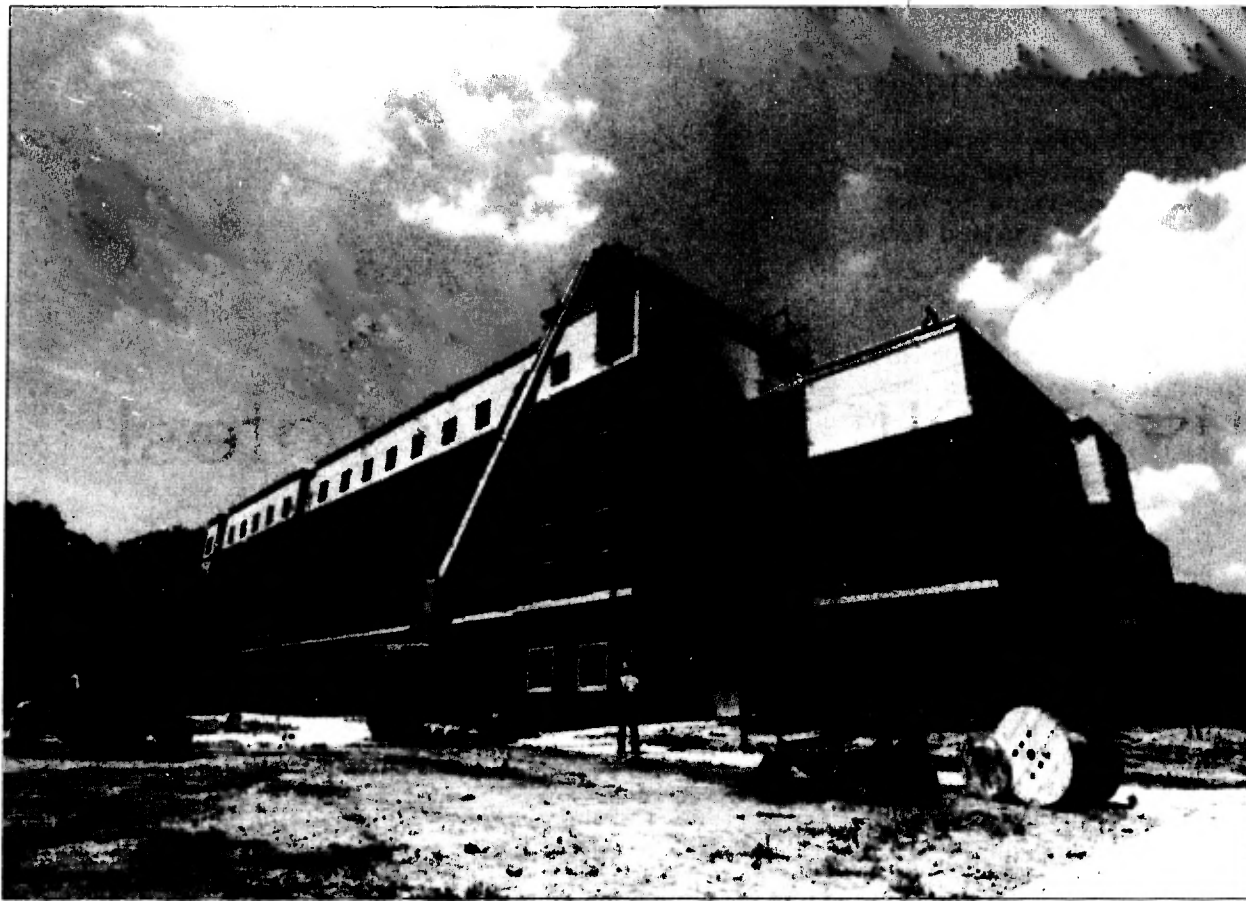


College Hill suites set to debut



This August, the brand new suite-style residence hall on College Hill, pictured above, will be open to students. The new suites will have features that most dorms do not, including a kitchen and private bathrooms.

New dorm to house over 400 students

CLAYTON BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

College Hill and Campus Living are primed to open up the new College Hill Suites for business in the coming weeks.

The five-story building will offer students some added perks from the traditional dorms at ECU. Designed for returning students, the dorm is intended for those who enjoy the closely-knit community that is dorm life.

Campus Living is not trying to phase out incoming freshmen. Instead, they feel that these students should live in the traditional dorm setting, where there is a large number of people to meet in a closer setting.

In many residence halls, students are able to go door to door, meeting their neighbors instead of having such an enclosed space like the suites will be. Each suite will

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SHEERER

Sheerer joins administration of Student Life

Dr. Marilyn Sheerer comes from Education to Student Life

LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Sheerer has been appointed as the Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Life. She has a Master's degree from Syracuse in student personnel profiling, which she feels helped to fuel her interest in students' lives outside of the classroom.

"I'm leaving the academic side and going to the student side. I feel that an ECU student's college experience has a lot to do with what happens outside of the classroom so it has always been an interest of mine," she said.

Dr. Sheerer began her professional career as a high school English teacher after graduating from Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania. She then went on to get her master's degree. She has served as a faculty member at four institutions of higher education; as a department chair at two; as the Dean of the College of Education at ECU; and as the Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at ECU.

Dr. Sheerer has been with ECU for 10 years, so she is familiar with the campus and administration. She was appointed to her current position July 1

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Photo by Zach Sirkir

New nursing building nears completion

Building will allow for more enrollment

CHRISTOPHER STEVENSON
STAFF WRITER

A new building often symbolizes a new and better future. The same can be said for the new, high-tech nursing building, which should be ready for classes this fall at ECU.

The Brody School of Medicine is a top of the line medical school and is considered one of the best academic medical centers in North Carolina.

The Brody Medical Sciences Building was built next to Pitt County Memorial Hospital in 1982, yet the nursing school, which represents an important aspect of medical learning, was built quite a distance from the medical science building.

The new nursing facility is on the west campus area, in close proximity to the Brody School of

Medicine and the Allied Health Sciences School.

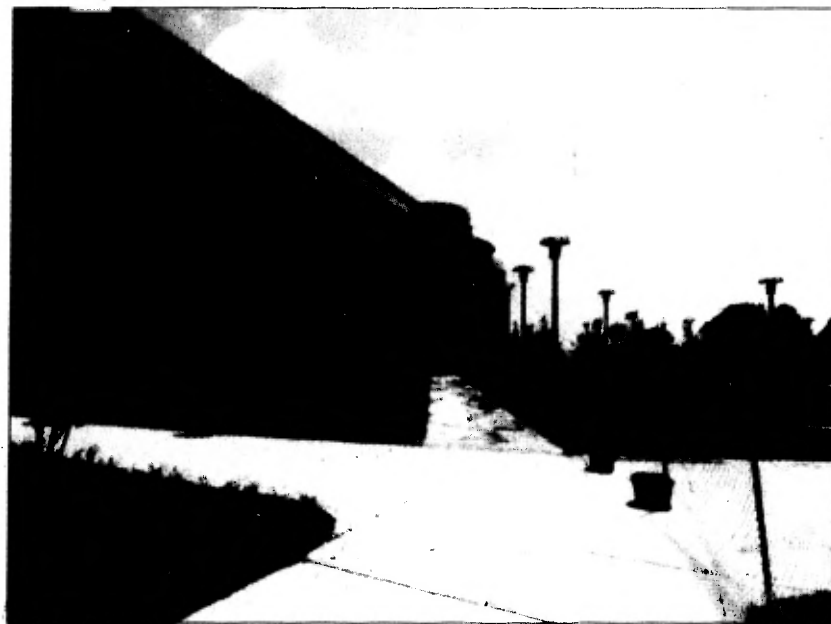
This proximity will allow much more interdisciplinary teaching, research and service.

This new nursing building covers 84,000 square feet and is connected to the School of Allied Health Sciences and Health Sciences Library buildings through upper level walkways.

The buildings are separate at the ground level, and open into courtyard areas.

The new nursing building will house meeting spaces to encourage student/faculty interaction, as well as high-tech clinical learning labs, which are equipped to provide simulation learning across an array of patient populations and clinical problems.

These nine clinical labs will create more space, allowing for more people to enroll into the nursing program, unlike the previous location for the school of nursing, which had only one lab



The building features nine clinical labs...eight more than the older one.

and was not equipped for simulation learning.

The difference in the number of students that can be enrolled per year and the advance technology used in the new building

will allow the nursing school to become more efficient and successful than ever.

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Announcements

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Summer Theatre

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.

"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, 2006

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. When the reverend's rebellious daughter sets her cap for Ren, her roughneck boy friend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. 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.

Chick-fil-A offers combo

Chick-fil-A is honoring all cows with the 2nd Annual Cow Appreciation day on July 14. Patrons can get a free combo if they dress up like a cow from head to toe on this date only. Applies to most Chick-fil-A locations. Check with your local Chick-fil-A before Friday, July 14.

Women undergo mercury testing

Contaminated fish a
cause for concernKIMBERLY BELLAMY
STAFF WRITER

Twenty women from the Greenville area were tested for mercury contamination at the Greenville Town Commons last Thursday.

Mercury contamination is a big concern for women in North Carolina because the exposure can lead to health complications with unborn fetuses and breast-fed infants.

According to Melinda Pierson, SELC communications manager, women of childbearing age whose bodies are contaminated with mercury pass the mercury on to their unborn fetuses.

The mercury that is passed on to the fetus is a neuro-toxin, which controls the way the brain develops. The toxin can cause mental retardation, lower IQs, cognitive delays and slow motor skills.

Men can also suffer complications if contaminated such as having tingling in their fingertips,

decreased motor skills and cardiovascular problems.

These symptoms are normally seen in men with high levels of mercury in their system, according to Pierson.

The exposure to mercury stems from individuals eating mercury contaminated fish. Mercury is transmitted into fish by power plants that produce large amounts of pollutants that contribute to mercury.

About 70 percent of mercury deposits in local waters are emitted by local coal-burning power plants. People that fish in these waters are likely to catch fish with mercury in them.

The state has issued advisories to warn people of mercury contamination in certain fish. According to Pierson, the number of contaminated fish is growing exponentially.

The largest fish advisory was recently released by the state and included 22 species of fish that are unsafe for children and pregnant women.

The advisory includes fish that are commonly caught, including



Mercury exposure from local fish may cause serious health concerns.

largemouth bass, canned white tuna, South Atlantic grouper, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

According to Pierson, in the past, the common rule of thumb was that fish that are more likely to

be contaminated with mercury were larger fish because their skin tissue could absorb the mercury better.

This mercury is now being

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Driving with cell phone as bad as driving drunk, study says.

Cell phones cause
problems on the road

(KRT) — Drivers who talk on cell phones may be just as dangerous as those who drink.

That's the sobering conclusion of a study published Thursday by University of Utah researchers who monitored 40 men and women on a driving simulator.

And drivers using hands-free phones were no better than those with the hand held variety, confirming previous studies.

The findings, published in the journal Human Factors, represent

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be akin to an apartment.

When they return the following year, they will have the opportunity to live in the new dorm with an established community of friends that they met the previous year in the other dorms.

"It gives you a lot more community ties, but after that first year, when people are really settled into the institution, and have their support network of friends and all that, we feel that it's a more appropriate time for students to get that additional privacy they'd like," said Aaron Lucier, associate director of Campus Living.

"We're very excited. When you work on projects like this, where really, the design and the construction has been going on from phase one to this, in terms of looking at the building and designing this phase and talking with architects, it's really been a four to five year process."

According to Lucier, the dormitory will be ready to live in around July 24.

The building is unique in many ways. The dorm expands on the idea of a suite style of

living that can be seen in Scott and Belk dorms, but does it in a way that truly realizes what a suite should be like.

Two student rooms branch off of a kitchenette and a living room area with a sofa.

Each student room has a private bathroom, while the kitchenettes will each have a full size refrigerator and microwave.

Each floor will have a kitchen that is bigger than the kitchenette in the rooms, for students who have need of a stove or want to make larger meals.

"The spaces do not really feel like a residence hall, some of them feel like a loft apartment that you would see in an urban area," said Lucier.

Built to house 488 students, the massive dorm cost approximately \$32 million.

The building has been in design and construction for five years.

Students can take comfort in having access to two elevators when dealing with the hassle of moving in and out. There is even a waiting list to live there this year.

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found in smaller fish that the public is more likely to catch while fishing and then eat.

Unlike mercury found in thermometers, this type of mercury will stay in a contaminated person's system for a long period of time.

There is no kind of known treatment to rid the mercury from your body once exposed to it.

The state is currently working on a proposal to control and restrict mercury, which should be ready in the fall.

According to Pierson, the proposal's terms didn't pose a strong enough effect on controlling mercury.

The Sierra Club has made an effort to encourage them to enforce stricter measures to control mercury contamination.

The state also required power plants to reduce the amount of pollutants that contribute to smut and ozone in the N.C. Clean Smoke Stacks Act a few years ago. They weren't required to reduce mercury, but, in some cases, mercury was also decreased with the ozone and smut.

Current actions taken by the state include advisories to the public, however the decision to eat certain types of fish is left up

to the public.

The Greenville Sierra Club wants the public to be more socially aware of how to avoid mercury contamination.

According to Pierson, she still has trouble identifying which fish are safe because it's hard to remember all the fish that are on the advisory.

The advisory covers just North Carolina. The trouble with deciding if the fish is safe emerges when you know which fish is on the advisory but you realize that it came from a different state or country.

Most people don't have common knowledge about if there are large amounts of mercury present in waters outside of their state.

The Greenville Sierra Club and the University of North Carolina at Asheville have found through various studies that approximately one in five women in North Carolina have high levels of mercury in their body.

To get the advisory list and to find out more about the dangers of mercury contamination, visit www.southernenvironment.org.

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by Chancellor Steve Ballard.

During her tenure as Dean of Education, the College of Education received two national awards for excellence in teacher education, increased enrollment by 40 percent, built the largest distance education program among schools and colleges of education in the UNC System and increased grant resources by 40 percent, among other accomplishments.

Her emphasis has been on the establishment of meaningful relationships, both internally and externally among units on campus and with community colleges, public schools, community agencies and other institutions of higher education.

Her biography also states that she reflects a strong belief in continuous improvement as an important leadership strategy. Her research and publication interests are in the areas of leadership, change in higher education and student success.

Dr. Sheerer has great interest in

changing the way Student Life is run.

"I want to take a careful look at realigning the positions so that our staff members can give the students the greatest chance for success. Student success is why we are all here and that's what we want to see. I am going to integrate the 'co-curricular activities' part of student's lives. I want to bring things together for them so that they can see the whole picture of the educational process here at ECU. A lot of that has to do with the alignment of jobs in the Student Life Division. We need to be strategic in our plans for a Student Life Division that runs more smoothly," she said.

Certainly her colleagues are excited about working for her as well.

"She will do a great job with this and I am looking forward to working with her and being a part of the positive changes that she will bring," said Amy Waters, assistant vice chancellor of Student Life.

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SGA looks to complete second summer goal

Revisions to the funding manual

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
STAFF WRITER

SGA has been working vigorously to finish their second goal for the summer: revising the funding manual.

The summer legislative branch has put in a lot of time and effort to make changes to the document so that funding can be allotted to student organizations more efficiently.

The first draft of the emergency funding manual has been completed.

Further recommendations for the manual will be made at a meeting tomorrow night.

The legislative branch expects to complete the remaining revisions to the document by next week.

After completing the emergency funding manual, the SGA will move on to their third and final goal for the summer.

The last goal that the summer branch will tackle is providing a clear definition of what exactly a funding board is and what responsibilities and roles it has.

There are only two more meetings left for the summer SGA. The summer branch concludes their meetings on July 24.

Despite the time restraints, the branch seems ready to get started on their final goal.

Students are encouraged to come to the weekly meetings held on Mondays in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 14.

Readers may visit www.ecu.edu/sga or call 328-4742 if they have any questions or concerns.

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a direct blow at a popular pastime that is taken for granted by millions of multitasking drivers.

At any given moment during the day, 10 percent of drivers on U.S. roads are gabbing away on their wireless devices, according to a 2005 estimate by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Bad idea, said psychologist Frank A. Drews, one of the Utah study's authors.

"It's kind of almost unpredictable how they are driving," Drews said.

When using cell phones, drivers had slower reaction times and more accidents, and they drove inconsistently, sometimes approaching other cars then falling back, he said.

Cellular industry officials acknowledge that phones can be a distraction but said there are ways to use them sensibly.

It is unfair to single out phones, said John Walls, a spokesman for CTIA—The Wireless Association, a Washington-based trade group.

"I think there are just a multitude of distractions that are out there," Walls said.

"And by focusing on just one, you're creating a false sense of security among people."

In another recent study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, other distractions, such as applying makeup and reading, were found to be much more risky.

In the Utah study, both cell-phone use and alcohol caused participants to "drive" more erratically over the simulated 24-mile

course, but in different ways.

Cell-phone users were involved in more "accidents" and they took about 70 milliseconds longer to react when the car on the video screen in front of them hit the brakes—a delay during which a car traveling 55 mph would cover more than 5 feet of road.

When the drivers were drunk—with a blood-alcohol content of .08—they followed other cars more closely and they braked 23 percent more forcefully, a potential problem for motorists behind them.

They also had twice as many close calls as they did when sober, defined as stopping less than 4 seconds away from a collision.

The participants were given a mixture of vodka and orange juice. Their level of drunkenness—equivalent to four drinks in an hour on an empty stomach for a 170-pound man—was verified with a breath monitor.

By one key measure, cell-phone users were even worse than drunk drivers.

When talking on the phone the drivers had three accidents, but when they were drunk they had none.

The drivers also had no accidents when they were sober and not using phones.

Researchers said they were surprised that the drunk drivers were accident-free.

They urged people not to misconstrue the results as suggesting that drunk driving is safe; there is no question it is not.



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In My Opinion

Thank you, Kim Jong-il

DUSTIN B. PITTMAN
OPINION COLUMNIST

Today, I'd like to take the time to say "Thank You" to Kim Jong-il, the communist dictator of North Korea. It is because of him that I am able to write this column this week.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il, for proving to us that Ronald Reagan was right on March 23, 1983 when he told America of our need for the Strategic Defense Initiative, code named "Star Wars." Your decision to develop and launch seven intercontinental ballistic missiles has shown us once and for all that we need a ballistic missile shield around the United States and our allies. While I don't always concur with President Bush, I praise him today for his continuance of this Reagan-era policy of protecting our people. I hope one day our allies in Canada and Mexico will join with us so that North America is fully protected from powers in the world that wish to destroy us. Without the ability to shoot ICBMs out of the sky before they are allowed to detonate over our country we would now be vulnerable to an attack from communist North Korea. Without Star Wars, we would not be able to enter into diplomatic means to deal with you; we would be forced to act militarily.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il for showing us that America's decision to pull back from above the 38th Parallel was a bad decision. It is because of communist dictators like you that we should have allowed our Marines to push forward and continue to win in Korea and spread democracy across the Far East.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il for shocking our allies in Japan. Thank you for reminding them that it is America, that bright light upon a

hill which allows for its security. Thank you for proving that even duds fired from your country can reach not only to Japan, but also over it. Thank you for showing that your missile tests in 1998 were not a joke. Thank you for putting fire under the feet of the Japanese so that they may lead UN discussions with a force even greater than that of the United States.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il for awakening the United Nations to the fact that the world is not a happy place. Hopefully it will be because of your actions that this "world watchdog" will finally evolve into the worldwide security force that our former President Woodrow Wilson envisioned when he designed the League of Nations. Thank You, Kim Jong-il for letting the United Nations know that there are insane leaders like you who will stop at nothing for a morsel of power. It is my hope and sincere desire that when we come to the table with North Korea to discuss your desire for a nuclear missile program that the United Nations will act with all the just force they can. I hope that they will not allow you to use your actions, which violated agreements already made with your country, to create a better bargaining space in the world. I hope the United Nations does not concede to your desire for a weapons program and it is my desire that you will step away from the table with international sanctions which will help provide for the security of our world.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il, for awakening Russia to the fact that even they with their former might are no longer secure in their own region. Thank you for bringing them back to the realization that America won the Cold War and it is through our guidance and

leadership that the world will remain secure. I hope your actions will bring Russia to the table with the same resolute determination that America brings. I hope your actions will help Russia, as well as other nations of the world come to the table with the desire to sanction your country for their actions.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il for showing America where China really stands. For many years our country has "danced" with China in the hopes that one day it will fully open to American products Chinese markets serving over one billion people. For too long we have made efforts to put our hand in the Chinese cookie jar, while sometimes overlooking the fact that China still is a communist country. We must act with the best interest of the world in mind, not the best interest of American pocketbooks. Hopefully, we can awaken China to the realization that North Korea is not a country they should be standing up for or using their Security Council veto for. Hopefully, they will join with the other countries of the world in issuing sanctions against North Korea so that we may show the other dictators of the world that it is not okay to violate the rules of the international community.

Thank you, Kim Jong-il for showing us that Americans were right in their outrage at North Korea starting up their nuclear reactor. While you claimed that it was in a desire to provide energy to your people, we can now understand and fully see the true intent of that nuclear program. Hopefully we will not continue to turn a blind eye to it.

Finally, Kim Jong-il, I hope that you will never have the ability or the desire to show any being of the world the true power of modern nuclear weapons, and I hope that you will never be allowed to.

Pirate Rants

What the heck happened to Cafe Caribe? I know they were hurting for business but give me a break!

One day, I'm going to become rich and famous when I invent a device that allows me to punch people in the face over the internet.

I never thought I would say this, but I miss Greenville.

I like summer sessions so much better. The semester is shorter so you knock out credits hours like crazy. Also, the campus is much quieter, much less congested. Come fall, we'll have 20,000 people milling about, talking on cell phones, oblivious to the world around them.

To the individual who finds it funny to take computer power cables at Joyner Library: We found your stash and will begin the process of beating you with these cables when we catch you.

Does anyone else cringe when their mother says, "Honey we are having the relatives over for a BBQ, you can make it right?"

Why do they sell you a phone and then upgrade their stock, but you can't find parts for the one you have. I mean just because I got a phone a year ago and can't upgrade for another year doesn't mean that I may not need to still find a charger at the networks store.

On the go breakfast food that comes in a little package... Whoever created Pop-tarts should get a Nobel Peace Prize.

I don't get to see my friends over the summer because they spend 24/7 with their boyfriends. I mean girls, is it really that hard to hang out without your boyfriend with the girls once in a while?

Why does University Unions have

a policy on inter-office dating? I mean we are in college aren't we supposed to be meeting our further spouses? Or can we meet them and just not date them?

My boss called to check in on me while I am on vacation. She said that the office is quiet when I'm not there. Does this mean that everyone thinks I am loud and obnoxious?

Ok, so I understand why there have to be two lights: one at the bottom of the Hill and the other to let the buses out. But why is it that when one turns green the other one is red? It takes like 20 minutes to get through that tenth of a mile stretch. Can someone rework the timers, please!

I hate taking summer school classes online while I am at home. I already have so much to do, and now I have to keep up with an online class? Bad move on my part!

Is anyone else ready for lil jon to just go away?

If it isn't video games, it is reading Pirate Rants... When will you pay attention to me for a change?

Summer sucks now that it doesn't mean time off from school, or beach days or seeing old friends because I'm stuck in Greenville!

Seriously, what difference does it make? I'll be 21 in a month.

Attendance policies are absolutely ridiculous. If I pay for a class and decide to not go to it every day, but still manage to get my work in on time and take my exams/quizzes, and do well on them to boot - then I should be able to without penalty!

What happens if there is a car in the left hand lane and a police officer in the right... am I supposed to hit the officer?

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Aries: You'll need the others to help you achieve the goals you've set for yourself. Get their agreement first. Don't assume they already know what you want.

Taurus: The money's steady, but you could sure find uses for more of it. For the next several months, extra thriftiness is the best bet. If you have kids, put them to work.

Gemini: You can't do everything all by yourself, not that you would want to. It's always nicer to have somebody else along, with a good sense of humor. Make the invitation.

Cancer: Don't get out on the little branches where money's concerned. Don't believe everything other people tell you, either. Trust and verify.

Leo: Once you have a plan, the whole endeavor will proceed more quickly. Have that be your primary objective now. Don't get on until you have it.

Virgo: The harder you work, the closer you'll get to making a dream come true. It might be somebody else's dream, though. This is fine, if it pays the bills.

Libra: Make time for a long conversation with a person you care about. You'll learn something that makes you fall in love together even more.

Scorpio: You need a few new things around the house, but don't get crazy. Find a great deal on one thing so you can afford retail on another.

Sagittarius: You're hot on the trail of a technical breakthrough. This could make your life much easier. There is a slight learning curve, so find a quiet place to study and read the manual.

Capricorn: Your cheerful attitude is greatly appreciated. In this situation, your sense of humor is giving you a business advantage.

Aquarius: You're providing inspiration. Others are busily trying to figure out how to build what you envision. This is a good thing.

Pisces: Important people are watching to see what you're going to do next. Keeping your promises is the key to your amazing success.

Pirates of the Caribbean: DEAD MAN'S CHEST



Johnny Depp, Captain Jack Sparrow, runs from oncoming danger.

Why theaters were sold out all weekend

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

It is time to venture into the world of pirates and mythological fantasy given to us by the new movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*. This is the second creation in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series brought to us by Disney.

The movie stars the same main players from the first movie: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and the ever lovely Keira Knightley.

Oddly enough, these actors have great chemistry with one another which translates pretty well to the story unfolding on screen.

This movie is the story of Davy Jones and his army of sea-phantoms to whom Jack owes some sort of unpaid debt.

Always in trouble, Jack also has to overcome the Kraken beast which the power of the Dead Man's Chest commands. The mythological character of the Kraken is basically a giant angry squid capable of taking down entire ships at one time.

As usual, pirates on the hunt for their booty are bound to run into some trouble, which is a fate no different than that for these pirate characters.

Johnny Depp is great as Captain Jack Sparrow or should I say,

he is great doing an impression of a famous guitarist from the Rolling Stones. His acting alone seems to be the highlight of the humor and the movie for me. Not to be completely outdone, Keira Knightley is as beautiful as ever and pulls off the sexuality of her character in this movie quite well.

Orlando Bloom... is just garbage in my opinion. Seriously though, he seems to be in the cast just to attract females to the theater, a role which Johnny Depp does sufficiently. It is cool to look confused all the time but I think his village misses their idiot very much.

There are some great moments of comedy to lend a hand in this movie although it seems that they are far too spaced apart for my liking.

This movie has some great fight scenes and is scripted quite well. It does seem that the movie lacked some direction and forgot to explain a few vital elements, but was overall very well done.

Overall, I would commend both the graphics and acting in this sequel. Both seemed to be honed by true professionals while integrating flawlessly for a great movie. This is an extremely entertaining sequel which I am sure all are happy to have seen it.

I would recommend anyone to go see this movie as a great way to escape into fantasy land

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An airy summer comedy for the girls

The Devil Wears Prada is a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

People always say it after they see a movie like this: the book was better than the movie. Keeping that in mind, I refrained from reading *The Devil Wears Prada* before going to see it on the screen. I did not want to have any expectations and frankly, I just wanted to be thoroughly entertained on a Sunday afternoon.

Having stated that, I have no idea what the differences are between the book and the movie, and will therefore stay away from

that in my review.

Guys be warned, this really isn't the movie for you (unless you have a secret obsession with couture fashion). This is the ultimate chick flick full of love triangles, catty co-workers and the boss from hell.

Based on what I have read, *The Devil Wears Prada* is based on author Lauren Weisberger's experience as *Vogue's* editor-in-chief Anna Wintour's assistant.

Andy Sachs, played by Anne Hathaway (*Brokeback Mountain*, *The Princess Diaries*) is a recent graduate from Northwestern who with a journalism degree in tow, is ready to take on the world. Of course, being in New York, no one cares and she instead lands the job as Miranda

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Meryl Streep as the vicious Miranda Priestly in *The Devil Wears Prada*.

Following proper protocol for concert attendance



Keep off the grass and the lawn area too

LIZ FULTON
STAFF WRITER

Spreadnecks. Deadheads. Wayne-iacs. The musical acts that possess a cult following know how to keep their fans happy- they go on tour every year.

As early as April, bands such as Widespread Panic, the Dave Matthews Band and Jimmy Buffett begin their magical trek across the United States delighting their fans with the songs that made them so beloved and teasing them with new ones.

There is so much anticipation and excitement involved with the purchase of tickets and the impending road trip associated with a show. Packing up the SUV and plotting the best way to get booze into the amphitheater are just some of the things to get accomplished on the old to-do list.

The day of the show arrives, and you're stoked to see the band that has helped define your life.

You stake out your seat on the lawn and you prepare for the greatest three hours of your life. Then

all of a sudden, the most annoying people on earth drop a blanket down right beside you.

Who are these people? They are definitely not true fans because if they were, they would not be talking on their cell phones.

"Never call someone during a concert and try to play the song for them," said notable WZMB radio personality Jimmy Goose. "They are not going to be able to hear it anyway, and you're just distracting the people around you."

Furthermore, don't be "that guy" that comes to a concert either in a previous tour shirt or in the current one. No one cares how many shows that you've been to. Wearing the shirt solidifies your state as useless.

Another stereotype to stay away from is the significant other that has been dragged to the show. Pick up your skirt and pretend to have a good time because your girlfriend will thank you later.

When attending a concert that has a substantial fan base, take heed to follow the rules of the herd. You are in their world, and they can spot a poser from a mile away. Do not, I repeat DO NOT, sing along to the songs that receive radio air

play. Most fans did not pay \$50 to hear your drunken renditions of "Margaritaville" where you leave out the lost verse and don't scream "salt" incessantly.

I am proposing that the lawn section be designated into multiple sections. Dead center is reserved for the real fans. These are the people that know every song, every inside joke and cheer manically at everything the lead singer says.

The top right corner belongs to the drunk idiots who only go to shows to say that they went to a show. I say they can all sway into each other and throw punches until they all self-destruct.

On the left side of the lawn is where those of the more herbal persuasion should reside. They should be close enough to the hard-core fans so that they can enjoy their natural refreshments. Remember, not spreading the wealth is the worst act one can commit at a show.

Many wise people have sang the immortal words, "One good thing about music/ when it hits/ you're feeling no pain." No pain indeed, unless a hippie tramples your feet.

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Concerts are neither the time nor the place to act like fools and possibly ruin the show for everyone else like the students pictured above.

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Priestly's assistant. She is told it is the job "a million girls would die for" because Priestly is the editor-in-chief of *Runway* magazine, the Mecca of all things fashion.

In the beginning Andy could care less about working at *Runway*. She dresses like a disheveled Gap advertisement and endures comments about her hair and being (gasp!) a size six.

She has her close friends, a pre-tentious lot who are slaving away at their menial jobs and dreaming of their imminent success. Her boyfriend Nate (played by Entourage's Adrian Grenier) is working toward landing a successful chef position and loves her just the way she is.

She encounters Christian Thompson (Simon Baker) a freelance writer who circulates effortlessly in this world and provides a possible love triangle. There is also Nigel (the fabulous Stanley Tucci) who as *Runway*'s fashion director helps Andy into her transformation as a savvy sophisticate.

As the movie progresses, it becomes more about Andy's transformation and induction into the elite fashion world than about the hassles of her über-demanding boss.

The Devil Wears Prada illustrates the sacrifices one must be willing to take to advance and

the loss of the soul that results. As Andy becomes better at her job, she begins to drift from her friends and into a world that is completely obsessed with the surface of things.

It is a very well-done movie and much of the credit goes to Meryl Streep. Her performance as an icy dictator keeps the whole movie rolling and her brief moments of vulnerability makes it impossible to completely hate her.

As a female, I enjoyed this movie immensely and had no feelings of guilt spending my money on a movie ticket. The clothes are enough to make tomboys like me drool and entertain the notion of moving to New York and working in fashion.

I did have one problem with the movie. Throughout the movie Andy is mocked for being a size six and told that it was "the new 14." For much of the movie, she simply shrugs it off, but as the movie nears its end, she comments to Nigel about becoming a size four.

I guess even the most self-confident person is not safe from the weight monster.

Grade: B+

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Is this summer love or lust?



Couples like this never can tell.

The question that everyone asks

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

Everyone can agree that love is a wonderful and necessary feeling, but since it can not be seen, weighed or measured, no one can really explain what it truly means to be "in love." Couples everywhere

tell each other, "I love you," but do they really know what they are saying?

Love is a warm feeling that you have for someone who you can trust, talk to, turn to for support and share common interests with. Love does not care what someone looks like, how much money one has or what kind of car they drive. Love should be unconfined, sincere and unselfish. If your partner can be a part of your whole life, then that is an indication of love. The two of you should not have to hide things or be deceitful towards each other.

"I know that I love my girlfriend because I have never been so open and free to express myself like I am with her. She makes me feel comfortable and even if I have had a bad day, just seeing her makes me smile," said James Daniel, sophomore criminal justice major.

True love is more a sense of friendship and respect. When you do not find yourself trying to impress your partner, instead only wanting their happiness and well being, then you know it is love. Putting your partner ahead of yourself is the first step to expressing those feelings. Real love looks

past the imperfections and learns to accept as well as appreciate the little things. A deep respect for another's individuality helps create a bond between two people, which cannot be changed. If you love someone you want to know what they hate, love, think and believe. When love is in play faults and weaknesses of the other person are recognized and accepted. You always want what is best for the person you love; you know their dreams and do nothing but show support and encouragement to help them achieve these things.

Many of these feelings can come from a sense of infatuation as well. How do you know if you are infatuated with someone or really love them? Infatuation is like a form of madness, you are consumed by your thoughts and nothing else seems to matter. Your life suddenly becomes wrapped around another person and it is hard to be without him or her. Infatuation focuses primarily on how the other person makes you feel and what they can do for you. I believe lust is mainly a physical attraction that most people mis-

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Waterloo's new release

What to expect

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Hey Libertines! Didn't Mick warn you not to look back into the sun? Guess he was too busy signing *Combat Rock* posters for your fans, huh?

It's sad these two lovebirds cannot pull it together. While Pete Doherty's busy nodding off into the Interzone, Carl Barat has finally made due of those early Julian Casablancas comparisons.

Waterloo to Anywhere isn't horrible. Dub it on top of *Down In Albion* and we might have something. Call in Mick Jones to do the cut and paste work and release it as *Albion to Anywhere*. I'm sure the limeys would love it.

Wishful thinking, but both these solo endeavors lack the craftiness that separated The Libertines from The Strokes. Songs like "What a Waster" worked not because they were catchy, but autobiographical.



Like Babyshambles proved Doherty's absence of direction, DPT songs like "Bang Bang You're Dead" show Barat lacks the life experience to write meaningful lyrics.

The window has shut, leaving these two bodies wandering aimlessly behind the curtains of stardom. But then again, how many memorable ensembles have produced more than two albums you can fall back onto with such admiration.

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take for love. When two people are infatuated with each other it is a dream-like feeling of happiness and bliss, but as soon as one person crosses the line the disagreement could get ugly.

"I dated this guy for about six months and then out of the blue he tells me that he loves me. I do not feel like that was love, I just think it was two people having a good time and a wonderful physical connection," said Katherine Stewart, junior English major.

Many of us are still too young to fully understand the true meaning

of love. It is definitely an experience everyone should have and fully appreciate. It is very difficult to open yourself up and let your emotions run wild or to throw your heart out on the line for someone else to take care of.

Making yourself vulnerable is always a scary feeling, many fear rejection or the fact that one day the relationship may end and they are left with their heart in a million pieces. Once you find someone who you can trust, who you can talk to and know they will always be there then that is the first signs of

someone who could possibly sweep you off your feet.

Over time infatuation could turn into love, but many people split before they ever find out. Just be careful who you trust and try not to get hurt, but also keep other peoples' feeling in mind. They are probably just as nervous about a new relationship or taking things to "the next level" if they are already in a relationship, so just remember to live, love and laugh.

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for a few hours.

I give the movie a grade of an A- only because of the way it ended so quickly. I do understand that it was planned that way to leave room for the third movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* but, it just seemed to move too quickly at the end. We will all wait anxiously for the third movie scheduled for 2007.

Grade: A-

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Players stretch at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility before the second annual Strongman competition.



Defensive end Craig Harper receives encouragement during the 400-pound Farmers' Walk.

Football players show progress in second Strongman Competition

Junior tight end Jay Sonnhalter wins Blackbeard's Challenge

ERIC GILMORE
SPORTS EDITOR

Defensive tackle Jay Ross' arms went numb, completely gassed while his teammates cheered and egged him on. Ross found enough strength to hobble towards his predetermined goal.

The mammoth-sized Ross had just finished the Farmers' Walk, one of 10 events during the second annual Strongman Competition at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility Monday in the grueling summer heat.

The Farmers' Walk isn't as easy as it sounds. The event consisted of hauling 400 pounds, (a petty 200 pounds per arm) the length of a football field. As Ross, who won one of the two heats, figured out, the first 50 yards are easy for 300-plus pound linemen. It's the next 50 and especially the last 10 yards that are so taxing.

To get rid of individualistic tendencies, Mike Golden, head strength and conditioning coach, separated the squad into 10 teams that featured 11 players apiece. Like last year, prominent seniors

"Sitting out two years, you're thinking a lot. I'm going out there trying to help. As long as I can go out here and do what I know I can do, I'll be straight."

JAMAR BRYANT

were designated to be in charge of selecting the best team member for specifics event.

However, unlike last year, the results were far from similar. A year ago, players were littering the ground, sunken over from dead exhaustion. On Monday, players endured the challenges with relative ease.

"Last year when we were doing the sled push, people were falling out, about to die, couldn't finish," said cornerback Kasey Ross.

"We're in a lot better shape and we look better than last year."

Only four players threw up,

which was a marked improvement over the multiple players that suffered last summer. Despite the puking, the times overall were better. With a year under Golden's leadership, the events showed progress.

"We were looking pictures of our guys from the Strongman last year compared to this year," Golden said.

"It's not even close. This team has come so far."

Golden, who organized the event with his support staff, also served as the main judge. The ten events included the sled pull, log press, wooden sled push, 800-yard relay, trapbar weight hold, tire flip and a gauntlet known as Blackbeard's Challenge.

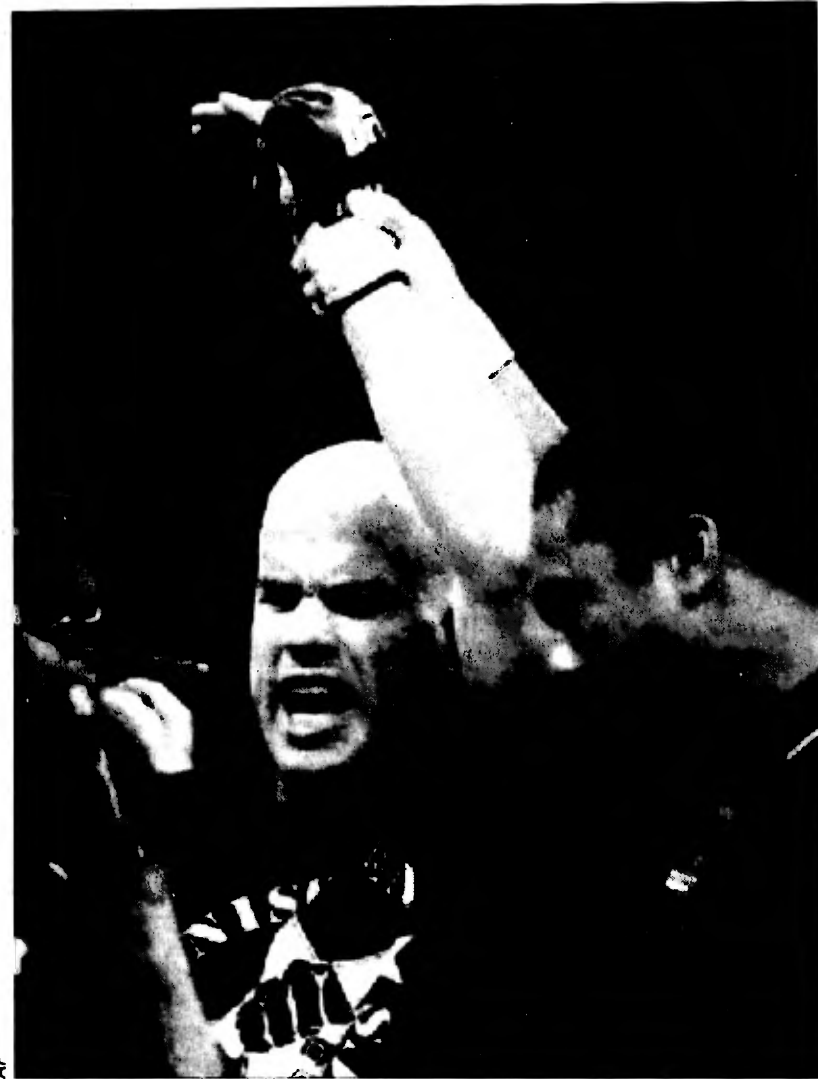
During Blackbeard's Challenge, a player must carry and balance a weight set on his shoulders, crab walk, flip a tire three times, do an agility drill, push a wooden sled, roll for 10 yards and then finish it with a dead 100-yard sprint.

"You've got to be a man to take that on," Golden said.

"You can't be OK at this and that. You've got to be good at everything. When you hit that 100-yard sprint at the end, you've

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UFC the next WWE?



Tito Ortiz celebrates his light heavyweight win over Ken Shamrock.

(AP) — Shortly after a group of investors bought the nearly bankrupt Ultimate Fighting Championship in 2001, the company put on a pay-per-view bout.

But the fight ran over its allotted time. Angry viewers didn't get to see the conclusion.

"It was a very bad start," UFC President Dana White acknowledged. "It took us a long time to rebuild."

UFC has since found its legs and it's making money. The privately held Las Vegas-based company has been slowly bolstering its brand, forging a successful relationship with cable network Spike TV and reshaping attitudes about the violent sport.

More importantly to the bottom line, UFC has begun to attract impressive audiences with each of its pay-per-view fights, appealing to young men who yearn for a good slugfest in the absence of a strong heavyweight boxing card.

"This thing isn't going anywhere," White said. "This is the new combat sport."

UFC is mixture of martial arts, boxing and wrestling. The best fighters have mastered elements of all three sports. The combat takes place over three rounds (championships are five) inside the UFC's caged ring, named "The Octagon" with judges scoring the bout.

But this is not Wrestlemania. The punches and kicks are real. The fighters are dead serious. The top ones train year-round to give the boisterous crowds a bone-crushing good time. The atmosphere at the fights rivals boxing matches. It's a sport, albeit a bloody one.

"You have to be able to wrestle, strike and do submission," UFC lightweight champion Chuck Liddell said. "You have to be good at all three or you won't last long. The fighters have evolved."

Already sanctioned in more than 20 states, UFC has ambitions as big as the casinos in which its fighters duke it out.

The organization wants to legalize the sport nationwide,

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including New York, one of the biggest and most lucrative fight markets, and take its show to European arenas starting with a London office slated to open in October.

The UFC surprised the boxing world, hiring Marc Ratner, longtime executive director of the Nevada Athletic Commission, and John Mulkey, a former managing director at Wachovia Securities and Bear Stearns Co.

Ratner, who began in May, serves as vice president of Zuffa LLC, UFC's parent company, while Mulkey was named chief financial officer.

Ratner brings credibility to the UFC, which has been trying to prove it's a safe and serious sport and one worthy of coverage.

Brazilian Royce Gracie, a Jiu-Jitsu master, helped start UFC in 1993. Back then, the no-holds barred UFC was brutal, with fighters using all sorts of now-banned practices like head butting.

Fights were held in small venues such as Indian casinos and backwater towns. Liddell said his first UFC fight was held about eight years ago in Louisiana in front of a couple thousand folks. Liddell, a slugger with a devastat-

ing right hand, couldn't remember the town.

"Somewhere in the middle of nowhere," said Liddell, who's nicknamed "The Iceman."

Ratner recalled watching CNN in the 1990's while Ken Shamrock, one of the UFC's biggest stars, debated the organization's biggest detractor, Sen. John McCain of Arizona. After the show, Ratner remembered thinking Nevada would never allow the sport.

But it was Ratner, ironically, who helped thrust the UFC into the mainstream when he decided the sport had to be regulated while he was with the NAC. The commission approved the sport in 2001.

Out went bloody head butts and other vicious blows that could cause serious harm. In came a skilled and conditioned fighter.

"The biggest misconception that I've seen is that some people still think it's anything goes and there are no rules," Ratner said. "These guys are tremendous athletes."

Still, the UFC struggled. The deep pockets of Lorenzo and Frank Fertitta, who bought the UFC for \$2 million along with White, allowed the company to stay afloat.

White said UFC almost folded in 2003. But its fortunes began to change with a reality show on Spike TV called "Ultimate Fighter" that has given UFC its biggest stage, averaging 2.2 million viewers in its third season.

"Spike was a perfect fit for us," White said. "We know who we are going after."

The UFC's emergence as the premier mixed martial arts sport in the country and the show's popularity have made Liddell and other UFC stars wealthy.

That first fight in 1998 earned him \$1,000. Now Liddell makes more than a \$1 million a year from UFC bouts and lucrative sponsorships. And he doesn't fight in podunk towns. His last fight was in Las Vegas in front of 12,000 people.

"I can't complain," the 36-year-old Liddell said. "The TV show has helped us grow."

For Spike, the series brought in serious advertising dollars targeting men between the ages of 18 and 34, the network's prized demographic. Burger King, the U.S. Army and Taco Bell are among the advertisers.

Kevin Kay, Spike's general manager, said "Ultimate Fighter" was the network's highest-rated

program and biggest revenue generator.

But like Ratner, Kay worried whether UFC would repel advertising instead of attracting it, given its violent image.

"There was a lot of consternation," he said. "Is it gonna work? Are advertisers going to run away from it?"

The reality show, along with other UFC programming, has allowed the UFC to create and market its stars, the fighters who will ultimately decide the company's fortunes. Crowd pleasers such as Chris Leben and Forrest Griffin have become big draws.

"We've given them a huge television platform, and we helped them in their pay-per-view fights," Kay said.

Company executives wouldn't disclose what kind of audience their pay-per-view fights are generating but they did say recent numbers are at least comparable to World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. According to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the WWE had four events that averaged 482,000 pay-per-view buys in the fourth financial quarter of 2006.

However, UFC's cable ratings lag well behind the WWE broad-

casts on USA Network.

White thinks the UFC could generate a million buys one day very soon. Saturday's rematch between Tito Ortiz and Shamrock, bitter rivals who starred in the latest "Ultimate Fighter," was expected to tally more than a half million buys the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las Vegas.

For the second time, Ortiz beat Shamrock.

The fight sold out, with ring-side seats fetching \$750. About 12,400 people attended and tickets generated a \$3.5 million gate, a far cry from Zuffa's first UFC fight in Atlantic City that drew less than 5,000 people, and a \$217,150 gate.

While UFC attempts to conquer television, hurdles remain in getting the sport legalized across the country. In New York, the UFC faces a difficult battle; Gov. George Pataki opposes the sport.

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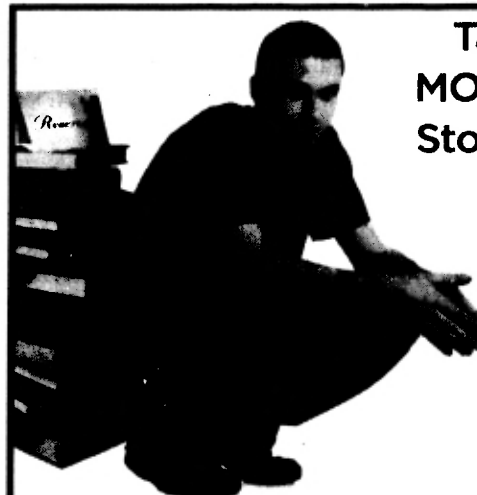
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got to be ready to go."

Tight end Jay Sonnhalter, who performed admirably last year, tallied the best time. Walk-on quarterback Wayne Hunter, an Air Force transfer, finished a close second. Davon Drew, Will Bland, Pierre Parker, Fred Wilson, Jarrett Wiggins and Daniel Muhwezi were among the other challengers.

Sonnhalter parlayed his individual win to bring his Oceans Cry team to victory. Kasey Ross, Kevin Roach, Pierre Bell, Paul Walsh and Mark Robinson were all prominent players in their respective events.

Jerek Hewitt and Chris Johnson impressed in the 800-yard relay while Mark Robinson and Dontre Brown vied for the log press title. Pierre Bell won the trapbar weight hold while Brett Clay put in a strong effort during the sandbag 300-yard shuttle.

"Golden has really done a great job of getting us in shape and a lot stronger," Roach, a senior wide receiver said.

"This competition was hard and in some events we struggled, but everyone gave it their all."

The third place team, Dark Adventure, headlined by Johnson and Brown received a mouth guard as their gag prize. Black Pearl, the

"I'm adjusting pretty good. As long as I get my school work out of the way, everything else will come in place. I'm excited about this upcoming year. I feel like I have a good opportunity to go out there and play as a freshman. It depends on how hard I try and what the coaching staff thinks. I don't think I'll redshirt this year...it's up to the coaches."

NORMAN WHITLEY

runner-ups earned a pair of socks. Thomas Wingenbach, Patrick Dosh and a surprise from walk-on defensive back Ronald Wright during the 800-yard relay ensured the second-place finish.

Other surprises included several freshmen and newcomers such as Jay Ross and defensive end C.J. Wilson, who both sat out last year. Jay Ross, Wilson and Jamar Bryant have gained all eligibility and like the freshmen are enrolled in summer classes.

"The freshmen competed pretty good," Golden said. "Better than I thought they would. The older guys brought them along. They're bringing them up to our level."

Still, the competition's

theme was the marked improvement from the continuous grinding in the Murphy Center. The weight room facility serves as the haven during both winter and summer months. As Golden preached several times, games are won from effort during the winter and summer seasons rather than fall.

"It's come down to [the] seniors having a lot of leadership," Kasey Ross, a potential captain said. "It showed out here, everybody was in shape and there was a lot of competition."

Golden credited the commitment of players like offensive guard Josh Coffman who went from 265 pounds to his current weight of 301, defensive end Scotty Robinson who is up from 205 to 242 and defensive end C.J. Wilson, who is hovering around 270 after signing as a freshman at 218.

"The work ethic is so ridiculous," Golden continued.

"I see the progress everyday. I knew it was going to look like this. Ninty-five percent of this team right now has the whole package. We're strong. We're fit. We're agile. We've got everything you want in a team right now."

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Quarterback Brett Clay carries a 300-pound bag of sand.



Mark Robinson, left, and Dontre Brown, right, compete in the log press.

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Two international gay athletic competitions to be held this summer

(AP) — If gays want to play flag football or darts, Chicago is the place to be. If they are looking to see how they measure up against the best gay handball players or are looking for a rousing game of bridge, Montreal is the spot.

Four years after the last Gay Games, there will be not one but two international gay athletic competitions this summer. In Chicago, the Gay Games VII will be held July 15-22. Then, from July 29-Aug. 5, Montreal will host the first Outgames 2006.

The two nearly simultaneous events are the result of a bitter dispute, primarily over money and control, between the Federation of Gay Games and organizers in Montreal, where the Gay Games originally were slated to be held. That dispute led the federation to move the Gay Games to Chicago and prompted Montreal to stage its own games.

There long has been concern that holding two events would hurt both by diluting the pool of athletes and cost them money

because sponsors would choose one at the expense of the other. But organizers of both events say they're attracting plenty of athletes.

About 12,000 are expected in Chicago, and the Outgames are expecting about the same number to participate in the games themselves, an international conference, or both.

"There are enough gay people in the world to have (two) events," said triathlete Hector Torres, a radio station promotions director in Orlando, Fla.

The Gay Games and Outgames will include about three dozen events. Some are exclusive to one city or the other (sailing in Chicago, table tennis in Montreal) but runners, swimmers, basketball players, figure skaters, bicyclists and others will compete at both venues. Both the Gay Games and the Outgames are open to gay and straight participants.

Organizers of both events say they have enough corporate sponsorship and other financial support to lead them to believe they won't lose money, as have previous Gay Games.

"We are estimating about 100,000 will participate, volunteer

and spectate in some fashion," said Kevin Boyer, an official with Chicago Games Inc., a not-for-profit group putting on the Gay Games. "The economic impact (to Chicago) will be \$50 to \$80 million."

While some athletes have told organizers they plan to compete in both Chicago and Montreal, many more are picking just one. Sometimes the choice is all about the individual sports. But there are other considerations, such as convenience, cost and even patriotism.

Mark Tewksbury, co-president of the organization staging the Outgames, said he suspects all those factors contributed to the lower turnout of American athletes in Montreal than he thinks there would have been if the Gay Games weren't being held in Chicago.

"That's where we got some significant fall off," said Tewksbury, a swimmer who won three Olympic medals for Canada, including a gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke at the 1992 Games in Barcelona.

At the same time, he said, "The international community seems to be coming to Montreal." There are 109 countries registered for the games, the conference, or both, he said.



Triathlete Hector Torres will compete in the Gay Games VII.

In Chicago, Boyer said competitors from 61 countries have signed up. But he acknowledged he has heard of some athletes going to Canada instead of Chicago because of government policies in the United States about issues such as gay marriage.

"Certainly there are people who have told us we love Chicago, we love the gay community in Chicago, but we cannot bring ourselves to come to the United States right now," he said.

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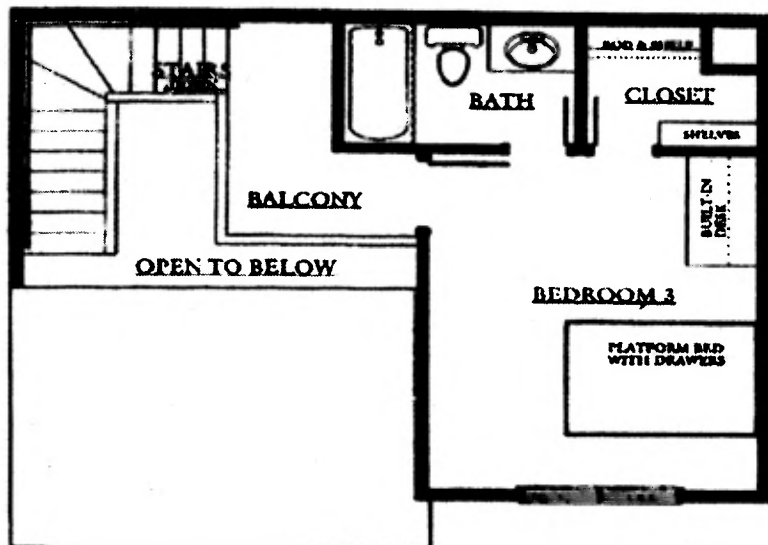
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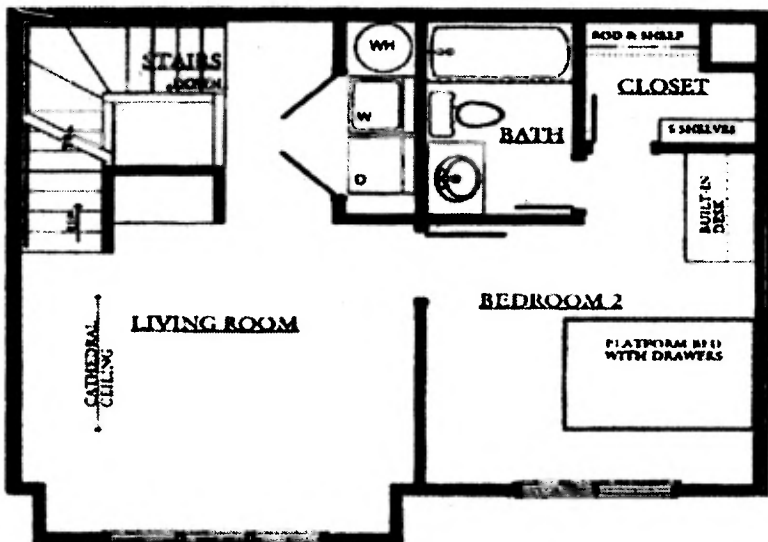
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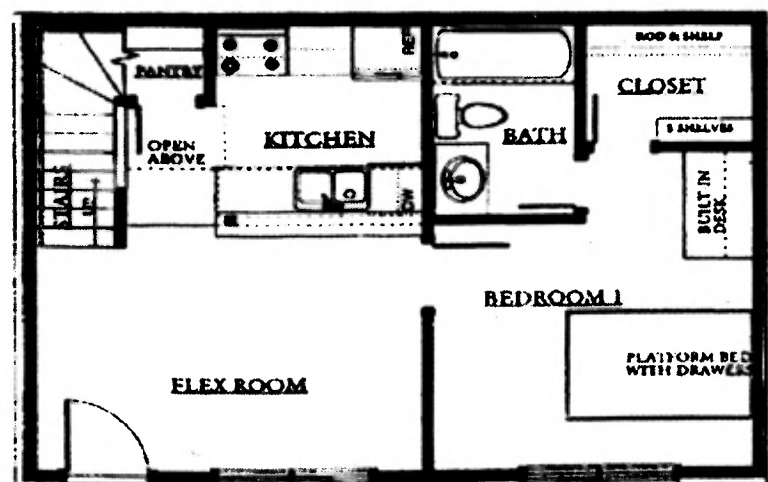
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