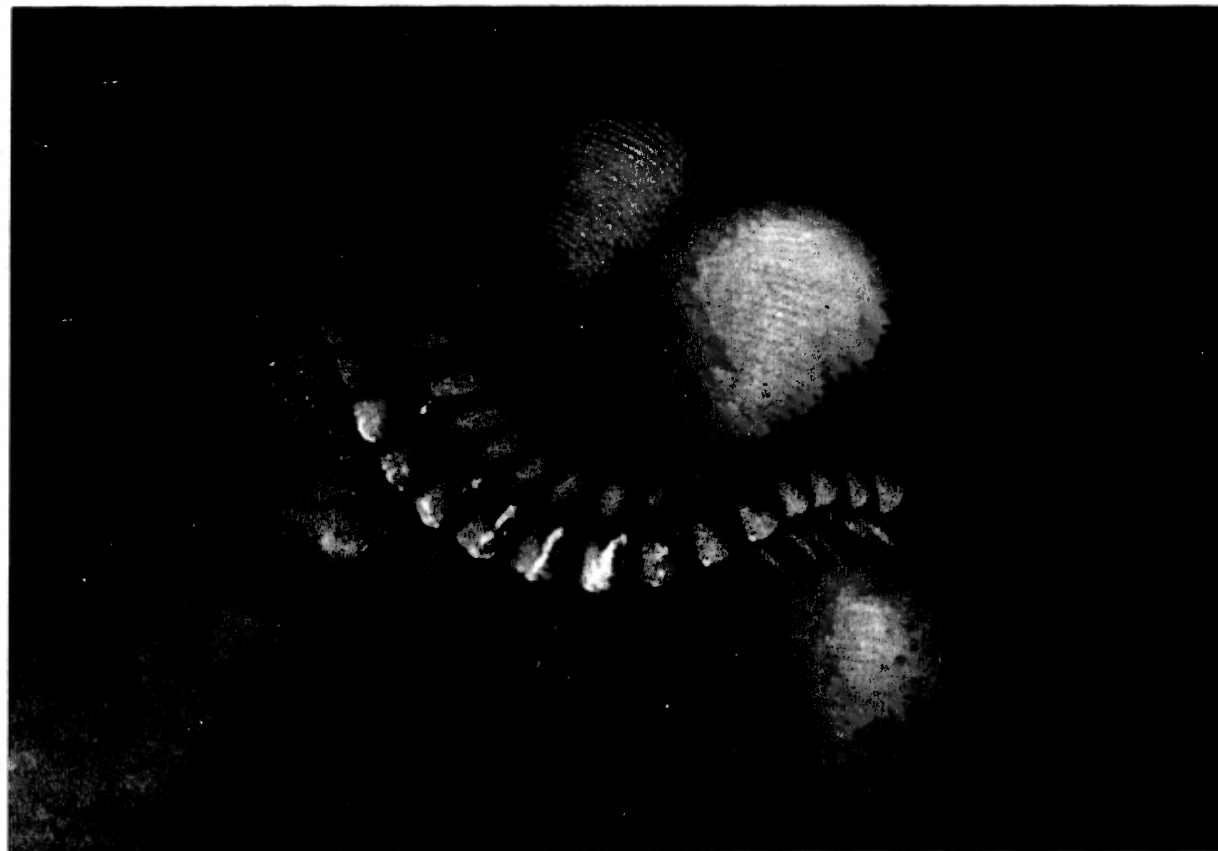


Professor receives National Science grant



ECU biologist Jason Bond studies the taxonomy and systematics of millipedes like the one shown above.

Biologist to study millipedes

CLAYTON BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Professor Jason Bond, a biologist at ECU, has been busy making progress with three grants he recently received from the National Science Foundation. Bond has been using the grants to aid his study of a diverse array of different species of millipedes from around the world.

The grant, dubbed the Partnership for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy, or PEET, allows Bond to recruit graduate and undergraduate students in updating or editing information about millipedes.

"The idea is that there are a lot of very understudied taxonomic groups, millipedes being one of them, where most of the expertise is either dying off or retiring," said Bond.

"The idea is that the National Science Foundation is trying to infuse some money into these areas to essentially train undergraduates

and graduate students in systematic and taxonomy."

According to the story in the faculty and staff newspaper, *Pieces of Eight*, Bond shares the grant with Dr. Petra Sterwald. Sterwald works at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

Bond is currently working with two graduate students on the studies. The program is also intended to encourage undergraduate students to take part.

Bond points out that not only taxonomy is being studied in regards to the millipedes but systematics. He and his colleagues look at the evolutionary relationships of different millipede groups.

Bond and those involved recently received some publicity in his work with the rediscovery of the millipede that has the most legs. The species hadn't been seen or collected since 1920. Discovered in California, Bond is keeping the exact location a secret so as not to

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Gates moves to full time philanthropy

A new software architect emerges at Microsoft

LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Bill Gates will begin devoting his time to his philanthropic endeavors aimed at ridding the third world of infectious diseases. Gates will begin to phase himself out of Microsoft's day-to-day operations, while Microsoft newcomer, Ray Ozzie, founder of Groove Software, a company that makes business collaboration software, will succeed Gates as chief technology officer. Microsoft bought Groove in 2005 primarily to secure Ozzie's services.

Ozzie is renowned for his innovation in the software world.

"We wanted the technology but also we had wanted to work with

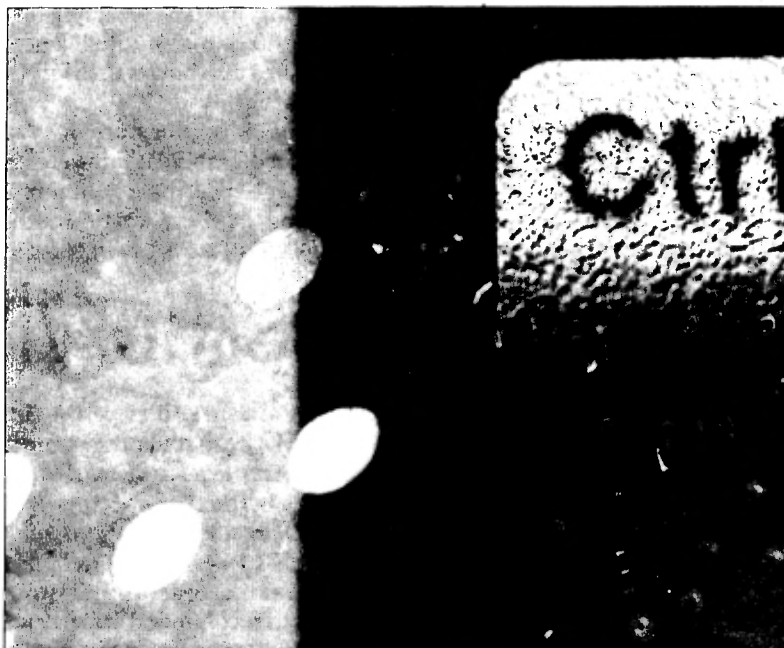
Ray for 20 years," said Steve Ballmer of the Groove acquisition.

Analysts hope that Ozzie can restore Microsoft's reputation for innovation. Microsoft still clings to its virtual monopoly on operating systems and office applications for most of its profits.

The lack of innovation seemingly came to a head when Microsoft shocked the business world by delaying launch of its new operating system Vista. While Microsoft remains ambitious, as the Vista launch was widely believed to have been delayed because its features were felt to be more ambitious than Microsoft had innovation to implement.

Analysts believe that Ozzie will be good for the job.

"It will be a very good thing to have Ozzie in this role. He is a very methodical person who sees



Bill Gates will step aside to let Ray Ozzie take the lead at Microsoft.

both the whole picture of a project clearly and also understands how to manage it efficiently," said Tim Bajarin of Creative Strategies.

Ozzie will have big shoes to fill as the Microsoft visionary. Microsoft will have to continue moving toward web-based applications and away from software packages.

Though Ozzie is about the same age as Gates it is widely felt that he can bring a new focus while instilling more discipline.

Bill Gates is the world's richest man. There were hundreds of men who were in Silicon Valley and

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SGA tackles new funding manual

Document will be more reader-friendly

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
STAFF WRITER

The main focus of the general assembly SGA meeting on Monday was setting deadlines for revising the funding manual.

The discussion was lead by congresswoman Nadia Payne, who suggested a date and issues to review in the manual.

SGA discussed making June 30 the deadline to complete the first draft of the new funding manual.

According to Payne, the main purpose of revising the funding manual is to make the language of the document easier to understand

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Announcements

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Individual ticket sales began June 1. Please see ECUARTS.com to purchase tickets or call 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Summer season tickets are available now.

"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. 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.

"Footloose: the musical"

July 25-29

One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory now bursts onto the live stage. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local laws, including a ban on dancing. The ban is the brainchild of a preacher determined to exercise the control over the town youth that he cannot command in his own home. To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar-nominated top 40 score (the soundtrack album reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold over 15 million copies!) to which new, dynamic songs have been added, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

North Korea preps new ballistic missiles

U.S. government increases missile defense funding

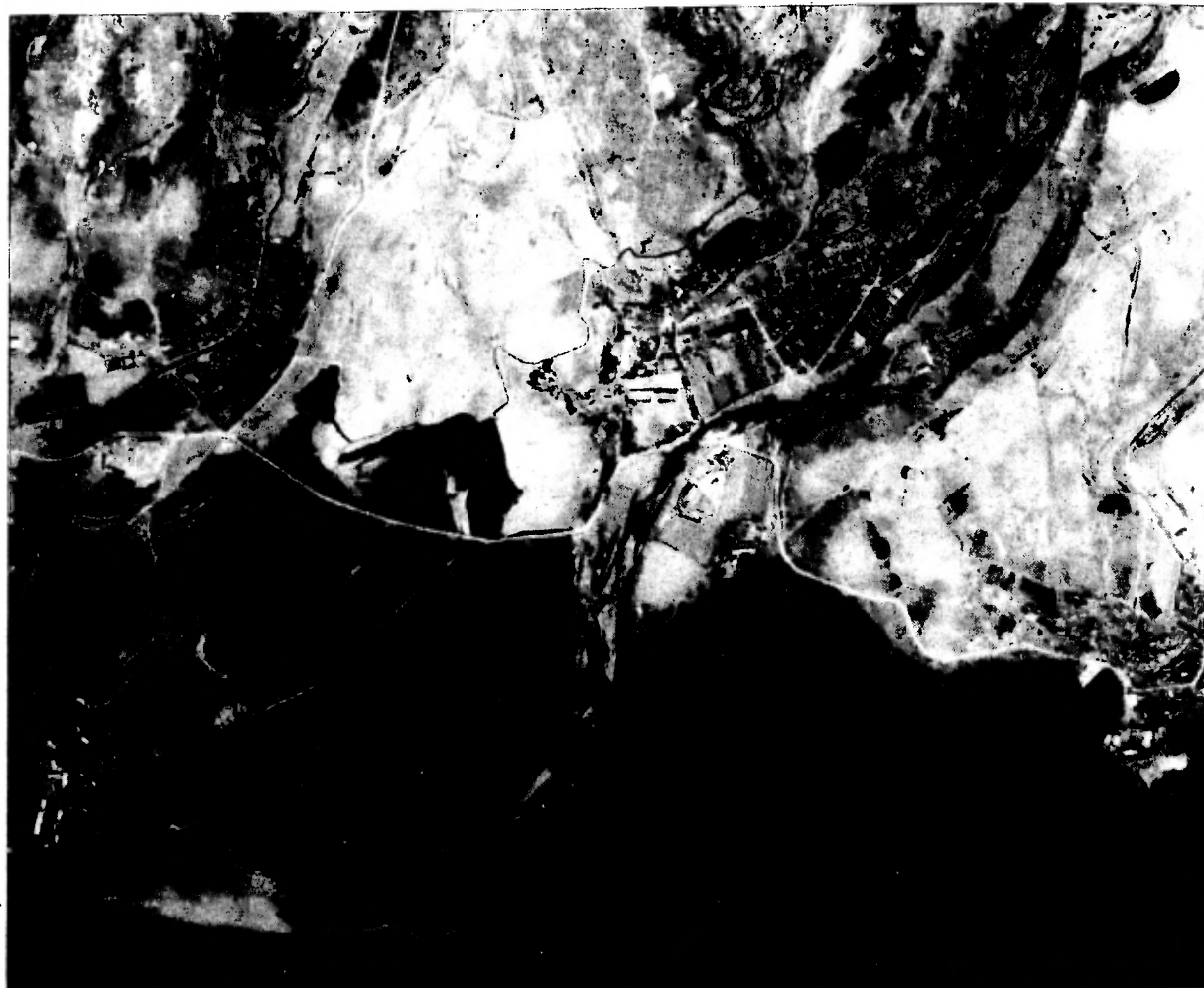
LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

The world's attention is on Iran. Iran has announced its nuclear aspirations while simultaneously stating that it has peaceful electricity-generated intentions.

North Korea has been as defiant as Iran about nuclear tests and missile development, but has been quiet about it. Talks involving the United States, North and South Korea, China, Russia and Japan showed just how strong North Korean resolve is on the issue. The fact that sanctions have been put on North Korea by the United States because of counterfeiting issues and the fact that Bush named North Korea as part of the "Axis of Evil" in a State of the Union Address has not made North Korea more cooperative.

The testing involved a Taepodong-2 intercontinental ballistic missile with an estimated range of 2,175 to 2,670 miles, which is more than enough range to reach the United States. In response to North Korea's missile capabilities, the U.S. government has increased funding to building and perfecting a missile defense system by \$10 billion a year.

The original "Star Wars" system was largely mythical as a means of psyche warfare against the Russians during the Cold War. A smaller, scaled down version and thereby more realistic version called "Son of Star Wars" is now in effect using and



This is an Orbview-3 satellite image provided by GeoEye showing the Taepodong missile launch complex in North Korea, called Musudan-ri.

undergoing further development.

According to U.S. intelligence, North Korea also boasts the world's fourth best army.

Technically, the Korean War never ended as there is but a cease-fire in place between the communist North and the Democratic South. There is a buffer area between the

two states called the demilitarized zone.

Sean McCormack of the State Department warned North Korea on Friday saying, "We will take necessary preparatory steps to track any potential activities and to protect ourselves."

In August of 1998 North Korea

fired a ballistic missile over Japan. While that missile was considered rather short in terms of its range, North Korea continues to work on building a longer-range version and may be close to completion.

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FDA approves cervical cancer vaccine

(KRT) — With a green light from regulators, Merck & Co. Inc. has begun deploying 1,500 freshly trained salespeople and unleashing a huge marketing campaign around a delicate topic: cancer and sex.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Merck's cervical cancer vaccine Gardasil yesterday, inaugurating a vaccine market potentially worth several billion dollars a year, with the Philadelphia area at its core. Gardasil will be manufactured and marketed from Merck's West Point complex. GlaxoSmithKline PLC, developing a rival vaccine Cervarix, has a U.S. headquarters in Philadelphia. Both vaccines ultimately could save countless lives by helping prevent infection from sexually-transmitted strains of human papillomavirus, or HPV, that cause cancer,

the FDA and health experts said. But Merck—the first to market—must clear several legal and marketing obstacles before the vaccines will be widely available.

Merck's immediate challenge is persuading federal and state officials to recommend and pay for widespread or mandatory vaccinations, over possible objections of sexual-abstinence and anti-vaccine groups that prefer Pap smears as a proven prevention. Merck marketers, working already for a year to publicize HPV risks and prime the market, also must take care not to undermine cancer screening and safe-sex campaigns, experts said. All the while, Merck must watch over its shoulder at GlaxoSmithKline, which hopes to launch Cervarix by late 2007.

Its second-to-market strategy is

to let Merck pave the regulatory road and then slingshot past Gardasil.

"We congratulate Merck on their launch and we hope to be right behind them," said Brian Lortie, GlaxoSmithKline's vice president for worldwide HPV vaccine development.

At stake, beyond public he HPV can cause cancer. Surveys found fewer than 20 percent of people knew about the link, said Beverly Lybrand, vice president and general manager for Gardasil at Merck Vaccines Division. Merck's corporate "Tell Someone" campaign, launched in April, uses paid TV ads showing actresses, in interview style, expressing surprise about the cause and pledging to tell others.

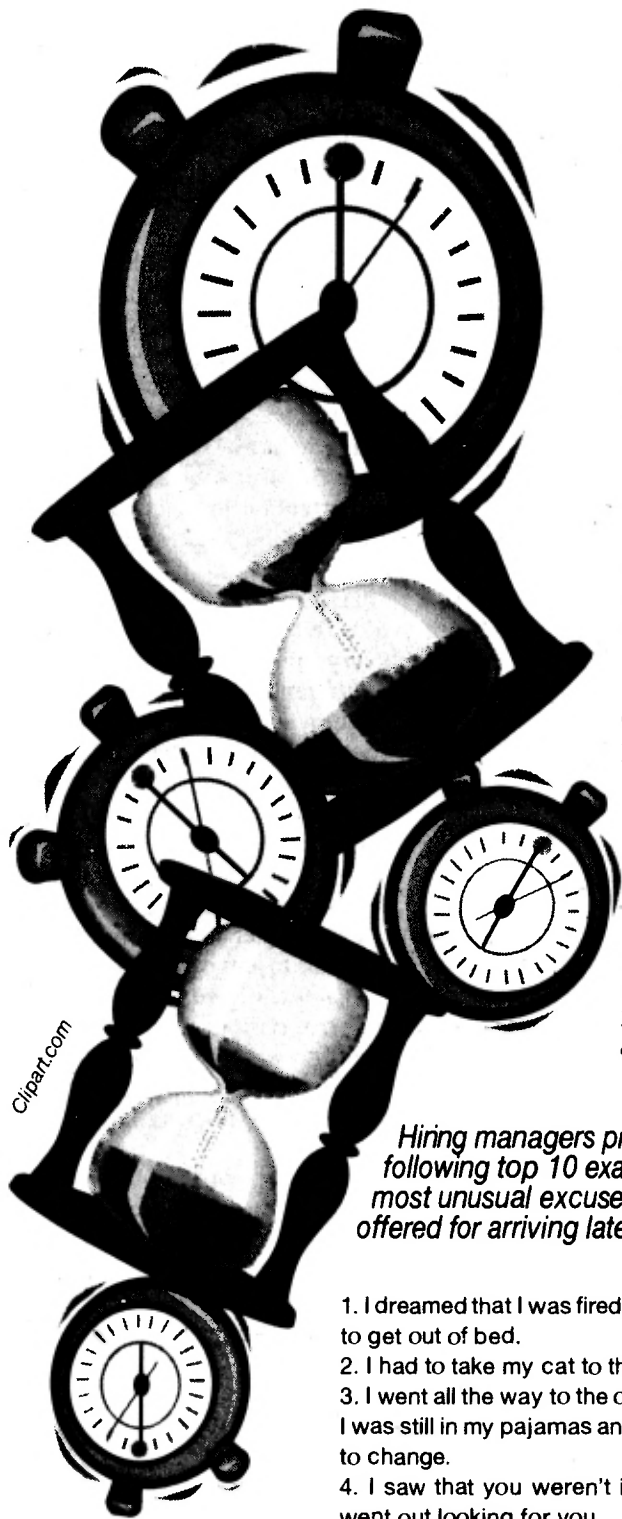
Last fall, Merck funded "Make the Connection," run by the industry-backed nonprofit Cancer

Research and Prevention Foundation and celebrity charity Step Up Women's Network. Designed by the public-relations giant Edelman, the campaign features publicity events, a TV public-service announcement and cameos by celebrities such as Maria Shriver and Jessica Alba wearing girls' beaded bracelets—designed by Edelman—to highlight the link.

"That has been very impactful" for girls, Lybrand said.

Neither campaign mentions Gardasil, which Merck could not legally promote until getting its FDA license. Since last year, Merck has spent at least \$1 million on the campaigns without a dime in revenues, including roughly \$850,000 on online activities, according to figures from its nonprofit partners and TNS Media Intelligence, a market research firm.

The top 10 most outrageous excuses for tardiness on the job



(CareerBuilder.com) — A new survey by CareerBuilder.com found some workers are suffering from a lack of punctuality. One-in-ten workers—13 percent—say they arrive late to work at least once a week and 24 percent say they arrive late at least once a month. One-in-five admit to making up fake excuses to explain their tardiness.

The CareerBuilder.com survey, "Late to Work," was conducted from February 21 to March 6 of more than 2,500 workers, including 1,000 hiring managers.

"While the majority of hiring managers tend to be lenient if employees occasionally run late, others are much stricter in their policies," said Rosemary Haefner, vice president of human resources for CareerBuilder.com.

"Thirty percent of hiring managers say they don't care if their employees come in late as long as their work is completed on time with good quality. However, one-in-ten hiring managers say they would consider terminating an employee if he/she arrives late once or twice in a given year. One-in-five say a pink slip may be in order if an employee is late three times in a year."

When asked to identify the primary cause for coming in late, 27 percent of workers cited traffic. Ten percent pointed to getting their kids ready for school or day care while 11 percent said falling back asleep was the main culprit. Other popular reasons included forgetting something at home, feeling sick and the inability to find house or car keys. Not surprising, Monday is the most popular day for late arrivals, according to 64 percent of hiring managers.

While the majority of hiring managers don't typically question the validity of the reasons provided, 35 percent say most of the time they don't believe the excuses.

Hiring managers provided the following top 10 examples of the most unusual excuses employees offered for arriving late to work:

1. I dreamed that I was fired, so I didn't bother to get out of bed.
2. I had to take my cat to the dentist.
3. I went all the way to the office and realized I was still in my pajamas and had to go home to change.
4. I saw that you weren't in the office, so I went out looking for you.
5. I couldn't find the right tie, so I had to wait for the stores to open so I could buy one.
6. My son tried to flush our ferret down the toilet and I needed to tend to the ferret.
7. I ran over a goat.
8. I stopped for a bagel sandwich, the store was robbed and the police required everyone to stay for questioning.
9. A bee flew in my car and attacked me and I had to pull over.
10. I wet my pants and went home to change.

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cause a huge stir in the area.

The event caused such a stir that the Associated Press and Reuters gave coverage. According to *Time* magazine's numbers section, Bond and his team discovered a millipede with 666 legs.

"It's about biodiversity, and it's recognizing, sort of the importance of biodiversity and the role that millipedes play in breaking organic material down," said Bond.

"Much of the life around us is very important in what you'd term essential eco system services, certainly things that contribute

directly to our health and wellbeing as a species."

Bond is also working with other grants as well from the National Science Foundation, focusing on different species of trapdoor spiders.

The grant is referred to as Revisionary Syntheses in Systematics, and Bond's discoveries are then contributed to the NSF's Tree of Life project which aims to name and categorize 1.7 million animal species.

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for the average ECU student. The language that is currently in the document is filled with phrases and words that are familiar to the SGA branches but not most of the student body.

The goal for the new manual will be to rearrange the order of sections within the document, provide a clear overview and description of topics stated and provide more clarity, according to Payne.

Revising the document will take a lot of effort by the SGA to complete, but it shouldn't be as time consuming and require as much detail as the constitution.

Orientation is currently going on for incoming ECU students to learn about the many academic and organizational opportunities that ECU offers. The SGA is also working on providing representa-

tion for their organization on the orientation dates.

Kerri Brockett, executive branch secretary, suggested that there be representation for SGA branches at orientation.

SGA will be present at the orientation times to give the incoming students a clear description of what exactly the branches do.

Students who are interested in attending SGA meetings this summer should be aware that meeting times may be subject to change in the future.

The meetings are currently held on Mondays in Mendenhall Student Center. Students are encouraged to look on the www.ecu.edu/sga or look for notification in *The East Carolinian* for possible changes.

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Massachusetts who had similar opportunities to Gates. Gates prevailed not because of his software genius or the "incredible amount of technical talent at Microsoft" he credits for his success, but also because of his business sense.

It remains to be seen if this move is more about Gates getting out of

the software game or about adding true innovation back to Microsoft. Microsoft will only be able to rely on Windows and Office for finite amount of time until another company provides a better product.

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In My Opinion

Al-Zarqawi's death overrated

One down, lots more to go

BENJAMIN CORMACK
OPINION COLUMNIST

High ranking al-Qaida official Abu Musab Al Zarqawi was killed on June 7th in a raid by U.S. forces. Since then, it seems that our government has stated that they have done everything to confirm his death except poke him with a stick. Frankly, seeing his dead face on television is enough for me.

For days the government was performing various tests to confirm that Zarqawi was dead. It seemed like they wanted to make sure that he was not mostly dead, because as we all know mostly dead is slightly alive.

The story of his death seems reminiscent of the fate of the Wicked Witch of the East. Who would have guessed that our military's firepower was equivalent to that of a house from Kansas falling from the sky? The discovery of Zarqawi's death is reminiscent another scene from the same movie, with American authorities dancing around like the Munchkins in celebration of his death. Okay, maybe I'm exaggerating a little bit. But when you consider the fact that a U.S. army officer displayed a picture of a dead Zarqawi in a golden frame, you have to wonder.

The discovery of documents, computer files, weapons and other supplies that al-Qaida forces were utilizing appear to be the veritable

"ruby slippers" in this situation. Unfortunately there also appears to be a Wicked Witch of the West as well. U.S. military officials have identified Abu Ayyub al-Masri, an Egyptian, who is believed to also use the name Abu Hamza al-Mujaher, as Zarqawi's successor in Iraq and presumably in operations beyond.

I'll gladly state that I think it's great that Zarqawi is dead, and that he got a well-deserved death. Maybe a picture of his dead face in a gold frame being displayed on national television is a bit much, but then again having his head on a pike may not have been enough for some (maybe even me). The problem I really have is that I don't think that the media and our government are painting a true picture of the impact that Zarqawi's death will have in our situation in Iraq.

Zarqawi had no real history before Iraq. He did not stand out in the Afghan war in the 1980s like others who accompanied Bin Laden. If anything Al Zarqawi was keen on linking himself with Bin Laden because of his status in the fundamentalist world. In all possibility, Bin Laden did not openly appoint Al Zarqawi to lead al-Qaida in what is known as "the land of two rivers," but rather Al Zarqawi volunteered and/or imposed himself into this position. His activities and methods were not in total harmony with Bin Laden's tactics, who prefers to concentrate on fighting the "crusaders,"

meaning non-Muslims.

Al Zarqawi's death was indeed a great success for the intelligence community. However, the events that led to his death were made possible due to the fact that Zarqawi's "inner circle" was penetrated and that one of the persons close to him wanted to collect the bounty on his head. Also Zarqawi's tactics and methods of killing Iraqis were no longer acceptable to other armed groups.

Al Zarqawi's fall was expected, with the shrinking of his area of operation and as the sympathy of the western region's tribes decreased. And so he died not in some grand glorious battle in the city of Baghdad, but in a remote town not far from the Iranian border on the receiving end of a missile brought to him courtesy of the red, white and blue.

Some optimists expect that Zarqawi's death will make Iraq more stable in less time than previously anticipated or expected. However based on the behavior of al-Qaida in the past, the appearance of al-Masri, aka al-Mujaher, and the fact that we still can't seem to find Osama Bin Laden, I feel that it is not a snake's head we have cut off with Zarqawi's death, but a hydra's head. A hydra was a mythical, multi-headed creature that when one head was cut off more would grow in its place. The only way to stop them from growing was to burn the resulting wound. I fear we have yet to light the torches.

Pirate Rants

Why does everyone want to be different but think you are crazy when you actually are different?

Thank you *TEC* for giving me something to read while I am bored on Wednesdays!

There's this couple at work who are 'not dating.' Every time somebody asks them if they are going out and he says they're not she looks like she's going to cry. It makes me want to punch him in the face. He should be a man and either pursue a relationship or stop coming around and constantly flirting with her.

At least it is not as hot as it was last summer in Greenville!

Why are vacations never long enough when you want to be where you are, but too long when you are tired of being gone?

Fat men should not wear Speedos and jump on trampolines!

My office has a no fraternization policy, which is fine and understandable. But what makes me really mad is how the boss lets some people ignore it "because they're cute." I should ask for a cuteness exemption since I'm pretty cute too. I guess the policy is just there so they can force unattractive people to quit if they dare to commit the horrible sin of 'having feelings.'

The food Nazis are after Starbucks now! It seems everyone who drinks

their coffee will die someday, give me a break.

So, it is still bad if you have a thesaurus that was given to you as a Christmas present with your initials engraved on the front and used weekly, but you still swear?

Recently I read a rant about the SGA only caring about the SGA. This is wrong. The SGA makes policies that affect every student at ECU. It governs student fees and all campus organizations. I would like to thank *TEC* for covering the SGA. Don't be stupid people, pay attention to what is going on, and for God's sake get involved.

I'm really sick of people saying: "Oh, nice trench coat, like *The Matrix*." Every time I wear my raincoat. It is a different color from the coats in the movie, and it isn't even a trench coat. Trench coats have two sets of buttons and a belt. Rain coats have one set of buttons and no belt. Thank you for your time and attention.

It is more expensive for me to join the Rec center as an alumni than it is for me to join other gyms in town that actually have qualified trainers and free classes. As if you have not raped my wallet for the past six years, now that I have a real job you can really pick my pockets. Thanks ECU!

You know your summer sucks when, in June, you start counting down the days until fall semester starts.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have uncovered a startling secret: Dustin Pittman is a liberal sympathizer. His agenda is cleverly disguised beneath a mask of stalwart conservatism, but is chalked full of undeniable liberal undertones.

Although he does not say so

directly, Dustin clearly thinks Al Gore, not George W. Bush, should have been our president after the 2000 election. If not, why would he spend so much time reiterating that "America is a majority rule society..." or that Bush is president because "A majority of Americans voted for a Republican

president" ?

Holding true to his own opinions, there is no way around the fact that Dustin thinks Al Gore should be our president. Dustin is also pro-choice. How do I know? His repeated demands to dissolve or neuter the Supreme Court. Dustin knows Roe v. Wade

will soon be overturned by those loathsome activist judges, and there is no doubt in my mind Dustin will be outraged when this happens - after all, the majority of Americans support Roe v. Wade. His clear distaste of judicial activism in the face of the majority should be certainly an inspira-

tion to pro-choice supporters everywhere.

I applaud Dustin in his attempt to support both ends of the spectrum equally, but I must say it is becoming increasingly confusing.

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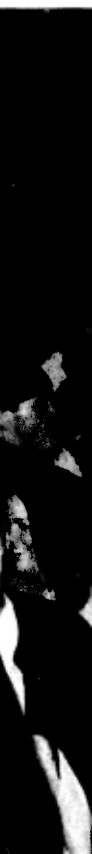
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'Nacho Libre' released last weekend

This interesting group of characters are lacking in overall direction

ZACH STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

Jack Black has the gift of tenacity. His work with pal Kyle Gass in the vaudeville scheme known as Tenacious D, is exactly that, *tenacious*. In other words, Black has the ability to bend an oversimplified concept well past its original intention.

Jared Hess' *Nacho Libre* provides a perfect archetype for Black's character. While the young director and screenwriter is blessed with the creative adeptness to bring absurdly mundane subject matter to life, he lacks the speed-driven focus of previous generations' to intertwine it with important cinematic elements, such as character development and plot depth.

Taking obvious cues from Wes Anderson, at times *Nacho Libre* perfectly mirrors the awkwardness and empty glass humor of films like *Rushmore*, but fails miserably at reeling the intent into a productive result.

Bring in Black – an overweight,

comedic talent with the unrivaled capability of appealing to intellectual sets and frat boys alike. Much like John Belushi, Black uses the simplistic allure of fart jokes, but does it with genius improvisation resulting in a keyed-up gamble, frolicking in preposterous reason. But, just as every 'Cool Hand Luke' has his ball-and-chain, *Nacho Libre* seems to imprison Black between his brief escapes into jesting freedom.

Despite its lack of cohesiveness, the film is far from a checkmate to Hess's directorial career. The story has an amusing premise, and Nacho's scraggy wrestling partner Esqueleto (Hector Jimenez) is a nice supplement to the film's pace.

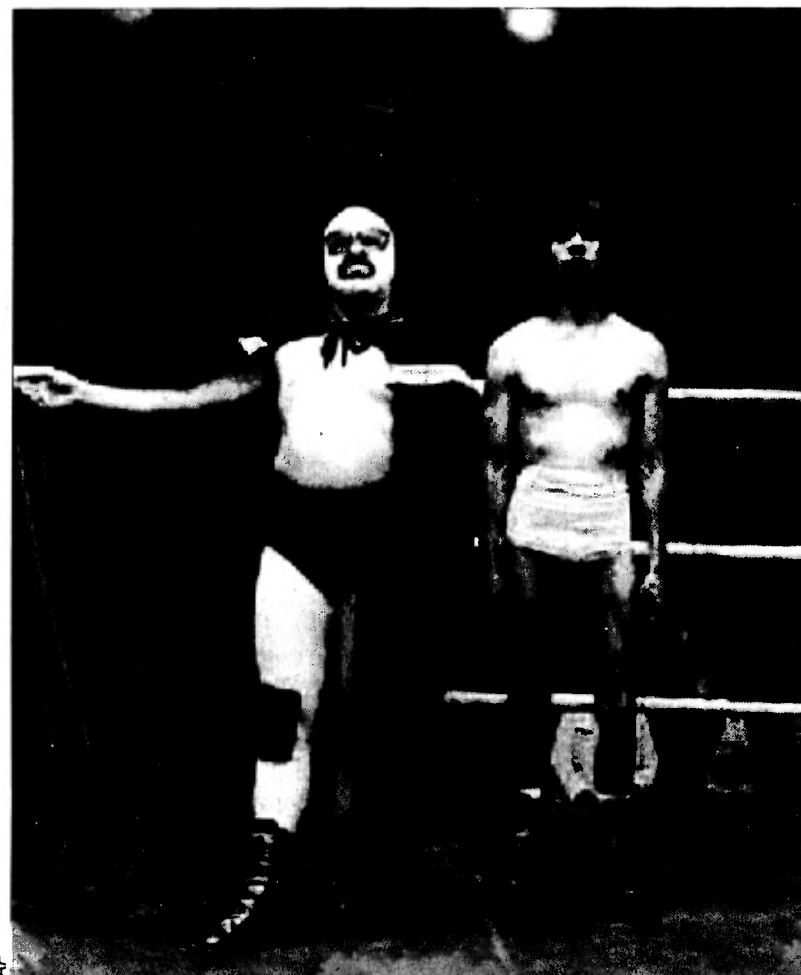
His character provokes Black's most memorable moments, including a few brawls reminiscent of *South Park's* satiric take on the infamous Roddy Piper and Keith David scuffle in *They Live*.

Nacho Libre exhibits a montage of one-liners, as seen in Hess' *Napoleon Dynamite*, but they lack enthusiasm, although Black's Hispanic impersonation of Antonio Banderas is rich with parodying stereotype. It is a ballsy approach to a PG flick, but it flawlessly complements the film's slapstick ambitions. Hess's capabilities make the perfect candi-

date for a *Saturday Night Live* writer. His ability to actualize characters like Nacho and Napoleon Dynamite would glue late-night-college-stoners into a ratings vortex.

At the same time, it would allow him a less demanding landscape to exhibit his comedic talent. Like the numerous *SNL* skits adapted to the silver screen, Hess's films frequently carry redeeming moments, but the polished product lacks overall direction.

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Slop cook "Nacho" (Jack Black) with Esqueleto (Hector Jimenez) who plays the masked "Lucha Libre" wrestler to raise money for orphans.

Party guide: Don't be guilty of a dreaded party foul



A successful band party thrown by Kappa Sigma is shown above.

The error-proof plan for a perfect summer party

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

Ah, summer. Just saying the word conjures up images of bikinis, Coronas, long days that turn into longer nights and more importantly, nights that turn into days.

It's plenty fun to go downtown and see who you can find on Cotanche, but to break up the monotony, this is the best time to roll with your summer crew at a good old-fashioned house party.

There is a catch-22 with house parties, though. You want to get the word out and have a substantial number of guests, but at the same time you don't want it to get so overblown that you wake up the next morning with a barely inhabitable dwelling. Here is a list of essentials for a lively and enjoyable festivity that people will be talking about well into fall semester.

The primary necessity is a

diverse guest list. Make sure to mix it up with your back home friends who complain constantly about the lameness of their respective colleges (sorry N.C. State, you simply can't compete) with your posse of peeps who have spent the last three years studying the drink specials at bars around town in lieu of their Blackboard assignments.

Also cruise your distant friends on MySpace or Facebook that have a distinguishable level of hotness to bring some much needed eye-candy to your traditional entourage. It also creates situations for random hook-ups and bad decisions amidst the reduced summer population.

Adding a theme to your soiree can also have added benefits for a rockin' good time. There is the very clichéd but never overdone toga theme, which some of my friends have had great luck with. Bed sheets and Budlight? I smell success.

Luau's are also perfect for summer because bathing suits and leis take out much of the thinking about what to wear.

Those who are really ambitious can cruise Party Makers on Arlington Boulevard for their various assortments of decorations.

It could also be fun to center a whole party around a certain beverage of choice. A Captain Morgan party might entail everyone dressing like pirates while Jose Cuervo will pose the question, "Are you a Mexican or a Mexican't?"

But nothing is more important than the selection of tunes on rotation at your party. Crowd favorites like Sublime are key as well as smooth-talking slow jams for later on in the night. It is also vital to play beach music favorites such as "Carolina Girls," "Cool Me Out" and "Stagger Lee."

Music can also signal the closing of a party with songs such as "Tuesday's Gone" and "Closing Time." If you simply want people to leave, playing Nickelback or Michael McDonald will guarantee people to leave faster than the United States

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Battle of the Sexes

The opposite sex is so annoying

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

Since the beginning of time it has been a battle of the sexes. Guys love girls, from the way they walk to the way they talk; they just can't seem to get enough. They can not live without girls yet find it frustrating to live with them. Same theory applies to girls. They all love guys, but despise their rude and sometimes obnoxious habits. I've narrowed down the habits of both guys and girls to see what students at ECU find most annoying about the opposite sex.

One thing women do that drives men crazy is criticize other women. Seems like many women can not make a simple compliment toward another woman, they love to analyze everything about

other girls from their weight to what they are wearing. Only a girl would notice another girls' purse didn't match or that small bump on her face.

"I went out with this girl one time and all she did was talk about how other girls looked. It was hard to even get to know what she liked because all she talked about was how ugly everyone else was and how they were out of style," said Sean Bozeman, junior political science major.

Another thing girls seem to do quite often is to act in a jealous manner. Often just mentioning another woman's name can make her perk up and listen to you. Call it what you wish, but many girls second guess everything, especially a guy. If you have not noticed, many girls will tense up when another girl enters the room or becomes the topic of discussion.

Who's Fault?

Guy's faults:

- Leave the toilet seat up
- Let dirty dishes sit in the sink for a week
- Have wandering eyes
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Girl's faults:

- Nag, Nag, Nag
- Stress about their appearances
- Become too emotional
- Pretend to be innocent

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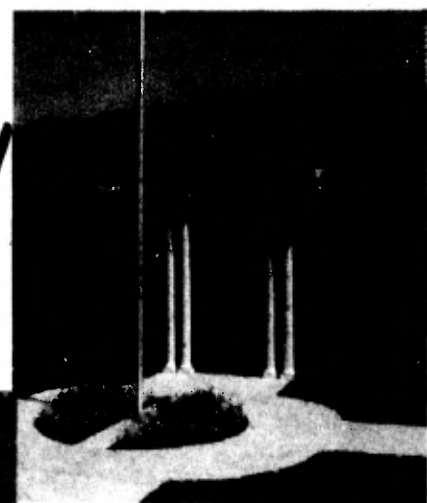
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from the World Cup.

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No matter what your partying style is, the key is to mix in all of these elements for a deliciously good time. Even if your first party fails, don't fret because there's always tomorrow and the promise of a new opportunity for making party history.

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Party Checklist

- Keg(s):** Only one is party suicide
- Jello shots:** Make sure they are ready at least 24 hours in advance
- Tiki torches:** They really capture the moment
- Celebrities:** Maybe Ryan Nyquist is available
- Red Solo Cups:** Any other color is NOT acceptable
- Beer Pong table:** If you have to ask, then don't throw a party
- Back-up beer pong balls:** Make sure these are hidden
- Blue tarp and dollar store soap:** Slip-and-slide materials
- A sweet mix of CDs:** What's better than DMB followed by Jay-Z?
- Plastic jar for keys:** Drinking and driving is never cool

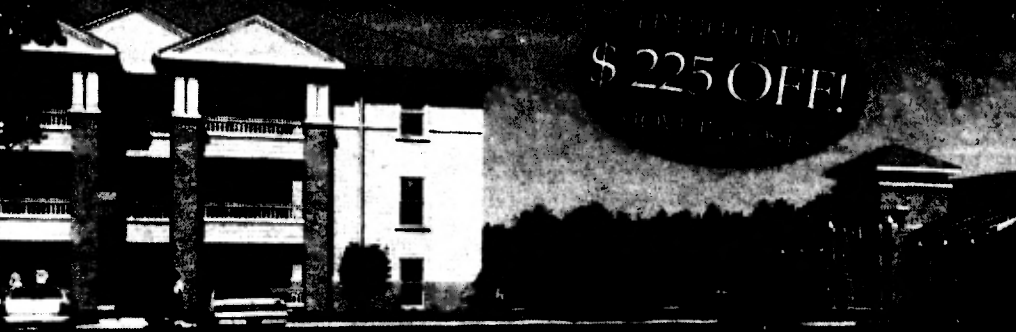
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DiFranco's 'Time to Heal' solo live album debuts

Ani DiFranco: "Carnegie Hall 4.6.02"

SARAH CAMPBELL
SENIOR WRITER

A few months ago one of my dearest friends couldn't stop talking about a singer she had stumbled upon while flipping through the radio. When she mentioned her name, Ani DiFranco I have to admit that the only thing that I recognized about her was just that, her name.

I was quite unfamiliar with her sound and vowed to check out some of her music even if I did not quite put a deadline on that vow.

Okay, I have to admit that I did not run out and buy her albums right away. However, when I came across her latest live album, "Carnegie Hall 4.6.02," I jumped at the opportunity to tune in.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I first popped this album into my CD player, but I can tell you that what I heard was far beyond my expectations. This album is drenched in emotion; jam packed with stellar guitar riffs and topped off with the amazing voice of none other than DiFranco herself.

Just seven short months after the Sept. 11 attacks in New York, DiFranco played a packed house at Carnegie Hall.

The raw emotional atmosphere of that night is captured in this live recording. Four years after this jaw dropping performance DiFranco

released this album on April 4.

Her solo album features 15 song and spoken word choices, along with a comical anecdote about the inspiration behind the song "Gratitude."

Each song effortlessly pulls the audience into a soothing state of mind and allows you to completely connect with the lyrics.

My favorite part of the entire album is when DiFranco recites her poem, "Self Evident."

Self Evident brings to light the realities that the Sept. 11 attacks awakened in all Americans.

Throughout the entire album DiFranco uses her opinions to add color to the riveting accounts of her life as well as the lives of others.

Her lyrics are poignant and honest, and while you may not agree with her point of view you will definitely appreciate her music.

DiFranco's latest studio album, "Reprieve," hits stores August 8. The recording of this 12-track album began in New Orleans, but was finished in Buffalo due to the catastrophe that Katrina caused.

The album consists of both song and spoken word selections.

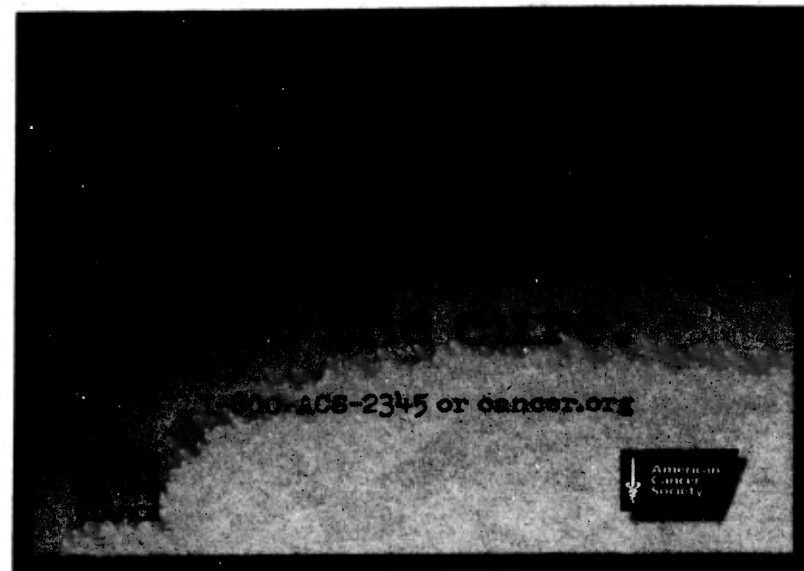
Log on to righteousbabes.com for more a biography of DiFranco as well as more information about her albums, billboard charts and upcoming performances.

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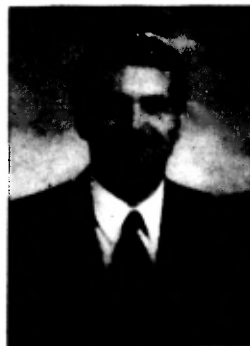
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SARAH CAMPBELL
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Summer is officially here so now is the time everyone will be searching for the perfect way to spend his or her free time without breaking the bank. Summertime offers many different activities from sunset picnics to a trip to the beach.

If you are a lover of the outdoors, summer is the perfect season to take advantage of warm days and cool nights. Grab your pals and head to a local pool for an afternoon of fun in the sun. Turn off your cell phone and leave your stress at home. It's not only a great way to cool off, but also to enjoy an uninterrupted afternoon of conversation.

If you are looking for some old-school fun in the sun, try running through the sprinklers with your closest group of friends. This was fun while you were young and it can be just as much fun now, especially if you don't mind your water bill being a little on the high side.

Spending all day in the sun can work up quite an appetite. With the temperatures cooling down in the evening, a picnic under the stars will offer excitement along with relaxation. Pack some sandwiches and a blanket, and head to a local park for a magical evening. Greenville's Elm Street Park offers a picnic shelter containing tables, but be sure to plan ahead because the park closes at nightfall.

Tennis is a popular sport to enjoy during the summer. It is a great sport to learn because there are opportunities to play at all different ages and skill levels. After learning all of the rules, tennis can be played at a leisurely pace, or you can choose to spice it up with a bit of competition. Elm Street Park offers public tennis courts where you can practice and compete.

If you prefer watching sports rather than participating in them, baseball is a great American pastime that can be enjoyed on many different levels. Local teams have night games, but if you are looking for a higher level of skill, look no further than the Kinston Indians. This minor league team can be found playing home games in Kinston, N.C. at Grainger Stadium, right off Highway 11. A

schedule of events can be found at kinstonindians.com.

If the pool is just not spontaneous enough for you, try taking a road trip to one of your favorite beaches. North Carolina is certainly not lacking in great places to visit on your day of adventure. You can enjoy a day of fun in the sun with minimal expense. Some of the more popular beaches this summer are Emerald Isle, Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and Atlantic Beach.

While you are there, you can try your hand at surfing, body boarding, skim boarding or even sand castle building. A stroll along the beach as the sun sets is great for romantics, while a seashell search is ideal for friends and family.

For thrill seekers, the beach may not provide all the adrenaline pumping action you're looking for. An amusement or water park may be more your speed. For close to \$40 a day you can spend the entire day riding roller coasters, barreling down enormous slides or watching shows. One down side to the parks, however, is they can be pricey when taking into account the price of food and souvenirs.

Summer is the season of concerts. Hearing live music is one of the most exhilarating things to do. You can see your favorite bands or artists perform as they tour the country stopping at various locations along the way. To find out who's coming to a town near you visit ticketmaster.com. If you don't mind the short drive to Raleigh, you can look at the schedule for Alltel Pavilion online at alltelpavilion.com and check out their incredible list of performers for this summer.

Do you have a passion for art? If so a local art museum or gallery may be the perfect venue to explore. Local venues include the Greenville Museum of Art as well as Emerge Art Gallery. Both have rotating exhibits and are open to the public free of charge. You can view painting, photographs, drawings, sculptures and more.

Summer has arrived which means the days are longer and the possibilities are endless. Make the most of your summer by spending your days enjoying everything life has to offer. Don't let summer pass you by, school will be starting back before you know it.

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When guys do something annoying, they can be subject to this yelling.

"Girls like to act jealous, when I really do not think they are. They come up with random stuff to believe and then I end up not even knowing what's going on. If I did not like the girl I was with, then I would not be with her," said James Tsui, sophomore criminal justice major.

If you have given her reason to doubt you in the past, then you should only be so lucky for her to give you another chance, but if not, then you should not have to pay the price for her feeling insecure.

In the battle of the sexes it has always been about who wears the "pants" in the relationship. The main thing girls use as a manipulative way to get what they want is sex.

In many cases women use sex to gain superiority over men, this has been going on for ages and will continue until men come up with something better.

And while many believe this to be a dirty tactic, girls should really leave the basic human needs out of the picture when trying to get what they want. Agree?

Now it's time for the girls to get their wild screams and protests into the open about guys. What

is the deal with selective hearing? It is like guys have a filter in their brain and only hear the parts of the stories that include food or sex. I know girls can talk your ear off, but paying attention is half of the battle.

Men seem to have the ability to pick and choose what they hear, so hear this next time your girl is talking and you are not paying attention just take that as a "no sex for you" ticket.

Guys - they burp, fart and spit all things most girls can not stand. But just think - if a girl walked around spitting everywhere, burping out loud and leaving silent, but deadly gas trails, guys would definitely not find that attractive.

They would be completely grossed out and more than likely never talk to that girl again. But as soon as a guy does any of these things, it becomes funny?

"My ex-boyfriend thought burping loud was a talent and passing gas was just all too hilarious. Since I could not break those bad habits I had to break the relationship," said Cat Stallings, junior English major.

Although guys have selective

hearing, they are not as careful as to what they talk about. The one thing that can get to a girl more than just about anything else is for a guy to sit there and chat away about one of his ex-girlfriends. Whether it is just a first date or if you have been in a relationship for a while, I can not name one girl who wants to hear about an old flame.

It makes them feel like they are being compared to your old girlfriend or that you are trying to drop a few hints she has some of the same traits your ex did. And if that is the case, your girlfriend will think that you are going to end things soon ... just like you did with the girl before her.

"I can not stand for a guy to talk away our dinner date about his ex. That leads me to believe that he is not over her and that he constantly thinks about her. I wish that guys would keep stuff like that to their self, unless they are asked about it," said Alina Panchuk, sophomore political science major.

There you go guys, no matter how hard you try to open up about your past feelings and other experiences that you believe a girl wants to know, they change their mind.

Just think of another way to get her to understand you and know that you have a different side, but talking about your past relationships is just not the way to go.

The battle of the sexes is endless. Girls will continue to be aliens to guys and guys will always struggle to decode women. Just remember that habits are just the characteristics of another and should not always be quickly judged.

Just because someone does things you do not like, does not mean they cannot be talked out or at least compromised.

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Hurricanes take Stanley Cup by storm in Game 7

Ultimate victory calls for ultimate celebration



ECU students Logan Johnson, left, and Brandon Biddix, right, celebrate outside the RBC Center.

(AP) — Rod Brind'Amour cried. Bret Hedican jumped for joy. Even Doug Weight had shoulder and all lifted hockey's most revered trophy above his head. It tilted slightly to his right, but he held on.

No way the Hurricanes were going to let this one slip away.

Cam Ward made sure of that.

The rookie goalie stopped nearly everything that came his way, finishing off a brilliant playoffs with a rock-solid performance in Game 7. The Hurricanes skated away with their first Stanley Cup title, beating Edmonton 3-1 in the winner-take-all finale Monday night.

Ward, only 22, won the Conn Smythe Trophy as most valuable player of the postseason.

"Goaltending wins you championships, make no mistake about it," said Brind'Amour, the 35-year-old captain, his eyes still red after

**'Canes 3
Oilers 1**

he left the ice.

"I got to raise the cup because of that kid."

Brind'Amour wasn't the only member of the 30-something club who finally broke through.

There was Hedican, 35, who lost in his first two trips to the finals. And Weight, 35, who finally made it for the first time in his 15th season. And Whitney, 34, who didn't reach the finals until Year 14. And the most patient one of all, 37-year-old Glen Wesley, who had played in the eighth-most regular-season games

(1,311) in NHL history without winning a championship.

All of them will be getting their names on the cup.

Finally.

"That was probably the greatest feeling of my life," coach Peter Laviolette said. "To watch those guys hold the cup over their head that is what I will remember."

A couple of defensemen, Aaron Ward and Frantisek Kaberle, staked Carolina to a 2-0 lead through two periods. Justin Williams finished off the Oilers, scoring an empty-net goal with 1:01 remaining after Edmonton playoff star Fernando Pisani broke up Cam Ward's shut-out early in the third.

Oilers defenseman Chris Pronger, a stalwart throughout the postseason, gave up the puck in

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(AP) — The Carolina Hurricanes gathered with their fans Tuesday to relish the team's first NHL championship, the first major pro title in state history, and above all the Stanley Cup the 114-year-old silver chalice that signaled to all hockey has a home in North Carolina.

"Nine years in the making. It's about time," said an impatient Adrian Ionescu, 19, of Cary.

In the team's second trip to the Stanley Cup finals since the former Hartford Whalers moved south in 1997, the Hurricanes beat the Edmonton Oilers in seven games, unleashing Tuesday's parade of pickup trucks carting players through a cheering crowd of Caniacs at the RBC Center.

Assistant captain Glen Wesley held the silver Stanley Cup aloft as children in his truck pitched foam pucks into the crowd like they were medallions tossed from a Mardi Gras float.

Other fans waited to hear their hometown heroes trumpet victory on stage, where a band warmed up a crowd at the end of a 90-degree day. Long lines formed for beer and smoothies, while better prepared fans brought coolers and kicked back under the few shady spots.

"They call it a nontraditional hockey market, but there's all those people out there screaming in the heat," said defenseman Aaron Ward. "So maybe by the standards of temperature we're not a hockey market, but we've got some enthusiasm out there."

Bill Murphy, 44, of Raleigh, wore his red Hurricanes sweater and took pride in the life-size replica of the Cup he spent hours building out of cardboard, tape and aluminum foil. He said he engineered the model using specifications he found on the Internet, attaching it to the trunk of his Honda Accord two days ago.

A New York transplant and an Islanders fan his entire life, he wanted his son 8-year-old Brendan to experience his adopted city's celebration.

"There's so much history in that Cup," Murphy said. "Some people think it's just a trophy, but it's a way of life for hockey fans."

Three fans
Stanley Cup Finals create mayhem outside RBC Center
Hurricanes short support

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man Glen Wesley did the same after 18 faithful seasons.

Rookie goaltender Cam Ward received the prestigious Conn Smythe trophy in recognition of being the MVP for the playoffs. Various aged veterans each paraded around with the Cup, including an injured Doug Weight who could barely hoist the Cup due to a right arm injury.

And it all happened a short hour from the ECU campus. For the first time in recent memory, playoff games were broadcast via radio throughout the region. Despite being clad in the normal enemy colors of red and black, there were actually a few Pirate fans sprinkled among the RBC masses.

In a state where so many colleges create battle lines in state politics and even divide households, the Canes, like the Carolina Panthers, are a source for all North Carolinians to unite. As evidenced Monday night, the Tuesday parade and throughout the playoff run, support they did.

Nineteen-thousand plus fans packed Game 7 and provided an electric atmosphere while standing throughout. A couple thousand more watched from a Jumbotron outside while factions were content with tailgating with makeshift televisions in the back of pickup trucks. Countless more packed bars and crowded around TV sets throughout

the region.


What was beautiful was that the state rooted for the same result, one that came to fruition when Justin Williams scored an empty net goal to put Carolina up 3-1 with 1:01 left.

And for us down easterners, we have every right to be just as proud, just as Charlotte and Asheville do to the west. The outskirts of Raleigh may not have that wealthy contingent as those inside the beltline, but the cheers were just as loud, from all directions.

Many insiders, experts and anybody in the surrounding Hartford, Conn. area were among nay-sayers that thought a franchise smack dab in the middle of North Carolina wouldn't work. Critics cited the smallish media market and the lack of a consistent fan base. However, Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos continued to pump money into the franchise and now ten years later, has watched the dividends paid exponentially.

Say what you want, but the Canes won the title for the entire state. Despite the newspaper columnist jeers of what many still perceive as Mayberry, this is now Canes country. And frankly, that's deserves a fist pump.

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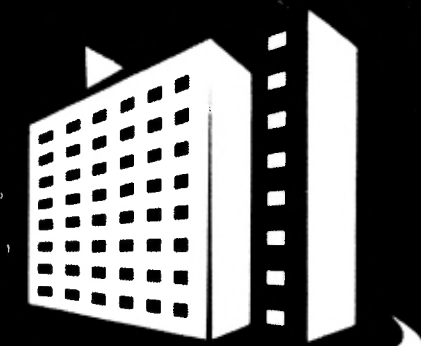
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The 'Canes' playoff beards intact, crowd around the Stanley Cup.

the Carolina zone and wound up making a helpless dive to block Williams' gimme into the goal that had been vacated by Jussi Markkanen in favor of an extra skater.

The crowd of nearly 19,000, most of them standing throughout the game, began chanting, "We want the cup!" A minute later, they had their wish. The champions reside on Tobacco Road territory best known for college basketball and NASCAR and hockey finished off its promising return from a season-ruining lockout (dismal TV ratings notwithstanding).

"It was just surreal," Brind'Amour said, explaining his emotions. "It just kind of came to a head when I realized that was it. We were going to win."

Weight didn't get to play after injuring his shoulder in Game 5. But he donned his uniform and came out for the ceremony, taking his turn with that treasured piece of silverware. He even managed to get it over his head.

Ward wasn't even Carolina's No. 1 goalie at the beginning of the postseason, but he got the call when Martin Gerber struggled in an opening round against Montreal. The rookie wound up winning more games in the playoffs (15) than he did as Gerber's backup during the regular season (14).

And, unlike all those older

teammates, Ward didn't have to wait very long for his first cup.

"People say it's your rookie seasons and chances are that it will come again," he said. "But you just never know. You can't predict the future. You've got to take care of the present."

Ward did just that, knocking aside Edmonton's best chance to tie with just under 4 minutes remaining. First, he stopped a shot by Raffi Torres with the left pad. Then, when Pisani got a stick on the rebound, the goalie blocked that one with his skate.

Torres bent over in agony as he rounded the net, as if he realized that Edmonton wouldn't have a better chance to tie it up.

The Hurricanes were born in the old World Hockey Association as the Boston-based New England Whalers, and entered the NHL in 1979 playing out of Hartford. Wanting a new arena, the team headed south in 1997.

The first two years in Carolina were a dismal experience, the team forced to play 80 miles away in Greensboro while the coliseum in Raleigh was being built. So few fans turned up in the beginning that the upper deck was curtained off.

Now, the Hurricanes are champions, capitalizing on their second trip to the finals. Four years ago, they were beaten in five games by heavy favorite Detroit.

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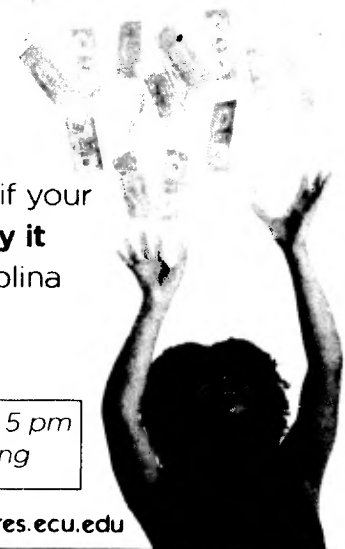


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Paul Troth joins Pirate football staff as offensive assistant

(SID) — Former Pirate quarterback Paul Troth has rejoined the ECU football program as a member of the coaching staff after accepting an offensive assistant's position according to an announcement from head coach Skip Holtz Tuesday.

Troth was a three-year letter-winner at ECU, beginning with his true freshman campaign in 2001 under former head coach Steve Logan before transferring to NCAA Division I-AA member Liberty prior to the 2004 season.

After experiencing limited playing time as David Garrard's top understudy during his rookie year, Troth took over the starting job in 2002 as a sophomore and turned in ECU's ninth-best single-season passing yard total in history after completing 177-of-359 passes for 2,315 yards and 15 scores in 12 games.

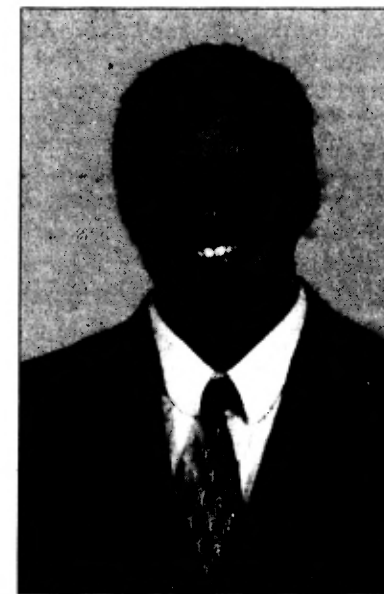
During the course of the year, he reached the 300-yard, three-TD milestone on two occasions - throwing for 339 yards (25-of-46) against USF on Oct. 19 before tal-

ying 369 (22-of-33) yards at Houston on Nov. 9 - which rank 14th and sixth, respectively, on East Carolina's all-time single-game passing yard list. Troth ranked among the top 60 signal-callers in the nation by averaging 14.8 completions per game and stood 76th in total offense with a 175.4 yards-per-game average.

After passing for 380 yards in just six games as a reserve in 2003 under first-year head coach John Thompson, Troth opted to close out his collegiate career at Liberty the following season where he threw for 694 yards as a part-time starter for the Flames.

A three-time all-state, all-county and all-conference selection at Vance High School in Charlotte, Troth compiled 6,929 passing yards and 79 scoring strikes during his prep career, which at the time served as Mecklenburg County records and ranked as the sixth-highest passing total in state history.

Troth, who earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism



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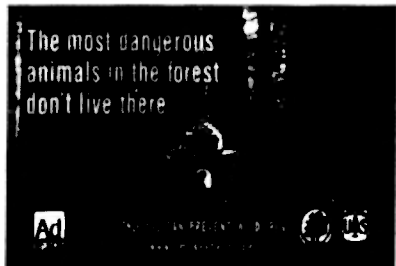
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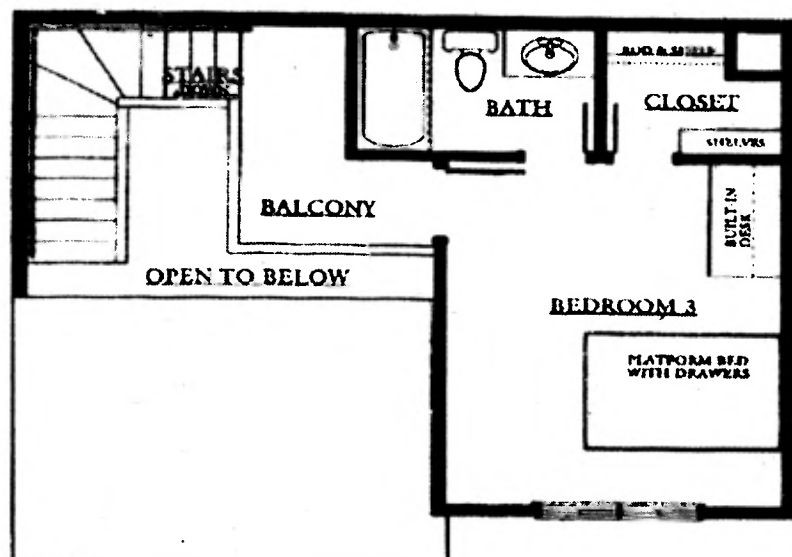
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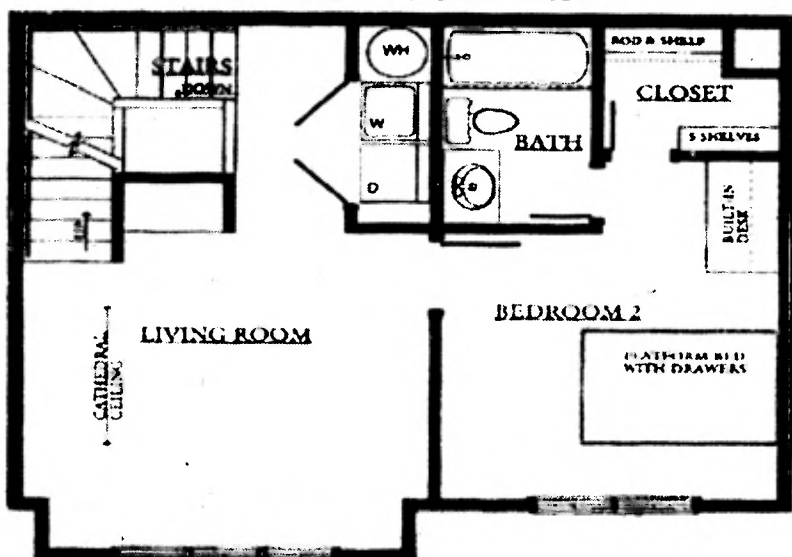
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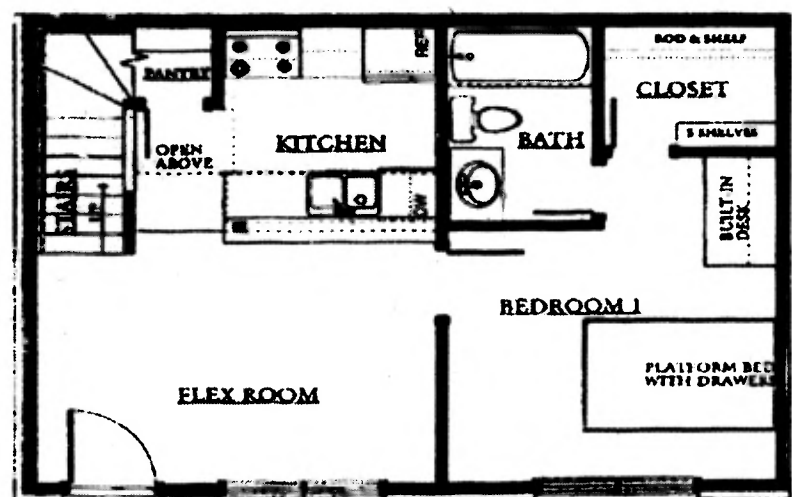
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