

Black Student Union swears in new officers

Third annual Memorial Lecture held



The 2006-2007 officers are (left to right): Jennifer Nnamani, Jamarra House, Makita Simmons, Patrick Dixon and Tamika Becton.

Fresh leaders with a lot to offer

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The Black Student Union held its eighth annual officer inauguration in the Bate building on Wednesday, April 5.

Senior and former president of BSU, Regina Twine, announced and swore in the new leaders.

Past BSU officers include ECU's first black Student Government Association president and vice president, Gamma Beta

Phi president, National Society of Collegiate Scholars president, the president of Student Government Senate and two Harvard University doctoral candidates.

The new executive board that was sworn in consisted of President Patrick Dixon, Vice President Makita Simmons, Secretary Jennifer Nnamani, Treasurer Tamika Becton and Parliamentarian Jamarra House.

New president Patrick Dixon spoke on behalf of the entire BSU to thank past presidents for the great work they have done. He also took time to thank his

brother, Nick Dixon, who is a former BSU president himself, for his inspiration and hard work he has put into BSU.

Dixon continued with the ceremony where he presented numerous awards to students who participate in the Black Student Union. Award recipients include, but are not limited to, Nakita Robinson and Tamika Walker, who both were honored as Most Dedicated members, and Parliamentarian Jamarra House who was given the Most Improved award.

The evening closed with a

reception of pizza and beverages.

This year alone, the BSU has been involved in AIDS awareness, a benefit fashion show, a Martin Luther King Jr. march and they also co-sponsored a Katrina "Step Towards Relief" show.

The newly inaugurated executive board has a lot of potential and great leadership. ECU can expect ongoing success from the Black Student Union in the future.

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Lecture honors Carolyn Freeze Baynes

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Last Tuesday afternoon the College of Human Ecology held the third annual Carolyn Freeze Baynes Memorial Lecture on Social Justice in the Rivers Building with this year's theme being "Contemporary Human Rights, Challenges and Promises." The lecture was presented by Elisabeth Reichert, Ph.D., of the University of Southern Illinois Human Rights Resource Center.

Dr. Reichert, who has written a book on the topic entitled, *Social Work and Human Rights: A Foundation for Policy and Practice*, underlined the basic principles of global human rights. She discussed the history of human rights and the development of the movement while she spoke of the importance of understanding through a governmental perspective as well as an individual perspective. Dr. Reichert went on to discuss the moral perspectives involved and how they differ internationally. She examined the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and analyzed the

many clauses, also emphasizing that the declaration is not legally binding. She interpreted the three generations of Human Rights, dividing them historically, socially and economically, and stating the third generation as an obligation of wealthier countries to support those less fortunate.

Dr. Reichert emphasized the importance of analyzing the differences among cultures and stated that while there certainly are basic universal human rights, it is essential to view human rights from a moral perspective and take notice of the challenges posed by varying cultures.

She ended her presentation underlying the basic theme of the lecture explaining that in order to achieve future success through human rights, it is crucial that all individuals cooperate on the same level. She stated that human rights do not promise equality for everyone, but they promise rights of the basic standards of a system.

The annual lecture is made possible by the Carolyn Freeze Baynes Institute for Social Justice, which was established in

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Illegal immigrants: good or bad for the economy?

Research shows conflicted view of migrant workers

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There are approximately 12 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, and 60 percent of them are unemployed. Most employed illegal immigrants do jobs that almost no one else wants according to 67 percent of Americans. Most of the jobs are in construction, hospitality, manufacturing and cleaning.

The positive points about migrant workers are that they work for less than American workers, thereby bringing down prices of goods. But by working for less money, they bring down the wages for many of these jobs and the excess of unskilled workers makes it much harder for male U.S. citizens without a high school education to find jobs of that type.

Additionally, migrant workers pay in payroll taxes such as FICA and Medicare, but due to their illegal status they are unable to reap the benefits of such programs. Considering the down slope of Social Security in terms of people paying into it versus people drawing off of it, this is

certainly good news. Also if illegal immigrants were deported then there would probably be an interruption in some services in cleaning, construction and agriculture.

Mark Zandi of economist.com says, "It would take time for that to occur and during this period of adjustment some things might not get done; maybe some crops won't be picked or some hotel rooms won't get cleaned."

However those companies would have to raise wages to get American workers to take the jobs if there was not enough of a response from the applicant pool of male U.S. citizens without a high school diploma.

In some cases, companies might opt to invest in machines and other automation rather than hire higher-paid workers.

But, immigrants spend money in this country and the increased labor pool is seen as an economic positive to some with Andrew Bernard of the Dartmouth School of Business saying, "We can make more stuff and that can add to overall economic activity."

There are negatives associated with migrant workers though. The strain placed upon U.S. schools and social systems amounts to \$12 billion per year after considering the taxes that

these people pay in. Most of the social cost of illegal immigrants stems from their children, many of whom are born in the United States and are thereby U.S. citizens. Migrant workers who reproduce rapidly in the United States seriously strain Medicaid and food-assistance programs. This extra expense raises taxes for taxpayers.

So the question becomes, "Is the economic benefit enough to offset the extra taxes consumers are paying?"

Many in Congress are divided and the complex issue has come to light in California where protests were recently held in response to tougher guidelines regulating the traffic across the border from Mexico. A House-passed piece of legislation takes a tough stance, including provisions making illegal immigrants' presence in this country a felony. The Senate would like to make it possible for illegal immigrants to obtain permanent citizen status.

The American public is just as divided as the Senate with 51 percent saying they feel illegal immigrants are a positive and 42 percent saying they feel they are a negative.

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Foods, beverages and fun were served up Saturday at the International Festival on the lawn commons.

Celebrating cultural diversity

Having a global mindset is important

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People from many different cultural backgrounds came together to celebrate Greenville's annual International Festival Saturday, April 8 at the town commons on First Street.

At the festival, there was an assortment of food and beverages from the different nations that were represented. There were also beautiful displays of art and crafts at the festival. People were able to watch authentic dances and hear native music from some of the nations represented at the festival.

The Jamestown Pipes and Drums wowed the crowd by playing the song, "Amazing Grace" with bagpipes.

"This is a unique chance for us to hang out here, and to see all the other cultures around here in Greenville," said Samir Dumpor, who represented Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Dumpor also said that this festival gives him chance to show others what his culture is all about. Dumpor sold traditional Bosnian food at the festival for the purpose of helping those less fortunate. Dumpor said he is going to take all the proceeds from the food that he sold at the festival to help the children back in his native land who have lost

both parents in the most recent war there.

Nicholas Wilson, who represented the nation of Japan, said that the festival is important because people can see all sorts of different cultures, which, in turn, exposes them to new and diverse cultural images and ideas.

"When people live in a small town all their life, they don't really realize the great things that the rest of the world has to offer, so this is a chance to give them a glimpse of what they are missing," said Wilson.

There were also Hispanic and African students at the festival who wanted to inform others

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Genty is new attorney general

SGA looks to bring back alumni e-mail system

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The Student Government Associations General Assembly convened Monday evening at 5 p.m. to discuss a number of business issues ranging from the election of a new Attorney General to the installation of an alumni e-mail system.

Outgoing SGA Attorney General, Brian Mitchell, took the podium and announced his approval of his possible successor Nick Genty, a current ECU graduate student. Genty was praised for his work done as the current secondary Attorney General.

Passage of approval by the general assembly was ini-



Regina Twine speaks at the SGA Monday afternoon about the possibility bringing back e-mail addresses for the alumni of ECU.

iated later in the meeting with a unanimous decision to select Genty for the position.

Genty will be sworn in at the upcoming SGA banquet. Also passed at the meeting

was the 'blanket' approval of the incoming judicial board members to serve next fall. These students

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Senate leaders reach agreement on new immigration bill

(KRT) — In a major breakthrough, Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate embraced a compromise immigration bill Thursday, fueling prospects for likely Senate passage of a plan that would put most illegal immigrants on track to permanent legal status.

Senate passage would put the bill on a collision course with a tough border-enforcement bill that the House of Representatives passed in December. It wouldn't give illegal immigrants legal status.

Thursday's compromise broke

a Senate stalemate and revitalized President Bush's call for a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. Nevertheless, a group of Senate Republicans and House conservatives wasted little time in attacking it.

A House-Senate negotiating committee will craft the legislation's final terms, but some lawmakers and outside groups who have a stake in the immigration debate said the differences might be insurmountable. Compromise on such an emotional and controversial issue may prove impossible for many lawmakers who

face re-election in November. "I do not believe a plan of this nature can pass the House," said Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., the leader of a conservative coalition that opposes legalizing undocumented aliens. "It's miserable public policy."

Senate supporters of the compromise said Bush backed basic elements of the plan and would try to push it through Congress.

In a statement after the agreement was announced, the presi-

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Announcements:

'The Time of Your Life'

Tuesday, April 11 at 8 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 lovelorn disusing war, art, good and evil. But, like a flower in the desert, one man starts to fall in love. It's heartbreaking, tender and funny. This is a great character study and an actor's masterpiece.

Tickets are: General Public \$12; Senior Citizens and current ECU Faculty/Staff \$10 and Youth/Current ECU Student \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets required. For more information, contact 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Simon Deng speaks about modern-day slavery

Monday, April 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. Simon Deng, former child slave in the Sudan, will speak in Hendrix Theatre at ECU. Deng was forced into slavery at the age of nine and escaped at age 11. He now speaks around the world against slavery and the genocide in the Sudan. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the continued practice of slavery in the world and about the ongoing crisis in the Sudan. This event is free of charge and is open to all.

For more information, contact Colin Campbell, cm0922@ecu.edu

International faculty and staff potluck dinner

Wednesday, April 26 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Willis Building, First and Reade Streets, ECU. The Office of International Affairs is sponsoring a potluck dinner for international faculty and staff. Contact brownr@ecu.edu for additional information.

'Guys and Dolls'

Tuesday, June 27 through Saturday, July 1, 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday in McGinnis Theater. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, this oddball romantic comedy introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon. Sarah Brown, the upright "mission doll," out to reform evildoers; Sky Masterson, the high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, the chronically ill nightclub performer whose been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate to find a spot for his infamous floating crap game. Everything works out in the end, thanks to the machinations of Abe Burrows and Jo Swering's hilarious, fast-paced book and Frank Loesser's bright, brassy, immortal score, which takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba and into the sewers of New York City. Funny and romantic, *Guys And Dolls* are ideal for all audiences. Tickets are required and are \$20-\$30. Contact 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for additional information.

'The Fantasticks'

Tuesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 15 at 8 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday in McGinnis Theater. Try to remember a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences. *The Fantasticks* is the longest-running musical in the world, and with good reason. At the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. The result is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. With its minimal costumes, small band and virtually non-existent set, *The Fantasticks* is an intimate show which engages the audience's imagination and showcases a strong ensemble cast. It's moving tale of young lovers who become disillusioned, only to discover a more mature, meaningful love is punctuated by a beautiful series of catchy, memorable songs, many of which have become standards. Tickets are required and are \$20-\$30. Contact 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for additional information.

State:

N.C. conservatives say stronger identity needed here

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) North Carolina conservatives say it's time to reclaim the most Democrat-friendly state in the South. Voters for years have favored Republicans in presidential and U.S. Senate races here. But it's been nearly a generation since a Republican occupied the governor's mansion. That was former Gov. Jim Martin, elected in 1988.

The GDP has not fully controlled the state legislature for a century. "It is a travesty that North Carolina is controlled by the Democrats," said U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., on Saturday, the second day of the N.C. Conservative Leadership Conference. The first ever event, which organizers hope to hold annually, was aimed at finding ways to better appeal to North Carolina voters and halt the blue tide in state government.

It featured guest speakers who called for a crackdown on illegal immigration, lower taxes and less state spending. They also called for a law making English the official state language, a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, and the end of taxpayer-funded incentives used to recruit businesses.

Jack Hawke, a former state GOP chairman who now leads the Civitas Institute, a Raleigh-based conservative group that organized the conference, said the state Republican Party lacks a strong identity. That, he argues, has made it difficult for the party to compete with other states that are moving into fast-growing suburbs. "There has been a void in leadership in the conservative movement in North Carolina, especially since Sen. Helms retired," said former Raleigh Mayor Tom Frazier. "We need a new generation of conservative leaders to come forward and accept the mantle."

Residents return home after wildfire forces evacuations

SPIVEY'S CORNER, N.C. (AP) Residents evacuated from more than 50 homes were allowed to return Saturday after a firefighters contained a wildfire that burned on about 200 acres in northern Sampson County, officials said. Officials said the fire near the Sandy Ridge Country Club had threatened the homes and placed occupants in immediate danger. A day care center

was also evacuated. Firefighters had the blaze 100 percent contained by late afternoon Saturday, said Jamie Kritzer, a spokesman for the N.C. Division of Forest Resources. No injuries were reported and no structures were lost, officials said. Kritzer said crews were still on the scene Saturday evening, checking hot spots in the interior of the burned area. The fire was started Monday by a local resident burning brush, Kritzer said. The fire had been contained, but firefighters were checking on it because of the prevailing windy and dry conditions, he said, and the fire again became a problem on Friday. About 175 firefighters along with a forestry airplane and helicopter were involved in fighting the blaze, Kritzer said. Kritzer said the rain that parts of the state received Saturday wouldn't make much difference to the wildfire threat. "Quite frankly I wish we'd had a lot more. This could prove to be a bad fire day on Sunday," he said. "We're just really urging people to hold off on burning at this time."

On Wednesday, three fires spread across woods in Cumberland and Sampson counties, while two dozen brush fires were scattered across western North Carolina.

National:

Survivors pick the pieces after Tennessee storms that killed 12

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) Diesel smoke filled the air as work crews used heavy equipment to clear paths through tornado-strewn debris and victims rummaged for mementos in the remains of their neighborhoods. Clumps of yellow insulation hung from trees like Spanish moss, and the sound of helicopters, chain saws and trucks created a loud, steady rumble. Among those searching for keepsakes in the rubble Saturday, Jenny Tuck carried a cedar chest and a photograph. "I found an old picture of my mother," she said, holding up the dirty silver frame.

"After the tornadoes in west Tennessee, I said, 'Lord help us if it comes through a more densely populated area,'" Gov. Phil Bredesen said. "And then it did a week later." Summer County emergency officials implemented a curfew for the areas hardest hit areas and National Guard soldiers were brought in to patrol. The worst damage appeared to be in

Gallatin and other suburbs northeast of Nashville. "You could hear people yelling and screaming outside and the debris hitting the walls," said Hurt, who said one of his coworkers was killed. Nashville Electrical Service reported hundreds of electrical lines down and power outages affecting up to 16,000 customers, mostly in Goodlettsville. About 1,000 customers remained blacked out, and it could take a week to restore all service, the utility said. Another line of severe thunderstorms rolled through Alabama and Georgia late Friday and early Saturday, damaging homes and businesses in Atlanta suburbs. Two people in Alabama were injured by falling trees, but no deaths were reported. Storms also pounded southern West Virginia, blacking out more than 16,000 customers, utilities said.

Candidates for New Orleans mayor seek support from hurricane evacuees

HOUSTON (AP) Seven candidates vying to be the next mayor of New Orleans sought support from displaced voters Saturday, two weeks before the election to decide who will guide the city through its long recovery from Hurricane Katrina. The candidates fielded questions about rebuilding in a forum for New Orleans that was broadcast to evacuees in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin, as well as Shreveport, La., and Baton Rouge, La.

Mayor Ray Nagin, who is seeking a second term, reminded the audience that the April 22 primary comes just weeks before the start of the next hurricane season. "Do you want experienced leadership that is tried and tested? Or do you want to experiment at this important time in our city's history?" he asked, drawing applause and cheers in Houston, where about 100 evacuees watched from an auditorium at Texas Southern University. Evacuees pushed the candidates for answers to questions about restoring basic services, such as electricity and trash pickup. "I cannot lie to you and tell you every single service in every single neighborhood is going to come back immediately," said candidate Ron Forman, an executive credited with turning New Orleans' zoo into a national showcase. Other candidates agreed. "If I said yes, it would be an empty promise," said the Rev. Tom Watson,

a politically influential minister who is also running for mayor.

If no candidate gets a majority of the votes in the nonpartisan primary, the top two finishers will compete in a May 20 runoff election. Thomas Wells, who evacuated to Houston after the storm but returned to New Orleans for the forum, said he was frustrated with the city's appeals for residents to come home. "I am very angry with the statement. 'Come back home.' To what?" he asked, complaining his wife has to get dressed each morning out of the trunk of the family's car. "We are a family with dignity, and that is unacceptable."

International:

Defying curfew, thousands protest against king in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) Thousands of emboldened protesters defied curfews in Nepal on Sunday, clashing with police on the fourth day of increasingly violent demonstrations to demand a return to democracy in Himalayan kingdom.

The protests came despite the royal government's threat to shoot anyone breaking the curfew, imposed Saturday amid a general strike to pressure King Gyanendra to give up absolute rule. At least two protesters have been killed in clashes. Police fired tear gas at stone-throwing youths in Nepal's capital Sunday, where at least 1,000 people assembled in one neighborhood, said a witness who declined to be named for fear of police reprisal. Police also fired rubber bullets, Private Kanti Television reported, showing footage that included at least one injured protester.

At the time, he said the move was needed to bring order to a chaotic and corrupt political scene and to end a communist insurgency that has killed nearly 13,000 people in the past decade. Many Nepalis at first welcomed the king's move. But the insurgency since has worsened and the economy has faltered, fueling the discontent that has been on display in recent days as thousands of workers, professionals and business people have for the first time joined students and political activists at protests. Apart from Saturday's shootings, the government has arrested more than 800 people since Wednesday. Police were seen Saturday detaining another 20 rights activists for defying the curfew.

For the first time, the parties' protest has the backing of the communist rebels, with whom they formed a loose alliance in December.

Roadside bombs hit central Iraq, U.S. troops kill suspected insurgents on anniversary of fall of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Five roadside bombs killed at least three people in Iraq on Sunday, the three year anniversary of the Baghdad's fall to U.S. forces. Iraq police and soldiers bolstered security in the capital to prevent attacks on "Freedom Day." The holiday marks the April 9, 2003 event in which a huge crowd of Iraqis cheered as U.S. Marines hauled down the statue of Saddam Hussein on Firdous Square, marking the collapse of his regime.

Most Iraqis welcomed the end of Saddam's regime, but the insurgency, militias, rising sectarian violence, electricity shortages and political vacuum have all sapped much of the enthusiasm generated by the collapse of dictatorship. "Iraqis are pleased and displeased," said Qassim Hassan, a soldier. "They are pleased because they got rid of tyranny and dictatorship, but they are displeased because they went from bad to worse. The Iraq street is seething between sadness and terrorism."

Even U.S. officials acknowledged the mixed nature of the Iraq war's current stage. "Despite much progress, much work remains," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. said in a joint statement. "The legitimate security forces must quell sectarian violence. Population centers must be secure to allow Iraq's new institutions to take root and businesses to flourish. Finally, the people must be able to trust their leadership."

The "Freedom Day" holiday appeared to draw little public attention. The Iraqi Islamic Party, a the biggest Sunni party, issued a statement rejecting the day, saying it was "an anniversary of occupying Iraq, not liberating it." But some Iraqis embraced the memory of Hussein's statue coming to the ground. "This is a dear day, we got rid of the dictatorship," said Fadhl Abul-Sebah. "It doesn't mark the fall of Baghdad, it marks the fall of Saddam ... and the regime, because Baghdad will never fall."

Media reporting bad news from Iraq because that's reality

(KRT) — As conditions in Iraq continue to deteriorate, and as President Bush's popularity at home continues to wane, administration leaders and their conservative followers have been busy honing a provocative message: It's the media's fault. Their argument is that media coverage of the war, focusing on bad news while ignoring the good, is sapping the will of the American people. Maybe it's coincidence, but Bush's March 20 complaint "people resuming their normal lives will never be as dramatic as the footage of an IED explosion" is being increasingly echoed by his allies in the conservative punditocracy.

It's not unusual for journalists to be assailed during wartime. President John F. Kennedy tried to get New York Times correspondent David Halberstam ejected from Vietnam because of his downbeat dispatches; Vice President Spiro Agnew later skewered Vietnam-era reporters as "nattering nabobs of negativism," but the attacks on the Iraq coverage may set new standards for both fervor and frequency.

Fox News host Sean Hannity condemned what he called "a total and almost complete focus on all the negative aspects of the war." Bill O'Reilly said "there is a segment of the media trying to undermine the policy in Iraq for their own ideological purposes." Frequent Fox guest Laura Ingraham said that many members of the media "are invested in America's defeat."

But these attacks are proof that the war itself is going badly; there would be no need to point fingers if it were going well. And many nonpartisan observers dismiss the conservatives' media-bashing as an attempt to pin blame to the wrong people, while exonerating Bush, whose handling of Iraq draws support from only 35 percent of the citizens, a record low, according to the new Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

Michael O'Hanlon, a Brookings Institution analyst who fol-

lows the reconstruction effort and opposes U.S. troop withdrawal, said the other day: "The media has it about right, and public opinion has it about right. It's Bush and Donald Rumsfeld who won't admit they are not handling the war effectively, and that it has gone badly. Vice President (Dick) Cheney, in particular, is living in positive-spin dreamland."

O'Hanlon said the media were rightfully stressing bad news, because that's the reality. His annual charts, which track Iraq statistics, tell the tale: Two months ago, there was less electricity, less household fuel, and less oil production than before Saddam Hussein's ouster. The number of insurgents has more than tripled since February 2004; the number of daily attacks by insurgents has more than tripled since then; and there were twice as many roadside bombs in 2005 as in 2004.

Anthony Cordesman, a former Pentagon intelligence expert, now a national security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said: "The coverage is fairly accurate. If you go looking for the good news during an ongoing insurgency, in a place where there are major problems forming a government, a place where the economy is in disarray, well, good news may not be the best indicator of what's really going on."

Orville Schell, dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, who covered the Vietnam War and recently returned from a stint in Iraq, put it this way: "If you're covering the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown, would you go spend time covering a healthy reactor, for 'balance'?" The story in Iraq is the meltdown. It's a bloody mess. The story is not a schoolhouse that just got plumbing."

Rich Noyes offered the pro-Bush argument by phone on

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10th Street cleanup



These fraternity and sorority members walked from Krispy Kreme down to Elm Street yesterday in an effort to clean 10th Street as part of their annual Greek Week 2006 agenda.

Even cowgirls pay their dues

(KRT) — Big family ranches are an endangered species.

Some women, though, are holding on like hardy blue grama grass in a drought, refusing to pack it in after the kids have grown and the men have died. They pull on their boots, suck in the loneliness and hurt and take solace in the rhythm of ranch life. "It's not for sissies. Ranching and farming wasn't near as romantic a life as people think. Let's say it developed my character," said Barbara Gieck, a rancher for 60 years and last year's Colorado Cattle Woman of the Year. "We're seeing more women than in the past involved in ranching after they are divorced or widowed," says rancher Lucy Meyring, immediate past president Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the first woman to hold that post. "They stick it out because they love the life."

In that vast prairie east of Colorado Springs, Colo., home is a country where the ranch houses are modest, boots aren't fashion statements, and there's nary a Ralph Lauren linen set to be found. Money is better spent on a new bull, used hay baler, bovine vaccine or eaten up by high gasoline prices and drought damage. Cattle die sooner out here than most places because grit sifts into

the native grassland and wears down their teeth. And the ranchers, too, perish with higher death rates than most other professions, from accidents and stress.

But the women say the good outweighs the bad in boundless ways, so they sweat, shiver and endure bodily aches and sometimes financial pains to stay on the ranch. They hope their work will be a legacy for their extended families, who more often than not have moved to the city.

On long winter nights, Dixie Boyer bustles herself making memory quilts for her four children and five grandchildren. The flannel comes from her late husband's work shirts. Eldon Keith Boyer died two years ago of a heart attack, and Dixie Boyer now runs the family's big spread south of Rush.

After he died, some friends and family wondered how Boyer could stay on, but it was never a question she asked herself. On a recent morning, the bespectacled rancher heads into the pastures. Boyer gets out among the cattle, pushes a lever on the feeder on the truck bed and then drives forward slowly as the contraction lays down a rug of cottonseed cakes for the animals. Suddenly, she stops the truck and her pleasant windburned

face squints into the sun. "That's a pretty sight when it's not my field," she says pointing at about 50 pronghorn leisurely eating the winter triticate, which will be harvested in May for livestock feed. She guns her truck and they lope away.

She doesn't say how many cattle she runs on her 1,190 acres. That's not something you ask a rancher. It's like asking how much money they've got in the bank.

Back at her modest home, she eyes the exterior. "This summer I've got to get out here and paint. And we're replanting the windbreak, and we need a lot of the trees died in the drought."

"We" includes son Jason, 32, who runs a neighbor's ranch. Boyer hires him to help with the tough work. Another son, Daniel, works on a ranch in Kansas, Bryce is a fireman, and her daughter, Jill Mekeburg, runs a feedlot with her husband and in-laws.

The TV is turned to RFD, an agricultural station, where a live cattle auction in Texas is in progress.

Boyer said she ached to be a rancher even as a city girl in Colorado Springs, spending vacations on a friend's ranch at Parlin. She graduated from Colorado State

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Friday. He tracks Iraq coverage for the conservative Media Research Center in Virginia; last October, he filed a report that argued that the media should "balance the daily dramatic attacks with the big picture of a country slowly but surely being restored and democracy dawning in the heart of the Middle East."

Does he still believe that big picture is accurate?

"It certainly isn't a smooth, effortless transition," he said. "... But there are a lot of hopeful signs out there. The good guys don't do things in a huge, dramatic way. What we're saying is, don't remove the bad news, but supplement it with the overall context of the good that we're doing. Because the way the coverage has been framed, it's having a demoralizing effect on public opinion."

The problem, however, is that journalists on the ground often can't get to the "good news" because it's way too dangerous.

Lara Logan, a war correspondent on CBS, made this point recently. She told CNN that when she asks U.S. officials for leads on upbeat stories, this is what she is told: "Oh, sorry, we can't take you to that school project, because if you put that on TV, they're going to be attacked, the teachers are going to be killed, the children might be victims of attack. Oh, sorry, we can't show this reconstruction project because then that's going to expose it to sabotage."

Logan, who was speaking from Baghdad, said: "Security dominates every single thing that happens in this country. Reconstruction funds have been diverted to security. ... So how is it that security issues should not then dominate the media coverage coming out of here?"

Her point is confirmed by Robert Callahan, a former press attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. In the latest issue of American Journalism Review, he writes: "We stopped taking reporters to the inaugurations of many reconstruction projects because, as we quickly learned to our dismay, publicity might invite a terrorist attack. ... We concluded that good publicity simply wasn't worth the cost in lives and damage, and we stopped advertising them."

It's also true that reconstruction funds have been diverted to security, more than 25 percent. Stuart Bowen Jr., inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, said it himself, in Senate testimony on Feb. 8, when he spoke of "continuing challenges" and "course corrections" for

rebuilding efforts that "became unstable over time."

Cordesman, the national security expert, routinely monitors these kinds of statements by U.S. officials. He concluded: "Their reports track very closely with the daily news reporting. In general, they're more negative than the media."

Noyes, the conservative watchdog, said: "I sympathize with how hard it is. I will not try to minimize the difficulty of trying to do comprehensive coverage. But there are ways to provide balance and context without going directly into harm's way." The media, he contended, need to do some "soul searching" about their failure to convey "the big picture" of Bush's democratization mission.

Unfortunately for Bush's defenders, some recent attempts to provide that big picture have backfired. An American woman on war duty has been blogging as "Grandma in Iraq" for a Cincinnati newspaper since September, telling good-news stories ("Democracy is winning here"). It turns out that her stories aren't so spontaneous; she's a public-relations officer, a fact that was omitted from her blog biography. Outed this week by another blogger, she said, "I sincerely apologize."

More tellingly, California Republican congressional candidate Howard Kaloogian, in an attempt last month to rebut the media depiction of a violent Baghdad, posted on his Web site a photo of Baghdad that was snapped during his trip to the region in 2005. It showed a peaceful street filled with strolling pedestrians.

But then some of those pesky bloggers went to work, and discovered that it was actually a street scene in a suburb of Istanbul. In Turkey. (Kaloogian later admitted the error but told TPMmuckraker.com: "You're being really picky on this stuff. It's not that big a deal.")

The problem with the Bush Republicans, said Schell, the journalism dean, "is that, especially in wartime, they have almost a Marxist-Leninist view of how the press should behave. As a China specialist, I'm familiar with this notion, that the press should be the megaphone of the party in government. Controlled obedience, no dissent."

Does this mean, if democracy fails to take root, that the media risk being blamed for having "lost" Iraq, much as some Americans still blame the media for having "lost" Vietnam?

"Either way, the media will survive," said O'Hanlon.

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were put through a number of investigatory procedures to insure their abilities. The office of student conflict resolution will look into the student's GPA, as well as their good standing status.

Interviews then take place with each applicant. Each interview consists of a series of activities including logic games, case scenarios, integrity evaluation and meeting with members of the board.

Sixteen students were chosen to serve.

The SGA banquet will be taking place Wednesday of next week. Invitations were issued to Senate members at the meeting. Any member who did not receive their invitation is encouraged to pick it up. RSVPs must be received by the close of business this Thursday.

Jon Massachi, Parking and Transportation co-chair, thanked members for their submission of community service hours for documentation. He stressed again to all groups, be it general or Greek to submit hours to him.

"We are well on our way to our goal, and I definitely think that we are going to pass our goal," said Massachi.

Massachi will announce the number of hours logged at the SGA banquet next week.

Michaelina Antahades, appropriations co-chair, thanked groups for applying for annual

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dent acknowledged that there are "still details to be worked out" but called on senators to work hard to pass the bill before Congress quits work Friday for a two-week Easter recess.

The agreement would retool a comprehensive immigration plan that the Senate Judiciary Committee passed, which would have put nearly all illegal immigrants who are now in the country, estimated as at least 12 million, on a path toward permanent legal status and eventual U.S. citizenship.

Under the compromise, a three-tiered system would offer legal status to what Senate leaders estimate as 7 million to 8 million illegal residents who've been in the United States for five years or longer. They'd be eligible for "green cards" authorizing them to become permanent legal residents after six years and could become citizens after 11 years.

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funding and turning in their required information on time. She reminded groups to be sure to attend their respective interview time either Tuesday or Wednesday evening in order to still be eligible for funding.

Business was discussed regarding the installation of an alumni e-mail system. The student welfare committee has come up with a series of surveys. The surveys are sample-based, meaning that not all students will be receiving these surveys. This is intended to hopefully insure more feedback.

The first of three surveys consists of questions regarding campus involvement, as well as issues that SGA needs to address when it comes to campus security.

The second of these surveys will be sent to juniors and seniors regarding alumni e-mail. It poses questions of whether or not students would use an alumni e-mail system after they have graduated.

The last survey is intended to figure out how students are using technology available on campus as well as the software they use or what they feel is lacking.

Next weeks SGA meeting location is to be announced currently. Students can find out the new time this week as it's announced at ecu.edu/sga.

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determine how long they'd been in the country.

More than a dozen key senators, including Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., embraced the agreement and predicted it would win Senate passage with a bipartisan majority.

"We're not there yet, but hopefully in the next 24 hours there will be occasion for real celebration," Reid said.

Frist called the compromise a huge breakthrough that puts the Senate on track toward passing "a very important bill."

DID YOU KNOW?

On March 19, 2004, 2,089 children under age 18 were registered on the organ transplant waiting list. April is the month of Organ Donation Awareness and the Students for Organ Donation Awareness (SODA) will provide all daily facts. Look for a fact about organ donation in each April edition of 'TEC'.

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Our View

Lacrosse team guilty

Duke University was jointly ranked the 11th best university in the world by the 2005 *Times Higher Education Supplement*. Its admissions standards are high; according to collegeboard.com, only 22 percent of applicants are accepted. Of those, 87 percent graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Additionally, the College Foundation of North Carolina reports that last fall, at least 95 percent of Duke's incoming freshmen scored above 600 on the both the verbal and math sections of the SAT I.

Given these admissions standards, Duke University's student body is undoubtedly made up of some of the smartest young minds in the country.

Unfortunately for the university, the community, the students' families, the alleged rape victim and everyone else involved in the current lacrosse team scandal, 47 of them weren't smart enough to stay out of trouble.

Forty-seven students, athletically gifted and intelligent enough to be accepted by Duke, the recipients of scholarships and NCAA championship opportunities – you'd think somewhere along the line they'd have picked up some common sense. Or some common decency.

Out of 47 students, you'd think one of them might have realized that hiring female dancers for a party attended solely by inebriated young men is a bad idea.

Or that harassing any woman, or any person for that matter, in any situation – but especially in a situation where she or he is outnumbered and vulnerable – is wrong.

Or perhaps the thought would have dawned on a few of them that taking their little Duke-engraved silver spoons out of their mouths just long enough to shout racial slurs is disgusting.

Most importantly, however, one of them might have realized that he had the power to speak out and denounce his teammates' actions. That not getting involved in or feigning ignorance of misconduct isn't enough; every individual is responsible for challenging the wrongful actions of others and facilitating justice.

The DNA samples taken from 46 members of the lacrosse team may have come back negative and the case may not even see trial, but in my book each team member is still guilty.

Each is guilty of lacking common sense and decency, which ought to be a crime.

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Opinion Columnist

Guest writer from N.C. State speaks about campus safety

Tolerance will make campus safer

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Do you feel safe at N.C. State University?

Despite the recent arrests of a number of students engaged in felonious activity -- I feel pretty safe, at least in a physical safety sense. But do you feel safe about being yourself? As a white male heterosexual, I hold a place of privilege and power on campus. So I rarely experience problems expressing myself -- as you well know from my rants and raves in the newspaper and on the radio. But what if I were black? Female? Or gay? Would my perceptions and, more importantly, my reality of campus change?

With events unfolding in Durham in connection with a possible sexual assault involving Duke University student-athletes and also with my involvement in "The Laramie Project," I think this is a good opportunity to discuss issues of diversity.

Or, more bluntly, hate. First, before I go any further, my lawyers instructed me to provide the following disclaimer. "If you think talking about matters of homosexuality, racism, diversity, etcetera are wrong -- stop reading now."

Please don't accuse me of ramming an "agenda" down the readers' throats. As fellow opinion columnist Daniel Underwood wrote last semester in his "Community needs strategic adjustments" column, "The sickness with which homosexuality is shoved down our throats at

every corner is almost an insult to our intelligence as college students."

Thank you for your cooperation. You'll make my crack team of attorneys so happy. The Student Body President (a.k.a. the Pirate Captain) and I retain the same group of lawyers.

For background purposes "The Laramie Project" is by Moisés Kaufman and other members of The Tectonic Theater Project. It plays documents the events of Oct. 7, 1998, when a gay college student was discovered bound to a fence in the hills outside of Laramie, Wyo. The student, Matthew Shepard, was "savagely beaten and left to die in an act of brutality and hate that shocked the nation."

Don't think it could happen at NCSU?

According to a University-sponsored report, "An Assessment of Campus Climate for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Students," by NY Gulley conducted in the Spring of 2003, 56.5 percent of GLBT students reported that they had been shunned on campus, 62.8 percent of GLBT respondents said they had experienced direct verbal harassment and 16.3 percent of GLBT students reported experiencing vandalism.

All incidents occurred because of the student's sexual orientation.

Other universities are not immune from hate either. The recent SUV attack at Carolina and Duke's ongoing crisis are good examples.

As a member of the majority I have difficulty assessing the "climate of hate" on campus. I don't believe, however, that makes me unqualified to speak about these issues.

This is what I see, hear and know: the University lacks racial minorities in high-level administrative positions. Black student groups recently gave the University failing grades in its relationship with the black community.

If you want to get a quick, unscientific snapshot of student values and feelings toward minorities of all types; just take a look at the language used on The Wolf Web. Don't misunderstand my reference to the popular online forum as an avocation of censorship or other things along that line. I merely mention it as an example of the value systems of a significant proportion of the student body. A couple of my favorite posts include "Andrew Payne is a f---ing douche bag" and "Andrew Payne is a fag."

I really don't have any concrete solutions to these problems. The only idea I can suggest at this point is to continue the dialogue. Campus productions like "The Laramie Project" and "The Vagina Monologues" are good places to start.

I do know one thing that works -- acceptance. Accepting individuals for traits they can't control, like race, gender and sexual orientation, will make this campus safer. However, acceptance is one step beyond tolerance and most people can't tolerate bad service.

If we can't tolerate each other, how can we even accept one another?

To step out of your comfort zone wander over to Thompson Theatre and check out "The Laramie Project." It runs until Sunday. For more information visit www.ncsu.edu/theatre.

Contact Andrew Payne at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

Pirate Rant

I'm so tired of my friend asking me to take her to class five minutes before she has to be there. Get your lazy butt up and catch the bus, walk or drive yourself there and park somewhere like I do!

Why are there so few ECU girls who like smart guys? I don't mean nerdy. I mean smart guys with ambition.

My roommate gets scared every time she hears me using my key to get in the apartment. She says she never knows who will be trying to get in. After two years of living together and it's me every time, I think she's just paranoid ... either that or stupid!

Yes I love bisexual boys too, they are so fun.

Girls claim that guys want just one thing, but girls want just one thing too: marriage and the perceived security it brings, which is a lot more to give than sex.

There. Their. They're. There is a difference. Learn it, love it, live it.

I know this isn't a rant, but all I have to say is that one of those new guys working campus safety is a hottie! Hope to see you around more!

ECU doesn't suck, you suck!

I hate when people respond to other people's rants, it's a waste of time to even read it.

Ever had a reason to smile so much that your face actually hurts? It's great, isn't it?

If people could please learn to park straight and in one spot in the freshman lot, that would be fantastic! No one is going to do anything to your car, so just park in one spot please and save everyone the frustration!

I miss pop-up videos. Those were so fun to watch, and I learned so much useless information.

I hate when teachers write directions on the syllabus and then they change the instructions but never update the syllabus. How am I supposed to remember every little detail when you change your mind every day?!

This weekend's assault on campus took place next to the police station on 10th Street. The victims didn't chase any suspect, so how on earth was the suspect last seen near Fourth Street? Maybe one reason people can get robbed and assaulted next to the police station is because the police aren't sure where they are.

The middle of class is not the time for your Egg McMuffin.

What's the deal with students having to pay for bubble sheets? I don't know of any schools outside of North Carolina that have this policy.

I know this will result in many rants against me, but would the situation at Duke be different if the alleged victim was white?

Why do professors wait until the last minute to pile stuff on? I think there is some connection between warm weather and professors making sure we don't get time to enjoy it.

Assaults on campus have been occurring more frequently. Isn't it time for ECU to step up and protect the students. I don't want to walk to my car from a night class scared that something may happen to me! A pamphlet telling you to walk in groups is not always going to save you. I admire the administration for making us aware of the problem, but please do something more than talk!

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop? Really?

Just because someone had a good interview, it does not mean that they're qualified for the spot. My interview would have been good too if it were my friends interviewing me and letting me know what they'd be asking me ahead of time. All I have to say is good luck because you made the wrong choice.

A bouncer told me that I had to take off my bandana at the entrance to the bar downtown. I'd say they are being racist against me because I am white.

Still Life is like the best new club in town! So many hot boys and believe me I'm looking.

To the library supervisor -- thanks for reminding me to be quiet on the first floor of the library by the TV, espresso machine, computers and multitudes of people chatting around me. I don't know what I would do without you!

It makes me feel so safe to know that when I call 9-1-1 with an emergency, they put you on hold!

We had a warm winter, so people said global warming was out of control. Now, we have a mild beginning to spring, so where are the people warning us about the next ice age? I haven't seen that end of the weather wacko spectrum yet.

I know for a fact I'm passing the beady-eyed teacher's class, so whoever thinks they are funny needs to get over. I invite said teacher who knows I am "failing" to address me in class to rectify said situation.

What do you do when you are dating someone that you care for but at the same time, you like someone else and they like you?

When did art become a broken down car with graffiti written all over it. ECU is not a trailer park, so get rid of that car next to the art building.

Anyone want to join an on-campus cult that will consume every aspect of your life and prevent you from seeing all people outside of the cult? Just apply to the ECU School of Nursing!

You're so vain, you probably think this rant is about you. Don't you?

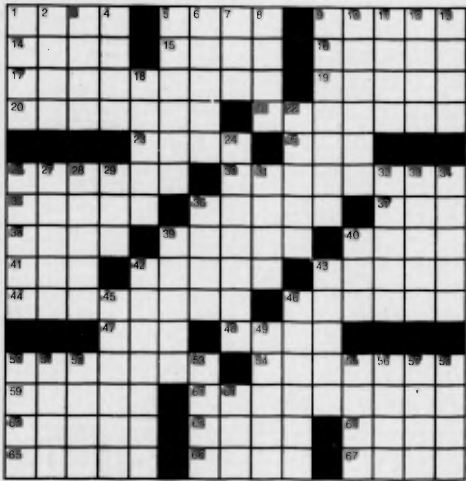
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So last week my car was towed, which I would normally take blame for, but this time it was towed from right outside my house! My house! Mine! I parked "too close" to my driveway, \$90 later, I'm thinking to myself, "WTF is wrong with this town?"

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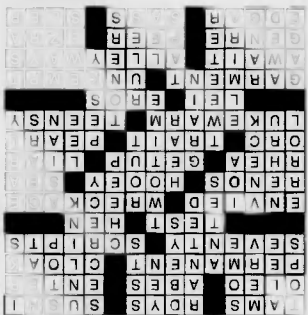
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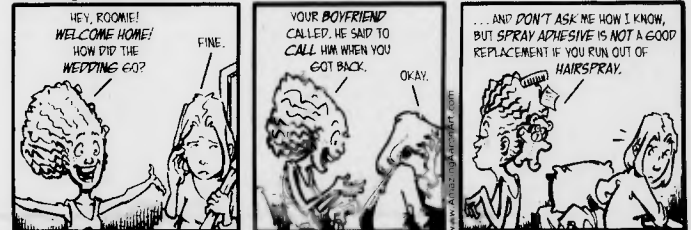


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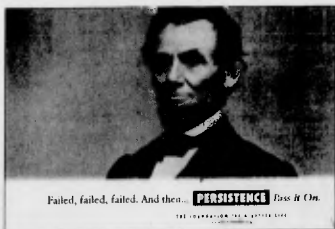
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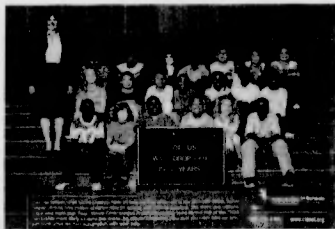
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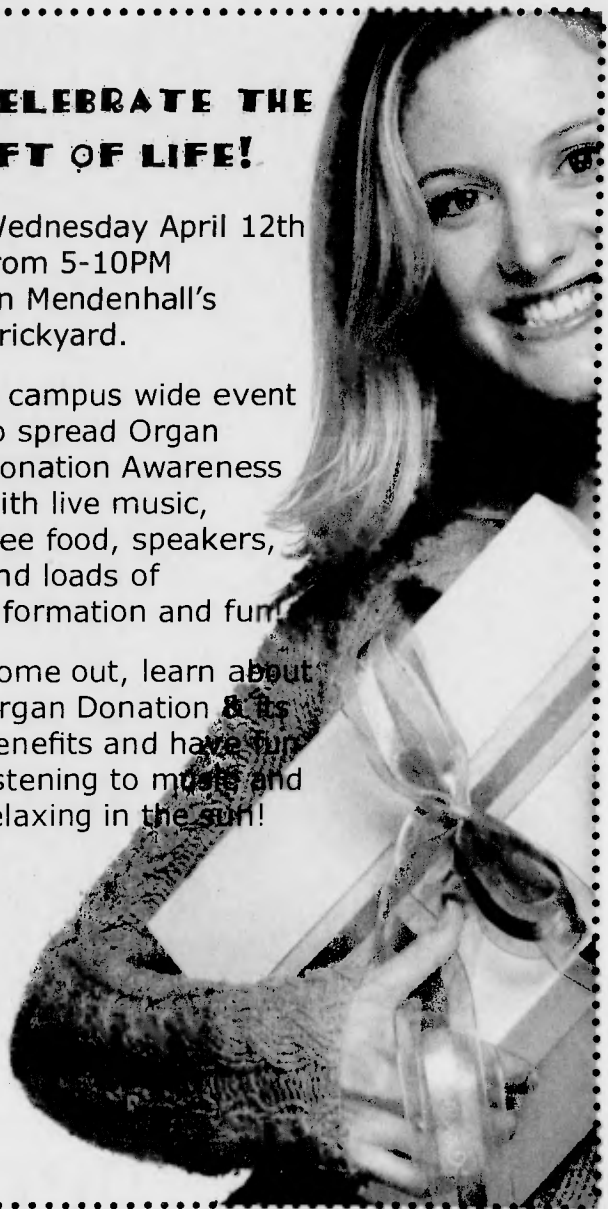


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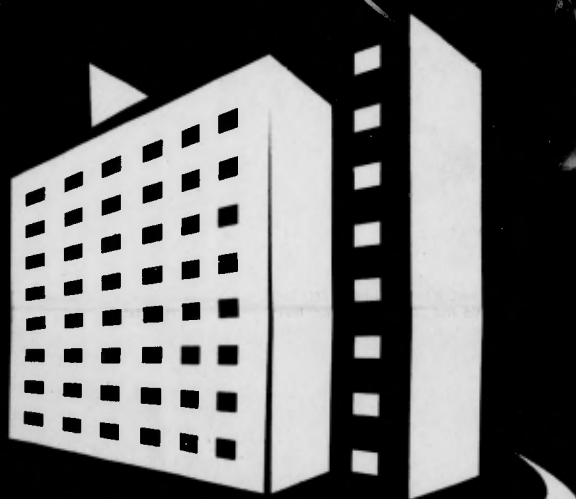
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University and taught school in California, Colorado Springs and later Rush. She married Eldon Boyer, who spent his boyhood on an eastern Kansas farm. They bought their first 40 acres near Falcon in 1969, the year they were married. In 1990, they followed their dream to the Rush area, after Eldon retired as deputy chief of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

The worst are the weather-related crises. One morning, she was checking the calves in a blizzard, and the truck got stuck in a snowdrift. The only thing left to do was to shovel herself out.

This time of year she is sometimes up all night checking on newborn calves and scaring away coyotes. She's recuperating from a knee injury she sustained after jumping off the truck. "I was going to go to the doctor in town, but by the time I had the time, it was almost healed."

The hardest part about running the ranch has been making decisions about finances and other things by herself. "I've had to learn to become more decisive." Her husband did that, and she has carefully studied his methods.

She goes into town to visit her mother, and attends Kendrick Bible Church 17 miles away. The kids came home for Christmas.

Ranch life gives families a strong identity, she says. "Each of the kids knew they were important and needed." She's already seeing that spark in her grandchildren when they visit. Grandson Durham, 8, was thrilled recently to help hold up the fencing when she was setting fence posts. When her fifth grandchild was born recently, she painted his name in 2-foot letters on the side of her barn. "That's my birth announcement."

Meinzer, like a lot of ranchers these days, took her turn with an outside job, driving more than 650 miles a week back and forth to Colorado Springs to work as a consultant with USDA Farm Service Agency. There aren't many self-sustaining ranches out here anymore.

Culture from page A1

who wanted to inform others about the importance of their cultures and how cultural diversity benefits ECU.

Rose Gutierrez, who is a descendent of the Creek Indians, was selling authentic Native American bracelets and necklaces. Gutierrez had a variety of colorful beaded and stoned jewelry on display.

"I want to share my love of beadwork," said Gutierrez. Gutierrez has been making Native American jewelry for nearly four years and says it is a relaxing way for her to unwind.

Nancy Croes, a sophomore public relations major, is president of the International Student Association. ISA is a student organization whose purpose is to give international students an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of American culture and to enlighten American students about other diverse cultures across the world. At the festival, Croes spoke to people about what ISA stands for and what events they have planned in the months ahead. ISA has a variety of social and educational events to help promote a more international mindset among students.

"We feel that we help students gain a more global perspective," said Croes.

This festival first started in 1988 under the leadership of Greenville's first African American mayor, Edward Carter of Greenville, N.C.

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2003 as an international forum for addressing ideas and innovations in pursuit of ethical social relations within and among societies. Baynes, who passed away in 1999 after a battle with cancer, was said to have been known for her intelligence, compassion and support of others in the community. She became a spirited supporter of ECU through her husband, who was an alumnus of the school, and when she passed her parents honored her commitment to her family and community through a generous donation to the university. This gift now supports the institute for Social Justice in the College of Human Ecology.

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Gelatin and 'mad cow disease?'

(KRT) —The recent case of mad cow disease in Alabama has me worried. Is it safe to take prescription and OTC products made with gelatin capsules?

The Alabama finding is the third confirmed case of the fatal, brain-wasting disease in cows in the United States.

Gelatin is derived from the skin and bones of cattle and pigs. It's used in making capsule and tablet formulations of prescription and OTC medicines and dietary supplements. It's also widely used in the manufacture of foods and cosmetics.

The consensus seems to be that gelatin carries a very low risk of potential disease transmission to humans, and there have been no reports of such cases.

Cow-derived gelatin comes from the hide and bones, tissues that don't seem to be high-risk.

Even so, it should be said that cross-contamination from higher-risk tissues (if infected) during the manufacturing process

might be possible if adequate safeguards are not in place.

According to an FDA advisory panel, most of the gelatin produced in the United States is made from the skin of pigs, and is not considered a risk.

However, products typically list "gelatin" or "collagen hydrolysate" in their ingredients list without disclosing whether it's derived from cows or pigs. There's no government regulation that requires such disclosure.

That said, let's look at mad cow disease in more detail.

Mad cow disease (BSE is the scientific name) has become a worldwide worry, with a host of countries reporting cases, leading to the slaughter of thousands of cows to prevent its spread.

Other animals also can harbor the disease. It's called scrapie in sheep and chronic wasting disease in deer and elk.

In fact, the origin of the disease in cows is thought to have been sheep-rendered

animal feed given to cattle.

The danger to people is that the cow disease has been linked to the human brain disease called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, apparently spread by eating beef from affected cows. Prevention is the only treatment. Normal methods used against infectious diseases don't work. The causative agent is thought to be an abnormal protein called a prion that creates toxic plaques in the brain.

The FDA lists the following animal tissues in order of their suspected disease-spreading potential:

Category I (High infectivity): brain, spinal cord

Category II (Medium infectivity): ileum, lymph nodes, proximal colon, spleen, tonsil, dura mater (membrane covering brain and spinal cord), pineal gland, placenta, cerebrospinal fluid, pituitary gland, adrenal gland

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We're still not sure if it's the real reason that Charlize Theron and Stuart Townsend have stayed away from the altar, but the "glamazon" actress who has said that she will not wed until gay and lesbian couples have the legal right to marry was honored with a top prize from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation on Saturday night. The group gave Theron its Vanguard Award for increasing "visibility and understanding in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community." Theron won an Oscar in 2003 for her portrayal of lesbian serial killer Aileen Wuornos in *Monster*.

Oprah, Pink on role models

Pink will tackle all things "stupid" on "Oprah" Monday. MTV reports that Oprah Winfrey is turning the appearance, which will help promote Pink's new album *I'm Not Dead*, into a confab on the lack of strong female role models. Joining Pink for the episode, called "Stupid Girls," will be Karine Steffans, author of *Confessions of a Video Vixen* and four teenage girls who will talk about how girls are taught to act "stupid" and how that can be changed. Pink told the music network that she'd be a "little star struck dork" meeting Oprah. But she comes off better on the show, telling Winfrey that she's scared for young women today. "I personally need more examples of how to be better and how to be stronger and how to go a different way," Pink says. "I need more examples, so I can't even imagine being in school and looking around. And now it's cool to have a sex tape. Are you kidding me?"

Blanche doesn't blush

This Golden Girl apparently still gets it. Rula McLanahan recommends two forms of exercise to fight the effects of aging: weight lifting and frequent sex. "It just depends on the availability of the material," the 72-year-old actress said Friday. "Dumbbells are easy to come by, but most of them are married." McLanahan, a breast cancer survivor best known as Blanche Devereaux on the 1990s sitcom *The Golden Girls*, has an autobiography tentatively titled *My First Five Husbands* coming out next year.

We are amused, apparently

She may look serious in those hats, but it turns out that Queen Elizabeth II has a sense of humor after all. Prince Andrew dishes that the queen laughed it off when an errant footman accidentally pulled a chair out from beneath the royal buttocks at a family dinner. "Everyone, including the queen, laughed and laughed — and, of course, she reassured the terrified footman he had done nothing wrong," the prince says in the *Time* magazine issue that will be out Monday. Queen Elizabeth turns 80 on April 21.

South Park Peabody

Comedy Central's controversial cartoon "South Park" on Wednesday won a Peabody Award, one of the nation's most prestigious awards for broadcasting excellence in news and entertainment. Awards director Horace Newcomb praised the show's take-no-prisoners approach to satire, saying it "pushes all the buttons, turns up the heat and shatters every taboo." The awards, which will be given out at a ceremony hosted by that other Comedy Central satirist, Jon Stewart, also went to Fox's "House" and ABC's "Boston Legal." Awards also went to two Gulf Coast stations that stayed on the air throughout Hurricane Katrina and to CNN and NBC for their coverage of the deadly storm.

Coding a best-seller

Will the Tom Hanks-starring film version of *The Da Vinci Code*, which is due out May 19, make more money than Bill Gates? Consider:
1. The paperback edition of the book, which was issued March 29, sold 500,000 copies in its first week, which has led publisher Anchor Books to up its initial printing of five million by an additional million.
2. The book's cover art is a mini version of the film's advertising posters.
3. As part of its "unusually aggressive promotion" of the book, Anchor has decided not to rely on bookstores and has stocked the paperback next to cash registers in gas stations and on military bases.

Local Concerts:

Michael Buble will be performing at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh on Wednesday, April 12.
Trapt and Shinedown will be performing at the Disco Rodeo in Raleigh on Tuesday, April 25.
Nine Inch Nails and Bauhaus will be at Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh on Friday, June 9.
Faith Hill and Tim McGraw will be performing at the RBC Center in Raleigh on Friday, June 9.

AAMN: Let's hear it for male nurses

American Assembly of Men in Nursing at ECU

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

For the most part, when someone says the word "nurse," the image of a female dressed in white comes to mind. Fortunately, times are changing and there is a growing population of men in the nursing workforce today. Here at ECU, one of the organizations that supports these male nurses is the American Assembly of Men in Nursing, or AAMN. Historically, the earliest evidence of men as nurses was found in *Ayur-Veda*, ancient Indian books, which discuss the prevention and cure of disease. In these books, the nurses that were mentioned were always male. In American history, male nurses were an important part of the Civil War as combat medics for both the Confederate and Union troops.

The AAMN was first organized in 1971 to encourage men of all ages to join the nursing profession, to support the men who were already nurses to grow professionally and to be advocates for men's health issues.

According to aamn.org, the national purpose of the organization is to "provide a framework

for nurses, as a group, to meet, to discuss and influence factors which affect men as nurses."

At ECU the School of Nursing AAMN chapter has a simple purpose according to Phillip Julian, the faculty advisor for the chapter.

"We are just here to get the word out to students," said Julian. Membership at ECU and nationally is open to any nurse, male or female, to better facilitate discussion and to meet the most important objective of AAMN, strengthening and humanizing health care.

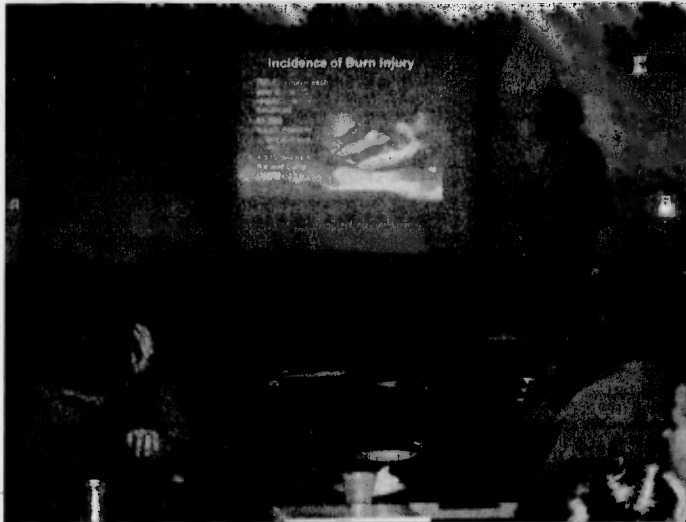
Like any other strong organization, AAMN has objectives for their organization according to aamn.org:

-Encourage men of all ages to become nurses and join together with all nurses in strengthening and humanizing health care.

-Support men who are nurses to grow professionally and demonstrate to each other and to society the increasing contributions being made by men within the nursing profession.

-Advocate for continued research, education and dissemination of information about men's health issues, men in nursing and nursing knowledge at the local and national levels.

-Support members' full participation in the nursing profes-



ECU American Assembly of Men in Nursing members watch a presentation about nursing burn care.

sion and its organizations and use this Assembly for the limited objectives stated above.

Each year, AAMN holds a conference rotating the theme so that one year focuses on men's health issues and the next focuses on

issues of gender in nursing. Like many other professional organizations, membership is required but can be obtained on many different levels. Full membership, which is available to registered nurses, includes a voice with a

vote at AAMN meetings, appointment or election to an AAMN office, quarterly newsletters and reports and chapter membership privileges for \$80 dues per year. If

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MS Walk: Walking toward a cure



Students, staff and members of the community came together on Saturday, April 8 at Minges Coliseum for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk. Participants could walk for one mile or five miles and traveled all over ECU's campus to support research for a multiple sclerosis cure. Local news and radio stations were there to support the walkers while volunteers were working hard to take donations and give instructions to participants. It was a great day for everyone who participated, and because of their efforts and contributions, we are closer to a cure for multiple sclerosis. Great job, Greenville!



This exhibit is on display in the front of Muddlinger's Coffee Co.

Beauty through graphics

Graphic design students present their best works

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

It is 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 7 and Lauren Noll is running around Muddlinger's putting the finishing touches on a joint exhibit featuring projects from her whole college career.

"It's taken six hours to display all of our projects and then we had to get all of the food and drinks set up," said Noll with an excited smile, eager to show off her work. Noll, along with Ashley Joswich and Jessica Duensing, are all showing off their best projects from four years in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program for Graphic Design. Every year, graduates present their finest works in a

public forum for viewing and are reviewed by their professors.

"The crowd is going to be quite a mix," Noll said. "It'll be friends and family along with members of the art school."

Muddlinger's Coffee House looks perfect with the assortment of projects adorning the walls and tables of food set up along with beer and wine. House music appropriate for an art showing drifts through the air mixing with the lighthearted chatter of attendees perusing the various pieces.

The projects range from magazine layouts to "mock-ups" of company literature. Joswich points out her creation called "Nerd" that hangs proudly in the center of the room.

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B.J. Ward hits high comedic note

Four-octave vocalist and comedian B.J. Ward shows no mercy

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The Cultural Outreach Office provides professional performing arts programs for ECU's students, faculty and community members. The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series annually presents nine of the world's top orchestras, ballet companies, jazz artists, soloists, modern dance ensembles, Broadway shows, opera companies, chamber ensembles and pop artists. The 2005-2006 season had performances by Dallas Brass, Giuseppe Verdi's *Macbeth*, Munich Symphony Orchestra, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Silver Medalist Joyce Yang, *Unforgettable: The Nat King Cole Story*, *The Black Watch* and the Band of the Welsh Guards, Petipa's *La Bayadere* and the most recent entertainer on the calendar, B.J. Ward in *Stand Up Opera*.

B.J. Ward combines her operatic abilities with a comedic style performing a repertoire of opera music while wearing tennis shoes, interjecting witty comments about the composers, the men and women in opera music and teasing her pianist



Joseph Thalken. Thalken has worked with acclaimed performers such as Bernadette Peters, Liza Minnelli, Kristin Chenoweth and more. As Ward's reticent confidant in the show, his musi-

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Attack of the Frats: Greek week comes to ECU

Week long event promotes unity of fraternities and sororities

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

Is it just me or are there more people associated with fraternities and sororities on campus than usual? Can you not help but run into someone sporting oversized letters on their chest? Don't fret or become overwhelmed, it's only Greek Week.

This annual event, jointly planned by the women of Panhellenic, the Interfraternity Council and the National Panhellenic Council, organizes a week full of activities that promotes Greek unity and publicizes their involvement on campus.

Greek Week began Friday, April 7 with a volleyball tournament at Phi Kappa Tau. Fraternities and sororities intermingled with each other while they waited to do battle in the sand.

"It's our second year hosting the volleyball tournament and it's a great kickoff to Greek Week," said Matt Satusky, vice president of Phi Kappa Tau.

"It was a good turnout and a great way to get the Greek community together."

Also on Friday, Kappa Sigma hosted Cow Pie Bingo, where one lucky winner won a cash prize if they selected the correct square where the cow did his business. Zeta Phi Beta then hosted a step show that took



A volleyball tournament at Phi Kappa Tau kicked off Greek Week.

place in Wright Auditorium.

With the cancellation of Kappa Alpha's "Sun Up to Sun Down," no events took place Saturday, but Sunday saw Greeks out in full force participating in Casey's Race, a 5K honoring a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who died in a car accident in 2003.

On Monday, members from each organization participated in the 10th Street clean up that helps keep Greenville beautiful and followed with a pig pickin' at the Chi Omega house.

Tuesday will start the first half of the Greek Olympics that will take place at the bottom of College Hill. Miss Greek Week, a pageant that measures beauty and how much one loves IFC, will take place in the Murphy Center.

On Wednesday, April 12, the

Greek Olympics will conclude and a furniture derby will take place with each organization fastening wheels to their respective piece of furniture. They will then race them to see which one makes it to the bottom of College Hill first.

Probably the epitome of what Greek Week is all about, a Unity Step Show will take place at 4 p.m., during which each team of fraternities and sororities will perform a step.

Following the step show will be a baseball tailgate in the jungle sponsored by Kappa Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Greek Week will conclude Thursday with a party at Café Caribe.

"Greek Week is a good way

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Profiling influential ECU students

The R.A. who does it all

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

There are many opportunities at ECU for students to rise up and become leaders. One of the most prominent student leadership positions is the Resident Advisor role in residence halls on campus. It takes a certain level of time management, people skills and responsibility for a student to become a leader of such caliber. Erin Edwards, a sophomore from Mebane, N.C., is one of the resident advisors of White Hall who possesses these qualities and more.

TEC: What is your major?

Edwards: Media studies with a minor in political science.

TEC: What are your career goals?

Edwards: My ultimate dream is to be an anchor for CNN. I do not want to settle for anything, though. There is so much to do out there; I want to do it all.

TEC: Why are you at ECU?

Edwards: ECU is the only school I applied to. I wanted to carry on the family legacy of attending ECU because my dad, brother and sister all went here.

TEC: What organizations are you involved with at ECU?

Edwards: I am in a Christian social sorority Sigma Alpha Omega, I am in the Student Pirate Club and I am a White Hall resident advisor.

TEC: Why did you decide to pledge your sorority?

Edwards: Because they support my Christian lifestyle and my faith. They are a group of girls who I can grow in Christ with and be close friends to.

TEC: Why did you decide to become an R.A.?

Edwards: I wanted to be more involved with the university, get to know more people and take on a leadership role. The fact that I was assigned an R.A. position in White Hall is amazing because I lived in White Hall last year but did not know as many people as I do now as an R.A.

TEC: What has been most beneficial for you as an R.A.?

Edwards: I learned to embrace people's differences such as their backgrounds, culture, lifestyle and religion. Being an R.A., you have to be open-minded and learn to accept people for who they are or else you are not cut out for the job.



Erin Edwards, a White Hall Resident Advisor.

TEC: Is it hard to balance your social and academic responsibilities?

Edwards: Yes, it is because I am a very busy person. I have 18 credit hours this semester. Everything keeps me on my toes. I have to give up a lot, such as going out on some Friday nights, because I have duty, a paper due or a test to study for.

TEC: What is your favorite part about ECU?

Edwards: The construction. I'm just kidding! Honestly, I love everything. I love being a Pirate. I have purple and gold blood.

TEC: What do you like most about your residence hall?

Edwards: It is amazing how people come together for a common goal to help others. White Hall has had fund-raisers such as "Three to Save," where the main goal was to raise money and non perishable items for Hurricane Katrina victims, "Bucks for Belinda," which was to raise money for a Subway employee who lost her home in a fire, "Bills for Billy," which was to raise money for a former White Hall resident who had to leave due to serious illness and now an ongoing fund-raiser for the girls who have lost everything in the recent Clement Hall fire.

Erin Edwards is a role model for her residence and peers by successfully balancing a heavy workload, sorority obligations and R.A. duties. Her ECU pride is contagious and inspirational.

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Byron McCain is the new contact person and national management service officer for AAMN.

McCain will receive all phone calls, e-mails and faxes from anyone with questions about the organization or membership. Contact McCain at aamn@aaamn.org or visit aamn.org.

The ECU chapter of AAMN is open to any pre-nursing or nursing student, male or female, who is interested in the field of professional nursing. For more information about the ECU Amer-

ican Assembly of Men in Nursing, contact the faculty advisor, Philip Julian, at julianp@ecu.edu.

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WHAT IS AN EMISSARY?

An emissary is an individual or group of individuals (emissaries) who are on an intended mission to represent or advance the interest of others.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The purpose of the LWCC EMISSARIES is to develop, plan and implement educational programs that advance the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and represent the interest of students. The LWCC EMISSARIES will focus these programs around cultural competencies that enhance the respect and appreciation of a multicultural community. The LWCC EMISSARIES will seek to collaborate with other student organizations, departments and community agencies through its various programs and events.

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP?

The membership of the LWCC EMISSARIES shall comprise of no more than ten students who are selected through an application process. All LWCC EMISSARIES must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average. They must also maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average at the end of each semester. LWCC EMISSARIES must be in good judicial standing.

ARE THERE OFFICERS?

YES. The selected membership shall elect a chair, co-chair/treasurer, and secretary at its first meeting for the following academic year. The new membership for the consequent year shall be selected and meet by the second Monday in April. The officers shall serve a one year term.

ARE THERE PROGRAMMING FUNDS?

YES. The LWCC EMISSARIES shall receive funding from LWCC for programming purposes. These funds may be used for travel purposes that directly benefit the promotion of student leadership training, diversity training, and/or campus program development. The LWCC EMISSARIES is encouraged to co-sponsor events with other campus and community groups.

ARE THERE MEETINGS?

YES. The council shall establish weekly meetings.

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cal talents were highlighted through his magical fingers and bombastic voice.

B.J. Ward is the only living opera singer to hold a pilot's license, to have been a former Playboy bunny and to currently be the voice of Betty Rubble and Winnie Woodpecker.

Stand Up Opera has played in other opera houses and concert centers including such venues as The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Recital Hall and the Puccini Festival at Lincoln Center.

After belting the last note of *La Traviata* by Giuseppe Verdi, Ward proclaims, "There's no need for a note to be that high."

She then proceeds to reveal a glittery vest under her jacket as a

symbolic gesture of following the typical operatic dress code. This, of course, is all in jest because it is not often one would see an opera performer in a shimmering, nearly blinding vest.

Referring to opera, Ward says, "There is something so profoundly miracle. Somehow lifts us out of the everyday."

The unusual blend of opera and comedy leaves the audience in awe and laughter. Usher Sarah Fritz, a junior political science major, said, "She was funny. She sent chills up and down my spine."

The audience gave a standing ovation and shouts of "bravo," of course, were encouraged by cue cards held up by pianist Joseph Thaikin.

Stand Up Opera was the final performance scheduled by the Cultural Outreach Office for this season. Their dedication in finding professional entertainment for ECU and the regional community is evident through the large audience turnout for every show. Carol Woodruff, the outgoing Director of Cultural Outreach, spearheads the preparation of events at Wright Auditorium and has been associated with more than 100 performances in the past decade. For more information about the Cultural Outreach Office or the calendar of events, go to ecu.edu/ecuarts.

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to get everyone together," said Michael Brick, a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

"We aren't allowed to have parties at our houses and there are never enough events involving the whole community. This is a great way to unite all the different groups."

While it's only one week out

of the year, Greek Week is a way to show a different side of Greek life.

"We are able to be more known around campus and it shows that we are not just about alcohol," said Megan Trzcinski of Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Just look at all the good Greek life is doing," said Ashley Peele, a member of Alpha Xi Delta and a

Greek Week organizer.

"We are cleaning up 10th Street, supporting the baseball team and we are all participating in Casey's Race. It is just such a positive week for the whole Greek community."

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"This is my favorite, and it also won an award in the undergraduate program for excellence in graphic design."

There are other interesting selections, such as a project involving gas pumps. Joswich and Duensing both display their proposals for simplifying the use of a gas pump and a booklet accompanies it.

Duensing included her poster that promotes the show in her exhibit.

"A lot of heart went into making this poster," said Duensing. "I actually printed it myself, so it was more than just a design project for me."

Also showing are the labels and billboards for an imaginary

beer company. Noll's company titled "Infniti" shows an ad campaign comprised of three consecutive billboards. It represents how Infniti could be everywhere or nowhere.

Lucky for those who could not attend on Friday, the show runs through April 19 and is an incredible collection of pieces from three very talented women.

After graduation, all three girls are very optimistic about their next step.

"First I just want to go home and sit," Duensing said laughing.

"After that I am pretty open to going anywhere, Raleigh, if I stay in North Carolina, or possibly

Chicago. I really enjoy various things in design."

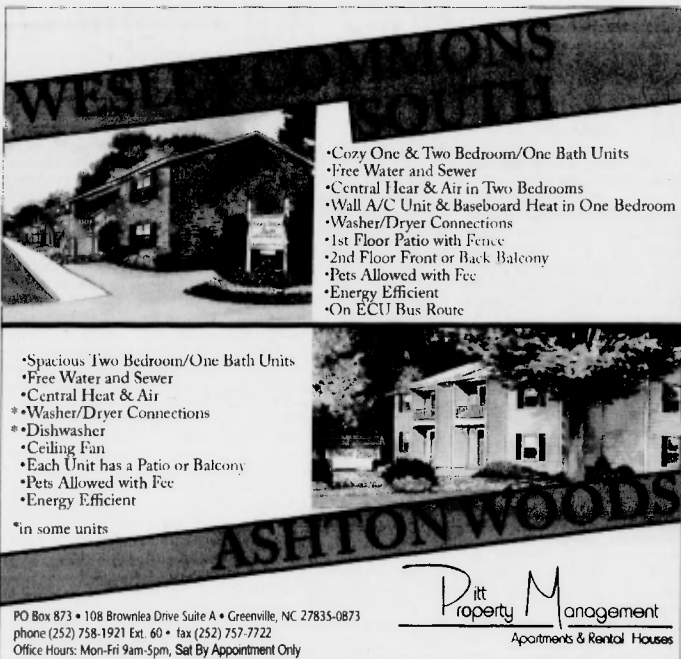
Joswich's plans involve moving to Charlotte to pursue magazine design, while Noll's plans are also in that same direction.

"I really enjoy the magazine aspect and I want to work somewhere youthful and energetic," Noll said.

This is the first of several art exhibitions being presented by graduating students in the School of Fine Arts. There will also be showings at the Gray Gallery on campus and at the Emerge Gallery downtown.

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Sports Briefs

Jake Smith Named To Johnny Bench Award Watch List



(SID) — ECU senior catcher Jake Smith has been named to the 2006 Coleman Company - Johnny Bench Award Watch List, which is given annually to the top division one collegiate catcher the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission announced. Smith, a Greensboro, N.C. native, has played 33-of 34 games behind the plate and is batting .287 on the season. Currently he leads the club in home runs (6), RBI (35), doubles (10), total bases (65), sacrifices (6) and slugging percentage (.504). On Feb. 27, he became the first Pirate of the season to earn Conference USA weekly honors with his Hitter-of-the-Week accolades. That week he led ECU to a three victories, batting 8-for-18 (.444) with two doubles, a home run and 10 RBI. He hit safely in each game and drove in all of his 10 runs during ECU's three wins. Smith opened the week by going 3-for-6 against Duke with two doubles, a career-high five RBI and three runs scored. He also went 5-for-12 during the Keith LeClair Classic, hitting his second homer of the season while collecting four RBI in a 3-for-5 performance against UNC Wilmington. Playing in 51 games a season ago, Smith hit .259 with four homers, 31 RBI and 33 runs scored. Catchers are nominated for the award by their coaches and the list will be updated to include other candidates until May 1. The watch list will be narrowed down to ten semi-finalists, whom will be announced May 11. A comprehensive biography will be created on each of the semi-finalists and sent to the national voting panel at the end of May for a vote to determine the three finalists. The finalists will be announced May 31 prior to the NCAA Regionals and Major League Baseball Draft.

DNA testing finds no match in Duke lacrosse case
(AP) — DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday. Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results prove their clients did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party. No charges have been filed in the case. Authorities ordered 46 of the 47 players on Duke's lacrosse team to submit DNA samples to investigators. Because the woman said her attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested. Nifong's assistant said earlier Monday the prosecutor would not comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case. Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents one of the team's captains, said the report indicated authorities took DNA samples from all over the alleged victim's body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

Rodriguez suspended for three games, Robinson for one
(AP) — Washington reliever Felix Rodriguez was suspended for three games and Nationals manager Frank Robinson for one for their roles in last week's game against the New York Mets in which five batters were hit by pitches. Rodriguez and Robinson were both ejected at Shea Stadium last Thursday after the reliever hit Paul Lo Duca with a pitch in the eighth inning. Rodriguez and Robinson also were fined, as was outfielder Jose Guillen. Robinson served his suspension during Monday's series finale against Houston. The Nationals were to return home after the game for Tuesday's home opener against the Mets. Bench coach Eddie Rodriguez ran the team Monday. Rodriguez's suspension was to begin Wednesday unless the players' association files an appeal.

Pirates take crucial series from UCF



The Pirates won a crucial series against UCF this past weekend, getting solid performances from Dustin Sasser and Brody Taylor on the mound.

Diamond Bucs take two from Golden Knights

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

A series loss this past weekend to UCF would have severely damaged ECU's hopes of going to the post-season for the eighth straight year. After Friday night's 8-0 loss to open the most important Conference USA series of the

year for the Pirates, the Diamond Bucs could've packed it in for the weekend and the season and made things easy on the Golden Knights. What they did, however, was show the type of resilience and persistence that Keith LeClair would truly appreciate, as they responded in brilliant fashion to win games two and three, take the series and restored their postseason hopes.

After pre-season All-Ameri-

can choice Tim Bascom pitched a complete game, two-hit masterpiece in game one for the Knights, the Pirates' Dustin Sasser and Brody Taylor showed why ECU's starting staff isn't a one-trick pony, propelling the Bucs to 6-3 and 8-1 wins in games two and three respectively at Jay Bergman Field.

Friday night starter T.J. Hose got knocked around for three and a third, giving up five runs

off eight hits and a walk. Sasser and Taylor made sure payback would be the theme of the last two games, as the two southpaws combined for 13 innings, while giving up just two runs.

Though Sasser didn't get the win in game two, he got the respect of UCF after pitching five strong innings. The red shirt sophomore scattered six hits and four walks while striking out seven. Shane Matthews was the

pitcher of record when the Pirates exploded for a five run seventh, thus earning him his third win of the season.

Taylor, who was C-USA's pitcher of the week a week ago, tossed eight jaw-dropping innings in the rubber match, giving up just one run off of seven hits and a walk while striking out five.

The senior moved to 5-1 for

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Holtz not happy with spring game performance

Top two quarterbacks admit struggles

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Fireworks showered the Greenville night sky on Friday. An afternoon later, ECU's football team did little for an encore. The annual spring game ended with disappointment amid heavy clouds and a steady drizzle inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"I think we're a long way away from where we need to be to be able to compete next year," Holtz admitted.

"I think it's hard when you don't have all the pieces to the puzzle to be able to put it together yet, but I was disappointed in a lot of things."

Senior quarterback James Pinkney completed 13-of-23 passes for 154 yards to lead ECU to a 23-15 win over the Pirates. However, he too wasn't satisfied with his outing.

"No, I wasn't happy at all," Pinkney said of his performance. "I came out kind of sluggish. In the second half, I could have played a lot better and I missed a lot of throws I should have made."

Second-string quarterback

Brett Clay was seven-of-19 through the air and finished with 81 yards, but was picked off twice by sophomore cornerback J.J. Millbrook. The redshirt freshman echoed Pinkney's self-assessment. "I made a couple of throws as if I didn't have a brain in my head," Clay said.

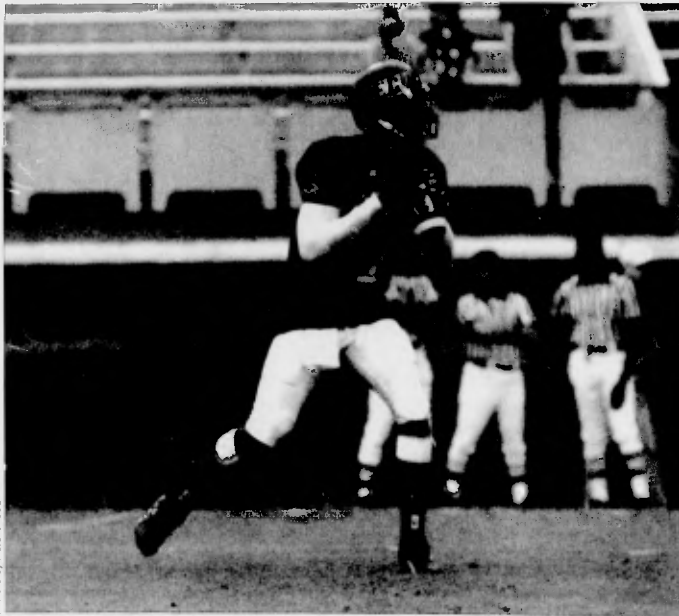
"There were some bad, bad plays."

In order to promote competition between the top and equal units of the depth chart, Holtz created an ECU and a Pirates squad. The ECU unit featured the program's top offensive unit sprinkled with a few non-starters on defense while the Pirates consisted of the top defensive unit and the second, third and fourth levels of the offensive depth chart.

Both units played to a statistical draw as ECU picked up 261 yards and a pair of TDs while the Pirates finished the contest with 260 yards and two scores. ECU used field goals of 33, 22 and 35 yards by Robert Lee to secure the victory.

"We had over 100 scrimmage reps a week ago and didn't have a bad snap and we come out here today and we throw the ball over

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Pinkney was not happy with his performance in the Purple-Gold game.

Tulsa wins series over Lady Pirates



The Lady Pirates dropped their conference series to Tulsa this past weekend.

ECU Softball comes up one out short

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
SENIOR WRITER

With a series defeat against Marshall two weekends ago, the Lady Pirates went on the road against in-state rivals in hopes of improving their record last week.

Campbell and UNC-Wilmington proved to be no match for ECU as the Lady Bucs defeated their opponents with a combined score of 23-4. This gave ECU a four game winning streak heading into last weekend as they traveled to face their next conference opponent, Tulsa.

In the first game of the series Tulsa jumped out to a 2-0 lead scoring a run in the bottom of the first two frames. The score remained the same until the top of the fifth inning when sophomore Erin St. Ledger's RBI double drove home senior Ashley Quick

who reached base on a double.

Down by one run heading into the final inning, when the Lady Pirates rallied led by another double by St. Ledger. The team was able to score two runs in the inning to defeat Tulsa in their first meeting 3-2.

The second game did not go so well for the Lady Pirates as they could not get anything going offensively. Tulsa scored four runs throughout the game and ECU was not able to respond as the Lady Golden Hurricanes blanked the Lady Pirates 4-0.

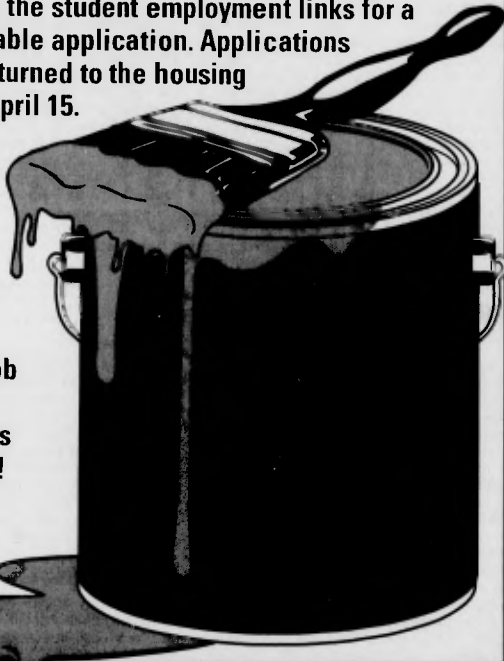
Sophomore pitcher Brently Bridgforth took the loss the Lady Pirates moving her record to 3-5. In four innings of play she allowed three hits, three runs and five walks.

With just one more game in the series, the Lady Pirates needed one more win to finally win their first conference series

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Players' lawyers say pictures offer timeline countering rape report

(KRT) — Lawyers for Duke University lacrosse players say time-stamped photos taken at a house party will help them challenge an exotic dancer's report that she was gang raped by three members of the team.

The eight photos, taken from several cameras, show the dancer arriving at the March 13 party and then show her at different times in a 41-minute period, attorneys said.

Durham attorney Bob Ekstrand, who represents 33 of the players, said the photos show she has several injuries and was "pretty banged up" before the time police reports indicate the assault occurred. The woman had a cut on one of her knees, lacerations on the side of her foot and bruise

marks, he said.

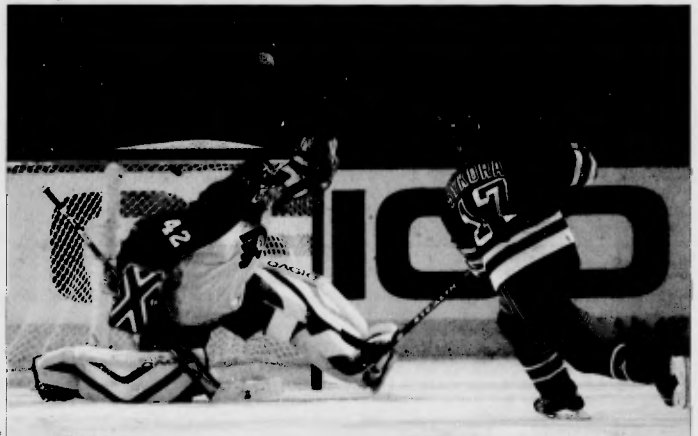
The woman also appeared impaired from the time she arrived at the party, Ekstrand said.

Comments from Ekstrand and other attorneys in the case about the photos came Sunday as the case heads into a week in which results of DNA tests on the players are expected to be revealed.

The photos were taken between midnight and 12:41 a.m., said attorney James "Butch" Williams, who is also involved in the case. The woman told authorities three members of the team in the bathroom raped her during that time. Lawyers for several team members said Sunday that the women,

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NHL brass does game injustice with shootout



Peter Sykora wins last Tuesday's game for the Rangers in New York's third shootout attempt.

(KRT) — Last week's showdown for first place in the Atlantic between the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers was a display of the best hockey has to offer — and what the NHL is doing to ruin it.

There was great goaltending, lots of speed, open ice, physical play and excellent scoring chances at both ends of the rink. Then, they had to go and spoil it all by having the game be decided by a

shootout.

I've tried to give the shootout a fair chance and waited nearly the full season to see how it played out. But, my opinion has not changed since opening night.

The shootout is a terrible way to end a hockey game.

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the season, with a Clemens-like ERA of 1.55. As far as offense goes, the Pirates obviously didn't manage much of it in game one, managing just two hits against Bascom. Those two hits came from junior transfer Ryan Tousley and freshman Ryan Wood.

The Pirate bats finally got going in game two, banging out 14 hits and six runs. Jamie Ray's solid play continued at the plate, going 3-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored, along with two stolen bags. Wood added three hits, while Eldridge had two hits and a game-high two RBI. Dale Mollenhauer singled twice, drove in a run, scored once and swiped a base for his best game of the series. Jake Smith and Jay Mattox added a RBI apiece for the Bucs.

In game three, the Pirate offense was very efficient, producing eight runs off of eight hits. Not a single ECU player had more than one hit, but that didn't matter as timely hitting led to an eight run outburst over the course of the sixth, seventh and eighth innings to seize control of the game and the series.

Adam Witter led the Bucs at the dish, going 1-for-4 with two RBI and a run. Eldridge, Mollenhauer, Wood and Ray each added an RBI for the

Pirates (21-13, 4-5 C-USA). ECU, riding high on their newfound momentum, will step out of conference for the next week and a half looking to build their non-conference tournament resume.

On Wednesday, In-state rival N.C. State comes to Greenville for a 7 p.m. showdown. The Pirates will then host the University of Albany in a three game series beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday's game will be at 6 p.m., followed by game three Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Diamond Bucs will then make a return trip to Raleigh to face the Wolfpack Tuesday at 7 p.m., before returning to home and conference play next weekend to face Marshall.

The next two weeks before the Tulane home series will be absolutely crucial if ECU hopes to keep their postseason aspirations alive. What better way to do it than to beat a bitter rival and two sub-.500 teams before facing the mighty Green Wave.

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the quarterback's head three times and probably lost 80 yards," Holtz said.

"I didn't think our quarterbacks played very well. I didn't think they were focused on their reads very well. I think across the board, youth and inexperience showed up today."

Sophomore running back Dominique Lindsay carried the ball 19 times for 100 yards and a touchdown in place of the injured Chris Johnson. His two-yard scoring run with 7:29 remaining in the final quarter extended ECU's existing five-point lead to 20-8. Redshirt freshman Rob Kass added an 18-yard passing performance by completing four-of-nine throws.

Combining with Clay on the Pirates team was sophomore Patrick Pinkney who added 10-of-17 passing for 72 yards. Senior running back Brandon Fractious gained 73 yards on the ground and scored a pair of fourth-quarter TDs on four and one-yard runs.

In all, both teams combined for four turnovers, two of which led directly to touchdowns. James Pinkney's first quarter TD throw to tight end

Davon Drew capped a 16-play, 96-yard drive after Milbrook's first interception.

Defensively, junior linebacker Durwin Lamb topped all tacklers with 11 stops while senior safety Jamar Flournoy turned in nine. Junior transfer linebacker Orlando Farrow finished with a team-high nine tackles, two for lost yardage, to lead ECU. In addition, both teams were whistled a combined 13 times for 114 yards.

"I was disappointed watching it from a fan's standpoint above, but I'm sure I'll find a lot of great individual efforts and positives out there when I watch the film," Holtz reiterated.

"Just looking at the big picture, I was hopeful that we were farther along than we are right now but maybe I put too many high hopes on players that haven't played yet for us and that's my fault. Again, we've got a long way to go and we're going to have to learn from this if we are going to play the schedule we have in the fall."

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of the year. Unfortunately, the team fell just one out short.

Scoring did not pick up until the fourth inning of the final game, when the Lady Pirates plated home a run. Tulsa was able to respond in the bottom of that same inning as they scored a run of their own. Sophomore Beth Nolan was able to break that 1-1 tie for ECU in the top of the sixth inning as she hit her second home run of the year, a solo shot.

Freshman Vanessa Moreno also increased the lead for the Lady Pirates as she hit a two-run home run later in the inning. Thanks to a fielding error the team scored one more as they ended the inning up 5-1.

Tulsa responded in the bottom of the sixth with two more runs to set the game at 5-3. With just one

more inning left in the game, ECU scored another run in the top of the seventh.

With just the bottom of the seventh left to play the Lady Pirates sat on a 6-3 lead. It did not last for long as the team was unable to hold off a four run rally by Tulsa in the bottom of the inning, as they lost 7-6.

The loss sets the ECU Softball team's record at 29-19 overall and 3-9 in Conference USA standings. Tomorrow the Lady Pirates will look to shake off their loss as they travel to Chapel Hill to take on the Lady Tarheels. The team will then come home this weekend as they enter their next conference series against UTEP.

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and another dancer, were in the bathroom together during that time and no players were with them.

A lawyer told The News and Observer of Raleigh Sunday that one of the lacrosse team captains tried to persuade the dancers to continue the show while the two were locked in the bathroom. Some players accused the women of pocketing the \$800 fee and not performing. The dancers then left the house, attorney Joseph Cheshire V told the newspaper.

The photos show a sequence in which the two women were performing for a room lined with players.

"These photographs not only help to set the scene, a scene different than what has been described, but also create an appropriate timeline," Cheshire said.

Cheshire gave the newspaper this account of what the photographs show:

The first sequence of photographs, taken over three and a half minutes, shows two women dancing in the living room of the Durham off-campus house rented by the team's three captains.

In the first, the accuser is lying on the floor, he said. The other woman is on her feet. The lacrosse players line the room, drinking out of beer cans and plastic cups.

Ekstrand said that a few photos taken minutes before one of the dancers made a 911 call to police shows the accuser fumbling through her purse. Her negligence is "not disheveled or unbuttoned and not torn - not even close," Ekstrand said.

"We also know she's not in any distress whatsoever because she's smiling," Ekstrand said. The next photo shows one of the lacrosse team captains

helping the dancer into the other dancer's car, Ekstrand said.

Ekstrand says the photos are from several people and that a defense consultant corroborated the time stamps.

Kerry Sutton, another attorney representing a player in the case, said she and the other attorneys wanted to share the photos with Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"Certainly, we will try to show him this version of the events is the correct version," Sutton said.

In other developments, Pete Anderson, a lawyer representing another player, said he believes photos that police took of the players' arms about a week after the parties show no scratches consistent with the accuser's version of events. According to a search warrant, the dancer told police her fingernails broke off while she was clawing at one of the suspects' arms in an attempt to breathe while being strangled.

Details released during the four-week investigation - including a message police believe was sent from a player's e-mail account just after the party that mentioned killing strippers - have shocked Durham residents and unearthed racial tensions that have occasionally plagued the city.

The accuser is black and attends the city's public historically black university - N.C. Central. Forty-six of the 47 lacrosse team members are white.

Nifong said early in the investigation that a Duke University Medical Center nurse examined the woman and found injuries consistent with a rape. Nifong didn't answer calls at his home or office Sunday.

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No one would have felt cheated if that Rangers-Flyers game last Tuesday ended in a tie. Given that it makes no sense to play lengthy overtime games in the regular season, a tie probably would have been the most fitting outcome.

Having the game ended by a breakaway contest involving three or four players on each side is insulting to the incredible effort all 40 players (38 not counting the backup goalies) put in over the 65 minutes of real hockey that preceded it.

It would be like sending the golfers at Augusta to a miniature golf course to decide the Masters if the tournament is tied after 72 holes. That's how little a shootout can do with real hockey.

Maybe the NHL can bring a big windmill on the ice for the players to shoot through. (I'd better be careful. Gary Bettman might think that's a good idea.)

If the game is as exciting as Bettman always says it is, and it was pretty exciting Tuesday, let the product stand on its own. Don't cheapen it with a gimmick.

If there's something wrong with the game that fans won't like it without the shootout, then find a way to fix it that fits within the 60 minutes of regulation and the five-minute overtime.

The other big problem with the shootout is that it is skewing the integrity of the NHL record book.

For example, the Devils picked up their 40th win of the season Wednesday night against Pittsburgh, making it nine consecutive seasons in which they have reached that mark. The only problem is nine of those wins have come by shootout, an avenue not available in previous seasons.

The same can apply to goaltending records. Goaltenders have the opportunity to add to their win totals without affecting their loss totals. In addition, goals allowed and shots faced in shootouts do not impact goals-against average or save percentage.

So, there is no risk for the goaltenders, only the opportunity for reward.

Take away Martin Brodeur's eight shootout wins and he was still one victory short of his 10th consecutive 30-win season heading into Saturday's game in Montreal.

Without his shootout wins, Brodeur had 432 career victories and was still five shy of catching Jacques Plante for fourth place all time.

Similarly, Johnny Bower's Rangers' rookie record of 29 wins would still stand if Henrik Lundqvist didn't have his four shootout wins.

If the NHL insists on continuing this charade, it should at least be honest about it and make some kind of notation in the record book that differentiates between shootout wins and regular wins.

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