



Campus Living offers free music

Service pilot now taking place

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ECU is offering students and faculty alike an opportunity to download approximately 1.5 million songs free of charge for the remainder of the spring semester.

The service, Ruckus, is a downloading tool that allows users to look up available artists and download their music in a legitimate manner.

"We wanted to offer this as an alternative to illegal downloading," said Aaron Lucier, Director of Operations and Associate Director of Campus Living.

Lucier cited problems such as viruses that are implanted in downloaded files. Also considered a problem is the well-known copyright infringement that many artists have cried out about in recent years.

With direct licensing between artists and Ruckus, students are given an easy-to-use opportunity to download music in a legal manner.

Featured artists include James Blunt, Fall Out Boy and Nelly, among many others.

Currently in its pilot phase,

ECU is offering the service to students for free.

"If we move beyond the pilot phase, there will be some cost to the university," Lucier said. "But we feel it's a cost that is worthwhile to our students, particularly our on-campus students."

Campus Living will be issuing a survey starting in April in an attempt to find out whether or not this service has been worthwhile to students.

"If the feedback is positive, ECU Campus Living is committed to adding this service for our students permanently," said Lucier.

The pilot will be taking place all the way up to the end of the spring semester on May 6.

Students living on campus can take part in the pilot for free. Off-campus students can enjoy a free day-long trial subscription, but a minimal usage fee will eventually take place.

Nevertheless, the service is becoming a popular alternative to the world of downloadable music.

For more information and the opportunity to start taking part in the downloading, log on to ruckus.com.

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Microsoft delays Vista launch for legitimate reasons

iBook launch gives Vista more competition

BY LEE SCHWARTZ
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Microsoft has delayed its much-anticipated launch of its new operating system Vista. The delay has been attributed to glitches and may cost millions in retail sales around Christmas 2006. Vista, which was named Longhorn during its development, represents a makeover for Windows, especially in regard to sound, networking capabilities and enhanced security features.

Analysts know that missing a holiday's annual spending splurge is not good.

Jupiter Research analyst Joe Wilcox says, "It's not the optimal situation to be launching the next-generation version of Windows right after the big holiday sales season."

It has been nearly five years since Microsoft launched its last major operating system, Windows XP.

Generally Microsoft's own stock doesn't always show a dramatic increase in price when a new operating system is launched; however, a new operating system is usually a bonanza for PC manufacturers such as Dell. So the question is: how will PC manufacturers like Dell be hurt by the delay?

While the demand for a new operating system is undeniable, some consumers are speculating that this might just be a marketing ploy to get people who buy a new PC with Windows XP to sell them the upgrade in January 2007 just after the holiday season. Consumer James Keynes says, "Could it be that delaying the launch of Vista until after Christmas is just a sassy marketing ploy? It couldn't possibly be that Microsoft wants to sell PCs with the obsolete Windows XP before Christmas and then force users to upgrade to Windows Vista in the New Year? Could it?"

Another consumer, David Scherer, says, "I feel that if it were not for the dominance of Microsoft in the industry many

manufacturers would have moved away from their software long ago. Many computer makers and retailers rely on the release of new operating systems to enhance their sales potential, as many consumers would rather purchase a new computer than upgrade their operating system. This is going to mean a bad sales quarter for computer manufacturers."

Considering that the original release time for Vista was August 2006, which is not in the holiday season, it seems as though if Microsoft were trying to pull a marketing ploy, it would not make sense. Analysts at the investment bank UBS believe that, "Apple Computer would have greater opportunities to gain market share on account of the delay, since its new line of Intel Macs and its new operation system, Leopard, are expected to be available by 4Q06." So with market share hanging in the balance, why would Microsoft intentionally delay Vista's release?

Microsoft would do well to respect the spirited challenge that they face from Apple in the marketplace as Microsoft is not invulnerable. Apple's iPods have done very well. Additionally, Apple plans to launch its new iBook laptop in January, thereby giving Vista even more competition in its launch. Apple iBooks will cost more than their Windows-based counterparts, but Apple's strategy is to use its innovation to get a higher price from consumers, thereby delicately creating a split in the market between high-end buyers and low-end buyers.

However, one analyst believes that Apple will do even better than that. "For Apple, they need a nicely configured \$699 notebook to be competitive at the entry level," NPD Intellect analyst Stephen Baker said.

"They can play up the value of the bundled software and Mac OS X and really have a strong case for consumers to buy their product."

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SGA Candidates 2006-2007

Ticket 1



Ryan Wiggins

Class: Junior

Major: History Education

Affiliated Organizations: Student Government Association - Social Committee Secretary 2004, Social Committee Chair 2004-2005, Screenings and Appointments Vice Chair 2004-2005, SGA Select Oversight Secretary 2004-2005, Screenings and Appointments Chair 2005-2006, Constitution Steering Committee 2006; ECU Media Board Chair 2005-2006; College Republicans; Pi Kappa Alpha - Banner Chair 2004, Campus Organization Chair 2005, Alumni Chair 2004; Ronald McDonald House Volunteers (3 years); Student Pirate Club; Inter Fraternity Council Scholarship/Philanthropy Chair 2005.

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: My personal goal if elected as SGA President is to better inform students about Higher One and to get students more involved on the campus of ECU.



Sara R. Spuller

Class: Junior

Major: Communication/Apparel Merchandising

Affiliated Organizations: SGA; Junior Class President; Diversity Week Committee 2005-2006.

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: I want to continue working to get students more involved and better prepared for their future.



Charles Ryan Owens

Class: Junior

Major: Political Science

Affiliated Organizations: Student Government Association - Senate Appropriations Committee Co-Chair, Senate Oversight Committee, Constitution Steering Committee, Charter member of Shipmates Program; Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Sigma Alpha; Elite Pirate Finalist; March of Dimes Volunteer; American Heart Association Heart Walk Volunteer; College Democrats; Greenville Junior Cotillion Marshall.

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: I wish to work with the student organizations on the funding process, making it more streamlined, using my in-depth knowledge and first hand experience with the funding process as it stands now, gained from serving as the Co-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.



Sarah L. Riggs

Class: Sophomore

Major: Child Development and Family Relations

Affiliated Organizations: Delta Zeta Sorority - Vice President, Secretary, & Fund Raising Chair; College Republicans, Public Relations Director - SGA; Spring Break Hurricane Relief Trip; Operation Smile

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: Work to improve the safety of students on and around ECU's campus, as well as actively motivate more students to become involved and harness their leadership abilities.

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Ticket 2



M. Cole Jones

Class: Senior

Major: Marketing with a concentration in Health Care Administration

Affiliated Organizations: President, Student Government Association; Ex-officio, Board of Trustees; Immediate Past President, Student Athletic Advisory Council; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa; Pre-Physical Therapy Club; Co-Founder Legacy Foundation.

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: As the incumbent Student Body President, I look to continue enhancing the total student experience through promoting opportunity, protecting the student welfare, and fostering a positive student image.



Dana White

Class: Junior

Major: Communication/Broadcast Journalism

Affiliated Organizations: National Panhellenic Conference - President, Ex-officio Vice President, Ex-officio Delegate; Alpha Delta Pi (2003-2006); Ronald McDonald House Volunteer.

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: Establishing unity throughout the university community by leadership while providing an active voice by embracing equal opportunity through the views of the entire student body.



Chris A. Welch

Class: Junior

Major: Accounting

Affiliated Organizations: Sigma Alpha Epsilon - President, Ex-officio Executive Treasurer, Ex-officio Alumni Relations Chairman, North Carolina - Province Omicron Constitution Revision Committee, College Republicans, Children's Miracle Network and Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: To continue the progress Student Government has made through involving the entire student body and embracing the financial needs of all organizations while adhering to strict fiscal responsibility, principally by being available and taking proactive measures.



Kerl Brockett

Class: Sophomore

Major: Child Life

Affiliated Organizations: Student Government Association - Sophomore Class President; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; East Carolina University's Women's choir; Intramural sports; University Athletics Committee; Hospital Volunteer; Girl Scout Adult Mentor; Ronald McDonald House Volunteer

Main thing you want to accomplish if elected: Through my experience as Sophomore Class President, if elected, I will continue to promote overall student experience by being visible and accessible. In addition, I will maintain a great deal of professionalism in the recording of vital Student Government documents.

Announcements:

Cultural Outreach season

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 until Saturday, April 1, 2006
The Cultural Outreach Office provides professional performing arts programs with two series: The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series and Family Fare. Subscriptions for the 2005-2006 seasons of both series are currently on sale. The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, ECU's flagship performing arts series, annually presents a season of nine of the world's top orchestras, ballet companies, jazz artists, soloists, modern dance ensembles, Broadway shows, opera companies, chamber ensembles and pop artists. The Family Fare Series features kid-centered cultural excursions for the entire family. This series features four curriculum-based performances by the nation's finest young-audience touring companies. For more information, contact 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS or ecu.edu/ecuarts.com.

ECU English Department Graduate Reading

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Willis Building, First and Reade Streets, ECU
Graduates of ECU's Creative Writing program will hold a free reading.
Contact Alex Albright at 328-4876 for more information.

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. Dr. Fox's lecture will discuss the life of Sir Thomas Harriot, for whom the Harriot College is named. The lecture is free and open to the public and is part of ECU's Founders Week activities. Contact Denise Miller, Harriot College, at 328-6249 or millerde@ecu.edu for more information.

ECU Youth Arts Festival 2006

Saturday April 1 on ECU campus from 10 a.m. to 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 who will demonstrate activities such as wheel thrown ceramics, traditional watercolor painting, weaving, felling, 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. Contact Dindy Reich at dreich@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 by calling the School of Theatre and Dance Box Office at 327-6829 or online at ECUARTS.com. Ticket Required.

Japan League

Meets on Thursdays from 5 - 9 p.m. in Bale 1010. The ECU Japan League offers historical and/or artistic Japanese films, television programs and anime. It also plans yearly study tours to Kyoto in conjunction with the History Department. For more information please visit their Web site at jlpatternblue.net.

Simple pleasures for troops

From March 27-31, the ECU Ambassadors and Give2theTroops will be collecting items to send to troops overseas. Collection boxes will be placed outside of West End, Wright Place, Mendenhall and Todd Dining Halls. Students can bring non-perishable items to these locations. Food items accepted for donation include Slim Jims, Fruit-Roll Ups, Ramen Noodles and drink mixes like Kool-Aid, among many others. The troops also need hand sanitizer, eye drops, travel-sized toiletries, lip balm and more. Students can use OneCards to purchase items to donate. Contact ECU Ambassadors for more information at 328-5557. No hotel samples, please.

State

Jewish population growing in Southeastern N.C.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) - When Marv and Esther Eisenstein moved to St. James Plantation in Brunswick County four years ago, the Jewish couple felt a void in their lives, a loneliness.
"We needed haymisha. That's Yiddish for 'to feel at home, a friendliness at home,'" Marv Eisenstein said.
So he started looking for fellow Jews in the area, and through word of mouth he developed a group of about 100 members. They meet for informal parties three or four times a year for Passover Seder, for a Hanukkah celebration and for other occasions.
"There are certain times when you want to be with brethren," he added, "like when you are sick or when someone dies," to help relatives say the Aramaic mourner's prayer or Kaddish following a funeral.
Rabbi Robert Waxman, spiritual leader at B'Nai Israel Synagogue in Wilmington, said he believes he's seeing an increase in synagogue participation as well as more Jews moving to an area already in the midst of a population boom.
To draw more retirees who don't want to drive after dark to Temple of Israel's Friday night services, Rabbi Romer recently added a Saturday morning service.
"There probably would be enough Jews in this area to start a synagogue. The question is would they want to. Synagogues have started with fewer members than this," he said. "But no one wants to start a second career as a rabbi. One day, somebody's going to see that they've got a huge influx of Jews here and start an outreach. But it's not going to be us."

Four-legged fire investigator has a nose for arson

NANTAHALA, N.C. (AP) - Sgt. Don Willis strapped a bag full of dog food to his waist and called his partner out of the back of the Macon County Sheriff's Office crime scene truck.
Christine, a black Labrador retriever trained to detect fuels used in arson, hopped out and immediately went to work.
"Seek," Willis said with a gentle tone of voice.
The pair made a sweep of a small building that had burned the night

before off Wayah Road but found nothing. Had there been fuel in the smoldering rubble, Christine would have indicated the spot by sitting. In an arson investigation, her nose would save Willis hours of work and could mean the difference between finding fuel residue and missing it altogether.
The dog, worth about \$10,000 including training costs, is a luxury for Macon County and Western North Carolina. When Willis left the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms training school last year with Christine, there were only 71 similar ATF teams nationwide. Christine is the only arson dog in the western part of the state.
From firefighter to investigator, Willis got his start as a firefighter and as the Macon County fire marshal.
The training is called imprinting. The dogs are fed after smelling petroleum odor. They are then taught to sit after smelling the odor for a food reward. They are taught to ignore other scents by using distractors, or materials commonly found in fires.
She won't leave the job completely. Christine will still have a place in the back of the crime scene truck.
"She'll still ride with me," he said.

National

Immigration debate heating up in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Founded by immigrants and praised as a haven for the oppressed, the United States now is struggling to decide the fate of as many as 12 million people living in the country illegally.
The Senate takes up the emotional debate on the heels of weekend rallies that drew hundreds of thousands of people protesting attempts to toughen laws against immigrants.
On Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee takes up the issue and Bush headlines a naturalization ceremony for 30 new citizens at Constitution Hall. Demonstrations are planned near the Capitol, including a prayer service with immigration advocates and clergy who plan to wear handcuffs to demonstrate the criminalization of immigration violations.
"If they're prepared to work to become American citizens in the long line traditionally of immigrants who have helped make this country, we can

have both a nation of laws and a welcoming nation of workers who do some very important jobs for our economy," Specter said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."
Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has said that whether or not a bill gets out of the Judiciary Committee, he is opening two weeks of debate on the issue Tuesday. He has offered a plan that would tighten borders, add Border Patrol agents and punish employers who hire illegal immigrants because he says the most important concern is improving national security in an age of terrorism. His bill sidesteps the question of temporary work permits, but he has said he's open to the idea.
If the Senate can agree on the bill, the work won't be over to get legislation to Bush's desk to become a law. The House passed a bill last year that increases penalties for illegal immigration activities, requires employers to verify the legal status of their employees and provides \$2.2 billion for a seven-mile wall across the border. But it did not address the guest worker issue.

Washington Opera's "Das Rheingold" moves Wagnerian myth to America

WASHINGTON (AP) - Those giants, gods, dwarves and Rhinemaidens who populate Wagner's *Das Rheingold* have taken up residence in the nation's capital - an appropriate venue for an opera whose subject is the lust for power.
What's more, in the production by the Washington National Opera that premiered Saturday night at the Kennedy Center, the characters look a lot more like figures from American history than creatures out of Germanic myth.
It's the opening installment in a four-year project by director Francesca Zambello and her production team to stage an *American Ring*, a kind of homegrown version of Wagner's epic *Der Ring des Nibelungen*.
Alberich the dwarf is first seen as a '49er panning for gold along the Colorado River, and the Rhinemaidens who torment him are ladies of easy virtue cawing on a wooden sluice. (The gold he steals from them is here in the shape of a patchwork quilt.)
Fast forward to Scene II, and Wotan, the king of the gods, has become a Gatsby-like gentleman from the

1920s decked out in white suit with fedora, waiting to move his family into their new mansion (Wahiaia). Scene III takes us to the underground realm where Alberich, newly empowered by the ring he has fashioned from the gold, whips his minions like a Simon Legree overseer. Finally, in Scene IV, the earth goddess Erda is dressed in Native American costume as she arrives to warn Wotan to relinquish the ring, which he has by now in turn stolen from Alberich.
Plans call for the three remaining operas to be introduced over the next three years, with performances of the entire *Ring* cycle in the fall of 2009. The production will then be shared with the San Francisco Opera, which is co-producing the project.
Next up is *Die Walkure*, which is to include in its cast the WNO's general director, Plácido Domingo, in the tenor role of Siegmund.

International

Iraqi police say 30 bodies, most beheaded, found north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi forces found 30 bodies, most beheaded, near a village north of Baghdad on Sunday, in one of the bloodiest episodes in a cycle of apparent sectarian killings.
Police said the bodies were found after police and soldiers were dispatched to respond to a report of killings in Mullah Eid, a village near the town of Buhri, a former stronghold of ex-President Saddam Hussein's Baath Party about 35 miles north of Baghdad.
Authorities gave no immediate information on the identities of the victims or on who may have been responsible.
The dead were being transferred to a morgue in Baghdad, police 1st Lt. Thaeer Mahmoud said.
Brig. Saman Talabani, an Iraqi army commander, said earlier that villagers had reported the corpses and he sent a battalion of soldiers to join a team from Diyala hospital to investigate.
A military officer, who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to speak, said later that soldiers turned back from the scene, fearing an ambush. The search team apparently did continue later, however, and discovered the bodies.
Iraq has seen an explosion of

sectarian violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, including such secretive killings, since the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra, a predominantly Sunni city, 60 miles north of Baghdad.
The Sunnis who dominate the area north of Baghdad were fervent supporters of Saddam, whose Sunniled regime ruled Iraq for decades and brutally oppressed majority Shiite Muslims and minority Kurds.

Parties in Merkel's 'grand coalition' on course to win German state elections

BERLIN (AP) - Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives and their Social Democrat coalition partners were on course to win three state elections Sunday in the first electoral test since they took office in November. Merkel's Christian Democrats were set for victory in Baden-Wuerttemberg and Saxony-Anhalt states, while the Social Democrats were ahead in Rhineland-Palatinate, exit polls for ARD and ZDF television showed.
According to ARD, the Christian Democrats won about 45 percent of the vote in prosperous Baden-Wuerttemberg, the largest of the three states and home to major industrial firms such as DaimlerChrysler AG and Porsche AG. That might be enough to secure an absolute majority and let the party drop their Free Democrat partners.
In eastern Saxony-Anhalt, the Christian Democrats had about 37 percent, but their Free Democrat partners had only 7 percent, leaving the Social Democrats poised to replace them in a "grand coalition" mirroring Merkel's federal government in Berlin.
Joined in a "grand coalition" at the federal level, Merkel's Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats have avoided their traditional all-out rivalry.
The parties have shelved their biggest policy differences until after the ballot and engaged instead in low-intensity sniping over issues such as education, immigration and the recovering economy.
Merkel's pragmatic, consensual approach and a flurry of well-received foreign trips have sent her approval ratings soaring since she took office.

SGA legislation, programs, events discussed at meeting



ANTIEAU
Highlights include second reading of the Code of Conduct
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The SGA addressed objections mentioned at the first reading of the Code of Conduct at the second reading of the legislation.

Mary Louise Antieau, associate vice chancellor, spoke to the SGA members about the reasons for revising the document and encouraged them to make recommendations to the chancellor about in additional things they would like to see changed about

the document.
The reasons for revising the document include the confusion about some of the sections of the document such as the review process.

Other reasons mentioned include adding clearer definitions of the words in the document, modifications concerning case law and modifying the language of the document.

Students are encouraged to attend the input session that will be held on Wednesday afternoon to give their opinion on the document. The third reading of the legislation will be next Monday.

Junior class representatives spoke about the programs that they have successfully organized and future that are coming up in the events.

One of the main programs that these representatives have accomplished organizing are junior seminars, which emphasize networking, resume-building and other career building factors.

A seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 3:30 p.m. in Bale 1030. The seminar is entitled, "Now I Have a Job, So What?"
Brandon Brake of Gamma

Beta Phi Honor Society addressed his fellow senators about an organization called Give to the Troops. The organization is the only branch in North Carolina.

This organization collects various toiletries and other necessities: to send to soldiers in Iraq. Brake spoke about the group to encourage others to volunteer their time to help put together the care packages to send the troops.

Brake wanted to remind everyone that this has nothing to do with political affiliation and to discourage people from thinking that this matter doesn't concern them.

Another volunteer opportunity mentioned was Service North Carolina. Volunteers are needed to sit in Wright Circle to watch the recycling bins that will be in that area to encourage students to recycle.

Ben Wyche, speaker of the senate, proposed a graduate student committee. This would allow better representation of this demographic in SGA.

The topics of including non-traditional students in the committee and the issue of time came up when discussing the details

of the committee.
Ken Robol and Ryan Snyder spoke about the publication of the school yearbook, *The Buccaneer*.
The informed everyone about the recently reduced prices of

advertisements in the book and to encourage organizations to take group pictures.

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Professor discovers mysterious gathering of lemon sharks

(KRT) - For a man who had spent a lifetime researching sharks, what Samuel Gruber saw diving four years ago off the Jupiter Inlet was nothing short of a religious experience. About 100 adult lemon sharks hovered over the ocean floor in about 90 feet of water.

Throughout his 40-plus-year career, Gruber had seen maybe 15 or 20 adult lemon sharks, distinguished by their yellowish brown tint and dual dorsal fins.

"In one day, I saw more adults by a power of five than I have in my whole career," said Gruber, 67, who has visited the site between December and March every year since.
Nowhere else in the world does such a phenomenon exist, Gruber said. And Gruber, among the world's leading authorities on sharks, has been trying to answer a simple question: What brings them here?

Gruber's initial theory is that female sharks are emitting chemical signals called pheromones that attract male sharks. But why they've chosen this particular spot to con-



Scientists tag a male lemon shark off the coast of Jupiter Inlet.

duct their courtship remains a mystery. Does it have something to do with a combination of the currents, water temperature and its salinity?

This year, getting closer to those answers proved more difficult. Not nearly as many sharks showed up.

The number of sharks fluctuates from year to year, Gruber said, and he's confident that more sharks will return. "You have good years and you have bad years," he said. Next winter, he hopes to start testing his theory. He

plans to collect water samples around some of the female sharks and test the water chemistry or possibly extract urine samples from the females.

Juvenile lemon sharks are relatively easy to study. They congregate in nurseries in bays or lagoons. They prefer the safety and plentiful food supplies at mangroves and in warm shallow waters, such as those at the Bimini Biological Field Station, about 50 miles east of Miami, which Gruber owns and runs.

Thomas Harriot
College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate, M.P.H.

Harriot Voyages of Discovery Lecture

Thomas Harriot: Renaissance Scientist
presented by Robert Fox
Professor of the History of Science, University of Oxford
and Fellow of Linacre College

Thursday, March 30, 2006
7:30 PM
Hendrix Theatre at Mendenhall Student Center
East Carolina University

Parking for this event is available in the Allied Health Lot at the corner of Charles Blvd. and Greenville Blvd. Shuttle buses will run between the parking lot and Mendenhall from 6:30 - 10:30 PM.

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OPINION

Our View

It's time to vote, so do it

It's Student Government election time again, and with that I'd like to say a few words on "going with the flow." Sometimes, it can be easier to make the choice that is more convenient, the choice that a friend makes, or the choice that's shoved at your face in the form of a flyer. However, do not make that mistake. Every student on this campus has the right to vote. I encourage each of you to do so and do it for the right reasons.

N.C. State University's SGA elections were indefinitely postponed Sunday night due to conflicts between the university administration and a problem they have with the actual voting ballot. The ballot contained the names of part-time students running for office after Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford sent a memo prohibiting part-time students to run for SGA offices. This conflict is going to keep N.C. State from electing SGA officers until, well, no one knows.

Some members of the Wolfpack say that the administration has overstepped its bounds; the Vice Chancellor, who shut down the voting site, said that he acted in accordance with the Student Body Constitution.

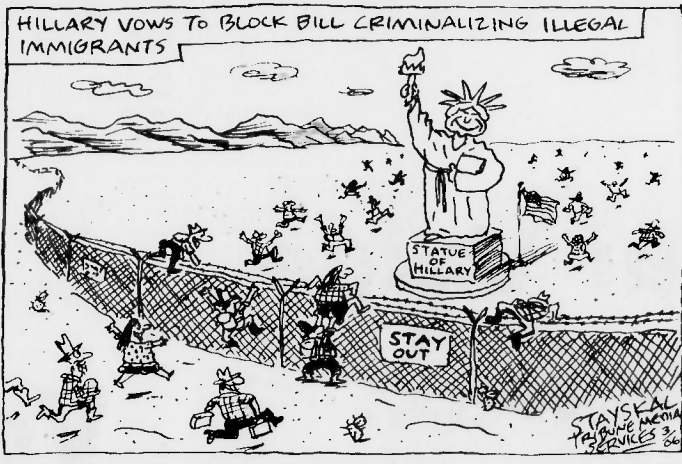
Although initially it may not seem as though this is a "big deal," we all have to realize that we're truly very lucky simply to be able to exercise our rights as voters. Each SGA ticket this spring has a platform that students care about and people running for office that, I hope and trust, have given a great deal of thought to their offices and responsibilities and how to best serve the students.

On the front page of *TEC* today, there is a short biography and photo of each candidate. Take a minute to take a look. See who's involved; decide what you want for ECU, but most of all, vote.

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Opinion Columnist

Guest writer from N.C. State speaks about alcohol

NCSU is alcohol

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The road to Witherspoon continues. Many readers have asked, "Are you really running for student body president?" My response, "Of course, if it is printed in the newspaper it must be true!"

Last time I touched on the issue of alcohol equity. Alcohol equity is the notion that students should be treated equal in the application of University policies and regulations. Even though current rules on the prohibition of alcohol consumption at Wolfpack athletic events is applicable to all people, the University ignores the privileged few who own luxury suites and boxes. Even the rule makers - the N.C. State University Board of Trustees and the RBC Center's Centennial Authority - are guilty of violating alcohol policies.

Students and the other lowly fans must use covert tactics to drink alcohol during games while the ruling class sips on their gin and tonics while mocking the rules.

Alcohol is NCSU. Now no one else will admit that, especially administrators, but it is true. Can you think of a major campus event that doesn't involve alcohol? Sporting events? Well, we already know the answer to that one.

Think of all the major campus social events the University shut

down because of alcohol: The annual Brent Roadblock party; Delta Sig's annual charitable event Lawn Party; and, of course, Campout. Last week Technician reporter Kasey Butler wrote a story titled "Campout draws small crowd," chronicling the downfall of the popular campus tradition. "More than 5,000 students inhabited hundreds of tents pitched from the intersection of Dunn Avenue and Pullen Road to the Tri-Towers and beyond. Alcohol was abundant and the night was going smoothly. Then word started spreading that the amount of students present had far exceeded the availability of tickets... Couches were burned. Beer cans were thrown. A police officer was injured. That was the scene six years ago when the tradition of Campout was forever changed by one night of debauchery."

What was missing from the report? The Department of Athletics lied about the number of tickets available to the student body. That athletics director is no longer at this university. Public Safety, now known as Campus Police, failed to provide an adequate number of officers to handle the large crowd. The University's actions, or inactions, were the trigger events that ultimately lead to the end of the Campout tradition. Yet the University took no responsibility for what happened that night and blamed the entire incident on drunken students.

I go back to what I said earlier - NCSU is alcohol. Can you remember a major news event involving NCSU that didn't have alcohol involved? Remember the Facebook scandal and the tailgate shootings. In response to the shootings, Chancellor James Oblinger has formed a taskforce to explore changing tailgate regulations. Will they ban alcohol from the tailgating areas? Whatever changes do occur, they are likely to focus primarily on students and provide exemptions for influential alumni and luxury box owners.

One of the problems with the University's alcohol policy is it sends mixed messages. Certain groups of students are "better" than others. Did you know drinking is permitted at the College of Design's annual Halloween Party on East Campus? Yet the University denies other student organizations the ability to have alcohol at their events. What makes a design student any better than anyone else?

I don't want it to come across that I am advocating alcohol use on campus. Quite the contrary, I just want consistent application of alcohol policies to all members and classes of the campus community. I also want to the University to take some responsibility when it screws up and stops using student alcohol use as a scapegoat.

Now for the political message - elect me as your next student body president and I will put an end to the University's racist, anti-student alcohol policies.

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In My Opinion

(KRT) — If there's anything scarier than a black box warning slapped on the side of your prescription drug package, it's a black box warning slapped on the side of your 12-year-old's prescription drug package.

Parents were understandably alarmed last month when a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory committee recommended such a warning on Ritalin and other stimulants used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children.

The black box - named for the ominous black border that surrounds the text of the warning - is the strongest label the FDA requires, reserved for drugs whose potential side effects are serious enough to warrant second thoughts about risks vs. benefits.

So a sigh of relief is in order after a second FDA committee decided this week that Ritalin and its cousins, Adderall and Strattera, didn't need such a serious warning after all. What they need is an accurate but measured warning, in plain English. The FDA says it will likely adopt the second recommendation.

The drugs, prescribed last year to more than 3 million youngsters in the U.S., can cause cardiovascular problems in adults and children. There have also been reports of hallucinations, usually involving snakes, insects and other creepy crawlies, but so far no true link has been established.

Those rare side-effects are cause for concern, but not alarm. The FDA's pediatric advisory panel decided the drugs didn't need a tougher warning - just a clearer one. That means explaining the possible side-effects in understandable terms, counseling parents to watch for them and encouraging them to talk to their doctors about halting treatment, if necessary.

In October 2004, the FDA ordered black box warnings on

antidepressants, warning that they might increase the risk of suicidal behavior in children and teenagers. Since then, many of the parents of such troubled youngsters have been paralyzed by competing dangers: Should they leave their kids on the drugs and risk the side-effects? Or give up the drugs and risk the consequences of untreated mental illness? For those parents, there are no easy answers.

In the case of stimulants, though, mental-health experts argued that leaving ADHD untreated could cause more harm than the potential for side-effects. Millions of families who despaired of a normal life or education for their child have been rescued by Ritalin. That doesn't mean the red flags can be ignored. Children taking the drugs should be monitored closely, and the FDA should continue to study the risks. For now, though, the FDA's non-alarmist tone seems to hit the right note.

(KRT) — The jobless rate in France hovers around 10 percent. It's more than double that among the young, and in some poor neighborhoods it soars to 40 percent. One reason: Worker protections are so strong in France that once someone is hired, it is close to impossible to fire him, no matter how incompetent he may be. That makes employers reluctant to fill jobs with people who have a limited work history. They don't want to take the chance.

In an attempt to introduce a little flexibility into that calcified system, the government recently passed what's called the First Job Contract law. It will give employers more leeway to hire and fire workers who are under the age of 26. Its goal is to reduce unemployment among the young. The thinking is that employers will be

more willing to hire young workers with little or no experience if it isn't so difficult to dismiss the ones who aren't productive.

This is not intended to punish young people. It's intended to entice employers to take a chance on them. But the law has sparked hundreds of thousands of young people to protest, shutting down some universities. Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin has been vilified by the protesters and France's powerful public-sector unions. Union employees don't face a great risk - the union bosses do. If this law reduces joblessness among the young, the government might try to introduce more flexibility into the labor market for older workers. The unions' stranglehold on French labor policy might be broken.

France has long disdained America's burly brand of capitalism. American workers do have less job security than the French - but more have jobs. The churning American economy has produced more robust growth and a much lower jobless rate than France's. After a disturbing period of job loss, America's economy has created 4.3 million jobs in the last two years.

In the last year, an average of 4.5 million workers left their jobs each month, but 4.8 million workers were hired. That's a net gain of about 300,000 new hires each month. The jobless rate for young people in the United States is less than half that of France. In the United States, it's 10.7 percent for those who are ages 16 to 24. It is 8.5 percent for those who are 20 to 24.

There is uncertainty in economic churn - and it's terribly acute when it's your job that goes away. But lifetime job security doesn't mean much when you can find no job in the first place. The young may take to the streets in France, but the First Job Contract could give them something more gainful to do.

Pirate Rant

To the person who ranted about how great the Hurricanes are and how they should bring the Stanley Cup home. I don't remember a time when Carolina had their name written on the Stanley Cup. And in perfect Hurricanes fashion, they're on a losing kick right now.

Ever read *TEC* online? Why do some people feel obligated to post completely moronic comments after the news and opinion articles? Is it the article or the reader? Or both?

If you and your friend find it necessary to shower at midnight, how about keeping your loud conversation to a minimum because some people are actually trying to sleep.

My roommate graduated and only can get a job downtown.

Anyone looking for a place to live next year, make sure to keep Keystone Property Management off your list. I have a court date now since they paid my neighbor's rent with my check.

I should have known that when I held the door open for a girl with an "ECU Cheerleader" sweatshirt, I wasn't going to get a thank you.

Be courteous to your roommate. Wash your sheets at least once a month so the room doesn't start to smell, don't let your clothes pile up literally waist high, and keep your conversations, loud laughter, and typing to a reasonable volume when the other is sleeping.

Why do some people find it necessary to let their underwear be part of their outfit, hence the name underwear.

To the girl in my CDFR class. If you are going to be rude and yell at others for talking during class, which I might say caused a greater disturbance, then don't do it yourself! We are all well aware of classroom courtesy, so why don't take your own advice and shh!

As I was driving into the parking lot in between Scott and Aycock residence halls, I was parking at Scott where I live and some ignorant "cop" thought he could write me a ticket for taking my seatbelt off as I was trying to get a premier spot. According to the law, you cannot get a ticket while in a parking lot. Good job ECU Police, you just busted me, although you might have thought you were doing something good saving my life from "crazy drivers."

Don't you just love how people fight through their away messages on instant messenger? It's like watching my own little soap opera every time I sign online.

I still haven't figured out how to avoid getting my butt burned in the tanning bed.

Please ECU, no more people from Maryland or New Jersey.

I think it's high time that Wright Place and other places on campus started selling Lipton green tea with citrus. That stuff is awesome!

OK, so what the heck is this membership card? I've been here at ECU for four years and never heard of such a thing. Is it a discount card? It's not like I'll use it to access Mendhall. There's nothing in there I can't get into with my OneCard.

With all of the squirrels on campus and all of the girls dressing like hookers, I'm having a very difficult time deciding whether we are in a Clusters cereal commercial or a rap video.

Who else hates their roommates who come bursting in at three in the morning, yelling into their cell phones and screaming out the windows?

I love how in Wednesday's *TEC* there was a rant about how the campus needs to "address diversity issues" and taking up one whole half of the very next page was a huge ad for Diversity Week 2006. Just because ECU makes the effort to emphasize diversity, it doesn't mean the ignorant minds of our community will suddenly open wide with acceptance.

How come I get in trouble for talking "loudly" in the halls at 10 p.m., but the RA is allowed to talk "loudly" at 11:30 p.m.? When did the rules change for them and their friends?

It was 80 degrees in February and now 50 degrees in March. Anyone else see something wrong here?

I hate showering without my contacts in! My vision is so bad, it's a wonder I don't shampoo my body or put face wash in my hair.

What do you tell someone who has two black eyes? Nothing because he has been told twice before?

Is it just me or has M. Cole Jones been more visible around campus since the beginning of elections season? Sorry, just because I see you more now doesn't mean you're getting my vote. Where were you earlier this year when we students needed you to help with HigherOne?

Hey! ECU! Teach your students how to count. I finally turned 21 and my first night out in Greenville, I got marked under! Cut me a break.

To the person who called marriage "legalized prostitution," when you get married, I hope your prostitute of a wife cheats on you and leaves you, because if you think the only motivation for women to get married is money, you deserve it.

Last week was awesome! I went to zero classes, missed a quiz, and had a lot of fun. It was like another Spring Break. Too bad now I have to go to the next 23 days of class.

OK, so is it legal for tow trucks to drive downtown looking for random cars to tow at night without being called? Do they enjoy getting a kick out of leaving kids stranded? That has to be contributing to the crime rate; they have to be creating victims when they go off and tow someone's car, leaving them to wander downtown unprotected just to make a quick buck. No, I did not park in a marked space, but 1) the curb was not yellow, 2) it was not near a fire hydrant or driveway, and 3) the two hour parking limit ends at 5 p.m.!

My guy does not ignore me or treat me like a guy when he is hanging with his friends. Some guys ignore and treat their lady like a guy when they annoy them constantly and are all up on them all the time.

Some parents are not in a financial situation which allows them to create a college fund for their child. That does not mean that they are stupid.

To the person who had a problem with the future teachers talking about drinking and partying; I hope you plan to home-school your children. There is such a thing as college students partying, and drinking responsibly. And there's not a thing wrong with that.

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Names in the News:

It's a girl!

Nick Lachey's less visible ill' bro and 98 Degrees boy-bander, Drew, and his wife, Lea, both 29, welcomed a baby girl last Thursday in LA, which means the "Dancing With the Stars" champ will be giving off that sexy new-dad scent around the hotties at the Miss USA pageant April 21 in Baltimore. NBC says he'll cohost the snoozefest with Nancy O'Dell.

Not with a whimper

Three and a half million citizens witnessed Chef gently shuffle off this mortal coil into that good night on Wednesday's "South Park," its most-watched season premiere since 2002. Chef voice Isaac Hayes reportedly quit last week, charging it with religious insensitivity. Show creators say they're insensitive about everything.

Rockin' photos

Kid Rock is being investigated for laying the smackdown on a paparazzo. To be accurate: The LAPD is investigating an incident during which the Motor City rap-rocker allegedly sicced his bodyguards on an unnamed 26-year-old photographer. The photographer says the star then grabbed his camera, threw it in his car and drove away.

Spector's delay

The murder trial of music legend Phil Spector, 66, who is accused of killing actress Lana Clarkson (star of Roger Corman's cult film *Barbarian Queen*) in Feb. 2003, has been postponed to Sept. 11. Originally set for April 24, the anticipated three-ring media circus had to be pushed back because two prosecutors and one of Spector's lawyers have to wrap up other trials on their respective plates.

Willis' clarification

Diplomat-in-training Bruce Willis has defused a potential war with Colombia. The *Armageddon* star recently argued that since Colombia's cocaine trafficking is as evil as terrorism, we should invade the country. A surprisingly irked Colombian President Alvaro Uribe called Willis "arrogant" and "ignorant." "I spoke to the Colombians," Bruce now tells the *New York Daily News*. "It's fine. I get passionate sometimes."

K.Fed's day

In yet another public strike against rumors of a marriage gone wrong, Britney Spears threw hubby Kevin Federline a birthday bash Tuesday in Vegas. In the words of *People*, K.Fed enjoyed his 28th in a "wife-beater and a New York Yankees cap," while his purse strings lived it up in a black halter dress with a lethally low-cut back. Jack and Cokes for Kev and a Cosmo for Brit (which means, the *New York Daily News* has theorized, the singer is not pregnant?). And there was dancing, with the lovers "kissing and hugging, having a great time."

Moore's theatrical return

The extraordinary, luminous actress Julianne Moore is returning to Broadway in a world premiere of "The Vertical Hour," by Brit playwright David Hare. Directed by *American Beauty* helmer Sam Mendes, the play is about a former American war correspondent who meets an older man while on vacation in Wales. It's set to open Nov. 30 at a theater to be announced.

Estefan gives back

Cuban American singer Gloria Estefan, 48, who was temporarily paralyzed after breaking her back in an accident in 1990 when her tour bus was hit by a tractor-trailer in the Poconos, has given \$1 million to create a clinical trial program at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, which will use the latest research on paralysis for human trials. "I don't beep at airports," Estefan joked about the titanium rods implanted in her body 16 years ago.

Betting on the Big Easy

NBC-owned cable Bravo TV is taking "Celebrity Poker Showdown" to the Big Easy. Premiering sometime in the spring, the show will be cohosted by Phil Hellmuth and Dave Foley. All winnings will go to charities benefiting hurricane victims.

Local Concerts:

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

Ban Fields will be performing at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh on Thursday, March 30.

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

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

Ghostface Killah and M1 of Dead Prez will be performing at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro on Friday, April 7.

Road trip a must for Backwater Jack's

Cruise down to Washington for a taste of the islands

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Down the road, roughly 20 miles east of Greenville, is a virtually undiscovered magical haven known affectionately as "Little Washington."

Resting comfortably on the banks of the Pamlico River, Washington is a perfect place to find solace in the water and appreciate the beauty of eastern North Carolina.

Comprised of many historic houses and a downtown straight out of the 1950s, it is a tourist's dream come true if you are looking for small town, Southern life.

Beyond downtown and further down Main Street lies a slice of island paradise, the restaurant/bar Backwater Jack's.

Having just opened in October of last year, this laid-back Tiki bar offers a summertime environment all year round.

I first stumbled onto Backwater Jack's after a couple of friends regaled me with stories of their adventures at the tucked-away restaurant next to the water. My interest piqued, a group of us ventured down Highway 33 to celebrate a friend's birthday.

Keep your eyes peeled for the boat with flags on it marking the entrance to Backwater Jack's.

There, a large screened in deck that is accessible by entering through canvas curtains is adjacent to an inviting bar. Picnic tables fill most of the deck with heaters strategically placed around them. In the back is the famous ring toss game and the area where hula hoops and drum circles take place.

Above the bar is an upstairs with more picnic tables to eat at and an entrance to the rooftop deck. Co-owner Cathy Bell describes it as place to view "killer sunsets" and offers a "great view of the river."

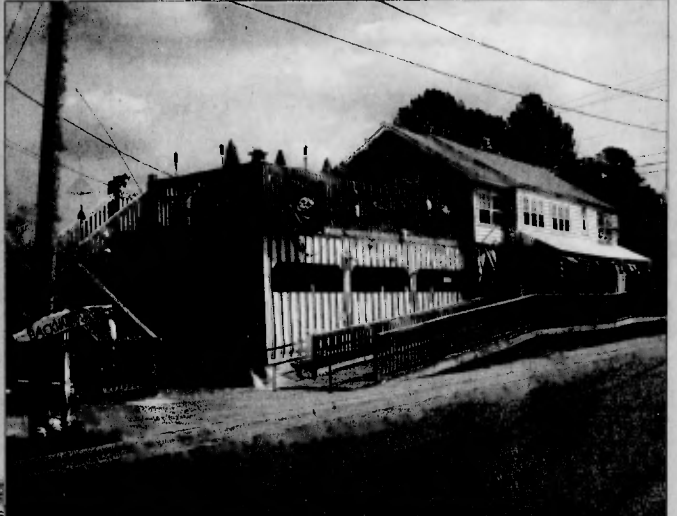
Even before taking your first sip of drink or seeing the menu, everything about Backwater Jack's channels the bars of Key West.

Various beach artifacts cover the walls including hand-painted signs by the owners' friends or frog knickknacks that were purchased by members of the wait staff. Above the bar is the first barracuda co-owner Laura Scoble ever caught.

Both natives of Florida, Bell and Scoble are true sailors of the sea who travel everywhere. These two landed in Washington after visiting a friend in Chocowinity. The pair originally set up a coffee place before opening Backwater Jack's.

"We wanted to create a very casual place that you could just come off the river and have a bite or a drink," said Scoble. "We don't even care if you wear shoes."

The laid-back atmosphere is



Just by looking at the building, you can tell Backwater Jack's will be a great dining experience.

Just by looking at the building, you can tell Backwater Jack's will be a great dining experience. Bell and Scoble do not and never will take reservations. It's simply a come-as-you-are place where friendships are created and strengthened.

"It's like going to a deck party at someone's house," said Bell. "Everybody visits together as if it's your own private party."

More often than not, locals

fill the restaurant each night. "We've had one group of people that have come every Friday for the past 11 weeks," Scoble said. "And on New Year's, we catapulted fruit cakes off the deck aiming for a trash can. Whoever was nearest the trash can won a prize."

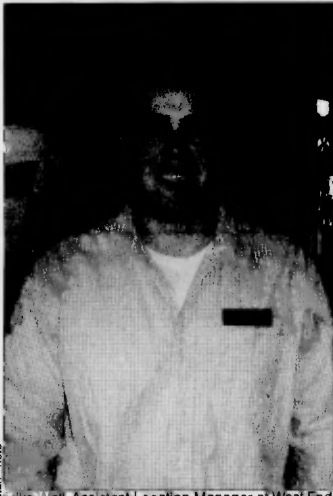
With warm weather steadily approaching, a road trip to Backwater Jack's is a definite must. Not only can you enjoy one

of their half-pound burgers or fried oysters with slaw, but you'll also find a place full of warm welcomes and good conversation.

What else can you expect from a place with Texas Pete on the tables and music from the great Jimmy Buffet drifting through the air?

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Who runs West End Dining?



Mike Wall, Assistant Location Manager at West End.

Making the dining experience feel like a home cooked meal

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ECU is a campus of students, professors and staff members. These staff members aid in the foundation of the ECU spirit and contribute to a better environment for students. The dining halls not only serve food, but a warm setting where the employees welcome you with a smile. Among the friendly staff members is Mike Wall, an ECU alumnus.

TEC: How did you end up at ECU?

Wall: ECU has a very good hospitality management program. I enjoy hospitality management, so I figured I would make a career out of doing something that I enjoy.

TEC: What is your job title here at West End Dining?

Wall: Assistant Location Manager.

TEC: What does your job entail?

Wall: I am responsible for closing, employee payroll, help create the menus, inventory, scheduling and day-to-day operations.

TEC: How did you come to get this job?

Wall: I was a student manager for two semesters at the Galley. When I graduated, I was offered a salary position.

TEC: What do you enjoy most about your job?

Wall: The people that I work with, we usually have a lot of fun together.

TEC: How do you feel about working at the university that you graduated from?

Wall: It is nice being familiar with the campus and occasionally seeing familiar faces.

TEC: Is it difficult to run a large dining hall?

Wall: It was at first because I was used to running a smaller location.

TEC: Where do you see yourself in five years?

Wall: I would like to see myself have my own location back home in the Raleigh area. I am definitely enjoying what I do now, but I would like to be closer to home.

TEC: What do you do in your spare time?

Wall: I am recently engaged so I hang out with my fiancé as much as I can. She is a senior here at ECU and is graduating in May. I also love to watch basketball and go to ECU football games.

ECU students have a strong sense of pride to this university particularly because of the positive surroundings the campus has to offer. The West End Dining facilities have an outstanding staff who go above and beyond to make every student feel at home.

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Lovehead and the Real: 'The Definition of Love'

Nice effort with unfortunately poor results

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I recently had the opportunity to listen to the debut album, *The Definition of Love*, of the Raleigh-based band Lovehead and the Real.

Released in January, the album consists of six songs which were a mix between instrumentally appealing and generic. The album lacks originality by offering the same rock quality that I've heard dozens of other times.

While I found the lyrics to be pretty profound, the music was lacking in distinction. The whole album sounded like a mix between System of a Down and Nickelback. Both of those artists, however, present their music in a unique manner rather than just selling out and creating a completely unoriginal carbon copy album.

However, I do have to give the band major props for putting themselves out there. After forming in the summer of 2005, the band has come a long way in a short period of time. They have soared to success by signing a record contract with the Raleigh-based independent label, Elbbub Music and launching their first album all within a year.

I'm hoping the next time the band produces an album that they let their personalities shine through their music and go out on a limb to do something different. This band definitely has talent; they just need to find an element

that sets them apart from all of the other rock bands out there.

The message behind their music is one of tolerance and love. The band certainly wants their audience to take something more from their music; they want people to be affected by the meaning behind the music.

"Music is like life; sometimes it's easy, sometimes it's beautiful and other times, you don't quite know what to think about it. We are all brothers and sisters regardless of our differences," said lead singer Chris Wells.

"People should focus on the beauty of our similarities and not the ugliness of our differences."

Overall, I found the band's music to be good. It wasn't anything that I'm dying to add to my iPod, but it was a good effort for the band's first album.

However, I urge you to give this band a try; their music may be fresh to you even though it's a bit stale to me. Lovehead and the Real will be playing with VHI's Band on the Run winner Flickerstick at the Lincoln Theatre in Raleigh on April 27. The doors for the show will open at 8 p.m. and the performance will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$8 at lincolntheatre.com and can be purchased the night of the show at the door for \$10.

For more information and to sample some of their music, log on to their Web site at myspace.com/loveheadandthereal.

Album Grade: C-

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ECU Founders Week with theme: 'A Legacy of Leadership'

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Monday, March 27 — Community Day
-Community Leaders Breakfast: 7:30 a.m., Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church
-Chancellor's Community Advisory Council Issues Forum: 7 p.m., Epps Recreation Center, 400 Nash Street, Greenville

Tuesday, March 28 — Students Day (Current/Past)
-Announcement of winner of the "Memories of ECU" 99th birthday card, online at PirateAlumni.com
-Victory Bell Service: 10 a.m., Victory Bell adjacent to Christenbury Memorial Gymnasium
-Reception for Opening of Part I, "The Founding of an Institution" of University Archives Centennial Exhibit: "A Century of

Educational Impact: A History of ECU," 7-8 p.m., Special Collections Rooms, Joyner Library

Wednesday, March 29 — Student Day (Current)
-Groundbreaking for North Recreational Complex: 1 p.m., near the intersection of US 264 East/US 264 Alternate
-Student Leadership: The Elite Pirate Program: 3 p.m., Hendrix Theatre
-ECU 99th Birthday Party for Students: 4 p.m., the Mall

Thursday, March 30 — University Day
-Chancellor's Forum on Leadership: 10 a.m., Hendrix Theatre
-Luncheon on the Mall, noon

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(ticket required)
 -A Dialogue among 99 Leaders: 2 p.m., Mendenhall Student Center
 -College of Education Scholarship Ceremony: 3 p.m., Willis Building
 -"Thomas Harriott Voyages of Discovery" Lecture: 7:30 p.m., Hendrix Theatre

Friday, March 31 —

Alumni/ Patrons Day
 -Founders Award Luncheon: noon, Murphy Center - Ticket required
 -Ground-breaking for East Carolina Heart Institute: 3 p.m., Lot G, Emergency Drive at PCMH

Saturday, April 1 — Activities Day
 -Youth Arts Festival, Mall of ECU:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A variety of artists, both performing and visual, will be present for demonstrations and activities. Groups of school children from the eastern part of the state are welcome. Contact Richard Tichich, Director of School of Art and Design, at 328-6665.

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Striding for faster running

Cardio workouts will not increase your running speed; for that, you need strength and coordination exercises, such as "strider" drills.

Warm up

Trot or jog for at least 15 minutes



Stretch for 10 minutes



1 Start running and accelerate smoothly up to full speed

2 Maintain top speed for 50 yards (50 m); take steps as fast as possible

3 Reduce speed smoothly



Exercise takes about 100 yards (100 m)

Repeat Rest as long as you wish before doing another "strider"

What your body learns

Faster stride rate

■ Nervous system learns to control technique, maintain balance at higher speed

■ Muscles learn fast repetition

Longer stride technique

Strong pushoff from rear foot



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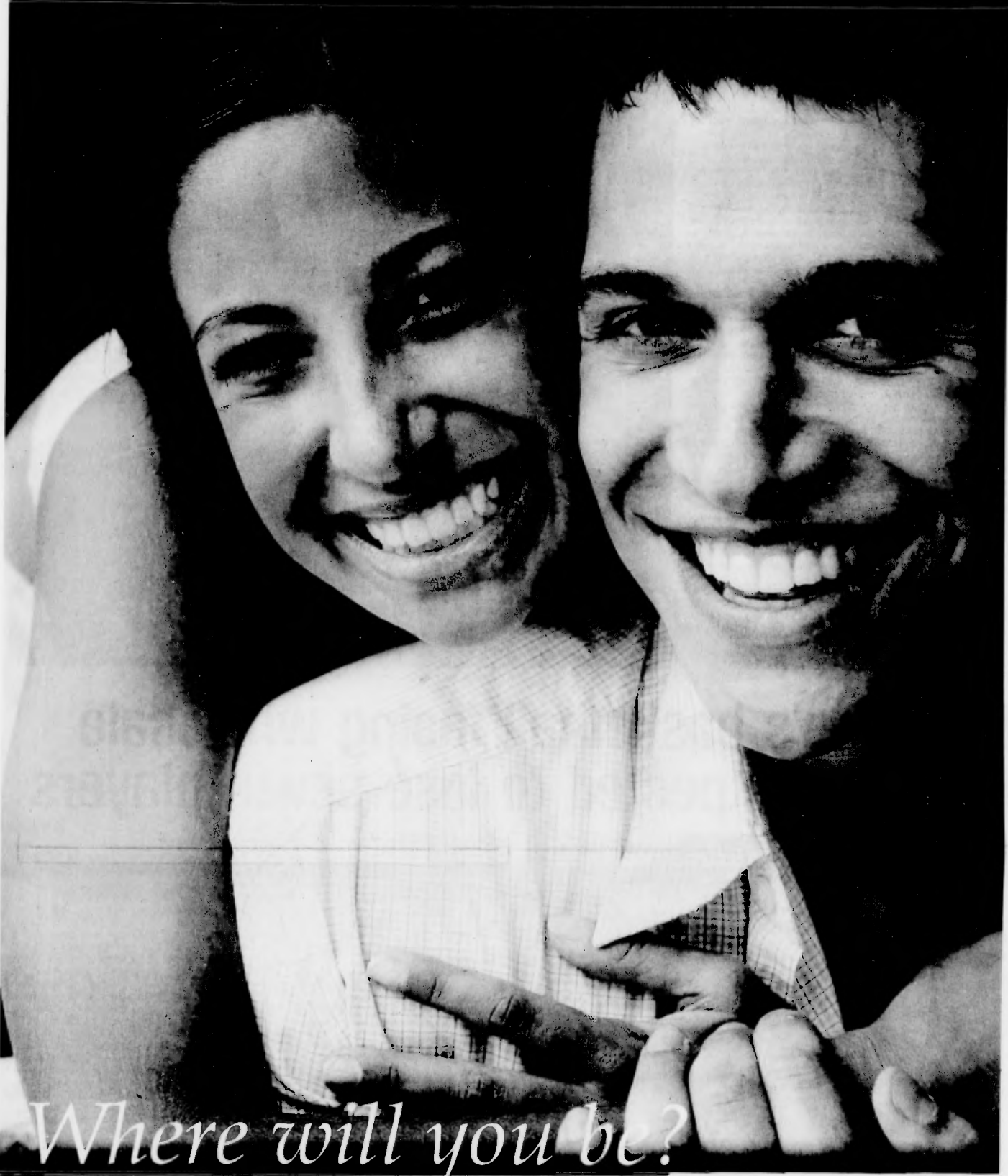
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Pirates take one from No. 2 Owls

ECU wins game one over nationally ranked Rice

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

After rallying in the ninth to secure one of the biggest road wins in school history Friday night, the ECU baseball team dropped their final two games against number two Rice this past weekend at Reckling Park in Houston, Texas, in both teams' Conference USA opening series.

The Diamond Bucs won game one 4-3, before losing games two and three 8-5 and 5-0 respectively.

Trailing 3-2 heading into their last at bat of the first game, Godwin decided to pinch-hit Jamie Ray for Ryan Tousley. Ray responded in his first plate appearance of the game with a double to begin the Diamond Bucs' last bid at the victory. After Brandon Henderson was hit by a pitch and Ryan Wood walked, Ray and pinch runner Stephen Batts scored the go ahead runs with one out when Jay Mattox hit into a fielder's choice. The ball looked like a game ending double play, but Wood's hard slide into second base forced Owl shortstop Brian Friday into a wild throw, thus allowing the second run to score for a 4-3 Pirate lead.

The Owls went down quietly in the ninth.

Southpaw Jason Neitz was the beneficiary of the ninth inning rally, as he picked up his first win of the season. Neitz went a season high 2.1 innings with three strikeouts. For the season, the junior's numbers are astound-

ing. In 13 innings pitched, Neitz has surrendered only five hits and two walks while striking out 10.

Neitz, who has emerged as the team's best reliever, has yet to give up a run and the opponent's batting average against him is a staggering .122.

While starter T.J. Hose did not factor in the decision, he was solid for 6.2 innings, giving up just two earned runs and three walks while striking out five. Hose (3-1) now has his ERA down to 2.51.

Wood led the Pirate offense with two hits and an RBI, and Mattox added a hit and two RBI on the day.

The Owls made sure the Pirates success wouldn't last, as they bounced back with an 8-5 win Saturday to even the series at one.

Rice was led at the plate by a two-run homer from Jordan Dodson and a solo shot from Aaron Luna. In all, the Owls had six players to record two hits in the game.

Dustin Sasser was saddled with the loss for the Pirates on the mound, despite pitching well. The redshirt sophomore gave up three runs on six hits while striking out and walking three. Sasser drops to 4-3 on the season, but continues to have an outstanding ERA of 2.38.

Owl starter Craig Crow moved to 3-1 on the season after tossing six scoreless innings, scattering five hits to go along with eight strikeouts.

The trio of Dale Mollenhauer,



The Pirates took the opener from Rice 4-3, but lost the weekend series after falling 8-5 Saturday and 5-0 Sunday.

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ECU men's basketball facing wholesale changes, expected to lose seven players



Head Coach Ricky Stokes and the basketball team will be facing major changes for next season.

BROCK LETCHWORTH
THE DAILY REFLECTOR

The ECU men's basketball team will be undergoing a major face-lift during this offseason.

The Pirates are expected to lose as many as seven players, continuing a trend of transferring which has haunted ECU over the last few years.

Japhet McNeil, Tom Hammonds IV and Jonathan Hart have confirmed their intentions to transfer from the university, while Josh King, Quinton Goods, Nick Mattone and Jeff Robinson are also not expected back.

The decisions come after individual meetings with the coaches, in which the players discussed their future with the team.

ECU coach Ricky Stokes declined an interview, but issued a statement about the team's status.

"We are in the process of having individual meetings with our entire team," Stokes' statement said.

"We will be discussing the future of each team member and that of ECU basketball. Several players have expressed an interest in exploring other options.

"This is an ongoing process and we will continue to counsel

each individual player in making the best possible decision for his academic and athletic future."

Expected to return to the Pirates, who finished 8-20 last season, are rising seniors Courtney Captain and Tyrone Beale, rising juniors Jeremy Ingram and Taylor Gagnon and rising sophomore Sam Hinnant. Justin Ramsey, a non-qualifier from last season, is also expected to be on board for his freshman season.

McNeil, Hammonds and Hart said they have each notified the coaches of their intentions to leave the program, and the staff has said they will help them find other opportunities.

"I just think I wanted to explore new chances somewhere else and have a new start," McNeil said. "I just want to win and try to be a part of something special."

McNeil, who currently holds the school's single-season assists record and who was on pace to break the career assists mark, added that he never considered his current standing in the Pirate record books when making his decision.

"All that stuff is fine, but if you're not winning or you're not happy, all that stuff is meaningless," said McNeil, who finished third in Conference USA with

5.62 assists per game last season. "I am thankful for everything that the new coaching staff has done for me, but I think it's time for a change."

Hammonds, who was a member of the C-USA all-freshman team during the 2004-05 campaign, was hindered by multiple injuries that affected his play at times last season. During the course of the season, the Crestview, Fla., product injured both ankles, sprained a muscle in his back, broke a finger and battled some sicknesses.

"They told me that no matter what they just wanted me to be happy," said Hammonds, who averaged 3.6 points and 14.9 minutes last season. "And I just think this didn't fit for me. Coming into the year I had high hopes for this season, but then with the injuries and me not really playing the best ball I can, I kind of got frustrated I think."

"But the coaches have been more than helpful and they've said they're more than willing to help me contact other schools."

Hart was on the verge of transferring during former coach Bill Herrion's last year with the Pirates, but said he elected to

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WCU to retire LeClair's jersey

Former head coach honored by Catamounts

(SID) — The Western Carolina University Department of Athletics has announced it will retire the #23 jersey of baseball legend Keith LeClair in a special ceremony April 11, 2006. The ceremony will take place before the Catamounts' 7 p.m. game against the nationally ranked Clemson Tigers.

"Keith had a great career at Western both as a player and coach, and later as head coach at ECU," said WCU Head Coach Todd Raleigh, who both played with LeClair at Western and coached under him at Western Carolina and ECU.

"He is very deserving of this honor. Also, it is appropriate to retire his jersey when Clemson comes to town so (former WCU head coach who recruited and coached LeClair and current Clemson head coach) Jack Leggett can participate in the ceremony."

LeClair, who was inducted into the WCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002, came to Western in 1985 and helped lead the Catamounts to four consecutive Southern Conference Championships.

He ranks among the top 10 in six different WCU hitting categories. Most notably, he batted .423 in 1988, which ranks seventh on the WCU single-season list, while his career .375 batting average ranks fourth on the WCU all-time list.

In 1988, he was named MVP of the Southern Conference Tournament, as well as being a first team All-SoCon selection. Also during the 1988 season, he established a school record with 101 hits, which ranked fourth in the NCAA that season, and 179 total bases.

In 1989, after spending spring training with the San Francisco Giants organization, he returned to Cullowhee as an assistant coach on Leggett's Catamount staff, a position he held for three seasons. In 1992, when Leggett left

to become assistant head coach at Clemson, LeClair became the Catamounts' head coach at the age of 25, making him one of, if not the, youngest head coaches in the nation.

During that 1992 season, he led the Catamounts to the Southern Conference regular season and tournament championships. The team advanced to the NCAA tournament, reaching the championship game at the South II Regional and getting to within one out of advancing to the College World Series.

The 1992 team tallied 44 wins and a final national ranking on 17th. His 1994 team posted a school-record 45 wins and earned the school's first ever, at-large bid to the NCAA postseason.

In his six seasons at Western Carolina he posted a record of 229-135-2, led WCU to four NCAA Tournament berths and was SoCon Coach of the Year in 1992, '94 and '97.

Following his reign at WCU,

LeClair continued his coaching career at ECU. Joining the Pirates in 1997, he spent five seasons as the head coach and tallied an impressive record of 219-96-1.

He was twice named the Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year and ABCA East Region Coach of the Year (1999 and 2001). LeClair led the team to four NCAA Regional appearances and one NCAA Super Regional.

In 2002, LeClair relinquished his coaching duties due to health concerns related to his Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease).

After his retirement, which he compiled a career record of 448-231-3 at Western Carolina and ECU, the Walpole, N.H., native was honored as the first recipient of the C-USA Student-Athletic Advisory Committee's (SAAC) Coaches Choice Award.

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Ladies finish weekend with victory

ECU scores win over No. 6 California

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
 SENIOR WRITER

With a rocky week against N.C. State behind them, the ECU softball team has been in desperate need to pull out of a slump. In the past seven games before last Friday, the Lady Pirates have only won two.

Now with the team hosting the Pirate Invitational, which included No. 6 California coming to town last weekend, there was no better time to pull their act together and come up with some wins.

The Lady Pirates started off the Invitational with a bang against Coastal Carolina. Junior Keli Harrell pitched a complete game shutout, allowing only three hits and striking out nine in the 4-0 win. The shutout was the 21st of her career.

The win over Coastal Carolina not only snapped ECU's five game losing streak, but it also gave the team a little momentum as they faced the highest ranked

team to ever visit Greenville for ECU softball, No. 6 California.

The Lady Pirates proved to be a formidable opponent early on in the game when they jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Cal responded with two runs in the top of the next frame, but ECU was resilient as they scored three more in the bottom of that inning to make the score 4-2.

With just five outs left until one of the biggest wins in ECU softball history, Cal's Katie Vickers hit a bases-loaded double in the top of the final inning to put her team up 5-4. ECU was not able to respond this time, as they fell in their second game of the day.

The following day was no easier for the Lady Pirates as they started play against Penn State. The Lady Nittany Lions were on a 15-game winning streak and had an overall record of 17-3. Penn State's only scores in the game came off of two solo homeruns in the third and seventh innings. Unfortunately, the home runs happened to be enough, as ECU was not able to

get going offensively and fell 2-1. ECU sophomore pitcher Brently Bridgeforth was credited with the loss.

After a rebound win over Buffalo in the second game of the day 4-0, the Lady Pirates were poised for the final day in the Invitational, in which they had to once again face No. 6 Cal. Though feeling the momentum of their previous win, the ECU softball team could not anticipate that it would carry them as much as it did throughout the following day.

ECU looked like a different team than the day before as their sticks lit up in their second game against Cal, scoring eight runs, all off of homers. Cal could only respond with three runs of their own, as ECU stunned No. 6 Cal 8-3. ECU senior pitcher Stephanie Hayes was credited with the win, surrendering only two hits in four innings. The win marked the first victory against a Pac-10 opponent and the first ever win for ECU over an opponent ranked 10th or higher.

The second game of the day against Kent State turned out to be

a pitching duel between Brittany Robinson and ECU's Harrell. The game remained scoreless going into extra innings until senior Krista Jessup delivered a game winning RBI in the bottom of the ninth to bring home freshman Vanessa Moreno from third.

Jessup's RBI not only won the game for the Lady Pirates, but it also cemented Harrell's second no-hitter of her career. Even more spectacular is that the no-hitter came after nine innings of play, instead of the usual seven.

Both the win against No. 6 Cal and the no-hitter against Kent State in the same day not only sets the Lady Pirates' current record at 23-15, it makes it safe to say it was the best day in ECU softball history.

Next weekend, the Lady Pirates will be riding high on momentum as they return to conference play against Marshall. Play begins at home Saturday at 1 p.m. with a doubleheader and continues Sunday at noon.

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Time to drop Cinderella tag tied to George Mason

No. 11 seeded Patriots reach Final Four

(KRT) — Don't be fooled. Don't look at George Mason University in the Final Four and get duped into seeing Cinderella. Don't look at the roster of no-name kids who couldn't get scholarships to any major program and see 14 pairs of glass slippers.

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Of course, George Mason looks like Cinderella. The Patriots join Louisiana State (1986) as only the second double-digit seed to reach the Final Four.

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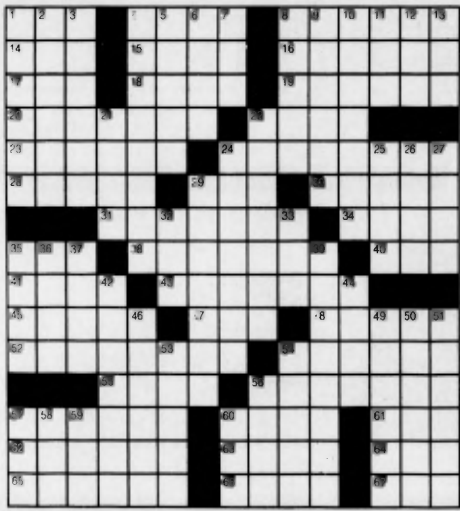
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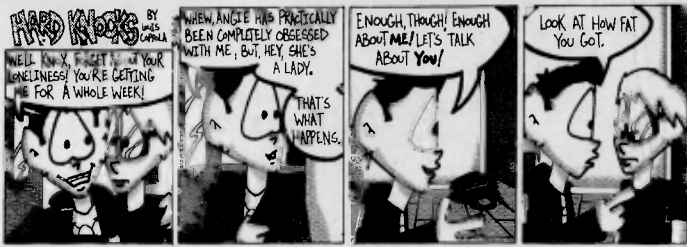
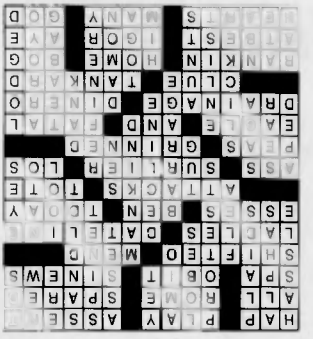
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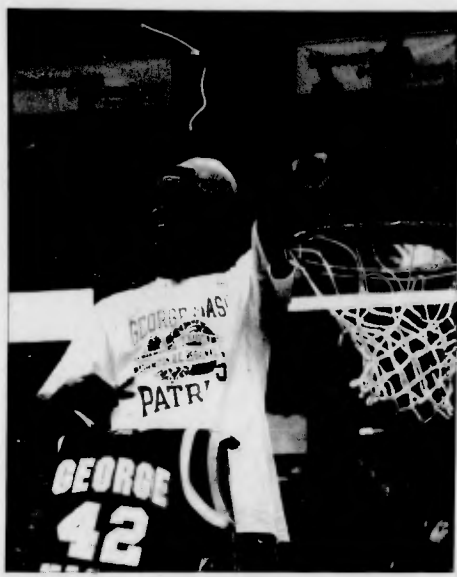
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Folarin Campbell celebrates after the victory over Connecticut.

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stunned reigning national champion UCLA in 1996, but that was in the opening round.

However, the fact that George Mason's achievement appears to be some kind of miracle is the best explanation for why it is not. Miracles are one-time events.

In the last two weeks, George Mason, a program that had been 0-3 in the NCAA Tournament, has taken out a No. 6 seed (Michigan State), a No. 3 (North Carolina) and now a No. 1 in UConn.

Those programs have combined for eight NCAA championships.

Clearly, George Mason didn't know its role unless, of course, it always was better than the one for which everyone pegged it.

Perhaps that's why the Patriots (27-7), who lost in the semifinal round of the CAA Tournament, never cared about the furor that was created when they received an at-large bid.

"We never saw ourselves as a No. 1 seed or an 11 seed or 16th

seed," said Larranaga, who just wanted his team to have a chance to prove itself. "That number was truly irrelevant to us. Once you get on the court, nobody cares about where you are seeded. It's about performance and execution."

"Here's what we believe and what we talk to our players about constantly: It's not about whom we play. It's not about where we play. It's about how we play. How do we execute our game plan? Do we execute with great effort and intensity?"

"When we decide what we want to do, everybody has got to be on the same page ... If you can do that, there is nobody in the country that we can't compete with."

Telling no-name players on a no-name team from a no-name conference that they can play with storied programs like Michigan State, North Carolina and Connecticut is one thing. Defeating them is an entirely different story. You might beat one; if you're really lucky, maybe two,

but there's not enough magic in a wand to account for beating all three plus a good Wichita State squad on the way to the Final Four.

A fluke team on a magical run couldn't have gotten up from the early knockdown punch Connecticut threw by racing to a 16-8 start. The history of these situations says the little guy cracks and the big guy runs away after a start like that.

And really, if this was only about glass slippers, how could they not have shattered when Patriots senior guard Tony Skinn, an 81.1 percent free-throw shooter, missed the front end of a potential Final Four clinching one-and-one with 5.5 second left in regulation, allowing Connecticut to tie the game at the buzzer on a miracle reverse scoop layup by Denham Brown?

That was a devastating turn of events, similar to the one No. 5 Washington could not recover from in losing Friday's regional semifinal in overtime

to UConn.

But George Mason shook it off, took an 85-80 lead in overtime and then held off a furious charge by UConn in the closing 30 seconds.

That's not a result of magic. That's a result of the things that only championship-caliber teams show - guts, talent, poise and determination.

"I think it's been working for us, calling us Cinderella," said Skinn. "We were not supposed to get into the tournament. We got into it."

"We were not supposed to beat Michigan State, and we beat them. We weren't supposed to beat Carolina. We weren't supposed to beat Wichita State. We definitely weren't supposed to beat UConn."

"I think we'll stick to the script going into whoever we play (in the Final Four). We don't mind being Cinderella."

Only I'm not buying. Cinderella doesn't reach the Final Four, only great teams do.

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Harrison Eldridge and Ryan Wood, who each collected two hits on the day, led ECU offensively.

After getting suspect pitching in the first two games, Owl pitcher Joe Savery returned the staff to form, pitching eight shut-out innings as Rice cruised to a 5-0 victory and a 2-1 series win.

Savery was almost unhittable for eight innings, giving up just six hits and two walks to go with his five strikeouts.

Redshirt senior Brody Taylor went toe-to-toe with Savery for 6.1 innings, but couldn't get the help he needed from the Pirate offense and was the hardluck loser. The Southpaw gave up just one earned run on five hits and three walks while striking out three.

Taylor is now 3-1 with a 2.28 ERA.

The Diamond Bucs drop to 17-9 and 1-2 in C-USA play. They will return to action Wednesday when they travel to Raleigh to face bitter rival N.C. State. The first pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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stay and give the new coaching staff a chance. Hart averaged 3.8 points in 16.4 minutes per game last season. He has now decided to pursue other avenues with two years of eligibility remaining.

"This past year just didn't go the way I thought it was going to go," Hart said. "It's nothing against the coaches. They're cool people. I just felt like I needed to go now."

According to a source close to the team, King and Goods have each had their scholarships revoked, but each was offered a chance to walk on. That source also said Mattone and Robinson would not be back.

Each of the players planning to transfer are still awaiting their release papers before exploring other schools.

The transfers would bring the total number of players leaving ECU to 13 over the past three years.

During the early signing period in November, the Pirates inked four players who should help fill the void. Gabe Blair (6-foot-8, 190 pounds), John Fields (6-9, 205), Chad Wynn (6-11, 255) and Hillary Haley (6-6, 195) have each signed letters of intent.

ECU will play next season one scholarship short of the allotted 13 after being penalized by the NCAA for failing to meet the two-year Division I academic progress rate (APR) required score, which is based on the eligibility, graduation and retention status of student-athletes for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons.

It is unknown how the upcoming transfers will affect the Pirates when a new APR report based on a four-year rolling rate is released after next season.

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