

ECU business students win national competition



ECU students Bryant Beddard, Chris Long, Brian Ozment, Tauris Speight and Racheal Baxter display their awards alongside Mr. and Mrs. Harrel, the owners of Bennet Vineyards.

Students earn top prize

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Students from the ECU School of Business were awarded first place in a national competition recently. The competition itself is based off investigative work done with local businesses where students identify possible problems and seek ways to

eliminate those problems.

Racheal Baxter, Bryant Beddard, Chris Long, Brian Ozment, and Tauris Speight were selected for first place regarding their work with Bennet Vineyards, which is located in Edward, N.C.

The students, who were members of a 'seniors only' class taught by Professor Michael Harris, Director of the Small Business Institute,

were assigned the vineyard as their project. Students worked closely with business members, interviewing them and researching the industry of the business itself. Additionally, the team researched and monitored current industry trends. The information will help discover any issues that the students might be able to give

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SGA legislature holds first summer meeting

First goal already accomplished

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The legislative branch of SGA held their first meeting of this semester on Monday to review the goals set for the summer.

The three goals for the summer include approving funding recommended during the spring, defining funding board and modifying the funding manual.

SGA has already accomplished the goal of getting funding to the student organizations that needed financial assistance in the spring.

The congressmen that were in attendance on Monday seemed eager to get to work on these goals and additional issues that need to be addressed.

Brianne Meagner, the new associate director for campus involvement and leadership, was introduced at the meeting. Students who need to contact her can find her on the second floor of Mendenhall Student Center.

Jon Massachi, congressman, brought up the issue of expanding the parking lot behind the Baptist Student Union. A resolution was created in the spring to extend the parking lot but no approval to do so has been made. The resolution is under review by the Green Space committee.

As of right now, the committee doesn't agree with the resolution for three reasons.

The expansion of the parking

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Alternative fuel sources now used at ECU

The E10 mixture promises significant decrease of petroleum use

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What if the whole world ran out of gasoline? Many experts ponder the possibility, especially as the world's petroleum use continues to grow. This summer ECU will begin to use "gasohol" as an alternative fuel source to power some of the vehicles and equipment on campus.

Gasohol is an E10 mixture that contains 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent ethanol. The 10 percent replacement of ethanol in each gallon will result in a 10 percent reduction in petroleum used in many universities' vehicles and equipment.

George Harrell, senior associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said that ECU uses about 107,000 gallons of the standard gasoline yearly, and the change to the E10 mixture will result in a decrease of around 11,000 gallons of petroleum per year. Harrell said that crops grown in eastern North Carolina can be converted to produce the ethanol percentage of the E10 mixture.

Ethanol is an alcohol-based

alternative fuel source that is produced by fermenting and distilling starch crops that have been converted into simple sugars. Feedstock for this fuel source includes corn, barley and wheat. Ethanol can also be produced from cellulosic biomass, such as trees and grasses, which is called bioethanol.

Most of the 4 billion gallons of ethanol used every year in the United States is used in the form of the E10 mixture, and this 10 percent blend is approved for all makes and models of vehicles. Even some automobile manufacturers recommend the use of the E10 mixture over standard gasoline because of its high octane level and enhanced performance characteristics.

Ethanol is not a new concept. At its most simple state, Ethanol is grain alcohol, which has been around for centuries. Henry Ford even visualized his automobiles running on this type of alcohol rather than on regular gasoline.

The E10 mixture is completely safe to use in smaller engines like motorcycles, lawn mowers, trimmers, boats, snowmobiles and many other engines, which is an added benefit because it can fuel all the different kinds of machines that

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Announcements

MTVU VJ talent search

MTVU is conducting a nation-wide talent search for VJs and will be at ECU today from 12 - 3 p.m. outside of the UBE. Show up for your chance to get a free T-shirt, and who knows - maybe you'll be MTVU's next VJ! Log on to mtvu.com for more information.

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"Guys and Dolls"

June 27-July 1

A Musical Fable of Broadway and based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon, this funny and romantic comedy-considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy-soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon. Everything works out in the end, thanks to the machinations of Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling'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 even into the sewers of New York City.

"The Fantasticks"

July 11-15

The original production opened on May 3, 1960 at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village where it's still playing after 15,000 performances making *The Fantasticks* is the longest-running musical in the world! At the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle sophistication is a purity and simplicity that results in a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. It's moving tale of young lovers who become disillusioned, only to discover a more mature, meaningful love is punctuated by a bountiful series of catchy, memorable songs. With its minimal costumes, small band and virtually non-existent set, *The Fantasticks* is an intimate show that engages the audience's imagination and showcases a strong ensemble cast.

U.S. gains support of Russia and China

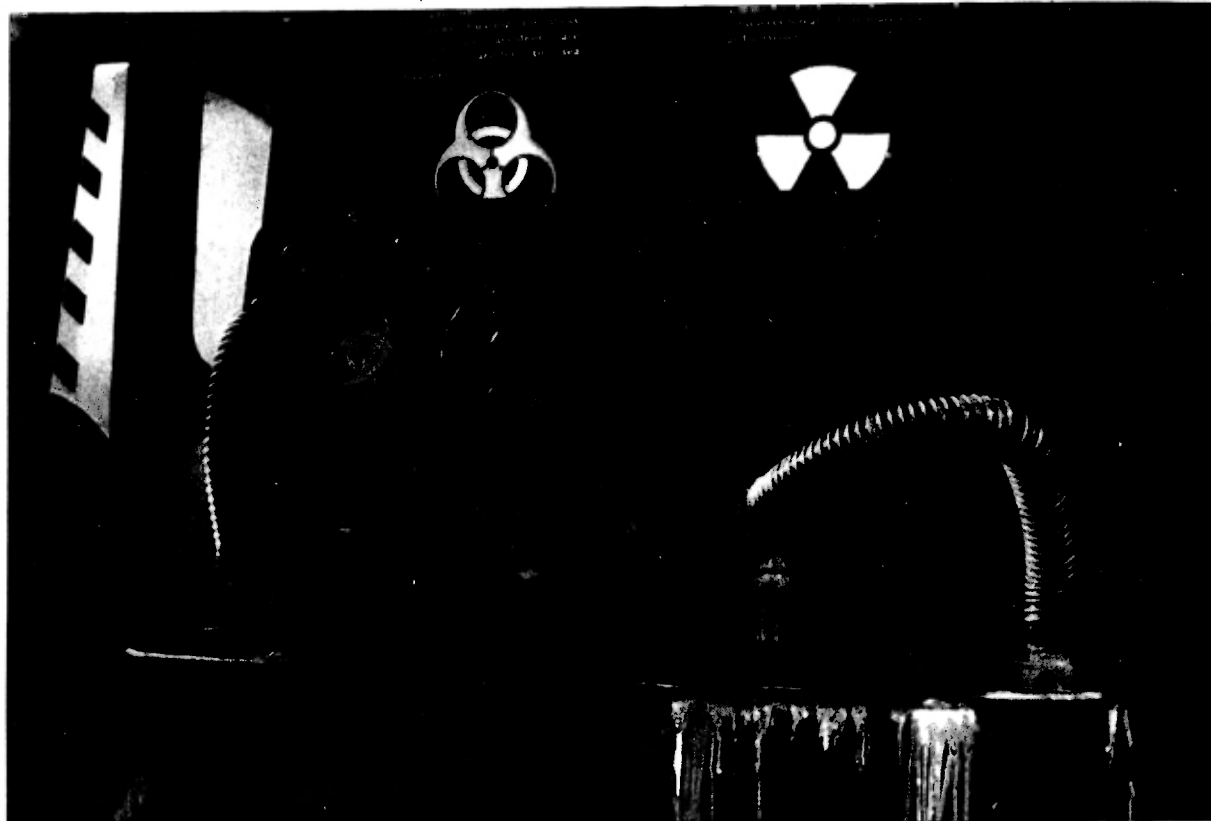
What will be done about Iran's nuclear program?

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The United States has gained the support of Russia and China on the issue of Iran and is putting together a new package of incentives for Iran to stop its uranium enrichment process, which can yield either electricity or nuclear weapons. The United States, along with governments in Europe, believes that Iran's uranium enrichment process is for the purpose of producing nuclear weapons, not electricity.

The great fear is that Iran having a nuclear weapon would be able to use its position as "central bank" to distribute nuclear weapons to allies in the Islamic jihad such as Al-Qaeda, Hezbollah and the Hamas to name a few.

The U.N. security council and Germany have no wish to see this happen and Iran may be ignoring the incentive of peace with the six most powerful countries in the world with global support. Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad recently spoke of how the West will not keep Iran from obtaining nuclear technology. He suggested



Many nations feel that Iran's nuclear program is a serious threat to international safety.

that the international pressure is aimed at keeping Iran technologically limited.

"The reason of their opposition is not their claim of concern over nuclear weapons, but Iran's access to the technology that

means opening of the way for all independent countries, especially Islamic countries to the advanced technology," he said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has called Iran the "central bank" of world terrorism and that

Iran is probably the largest single obstruction to the United States' plan to make the Middle East into a peaceful and democratic society.

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Families of car crash victims stunned by mix-up

(KRT) — In a tragic case of mistaken identity, the family of an Indiana college student believed to have survived a multiple-fatality crash in late April said Wednesday their daughter was dead, while the parents of a student thought to have died in that collision learned their daughter was alive in a Michigan hospital.

The sad and extraordinary story came to light on a Web log set up by the family of Laura VanRyn, a 22-year-old student from Caledonia, Mich. Her relatives had kept a five-week vigil at the Grand Rapids hospital bed of a young woman they thought was their daughter.

Uncertainty about the woman's identity grew this week as she regained consciousness, and dental records confirmed the student the VanRyn family had been watching over was actually 18-year-old Whitney Cerak of Gaylord, Mich.

The Cerak family had unknowingly buried VanRyn on April 30, in the northern Michigan woods about 180 miles north of Grand Rapids.

"Our hearts are aching as

we have learned that the young woman we have been taking care of over the past five weeks has not been our dear Laura, but instead a fellow Taylor student of hers," the VanRyns said on their blog.

Authorities in Indiana were trying to unravel the heartbreaking mix-up on Wednesday, five weeks after five people-including four students from Taylor University, a small evangelical Christian college in Upland, Ind.-were killed in a crash on Interstate Highway 69.

Confusion apparently began in the hectic moments after the deadly April 26 crash involving a semi-tractor trailer loaded with baking flour and the Taylor University van, returning from nearby Ft. Wayne. Grant County (Ind.) Coroner Ron Mowery, whose office handled the death investigations, apologized during a news conference Wednesday for the mix-up.

He described an accident scene where purses and wallets were strewn about and that acquaintances of the students had identified the survivor taken to a Ft.

Wayne hospital as VanRyn. He said no scientific testing was conducted to verify the identifications.

"I can't stress enough that we did everything we knew to do under those circumstances, and trusted the same processes and the same policies that we always do," Mowery told reporters in Marion, Ind. "And this tragedy unfolded like we could never have imagined."

The truth about the identities of the two young women began to take shape in recent days, as the VanRyns watched Cerak slowly recover from serious head and neck wounds at a Grand Rapids rehabilitation center for victims of brain damage. Bruce Rossman, a spokesman for Spectrum Health System in Grand Rapids, said the VanRyn family's doubts mounted as Cerak gained more awareness of her surroundings.

"They said a couple of times they called her Laura and she said, 'No, Whitney,'" Rossman said.

Acting on suspicions, the two families conferred on Tuesday, Rossman said, and requested dental

records be checked. By Tuesday night the families knew the young woman was not Laura VanRyn. Twelve hours later, at mid-morning on Wednesday, dental records proved the recovering woman was Cerak.

Rossman said he did not know the specific nature of Cerak's injuries or the extent to which her identity would have been obscured by wounds, bandages or other markings. "There was some general trauma associated with the accident, including bruising and swelling," he said. The families issued a joint statement Wednesday, saying these "two wonderful young women shared a striking similarity in size, hair, facial features and body type."

"Our families are supporting each other in prayer, and we thank our families, friends and communities for their prayers," the families said in a prepared statement.

Five weeks ago the local newspaper in Gaylord, the *Herald Times*, published an obituary for Whitney Cerak. It read, "She lived a wonderful, full, but short life."



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Visiting professor gives lecture on history, nature of Israeli-Palestinian conflict



DR. EVELINE J. VAN DER STEEN



Photos by Zach Sirkin

Dr. van der Steen spoke about the complexity of the Palestinian conflict.

"Palestinian conflict: Insights from the past"

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Archaeologist Dr. Eveline J. van der Steen gave a lecture Tuesday evening entitled "Palestinian Conflict: Insights from the Past," illustrating her experiences in field research of Israel and Palestine and the history of the conflict.

Dr. van der Steen stated that much of the conflict is attributed to times during and after the First World War.

"When the British and the French imperial powers messed up in the Middle East. They made promises to different people that were incompatible and they tried to keep those promises and they made a big mess of everything because everyone wanted those particular promises," she said.

"Partly it is a conflict of ideology and religion between Jews and Palestinians," she continued. "There are Israelis and Palestinians that have extreme views of the land dispute."

The conflict she referenced was that all areas west and east of the

Jordan River belong to one party and not the other.

While we see much of the extreme examples of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the news, Dr. van der Steen says that the majority of the people are in favor of peace.

"Most Israelis and Palestinians are willing to give up part of their original claims [of land in exchange] for peace and are willing to consider the other party's claims. It's more than just a land dispute. It's an ideological dispute, and religion comes into it, and religion is always a very dangerous thing to mix into politics," she said.

While unsure of her overall message, Dr. van der Steen wanted people to understand that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not a simple problem and lacks a simple solution.

This program was sponsored by the World Affairs Council (WAC), a non-profit organization relatively new to Greenville and ECU, and was also made possible by the Rivers Chair program, which brings in international faculty to ECU.

Dr. Richard J. Kilroy, Jr., visiting assistant professor and assistant director of military programs, is the president of the

board of directors of the WAC in Greenville. While WAC has existed in Greenville since Spring 2006, Dr. van der Steen's program was the first event WAC has sponsored.

WAC also hosts the Great Decisions Program, in which they discuss issues such as U.S. policy with Iran, United Nations reform, human rights in terrorism, and the global energy crises.

Greenville's WAC chapter is just one of five in the state of N.C., with the others located in Charlotte, Greensboro, Triangle/Raleigh area and Asheville. There are a total of 85 chapters and various organizations of the WAC that stem from the main organization located in Washington, D.C.

While many programs from ECU are involved in WAC and the board of directors, such as the international programs and the study abroad programs, it is not limited to them.

For more information on the World Affairs Council, contact Dr. Kilroy in the Department of Political Science at (252) 328-6030 or view their Web site: www.worldaffairsnc.org/

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keep the university up and running.

The E10 mixture also has environmental benefits. The use of the E10 mixture reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 12 to 19 percent when compared to regular gasoline. Ethanol also contains 35 percent oxygen, making it burn more hygienically and completely than regular gasoline. Lastly, ethanol is biodegradable, which makes it

better for the environment overall.

Other changes are planned to continue the reduction of petroleum used on campus, like switching to remanufactured lubricating oil for university vehicles and modifying the student transit system busses to use biodiesel fuel.

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lot would be created near the current lot in the grass area. If the resolution is approved, about 13 new spaces would be added. The lot is for A1 parking.

A pond to catch run-off and safety lighting are two of the items that are on the rough draft for the proposed parking lot.

The second meeting for summer SGA will be Monday,

June 12 at 5:15 p.m. The legislative branch will meet every Monday at this time until the last week of the second summer session.

Students are encouraged to contact SGA at sga@ecu.edu or 328-4742 if any issues emerge that need to be handled by the branch.

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advice on in an endeavor to make the company more profitable.

The small business class gives students hands on time with real life local businesses, and the experience takes everything students have learned up to that point and gives them a chance to use it.

"It's really a team effort that makes the Small Business Institute work," said Harris.

Harris prides himself on having excellent students who he knows will put forth their best effort with their work.

The professor led the team not only to a first place victory this year, but a second place victory the previous year.

"This experience helped me find my passion. Dr. Harris truly changed my life. He saw my potential and nurtured it, encouraging me to take a leadership position," said Racheal Baxter.

Baxter is a graduate who is currently seeking her MBA.

Baxter described the experience

as pretty intense considering that it was the first time that any of the students had received any hands on in depth experience with a company.

She stressed that students who are considering opening a business in the future that knowing one individual skill of the business, such as marketing or accounting, simply won't cut it. A person needs to know the ins and outs of every aspect. This program takes that charge.

"I'm a believer that if you challenge students, and if you say, look, this is a real company. This company, their livelihood is at stake. In this semester, you can actually give them a solution and let them implement so that they make more money. If the stakes are critical, students rise to the challenge," said Harris.

For more information on the program, Professor Harris can be reached at 252-737-1057.

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In My Opinion

Ethanol is a start, not the solution

Driving under the influence... of ethanol

BENJAMIN CORMACK
OPINION COLUMNIST

There has been a lot of talk lately that some of you may have heard about the use of a substance called ethanol to replace gasoline. With gas prices still ranging near \$3 a gallon, many probably think this is the answer to our skyrocketing gas-prices dilemma. But do you really know what ethanol is?

Ethanol is basically alcohol, specifically ethyl or grain alcohol. It's flammable, colorless and commonly used to make alcoholic beverages. Essentially, it is alcohol. For you chemistry majors, it can be represented as: EtOH, C₂H₅OH and/or C₂H₆O.

The truth of the matter is that ethanol can be found in most gasoline, just in a very small amount. Most of America's gasoline is about 10 percent ethanol, and is derived from corn. Brazil is the largest national fuel ethanol industry, and produces ethanol from sugarcane. They produce 14 billion liters of ethanol annually, covering about 40 percent of Brazil's gasoline demand. All of Brazil's fuel contains at least 25 percent alcohol.

Ethanol, while widely mixed with gasoline, could be used by itself as a fuel source. In fact, back in 2005, the Indy Racing League announced its cars would run on a 10 percent ethanol - 90 percent methanol (gasoline) blend fuel. In 2007, the cars will race on 100 percent ethanol.

The theoretical benefits to ethanol are that it's renewable, it can be domestically produced and it burns cleaner than gas. The problem with the latter is that using ethanol as a fuel produces nitrogen monoxide and nitrogen dioxide. Both are harmful air pollutants, but

both are still produced by normal gasoline. The theory though is that ethanol would produce less of them than normal gasoline.

While some of you may think Republicans and oil tycoons are putting down ethanol, it should be known that President George W. Bush and members of Congress have expressed support for ethanol use. This spring, refiners in parts of the president's home state of Texas and in the Northeast have been replacing a gasoline additive called MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether) with ethanol. MTBE, a chemical used to oxygenate fuel, can contaminate drinking water. Ethanol, which does not present the same danger, can serve the same purpose in fuel.

In 2005, an energy bill was passed that requires the U.S. to boost its ethanol production to 7.5 billion gallons by 2012, up from about 4 billion in 2005. This is a significant increase when you consider the fact that the U.S. used up almost 140 billion gallons of gas last year. However, ethanol contains less energy than gas and that would mean drivers would have to make more frequent trips to the pump.

You may have also heard that ethanol is cheaper than gasoline, but that is not true. The move this spring by more regions to use ethanol means that demand for ethanol has spiked and driven prices up. Recently, the New York harbor price for ethanol was around \$3 per gallon compared with about \$2.28 for gasoline. That gas price is before it is mixed with ethanol. In other words, for now ethanol is helping to increase prices at the pump.

Another factor that could be increasing gas prices is the fact that ethanol can't travel in pipelines along with gasoline, because it picks up excess water and impurities. As a result, ethanol needs to be transported by trucks, trains

or boats, which is more expensive and complicated than sending it down a pipeline. Because refiners switched to ethanol this spring, the rise in gas prices could be due to their change in transportation needs to move ethanol.

So based on all these facts, maybe things aren't as they appear. Maybe the reason we have to spend more on gas is because the reality is that we're spending more on ethanol. Perhaps instead of greedy politicians and rich fats cats being the enemy to your gas expenses, you should look at the environmentalists and the alternative fuel activists with a little more anger.

Maybe President Bush isn't an oil-hungry business tycoon who doesn't care about the environment, since he would have had some approval of the energy bill that has required more ethanol to be produced in this country. Maybe the need for oil in this country is based on a need to make gasoline cheaper for people to buy and have so they can drive happily around in their SUVs rather than having to pay more for it as ethanol becomes needed more and more or as ethanol becomes used in our gasoline more and more.

Maybe gas prices aren't being dictated by greedy corporate fat cats of the oil industry. Maybe the ethanol industry is to blame, or even those that push the use of ethanol. Perhaps there could even be a connection between the two.

I'm all for saving the environment, in fact I've made the effort to recycle beyond what my apartment complex and the school has given me the option for. However, people will not always make the effort to do what's right or good for them or the Earth, especially if has to come from their wallet. Alternative fuels are a great idea, but don't be fooled into thinking that just because you pay more you actually gain more.

Pirate Rants

You may not have the need to swear, but sometimes &*\$# or #(% (insert your own curse word here) gets the message across so much better.

Is smoking a requirement for admission to ECU? Every time I see a hot girl, she pulls out a cancer stick, lights up, and inhales the putrid smoke. Ladies, smoking doesn't do anything for your "super model" look. 10 years down the road you're going to look like Anna Nicole Smith and I'm going to laugh.

People, let's try thinking before we speak.

After I saw the Spin Doctors, I heard them on the radio. WZMB is on top of their stuff.

Is it just me or does the construction going on to renovate the Old Cafeteria look the exact same today as it did the first day of classes? Wow, what a great work effort!

Why are there lights coming out of the manholes on campus? I think they are building something down there!

It's not too late to tell me how you feel. Really. If you've loved me for so long or even come to love me because we know each other for so long, then graduation is no excuse for you to just give up. Fight for me with every fiber of your being! Be confident and don't hold back now. Don't let self-doubt keep you from realizing the potential happiness we could have. The potential happiness I could bring you. Give us a chance and step up. Now.

I wish my professor would remember to zip his fly before he teaches our class.

If you are walking in a group and you're on the sidewalk and you see one person walking the opposite

way move over. I hate going in the grass cause you're too lazy to move it's rude!

It irritates me to see so many people on campus wearing Sanitary Restaurant T-shirts... 99.999 percent of you aren't from Morehead City, and the ones who are from there know that most people in Morehead don't even eat there. Being from Morehead, it really makes me cringe when I pass by 10 people a day wearing them. I know people like to advertise where they have been for some reason, but next time do a little research! Pick a better place to advertise.

Do not clip your toenails and leave the pieces on the floor.

I love you, Miss New Booty.

You do make us laugh but we're not laughing with you, we're laughing at you pouty poutyman. You know who you are. Now get a clue and grow up.

For all the males out there, take note: If you don't want to talk to someone tell them - avoiding is not the way to go, if you want to date someone get the balls to ask them out. Common sense is a wonderful thing, mixed signals stink, and if you have a girlfriend don't even try to make a move on me! Thank you have a nice day!

I was eating dinner with a colleague and I asked him about what he thought about our new female boss. I was expecting a conversation about management style but his response was "Oh yeah, I'm gonna ring that bell." The sad thing is that women really like this guy, sometimes I think I'm the last decent man on Earth.

Give it a rest already; you have a problem if you are going downtown on a Sunday night.

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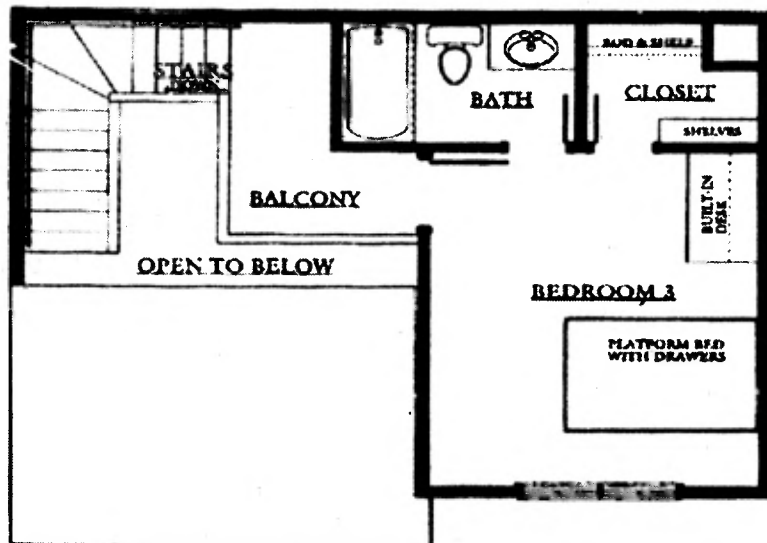
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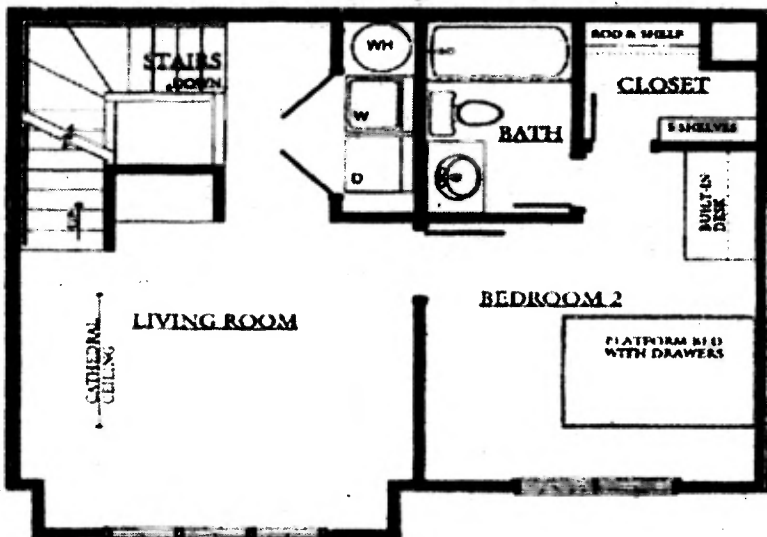
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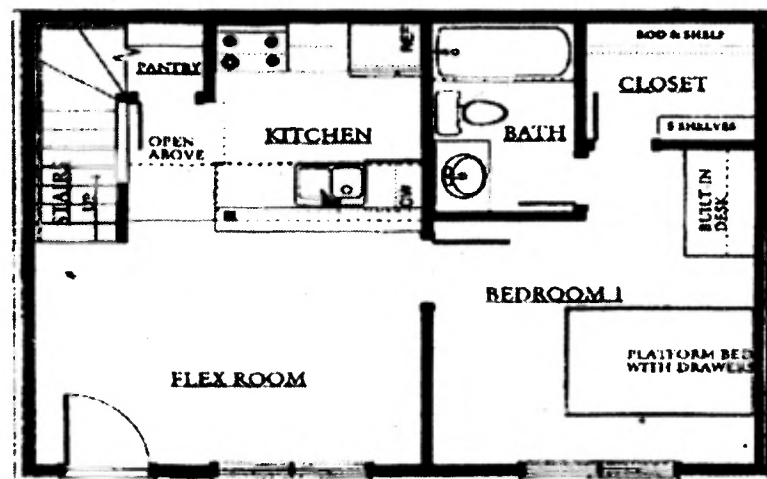
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What you need to know

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The arrival of summer marks the beginning of another hurricane season. Last year the intense amounts of wind and rain created by Hurricane Katrina shattered the lives of countless Americans. In the wake of this tragedy many of us were left wondering what we would do if we ever found ourselves in a similar situation.

Preparation is the key to escaping a hurricane with minimal damage. Since we live in eastern North Carolina the probability of a hurricane striking is extremely high, therefore precautions should be taken to reduce the effects of a disaster.

One of the first things that you

can do to prepare for hurricane season is build a hurricane survival kit.

person for three to seven days), a first aid kit, flashlights and batteries.

By keeping this kit on hand you will take the burden of scrambling to find things off of your shoulders so that you can shift your focus to the safety of yourself as well as your family.

Next, if an evacuation is issued for your area be sure to leave as soon as possible. Staying in your home will only put you in danger. You can rebuild and restore damage to your home, but your life is irreplaceable, so don't take any unnecessary risks.

Have an evacuation plan ready so that when it's time to leave you aren't left wondering where to go. Keep important contact information for family and friends with you at all times so that you can easily find a place to stay until the storm passes.

The kit should include blankets, a battery-powered radio, non-perishable food (enough for three to seven days), water (one gallon per



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Atlantic hurricanes

Forecasters expect another very active

Storms forecast	Average number	Atlantic names	
Named Storms	2006 13-16	Alberto	Kirk
Hurricanes	11	Beryl	Leslie
Major Hurricanes*	6	Chris	Michael
	8-10	Debby	Nadine
	6	Ernesto	Oscar
	4-6	Florence	Patty
	2	Gordon	Rafael
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			William

Also, keep the number of hotels in other towns on hand so that if your family and friends have to evacuate as well you won't be left stranded. If none of these options for you, shelters are another option. Shelters usually open in the event of an emergency, and

while they may not be the most comfortable place to stay, they are generally safe.

Hurricane preparation should also include learning about potential risks and predications for the

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Rocking country weekend in Roanoke Rapids



Big & Rich entertained a large crowd at the new Carolina Crossroads.

Big & Rich concert review

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

Last week's preview of the Big and Rich concert hardly described the environment which the performers created with their performances on Saturday, June 3. Not even the rain showers could put a damper on the festivities held this past weekend for about 20,000 fans.

Being that I arrived a bit late, I only saw a bit of the local band Southern Draw. Even they were primed and ready to play that day in the rain and didn't disappoint by giving spectators a good bit of Carolina country to shake the buns to.

Next was Danielle Peck, a new and upcoming female country artist. Her music had great catch to the words and was easy to listen. Besides, she is a native of North Carolina, as she stated during her set, and we all know how beautiful Carolina girls are.

Jason Aldean followed up to an enormous reception upon starting his set. His music was extremely entertaining with a performance

which matched his passion he has put into writing his songs. There was something for everyone when he covered some Guns and Roses during his stint. "Paradise City" and "Sweet Child O' Mine" received huge attention and singing along from the crowd.

Now before the main act was to appear, you must imagine there would be some bumps in the road, especially for a newly established venue such as the Carolina Crossroads. Big & Rich was to give a press conference for the media to which the record label bluntly said no deal. This would have been nice to know before Carolina Crossroads tried to get them to give the press conference for about an hour and a half.

Either Big & Rich is too pansy for a simple press conference or their label doesn't have the eggs to let these boys speak, either way they came out looking like nancy boy sellouts to the media. Being a national act, you have some responsibility to the people who buy your records and see your shows to at least be kind enough to take time out of your busy day of sleeping to speak to them through media outlets.

Also, to the two women who I gave my seat up to, trying to be a chivalrous Southern gentleman: Have some common decency and say thank you. I noticed these old bags were wearing "Corporate" access tags around their necks and I imagine couldn't be bothered with common human decency.

Big & Rich eventually took the stage and I realized something—the wait and anticipation was all worth it. These guys rocked a field of totally engulfed and entranced people. Opening with "Coming to your City," they never let go of the fans during the show.

Another first for me was this; during the show Big & Rich brought an American flag out there and took the led into an impromptu "Pledge of Allegiance" with the crowd, to which they gave thanks to this great nation for allowing them to play their music.

Carolina Crossroads did a great job organizing this event, which actually ran quite smoothly. I hope some of you made the trip to see this grade "A" show. If not, you missed a great concert and time.

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Tokyo To Go! becomes new spin on an old favorite

New Japanese hibachi style cuisine

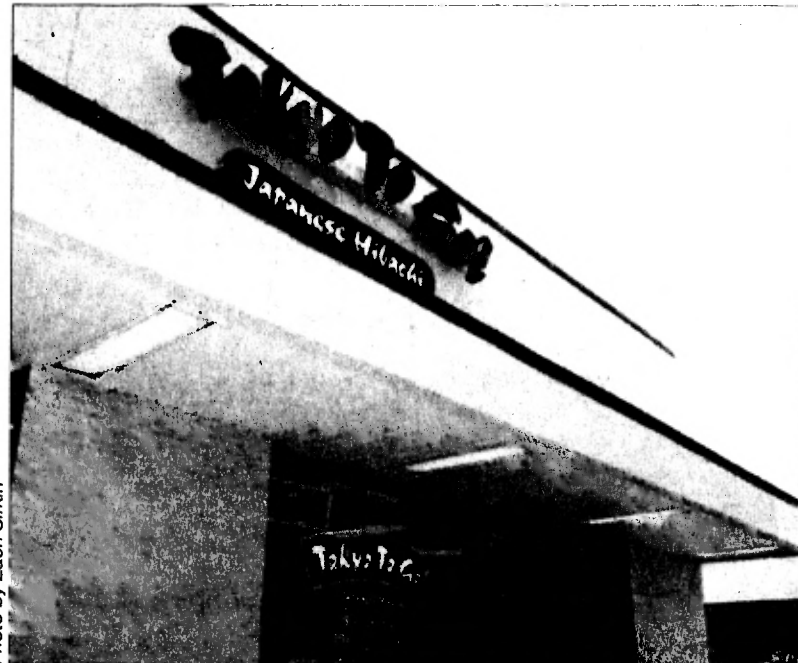
MEREDITH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

Greenville has many options when it comes to restaurants, casual dining, fast food and take-out. On April 26 another place opened that people can't stop talking about, Tokyo To Go! It's located at 310-F E. Arlington Boulevard, in the Big Lots stopping center.

"The reason for opening a Japanese place was because I was unhappy with the other ones. I thought they were too crowded, the wait was too long and through different experiences I just decided to open up one of my own," said George Swarts, owner of Tokyo To Go!

You can call ahead for pick up at 321 - 8300 and even view their menu on their Web site, TOKYO2GO.com or by requesting the menu via fax. If you chose to eat in their large dining area you will also be pleased with their service, cleanliness and family friendly atmosphere.

"The reason I decided to work at Tokyo To Go! is because they are



Walking into Tokyo to Go! you may notice a different atmosphere.

providing a great product that will hopefully lead to expanding stores in the near future," said manager Dennis Duffy.

Tokyo To Go! offers a variety of food selections such as shrimp, filet, scallops and all white meat hibachi or teriyaki chicken. Each entrée (sumo size) or bowl (lunch portion) comes with vegetables and your

choice of rice or their soba noodles. I found that the noodles were best with shrimp or scallops and their fried rice was great with the chicken or beef. Their Japanese mushroom soup and spring rolls are perfect for appetizers or just a quick snack.

They also have Samurai Wraps which are made of steamed or fried rice, zucchini, onions and your



Customers enjoy the unique flavors that are offered at Tokyo to Go!

choice of a sauce and meat (or just all vegetables) all rolled in a tortilla. The steak wrap with white sauce is a personal favorite. Their salads are great for light lunches and even better with hibachi chicken or steak on top.

Tokyo To Go! seems to have mastered the sauces. They offer ginger dressing which is great on

salads, homemade white sauce that is great on everything, ginger sauce which adds a little sweetness to your meal, mustard which is good for those who like things a little spicy and hot sauce for those who like it really spicy. All of these sauces are homemade with

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season. This year forecasters at the National Hurricane Center predict a very active Atlantic hurricane season. An 80 percent chance of above-normal hurricane season activity is reflected in the predicted amount of activity.

The 2006 hurricane season outlook predicts 13-16 named storms, 8-10 hurricanes and 4-6 major hurricanes (category 3-4-5 storms).

Preparing for hurricanes before they strike is a key aspect in surviving them with a minimal

amount of damage to our lives. When preparing for hurricane season we should keep in mind the devastation from years past, and look to the future with knowledge and understanding as a way to minimize the destruction.

For more information on getting prepared for hurricane season visit the National Hurricane Centers Web site at nhc.noaa.gov.

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Pacific hurricanes

Forecasters predict a below average season

Storms forecast	2006	Average number	East Pacific names	
Number of storms	12-16	15-16	Alejo	Miriam
Number of hurricanes	6-8	9	Bud	Norman
Number of major hurricanes	1-3	4-5	Carmelita	Olivia
			Daniel	Paul
			Enola	Rosa
			Fabián	Sergio
			Gilma	Tara
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fresh ingredients.

"The #7 – hibachi chicken and steak is the most popular entrée on the menu," said Swarts. My personal favorite is the #15 – teriyaki chicken, hibachi steak and shrimp; although I can never eat all of the food in the entrée I also like to get the two for .99 spring rolls.

They are open Sunday – Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday – Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Their location, quality, cost and friendly service are all factors as to why many believe this Japanese hibachi fast casual dining has quickly made

a name for itself and will remain established for years to come.

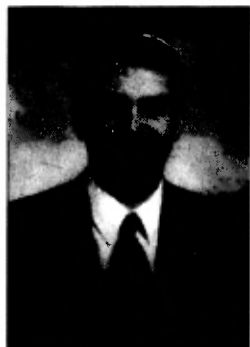
Tokyo To Go! is a casual dining place that is spacious, delicious and convenient. Although it is the first of its' kind, Swarts plans to open another location due to the success the first store has had.

It is definitely worth trying Tokyo To Go! the next time you get hibachi craving, be sure to pick up a frequent buyer card as well, because I'm sure you will be going back.

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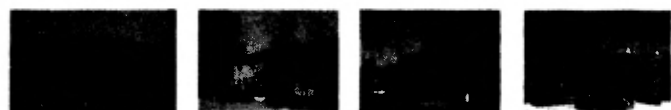
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Justus League concert at Red Rooster

A small but heartfelt crowd gathered last Friday

ZACH STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

On entrance, the club seemed sparse for a show embracing such North Carolina essentials as Supastition and Cesar Comanche. A lone dancer flagrantly bounced across the floor, oblivious to the stares of his sober onlookers. The robotic, b-boy concoctions were an amusing spectacle, but became an archaic anecdote once the talent seized the stage.

An unbilled appearance from Wilmington-based emcee Fuzz Jax graced the night's infancy. His show opener "How Many Times," laced soulful production with lingual expressions like "I can't take it no more / It's Hollywood galore / I think cats forgot what they really rappin' for."

Pretty bold statements coming from a relatively unknown rapper, but his style proved a worthy asset to the night's aura of roots revival.

Following suit, the Artistic Anarchists set was perfectly timed, right when the crowd finished swilling Jager bombs and was ready to get loose.

The group's gritty sound and jaded lyrics complemented their persona, topped off with a T-shirt stating 'They Hate Me' in bold print. The Anarchists' have J-Zone's demeanor/ album *A Job Ain't Nothing But Work* down to a science.

Comanche snatched the mic like a well-seasoned vet. He's the co-founder of The Justus League ... 'nuff said. "Jacob's Ladder" climaxed the night. The first verse, "We love all of ya'll / We love all of ya'll, man / Knoxville, Charlotte, Greenville, DC..." put the crowd in complete hysteria.

When asked how he felt about



Photo by Zach Sirkin

the success of the League, and comparisons to the rest of the industry, he replied modestly. "Music needs to ground itself in real life. If it sounds dope, I'm with it." The conversation ended abruptly, as Supastition began the show's conclusion.

Supastition previously contended, "Will I live up to the hype is what cats is asking," on his track "Hate My Face." I'm asking, where's the hype? With underground rap dissolving into the backwash of Stones Throw Records

and MF Doom more intrigued by Adult Swim than the hip-hop community, Supa has messiah-like potential.

His lyrics were clear and concise, an amazing feat for a rapper at a live show. After using call-and-response tactics to involve the crowd, he jumped off stage, leaving the audience with the image of a starry Greenville night not to be forgotten.

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TEC's 2005-06 Athletes of the Year

Allison and McCallion break ECU records, take top honors **ERIC GILMORE** SPORTS EDITOR



Aundrae Allison had a breakout junior season to earn him male athlete of the year.



Four-year starter Meghan McCallion broke numerous women's soccer records this year.

Top Five Male Athletes of the Year

Aundrae Allison- Football

Allison somersaulted into the end zone when scoring his first touchdown during 2005's spring practice. Back then, fans didn't know what to expect from the Georgia Military transfer. Allison was a highly touted recruit when he originally signed with UNC, but few anticipated the type of breakout season that included an assault on the prestigious ECU record book. Instead of flaming out, Allison arrived on the scene to deliver one of the most magical individual football seasons ever.

The junior receiver tallied an ECU single-season record in receiving yards with 1,024. He was the first Pirate receiver to break the century mark in a single-season while shattering the previous record by 127 yards. His 93.1 receiving yards-per-game ranked 19th nationally while his catches-per-game (7.55) led Conference USA and were fourth nationally.

Had Allison not suffered a knee injury in the season finale, he may have broke Terrance Copper's single-season reception mark, which he narrowly missed by four receptions. The junior also tallied five games with receiving yards in excess of 100 yards, the most ever for an ECU receiver.

Allison was named to the All-C-USA team and started all 11 contests while scoring seven touchdowns despite facing multiple double teams.



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Top Five Female Athletes of the Year

Meghan McCallion- Soccer

Despite soccer receiving little fan interest, McCallion made a large dent in the ECU record books. McCallion, who is tied for the most games played (80) with fellow senior Melissa Penney, also holds school records in points per game (1.20), goals per game (0.49), shots attempted (276), shots per game (3.45), while ranking second in assists (18) and fourth in assists per game (0.22).

The four-year starter finished her collegiate career by becoming ECU's all-time leading scorer (96), goal scorer (39) as well as the all-time leader in games started (78) on her way to second-team All-Conference USA accolades.

The Long Island, N.Y. native led the team with nine goals, six assists and 24 points en route to an 8-12-1 record. She was named to the 2005 All-Southeast second-team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and 2005 Soccer Buzz All-Southeast Region Third-Team.



Kell Harrell- Softball

Harrell meant more to her team than any other female athlete, helping the softball team to a 40-24 overall record while posting a fifth place finish in C-USA. Consider that the first team all-conference junior pitcher threw 255 2/3 innings while the next Pirate tossed just 78.1. The J.H. Rose product's gaudy numbers include tossing 27 complete games, leading

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Jake Smith- Baseball

Smith was bothered by a hamstring injury throughout Billy Godwin's inaugural season, but still managed to be named second-team All-American by Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball. The hard hitting catcher became the first Pirate since 2004 to earn All-America accolades.

Smith finished his collegiate career with 29 home runs and 135 RBIs, which ranks in the top 12 on ECU's all-time charts. During 2006, he topped all Pirate hitters in seven categories including average, hits, doubles, RBI, total bases and slugging percentage, while ranking second in home runs with 13.

The Greensboro, N.C. native was selected to the first-team All C-USA squad. He also was named C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week honors on Feb. 27.



Hector Cotto- Track & Field

Cotto will compete in the NCAA national championship outdoor track meet on June 7-10. The 110 meter hurdler recently finished third at the East Regional in Greensboro to qualify for the national meet. It was Cotto's second consecutive trip to the regional meet.

The senior hurdler broke his own personal best and set an ECU record time of 13.66 during the East Regional, breaking his previous mark of 13.78, which he set as a junior. The Cary, N.C. native finished second in the C-USA Championships after posting a 14.00 mark. Cotto turned in a strong outing at the Penn Relays, when he finished eighth (14.08) in the college division and ninth in the championship heat (14.55).

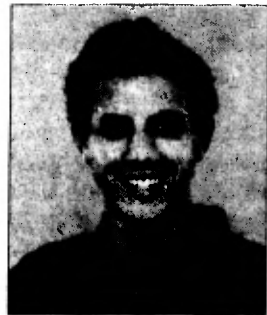


Ryan Yasinsac- Swimming & Diving

Yasinsac made an immediate impact on Rick Kobe's swimming squad, which finished second in C-USA, after transferring from the University of Florida. Yasinsac earned all-conference honors in four relay events and set an ECU record in the 50-free (20.61).

The 6-foot, 5-inch swimmer anchored the 200-medley relay (1:30.73), 400-medley relay (3:22.48), 200-freestyle relay (1:22.49) and the 400-freestyle relay (3:02.10), all of which topped C-USA. The 200-medley relay also established an ECU record time.

In addition to the 50-free, the Taylorsville, N.C. native led the team with top times in the 100-free (45.61) and 200-free (1:41.65).



Glenn Moore- Football

Despite getting released from the New Orleans Saints, Moore had a memorable college campaign. The hard nosed and undersized middle linebacker etched his mark on the ECU record book while also serving as the senior emotional leader for the Pirates' 5-6 resurgence.

Moore tallied 415 career tackles, which stands fourth all-time behind former ECU greats Harold Randolph, Robert Jones and Pernell Griffin. The 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker led the conference in tackles in 2004 and finished third in 2005. The first-team C-USA selection led C-USA in tackles for a loss. He started all 11 games in 2005 and gritted out 38 games total for his career.



James Pinkney- Football

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Kell Harrell- Softball (continued)

the league in strike outs (255) compared to 65 walks while posting an impressive 1.75 ERA.

Harrell (26-15) earned five C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week honors. The Preseason Pitcher of the Year recorded 11 of the Pirates' 13 league wins and will likely shatter the conference career strikeouts list, which she is currently second. The junior hurler struck out 10 or more batters eight times and tossed her second career no-hitter on March 26.



Jasmine Young- Basketball

Young, a freshman point guard, led the team in assists (153), 3-point field goals (50) and minutes played (1097) which was a single-season school record. Young, who ranked 28th in the nation in assists per game (5.3), averaged a team second-best 13.0 ppg and was the only Lady Pirate to start all 29 games.

In only one season, the Richmond, Va. native into the school's single-season top-10 in three categories. She ranked fourth in 3-point field goals made (50), tied for fourth in steals (78) and tied for eighth in assists (153).

She racked up on post-season honors in C-USA as she was named to the second-team, All-Freshman Team and became the first Lady Pirate to earn Freshman-of-the-Year honors with her Co-Freshman-of-the-Year selection.

In C-USA, she ranked second in steals (2.69 spg), fourth in assists (5.28) and ninth in assist to turnover ratio (1.34). She was also named MVP during a postseason banquet.



Rebecca Perry- Swimming & Diving

Perry helped to set six new swimming marks, including three new individual varsity records. Perry qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 50-free with a varsity record time of 22.88. She also established varsity records in the 100 (50.83) and 200-free (1:49.10).

As the first leg, the N.C. State transfer and Greenville native contributed to set varsity records in the 400-medley (3:48.07), 400-free (3:25.42) and 800-free (7:24.98) relays to earn all-conference honors in each relay event. She also posted the third-best time in the 100-backstroke (57.38).



Lene Krog- Golf

Only a freshman, Krog helped lead ECU to its first ever C-USA Women's Golf Championship during Kim Lewellen's first season as head coach at the Ironwood Golf Course. Krog became the Pirates' first individual C-USA champion when she tallied a 54-hole score of 216 (74-72-70) to win by a single stroke. Krog birdied five holes during the final round and recorded the second-most birdies in the field with 11.

The Leir, Norway native notched four top-five finishes in seven tournaments during the regular season. Her fourth place finish in the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic earned Krog a second C-USA Golfer of the Week honor. Throughout the season, she was ranked nationally by both the *Golfweek* and *GolfStat* publications.



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Ward saves the day for Hurricanes in Game 1

(AP) — His teammates were still grumbling Tuesday about how poorly they played. Yet some of the Carolina Hurricanes say that without rookie goaltender Cam Ward, they might be grouching instead about a loss to Edmonton in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals.

"We got outshot, outchanced, we got outplayed, plain and simple. If it wasn't for Cam Ward, we would have lost that game," left wing Cory Stillman said after Tuesday's off-day skate at the RBC Center, site of Game 2 in the best-of-seven series.

"If you're looking at the stats, we won the game," Stillman said of the 5-4 victory. "It was great, but I think the only guy who showed up on our team was our goaltender."

Ward made 34 saves against the Oilers, but none was more impressive than a stop on center Shawn Horcoff with 3.8 seconds left when Ward flailed at the puck with his glove hand and batted it away.

"It was one of those instances that Ryan Smyth made a great pass where I kind of anticipated the shot and bit down and just out of pure desperation threw my glove out and just so happened to hit it," Ward said. "It's just a good example of not giving up on the puck, I guess, and getting

a little bit lucky at the same time."

Carolina coach Peter Laviolette said it was an impressive performance given that Ward surrendered three goals in two periods and allowed another that tied the score at 4 late in the third period.

"Usually, if you get one high-light-reel save in a game, it's a good one to get," Laviolette said. "But he probably had four of them. Empty-net, backdoor goal where, somehow, he got across and got a piece of it. He was very focused. He played great, he really did."

Ward, whose beard barely hides the fact that he's just 22, didn't make his NHL playoff debut until it looked like the Hurricanes were about to be run out of the postseason in the first round. But he gave the team hope after replacing regular-season starter Martin Gerber in a Game 2 loss to Montreal.

In Game 3 against the Canadiens, Ward stopped 27 of 28 shots to earn his first playoff victory, and followed that by making 23 saves in a Game 4 win. Stellar efforts in Games 5 and 6 helped Carolina rally from an 0-2 deficit in the series and propel them toward their second run at the Stanley Cup in four seasons.

After collecting a shutout in one

of his four semifinal victories over New Jersey, Ward came through in the Eastern Conference finals against Buffalo, ending with a 22-save performance against the Sabres in Game 7 that gave Carolina a chance to rally for a 4-2 victory.

"His play in the playoffs has been consistent," Laviolette said. "He came in and saved our bacon against Montreal, and he played extremely well."

Edmonton led 3-0 late in the second period Monday before they rallied for the win. One goal came on a penalty shot and another was the result of a deflection off one of Ward's teammates.

"It's how you respond from those situations that matter," Ward said. "We have been in those situations all season long, and once again, we were able to overcome that obstacle without giving up."

One of Ward's teammates says now that the has goalie stepped up, it's their turn.

"He is still a young guy. He is not a guy that rests on his laurels," said defenseman Aaron Ward, who is not related. "He is just going to be out there and give a performance for all of us. Now the onus is on us to perform for him."



Hurricanes goaltender Cam Ward smiles during a news conference.

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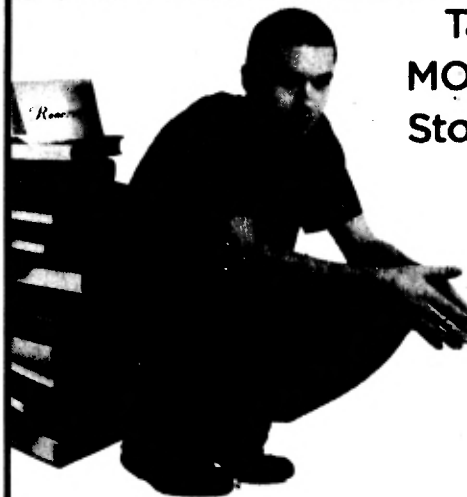
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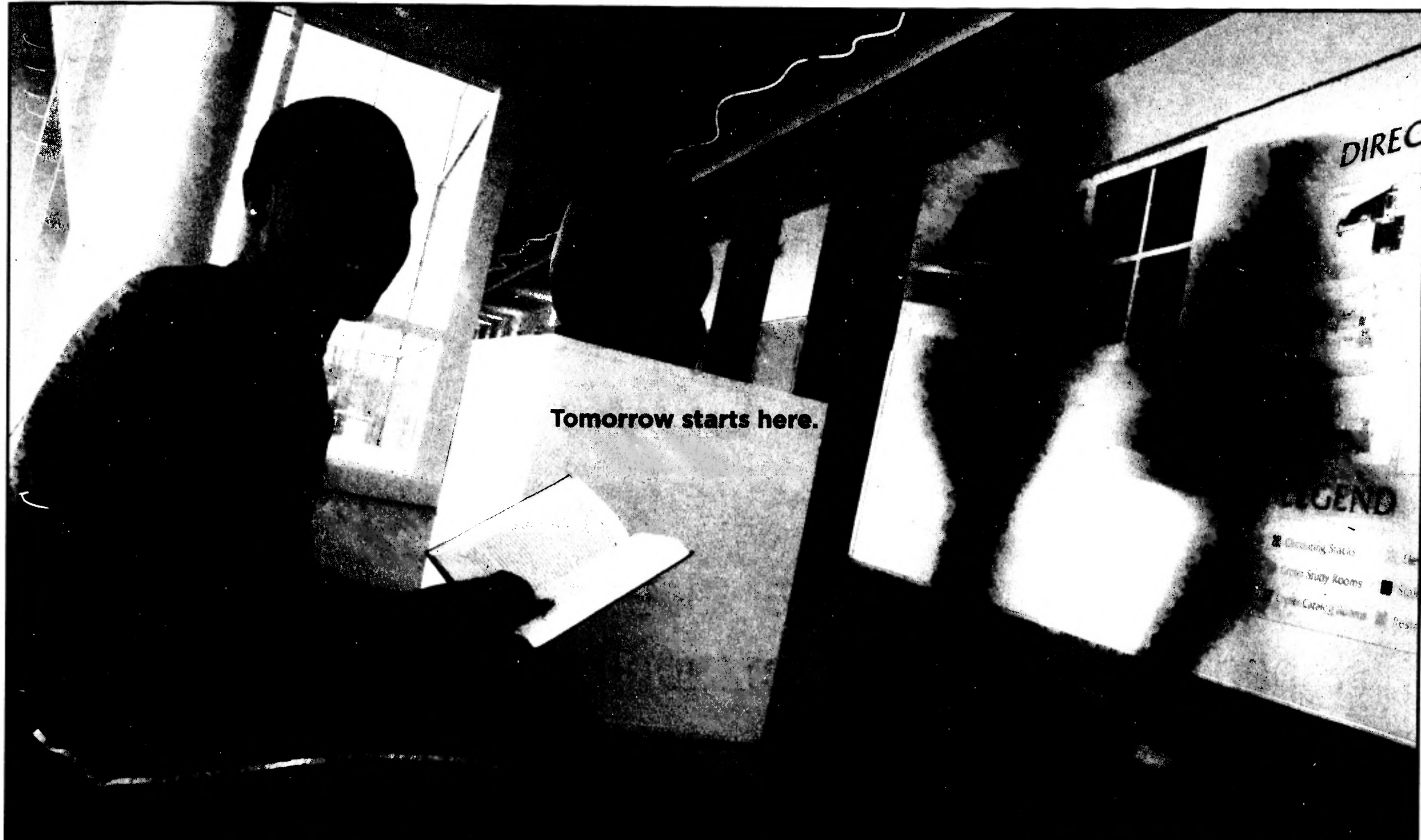
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