

Military Service Celebration

Recognition of ECU's military services and programs

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Last Tuesday at 10 a.m., the Military Service Celebration commenced at the Victory Bell adjacent to Christenbury Memorial Gym to celebrate ECU's past and present military services. The brief program, which ran for approximately 30 minutes, was held in compliance with Founders Week and was a tribute to the contributions and services our military have provided.

The ceremony began with opening remarks by Chancellor Steve Ballard through which he reflected upon the current global challenges our armed forces face and the sacrifices they have made to allow the rest of our country to remain secure.

He put the situation in perspective while recognizing ECU's own military programs and expressed a sentiment of pride in acknowledging this establish-

Second meeting over the renaming of MLK Street held

A problem with paperwork or a problem with race?

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The second town meeting discussing the renaming of a street in Greenville after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was held in Eppes Recreation Center on Nash Street on Monday, March 27. The issue of the change has spread through the city over the past month. There were significantly more people at this meeting than the first one held in the Willis Building on February 27.

There are a number of options being tossed around as to which street will receive the change. The main street that most citizens would prefer to change is Fifth Street as a tribute to Dr. King since half of it already is.

Another possible change would be to Hooker Road between Pitt Memorial Hospital and the Convention Center.

This would have public visibility, but it is not a major thoroughfare.

It is generally preferred to put the name change in an area that is either diverse or connects different races and classes of people so there is not the stereotype of Martin Luther King Street

always being in a "black neighborhood."

The big idea is to change Fifth Street to MLK starting at Evans Street to 10th Street, and from Green Street all the way down to Highway 43.

This has its pros and cons just like the any other street, but seems to be the favored option. The goal is to come up with several options and compromise.

Renaming 10th Street is more of a celebratory honor to Dr. King and has the possibility of being a quicker process since it is maintained by Greenville rather than the state.

There is also the issue of whether people are against it



Controversy continues to surround the renaming of Fifth Street.

because of too much trouble and paperwork, or if it is an issue of segregation and racism.

Most of the time, streets attributed to MLK have been in predominately African American areas, causing Greenville citizens to think that it will give the residents on that road the stereotype

of being lower class because of the issue of racism in this town. "Racism is still an issue in this town and we should make the renaming a metaphorical bridge among all the citizens," said Greenville native R.J. Hemby.

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Wall Street conspiracy?

Short sellers and their effect on the market are being examined

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Shorting a stock is a technique that involves borrowing a security, selling it immediately, hoping it will drop in price to be purchased back less expensively and used to replace the borrowed stock. Depository Trust Clearing Corp., which once faced 14 lawsuits from companies accusing it of damaging their stock price, arranges the borrowing. All but three lawsuits have dismissed so far. The profit comes from the difference between the beginning price and the fallen price. The recent trouble is that a lot of stock-shorters are entering into this deal without actually borrowing the stock. When a stock is shorted without it being either owned or borrowed by the shorter then it is called a "naked short."

CEO Patrick Byrne of Overstock, a competitor of Amazon, said, "Last week, DTCC reported 8,970,394 Overstock.com shares on deposit, while Nasdaq reported short interest in Overstock.com of 9,578,481 shares for the same week. That means the total number of shares sold short exceeded the actual number of shares available, suggesting that some shares have been sold 'naked.' There is no publicly available data on trades that failed to be delivered."

Byrne, who is leading a campaign to have the SEC devise and enforce tougher guidelines than the ones it implemented in January 2005, once said that Overstock stock was under the

influence of a "Sith Lord" taken from the dark lord who manipulated the Republic behind the scenes into becoming the Empire by providing disinformation and distrust among the Republic's power brokers in the Star Wars prequel trilogy which explained why Overstock appeared to be under performing. The key connection between the two being disinformation.

While some dismiss Byrne's statements as whining rhetoric, there are other stocks which seem to be under mysterious influence as well. Novastar Financial, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, and Biovail have long been rumored to have been under this control.

The issue is that hedge funds, which are like mutual funds except that they make their profits typically on securities like stocks falling in price. These hedge funds can often generate astronomical returns for a short time and usually the investors of that fund get hooked on the high returns and therefore seek to flood the financial media with bad news to make certain stocks decline, though some of the time this negatively generated news is either inconsequential or lacking objectivity. The media will then report this news and investors will sell thus causing the share price to decline.

After the Great Depression, legislation was passed creating the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is a federal agency designed to curtail unfair securities trading. Byrne believes that the naked shorts will bring about in his own words "a systemic collapse."

The Great Depression was

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"Collection for Clement," new code of conduct hot subjects at SGA meeting on Monday



Jon Massachi explains "Collection for Clement" to SGA members.

Student senators meet for business

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The Student Government Association met yesterday with a number of orders of business and announcements for students.

One concern at the meeting, under the special orders section of the agenda, was the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is the set of conduct policies for the university that regard a variety of different areas including

academic integrity, DUIs and financial identity theft.

There has been recommendation that violations that would not involve suspension or expulsion, be left in administrators hands.

ECU has been under the system where a student facing violations could be judged by a panel of student peers. The meeting this evening re-affirmed that this should still be acceptable even if it is as small as a warning or a fine.

SGA Attorney General, Brian Mitchell will take any requested

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Community points the way to peace

(KRT) — The voting station looked like hundreds of other polling places, from the Galilee hills to the Negev desert. There was an Israeli flag, a blue ballot box and a team of election officials.

But Election Day in this tiny Israeli town midway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was significantly different from what it was in the rest of the nation: Jews and Arabs voted together.

There were many places in Israel to measure the emotional significance of last Tuesday's pivotal Knesset elections. But one of the most unusual was this model community on a lush hillside where the coastal plain rises into the Jerusalem hills.

Here, Jews and Arab citizens of Israel not only live in the same town, they are allowed to move in only if they promise to participate in programs aimed at finding common ground and working out their differences.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Neve Shalom, Hebrew for "Oasis of Peace," did not support the victorious Kadima Party, which is trumpeting a plan to set up a security border to separate the Palestinian-dominated West

Bank from the Jewish homeland.

"We tend to go for liberals, even communists," Rita Boulos, a Palestinian Christian, said after dropping her ballot into a box at the town's community center.

"We are trying to live together," she added. "We don't always succeed. You don't have to be in love with everyone here. You just have to understand and respect them."

There is a 60s, utopian-commune feel to Neve Shalom. As voters trickled to the community center, they walked past a rack of pamphlets that advertised such things as holistic therapy.

Later, the day's gossip was not about politics, but about a possible concert this summer by Roger Waters of Pink Floyd fame.

The laid-back style is deceiving, though. The town takes great pride in not only organizing programs for residents but in reaching out to others to spread its message.

"We are doing something unusual," said Elan Frish, 58, one of the town's original Jewish residents.

"We are pioneers. This is a model for the country. Arabs and



Cultures merged as Jewish and Arab citizens cast their vote in Israel.

Jews can live together."

"We chose a different way of life," Frish's 23-year-old daughter, Adi, said. "There is a lot of prejudice in Israel from both sides. The rest of the country doesn't think like us."

Founded in the 1970s by a Roman Catholic Dominican brother, the town's charter calls for equal numbers of Jewish and Arab residents.

It now has about 25 families

from each group, with Arab families almost evenly divided between Christian and Muslim. In keeping with the inclusive attitude, many residents not only recite the town's Hebrew name when saying where they live, but go out of their way to include an Arabic translation as well, Wahat al-Salam.

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Announcements:

The Time of Your Life

Thursday, April 6 - 8 and 10 - 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. in McGinnis Theater

By William Saroyan. Wandering in and out of Nick's waterfront saloon are vivid characters wanting to get more out of life, but unsure how to do it. Inside the bar are the lonely, the cynical, and the loveless disusing war, art, good and evil. But, like a flower in the desert, one man starts to fall in love. It's heart-breaking, tender and funny. This is a great character study and an actor's masterpiece.

Tickets required. General Public-\$12; Senior Citizens and current ECU Faculty/Staff-\$10; and Youth/Current ECU Student-\$8 in advance. \$12 at the door. Central Ticket Office, 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

B.J. Ward in Stand Up Opera

Saturday, April 8 in Wight Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Four-octave vocalist and comedienne B.J. Ward shows no mercy as she spoofs the arias of Verdi, Puccini, Dvorak and more.

Tickets required. Purchase masterpiece subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth, \$72 for ECU Students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff, \$84 for youth, \$48 for ECU students. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Dec. 2 for \$24 public, \$22 ECU faculty/staff, \$12 youth, and \$10 ECU student. All tickets at the door are \$24. Group discounts are available for groups of fifteen or more. Central Ticket Office, 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

2006 Whichard Lecture in the Humanities: Peter Green

Monday, April 10 in the Science Technology Building room C207
Dr. Peter Green will present the Spring 2006 Whichard Lecture in the Humanities for Harriet College and the Department of History. His topic is "Possession and Pneuma: The Essential Nature of the Delphic Oracle." Free and open to the public.
For more information, contact Rebecca Futrell 252-328-6496

GREENVILLE CONTRATHON!

Live, acoustic old-time and Celtic musical Saturday, April 8 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Willis Building Workshops, 11:00 a.m. Centre Dance callers (Tom Hinds) and 3:00 p.m. International Folk Dance (Dr. Dawn), and afternoon waltz; BIG Contra Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Willis Building. First and Reade Streets downtown. Students \$3 each, afternoon and evening; FASG members and public \$5 or \$8 each, afternoon and evening. Co-sponsored by ECU Folk and Country Dancers. A non-smoking, non-alcoholic event. For more information call: Michael Cotter at 752-8854 for ECU Folk and Country Dancers.

CDFR GSA Graduate Research Forum

The CDFR GSA is sponsoring a Graduate Research Forum on Monday, April 10 from 3-5 p.m. in the Rivers Building Student Lounge (Room 135). If you are looking to share your research and experiences, then this is your opportunity! We are accepting any of the following types of presentations: Research, Teaching, Clinical Service, and Theoretical. Awards will be given for Best Research Poster and Overall Favorite Poster. If interested, please e-mail your Name, Title of Presentation and a Brief Abstract to Dr. Robinson at robinson@ecu.edu. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 31.

Meridian Residency Brass Concert

Tuesday, April 4 in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact: 252-328-4270 or visit ecu.edu/music

ECU Percussion Ensemble

Thursday, April 6 in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall at 8 p.m.
Directed by John Whacker, free and open to the public.
Contact information: 252-328-4270 or music.ecu.edu

State:

Woman charged with cutting off hand during fight

(AP) - A woman wanted for cutting off the hand of another woman during a fight has surrendered to authorities. Adrienne Moultrie, 20, of Columbia, turned herself in Saturday afternoon at the Allendale Police Department, said Chris Cowan, Richland County sheriff's spokesman.

Richland County deputies had information Moultrie was in the area. They talked to her family and persuaded her to surrender, Cowan said. Moultrie is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. She was at the Richland County Jail Saturday. Moultrie and the victim were fighting over a man Thursday, when Moultrie got a large knife and cut the other woman's hand off, deputies said.

Grandfather Mountain work on accurate wind gauging

(AP) - Questions about a reported gust of at least 200 mph atop Grandfather Mountain have led to a cooperative effort between weather experts and officials there to measure fierce winds at the peak. When a wind gauge, topped out at 200 mph, was destroyed overnight on Jan. 24-25 near the Summit of Grandfather Mountain, it made news across the country. It was the highest recorded wind in North Carolina, and approached a legendary world record of 231 mph, set in 1934 at Mount Washington, N.H. But though scientists often question that the measurement was made in good faith, they said they couldn't be compared with measurements taken at other weather stations that meet guidelines of the National Weather Service or the World Meteorological Organization.

When Baker Perry, an inventor at Appalachian State University, heard the news about the record-setting wind, he called Grandfather Mountain president Crae Morton to talk about it. Perry said that there was a lot of good will on both sides as they figured out how new equipment could help them compare 'apples to apples' in measuring winds.

Morton said he was happy to get the help and met in March with what he calls an "all-star cast" for a weather summit at Grandfather Mountain. The

group included Perry and fellow ASU professors Pete Soule and Ray Russell; National Weather Service experts from the Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., center, including Larry Gabric, the meteorologist in charge of the center; and Ryan Boyles, an associate state climatologist. It also included Grant Goodge, well known in mountain-weather circles, who recently retired but is still under contract with the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville.

Morton and the scientists say that they are looking forward to seeing the new readings. The equipment will provide a way to see how Grandfather compares with the windiest places in the world.

"We have high winds," Morton said. "When we get these high winds, they'll be official."

National:

Former hostage Jill Carroll returns to the United States

(AP) - Jill Carroll, the U.S. journalist held hostage for 82 days in Iraq, returned to the United States on Sunday aboard a commercial flight to Boston.

The 28-year-old was accompanied on the Lufthansa flight by a colleague from her employer, the Boston-based Christian Science Monitor, according to reporters on the plane. Carroll declined to comment while on the flight. She left the airport in a black limousine escorted by state police and arrived a short time later at the newspaper's headquarters. She was released Thursday after nearly three months in captivity. She was seized Jan. 7 in western Baghdad by gunmen who killed her Iraqi translator while the two were on the way to meet a Sunni Arab official in one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods.

Carroll left the Ramstein Air Base in southwestern Germany on Saturday after arriving from Balad Air Base in Baghdad. She strongly disavowed statements she had made during captivity in Iraq and shortly after her release, saying she had been repeatedly threatened. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was held prisoner for more than five years during the Vietnam War, on Sunday said Carroll found herself in "a terrible, terrible position" and said Americans should view her taped statements critical of the U.S. military presence in Iraq in that context.

"I will not engage in polemics. But let me be clear: I abhor all who kidnap and murder civilians, and

my captors are clearly guilty of both crimes," she said. Carroll thanked those who had helped secure her release and said she wanted time to recover. "This has been a taxing 12 weeks for me and for my family," she said. "Please allow us some quiet time alone, together."

IBM helping its employees move from Big Blue into the classroom

(AP) - After more than three decades at IBM, Larry Leise and Susan Luerich could be planning a leisurely retirement. World travels, perhaps. Or maybe morning tee times, followed by afternoons at the helm of a boat. Instead, the married couple are headed back to college, with plans to start new careers in retirement as high school science teachers.

"Seeing the proverbial light bulb come on (in a student), there is no better feeling," said Luerich, 54. "It's a way to give back." "We're only as successful as our innovation is and we have to have future talent that will bring that kind of innovative thinking and help us as future employees," said Rick Falknor, a community relations manager at IBM. So far, hundreds of employees of Armonk, N.Y.-based IBM have expressed interest in the program, through which the company will financially support employees as they earn teaching credentials. Employees will continue to work for IBM while taking classes, with a leave of absence for time spent student teaching, supported by up to \$15,000 in tuition reimbursements and stipends.

Both plan to take classes at N.C. State through Holley's program. Luerich needs to take biology and Leise needs to study earth science, Holley said. They also will take teaching courses and attend seminars on hot topics in education, such as emergencies in schools and diversity. When finished, both will have earned a North Carolina teaching license.

They haven't decided where they want to start their new careers, but are excited about the opportunity. Luerich said she had always thought about teaching after she retired, but never had a clear plan on how to actually do it. Now, she does. And IBM is paying to make it happen. "I believe that a teacher has the ability to make a huge impact on the future," Luerich said.

International:

Iran says it has successfully test fired new high-speed torpedo

(AP) - Iran announced its second major new missile test within days, saying Sunday it has successfully fired a high-speed torpedo capable of destroying huge warships and submarines.

The tests came during war games that Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards have been holding in the Gulf and the Arabian Sea since Friday at a time of increased tensions with the United States over Tehran's nuclear program. The Iranian-made torpedo, called the "Hoot," or "whale," has a speed of 223 miles per hour, said Gen. Ali Fadavi, deputy head of the Revolutionary Guards' Navy.

"It has a very powerful warhead designed to hit big submarines. Even if enemy warship sensors identify the missile, no warship can escape from this missile because of its high speed," Fadavi told state-run television.

It was not immediately clear whether the torpedo can carry a nuclear warhead. State-run television, which stopped its normal programs to break news of the test, showed a brief clip of the launch from a ship into the waters of the Gulf. Television pictures also showed the torpedo hitting the target, a ship on the surface of the water.

The new weapon could raise concerns over Iran's nuclear power in the Gulf, where during the war with Iraq in the 1980s Iranian forces attacked oil tankers from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, prompting a massive U.S. naval operation to protect them. The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet is based on the tiny Arab island nation of Bahrain in the Gulf. The missile tests end war games this time around coincide with increasing tension between Iran and the West over Tehran's controversial nuclear program.

The United States and its allies believe Iran is seeking to develop nuclear weapons, but Tehran denies that, saying its program is for generating electricity. The U.N. Security Council is demanding that Iran halt its uranium enrichment activities. But an Iranian envoy said its activities are "not reversible."

Iran launched an arms development program during its 1980-88 war with Iraq to compensate for a U.S. weapons embargo. Since 1992, Iran has produced its own tanks,

armored personnel carriers, missiles and a fighter plane.

U.S. says helicopter that crashed was probably shot down; two crew members presumed dead

(AP) - An Apache helicopter that crashed southwest of Baghdad was believed to have been shot down and the two crew members were presumed dead, the U.S. military said Sunday.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, meanwhile, made a surprise visit to press Iraqi politicians to speed up the formation of the government. Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari faced mounting pressure from his Shiite allies to step aside from seeking a second term amid opposition from minority Sunnis and Kurds.

Also Sunday, the military reported the deaths of three American soldiers, raising to at least 2,331 U.S. service members killed since the Iraq war started on March 2003, not including the two who died in the helicopter crash. Elsewhere, insurgents blew up a small Shiite mosque northeast of Baghdad on Sunday, while police reported that at least 42 bodies were found in several neighborhoods of the Iraqi capital.

The bodies were all handcuffed and had been shot in the head or chest, said police Maj. Fahah al-Mohammedawi. Three were discovered Sunday, and the rest were discovered Saturday. They apparently were victims of revenge killings between Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

Roadside bombs targeted U.S. convoys in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, and the northern city of Mosul, but no American casualties were reported.

"We haven't heard any solid information about who could have been behind this operation," said al-Mutlaq. "I think this may be a political issue."

On Saturday, Qassim Dawoud was the first Shiite politician to join Sunnis and Kurds in publicly calling for a new Shiite nominee. Shiite politicians get first crack at the prime minister's job because they are the largest block in parliament.

U.S. officials believe a government of national unity would be a major step toward calming the insurgency and restoring order three years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein. That would enable the U.S. and its coalition partners to begin withdrawing troops.

You can't judge a book by its cover

(KRT) - It is Friday night at the Burger King at 55th Street and Pulaski Road in Chicago. As a group of teenagers sit in, Bob Davis is in the kitchen, scooping hot fries into a small box and, in one sprint-speed motion, delivering it to a customer at the front of the restaurant. Meanwhile, someone is pulling up to the drive-thru speaker outside.

"Welcome to Burger King," Davis says into his headset while scooting over to check on the deep fryer. "Can I take your order?" Davis, 49, is now the restaurant's general manager, but in his 25 years in fast food he has held just about every lower-rung job there is, starting with making sandwiches and cleaning up as a 16-year-old in need of cash. He's done a few other things along the way - as a young man, he worked construction for a while, and a few years ago, went after an opportunity to manage a group of gas stations. The hours were easier and the economics of the oil and gas industry fascinated him. But Davis missed the interactions with people and the pace of the work in fast food, so he came back.

"I never thought I'd be in this business as long as I have," he says. "But you know how sometimes people think they were meant to do something? I think this is where I was meant to be."

A few miles away are the McDonald's where Bob Mosley works. At the beginning of his shift one recent night, Mosley is emptying trashcans and analyzing football with an older man sitting in a booth. "I'm going with the Panthers," Mosley says. "The way they've been beating everyone, I've got to."

As Mosley ties the top of a bulging bag of garbage, two women in another booth start giggling.

"Hey, there," one of them shouts at Mosley.

He shrugs, slings the bag over his shoulder and moves off. He is a big, stocky man, and his movements are deliberate and weighty,

as if the ground might thunder and shake when he walks.

The woman persists. "I'm just trying to make you smile," she says.

Mosley shrugs again and does his best not to smile. "Man, I got a job to do," he says, grabbing a broom and dustpan.

Closing in on 50 years old, Mosley makes \$6.50 an hour with no benefits. It's not enough to live on, but along with his pay from two other manual-labor jobs, he says he does all right. "Food service is a fast-paced industry, and I like it because you meet people," he says. "I mean, I meet all kinds of people." He does not gesture toward the woman in the booth, but he doesn't have to.

Two men, both quite different. But each has found a home in fast food, the quickest-growing sector of the American economy. By now, it's not news that the service industry has replaced manufacturing as the public symbol of U.S. business. According to Louis Cain, an economic historian at Loyola University Chicago, manufacturing accounts for only 20 percent of today's economy while the service industry makes up about 75 percent.

And fast food - or the quick-service restaurant industry, as it prefers to be known - now employs a hefty 2.5 percent of the civilian labor force (the construction trades account for 5.4 percent, by comparison).

What is more surprising, though, is the diversity among the 3.8 million Americans working in the country's roughly 185,000 fast food restaurants. There is room within the industry's tent for all kinds of people, unlike the manufacturing world of yesteryear, where male dominance and the frequent necessity of union membership often made it exclusionary.

Those in the most visible fast-food jobs - people who prepare the food, take customer orders and maintain the restaurants - include college graduates and individuals with decades of

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Romance: The latest revolution in China



Matchmaking websites and speed-dating are new to China.

(KRT) — The ad on a popular Chinese Web site left nothing to chance: "Seeking girlfriend: born 1979 or later; education no less than high school, no more than a master's; no shyness; no severe

Less than a generation ago, most Chinese couples met at work in the village or neighborhood, occasionally, simply, a "relative swap," pairing the son and daughter of one family, say, with the daughter and son of another.

But as the Chinese shed the bounds of their villages and traditions, they are embracing power to pick their mates with unprecedented precision. That change captures the essential evolution in Chinese economics, politics and social life today: the soaring power of choice.

"It is hard to find even a university student in the countryside, much less a Ph.D.," said Li Zhihui, a 31-year-old doctoral student, scanning the crowd

of women recently at a speed-dating event where attendees had been encouraged to bring their diplomas.

With an estimated 300 million rural citizens expected to move to Chinese cities over the next 15 years, the largest migration in human history has produced a once-unimaginable array of options, in information, products, ideas and sex.

"In this day and age, some people are still too passive," said Gong Haiyan, 30, the founder of love21cn.com, a Chinese matchmaking Web site that targets upwardly mobile singles. "They think Mr. Right will come to them, but that happens very rarely."

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On road signs, however, Israel's government just sticks with the Hebrew name.

Indeed, the town's mayor said no Israeli prime minister has ever visited his community, even though it has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and praised by such luminaries as Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel.

Indeed, at times, Israel's government has been a bit befuddled by Neve Shalom.

The town's elementary school has both Jewish and Arab students. Even in Israeli towns with substantial Arab populations, most Jewish and Arab students attend separate public schools.

And when Neve Shalom applied for government agricultural funds to help pay for its sheep farm, the town ran into a not-so-small bureaucratic wall: Was this an Arab farm or a Jewish farm?

Israel's Agriculture Ministry maintained separate funding for farms run by Jewish and Arab citizens.

Neve Shalom residents often chuckle in recounting such moments in their town's history. But those moments underscore a fact of life: The town is so different from the rest of Israel that citizens on the outside have a dif-

icult time understanding it.

Here, Arab and Jewish children not only study in the same classrooms, they play on the same soccer field and swim in the same community pool.

"Our country is for Jews and Arabs, and both peoples have to live together," said Ahmed Hijazi, a 39-year-old Muslim. "The diversity enriches us."

If there is a dividing line, it's dating among singles. Residents say that while Arab and Jewish young people may attend dances together, few go on dates and none have married outside their ethnic group.

Residents say town meetings are a mix of the political and the pedantic. Sometimes, they exchange views about such hot-button topics as how the Israel government is building fences and walls in the West Bank to separate Jewish settlements from Palestinian villages. At other times, though, discussions focus on how low residents are playing their stereotypes.

"What we have is a community of good intentions," Mayor Rayek Rizek said.

Rizek, 53, a Palestinian Christian, runs a cafe and gift shop just across the parking lot from the town's community center.

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customer-service experience working alongside teenagers, undocumented immigrants, former welfare recipients and unskilled laborers who have spent years moving up through the burger and fish sandwich ranks. And, contrary to what many believe, thousands of positions, such as those in management and marketing, demand people with years of training and experience specifically in the fast-food world.

Davis clearly isn't the stereotypical fast-food worker. A middle-class father of four, he has worked at the same Burger King for three years, driving an hour each way from his home in Crown Point, Ind. His father was a pipe fitter, but even as a boy Davis knew he wanted to do something else. "I really didn't have any interest as far as working in a steel mill," he says.

But when he graduated from Crown Point High School in 1974, he couldn't find work, so his uncle, an officer with Local 41 of the Laborer's Union, helped him get a job as a construction

laborer, and for extra cash Davis went back to Burger King as a part-time shift manager. He liked it.

"Doing it part-time gave me the inkling that it was something I wanted to do (as a career)," he says. Five years later, he got married and moved into fast food as a full-time manager.

Along the way, Davis tried doing a few other things. He managed six Little Caesar's carryout stores for a year in the mid-'80s, and then ran gas stations from 1999 to 2002. The few times he considered looking for other kinds of work — as the manager of a full-service restaurant, for example — he didn't get very far. "I guess it's the notoriety," he says. "Once you've been in the fast-food business, you've been labeled as a 'working manager.' It's more hands-on, and there is that stigma that you can't adapt."

But he's compensated well, he says. Burger King managers are paid up to \$48,000 a year or more, with excellent benefits. Davis, for example, gets an

additional \$500-a-month car expense allowance for the Toyota Highlander SUV he drives. But he says he has a simple reason for looking forward to the work: The restaurant's owner lets him run the place day to day. "He entrusts a \$1 or \$2 million business to me," he says.

"As long as I do the job, I'm my own boss."

On some levels, Ed Mosley seems, more than Davis, to fit the common assumptions about fast-food employees. His formal education stopped after high school, a one-time drug habit cost him jobs and promotions over the years and his work experience has largely been limited to a succession of entry-level food service positions, leaving him with few marketable skills. Yet Mosley also shrugs off any suggestion that he's stuck. "It doesn't make a difference where you work," he says. "What is your identity in life? People say, 'You're just working at McDonald's.' But it's not where you start off, it's where you finish."

Mosley was between jobs

four years ago when he met a McDonald's executive in church. She recommended him for an opening. For a while, Mosley worked full-time at McDonald's, but chats with customers led him to other opportunities that paid better. One man told him about a food service opening at a school. Another tipped him off to a loading position with FedEx. Mosley ended up getting both jobs.

He now follows a grueling schedule. Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., he's at the James Shields Elementary School. On Tuesdays through Fridays, he then takes a bus and train downtown to McDonald's for a three-hour, late-afternoon shift. By shortly after 7 p.m. each weeknight, he's on his way to the FedEx sorting center in the southwest suburbs, where he works until as late as 3 a.m. When it's over, Mosley catches a bus to his home, in the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood on the South Side.

"I get home, lie down for three hours and go back to the races again," he says.

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lished military association. Chancellor Ballard then went on to discuss the Victory Bell and the significant tradition it carries. He explained that discussions are currently underway on where to relocate the bell in order to display it in a more prominent manner and serve the symbol the justice it deserves.

The ceremony also included a presentation of colors by the U.S. Army ROTC Color Guard and the performance of the National Anthem by Jermaine Johnson, an ECU alum.

Chancellor Ballard contin-

ued the ceremony with an introduction of Lt. Roger Vogel, III, a 2004 graduate of ECU and currently of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. Lt. Vogel reflected upon his time at ECU and his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan. He expressed his gratitude for the education he received at ECU and recognized that an education is a means to remove ignorance. He also discussed the progress being made overseas and the tremendous significance of military service.

With the completion of Lt.

Vogel's remarks, Chancellor Ballard presented him with the Chancellor's Coin Medalion as a token of appreciation for his services.

Following the presentation was a moment of reflection administered by Dr. Richard Kilroy, assistant director of Military Programs and visiting professor of political science. Dr. Kilroy acknowledged that the ceremony was both a celebration and a memorial service in remembrance of those alumni and faculty who have upheld their duties and in some cases

given their lives in service to our nation. He then said a prayer, and in closing reminded the audience that the individuals who were being remembered were in fact honoring ECU's motto, "To serve."

Founders Week events continued throughout the week in honor of ECU's 99th year of operation. For more information students can visit the ECU Web site.

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revisions to the code of conduct and convene the Joint Judicial Committee to make the revisions to the judicial system.

Jon Massachi, Parking and Transition co-chair presented a plan for this week where volunteers will be taking collections for Clement Hall residents who may have lost things due to the fire or water damage.

Massachi is also calculating hours spent that students and student organizations have spent doing community service. The goal is 1,000 hours total. If a group or individual student has hours they would like to submit, Massachi can be reached at jsm0512@ecu.edu.

Announcement wise, Greek week begins this week with a number of events taking place for students to take part in. Lori Schaefer, member of the National Panhellenic Council, junior and rehabilitation major said, "Greek will begin this Friday, April 7 with the Phi Kappa Tau beach volleyball tournament at 2, followed by the Zeta Phi Beta step show at 7 at Wright Auditorium."

The biggest event will take

place Sunday with Casey's Race. Benefiting the Boys and Girls Club, it will take place at 1 p.m. at the amphitheater. The race is in honor of Casey Neal Rogers, a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who passed away in August of 2003.

The business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, is sponsoring a guest speaker at Mendenhall, inside Hendrix Theater, Monday, April 17 at 7 pm.

The 23rd Annual Pigskin Pig-out will be taking place all day this Friday. Students are encouraged to come out and enjoy fresh barbecue as well as carnival rides. There will also be a free football game at 3 p.m.

Entitled "21st Century Slavery: Living Proof," the speaker, Simon Deng, will offer his account of being abducted into slavery at age nine all the way up to his escape at age 11. Other sponsors include SGA, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, African Students' Organization, College Democrats, the Neuroscience Club and the Student Union.

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Another option would be to rename Fifth Street after Dr. Martin Luther King, and then keep Fifth Street as a sub-name on the sign. There is a successful example of this in Chapel Hill where they renamed a major historical road after MLK, and kept "historically Airport Road" on the sign to avoid confusion.

All residents of Greenville are invited to participate in the voting of the street renaming, including ECU students.

The place and date of the next meeting has not been decided yet, but students, faculty and all the citizens of Greenville will stay posted on the issue.

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brought about in part because too many investors borrowed on margin meaning buying stock with borrowed funds. Back then, an investor could borrow up to 90 percent, today an investor can only borrow 50 percent. When a stock falls too much and the amount of equity that an investor has in the deal falls with it, then a margin call may come meaning that the investor would then have to make good on the rest of the funds immediately. Borrowing on margin is very risky and too many people did that before the Great Depression. It is a risk similar to excessive margin.

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Our View

MLB here we come

In what should be a breath of fresh air, Major League Baseball gets underway this week. But instead of talking about who is going to win the World Series, most of the discussions are centered around steroids once again.

Commissioner Bud Selig recently announced there would be investigations into the league's dark past with performance-enhancing drugs, mostly because of the new book *Game of Shadows* which chronicles lies, lies and more lies, specifically regarding Barry Bonds.

In the book, reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams pieced together the so-called truth about Bonds, BALCO and the steroids scandal that rocked the baseball world.

Enough is enough. Fans and critics of baseball alike know by now that the history of the game is at least partially tainted. It's time to move on and not dwell on the past.

What will this "impartial" investigation lead to?

MLB will find out for certain a number of players were juiced in the last 10 years, but this investigation will just lead to more and more questions. Some star players who haven't had a protein shake will be questioned just because of their gaudy statistics. That isn't worth proving what we already know. Mark McGwire and Bonds hit a gazillion homers and were on steroids or at least something close to it.

If you're a fan, enjoy what one of the greatest games America has to offer. We're in the first legitimate era in the history of the game. No player in their right mind would step foot in a GNC store. So buy a ticket, turn on the television and tune into some prime time baseball because every 400-foot bomb comes without the chemical advantage this season.



Opinion Columnist

Guest writer from N.C. State speaks about faculty

Are faculty greedy?

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Last week his Excellency the Honorable Erskine Bowles, the University of North Carolina system's newest president, visited N.C. State and spoke to the faculty at their annual general meeting. I had the opportunity to attend the meeting, which was held in Stewart Theatre. For a complete recap of the event log onto www.technicianonline.com and read Ryan Watkins' news story - "UNC System president addresses faculty."

Before I pick apart the issues addressed at the meeting, let me be the first to say that I am a huge fan of Erskine Bowles. My adoration for "North Carolina's Harry Potter" stems mainly from his commitment to affordable higher education opportunities. To paraphrase Bowles, "I believe we not only have a constitutional mandate to keep tuition low but a moral responsibility to keep tuition low." Powerful words - I just hope he can deliver on them. But this is not a column about tuition. I can sense a collective sigh of relief from the readers because they don't have to read another one of my rants about tuition.

At the end of the meeting, Bowles took questions and comments. Several faculty members voiced their concerns about pay,

health insurance and retirement benefits.

Hold up. Faculty is concerned about pay? If I am not mistaken, and I know I am not, the average salary of a faculty member at N.C. State is well over \$100,000. Additionally many of NCSU's 1,700-plus faculty members have tenure, which equals great job security. You need an act of god to fire these people. And they are bitching and complaining about their jobs. Perhaps I just don't get it.

What was Bowles' response? He is a well-educated businessman, so he would definitely see right through their BS. He said, "The pay is atrocious." Umm? A hundred thousand dollars is atrocious. You have to be kidding me. I guess if you are making the money, Bowles is making as president (\$425,000 a year, a state-provided car and mansion on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill) then faculty pay is horrible.

You know what is atrocious - staff salaries. They are more than atrocious; they are unconscionable. Staff members, mainly housekeepers and groundskeepers, make barely enough to be considered living above the poverty line.

So what you have is a faculty corps made up primarily by white men (who make up 60 percent of the full-time faculty ranks) complaining about their pay. On top of that they have great job security, they can come and go as they please, hang out at the gym every day, teach a few

classes using the slave labor of TA's and do some research using the slave labor of PhD students. How do I apply?

I know what you are thinking - NCSU faculty salaries are well below those of our peer institutions and if we want a great institution, we need great faculty. I agree. And NCSU does have a great faculty - "Nineteen faculty members have been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences or National Academy of Engineering. Six are fellows of the American Institute of Architects, two are members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and one is a member of the American Philosophical Society," according to N.C. State News Services. Also, I would be remiss if I did not say that I am proud that the chair of the NCSU faculty is a woman - Nina Allen.

Perhaps I just don't get it. Maybe we should pay faculty more and continue to keep the staff as indentured servants. I know who might have all the answers - head football coach Chuck Amato. Not only was Amato in attendance at the faculty meeting but he was also the highest paid person in the audience. Maybe Amato can provide the faculty with some guidance on how get those big salaries and bonuses.

What great values we have at N.C. State - go Pack!

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Pirate Rant

After an entire year of a crappy paper, TEC, I will give you credit for one thing. At least you have the guts to run rants from people telling you how much your paper has sucked.

People stop submitting your uninteresting rants about you and your roommate hating each other or about someone needing help to quit smoking. No one cares, get a life.

The water balloon war on College Hill was awesome. I think there should be a water balloon war against West vs. College Hill on Wednesday night.

Straight boys who wear tight shirts with big muscles and their shorts down enough to show their underwear have no business complaining if a gay guy checks him out. You're flaunting it; of course we'll look.

I've waited until the last minute to see my advisor to register and now all the good classes are gone. Maybe next time I'll take an active role in my education, be an adult, and do things on time!

Why do fat boys always get dropped doing keg stands?

There is a teacher for one of my classes that may keep me from graduating. She said she would work with us and help but when I reached out for help and advice, she copy-pasted a sentence from the syllabus and didn't even sign the e-mail. Thanks a lot!

If you don't want drama don't lead some guy on while trying to date another, it just doesn't work that way.

To the person who said that I should just be responsible when it comes to putting on my seat belt, it just so happens that the Drivers Ed 101 teacher told you that you had to have the seat belt on when you're behind the wheel because his life is in danger with a 15-year-old driver. Look it up smarty-pants, you can't give tickets in a parking lot in the state of N.C. Hope you learn something.

I am going to make a broad generalization and say people from ECU are idiots. I have observed a lot of people during my short tenure here and from the drunk girl crying on the trunk bus for no reason to everyone on the hill trying to play their music the loudest, I just seem to have come in contact with idiot after idiot. Grow up people please.

I think one of my teachers is missing her soul. Her eyes are all beady and empty, it creeps me out when she looks at me.

My jerk professor gave us barely a month to do the biggest project of my collegiate career. All my other teachers laid it out at the beginning of the semester.

In my time here at ECU, I have found two things to be true. One, the school just wants our money; we're all numbers that write checks. Two, a majority of the teachers that I've had really could care less about our problems. They say they want to help and stuff, but when you come to them with something heavy, not "I don't get it," they're not in the helping mood anymore.

It's bad enough I go broke just buying my textbooks, but then I have to shell out even more money for online class materials? What happens when students literally cannot afford these things? WCU or ASU have book rental programs where you don't buy, you rent for the semester at a lower price. That wouldn't fly here because the money isn't as good as it is now.

How do we define diversity here?

I miss Tony McKee. Discussing his idiocy during class always made the time go by faster. For the sake of all students taking boring classes, could TEC please higher another narrow-minded conservative?

O.K. people are stupid. I created a Josh McRoberts profile on ECU Facebook so I could say we were in a relationship, and people keep befriending him!! People, Josh McRoberts does not go to ECU!

To the Dominos pizza guy with the black truck and shaved head, you are more delicious than the pizza!

Why is the Duke gang rape incident just now being investigated and making news? It happened around spring break, which was the same time as ours.

I am in favor of the new lottery but why should college students be helped by the new lottery? They have access to grants and loans while the second grader has no way to control his fate. The money that can be used to feed him lunch, sometimes the only meal he gets all day, is being used to support some university that has other means of income.

OK so I bought one lottery ticket so far but how can you possibly be such a tool to buy \$140 bucks worth like the tool in *The Reflector* article.

Hey, TEC Sports Page, excellent article on the retiring of Coach Leclair's jersey. Honor the man who took our program to a new level of expectations and is now battling a life threatening illness.

I don't understand why sexual harassment at other Universities is printed in our campus papers and we don't even print the harassments that take place here at ECU. Those are the morons should be on the front page so people don't make the same mistake.

Ever heard of reverse racism? Let's stop that too.

To the cop who blocked the entrance to Woodlawn Friday around 3:30 to give someone a ticket: thanks for not letting me into my driveway. I appreciated waiting till it was convenient for you to move.

To the person who turned in my ring after having left it at one of the computers in Joyner Library, thank you. It's common decency like that, that really goes a long way, and tells me that there are still honest people in this world. If I knew who you were I'd thank you myself.

Does anyone else hate getting e-mails everyday to tell you when spam was removed from your account? I thought MailMarshal was supposed to eliminate spam, not change it's form.

Can the student health center prescribe any other prescriptions besides the z-pack and penicillin? They didn't even tell me what was wrong with me, just handed me a z-pack...

I've had seven different advisors in my five years here. I hope I have all my requirements done, I've been told so many different things by so many people. Now, the registrar lost my senior summary. I'm so ready to leave, but they won't let me go.

Anybody want to share their tragic drunk driving stories? I have "friends" who still think they can get away with it and it scares me that they won't stop until something destructive happens to them.

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In My Opinion

(KRT) — The conventional wisdom that immigration reform splits the Republican Party is correct, but less understood is that the issue does the same thing to the Democratic coalition, too.

In fact, looking below the surface, it's clear that in terms of public opinion, the socioeconomic divide is greater than the partisan one.

Part of the reason for this misconception is that the Republican intra-party fight is much more public. President Bush and many of his congressional allies are clearly split on the issue.

Since Democrats hold neither the White House nor Congress they are less in the media spotlight. And these days, with Bush's lousy poll numbers, the Democratic game plan is to keep quiet and let their political enemies hang themselves.

But a survey of voter attitudes toward various immigration proposals shows that self-identified Democratic voters have similar divisions on the issue to their GOP brethren. And the opposition of the AFL-CIO to "guest worker" legislation advocated by many Democratic leaders shows this schism.

Simply put, the split in American politics over immigration, much as it is on questions about international trade, is sharpest along socioeconomic lines.

The more educated and affluent people are, regardless of whether they are a Democrat, Republican or independent, the less they are inclined to see the need for immigration reform

solely to toughen laws and beef up security.

That's the message from a Quinnipiac University poll of almost 2,000 U.S. voters released in March. The size of the sample - almost double the typical 1,000 person national sample - allows analysis of differences along socioeconomic and political lines.

On virtually every immigration question, Democrats are less likely than Republicans or independents to back "get-tough" measures. But on most questions the differences along party lines are smaller than they are within members of the same party.

When asked if legal immigration should be kept steady, increased or decreased, 32 percent of Republicans and independents and 35 percent of Democrats favor the status quo.

But analyzing the numbers by party and education shows a different story. Among Republicans with a high school degree or less, 30 percent want to keep immigration at its present level, as do 34 percent of similarly educated Democrats. Yet, 41 percent of both Republican and Democratic college grads feel that way.

Overall, 21 percent of Republicans and 26 percent of Democrats want an increase in immigration. But that 5 point split is less than half the 13-point gap between Democrats with high school educations (18 percent) and those with college degrees (31 percent). The Republican intra-party split is 5 points - 17 percent among the least educated and 22 percent

among the most educated.

Asked whether Congress should change the law to make it easier for illegal immigrants to become legal workers, the same pattern appears.

There is a 7-point difference in support between Democrats and Republicans - 44 percent to 37 percent. But among Republicans the gap in support between those with a high-school diploma or less and a college degree or more is 12 points - 30 percent to 42 percent. Among Democrats, the difference is 22 points - 36 percent among those with high school education compared to 58 percent among those with college degrees.

Presumably, the politicians understand these differences more than the journalists who have created the incomplete conventional wisdom. But the implications of the numbers should not be lost on anyone thinking about running for political office.

The demonstrations in recent weeks, orchestrated by groups opposing legislation that would beef up border enforcement and make it more difficult for those without documents to work or stay in the United States illegally, obscure the widespread public support for such steps.

That is obviously one of the reasons why the prospects for any real change in U.S. immigration policy becoming law this year are slim. But another is that the schism the issue creates in American politics is on both sides of the political aisle.

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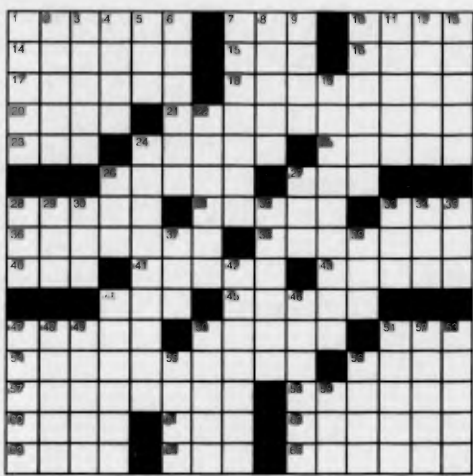
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No Oprah at Tony's
Oprah Winfrey will not fill in the shoes of Hugh Jackman as host of the Tony Awards telecast by CBS June 11 from Radio City Music Hall. Show reps have mercilessly quashed speculation that Winfrey will steer the Broadway backslap fest. Nominations are coming May 16.

Domicile dissonance
Divorcing Tinseltown mammoths Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston have sold their 12,000-square-foot French Normandy-style Beverly Hills mansion to an anonymous foreign businessman for \$225 million, down from the original \$28 million asking price.

The potential and the actual
The *New York Daily News* may incite a public-opinion riot with its report on a conceivably scandalous event: The five-months-pregnant Gwyneth Paltrow was seen having a bottle of Guinness beer over dinner with husband Chris Martin at a New York sushi bar. Confirming the report, her spokesperson pointed out that Apple's mom ate cooked food, not raw sushi.

The symbol returns
Prince the Artist (Formerly Known by the Formerly In His Moniker) is back. For the first time since his 1989 *Batman* soundtrack, the 47-year-old funk god has a No. 1 album: *3121* sold 183,000 copies in its debut week. The soundtrack to Disney's *High School Musical* fell to No. two, while James Blunt's *Back to Bedlam* follows at No. three. Fresh off his "American Idol" cameo, Barry Manilow's *The Greatest Songs of the Fifties* is No. 4.

Re-testing a re-comeback
Thursday's scheduled episode of NBC's *Will & Grace* features Britney Spears (skilled as a comedic actress, the show's executive producer enthused to USA Today). Spearsologists suggest this is another test of public reaction to her planned emergence from the tabloid hell where she's been judged as wife and new mom into the music-reviewer hell where she's judged as performer. She'll follow up with a new perfume in April, a new CD in the fall.

Rose update
PBS host Charlie Rose, who underwent mitral valve surgery in Paris, was recovering in intensive care on Thursday Rose, 64, experienced shortness of breath while in Syria to interview President Bashar Assad. Rose is expected back on his talk show by the end of April.

Extreme tragedy?
It's not surprising to hear reality shows especially ABC's gorgeously mawkish "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" look for special folks to help. But according to the Smoking Gun Web site, when it comes to "Makeovers" maudlinity requirements, producers are going the extra mile to procure participants with muscular dystrophy or progeria, the ultra-rare condition that causes rapid aging in children. Yep, the show's casting director, Charisse Simonian, says kids with "little old man's disease" would be perfect. In a memo she sent to various ABC affiliates, Simonian lists particular maladies to feature on the show, including Down's syndrome, Lou Gehrig's disease and skin cancer. Seems sending Ty Pennington to rescue families mired in plain old poverty isn't sexy enough for audiences. But "Makeover" isn't doing anything not standard in the biz. Exec producer Tom Forman told the Associated Press he was "a little perplexed" that the Gun would find the memo interesting. Simonian, he said, "is a woman whose job it is to find families who need help."

That's Sir Tom, pal
Tom Jones, a Welshman like iconic poet Dylan Thomas and actor Sir Anthony Hopkins, is finally getting his props. Wednesday at Buckingham Palace, Queen Elizabeth II knighted the 65-year-old coal miner's son. "I love seeing the queen and I have always been a royalist," the charmer said, cozing up to the queen in London.

Doth protest too much?
Pamela Anderson has joined other boldfaced Paul McCartney and his wife, Heather Mills, in protesting against Canada's annual east coast seal hunt, which started Saturday, during which fisherman club baby seals to death for their white pelts.

Local Concerts:

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.

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

MS Walk: Get up, get motivated

It's time for students to step up, literally

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

Over the past few years, due to the efforts for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, more and more people are realizing how devastating MS can be. There are more than 400,000 Americans with MS and researchers are going strong trying to find a cure for this disease that is characterized by the progressive degeneration of the myelin that covers CNS nerve pathways. In brief, this disease attacks nerve fibers, damaging or destroying them, leaving behind scar tissue areas called plaques or lesions that result in sclerosis.

People with this disease live with unpredictable symptoms that can be devastating at times but can function somewhat normally due to some of the advances in pharmaceutical treatment. Those treatments were made possible by funding from national fundraisers and people like you who are willing to give up some of their time to help



National Multiple Sclerosis Society HOPE bracelets, which AAMN will be offering at the MS Walk.

someone else lead a better life.

This year the MS Walk in Greenville will be held Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and there are two different routes that can be traveled. One route is four miles and the other only one mile, either way, it is the thought that counts. Donations or any money that you have raised can be turned in at the registration table on the day of the walk.

National MS Society support bracelets will be on sale through American Assembly of Men in Nursing the day of the race, for the cost of \$1 and all proceeds go to the National MS Society.

Last year, the Greenville area and its supporters raised \$60,840 dollars and this year they are aiming even higher. For more information about the Greenville MS Walk, visit nationalmssociety.org/nct and from there click on MS Walk and then Greenville MS Walk. Please come out and support this very worthy cause Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

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ECU's Youth Arts Festival

Visual and performing artists share talents with area children

MARK ROMANO
STAFF WRITER



All photos: Children enjoying ECU's Youth Arts Festival, April 1.

It was a busy weekend for ECU on Saturday when more than 100 visual and performing artists came to share their crafts and talents with area children as well as curious students that passed by on the enjoyably warm April afternoon.

Most of the crafts and performers catered to the hands-on attitude of the youngsters; children could paint pottery, figure out iron puzzles forged by a blacksmith and learn how to paint with watercolors.

Each child was completely enthralled in the activity he/she was participating in, making the event was a great success.

Children also performed in the festival. A group of steel drummers performed a fantastic set of music and each drummer was under the age of 13. The festival represented different cultures as well. Kimonos were on display as well as Native American pottery and Eastern weaving looms.

There were several woodworkers at the festival, some from as far away as Australia, yet some were local. They demonstrated their art and also made it available for purchase. The event was an opportunity for the public

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R.A. Fountain gaining steady popularity

Venue in Fountain, N.C. attracts superior folk acts

MARK ROMANO
STAFF WRITER

Word of mouth has been spreading the popularity of the R.A. Fountain General Store located in Fountain, N.C. just 30 minutes from Greenville. The venue "virtually books itself," as owner and ECU English professor Alex Albright says, and indeed it does.

Albright doesn't advertise the antique store as a venue, but ever since he had a band play at the opening of the store, acts just kept rolling in. The store has a well organized collection of odds and ends, things from dishes, mugs and cookie jars to paintings, books and clothing. Even the seats in front of the performance area were a mixture of old theater seats and church pews. A bluegrass jam is held monthly and acts are booked solid for the upcoming spring and summer months, for a schedule of events visit RAfountain.com.

A small crowd came in on the night of April 1 to see Watermelon Sugar, a mellow acoustic folk duo that played a full band's worth of instruments. Louise Bendall and Hypatia Kingsley performed a set of stunningly well written originals that sounded similar to Sarah McLachlin, Allison Krauss and James Taylor. Bendall alternated between guitar and banjo while Kingsley was constantly switching it up between guitar, mandolin and her specialty,

violin. A few covers were added in their set including a bluegrass rendition of AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long."

The band is working on their third album and you can hear samples from their currently released albums *Something to Savor* and *Sample* on their Web site, watermelonsugar.com.

After their second set I had an opportunity to jam with the band and talk to them about their lives and music. The two balance the band with their families, including a total of three children.

Albright provided some southern hospitality after the show where we talked into the night about politics, family, life and culture.

Venues such as R.A. Fountain are easy going, traditional places that put emphasis on family, friends and quality. The second you walk in you feel an immense sense of history, and rightfully so considering the building was constructed in 1916 and is loaded with antiques. The home atmosphere is soothing and relaxing, and when you add music such as Watermelon Sugar's, you can't get much more comfortable. The people are friendly and they serve great blended coffee and bakery items.

R.A. Fountain General Store is well worth the half hour drive from Greenville, and most events are done by 10 p.m., leaving students plenty of time to get back to Greenville for late night activities.

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Restaurant review: King Panda Buffet

Another buffet but not another disappointment

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So it seems to me that there are about 15 million Asian buffet restaurants. I don't know about you guys, but I am looking for a buffet line that will truly satisfy the palate.

So when I heard that there was a new place opening up in the Kmart shopping center about three weeks ago, I knew I absolutely had to venture and see what the hullabaloo was all about.

The place sports a new buffet line, and with it a new quality of buffet food. Feedback cards are offered to diners to help management find out what people think about the restaurant.

What I mean by this is, after I ate at this establishment, I was asked to write and give a suggestion to the ownership about what I would like to see in the offerings. This was a first for me and was a complete and utter surprise.

I seriously have never experienced an establishment of any kind that really cared enough to ask what the patrons of the restaurant really wanted. As a follow up, I can only say one thing to my amazement, I believe they are in the works of actually getting what I asked for in the suggestion.

This is what I gathered from the helpful staff located at the establishment. These people are very friendly and seem to

actually care how their new business is appealing to the new clientele to which it will be jockeying for.

I really can't speak for the rest of you people, but I seem to request some weird stuff when I am eating. Even if I am the only one eating at a buffet place at the time and want something they don't have. I always seem to want something that many places can't offer.

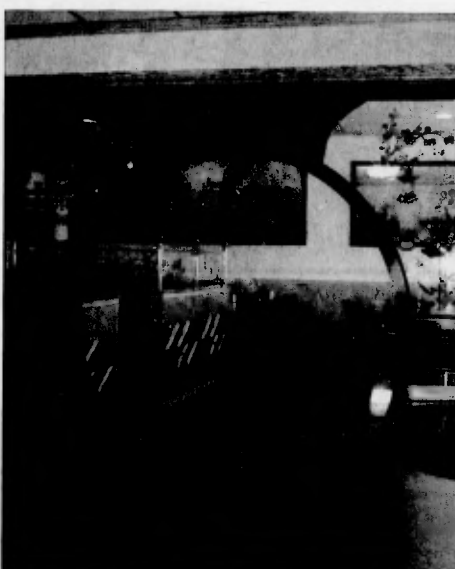
I was yet again satisfied when I asked for a certain type of condiment. Albeit, it was in a package, but they still found it. It was truly assuring and well received that the waitress didn't seem to get mad at me for asking for random condiments.

The restaurant is located in the Kmart shopping center off of Greenville Boulevard. The convenient location to pretty much anything on the campus side of Greenville leaves you no excuse for not trying it out.

I truly hope all of you will go visit this establishment and try what these people have to offer. I wasn't hurt while enjoying this restaurant, but I cannot say the same for them; there were very few spring rolls and egg drop soup bowls left when I was last seen there.

Anyway, the Panda King gets an A+ for its food. It is not greasy nor is it too strong to enjoy. I also must suggest tipping your wait staff, for they will take care of you as always. Take a little bit of time and try a little taste of heaven.

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The grand entrance into King Panda Chinese Buffet looks inviting.

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Children paint pottery with the help of a Youth Arts Festival volunteer.

to see how things were made years ago without complicated machines. Intricate table legs were made in front of a group of people as the artist used a pedal to power a string that rotated the leg incredibly fast.

Holding a chisel to the spinning wooden rod, he shaped curves and rings and made it look easy all the while. A volunteer gave it a shot and found that while most of the people make these crafts with ease, it's harder than it looks and takes a great amount of skill.

Across the way a man was hand making percussion instruments while his wife showcased guitars that were painted with scenic landscapes, and beyond that children were making bowls and figures out of clay.

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Don't miss out on 'The Time of Your Life'

Final show of the 2005-2006 season

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With all the bustling around in the month of April, it is refreshing to know that one can slow down and take a jaunt to McGinnis Theatre to catch the final show of the 2005-2006 ECU/Loessin Playhouse season.

Don't stop reading. This is good for you. Theater is one of the most under-appreciated of all entertainment outlets and not attending at least one showing of William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life* would be a huge discredit to yourself.

The show earned a Pulitzer Prize that Saroyan declined because he believed art could not be patronized by wealth, according to the *DVD Journal*.

It is a story of relationships between a slew of underdogs that cavort in a bar located by the water in San Francisco. Think of it as "Cheers" in 1939 without Diane (and hot in Boston).

In all honesty, this play is so much more than that. It is a glimpse into a world of idealistic and utterly romantic heroes and heroines who seem to all be in the same place at the same time for a reason.

Slipping through the side door of McGinnis, I caught a preview of *The Time of Your Life* on their first rehearsal with a



Saroyan

working set in place.

The scenery is absolutely phenomenal giving the play just enough of a realistic environment without dominating the entire performance.

Guest director Walter Schoen from the University of Richmond instills his energy and talent into making Saroyan's classic come alive for ECU.

The Time of Your Life is an intersection of different subplots and conversations that resonate to the audience the struggle of simply living day-to-day.

While not a fast-paced or action-driven play, its series of intersections between the different characters offers audience members a chance to reflect on their own routine decisions while being swept into the dramas of the cast.

While not a major player, the entrance of Willie, the obsessive pinball player is the first character the audience meets.

I began to feel sorry for him by the end of the first act as he tried to beat the internal pinball machine.

The story really centers around Joe, a once successful man who seems to enjoy philosophizing endlessly at the bar, and Nick, the owner of the saloon.

Surrounding the two gentlemen include Kitty Duval, a woman of loose morals; and Tom, who falls in love with Kitty on sight and plays the part of Joe's errand boy.

There is also the love-sick and suicidal Dudley R. Bostwick who seeks the love of his Elsie; and Harry, the eager entertainer who makes up in enthusiasm what he lacks in talent.

The Time of Your Life is a work that captures the hopelessness of an era clouded in the Great Depression but manages to find a silver lining.

I recommend this to anyone who enjoys discovering things about themselves while they watch solid entertainment.

The Time of Your Life runs April 6 through April 11, with all shows at 8 p.m. except for a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit ecuarts.com or the McGinnis Theatre box office.

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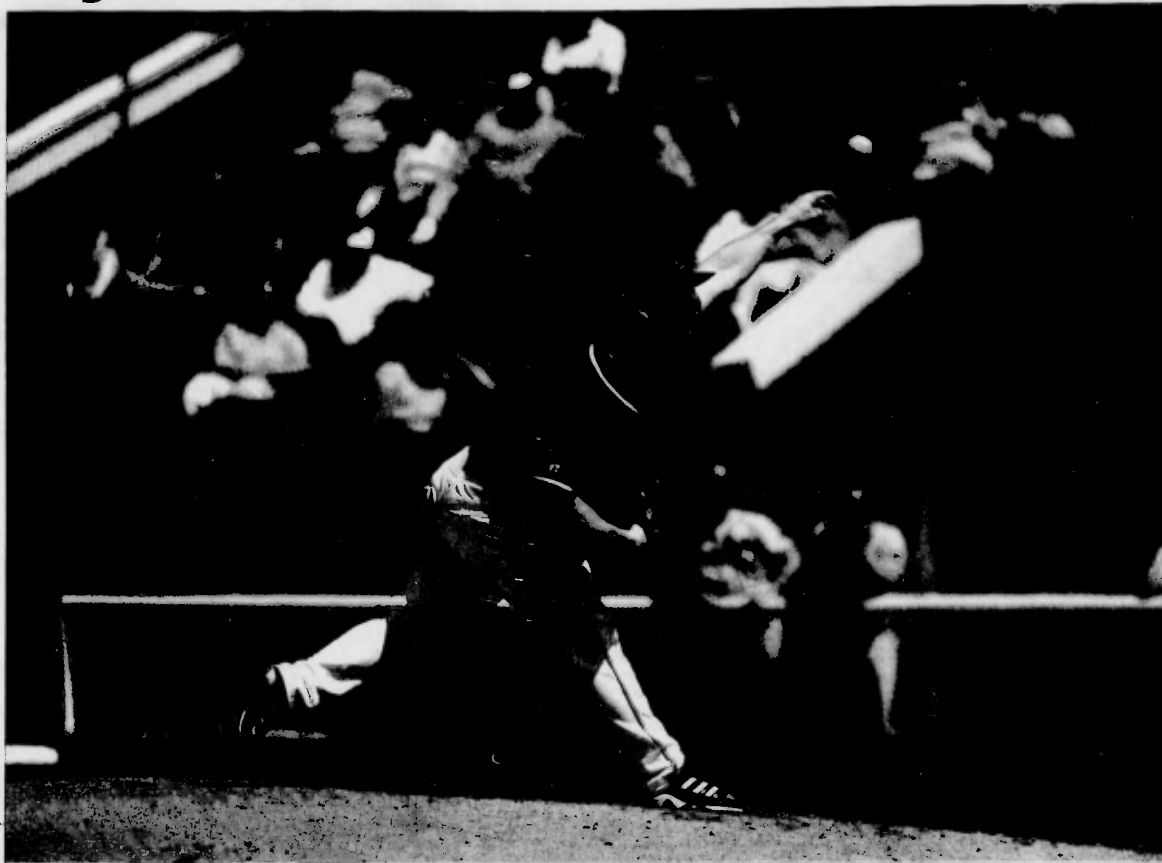
Brody Taylor Named C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week



ECU senior pitcher Brody Taylor was named Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Week announced by league officials Monday. The announcement marks the second time this season a Pirate has earned the week honors, following Jake Smith's selection as hitter-of-the-week on Feb. 27, 2006. Taylor, a Shelby, N.C. native, tossed his first career complete game shutout Sunday afternoon beating Houston 3-0 at Clark-LeClair Stadium. On the day he faced 33 batters, allowing just five hits and two walks, while striking out six. For ECU it was the first complete game since last April when Ricky Brooks threw a no-hitter against Memphis and it was the second time this season that the Pirates have shutout an opponent when Taylor has started the game. After sitting out last season with a medical redshirt, Taylor has posted a 4-1 record in 32.2 innings, allowing just seven runs (six earned) while boasting a 1.65 ERA. He currently ranks second on the team in strikeouts with 24 and has given up the fewest hits from a Pirate starter. ECU (18-12, 2-4) will play host to N.C. A&T Tuesday, Apr. 4 at 7 p.m. before heading back on the road in conference play this weekend when they travel to UCF for a weekend series, Apr. 7-9.

Photo by Jessi Mock

Taylor's brilliance salvages series



Brody Taylor saved the series for the Bucs Sunday afternoon, pitching a complete game shutout en route to ECU's only win against Houston, 3-0.

ECU takes game three from Houston

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Had it not been for Brody Taylor, the Pirates would have been looking at a 1-5 start in

Conference USA play. After dropping the first two games of the weekend series to Houston, the southpaw single-handedly made sure the Diamond Bucs would not leave game three empty-handed, as he delivered his best performance as a Pirate: a five hit, 3-0 shutout of the Cougars.

The senior lefty walked just two Houston batters while striking out six.

The crowd of 2,630 showed their tremendous appreciation of Taylor's performance, honoring him with a standing ovation as he took the mound in the ninth.

Taylor's curtain call took place on the mound, as he struck out the side to end the game, thus fueling another frenzy amongst the fans.

"We felt like someone had to step up and give us a shot in the arm and we didn't care who it was," said Head Coach Billy

Godwin.

"It was just a super job by our guys. We just needed to come back out and get on the winning side of it. What a great way to do it."

Even though the Pirates con-

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North Carolina State's Sendek taking over at Arizona State

(AP) - Herb Sendek was introduced Monday as the new men's basketball coach at Arizona State, coming to the Sun Devils after 10 seasons at North Carolina State. Arizona State athletic director Lisa Love said she interviewed at least eight candidates to replace former coach Rob Evans but said Sendek was "my very, very first choice." Love said Sendek's NCAA tournament resume - he has led the Wolfpack to five consecutive NCAA appearances - made him the best candidate. The Sun Devils have been to the NCAA tournament three times in 28 years. Sendek is 253-158 in 13 seasons as a college coach, and was 191-132 at North Carolina State. Love said Sendek was given a five-year deal, but wouldn't disclose the salary. The Sun Devils have been looking for a coach since March 10, when Love announced that Evans would not return.

Barkley, Wilkins, Auriemma lead '06 Hall of Fame class

(AP) - Charles Barkley and Dominique Wilkins, two of the NBA's great forwards, and Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma were among six people Monday to join the Basketball Hall of Fame. The rest of the class consists of Joe Dumars, who played on the Detroit Pistons championship teams in the late 1980s and helped them win another title in 2004 as team president; Sandro Gamba, a longtime coach who led Italy to the silver medal at the 1980 Olympics; and Dave Gavitt, who produced eight straight 20-win seasons as a coach and helped establish the Big East Conference. Gavitt was elected as a contributor. Barkley, nicknamed "The Round Mound of Rebound," was placed on 11 NBA All-Star teams with Philadelphia, Phoenix and Houston and was a member of the US team that won a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. He was a member of the NBA's 50th anniversary team. Wilkins, nicknamed "The Human Highlight Reel," played at Georgia before spending most of his career with the Atlanta Hawks. Wilkins was a nine-time NBA All-Star, won two slam dunk championships and is one of three Hawks to have his jersey retired. Auriemma has won five national championships, made eight Final Four appearances and led two teams to undefeated seasons since taking over at Connecticut in 1995. The induction ceremony will be held Sept. 9 in Springfield, Mass.

ECU Softball falls in series to Marshall

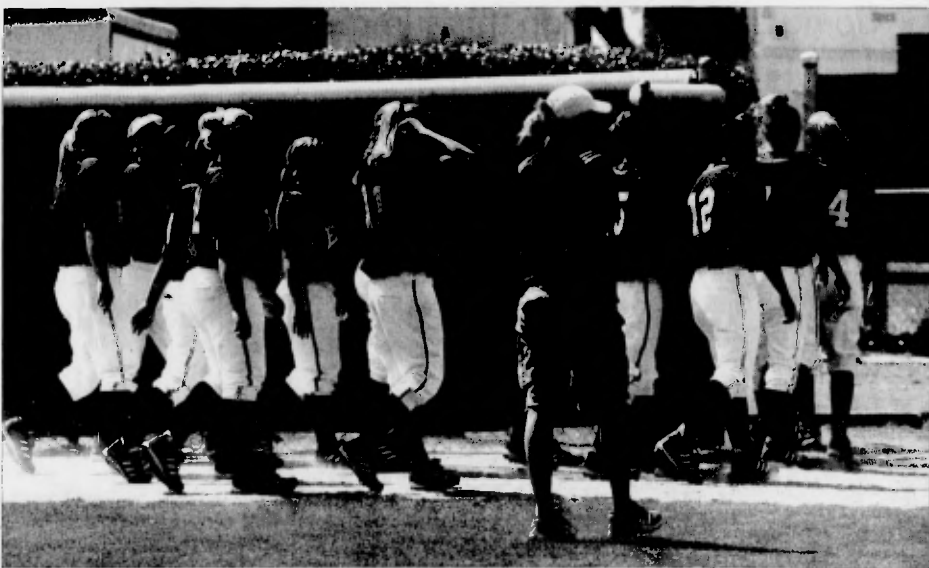
Inconsistencies continue to plague Lady Pirates.

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
SENIOR WRITER

The momentum on the ECU Softball team was riding high as they went into last weekend to host Marshall. The Lady Pirates have just come off a win over No. 6 Cal the weekend before and had built up their confidence for their third conference series of the year. With Marshall being one of the top teams in the Conference USA standings, ECU needed to make sure they brought their best game against their opponents.

Junior pitcher Keli Harrell was spectacular in the first game against Marshall. She gave up only two hits and one run through seven innings. Harrell also finished the games with eight strikeouts, enough to move her into second place on C-USA's career strikeouts list with 664.

On offense freshman Vanessa Moreno reached home after a

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The ECU softball team dropped their Conference USA series matchup against Marshall this past weekend.

Next N.C. State coach must win

(KRT) - Herb Sendek was a man who wanted to get out.

That was good, because a large segment of North Carolina State's fans wanted him out. So Sendek's decision to leave Raleigh for Arizona State a Pac-10 school whose basketball program has more problems than the Wolfpack's won't cause much wailing.

What's next for N.C. State? Athletics director Lee Fowler has to contact Texas coach Rick Barnes about the job, but Barnes won't take it. Memphis coach John Calipari may be a target. Calipari is too slick for me, but he might play well in Raleigh given Chuck Amato's success with the red faithful.

Let's assume it gets beyond those two. My dark horse candidate is Wichita State coach Mark Turgeon, who has done a very good job in a very tough place. Maybe Miami's Frank Haith. Maybe a coach with an N.C. State

connection like Monte Iowe or Dereck Whittenburg, although I'd put them further down the list.

You can guarantee the new coach will be different in two ways: He will be more personally flamboyant, and he won't run a slowdown offense that grinds to a halt whenever the 3-pointers don't fall.

Sendek left so quickly there was no chance for any all-night "Please Stay, Herb" vigils, but none would have occurred anyway. This isn't Roy Williams leaving Kansas.

I remember a sign one fan held up during North Carolina's trip to Raleigh to play N.C. State in February, mostly because it was so unusual to see a banner praising Sendek.

"Welcome to the Herb Garden," the sign read. The fan put it away in the second half, as North Carolina stomped the

Wolfpack by 24.

Sendek looked like a Herb and sounded too much like a professor who knew he was smarter than you and wouldn't deign to explain. His teams often fell apart when they played Duke or North Carolina. Sendek won bunches of C-level games and a good many B-level ones, but you could count the A-plus wins he had on one hand.

Still, he was a whole lot better than Les Robinson, who preceded Sendek. He made N.C. State respectable again. He made the NCAA tournament the past five seasons.

And now he's gone, to a school where college basketball is an afterthought. Arizona State plays in Wells Fargo Arena (capacity 14,198), but the Sun Devils averaged only 6,731 fans last season. In other words, 53

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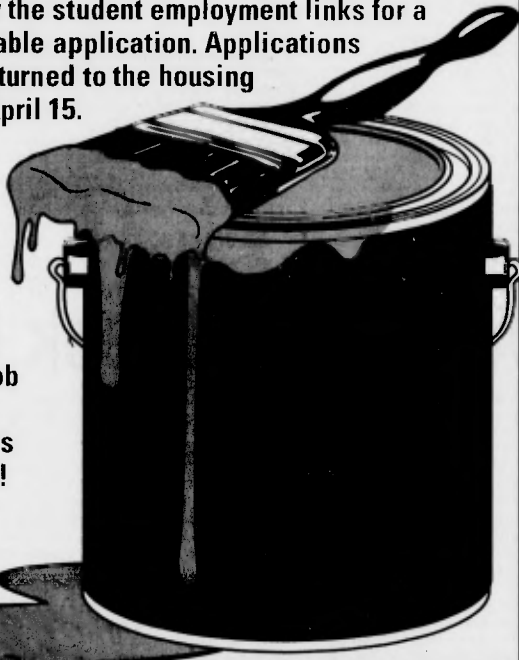
Sendek was introduced as the new Arizona State coach Monday.

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Bambino casts a long shadow

(KRT) — Babe Ruth casts one mean curse, doesn't he?

If you thought the Curse of the Bambino was broken when the Boston Red Sox won the World Series in 2004, think again. The curse is still in existence. Just look at Barry Bonds.

This baseball season already is a mess for Bonds and the first pitch hasn't even been thrown. He is at the epicenter of an investigation by baseball. He is the subject of national scorn. He is a punch line for late-night comics.

This is the second time in history that someone will try to pass Ruth's spot in history. Will try to hit 715 home runs, one more than the Babe.

And both attempts to break Ruth's record have been miserable, controversial experiences.

Henry Aaron's journey 32 years ago was painful. What should have been a proud, historic moment was almost overwhelmed by hatred, bigotry and fear. Aaron received box loads of hate mail and death threats. He didn't know if he would survive the record-breaking moment. He didn't even receive strong support in his home ballpark.

It's different for Bonds, of course. Though the charge of racism has been on the periphery of this story, the controversy surrounding the Giants left fielder

isn't a result of the color of his skin, but what he has put on or beneath his skin. He has become the poster boy for steroids, not because he's African-American and not because he's the only user, but because his alleged cheating has pushed him and only him into baseball's stratosphere.

Right up there with Ruth and Aaron.

His achievement, assuming he does pass Ruth sometime in the next month, will be viewed as a sad, false milestone that will stand if it stands at all as a testament to the bloated, cheating steroids era.

Bonds & Steroids is now a part of our national culture. A swollen Bonds caricature graces the cover of the New Yorker. Bonds is making regular appearances in David Letterman's top 10.

Bonds has always coveted more recognition. Now he's getting it.

After Aaron passed Ruth on that rainy night of April 8, 1974, he stepped to a microphone and said, "Thank God that's over." Bonds probably won't be able to utter the same words. Because it won't be over. Not with a pending baseball investigation. Not as long as he stays in the game.

The investigation announced by Commissioner Bud "Oh, Am I

Late?" Selig was discomfiting on several levels.

Selig specifically mentioned the book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters, "Game of Shadows," as the impetus for the investigation. Did he not look at any newspapers over the past three years as the Balco investigation was unfolding? Didn't one of his minions ever say, "Hey, boss, put down 'Garfield' for a minute and read this story about your sport?"

The investigating committee is rife with conflicts of interest. George Mitchell, its leader, is a director with the Red Sox a team that, I suppose, has stayed clean of steroids despite those eye-popping batting averages. Mitchell is also chairman of the board at the Walt Disney Co., which owns ESPN, which has a broadcast contract with Major League Baseball and runs a reality show about Bonds. Disney profits when ratings for baseball games are good and fans are happy.

Of course, none of this is likely to bother Selig, who had no problem acting as the commissioner of baseball while also owning the Milwaukee Brewers. He never met a conflict of interest he didn't embrace.

Will the investigation exam-

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fielder's choice to put the Lady Pirates up 1-0. Moreno reached first on a walk, stole second, and was then sacrificed over to third on a bunt.

ECU remained one up, until the top of the seventh inning when Marshall was able to score off of two errors committed by the Lady Pirates. In the bottom of the same frame senior Ashley Quick hit an RBI single into right field to score teammate Sarah Bibee and clinch the game for ECU, 2-1.

In the second game of the day the Lady Pirates could not get much going offensively as they were shutout by Marshall 2-0. Sophomore Brently Bridgforth (3-4) was credited with the loss after surrendering eight hits and three walks.

"I was a little disappointed in how flat we were in the second

game," said ECU Head Coach Tracey Kee.

"I thought that in the first game out we played with a little bit more fire, a bit more sense of urgency. We cannot just continue to win just one out of three and expect to end up in the conference tournament."

That has been the story of the Lady Pirates' season, inconsistencies. After starting the season with eight straight wins, ECU dropped five of their next seven. The Lady Pirates continued to get back on track winning the next six of their schedule including a win over ranked North Carolina, but instead went 4-10 through the next set of games.

"We are still trying to figure out the inconsistencies," Kee said.

"Our kids come out and when they want to play they

turn it on, and when the level of competition is way up there, they tend to rise to the occasion. This has been our Achilles heel for this group is just to try and find the consistency and bring it every game regardless of who you're playing."

Unfortunately, ECU could not get back to winning the following Sunday as they fell in their final game against Marshall 7-2. The game set the Lady Pirates record on the season to 24-17 and 2-7 in conference play.

ECU returns to action today in a doubleheader at Campbell. The Lady Pirates will then return home to take on in-state rival UNC-Wilmington in two games tomorrow starting at 4 p.m.

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tinued to struggle at the plate, they didn't need much in the form of offense in game three to win.

ECU got on the board in the third after Dale Mollenhauer scored on a wild pitch from Cougar starter Luis Flores. Adam Witter gave the Pirates a 2-0 lead when he singled to right, scoring Jake Smith, who singled earlier in the inning.

The combination of Witter and Smith struck again in the seventh, as Witter doubled home Smith for a 3-0 lead.

That was more than enough for Taylor, who retired 16 of the final 17 batters he faced.

Taylor, after losing the first decision of his college career last weekend at No. 2 Rice, improved to 4-1 with the shutout. His ERA is now a staggering 1.65.

Offensively the Pirates were led at the plate by Witter who had two hits while Jamie Ray extended his hit streak to 10 games, the longest of any Bucin 2006. In all, eight Pirates collected hits.

ECU moved to 18-12 overall and 2-4 in C-USA play. After getting swept this past weekend by Rice, No. 11 Tulane now shares the same 2-4 conference record with the Pirates.

The two will meet in a very important C-USA series in the last weekend of April.

In game two, before the Pirates or the 3,000 fans in attendance could blink, Houston had launched three homeruns and ran out to a 7-0 lead in the first two innings, and then cruised to a 13-4 victory.

Pirate starter Dustin Sasser had his worst outing of the season, pitching just an inning and a third before giving way to freshman Josh Dowdy. Sasser gave up six earned runs, including two first inning homers. He walked two and struck out one. One of the round trippers he surrendered was to two-way player Brad Lincoln, who is widely regarded as one of the nation's top starting pitchers. He stifled the Pirate bats in game one for eight innings in a 4-3 win, then helped his team at the plate with a homer in the first inning of game two, giving his squad a 3-0 lead.

Sasser dropped to 4-4 on the season. Every starter in the Pirate lineup recorded at least one hit except for Jake Smith and ECU out hit the Cougars 14 to 13, but Houston came up with the timely hits, and the long ball. In all, the UH had four homeruns.

"It's the same story, leaving too many guys on base," said Godwin.

"Hitting is one of the hardest things to do in all of sports."

"Right now we're getting hits when they don't count. We've got to get them when they do count."

Dale Mollenhauer recorded four hits on the day, including his second homer of the season. He also scored two runs.

Jay Mattox and Drew Schieber added two hits each.

As a team, ECU's only player batting .300 or better is Smith, and he's barely above that mark at .301. If the Pirates don't start putting up more offense, they could be on the outside looking in for the first time in eight years come NCAA tournament time.

"I don't have a whole lot of words of wisdom for us," said Godwin.

"We've just got to get out of this funk we're in. I don't have a whole lot of answers right now."

The aforementioned Lincoln started the offensive pain for the Pirates in game one, pitching eight brilliant innings to lead his Cougars to a 4-3 win. Lincoln gave up just one unearned run and struck out twelve while walking two.

ECU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the third with Smith scored Schieber on a sacrifice fly to right. The run was unearned however, because Schieber reached base earlier in the inning on a throwing error by catcher Luis Flores on a strikeout.

Lincoln helped his own cause in the fourth with an RBI single off of Pirate starter T.J. Hose to drive in Kingsbury to knot the game at one all.

Houston scored runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings to take a 4-1 lead.

The Pirates mounted one last rally in the ninth when freshman Brandon Henderson delivered a two-out, two RBI single with the bases juiced to bring ECU within a run. After Mollenhauer walked to re-load the bases, Smith flied out to end the threat and the game.

Hose was the hard-luck loser in this game, as he pitched a season high 7.1 innings. He gave up six hits and three runs, two earned, with three walks and three strikeouts. Hose is now 3-2 on the season.

The Pirates return to action on Tuesday when they play host to North Carolina A&T. ECU then travels to Orlando, Fla. this weekend to take on the Golden Knights of the University of Central Florida in a three game C-USA series.

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"60 Minutes" joins slackers with Woods interview

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(KRT) — If Tiger Woods blows a five-shot lead to lose the Masters on Sunday, he'll have some explaining to do.

He only can hope "60 Minutes" does the questioning. "Tiger, it obviously wasn't your fault those three shots went into Rae's Creek," Ed Bradley would say. "Did Vijay Singh cough in your backswing every time?"

"And I love your red shirt." If you saw "60 Minutes" last week, you'd know that Q&A is not a stretch. The Greta Garbo of the Greens consented to a rare interview.

All we learned was, he's the same old Tiger. But there's apparently a new "60 Minutes." It has joined the world of cross-promoting, butt-kissing journalism that is re-shaping how we look at sports figures.

They increasingly are using their Web sites to buff their image and dodge real questions. Is Bobby Knight a coach or a real

TV star? Coming soon to a TV near you: The Barry Bonds Show, directed by Barry Bonds.

You knew it was coming to this. It's just that you always figured one show wouldn't give in.

Bradley said he'd been pursuing Tiger for nine years. He finally got him, and it turned into a Barbara Walters Special.

Woods told Bradley he liked to "kick butt" in all competitions. It wasn't exactly news, but it warranted more than a fawning affirmation.

"When you're in a tournament, that's what you're looking to do?" Bradley said.

"Yes," Woods said.

"Kick some butt?" "Yeah."

"But you do it with such a nice smile."

This was "60 Minutes?" Mike Wallace once asked Ayatollah Khomeini why Egyptian President Anwar Sadat called him a lunatic. Bradley couldn't ask Tiger why he curses after bad shots?

The only nugget we discovered was, Woods was so shy as a child that he stuttered. That at

least provides some insight into his personality.

Woods is generally cooperative and courteous in his mass interviews, as long as the topic never strays too far from 5-iron talk.

That is his right, of course. If I lived under the microscope as he does, I'd be paranoid, too. But nobody (except the tabloid bottom-feeders) is after his bank-account numbers or personal diary.

Golf-related issues are fair game. Like was it worth the \$25 million a year to endure Nike's problems producing with a driver he liked?

Does he ever worry about kids hearing his potty mouth? Or if his caddie might kill someone for snapping a picture at the wrong time?

Those questions were probably off-limits, as were any shots in Tiger's house or on his yacht. The fact "60 Minutes" agreed to such restrictions shows how far it has sunk.

Was it just a coincidence, or was the piece held a week to coincide more closely with

the Masters? Talk about news/sports/entertainment cross-pollination.

Edward R. Murrow, meet Chris Berman.

ESPN is reinventing sports coverage by the minute. "Bonds on Bonds" debuts Tuesday night. The network is in bed with America's most controversial athlete while also purporting to cover him.

A lot of ESPN personnel reportedly voiced their displeasure at a seminar last week. As luck would have it, the guest speaker was "Mr. 60 Minutes" himself. What was Wallace's reaction when he heard of the Bonds show?

"You've got to be kidding."

Afraid not. Welcome to new-age journalism, where increasingly we find out only what the stars want us to.

"60 Minutes" went so well, Woods' people might even consent to a reality show on ESPN.

You can see it now. Tiger on Tiger.

If they need a host, my guess is that Bradley will get the call before Wallace.

Canes welcome Vasicek back

(AP) — Josef Vasicek went home from the morning skate and tried to take his customary nap.

But it was no use. He simply was too excited.

"My nap wasn't as good as I expected," the Carolina Hurricanes center said. "I'm kind of anxious to get out there."

For the first time since Nov. 11, Vasicek took the ice with his teammates for the game against the Washington Capitals on Monday night. He missed 59 games with a knee injury, and coach Peter Laviolette planned to ease him back into the lineup.

"We don't expect him to come in and move mountains,"

Laviolette said. "We just want him to get his feet wet, get him some minutes and work him back in slowly."

Whatever Vasicek can bring will be much appreciated. The Hurricanes had lost 244 games to injuries this season entering Monday, and that figure was going to increase with at least Erik Cole missing his 15th game since fracturing a vertebra in his neck. Center Doug Weight, defenseman Niclas Wallin and left wing Andrew Ladd all were questionable with various ailments.

Despite playing short-handed so often, Carolina clinched the Southeast Division with nine games left, and the

main goal now is to get ready for the playoffs. The 6-foot-4, 210-pound Vasicek figures to be a big part of any success there.

"We don't really have another player like him, a forward who's a big guy, strong like that," defenseman Mike Commodore said. "I think it's a big boost for us."

Vasicek knows better than anyone that he needs time to get back into a playing rhythm, even though he's been practicing for nearly a month. He still has some pain in his knee, which likely will be with him for a while.

None of that matters at this point. Vasicek is back playing. "It has been a long time," he

said. "I'm just really anxious to get out there."

In the season before the lockout, Vasicek was Carolina's leading scorer with 19 goals and 26 assists in 82 games. He played with Slavia Praha of the Czech Republic Extraliga while the NHL was on hiatus and had 20 goals and 23 assists.

Again, he was the leading scorer.

"We have a lot of different kind of guys in the locker room, but not a lot of guys who are 6-4 and as tough to move as Joe," Laviolette said. "He's a big guy who really protects that puck, and he's tough to get off of. He's a skill player, so he should be a good addition."

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percent of the seats were vacant. It's an NBA area the Phoenix Suns play nearby and are far more popular.

More bad news: Arizona State has been to three NCAA tournaments in the past 25 years. Three! In the mid-1990s, Arizona State suffered through a point-shaving scandal. The Sun Devils went 5-13 in the Pac-10 last season.

UCLA might win the national championship tonight. Lute Olson has another class of blue-chippers about to enroll at Arizona. Arizona Republic newspaper columnist Dan Bickley wrote recently that, for the new Arizona State coach, "Third place is all that's available in the Pac-10 for the next five years or so."

So Sendek will find a sun-kissed place that is prettier but more daunting than the one he

left. At least N.C. State fans are passionate. At Arizona State, they just don't care.

The new Wolfpack coach must harness that passion. In some ways, this is a dream job the ACC, the basketball-soaked tradition, a lot of decent players still around.

In some ways, it's a nightmare unrealistic expectations, the ghost of Jim Valvano, the fact that Mike Krzyzewski and Williams are so close by and so darn good.

It was time for a change. Sendek and State had turned into a bitter brew.

So the next State coach will have an "I'm-not-Herb" honeymoon of two seasons. After that, he better figure out a way to beat Coach K or Williams, or the fans will get sick of him, too.

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ine the inherent conflicts of interest in this story? Will it probe how the owners, the union and the commissioner looked the other way while players and their statistics blew up to grotesquely out-of-proportion sizes?

Meanwhile, Bonds, unlike Aaron, will have plenty of support in his home ballpark. People will cheer him. They will scold the media for not doing their job the past decade (forgetting that we don't have subpoena power and that this story unfolded not because of fabulous investigative journalism but as the direct result of a government investigation).

They will applaud Bonds for his unbelievable ability to focus on the task at hand and not be distracted by the bad news (ignoring that such a trait is also

the sign of a sociopath, and no one was applauding Scott Peterson or O.J. Simpson for their ability to compartmentalize).

Seventy-one seasons ago, in a game in Pittsburgh, Babe Ruth hit three home runs. He tipped his cap to the fans as he rounded the bases. They were the last homers of his career, setting a barrier that has been neither easy nor satisfying to break.

"I didn't feel a wild sense of joy," Aaron wrote in his autobiography, "I Had a Hammer." "I didn't feel like celebrating."

Few will feel like celebrating when Bonds hits No. 715. It's going to be an ugly season. That is, if the whole thing doesn't get rained out.

Somewhere, the Babe is probably laughing.

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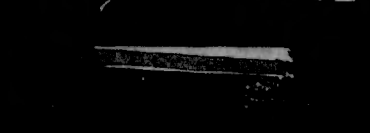
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Why the College
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