



SGA senate working toward reducing the price of textbooks for students

Three scholarships given to students in the process

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The SGA senate is working to make textbooks more affordable for students by coming up with a number of alternatives to buying new textbooks.

Matt Wagoner, executive cabinet member of the campus affairs of the senate, has been very involved in the process and said that working on the book buyback system is a platform goal of theirs.

Two of the key factors in textbook cost are faculty textbook adoption forms and student reservation forms.

The adoption forms are to be filled out by faculty about mid-way through the semester to let the bookstore know which books are in high demand for the upcoming semester and allows them to buy the books back from the students.

The bookstores can also find books at cheaper prices than new books by other alternatives such as wholesale book markets if they are given enough time to do so.

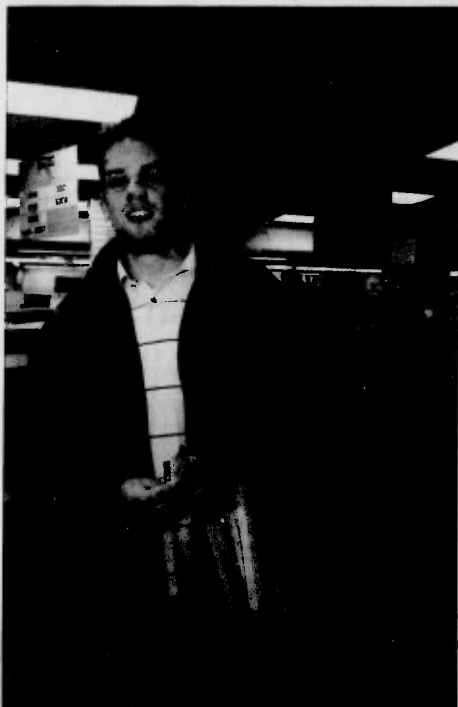
The deadline for faculty to turn in adoption textbook forms is Friday, March 24. Three scholarships will be awarded as an incentive to the first three departments with the highest percentage of completion of the forms.

Who receives the scholarship within each department is solely at the departments' discretion.

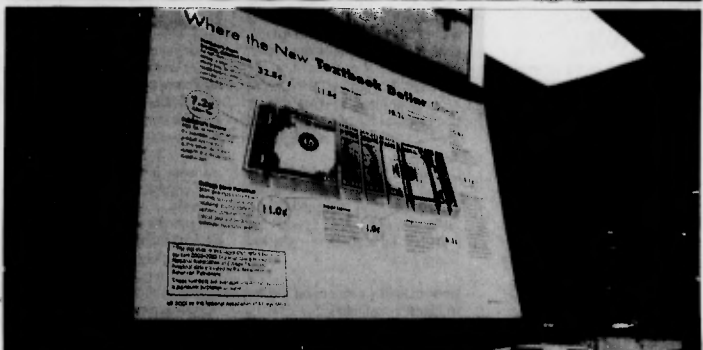
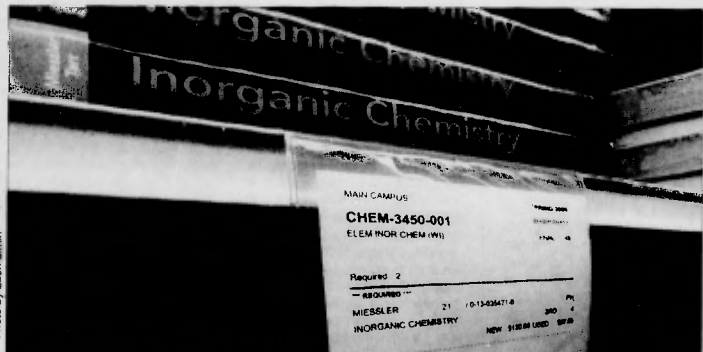
Nationwide, only about half of the professors submit their textbook adoption forms in on time.

Faculty should keep a few things in mind when considering which books to include on the adoption forms.

Wagoner said it's a good idea for the professor to consider which items they are most likely



Left: Matt Wagoner weighs the pros and cons of buying textbooks. Above: Textbooks and their pricetags. Below: A breakdown of where a student's textbook dollars go.



to use if the book comes in a bundle, if a new edition is absolutely needed and to compare costs of the books.

The second thing the senate is trying to improve is the textbook reservation form for students.

The senate is trying to come up with new ways to get these forms distributed to students besides just going to the bookstore to pick a copy and they are also trying to find ways to

encourage use of the forms to more upperclassmen.

According to Wagoner, the bookstore reported that about 1,600 freshmen use the forms as opposed to about 300 upperclassmen.

One of the possible things that SGA may have is an awareness campaign for faculty and students to promote the knowledge about these forms, according to Wagoner.

The deadline for students to

submit the textbook reservation forms is August 1. This is imperative in having first priority of the used books.

One of the options that has been suggested is initiating a textbook rental system. There are about three universities in the UNC system that have this option, but they are phasing out of it, according to Wagoner.

A textbook rental system is unlikely to work because some

departments require you to keep a textbook for a minimum of three years.

Along with the senate, the Parents Council, textbook resolution committee, faculty and staff are involved in improving the cost of textbooks at the university.

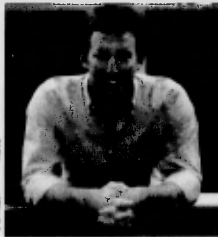
ECU is a role model for 15 other schools under the UNC system in finding ways to prevent high textbook costs under the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors, as well as ECU, is putting up a Web site to monitor or document the cost of textbook in hopes of reducing prices.

Again, faculty members are reminded that the adoption forms are due March 24 and students must turn in reservation forms by August 1.

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Student running for N.C. House of Representatives, N.C. General Assembly



JONES

Jones makes N.C. history

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Junior political science major Thomas Kyle Jones is running for Representative for district five in the House of Representatives in the N.C. General Assembly.

He is a Republican inspired by President Ronald Reagan rather than President Bush.

Jones will be turning the required age of 21 in October before Election Day.

Jones said he finds himself a qualified candidate for the position because "as a tax-paying, law-abiding citizen of North Carolina, it is my responsibility to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions, just like everyone else."

District five covers Bertie, Gates, Hertford and Kyle Jones' home county of Perquimans.

Jones feels that the current representative of district five, Howard Hunter, Jr., among others, is over-taxing N.C. citizens to make up for over-spending in Raleigh. This is not fair according to Kyle Jones, who really seems to know what he's

doing going for this position.

"Personally, I believe that my tax dollars could be spent much more wisely, and I intend to hold my representative accountable for his decisions to raise taxes and other decisions in the General Assembly that don't represent a majority of his constituency by running against him as the Republican candidate," said Jones.

Kyle Jones experienced much stress after buying his first piece of real estate at the age of 19, while working pressing hours to maintain it. Since then, he has been curious about where his tax money is actually going.

When asked what his plans were to do with this opportunity, Jones said, "to let Representative Hunter know that there's a crowd of his constituency out there that is very dissatisfied with what he's doing. Running for the

N.C. House at such a young age will also assist me in getting my name out to the public for future instances that I might seek higher elective office and gaining an experience that few have the privilege of having under their belt."

The main issue Jones is running on is the "Taxpayers Bill of Rights" saying that, "if we were to enact the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, our government would have to abide by this basic formula for every new budget: New Government Spending (for that year), population increase (percent) plus inflation (percent)."

Jones is the youngest person to run for a state office in N.C. history. He is a serious candidate and would appreciate the support of fellow students.

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ECU alumna, professor conduct research in mathematics

Grant awarded to alumni to continue research

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ECU alumna Renea Baker was awarded an \$8,000 grant to continue research studies on the approach taken by high school Advanced Placement statistics students to solve mathematical probability questions versus middle school statistics students.

The grant was awarded by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the Edward G. Begle Fund. This organization gives grants to full-time teachers of grades K-12 who teach mathematics.

Baker is collaborating with Robin Rider, assistant professor of mathematics, on research studies Rider initiated while earning her master's degree. Rider's research consists of very similar topics, in which Rider acts as a mentor and

Baker acts as an observer according to Rider.

Rider's research looks at the way a college level AP statistics student determines the fairness in a situation where probability is involved, the reasoning they used to determine this and the distribution of probability in that situation.

These things are compared to the decisions a middle school student would make in the same situation without the classical and procedural training that a college level student has in probability and statistics.

"This research looks at how students estimate theoretical probability from taking empirical trails through computer simulations," said Rider.

An example of this research would be comparing the outcome of the decision that each level student would have when

Wal-Mart expansion and health care costs

The world's largest retailer is the 'Colossus' of the business world

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Sam Walton died in 1992 of cancer. If you take the sum of the net worth of Sam Walton's heirs and compare them to the likes of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, the two richest men in the world, then you would find that Walton, if he were alive, would dwarf both Gates and Buffett in terms of personal net worth.

Wal-Mart was started in 1962 by Walton after successful stints with U.S. Army intelligence and Benjamin Franklin department stores. Walton ran the stores so well that his was the top store in his six-state region. By using the profits from this venture, he opened the predecessor to Wal-Mart that

was known as Walton's 5&10.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, is a colossus of the business world. In 2005 Wal-Mart had \$312 billion in revenue, 80 percent of which was earned in the U.S. With plans to open 20 new stores in the China during 2006, Wal-Mart will be on its way to having an equal number of stores in China as it does in the U.S. Wal-Mart currently has 3,700 stores in the United States and 56 in China. It is expected that in the next 20 years, Wal-Mart will have achieved its goal in China.

How does Wal-Mart do so well? Wal-Mart does well namely by having a large number of items at low prices, thereby creating countless synergies and economies of scale among its millions of products which lower the overall inventory cost in its stores, also by having low labor costs and benefits, much to the chagrin of employees too destitute to afford proper medical coverage. The

lack of medical benefits is seen by some as having an adverse affect on taxpayers as many of Wal-Mart's 1.3 million employees are low income people who have no hope of covering themselves or their children, thereby putting a huge strain on Medicaid.

Medical costs are soaring much higher than general inflation and most companies are struggling to contain these costs. Wal-Mart's health care bill, which has compounded annually over the last four years, is not \$1.5 billion. A lot of debate is going on about whether the employer or the government should cover low-income people.

While Wal-Mart is not alone in trying to contain these costs while appeasing critics, two goals which seem to be mutually-exclusive, it does have a higher proportion of uncovered employees. The nation's labor force as a whole has one-third of its members uncovered; one-half of Wal-

Mart's employees are uncovered.

The disparity between Wal-Mart's and the nation's work force may be due to the type of work involved. Retail jobs like cashier do not pay really well anywhere and as such are in low demand by more educated people. The good thing is that Wal-Mart provides jobs for these people who otherwise might not have jobs at all. The thought of how much of a strain that would place upon the nation's social systems dwarfs the strain being put upon Medicaid.

So it is unfair to blame Wal-Mart for the social problems in the U.S. when other factors such as the total national health expenditures, that increased by 7.7 percent in 2003 which is four times the rate of inflation in 2003, and Wall Street expectations.

It should be noted how Wall Street reacted to Costco Wholesale, a direct competitor that is

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Announcements

Yearbook Photos for Seniors

Yearbook photos for all upcoming graduates will be held Thursday, May 23 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, May 24 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Business attire or cap & gown is encouraged, but not required. This is the first Buccaneer to be published in 16 years. For more information on the yearbook, visit buccaneer.ecu.edu or contact Ryan Snyder at 328-9246.

Lecture: Thomas Harriot Voyages of Discovery

Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Hendrix Auditorium, Mendenhall Student Center. Robert Fox, a history of science professor at Oxford University, will inaugurate ECU's new "Thomas Harriot Voyages of Discovery" Lecture Series. Contact Denise Miller, Harriot College, at 328-6249 or e-mail millerd@ecu.edu for more information.

ECU Youth Arts Festival 2006

Saturday, April 1 on ECU campus mail from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 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. Featured visual artists will come from surrounding states, North Carolina and from ECU's School of Art and Design. Contact Dindy Reich at reichd@ecu.edu or 328-5749, or Richard Tichich at tichichr@ecu.edu or 328-5481.

Night of the Rising Stars

Saturday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Greenville Convention Center. A fundraising event featuring cocktails, dinner and performances benefiting the School of Theatre and Dance Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$60 per person with a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased at the School of Theatre and Dance Box Office, by calling 328-6829 or online at ECUARTS.com. Ticket Required.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Friday, March 24, at the Wills Building on First and Reade Streets downtown. Beginners lesson at 7:30 p.m. and the contra dance will be from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old time and Celtic music will be provided by a string band. Students \$3, FASG members \$5, member \$8. Come and enjoy this smoke and alcohol free event. For more information, contact Michael Cotter at 752-8854.

Correction

In our article, "Give to the troops," published March 2, we incorrectly identified the sponsoring organization as Gamma Beta Chi. The organization is Gamma Beta Phi. We regret the error.

Crime beat

Claire Murphy Assistant News Editor

- A case of assault by pointing a gun and communicating threats was reported on March 9. The assault occurred by the Howell Science Building. The case has been closed by arrest.
- Larceny was reported at Minges Coliseum. It is under further investigation.
- A DWI that happened on March 13 was reported and has been cleared by arrest.
- A misdemeanor larceny at the Athletic Ticket Office was reported March 14 and is under further investigation.
- Warrant Service at ECU Police Department has been closed and cleared by arrest.
- A case of DWI, Simple Possession of Marijuana, Open Container in Vehicle and Aid and Abet Underage Possession of Alcohol was reported March 16 and has been closed by arrest.
- Disorderly conduct in Joyner Library was reported March 17 and is under further investigation.
- Damage to property in White Hall was reported March 19. The case is under further investigation.

News Briefs

State

Three charged with murder of North Carolina worker in Pa. (AP) - A North Carolina construction worker was kicked to death in a central Pennsylvania motel room by a co-worker and two barroom acquaintances who stole the victim's money and beer, a prosecutor said Tuesday. The body of Doug Stenke, 55, of Concord, N.C., was found Sunday morning in a room at the Huntingdon Motor Inn in Smithfield Township, about 100 miles east of Pittsburgh. His body was discovered about nine hours after police in a neighboring borough arrested Stenke's co-worker, Joseph Causey, 19, for drunken driving, said Robert Stewart III, the district attorney in Huntingdon County, Pa. Causey acknowledged his role in the robbery and killing, Stewart said. He also implicated the couple, Rebecca Matthews, 23, and Michael John Paul Macias, 24, both of whom are from Huntingdon. All three gave statements to police, Stewart said. Stenke and Causey worked for Southern Interiors Plus of Lexington, N.C., and were doing interior construction work on a new Fashion Bug store near Huntingdon, Pa. Authorities couldn't immediately confirm Causey's hometown, Stewart said.

A woman who answered the phone at Southern Interiors Plus referred questions to the owner, who didn't immediately return a call for comment Tuesday. Causey was arrested while he was driving the wrong way on a one-way street in Stenke's van. He had Stenke's wallet, identification and check card and had blood between his knuckles, Stewart said.

Donors testify about contributions to Black's campaign

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - A used car salesman denied Tuesday that he contributed to the campaign of House Speaker Jim Black, despite a \$1,000 money order bearing his name that ended up in the campaign's account. Thomas Crowley of Rockingham testified before the State Board of Elections as it probes possible campaign finance violations tied to the video poker industry. The board is expected to review evidence that

people within the video poker industry made anonymous contributions, used cashier checks to make donations or gave corporate money.

Crowley said his car lot sits across from a convenience store once owned by Leon Johnson. Crowley said Johnson approached him in 2002 and asked him to sign a petition to keep video poker machines legal in North Carolina. Crowley said he never gave Johnson money for a campaign donation.

Johnson no longer runs the store and at least three people who know him testified Tuesday they don't know where he lives.

Barbara Gathings of Hamlet said she played video poker at Johnson's store, spending an average of \$20 to \$25 a month on the game.

"It's just one of these things that I've done and I've regretted it ever since," Gathings said.

Going back to 2001, Black, D-Mecklenburg, is the state's largest recipient of donations from the video poker industry, according to Democracy North Carolina. Black is unaware of receiving any illegal contributions from industry members, his lawyer has said.

National

Nagin says New Orleans has better levees, plans for upcoming hurricane season

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - New Orleans is better prepared for the upcoming hurricane season because of stronger floodwalls and better evacuation plans since Hurricane Katrina, Mayor Ray Nagin said in an interview Tuesday.

"We should be able to sustain another Katrina," the mayor said.

"If a Category 5 hits us, probably the city will be gone and the levees will still be standing. The work they're doing is just incredible," Nagin said of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Residents who note the city survived the worst of the Aug. 29 storm but then was swamped when floodwalls broke, inundating 80 percent of the city with brackish water, have heavily criticized the Corps, which designed and built the city's levees. Many have expressed fear about the condition of the levees as the June 1 start of hurricane season approaches. The mayor said he believes the city can be mostly restored in the next

five years.

New Orleans officials estimate about 189,000 of the city's roughly 455,000 pre-storm residents have returned, and Nagin said he expects a significant jump in population after the end of the school year, when many families with children enrolled in schools elsewhere can return without disrupting their education.

"The worst-case scenario is the state creates an incredible bureaucracy to issue this money, everything gets bogged down and bottle-necked and lots of people get frustrated and we kind of limp along at half the population we had," he said.

On Monday, Nagin endorsed a proposal that would allow all residents to rebuild homes in neighborhoods shattered by the hurricanes. An advisory commission had recommended flooded neighborhoods be replaced with parks and that the city go slow in rebuilding low-lying areas.

Academy hearing for cadet facing sex assault charges and with defense calling no witnesses

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) - A hearing to determine whether a U.S. Coast Guard Academy football player should be court-martialed on sexual assault charges ended Tuesday with the defense declining to call any witnesses.

Coast Guard Cadet Webster M. Smith, 22, has been accused by seven female cadets of misconduct ranging from improper touching to rape between May and November 2005. Five of those cadets testified in secret at the Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury.

The defense declined to call any witnesses Tuesday, leaving the case in the hands of Cmdr. Steven Anderson, who will report to the superintendent of the academy, Rear Adm. James C. Van Sice. Van Sice must decide within a week whether to court-martial Smith. "He said, 'Oh please, you wanted it,'" she testified. "That's when she said, 'There is no way in hell I would have wanted to have sex with you last night, even if it was sober.'"

Another witness, Coast Guard cadet Jere Cherni, testified that the alleged victim became pregnant and underwent an operation that she felt was immoral. After objections from Smith's attorneys, Cherni was not

permitted to specify the operation. Under cross-examination, Strizzi acknowledged that she did not know what happened while Smith and her friend were alone, or the details of their sexual history. Friends said the two had had an on-again, off-again sexual relationship.

A Pentagon task force found that hostile attitudes and inappropriate treatment of women also persisted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and at the Naval Academy.

International

100 gunmen storm Iraqi jail, kill police and free fellow insurgents BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - About 100 masked gunmen stormed a prison near the Iranian border Tuesday, cutting phone wires, freeing all the inmates and leaving behind a scene of devastation and carnage. 20 dead policemen, burned-out cars and a smoldering jailhouse.

At least 10 attackers were killed in the dawn assault on the Muqaddiyah lockup on the eastern fringe of the Sunni Triangle, police said. The raid showed the mostly Sunni militants can still assemble a large force, capable of operating in the region virtually at will, even though U.S. and Iraqi military officials said last year that the area was no longer an insurgent stronghold.

In all, 33 prisoners were freed, including 18 insurgents who were detained Sunday during raids by security forces in the nearby villages of Sansal and Arab, police said. It was the capture of those insurgents that apparently prompted Tuesday's attack. The 15 other inmates were a mix of suspected insurgents and common criminals.

In an internet posting Tuesday night, the military wing of the Mujaheddin Shura Council, a militant Sunni Muslim insurgent group, purportedly claimed it carried out the operation. The posting said the group killed "40 policemen, liberated 33 prisoners and captured weapons." Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said: "April is fine, but it is necessary that this commitment be kept in order for there to be continued support for the presence of American troops in Iraq." However, President Bush said

Tuesday that the decision about when to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq will fall to future presidents and Iraqi leaders, suggesting that U.S. involvement will continue at least through 2008.

Clinical trial drug caused monkey glands to swell before disastrous human test in Britain

LONDON (AP) - The experimental drug that caused convulsions and organ failure in the first humans it was tested on only left monkeys with swollen glands, and there was nothing to predict the disastrous effects on people, the drug company's chief scientist said Tuesday.

The medical study on six previously healthy men has raised fresh questions over safety and whether volunteers have enough information to weigh the risks. Two men remained in a coma Tuesday and four others were seriously ill, but improving after participating in the trial last week.

"It felt like we stepped into some sort of horror film," Raste Khan, one of two men who were given placebos in the trial of TGN1412, a drug to treat leukemia and other ailments, told The Associated Press.

David Glover, former chief medical officer at biotech company Cambridge Antibody Technology, said testing drugs like TGN1412 must go on despite the tragedy.

"We need to understand the issues we face and look at creative solutions," he said.

Most Phase 1 trials, in which the drug is tested on humans for the first time, are conducted in industrialized nations. About 350 tests are authorized in Britain each year.

Complicated health regulations and the need for sophisticated infrastructure usually prevent such trials from being carried out in developing nations. Phase 2 and 3 trials, in which the drug is tested on patients in need of treatment, take place in poor countries.

The procedure for selecting healthy volunteers for Phase 1 trials has caused controversy in Britain. Others say that without offering financial incentives it would be extremely difficult to get subjects to participate in Phase 1 tests.

"It's a fine line. How do we attract people to do something for which there is not much reward?" Derbyshire asked.

Europe still beckons students, but many are drawn elsewhere

(KRT) — Jessica Serrano, a student at the University of Miami, is no stranger to travel. Last summer she backpacked through Europe; in 2004, she studied in New Zealand and Australia. This year, she's going to Southeast Asia, a new destination that she feels would benefit most from her tourist dollars, especially areas damaged by the 2004 tsunami.

She isn't the only student you'll see roaming the world.

In any foreign country this summer, you're guaranteed to see at least a handful of U.S. students. An easy way to identify them: They'll be carrying maps, English-something dictionaries and seam-split backpacks overflowing with souvenirs and dirty clothes.

For decades, college students have ventured out of the United States for a summer of backpacking. Some travel because they seek insight into an unfamiliar culture, others are eager to celebrate summer, graduation or final months of freedom.

"It's my last chance!" said DA Epstein, a senior at Nova Southeastern University. He plans to spend the summer before graduate school in Europe, flying into London and visiting friends in Italy.

"The overall trend for college-age students is Europe," said Sarah-Jane Wilton, communications coordinator at STA Travel, a discount student travel company. Though students tend

to gravitate toward traditional European favorites like Britain, Italy and France, travel experts say young people also like to go to places that have been in the public eye.

"We saw a huge increase in Athens trips after the summer 2004 Olympics in Athens," said Jaimee Shield, a marketing specialist at Contiki, a California-based travel tour company specializing in all-inclusive adventure packages for 18-to-35-year-olds. "We are now seeing a hike in our Italian trips ... because of the Olympics."

Athletic and other special events tend to attract college students who long to participate as viewers or fans.

Nicolette Imam, a Trinidad native studying at Florida International University, plans to attend the World Cup in Germany this summer. "It's very exciting because Trinidad qualified for the first time this year," she said.

Fernando Anzoategui, an FIU student, plans to visit France this summer in hopes of seeing the Tour de France.

While special events like the World Cup or the Tour de France are the highlight of the summer for some, others purposefully veer away from locales saturated with media hype.

"We just want to surf!" said Vannia Giacoman, an FIU student planning a one-week trip with friends to Hawaii.

Though tours around the

United States and Hawaii are among Contiki's offerings, the company's most popular trip this summer is Western Europe: Italy, France, London, Germany and Austria.

"For my college graduation present, I'm asking my parents for a Contiki trip to Europe," said Agustina Prigoshin, an FIU student. "I'd like to visit several places while I'm on that side of the world." Prigoshin likes the fact that Contiki trips are all-inclusive, and she won't have to worry about unexpected costs.

Priscilla Caceres took Italian language classes at FIU to prepare for a high school trip she will chaperon to Tuscany and Prague. "I'm infatuated with Italian culture," Caceres said.

There also seems to be increasing interest in travel to more exotic locations in the Far East and South America. STA Travel has booked more trips to Machu Picchu and Ecuador this summer than in the past, Wilton said.

With more students craving unusual vacation locales, tour companies like Contiki try to cater to these demands, adding new trip options. "People want to travel further east. We have a new trip to Croatia, by popular demand, and our new trip from Berlin to Budapest, also going to Prague and Vienna, is very popular."

An FIU study-abroad film program to the Czech Republic is on

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determining whether or not they are rolling a trick dice or a fair dice and figuring out the probability of one number over the other.

Rider used previous information acquired from middle school students and applied it to research she started when working on her master's.

Rider taught AP statistics at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville and Baker replaced her position in 2001 when Rider left to pursue her master's degree.

When Rider began her research, she used Baker's AP statistics class to do her research. Baker became more involved in the research as it progressed and the two decided to collaborate on the studies.

The research has revealed that the AP students who have more training in the subject have greater troubles with not realizing when to apply the principles they have learned and when to just use their common sense reasoning, according to Rider.

Baker will receive her grant money and begin research work in May 2006. Her research will compare the outcome of the same situations that Rider is researching of Rider's probability and data class and Baker's AP statistics class.

This will be follow-up research involving the same teachers, same classes, same problems and same questions. The difference is the amount of training the students now have

and the way the teachers present the subject after their research findings.

Rider said that one of the main purposes of this research is to "teach students to use statistics and not just do statistics."

Rider and Baker presented their finding at the North American Chapter of the International Group of Psychology of Mathematics Education conference in Roanoke, Va.

The two are attempting to distribute their research findings in other ways as well. They have submitted a research proposal to NCTM for a conference that will be held in Atlanta in April 2007.

Baker also has submitted a proposal to the Psychology of Math Education for a conference that will be held in October. This will be information presented by Baker alone.

Rider and Baker are also attempting to publish articles in the *Mathematic Teacher* which will present their ideas to change the curriculum of AP statistics and *Mathematical Thinking and Learning*.

Mathematical Thinking and Learning asked them to submit a manuscript to them because of the lack of research done in this area.

The publication and distribution of their research will be used to encourage more teachers to do research as well.

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Europe from page A2

Luis Valle's agenda this summer. The curriculum includes attending the Karlovy Film Festival in Prague in June and July.

"I'm interested in film and it's a country I've always wanted to visit," Valle said. "The people and culture are very sophisticated. It's enriching to see other places."

STA Travel has also expanded its choices by offering organized volunteer and language programs. Its volunteer program in Honduras, where travelers do conservation work and build homes, expanded in the past couple years.

"People are looking for more fulfilling travel experiences like

volunteering," Wilton said.

Serrano plans to keep traveling whenever she can.

"I'm addicted to traveling!" she said. "I'm young and my life is so flexible right now. I won't be able to get up and travel when I'm older."

Even travel hassles are worth it, she said. Two years ago, while en route from Fiji to Australia, her bag was lost.

"I had the most incredible time anyway," she said. "There are so many people and cultures to see and learn about, it taught me that material things aren't everything."

Our View

It's crunch time, ECU

Now that Spring Break is over, it is time to focus on school again. As of today, Thursday, March 23, there are only 24 class days left until the end of spring semester. There is not much time yet to pull those grades up, whether it be from a F to a D or from a B to an A.

With the semester winding away to practically nothing, there are a few things that all ECU students should be doing to be sure they go out with a bang this April.

1. If you are not already doing so, start using a planner. This will help you to break down the rest of the semester day by day, allowing you to see what commitments you have each day. Another advantage of using a planner is that you can coordinate all of your obligations - school, work and social - on a monthly calendar and prioritize what needs to be done when.
 2. Try making yourself a daily schedule. Make one for each day of the week, including everything from personal grooming to time for your favorite TV shows. Though it will take you a little while to map out each day, Saturdays and Sundays included, it will give you a better idea of what time you are wasting, and what you are not spending enough time on. If nothing else, it may show you that your two-hour block of time for "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy" is feasible.
 3. Sit down and analyze what you have been doing thus far in all of your classes. Average your grades and figure out if your performance is up to par. What kind of studying have you been doing that works? What definitely did not work? Does the professor have any success advice? Make a study plan for each class and stick to it. This hellish routine is only for another 24 days; you can tough it out.
 4. School is important, but don't forget about your friends and family. These are the people in your life who are always there when you need them and now is not the time to break those bonds. You may be really stressed out when exams roll around and in need of some support.
 5. Spending all that time studying and meeting social obligations can take a toll on everyone's body. Take a little time to give your body some attention. This does not mean go to the tanning bed, but it does mean planning some time for personal pampering, taking a walk or going to the gym. Our bodies are amazing things, but they cannot function to the best of their abilities if you abuse them.
- So there it is, the list of things you should be doing to be sure you are successful this semester. Realistically, if you can achieve three out of five of these objectives, you should do OK - never settle for mediocre. It's crunch time ECU, make these last 24 days count.

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Opinion Columnist

Can you hear me, Mr. Disney? I have some advice

Your beloved columnist contacts a beloved pioneer

GARY MCCABE
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This week I wanted to do something a bit different with my column. Last week I spent spring break at beautiful Disney World. While it wasn't the first time for me, this particular visit elicited so many thoughts and observations about the park that I wished I could bring them to the attention of Mr. Walt Disney himself. Unfortunately, Mr. Disney passed away in 1966 and it would seem impossible for anybody else.

You see, there are millions of beliefs of what heaven is like. Personally, I see heaven as a beautiful cloud city (not unlike Care-a-lot). However, instead of flying around in cloud cars, those lucky residents spend most of their time reading (and admiring) my weekly columns. If you think I'm kidding, you seriously have no idea what a megalomaniac I truly am.

Mr. Disney, the following letter is directed to you; however, I think that simple Earth-dwellers like my online arch enemy "Big Al" could find enjoyment in reading it as well.

Mr. Disney, I could have spent this year's spring break a thousand different ways - drunk in Key West, drunk in Cancun, drunk in my apartment - but I decided to spend mine at Disney World... drunk.

Why Disney World? Forget the fact that it was pretty much free for me to go. And forget the fact that I avoid beaches of Cancun and Daytona because there isn't an FDA-approved sun tan lotion strong enough to keep my German-Irish bum from burning like a bad case of chlamydia.

I went to Disney World because - even for a 23-year-old, contemptuous excuse for a human being like me - it truly is the "Happiest Place on Earth." I love Disney World... except for Animal King-

dom, Epcot, Downtown Disney, Blizzard Beach, Typhoon Lagoon and 83 percent of Disney-MGM Studios. The rest (the Magic Kingdom) is pure entertainment gold.

The rides aren't anything to write home about and the food, while surprisingly good for a theme park, is obscenely expensive. It doesn't matter - Disney World has something I haven't found anywhere else in this country: charm. I know that was your goal from day one, Mr. Disney, and to that end, you have succeeded immeasurably.

I feel like a child walking around your park. Whether I'm taking photos with your iconic creations (and lesser ones like Rafiki, whose line is invariably shorter), watching the amazing fireworks displays or ignoring the not-so-subtle racial overtones in the Song of the South-themed Splash Mountain, I forget about all my deadlines, finals and my dreaded post-graduation job hunt.

However, that's not to say there aren't improvements to be made, sir. My first suggestion involves children. Frankly, there are just too many of them. From the 9-year-olds still riding in strollers to the 11-year-olds still afraid of Goofy, they're a nuisance. New rules must be implemented.

First of all, it bothers me to see parents carrying their sleeping tyke to and fro. If they can't stay awake, what's the point of being there? They're just taking up space, giving me one less chance to soar on the Dumbo ride. All children incapable of standing on their own should be ushered out of Disney - much like Michael Eisner was. Aside from the "standing" rule, how about a couple of days a week for adults only - adults 18 to 55, that is (old people are just as slow).

Speaking of obstruction, there's another disturbing problem I've found and it involves America's growing problem: the obesity "epidemic." I know the American government now classifies it as a disease, but I have little sympathy personally. When I see a large man riding

around in a cart only to get up and walk to the men's room (or more likely, a hot dog stand) without a problem, I begin to think that it's far too easy to get one of those scooters (which may or may not allow them to cut in line... I've seen that) it does. People with true disabilities are exempt from the "walking rule" obviously.

While I'm making room in the park, Mr. Disney, I have another suggestion that most people won't like too much. Disney World has done an amazing job of encouraging and promoting diversity and attracting money - I mean visitors - from around the globe. But as a bona fide American genius, it must make your blood boil to look down from cloud heaven and see large families draped in red, Canadian flag-infested (and matching) outfits.

It doesn't take tacky red-and-white clothing for me to spot a Canadian. The Canadian is the wide-eyed, goofy-grinned spectator complete with an awkward personality and uncanny ability to stop on a dime - and hold up hundreds of people behind them - to take a photo of Mickey having his photo taken with someone else's young child. If Canadians were eliminated from Disney, or at least diverted away from the Magic Kingdom (let 'em rot at Epcot), it would be better for everyone involved.

Mr. Disney, I know you are no longer with us. However, if my calculations concerning heaven are correct, you can influence all mortals to do your bidding. Should the young, the old, the obese and, most importantly, the Canadians be restricted access from your Magic Kingdom, it would be so awesome. While you're at it, how about a day - once a week - when only those of German or Irish or German-Irish with opinion columns named Gary can enter. I hate crowds.

Sincerely (not really, unless you're completely dense and don't understand what a farce is) Gary McCabe

Pirate Rant

To the person who chewed/peeled off their fingernails and left them at the computer in BATE 3001: thanks. It didn't disgust me at all.

Not everyone who subleases their apartment is doing so as a result of poor planning. I, for one, found a job in a different area when I graduated in December and had to relocate. Tell me, would you want to live 400 miles away from your apartment and still get stuck with the bill? I think not!

Why don't they just fire Johnson for eating cereal at work all the time? Seriously, I really hate that commercial!

I want to thank the football player who gave me his shirt and carried me back to my room from downtown the Wednesday night before spring break. That was probably the nicest thing any stranger has ever done. There need to be more nice guys like you around.

Do the new Doublemint Twins commercials creep anyone else out besides me?

Your book bag does not need its own seat on the bus.

To the person who thinks we are spoiled brats who have mommy and daddy pay for college: at least my parents were smart enough to create a college fund for me so that I won't be paying off student loans for the rest of my life.

Why is it that the nursing school makes your GPA to be so important? The nursing field is more about personal experience and people skills than how much info you can cram in your head in college. By the way they are doing things now, there are some "not-so-charming" people getting into the program.

I do not think Fifth street should be renamed, and I am an African American.

I had to stay in town to work my shifts in addition to picking up my coworker's shift so she could go and do whatever she did at the tourist trap she visited. I had no break so she could go lay on her back for a week. You suck!

Marriage is legalized prostitution. Think about it, so many females today demand that their significant other pay for most, if not all of their meals, be "treated like princesses," and be given huge engagement rings before they say yes.

If I can pay taxes here, I should get in-state tuition rates!

Prejudice... or to pre-judge. To the person the other day talking about the prejudiced comments in the rant, do you not judge the person next to you by how they are dressed, their hygiene or perhaps what they drive? Hmm, didn't think so. Maybe you should be the first to sign up for a tolerance class.

The squirrels on campus are planning something. I can feel it!

I'm so glad I went over my utilities bill, but they don't tell until five months later.

I know quite a few students get bored when their English class goes to the library, but our professor planned this out for a reason.

I know you guys want to act hard when you're around your boys, but when your girlfriend comes to talk to you, don't ignore her or treat her like a guy. She is your girl for a reason. That just makes us think of how inconsiderate guys really are. Can a girl get a hug or a kiss goodbye? I know all boys are guilty of it; it's not that hard. Would you rather see her getting that from another guy?

Midnight snacks are awesome.

How much do you think a small yogurt at the Wright Place should cost? Surely \$1.16 is too much!

Three years ago I paid \$360 at Pirates Cove and never ever in three years went over on electricity or anything, but oh woaah as soon as they make it convenient for us (checking my status online like I care!) I all of a sudden go over my electricity by \$13.95. Because that makes sense right? Paying more rent and spending a majority of last semester on campus in the Rivers building equals going over on my bill.

Uh ya, the "luxury SUV" is the wretched Tahoe... not the same spelling as Taho, the wireless internet connection. I'm going to go ahead and generalize and group you with a lot of other people and go out on a limb by guessing you came here because you didn't get into UNC or Duke because your SAT English score wasn't good enough. Ha ha, loser.

Why is it that one of the Greene hall RAs has a bulletin board up for Women's History Month and yet only posted information about black women? Oh excuse me, African American women. What about Scottish, Hispanic, Chinese, etc? They are women too. If you want to dedicate months to certain races or genders, be fair and celebrate them all.

Are the elevators in Clement ever going to get fixed? I have been taking the stairs to the seventh floor for the past two weeks! Although I must say, the stair climbing is getting me into peak physical condition.

Keeping Fifth street "as is" is logical, not racist.

I'm confused. During the winter it was 80 degrees, but now it's spring and it's in the 50s outside. Did the two seasons switch and no one thought to include me?

I think it is so rude when the students in my class pack up before the professor is done lecturing. I mean, where do you have to go in such a hurry that two minutes will make that much of a difference anyway?

The girl sitting next to me in class yawns without covering her mouth. I mean, I really don't want to smell her breath, much less see her tonsils.

You are not supposed to be as tan in the winter as you are in the summer. You just look stupid and not natural... plus, give your skin a break already!

I hate how the government is so paranoid about stereotyping when looking for terrorists. It's a simple fact that all of them have been Muslims of Middle-Eastern descent. Deal with it.

Why can't Microsoft make enough Xbox 360s? Stop sending them to Japan and Europe and let your home country get first bat!

If you don't like ECU, then transfer or drop out. But no one cares to hear you complain about how miserable you are. Here is a quarter, call someone who cares!

I don't care if your jeans cost \$45 or \$245. They still make you look deformed. Money isn't going to buy you a body so don't share with me, or the other ones in the house, how much you spent!

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Nancy and David Auffarth both sport shades at the beach; Nancy's cost \$20 and David's \$90, but offer the same UV protection.

Price not as important as level of protection

(KRT) — For Nancy and David Auffarth, reasons for choosing sunglasses couldn't be more different than their gender.

One wears high-end shades. The other, cheapies. One goes for durability. The other a cool look.

But never during their occasional sunglasses "hunt" has the issue of safety and protection from the sun come up, "because," Nancy said, "my \$20 knockoffs offer me plenty of protection." There was a time eye experts would have scoffed at such a claim and insisted that David Auffarth's \$90 Pacific Traders were far safer than his wife's knockoffs. But all kidding aside, many experts say, Nancy Auffarth is probably right.

"Most high-end sunglasses have glass lenses, which are pretty much guaranteed to have 100 percent protection from UV rays," said Kenny Moscot, a licensed optician and president

of the respected New York eye shop Sol Moscot Opticians.

"And most cheaper ones have plastic lenses. As they're made, the plastic only provides about 60 percent protection. But what they do is dye the plastic shades darker, bringing the protection level up to 100 percent. So it is true that they are safer today."

That fact is nice to know, the Auffarths said, but they insist that toughness and appearance were their main criteria.

"I guess I really wasn't thinking medical reasons," said David Auffarth, while the New York couple was on vacation in Florida. "I have a better pair, but I got these because of the way they flex. They take wear and tear better with spring activity in the earpieces."

As Auffarth, a restaurateur in the Big Apple, demonstrated by bending his sunglasses backward like double-jointed fingers, his better half, a former actress,

shook her head and tapped her shades with a smart nod and wink.

"These were \$20," Nancy Auffarth said. "Absolute run-of-the-mill knockoffs, but I love 'em. Unlike David, I don't beat my glasses up. But if you lose glasses frequently like I do, cheap is the way to go. I admit I had Ray Bans for 20 years, but ever since I went cheap, I haven't gone back. And I've been fine."

Peter Luc Sevigny is young, and because of that "I am not worried about my eyes. They are good," the 21-year-old Montreal native said during a South Beach, Fla., volleyball game. "I do have expensive glasses. But I get them for the different styles. That's all."

Indeed, Sevigny was sporting \$150 Dragon brand surfer-style shades.

"What can I tell you? They do look good," Sevigny said with a laugh, adding that his backup pair cost just \$9.99.

Moscot cautioned that some glasses manufacturers have lulled some frugal buyers into a false sense of security by suggesting that anything dark is safe.

"Yes, the less expensive sunglasses can provide better protection today, and many do. But there is such a thing as too cheap," Moscot said.

"At some point, those glasses on the absolute cheapest end of the spectrum are nothing more than dark plastic in a frame. And that's no protection at all."

"You can go less expensive if you want these days, but don't overdo it," Moscot said. "Think about it. How exactly do you know the cheaper glasses in the drug store are providing adequate protection? Because they have a sticker on them?"

Bootlegged name-brand clothing, music, and other popular wares should be proof enough that not every product label is a truthful guarantee, Moscot said.

Will your music play for sure?

(KRT) — Did you know that it's a federal crime to listen to your music on the wrong brand of portable music player?

It's true. At least, it is if you buy your music online. Take Apple's iTunes Music Store, which recently sold its billionth song. Apple talks a lot about the convenience and affordability of its music, but they don't mention its darker side: it's only compatible with Apple products. MP3 players from other companies aren't supported.

In a free market, that wouldn't be so bad. Manufacturers of competing MP3 players, such as Sony, Creative and Samsung, could provide software to automatically convert the music to a compatible format.

But that would be illegal, thanks to a little-known law called the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which Congress passed in 1998.

The DMCA was billed as an anti-piracy measure. It prohibits anyone from "circumventing" a copy protection scheme such as that used to scramble songs from the iTunes store, or from creating software to do so. It was hoped that those restrictions would prevent hackers from unscrambling music or movies and uploading them to the Internet.

But that's not how things have worked out in the real world. After nearly a decade on the books, it's hard to find any evidence that the DMCA has reduced piracy. More and more content is being released in copy-protected formats, but as every college student knows,

the latest movies and songs are still widely available on peer-to-peer file sharing networks. Even worse, new copy-protection formats are routinely hacked within weeks of release, and hacking tools are readily available from offshore Web sites. "Copy protection" hasn't done much to prevent copying.

Most computer scientists think that's not going to change. Indeed, Apple CEO Steve Jobs has said as much. In a remarkably candid Rolling Stone interview shortly after the launch of the iTunes Music Store, he said that "we have Ph.D.'s here, that know the stuff cold, and we don't believe it's possible to protect digital content."

He pointed out that as soon as someone finds a flaw — and every copy protection scheme has them — she can unscramble the file and upload it to the Internet. Once that happens, all the copy protection technology in the world won't do a thing to stop its further spread.

But if jobs knows that copy protection technologies don't stop piracy, why does Apple use them? One reason is that the recording industry, whose executives lack computer science degrees, has insisted on it. But another reason may be that it allows Apple to lock its customers into using its products. Under the DMCA, software to convert your copy-protected music library to a different format is illegal. That means that if a customer wants to switch to a non-Apple device, he will need to re-purchase all of his music in the new format.

Business from page A1

currently beating Sam's Club in sales growth, when it made its health care more equitable. Wall Street cried bloody murder. If Wall Street is unhappy then it will rate Wal-Mart's stock lower than it should be. Investors will see this lower rating and be less inclined to buy it. If investors are not buying the

stock then it will be difficult for Wal-Mart to convince an investment banker to underwrite new shares to finance the growth. Wal-Mart and other U.S. companies cannot afford to upset Wall Street and hope to do well.


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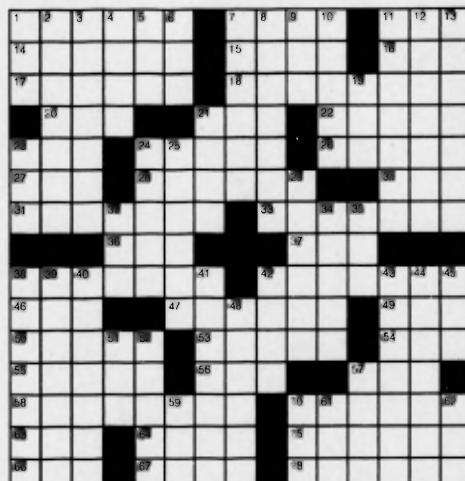
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Vendetta from page B1



Mark Phoenix (Willy), Ian Burfield (Fingerman) and Natalie Portman (Evey).

find it compelling. He's that good. People just haven't seen it before because when they heard him as Agent Smith in *The Matrix*, he was the bad guy and no matter how he spoke the words, they hated them. He gives his revolutionary iconoclast character such charisma that you're cheering for him throughout the entire movie.

Portman also had an impressive performance as a woman with a united past and future. She has given some very impressive performances since bursting onto the scene as Padme in *Star Wars Episode I*, and this role only helps reinforce that idea. You can always tell an actor is giving a great performance when you feel your emotions stirred and ignited by what happens to the

character. *Vendetta* is absolutely bursting at the seams with positives. For one, anyone with a love of history will be thrilled by this movie and devilishly grin when they notice just how alike Adam Sutler (played by John Hurt) is to another certain gentleman in history (I don't think it's a coincidence that his position was "High Chancellor"). This movie is a case study in revolution, freedom and what sort of world we could be living in, or very well might live in one day. That's the beauty of this script and the way the Wachowski Brothers wrote it — it makes you recognize how certain things line up with the world outside the movie theater.

There are only one or two major fight scenes throughout

the movie, but all the Wachowski junkies can rest assured because they're amazing. They'll remind you of the fighting scenes from *The Matrix* that made you coo like a baby.

The plot of the movie will have you following along eagerly. While you'll get it at the end, you'll want to watch it again just to see certain parts again to deepen your understanding, and that makes it golden.

It contains a lot of action; it's not major macho guy movie action (all shooting and slashing and screaming) but swift, beautiful and thrilling action that makes you follow every second and think about when you'll come back to see it again, and you should.

If you want to explore something else related to the movie, research Guy Fawkes (the man whose face is the mask of V) and the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, because it is true and a group did conspire to blow up the English Parliament.

Above all, watch this movie again and again. It's another one of those movies that will put us outside the box, somewhere everyone needs to visit once in a while. Remember: the fifth of November on DVD.

Grade: A+

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Hudson from page B1

according to Griffies).

The Victor Hudson Band is a group that doesn't take themselves too seriously and aim to be crowd pleasers.

"We're just grateful for the support," Hudson said.

"We feed off the crowd and enjoy playing whatever they want to hear."

While Greenville is the band's home base, they are looking to play other spots around the state and also have an EP being released in about six months. There is already one original song, written by Kirkman, and five more to follow.

With so much motivation to take their music to the next level and put on crowd-pleasing shows, isn't it time that ECU embraced the Victor Hudson Band and claimed them as their own?

You can have your first taste of the band when they play at



Contributed photo

Pantana Bob's March 31 beginning at 9 p.m. Get there early for a seat at the bar and maybe an autograph. Talented photographer Keith Muron, who captured

the band in action, provided the photos for this story.

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Mar. 20

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- See your advisor **BEFORE** March 20
- Obtain your registration code or have your form signed if you plan to use terminal registration or if you need special permission
- **YOU'LL BE READY TO GO WHEN YOUR WINDOW OPENS TO REGISTER VIA ONESTOP, AVRS, OR TERMINAL!**

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Tuesday, March 21	Students with 164-106+ hours	Students with 101-103+ hours	Students with 98-100+ hours	Students with 95-97+ hours	Students with 92-94+ hours	Students with 89-91+ hours	Students with 86-88+ hours
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Thursday, March 23	Students with 69-70+ hours	Students with 67-68+ hours	Students with 64-66+ hours	Students with 61-63+ hours	Students with 58-60+ hours	Students with 55-57+ hours	Students with 52-54+ hours
Friday, March 24	Students with 49-51+ hours	Students with 47-48+ hours	Students with 46+ hours	Students with 45+ hours	Students with 43-44+ hours	Students with 41-42+ hours	Students with 38-40+ hours
Monday, March 27	Students with 34-37+ hours	Students with 30-33+ hours	Students with 25-29+ hours	Students with 21-24+ hours	Students with 19-20+ hours	Students with 17-18+ hours	
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Wednesday, March 29	Students with 14+ hours	Students with 13+ hours	Students with 12+ hours	Students with 9-11+ hours	Students with 4-8+ hours	Students with 1-3+ hours	Students with 0+ hours

Attention ECU Sophomores

If you have earned 45-60 hours and at least 30 of them were completed at ECU (not counting Math 0001 or 0045), you are required to respond to the

Sophomore Survey

before you can pre-register for either Summer or Fall 2006 courses.

If your earned credit hours fall within these limits you should have received a message on March 2 at your ECU Exchange email address asking you to participate in the survey. The message explained that your record would be "tagged" so that you could not register until you responded to the survey. If you did not receive the email notice, it means that the survey and registration restriction does not apply to you.

Many of you have now responded, but this is to encourage the rest of you to respond as soon as possible. When you submit your survey responses the "tag" will be removed from your record so that you can pre-register. Registration staff can verify that your responses were received and that the tag was removed.

We really want your feedback to the survey questions, but you may choose to opt out by submitting a blank form. Opting out will also remove the sophomore survey tag that would prevent you from pre-registering.

The survey period is March 2 - April 24. During that period you can complete the survey by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email user id and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

Mendenhall Computer Lab, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, and Joyner Library East.

Please respond to the survey before sophomore pre-registration begins on March 23. This will also help you avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. All remaining tags for this survey will be removed from student records on April 25, the day after the survey closes.

Nashville from page B1

and lived on Jefferson Street. Jefferson Street is the traditional heart of Nashville's black community with a huge rhythm and blues scene.

Hendrix performed alongside B.B. King, Little Richard and Curtis Knight as a back-up musician, but got most of his recognition with the Isley Brothers. He toured the Chitlin' Circuit, which is the southeast string of venues that catered to black audiences and made a reasonable amount of money.

Even a more modern musician, Ben Folds, passed through Nashville. Folds left Winston-Salem, N.C. to pursue a publishing deal from a publisher in Nashville.

Even hip-hop is relying on Nashville. Young Buck of the G-Unit crew released the album *Straight Outta CaShville*, which is a reference to Nashville. The city is growing in its importance to dirty south hip-hop, proving it isn't all country and rock in Nashville.

More than any one genre, though, Nashville remains the major hub of music production for many artists from different musical backgrounds.

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WZMB from page B1

bands of all time) and musical geniuses like Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan were front and center in the popular music scene. And I'd bet that 30 years from now, it's not going to be the dirty south rappers who are lauded with fans and living in lavish homes featured on MTV's "Cribs."

Anyone remember back in the late 1990s when a rash of boy bands broke loose on the popular music scene? What about teen divas like Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera? Who's going to admit to having those posters on their walls when they were in middle school?

Probably not one, and that is precisely why popular music acts like 'N SYNC are fads and not given a lot of credit; who is going to look back 40 years from now and say, "Wow, the Backstreet Boys really revolutionized the concept of music?"

And that's what separates the Beatles and popular musicians from other eras from your run-of-the-mill modern heartthrob boy-bands. The Beatles earned their fame and deserved it. They delivered album after album after album of great music.

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band is sometimes even credited as the first concept album.

Listen to a copy of *The White Album* and then listen to a copy of anything produced by any modern day teen-frenzy band and I think you'll see where I'm going with this.

So why the change? I can't say I know, but I'm sure the answer is out there. I will say that not all popular music is bad. Super-successful acts like Radiohead, Beck, The Strokes, Franz Ferdinand and the White Stripes are all well-deserving talent. Songwriters from past generations, such as Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young, are even finding success in recent years with new releases.

Maybe indie music will have all the luck in the future on the popular music scene (though I suppose it wouldn't be called "indie" anymore).

But who knows, maybe 40 years from now it'll be the world music scene blowing up and taking the dark turn that rock is known for - sex, drugs and world music, anyone?

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Movie picks ▶ New

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	Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	San Jose Mercury
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NCAA BASKETBALL

The Round of 16 from A to Z



(KRT) — A is for Aristotle, the ancient philosopher George Mason coach Jim Larranaga dusted off and trotted out after his Patriots had knocked off North Carolina on Sunday. While talking of his upstart team, he reminded all that the old Greek once had said, "Excellence is not an act, it's a habit." B is for Big Baby, which is the nickname of 6-foot-9-inch, 310-pound LSU forward Glen Davis. C is for Jim Calhoun and Connecticut, who together are going after their third national title in eight years. The Huskies are on a collision course to meet Duke in the championship game, which would be nothing new to them. When they won it in 2004, they defeated the Blue Devils in a national semifinal. When they won in 1999, they defeated them in the final. D is for Jared Dudley, the 6-7 Boston College forward who teams with 6-7 Craig Smith to give the Eagles one of the most-powerful inside pairs still left in the tourney. They now represent the ACC, which prefers finesse to fists. But they grew up in the Big East, where banging is a birthright. E is for Enigma, which could well be the nick-

name of Connecticut sophomore forward Rudy Gay. He is arguably the best pure talent in college basketball and certainly a top NBA draft pick whenever he decides to leave school. But his personality is passive, he rarely asserts himself and he simply has disappeared, on occasion, from games. F is for the Feel Good Story, which this year could be Bradley or George Mason or Wichita State. But remember Memphis guard Darius Washington Jr. on his knees in agony after he missed two foul shots with no time remaining in the championship game of last year's Conference USA tourney? If he had made them, the Tigers would have defeated Louisville and would have been in the NCAAs. Without them, they were doomed to the NIT. Well, he rebounded from that failure and so did the Tigers, and that's a nice thing. G is for Guards, the strength of Villanova. The Wildcats start four who, so far, have shot down the adage that basketball is a big man's game. H is for Homegrown, which is the case with LSU. Five of its top six players are from Baton Rouge or one of its suburbs and the sixth, senior guard Darrel Mitchell, grew up just 60 miles away in St. Martinville. I is for Inconsistent, which is how Texas point guard Daniel Gibson has played. He has scored as many as 37 points in a game this season. But in 11 others he has failed to reach double figures. J is for Jordan Farmar, who with Arron Affalo gives UCLA the type of backcourt needed for tourney success. They are the keys for the Bruins, who succeeded even while battling a season-long rash of injuries. K is for Mike Krzyzewski, the Duke coach who is inescapable this time of the year. He and his Blue Devils have advanced to the regionals for the ninth consecutive year, which is the longest current streak and only four behind the all-time record North Carolina set between 1981 and 1993. To put their accom-

plishment in some perspective, the only teams still standing who advanced to the regionals last year are Villanova, Washington and West Virginia. L is for Jim Les, the Bradley coach whose first job with the school was ball boy. He did it from 1972 to 1975, which is when his older brother, Tom, was a point guard for the Braves. M is for Makeover, which is what Ben Howland has given UCLA. The Bruins were long a quintessential West Coast team, which means they played little defense and were as soft as a soufflé. Under Howland, whose previous stop was Pitt, they have embraced defense and developed an attitude. N is for the NFL, which has been scouting George Mason's Jai Lewis. The 6-9, 295-pound forward played defensive end and tight end in high school and, obviously, has the body to do some damage on Sundays. O is for Over, which is the condition of Florida's streak of failures. The Gators, entering this tournament, had lost on the opening weekend to lower-seeded teams for five straight years. That is a record of futility they now share with Illinois (1986-90) and Arizona (1989-93). P is for Pops, which is how Georgetown coach John Thompson III always refers to his dad and former Hoyas coach John Thompson Jr. Q is for Quarterback, which is another position. Duke point guard Greg Paulus played in high school. He threw 152 touchdown passes in just 45 games, set a New York state record with his 11,763 career passing yards and was recruited heavily by major football programs, whom he spurned in favor of Krzyzewski. R is for Brandon Roy, the 6-6 Washington guard who last season started just four games. Entering the tourney, he was the best least-known player in the country. Now, at least Illinois fans know about him. S is for Stats, which are always fun to play with. How's this one? The Missouri Valley (2 of 4) and the Colonial Athletic (1

of 2) conferences got 50 percent of their teams through to the regionals. That's the same percentage as the ACC, the PAC-10 and the Big East, and a better percentage than the SEC (2 of 6), the Big 12 (1 of 4) and the Big Ten (0 of 6). T is for Mark Turgeon, the Wichita State coach who played under Larry Brown at Kansas, was an assistant under Brown when the Jayhawks won the national title in 1988 and stayed on to work for Roy Williams when Williams succeeded Brown. That pedigree and the Shockers' success mean he's going to be one hot prospect next month when the coaching carousel starts spinning in earnest. U is for the Usual Suspects, which this year are Duke guard J.J. Redick and Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison. You have heard enough about them already and will be hearing still more so. V is for the Verb "Pittsnogled," which was created in honor of West Virginia's 6-11, tattoo-laden Kevin Pittsnogle. Mountaineers fans now can buy T-shirts and socks and even underwear emblazoned with the phrase, "You've Been Pittsnogled!" W is for Williams. There is Shelden, the Duke forward, and Marcus, the Connecticut point guard. If either is abducted by aliens or sidelined by foul trouble, his team is in trouble. X is for Mr. X-Factor, who always visits this time of year. He shows up this March in the guise of 7-2 Georgetown center Roy Hibbert, who is far from a finished product but already capable of influencing a game. Just ask Ohio State. He hit the Buckeyes Sunday with 20 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots. When he produces like that, the Hoyas are plenty tough. Y is for Yannick Noah, the former tennis star and 1983 French Open champion whose son, Joakim, now stars for Florida. The boy's mom, by the way, is Cecilia Rodhe, who was only Miss Sweden in 1978. Nice genes, huh? Z is for Zero, which is the number of Big Ten teams involved in this weekend's festivities.

Player of the Year candidate J.J. Redick (left) will lead No. 1 seed Duke in their quest for a Final Four appearance. Senior Lawrence Wright (right) dunks over Bradley head coach Jim Les at a recent practice.



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Krzyzewski defends beleaguered NCSU coach

Sendek taking plenty of heat from critics

(KRT) — Add Duke's Mike Krzyzewski to the list of coaches rising to defend Herb Sendek from N.C. State's restless fans.

On Saturday in Dallas, Texas coach Rick Barnes said Sendek, a former Barnes assistant, isn't properly appreciated at N.C. State, where some fans want him fired despite five straight NCAA tournament bids. Krzyzewski complimented Sendek on Monday during a news conference scheduled to discuss Duke's Atlanta Region semifinal meeting with Louisiana State.

"He's really one of the terrific coaches in our country," Krzyzewski said. "He's a proven winner.

It makes me appreciate what we have at Duke with the support we've had."

Some Duke boosters were ready to run Krzyzewski out of town in 1983 after the Blue Devils went a combined 21-34 in his second and third seasons. Krzyzewski remains bitter with some of those Iron Dukes boosters to this day after three NCAA titles and 10 Final Four trips.

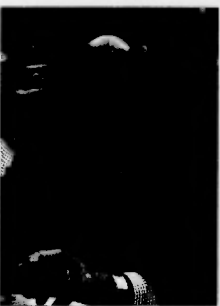
"There are still some (Iron Dukes) I would never talk to," Krzyzewski said. "But I'll always talk to my president and my administrators, because they didn't flinch. Hopefully (N.C. State's) people won't flinch, either."

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N.C. State coach Herb Sendek directs his team in its NCAA second round loss to Texas.

Packer not remorseful



PACKER

(KRT) — If Bradley and Wichita State fans expected a teary apology from Billy Packer, then what the CBS analyst said Tuesday will sorely disappoint them.

Packer said he found it "funny and amusing" that his questioning of NCAA tournament selection chairman Craig Littlepage has become such a big issue to Missouri Valley Conference fans.

"It must be interesting to be a lightning rod," Packer said ... and he clearly has become one. "Some of the other networks have hours and hours of NCAA selection talk and it doesn't ever seem to be an issue. I don't think too many people had George Mason facing Wichita State in this weekend's round."

Jim Nantz certainly didn't. But Packer's classy partner said he's glad the dreamers are still alive.

"They have given this tournament a special texture," Nantz said. "(The committee) should feel very vindicated and I'm happy for them. ... I think this is the greatest tournament we've ever had."

Nantz said his issue was with the computers, not the committee. After he called the semifinals and final of the Big Ten tournament, Nantz said he came away thinking the conference wasn't particularly strong.

"And guess which conference was No. 1 in the RPI?" Nantz said. "The Big Ten. And here the Big Ten is sitting on the outside after the first week."

Packer held firm when a TV reporter from Peoria pestered him and asked why he had singled out Bradley for criticism during the selection show.

"I don't think I ever mentioned a team," he replied.

Then Packer offered some perspective, talking about how during the 1978-79 season, he said Al McGuire had to be "out of (his) mind" for saying Indiana State should be ranked No. 1.

The outcry was such that NBC moved Packer off a Wichita State-Indiana State game played in Terre Haute, Ind., because network officials thought his life might be in danger.

"I've been around the Valley for a long time," Packer said. "I'm aware of the league. This is no knock on any team. This is an opinion that came up in that television program, and I think it has been blown way out of proportion."

While Nantz said he hoped people "aren't feeling slighted or as if there's any kind of grudge," Packer offered this response to his critics: "It's, in a way, a compliment and it's very comical to think that those two or three minutes (on the selection show) and two questions could be such a giant issue when it's really about the guys playing the games."

NFL commissioner will retire



NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue recently announced his intentions to retire from the league effective in July.

Tagliabue has served the league since 1989

(KRT) — The NFL already might have been the most popular of American sports leagues when Paul Tagliabue replaced Pete Rozelle as commissioner in 1989.

But the league did nothing but extend that edge in 17 seasons under Tagliabue's leadership. The NFL paused to consider that Monday after the 65-year-old Tagliabue announced he would retire effective in July.

"Pro football has been the No. 1 sport in America for years, but under Paul's leadership, the NFL has become the dominant sports league in the world," San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos said. "His vision has helped the league stay on the forefront for a new generation. The NFL's TV and media packages are second to none. The league has taken full advantage of new technologies and the internet. The league added more fans around the world through NFL Europe and the American Bowl

games.

"Bottom line: He oversaw the greatest period of growth in league history and was able to maintain labor peace at the same time, which to me was his greatest accomplishment. Both the owners and players as well as the fans are enjoying the rewards of his leadership."

That seemed to be the consensus, that the NFL is stronger now, if not all, fronts. The league is now in 31 cities and healthy in all of them. More than two-thirds of the teams play in stadiums that

are new or were renovated during Tagliabue's time.

There is harmony with the players association. That was something that often eluded the NFL in the 1980s. The league suffered work stoppages in 1982 and 1987, but none under Tagliabue's watch.

"Paul's legacy has been and will be expansion ... labor peace, revenue growth, stadium development, excellent competition levels on the field and

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Roddick 'just ticked off right now'

American tennis star in a funk on the court

(KRT) — Andy Roddick answers questions the way he hits tennis balls, smashes them head-on, no-holds-barred, emotions leaping off his Lacoste sleeves, a dash of comedy whenever he sees fit.

So, when reporters last week fired question after question after Roddick's fourth-round loss in Indian Wells, Calif., he spilled his guts, admitting he is ticked off, increasingly frustrated with subpar results, grasping for answers and missing his Cheetos as he heads into the NASDAQ-100 Open in Key Biscayne this week.

Roddick was anointed the Next Great American Player even before he won the 2003 U.S. Open and reached No. 1 later that year. But he hasn't won a Grand Slam since, has lost to four players ranked below No. 50 in the past two months and on Monday dropped to No. 4 in the world.

"I'm not the captain of Team Fun right now," Roddick said in a news conference. "I feel a little empty. ... I'm just leveled with you guys. I'm not happy. I'm not going to sit here and put on my fun face."

Asked where the frustration is coming from, Roddick snapped: "It's coming from playing horribly. ... I don't know what else you want. I mean, it's pretty simple. It's not coming from joy or from being thrilled with what I was doing out there. You know, it's just frustration. We've all been there, except I have people watching when I break something."

During his loss to 26th-ranked Igor Andreev at Indian Wells, Roddick sprayed 45 unforced errors, had no winners in the third set and was slapped with a point penalty after breaking a racket in the sixth game of the final set.

"I'm irked," he said. "I'm really upset about it. You know, it's not fun going into that locker room afterward, again feeling that way. It's not something I'm accustomed to. It's not something I want to become accustomed to. I'm glad that it really kind of hurts me this deep. ... If I was OK with it, I think we'd have more of a problem."

Watching from his seat as TV analyst, U.S. Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe said there is no question Roddick is in a funk.

"Andy's very blunt and honest, he doesn't sugar-coat it, he's really struggling," McEnroe said. "His confidence is shaky right now. This is probably the toughest patch of his career he's going through. I wouldn't call it a crisis, but he has real struggles. There is no easy answer, no magic solution. He has to keep plugging away. One big tournament could turn it around for him."

He suggested a factor in Roddick's unraveling might be because he became "too obsessed" with trying to beat top-ranked Roger Federer, who has a 10-1 record against Roddick, including victories in two Wimbledon finals.

"Andy was so concerned with beating Federer he got away from what he does best, and lost sight of the fact that the rest of these guys are not bums," McEnroe said. "They have figured out his big serve and big forehand, and they're not going to roll over for him. There's too much depth now to be worrying about one guy."

TV analyst Mary Carillo agreed: "Andy has to go back to playing Andy Roddick tennis instead of trying to figure out how to beat Federer. He has to remember what it felt like when he was on top, remember that kind of cockiness he had. Once you start questioning the best parts of your game, the rest of your game slips, your serve goes off, everything goes away."

Carillo said one thing she has noticed is Roddick doesn't take the ball on the rise as often as he should, preferring rather to wait and wait on balls from behind the baseline.

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Roddick has had four coaches over the past three years. He parted ways with longtime coach Tarik Benhabiles after the 2003 French Open and spent the next year and a half under the tutelage of Brad Gilbert. Roddick went 121-26 and won nine titles with Gilbert in his box, including his first and only Grand Slam. He finished 2003 at No. 1 as a 21-year-old. But he slipped behind Federer in 2004 and fired Gilbert at the end of that season.

He worked with Dean Goldfine in 2005 but dismissed him recently and is now being coached by older brother John, who runs a tennis academy in San Antonio. John pulled out some old tapes

of Roddick a few weeks ago and had his younger brother watch as a reminder of better days.

Andy Roddick said the video session didn't unearth anything significant, but it was helpful.

"When you're kind of searching for something, you know you're capable of it, you've done it a million times, you can't figure out why it's not clicking for you like it always has, you know," he said. "It was just nice to see it and be like, 'OK, that's what I do.'"

Roddick said he doesn't want to take away from his opponent's accomplishments, but he realizes it is weaknesses in his game that is helping lower-ranked players to beat him.



Andy Roddick committed 45 unforced errors in his last match.

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Krzyzewski acknowledged that some N.C. State fans will say he is sticking up for Sendek because Duke has regularly defeated the Wolfpack. Duke is 23-3 against N.C. State since Sendek became coach in 1996-97.

"For those people, go write a letter and complain about me, then," Krzyzewski said. "Because I am going to say something good about a good guy and a really good coach."

Sendek is 191-132 in 10 seasons with the Wolfpack. N.C. State was 22-10 this season and was eliminated from the NCAA tournament in the second round by Texas on Sunday.

"We had, I think, four outstanding teams in our conference, and I think that State's included," Krzyzewski said. "State had some problems at the end of the year when they were hurt and injured and whatever. I mean, they beat (George Washington) by (21). They were really good."

Getting scheduled for the early game in Thursday night's regional semifinals was a relief for Duke, which often draws late-night tipoff times in the NCAA tournament because it generates high television ratings with a national following.

No. 1 seed Duke's game against No. 4 seed Louisiana State in

Atlanta will begin at 7:10 p.m., the NCAA announced Monday. No. 2 seed Texas will play No. 6 seed West Virginia at 9:40.

"Obviously you'd rather play in the early game," Krzyzewski said.

Duke's first-round game against Southern last week was scheduled for 9:40 p.m., but the George Washington-UNC Wilmington game went to overtime and pushed the tipoff back.

"It's in the second half, and you're still on the court and (the clock) says 12:01," Krzyzewski said. "Do you know where your children are? Is there a court?"

Krzyzewski said his TV commercials with Chevrolet, filmed at Winthrop, haven't been criticized as much as his previous ads with American Express because the current commercials are shorter.

"I got my Tahoe today and I'm looking forward to putting my dogs in it and cutting wood and being a real man," Krzyzewski joked.

Krzyzewski's son-in-law, Army captain Chris Spatola, has returned from Iraq and will attend the Atlanta Region games with wife Jamie, Krzyzewski's youngest daughter. "That will be a really neat thing," Krzyzewski said. "I'm anxious to see him."

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extraordinary growth of player compensation," Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said. "Each of these has been extremely important to the viability of the sport and the NFL's position as the best run, most successful sports league in the world."

"I don't know about a legacy, but over the years, we've accomplished a lot of things," Tagliabue said in a conference call with NFL reporters. "Certainly, the expansion of the league to 32 teams, the growth and the popularity of the sport, the fact we didn't have any seasons interrupted by strikes or lockouts, all of those things are very, very important."

"Turning around the relationship and building a strong relationship with the NFL Players Association would be the thing I'm most proud of. Everyone involved in the NFL in the '80s saw (labor unrest) as a growing negative."

The NFL saw some defeats in the Tagliabue era, including the transfer of both Los Angeles franchises. LA remains without a team more than 10 years later.

This year's negotiations for

an extensive bargaining agreement were contentious. Though a deal was finally done, it came at the last hour and required many concessions on the part of the owners.

The NFL also still lags on the hiring of minorities in head-coaching positions despite Tagliabue's policy encouraging such hires. Only seven teams have black head coaches, including the Chiefs with Herm Edwards.

Still, Tagliabue's departure is viewed as a loss for the league, though he will stay on past July as a consultant.

"Paul Tagliabue can take great pride in the stature the National Football League holds today among this country's professional sports leagues," Chiefs president/general manager Carl Peterson said. "From the first, he was a quick read of the numerous and far-reaching changes the league has undergone and has always brought a professionalism to his role."

"We will miss Paul and his leadership, although we are pleased that he has agreed to remain as an adviser for the next

couple of years. Obviously, his counsel and expertise will prove invaluable to the next commissioner of the NFL."

The search for a replacement will begin next week at the annual NFL meetings in Orlando, Fla. Candidates include NFL executive vice president Roger Goodell and Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a bona fide football fan, has made reference to an interest in running the league someday, but Sean McCormack, the State Department's assistant secretary for public affairs, said Monday that she is not applying for the post at this time.

Tagliabue will assist in the search for his successor.

"The way we'll approach it is to have a very comprehensive search that will identify both internal candidates whether it's our own offices or those of the teams as well as outside candidates in other businesses or organizations," Tagliabue said. "We'll bring a list of multiple strong candidates to the owners to evaluate and start the winnowing-out process."

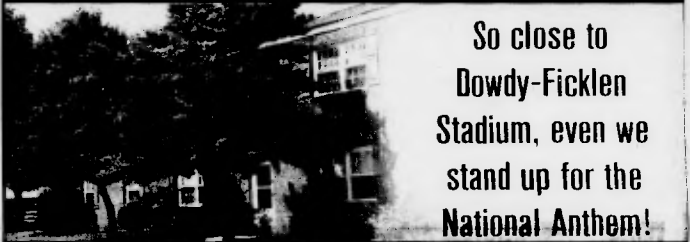
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Religion Forum
MSC Multipurpose Room • 8:30pm-9:30pm

Poetry Slam
MSC Pirate Underground • 9pm-11pm

Friday March 24, 2006

Women in Leadership Conference
809 Johnston St, Greenville Rotary Building
8:45am-1pm

"Walk a Mile in my Shoes" (monologues)
MSC 221 • 6pm-8pm

Russian National Theatre
Wright Auditorium • 8pm
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Mix-it-up Dance Explosion
MSC Social Room • 10pm-1:30am

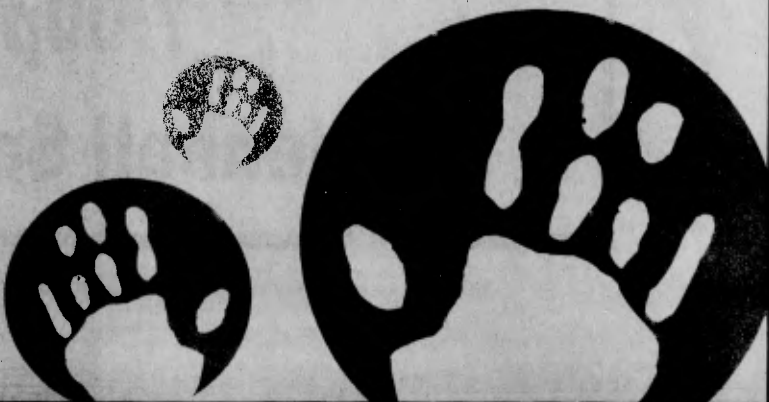
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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. presents: "Pirate Battle"
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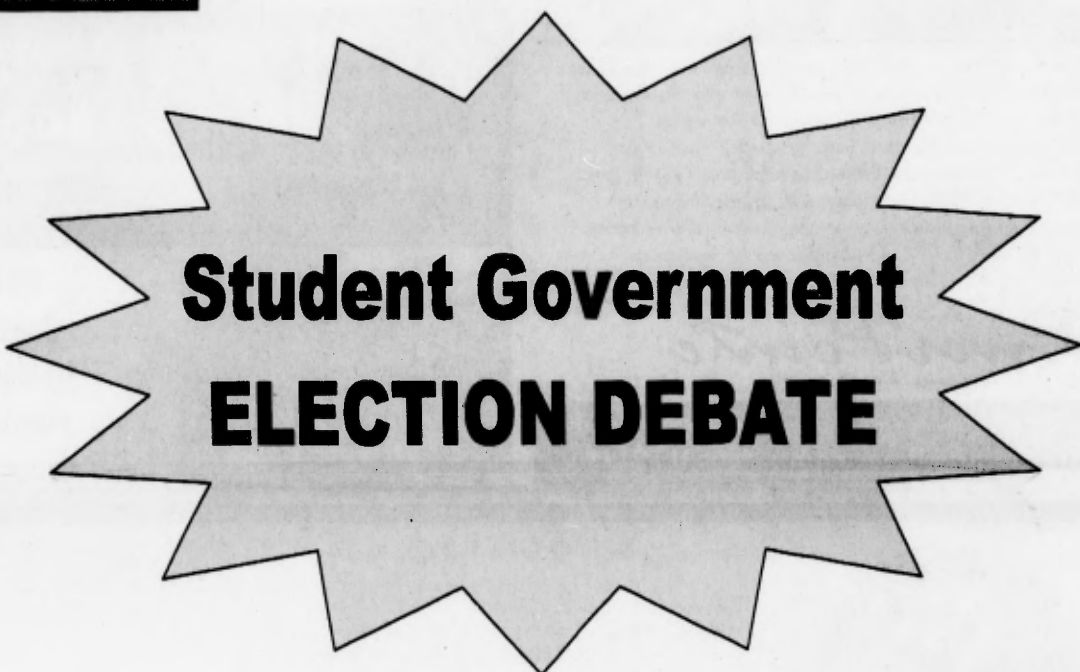
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