stranger's bed, I think you may have come to school for the wrong reasons. If the only time you feel good about yourself is when you're being used by someone else, you need to reassess your emotional condition.

I'm not leaving the guys who use these girls out; they're also to blame for these unhealthy situations. No matter how attractive you think you are (or how drunk you know a girl is), you've got no right to use a girl for some late-night action.

But ladies, if you know you're too good for this kind of treatment, you won't fall for those kind of guys. In fact, you'll find that if you set higher expectations for yourself, you'll

attract guys who are willing to come up to that level to meet you.

I recommend just being friends with a few great guys. Guys just have a much simpler view of things and their sarcastic, joking personalities can be extremely refreshing when you're hanging around girls all the time. Plus, they won't hesitate to tell you which guy seems great but is actually a jerk.

So we're young ... who doesn't want to go out, have an amazing time with friends and make some lasting memories? Just keep in mind that along with those memories, you don't want to be carrying around a dozen mistakes. You can still have the time of your life without allowing yourself to be treated like a doormat.

So go out with the girls, have a blast, dance as hard as you want but know that you're better than a one-night stand.

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### Faux Pas from page A5

Unfortunately, it was a slow journey with many bumps in the road.

Men stayed fairly true to the stand by of jeans and a T-shirt, taking a brief stop in Crazy Town where they thought displaying half of their underwear was a good decision.

Ladies continued the bad hair trend by incorporating their scrunchie into their coiffe of choice.

Adding salt to the wound was placing more than one scrunchie into a ponytail, especially if the colors clashed or it had a strange design on it.

With the release of the movie *Clueless* in 1995, dressing like a child became the choice for many in the mid-1990s. Suddenly

baby-doll dresses paired with white-laced leggings and chunky platforms were everywhere. Also added into this trend was the use of crushed velvet and velour. The 1960s and 1970s seemed to be back and no one was safe.

As the millennium drew to a close, a scary fashion statement was initiated for girls. Cotton knits with a camouflage print began to prevail among the 12-18 set.

At the same time, zebra and leopard print reappeared. While this wasn't a blatant attack on good fashion, mixing the two or wearing an excessive amount at one time could lead to anything but "jungle love."

The only serious crime of

fashion that has really dominated the beginning of this century are those infernal Uggs boots. Ironically, wikipedia.com, the free encyclopedia, reports that the word "ug" in Australia is actually short for the word "ugly." While no one is arguing that they assuredly are good for keeping feet and calves are warm, its pairing with a certain other fashion staple, the mini-skirt, just plain does not make sense.

If it is cold enough to be wearing boots, how can it be warm enough for a mini-skirt?

Also keep in mind that some trends never seem to go away. It is absolutely absurd when people take symbolic items such as

Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong wrist bands or sporting an arm band to raise awareness for freeing Tibet and turn them into a flash-in-the-pan style.

Lastly, know your body type and consider it when selecting a wardrobe. There is nothing more unattractive than back-fat, and it should be outlawed.

It is exciting to see what direction fashion will take next. So often items from the past are revamped and repackaged into the next best thing. If this is true, then jorts may very well be on the way back in.

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### Walker from page A5

one and only Reese Witherspoon. Walker appealed to the teen audience by appearing in movies such as *She's All That* and *Varsity Blues*. He was anxiously awaiting his "big break," and he finally received it in 2001 with *The Fast and the Furious*.

Another hit film for Walker in 2001 was *Joy Ride*, which received good reviews from

the critics and from fans. Just two years later, he was set to star in the film *S.W.A.T.* but ended up leaving the project and was replaced by Colin Farrell. In 2002, he was chosen by *People Magazine* as one of the world's "50 Most Beautiful People."

Within the past month, Walker has starred in two films. First was *Running Scared*, which

is an action thriller, and *Eight Below*, a family-friendly Disney movie set in Antarctica. In its first four days of release, *Eight Below* grossed more than \$24 million. With charts such as these, I think we can all count on him being around for a while.

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### Trendy from page A5

pair of leather loafers ... take it from Italian men. Loafers go well with any outfit and add style and sophistication instantly. Going hand and hand with that is a pair of Air Force Ones. They are practical and can be worn year round. The fitted hat will never go out of style. It's sexy and an expression of a guy's personality. A fitted hat can add pizzazz to any outfit. Every guy should also have a well-tailored blazer. Blazers can be worn with anything from a suit to a pair of jeans and are sophisticated.

There are many fashion trends at the moment, but I choose to follow only those I know will be around for a while. That's the best way to go, especially when spending money to keep up with what's hot can potentially ruin your credit.

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## Smith's six RBI, homer carry ECU

(SID) — For the second time in a week, ECU beat Duke by double-digit runs as the Pirates dominated the Blue Devils, 17-4, at Clark-LeClair Stadium Tuesday afternoon. ECU scored two in the first, one in the third, five in the fourth and nine in the eighth to put the Blue Devils away.

Jake Smith, who was named Conference USA Hitter of the Week on Monday for his 10 RBI performance last week, continued his torrid pace of driving in runners with a career-high six RBI in ECU's 13-run victory. Smith finished the day 2-for-4 with two runs scored, a double and a grand slam.

Four other Pirates collected two hits as ECU (8-3) finished with 12 as a team. Jay Mattox finished 2-for-3 with an RBI and a career-best four runs scored while Harrison Eldridge also finished 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs. Stephen Batts hit 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run while Brandon Henderson went 2-for-2 with a double, a homer, three RBI and two runs scored all as a pinch-hitter in the eighth. Chris Buss also tripled in an eighth-inning pinch-hit appearance, driving in two of ECU's nine eighth inning runs.

Brody Taylor picked up his first win since the 2004 season, tossing five shutout innings in his first start of the year. The senior left-hander gave up just four hits while walking two and striking out six. Mike Flye, Josh Dowdy and Michael Hill combined to throw the final four innings. Duke starter Jim Perry suffered the loss, allowing seven runs, six earned, on five hits and three walks in 3 2/3 innings. Jimmy Saris, Jonathan Anderson and Durfee combine to allow nine earned runs in the final 4 1/3 innings.

The Pirates didn't waste any time to get ahead of the Blue Devils, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first. Smith's double to right-center scored Mattox from second for the first run before Batts' RBI single to center scored Smith two batters later.

The Pirates' lead increased to 3-0 in the third when Smith drove in Mattox for the second time in the first three innings with an RBI grounder to second.

ECU took an 8-0 lead with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. The scoring started when a Drew Schieber sac fly to right brought home Ryan Tousley from third, pushing the lead to 4-0. Four batters later with two outs and the bases loaded, Smith connected on his third homer of the season with a shot to left.

Duke added two runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings, cutting the Pirate lead to 8-4.

ECU blew the game open in the eighth with nine more runs. In the inning, the Pirates collected one walk, one hit-by-pitch, two singles, two doubles, two triples and Henderson's first-career homer.

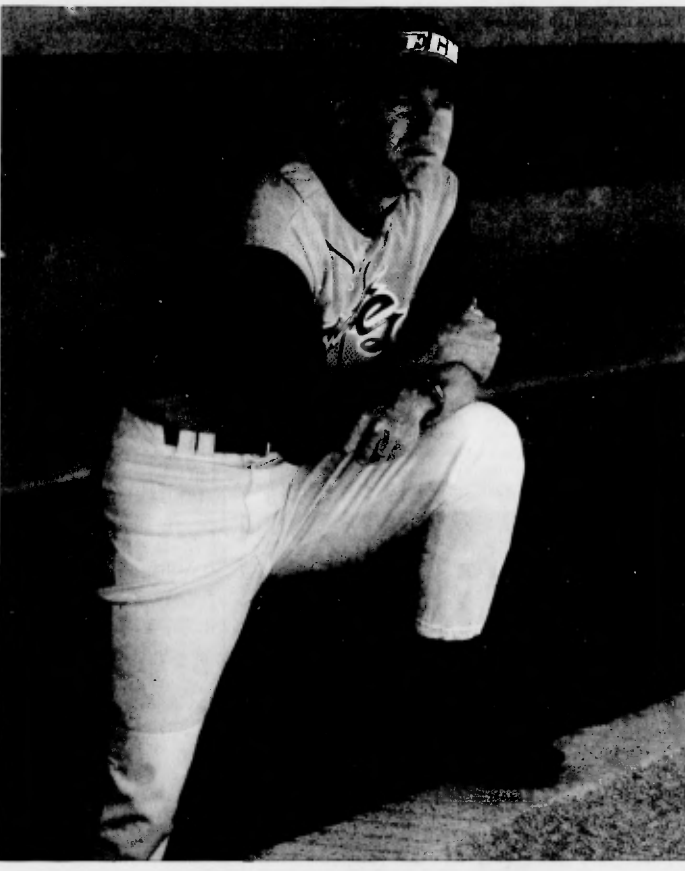
ECU will host Stony Brook this weekend at Clark-LeClair Stadium, March 3-5.

### Sports Briefs

Twenty-two ECU athletes earn All-Conference honors at swimming and diving Championships

ECU set nine varsity records and 22 student-athletes earned all-conference accolades at the 2006 Conference USA Swimming and Diving Women's Championships and Men's Invitational. Sophomore Rebecca Perry qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 50-free with a varsity record time of 22.88. She also established varsity records in the 100 (50.83) and 200-free (1:49.10). She also helped set varsity records in the 400-medley, 400-free and 800-free relays to earn all-conference honors in each relay event. Junior Bryan Yasinsac earned all-conference honors in four relay events and set the varsity record in the 50-free. Yasinsac teamed with Greg Neville, Charlie McCanness and Christoph Lubenau to establish a new varsity mark in the 200-medley. Lubenau and Neville each earned all-conference honors in five events. Neville placed among the top three in the 100 and 200-back as did Lubenau in the 100-fly with an NCAA 'B' mark and varsity record time of 47.96. Senior Adrienne Williams also recorded an NCAA 'B' time in the 50-free as did Perry in the 100 and 200-free. Senior Holly Williams and junior Kate Gordon merited all-conference recognition in the 200-fly as did junior Matt Donohue in the 100-back.

# Not enough being done for ALS



Coach LeClair looks on at Harrington Stadium during his days with the Pirates.

## More money needs to be raised to battle ALS

ERIC GILMORE  
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Chicago has its version of "23." But in eastern North Carolina and to Pirate fans, the number "23" means something totally different. The number

is associated with the jersey of former ECU baseball coach Keith LeClair, who fights for every breath while coping with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Over the past five years, his name and jersey signify an unwavering will to live and an unbreakable spirit.

Over the weekend, ECU hosted the third annual Keith

LeClair Classic at their recently renovated stadium, which also bears his name. The round robin format put Greenville in the national spotlight with excellent teams and even better baseball. It showcased ECU's most successful sport and one of LeClair's deep-rooted passions.

But the real purpose behind the tournament was to raise

money and awareness for ALS. According to officials, attendees contributed almost \$3,000 to the Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter of the ALS Association. The second annual Pirate Armada, a group of ECU fans from Charlotte to the stadium donated approximately \$1,800 of the total.

For an extraordinary man who jump started ECU's baseball program and has influenced countless lives, a shade under \$3,000 for a tournament bearing his name just isn't sufficient. It's a start, but for him and similar victims with mounting medical bills, it's not enough.

According to officials, more money would probably have been raised had the weather cooperated. However, no thundercloud or cool temperature should have deterred potential donations. The man is worth his weight in gold considering the amount of players' and fans' lives that he's influenced.

Can't we as a university and region do more? Shouldn't we be doing more? ALS is the perfect cause for the entire eastern North Carolina region to unite for a single fund raising event. Approximately 700 North Carolina residents suffer from the motor neuron disease that weakens the brain's ability to control muscle movement causing atrophy.

The LeClair family endorses the Greenville-based Down East ALS support group headed by Linda or Lewis Forrest. The Down East group works closely with the Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter, whose main fundraising event is the Walk to D'Feet ALS. The chapter, founded in memory of the former professional pitcher, sponsors walks in both North and South Carolina. The September 2005 walk held in Greenville raised \$43,337, severely missing the \$70,000 goal. However, a group called K's for Keith contributed \$6,205 in honor of LeClair.

We can do better. Consider that Carolina Panther defensive end Mike Rucker has raised over \$115,000 in his "Sack ALS" fundraiser during the past two seasons. Rucker and his corporate sponsor make a financial pledge benefiting the PinStripes Fund for the ALS Center at Caro-

lina Medical Center in Charlotte.

Just last year, the PinStripes Fund, with backing from celebrities such as ESPN analyst Jay Bilas, former Panther quarterback Steve Beuerlein, current UNC-system president Erskine Bowles and Rucker, raised \$320,000.

The PinStripes Fund was co-founded by the late Edwin Holt, who succumbed to ALS in 2004. His Golfing for Gehrig golf tournament is coupled with a black tie gala held over one weekend. Like the Jimmy V. foundation is to Raleigh, the PinStripes Fund aligns Charlotte's best philanthropists for a similar cause.

What if eastern North Carolina united their resources for ALS? Certainly, many non-profit organizations are in need of support, but this debilitating disease desperately needs financial backing. Think of the prominent families that live east of Interstate 95. If the Pirate Club members can generate almost \$100,000 during a span of two hours with their yearly auction, why can't ALS organizations generate similar numbers without targeting just ECU fans?

The region has enough firepower to make it happen. Athletic director Terry Holland ran in the ECU 10K Road Race last year benefiting ALS so he would be a sure thing. What about including Dave Mirra and the X Games athletes that call Greenville home? How about involving award-winning author Nicholas Sparks, who resides in New Bern? Throw in Clinton native and Super Bowl champion Willie Parker with past ECU players and a foundation could easily be set.

Though LeClair's players have graduated, his lessons continue to mold young people every day. I've never spoken to Coach LeClair, as he's affectionately known throughout the community. But the number "23" is louder than any voice.

Whether it's a baseball tournament or an innocent lemonade stand, LeClair and his causes deserve our financial support. Just think, next year it might be too late.

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McElwain's improbable night started with two bad misses, but he finished "hot as a pistol."

## McElwain overcomes the odds with breathtaking performance

Autistic player drops 20 points in four minutes

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Monday morning, I woke up around eight with the intention of doing a little research for today's article before going to class. Like I do most mornings, I fired up my trusty iBook and logged in to my Piratemail account to check the day's e-mail, followed by some mindless Web browsing. Before commencing my research, I decided to click around on a few Web sites I frequent since there was no rush for me to begin my work.

My original intention, as my editor Tony Zoppo knows, was to write about the World Baseball Classic, which starts in a couple of days (March 3, to be exact). As interesting as the world's first-ever international baseball tournament is to me, I discovered a captivating and uplifting story that I instantly knew I had to share with all of you.

A Web site that I'm sure many

of you are fans of, CollegeHumor.com, was the highly improbable place where I found a video covering the amazing story of a young man named Jason McElwain.

It isn't often a tale like this comes along, one of almost fairy tale-like circumstances. The fact is Jason is autistic. For those of you unfamiliar with autism, it is, according to *The American Heritage Dictionary*, a psychiatric disorder of childhood characterized by marked deficits in communication and social interaction, preoccupation with fantasy, language impairment and abnormal behavior, such as repetitive acts and excessive attachment to certain objects.

Typically, people tend to simply associate autism with intellectual impairment.

But this story isn't really about Jason being autistic, although in some sense it is. And it isn't about me attempting to influence you to feel bad or sympathetic for him due to his condition. Rather, it is about a brave and competent young man accomplishing something many of us dream of and, in all probability, will never

achieve.

"The thing about Jason is he isn't afraid of anything," said his father, David McElwain, to the *Daily Messenger* of Canandaigua. "He doesn't care what people think about him. He is his own person."

Jason is a 17-year-old senior at Greece Athena High School in Greece, N.Y., a suburb outside Rochester. Due to his autism, Jason did not begin to speak until he reached the age of five. Expectantly, he had trouble with social skills, but as he got older, he made many friends and acquired a love for basketball. It is his favorite sport and passion in life.

"I just love it, it's one of the greatest sports in the world," said Jason during a phone interview with the Associated Press Thursday.

Standing 5-foot-6-inches tall, Jason doesn't necessarily correspond to the conventional stature of a basketball player. One would also be quick to assume that his autism would prohibit him from playing, an assumption this story

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## ECU softball splits weekend games

Lady Pirates fall short in Cougar Classic final

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After losing their last two games against Michigan State and Ohio, the ECU softball team was looking to get back on track last weekend as they traveled to Charleston, S.C. to take part in the C of C Cougar Classic.

The Lady Pirates opened the Cougar Classic last Friday against Marshall. Senior Alison Monce led ECU in scoring with a three-run blast over the left field fence in the bottom of the second inning in the game.

The Lady Pirates finished the game with two more runs as Marshall responded with only one run. In the final inning, as ECU rolled on to a 5-1 win, ending their losing streak.

Senior Stephanie Hayes received credit for the Lady Pirates' win as she allowed only five hits and one run in her season opener.

There was a huge pitching duel in the Lady Pirates' second game of the weekend against Akron. Junior Keli Harrell pitched for ECU, striking out 13 batters and allowing only two hits. Akron pitcher, Megan MacKenzie was equally impressive for her team as she struck out nine and allowed only three hits on the day.

Unfortunately for the Lady Pirates, Akron was able to score the only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning as Sara Ziles hit a RBI double to score Amy Pedro from first. Harrell's record fell to 4-3 on the season in the team's 1-0 defeat.

In the next game of the Cougar Classic the Lady Pirates faced Dayton in another close game. The only score of the game came in the bottom of

the fifth when freshman Sarah Bibee drove in Monce on a two-out single. Monce had previously reached second base after being walked and then advancing to the next base on a throwing error by Dayton.

Harrell picked up the win after relieving starting pitcher Brently Bridgforth in the fourth inning.

In the final game of the weekend ECU faced classic host, the College of Charleston. The Lady Pirates found themselves down early in the game as C of C jumped out early with a 3-0 lead. ECU was able to respond with two runs in the bottom of the second but C of C plated two more runs of their own in the sixth and seventh inning. Despite being down by three in the bottom of the final inning, ECU did not give up as they were able to score two more runs as senior Ashley Quick scored Monce on a single and sophomore Erin St. Ledger scored later in the inning. Unfortunately, the late charge was not enough to give the Lady Pirates the victory as the team fell short 5-4.

The loss puts the ECU softball team at 10-4 on the season. All of the Lady Pirates' four losses have been by a single run.

This weekend the Lady Pirates return home to host the Hampton Inn Express Pirate Clash. The team is set to play Delaware, Liberty, Binghamton and Fairfield.

The games will serve as a way for the team to boost their record as well as gain momentum as they face in-state rival North Carolina next Wednesday followed by conference games.

Play against Delaware will start at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the ECU softball field.

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will soon disprove. Since he wasn't offered a spot on the Trojan roster, Jason took up the job of team manager. His job consists of keeping the stats, running the clock, handing out water bottles and other common managerial responsibilities. He's carried out his duties faithfully since his freshman year.

Season after season, game after game, minute after minute, Jason cheered his team on to victories and supported it after losses. He attended every practice and was the characterization of dedication. He was as devoted to the team as anyone on the roster and Greece Athena Head Coach Jim Johnson, recognized that.

"And he is happy to do it," Johnson said to the *Messenger*. "He is such a great help and is well-liked by everyone on the team."

That's why he allowed Jason to suit up for the final home game of the season.

There was no guarantee Jason would even see playing time. With the division title on the line, Johnson wasn't about to jeopardize his team's title shot for the sake of letting Jason play. However, with four minutes remaining in the game and the Trojans up by a considerable

lead, the coach sent McElwain to the scorer's table to signify his entry in to the game. Finally, his chance had arrived.

Jason stepped foot on to the court. The home crowd simply erupted. It was a sight not regularly seen at a high school sporting event. Fans were prepared for his entry: students held up signs bearing his nickname "J-MAC" and cutouts of his face were placed on Popsicle sticks that were waved about frantically. The referee whistled for the game to resume.

Almost instantaneously, the ball came to him.

Jason missed his first two shots, a three that sailed completely off-course and a layup that didn't cooperate. A sudden feeling of regret overtook Coach Johnson as he thought he'd made a mistake and embarrassed the young man. However, this sentiment would quickly disappear as Jason received a pass and stroked a three, all net.

"As soon as the first shot went in that's when I started to get going," he said.

Like a streaking college player hitting shots left and right, Jason nailed three more threes consecutively. He took another, his foot was on the line though, and had to settle for a two.

Jason was on fire. After each made shot, fans, players and every other individual in attendance that didn't fall in to one of the aforementioned categories went crazy. People were jumping out of their seats in pure joy and pandemonium. The little autistic boy had just nailed five straight shots in the division title game. It was amazing.

"It was as touching as any moment I have ever had in sports," Johnson told the *Messenger*.

Jason finished with stats players at any level would be boastful of. In the four minutes of playing time he saw, Jason scored 20 points and was 6-for-10 for threes. The Trojans won the game 79-43.

"I ended my career on the right note," said Jason. "I was really hotter than a pistol!"

After the game, fans stormed the court. His teammates and fellow students carried Jason off the court. Sporting a white headband and donning the white-on-green Trojan uniform, he extended his arm in to the air like a victorious superstar who had just won the world championship. Jason fit the bill of a star.

For a short time, he wasn't just Jason McElwain, the small autistic boy who loved basketball

and was his high school team's manager. He was Jason McElwain, the man of the hour and the guard with the smooth jump shot that led his team to victory and a division title.

Even though he'll be resuming his managerial duties and won't be suiting up for the Trojans in the upcoming chance at a sectional title, he'll still be there in the flesh.

His amazing feat will still be fresh in the minds of those who witnessed it and those who heard about it. What he accomplished is a testament to the potential of the human mind and body. It was the culmination of a life of genuine passion for and dedication to a game he cherished.

I just hope that people everywhere can learn of Jason McElwain. His achievement puts life in to perspective. It's not all about the larger-than-life heroes and their domination of the spotlight. It's about people like Jason rising above what's assumed or expected by blowing away our societal preconceptions of what life is really about and showing what people are really capable of despite those assumptions.

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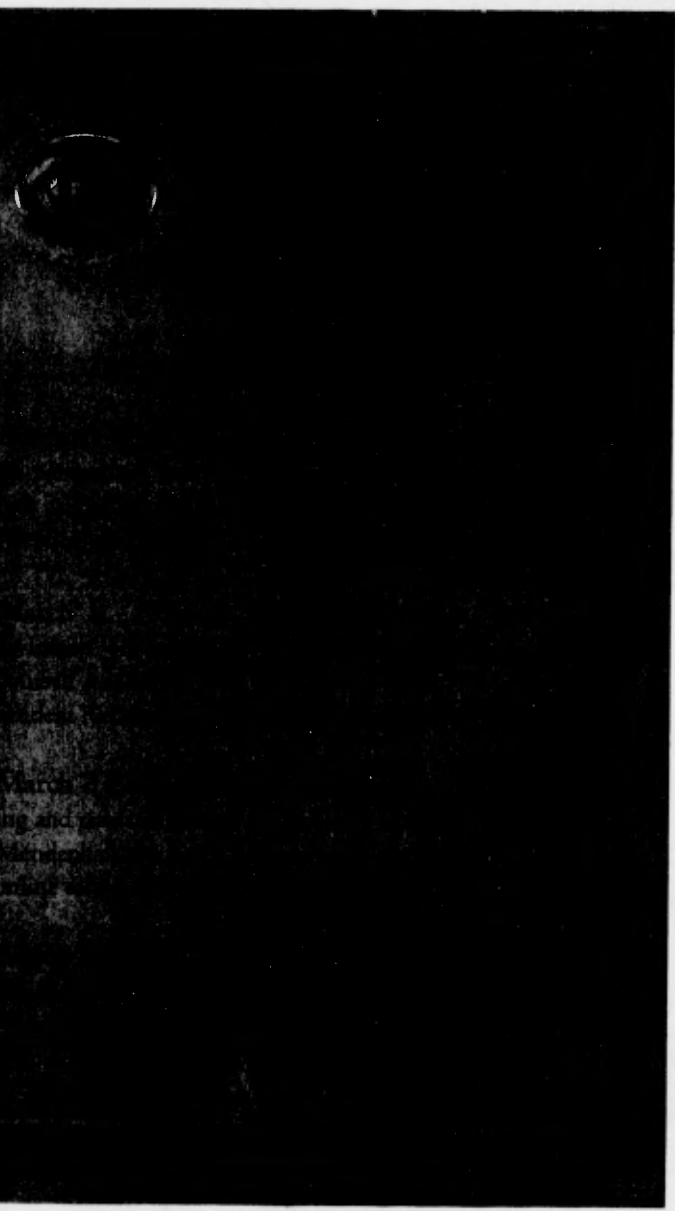
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### OTHER

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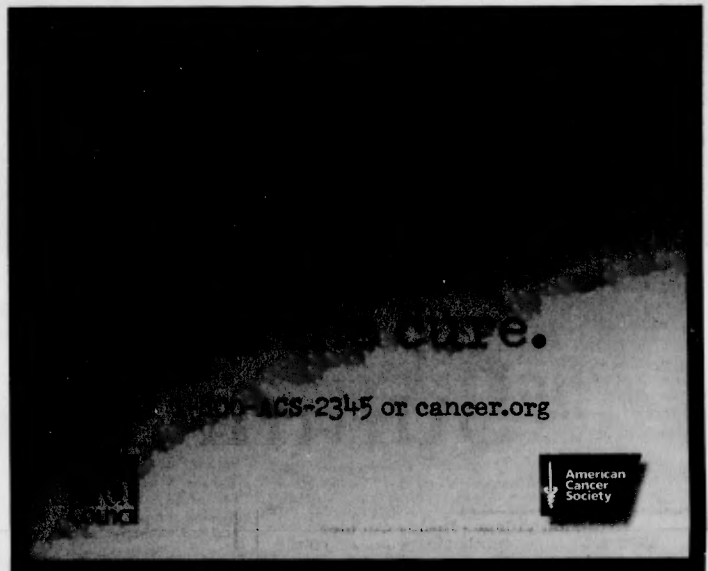
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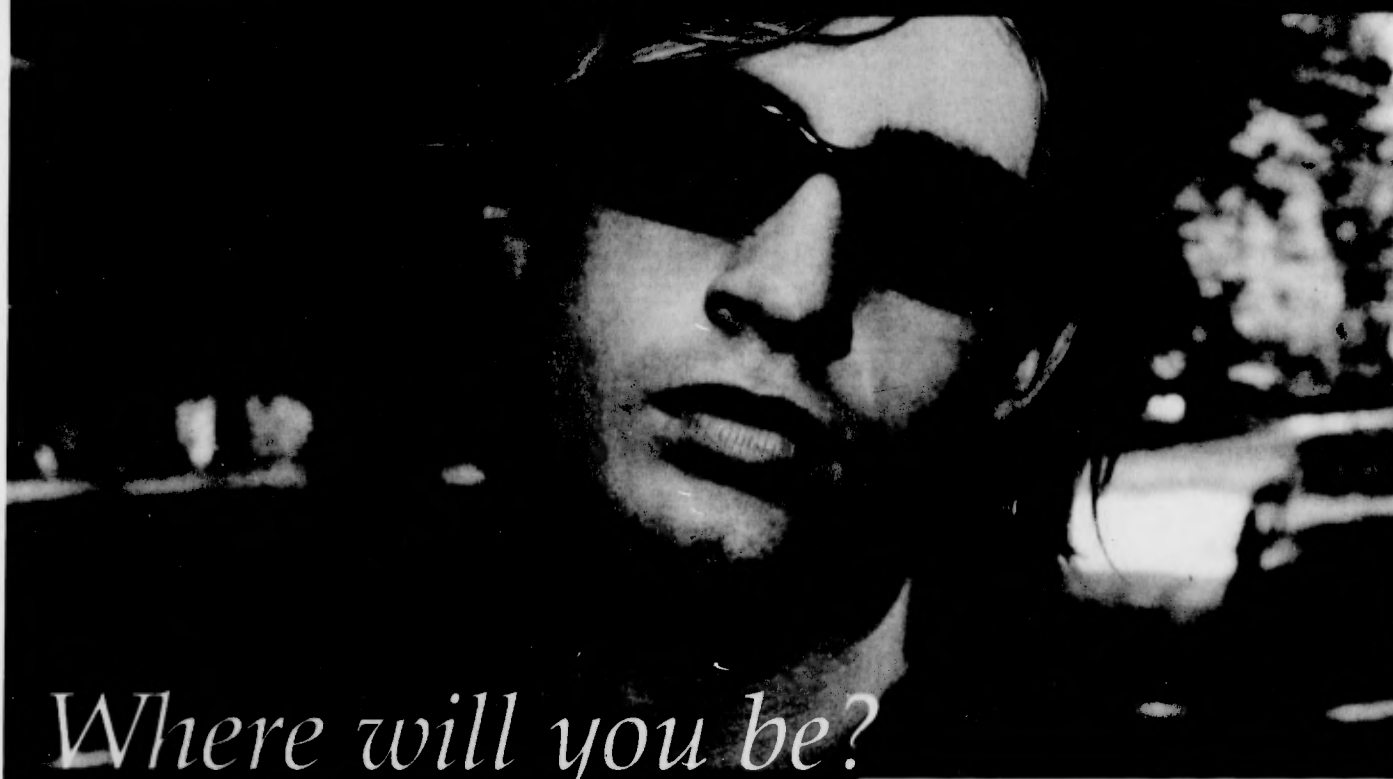
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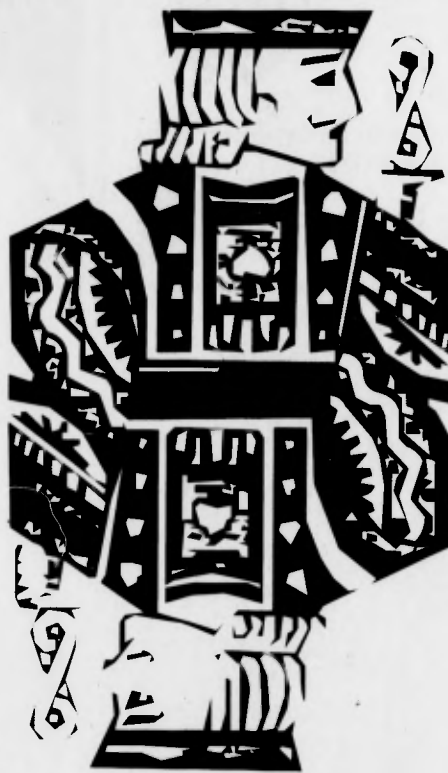
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