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Chancellor speaks to students

Students given chance to be heard by ECU administration

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Tuesday night in Mendenhall, Chancellor Ballard and several other members of school administration were on hand to address the university and students' most frequently asked questions.

The address opened with Ben Wyche, SGA speaker of the senate, who indicated to those present that last night's program was "an informal dialogue and opportunity to communicate with the leaders of our campus community."

Seated across the stage were Chancellor Ballard, Dr. Lynn Roeder, assistant vice chancellor of Student Life, and Mr. Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of Student Experiences.

Before Chancellor Ballard spoke to the students and staff present, Dr. Roeder, appearing on behalf of Dr. Moore, began with an update from Student Life.

Some of the things Dr. Roeder illustrated for students included renovations to Mendenhall Student Center (which are going on now and will continue with vari-

ous projects through 2008), renovations to the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, which will break ground in Spring 2007, and the new College Hill Suites building, which opens to residents this fall. She pointed out that students seem to be very excited about the new residential option because the waiting list to get a room in the new suites is over 300 students long.

Also coming to ECU are extended food services, which could be anything from a fruit-and-snack kiosk to another Subway. The food services will be provided in the following locations: the Belk building, the Student Recreation Center, the Bate building, the Allied Health building, and a Subway will be added to the Galley on College Hill. Mendenhall Student Center is also going to get a food court in the future.

After this presentation, Dr. Roeder introduced Chancellor Ballard, who spoke primarily about ECU's future as an educational institution.

"There were a lot of questions [from the students]...I am going to address two right now," Ballard said.

"The first is, 'Where will the university be in 2010?' Where we

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OWUE holds informational event



There was an impressive crowd at Thursday's event, held by Our World Underwater Explorers.

Scuba fans get a look at the good life

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Our World Underwater Explorers (OWUE) held an event Thursday night in Mendenhall to present products and to educate students on scuba diving. The event included refreshments, a presentation and a raffle. Part of the presentation was a 20-minute video sponsored by Rolex showing graduate student and

OWUE member Joe Holt sampling scuba gear all over the world. Pete Wagner, owner of the Greenville-based scuba gear shop Rum Runner located near Pitt Community College, sponsored the event and was pleased by the turnout of 70 people.

"It was a great turnout. I hope that we will be able to have some more events like this in the future," said Wagner.

Among the items he donated for the raffle were a regulator, fins, a boat charter and a camera.

"It was all pretty awesome presentation by Rolex. It really helped in trying to promote the program at ECU. We hope to build student interest in scuba diving," said Nick Talarico, OWUE president.

OWUE raises funds by serving at the concession stand at ECU home baseball games. OWUE's upcoming events include trips to Hollywood, Fla., Key Largo, Fla., and Morehead City, N.C. Interested students can reach Talarico at nrt1114@ecu.edu.

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CHITWOOD

ECU surgeon holds prestigious position

Elected Vice President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons

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Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr. was elected by the members of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons as vice president of the society at its 42nd meeting held in Chicago.

The meeting was held Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2006, and the election gives Chitwood the opportunity to become the society's president in 2008.

More than 5,000 surgeons perform surgical procedures to the heart, lungs, esophagus and other areas of the chest. The society is a non-profit organization whose goal is find ways to better serve patients who must have surgery.

Chitwood will be apart of the executive board to the society. Chitwood will act as a liaison on the executive board of the STS Council of Quality, Research and Patient Safety.

Chitwood is the chief of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Brody School of Medicine. He is also the senior vice chancellor for health services at ECU and director of East Carolina Heart Institute.

Chitwood has established himself as respectful surgeon, making many breakthroughs in medicine here in Greenville and other countries.

As of February 16, Chitwood had performed more mitral valve surgeries using the da Vinci Surgical System than any other doctor in the world. He has performed 260 surgeries using the da Vinci system and 750 total surgeries in the United States, Europe and Asia.

The da Vinci Surgical System is a robotic method of performing surgery that ensures precision and accuracy.

He has performed many of these first using this robotic system of surgery. He performed the first surgery using the machine in India and Germany.

In May 2000, Chitwood performed the first total heart valve repair surgery at Pitt Memorial Hospital. This was the first performed in North America.

A total of 150 surgeons have learned how to use the da Vinci Surgical System from Chitwood using Minimally Invasive Training System at ECU.

"Dr. Chitwood has served the society in a number of important capacities over the years, including prior service on our board of directors, and is highly respected by his peers," said Robert A. Wynbrandt, STS executive director and general counsel.

"He will be an extremely valuable addition to the society's senior leadership."

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Economy still showing strength

Iran's nuclear uncertainty not roadblock for profit

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Strong corporate profits in spite of Iranian nuclear uncertainty are a sign of just how strong the economy is presently. The S&P 500 companies are showing a profit increase of 14 percent on average. Even technology companies, generally known as volatile, are posting robust earnings as electronic gifts were popular this past holiday season.

"Obviously, the Iranian thing is a wild card and nothing's going to get resolved in the short term, but the earnings are really what's key to the market and any longer-term perspective," said Marc Pado, a market strategist at Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

While the upbeat corporate profits are good news, more investors will be paying more attention to the Federal Reserve report on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and "beige book," which is a summary of economic conditions as determined by the Federal Reserve. The beige book is published twice a quarter based on the economic reporting of the different federal districts. The report is summarized by district and by economic sector. The last one came out at the end of November and had mixed reports about the economy including a downturn in financial stocks due to uncertain interest rates, credit losses and a slow down in refinancing and equity loans.

Recently the United States and EU, which did not see eye to eye on Iraq, now completely agree that Iran must desist its nuclear program as the world simply is not very trusting of the Iranian regime's intentions. The United States and EU would like to see the matter settled before the UN Security Council and are now pushing for a meeting to decide

if Iran should be sanctioned if it does not abide by the UN decision. The EU has declared talks with Iran have come to a halt because of non-cooperation. Russia and China have halted economic ties to Iran. The United States and EU are optimistic that Russia and China will come around and refer Iran to the Security Council.

Meanwhile, oil markets face uncertainty as well over the Iraqi insurgency and the Iran nuclear showdown.

"The banner flying over the region is one of instability and uncertainty," said Mustafa Alani, at the Dubai-based Gulf Research Center. Instability in the Middle East is nothing new to oil markets though, nor are nuclear ambitions by some power-hungry Middle-eastern regimes.

Investors are uncertain about Federal Reserve actions. While nearly everyone is sure that there will be two more quarter point raises in the Federal funds rate, no one is sure what it will do after that. The transfer of Federal Reserve leadership from Alan Greenspan to Ben Bernanke has already created unrest in currencies such as the U.S. dollar. It is interesting that this leadership transfer would create unrest, considering the similarity of Bernanke's ideals to those of Greenspan's.

Investors have reason to be optimistic, such as the fact that Ford auto sales are up 46 percent in China.

"We're quite confident that Ford Motor Company as a whole will again see a significant growth in total sales volume in China in 2006, reflecting our strong products, expanded dealer network and strong support by Ford Automotive Financing China," Mei Wei Cheng, chief executive of Ford Motor China Ltd., said in the statement.

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Greek Life: negatively stereotyped?

It's all about perspective

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Greek Life, a nationwide network of fraternities and sororities, has in recent years been seen by some in a controversial light and by others as a benefit to society.

Popular stereotypes toward Greeks include the idea of members paying for friends, as well as that being in a fraternity or sorority is a 24-hour job of binge drinking and late-night partying.

"First off, the whole thing about, 'yes, you pay money, and go through the pledge process, but you might not get in and we keep your money,' that's messed up in my opinion," said Lucius Jordan, sophomore and athletic training major.

"Second of all, it's like paying for friends, and on top of that there is a three month period where you treat me like crap, haze me and embarrass me in public, and then we're supposed to be friends after that because it's called brotherhood and getting to know each other?"

Even after being told hazing is against school policy and the law, Jordan said, "Are you aware that it goes on anyway?"

It's difficult at times, though, not to associate the Greek crowd in this light due the media attention they receive when a member drops dead after drinking entirely too much alcohol. This was the

case with Adrien Heideman, 18, died in May 2001 during an informal Chico State fraternity initiation ritual.

Nevertheless, should all parties be held accountable nationwide to this stereotype?

Blake Nguyen, president of the fraternity Phi Kappa Tau at ECU, doesn't think so.

While stressing the importance of making life long friendships with your brothers or sisters, Blake also looks to the future well after college.

"After college, it's networking," said Nguyen.

"You meet people, you meet alumni and in just your four or five years here, you'll be able to go far and in the future you can call bonds here and call bonds there and use that networking."

Nguyen offered some statistics that were very close to what the Interfraternity Council cites.

According to the Interfraternity Council Statistics Board at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a technical college, all but two U.S. presidents since 1825 have been Greek and 85 percent of the Fortune 500 executives belong to a fraternity.

More statistics can be viewed at ifc.union.rpi.edu/stats.php.

"And honestly, a few bad apples spoil everything and that's the way life is," said Nguyen regarding those incidents where injury or death occurred.

"It's about having people you

can trust in life, you can depend on people, that are there for you whenever you need it and vice versa," Phil Kendal, a sophomore and member of Kappa Sigma said.

"You don't pay for your friends, you pay for the things you do with your friends."

Greeks are active with philanthropy and community service also.

Chi Omega works closely with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They recently held a jeans sale at their house on Fifth Street. For every pair of jeans sold, \$5 was donated to the foundation.

"Our philanthropy is the Ronald McDonald House," said Katherine Powell, president of the sorority Alpha Delta Pi.

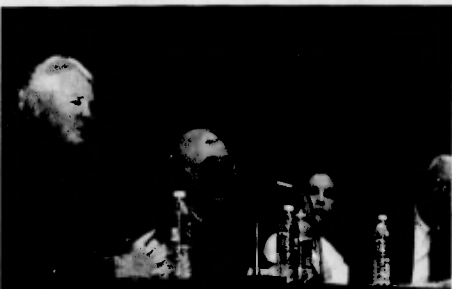
"Ronald McDonald House is a hospice that caters to families with sick children in the hospital who either cannot afford to stay in hotels or have other young children that need a place to stay that offers free meals and playtime."

Powell went on to add, "it is my hope that ECU would not view the Greek community as a party club, but rather organizations that can have fun while making a difference at the same time."

Last semester, the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon sold brain tumor awareness bracelets around campus. Money for the bracelets was then donated to the Brain Tumor Foundation. One of Sigma

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Former Chancellors discuss educational trends



Students had the chance to hear opinions of former ECU chancellors

"What College Presidents Think" panel discussion held recently

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The ECU Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society held a panel discussion Tuesday evening in the Willis Building on what college presidents think about a variety of issues.

Dr. Richard Eakin, former chancellor of ECU, and Dr. William Shelton, former interim chancellor at ECU, answered

questions posed by students and audience members, as well as moderator Dr. Bob Thompson.

Discussion questions were aimed at exploring trends and challenges facing higher education, from the increasing number of non-tenured faculty to the growing prominence of college athletics, but also sought the former chancellors' opinions of the usefulness of students' teacher evaluations and university rankings.

The trend of rising numbers of fixed-term and non-tenured faculty at universities, as well as graduate assistants playing

larger instructional roles was not considered by the panel to necessarily be detrimental to a university's educational quality.

"[In some cases] it could, but I think in some cases it may be a very good thing," said Eakin.

"There isn't a faculty member in this room probably that didn't have an apprenticeship as a graduate assistant. That is a way of learning the ropes, learning how to teach under the direction of a mentor, and getting yourself installed in the academic community."

The amount of time involved in recruiting tenure-track faculty members was cited as a reason

for the increase of fixed-term faculty.

"I think it's a reality we have today ... how long it takes to go through a search for tenure-track faculty members," said Shelton. "We are able to fund the positions but we have not been able to fill them because of the lengthy process."

Shelton continued to say he expected the amount of instruction delivered by non-tenured faculty to continue to increase, especially as distance education becomes more and more popular.

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Announcements:

The Black Watch and the Band of the Welsh Guards

Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Specially armed with bagpipes, dance shoes and drums, the storied Black Watch and the Band of the Welsh Guards will present an evening of military music. 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. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff. Contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecuart.com.

Lecture: Lance Armstrong's Physiological Maturation: Sport Reflects Life

Brody School of Medicine Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Edward F. Coyle, a physiologist who has studied world renowned cyclist Lance Armstrong, will visit ECU and discuss how the cyclist's physiology and optimal training contributing to his seven wins in Tour de France. The lecture is free, but donation opportunities for cancer research will be available. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, the Walker Center in the College of Health and Human Performance, 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*. 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. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. 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 \$39 public, \$37 ECU faculty/staff, \$19 youth and \$10 ECU student. Contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecuart.com.

ECU Youth Arts Festival 2006

Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on ECU 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 surrounding states, North Carolina and from 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

Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth and \$72 for ECU Students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff, \$84 for youth and \$48 for ECU students. Contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecuart.com. Discounts for parties of 15 or more will be given at the door.

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Four killed in fiery car crash

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - A speeding car went airborne as it crossed a highway exit bridge, crashing to the ground 58 feet below and bursting into flames late Saturday night. Police said four people were killed. The car, a 2004 Mazda RX8, was demolished and a police spokesman said Sunday that the identities of the victims were not immediately available. It was heading west on the U.S. 64 bypass and crashed as it tried to exit onto Interstate 440. Police said the car took a branch of the exit that led to a bridge over I-440, where it ran out of control and hit the concrete barrier on the right side of the bridge. The car skidded along the barrier for 410 feet before it rose over it, flying 224 feet forward and dropping to the ground, where it rolled and burst into flames.

Many technical schools will soon be looking for new leaders

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - A new program created by the University of South Carolina is looking to help solve a potential crisis with the state's technical colleges. With nearly half of the state's technical college presidents and vice presidents likely to retire in the next five years, the university's College of Education has launched the Community College Leadership Alliance, whose goal is to groom successors for the leaders. Seventy-one percent of the state's technical college presidents and 39 percent of its vice presidents could retire in the next five years, said Lawrence Ray, spokesman for the state's technical college system. Many of the presidents are enrolled in the Teacher and Employee Retention Program, known as TERA, said James Hudgins, director of the new alliance, which was formed in January. Under the program, 28-year employees of the state can retire but continue to work for five years as their retirement annuity is placed in a non-interest-bearing account. Recent changes to TERA allow anyone

who completes the program to be rehired if a state agency offers them a job state Budget and Control Board spokesman Mike Sponhour said. About 25 mid-level administrators from across the state have enrolled in the six-course program with the Community College Leadership Alliance. Many of the lessons are taught over video, so they only travel to Columbia three times a semester. All the credits count toward a master's or doctorate. Michele Shinn, a director in Trident Technical College's division of continuing education, completed the certificate program in December and plans to pursue a doctorate. She's been at the college since 1987. Shinn plans to continue working in the system and might consider applying for a vice president position because that would be the logical next step.

National

Sentencing process for 9/11 defendant getting under way

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - After more than four years of wrangling and delay, the death penalty trial of the only man charged in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is ready to begin. Final jury selection was scheduled for Monday in the sentencing trial of Zacarias Moussawi, a 37-year-old French citizen who has admitted his loyalty to the al-Qaida terror network and its leader, Osama Laden but denies that he has anything to do with Sept. 11. A jury pool of 83 was called to the federal courthouse in Alexandria. Prosecutors and defense lawyers will whittle that group to a jury of 18 - 12 plus six alternates - using peremptory strikes, which allow each side to dismiss jurors for any reason they choose except race or gender. Each side gets 30 peremptory strikes. Defense lawyers asked for additional strikes last week, but the judge denied that request Friday. The jurors scheduled to report

for service already been qualified to serve during a two-week jury selection process in which they were quizzed individually by U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema and filled out 50-page questionnaires asking their views about the death penalty, al-Qaida, the FBI and their reactions to the Sept. 11 attacks. Opening statements are scheduled for Monday afternoon, and the first witness is also expected to take the stand Monday.

Famous casting director passes away

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Phyllis Huffman, a casting director for Clint Eastwood's best picture Oscar winners *Unforgiven* and *Million Dollar Baby*, has died. She was 61. Huffman died Thursday in New York City after a brief illness. In a statement Friday, Eastwood called Huffman "a visionary casting director with a true sense of what makes an actor right for the role." In 1985, Huffman's husband was stabbed to death at age 40 while trying to chase down a burglary suspect. Huffman later moved back to New York and formed her own casting company. She also remarried. Olga Marcus, who raised money for progressive causes from her dentist husband's rich and famous clients, died Feb. 22. She was 97. Marcus, the widow of Beverly Hills dentist David Marcus, died at her home in Westwood of natural causes, her family said. Dr. Ethel Longstreet created Women For in 1964. Unlike those in other organizations of the time, its members researched and interviewed candidates and offered endorsements, said Sherry Betlich Jaffe, a political analyst and University of Southern California professor. She was also co-founder of the Therapeutic Education and Child Health Foundation, which lobbied on behalf of and raised funds for special-needs children. Rev. John J. Paul passed away also, and among his high-profile cases was the 1995 prosecution of Grant. The British actor pleaded no contest

to lewd conduct in a public place. "He was totally respectful of the rights of everyone in the process. That was one of the reasons everyone thought so highly of him," Superior Court Judge Michael Nash said. Sandoval and Martin were also one of the first gay male couples to adopt a child in Los Angeles County, Deputy City Attorney Matthew St. George said.

International

Former leader of rebel Serb state in Croatia commits suicide in prison

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Milan Babic, the Serb leader of a rebel republic in Croatia and one of the key figures in the Balkan wars of the 1990s, committed suicide in prison, the U.N. war crimes tribunal said Monday. Babic, who was serving 13 years for crimes against humanity, was found dead Sunday evening in his cell at the U.N. detention center in Scheveningen, a suburb of The Hague, said a tribunal statement. The Serb minority revolted after Croatia broke away from Yugoslavia in 1991, setting off a war that lasted until 1995. Babic's family was informed Sunday after the chief medical officer of the center confirmed the cause of death was suicide. Dutch authorities were notified and a tribunal judge immediately ordered an inquiry. The tribunal did not say how Babic killed himself. In Belgrade, the B92 television station said Babic "probably hanged himself." It was the second time a detainee committed suicide. The first was Slavko Dokmanovic, another Croatian Serb leader, in 1998. As accused, along with Milosevic, of being part of a conspiracy, or "joint criminal enterprise," to clear roughly one-third of Croatia of non-Serbs and incorporate that area into an ethnically pure Serbian state. Before sentencing, he apologized to the Croatian people. "I stand before this tribunal with a deep sense of shame and remorse. I allowed myself to participate

in the persecution of the worst kind against people only because they were Croats, not Serbs," he said. "I ask my brother Croats to forgive us, their brother Serbs." The constitution requires parliament to meet no later than four weeks after the vote was certified, which occurred Feb. 12, nearly two months after the election. "We will call today for holding the meeting on the 12th of this month because it is the last day that the constitution allows us to hold the meeting of the new parliament," President Jalal Talabani told reporters. One bomb exploded as a police patrol was driving through a northern Baghdad neighborhood, killing one officer and a civilian bystander, Interior Ministry Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said. Three others were injured, including a patrol member, he said. A suicide car bomber hit an Interior Ministry convoy in eastern Baghdad, killing two members of the security force and injuring three, police said. Another car bomb targeting a police patrol exploded in downtown, injuring at least seven people, police said. The wounded included four policemen and three civilian bystanders.

New Parliament convenes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq's president said Monday he would convene the new parliament for the first time on March 12, beginning a 60-day countdown during which lawmakers must elect a new head of state and sign off on a prime minister. Police found at least four more bodies that were shot in the head and dumped in parts of Baghdad. And three Shiite Turkmen were killed in a drive-by-shooting near Kirkuk, 180 miles north of Baghdad, police said. In Mahmudiya, about 18 miles south of Baghdad, a car bomb hit a police patrol, killing a woman and injuring three other people, including two policemen, said police Cap. Rashid al-Samarie. Al-Jaafari's supporters and a Kurdish delegation favoring Abdul-Mahdi Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, hoping to secure his endorsement.

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When asked what role student opinion of instruction faculty (SOIS) play in evaluating faculty members' effectiveness, Eakin said they are a valuable resource and are "used fairly extensively," although he mentioned the need for more peer evaluations by faculty. As the discussion continued, Shelton, who served on the NCAA Presidents Commission and chaired the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct in Intercollegiate Athletics, criticized the overwhelming prominence of collegiate athletics, stating it has "taken on an importance that is very frightening." Eakin, who also served on the Presidents Commission, agreed. "The monumental escalation of expenditures in collegiate athletics... it is just getting so far out

of hand," said Eakin, who called the practice of paying college athletic coaches millions of dollars in salaries "bizarre." Shelton advised that universities should acknowledge the reality of athletics as a new form of entertainment but not let it distract from the role of higher education, and not be hypocritical. Eakin cited The Chronicle of Higher Education's survey of college presidents report, stating "59 percent of college presidents say that college athletics is more of a liability than an asset," but said he doubted many survey respondents would say so in public. The panel also discussed the merits of college rankings, and whether rankings mattered to university leaders. With the exception of football and basketball, the panel joked, rankings were too subjective to be of much

importance. "Obviously if you're one of the institutions near the top [of the rankings] you think they're great... otherwise you can certainly tell why it's flawed. Some governing boards look at it, it may have an effect in some cases on recruiting, but... typically the institutions there are institutions that have a certain set of criteria," said Shelton. "The things they choose to focus on dictate the rankings," Eakin elaborated. For more information about what other university leaders think about these issues and more, check out The Chronicle's survey results report on their Web site, chronicle.com/stats/presidentialsurvey/index.htm. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Phi Epsilon's members, Tom Bolick, is currently fighting cancer. Ion Outterbridge, Director of Greek Life at ECU, cited problems stemming from Hollywood's portrayal of the Greek system with movies such as *Animal House* and *School Daze*. "It portrays, to me, the negative images of Greek life: pledging, excessive drinking, to wild parties, to the hazing and unfortunately when people see these type of movies, that's what they think Greek life is about," said Outterbridge. Outterbridge emphasized that when the founding mothers and fathers of all of the different organizations around the nation gathered, they would never have meant for such an image to be presented. "We're working hard on going back to the basics, and when I say that, [I mean] going back to our founding principles," said Outterbridge.

"For an outsider looking in it, may look like that," said Kay Christian, Assistant Director of Greek Life. In explaining how outsiders to Greek life may be fooled into thinking that a fraternity or sorority is all about drinking just by maybe seeing them downtown at a bar. "They don't see the community service and the philanthropy work because those are organizations going out and doing that separately, so other people aren't going to see that," said Christian. She went on to discuss how it's easy for a Greek organization to claim that it is involved with philanthropy, but another thing to actually ensure that service is being conducted. "You can say it, but you actually have to do it," said Christian. Both Outterbridge and Chris-

tian are out to ensure that Greek life is being responsible in its recruitment endeavors. "I think it has a lot to offer, you know, a student," said Christian. "The new member education program is a good thing, it should teach students more, well rounded in what they want to do. However, you've got some groups who are just kind of, well, they act more like their fraternity or sorority is more like a local organization in that they run it like they want to run it," said Christian. There may always be some misunderstanding between Greek society and the independent student; nevertheless, steps are being taken to ensure that the gap is ever so slightly being closed. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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will be is pretty much decided [by students, faculty, the community, etc.] already. We still have a big say in the university concerning what happens in 2012 or 2015, but now is pretty much decided," Ballard continued. "It has to do with the reputation, quality of education, and service it [ECU] provides to the state and the students." Chancellor Ballard added that the institution should stick to its motto to serve, particularly the state. The second question concerning tuition was also addressed,

but more so in the question and answer portion of the meeting. "The hardest questions to answer are regarding tuition," Ballard said. "Students have every right to ask." The question portion of the address, moderated by SGA President M. Cole Jones, addressed an hour's worth of questions. One question posed to the panel concerned the possibility of the school providing low cost child care to students. The response to this question had to do with having definite priorities in terms of what the majority

of the students want more than anything else, because those will be the things that the school tries to provide quickly. Definite statistics for student priorities are still unknown, but in the coming year, administration hopes to clarify the needs of the students. Another example dealt with the Zero Tolerance Policy and how it relates to drinking alcohol. Ben Wyche commented that new programs are being created to address alcohol abuse and underage drinking. Dr. Roeder also said that the Zero Tolerance Policy is not applicable to alco-



Firemen douse flames, saving buildings and residents in Polk County.

Fire scorches 275 acres, smokes out Warrior Mountain residents

(AP) - Residents of a dozen mountain homes took refuge in a Red Cross shelter as a forest fire blazed across 275 acres of Polk County between Saluda and Tryon on Sunday. The flames were reported under control on Sunday without damage to buildings or injuries to people. Residents whose homes were threatened stayed at an American Red Cross shelter in nearby Columbus as efforts to extinguish the fire continued. A helicopter spraying water joined firefighters on Warrior Mountain to battle the latest in a string of wildfires in the past week of dry, windy weather. "It's so dry now that it doesn't take much to get one going," said Ted Duncan, public information officer with the N.C. Division of Forest Resources. The Warrior Mountain blaze

was the largest of more than 20 fires reported in western North Carolina over the weekend. The cause was still being investigated, Duncan said. About 10 fire departments from Polk County and nearby South Carolina, joined by a Forest Service plane and helicopter, began to fight the fire on Friday. Officials think it could take days before some of the fire's hot spots burn completely out. The state has recorded 1,359 wildfires of varying sizes so far this year that have burned a total of 3,645 acres. March to May is the peak spring wildfire season in North Carolina. The continuing dry weather has prompted repeated warnings from the state and the National Weather Service against debris burning and other unnecessary fires.

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My Random Column

Join the team ...
If you dare

We are always hiring at *The East Carolinian*. I want to personally extend a hand to anyone who would like to contribute to *TEC* and the ECU community. You must have a 2.25 GPA and be a student (undergrad or graduate). Some positions are limited, but I encourage you to come apply and get involved.

We here at *TEC* work to cover campus and students in the content of the newspaper. We strive for a balanced and diverse office environment in which students can work and gain valuable experience.

If you do not choose to join us, please feel free to submit "Letters to the Editor," which should be no longer than 250 words and include your name, title (students please include your major, faculty please include current position) and phone number. Letters to the Editor are welcomed and will run according to space available.

The popularity of the Pirate Rants has been a way for many students to express their thoughts and feelings in *TEC* and to the ECU community. Space is limited, however, and with the large quantities of rants that I receive daily many of them do not run. I encourage the students to still submit them with the knowledge that they may or may not be included. There is always a chance so why not try.

As a student at ECU and a member of *TEC*, I want to wish you all a safe and happy Spring Break. Play safely and be responsible because we only have a few more weeks of school.



Opinion Columnist

I would like to see "Mr. Presiden-T"

80s cultural icon would make a great president

BENJAMIN CORMACK
CASUAL OBSERVER

I know that there is a good deal of time before the next presidential election, but after a discussion I had with some friends of mine I began to think of someone who would make a great presidential candidate.

After the recent ... well, let's say, less than completely satisfactory ... group of candidates and presidents we've had over the past few years, I've been thinking it's time we started looking elsewhere for our politicians. With the Governor's recent run of success and Jesse Ventura's work as governor of Minnesota, I began to think of another muscular individual who has had a big influence in American life. My nomination for president is one Laurence Teraud, also known as Laurence Tero, better known as the legendary Mr. T.

Now I've said before that I don't really follow or understand politics, but I've considered this somewhat seriously and based it on the character Mr. T has portrayed and the real Mr. T himself. So, here are my reasons why I think Mr. T would make a great president.

1. Grew up tough. Mr. T is the 11th of 12 children; he has four sisters and seven brothers. He grew up in the projects of Chicago, Ill. He played college football and studied martial arts.

2. Knows how to run the military. After leaving college, Mr. T was a military police officer in the U.S. Army - meaning next to his superiors, people in the military had to answer to him.

3. Appreciates the arts. For those of you who have seen the episode of "Family Guy," yes it is true that Mr. T was a Broadway dancer - in fact, he is the first in his family to do so. This was after he injured his knee playing pro-football for the Green Bay Packers.

4. Knows how to protect people. Mr. T was a bodyguard to the stars for nearly nine years

and has protected celebrities like Muhammad Ali, Michael Jackson and Diana Ross. He charged around \$3,000 a day, and his business cards had this quote printed on them, "Next to God, there is no better protector than I."

Mr. T boasts that he never lost a client during his work as a bodyguard, saying, "I got hurt worse growing up in the ghetto than working as a bodyguard."

5. Appreciates the value of gold. When Mr. T worked as a doorman/bouncer, he would take jewelry from disorderly people when he would "show them out." He did this not for the gold, but as testament to how well he performed his job. At one point, Mr. T's total collection of gold rings, chains and bracelets was worth about \$300,000 and it would take nearly an hour to put all of it on.

Some nights, Mr. T would sleep in his jewelry "to see how my ancestors, who were slaves, felt" - the weight of his chains equaling those that his ancestors were forced to wear.

Recently, however, Mr. T has announced that he would never wear his chains again, claiming that it's an "insult to God." The affects of Hurricane Katrina had much to do with this, and he also donated a great deal of clothing and money to Katrina victims.

6. Warrior in his own right. Apparently it was while reading *National Geographic* that Mr. T first saw the hairstyle which has now become one of his famous trademarks. The same hairstyle is sported by African Mandinka warriors. Adopting this style was a powerful statement, in Mr. T's view, about his African origins.

7. Smarter than he looks. Many of you probably remember Mr. T's role as tough man Sergeant Bosco "B.A." (short for "bad attitude") Baracus of the A-Team. When asked at a press conference whether he was as stupid as B.A. Baracus, he said quietly, "It takes a smart guy to play dumb." Speak softly, carry a big stick.

8. Tough, but merciful. Mr. T has never shown himself to be afraid of or unwilling to

put a hurtin' on anyone who deserved it, but he's always made it clear that he was willing to show mercy. Frankly, anybody who would challenge Mr. T is a fool in my eyes, and Mr. T always pitied the fool.

9. All about the kids. If there was one thing Mr. T stood for more than anything it was standing-up for kids - protecting them from drugs and bullies, making sure they had fun, safe places to go, making sure they knew what the right thing to do was and that they did the right thing, always being there to back up kids when they were facing adults as a great equalizer. Whether it was in public service announcements, his cartoon show or in his 1984 rap album titled *Mr. T's Commandments*, Mr. T was a powerful force who spoke to children and adults, in some ways, Mr. T is still doing his thing with a new twist. He can often be seen discussing things and talking about community programs he's involved in on The Christian Network (TCN).

10. Personal thoughts. It was partially due to Mr. T that I myself never got into serious trouble or ever did drugs. Aside from the whole not wanting to disappoint my parents and the fear of health problems and death, there was always that lingering fear that if I was ever doing something I shouldn't have been doing, Mr. T was going to break through a wall and beat the tar out of me. I was also afraid he'd be joined by Sgt. Stautner and the Mario Brothers while riding inside of Optimus Prime, but that's a whole other issue.

Now some of you are probably still thinking I'm crazy for suggesting Mr. T to be the leader of our country, but who better to be a leader than someone that scores of people admired as children and someone who continues to be a symbol of what's right in this world? I can just imagine guys like Osama bin Laden running hysterically scared if they knew Mr. T was coming after them, especially if they messed with a youth center and didn't drink their milk.

Pirate Rant

Editors Note: Today's Random Column includes important information about getting involved with *TEC*. Please read and we hope you will want to become involved.

I support the renaming of Fifth St. to MLK Blvd. Think about the positive sides.

Whoever decided the word "heart" should replace "love" should be shot.

Here comes the ACC tournament! Go N.C. for having so many good schools worth watching!

Has anyone seen the ECU Web site? I guess they finally remembered there is another color, besides purple.

Cash reward for person who returns my iPod. It's a black Nano and has a phone number engraved on the back. Come on, you can save the guilt of stealing someone's iPod off your soul and get a reward!

Doesn't it stink when you get your haircut and it's a huge difference to you, but no one else even notices?

What bothers me the most is that while I am sitting in my elementary education classes I hear girls talking about drinking and partying. Teaching is a job that requires setting a good example and only people that are wholesome and have good values are supposed to do that job. I really hope some of those girls don't end up teaching my children.

News flash: You lost the war! Get over it, and if the statue offends people, then get rid of it. How hard is that? Oh, and stop trying to get me to move back up North, I'm from the South, thank you!

I don't get it, how is naming a street after someone going to resolve racial tensions? If nothing else it's going to make the already racist people more upset.

I bit into my turkey wrap today, and chewed on a large piece of plastic instead. Thank you Wright Place for making such high quality meals.

The people working for this fine establishment need to understand being nice to the customer is what you do! Quit acting like you're totally cool ... you are working in fast food ... not a club. So stop hitting on the ladies!

How come I have to wait 40 minutes for Safe Ride, especially when I call and I'm told it'll only be 10 minutes and when I call back every 10 minutes to find out where they are I'm told they're headed my way? At least I can feel safe in knowing my body will at least found when Safe Ride decides to show up.

I hate it when people wear sandals or flip flops when it is freezing outside!

If ECU ever lets a Taliban/Terrorist in this university they will see me leaving! Why educate a dumb terrorist to be a smart terrorist? Smart terrorists are worse the dumb terrorists!

Writing Pirate Rants is like Pringles-addictive. Once you start, you can't stop!

To the guy that was in line behind me the other day at Wright Place - thank you for letting me have my spot back in front of you when I had to step out of line because I accidentally left my ECU OneCard sitting on the counter. Why can't all guys be as kind as you?

Last night at my dorm, it reeked of the other kind of smokes ... get a clue RA and send these guys packing.

Enough is enough ... Fifth Street needs to stay Fifth Street.

I am going off on a limb here, but I don't believe knowing all the different types of rocks in a certain era are going to help me in the "real world."

If you agree with what blacks want then you're cool. If you disagree then you're a racist. That's wrong. Who makes up these rules? I'm tired of playing this game.

To the person that hates people that wear sunglasses at night. You didn't hear yet. The sun never sets in the land of the cool.

On this campus there are flyers up on every wall for everything imaginable. Someone puts up a flyer on behalf of God and someone else thinks it's wrong. Feeling a little self-conscious are you? My only concern is that I think it might be a little arrogant to speak on behalf of God. I understand the message but still, did God authorize these posters?

Oh, and a parking lot is so much prettier than a fountain?

I've had a meal plan for four years now and I thought when they decided to build West End Dining hall the food quality might change. Boy was I wrong!

To the guy in the white aviator, do you every actually pick up women when you use those old lines?

OK Dowdy, this is for you ... the staff there acts like they have no control until you want to see a manager then they can bend backwards for you ... how about saving us both time and just please the customer the first time he or she ask.

Last week someone sent a rant in about superheroes and I just wanted to say ... I'm with you! ... If no one else is going to protect our streets we should. If the cops would spend less time writing tickets for two to three miles over and flirting with the girls maybe we could get the drugs and weapons off the street.

To the idiot who said to knock down the fountain to make more parking. The only reason ECU is so beautiful is because it has grassy areas and landscaping. Park on Johnston Street and walk. You probably need the exercise.

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In My Opinion

(KRT) - The Supreme Court has upheld the federal Solomon Amendment in a unanimous decision, bringing a setback to equal opportunity.

The law, passed in 1996, requires universities to grant military recruiters full access to students despite university non-discrimination policies, which bar recruiters who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The high court has now carved out an exception to those policies for the armed forces, overturning a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in favor of the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, a coalition of law schools challenging Solomon on free-speech grounds.

With or without the Solomon Amendment, however, the military should lead, and not follow, on issues of equal opportunity.

Our armed forces were far ahead of civilian society in welcoming the talents of blacks. Women, too, have long found opportunities in military job fields that were unavailable in other sectors.

We, as a nation, benefit from a diverse pool of talent. The military's commitment to equal-

ity has given us the strong leadership of Gen. Colin Powell, Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy and other stellar, diverse commanders. Our military is stronger because those men and women were given the opportunity to serve.

The same chance should be given to gay and lesbian service members.

Military leaders who value talent above discrimination should be first in line to call for repeal of the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. These leaders would be hard-pressed to find a single excuse for continuing to exclude gays that still stands up under scrutiny.

When gay discharges plummet during a time of war, we see firsthand that lesbian and gay service members do not undermine unit cohesion.

When gay soldiers like Robert Stout return from Iraq with a Purple Heart, we know they are just as brave as their straight colleagues.

And when Pentagon leaders cannot point to even one American soldier who was unable to serve with an openly gay allied soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan, the time has come to lift the ban on open service.

The arguments for welcoming lesbian and gay troops, however, are many.

As the Pentagon issues waivers to welcome convicted convicts, increases the maximum enlistment age and overlooks previous rules on physical fitness and academic achievement, it seems absurd to turn away well-qualified gay Americans who are anxious to serve.

A commitment to diversity has its national security benefits. A fighting force that reflects the people it serves sends a strong message to our neighbors around the world that America doesn't just talk the talk on free expression and equality - we walk it, too.

The Supreme Court did not consider the constitutionality of "don't ask, don't tell" in reviewing the Solomon Amendment. That case will come another day. But regardless of how legal Solomon may be, the underlying prejudice that led to its implementation remains un-American.

Our armed forces have benefited by embracing diversity before. It is time to lead, and not follow, on equal opportunity again.

Mendenhall Movies:

There are no movies playing this week due to Spring Break.

Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies

1. Tyler Perry's *Madea's Family Reunion*
2. *16 Blocks*
3. *Eight Below*
4. *Ultraviolet*
5. *Aquamarine*

Top 5 Pop Albums

1. Various Artists
2. Kidz Bop Kids
3. Jack Johnson
4. Mary J. Blige
5. James Blunt

Top 5 TV Shows

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

Top 5 Books

1. *The 5th Horseman*
2. *Cell*
3. *The Da Vinci Code*
4. *The Last Templar*
5. *Sea Change*

New DVDs on sale this week

1. *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
2. *Jarhead*
3. *Prime*
4. *Just Friends*
5. *Howl's Moving Castle*

Horoscope:

Aries - Conditions change as they always do, and now it looks like you'll find something you thought you'd lost forever. Keep cleaning house.

Taurus - A gathering with friends stirs up your curiosity. Launch an investigation to make sure they know what they're talking about.

Gemini - It's a good day to ask for money. You're more likely to get a positive response. Important people are feeling generous.

Cancer - Whereas yesterday everything went wrong, now the luck's on your side. You're especially good at getting your message out.

Leo - You have too much underfoot. Stash away the surplus or have a huge sale. Actually, you won't make much on this stuff. Might as well give it away.

Virgo - If you're having trouble making yourself understood, ask a friend to moderate and/or translate for you.

Libra - You can be a good businessperson when you set your mind to it. In this situation, an old method will work again.

Scorpio - Reaffirm an old commitment. Revise an old idea. You didn't do it before because you couldn't, but now you can.

Sagittarius - You can find the funds and/or the financing to make household improvements now. Start seriously shopping.

Capricorn - You can learn amazing things from a gentle person. From the old stories, you'll find the way to solve a current dilemma.

Aquarius - Focus on cranking out as many widgets as you can. That's whatever you do to make money. Don't procrastinate.

Pisces - Travel and romance are favored now. It's also a good time to put your plans for the future down in writing. Just do it.

Fun Facts:

Whale oil was used in automobile transmissions as late as 1973.

The state of Florida is bigger than England.

Apple seeds are poisonous to some organisms.

Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning than women.

Your skin is actually an organ.

A recent study at Harvard has shown that eating chocolate can actually help you live longer.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116.

More than one million stray dogs live in the New York City metropolitan area.

The opposite sides of a dice cube always add up to seven.

Old Navy spring break styles revealed

Fashion that won't break the bank

TOMEKA STEELE
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Spring break is just around the corner, and no doubt every student is planning the week of a lifetime. Hopefully your trip is already planned and all that's left are the finishing touches of the perfect spring break wardrobe.

Trips to the beach and major cities like Miami and Atlanta deserve great fashion at an affordable price. Old Navy is the one stop shop for everything you'll need for your week of fun in the sun. Old Navy has essentially everything you'd need for a great vacation on a college budget.

Stripes are hot right now, and Old Navy has incorporated them into almost all of their spring pieces. Stripes are flattering, fun and show that you aren't afraid to be bold when it comes to fashion. A variety of bathing suits, tops and skirts have stripes ranging

from thick and colorful to thin and neutral.

Old Navy caters to the college student's budget, which is a rarity when it comes to clothing stores during the spring season. They have tons of flip flops in multiple styles, plush oversized beach towels and beach bags you can fit your whole life into.

For spring break, you definitely want your wardrobe to be diverse and able to be mixed and matched so packing is kept to a minimum. Go to Old Navy for pieces that are easy to change up such as a light polo, which they make for girls and guys, a pair of cargo shorts for the guys, a light pleated skirt for the girls and fun sunglasses and flip flops for both.

It can be daunting each spring trying to find the perfect swim suit or pair of trunks that don't cost a fortune. Old Navy has an incredible line of swim suits that are trendy, made for many different body types and, most importantly, inexpensive. You get quality material and pieces for your wardrobe at a

bargain price.

Old Navy's flip flops are as low as \$3.50 and their bright beach towels are only \$9.50, which is hard to beat.

Old Navy also has stocked up on many cover-up beach pieces. For women, long rib-knit tanks are perfect to throw over a swim suit. They also have accessories such as bangles, wedged heels and canvas totes that women will love.

"The five spring break must haves from Old Navy are a swim suit, flip flops, a beach towel, a light skirt or cargo short and a bag that can take you from beach to dinner," said Old Navy fashion expert Andrea Lui.

Whether on the way to the beach, to the malls or to a fancy dinner, having the right outfit that can be added or subtracted from depending on the event is important. Old Navy knows this and has many pieces in the spring collection that can go from day to evening, and



most include the hot stripe trend that is exploding all over the fashion world.

Being a college student on a budget doesn't mean you can't still be trendy. Old Navy has everything you'll need for your spring break extravaganza.

So put the new Old Navy in Greenville to good use. "Old Navy is the number one store for flip flops, towels and bikinis, and it isn't expensive. For college students, it's important to already have a budget and allocate an amount to things you want to buy. Old Navy is fashion forward and perfect for a college student's budget," Lui said.

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Old Navy Fashion

Women:

- Striped distressed polos \$16.50
- Long rib-knit tanks \$8.50
- String bikini tops and bottoms \$14.50 each
- Pleated ribbon-trim skirts \$29.50
- Canvas tote \$7.50

Men:

- Rugby striped vintage polos \$15
- Long cargo short/side stripe board shorts \$19.50
- Backpack \$19.50

Both:

- Flip flops \$3.50
- Towels \$9.50

For more information about Old Navy's spring clothing, visit oldnavy.com or their Greenville location off Greenville Boulevard behind the Olive Garden.

Great restaurant you may have missed



Staff members at the Lopaus Point Market in front of a food display.

Greenville's little secret

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

When you think of take-out or picking up dinner on the way home, it is all too often something less than healthy, and it rarely excites the taste buds.

Luckily for Greenville, and especially ECU students who probably couldn't tell you where their kitchens are, Lopaus Point Market is here with a refreshing take on preparing meals for people who rarely have time to cook.

Owner and head chef Stacie Skinner always enjoyed cooking and entertaining for friends. After moving here with her husband Cliff, the former retail planner needed a career change. She found her niche on Red Banks Road, where she opened the cozy, upscale Lopaus Point Market.

The name Lopaus Point comes from the place where Skinner grew up on Mt. Desert Island in Maine, where Julia Child had a summer house.

"I was looking for convenience with this restaurant," said Skinner.

"I wanted to cook really healthy food that people could pick up on their way home."

Opening in March of 2005, Skinner's menu had an emphasis on freshness. All food is prepared daily with minimum use of fats and oils. The menu changes daily, but there are also staples.

With so much concentration on the details, Lopaus is a local restaurant not interested in becoming a huge entity, but rather a place where people can feel at home in a nice atmosphere.

The Counter-Culture coffee is roasted in Durham and in Skinner's opinion is "the most under-appreciated item" on the menu.

"I'll also bring retail back from Raleigh if I see that it's things that you can't get here," said Skinner.

Lopaus opens at 9 a.m. during the week and 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Their coffee is definitely worth sampling along with any of their variety of baked goods, most notably the Cloud Nine Brownies. They also make their own yogurt mixed with honey and fruit, a great pick-up for

anyone needing a snack before a long day of class.

The lunch menu has a few staples such as their broccoli salad and meatloaf. They also have a wide sandwich menu including a Thai chicken wrap, a Mediterranean tuna wrap and my favorite, their BLT.

What goes better with thoughtfully prepared food than amazing wine?

"We have wine reps come and have us pick different kinds," said Mehlich.

"We like to have wine tastings so that we can have our customers decide which ones they like best."

Aside from preparing wonderful, fresh food, the main focus at Lopaus is the customers.

"Our customers are everything. We listen to their feedback and take special requests because we are here for them," Skinner said.

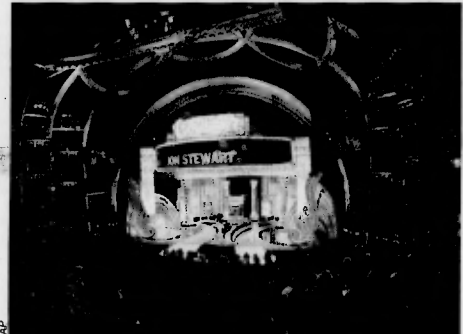
A big way that they help their customers is through their Web site. It not only posts their menu, but also provides them with a calendar of upcoming wine tastings and music events. The wine tastings are a monthly activity and are very casual with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

They are also interested in poets for a poetry reading in either March or April. Also coming soon, Lopaus will be accepting Meal Deal.

Lopaus Point Market is a place of extraordinary cuisine, service and atmosphere. Whether you're just stopping by for a cup of coffee or grabbing a bite to eat with friends, the experience will always be one that stirs the soul and makes you thank your lucky stars for stumbling onto a place with such amazing food and even greater people.

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And the winner is...



The scene at the Oscars was a pleasant one on March 5 in L.A.

Oscar Recap: Who took it all this year

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STAFF WRITER

Celebrating excellence in filmmaking is what the Academy Awards are all about. Sunday, March 5, the 78th annual Academy Awards honored men and women from around the world for their dazzling contributions to film.

The ceremony began with a brilliantly witty monologue from host Jon Stewart, in which nominees were the central targets of his jokes. Stewart, who also hosts "The Daily Show," stayed true to his political background and his comic relief remained flawless throughout the night.

The first award of the night was presented to George Clooney for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for *Syriana*. In *Syriana*, Clooney plays a CIA agent who becomes entangled in an oil conspiracy. Clooney's acceptance speech illuminated the audience with a sense of reality and appreciation.

The Oscar for Best Actress in a Supporting Role went to Rachel Weisz for her portrayal of a passionate activist whose work ultimately leads to her demise in *The Constant Gardener*. A humble Weisz remarked "they are greater men and women than I" during her acceptance speech.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman, who portrayed Truman Capote in the years prior to writing his best known book *In Cold Blood*, took home the Best Actor in a Leading Role Oscar for the film *Capote*. It was no surprise when Reese Witherspoon won the Oscar for Best Actress in a leading Role for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*. Many critics described her performance and dedication to the role as "flawless." Witherspoon fought off tears while thanking her family and costar Joaquin Phoenix.

"People used to ask June how she was doing, and she used to say, 'I'm just trying to matter.' And I know what she means. You know, I'm just trying to matter and live a good life and make work that means something to somebody. And you have all made me feel that I might have accomplished that tonight," said Witherspoon during her acceptance speech.

The two most anticipated awards of the night, Achievement in Directing and Best Motion Picture of the Year, were announced during the last 30 minutes of the ceremony.

The Oscar for Achievement in Directing went to Ang Lee for *Brokeback Mountain*. Lee thanked Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana for creating the characters Ennis and Jack. "They taught all of us who made *Brokeback Mountain* so much about not just all the gay men and women whose love is denied by society, but just as important, the greatness of love itself," said Lee.

The most prestigious award of the night, Best Picture, went to the low-budget film *Crash*. The film takes place over a period of 36 hours in the lives of a diverse group of people living in Los Angeles who crash into each other in different ways.

"None of us expected it. You hope, but we had a tiny picture ... this was a year when Hollywood rewarded rule breakers," said Paul Haggis, director and writer of *Crash* during an interview after the ceremony.

In true Oscar fashion, the night was filled with surprising wins, glamour and, most importantly, meaning. Every winner found a way to make their award more than just a statue, praising the films for looking beyond prejudice and teaching lessons of tolerance and truth to our society.

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But that's my life: Living in moments

Throwing it all out there

COLLEGE WIXEN
TRUTH WRITER

I'm slowly discovering what it's like to be a single female at ECU. I've been meeting new people and have a fresh sense of independence. Over the past couple of weeks, I've cut my ex-boyfriend out of my life, gotten a new cell number, taken down all of our pictures, packed up all the gifts he's given me over the years (except for one stuffed animal) and have been extremely lucky to meet some great people who live near me.

I've been hanging out with these people more often and I am beginning to feel like part of the group. There's a really hot guy who always seems to find his spot on the couch right next to

me. We'll call him Jordan. When we play spades or beer pong, he's usually my partner and his not so subtle glances are giving him away. I haven't been single in so long, I'm not even sure how to act sometimes.

This past weekend, the cute flirting and sweet little text mes-



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sages actually led somewhere. Friday, we all pre-gamed together.

Around midnight, we headed downtown. It was crowded and my little black dress and heels were beginning to feel like a bad idea. Beauty is pain, I guess. After we got in a club, we hit the dance floor and my worries seemed to just disappear. Nothing could ruin my night, and I mean nothing. I danced so much that when I left, I was drenched in sweat. It was kind of gross, but everyone else looked just as I did.

After the club, we went to the usual spot, Boli's. I never knew how good breakfast food was after a night of partying. On the way home my feet hurt, my vision was blurry, my body was

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Celebrity Profile: Shaun White

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White raises flag in victory
The 19-year-old U.S. gold medalist revealed

JOHN BOSCO
STAFF WRITER

At only 19 years of age, Shaun White has managed to reach the pinnacle of extreme sports. And the most amazing part is that he's been doing it since he was only 13.

Known as the flying tomato thanks to his long red hair, White won gold in the men's half-pipe competition at the Torino Winter Olympics this year. Out of a possible 50 points, he scored a 46.8, with the closest behind him a 44.8, belonging to his U.S. teammate Danny Kass.

Born September 3, 1986, White grew up in Carmel Valley, California, which is located just outside of San Diego. He has an older brother, Jesse, and an older sister, Kari. His parents Roger and Cathy have supported him, but his mom was always a little worried about him on the slopes. She thought he was going too fast on skis so she made him switch to snowboarding with the hopes that maybe he'd slow down.

Even by the end of his first day on a board, he was doing jumps. Then, his mom made him only ride 'goofy' (reverse), hoping that would do something. But it only made White better in the long run; his skills were unstoppable.

An eight-time X-Games gold medalist in snowboarding (and one in skateboarding), White is no stranger to being on top of his sport. As a kid, he had won nearly every amateur competition he competed in. By 13, he decided to go pro because he wanted a challenge.

In 2002, the year the U.S. men's snowboard team swept the half-pipe medals, he tried qualifying for the Winter Olympics, but missed qualifying by only three-tenths of a point. Had he qualified for the team, who knows how he would have placed in the Salt Lake games.

White's background with extreme sports isn't restricted to

just him, either; his dad is a big surfer and his mother's parents were both roller-derby skaters in the 1970s. His sister Kari was the 2000 U.S. Open junior half pipe champion. For the White family, extreme sports like skateboarding, surfing and snowboarding became a way that they could focus and occupy their time so that they didn't have the opportunity to bother experimenting with drugs or wondering about them.

His deal with sponsor Burton even includes a line of clothing that he and his brother both design for. White is dominating and taking snowboarding to its upper limits and having a good experience while he's at it. He's dominating a sport and he's not even old enough to buy a beer. What more could a 19-year-old ask for?

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freezing and I was enjoying every minute. As Jordan walked me to my door, I received my first kiss since my heartache from hell break up. I walked in and passed out on my bed, still wearing my clothes and everything.

Saturday around 2 p.m., I woke up to a headache, smeared make-up, cotton mouth and Chinese cravings. I ordered

some food and relaxed all day. That night, Jordan and I went to dinner at Olive Garden, then back to his house to meet everyone and get the night started. It began much like the night before and before I knew it, I was dancing on a table with two other girls, taking and giving body shots and losing at strip poker. Jordan was tipsy and the sexual tension

between us was growing second by second.

Needless to say I stayed with him that night. The time we spent together was very fun, unpredictable and exciting - all things I need in my life right now. I'm not looking for another relationship quite yet, but I'm definitely living for the moment and trying to learn more about

myself. I want to experience all life has to offer and have fun while doing it. My weekend was crazy and fun, but I know that it's back to classes for the week. As for my next couple of weeks, there's no telling where my curiosity and free spirit will take me.

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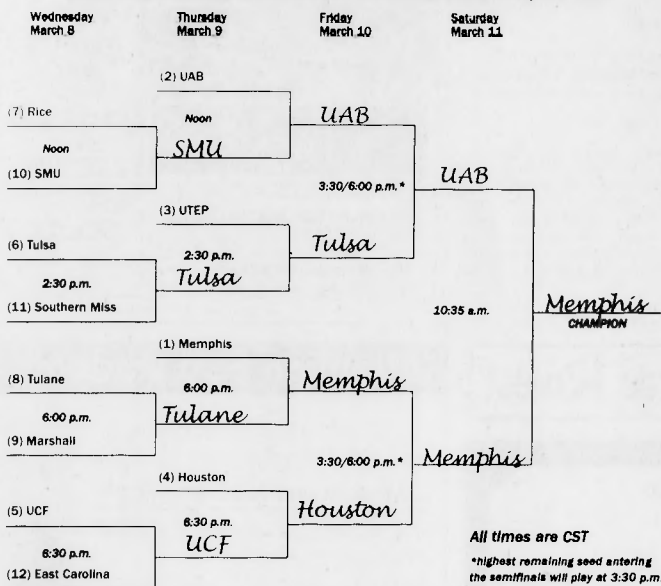
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Rodney Carney earned first team All C-USA honors this season.

Four-day tournament could burst bubbles, lock in bids to Big Dance

ERIC GILMORE
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March madness will be brewing in Memphis during the 2006 Conference USA Men's Basketball Championship presented by Aeropostale. Every team, including the Pirates, has an opportunity to vie for the one guaranteed bid into the NCAA tournament.

The 2006 tournament will be a competition of firsts. A first time champion will be crowned as no current conference team has won the 10-year tournament. Six teams will play in their first C-USA tournament.

And for the first time, all 12 teams are eligible barring the rule of excluding two teams.

Memphis, the nation's No. 5 team, will try to redeem a crushing 75-74 loss to Louisville in the 2005 championship when point guard Darius Washington, Jr. missed a game-tying free throw with no time remaining. Aside from Washington, Jr.'s personal vendetta, the Tigers (27-3, 13-1 C-USA) will need to cut the nets on Saturday to garner a coveted No. 1 seed. Memphis will try to be the third team (Cincinnati and Louisville) to win the regular season outright along with the conference tournament.

UAB, the conference's No. 2 seed, upset Memphis on March 2 to propel them into the Top 25 for the first time since 1994. Despite losing top player

Demario Eddins at midseason, UAB (22-5, 12-2 C-USA) has won their last six games. A quick loss could severely damage the Blazers' at-large hopes, but most insiders have Mike Anderson's squad as a lock.

No. 3 UTEP (19-8, 11-3 C-USA) and No. 4 Houston (19-8, 9-5 C-USA) are both considered slightly outside of the at-large bubble picture. Both will receive first-round byes and would have to at least make the championship game for bubble consideration.

History provides hope for the eight teams starting play on Wednesday. Marquette (1997), Charlotte (1999) and Saint Louis (2000) have won four games in as many days.

No. 7 Rice and No. 10 SMU will open the tournament at 11 a.m. ET. Rice swept the Mustangs, including a 68-66 win where C-USA's leading scorer Morris Almond dropped 40 points. No. 6 Tulsa will take on No. 11 Southern Miss at 1:30 p.m. Tulsa won a three-way tie to notch the No. 6 seed. No. 8 Tulane and No. 9 Marshall will tip-off at 7 p.m. The Green Wave held Marshall to an embarrassing 36 points on Feb. 4. No. 5 UCF and No. 12 ECU will meet for the third time to conclude the first round at 8:30 p.m.

The Pirates (8-19, 2-12) are searching for their first ever tournament victory. ECU went winless on the road in C-USA and hasn't won a road contest since Nov. 30. The Pirates have dropped 12 of their last 14 games, including a 74-56 loss to Southern Miss on March 4. UCF has won three of their last four including a 22-point blowout of ECU on Feb. 22.

All games will be played at FedExForum, the state-of-the-art arena in downtown Memphis. Quarterfinal and semifinal games will be televised by CSTV. The championship game on Saturday will broadcast on CBS, beginning at 9:35 a.m. EST.

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Rouse named Second Team All C-USA



Rouse leads Conference USA in rebounding this season.

(SID) — ECU senior forward Corey Rouse has been named to the All Conference USA second team as voted upon by the league's 12 head coaches and a panel of selected media voters.

Rouse becomes the first Pirate to earn all-conference honors since ECU joined the league in 2001-02.

The Kinston, N.C. native led the conference in rebounding (10.6 rpg) and double-doubles (16), while he ranked among the top 10 in scoring, field goal percentage and blocks. Rouse also led the league in rebounding as a junior a year ago.

This season he joined some elite company, ranking among the league's all-time leaders in rebounds and double-doubles. He is one of 13 players in league history to record 27 double-doubles in his career and stands two rebounds shy of becoming the 13th player in conference

annals to reach 700 rebounds in his career.

After leading No. 3 Memphis to its first-ever outright C-USA title, senior Rodney Carney and sophomore Darius Washington Jr. were named to the 2006 C-USA First Team. Seniors Carldeil "Squeaky" Johnson of UAB and John Tofi of UTEP and junior Morris Almond of Rice join the Tiger duo on the first team.

Carney finished the regular season ranked second in the conference in scoring at 17.0 ppg and sixth on the league's career scoring chart with 1,801 points. Despite playing with an injury most of the season, Washington Jr. averaged 13.9 points and 3.43 assists per game. It is the third consecutive year that a pair of teammates was named to the first team. Last season, Carney was named to the All-C-USA second team, and Washington Jr. was named to the third team.

Johnson earned the first All-C-USA recognition of his four-year career and is ranked in the Top 10 nationally for assists (6.37 per game) and steals (2.81). The Blazer senior and Washington Jr. are also both finalists for the Bob Cousy Award for the nation's top point guard. In their first seasons in C-USA, Tofi and league scoring leader (21.6 ppg.) Almond was named to the first team. Tofi was averaging 13.9 points and 9.2 rebounds per game when he suffered a career-ending ACL injury on Feb. 22.

Houston placed two players on the second team with senior Ramon Dyer and junior Oliver Lafayette. UAB's Marvett McDonald and UTEP's Jason Williams along with Rouse join the Cougars.

Five different schools were represented on the all-conference third team. Houston junior Lanny Smith and Memphis freshman Shawne Williams received third team honors as the Cougars and Tigers had the most all-conference winners with three apiece. SMU senior guard Bryan Hopkins, along with senior post players Quincy Davis of Tulane and Mark Patton of Marshall, were also named to the third team.

NCAA Tournament predictions and thoughts

UConn favored to win championship

JOSH FERNANDEZ
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. Well, yeah, spring break starts in just over 48 hours, but that's not what I'm referring to. The second-best event of mid-March (although some would argue that statement) I am alluding to is none other than the 66th annual NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament. So before you embark on your own version of "March Madness," let us discuss the more popular and non-alcoholic one that kicks off March 16.

If you're planning to fill out a bracket or two (or five, for that matter) get out your pen and paper, because I'm going to go over which teams you should look out for, ones you ought to forget about and who will be hoisting the Siemens Trophy come April 3.

This year's number one seeds will almost definitely be Connecticut, Duke, Memphis and Villanova. However, Texas and Ohio State will be contending for Memphis' spot; if they win-out, it's possible one of them could overtake the Tigers' top seed.

These teams have the best win-loss records and all find themselves at the top of Associated Press Top 25 ranking poll. They have had some of the most difficult schedules out of all teams and have performed exceptionally well.

Only Gonzaga and George Washington have similar records; however, these two teams suffer from relatively weak strength of schedules, primarily due to the lack of competition within their respective conferences. Although each defeated Maryland early in the season, not to mention the Zags' triple-overtime win over Michigan State, both had trouble with top-tier teams. Gonzaga came close to topping UConn and Memphis, but could not pull off the wins. The Colonials' only loss this year was dealt by N.C. State, a 21-point beating that saw the Wolfpack up by double-digits for most of the game. However, GW, besides meeting their conference rival UNC Charlotte, didn't face much else. So, in short, look for Gonzaga and GW to reach the Sweet 16, but don't count on them pulling a 2002 Indiana and going all the way.

Out of these top-ranked

teams, look for Duke and Connecticut to go far in their brackets. Both have loaded rosters and great coaching staffs, but the real reason to keep an eye on them is because of their legitimacy.

Duke, obviously, has shown what it is capable of by beating everyone in its path, with a minor bump in the road in the form of Georgetown. With the exception of Duke's past two losses against Florida State and North Carolina, the Blue Devils have been on fire. Duke has three definite NBA-bound players in Redick, Williams and McRoberts, all of whom are predicted to be NBA lottery picks. Partner them with role-players like Melchionni, Dockery and Paulus, along with the best coach alive in Mike Krzyzewski, and you've got a formula for a championship season. Even though I'm a Maryland fan and, by nature, hate Duke just about as much as the Yankees, Red Sox and Cowboys, I'll give credit where credit is due.

However, my pick to win the whole thing is Jim Calhoun's Connecticut Huskies. This team is the best in all the land. They have the most exciting player (and likely number one pick in the NBA draft) in all of college hoops in Rudy Gay and have mowed over every team that has stood before them. Their only losses this year were to Villanova and Marquette, two teams that can beat anyone on any given day. Anchored by Anderson, Boone and Williams, this team is one that can put up lots of points and play defense with the best of them. In regard to their losses, as basic as it sounds, every team has its off nights. UConn simply did not show up to play against Marquette and, as a result, gave up an easily winnable game. Villanova is a highly talented team that utilizes a four-guard set designed for speed and scoring, a strategy that upset the Huskies back in February. However, don't think for a minute that UConn won't be coming out with guns blazing. They've already beaten Gonzaga, LSU, Pitt and Villanova (the first time around), and therefore, they're going to be your 2006 national champions.

To finish up, let's quickly run through some teams/conferences worth noting:

Texas: Recently walloped Oklahoma in the Big XII title game. They're 6-2 against ranked opponents; one loss was

an uncharacteristically lopsided blowout by No. 1 Duke. Star forwards Aldridge and Tucker will be instrumental in a good tournament performance, as will big man Brad Buckman's performance in the paint.

Missouri Valley Conference: Don't feel bad if you've never heard of this conference; the media pays no attention to it until March. However, the MVC is sending five teams to the tourney, more than the ACC, Pac-10 and Big XII. Watch for Wichita State (lost to No. 10 Illinois in November, 55-54) and Southern Illinois to make impressive showings.

Ohio State: Their four losses this year were by a total margin of only 15 points. Big man Terrence Dials leads a scrappy group of players that includes NBA-bound Foster and Lewis, both of whom have averaged double figures in scoring and started all 27 games. OSU can get a number one seed by winning the Big Ten tournament.

Any Big East Team: The best and most competitive conference this season. It's sending eight teams to the tournament; 12 of its 16 teams have winning records with at least 15 victories and it's the home-conference to UConn, Villanova, West Virginia and Pitt.

And here are some to forget

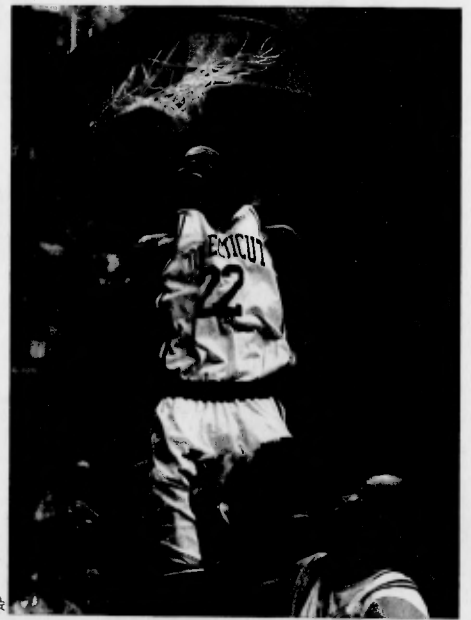
Kentucky: All the Wildcat passion in the world can't save Tubby Smith's team in this year's tournament. This season, they lost three straight on two separate occasions and were inconsistent the whole way through. Look for this trend to continue in the tourney.

Memphis: Although they boast wins over UCLA, Gonzaga and Tennessee, the Tigers haven't had much to worry about for the past two-and-a-half months due to a weak conference. Although Memphis is the No. 5 team in the nation, I don't see them getting any farther than the Sweet 16 due to possible match-ups with GW or West Virginia.

UCLA and Washington: Granted, both are top 15 teams and with 24 wins each, but their lackluster performances in Pac-10 play this season speaks volumes. I don't see Washington getting past the second round and this year's upset could be Ivy League champion Penn (barely lost to Duke and Nova back in December) handing an early ticket home to the Bruins.

Mountain West and C-USA: There's nothing special here, ladies and gents, just some highly uncompetitive conferences. What we're looking at

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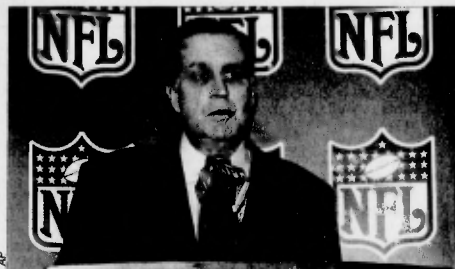
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NFL dispute hard to fathom



Commissioner Paul Tagliabue discusses recent league issues.

(KRT)—Labor disputes in professional sports are seldom understandable—they're akin to two fat guys fighting over the last piece of pizza—but the NFL's current squabble is particularly appalling. The NFL is the goose that laid the golden egg. According to *Forbes* magazine, all 32 teams made a profit in 2004. Even the Cardinals, with their antiquated stadium and poor attendance, had an operating income of \$16.2 million after expenses, the magazine reported.

You'll rarely hear an NFL owner say he's losing money. And if you do, he's lying.

The players are living off the money tree as well. The salary cap has increased from \$34.6 million per team in 1994 to \$85.5 million last season. The average salary in 2005 was \$1.4 million, according to the NFL Players Association. That's an 11 percent increase since 2003 and nearly double the average salary (\$716,600) in 1995.

Know many employees who have gotten a 100 percent raise in the last decade? I don't.

And yet, the rich players and the richer owners can't seem to agree on a way to split their pot of gold.

How shameful. If I could, I'd send commissioner Paul Tagliabue and union chief Gene Upshaw to their rooms and make them skip dinner.

"It's a joke, it really is," Minnesota Vikings center Matt Birk told the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*. "Everyone is making money. A lot of money. You think anyone wants to hear about the money problems of the NFL owners or players? It's bad (publicity) for the league. It's bad for all of us."

Coming (I wish) on pay-per-view for \$49.95: Birk uses Tagliabue and Upshaw as tackling dummies.

The greed that's driving this dispute is staggering.

Let's start with the owners, who are fighting among themselves over how to divvy up the billions of dollars that line their pockets.

The really, really, really rich owners, like Washington's Daniel Snyder and Dallas' Jerry Jones, don't want to share their local revenues (luxury suites, naming rights, etc.) with the really rich owners.

Their argument: If the Cincinnati Bengals want to eschew a corporate sponsor and honor one of their own by naming their stadium after Paul Brown, fine. But don't ask for a cut of the Redskins'

naming rights (FedEx Field). I'm with the super rich on this one. The NFL already rewards its homeless owners by equally sharing television revenue among all 32 teams. Every club received \$87.5 million in 2005, and that figure is going to climb, to unprecedented heights.

The league's most recent negotiations with its television partners, NBC, CBS, Fox, ESPN and DirecTV, resulted in contracts worth \$23.9 billion over the next eight years. That's \$747 million per team.

No wonder Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill won't sell his team. He's sitting on a gold mine.

Socialism has been good for the NFL, spreading the wealth gives more teams a chance to win, but owners should be able to pocket what they make on their own.

If Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson is unable to generate as much local revenue as Jones or Snyder because the city of Buffalo is broke compared to Washington or Dallas, he can still get by on his \$747 million.

As for those who worry the disparity in income will create a league of haves and have nots, a la major league baseball, that's what a salary cap is for.

The players, meanwhile, say they're willing to settle if they get 59 percent of the league's gross revenues. How generous. Because, you know, the man is abusing them when he's only giving up 56 percent of his revenue.

The owners reportedly will vote on Tuesday on the union's latest proposal. I'd like to think common sense will prevail and the two sides will shake hands on a new deal.

If they can't come to terms, here's another idea:

Upshaw and Tagliabue in two prison cells. With Terrell Owens between them.

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is Air Force, San Diego State, UAB and, of course, Memphis. Even with 20-plus wins this year, look for all these teams (with the exception of Memphis) to get knocked out in the first round.

Now I know what many of you are thinking what about Carolina?

From the way things are

turning out, evidently, the Heels may wind up playing LSU or Marquette in the event they beat Davidson in the first round and both LSU and Marquette advance. Honestly, I don't think Carolina has what it takes to beat LSU and Marquette will prove to be quite a challenge if that is the case. Nevertheless,

you can never count out the defending champs and Roy Williams. Still, UConn and several more teams are much better than Carolina this season and beating Duke doesn't count for anything come March 16.

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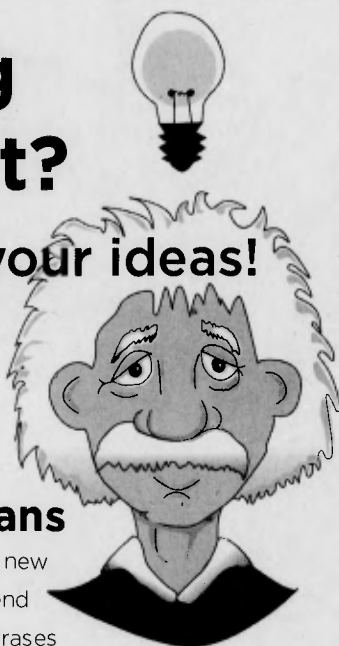
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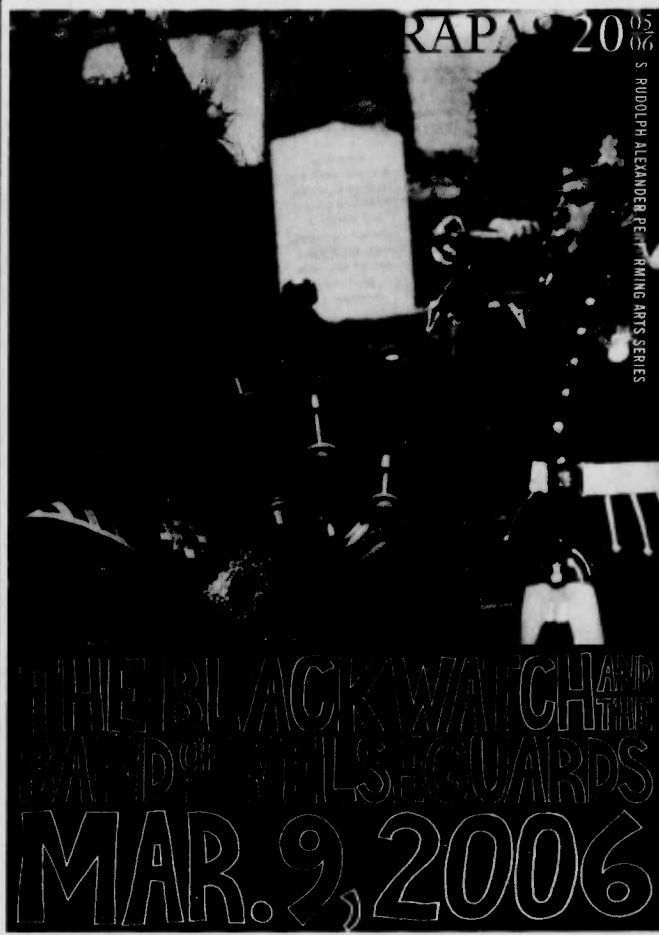
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