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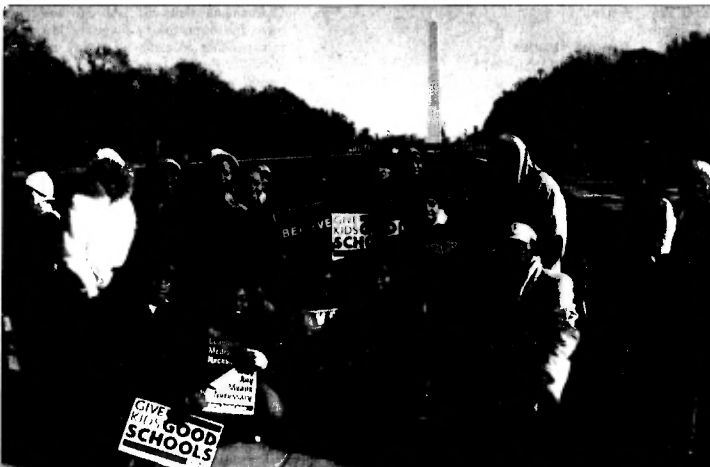
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Students protest in Washington, D.C.

Former ECU employee and two students indicted

Three may have taken more than \$100,000

ZACK HILL STAFF WRITER



ECU students pose in front of the Washington Monument after marching from the Supreme Court on Monday.

ECU sends more students than any other university in the state

ZACK HILL STAFF WRITER

ECU sent forty students to Washington, D.C. on Monday to participate in the "March on Washington to Save Brown v. Board of Education," an event sponsored by BAMN, the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action Integration and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary.

ECU's contingent, the largest sent by any North Carolina university, left on a bus at 2:30 a.m. on Monday to join a largely collegiate crowd of several hundred on the steps of the Supreme Court.

Protesters from across the country showed up in response to a combination of two cases dealing with school systems' attempts to achieve a racial balance that the court began hearing on Monday.

The cases have created a national firestorm with some, including many at the march, who worry that if the court rules in favor of the plaintiffs, it could reverse

many of the gains made after the 1954 "Brown v. Topeka Board of Education" decision, which explicitly banned segregation in public education.

"It's ridiculous that the Supreme Court would even entertain the notion of hearing these cases," said Jessica Ledbetter, senior history major and member of the Ledomia Wright Cultural Center emissaries, the group responsible for organizing the trip.

child in the school of their choosing. However, in 2002, a white boy's mother was not allowed to transfer her son to another school because it would have reduced the number of white students at his current school below the required percentage, which had been instituted to achieve racial balance. She sued the school system, saying that the system had violated her son's constitutional right of equal protection. The Seattle case is similar. A plan called "Open Choice" gave parents the ability to send their kids to any school in the system. But with some schools being more popular and more requested than others, a racial "tiebreaker" was established for the most applied to schools to maintain a racial balance.

Critics of the "tiebreaker," mainly from the system's predominantly white district, formed Parents Involved in Community Schools and sued the system saying that it was a form of unconstitutional racial discrimination. Both suits have lost in a string of federal court appeals, with the courts usually saying that a racially diverse school system does more good than harm. Solicitor General Paul D. Clement, the man responsible for arguing the case for the federal government in front of the court, said in the case's brief that though school systems are justified in wanting to produce racially balanced schools "the solution to addressing racial imbalance in communities or student bodies is not to adopt race-conscious measures."

Patrick Dixon, junior communications major and president of the

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Santa Claus comes to town



Sigma Gamma Rho, ECU's step team, participates in Greenville's annual Christmas parade held Saturday.

Christmas parade brings joy to young and old

VANESSA CLARKE STAFF WRITER

In uptown Greenville on Saturday, it was beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.

Green pine wreaths with big red and gold bows hung from the lampposts. Larger-than-life nutcrackers stood guard at the storefront of Jefferson's Florist in the old Blount Harvey building, while strings of unlit lights in the shape of a Christmas tree twinkled in the sunlight. The people who lined Evans Street wore Santa hats, reindeer antlers, Christmas

sweaters or were just bundled up against the wind. Despite the cold, residents came out to watch the Greenville Christmas Parade, which is put on every year by the Greenville Jaycees.

There were about 120 entries into the parade this year from Greenville and the surrounding areas, according to Karen Smith, assistant director of the First Year Center and freshman orientation, as well as a member of the Jaycees and chairperson of the parade.

The parade usually draws anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 people, but, "It is very hard to estimate because they're all lined up along the road," said Smith.

The Grand Marshalls this year were Chancellor Steve Ballard, his wife, Nancy Adams Ballard and

their dog. "They were very insistent about the dog," Smith said.

Sitting on Evans Street, spectators could hear the parade, especially the high school bands' drummers, before they came into view.

The first visible sign of the parade was the motorcycle riding police officers that led the way with blue lights flashing. The Grand Marshalls drove by next, in a silver convertible.

There were several other floats and entries into the parade. The Winterville Recreation and Parks Twirlers featured, young girls dressed in blue, gold and white costumes twirling their batons in

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Students prepare for the luminary ceremony in honor of World AIDS Day.

'A Boy, A Girl, A Virus' concludes AIDS Week

Couple shares realities of living with AIDS

VANESSA CLARKE STAFF WRITER

Wright Auditorium was packed with students intent on listening to the presentation entitled A Boy, A Girl, A Virus given by Gwenn Barringer and Shawn Decker, a couple dealing with the traumas of HIV/AIDS.

The program was about Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and the speakers came to talk about a relationship that involves HIV/AIDS.

"We're here to talk to you about when one person has HIV and the other doesn't," said Decker.

Decker has AIDS, however Barringer does not, and the couple wanted to share with students that it is possible to have a "loving, sexual relationship and have the other partner remain HIV negative." Decker had a disclaimer about the presentation that acknowledged that HIV/AIDS was not funny, but that humor was one of his coping mechanisms. He said that he used humor to get by.

"Please give me your laughter," he said. "It helps me live, it helps me survive."

He paused before adding, "You all have to laugh at my corny jokes now."

Barringer then spoke about herself and how she got involved in AIDS education, which led to her relationship with Decker.

When she was an 18-year-old freshman in college, she was convinced that AIDS was not something that would affect her personally.

"It was always something that happened to other people," said Barringer. "I just wasn't sure who those people were, but I knew they were out there."

However, Barringer saw a

young woman speak about her experiences living with AIDS and it completely changed her life.

"She was just like me," Barringer said. "It just really struck me that there are people like me out there with HIV."

The woman's story spurred Barringer to get involved with AIDS education. She went to graduate school where she researched HIV prevention in high school students.

Barringer and Decker met and became friends at a presentation about AIDS. Eventually, she said, they noticed that their feelings had developed past the point of friendship.

"It was never in my master plan to fall in love with someone with HIV," Barringer said. "This wasn't something I looked for, but I'm glad I did it because it's been the best relationship of my life."

After a bit of banter between the couple, Decker went on to tell how he contracted HIV and how it has affected him.

Decker was born with the blood-clotting condition hemophilia and contracted HIV through one of the blood products he was given to help his condition. In the early 1980s, there was no blood-screening test to make sure viruses did not get into the blood supply.

"One blood product was like having sex with thousands of people at one time," he said, "but not as fun."

In sixth grade, Decker found out he was infected and was told he had two years to live. His diagnosis got him kicked out of school because the school's administration did not recognize that HIV "can't be transmitted through number two pencils, spitballs, wedgies and whatever else happens in the sixth grade," Decker said.

Decker was readmitted to school in time for seventh grade

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Students voice concerns to deans

Annual Deans and Issues Forum held Thursday

ADELINE TRENTO STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, Nov. 30, the National Leadership and Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, sponsored the annual Deans and Issues Forum. The forum, which was held in the Bate building, gave students a chance to talk openly and discuss concerns with deans from various areas on campus.

Students were given the chance to interact with very important people including Dr. Lathan Turner, the assistant vice chancellor for Intercultural Student Affairs, Dr. Virginia Hardy from the Brody School of Medicine, Dr. Al Smith from the First Year Center and Dr. James Westmoreland, the associate

dean for External Affairs. Many students at the event felt that the Deans and Issues Forum was a great opportunity and a very beneficial experience for students.

"This event allows students to stay connected and know what's going on within the University," said Steven Such, senior management major. "It also helps to show students the resources that are available to them and they get to see the different perspectives on issues. At the same time, there are four great names here that are available and easy to get to."

Dr. Turner agrees that the Deans and Issues Forum was a beneficial experience for students. As a professional that works with students on a daily basis, Turner believes that speaking at this event was very important.

"My entire background has been in student affairs," said Turner. "We understand that the full devel-

opment of students means that we have to be actively engaged. We can't just sit behind a desk and administrate, we have to be face to face and help students through all of the different issues. Most of us take this on as a personal obligation as well as a professional obligation. We want to help students grow, learn and develop."

Students discussed concerns ranging from the upcoming centennial, leadership trends, the new dental program and ways to help first year students transition into college were all addressed.

Students and faculty were also given time to speak about their hopes for the future of ECU. Students discussed their desire for more women leaders, a women's center and a larger mentor program.

The overwhelming consensus at the event was that students want

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{ Campus Scene }

Horoscopes:

Aries
Do as much as you can over here in familiar territory. That'll give you more time for fun when you're over there.

Taurus
The temptation to overspend is still very strong. If you must, only buy things that will greatly increase in value.

Gemini
You're up against tough competition but that shouldn't bother you much. Put your heart into your presentation, and you'll change their opinions.

Cancer
Look at your list of "to-dos" again, objectively. Could somebody else do some of them? Scratch off, delegate or hire.

Leo
Your public and private personas are quite different, usually. Just assume the spotlight is always on you, cause it is.

Virgo
You're in a time crunch as you race around, trying to get everything done. Luckily, you're good at this. Have fun.

Libra
Before you go racing off to buy new, check what you have on hand. You can save yourself both time and money and quite a bit of frustration.

Scorpio
You'll be buying and selling rapidly, if you want to make a huge profit. The possibility is there. Be decisive and move quickly.

Sagittarius
You're in for some tough criticism. Luckily, you're in a good mood. Listen respectfully, and use the parts that will actually work.

Capricorn
As you get further into this project, you'll find all is not as you expected. Of course, now that you know that, you can have fewer expectations.

Aquarius
Tempers have cooled in some ways, and the climate has warmed up in others. Nobody's changed their minds, but everybody's laughing.

Pisces
Don't do a private project on company time. Nothing but grief will result, for you and everyone else.

Holiday Recipe:

Almond Snowballs
2 egg whites
Pinch coarse salt
1/3 cup sugar, eyeball it
1 1/2 cups, about 6 ounces, shredded coconut
1 teaspoon almond extract, eyeball it
1/4 teaspoon grated or ground nutmeg
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
9 candied red cherries, halved
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a mixing bowl, beat egg whites and salt to soft peaks, then add sugar and beat again until peaks are stiff. Beat in almond flavoring. Using a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, stir in half of the coconut. Sprinkle in the nutmeg and flour, stir, then fold in the remaining coconut.

Using a melon baller or other small scoop, or working with two spoons, form nine "snowballs" a couple of inches apart on each of two cookie sheets. Bake snowballs 12 to 15 minutes, until lightly golden. Remove from oven and garnish each snowball with half a cherry and a couple of slivered almonds. Transfer to a rack or serving plate to cool.

'Tis the season for giving, again

How to re-gift like a pro

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

As the holidays approach, the process known as re-gifting will be taking place across America as we search in haste to give something to someone special.

If your grandparents still think you are eight years old and feel the need to send you a soccer ball for the 10th year in a row, or your great-aunt Marge sends you a sweater that even your dog won't wear, don't fret. You may get some use out of such thoughtful gifts if you follow a few tried and true ideas for passing on the love, literally.

There are several approaches to re-gifting. One, less subtle way is to re-gift things as a joke or gag-gift.

For instance, as a guy, having a younger sister who now is older and doesn't use the same toys anymore is a very good thing, especially when you gift wrap a My Little Pony gift set and give it to one of the "manly" dudes in your circle of friends.

Things to also give in this circumstance: Easy-Bake Ovens, Barbie dolls and even old makeup sets. Now ladies, if you have a piece of jewelry that reminds you of someone not so special, give it to someone else who may not have your fortune in gifts.

An aunt, sister, friend, mom and even some guys would gladly accept a re-gifted piece of jewelry.

Don't think just because you don't keep the gifts you are given you're an ungrateful receiver — your generosity in re-gifting just shows you recognize someone else might be better off having them instead.

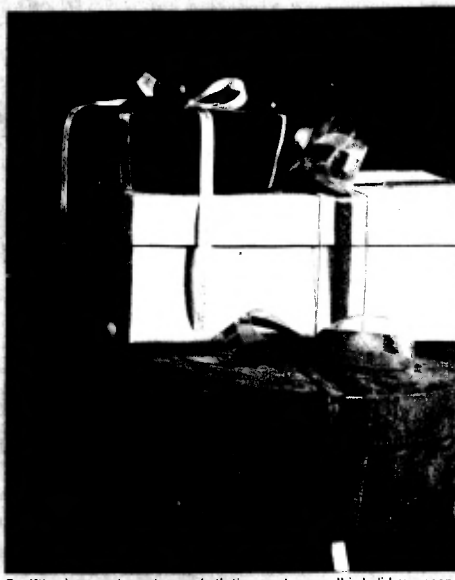
For example, if you know from past experience that box under the tree from Uncle Joe is bound to be a deck of cards or shaving set, you might opt to giving gifts that are still wrapped to the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.

Fruitcakes, ever-present during the holidays, are multi-purposed items. They make great doorstops, paperweights, bricks for building and (eventually) a mysterious edible chunky paste that never spoils.

Although re-gifting is a bit of a shady adventure, it can mean a symbolic departure from the past or even a cognitive recognition that you have something tangible to offer to others.

It can mean that you are truly thinking about others during the season. The holidays are all about the idea of giving to show you care, so the gift itself is less important than the gesture. Just make sure you don't re-gift back to the original giver because then you may be in trouble.

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Regifting is a great way to save both time and money this holiday season.

AAMN works to improve community

The ECU organization pulls together

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ECU has always been known for having a very diverse student community. There are organizations for students with all kinds of interests and hobbies. The American Assembly for Men in Nursing is an ECU organization for nursing majors and intended nursing majors that works to support men in nursing and the community as a whole. AAMN was first organized in 1971 to encourage men of all ages to join the nursing profession, to support the men who were already nurses to grow professionally and to be advocates for men's health issues.

According to aamn.org, the national purpose of the organization is to "provide a framework for nurses, as a group, to meet, to discuss and influence factors, which affect men as nurses."

At ECU, the School of Nursing AAMN chapter has a simple purpose according to Philip Julian, the faculty advisor for the chapter, "We are just here to get the word out to students."

Membership at ECU and nationally is open to any nurse, male or female, to better facilitate discussion and to meet the most important objective of AAMN — strengthening and humanizing health care.

Like any other strong organization, AAMN has objectives for their organization accord-



Ryan Lewis, Secretary; Craig Bagen, President; and Anna Mott, Event Coordinator.

ing to aamn.org:

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

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

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

-Support members' full participation in the nursing profession and its organizations and use this assembly for the limited objectives stated above.

This semester, one of the most important events that AAMN has participated in is the Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy

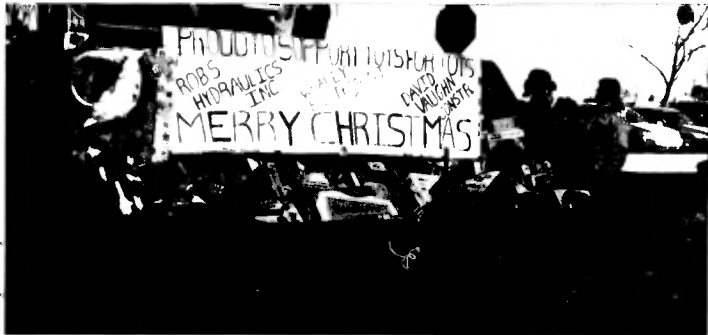
fundraiser. Using the proceeds from a bake sale and individual contributions, AAMN donated \$600 to the pharmacy, which is located in Siler City. The Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy is a non-profit, community based organization committed to reducing health disparities by providing access to quality pharmacy services for the low income, uninsured and underinsured residents of Chatham County.

Because AAMN does so much work for the community, many students may be interested in what AAMN will be doing next semester. Located below is the schedule for Spring 2007.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. is "Meet the Men of the SON Faculty," where all of the male faculty members from the School of Nursing will discuss their roles as

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Volunteers needed during holidays



Toys for Tots is one of the many programs that works to bring toys to children during the holiday season.

A student's guide to giving back

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This year, make the holiday season truly meaningful by giving some of your time to organizations that are helping those who are less fortunate. This holiday season, there are numerous volunteer opportunities out there.

Volunteering not only touches the lives of the people you are help-

ing but it also touches your life. The whole spirit of the holiday season is giving back and reaching out to those around you. Take some time to reflect on what the season means to you and give a little to someone else. Many of these organizations have openings for teens and children as well, so age is no excuse.

You can bring a smile to a child's face by helping the Salvation Army this Christmas. Families who cannot afford toys for their children come to The Salvation Army to receive gifts and a holiday meal

through their Toy 'n' Joy program.

From Nov. 20 to Dec. 15, the Salvation Army is also sponsoring "Giving Tree." At your office, church or any place there is a Christmas tree, The Salvation Army will send you Christmas tags. Each tag represents a child and includes a gift suggestion. Just before Christmas, the Salvation Army will arrange to pick up the toys to bring back to parents who cannot afford to buy any for their children.

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People who think flu shots are scary can opt for a nasal flu vaccination this winter.

This week in health: Influenza

Keys to keeping the flu at bay

KORRI-LEE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again: Christmas is around the corner, presents are being purchased and all the while, everyone manages to catch a cold. What some don't realize, however, is that their cold symptoms are really those of influenza, or what we commonly refer to as the flu.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by an influenza virus. Each year on average, anywhere from five to 20 percent of the population gets the flu, more than 20,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, and approximately 36,000 people die from it. Typically older people, young children and people with certain health conditions are at higher risk for serious flu complications.

If you are wondering what symptoms to look for, there are several identifying factors. First, fevers are typically characteristic of the flu, ranging anywhere from 100 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit and lasting between three and four days. Headaches are prominent, and general aches and pains tend to be severe. Fatigue and weakness can last up to two to three weeks, and extreme exhaustion occurs early and is prominent. Chest discomfort and coughing are also symptoms that are common and have the potential of becoming severe. Although a stuffy nose, sneezing and a sore throat are common cold symptoms, they may also occur as indicators of the flu. Complications that occur as a result of the flu often include bronchitis and pneumonia, both of which can be life threatening.

So now that you know what symptoms to look for, it is imperative that you know the appropriate preventative actions to take. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a vaccine. Although the best time to get vaccinated is in October or November, vaccinating in December (or later) can still be beneficial.

In the prevention of flu, two types of vaccines exist. The first is the traditional flu shot. Contrary to popular belief, this "flu shot" does not contain a live virus and cannot cause the flu. However, the vaccine can trigger an immune response from your body, giving you a few mild symptoms such as achy muscles or low fever.

A nasal flu vaccine called FluMist is the second preventative option. Unlike the flu shot, the nasal flu vaccine contains weakened viruses. Although these viruses don't usually cause illness, they have been known to occasionally cause the flu. This vaccine is recommended only for non-pregnant, healthy people between the ages of five and 49.

Since flu viruses differ from year to year, you need an annual flu shot to try to prevent the flu. Although the vaccines don't guarantee that you are 100 percent protected, they are still considered to be the best preventative measure currently available.

Both cold and flu viruses are transmitted through microscopic droplets from an infected person's respiratory system. When an infected person coughs or sneezes into their hands, they can then carry droplets to all the surfaces that they touch.

In order to protect yourself and prevent the spread of cold and flu viruses it is important that you wash your hands frequently. When you cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your hands be sure to wash your hands afterward. Try to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth so you can prevent germs from entering your body. Wash any shared surfaces (like phones and keyboards) frequently because viruses can live on these surfaces for several hours.

Avoiding crowds may also be beneficial in preventing the spread of such viruses. Also, a well-nourished immune system is better able to fight off infections. Remember to fuel your body with natural vitamins found in healthy foods and to exercise regularly.

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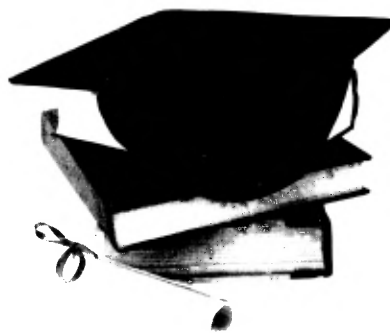
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**Last-minute
graduation guide**



Graduates are preparing to receive diplomas and turn tassels soon.

Tips for graduates and guests

The University Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. The ceremony is set to begin with a band concert at 9:30 a.m. and the Commencement program will begin at 10 a.m.

Family members, friends and guests of the degree-receiving candidates should enter Minges Coliseum through GATE two or three and proceed directly to the upper or lower seating areas.

Guests may park at Minges Coliseum, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Ficklen Drive and Harrington Field.

Degree-receiving candidates should dress appropriately. Women should wear dark dresses and black shoes with academic robes. Men should wear dark trousers, white shirts and black shoes with academic robes.

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nurses and as professors. The meeting will be held in the new Nursing and Allied Health Building in room 1150.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. is "Burn Care Nursing," where Ernest Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, Jaycee Burn Unit, nursing education clinician for Burn Outreach will speak in the new Nursing and Allied Health Building in room 1150.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. is "Financial Responsibility," where Lee Tingen, senior financial advisor of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., will discuss investment opportunities in the new Nursing and Allied Health Building in room 1150.

Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. is "Humanitarian Nursing," with Captain Craig Richters of the United States Air Force Nurse Corps in the new Nursing and Allied Health Building, in room 1150.

Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. is "Flight Nursing" with guest speaker Carl Briley, RN, East Care in the new Nursing and Allied Health Building, in room 1150.

Anyone interested in joining AAMN is welcome to attend their first meeting next semester or contact the ECU AAMN chapter president Craig Bogen at cab0615@ecu.edu.

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Through the donation of a shiny new unwrapped toy, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked this holiday season. Toys for Tots is a 59-year tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and is an IRS recognized not-for-profit public charity.

In 2005, Toys for Tots delivered more than 18.5 million toys to over 7.4 million children. Unfortunately, with over 13 million children living in poverty, Toys for Tots needs help more than ever this year to achieve their goal of delivering a toy to every child in need. Cash donations will help the Marines buy toys in bulk at deeply

discounted prices. These cash donations allow Toys for Tots to better ensure children receive both age and gender appropriate toys. Donations are 100 percent tax deductible and can be made online at toysfortots2006.com.

Another popular volunteer opportunity is through the Make-A-Wish foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation began in 1980 as the result of the efforts of volunteers. Today, the Foundation relies on nearly 25,000 volunteers to fulfill its mission. Volunteers have a chance to contribute their time and skills to improve the lives of others who are less fortunate. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and

comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Project Linus also provides a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities for the benefit of children.

These are just a few of the opportunities to give back this holiday. No matter what way you choose to make a difference, you can be sure that someone somewhere is grateful for your generosity.

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half featured the same from Sig Ep as they were able to pull away when Sigma Alpha Epsilon's three-pointers strayed.

Sig Ep team member Daniel Rosenblum credited the point guard play for his team's victory.

"Our point guard was just able to hit outside shots," said Rosenblum. "We held them down low. They're much bigger than us, but we held our own and got rebounds. That is how we won."

In the fraternity purple league, Kappa Sigma beat previously undefeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon 18-13. The first half was low scoring as Sigma Alpha Epsilon nursed a 10-9 halftime advantage behind two three-pointers from Mark Hardee. Kappa Sigma's defense proved to be too much in the second half, allowing only three points.

Kappa Sigma's Alex Vonsiatsky said that he looked forward to facing SAE once again after losing to them in the regular season.

"It was a big win," said Vonsiatsky. "We played SAE earlier in the year and they were a heck of a team and beat us. We were looking forward to playing them again and I'm happy that we could come out on top. It was a good game against a great team. They got a bunch of big guys, but we just played really well defensively."

The wheelchair league was a new addition this year, enabling those with disabilities to play basketball. However, the game didn't feature a handicapped player as participants walked from their wheelchair following the game.

The Ballers beat Gears of War, maintaining a steady lead from the beginning of the game till the end. Gears of War were not able to find any offensive rhythm, and with the slow paced causing by participating in wheelchairs, were not able to overcome the deficit.

After the game, Michael Hobgood commented that he welcomed the challenge of the wheelchair league.

"It was a challenge using the wheelchairs... knowing how to turn them and shooting from sitting down," said Hobgood. "We won the first couple games and kept winning, and now we're the champions. It was fun."

Intramural staff member Rachel Moser thought the entire 3-on-3 season went well.

"Overall, it was a pretty good season," said Moser. "We didn't have any issues. It's not as bad as 5-on-5 usually. We had good sportsmanship and a lot of good games."

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The intramural department held the annual 3-on-3 basketball championships Sunday night at the Student Recreation Center.

Five leagues were offered, featuring 50 teams in total. The leagues were wheelchair, men's purple, men's gold, fraternity purple and fraternity gold.

In the men's gold league, Dave's Team proved to be the better fittest team, beating the Tyrabolics in a high-scoring game. The first half was dominated by both team's offensive power. The Tyrabolics hit a buzzer beater to take an 18-17 lead into halftime after a frantic paced first half. The second half was played at even a faster pace with both teams exchanging leads.

In the men's purple division, Flava Flavs Flavor Squad downed Dem Dodez 43-19. In what was an even game for much

of the first half, Flava Flavs Flavor Squad pulled away in the waning minutes of the half to take a 17-11 advantage into intermission. The second half was totally dominated by the Flavor Squad on both the defensive and offensive side.

Jason Wood of the Flavor Squad thought that his team played well and hopes to defend the title next year.

"We came out and just tried to get it done," said Wood. "We knew we were going to face a tough squad today. Overall, I thought we played well, we had some holes in the defense, but were going to work on that for next season. We hope to come back next year and defend the crown."

Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon 29-19 in the fraternity gold league. The game started with both teams hitting their first couple shots and it appeared that the game would be all offense in nature. Sig Ep was determined to get the win and cracked down their defense. At halftime Sig Ep held a seven-point lead after Sigma Alpha Epsilon missed two putbacks as the buzzer sounded. The second

LADY PIRATES continued from A6

games contributed to her team's losing record.

"I think that we have had a tough schedule being on the road so much," the former Mercer University head coach said. "We have to regroup and get some wins together. Anytime you pick up one, we picked up one yesterday, it's good. Our goal

now is to get back to .500 before we start our conference schedule."

After the game, an all tournament team was selected. The team was comprised of LaCoya Terry, Jessica Slack from ECU, Fairfield's Baudu Lowenthal and FSU's Alicia Gladden and Britany Miller. Miller was also selected as the tour-

namment's most valuable player.

The Pirates play Wednesday, Dec. 6 when they host former Colonial Athletic Association rival in UNC Wilmington. The tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Mingos Coliseum.

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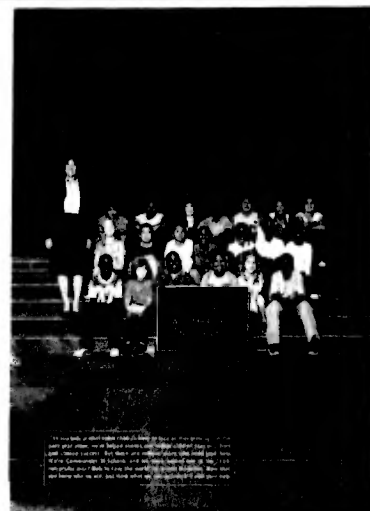
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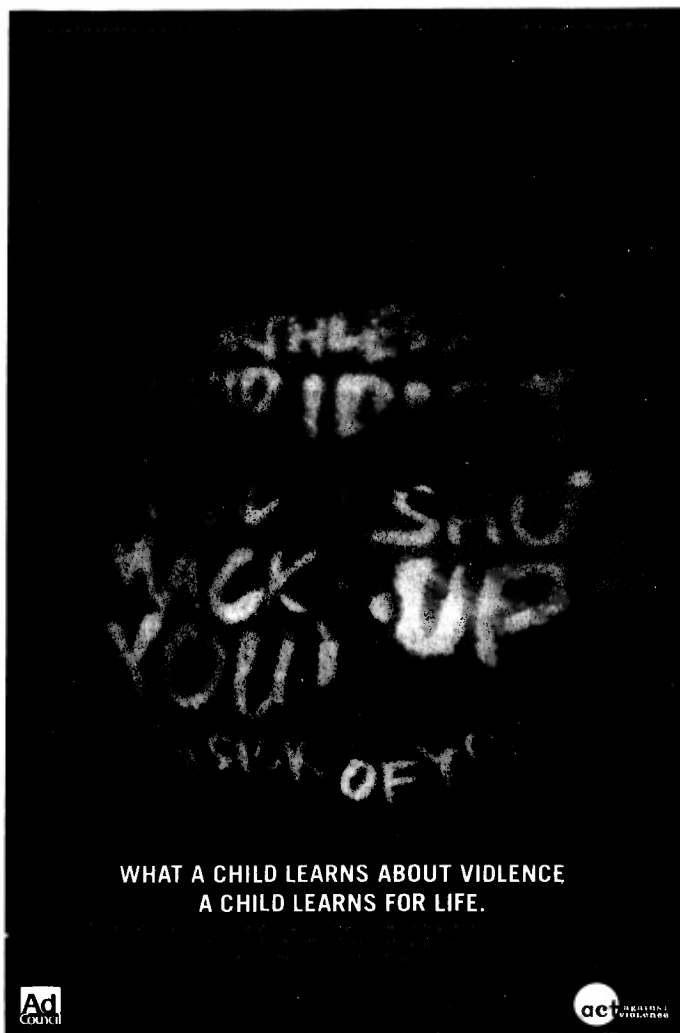
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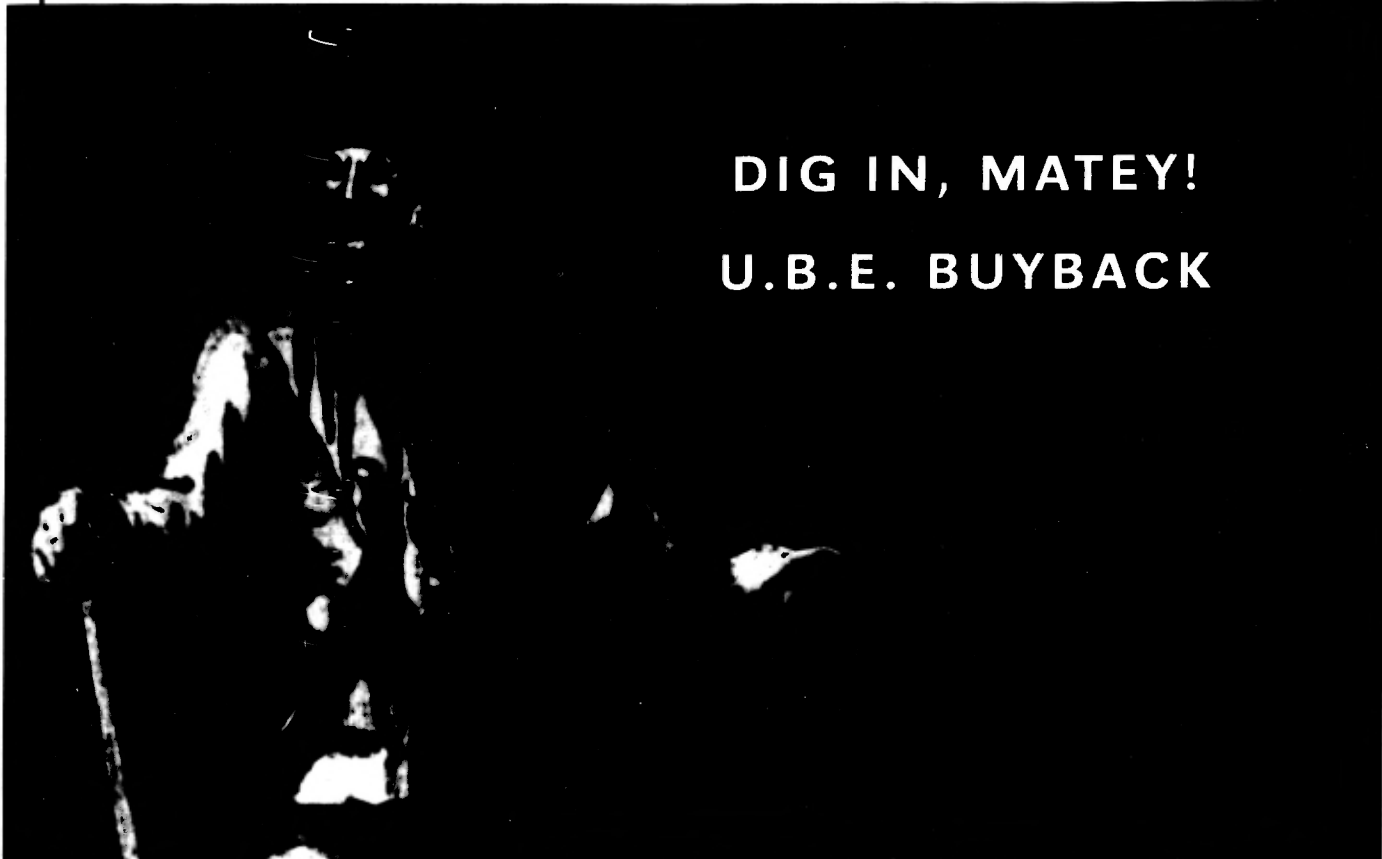
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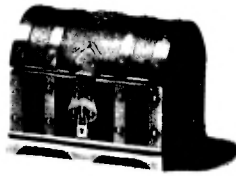


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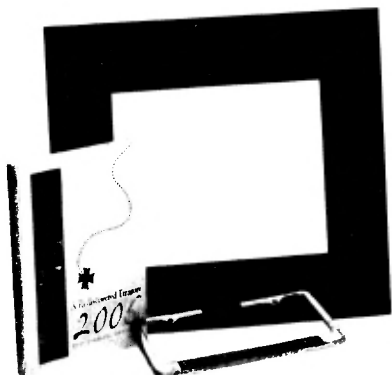


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