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# Buccaneer goes to press

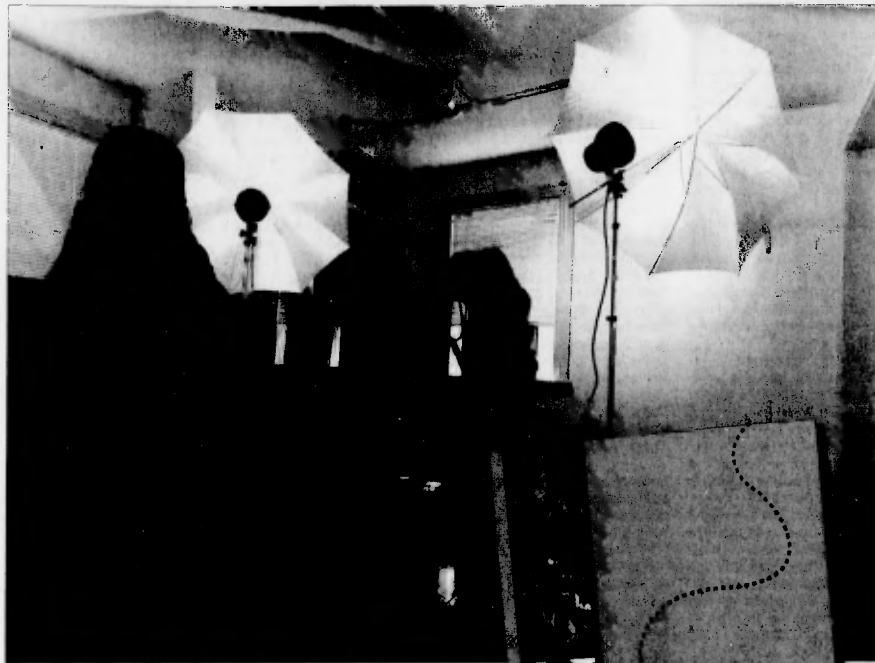


Photo by Zach Siskin

## Yearbook to make return

 CLAYTON BAUMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The pages of the student yearbook, *The Buccaneer*, are making a comeback in fall 2006 after well over a decade of absence.

This past week, graduating seniors were offered a chance to have their photograph taken for the yearbook at Mendenhall and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center on campus.

The yearbook itself, subtitled, "A Rediscovered Treasure," seeks to provide students with features that stretch from the athletic side of ECU to featured articles that list the top 10 ways the Internet distracts college students.

Chancellor Steve Ballard was on hand as the first featured

time slot at the picture taking session at Mendenhall.

"Many of us delight in browsing through our old yearbooks to see how young we once were and how much everyone else has changed. I am delighted that ECU alumni will have that opportunity, and I look forward to perusing the revived *Buccaneer*," said Ballard.

"So far so good," said Geneva Hill, assistant director of Student Engagement/Media, on the success of student picture taking last Thursday.

"I would just encourage everyone to take part in this rediscovered treasure," Hill said. Also featured in the yearbook will be student organizations. These organizations range from student clubs to fraternities and sororities.

Pending a reservation, photographs for groups will be

taking place through the first week of April.

Students who have pictures that they think would be good material for the yearbook can submit them to [photos@buccaneer.ecu.edu](mailto:photos@buccaneer.ecu.edu). The best photos will be featured in the book.

Anyone interested in ordering a copy of the yearbook can call 1-888-298-3323 or visit [buccaneer.ecu.edu](http://buccaneer.ecu.edu). The cost for the book is \$40 plus \$9.95 ship-

ping and handling. When they are released in print in the fall semester, all who have ordered a copy will receive his or hers by mail.

Deadline for orders is April 24 at 5 p.m.

Students who would like more information on *The Buccaneer* can log on to [buccaneer.ecu.edu](http://buccaneer.ecu.edu).

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# Guest enamel artist is one of ECU's own

## Some inspiration for all

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Richard Tichich interviewed ECU metal design professor and author of *The Art of Enameling* Linda Darty last Thursday in Speight Auditorium.

Darty, a Florida native, got her master's degree at ECU in fine arts in 1989. She was a straight-A high school student and had never taken an art class before attending college at the University of Florida for undergraduate

studies, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in ceramics and art education. Linda Darty went to the University of Florida intending to get a degree in psychology. After her freshman year, she studied abroad in Florence, Italy for six months, which changed her life. She came back to Florida and changed her major to art. The trip to Italy was her first time away from home, first time in a plane and her first time seeing snow. While in Florence, she only had class four days a week, which gave her time to travel the country on her own.

"Going to school in Italy was one of my smartest decisions," Darty said during the interview with Tichich. She highly recommends international studies. After graduating from the University of Florida with degrees in ceramics and art education, she became a high school art teacher in Florida for two years. She did not want the job at first, but soon fell in love with it.

"I am a teacher first and an artist second," said Darty. During the summers when she was not teaching, she went to Penland School of Crafts in the moun-

tains of North Carolina to work on her art. She earned a scholarship there, paying her \$50 a week to wash dishes. After two summers at Penland, she was offered a job, a house, meals, a charge card and her own studio there. It was a difficult decision to leave the high school where she was teaching, but she opted Penland's offer as the best decision.

Darty stayed at Penland for seven years. It was at this time that she changed her focus to metals and enameling. By definition, enameling is a usually opaque, protective or decorative coating baked on metal, glass or ceramic ware that dries to a glossy finish. It is mainly used in powdered form, being fired in a kiln at about 1,500 degrees. It is very important to follow safety precautions. Annealing kilns used by bead makers are also good for enameling.

Later in life, Linda Darty married a man who was teaching in Greenville and came here for graduate school to get her master's in metals.

Darty taught classes at the Greenville Museum of Art to several groups including children, adults, the blind and even prisoners.

The prisoners were not very motivated, so Darty inspired them to make something for people in worse situations. They ended up making presents for the children in the Burn Unit at the hospital and were really excited by it.

Darty said, "It's more exciting to see a student's finished work than it is to see my own finished work. That is how I knew I was teacher more than a maker."

Most of her work is dedicated to people in her life because when she creates something, it is a reflection of different times in her life.

"When I work, I make it kind of like a journal," Darty said. In the future, Linda Darty will be traveling to Nova Scotia, where she has the opportunity to travel while "riding the wave of my book," she said.

Darty is a very inspiring expert in her field and is recognized as such by most people who have had the experience of working with her.

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DARTY

Photo by Zach Siskin

# SGA candidates respond to questions on a few key issues

## Candidates met at Mendenhall for open debate

 CLAYTON BAUMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The annual Student Government Association election debate took place this past Monday at Mendenhall Student Center.

The debate was comprised of a series of questions in a variety of different formats issued to hopeful ticket-one and -two candidates.

The format consisted of a pre-prepared question, followed by a random question that each candidate drew from an envelope. Finally, the audience provided anonymous questions for the candidates.

With two minutes provided to speak about each of the respective questions, candidates addressed inquiries ranging from how they seek to get students more involved in SGA events and actions to what type of tree they would be and why.

The moderator, Laura Sweet, ECU Ombudsman, began the debate with a pre-prepared question to the presidential candidates. It asked how they plan to address the concerns and ideas students have.

"I think as exec members, we do a lot of speaking and not enough listening," said ticket one candidate, Ryan Wiggins.

He outlined plans for improving the already established SGA Web site with a message board, as well as hosting a monthly student forum. The ticket also plans to

have surveys for students to make their feelings known.

"Going up to the students and being visible and accessible is very, very important," said M. Cole Jones, current SGA president, who is running for re-election with ticket two.

He cited the creation of the new SGA offices under his current administration in Mendenhall Student Center as an important and accessible tool for students to utilize in keeping in contact with the happenings of student government.

Ticket one would also like to see TEC and WZMB utilized more in the affairs of SGA with a page set aside for info as well as on-air time that would allow students to call in and voice opinions.

The vice-president nominees, Sara Spuller of ticket one and Dana White of ticket two, addressed their pending role as head of the Shipmates Program as well as aspects of their office they seek to enhance. Shipmates is a leadership program aimed at getting freshmen involved.

"Aim at nothing and you will hit it every time," said Spuller.

She wants the application process to be less intimidating to students. She also wants to better encourage new students to take part.

If she becomes vice-president, she would like to see the roles of class officers expanded.

"I think that everyone is capable of being a leader when given a chance," said White, of ticket two.

If she becomes vice-president, she plans to increase freshman awareness of the Shipmates Pro-

gram, strengthen the mentors and student relationships, and create a positive environment to "increase student retention within the Shipmate Program."

The next question asked why candidates were qualified for their respective positions, and it was addressed to the two treasury candidates.

Charles Owens, of ticket one, cited his experience as Co-Chair of the Appropriations Committee for the Senate. This places him in charge of senate finances for funding of all organizations, Greek and non-Greek.

He wants to work closely with all student organizations so that they may carry out all of the events that they would like to have. He feels this would be the best way for them to increase their numbers.

Chris Welch, of ticket two, said, "Truly, the office of student body treasurer should be filled by an individual who is confident, temperamental, one who is filled with poise, integrity and deportment."

Welch discussed the overseeing of treasury funds when he was executive treasurer for his fraternity. He cited his success in his position with the bestowal of an award of excellence by his superiors in North Carolina.

The question for the secretary candidates consisted of asking how the newly-elected secretary would plan to keep students abreast of happenings, as well as how he or she would plan to work with student groups and keep the community in the know of

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# Not the typical 'fun in the sun' spring break for 15 students

## Rebuilding hurricane-stricken homes

 KIMBERLY BELLAMY  
STAFF WRITER

A total of 15 students accompanied North Carolina Baptist Men to Gulfport, Miss., to rebuild homes that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Staff members from the Volunteer and Service Learning Center on campus and members of Oakmont Baptist Church also took part in the opportunity to help the victims of the hurricane reestablish their lives and homes. The students who par-

ticipated in the trip represent many different organizations, churches and backgrounds.

Students who went on the trip include Michaelina Antahades of SGA, Makolm Simpson of Covenant Church, Brian Monroe of Oakmont Baptist Church, Josh Dearing from Habitat for Humanity Student Club, and Ryan Arp, Matt Wright and Michael Williams of Chi Alpha Omega.

Amanda Brooke, Lauren Burnette, Michelle Eure and Leigh Wilbanks of Sigma Alpha Omega and Sarah Riggs, Sarah Lacobelli and Lydia Armacost of Delta Zeta also participated in the volunteer opportunity.

The students and staff of the Volunteer Center and North Carolina Baptist Men accomplished a great deal of work while they were there.

They fully tiled and painted a house, partially tiled and painted another house, fully indoornated an additional house and completed lawn work on two homes with acre-large lots in a neighborhood called Cherry Court.

The group traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to volunteer their time in that area as well. They swept and mopped Brodie

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## Announcements:

### 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.

### NASA scientist to speak on global droughts and floods

Friday, March 31 at 2 p.m. in Planagan 349, ECU Campus  
Robert Adler, a senior NASA scientist at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, will present "Monitoring Global Precipitation from Climate-scale to Floods."  
This seminar is being jointly sponsored by ECU's Coastal Resources Management Ph.D. program, Department of Geography and the Center for Natural Hazards Research. Dr. Adler is currently project scientist of the very successful Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM).  
For more information contact Scott Curtis, assistant professor, for the Department of Geography, at curtisw@ecu.edu.

### 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, felting, paper-making, printmaking, portraiture and other visual art media. Featured visual artists will come from surrounding states, North Carolina and from ECU's School of Art and Design.  
Contact Dindy Reich at reichd@ecu.edu or 328-5749 or Richard Tchichr at tchichr@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 328-6829 or online at ECUARTS.com.  
Ticket Required.

### Cultural Outreach season schedule

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 until Saturday, April 1 in various places on ECU campus.  
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

## News Briefs

### State

**Custody fight: Mom reportedly poses as Dad in abduction case**  
ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (AP) - A woman accused of abducting her two young children from their father, then dressing like a man so she could assume his identity, agreed Monday to return to Arizona where she faces kidnapping charges, authorities said.

Shellie White, 30, was taken into custody Friday in Roanoke Rapids, where police said she and a woman lived together as the children's father and mother. It's an accusation that White denies, saying she has never hidden her identity.  
"I never knew I was on the run." White's arrest came more than two years after she was charged with custodial interference in the children's disappearance. The U.S. Marshals Service said. Her ex-husband, Ernest James, had custody of the children at the time and leamed Friday that they had been found.

The U.S. Marshals Service, in a news release, said White "radically changed her appearance to that of a man and assumed many aliases," including her ex-husband's.

"She even went so far as to jail her children, aged 3 and 5 at the time, that she was their father," the Marshals Service said.  
"When she was arrested, the children, now aged 6 and 8, asked why they were arresting their Daddy."  
"I just want to take my babies back home. They need to be with their family."

**Outrage over alleged Duke lacrosse rape spurs early morning rally**  
DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Protesters upset with Duke University's response to allegations that an exotic dancer was raped and beaten by members of the school's lacrosse team marched Sunday to the home of the university's provost, where they said the school needs to do more to protect the community.

"This is an extremely serious crime, if it happened," Provost Peter Lange told a group of about 60 protesters outside his home. "We don't know the facts of what happened in the

house. We have allegations. ... The only people who have the means to discover what happened in that house are the police."

Police in Durham are investigating the March 14 assault alleged to have occurred at a house near Duke's East Campus. The dancer, a student at N.C. Central University, has told police she was hired to perform at a small bachelor party, but instead found herself at a party with dozens of men where she was pulled into a bathroom, sexually assaulted, sodomized and beaten.  
Marchers then went to the nearby home of Lange, who after about 10 minutes emerged in a Duke T-shirt and baseball hat to speak with the protesters.

Aurhorities took DNA samples last week from 46 members of the Duke lacrosse team, but no arrests have been made. Police said team members have refused to cooperate with their investigation; players have told school administrators the woman was not assaulted.

One person accused Duke of protecting the lacrosse team, while others noted that the alleged attackers are white men and the victim is a black woman. In an interview published Friday by The News & Observer of Raleigh, the alleged victim said her assailants shouted racial slurs at her.

Over the weekend, Duke President Richard Brodhead issued a statement that "physical coercion and sexual assault are unacceptable in any setting and have no place at Duke" but reiterated the school's position that the facts of the case are in dispute.

### National

**The late Dana Reeve hosts PBS documentary on mind and body connection**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Dana Reeve would be alive only about three more months when she taped an introduction to the two-hour PBS documentary "The New Medicine."  
The widow of paralyzed "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve was battling lung cancer diagnosed last summer, but was upbeat that late November

types of things during spring break. These trips are known as Alternative Spring Break Trips (ASB).  
If you are interested in volunteering your time to the community, contact the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center at 110 Christenbury Gym in person or by phone at 328-2735.

**Boxer pleads guilty in death of sports writer**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - James Butler, a boxer who fought under the nickname "The Harlem Hammer," pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and arson Monday in the 2004 death of a freelance sports writer.

Butler will be sentenced to 29 years, four months in prison by Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor on April 5, according to Deputy Public Defender Jack Keenan.  
The 32-year-old fighter entered his plea as jury selection was set to begin in his trial for the killing of Sam Kellerman, who was the brother of boxing expert Max Kellerman, an ESPN Radio show host in New York.

"I think it's a fair resolution of the case," Keenan said.  
"He's always been sorry for what he did, and in the end he thought of Sam Kellerman as a friend."  
Butler faced about 34 years in prison had he gone to trial and been

convicted of murder, Keenan said.  
Kellerman's body was found in his Hollywood apartment on Oct. 17, 2004, although authorities believe he had been killed five days earlier. He had been bludgeoned around the head about 30 times while sitting at his desktop computer, police said. A hammer was found near Kellerman's body, his car was missing and his apartment was set on fire, police said.

Sam Kellerman was a freelance writer who covered pro boxing. He and Butler were friends and the boxer had been staying at Kellerman's apartment since late September, police said.  
Butler has a pro record of 20-5. He is best known for sucker-punching opponent Richard Grant in November 2001 after losing a charity bout.

Butler has been in custody since his arrest three days after the Kellerman killing.  
"The New Medicine," though, almost consciously avoids a New Age lingo. There are a few stoics of yoga classes and one segment in which scientists study the brain waves of a Buddhist monk as he meditates.  
There are no magic crystals, no "cancer diets" or trips to Mexico for treatments outlawed in the United States. Just a sincere effort to find something, anything, that will lead to a better quality of life for patients.

**International**  
**Suicide bomber kills dozens at recruiting center; Shiites cut off political talks**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - New violence flared Monday in northern Iraq with 40 dead in a suicide bombing, while Shiite leaders cut off political talks and denounced the United States over a weekend raid that they said killed worshippers in a mosque.

Although the United States said no mosque was attacked, Shiites blamed the military for killing 22 people Sunday. Jawad al-Maliki, a lawmaker from the United Iraqi Alliance, said the Shiite bloc had canceled Monday's session of negotiations to form a new government because of the raid.  
"I will personally supervise, and we will learn who was responsible. Those who are behind this attack must be brought to the justice and punished," Talabani said.

Later, gunmen kidnapped 16 employees of an Iraqi trading company, an Interior Ministry official said. The men arrived at the headquarters of the Saeed import and export company in four civilian cars and appeared to rifle through papers and computers before driving away with the employees, Lt. Col.

Falah al-Mohammadawi said.  
In an audio tape broadcast Monday, Saddam's fugitive chief deputy purportedly called for Arab leaders to back Iraq's Sunni-backed insurgency. The tape, which Al-Jazeera television said was made by Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, appeared to be an address to the Arab League summit in Khartoum, Sudan, this week.

The voice said the Sunni-led insurgency was "the sole legitimate representative of the Iraqi people." It was impossible to determine the tape's authenticity.  
Al-Douri had been Revolutionary Command Council vice chairman and a longtime Saddam confidant.

**From shining shoes to fighting for civil rights: a Chinese campaigner's story**  
DAQING, China (AP) - Li Jian managed a factory, shined shoes, and sold toys. Now he's a civil rights campaigner. Since last fall, the Chinese, now 41, has been advising farmers in Dongzhou, on the southeast coast, in their fight to keep farmland requisitioned for a power project.

When the villagers barricaded themselves inside the village and police shot at them on Dec. 6, Li mobilized.  
He left his home in the northern port of Dalian and traveled 1,000 miles to find the village still in fear more than two weeks later. Many villagers were under arrest, he said. By his count three had been killed, eight injured and 30 were missing.

After Li posted his report on the Internet, police visited his home and threatened to evict him.  
Raised in the northern oil city of Daqing, Li started out working for the state petroleum company. Then, when the government made tropical Hainan island a laboratory for free-market reforms, he headed there.

His activities and the occasional visits from police sometimes produce friction between him and his wife. They live chiefly off her earnings, though he said last year he received "some money" from overseas democracy campaigners.  
"All rights have to be struggled for. They're not heaven-bestowed," Li said.  
"China's got a long road ahead."

**The better driver?**  
(KRT)—Do you know what she's thinking over there in the shotgun seat while you're doing battle on the expressways? Well, for one thing, she may well be thinking she could do a better job of driving than you are.

A survey conducted for the Chrysler Group found that about 25 percent of women think they are better drivers than their significant others. Those women probably are

the ones who practically run you off the road by screaming, "Oh, my God!" in traffic, causing you to empty your bladder while wildly looking for whatever road obstacle you thought she saw and you didn't.

Almost 50 percent of women say they are equally as skilled at driving as their significant others.

Sixty-eight percent of the men thought they are better drivers than their significant others.

Either way, this weekend. Just as of now, n

It's just enough in that day

and moving we are finish

Good luck have heard

- J. Hob

**Our Story**

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### Homes from page A1

Road Baptist Church in Biloxi. The group worked daily from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. through the week of March 12 - 17. They left on Saturday, March 11 and returned on Saturday, March 18.

According to Jessica Gagne, student engagement specialist of the Volunteer Center, some of the neighborhoods in the hurricane stricken areas haven't received much reconstruction help.  
"Most of the stuff looked exactly the same as it did on our first trip down there, which was a few months after the hurricane happened," said Michaelina Antahades, sophomore public relations major.

Antahades, who planned to make it an SGA incentive, heavily planned the trip. After expressing interest to Gagne about the trip, she sent out an e-mail to all SGA members to see who would be interested.

Out of the SGA members, about 10 people showed interest. According to Gagne, the center initially thought that only eight people would be allowed to attend.  
From that point, those people informed others

### Debate from page A1

student government actions.  
Sarah Riggs, of ticket one, cited her experience as Director of Public Relations for Student Government this past year and her efforts at keeping students informed of new events and policies.

Riggs has plans to bring back an older way of keeping students informed called, "What's-Up-Wednesdays." It consists of a table that is set up in Wright Plaza. Here, students can speak with SGA representatives about questions and concerns.

"The new SGA offices are a wonderful tool to lending students up front accessibility to student government," said Riggs.  
She says she will maintain active record files, as well as an archive file, so that students with any inquiries will have access to information.

Ticket two candidate Keri Brockett said, "I think this is one of the great opportunities that student government has been able to establish."  
Brockett feels strongly about being in the public eye in getting students involved with government happenings, saying, "We need to be seen, and we need to be acceptable."

about the opportunity and the list of participants grew.  
A few participants, such as Brian Monroe, heard about the trip through their church. Monroe is a member of Oakmont Baptist Church.

The students had to pay a small fee of \$30 to attend, which included the gas cost as well as money for snacks. North Carolina Baptist Men group sponsored the rest of the trip costs.

The males stayed at the National Guard Amory and the females used the Pass Road Baptist Church for housing during the stay in Gulfport.

This was a great opportunity for students who wanted to visit the hurricane stricken areas to help out but didn't have the resources to do so.  
"I thought it was really cool when three guys from Duke University just spontaneously went down there to help out. I wanted to, but I didn't have the resources to do so," said Monroe.

The ECU group that participated in helping a community in need is one of the many college groups who take part in these

One way she wants to do this is to have "Talk-It-Tuesday" to collaborate with "Taco Tuesday." With this, she hopes to have a student representative provide information to students while they eat and allow for open discussion as well.

She cited the progress that her ticket presidential running mate, Jones, has made with the creation of the SGA Web site, among other things. She wants to add even more to that.

Brockett would also like to see mass emails sent out that highlight happenings with SGA, but doesn't seek to overburden students with too much information. The highlights will link to more information.

The decision ultimately goes to the students, who will have the rest of Wednesday to vote, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by logging onto their OneStop account and clicking the voting tab at the bottom of the screen.  
As for which tree each of the presidential candidates would like himself to, both candidates selected the Oak tree, noting its great strength.

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## Jazz Performance



Professor Michael Dermody's video magazine class shoots the performance portions of "Between the Notes: A Student's Manifesto" at The Cavern on Monday, March 27. "Between the Notes" is a documentary about the ECU Jazz Ensemble Scurvy Dog that follows four students.

## My Random Column

### Is spring here?

It does look like it is going to be warm this weekend, but is that just another April Fools joke?

We are so close to the end that it is making everything fly by even faster. Papers, tests, quizzes and reports all due in the coming weeks, and time is now more limited than ever.

All-nighters and caffeine are the talk of campus as the semester draws to a close and becomes more and more busy. The teachers who have waited and pushed assignments back are not asking for more than students are able to easily handle with all of their other obligations.

So as you enjoy the warm weather this weekend, remember it is a taste of summer. Just a hint of the time when we will be free from the excruciating responsibilities of 15 hours of class and an exhausting job. Maybe is it just an illusion to life after college for some and a new year closer to real life for others.

Either way, it is going to be a beautiful weekend. Just a small chance of rain but as of now, nothing major on the forecast. It's just enough to torture us to believe in that day when we will soon be done and moving on from these classes that we are finishing.

Good luck this week; from what I have heard, it is a tough one for most!

- J. Hobbs

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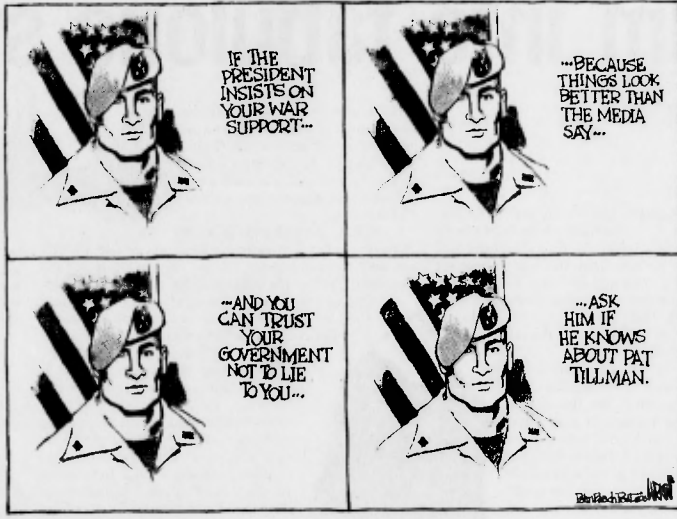
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## Opinion Columnist

### If they care about you, then they won't cheat on you

#### Girl Trouble

**BENJAMIN CORMACK**  
CASUAL OBSERVER

I've had an interesting week. Some might say I've gotten more in touch with my feminine side, but I honestly feel more like I've had to play the role of a big brother. To begin with, I was assigned to do a story for the paper about two girls who felt they had been unjustly charged by an apartment complex. While I can't go into great detail about the situation what I can say is these two young women, sisters actually, have become very untrusting of people. They had even been the victims of robbery and a fire. When they moved into their new apartment, they installed several locks and even an alarm system because they still felt unsafe.

On the night of the same day that I interviewed the sisters, I went to see the movie *V for Vendetta* with some friends of mine. When I got back to the dorm, after having a lengthy discussion on the issues the movie discussed with a friend of mine, I found a young lady crying her heart out in front of one of the dorm rooms. When I asked her what was wrong, she said her boyfriend was cheating on her pretty much as we spoke.

I almost walked away, but I could not just leave her there to cry and suffer. I took her outside to get her away from the door. She said she would drive home, but in my experience driving and crying don't mix very well. I honestly thought that if she had left in that state, she might have been in an accident. I asked

her if she had someone she could call, so she called her roommate, told her what happened, and she said that she would arrive in a few minutes.

I took the upset young woman to the dorm's lobby to wait inside for her roommate. She could not understand why he would cheat on her. So I asked her, "Have you ever cheated on him?" "No," she said. "Then you're the better person," I said.

Now my memory is not the greatest in the world, but I think what I told her was something like:

"Judging by the way you're acting I can see that you really care about this guy, that you're a very trusting, loving, good person. You can't let this guy or people like him get to you. Take it from me, there's a shortage of people like you in this world. Don't let him change you."

There were times before and after I said this that I tried to take her boyfriend's cell phone away so I could throw it in the trash or the river. Why? Because guys like that make me sick, and, just like I'm starting to feel about President Bush, I'm tired of them representing me.

When I told a few of my friends about it, the reply was pretty much the same:

"That's not right. No one deserves to be treated like that."

Again, I wonder why most of us, including me, are still single. As far as I'm concerned, this guy didn't care about what happened or could have happened to this young woman. This makes him a disgusting excuse for a person in my eyes. I feel it is always my responsibility as a man ... no, as a person ... to

look out for and protect others when they can't do it themselves. While I do feel good about helping the young woman, I just hope that she dropped that guy like spiking a football.

Unfortunately, this situation is a common occurrence here on campus and in our society. I've heard stories about the same situation several times over the years, but this is one of the few if only times I've actually been able to do something about it. Maybe I saved the image of men in this young woman's eyes, or maybe I didn't. Either way, I would still do what I did.

Frankly, I think some guys don't realize just how lucky they are or how good they have it. They have somebody who cares about them beyond just being friends, and yet they don't seem to care who they hurt if something "better" comes along.

It is because of guys like the one from this weekend that I have trouble talking to women, mostly because I feel that they make assumptions about me that coincide with guys like that. Then again, sometimes I see women go after guys and not make those assumptions only to get hurt in the end. The excuse is always the same, too. "It was an accident." Accidents can be prevented; it just takes a little effort, such as keeping your pants on.

All I can say at this point is that if someone cheats on you, then that person obviously didn't care enough about you to begin with. If they do want you to take them back, wait until they beg for it. Then remember this: Trust is easily lost, and must be earned back with time. That's why I think it is better to try and never lose it.

## In My Opinion

(KRT) — The speed at which virtually all the major players in the new economy have entered the video-on-demand market begs a simple question: Will U.S. consumers pay for something a savvy competitor probably will offer for free? The answer should be obvious.

Some of the country's top business minds obviously are convinced that providing on-demand television and video programming to America's on-the-run society is a potential gold mine. You almost need an official scorekeeper to keep track of what's in play.

Apple is teaming up with ABC and NBC Universal to offer prime time, late night and classic TV shows, online, on demand, for \$1.99 per pop through its online iTunes store. NBC is offering on-demand programming via DirectTV. The selling point here: the cost is only 99 cents per show, and there are no commercials.

Google will offer current CBS television shows, classic TV shows, movies, NBA basketball games and other content, which consumers can download to a computer or portable video player. Prices will range from \$1.99 to \$3.95.

CBS itself plans to sell programs through Comcast, but initially only in markets where they own TV stations. The shows will include commercials, but will cost just 99 cents.

Starz Entertainment Group is offering a \$9.95 monthly subscription service allowing consumers to download movies to their television sets, computers or hand-held devices. The list of providers grows almost daily.

On-demand programming is not entirely new. What is new is some of the technology. Consumers already pay for the movies they want, when they want them, from retailers like Blockbuster, through the mail, from their cable providers, and when they're in hotel rooms.

Our analysis indicates that when movies can be downloaded in digital form, they probably can be sold for \$4 to \$6 less than DVDs currently cost, while still enabling the movie studios to earn the same profit. While this may hurt Blockbuster and other retailers, it will provide consumers with a new option.

Television is different. We are accustomed to spending our money to view first-run films in movie theaters or to purchase newly released DVDs. For more than half a century, however, advertising supported TV programming has come to us free-of-charge. It is unclear how many consumers will pay for something they've always gotten for free.

Moreover, the opportunity to make this model work is closing. An alternative already is in the market and gaining momentum: personal video recorders (PVRs).

Consumers can get on-demand access to all TV programming through PVRs, such as TiVo, or with devices that cable operators and satellite providers sell and install. PVRs already are in more than 9 percent of all U.S. households and are growing at approximately 32 percent per year. If most of the consumers Apple, Google and the broadcast networks are targeting already

can capture and play back all of the programs they want, with no added charges, why would they pay additional money for a more limited selection?

All this begs the question of why the networks have chosen the Apple model when they could be pursuing an approach that would protect their bottom line and that of their studio collaborators, as well as provide more consumer choice than even PVRs.

If the networks were to make all original content available on-demand, for free, through cable operators (utilizing existing "Video on Demand" technology) there would be something for everyone. By streaming the programming on-demand they could include advertising that consumers couldn't skip. By making the programming available only during the season in which it is aired, they could maintain studio syndication revenues.

Such on-demand services, similar to those offered to cable subscribers by HBO, Cinemax, and Showtime, would be free to the consumer and would have more content, better features, and be available to more homes sooner.

Television programming is not the same as music or film.

The challenge for the television networks is to look beyond Apple and Google, embrace their own roots, and work with the cable industry to create a free to the consumer, advertising supported, on-demand model. This would meet both consumer needs and have the potential to produce significant profits.

## Pirate Rant

M. Cole Jones is a good guy and he has been around all year long. It's not his fault that he's so busy doing stuff for his current position.

Are all freshmen doing as poorly as me in their classes? I hope so. I blame Scott Hall.

Facebook is awesome if only because it reminds people when your birthday is so you feel really special when a million people wish you happy birthday. I know I've been one to trash it on occasion because it has been the instrument of my procrastination, but maybe it's not so bad. Thanks Facebook!

ECU makes a deal with an online music company, and suddenly there's "editorials" (two in a row) on how Apple and iTunes are more evil than Hitler. Why not just print an eight page Microsoft ad and get it over with?

To the ignorant individual who doesn't want ECU to allow anymore students from Maryland and New Jersey, you're doing an excellent job of representing "southern hospitality," I must say. And in case you haven't noticed, our university wouldn't be what it is without all of this out of state tuition rolling in. Maybe you need to appreciate the northerners.

To the person who wrote the rant the other day about people hating ECU: I am transferring, but that still does not change the fact that I have to stay here until the end of the semester and that I hate every day of it.

To clarify the current situation: We are, in fact, in a rap video for Clusters Cereal.

Can we get some real bars and clubs downtown?

If anyone saw the '95 Isuzu Rodeo run the red light by the mall Friday the 24th around 12:10 p.m., please email editor@theeastcarolinian.com. He's trying to screw me over with my insurance company now! I need your help!

What's the deal with the Austin Building? Why is it so hot in the room? They invented AC for a reason. And the professors ask why we can't focus.

London is known for its big red Double Decker buses, New York for the old boxy-looking yellow taxis, Rome for its Vespa Motor Scooters ... and Greenville is known for its tow trucks.

My two-hour class could be just one hour if my teacher didn't ramble on about his girlfriends and random experiences that no one cares about!

Mr. Weather please make up your mind!

For the CDFR class girl who had the courage to tell the "talkers" to shut it up: Way to go! I'm so sick of people who come to class and talk talk talk. Take it home please or at least outside the class!

Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot. By the way, I prefer paper over plastic. I may hire you based off your resume. Yeah, right.

Is it really that necessary to instant message me while we are on the phone together?

There needs to be a trash can at the bridge at the bottom of college hill or I will continuously throw my empty cans in the bushes.

To the guy who found my Onecard after I lost it, tracked me down, and made sure to get it to me - thank you. It's things like that, that completely renew my faith in people in general.

How about you get your own apartment and quit staying at ours?

I congratulate thee, ECU, for selling a bottle of (tap) water to us for \$1.17 when the retail price (found online) is only 58 cents and a case is \$4.98. You've outsmarted us all.

My friend is bragging in her away message that six of her rants are being published in the next TEC. Seriously, who cares? And seriously, who does that?

If you're trying to get rid of Greek life, you're doing a great job. It's pretty horrible that the person who is supposed to be 100 percent on our side is our worst enemy.

Thanks to the DJ who played my favorite Eminem song for me even though it was 805 night. It made my night!

Is it wrong that I don't always just want to hang out with one person 24/7? I mean, I have a life and other friends beyond you. Why is that so hard for you to understand?

Rule of thumb: You are not supposed to run any sort of a rant about anything relating to the SGA election. (Especially one that attacks one of the running candidates). Oh ... and your coverage of our meetings this year has sucked.

Am I the only one who doesn't care about Fifth Street being changed to Martin Luther King Blvd.? They could change it to Whitepeoplesuck Ave. and it wouldn't stop me from driving on it!

I never said that some future teachers didn't drink responsibly. A lot of us don't drink at all. I am talking about the ones that say they stayed out until 3 a.m. and they BS all of their work at the very last minute. Teaching is a job in which you are molding and shaping young minds, and I think that if you are going to have a job working with children, you need to genuinely care about them.

Here's my vote for SGA elections. I vote we take down the tacky banners hanging from the trees in the mall.

I absolutely, positively cannot stand and truly hate TEC.

If you are in a car with a key in the ignition, you are supposed to have a seat belt on. Drivers Ed 101. I learned that when I was 15. Get over it and quit complaining about something that is your fault!

M. Cole Jones = Higher One

Ryan Wiggins isn't any better....

I love how I am not one of those tanning bed addicts and never really go out in the sun at all, and yet I'm the one being cut on for stupid skin cancer. Does that make sense to you? Be warned tanning addicts. It hurts like hell!

It costs 50 cents to call someone who cares. You only gave me 25 cents. Cheapskate!

Maybe if TEC posted your picture beside your rant you would think twice before making ignorant comments.

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**Top 5s:**

**Top 5 Movies**

1. *V for Vendetta*
2. *Failure to Launch*
3. *The Shaggy Dog*
4. *She's the Man*
5. *The Hills Have Eyes*

**Top 5 Pop Albums**

1. Various Artists
2. James Blunt
3. E-40
4. Ne-Yo
5. Juvenile

**Top 5 TV Shows**

1. "American Idol"
2. "American Idol"
3. "Grey's Anatomy"
4. "CSI: Miami"
5. "The Unit"

**Top 5 Books**

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

**New DVDs This Week**

1. *King Kong*
2. *Memoirs of a Geisha*
3. *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*
4. *Stay*
5. *Silver*

**Coming Soon**

1. *Basic Instinct 2*
2. *Ice Age: The Meltdown*
3. *ATL*
4. *Slither*
5. *Drawing Restraint 9*

**Horoscopes:**

**Aries** - You're itchy to begin and you should be. Your instincts are honed and keen. The door that rarely opens is open now. Don't hesitate

**Taurus** - You're under more pressure in some ways. In others, the pressure is easing. You know what to do. All you have to do is to do it.

**Gemini** - You're anxious to get going, but don't dash off all by yourself. You don't want to outrun your friends and protectors.

**Cancer** - A stern taskmaster needs you to accomplish big objectives. Don't be hurt by a sharp tone of voice. Focus on solving the problem.

**Leo** - Do you have any money left after buying the basics? If so, go ahead and play with it. Your lucks much better now

**Virgo** - Resources are more abundant than expected. Make the change that everybody can live with happily.

**Libra** - An absolutely brilliant performance by somebody else wins applause. Join in; don't be jealous.

**Scorpio** - You're entering another very busy two-day phase. Clear everything else off your schedule. Focus on work until Friday.

**Sagittarius** - Giving affection is a surefire way to get affection back. Don't want to make a commitment? Ridiculous. Don't even worry about it.

**Capricorn** - Dig around in your own garage, closets, attic and/or basement. You don't have to leave home to find the perfect thing - you've got it, somewhere.

**Aquarius** - You're on the right track now. Do the research yourself. This is not a project you can delegate.

**Pisces** - Continue to stick to your schedule. Follow the rules and the routine. Gather up the rewards for your efforts, which will be abundant.

**Fun Facts:**

It is a common practice in southern India for a man to marry his elder sister's daughter.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history to not have a full moon.

Lake Nicaragua in Nicaragua is the only fresh water lake in the world that has sharks.

Seaweed can grow up to 12 inches per day!

All humans are 99.9 percent genetically identical and 98.4 percent of human genes are the same as the genes of a chimpanzee.

There are 92 known cases of nuclear bombs lost at sea.

The sloth (a mammal) moves so slowly that green algae can grow undisturbed on its fur.

## Swim into fabulous swimwear

The best bathing suits in fashion

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The weather is changing and it's the perfect time to start the hunt for the perfect bathing suit for the summer heat. It can be a hassle finding a bathing suit that fits just right and has the perfect style, color and coverage. The prices of swimsuits can range from minimal to pocket-breaking, and this makes it even harder to find the one ideal for you.



There are many different styles of swimsuits - the one-piece, the bikini and the tankini. It may have a hint of old school to it when it comes to style, but the one piece bathing suit is making a major comeback. The newer styles are racier and sexier with side cut outs, plunging v-neck lines, extravagant designs and the use of metals and buckles to add flare.

A one-piece is good for those who don't want to show too much but still want to look smoking hot. Many one-pieces come in control fabrics that help reduce common swimsuit bulging. One-pieces are also very comfortable and less likely to float away on a belly flop or a session of jumping ocean waves.

Bikinis are versatile and come in many different shapes, colors and sizes. The bikini is essentially a two piece bathing suit with a top and a bottom. The main types of tops for bikinis are triangle, halter and the tube top. Triangle tops are the most popular and work well

with women who have small- to medium-sized busts. They can be padded or unpadded. The halter provides more structure for women with a larger chest. The tube top is something different when it comes to bikini tops.



The tops can either be tied with strings or a clip. The different types of bottoms for bikinis are Brazilian, hipster, side tie, the hot short and the boy short. Each of these bottoms has a different amount of coverage. One gets the most stylish coverage from the boy short. These boy shorts look like men's underwear, but are more tailored to a woman's bottom and hips. These boy shorts are the newest fashion bottoms when it comes to bikinis. The look is a little tougher, yet still subtly sexy.



Guy's have it made when it comes to swimming trunks. Trunks come in all shapes and sizes from shorter to cargo lengths. For guys with a little more gusto, there's also the infamous Speedo. Most trunks for guys are relatively inexpensive and come with drawstrings to reduce those float away trunk moments.

Tankinis are the new craze in swimsuits. A tankini comes with the same bottoms as a bikini but the top is made more like a tank top shirt. It covers most of the stomach leaving a sliver of belly before the bottoms. Tankinis can cover as much as the entire stomach or up to the mid-stomach area. For women who want the bikini look but still need a little something for coverage, a cover-up is a great accessory. A cover-up is a piece of sheer material one can wrap around the waist.



For more affordable trunks and swimsuits, Old Navy is a perfect place for a college budget and has an abun-

dance of different styles and fabrics. For high fashion, Victoria's Secret online has more than 400 different styles of swimsuits and allows customers to buy a different size bottom from a top. This is a major plus from in-store buying. Target has a fabulous line of affordable, fashion-forward swimsuits by designer Isaac Mizrahi. For exclusive designer swimsuits, Nordstrom has a great selection, as does eBay.

"To make sure you don't run into someone with the same swimsuit and to get a designer suit that is unique, eBay is definitely a great place to look," said senior apparel merchandising major Simone Baptiste.

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Where to go for great swimwear

- www.victoriassecret.com
- www.target.com
- www.oldnavy.com
- www.ebay.com

## But it's my life



Living in a man's world: switching roles

COLLEGE VIXEN  
TRUTH WRITER

I must admit, this spring break was the best ever. My friends and I left our worries in Greenville and went to the beach for a week. We stayed in a big house right on the beach and partied harder than ever before. I don't think I had one drink that was non-alcoholic the whole time we were there. Open the refrigerator and you could find cases and cases, gallons of liquor and all the other necessary party supplies.

The house slept about 15 people, so with only 11 there, we had more than enough space. Jordan and I spent much time together, as well as partying hard with everyone else. We couldn't have asked for better weather; it was perfect for lying out. Drinking by the fire we made on the beach and loungeing in the hot tub were definitely my favorite things. Needless to say, I was extremely

relaxed and worry-free.

The day before we left, Jordan and I sat on the beach and talked for hours. He admitted to me that he was falling for me and could see us being together for a long time. His openness really scared me and the pressure I felt to say it all back was unbelievable. I had to be honest; I could not make myself say something that I really did not feel. I explained to him that even though I like him and really enjoy hanging out with him, I was not ready to take on another relationship. His eyes dropped and his voice lowered. I tried to explain everything and he said he understood, but I could tell he was not content with my response.

Later that night, I could not clear my mind. I was not looking for anything beyond platonic, so I decided to do what the typical guy would do ... just end everything. I did not want to hurt him by leading him on, so I figured just getting out would be easy. We left the beach on Thursday, going our separate ways. We talked right before we both left and I could see how upset he was, but I still agree that I did the right thing. I know that I can't go around

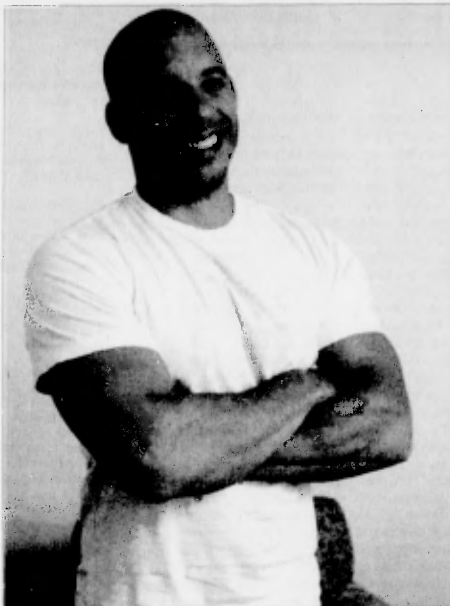
hurting others just because I can't let my guard down and open back up to another quite yet. Why does it seem that guys can date girls without being committed, but girls can't? Girls are usually the clingy ones who just can't let things go and the ones who want more than the guy. I'm switching roles for once.

I want to be on the other side of the spectrum. I want to play the care-free, I'll call you in a few days role. I'm not doing this only for myself, but for every girl who has been screwed over by a guy. Watch out Greenville, I'm on a mission to see things and act from a guy's perspective. I want to play the field, explore my options and enjoy the single life.

I'm quite aware that there are good guys out there who do not deserve to meet me at this point in my life, but also keep in mind that there are many more guys who live up to all the stereotypical traits. I know I can't kill the double standard, but I will experience their lifestyle and just see where it takes me.

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## Celebrity Profile: Vin Diesel



Not just an actor

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Vin Diesel is most well-known for his portrayal of action heroes in movies such as *The Fast and the Furious*, *The Chronicles of Riddick* and *XXX*; however, behind his tough guy mystique lies a man whose talent reaches beyond the depths of acting.

New York born and raised, Diesel literally broke into his first acting gig. At the age of seven after breaking into the Jane Street Theatre with the

intention to vandalize it with some friends, he ran into the woman who offered him his first acting role.

His debut play was at the Theatre of New City in the play *The Dinosaur Door*. Throughout his childhood, he continued acting in local theatres. In high school, Diesel ventured into the off-Broadway scene.

Diesel attended Hunter College in New York, where he intended to major in theatre, but chose a more realistic major of English so that he could improve his writing skills. To pay the bills, he worked as a bouncer at some

of Manhattan's most popular nightclubs; however, his true passion remained rooted in acting.

After three years of college, Diesel dropped out in order to go to Los Angeles hoping that immersing himself in theatre would help him make his own film. However, he failed to find work as an actor and had to take a telemarketing job to cover his debt.

Later Diesel returned home to New York discouraged and disappointed, but his mother encouraged him to follow his dreams. He soon penned several screenplays and turned them into films in which he both directed and acted.

Diesel was finally noticed by the film industry when his short film *Multi-Facial* debuted at the 1995 Cannes Film Festival. *Multi-Facial* was based on his experiences growing up and his perception of multiculturalism and identity.

Two years later, in 1997, his first full-length feature, *Strays*, took the stage at the Sundance Film Festival. Diesel wrote, co-produced, directed and starred in *Strays*, which was based on the premise of male friendship.

Although *Strays* was the more successful of the two films, it was *Multi-Facial* which won him the approval of Steven Spielberg and landed him in his first role in a major motion picture as an ill-fated private in *Saving Private Ryan*.

Diesel went on to voice the title character in the children's film *The Iron Giant* before breaking into the stereotypical action hero roles that he is most closely linked to today.

After his first starring role as a convict turned survivor in *Pitch Black*, Diesel finally solidified himself as a



The green leafy herb looks somewhat like ground basil or mint.

## Herbal high: Salvia?

Not a party drug and no longer a secret

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Salvia Divinorum is one drug of the next generation. Young people, especially high school students, are experimenting with this drug that has always been around, but not really exploited until recently. This soft-leaved green plant is native to Southern Mexico and contains Salvinorin, a powerful psychoactive chemical. Traditionally, this herb has been used for healing, but in the early 1990s, it became very popular in the underground psychedelic culture. Today, many refer to Salvia Divinorum as just Salvia, but slang terms are "Mary's Herb," "The Female" or "Mint."

Salvia is most commonly smoked or chewed, and the effects occur immediately. Within 20 to 45 seconds, you can feel the first effects; the peak comes within one to two minutes, and the plateau lasts anywhere from five to 10 minutes. The after effects are no longer than 15 to 20


minutes.

The intense effects it provides leave such an impression on people that in a 2004 study, 54.4 percent of people who tried Salvia said they would definitely do it again. Many have reported to feel connected with a larger "whole," with a sense of profound understanding as well as the feeling that they were flying, floating, twisting or turning after using this legal herb.

Some people have experienced multiple realities, visual alterations, loss of physical coordination and uncontrollable laughter. Many try it because it is legal, easy to access, not habit forming, has a brief duration, seldom leaves one with side-effects and apparently cannot lead to an overdose. Just as with everything else, there are some negative side effects. Most people who have tried Salvia have reported to experience intense experiences with fear, terror and panic, as well as excessive perspiration. This potent herb affects everyone a little differently depending on their

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**Salvia** from page A4

body chemistry, age, gender and physical health.

"As long as one is in a comfortable place with trusted friends, the intense high of Salvia seems harmless. Although Salvia can give the illusion of pain or heavy pressure on the muscles, it is a unique and fun substance that I would try again," said Cyane Jones, sophomore communication major.

Many people claim that noise distractions will interfere with the experience. When using Salvia, watching television is annoying, along with the sound of the radio, but being with a few people in a quiet or natural place is wonderful.

People are quick to judge this legal drug just because it is sometimes marketed as a "legal cannabis substitute," but the effects that are produced by Salvia are not generally perceived as those created by marijuana.

Sore throat and lung irritation have been reported after smoking Salvia, but it is not considered to be physically addicting or likely to cause psychological dependence. There appears not to be a tolerance level for Salvia, so an experience can be extended by simply smoking more.

It is recommended that one does not operate heavy machinery or drive while experiencing Salvia. It's best to have someone with you, in case you try to stand up and move around because coordination will be off and you are likely to fall, so lying on the floor is the safest place to be when using Salvia. Whether you choose to try it or not, remember to use it in a safe, responsible matter in a private place, and always keep in mind that all drugs, legal or otherwise, can be harmful to your body and everything should be used in moderation.

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**Fast Facts**

Salvia is legal in every state, except for Louisiana.

The visionary effects are best perceived by closing your eyes.

It seems that you cannot take a fatal overdose.

Creates a distinct feeling of being in a different world.

Salvia can be ordered online.

**Diesel** from page A4

Hollywood hero when he played a car thief and street racer in the hit *The Fast and the Furious*.

Since *The Fast and the Furious*, Diesel has played the hero in the action adventures *XXX*, *A Man Apart* and *The Chronicles of Riddick*. *The Chronicles of Riddick* was a follow up to his previous film *Pitch Black* with a budget of \$100 million.

He has also ventured into a comedic role while playing a Navy SEAL who protects a family in Disney's *The Pacifier*. The \$100 million box office success of *The Pacifier* gave Diesel more fame and bridged the generation gap of his audience.

Diesel is currently starring in *Find Me Guilty*, about the longest Mafia trial in U.S. history. He is also starring in *Hitman*, a movie adaptation of the popular gaming series based on the deadliest assassin alive, which is due out in theaters on June 15.

Diesel plans to continue writing and directing movies, but in the meantime he is enjoying his acting success by continuing to take roles that are challenging both physically and mentally.

Look for his new movie *Find Me Guilty* in theaters now.

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**1st Person**

**Vin Diesel**

This former club bouncer muscled his way into stardom by becoming the next tough guy action hero.


**Vital statistics**

- Born: July 18, 1967, New York City
- Parents: Mother, an astrologer; stepfather, theater director, teacher (never knew his biological father)
- Siblings: His twin, Paul, a film editor; two sisters
- Education: Anglo-American International School; studied English at Hunter College, dropped out after three years


**Did you know?**

- Real name: Mark Vincent
- Stage struck: Discovered acting through his stepdad; started at age 5
- Night shift: Bouncer at high-end Manhattan clubs; his bouncer nickname became his stage name
- Do-it-yourself movie: Wrote, financed, directed, starred in two short films; Steven Spielberg saw one at 1995 Cannes Film Festival; gave Diesel part in "Saving Private Ryan"
- Multicultural: Takes pride in his mixed roots, but makes a point of not identifying his ethnicity; his production company is named One Race
- Youth appeal: Almost two-thirds of the audience for "XXX" was under 25

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### N.C. indoor football team cancels season

(AP) - The Carolina Ghostriders indoor football team will not finish its inaugural season because of financial problems, the team owner said. Robert W. Boyd said he had tried unsuccessfully to sell the team to the American Indoor Football League before deciding to shut down operations. The Ghostriders are 0-4 this season, with an average attendance of about 1,270 at its two home games in Asheville. Earlier this month, Boyd accused the team's former general manager, David Dix, in a criminal complaint of embezzling at least \$2,000 from him and then leaving behind unpaid bills. Ghostriders coach Jim Terry said the league may create a traveling team to play the Ghostriders remaining games.

### Fan found guilty in 2004 brawl

The man accused of sparking the brawl between players and fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills in 2004 was convicted of assault Monday for punching Ron Artest. John Green was acquitted, however, of throwing a cup at Artest - who was playing for the Pacers at the time - before the forward charged into the stands and began fighting with Detroit Pistons fans. Green was the last person with a case pending after the brawl, one of the worst in U.S. sports history. He faces up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Sentencing was scheduled for May 1. The 41-year-old contractor chewed gum and showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. Green and his attorney, Shawn Patrick Smith, said afterward that they would appeal on grounds that Artest was not present for the trial.

### Sampson, Indiana working to complete deal

(AP) - Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson and Indiana were completing contract details Tuesday that would make him the Hoosiers' next basketball coach, a person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press. Sampson's hiring would give the Hoosiers a widely respected coach and proven recruiter. He has been successful in two major conferences - the Pac-10 and Big 12, once served as president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and has coached on five national teams. In 12 seasons with the Sooners, Sampson went 279-109 and led the Sooners to 12 straight postseason appearances, including their first Final Four trip in more than a decade. His career record is 455-257. Sampson is one of six coaches with 20 or more wins each of the past nine seasons. The others are Arizona's Lute Olson (15), Kentucky's Tubby Smith (13), Duke's Mike Krzyzewski (10), Syracuse's Jim Boheim (9) and Connecticut's Jim Calhoun (9). But Sampson is also leaving behind a program that is under investigation. The NCAA is looking into more than 550 impermissible phone calls to recruits by Sampson and his assistant coaches. Oklahoma officials are scheduled to appear before an NCAA panel in Utah on April 21.

### Houston's insurance claim on Bagwell is denied

An insurance claim filed by the Houston Astros to recoup more than \$15 million owed to injured first baseman Jeff Bagwell has been denied. The National League champions filed the claim in January to recoup about \$15.6 million of the \$17 million Bagwell is guaranteed this season in the final year of his contract, arguing he is too hurt to play because of a chronically injured right shoulder. The 37-year-old Bagwell will begin the season on the disabled list and acknowledged Saturday he might never play again. But Ty Butthod, a partner for the Houston law firm Baker Botts and an outside attorney for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, said Monday that the Astros were told a few weeks ago that their claim would be denied. Butthod also noted that Bagwell's position in the contract was listed as "professional baseball player-non-pitcher." The Astros, however, are not giving up. Wayne Fisher, an attorney for the team, said he would give the insurance company two weeks to reconsider. Fisher said Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., deemed on Jan. 12 that Bagwell was "totally disabled to play baseball." Bagwell, perhaps the best hitter and most popular player in franchise history, missed 115 games last season following shoulder surgery but returned in time to play for Houston in the postseason. He was limited to duty as a pinch hitter and designated hitter in the World Series against the Chicago White Sox. He went 1-for-8 in the Series with an RBI. Bagwell then began the spring in a contentious dispute with the club while he tried to prove he could still play. He started several spring games at first base, but had to leave early in two of those because of soreness in his shoulder. He hit 219 with two RBIs but never had to make a tough throw. Bagwell said Saturday he will start the season on the 15-day disabled list and consult with a doctor to see if it would be beneficial to remove bone spurs from his shoulder.

## Papa Lou promises Gameday in Greenville



Linebackers coach Thomas "Rock" Roggenman runs drills during spring practice with the Pirates last week. ECU will have their second scrimmage Friday, March 31.

### Bucs spend bulk of time working on ground attack

ERIC GILMORE  
SENIOR WRITER

Legendary football coach Lou Holtz addressed his son's football team following a bruising 140-minute practice session on Monday afternoon. The motivational giant inspired ECU's players with his distinctive lisp and a trademark message.

"This football team is like a tree," said the former Notre Dame head coach turned ESPN analyst. "You're either growing or you're dying."

The elder Holtz continued by praising the team's strong 2005

showing against West Virginia, saying that WVU Head Coach Rich Rodriguez personally told him the Pirates were his toughest test.

With the pipe he smoked through much of practice tucked in his pocket, he continued by promising that if the team continues to grow and wins its first five games, then he'll influence ESPN Gameday to visit Greenville.

Prior to Lou, Sr.'s speech, Skip Holtz stressed accountability from his players both individually and as a collective unit. The younger Holtz laughed at his father's influence from observing a single practice considering he's been preaching the same message.

"You can keep on saying something and saying something

as a parent, and all of a sudden somebody at school or a guy that plays in the NFL or (ECU quarterback) James Pinkney says something to my son, and it's like, 'Dad, did you hear what he said?' It's like, yeah, you've been hearing that every day for the last 12 years," said Skip Holtz.

What Skip has been reiterating throughout spring is that the Pirates need to get more physical. The message was delivered in the form of full pads just three days after the first official intra-squad scrimmage.

"We're a long way away from being a team," Skip Holtz said.

"We're a little farther away than I wanted to be, so we came out and had a very physical practice."

The second-year coach praised many of the veterans, but remains concerned with players who aren't giving maximum efforts. The first depth chart will be made public on Wednesday afternoon. Immediately following the release, the Pirates will practice in shorts to prepare for the second scrimmage on Friday.

### Injuries

Chris Johnson will miss the rest of spring practice with a neck injury. Dominique Lindsay and Brandon Fractious have alternated at the starting running back slot in Johnson's absence.

Redshirt freshman Jeremy Chambliss' shoulder was nicked up during Friday's scrimmage.

Chambliss', a big surprise from the scout team, injury isn't too severe. However, it could require him to miss valuable practice time. Sophomore linebacker Jarrett Wiggins suffered an ankle injury earlier in camp and was seen on campus with crutches.

### Position battles

Center - Fred Hicks vs. Thomas Wingenbach

Middle linebacker - Fred Wilson vs. Durwin Lamb

Cornback - Travis Williams vs. Stacy Walls

Safety - Kyle Chase vs. Jamar Flournoy

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George Mason celebrates their first Final Four appearance in school history after their 86-84 overtime win over Connecticut.

## 11 reasons to love the 2006 NCAA Tournament

### Not a single No. 1 seed makes it to Indianapolis

#### OPINION

JOSH FERNANDEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Don't deny it - you're absolutely loving this year's NCAA tournament. Sure, maybe you lost some cash on your bracket, but who didn't? Out of the three million-plus brackets submitted to ESPN.com's Tournament Challenge, only four picked a Final Four that includes Florida, George Mason, LSU and UCLA. And for once, the Final Four consists of teams I'm glad to see there. Whichever team wins, I'll be happy knowing J.J. Redick is shedding a tear thinking of what could have been.

But I digress. I'm going to give you 11 reasons as to why the '06 tourney is one for the ages. If you're curious, by the way, the "11" derives from the seeding of the greatest Cinderella ever, George Mason, and its improbable run to the Final Four.

#### 1. No number 1 seeds

Without a single No. 1 seed in the Final Four, Dick Vitale is now having a brain aneurism. This phenomenon can only be attributed to the strong mid-major and at-large schools that were hungry to knock off a team like Duke or UConn. Maybe these big-name programs went home early because they underestimated their opponents. Maybe these improbable teams are just that good. Or maybe it was the selection committee under-seeding these teams that were supposed to lose? This is the first time since 1980 that no No. 1 seed was in the Final Four.

#### 2. The multitude of upsets

Take a look at these names - George Mason (obviously), Northwestern State, Bradley, Wichita State, Montana, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, not to mention the lesser upsets in between. The stories that will remain long after this tournament ends will entertain people for a quite some time. Jermaine Wallace's fade away three at the buzzer sent Iowa home and Northwestern State to the next round; Kansas

struggled against Bradley all day, same with Nevada's effort versus Montana; Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Wichita State, for those who knew, were predicted to do well in the tournament, but their namesakes said otherwise. Regardless, they all upset a few good teams and busted a lot of brackets.

#### 3. The repercussions of certain losses

It's possible, if not likely, that college basketball fans are going to get another dose of Adam Morrison, the Gonzaga star forward who, in all likelihood, would go in the top 10 of the 2006 NBA Draft. After the Zags heartbreaking loss at the hands of UCLA, "The Stache" is probably going to make another run for the title and a college degree as well. In general, though, teams that lost will surely be reevaluating their approach to taking on these mid-major schools since the name on their jerseys won't guarantee anything.

#### 4. The "changing of the guard"

I know it's a bit premature to say, but I think the NCAA is

approaching a new era of sorts; by that, I mean the teams we once expected to do well and win year in and year out, no matter what, are going to have to expect a tough game, every game. Obviously, there will be bad teams - that's a given. But now that high school kids are seeing these small, almost unknown schools beat the giants of the NCAA, they may be more inclined to play for them, leading to better teams all around, which leads to...

#### 5. The effect on recruiting

Recruiting, in my opinion, is going to become more difficult for coaches, especially after what's been going on the past few weeks. Like I said above, high school kids are watching mid-majors win big games, and we all know how superficial these kids are. They've got to go to best school, the one that's winning, the one that did well in the tournament, the one that will give them playing time. Well, now that more small schools are on the map and will most likely be on national television more often, it's safe

## 2006 NFL Draft: The Buckeye 'Hawk'eye

### Ohio State's A.J. Hawk top linebacker in draft

BY RON CLEMENTS  
STAFF WRITER

A.J. Hawk flirted with the idea of entering the NFL draft following his junior year. The Ohio State linebacker stuck around for his senior season and the decision should pay off nicely for Hawk, who is regarded as the top senior defensive prospect in next month's NFL Draft. Hawk leads a class that is considered to be the best since 2000, when Lavar Arrington, Brian Urlacher and Julian Peterson were selected.

Hawk led the Buckeyes in tackles for the second straight year in 2005 and was a first-team All-America selection. At 6 feet 1 inch and 240 pounds, he has the ideal size for an NFL middle linebacker and his field vision was nearly unparalleled. The 2005 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year was tops among linebackers with 9.5 sacks and 16.5 tackles for a loss. He could make a run at being the fifth linebacker in the last six years to win Defensive Rookie of the Year. Seattle's Lofa Tatupu won the award last season.

Including Hawk, the Big Ten has four of the top 10 linebacker prospects. Iowa's Chad Greenway, Abdul Hodge and Hawk's teammate in Columbus, Bobby Carpenter, are all locks to be day one draft picks. These four, along with Florida State's Ernie Sims and Alabama's Demeco Ryans, all have a chance at being selected in the first round. Hawk is a near lock as a top 10 pick, with the Packers, 49ers and Bills all showing interest.

Greenway has drawn comparisons to Chicago's Urlacher, even though he plays outside linebacker. At 6 feet 4 inches and

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# 'Big Baby' and LSU Tigers are wise beyond their years

KRT - The big guy known as "Big Baby" has the broadest shoulders and strongest arms among Louisiana State's basketball players, but Glen Davis discovered a new use for his muscles and a new definition of teammate when thousands of Gulf Coast refugees converged on Baton Rouge, La., in August after Hurricane Katrina battered their lives.

As the players morphed into M\*A\*S\*H unit volunteers, Davis became a human IV tree. Doctors pumped medicine into the injured while hanging bags of intravenous fluids on Davis' arms. One of those patients died in front of the 20-year-old, who cried as hard as he had since earning his nickname a decade earlier on the football field.

"It really touched me as far as my purpose in life to see a patient sitting there and everything they went through," Davis said. "So it really changed my life and gave me a purpose to strive for."

As if striving to win 20 games, excel in the Southeastern Conference and advance to the NCAA tournament weren't enough. The Tigers (27-8) are the youngest team headed to the Final Four in Indianapolis, with seven freshmen and only one senior. Most of the players were born in 1986, the last year LSU reached the Final Four.

Many fans believe the Tigers

are precociously playing beyond their years, but they were toughened more by their preseason observation of the storm ordeal than the on-court schedule.

"That was one of the times that the team began to really pull together, because we realized that at any point that could have been our campus that was hit," freshman forward Tyrus Thomas said. "We helped out, and a couple of us shared tears. It was an eye-opening experience for us."

Katrina devastated New Orleans but spared Baton Rouge, the state capital and home of the state university. Players had friends and family members who suffered but were not seriously harmed. Still, they took the storm's assault personally, perhaps more so since many of the players are local.

Davis, Thomas, freshman Garrett Temple, sophomore David Fleshman and junior Darnell Lazare are from Baton Rouge. Freshman Tasmir Mitchell is from Denham Springs, 10 miles away, and senior Darrel Mitchell is from St. Martinville, 45 miles away.

Some have known one another since they were toddlers, attended elementary school together or began playing together on AAU teams at 13. Several share apartments now.

"The care and concern that

these guys had for one another because of how long they have known each other and each other's families and their backgrounds, I think all of that makes a difference," LSU coach John Brady said.

Davis said he and Thomas are like kin, "brothers of a different mother." And there are occasions, Brady said, when they act like competitive siblings.

"If I put Glen Davis and Tyrus Thomas on an opposing team, as close as they

are, it becomes like two brothers in a fistfight," Brady said. "Our practice goes straight to meltdown mode."

After LSU beat Duke, Brady said Gov. Kathleen Blanco telephoned him to say what an "enormous amount of pride there has been for our team and state. Louisiana needed a positive image, and we're helping on that in our little way."

The Tigers might help a little more with a win or two in Indianapolis.



Davis cuts down his piece of the net after LSU's win over Texas.

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to say that the ACC, Big 10, Pac 10, Big East, SEC, Big XII, etc. had better watch out - the Missouri Valley, Colonial, and A-10 conferences are coming fast and they're hungry.

### 6. It sharpens our bracket ability

Now that essentially all of our brackets are worth about as much as a Billy Ripken rookie card, we can use the valuable tool of hindsight to better our 2007 brackets. Looking back, I, for example, picked UConn, Texas, Ohio State, and UCLA (still alive thankfully) to go to the Final Four. Respectively, that is a number one seed and three number twos. Looking back on the seeds that comprised the Final Fours of the past decade, my guesses for this year's bracket turned out to suck, frankly (actually, my *one* correct pick, UCLA, was positive considering two-thirds of the more than three million ESPN.com submissions got the Final Four completely wrong). Most Final Fours have, at most, two number ones and are peppered with seeds other than twos and threes. A lesson for the future - diversity.

### 7. Mid-majors earn more dough

Getting into the "Big Dance" is a great experience and opportunity in its own right; winning a game (or more) in it is a whole other story. According to Michigan State sports information director John Lewandowski, the Spartans took home \$1.2 million for their 2001 Final Four appearance. For a school like MSU,

one which has an endowment of \$1.325 billion, that figure is chump change. But for George Mason (\$135 million), Montana (\$8 million), or say East Carolina (\$70 million), that money is quite valuable. Bottom line: small schools are going to start pulling in the big money with these huge tournament wins, leading to better recruits and better programs.

### 8. The great games

"Impressive" doesn't do this tournament justice; "amazing" suits it much better. Down by 17 with less than nine minutes left, 14-seeded Northwestern State stormed back to cut Iowa's lead to two. Then Jermaine Williams connected on a fade away three-pointer with 0.5 seconds remaining for the win over the third-seeded Hawkeys. The double-overtime thriller between Boston College and Pacific was one for the ages. Tennessee and Winthrop put on a show. The lead changed numerous times; however, Chris Lofton's 19-foot jumper from the corner with 0.4 seconds remaining sealed the win for the Vols. Texas' stunning win over West Virginia, which saw Kevin Pittsnogle hit a three with seconds left to take the lead, only for Kenton Paulino to hit a buzzer-beating three to send the Longhorns to the next round. I know I'm forgetting some (the UConn and George Mason game), but it's clear that 2006 had more thrills packed into a single tourney than any other in recent memory.

### 9. Much-needed NCAA

a first-round prospect, with the Giants at 25 or the Steelers at 32 possible homes. At 6 feet 3 inches and 235 pounds and a 40-time around 4.7, Carpenter possesses all the tools teams are looking for at outside linebacker.

While Greenway, Hodge and Carpenter are day one locks, Florida State's Sims should be the second linebacker taken off the board. He leads a strong ACC class of linebackers, which includes Maryland's D'Qwell Jackson, Georgia Tech's Gerris Wilkinson, Virginia's Kai Parham, N.C. State's Oliver Hoyte and Stephen Tulloch and Florida State's A.J. Nicholson,

### shakeup

The NCAA needed a jolt - something that would, as the title says, shakeup the status quo. Like previously stated, there are zero No. 1 seeds in the Final Four and that, as a result, opens the door to so many new possibilities for the coming seasons. Future schedules will be scrutinized much more than in the past because early season match-ups with these "Cinderella" teams that once were pushovers are now big games. Keep in mind, most big-name schools frequently lose star players early to the NBA. That fact makes them more vulnerable since they're using young, inexperienced players that haven't yet been under the huge pressure of the tourney. Enter the mid-majors, teams that commonly see their players stay all four years and graduate and are not expected to win, which results in less pressure on their player's shoulders. These teams with experienced and seasoned seniors and juniors have an upper hand on the big-name schools we once assumed to win. Expect an even more competitive NCAA and more parity.

### 10. Next season

Next season should be a treat. So many new stories will arise, and I foresee much of the drama from this year to carry over to next season. For example, Duke, Boston College, Villanova and Memphis, teams that were supposed to do great, did just that; however, they couldn't last until the end. How will they fare next

season after losing their integral players? Teams that were rebuilding but surprised this season, like Ohio State (expecting 18-year-old, 7-footer Greg Oden, widely considered to be the best high school basketball player in the United States) and UNC (Tyler Hansborough will be back after his astounding freshman campaign), should be great. If not the best in the NCAA because of returning players and incoming future stars. Then, of course, there are the stories that will materialize as the coming months progress.

### 11. George Mason

Before this year, George Mason had never won an NCAA tournament game; they are the lowest seed (since the 1986 64-team expansion) to reach the Final Four since No. 11 LSU in 1986; only 1,853 entries on ESPN.com picked the Patriots to reach the Final Four, which is a mere .0006% of the three million-plus total entries. George Mason beat No. 6 MSU, No. 2 UNC, No. 7 Wichita State and No. 1 UConn on its way to the Final Four. They are the first true "outsider" to crash the Final Four since Penn and Indiana State both got there in 1979. They are the ultimate underdog and I'll tell you this much - I'm rooting for "Mason," the team that on Sunday pulled off the greatest upset in NCAA history and could possibly accomplish one of the greatest team efforts in the history of sport.

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235 pounds, he could be a perfect fit as an outside backer in a 3-4 defense like Baltimore's.

Hodge might be the best athlete in the linebacker crop. The Iowa middle man has been a playmaker for the Hawkeys for the last four years. He led the Hawkeye defense to the Big Ten title in 2004 and had another solid season in 2005 with a conference-high 158 tackles. Hodge also recorded 11 tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and a sack.

A bit overshadowed by Hawk, Carpenter still stood out enough with eight sacks to make him

who hails from Winston-Salem, Maryland's William Kershaw, from Raeford, N.C., is another ACC prospect.

Although Jackson and Tulloch were 1-2 in the ACC in tackles, it's Sims' potential, athleticism and ability to play behind the line that has him rated so high. The Eagles, who need an outside linebacker, seem to be a strong option for Sims with the 14th overall pick.

East Carolina's Chris Moore led Conference USA in tackles in 2004 and in tackles for a loss in 2005 with 15, but it's UTEP's Thomas Howard who is receiving the NFL draft hype. Howard has

the prototypical NFL size for a linebacker at 6 feet 3 inches and 240 pounds. Howard's 40-time of 4.42 impressed scouts at the combine and his instincts made him a great sideline-to-sideline player for the Miners. ECU's Richard Koonce will probably not get drafted, but should be signed post-draft and brought into a camp.

This is the second part in a series of draft previews. Next week, I will preview the defensive backs. The NFL Draft is April 28-29 in New York City.

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