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Conaway visits ECU

Artist famous for mittens and more

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Contemporary artist and performer Pate Conaway gave a presentation in the Jenkins Art building Wednesday, March 1.

Conaway is an interdisciplinary artist from Chicago, Ill., who sees the process of making art as a visual performance before the finished product.

He spent five weeks in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago knitting a pair of 9-foot-long mittens while being watched by visitors. People were fascinated with his abilities and sat and talked with him while he was performing. He is also known for his 35-foot scarf and 6-foot-tall baby hat.

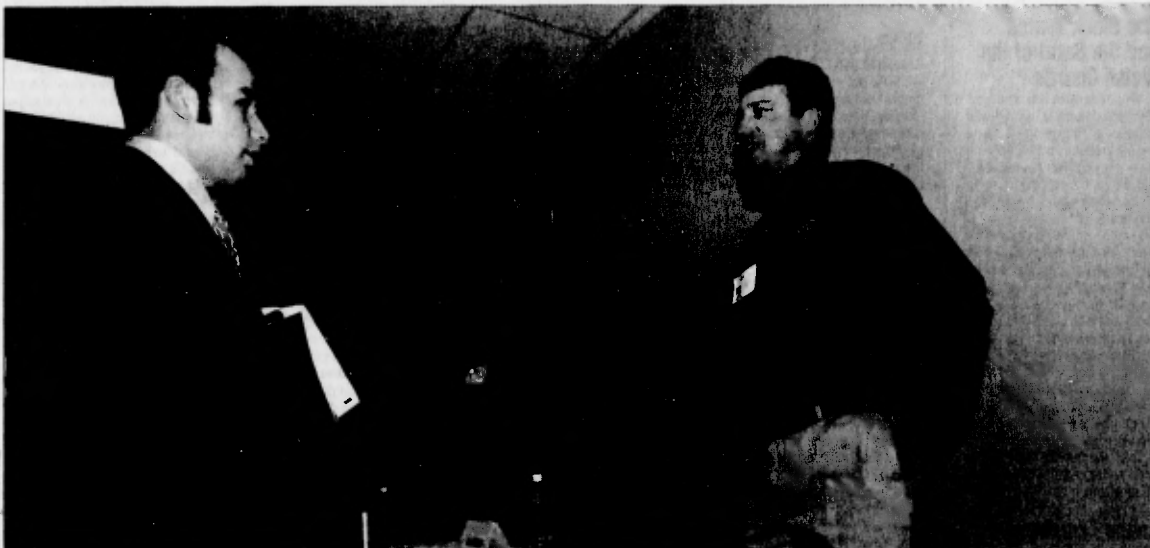
When he is in a situation where making things isn't the easiest task, he finds inspiration.

"Some of my best work is done on the road, in the car, in hotel rooms," said Conaway.

According to Conaway, a good way to practice art is to keep a journal. He also believes that visual art inspires performance art, hence his participation in the two fields of art.

Conaway has a very unique and almost creepy style to his art, which can be admired and appreciated by anyone.

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For students who were not quite sure which direction to take in terms of their education or overall future, the majors fair provided outlets to inform them of their options.

Advising Center holds majors fair

Advising Center makes exploring majors a breeze

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STAFF WRITER

The Advising Center recently held a majors fair at the Bate building on campus.

The fair, which represented 120 different majors at ECU, invited students to come out and shop around for a major they find interesting.

Paula Kennedy-Dudley, director of Adult and Commuter Student Services, was in charge of the event this year.

"It's a chance for them to come out and talk to the departments and find information," said Dudley.

"And there is also information for not just the academic departments but other departments like Student Professional Development."

The fair is intended to help

students who haven't had an opportunity to explore their major options.

"It's to help students who are here and maybe haven't really had a chance to really explore a lot of different majors, because often times students come in and they declare a major immediately, and sometimes that's not a good fit for them," Dudley said.

The fair focuses on dealing with any questions students might have

about their respective majors, what jobs they can possibly get with their career path, as well as other useful pieces of information.

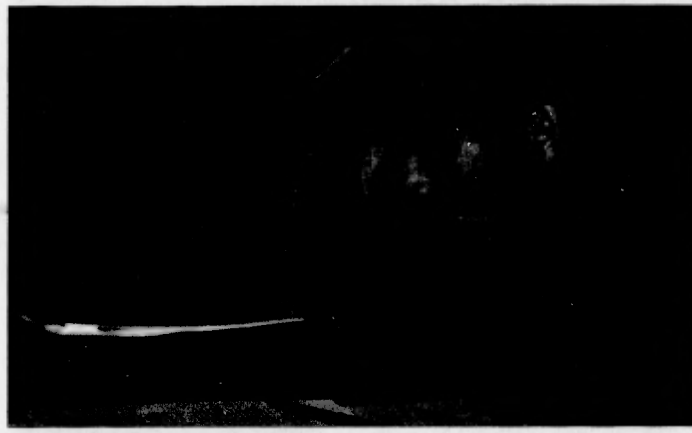
"It's really about the individual student who walks up and has no clue about what they are majoring in, and all of a sudden there are people there who can answer their questions," said Shelly Meyers, director for the Academic Enrichment Center.

Meyers was in charge of the

previous year's majors fair.

The majors fair helps not only students, but advisers as well. When a student is confused about what they want to do, it makes the adviser's job harder trying to figure out where they want to position the student major-wise. The fair eliminates the confusion and sets both sides on the right course.

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The revised constitution, which is still undergoing final readings, is expected to go into effect May 1.

Code of conduct sees revision

Judicial board adopts new rules

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STAFF WRITER

Revisions to the constitution and the code of conduct for the judicial board were major topics of discussion at the SGA meeting on Monday at 5 p.m.

Ben Wyche, speaker of the senate, met with Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor of student life, for approval of the revisions that have been made thus far to the constitution. Dr. Moore's approval is part of one of the final steps to the ratification of the constitution. Dr. Moore gave an agenda

of five points that he would like to include in the constitution according to Wyche.

The agenda consisted of students with positions on the senate to maintain a 2.5 GPA, the student senate being referred to as student congress, a \$100 stipend increase to all paid positions in SGA, the shipmates program being moved from the constitution to the statutes and enforcing that amendments must be passed by two-thirds of the student body.

If everything goes as planned, the new constitution will take effect May 1. The upcoming SGA elections will be run under the August 2005 rules.

The code of conduct document for the judicial board is

also undergoing revision. The first reading of the document was by Brian James Mitchell, attorney general of the judicial board, at the meeting on Monday.

Some of the major arguments brought up about the document is the student's right to have an attorney present if the student stood charges that could probably lead to them being expelled or suspended and the definition of hazing.

The code of conduct states the students' rights and responsibilities when it comes to topics such as cheating, stealing and lying. It also states the university's responsibilities, jurisdiction, definition

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China's currency manipulation

The yuan versus the dollar

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury is ready to label China as a currency manipulator. Currency manipulation occurs when a country purposely values its currency in a way befitting its own trade. In China's case, they devalue their currency by pegging it to the dollar, thereby ensuring that the yuan, China's currency, will stay weaker than the dollar. China does this by purchasing massive amounts of U.S. dollars. In fact, 31 percent of China's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was U.S. dollars purchased for the purpose of devaluing the yuan. The reason that China wants to make its currency weaker than the U.S. dollar is to encourage foreign direct investment (FDI) and to make Chinese products more affordable in the U.S. The affordability of Chinese goods is very clear considering the \$202 billion trade surplus China had last year at the expense of the U.S.

Recently the U.S. Department of the Treasury has uncovered new evidence of this currency manipulation at the behest of Congress.

"The deliberate undervaluation of the yuan should be

found to be in violation of well-established trade norms; trading practices utilized by the Chinese government have seriously damaged the U.S. manufacturing industry. The finding by the Treasury Department that China is not in violation of international law regarding currency manipulation is very disturbing. Given the gravity of the charges which have been made against China, it is pertinent that Treasury Secretary Snow provide additional information to the U.S. Congress to facilitate a full discussion of the Treasury Department's findings regarding China and its currency valuation practices," said U.S. Representative Rick Boucher of Virginia two years ago.

Boucher's statement and pressure from Congress led to the new investigation, which indeed proved Boucher correct. Now that China has been caught the question is what to do about it. China has nearly a billion and a half people and represents the single largest economic market in the world, so cutting economic ties with China is not an option. U.S. law indicates that the U.S. Department of the Treasury must speak to the offending nation and see what can be done to end the manipulation. China probably weakens its currency in hopes of increasing exports to build

an economy that will hopefully take its massive population out of poverty. However, the way they are going about it is not ethical.

John Kania, IPC's director of government relations, said, "China's currency actions are direct violations of their commitments under the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). IPC's support for the Section 301 trade case is consistent with IPC's trade policy to advocate strict enforcement of our trading partners' commitments under the WTO."

This tough statement from Kania has not made much of an impact and Congress has particularly noticed this in the heart of automobile manufacturing, Michigan.

Republican Representative Dave Camp said the U.S. "cannot continue to look the other way when foreign countries illegally subsidize their own companies and throw up roadblocks to our products. Given the level of competition within the global economy, weak trade enforcement is economic suicide."

The Bush administration needs to take a harder stance against these flagrant trade fouls.

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Zoo programs fighting critics

(KRT) — Jenny and Keke, two 30-something females, share a two-bedroom house with a 5,000-square-foot yard and a small pool. The digs were considered spacious, even elegant, when they opened in 1959. But today, the elephant house at the Dallas Zoo appears cramped and barren.

Officials hope to build a bigger, more attractive one soon. They'll have to if they want to retain accreditation by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association — not to mention Jenny and Keke.

The growing recognition that these large, majestic and intelligent animals require more space and improved living conditions led to new zoo standards that take effect in May. The new rules, which govern everything from yard, stall and herd sizes to exercise regimens, are forcing zoos across the nation to decide



Better living conditions will allow these animals to live better lives.

whether to expand or close their elephant exhibits.

"Keke may be the last elephant the Dallas Zoo receives unless we move ahead as a community ... to build a new elephant habitat," said Chuck Siegel, the zoo's deputy

director for animal management. About half of the accredited zoos that house elephants are committed to costly expansions. But zoos in San Francisco,

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Criminalizing abortion will have disastrous consequences

(KRT) — South Dakota just took a huge step backward. The state's new criminal abortion bill is patterned on laws first passed in the 1860s and 1870s — laws that produced a public health disaster.

Let's be clear: making abortion illegal, except when a woman's life is threatened, does not protect women or their lives.

And now, with a Supreme Court remade by a president who is dedicated to overturning Roe v. Wade, it is a good time to look at the century-long history of illegal abortion in the United States.

The earlier laws never stopped abortion, but they did make it more dangerous. As police and prosecutors stepped up their enforcement in the 1940s and 1950s, they

pushed good, safe abortion providers out of practice. As a result, abortion got more deadly. Many women who went to illegal abortionists were blindfolded and had abortions in secret places. Many survived, but some died and many more were seriously injured.

In the years immediately before Roe v. Wade, hospitals around the country had separate septic abortion wards for women bleeding, injured and infected due to illegal abortions. Many of these patients had tried to abort by themselves.

Chicago's Cook County Hospital housed almost 5,000 women per year in its septic abortion wards.

Deaths due to illegal abortion approached 50 percent of the nation's total maternal mortality,

according to a U.S. Department of Labor study entitled, "Maternal Mortality in Fifteen States."

In countries where abortion is illegal today, 25 percent to 50 percent of all maternal mortality is due to illegal abortion.

Those deaths are preventable. Abortions performed by skilled practitioners in sterile environments are extremely safe. After abortion was legalized in the United States, maternal mortality fell dramatically. Hospital abortion wards closed because they were empty.

Criminalization of abortion across the country could double maternal mortality, according to a 1973 article in the American Jour-

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Announcements:

The Black Watch and the Band of the Welsh Guards

In Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, armed with bagpipes, dance shoes and drums, the storied Black Watch and the Band of the Welsh Guards will present a stirring evening of military music, pomp and pageantry.

Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth and \$72 for ECU students. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Dec. 2 for \$39 public, \$37 ECU faculty/staff, \$19 youth and \$10 ECU student. All tickets at the door are \$39. Group discounts are available.

Contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecuarts.com.

Lance Armstrong's Physiological Maturation: Sport Reflects Life

In Brody School of Medicine Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Edward F. Coyne, a physiologist who has studied world-renowned cyclist Lance Armstrong, will visit ECU and discuss how the cyclist's physiology and optimal training contributed to seven consecutive wins at the Tour de France.

The lecture is free, but donation opportunities for cancer research will be available. All proceeds will go to the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center in Greenville. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and the Walker Center in the College of Health and Human Performance and the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center in the Brody School of Medicine and the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina.

Russian National Theatre, 'La Bayadere'

This ensemble of 50 principal dancers focuses on upholding the grand national tradition of the major Russian ballet works. Last seen in the U.S. in 1999, their triumphant return will feature Petipa's *La Bayadere*.

Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Dec. 2 for \$39 public, \$37 ECU faculty/staff, \$19 youth and \$10 ECU students. All tickets at the door are \$39. Group discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

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ECU Youth Arts Festival 2006

Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the campus mall, ECU's Youth Arts Festival will feature more than 100 visual and performing artists who will share their creative talents with area children.

Children will have the opportunity to create art and visit with artists who will demonstrate activities such as wheel thrown ceramics, traditional watercolor painting, weaving, felting, paper-making, printmaking, portraiture and other visual art media. Featured visual artists will come from around North Carolina and surrounding states, as well as ECU's School of Art and Design.

For more information, contact Dindy Reich at reichd@ecu.edu or 328-5749 or Richard Tichich at tichichr@ecu.edu or 328-5481.

B.J. Ward in Stand Up Opera

On Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth and \$72 for ECU students. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff, \$84 for youth and \$48 for ECU students. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Dec. 2 for \$24 public, \$22 ECU faculty/staff, \$12 youth and \$10 ECU student. All tickets at the door are \$24. Group discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

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Church Music
WILSON, N.C. (AP) - Paul Hollifield, former worship pastor at Farmington Heights Church of God, has watched people's musical tastes spill over into church worship services.

If society is in the middle of a hip-hop or soft rock craze, some church music styles are following those same trends. But some churches are holding fast to traditional music that has been sung for a century or more.

What's important, Hollifield says, is that people keep their focus on worship, the reason for singing, and not so much the style of music being sung.

"If you can worship with only one style of music, it's the music you're worshipping, not the God of the music," said Hollifield, who has a master's degree in church music. "The whole purpose of singing is to focus on God."

Church music is starting to change in some Wilson churches that have continued to sing congregational songs from hymnals. Other churches are trying to keep their music current with some of the newest praise and worship songs available.

"Jackson Chapel was not a church that ever had drums," Canady said. "That took some time for the majority of people to get used to. Now, we're doing a wide range of music. We try to diversify our music so we have something for our seniors and young adults."

"Our music repertoire has changed because we want to attract younger people and adults," Bell said. "We have the contemporary, we have the traditional and sometimes we have reggae. What St. John gives is a variety. We are creative but we have a balance."

More contemporary praise and worship music has been added to the church's more traditional style of congregational music. Traditional gospel and spirituals remain a part of the church's music.

"We're trying to find new ways to tell the same story we have for years and years," Tatum said. "It's a more informal atmosphere. The thing that's different from our service and other contemporary services in town is we're acoustical. We chose some music that has some depth to it."

Tourney town
GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) - Talk about your March Madness.

Over the course of three weekends, this city that loves college basketball will host back-to-back-to-back postseason tournaments, inviting

more than a quarter of a million fans to Greensboro Coliseum for 28 games, a pair of conference championships and the first few miles of the road to the Final Four.

"We all love it and we'll surely be working on adrenaline," coliseum director Matt Brown said.

It started this week with the Atlantic Coast Conference women's tournament - in Game No. 1, Sharmee Zoll scored 18 points to lead Virginia past Boston College 57-54. The ACC men's tournament is next week, followed March 16-18 by first- and second-round games of the men's NCAA tournament.

It's the first time any arena has hosted a women's conference tournament, then a men's conference tournament, and then the opening rounds of the NCAAs in the same year, said ACC spokeswoman Amy Yakola.

Allen Purser, the interim president of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, said the successive tournaments are projected to pump about \$40 million into the local economy. Along with ticket sales, out-of-town fans will also be in the market for hotel rooms, dinner reservations and rental cars.

"It adds excitement and a buzz to the community and it might actually generate more business," Purser said, before adding, "I have a feeling the TV will be on a bunch in the Chamber of Commerce break room."

National

Buffett says Berkshire gain beat S&P 500 for the year
OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Billionaire investor Warren Buffett said Saturday in his annual letter to shareholders of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. that his holding company's net worth grew by \$5.6 billion in 2005, which he dubbed "a decent year."

That increased the book value, assets minus liabilities, of both classes of Berkshire stock 6.4 percent, beating the S&P gain of 4.9 percent for the year. Berkshire rebounded from the hurricane losses of the third quarter by reporting net earnings of \$5.13 billion for the fourth quarter on revenue of \$25.37 billion. That compares with revenue of \$20.53 billion and net earnings of \$586 million in the third quarter. The fourth-quarter figures were more than 50 percent higher than the same quarter a year ago, when Berkshire reported \$3.34 billion in net earnings.

Berkshire estimated its losses to hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma at \$3.4 billion. Still, Buffett said, the insurance portion of Berkshire did well as whole.

Buffett, whose insurance holdings include auto insurer Geico, commended that company's CEO, Tony Nicely, for gaining market share and posting "commendable profits."

"If you have a new son or grandson in 2006, name him Tony," Buffett advised.

For 2005, Berkshire reported net earnings per share of \$5,258 on total revenue of \$81.67 billion. That compares with year-earlier figures of \$7.48 billion in revenue and net earnings per share of \$4,753. Buffett is known around the world as the man who built a 1956 partnership of four relatives and three close friends into a holding company with total assets of \$198.3 billion at the end of 2005. Berkshire owns furniture, carpet, jewelry and candy companies, restaurants, natural gas and corporate jet firms.

Snow moves into Northern Rockies; West gets a break from rain
(AP) - Idaho and Montana were bracing for significant snowfall, while the wet West Coast was expected to have a day to dry out.

The West Coast was expected to have dry weather for most of Saturday, but a Pacific system was expected to begin moving in along the Northwest coast late Saturday night. Rain was forecast to begin along the northern California and Oregon border before spreading throughout the Northwest and central California on Sunday.

In the Northeast, snow showers were expected to linger over the Adirondack Mountains. Conditions were favorable for lake effect snow in western New England. Temperatures should be fairly mild with the lowest highs in the 20s and 30s spreading from the Intermountain West to the Northeast. Warmer temperatures are expected in the South where highs will rise into the 60s and 70s in the Southern Plains and Southeast. Temperatures should rise into the 80s in some parts of southern Florida and Texas. Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Friday ranged from a low of minus-14 degrees at Racine, Mich. to a high of 87 degrees at McAllen, Texas.

International

Talabani says he has assurances U.S. forces to stay as long as needed
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - President Jalal Talabani on Saturday underscored the need for a unity government in Iraq after a spasm of sectarian killing and said he had been assured U.S. forces would remain in the country as long as needed; "no matter what the period."

His comments came after a bomb exploded at a minibus terminal during morning rush hour in a southeastern Baghdad suburb, killing seven people and wounding 25, one of a string of explosions in the capital and elsewhere.

Abizaid said he was "very, very pleased with the reaction of the Iraqi armed forces" during the crisis unleashed by the Feb. 22 bombing of a sacred Shiite shrine in Samarra and reprisal attacks against Sunni Muslims that pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war.

"We should understand that the terrorists are trying to create problems among the Iraqi people that can lead to difficulties between various groups," he said after a separate meeting with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari. "We should not fall into their trap. We are stronger than they are. We will ultimately prevail."

The surge of attacks, which have killed at least 500 people since last week, has tangled negotiations to form a new government after December parliamentary elections and threatened American hopes of starting a troop pullout this summer.

Talabani said Abizaid assured him that U.S. forces "are ready to stay as long as we ask them, no matter what the period is."

He said the U.S. commander also stressed that "a strong national unity government will help in stabilizing Iraq and bringing peace."

However, Talabani said his Kurdish followers and their allies will fight against a second term for al-Jaafari. In Baquba, 35 miles northeast of the capital, a bomb exploded in a busy commercial area near a shop that repairs radios and tape players, killing a young girl and injuring eight other people, police said.

In the south, a Shiite lawmaker was seriously wounded when gunmen in two speeding cars fired on his vehicle near Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. An aide for Qasim Atiyah al-Jbouri was killed and two bodyguards injured, police Capt. Mushtaq Kadhim said.

Bush shows solidarity with Musharraf on security-tense Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - President Bush and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf recommitted their nations Saturday to the difficult task of hunting down terrorists still hiding here and across the globe. Before departing for home, Bush praised Musharraf as a "man of courage and vision." Bush made his first visit to Pakistan despite terrorist dangers that demanded extraordinary

security to bolster Musharraf, who straddles a delicate political divide in this impoverished but growing Islamic nation. The U.S. led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are unpopular here, and Pakistan's strong anti-American sentiment was reflected in the thousands who demonstrated across the country against Bush's visit. While there are suspicions that al-Qaida and Taliban operatives maintain some degree of safe sanctuary inside Pakistan, Musharraf has defied criticism he is too cozy with Washington to be a strong U.S. partner in the anti-terrorism campaign.

Musharraf seized power in a 1999 bloodless coup. Instead of giving up his military uniform in 2004 as promised, he changed the constitution so he could hold both his army post and the presidency until 2007. "I believe democracy is Pakistan's future," Bush said at an outdoor news conference with Musharraf at the marble presidential palace. Pakistan's law enforcement agencies have arrested more than 700 suspected militants in the past four years. American and green-and-white Pakistani flags were hoisted in honor of Bush's visit. Streets in the capital were mostly empty, except for armed security officers standing guard. Layers of security, including three helicopters that circled overhead, shadowed Bush's motorcade Saturday as it ferried him from the fortified U.S. Embassy compound to the presidential palace in the heart of the city's government district. Bush was escorted down a red carpet behind raised swords gripped by Pakistani troops in dark green uniforms.

The visit followed a three-day trip to India, where Bush sealed a civilian nuclear deal. Pakistan has asked for the same arrangement, but Bush made clear that was unlikely, using diplomatic language about the two countries' "different needs and different histories."

Just two years ago Pakistan's leading nuclear scientist, A.Q. Khan, was exposed as the chief of a lucrative black market in weapons technology that had supplied Iran, Libya and North Korea.

Pakistan's government denied any knowledge of his proliferation activities. Bush has expressed no objections to plans by India and Pakistan to build a pipeline to bring much-needed natural gas supplies from Iran, a project that had brought U.S. disapproval. Washington opposes investments that benefit Iran, which it suspects of trying to build nuclear weapons.

DUI dispute leads to problems

(AP) - A dispute about who is responsible for informing police of DUI license suspension hearings has led to more cases being dismissed and drivers getting back on the road faster.

In South Carolina, licenses are suspended automatically for 90 days when a suspected drunk driver refuses to take a blood-alcohol test. People with a blood-alcohol level of at least .15 percent, nearly twice the state's .08 standard for drunk driving, also face immediate 30 day suspensions.

But drivers can appeal those automatic suspensions and get licenses back until their DUI charges are heard by a court. For years, the state Department of Motor Vehicles handled the appeals. But since a new law took effect Jan. 1, the South Carolina Administrative Law Court has been in charge of those hearings and oversees the hearing officers that handles those cases.

Since then, 70 percent of the 602 cases that went to administrative hearings were dismissed. That's up from 60 percent in all of 2005. Most of this year's dismissals came because the Administrative Law Court has not notified police of pending hearings and officers not showing up to make the case for a

license suspension. DMV officials say they're appealing about 200 of the 421 dismissed cases and haven't reinstated those licenses.

"We have additional cases that are being reviewed, and we will probably file more appeals," DMV spokeswoman Beth Parks said.

"It's a mess," Marvin Kittrell, the administrative court's chief judge, said. He said his staff would start notifying police officers immediately and that he is pushing proposed legislation that would more clearly give his office that responsibility.

The "mess" developed as Kittrell's court and DMV disagreed about who was responsible for notifying police of upcoming hearings.

Parks said when the Administrative Law Court took responsibility for the suspension appeals, it also became responsible for notifying police.

"We're relying on the Department of Motor Vehicles to notify us," said Col. Russell Roark, head of the state Highway Patrol. "If the DMV notifies us of a hearing, we will try, to the best of our ability, to make sure our trooper is at the hearing."

Roark says his division had been working with the DMV to

develop a "cleaner" notification process involving sending hearing notices to officers by e-mail instead of by fax.

Kittrell hopes a bill up for debate this week in the House will clarify the roles.

The House legislation and a similar bill in the Senate make it clear that arresting police officers or officers operating blood-alcohol test machines are parties in the case, not just witnesses. That change would require that they be notified.

That bill's sponsor, Rep. Greg Delaney, R-Chester, blames the DMV for the problem.

"They're deliberately picking a fight," Delaney said. "Had there not been a problem to begin with, the administrative hearing officers would still be with them."

But the agency's department managers treated the officers "like stepchildren" and some cases left them locked out of offices.

Parks said DMV had arguing since 2004 to move the hearing officers elsewhere because their work "really wasn't part of our mission."

Kittrell said he didn't want the hearing officers because he "had enough on my plate at that time."

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of academic integrity and many other definitions and rules. The document consists of 27 pages filled with guidelines for students to follow and how to handle situations in which the student did not abide by the code of conduct. The document will go through two student input sessions, one joint judicial board meeting and then a senate approval, according to Mitchell. "This process is critical to getting students to shape the standards by which they're being held accountable for," Mitchell said. The judicial board is also accepting applications to be apart of the organization. The board is

one of only 16 in the nation that is completely student run and has the power to expel and suspend, according to Mitchell. The judicial board hears cases about any violations to the code of conduct, decides if the student is responsible and if so, gives the student to consequences that are outlined in the code of conduct document. Students who are interested in applying must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA, be in good standing with the university, have good decision skills and be able to express fairness in the judicial process. Applications are available at the Mendenhall information desk or at ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/sga/Judicial-Branch.cfm. The deadline to turn in applications is March 17. Students are also reminded that Diversity week is quickly approaching. It will be from March 20-25. There are numerous events that will take place during that week. Some to the events include International Food Day, Religion Forum, Poetry Slam, Mix it Up Dance Explosion, Heena Hand Art and Women in Leadership conference. There will be many more events that will take place during this week. Check the student announcements for more events and specific times and locations of these events.

If you are interested in volunteering your time for any of these events, contact Nadia Payne at njp0111@ecu.edu. The State of the University Address will be Tuesday, March 7 at 5 p.m. It will be held in Mendenhall room 244. Refreshments will be served after the event, and students are urged to attend. All organizations that registered by Feb. 28 need to attend the annual funding workshop for the opportunity to receive funding for their organization. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Technology now allows fitness buffs to hear many types of broadcasts. (KRT) — Personal trainer Mike Causadias runs nonstop, working with clients across southern Florida. But Causadias recently learned how to extend his reach. Now, fitness buffs all over the country, and the world, can work out with him. They just download his weekly podcast — an energetic mix of strength-building exercises and workout tips — on WhatIWantPodcasting.com. Count his fitness-focused podcast among hundreds available to anyone looking for free advice and a little motivation. It's the latest twist in the growing world of podcasting, which has mushroomed with the soaring sales of MP3 players. Sure, you can get fitness tips from magazines, books and TV. But podcasts are mobile, available any time and usually free. At her Sunrise, Fla., home and nearby parks, Tracy Gittens, 24, and twin sister, Nadiah, listen to Causadias to get them moving. "People need someone to help motivate them and here he is," says Tracy, a clothing designer. "Anytime you want to listen, he's right there." That's exactly what Causadias had in mind. "A lot of people don't find it convenient to get to a gym," says Causadias, 28, who started his podcast two months ago. "I've made it simple. People can do these exercises at the park, in the kitchen, wherever. People can get out of bed and do this." Causadias' podcasts demonstrate everything from tummy tightening to building up your lower body. But that's just one option. A run through podcast directories shows myriad offerings. Physical therapists give tips on injury prevention. Personal trainers help you build bigger

Fitness enthusiasts can now download motivating words



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biceps. Veteran runners tell you how to train. Motivational podcasts are among the choices; ditto, weight loss. Sometimes there's a single speaker. Others feature two or three people, chatting like radio DJs. A few, including Causadias, include video so you can see the podcaster in action, if you have a portable player with video capability. Some hosts post podcasts regularly, say, once a week. Others, only when the host gets around to it. Some podcasters are polished; others stumble and stammer. But listeners don't appear to care. Some are even drawn to the non-intimidating, unpolished tone. It's like listening to ordinary people share their know-how among friends. "It's almost like you're eavesdropping on someone's conversation," says Doug Kelsey, an Austin, Texas, physical therapist who does a podcast and listens to others. "It feels more authentic. Not so corporate. People are hungry for that." You can listen to a podcast on your computer or on the go with your iPod or other MP3 player. When you subscribe to a podcast, it's automatically downloaded to your computer. Then you transfer the podcast to your MP3 player. Why people plug into podcasts varies as much as the advice spilling from the ear buds. Miami attorney Amy Agnoli, 47, a Causadias' client in the flesh, travels extensively. So she downloads his podcasts to take with her. "This way I can keep up with my training," she says. In contrast, Justin Kavanaugh, 20, isn't looking for fitness tips when he listens to strengthradio.com. He runs a Miami sports performance company and is already in good shape.

Elephants from page A1

Detroit and a handful of other cities have decided to slam shut the elephant barn door. And as many as 15 more zoos are likely to close their elephant exhibits in the next few years, one expert predicts. But some animal rights activists say that even the better guidelines aren't good enough, that it's cruel to keep any elephant in captivity. They've pushed the debate into public in some cities by staging emotionally charged protests and bombarding politicians and newspapers with letters. In December, a dozen people picketed the Fort Worth Zoo to protest its breeding program, with some demonstrators wearing elephant noses and carrying signs that read, "A life in captivity is no life at all." The zoo — which already exceeds the new standards — boasts one of the largest herds in the country;

seven elephants, including a young bull on loan from a circus for breeding. Michael Fouraker, the zoo's executive director and head of the International Elephant Foundation, vowed not to be cowed by the activists. "We are not reactive to this," he said. "We've been pushing elephant conservation and our commitment to elephants long before this became an issue... We've just stuck by our guns." So far, activists have not targeted the Dallas Zoo, which is considering expansion pending a public commitment for millions of dollars for the elephant house and other large mammal exhibits. Specific plans for the proposed Dallas exhibit are on hold, with zoo director Rich Buckerood leaving his post this summer; a new executive may have different ideas. But the idea is to create a

new elephant house on as much as 3 acres next to the Wilds of Africa exhibit. The space, currently used for maintenance equipment and classrooms, offers a more natural terrain. The potential cost: \$5 million to \$7 million. Money for zoo renovations is expected to be included in bond proposals that could come before voters in November, said Paul Dyer, Dallas director of parks and recreation. The City Council is debating what to include and how much to ask for, but Dyer said he hopes for at least \$19 million for zoo renovations. Buckerood predicts the bond proposal will pass. "The only issue for us is when are we going to be able to move them out of an exhibit that we don't like to an exhibit we do like," he said. "We've housed elephants here 80 years or more, and we want to continue to do it."

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nal of Public Health. If abortion becomes illegal again (or so hard to get that it is essentially illegal), abortion-related injuries and deaths are likely to be especially high among poor women, African-American and Latina women who can't afford to travel to pro-choice states. As a result, many of them might try self-induced abortions. How will new criminal abortion laws be enforced? In the past, prosecutors focused on those who performed abortions, though women were arrested and punished too. Police and medical staff interrogated women suspected of having abortions. Suspects included women in the midst of a miscarriage. If abortion is made illegal, medical personnel could again be coerced into collecting information from patients under the threat of losing their medical licenses. Police could again raid clinics and patients could be captured and forced to endure coercive gynecological examinations as police search for evidence. Women, who seek medical care after an abortion could be questioned, arrested and required to testify in court.

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Each booth at the fair is represented differently. Some of the booths are represented by advisers, others faculty and graduates themselves. "I had some ideas and went and looked at several further and it helped me out a lot," said Trey Mayfield, a freshman who is currently an undecided major. Many students have an idea of what they want to do, they just need a little encouragement. "They had been leaning this way and this was the opportunity to come by and see and talk to somebody from the department and help them make up their minds," said Ron Sessoms, member of the construction management department. This was the second major fair the advising center has held. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Along with Classmates USA's calendar model search, Spring Breakers can expect plenty more of the same this year with bikini wet-t-shirt/wet-jockey shorts contests daily and nightly. The Sandpiper is never short on big-time entertainment, hosting such acts as Bob Marley's Wailers, Tone Loc and other major acts. Tentatively scheduled for this year are the Black Eyed Peas performing on the beach behind the Sandpiper Beacon during Jay Leno's show. Metro Nightclubs is a Spring Break sponsor giving away swimwear and the Corona Beach Volleyball Tournament is scheduled to take place behind the Sandpiper this year. There will be entertainment all day and all night at the hotel throughout spring break. Visit www.sandpiperbeacon.com to see what's on tap for Spring Break 2006 at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort in beautiful Panama City Beach, Florida or call the resort at 800-488-8828.

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Our View

Pets need to be taken care of, please start

Spring is just around the corner, and when it makes its grand entrance, students everywhere will start filing out of their apartments to wash cars, grill out and, apparently, run from large dogs.

I love dogs. I've owned dogs all my life. They make great companions and, in some cases, provide excellent protection. There is no greater feeling than arriving home from school or work after a long day and being greeted at the door by enthusiastic little Fido - those perked ears, that wagging tail and that sweet little "play with me" whine are irresistible.

At the same time, there is no feeling worse than being cuffed by your neighbor's slightly irritated rottweiler. Owning a dog is a privilege, and with privilege comes responsibility. People who live in apartment complexes should consider themselves fortunate to be allowed to own dogs, especially large ones, and that privilege should not be abused. Apartment living is unique. Neighbors share not only walls, but also parking lots.

Dogs need to be walked. They do not, however, need to be free to roam around a parking lot full of people - people the dog doesn't know, by the way. Leashes are readily available at any pet store, and they're cheap. Every dog owner should have one and use it. Dog owners may be comfortable with and trusting of their pets, but whether we like to admit it or not, they are still animals with animal instincts. Even the most obedient pet can have a stubborn streak from time to time. Even the best-behaved dog can be tempted to chase after the tiny girl walking her dog, which just happens to be on a leash. If the threat of not being able to control your animal isn't enough incentive to keep it on a leash, just think of the dog's safety. That same dog that's tempted to run after another dog in the parking lot could run out in front of a car.

I say none of this to anger people, only to make people realize that pets are amazing things. They provide their owners with love, protection and devotion. We owe it to our pets to care for them as well.

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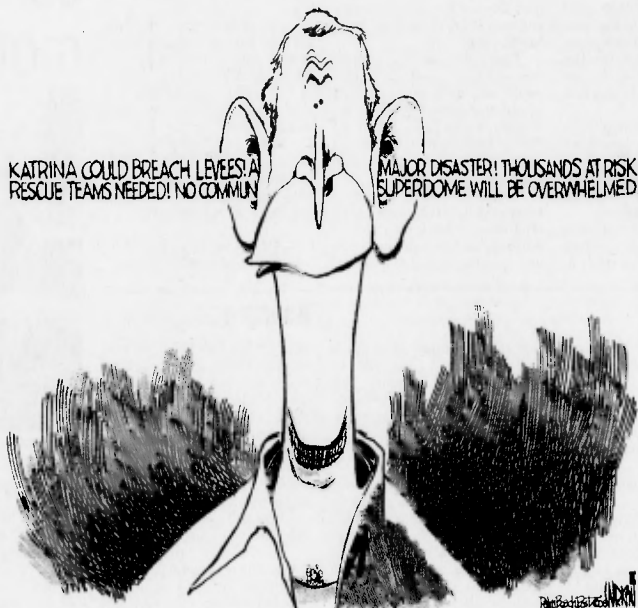
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Opinion Columnist

Is Yale University the American Taliban?

Sometimes the best universities make the worst mistakes

GARY MCCABE
BITTER BOULEVARD

Sometimes I regret coming to ECU. More than once I've thought to myself how much better my life could be had I been good enough for an Ivy League university. Just think about it. Think about the cache that would come had I graduated from Yale University. At the moment, I'm terrified about what's waiting for me after graduation and whether I'll be able to find a job that will bring some level of happiness and enough money to survive. Not if I graduated from Yale. Not only would my shoe be in the door at any magazine or newspaper I wanted to work for, the guy on the other end would be frothing at the mouth to shine them for me - all because I'd be a Yale man, not an ECU Pirate. Of course, I could never have gone to Yale - I haven't oppressed nearly enough women to meet their new standards of admission. That and I hate Osama bin Laden. That's not the case for Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi, though. He hates women and loves Osama bin Laden, although I guess those would have to be prerequisites for a Taliban ambassador, which Hashemi was until the Islamofascist regime was destroyed by the United States in late 2001. If you asked me a week ago where the mouthpiece of the Taliban was at that very moment, I can't be certain but I probably would have said something to the effect of, "face down in a three-foot wide cage off the coast of Cuba ... where he belongs." It would have taken me approximately 230,431 guesses before I came up with the correct answer, which is "studying at Yale University." Great - not only is this piece of garbage walking free (on U.S. soil no less), he's attending a better college than I am. You don't have to sift through

many of my past articles to figure out where I am on the political spectrum - after all, I went so far as to call for bloody revolution should the New Orleans police officers that brutally attacked a 64-year-old schoolteacher not face charges (lucky for everyone, they did). But even I can't stomach the fact that Yale would admit someone like Hashemi, who one intelligence report indicates he attended an Al-Qaeda terrorist training camp. Not only that, the man has a fourth grade formal education. He's never even taken the SATs! It's especially upsetting given the fact that Yale has barred ROTC programs and military recruiters from campus. Yale hates the American military for its "don't ask, don't tell" program, yet they give their seal of approval to a guy affiliated with a group that murdered homosexuals. This lapse in judgment from Yale is inexcusable. Since the story broke last week, the university has yet to officially release a statement to the public. What's the holdup? Could it be that, even with the greatest minds in the country at their disposal, they cannot come up with a reasonable explanation? And what would such an explanation look like? Probably something like this, "Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi is a worldly, intelligent individual with a wealth of unique experiences to share with the student body at ... blah blah blah."

Had they not committed suicide, would Yale have admitted General Rommel or Joseph Goebbels after World War II ended? Would there have been room on the roster for Pol Pot or Chairman Mao? Personally, I think Adolph Hitler would have flourished at Yale's School of Fine Arts. But as ludicrous as that may sound, I don't see much of a difference between those I just mentioned and Hashemi. If Yale would take him, I think Joseph Stalin would have been a lock, although I picture him as a Harvard man myself.

However, let's not put the

entire blame on the elitist shoulders of the powers-that-be at Yale because there's an even greater issue at hand. Most of the hijackers that crashed the commercial planes on 9/11 were in America on student visas. After the attacks that day, the State Department supposedly cracked down on handing out student visas, but somehow, the most vocal and prominent member of the Taliban - who still denounces the United States and praised Osama bin Laden in the past - got one with relative ease. Cat Stevens can't get off a plane in New York, but the State Department doesn't bat an eye when they see Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi on a student visa application. And Cat's British - not a true Arab - and honestly, anyone who can write a song as beautiful as "Father and Son" can't really be a threat to my existence.

However, it begs the question, who else has slipped through the cracks so to speak due to the incompetence of our bloated bureaucracy? We've seen what 19 of them can do; it wouldn't take many to end the lives of thousands of more Americans. The solution is clear but will never happen. Yale needs to cut the holier-than-thou, liberal attitude and understand that this is ridiculous. The pedestal that both the students and administration rest on is so high that they're out of touch with the rest of the United States. Maybe Hashemi is a decent guy once you get past the anti-Semitism, anti-Americanism, anti-women, homophobic - eh, what am I thinking?

As far as I'm concerned, there's a cage in Guantanamo with his name on it. The last Arab radical America trained and educated wound up screwing us in 2001. Yale and the United States need to get with the program and study the past before putting the rubber stamp on a piece of paper. The only upside to this debacle that I can see is that for once, I'm glad that I'm not a Yale Bulldog.

Go Pirates!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
A coalition of community leaders proposed a county ordinance to remove the Confederate Monument located at the Pitt County Court House. The Local NAACP is not part of the coalition and has not as yet taken a public position on the issue. The group supporting removal includes intelligent and well educated individuals who conducted a substantial amount of research before proposing the ordinance.

The succession of the states that formed the Confederate States of America was a criminal act of treason violating Article III, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution. President Johnson issued Presidential Pardons in 1868, thus demonstrating that Confederate soldiers were, in fact, criminals as a matter of law. The Confederate Constitution required all states to honor the institution of enslavement of black people and required any new state of territory admitted into the

Confederacy to honor slavery of blacks. Confederate Vice President Andrew Stephens stated that the Confederacy was founded upon the slavery of "negroes," and that it stood upon the fundamental truth that the "negro" is inferior to the white man. Confederate soldiers fought to keep blacks in slavery forever and everywhere. A monument to people who fought to establish this principle has no place at a public court house. Human decency requires its removal. It is offensive to blacks and white Union soldiers' ancestors.

Some 55,000 blacks are recorded to have served as Confederate soldiers. Close analysis shows that most of these entered as slaves who were forced by their masters. Most of them ultimately joined the Union to take their freedom by rising up against their Confederate captors.

The problems of poverty, crime and other negative pathologies in the black community

can be directly traced to being freed from slavery without land, money or reparations and forced into Jim Crow segregation until the civil rights act of 1964. Blacks continue to suffer racial discrimination that has taken on many subtle forms.

The monument is a rally point for racists who permeate every level of American society. The removal of the monument in Pitt County is an opportunity for Pitt County to repudiate its offenses against the black community and open the door to progress. We respect the right of others to honor their Confederate heroes, but it should be done somewhere other than the public court house. At the court house it makes an unacceptable political statement and endorses the racist ideas for which the Confederate Constitution stood.

Rev. Ozie Lee Hall, Jr.
Coalition for Removal of Confederate Monument

Pirate Rant

To the guy in the red car with the system and the dubs, stop driving slowly up the hill with your music blaring! Shouldn't you have graduated by now or something?

If you found a blue and grey Audiovox camera phone at The Element last Friday, please turn it in to Mendenhall and found this week. My spring break and I will greatly appreciate it.

Yeah, I mean I am not about to voluntarily root for or contribute to global warming, but right now I like the effects.

Just so everyone knows, especially those of you who are ignorant, the civil war was not, I repeat not, about slavery. Meaning that the statue outside of the courthouse is a part of the South's history, if you don't like it, move to the North.

Rock for Relay was freaking awesome!

OK ... so Monday I was in West End Dining Hall and I see these two girls come in together dressed exactly alike - navy sweater and yellow polo. Now I have to admit that I, too, dressed like my best friend, but that was in the first grade. News flash, girls, we are in college now; it's not cool to dress like your best friend!

To whomever said "snirtle" the other day - thank you! I'm still laughing days later.

To whomever said anyone could look good with makeup on, clearly you're not seeing some of the people I see in this world.

I'm sorry but don't expect your girlfriend of two years to be OK with "just being friends" 24 hours after you dump her, then proceed to tell her about a girl you saw at a party dancing on a table. You really aren't that amazing to begin with.

Lying is bad; that's all there is to it. If you don't have the guts to tell the truth about what you're doing, then you're not mature enough to be doing it.

I tried calling SafeRide for 20 minutes, no answer ... so I did the reasonable thing and drove home drunk.

You may obsess about working out and having the perfect body, but you're still an ugly person on the inside.

You think all these Pirate Rants are about you. What are you? An egomaniac?

Why do teachers of online classes make you have group projects? I mean, if the members of my group aren't even in the USA, how am I supposed to meet with them?

I think I'm going to start my day with an eight ball and a shot of whiskey.

My friend is mad because her roommate wrote a Pirate Rant about her. It's funny though, because we all know it's true and anyone of us would have said the same. Now we're all just wondering when she'll realize that and why she can't see it herself.

I heart ECU! Like whoa...

I signed up for a treadmill - you did not. Therefore, get off and don't tell me that you "only have five more minutes!"

I think it is complete crap that high school can now have Facebook.

To my roommate, you haven't washed your bed sheets since you came here in August. And sadly enough, I had to wash them for you while you went home for a weekend (you don't know that). So here's some advice - please wash your sheets; it's really starting to smell!

I love being Greek! And if the 94 percent of you who aren't Greek gave it a try, you would love it, too.

How about changing the name to Pirate Rants and Raves? Positive comments are nice to hear, too.

Carolina beat Duke! WHOOO HOOO!

I hate it when people wear sunglasses at night! What sense does it make to have sunglasses on when there is no freakin' sun? People really annoy me when they wear them to the club!

It'd be great if boys on the second floor of Tyler would grow up. Maybe if you were secure with your own sexuality, you wouldn't have a problem.

Thanks to all of the grounds keepers for keeping the campus so clean and green.

What's up with the pink posters up all over campus "from God"? Don't get me wrong, I'm not anti-God or Jesus or anything. Just uh, yeah. They freak me out, OK? And what about Buddha? I'd rather get a message from him anyway.

I think that the Rec Center should have those sanitary wipes that come out of those big plastic containers rather than a towel and some disinfectant spray. All we are doing is re-wiping everyone's sweat back onto the machines.

Isn't it amazing how the two little words "I do" can take you from the "Princess of Pop" to the "Queen of the Trailer Park"?

I am so tired of hearing we pay the teachers and other faculty members with our tuition. Half of you get financial aid anyway.

Even if they ever do fix the fountain and get it working, I think that it is ugly anyway and they should just knock it down and turn it into an area for more parking.

The voice answering service for ECU's Health Center is so depressing. The woman speaking sounds as if she completely hates her job ... for those of you calling to make an appointment who would prefer not to listen to her ramble on about office hours, just press two and it will connect you with the appointment office.

It's funny how something as small as renaming a street brings out people's racist tendencies! And these are the same people who say we don't need Black History Month anymore! Wow!

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Names in the News:

Sick bay report

Sheryl Crow is in good spirits after a Feb. 22 lumpectomy to remove malignant spots in her breasts and is preparing to undergo radiation treatment. Just three weeks ago she split from the world's most famous cancer survivor, Lance Armstrong.

A bustin' suit

Hip-hop artist Busta Rhymes (Trevor Smith) is being sued by an ardent autograph-seeking fan who says Busta and bodyguard Troy Green busted all over his face, back and neck six months ago "for no rhyme or reason." Filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Melvin Smith's civil suit, which says the fracas has left him unable to fulfill his professional duties as a handyman, seeks an unspecified amount of money. Meanwhile, police are still investigating a Feb. 5 incident during which another bodyguard, Israel Ramirez, was gunned down on the set of Busta's video shoot.

Reese's payday

Julia Roberts is no more. Seductively articulate *Walk the Line* star Reese Witherspoon has surpassed the smile as the highest-paid actress of all time, having signed to star in the horror flick *Our Family Trouble* for \$29 million. Julia got a pathetic \$24 million for *Mona Lisa Smile*. Not to advocate anything as jejune as pay-grade equality, but Reese's piece is still a far cry from what the boys make, Tom Cruise was paid \$75 million for *Mission: Impossible II*.

A splash at Sundance

Two films examining immigrant life in America, the Latino teen drama *Quinceañera* and the Sudanese refugee documentary *God Grew Tired of Us*, won top honors at the Sundance Film Festival. *Quinceañera* is written and directed by Wash Westmoreland and Richard Glatzer. Starring Emily Rios in a striking film debut as a girl ostracized by her family after she becomes pregnant shortly before her 15th birthday, *Quinceañera* offers a culture-clash portrait of Los Angeles' Echo Park area, traditionally a Hispanic neighborhood that has become a trendy enclave. Christopher Quinn's *God Grew Tired of Us*, which follows three Sudanese boys adjusting to life in the United States after the bloody civil war in their homeland, received both the jury prize and audience award for U.S. documentaries.

Surprise attack

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg stated that while he knew he was going to "receive a volley from the right," about his film *Munich*, he was surprised "that we received a much smaller, but no less painful, volley from the left. It made me feel a little more aware of the dogma and the Luddite position people take any time the Middle East is up for discussion." *Munich* is the story of what happened after 11 Israeli athletes were murdered at the 1972 Olympics.

Calling it quits

Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez says he has stopped writing. "The year 2005 was the first in my life when I did not write a single line," the 78-year-old author was quoted as saying in Sunday's *La Vanguardia*, a daily published in Barcelona, Spain. Garcia Marquez is best known for *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and *Love in the Time of Cholera*. His latest novel, *Memoirs of My Melancholy Whores*, came out last year.

Local Concerts:

The Take Action Tour featuring Matchbook Romance, The Early November, Silverstein, Paramore and Amber Pacific will come to Myrtle Beach, S.C. Tuesday, March 7.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will be at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro, N.C. Thursday, March 9.

Jerry Sainfeld will be performing at the Progress Energy Center for Performing Arts in Raleigh Friday, March 10.

Circa Survive, Saves the Day and Moneen will be performing at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Saturday, March 25.

R. Kelly will be performing at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh Tuesday, March 28.

Ben Folds will be performing at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh Thursday, March 30.

Martina McBride will be at the RBC Center in Raleigh Sunday, April 2.

Kid Rock will be performing at the RBC Center in Raleigh Friday, April 7.

Michael Bubie will be performing at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh Wednesday, April 12.

Bluegrass Band takes over ECU

This Jarvis Street group has become Greenville's next craze

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

ECU is full of many hidden treasures; among them is The Jarvis Street Bluegrass Band. Their music encourages listeners to let loose and boogie with friends. One of the founding fathers of the group is Mark Romano, who I interviewed to get a better idea of what this band is all about.

TEC: What are the names of your fellow band members and what instruments do they play?
Romano: Jesse Iaquinto does vocals and plays the mandolin, Charlie McCannless plays the bass, Chad Cowan does vocals and plays the guitar and I play the banjo and vocals. We also have guest instrumentalists join us for different shows.

TEC: How often do you guys practice?
Romano: Every day, every chance we get. It is our lives.

TEC: What inspired you guys to play bluegrass music?
Romano: Jesse and I had English together freshman year and we had to write a paper about something on North Carolina. Jesse and I both wanted to write about music and blue-

More Info

The Jarvis Street Bluegrass Band: Jesse Iaquinto - Vocals, mandolin; Mark Romano - Banjo, vocals; Charlie McCannless - Bass; Chad Cowan - Guitar and vocals

A relatively new band who has taken ECU by a storm, performing bluegrass music and acquiring a steady following of listeners

The group will be playing at Happy's Wednesday, March 8.

For more information about the band and its members go to purevolume.com/ECUbluegrass.

grass originated in western North Carolina, so we both wrote a paper on it. Then we became friends and started jamming. We started playing bluegrass because none of us had really played that style of music, but we had Jesse's dad's 50-year-old banjo and a mandolin, so we started messing around with those.

TEC: How did you add the other members of the band and how long has your band been together officially?
Romano: In August we all got back together and decided to get serious about playing music. Our good friend Stephen played



The Jarvis Street Bluegrass Band: Jesse Iaquinto, Mark Romano, Charlie McCannless and Chad Cowan.

with us for a while, but he's got a really busy schedule being a music major so he hasn't played with us in a month or so because of that and he also broke his foot. Chad moved down here with 30 cents in his pocket and just wanted to play music; he's a friend of Jesse's from Elmira, NY. We've been a band "officially" since August.

TEC: Does your band have a steady following?
Romano: We have a tight group of friends that make it to every show, which we are grateful for, and the audience gets bigger every time we play, but it really depends on where we play.
TEC: Where has your band performed?
Romano: Phi Tau, Happy's and

mostly house parties. We're just now starting to play downtown. Happy's is our first "real gig."
TEC: Do you guys have any plans for the future with your band?
Romano: Yeah, there are many bluegrass festivals in North Carolina, which presents a nice

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Black Watch and the Band of Welsh Guards



Black Watch and the Band of Welsh Guards performers dressed.

More Info

Upcoming Performances in the S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series

Petipas La Bayadere: The exotic tale of a temple dancer in India; performed by the Russian Nation Ballet Friday, March 24 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium

Stand-Up Opera: The comedic styling of B.J. Ward Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium

Something new at Wright Auditorium

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

If you are looking for a way to quench your thirst for a new source of entertainment, look no further than Wright Auditorium. For 43 years the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series has offered students and staff the opportunity to attend a variety of performances. Symphony orchestras, operas, jazz, classical ballet, modern dance, folk musi-



cians and Broadway hits are just a few of the exciting entertaining performances which have been presented throughout the years.

This year, of course, is no different. Dancing and playing their way into Wright Auditorium March 9 at 8 p.m. The Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of First Battalion: The Black Watch and the Band of Welsh Guards are sure to offer a distinctive experience.

The Black Watch is the most prestigious of all the Highland regiments of the British Army, tracing back to 1624. Being the

first kilted regiment, as well as the first to use the bagpipe in the tradition of playing the troops into battle, is the Black Watch's claim to fame.

Members of the Black Watch are the only people permitted to carry arms in the Highlands. The right to bear arms is associated with status and standing, thus drawing many Highlanders to join the Black Watch.

In the contemporary British army the Black Watch is a machine gun platoon, which still

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Superman or Political Science Man?



Charles Owens, junior political science major, proves that many students can have their hands in fulfilling activities all over campus.

Who is who at ECU?

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

There are many hard working students at ECU who go to school, have one or more jobs and are involved with on-campus activities.

These individuals add to the strength and leadership at ECU and have mastered the most important factor for college... time management. Charles Ryan Owens is an assiduous undergraduate who seems to have super human powers.

TEC: Where are you from?

Owens: I was born and raised in Greenville.

TEC: What is your major?

Owens: I am majoring in political science with a minor in security studies.

TEC: What do you want to do for a living?

Owens: I want to work for a law firm dealing with civil law, corporate law or government law.

TEC: What is your current student classification at ECU?

Owens: I am a junior as of this semester, even though this is my second year. I plan to graduate in three years instead of four because it will help me get into law school. It is also a practical

path for me since I am paying my way through school; I will save money.

TEC: What activities are you involved with on campus?

Owens: I am a co-chair on the Appropriations Committee for Student Government Association, College Democrats, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), which is a leadership fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta, which is a political science honors fraternity.

TEC: Do you have a job?
Owens: I work at Starbucks and Logan's Roadhouse.

TEC: What do you want to do after you graduate from ECU?

Owens: I want to go to law school at Duke.

TEC: Is it very difficult to balance school, your jobs and all of your activities?
Owens: Kind of, not always, but at some points it is overwhelming.

TEC: What do you like to do for fun?

Owens: I play the guitar and racquetball.

TEC: What is your favorite part about ECU?

Owens: The people are so cool here. They are entertaining, fun and down to earth.

Charles Ryan Owens balances a full course load, two jobs and many time consuming activities. He is a committed, energetic student who exemplifies the hard work and dedication needed to succeed. There are students all over campus doing great things and Ryan is one of them.

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No matter what, always talk to a physician before taking medications

Allergy season tips

What medicines work?

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

Well kids, it is that time of year again - allergy season. As the impending incarnation of the swallowing plague graces our presence, so too does the need to find relief in the form of medical wonders. In order to properly accomplish this, I asked a nurse of about 25 years experience what she thought about the currently offered medicines on the market. This nurse is Rosie Borrego, my mother.

When asked about which medicines she believed worked the best, Borrego said, "Claritin, Singular and Allegra." She further went on to say,

"These are great drugs with minimal or no side effects."

All of these medications seem to come with some notice to be careful while taking them. Something that users typically forget or ignore is the fact that many of these allergy medications raise your blood pressure levels and, therefore, could cause hypertension.

Claritin is one of my personal favorites because it works very well to eradicate my symptoms, at least once it is in the bloodstream. This drug used to be a prescription-only drug, but now can be found in over the counter form.

Allegra and Singular are very widely used medications and have worked wonders for yours truly. The aforementioned Singu-

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opportunity to play outside of Greenville. We want to go as far as we can, but we know it takes time, so right now we're focusing on playing in town, at least for this semester.

The Jarvis Street Bluegrass

Band has gained supporters throughout Greenville.

The band's passion for their genre of music is evident as they entertain many people at their weekly performances.

The group has an upcoming

show Wednesday, March 8 at Happy's Pool Hall. To learn more about the band go to purevolume.com/ECUbluegrass.

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takes pride in their talent to play pipes and drums while serving their country. Equal amounts of pride are placed on their responsibilities as machine gunners as is their role as pipers/drummers. When formed in 1915, The Band of Welsh Guards was initially a group of 44 musicians and a warrant officer who served as the bandmaster. In 1916 the City of Cardiff enabled the band to carry out the first Kings Guard Mounting on St. David's Day when they gave the group their first set of instruments.

Permanently based in London, The Band of Welsh Guards regularly performs at various state and ceremonial occasions, including the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace. During their tour, they have traveled around the world to a number of countries including Belgium, Egypt, Spain, America and Canada.

When these two amazing groups of talent join forces, everyone is sure to be in for a unique night of entertainment.

Tickets are now on sale for this exciting night of entertainment. You can get yours from the

Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS. The cost of the performance is \$10 for students, \$19 for youth, \$37 for faculty and staff, and \$39 for the public.

For more information about the pipes, drums and Highland Dancers of First Battalion: The Black Watch and the Band of Welsh Guards as well as other upcoming performances at ECU please visit ecuarts.com.

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Personal Trainer

Rowing

Lift light- or medium-weight dumbbells with these rowing motions to strengthen the muscles of the upper back.

Bend knees slightly



Easiest

Back almost parallel to floor

More difficult

Only one weight

Stand on one leg

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Lift dumbbells to bottom of ribs, pause, then lower

After half of repetitions, switch weight to other hand; do second set on other leg

Lift weight, hold to chest as you straighten, then lift it overhead; reverse the steps to lower weight

Source: Personal trainer Carter Hays in Men's Health

Most difficult

Same position as above

Benefits

Builds muscles that support upper body during a long run

Repetitions

Do two sets of:

■ 8 to 12 reps to improve strength

■ 12 to 20 repetitions to increase endurance

Lower back

"Glutes"

Gluteus maximus

Hamstrings

Graphic: Helen Lee McCornes, Paul Trap

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lar and Allegra are found in the prescription form only. Therefore, you need to see a physician for these medications, don't just steal them from your roommate.

"Since many of these drugs can either cause complications or cost quite a bit of money, everyone should consult a doctor before making any decisions," Borrego said.

When you go to the doctor's office you do just more than pay for their service to tell you what you already knew about, you go there also to have your physician directly point out which particular ailment is bothering you.

Also, another thing to watch out for are dreaded drug interactions with other substances. People, don't imbibe an incredible amount of alcohol and take these medicines. Call it like you see it, it's drug abuse which could damage organs such as your liver and kidneys permanently.

I know the wave of sickness that seems to accompany the change of season can be a bit overwhelming with classes and all, but try to take care of yourselves.

Exercise, drink lots of water and take some vitamin C to help alleviate some of the strain on your body's immune system. Have a healthy season ladies and gents.

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Sports Briefs

Steroid doctor pleads guilty

A doctor accused of writing illegal steroid prescriptions to some members of the Carolina Panthers pleaded guilty Monday to one federal conspiracy charge as part of a plea agreement. Alternative medicine physician James Shortt, 59, pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of conspiracy to distribute anabolic steroids and human growth hormone. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to drop 42 similar counts against the doctor who used to practice in West Columbia. Prosecutors have said current and former members of the Carolina Panthers were some of Shortt's patients. After Monday's guilty plea, they would not say if he treated players from any other NFL teams. U.S. Attorney Reginald Lloyd said Shortt will likely be sentenced in several months. Shortt faces up to five years in prison, two years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. A report last spring from the CBS program 60 Minutes Wednesday identified Panthers' center Jeff Mitchell, tackle Todd Steussie and punter Todd Saurbrun as having filled steroid prescriptions written by Shortt. Shortt, who told the judge he now lives in California, remains free on bond.

Tillman death to be investigated

The Defense Department will investigate allegations of an Army coverup in the shooting death in Afghanistan of Cpl. Pat Tillman, in addition to a criminal investigation into the 2004 killing of the former NFL star. The department said Monday Gary Comerford, spokesman for the Defense Department's inspector general, said his office's review of three previous Army investigations of Tillman's death — none of which was a criminal probe — "found things that should have been looked at." The spokesman would not elaborate. Other officials said the inspector general concluded that the earlier Army investigations had produced enough evidence to merit probing possible charges of negligent homicide. The officials would discuss the matter only on condition of anonymity because the probe has not yet begun. Army investigators concluded that he was mistaken for the enemy and gunned down by his own men. The Army has publicly acknowledged that it erred by not tailing the family earlier that Tillman was killed by fellow soldiers. Three other U.S. soldiers were wounded in the firefight, which occurred April 22, 2004, near the Pakistan border. It was not clear Monday whether the circumstances of those woundings would be included in the Army criminal investigation.

All-league team members announced

A pair of senior All-Americans and a star rookie helped their teams finish atop the Atlantic Coast Conference. Now they're headlining the all-league team. Duke's J.J. Redick and Shelden Williams, and North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough were unanimous selections to the All-ACC team released Monday by The Associated Press. Redick, Williams and Hansbrough were first-team picks on all 108 votes by members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. They were joined by the first team by Boston College's Craig Smith and Virginia's Sean Singletary. Hansbrough is the first freshman in league history to earn unanimous first-team honors and is one of a league-high three all-conference picks for the Tar Heels, who had senior David Noel on the second team and junior Reyshawn Terry on the third team. Redick led the league with nearly 28 points per game and passed Wake Forest's Dickie Hemic to become the conference's career scoring leader.

Charlotte new home of NASCAR HQ

NASCAR's first Hall of Fame will be built in downtown Charlotte, within miles of the garages and sprawling mansions that make the region an epicenter of the sport.

The selection of Charlotte for the site of the \$107.5 million hall ended a yearlong race featuring four other cities. The hall is expected to lure hundreds of thousands of NASCAR fans annually, and officials hope it will open in 2009. The remaining finalists were Daytona Beach, Fla., and Atlanta, Richmond, Va., and Kansas City, Kan., were eliminated earlier. Sports marketing experts have described the hall as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to spur tourism among NASCAR's famously loyal fan base.

Charlotte's proximity to the heart of the sport was cited repeatedly by supporters. Lowe's Motor Speedway in suburban Concord is home to the longest race on the Nextel Cup circuit, the Memorial Day weekend Coca-Cola 600, and has long hosted NASCAR's annual all-star race.

Pirates break out the broom with sweep over Stony Brook



The Pirates scored a three-game sweep at Clark-LeClair Stadium over visiting Stony Brook, winning Sunday's series finale in the bottom of the 11th inning.

Diamond Bucs have a five-game winning streak

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Drew Schieber's RBI double and Dale Mollenhauer's bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the 11th capped a two run, last

inning rally as the Pirates won 4-3 and completed the sweep of Stony Brook Sunday afternoon at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

After walking all over the Seawolves during games one and two, when the Diamond Bucs did not allow a run en route to 12-0 and 4-0 wins, ECU needed extra innings and some heroics to

dispose of the feisty Seawolves in game three.

Trailling 3-2 heading to the bottom of the 11th, the Pirates got a gift from Brook shortstop Andres Perez as his throw to first on a Ryan Wood ground ball was errant and sailed into the Seawolf dugout, allowing Wood to advance second to begin the

inning. Head Coach Matt Senk, in a fit of rage, yanked Perez from the game, as he knew the error would prove to be costly. And it was.

Jake Dean's sacrifice bunt moved Wood to third, where he then scored on Schieber's RBI double to right to tie the game at three. Schieber picked the

perfect time to get his first hit of the game, as he was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts in four previous plate appearances.

Harrison Eldridge was intentionally walked to put the double play in order, but Pirate Head Coach Billy Godwin stayed

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ECU softball wins Pirate Clash

Jessup named tournament MVP

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
SENIOR WRITER

Tension was beginning to mount on the ECU softball team, to say the least. After starting the season with eight straight wins, including five shutouts, the Lady Pirates had lost the last four out of six heading into last weekend. To make matters worse, the losses have all been by only one run.

"Whenever you drop a one-point ball game you know that you are within winning it, so that is where most of our tension has come from, but on the flip side we have won a lot of one run ballgames," said coach Tracey Kee.

"I think that it is making us a tougher team, but it also gets to

you mentally after a while."

Friday the Lady Pirates had a chance to take out their tension and frustration as they hosted the Hampton Inn Pirate Clash. Coming off a loss to the College of Charleston the weekend before, it was imperative to get back to winning as they faced their first opponent of the clash, Delaware.

After holding Delaware scoreless through the first four innings of day, the Lady Pirates found themselves up 1-0. Unfortunately, the score did not stay that way, as Delaware was able to score six unearned runs within the last three innings of play to win 6-1.

"We came out flat," Kee said after the game.

"We just didn't execute and Delaware was able to just pound us."

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Senior Krista Jessup hit .549 with three RBI and four runs to claim MVP honors.

Lady Pirates reach second round

ECU falls to Tulsa in C-USA tournament

JOSH FERNANDEZ
STAFF WRITER

For the Lady Pirates, 2006 seemed to not be their year. Challenged by tough conference play, losing by the thinnest of margins and what sometimes appeared to just be plain bad luck, the Lady Pirates couldn't gain momentum to build up much-needed consecutive wins.

However, for a team that rebounded from a 10-18 2004-05 season with half its roster being freshmen (three of whom started), a 17-12, 8-8 record appears to be a sign of things to come in future campaigns.

ECU found itself facing UAB (14-14, 7-9) in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament, which kicked-off March 2. This was their third meeting of the season; their last was a triple overtime stunner that saw the Blazers come out on top, 96-94. This one, however, was not like the Feb. 12 game in any way except that it also came down to the wire.

It started off just like how it ended, neck and neck with defense as the name of the game. Both teams struggled to convert field goals in the first half, as each made only a third of their attempted shots. The Blazers were 1-for-8 from three-point range in the first 20 minutes. Entering the half, UAB was up 26-24.

However, UAB found itself in a second-half scoring drought that lasted over six minutes. ECU capitalized by going on an 11-0 run, to which the Blazers responded by chipping away at the Lady Pirates' lead over the course of the next 10-plus minutes.

With just under a minute and a half remaining

in the game, all-freshman, second-team all-conference and C-USA Freshman of the Year winner Jasmine Young drove in for a layup, one that would prove critical to the Lady Pirates as it put them up 47-46.

Neither team could find the bottom of the net again as the Lady Pirates moved on to the quarterfinals, winning by one.

"I knew it was going to be a tough 40 minutes," said coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener in an interview with ECU Sports Information.

"Both teams played really well, but I was proud that we came out with a win on the defensive end."

The win over UAB moved the Lady Pirates on to play top-seeded Tulsa (24-5, 13-3), the team who would move on to defeat Rice in the championship game to win the C-USA Championship. Led by C-USA Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and All-America candidate Jillian Roberts, the Golden Hurricane proved to be a formidable foe.

The game was close for most of the first half. ECU held one insignificant lead in the first minute of the match, but Tulsa took over and never gave up their lead for the rest of the game.

Early in the second half, second-team all-conference center Cherie Mills nailed a jumper to put the Lady Pirates within three at 38-35.

However, by the 16-minute mark, Tulsa did the damage that would prove to be too much for ECU to recover from. A 9-0 run that put the Golden Hurricanes up 47-35 was the climax of the game that put victory just about out of the Lady Pirates' reach.

The Pirates couldn't get within eight of Tulsa's lead for the rest of the game as they lost, 77-60.

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Jasmine Young was named C-USA Freshman of the Year this season.

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Baseball testing global market



Atlanta Braves' third baseman Chipper Jones hits a two-run homer for Team USA.

(KRT) — It's a tournament nobody wanted being played at a time no one likes before fans who don't care.

That, in a nutshell, is the way the inaugural World Baseball Classic has been received in some places. Such as George Steinbrenner's office, for example.

For commissioner Bud Selig, however, the tournament is the greatest innovation baseball has seen since the curveball.

"This is going to be the most important inter-

national baseball event ever staged," a breathless Selig pronounced.

The truth, of course, lies somewhere in between. Although the 16-team tournament, which opened Friday in Tokyo and hits full stride Tuesday in Arizona, Florida and Puerto Rico, seemingly has been slow to catch on, organizers hope interest will grow as the March 20 title game in San Diego nears.

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Freshman pitcher Brooke Swann was credited with the loss, allowing five runs on six hits over the final two innings.

The loss against Delaware was not only the first loss by the Lady Pirates this season by more than one run, but it was also the spark the ECU softball team needed to get back to their winning ways.

Throughout the next three games of the weekend, ECU out-scored their opponents 22-1 as they rolled through Liberty 5-0, Binghamton 15-0 and Fairfield 2-1.

"The team has finally just opened up their bats and started swinging them," Kee said.

"We were playing very tense, even from the first game of the season all the way up to now. It was nice to finally see the team loosen up and trust their skills."

The three wins on the weekend were enough to earn the Lady Pirates a spot in the Pirate Clash championship game to face Longwood.

ECU was able to jump out to an early lead in the game as senior Krista Jessup led off with a double and was later able to score when Longwood pitcher Rachel Mills bobbed a ground ball hit by sophomore Beth Nolan. The Lady Pirates were then able to score four more runs, holding Longwood to just

one as they took the championship game 5-1.

Junior Keli Harrell pitched an outstanding game as she picked up her seventh win of the season. Harrell allowed six hits while striking out 10 in her fifth complete outing of the season.

After the game, Jessup was named tournament MVP for her performance on the weekend. She compiled a .549 batting average while collecting three RBI and four runs.

On Wednesday the Lady Pirates have to turn their attention to in-state rival North Carolina as they come to ECU for a 4 p.m. game. The Lady Tarheels, who are currently ranked 25 in the country, will be a challenge as well as a great tune-up for ECU as they enter their conference schedule next weekend against Houston.

"Any time you play an in-state rival, both teams tend to elevate their game," Kee said.

"I think it is a great game for us, right before we are about to head into our first conference series at Houston. If we can gear up for Chapel Hill then, it will be something that we can hopefully carry over into the weekend."

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Alpha Delta Pi would like to thank Delta Chi, Chi Phi, and KA for the fun socials! Can't wait to do it again soon!

To the Phi Kappa Psi Gentlemen: The ladies from Gamma Chi Epsilon would like to say thank you. Thank you for having a great social with us last Friday. We all had an exciting time and we hope you had the same experience. Hopefully we will have another social sometime in the future. Moreover, keep on having fun for the remainder of the semester.

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi would like to thank Kathryn Allred for her hard work and awesome social planning! We love you!

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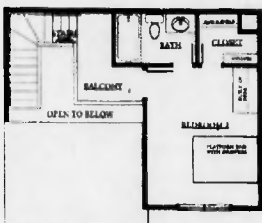
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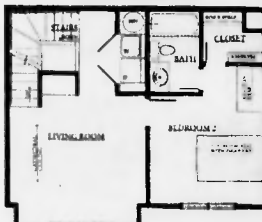
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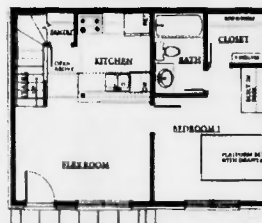
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aggressive and called for a double steal that was successful in moving Schieber to third and Eldridge to second. The Wolves were then forced to issue another intentional pass, this one to Ryan Tousey, thus loading the bases with one out and the winning run at third. Jay Mattox then swung at the first pitch he saw and hit it right back to the pitcher, who came home to get the lead runner Schieber and the second out of the inning.

Senior reliever Nick Abel, who began the inning as the pitcher, then walked Mollenhauer on four consecutive pitches, allowing Eldridge to score from third to end the game and the series in heart-breaking fashion for Stony Brook.

"We have a way to make it interesting," said Godwin. "I was really proud of our players for the way they came back, especially there in the 11th. We showed some character and came up with some big hits."

"Wins like this help your character. It makes us believe that when we're down, we can come back and beat anybody."

The two teams battled to a two all tie in regulation and carried that score into the top of the 11th. That's when Stony Brook took their third lead of the contest. After Kyle Traylor singled up the middle to begin the inning, he then moved up to second with one out when Michael Tansey laid down a bunt that also went for a single. With one out, Godwin opted to relieve Kevin Rhodes, who pitched 1.1 innings, in favor of Carter Harrell.

Harrell immediately gave up an infield single to Chris Sipp to load the bases. Senior catcher Jon Pasieka took a sign from Brook Head Coach Matt Senk and then delivered a perfect safety squeeze, allowing Traylor to score from third and give the Wolves a 3-2 advantage. Harrell escaped the inning without any further damage.

A trend that saw the Pirates match Stony Brook run for run once in the fourth and again in the eighth ended in the 11th when the Diamond Bucs trumped the Wolves' one run with two of their own to sweep the series.

"The first sweep of the year is awful nice," Godwin said. "Hopefully, this will get rid of the Sunday jinx that we had early in the year. I'm just really proud of the club and the way they played."

Despite his best outing, red-shirt sophomore Shane Mathews got a no decision for the Pirates. He was brilliant for six innings, recording a career high nine strikeouts while giving up just five hits and one unearned run. Harrell got the win for the Bucs, and improved to 2-0 on the season.

Mollenhauer led ECU at the plate with two hits and a RBI. Schieber and pinch hitter Adam Hodges also chipped in a RBI each. Conference USA Hitter of the Week Jake Smith put on an offensive clinic during game two, as he went 3-for-4 with two home runs and four RBI as the Pirates defeated Stony Brook 4-0.

Not to be outdone by Smith, redshirt sophomore Dustin Sasser and Harrell pitched an almost flawless game, as the two combined for a three hit shutout of the Wolves.

"In this game, it's hard to shut out anybody," said Godwin.

"So many things happen with an aluminum bat. You have to give credit where credit is due, our pitchers and defense. I think we've really played well."

Sasser was brilliant for seven innings, allowing only three hits and a walk while striking out three. The redshirt sophomore improved to 3-1 on the season with a staggering 1.09 ERA.

"When he got behind, he seemed to do a really good job of making quality pitches," Godwin said.

"I think that this was the thing, if he found himself in a little bit of a jam, he was able to not just throw it down the middle but spot his fastball and his changeup."

One thing is for sure; no one is going to shut out Smith the way he is swinging the bat lately. Coming off of the C-USA award, Smith has all but locked up a second straight week featuring that honor, as the senior catcher batted .500 in four games this past week. Smith was 7-for-14 with three homers, including a grand slam against Duke, 11 RBI and four runs scored. It's going to be very hard for the conference to find another hitter as hot as Smith right now.

Smith now leads the Pirates in average (.407), hits (22), doubles (4), homers (5), RBI (25), total bases (41), slugging percentage (.759) and on-base percentage (.435).

"It's a lot of fun to watch Jake Smith when he's on your team in the dugout. I can tell you that,"

said Godwin.

"It wouldn't be a whole lot of fun to be in the other dugout."

In game one, sophomore hurler T.J. Hose was strong for six innings and Dale Mollenhauer was 2-for-4 with a game high four RBI as the Pirates dismantled the Seawolves 12-0.

Hose improved to 3-0 on the young season.

The Pirates (11-3) return to action Wednesday when they host N.C. A&T. The last time the Aggies and the Diamond Bucs hooked up in Clark-LeClair stadium, A&T made nine errors leading to a 16-5 loss to ECU.

This will hopefully be a confidence booster for the Pirates as they hit the road this weekend for their first road series of the season when they take on mighty Cal. State Fullerton.

It will be one of the most important series in ECU baseball history.

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World Baseball from page A9

More than 3,500 media credentials have been issued, more than were issued for the World Series. And baseball officials ambitiously predicted that ticket sales could top 800,000, challenging last month's Winter Olympics. Yet just 21,000 showed up for WBC's first two games in Tokyo despite the fact Japan was playing in the nightcap.

"I think the tournament will do very well when we get to our finals, when you start to develop storylines throughout the tournament," Paul Archey, baseball's vice president for international operations, said.

Where it will do very well is

the question. The Classic already has generated excitement in Venezuela and Dominican Republic, the two countries that are expected to challenge the United States for the title, and in Puerto Rico, which will play host to two rounds of pool play.

"A small country like the Dominican and like Venezuela and like Puerto Rico, they always want to beat the States, and they want to show how good they are," said the Chicago Cubs' Aramis Ramirez, who was named to the Dominican's provisional roster before pulling out with an injury.

"I think it will be best for

our fans, because, you know, now they are going to see all of the players playing together on one team," added Dominican shortstop Miguel Tejada of the Baltimore Orioles.

As a result, TV ratings in the baseball-playing countries of Latin America are expected to be high, as they were during the past two World Series. But the tournament's success ultimately will be measured by how it's received in places such as China, South Africa and the Netherlands, where baseball remains little more than a curiosity.

"This tournament will be

broadcast to well over 200 countries," Archey said. "The primary objective of doing this tournament is to give us a platform to promote this game globally. And, certainly, it will do that."

The lesson of the NBA's inroads into China has not been lost on baseball's executives. A decade ago, pro basketball was ignored in the world's most populated country. But then Yao Ming joined the Houston Rockets, and now NBA games are carried live on as many as 24 Chinese TV networks, and Michael Jordan is more recognizable than revolutionary hero Zhou Enlai.

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Tulsa, as a team, was on-point from the field, converting 59 percent of its shots, along with 75 percent of its free throws. Comparatively, the Lady Pirates shot



36 percent from the field and completely fell off from their 9-for-10 first half free throw performance to only 2-for-9 in the second half. The Lady Pirates will see all

but three players return for next season, including C-USA standouts Young and Mills. In fact, two-thirds of the roster will be returning for the next few seasons

—ones that, in all likelihood, will only improve.

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