

# Network shutdown proves problematic for staff, students

*Campus network shut down due to weather & equipment failure*

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Last week all of ECU's enterprise computers, network and internet services were shut down due to a power failure at the Information Technology and Computing Services (ITCS) building.

People seeking help at the Student Health Services building or at the School of Medicine had to wait longer as the staff had to rely on paper records, incoming freshmen had difficulty registering for

classes, and the student store had difficulty operating. These were just some of the problems that occurred last week when the network went down.

According to Dr. Jack Brinn, interim chief information officer at the ITCS, the problems that resulted from the ECU network's down time were due to a mechanical failure, not a human error. The mechanical failure also occurred in large part due to the recent high temperatures and thunderstorms.

Brinn described what happened as, "a fuse in your home going out, but in this case, a very expensive fuse."

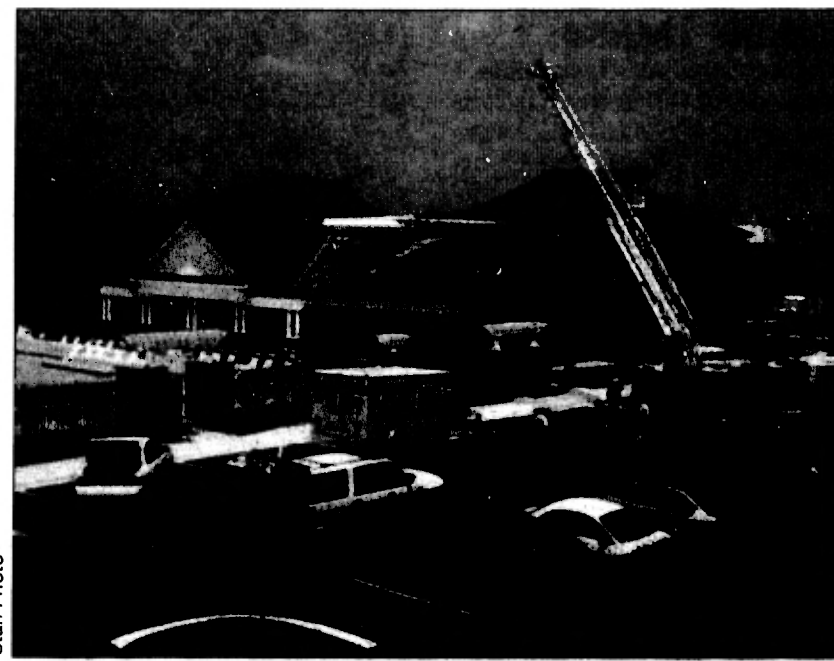
The technical details of the incident are as follows:

The ITCS building suffered two

power failures over the course of last week. The first was on last Tuesday, and caused a circuit breaker to fail. The ITCS then contacted their circuit breaker provider, and scheduled to get a replacement on their normal service window time of Sunday 5 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meanwhile, they hoped that they could manage with the backup circuit breaker until then.

After surviving the electrical storms last Wednesday, another heat spell on Thursday strained the Greenville Utilities power source, which, in turn, caused a higher amperage flow across the remaining breaker and caused it to fail. Both

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An emergency rescue team responded to the collapse last Thursday.

# Gym roof collapses at North Campus Crossing complex

*ECU students question the cause and their safety*

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The roof of the gymnasium at North Campus Crossing, located on Greenville Blvd., collapsed last Thursday.

North Campus Crossing is a newly built apartment complex that houses hundreds of ECU students. Hundreds more students are scheduled to move into the apartment complex this fall.

According to Tony Smart, fire/rescue chief for the city of Greenville, the call about the roof came in at about 1:15 p.m.

No one was killed or injured as a result of the collapse. Katy Leroux, North Campus Crossing resident, was the only one in the gym during the collapse.

Leroux was unaware of what was happening until students began to signal to her to come out of the building.

Leroux was using a treadmill in the exercise room, which is directly

in front of the gym. According to Leroux, the collapse sounded like a loud rumble and then she felt the doors in the exercise room shaking.

Braxton Mercer, third floor resident, said he was sitting at his computer in his apartment and looked out the window to see a big ball of dust and people running from the gym.

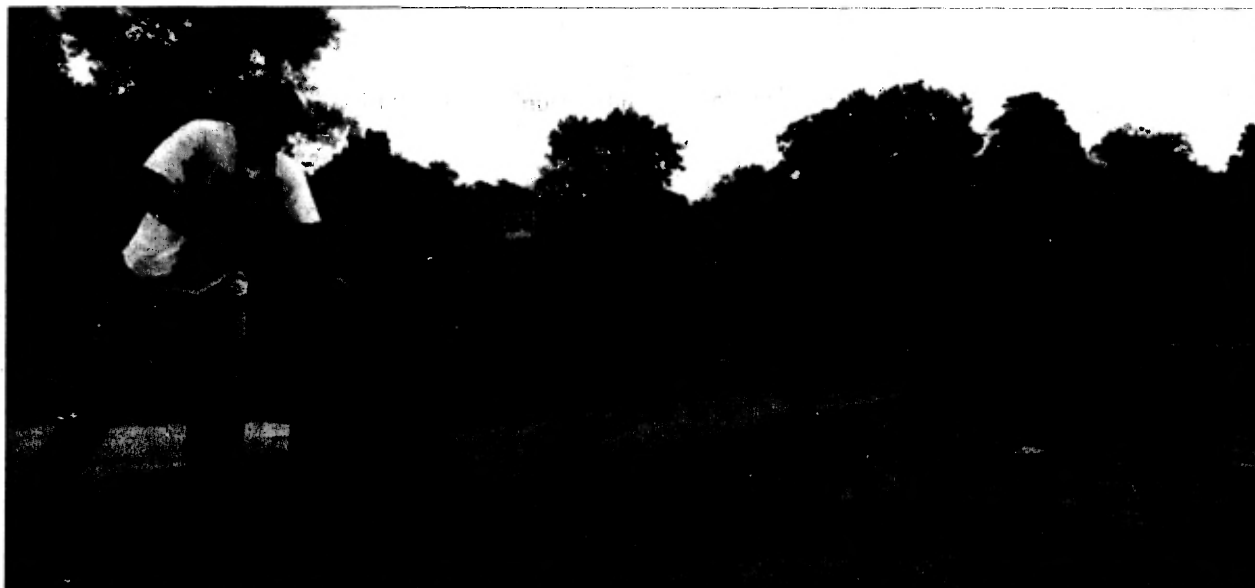
Hunter Peruit, second floor resident, described the sound of the collapse as someone banging on trash cans as loudly as they possibly could.

Firemen, policemen, news reporters, writers for local newspapers and more came to the complex to find out what caused the incident.

There are no leads on what caused the roof to collapse, according to Smart. There is documentation that indicates that the gym received an electrical inspection in March and a building inspection in February.

The building is undergoing additional inspection to determine the cause of the collapse and the

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Derek Donohue clears the mud and muck from a walkway in the Town Common on the Tar River Tuesday.

# Tar River level recedes after Alberto

*Information that can save your life when dealing with flooding*

**CHRISTOPHER STEVENSON**  
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Alberto brought buckets upon buckets of rain to Greenville last week, which caused the Tar River to rise to dangerous flood levels by the hour. The good news is that the Tar River has finally receded below the flood level.

The Tar River reached its crest

point at 18.7 feet early last Friday morning, and then fell below the flood stage last Saturday morning.

The minimum water level that would be considered a "flood stage" in Greenville is anything over 13 feet.

"Nothing is in the forecast right now regarding tropical storm development, and this [weather] is truly early for us here in Greenville," wrote Tony Smart, fire prevention and life safety manager for the city of Greenville.

Smart stressed that he is always concerned about frequent rainfall

when the Tar River is high, but at this point he feels the river is receding nicely.

One to two times a year, on average, the Tar River rises to flood levels, so this is nothing new for the city of Greenville.

If another tropical storm or hurricane hit like Alberto in the coming days it would definitely cause the river to rise to dangerous levels, but many experts feel that this region will be hurricane free in coming weeks.

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## Announcements

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Free HIV testing and  
Health Fair

PiCASO (Pitt County AIDS Service Organization, Inc.), in collaboration with HIV PACT, Pitt County Health Dept. and ECU Physicians, will recognize National HIV Testing Day with free HIV testing this week and a block party/health fair on Friday. Today: Testing is available from 4-7 p.m. at the Grifton Community Resource Center, 540 Queen St., Grifton (561-7503). Thursday: Testing will be available from 6-8 p.m. at Pactolus Community Resource Center, 5688 HWY 264 East (752-1603).

Friday: Testing will be available from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the block party/health fair on Chestnut Street in Greenville. A rapid test will be used at each site to provide results in 20 minutes. The testing involves swabbing the inside of the mouth. Counseling will be available before and after testing.

## Tragedy strikes in Phi Kappa Psi



Ashton was a member of the Sandy Bottom Vol. Fire Department. He is pictured below with his girlfriend, Cori Nilsen.

Isaac Ashton Rhodes dies  
in tragic accident

RACHEL KING  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, countless friends' and family members' lives were changed in an instant as Isaac Ashton Rhodes, 21, died in an undisclosed accident while at the home of a friend. Because of the nature of the incident, friends have requested that no details on his actual death be published. However, many of his closest friends and coworkers have taken the time to say a few words about the man he was.

Ashton, as his friends and family knew him, was an Eagle Scout and former president of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity of ECU.

"Ashton was a brother to all of us in the fraternity," said David Converse, president of Phi Kappa Psi.

"He meant the world to us... He was responsible for helping to keep a struggling fraternity afloat, and largely because of his efforts Phi Kappa Psi is still here at ECU and on the 'ups.'"

Ashton was also involved in a wide variety of activities, namely, a captain of the Sandy Bottom Volunteer Fire Department and decorated fire fighter. He had been a member with the fire department since

high school; he joined at age 14.

"He absolutely loved being a firefighter," said Cori Lee Nilsen, junior elementary education major and Ashton's girlfriend.

"He brought me to many of the [fire department's] training nights and anytime he could ever help people his face would just light up."

Ashley Maiolo, senior criminal justice major, remembers Ashton as an energetic, fun and engaging man. She and Ashton shared many classes together. Both criminal justice majors, Maiolo recalled many mornings in which she came to class in a bad mood only to see Ashton there, "full of energy, making everyone laugh."

When they went to Lucky's, a bar and restaurant in downtown Greenville, she remembers that he "knew everyone. We couldn't even make it to the bar without having to say hello to at least 10 different people."

A graduate of Arendell Parrott Academy of Kinston, N.C., in 2003, Ashton enjoyed four wheeling, and participated in some of the ECU Scuba Club activities. He was also an EMT.

"Ashton was a great person to everyone he met," Maiolo said.

"He was a great dancer, and could shag better than most guys I know. Ashton loved his truck, a big

black Chevy Z71, and he took a lot of pride in it. He was the type of guy that, after the night was over, would call just to make sure that you had gotten home safely, which proved how caring of a person he was."

Born on November 5, 1984, Ashton has been described as a man who would have "taken the shirt off of his back and given it to someone who needed it," by Nilsen.

Nilsen also confided that she has received a great number of e-mails from both friends and strangers explaining how Ashton had "impacted their lives. I know that he impacted the lives of some that he had just met that night also."

He had only one semester left before graduating with degrees in both criminal justice and psychology. Ashton had hoped to intern with the State Bureau of Investigation after graduation and then possibly attend law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The loss of Ashton Rhodes weighs heavily on many in the campus community. His passing is a reminder to everyone that no one is invincible and that life is short. His family has set up a memorial fund for Sandy Bottom Volunteer Fire Department, in his hometown of Sandy Bottom, N.C., in his name.

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Returning to the nest: More adults move  
back in with parents than ever before

(KRT) — They range in ages and income levels. Some are divorced, others never married. Their interests vary from mushrooms to muscle cars.

But they all have one thing in common: They are adult children living at home with their parents.

It's not a crazy notion. Since 1970, the percentage of people ages 18 to 34 who live at home with their parents increased 48 percent nationwide, from 12.5 million to 18.6 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The practice is the focus of the movie "Failure to Launch," starring Matthew McConaughey as a 35-year-old living at home with his parents, played by Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw.

But there's no need to turn to Hollywood for tales of children who returned to the parental nest or never left in the first place. It's

playing out in basements and spare rooms and carriage houses all over.

"I'm thinking this may be a trend," said Neal Hartshorne, 42, who lives with his parents in the Northville home where he was raised and works in a stained glass shop as a craftsman.

"In this economy, a lot of people are needing help. I don't make much money, so it's not sensible for me to move out."

Hartshorne is what real estate representatives often call a boomerang kid—those who tried life on their own but came back to the nest.

However, he wasn't gone too long. Right after high school, he moved to Chicago to attend a trade school. He was back home after one semester.

And by default he has the largest bedroom in the three-bedroom house. His parents, Harry Harts-



Harry Hartshorne, 80, right, stands in the not so neat room of his adult son, Neal Hartshorne, 42, May 2, 2006, in Northville, Michigan.

horne, 80, and Dorothy Hartshorne, 84, had decided to give the largest room to their three children to share as kids. As his brothers

moved on and out, Neal inherited the room.

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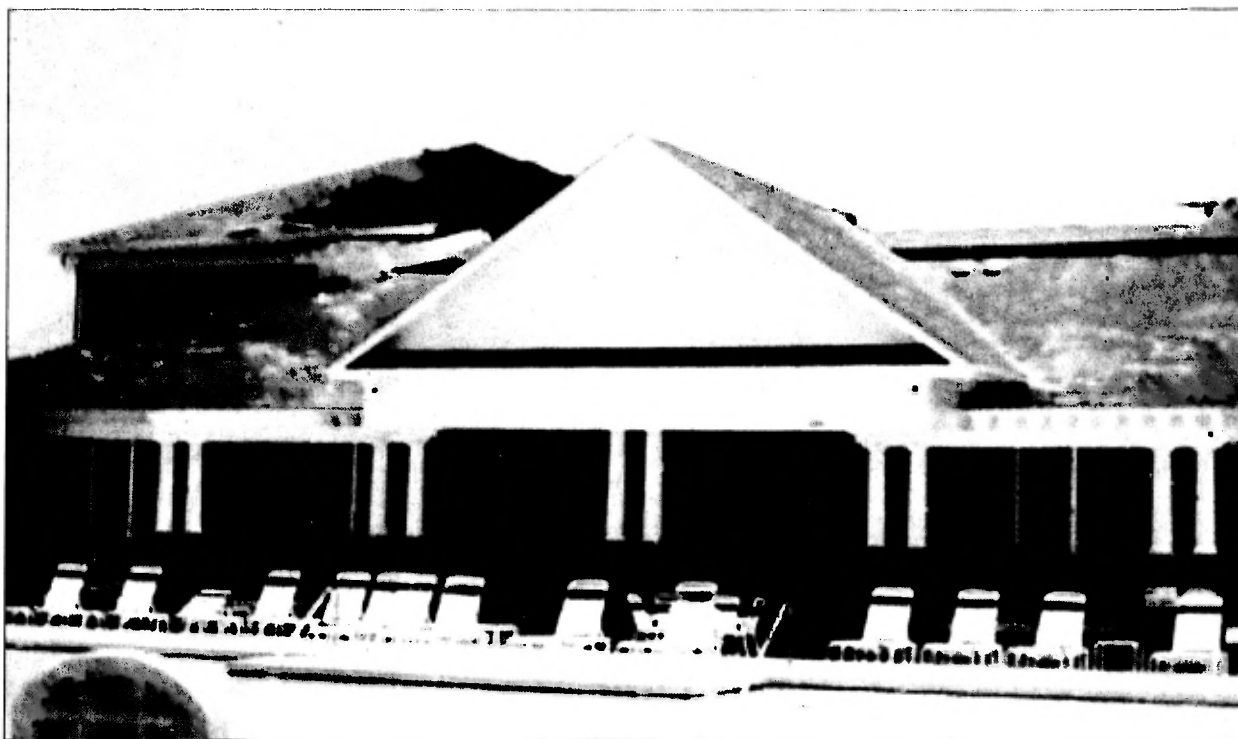
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Staff Photo

This angle shows the partially collapsed roof of the gymnasium at North Campus Crossing on Thursday.

safety of the apartment buildings.

"They will probably have to rebuild the whole building, from a firefighter's perspective," Smart said.

The gym will be closed for several weeks for rebuilding.

The collapse of the gym roof has left many students concerned about whether or not the apartment buildings are safe.

"I'm not sure if I feel safe now. It's questionable," Leroux said when

asked about living at the apartment complex after the collapse.

Mercer said he was especially concerned with a similar incident occurring because the chance of him being injured is greater because he lives on the third floor.

The staff and the residents at the apartment complex are trying to return to 'normal.' The pool area, which is beside the gym, reopened shortly after the collapse, and stu-

dents have already been spotted using the pool again.

Additional apartments are being built to house the arrival of more students in the fall.

The apartments are being built by the same construction company that built the gym and the finished apartment buildings.

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failed circuit breakers were replaced with higher amperage devices last Thursday evening, three days ahead of schedule.

"It was a freak event," Brinn added. "[It was] complicated by the hot weather. This is the first time this particular situation has occurred."

The staff at the ITCS put in a lot of work to repair the damages and fix the problems that occurred. Some staff members worked on the

problem until 2 a.m. last Friday. Others worked all night on Saturday.

Dr. Brinn called the efforts of his staff both "demanding" and a "heroic effort."

When problems occur that cause the network to be down, Dr. Brinn asks for students and staff to be patient. Especially considering that the process involves ensuring that 300 servers work properly.

"It is a long and complex process.

We do this to make sure that everything works properly," Brinn said.

Brinn added that he is confident in the staff's ability to solve similar problems like those which occurred last week, and that new measures will be taken to try and ensure that certain network functions will be better protected.

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Photo by Zach Sirkin

The flooding of the Tar River slowly recedes after rains this week.

"I don't expect a big storm yet, since conditions in the tropics are not overly favorable," said Marvin Daugherty, chief meteorologist of WTN-TV.

Daugherty wrote that the real threat for hurricanes does not usually begin until after the middle of July for North Carolina.

Daugherty also pointed to the fact that historically, the majority of the most destructive and deadly hurricanes in the past have struck North Carolina during mid-August to mid-October.

The National Weather Service in Newport monitors the river levels and gives updates at least twice daily. You can go to their Web site at

[www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/) and click on your county for updated information about flooding in your area.

People should also watch the local news channels for information regarding what to do and what not to do when their area is threatened by rising waters.

"We want people to do what we ask them to do in regards to evacuations and to adhere to these requests for their own personal safety, and as long as they comply we will not have any injuries or deaths as a result," Smart said.

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Harry Hartshorne said he never thought of kicking his son out and doesn't think Neal's motivated enough to find the additional employment necessary to live on his own.

Harry isn't complaining, though. His son's presence allows him and his wife to travel and not worry about the house.

Neal keeps the grass cut, shovels the snow, does his own laundry and cooks for himself.

For tax purposes, Harry says his son pays rent—\$50 per month. Neal, an avid mushroom hunter, balks at such a notion. "They don't ask me for anything," he said.

"Him living here is not a problem for us," added Harry, who retired in 1981 from Ford Motor Co. as a builder in the Wixom plant.

"It may be a problem for him, but he's not anxious to solve it. He couldn't survive if he wasn't living here."

Experts say certain ethnic groups and cultures—Asians, blacks and Hispanics and people from Mexico and Italy—have particularly close family ties and produce adult children who stay home longer and are less likely to move far away.

"People today do think it's a little odd when a young adult stays in his or her parents' house until their early 30s, but it wasn't that uncommon 100 years ago," says Andrew Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "We're moving back in the direction where it's acceptable to stay home."

The norm of later marriage and adult children taking over the family business took an about-face beginning in the 1950s. People started marrying and moving out at "extraordinarily young ages." Now they seem to be reverting to the earlier pattern, Cherlin said.

A marriage ending and a small child to raise were enough to prompt Peter McLeod to move back into his parents' Novi house 12 years ago.

Now his son, Brandon, is nearly an adult at age 17.

Still, McLeod's father, Bruce McLeod, 74, is trying to make his grandson happy by renovating the basement into a bedroom and hang room for Brandon and his friends.

"It's a big mess down there," said Bruce, who retired as a U.S. government quality assurance expert in 1993.

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## In My Opinion

### Gas laws need comprehensive reform

DUSTIN PITTMAN  
OPINION COLUMNIST

As I sit in the backseat of my parents car on a rainy Sunday afternoon traveling to visit my grandfather who is suffering from Alzheimer's, I can't help but reflect on what it is that I've been doing for the past week. For the last nine days, I've dedicated 24 hours a day to a program known as the American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State, a government-in-action program that educates rising high school seniors on the virtues of North Carolina government, from the city to the state, in an effort to educate our voting base. But educating those young men isn't the only reason I work at this program each year. It's men like Ron Keener, a veteran of Korea, who put it on the line to push the Communist North back above the 38th parallel, and it's men like J.E. Woodard who served through both Korea and Vietnam, men like Jim Stafford who just retired after serving our country in the United States Army for 29 years; it is for men like those that I'm truly thankful.

Even though I've been removed from society, and technology, for my nine days at Catawba College, a few things haven't managed to slip my attention and one of those is that we are quickly approaching July 1. Now for some of you, July 1 means absolutely nothing, but it should, because on this July 1, the price of gas in North Carolina will go up again. North Carolina's gas tax, the sixth highest in the nation, is set to increase just over a penny, thanks to the North Carolina General Statutes, which require the tax to be readjusted every six months. Our gas tax is calculated by taking seven percent of the wholesale gas price over the last six month period and adding to it a flat rate of 17.5 cents per gallon. Even though it's

already 30.15 cents per gallon, that's not enough for some North Carolina lawmakers and it is because of laws like these that I'm calling for a comprehensive reform on petroleum laws in North Carolina.

First, North Carolina should place a high tax on any new vehicle that does not get at least 30 miles per gallon, a tax high enough to make that vehicle's price comparable to a vehicle that does get 30mpg or better. By doing this, our government would cover two key bases: one, they would be enabling consumers to purchase alternative fuel vehicles, or at the very least, ones that get good gas mileage and two, they would be helping to reduce our dependence on petroleum. A North Carolina that is less dependant on petroleum in general is a stronger North Carolina.

Secondly, we need to provide significant tax incentives for businesses that work in alternative fuels. If a company wishes to build a biodiesel or ethanol plant in North Carolina, they should be able to do it relatively tax free. These new technologies are paramount to America's ability to compete in the growing global economy, and North Carolina needs to hop on that bandwagon. For decades, North Carolina has depended on tobacco, furniture and textiles, but the time for that industry has passed. When my parents were growing up, a small town just up the road from Greenville was the Tobacco Capital of the World. Tobacco companies would span the globe each year to travel to Wilson and purchase in their tobacco markets, because they were the best. Now, Wilson has one warehouse that still operates and tobacco is only a minimal business there. Still in Wilson, VF, the parent company of Wrangler Jeans is closing a textile plant that

has made jeans for over 25 years. In Farmville, Collins and Aikman, a company that makes automotive carpet and like accessories is closing, leaving some 500+ without jobs. Collins and Aikman is also closing three other North Carolina facilities. With textiles out the door, that just leaves furniture. North Carolina needs to find a new industry for its citizens to work for, and I think alternative fuels is it. Pharmaceuticals have moved into North Carolina providing high quality jobs, but they're not that high in quantity. Even more important is the instability of the market. While we will always need drugs, Vioxx taught us one thing we may not always need that drug. The market for biodiesel and ethanol is here now and will still be here 50 years from now. North Carolina lawmakers need to adjust our laws to make it easier for an alternative fuel facility to build in North Carolina. If the state lets this opportunity pass us by, we, the citizens, will certainly hurt for it in the future.

Thirdly, North Carolina needs to provide relief to its citizens by lowering the gas tax now. By just cutting the gas tax by the 17.5 cent per gallon flat rate, North Carolina consumers will still feel the pinch of gas prices, but it won't hurt so badly. As a college student driving to and from work and home I pay on average \$80 each month in gas, with the gas tax lowered by 17.5 cents per gallon, I'd save about \$7.00 a month, which may not seem like much, but on a college student's budget is considerable.

In the end, it comes to just one thing: will Governor Mike Easley and the General Assembly make the right decision and help out its citizens, or will it continue on its traditional role of big talk but no results? I guess we will know on Saturday.

## Pirate Rants

I never thought I would enjoy living alone until I walked to the bathroom in my underwear and I no longer have a roommate to yell at me!

One time, I wrote a mean rant involving a person I knew... well now she's one of my good friends and I just want to say I take it all back! Love ya snot!

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

No one worships you or thinks you are better than them for having it so easy. If anything, I feel sorry for you. You will never know what an accomplishment living is... so, have fun with your "summer vacation" while everyone else spends this break on "summer," with several jobs and no free time!

The block button is the best thing that ever happened to messaging programs!

If we are taught that it is bad to lie, but white lies are OK because they protect people, when is that line crossed?

Believe me, if we weren't told to sit in the Chancellor's driveway every night, we wouldn't be there! Talk to the Chancellor about that one!

For future reference: if you're interested, don't wait three years to get a girl's phone number. When you do get her digits, don't call her constantly - girls like their space too. And finally, perhaps most importantly, when you make plans with her (two weeks in advance) don't get so wasted with your buddies the night before that you have to cancel. Poor form!

Soon you'll see a bunch of new freshman faces. In the spring, there'll be a few hundred less and then next year, the sophomore

class will be smaller than what it was when they were freshmen. The junior class each year becomes smaller too and the senior class, well, let's say there should be plenty of seats open at graduation. It's Darwin's theory man. I'm telling you. The losers quickly fall by the wayside. I'm going to do my Master's dissertation on this freshman/loser/falling by the wayside theory. I can hardly wait for fall semester!

I hate group projects. I'm sick of people who don't or won't participate or who show up and spend their time begging others for clues as to how to do their part thus wasting the valuable time of someone who has their stuff together. Some don't even bother. I'm not pulling anyone else's weight anymore. It's time for you to grow and step up. If I can do it then so can you! Now do it!

Rain, rain go away... and don't come back!

Why is it? Why is it that when you are tanning at the pool, while talking with your guy friend that it takes him 30 minutes of staring at your butt to realize that no, your bathing suit does not have pretty flowers printed on it, but instead colorful skulls?

Men can get out of a relationship without so much as a goodbye... women either have to get married, or learn something.

I think those who drive slowly in the left hand lane should be run off the road, people... the left lane is for passing or warp speed only!

I went on vacation, since it is summer and all, and subsequently missed a phone call that cost me my job. Boo summer.

Reciprocity is key; if I help you move, do something for me in return.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



Your best bets

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Fire up the grill, kick off your shoes and head to the nearest body of water because this Independence Day is going to be sizzling. Whether you're spending the day with family and friends close to home or traveling to a more exotic locale, there are countless ways to spend the day.

Many Independence Day celebrations are centered around time with family and friends. The day is often filled with picnics and cookouts, which provide a chance to bond over good food and conversation.

One of the most tried and true ways to celebrate as night falls on July 4 is to watch fireworks displays. Throughout the nation almost every town has planned a dazzling

fireworks show which is sure to attract children as well as adults.

If you are sticking around Greenville for the Fourth be sure to head out to the Town Commons around 4 p.m. for a variety of fun festivities hosted by the Greenville Jaycee's. This year's festivities include carnival rides, games, arts and crafts, food, music, clowns and street vendors. A fantastic fireworks display will begin around 9:15 p.m.

Maybe you want to head to a town where the streets aren't quite as crowded, and Southern hospitality is the focal point. Visit downtown Farmville, just a fifteen minute drive down Highway 264 from Greenville. This year Farmville offers visitor's free "birthday" cake and watermelon along with musical entertainment, all starting at 7 p.m. The town will also have a fireworks show beginning

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## THREE CHEERS FOR DEMOCRACY & HIGHLY COMBUSTIBLE EXPLOSIVES

The best ways to celebrate Independence Day in the best country ever

LIZ FULTON  
STAFF WRITER

I am so glad that our founding fathers decided to declare our independence from jolly old England in July. They must have realized that its future citizens were going to need a summer holiday to hold them over until Christmas.

Did they realize that 230 years down the road July 4 would be a time for backyard barbecues and pool parties that would last well into July 5? Did they foresee the mass production of red, white and

blue tablecloths, clothing and decorations made specifically for this day? Whether they did or not, they would certainly be proud of how much fuss Americans still make over this day.

No matter what your political feelings are at present, this country has survived thus far and it is important to honor and celebrate that you live in a place where you are able to choose whether or not you even want to continue reading this article.

Bearing that in mind, I am offering my top choices of how to spend next Tuesday, or if you decide to play hooky on Monday, the first four days in July.

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## Click: The latest from Happy Madison



Adam Sandler, who plays Michael Newman, discovers that remotes can control much more than just toys.

Let's see what Adam Sandler cooked up this time

AARON BORREGO  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend the movie *Click* made its long awaited debut upon the movie screens around the country. There was considerable hype and build-up preceding the opening weekend, even if it did occur right before the movie was released.

I had heard that the movie's promoters actually thought it may not be worth trying to advertise the movie because of questionable appeal to the viewers. However, upon the screening of test audiences, the majority of who remarked the movie was very good, the advertising machine went into effect to promote this flick.

The movie stars Adam Sandler and Christopher Walken, amongst others, and is a coming of age comedy which focuses on the everyday choices we make and the long term ramifications of these choices. Since this is a Happy Madison production, I expected the movie to be a happy, funny and simple picture... Boy, I was wrong!

Of course there was a lot of the funny business in this movie, but there was also a very serious side and I would even say, a message in the movie.

The first half of the movie focuses on Sandler's character trying to figure out how to skip the bad parts of his life while the second part of the movie focuses on his character trying to recapture the lost time he had skipped.

The movie has some great

examples of irony in the use of physical comedy skits. For example, a dog and a very big yellow duck make light of some of the more serious moments throughout the movie. This movie teaches everyone watching to focus on the important stuff in life and to cherish every moment of it.

The comedy in the movie is very well spaced so that people don't feel that the movie is a complete sad message fest. The message is a great one, actually one very surprising coming from Adam Sandler, which was delivered through some pretty good acting and make-up artists.

Christopher Walken plays a very special kind of angel in the movie and delivers his normally eerie and creepy demeanor per-

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## Australian "Wolfmother" releases debut album

Predictable yet refreshing album from down-under

ZACH STEPHENSON  
STAFF WRITER

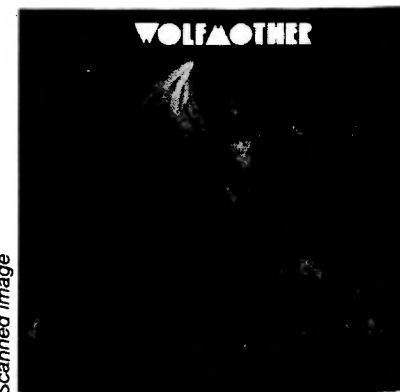
Why do people impassively flock to see repetitive versions of *The Omen* and *When A Stranger Calls*? The plot, outcome and all the awe-inspiring moments in-between are respectively unchanged. What sheepishly sways us to believe the

director of *Laura Croft: Tomb Raider* can effectively relate the subtle madness behind a line as unnerving as, "Have you checked the children lately?"

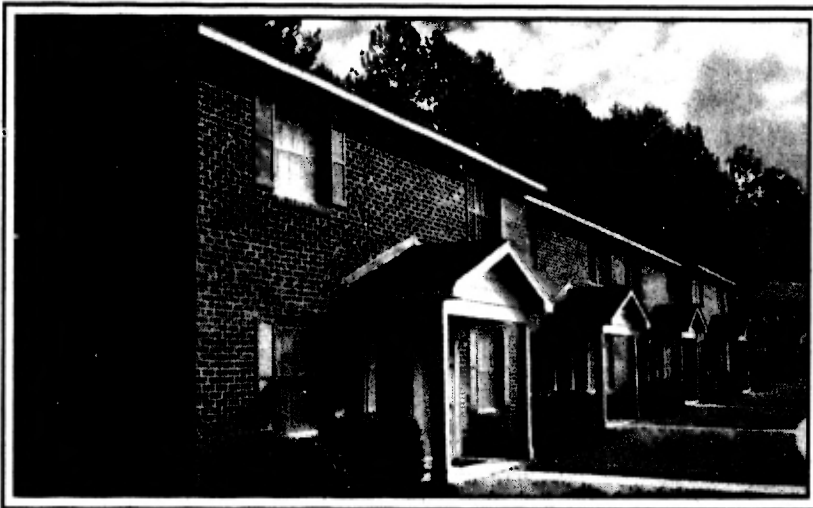
It's an unrealistic expectation, and by the time the previews roll, we have already subliminally set ourselves up for a letdown. That is why *Wolfmother's* bag is so rich.

They are completely predict-

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Kate Beckinsale, playing Donna Newman, is 'paused' during a fight.

fectly for this movie. Honestly, I don't think this role was much of a stretch for him. This movie really does put things into perspective for many, as it might have for some of you who have seen it already.

The movie receives an A+ on the basis of pure entertainment and comedic remedies to ease the transitions of a serious message. A bit of a drama, it is a nice stretch for Sandler and Happy Madison productions and hopefully will be greeted warmly by viewers worldwide. I hope everyone sees this movie

with someone important to you, trust me it will make sense after watching it.

Consider also, sometimes you're a dog named Sundance and sometimes you're a big yellow duck but no matter what, you always need to be true to what really matters in your life. Someone will share your same joy, giving way to a bond.

**Grade: A+**

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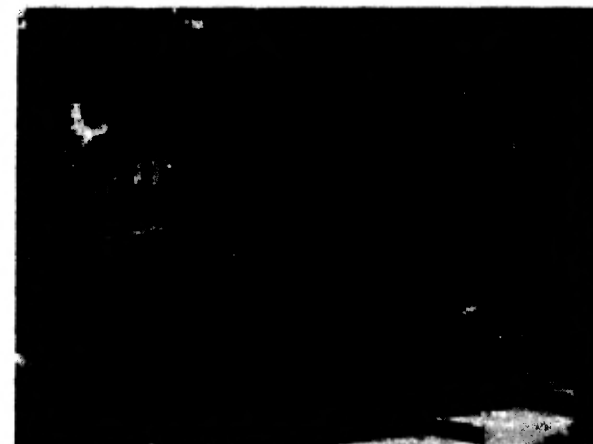
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Go home. No seriously, go home and take a nostalgic trip to the way you used to spend Independence Day with your family and friends. Remember going to the pool and the lifeguards would throw money in for you to dive for? You would fight your friends to see who could obtain the most quarters and then pool it all together to buy a hotdog. Then they would take a watermelon and rub it all over with Crisco and throw it in the pool.

The number of black eyes and bruises that would appear over who could get that watermelon out of the

pool always made me wonder how safe this pastime really is for kids.

Not a big fan of the hometown anymore? Well having a cookout with your favorites in Greenville is a clutch way of enjoying the holiday without going anywhere. Buy the watermelon anyway but cut a hole in the top and pour vodka down the middle instead.

While you are out buying the watermelon, drive an extra two hours to Pedro's South of the Border at the state line to grab a few of the fireworks that North Carolina lawmakers have decided are so darn

dangerous here. If you do imbibe of any spirits during the day, make sure to keep your mouth closed as you light your roman candles. Having flammable breath can quickly turn a pretty light show into an all night trip to the emergency room.

Following right on the heels of another amazing Dave Matthews Band show at Alltel Pavilion, Journey and Def Leppard decide to make a stop there on July 4. What says America more than singing at the top of your lungs to "Don't Stop Believing" or "Pour Some Sugar on Me?" The only thing that could

make it better would be Randy Jackson showing up on bass.

If you truly want to be apart of something amazing this Independence Day weekend, then head to Beaufort because the tall ships are coming! Now before you call me a nerd realize that the Pepsi America's Sail 2006 is going to draw hundreds of thousands of people. It begins July 1 with a parade of ships entering into Beaufort. Throughout the town there will be 35 to 40 "pirates" camping out and performing for the crowds. There also plans to be a 15 mile tall ships race on July 3

along with tours of some of the ships. There will also be a huge July 4 celebration with a giant fireworks display. If you are obsessed with history and love re-enactments, then do not miss out on seeing what a real pirate's life is like.

No matter what you decide to do this Independence Day, please make sure to have fun doing it. The closest holiday is Labor Day, and that really only signifies the end of wearing white shoes.

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## This group truly is an alternative

### MercyMe: "Coming up to Breathe"

SARAH CAMPBELL  
SENIOR WRITER

There aren't many bands that pride themselves on being a rock/alternative group who is influenced greatly by their Christianity, but MercyMe is one of the few and the proud. Their fifth studio album, "Coming Up to Breathe," is a bit different from their other albums in the fact that it breaks away from their stereotypical sound into something a bit more rock n' roll.

"We love it. We really focused on up-tempo songs. It's definitely way more energetic than anything we've ever done before. I don't think we are trying to reinvent the wheel, it's just trying to put a little more edge into what we are creating," said Bart Millard, MercyMe frontman at mercyme.org.

When I listened, I was immediately surprised at how much it reminded me of 3 Doors Down with a twist of Nickelback.

I expected it to be something I would only listen to on my way to church, but I realized that MercyMe is so much more than a Christian group; they are a soft rock, alternative and gospel group rolled into one.

Spreading the word through music that touches your heart through profound lyrics and interesting instrumentation made me not only come to respect their music, but also love it.

My favorite song on the album is "Coming Up to Breathe" because it touched on the many emotions that plague everyone throughout their lives. It is a great song about surviving by breaking free of the many things that are holding you back.

I also love "Where I Belong" because of the way that the lyrics and the music flow together in such a hypnotic blend.

The simplicity of this album makes it truly one of a kind. The album lacks originality as far as instrumentation, but makes up for it in their lyrics. Listening to this album was a profound experience and I enjoyed every minute of it. It wasn't your typical rock/alternative album, it was so much more.

Listen to a sample of their latest album, as well as their previous albums at their Web site, mercyme.org. Here you can also read individual biographies of each band member as well as the band as a whole.

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able, unoriginal and trite. In fact, anyone who picks up six strings will eventually be able to recreate their magic. But, when all is said and done, this debut makes one heck of an anthem.

The evolution that separates Wolfmother from fellow Australian primates, Jet, is their ability to feed off Tommy Iommi riffs and drown out the pedestrian-fed, stereotypical formula with sheer ambition.

Instead of plagiarizing Iggy's "Lust For Life" with obvious note changes to stray unassuming disc jockeys, Wolfmother attenuate their cues from an omniscient

playground. Yeah, they might flagrantly sandwich Jethro's flute on top of Page's black magic kit, but there is a fine line between homage and burglary.

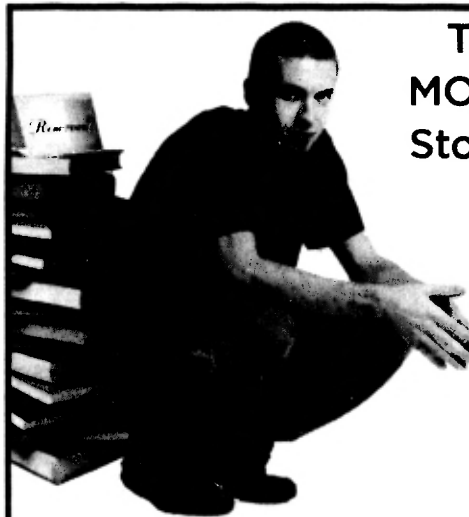
Wolfmother keenly treads the seductive trail between pathogenic reprint and new territory. Despite Andrew Stockdale's pretentious White Panthers Party 'fro, he possesses the vocal capability to mimic Ozzy's bloody Sunday squeal, while exhibiting the impoverished sensibility of Marc Bolan's tyrannosaurus "Raw Ramp."

"Can't you see it's a bolt of lightning / All the futures that I see are

whitening / I see the time of yesterday-ah / Become the time that we have today." Stockdale's lyrics might not be the equivalent of Ginsberg-esque poetry, but Wolfmother aren't looking to follow Richard Hell's footsteps after their demise.

In actuality, they are reminiscent to Greenville's downtown scene. Both are foreseeable and tired, but for some reason there's a potency that keeps you coming back. For more information about the band or its members, visit wolfmother.com

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at nightfall.

For those of you looking to get out of town, Raleigh offers a large celebration at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Families and friends alike can enjoy an afternoon of food, games, and rides starting at 3 p.m., and drawing to an end after a huge fireworks display at sundown.

If heading toward the coast is your idea of the perfect way to celebrate, be sure to stop by Morehead City for the largest firework display in eastern North Carolina. The fireworks show will blast off from Brandt Island at 9:30 p.m. over the

glistening water. They can be seen from Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and Beaufort.

There are tons of other ways to spend July 4; these are just a few of your best bets.

No matter how you choose to celebrate, remember to be safe and of course, always remember the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, which set our nation free 230 years ago on July 4, 1776. God Bless America.

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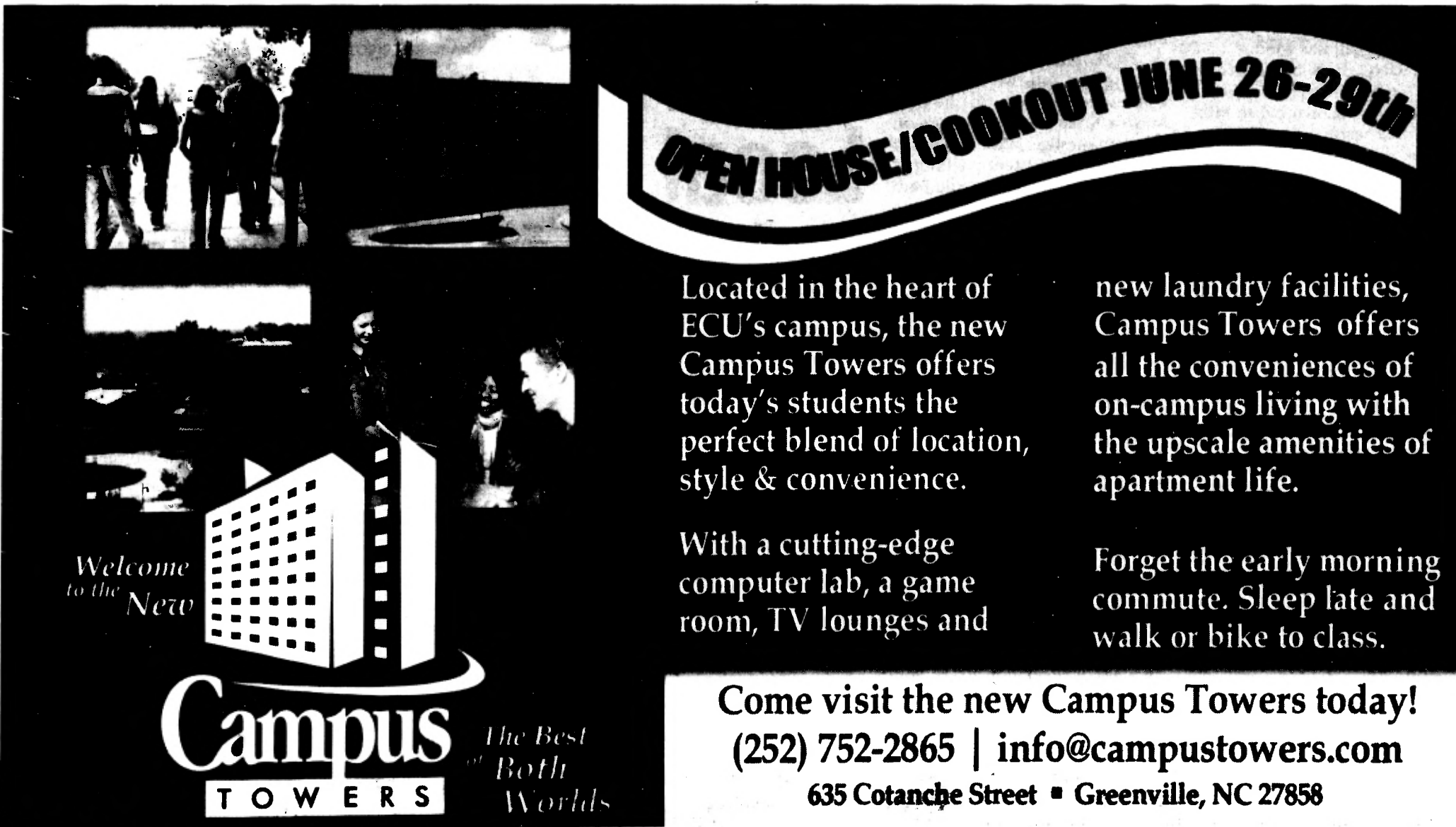
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## Heels need to thank Pirates for College World Series run

*Mazey's mistakes led to Tar Heels success*

ERIC GILMORE  
SPORTS EDITOR

### OPINION

An errant routine throw cost UNC an opportunity to take home the College World Series crown Monday falling 3-2 to Oregon St. However, ECU's errors in routine may have helped the Tar Heels make the trip. Stay with me.

Flash back to 2001 when former ECU head coach Keith LeClair was building momentum behind a 47-13 record, a third consecutive NCAA Tournament No.1 regional seed and a No. 6 national seed. LeClair was full of life, spearheading a new attitude and jumpstarting visions of grandeur facilities. Life for ECU baseball was good.

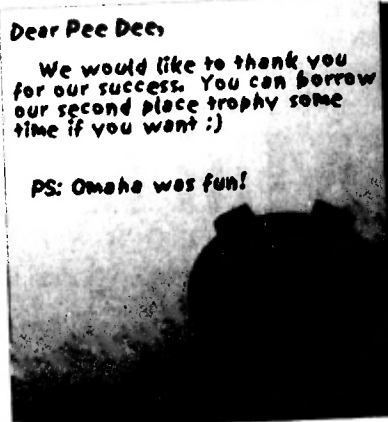
For UNC, they had failed to win 40 games or receive a NCAA Tournament Regional bid in Mike Fox's third season as head coach. Fox had done well in his first two seasons, but the 2001 season was still considered a disaster.

Then LeClair got sick with ALS. The program stayed in limbo for the 2002 season while LeClair did a yeoman's job of willing his squad to an emotional C-USA Tournament crown despite being confined to a wheelchair during extensive health and personal issues. However, certainty within the program was at a premium.

It was then that UNC began to gain ground on ECU, which arguably touted the best program in the state. At the time, Elliot Avent had been mildly successful at N.C. State and Wake Forest had actually won three of four ACC Tournament Championships.

However, UNC was the real threat. Fox had started to solidify relationships with nearby high schools. Subsequently, with his recruiting continually improving, so did his records. Since 2001, Fox has surpassed the 40-win plateau every season.

Enter new coach and Clemson alum Randy Mazey, who was eventually endorsed by LeClair.



Despite one outstanding season in 2004, which featured the best record in school history (51-13), a conference record 22 straight wins and a ranking as high as No. 3 nationally, Mazey's other teams were mediocre. He failed to advance the program to Omaha sandwiching the 2004 season with 34-27 and 35-26 records, barely breaking a bubble team consideration.

To be blunt, Mazey had one good season and two favors from committee members Charlie Carr and/or Mike Hamrick based on program prestige. With the lack of hitting and consistent pitching, it is doubtful that Mazey could have coached the recent 2006 team into a NCAA Regional. Now he's an assistant at TCU.

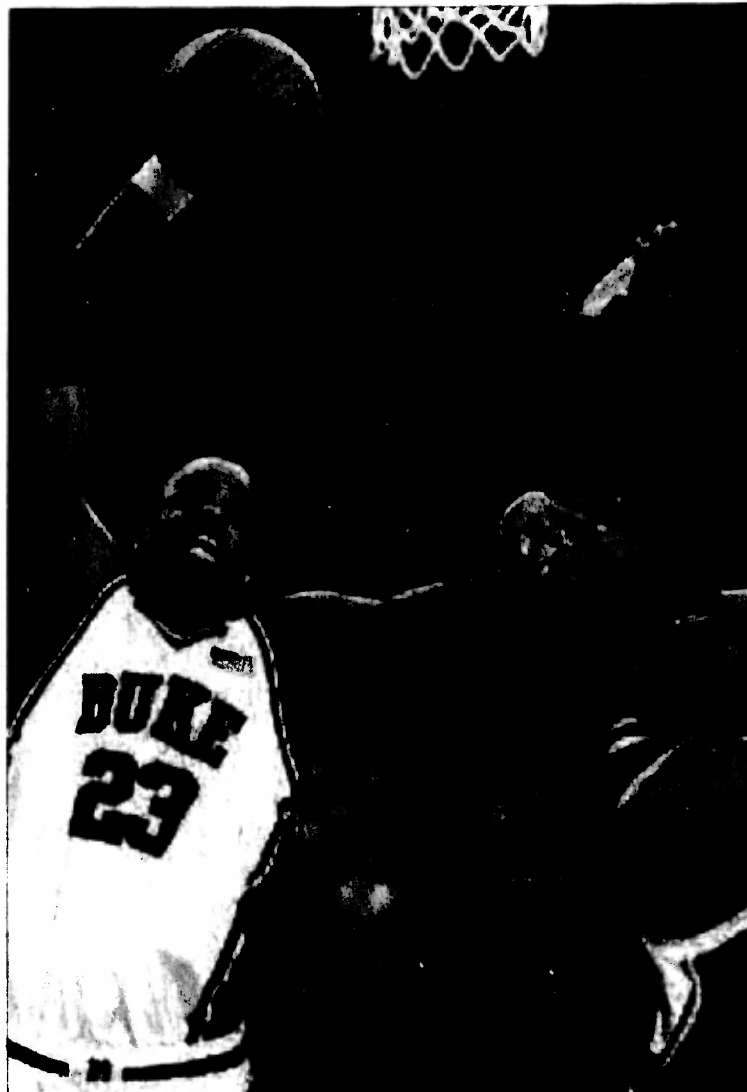
All the while, Fox was plucking in-state kids and enjoying consistent success. However, ECU handed them quality in-state recruits by ignoring the borders and choosing instead to recruit nationally.

Look at the national runner-up's roster. Nineteen of 30, or 63 percent of the listed players hail from within the state. Star player Jay Cox, Adam Warren and Garrett Gore are all from eastern N.C.

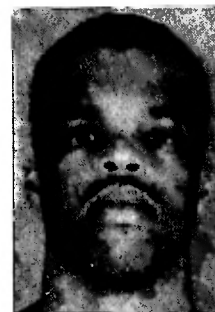
On ECU's roster, 35 percent of the roster is from N.C. Carter Harrell was a UNC transfer while Brody Taylor, among others, can thank current head coach Billy Godwin for sending them down east from Louisburg. Two more grew up in Greenville at J.H. Rose while Stephen Batts was recruited as a soccer goalie.

To add insult to injury, during a tumultuous 2005 off-season,

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Shelden Williams projects to be the first local player selected.



SHELDEN WILLIAMS



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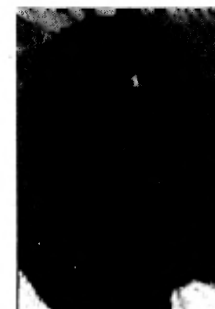
J.J. REDICK



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## Local connections aplenty for NBA Draft

*Several N.C. players will wait for name to be called*

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SPORTS EDITOR

Local players will litter the NBA Draft selection board come Wednesday. Notable Duke alums Shelden Williams and J.J. Redick will attend the New York event as expected, but others have seen their stock meteorically rise in the past few months as well. On the other side, hopefuls have seen their status dramatically fall during the scouting process.

The first local note will be what Charlotte does with the third pick. Speculation is that Charlotte would be willing to deal with pick,

possibly with Toronto. However, with Michael Jordan becoming a part owner and quickly putting himself in the personnel mix, it makes sense for the Bobcats to stay at the No. 3 spot. That is, unless they can move down in order to obtain a veteran shooting guard or swing forward.

Adam Morrison fills a need and makes logical sense. He would provide immediate help instead of waiting for a player like Rudy Gay to mature. Brandon Roy is another possibility, but the No. 3 spot seems a little high.

Shelden Williams will likely be the next local player selected. Williams is undersized at 6 feet, 9 inches, but can muscle power forwards with his 250-pound frame. Consider

him another Carlos Boozer. Draft projectors have him in the lottery, but there is plenty of argument about where the former ACC Defensive Player of the Year will land.

N.C. State early departure Cedric Simmons could surpass Williams. Scouts are drooling over Simmons, who has helped himself more than any other prospect since the season ended. With Herb Sendek's offense, it confined Simmons' game, which has exploded in individual workouts. However, he is undersized and raw.

Duke product J.J. Redick, fresh off a DWI arrest, will hover around lottery status. Some prognostica-

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which saw his two prized assistants depart, Mazey hired Scott Forbes away from Winthrop. Too bad that Forbes immediately recognized that all was not peachy within the ECU program and Fox hired him away from ECU less than a month after Forbes' arrival in Greenville.

Judged by recent high school championships, the eastern portion of N.C. has the best baseball. Two Pitt Co. schools, J.H. Rose had won three consecutive 4-A titles while D.H. Conley has now won two straight titles albeit in separate classifications. And the guy on the mound for Conley is the real kicker, and microcosm, of ECU's demise and UNC's surge into the national spotlight.

Alex White lives less than 10 miles down the road from ECU's new Clark-LeClair Stadium. White, the best baseball product in the state definitely as a pitcher and arguably as a hitter, was just drafted in the 14th round of the Major League draft by the L.A. Dodgers despite most

teams being scared off due to 'signability issues.'

The point is that White signed a letter-of-intent to head to Chapel Hill. The Greenville native reportedly would have been interested in ECU had Mazey and his staff put more effort into his recruitment. However, he fell in love with Fox and decided early on in the process that being a Tar Heel was in his best interest.

White's case is a perfect example of the recipe for success and lacking vision under the previous regime. To his credit, unlike Mazey, the current ECU skipper seems to understand. Godwin, like Fox (N.C.-Wesleyan) was a small time coach at Louisburg who has not burned bridges. In order to get back to the stature of 2001, and a challenge it will be, Godwin will routinely have to stay close to his roots.

Or else UNC might send ECU a Christmas card.

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## Derr named head diving coach at James Madison

(SID) — Rob Derr, a former record-setting athlete at East Carolina University, has been named the head diving coach for both the men's and women's swimming and diving programs at James Madison University.

"I'm extremely excited to take this first step in my college coaching career," said Derr. "Upon my interview visit, I fell in love with the campus, was impressed with the enthusiasm of the athletics program and now greatly look forward to becoming a Duke. Diving has always been a major part of my life. I love being around the pool, and I love to coach."

Derr set four ECU diving records before his collegiate competitive career was hampered by injuries. As a sophomore in 2003-04, Derr set the varsity record for one-meter (six dive), three-meter (11 dives) and platform dives. His first school record came during his freshman campaign on the one-meter (11 dives) board. He was named the "Outstanding Rookie Swimmer" at ECU in 2002-03 after setting four freshman records.

He served as a student coach for the Pirates while recovering from two shoulder surgeries, the last coming in the Fall of 2005. He did work his way back into competitive shape in time to dive for the Pirates in the Conference-USA Men's Invitational last February in Houston, Texas, finishing as high as third on the one-meter board.

Derr gained coaching experience in his hometown while working from 2001-2003 with the Bloomsburg (Pa.) Area Diving Club and Summer Swim Team and its membership of 7- to 18-year olds. He independently coached all coed divers while jointly coaching swimmers, coordinated and ran dual and championship meets, and maintained pool facilities. He has also been on the deck as a meet official for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association dual, league and district meets since 2001.

Derr merited multiple academics honors (Chancellor's List, Dean's List, Honor Roll) en route to earning a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in communications at ECU in 2005. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in English, which he anticipates completing this Fall.

"It is my strong belief that for athletes to succeed in the pool or on the boards, they have to be able to excel in the classroom," said Derr.

"I will strive to bring not only athletic excellence but also academic excellence to the team."

JMU is a member of the NCAA Division I Colonial Athletic Association. The men's program has won a league-best nine CAA titles and finished fourth in the 10-team championship meet this past season. The women own five CAA crowns and finished fourth among the 11 teams entered in the 2006 CAA title meet.

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tors have the all-time leading scorer for Duke and ACC going as high as eighth while others see his potential back trouble as a reason for a free fall. Scouts are in disagreement over Redick's game and how it will translate to the pro style.

Shawne Williams, a Laurinburg Prep product from Memphis could sneak into the lottery, but will likely go in the middle of round one. Williams oozed NBA talent in his only season at Memphis, but played second fiddle to Rodney Carney. The Conference USA Freshman of the Year is untested and foul prone.

P.J. Tucker, a Raleigh native is a 6-foot, 5-inch power forward in a guard's body. However, coaches questioned his size on the college game and he was the heart and soul in Austin, Texas. He will get picked up in the late first round to early second round because of his ability to defend. Nevertheless, he should have stayed for his senior season.

Second round hopefuls Eric Williams, Eric Hicks and Justin Gray will hope to avoid the NBA D-League. Williams, a Wake Forest native and product stayed for his senior season in hopes of improving his draft status. Instead, his stock plummeted and he is barely on the radar as a late second round pick.

Gray, like Williams, watched Wake Forest struggle without 2005-2006 Rookie of the Year Chris Paul. Gray is a deadly outside shooter, but has not shown an ability to defend and needs to work on his quickness. Provided the right opportunity, he could make a team as a spot-up three-point specialist.

Eric Hicks, who played for Cincinnati and is from Greensboro, struggled during the pre-draft workouts. However, he is still hoping to land on with a team in the mid-to-late second round.

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**TEC's Mock NBA Draft**

1. Toronto Raptors	Andrea Bargnani, PF, Italy
2. Chicago Bulls	Tyrus Thomas, SF/PF, LSU
3. Charlotte Bobcats	Adam Morrison, SF, Gonzaga
4. Portland Trailblazers	LaMarcus Aldridge, PF/C, Texas
5. Atlanta Hawks	Brandon Roy, SG, Washington
6. Minnesota Timberwolves	Rudy Gay, SF, Connecticut
7. Boston Celtics	Randy Foye, PG/SG, Villanova
8. Houston Rockets	J.J. Redick, SG, Duke
9. Golden State Warriors	Shelden Williams, PF, Duke
10. Seattle Sonics	Cedric Simmons, PF, NC State
11. Orlando Magic	Rodney Carney, SG/SF, Memphis
12. New Orleans Hornets	Patrick O'Bryant, C, Bradley
13. Philadelphia 76ers	Marcus Williams, PG, Connecticut
14. Utah Jazz	Oleg Pecherov, PF, Ukraine
15. New Orleans Hornets	Ronnie Brewer, SG, Arkansas
16. Chicago Bulls	Saer Sene, C, Senegal
17. Indiana Pacers	Thabo Sefolesha, SG, Switzerland
18. Washington Wizards	Hilton Armstrong, PF/C, Connecticut
19. Sacramento Kings	Shawne Williams, SF, Memphis
20. New York Knicks	Shannon Brown, SG, Michigan State
21. Phoenix Suns	Maurice Ager, SG, Michigan State
22. New Jersey Nets	Kyle Lowry, PG, Villanova
23. New Jersey Nets	Josh Boone, PF, Connecticut
24. Memphis Grizzlies	Sergio Rodriguez, PG, Spain
25. Cleveland Cavaliers	Jordan Farmar, PG, UCLA
26. L.A. Lakers	Rajon Rondo, PG, Kentucky
27. Phoenix Suns	Quincy Douby, SG, Rutgers
28. Dallas Mavericks	James White, SG, Cincinnati
29. New York Knicks	Alexander Johnson, PF, Florida State
30. Portland Trailblazers	Mardy Collins, SG, Temple

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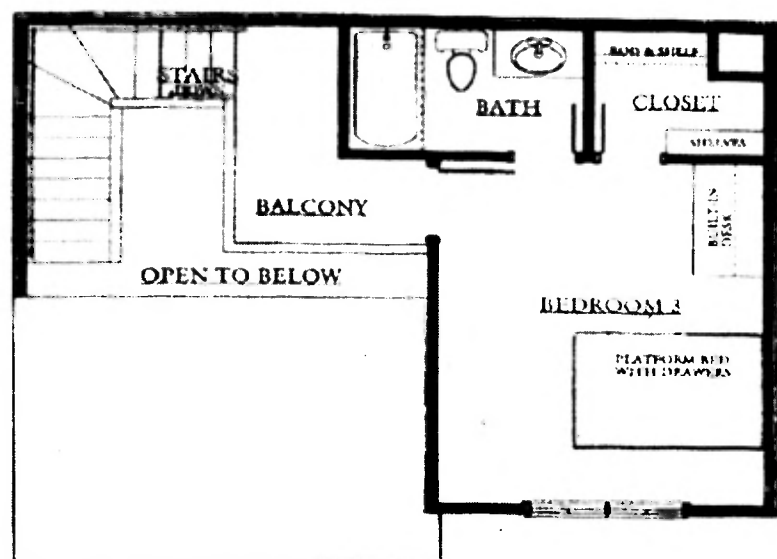
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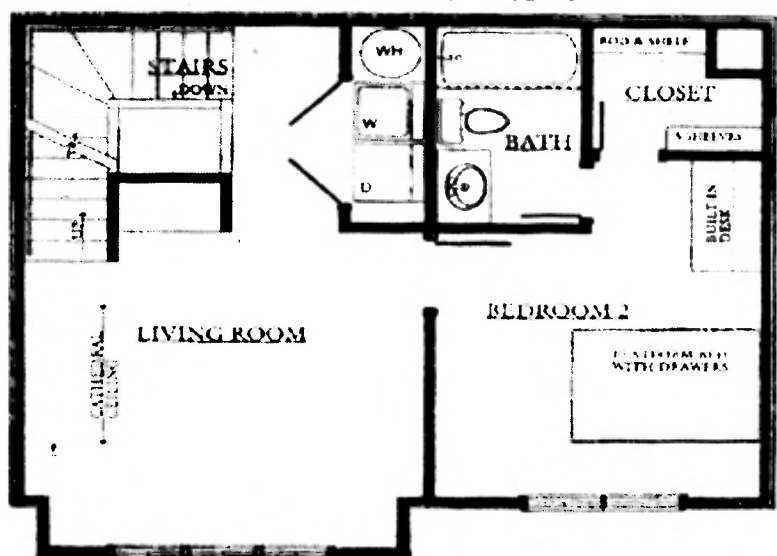
- Implementing a Diversity Symposium
- Facilitating Diversity Forums.
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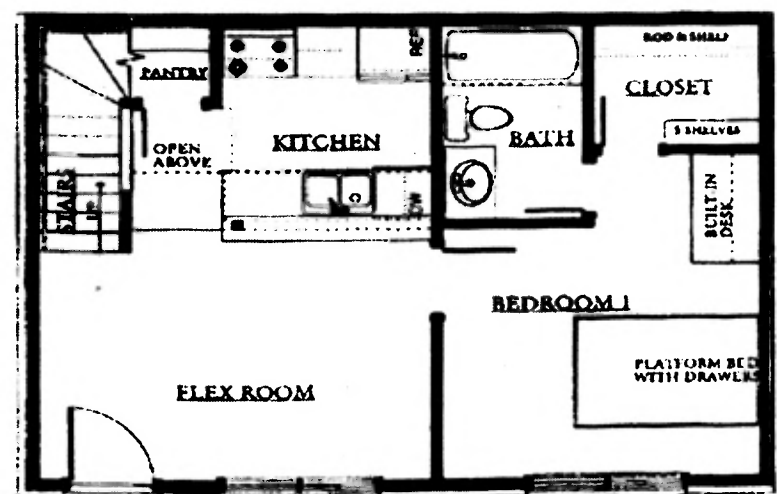
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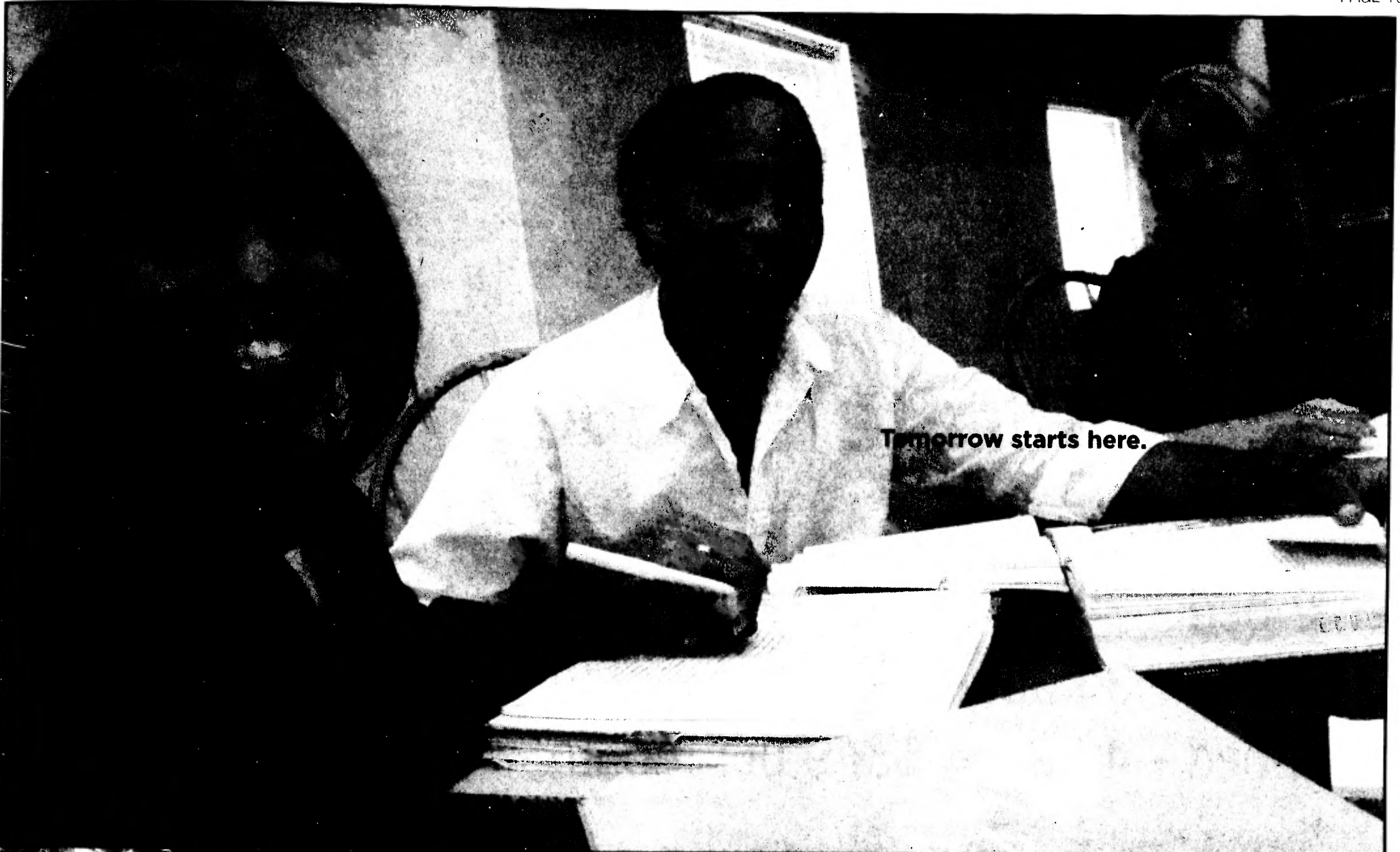
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