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ZACK HILL
STAFF WRITER

Mark Kemp came to the Willis Building on Wednesday night to read from and talk about his book, *Dixie Lullaby: A Story of Music, Race and Redemption and New Beginnings in the New South*.

The book is part memoir and part cultural history of music in the South, beginning about the time of Martin Luther King's assassination and culminating with the alt-rock movement of the 1990s.

Kemp, who has been named an outstanding alumnus, was born in Asheboro and grew up there before attending ECU in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He then worked briefly for the *Burlington Times News* before moving to New York City, where he landed a job working for *Discovery* magazine. That gig eventually helped

him to become an editor at *Rolling Stone*.

"That was my dream job since the time I was 12 years old," Kemp said about the job at *Rolling Stone*.

During his stint there, he was key to getting artists such as Beck and Marilyn Manson on the cover. During his talk, he recalled Ol' Dirty Bastard of the Wu-Tang Clan frightening one of his staff members by spoking crack at a photo shoot.

"That's the kind of thing that happened at *Rolling Stone*," Kemp said. "And it was fun."

Later, he moved to MTV where he helped create the popular show *TRL*.



KEMP

leaving MTV, he returned to freelance journalism.

He remembers a moment backstage with members of the Allman Brothers Band and Gov't Mule as one of the motivations for writing *Dixie Lullaby*.

"I was really comfortable. I was just talking to guys from the South. My speech slowed down and the accent kind of crept back into my voice. I realized

there's really something to this culture. There's really a sense of

ECU professor publishes book to help young adults cope



JONES
Ways to bounce back when life gets tough

GENERRA CORNWELL
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jami Jones is an assistant professor in the Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology here at ECU.

Jones is also the author of *Bouncing Back: Dealing with the Staff Life Threats at You*, a book recently published through Scholastic Publishing Company.

The book deals with many ways to become more resilient in negative situations.

Some of the factors mentioned in the book that contribute to becoming a more resilient individual are having a mentor, reading, having good social skills, setting goals, spirituality, hobbies and activities, volunteering, problem solving, staying healthy and seeking help. These are known as protective factors.

When asked why she wrote this book, Jones said, "I had been in education and was working at a high school and noticed that kids came in and had a lot of issues and problems. At the same time my son's girlfriend died, that's what made me want to write it."

Jones also explored resiliency research. "I looked into Kauai Longitudinal Study, which looked at kids from prenatal period until they were 40 years old."

"They looked at kids who were living in poverty, had prenatal complications and had parents with mental illnesses. The research showed that one in four kids are brought up in alcoholic families and one in four kids live in poverty."

Kauai is an island in Hawaii, and the longitudinal study they conduct on their island addresses two questions.

First, what are the long-term effects of adverse prenatal and early childbearing conditions on an individual's physical, cognitive and psychological development at midlife?

Secondly, which protective factors allow most individuals exposed to multiple childhood risk factors to make a successful adaptation in adulthood?

"Really [this book is] written for middle and high school students, but I could see a college student picking it up," Jones said. "The information is very appropriate for college students. The book is very lively and colorful. There's also quizzes and factoids."

Jones is the author of another book titled, *Helping Teens Cope: Resources for School Library Media Specialists and Other Youth Workers*, which was published in 2005.

"I am working on another book now with Dr. Zambone, a book for educators. The book is titled, *The Power of the School Media Specialist to Improve Academic Achievement and Strengthen At-Risk Students*.

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Students give Special Olympics basketball tournament 'bounce'

To support the Special Olympics for disabled children

SHANDA STATON
STAFF WRITER

This year's annual Pitt County Special Olympics Basketball Skills Tournament took place at the Eppes Recreational Center at Thomas Foreman Park Friday, Dec. 1. It was a shooting frenzy for all as the gym was jammed packed with elementary, middle and high school disabled and highly challenged students all competing to

score points in order to complete their team challenges.

Over 90 percent of the volunteers at the tournament were ECU students who did everything from coaching, practicing, score keeping and presenting awards. "We wouldn't have been able to do anything with out them," said Kelvin Yarrell, recreational manager for Greenville Recreation and Parks Department. "The ECU students as well as our other local volunteers do so much to help out during the tournament. They help by going out and coaching the kids at different schools and shelter homes in order to get them

prepared for the games as well as just motivating them during the time of their participation."

Many believe that there are not enough young people out in the community doing volunteer work. However, this stereotype has slowly transformed as college students and other young people have stepped up and taken the role of leadership. "I do it because I enjoy it. Just to see what these children go through everyday and the fact they still keep a smile on their faces, helps me to keep my sanity

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Pictured are Rohan Saba and Kenneth Sibley of the law office of Myers Biegel

Innov8r series begins first of eight seminars

Attendees learn about protection of intellectual property

LISA URAM
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 30 at the Hilton in Greenville, ECU's entrepreneurial initiative began the first of eight seminars on the commercialization of new technology.

The seminars are designed to help educate entrepreneurs on how to take an innovative product to the market.

The first seminar of the Innov8r series, which is sponsored by the law office of Myers Biegel, was about protecting intellectual property.

The seminar included discussion topics that educated attendees about patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and legal structures.

Kenneth Sibley and Rohan Saba, patent attorneys for Myers Biegel, began the evening by talking about intellectual property and the basic requirements needed to protect it.

"It's hard for you [yourself] to determine what is or will be patentable," said Rohan in reference to deciding whether a product is ready to become legally protected.

Sibley, named to the Legal Elite Hall of Fame by Business N.C. magazine in 2005, discussed the patenting process extensively

from the conception of a product to preparing and filing a U.S. patent application.

Both Sibley and Saba amused attendees with brief references to inventors that have made history, appropriately mentioning the inventor of Pepsi-Cola, Caleb Bradham.

Towards the end of the evening, a panel of entrepreneurs answered questions from the audience, such as how to disclose patents, copyrights and trade secrets to employees.

"Even if you work with your best friend, I would encourage you to have them sign a non-compete and non-disclosure agreement," said Brad Griffin, vice president of merchandising and product development of Practicon, Inc.

Timothy Romack, assistant professor of chemistry at ECU and Travis Hargett, president of Eastridge Technology Inc., also participated in answering questions for attendees.

When faced with the question of how to cut costs for a patent, Romack said, "Patent costs are not a place to skimp."

The next seminar of the series will be held on Jan. 30 at the Hilton and will cover market assessments and research, technology and business feasibility of a new product, and identifying venture opportunities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project HEART
The Children of New Orleans still need our help. Project HEART will continue collecting school supplies through Dec. 6. The goal is to provide each child at James Johnson Elementary School with a holiday gift bag full of school supplies. Contact the director, Dr. Beacham at 328-1849 or AC Leader Shanda Staten at 328-4357.

Dance 2007
Thursday, Feb. 1 through Wednesday, Feb. 7 in McGinnis Auditorium at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical and sometimes eccentric, this annual dance showcase has become an immensely popular event. Sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike, this is a fast-paced and unpredictable cornucopia of dance styles. Visit theatre-dance.ecu.edu for more information. Ticket required.

"Urinetown"
Thursday, Feb. 22 through Tuesday, Feb. 27 in McGinnis Auditorium at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, *Urinetown* is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Book by: Greg Kotis, lyrics by: Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann, music by: Mark Hollmann. Visit theatre-dance.ecu.edu for more information. Ticket required.

"The Tempest"
Thursday, April 12 through Tuesday, April 17 at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. in McGinnis Auditorium. Prospero lives on a desolate isle with his original daughter, Miranda. He's in exile, banished from his duchy by his usurping brother and the King of Naples. Providence brings these enemies near; aided by his vassal the spirit Ariel, Prospero conjures a tempest to wreck the Italian ship. The king's son, thinking all others lost, becomes Prospero's prisoner, falling in love with Miranda and she with him. Prospero's brother and the king wander the island, as do a drunken cook and sailor, who conspire with Caliban, Prospero's beastly slave, to murder Prospero. Prospero wants reason to triumph, Ariel wants his freedom, Miranda a husband; the sailors want to dance. By William Shakespeare. Visit theatre-dance.ecu.edu for additional information. Ticket required.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, Dec. 5 through Saturday, Dec. 10

Holiday Gift Wrap
Humane Society needs volunteers wrap gifts at the mall for donations. Shifts are available Monday through Saturday starting at 10 a.m., and Sunday 1 - 6 p.m. at Colonial Mall in front of Belk. Contact Vicki Luttrell at 353-8833 or vluttrell@unitedwaypittcounty.com.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Habitat for Humanity information table and fundraiser
Volunteers needed to hand out flyers and encourage Lowes customers to donate to Habitat at cash register. One hundred percent of the donations made will go directly to our local Habitat Chapter. Shifts are from 9 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1 - 3 p.m. Contact Paulette White at 758-2947 or pwhite77@earthlink.net.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Special Populations Christmas Dance
Volunteers needed to set up/clean up and assist with dance activities. Dance will be held at CM Epps cafeteria from 5 - 9 p.m. Contact Deitra Crandol at 329-4541 or dcrandol@greenvillenc.gov.

6 Wed

Graduate students last day to remove incompletes given during Fall 2005.

Classes end. Last day for submission of grade replacement requests.

Community Appearance Commission Meeting
Third Floor Conference Room of City Hall
200 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
5:30 p.m.

ECU Engineering hosts Robotics competition
ECU engineering freshmen, 21 teams in all, will compete in trials throughout the day to vie for the title of "Biggest Pirate" of the engineering department. Atrium of ECU's Science & Technology Building
6 p.m.

***Russian Film Series: "An Unfinished Piece for the Player Piano"**
Bate 2011
6:30 p.m.
Movies have English subtitles or dubbing.

Women's Basketball vs UNC Wilmington
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

BINGO
\$500 cash in Prizes
Destination 360
9 p.m.

7 Thurs

Reading Day

Coffeehouse/Open Mic
Pirate Underground
9 p.m.

Day of Relaxation
Mendenhall Student Center
12 - 5 p.m.

Make-up Day
Contact your professors for Friday classes concerning the optional hurricane make-up day schedule.

8 Fri

Final Exams Begin

9 Sat

Men's Basketball
Campus recreation and Wellness Basketball Game Night
Children and adults will have the opportunity to experience an exciting ECU Pirates basketball game together. The event will include interaction with Pee Dee the Pirate and the ECU. This year's game will be against South Florida. Cost is \$5 per person. Williams Arena and Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

10 Sun

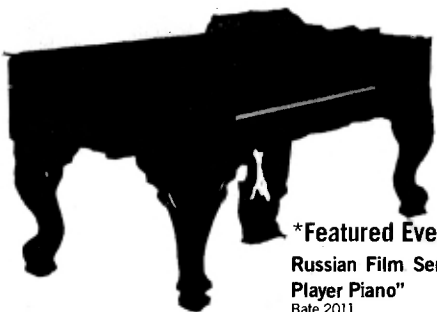
Weekly Mass
The Newman Catholic Student Center next to Fletcher Recital Hall
All are welcome to weekly Mass every Sunday at 7 p.m.

11 Mon

Greenville Youth Council
There will be a Greenville city council meeting in the third floor conference room of City Hall on Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
6 - 8 p.m.

12 Tue

Greenville Utilities Commission
At the GUC Board Room, on 401 South Greene St.
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



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BRIEFS

Navy brig has housed several terror suspects

(AP)—The Charleston Naval Consolidated Brig where attorneys for Jose Padilla say their client was mistreated is a fortress-like building behind razor wire-topped fences near a city better known for its Southern charm than dealing with terror suspects.

Padilla was one of several suspects housed in recent years at the brig. Held there as an enemy combatant for 3 and a half years, Padilla's attorneys say video images of him in chains and wearing headphones and blacked-out goggles show the harsh tactics used by military interrogators.

Padilla is not the only terror suspect held at the brig to claim mistreatment.

"His treatment has been as bad if not more severe than Jose

Padilla," his attorney, Jonathan Hafetz of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, said Monday.

Lindsey Graham, then a Republican congressman and now the state's senior U.S. senator, said brig could help in the war on terror and "South Carolina and its citizens stand ready to do our duty."

Mahdi knew he was killing a police officer

(AP)—A Virginia man knew he was shooting an off-duty South Carolina police officer when he fired a rifle at the man nine times and then set his body on fire, prosecutors arguing for the death penalty said Monday.

Mikal Deen Mahdi, 28, pleaded guilty to murder and other charges last week before his trial started.

Prosecutors seeking the death penalty argued Mahdi knew he was killing a police officer when he shot Orangeburg County Public Safety Capt. James Myers, 56. However, prosecutors noted Mahdi's already pleaded guilty to charges that could warrant a death penalty.

"I wish I had raised him. He's a smart boy," his grandmother, Nancy Mahdi,

Pascoe said Myers' death fulfilled a pledge Mahdi made in 1998 when police arrested him, then 15, after a nine-hour standoff.

"He said, 'I'm going to kill a cop before I die,'" Brunswick County, Va. Sheriff James Woodley testified.

OSU researchers use seaweed to reduce pollution

(AP)—Researchers at Oregon State University are working on a new way to reduce chemical pollution with seaweed.

Chemical Engineering Professor Gregory Rorrer is studying whether the metabolic processes of certain seaweeds can be used to break down a class of pollutants into less toxic matter.

The pollutants in question often occur at harmful levels in areas like shipping ports and harbors, where fuel oil or coal is burned.

And the pollutants can hurt marine invertebrates, like clams and oysters.

But preliminary research being done at Oregon State suggests that seaweeds can help remove the harmful pollutants' compounds from sea water.

Researchers are still trying

to figure out what happens to the pollutants after they are broken down.

"Prison Break" star in car accident

(AP)—"Prison Break" actor, Lane Garrison was involved in a car accident late Saturday night, which killed a 17 year old boy and injured two other teenagers.

Garrison, who plays Tweener in the hit show, was inside his SUV when it crashed into a tree in Beverly Hills.

Police are still investigating who was driving and what caused the collision.

The actor received minor injuries, but a 17 year old boy was pronounced dead at Cedars Sinai Medical Center following the accident. Two 15-year-old girls were also injured, one critically.

Gates warns of broader Mideast war

(MCT)—President Bush's choice as new Pentagon chief told a Senate committee on Tuesday that the United States isn't winning in Iraq and that neighboring countries could be sucked into a regional war if the violence isn't contained within two years.

The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 21-0 after a five hour hearing to send former CIA Director Robert Gates' nomination to the full Senate.

It was expected to confirm him as soon as Wednesday as successor to Donald H. Rumsfeld, a key architect of the increasingly unpopular war.

Gates' non-Rumsfeldian frankness about Iraq was a signal to Congress and the White House that he will be more forthright than Rumsfeld, who frequently dismissed views that differed from his own upbeat assessments.

Moreover, Gates' pledges to consult lawmakers on Iraq strategy changes appeared to be a nod to Democrats, who won control of Congress and thus the Pentagon budget in the Nov. 7 election.

The Democrats' big showing was widely seen as an expression of voter discontent over the war.

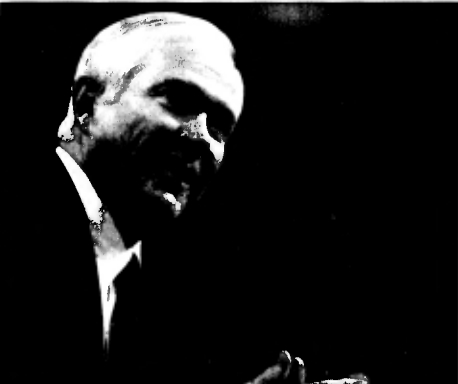
"I am open to a wide range of ideas and proposals," declared Gates, now president of Texas A&M University.

President Bush has insisted that U.S. troops are winning in Iraq.

"I know you want to pit a fight between Bob Gates and the president. It doesn't exist," said White House spokesman Tony Snow when pressed on the apparently conflicting views.

Snow asserted that Gates' full testimony showed that he and Bush agree that the United States must help Iraq become a country that can defend and govern itself.

Some 140,000 American troops and U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces have failed to curb



Robert Gates, pentagon chief, says the U.S. is not winning in Iraq.

an insurgency by Sunni Muslims or violence by Shiite Muslim militias linked to religious parties in the majority Shiite-dominated government.

More than 2,900 U.S. troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis have died since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Gates' hearing came a day before the bipartisan Iraq Study Group headed by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Rep. Lee Hamilton was to unveil its recommendations.

Baker briefed Bush on Tuesday on the findings. Gates was a panel member, but quit after Bush nominated him on Nov. 8.

Asked by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the incoming chairman of the armed services committee, if the United States was winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No sir."

He later said he agreed with Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who recently said, "We are not winning, but we are not losing."

Gates said he was concerned that "troops in the field might have

misunderstood something I said" and that his comment pertained "to the situation in Iraq as a whole. Our military forces win the battles that they fight."

He noted that resolving the conflict required an accord on sharing political power and oil revenues among Sunnis, Shiites and other groups.

Gates said that stabilizing Iraq would be his top priority and that he would visit U.S. troops in Iraq soon if confirmed.

He said he would solicit the views of military commanders, members of Congress and administration officials before offering his own recommendations.

Leaving Iraq precipitously would be disastrous for the Middle East and U.S. security, he said.

"Our course over the next year or two will determine whether the American and Iraqi people, and the next president of the United States, will face a slowly, but steadily improving situation in Iraq and in the region, or will face a very real risk, and possible reality, of a regional conflagration," he said.

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when I feel my life is upside down. My problems don't compare to the daily tasks that these children are faced with everyday," said ECU student Stephanie Burnett of the Sigma Alpha Omega sorority.

"The program is sponsored by Greenville Recreation and Parks Department and Domino's Pizza and also received help from the Special Olympics Staff, Pitt County Schools, D.H. Conley High School's JROTC students and the Greenville Rescue Department," said Special Olympics Coordinator Deitra E. Crandol.

With over 100 people in attendance to watch the players compete in each part of the competition including passing, dribbling

and shooting stations, the players hustled up and down the courts, all receiving awards for each event they competed in.

"When asked, 'Are you ready?' Brandon Cannon of Ayden Grifton High School hurriedly clapped his hands together to show his enthusiasm as the coaches yelled, 'Let the games begin' and the whistle blew once more.

The Special Olympics Greenville-Pitt County 2006 Basketball Skills Tournament committee would like to thank all the participants and supporters of the event.

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I also want to write a book on resiliency for women," says Jones.

Bouncing Back: Dealing with the Stuff Life Throws at You, is a project that took four years to be published and will be available in March 2007.

It is a helpful guide to assist young individuals in getting through rocky times in their lives.

As stated by Jones, "life is tough, and we all need to strengthen ourselves."

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Pulse

{ Campus Scene }

Horoscopes:

Aries
You're growing more impatient, which won't do you any good.

Taurus
Your good sense is returning. Hopefully, you're not humiliated by whatever it is you've recently bought.

Gemini
The next few weeks will be good for practicing over and over again. The next few days will be good for bringing in money to pay for your lessons.

Cancer
Concentrate on efficiency. Free up more of your time to investigate options you've never considered. You don't even know what they are, yet.

Leo
Others look to you for leadership and advice. You have the experience. Also have the patience.

Virgo
Your friends are there for you again. They come up with great ideas that help you get your sense of humor back.

Libra
Be ready for a new assignment. Somebody important likes your work. Accept a challenge.

Scorpio
Your attention will be diverted with another tempting offer. Don't drop what you're doing, until it's producing the results without your attention.

Sagittarius
Check your storage facilities, and find out what you already have. Slash away as much and more as you can, so you don't have to lug it around.

Capricorn
You're in for a pleasant surprise, so don't put up too much of a fight.

Aquarius
It's time to get back to work, if you want to make any money.

Pisces
Nerves are a bit on edge. Do what you can to soothe them. This is a temporary condition. Things calm down tomorrow.

Drink Recipe:

Eggnog
3 cups milk
1 large strip orange zest
2 large strips lemon zest
1 vanilla bean, split and vanilla seeds scraped loose
4 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons
2 egg whites
2/3 cup white rum
2 to 3 tablespoons bourbon, optional
Freshly grated nutmeg
Finely grated orange and/or lemon zest
Put two cups of the milk, both citrus zests, and the vanilla bean and tar in a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Meanwhile, whisk the egg yolks and the 1/2 cup sugar in a medium bowl until lightened in color. Gradually pour the hot milk into the eggs while whisking constantly. Return the egg mixture to the pan and set over medium heat. Stir constantly with a wooden spoon in a figure eight motion until the custard thickens slightly and coats the back of the spoon, about two to three minutes. Remove from heat and immediately stir in the remaining cup of milk to stop the cooking. Transfer custard to a large bowl; cool to room temperature. (To speed this up, set bowl in another bowl of ice.) Put about one inch of water in a saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Put the egg whites and remaining two tablespoons sugar in a heat proof bowl large enough to rest in the saucepan without touching the water. Set the bowl over the simmering water and beat until the sugar dissolves and the egg whites feel warm to the touch, about one minute. Remove from the heat and beat the whites with an electric mixer until they hold a soft peak, about three minutes. Fold the egg whites into custard mixture. Add the rum and bourbon, cover, and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Play Santa for your sweetie

A guide to gift giving

LIZ FULTON
SENIOR WRITER

Christmas time is here, and if that doesn't have you kicking up your feet like Pippin in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, you must be frightened of giving the wrong gift.

There is always some degree of difficulty when it comes to buying presents for that special someone in your life. Not only is it almost impossible to shop for guys, but just one false move in a girl's gift can have you receiving the cold shoulder until Valentine's Day (when you can try again).

Every couple falls into a different category when it comes to gift giving. No one would expect a set of golf clubs after two weeks of dating or silence from your significant other on Christmas Day after two years of being together. Make sure that you and your love are on the same page when exchanging gifts, unless you want to be spending New Years alone.

For the couple that has been together forever (and in college time, that means four months or more): By now you two have been together long enough to know what

is expected of you at Christmas. If money is no object, jewelry is the ideal gift for a girl. Not only can she rub it in the noses of all of her friends, but every time she wears it, she will think of you.

While gift giving is not always so clear cut with boys, it is possible that they might be very open about what they want as in something X-Box related. You could also take the initiative to give him something he would love to have but would never think to ask for. Think about the things he loves most, apart from you, and come up with a unique present that is all your own. If he loves music, take him to Atlanta for the Widespread Panic show on New Years or get him tickets to some really important sporting event. If all else fails, boys never seem to have enough clothes, and they tend to wear whatever you pick out for them.

If money is a bit tight this year, think about setting a cap on how much each of you will spend so no one will feel like a chump on Dec. 25. Making time to spend with each other is so much more important than a present. Take the romantic route by cooking dinner for your sweetie and create a cozy setting. You could also think about an inside joke you two share and

create a gift from that.

For those crazy kids that have just started dating, the concept of present exchange is a delicate situation. If you have only been hanging out for a couple of weeks and nothing is official, it might be a good idea to refrain from giving anything more than a card. After all, who wants to shell out some dough on a super awesome gift and then find out you aren't the only one waiting for him under the mistletoe?

Finally, if there is someone out there that sees you as just a friend and you want something more, take a tip from Jim on *The Office* and give a gift that tells how you really feel. Depending on how madly in love you are, writing a heartfelt letter and giving them something only you would think to buy might begin a whole new chapter for you both.

No matter what you buy this Christmas for your better half, make sure that it comes from the heart. Christmas is indeed the most wonderful time of the year, and it should be spent making new memories with the ones you really love.

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An engagement ring may be just the gift that you're craving from your sweetie.

How to Decorate on a dime

Pimp out your pad this holiday season

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The holiday season is upon us — a time to pull out old decorations and purchase a few new ones in a quest to pimp out your pad. Decorating for the holidays can end up busting any budget in a matter of mere minutes after arriving at your favorite retail store and just tossing some things that you "need" into your basket. However, there are some ways to stretch your dollars this holiday season and still end up with a rocking crib.

Let's start with the basics. One of the cheapest yet festive ways to decorate for the holiday is with stockings. Large stockings can be purchased for about one dollar or you can opt for a package of six small stockings for around \$3. Stockings can be obtained in a variety of colors and sizes and offer your bland living room or kitchen a fun punch of color.

If you are looking forward to playing Santa for your roommates this year, stockings also provide a great place to stuff extra goodies tailored to their unique personalities. If you want to get creative, you could even paint your names on them along with cool designs.

Another ultra cheap way to decorate your pad this holiday season is through the use of candy canes. That's right folks, for a mere dollar you can buy an entire box of candy canes, which can be hung throughout your pad to create a festive air. Candy

Must haves for the holidays:

- stockings
- candy canes
- Christmas tree
- wreaths
- candles
- garland

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Christmas tree decorations

Before the 10th century, trees were decorated with apples, cakes and candies.

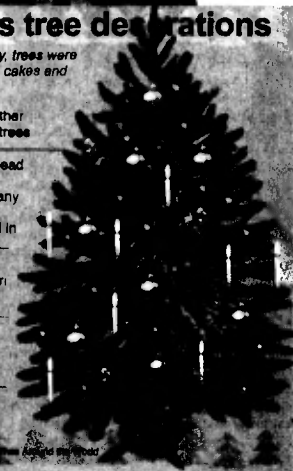
10th century: Martin Luther first to use candles on trees

1860s: Shaped glass bead garlands introduced in Germany; same company introduces "tingled-angel" dressed in

1870-80: Glass ornaments reach Britain and North America

1882: Ornaments complemented by electric lights

1890: Light strings mass-produced



Throw a holiday bash



Enjoy your last bash with friends before everyone heads home for the holidays.

One last time with friends

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Finals are drawing near, and their imminent arrival marks the end of a stressful semester. In order to celebrate the end of exams and class as we know it for the next several weeks, why not throw a holiday party?

Gather some of your friends and coworkers to celebrate the holiday season as well as the beginning of a few carefree weeks. I know the very thought of planning a party may make some of you cringe, but if you plan carefully, things will fall into place perfectly.

The most important part in planning a holiday bash is the food. Guests always judge their host/hostess by how tasteful each dish is. You may not want to plan out an entire meal, but there are a few dishes that are both filling and easy to make.

Meatballs and chicken strips can be purchased from the frozen food section of the grocery store in order to make a great dish. You can add a personal touch to the meatballs by making your own sauce. Everyone loves to dip chicken strips so be sure to have a variety of sauces, such as honey mustard and sweet and sour on hand.

If snacks are more your forte then there are an infinite number of options to dabble in. You can make a fruit salad by mixing together a variety of fruits such as grapes, strawberries, kiwi, cantaloupe and walnuts. Next, you can make a holiday classic that is sure to please any guest on your list: Chex mix. If you are feeling particularly festive, baking cookies is a great way to satisfy your guests' sweet tooth.

Now that you have the food taken care of, the next important thing is finding the right music. Since it is a holiday party you may want to make a mixed CD with all of your favorite holiday songs. Be sure to include fun classics such as "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" and "Christmastime" by the Chipmunks. You can search online for a variety of music to bring holiday cheer to all of your guests.

If you aren't sure how social your guests will be, you can have some board games on hand to break the ice. Tell all of your

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- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons tequila
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 2 envelopes instant margarita mix (from a 1 1/3-oz package)
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- 1 cup mixed nuts
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3. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Stir in cranberries. Spread on paper towels to cool for about 15 minutes. Store in airtight container.

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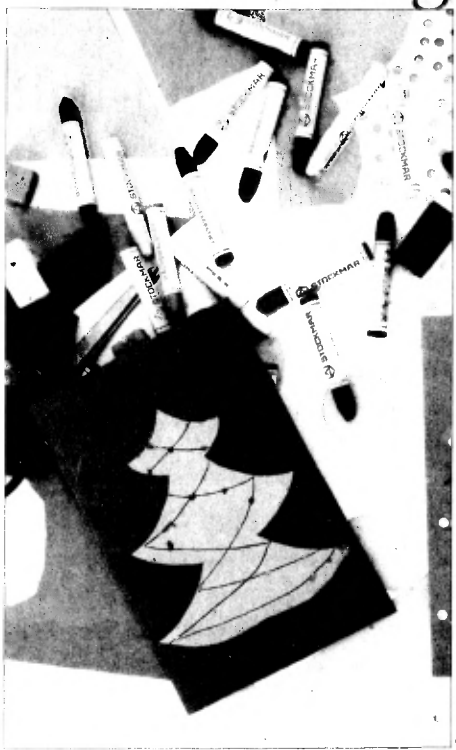
guests that they have to get into groups with at least one person that they don't know. At the end of the party, everyone will leave with a new friend and some shy people won't feel left out the entire night.

Finally, the most important part of throwing a successful holiday bash is inviting the right guests. Only invite people that you actually consider friends — don't invite people just to fill space. In the end, you'll be happy that the people you cherish surround you.

This holiday season is all about spending time with friends and family to enjoy the festivities. Throwing a holiday party is a great way to spend time with your friends before everyone departs for the holidays.

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What not to give during the holiday season



If you choose to make something for your friends, make sure it doesn't go wrong.

Worst holiday gifts

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Few things sting the ego worse than when someone clearly does not appreciate the gift you chose for them. Using prior experience (both good and bad) and the help of some friends, I have devised a few guidelines that should ensure gift giving success no matter the situation.

First and foremost, never give someone you care about a recycled gift. Even if your Aunt Sue gave you a sweater that makes you cringe but you know your best friend will adore it, don't do it! If they really mean that much to you then you can take the time to find something original that will be equally fitting. Sure they may love your leftovers, but there's always the chance they're on to your schemes and will end up feeling pretty worthless, not to mention insulted, by the rejected gift.

Take my friend Alex, for instance. For his sister's birthday he gave her a gift card to the French Connection thinking she would appreciate the excuse to spend way more than she should on some cute clothes. Christmas rolls around and lo and behold, his sister re-gifts the card back to Alex. Not only is he annoyed that she didn't take the time to find something thoughtful, she is clearly saying that she didn't appreciate his birthday pres-

ent. If you must recycle gifts to save funds, at least take the time to make sure it's not the same person who gave it to you in the first place.

Let's cover a couple of gift-card pointers while we're on the subject. As Cassidy Magee put it, "There's nothing more annoying than receiving a gift card that doesn't even have enough money on it to cover the gas it takes to get to the store."

If money's tight and gift cards seem like the cheapest bet, think again. The receiver will really know how poor you are if you give them a \$2 gift card for McDonald's, so why not save yourself the embarrassment? You could spend the same amount of money on something a little more thoughtful such as a framed picture or some homemade treats.

That brings me to another good gift giving point. Crafts. Nothing says you care like a nice, practical gift that you made yourself, but stick to what you know. Trying to knock out 10 pairs of "mittens" that you learned how to knit the night before will be a bigger headache than it's worth and will most likely land themselves in the "recycled gift" department next year.

When I asked Desiree Higgs about the worst gift she ever received, she had this to share: "A friend once gave me a small square of red and black flannel that looked like it had been cut from a piece of pajama pants.

Then, she poured some potpourri that had lost most of its scent inside and tied it up into a little bundle with a thin strip of flannel. To it, she attached a pack of Bigelow tea." Sure it's the thought that counts, but who was she thinking of when she created such a mess?

Personalized gifts are another matter altogether. I'm sure we've all had our run-ins with rather nice pieces of jewelry or other accessories that lost their value when some corny expression or grammatical catastrophe made their way onto the article. If you're going to have something engraved or embroidered for someone you love, make sure the spelling is correct and all your facts are straight.

Senior Ashleigh Phillips said the worst present she ever got was "a canvas tote bag from an aunt that was embroidered with my name. Nice sentiment, but my name was spelled wrong."

Melissa Burt's fiancé was very thoughtful and gave her a personalized shirt, but there was just one little problem: "He gave me a shirt that said 'Melissa and Pat Feb. 14th 2005.' We met on the 15th!" Eh, what's a day when it comes to true love, right?

For those in relationships, make sure you don't give your significant other something that requires long-term commitment, unless of course it's an engagement ring. According to my friend Chris, pets are a no-no. "It's something long term

that they have to be responsible for long after you're gone. Especially dogs, they're a lot more high maintenance than any other pet."

ECU alum Daniel Rankin advises, "Never give tickets to a concert that is months away. Inevitably, the relationship will break and you'll feel bad so you still give the tickets to her, then she'll take a new boyfriend and it will suck knowing you funded their date."

Lastly, never give someone something personally offensive even if you have good intentions. Jonathan Cobbs, who says the worst gift he ever received was orthopedic shoes adds "You should never give anyone something offensive to one's race, ethnicity, sexuality or something somebody cannot help." While it may seem to all be in good fun, Emma Hall puts it best when she says, "Embarrassing gifts are always naughty, never nice."

Basically, it really isn't that hard. Think about the person you're buying for and get them something that says, "When I saw this, I thought of you." Homemade gifts are OK as long as they weren't just thrown together last minute and they actually hold some meaning. Avoid re-gifting, insulting and taking the easy route. If you give from the heart then no gift will be a bad one.

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canes also come in a variety of flavors so you don't have to stick to the standard red and white. There is a whole rainbow of colors out there.

Candles are yet another inexpensive way to illuminate your place this holiday season. For a few dollars you can purchase some seasonal votive holders at the Dollar Tree along with some fragrant candles to add a decadent glow.

If you have a bit of extra money to spend you can buy

the classic holiday decorations such as a tree and wreath. These items are a little pricier, but they will definitely make you feel more at home this holiday season.

When purchasing a tree, you will have to also buy decorations such as ornaments, lights, a tree-topper and garland in order to glam it up. I recommend buying ornaments in bulk to ensure that they all match and you can, yet again, save a bit of money. When searching for lights, depending

on the size of your tree, you may be able to buy a single set, which will only cost a few dollars; the same philosophy also applies to garland. A tree-topper could be a costly venture unless you are willing to settle for something like a star rather than a porcelain angel.

If you decide to share your holiday cheer with your neighbors, a wreath will be essential. There are wreaths available in an assortment of sizes with a variety of materials such as

pinecones, holly berries and the traditional pine.

No matter how you choose to decorate your pad this holiday season, you can be sure to save some money by shopping around for the best deals in town. Remember to be creative by using your imagination and your pad will be pimped out for the holiday season in no time.

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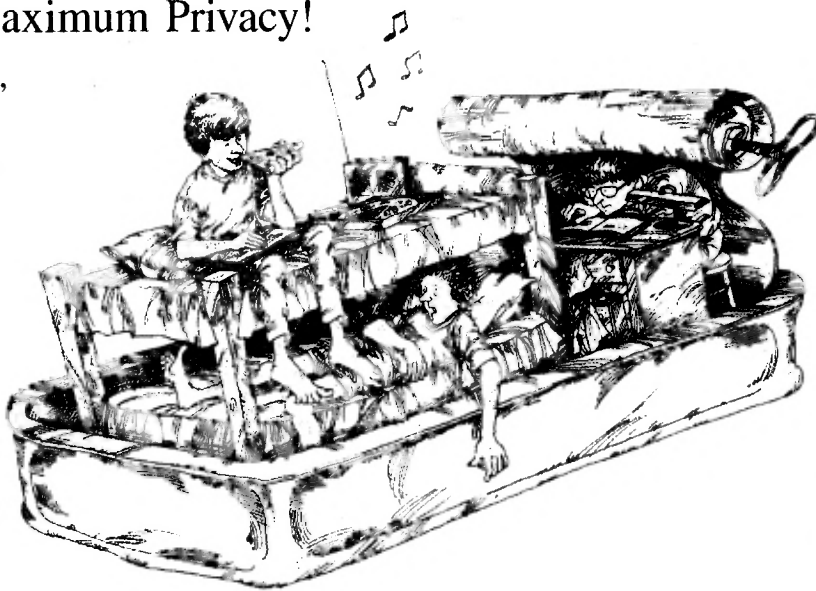
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ECU's 3 point percentage (3-of-22) against UNC Wilmington; Courtney Captain went 0-for-6 and Darrell Jenkins went 0-for-5

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Former Wake Forest transfers who played against each other when ECU lost to UNC-Wilmington 59-44 on Tuesday night; Jeremy Ingram (9 points) and Todd Henley (15 points) played together as freshmen (2003-2004) before both elected to transfer

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ECU football players named to the first-team all-conference as selected by C-USA head coaches; Ryan Dougherty and Chris Johnson were both selected to the media's first team for special teams

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Years that current Kent State Head Coach Doug Martin was the offensive coordinator under Steve Logan; Martin was awarded a four-year contract extension, upping his base salary to \$170,000 according to the Ravenna (OH) Record Courier; Martin guided the Golden Flashes to a 6-6 record after a 1-10 record in 2005

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Coordinators hired by first-year coach Gene Chizik at Iowa State with ties to ECU; Robert McFarland, who was ECU's offensive line coach in 2004 was hired as the offensive coordinator; Wayne Bolt, a former offensive guard for ECU's Pat Dye from 1974-1977, was hired as the Cyclones' defensive coordinator; Bolt was named the team's most valuable blocker 1976-1977 and was fired as UAB's defensive coordinator following ECU's 31-23 win in the season finale

1st

Conference USA ranking in 8 pointers made per game by Lady Pirate point guard Jasmine Young; the sophomore has hit 19 treys in eight games; in C-USA she ranks first in minutes played (36.8), second in steals per game (3.4), sixth in assists per game (3.9) and seventh in scoring per game (16.0)

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Intramural points by first-place Sigma Alpha Epsilon before 3-on-3 basketball and soccer are added in fraternity's Division I of the Chancellor's Cup standings; Chi Phi is currently in second with 696 points, but with Kappa Sigma's title in 3-on-3's purple team, they should overtake Chi Phi; Kappa Sigma currently has 690 points

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Intramural points by Alpha Xi Delta in the sorority Chancellor's Cup standings after flag football, volleyball and tennis singles; Kappa Delta has 178 points while Alpha Delta Pi has 173 points before soccer has been added; Alpha Delta Pi beat Alpha Phi in soccer on penalty kicks

UNC Wilmington pulls away in second-half

(UNCW SID) — Junior forward Todd Hendley keyed a late surge, scoring seven of his game-high 15 points during a pivotal 11-2 stretch late in the second half, to lift UNC Wilmington over ECU, 59-44, in men's college basketball Tuesday night at Trask Coliseum.

The Seahawks won their 11th straight at home over their archrivals to improve to 3-4 on the season and 20-6 lifetime against ECU in Wilmington. The Pirates dip to 4-3 on the season.

Hendley, who matched his season-high set earlier this season against the College of Charleston, made 5-for-11 from the field and converted all five of his free throw attempts. Freshman forward Montez Downey chipped in 14 points, including 11 in the second half.

Freshman forward John Fields paced the Pirates with 12 points on 5-of-6 from the floor and a pair of free throws.

The Seahawks led by seven points midway through the second half before the Pirates sliced the deficit to 44-40 on an eight-foot jumper by Courtney Captain along the left baseline at 10:32.

But UNCW, sparked by Hendley, went on an 11-2 run to break away from the visitors. Hendley started the rally with a layup with 10:16 remaining and Kuljanin's putback at 1:25 turned a 44-40 lead into a 57-42 rout and eventual win for the Seahawks.

After ECU took its first lead of the game, 24-23, on Captain's steal and layup at 18:40, the Seahawks reeled off seven straight points for a 30-24 edge. Downey drained a three-ball from deep in the left corner to give the Seahawks a six-point lead with 17:43 left.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first 20 minutes. The Seahawks shot just 31 percent, making 9-of-29 field goals, and failed to score in the final 7:14. The Pirates, meanwhile, managed only 26.9 percent on 7-of-26 from the floor and missed 14 of their first 17 shots.

UNCW took advantage of ECU's early shooting woes by jumping out to a 14-2 lead over the first eight minutes. A scoop shot by senior forward Dejan Grkovic in the lane at 12:19 gave the Seahawks a 12-point lead at the first official timeout.

The Seahawks enjoyed a 21-10 cushion on Kuljanin's layup in the lane with 7:14 remaining in the opening period before the bottom dropped out. ECU closed out the remainder of the period with an 11-0 run and a monster dunk by John Fields brought the Pirates even at intermission, 21-all.

UNCW completes a brief two-game homestand on Saturday with a 7 p.m. test against Missouri Valley Conference foe Missouri State. ECU entertains South Florida on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

ECU (4-3)

	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	PTS
Fields, John	32	5-6	2-5	3-4	0	3	12
Hinnant, Sam	27	3-8	2-2	4-10	0	3	8
Jenkins, Darrell	22	1-5	0-0	0-2	0	1	2
Gagnon, Taylor	30	2-11	2-2	1-6	0	0	6
Ramsey, Justin	37	2-9	1-4	0-4	6	1	5
Totals	200	17-50	7-15	9-32	9	14	44

3-Point Goals: 3-22, .136 (Farmer 2-3, Ingram 1-4, Gagnon 0-1, Hinnant 0-1, Blair 0-2, Jenkins 0-5, Captain 0-6).

Blocked Shots: 2 (Fields 2).

Turnovers: 10 (Ingram 2, Ramsey 2, Jenkins 2, Captain, Hinnant, Blair).

Steals: 8 (Jenkins 3, Captain 2, Ingram, Hinnant, Farmer).

UNC WILMINGTON (3-4)

	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	PTS
Hendley, Todd	31	5-11	5-5	1-4	1	1	15
Downey, Montez	33	5-10	0-1	2-8	0	2	14
Soyebo, Temi	21	0-3	2-2	1-2	5	2	2
Jorajds, Darion	38	3-7	1-2	0-5	6	2	7
Felder, Barryl	8	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Grkovic, Dejan	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	4	0
Sheets, Orlin	14	0-3	2-2	1-5	0	2	2
Totals	200	22-54	10-12	10-39	14	18	59

3-Point Goals: 5-16, .313 (Downey 4-6, Felder 1-4, Hendley 0-1, Grkovic 0-1, Sheets 0-1, Horowitz 0-1, Soyebo 0-2).

Blocked Shots: 1 (Horowitz).

Turnovers: 12 (Downey 3, Fountain 2, Felder 2, Soyebo 2, Hendley, Kuljanin, Grkovic).

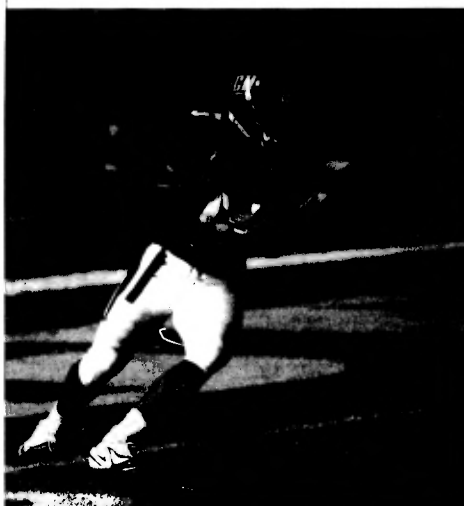
Steals: 6 (Downey 4, Soyebo, Felder).

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C-USA coaches announce all-conference teams



Junior kick returner Chris Johnson was named to the C-USA second-team.

(SID) — Conference USA announced its 2006 Coaches All-Conference football teams Tuesday, as selected by the 12 head football coaches. Each school was represented with at least four selections, with the Pirates garnering eight selections.

ECU's honorees included senior offensive lineman Eric Graham, senior wide receiver Aundrea Allison and junior kick returner Chris Johnson, all named to the second team. Johnson and senior punter Ryan Dougherty were named to the media's first-team.

Two players in junior offensive guard Josh Coffman and sophomore tight end Davon Drew were named to the third team. Coffman adjusted from tight end while Drew moved from quarterback.

Junior defensive end Marcus Hands and sophomore linebacker Quentin Cotton were selected to the third team defense. Dougherty, who is C-USA's all-time leading punter, received third team honors as well as senior placekicker Ryan Dougherty.

Thirteen Pirates received honorable mention honors, including the East Carolinian's male athlete of the semester Kasey Ross. On offense, senior quarterback James Pinkney, senior running back Brandon Friction and junior wide receiver Phillip Henry honored by the conference coaches.

Nine of ECU's regular rotation of 11 starters earned honor-

able mention status. Junior defensive tackle Mark Robinson and sophomore defensive end Zach Slate, sophomore Pierre Bell, redshirt freshman Van Eskridge and junior middle linebacker Fred Wilson were all honored on ECU's front seven.

Senior safeties Jamar Flournoy and Pierre Parker joined Ross and junior cornerback Travis Williams on the honorable mention list. Sophomore long snapper Wilson Raynor was also recognized.

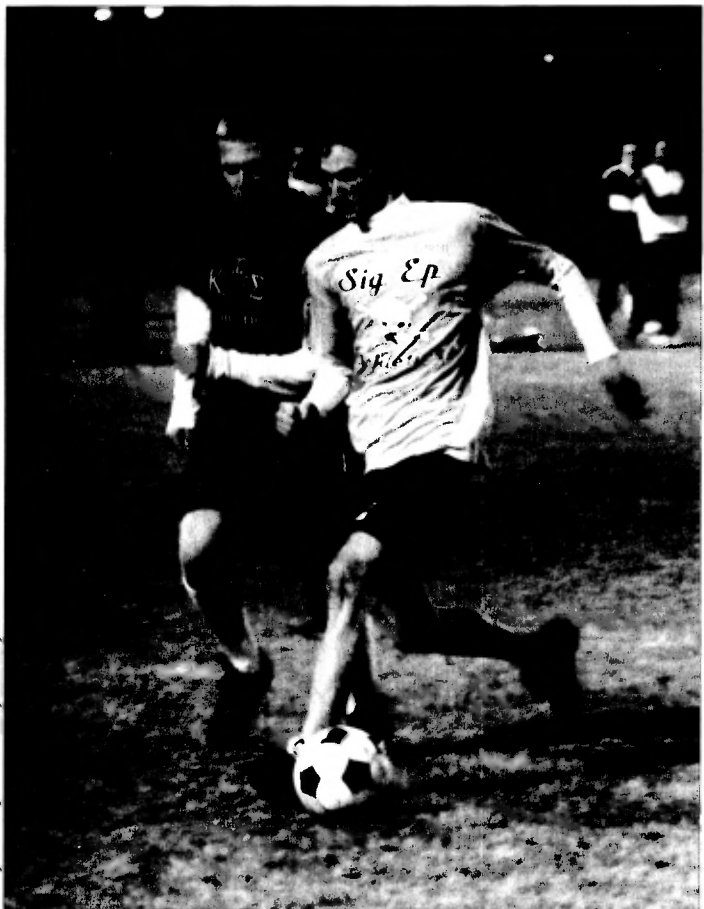
C-USA also announced its Coaches All-Freshman team Tuesday. All 12 of the league's schools were represented with at least one selection, with SMU placing a league-high five players (covering six positions) on the squad, while ECU was second with four.

Leading the way for the Pirates on the All-Freshman team are offensive linemen Terrence Campbell and Cory Dowless. ECU also placed defensive lineman Scotty Robinson and linebacker Van Eskridge on the list.

Marshall, Memphis and Rice each had two All-Freshman honorees, while Houston, Tulsa, UCF and UTEP each had one player recognized.

C-USA Champion Houston produced a league-high 12 total selection on the regular team, followed by Tulsa with 11 and East

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Phillip Kendall (left) tries to catch up to a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon in the fraternity purple championship.

Intramurals host soccer championships

Lambda Chi Alpha wins fraternity gold final

GREG KATSKI
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Lambda Chi Alpha won the fraternity gold intramural soccer championship, while B Diddy & Da Fam won both the men's gold and co-rec gold title on a cold Monday night at Blount Fields.

Lambda Chi Alpha routed Pi Kappa Alpha 8-3 in for fraternity bragging rights. The game opened at a fast pace with high energy from each side. Pi Kappa Alpha got an early breakaway goal to go up take an early lead.

The lead would be short-lived as Lambda Chi Alpha countered

the breakaway goal with one of their own by Derrick Jones. Jones then followed up his first goal with another one off a beautiful bicycle kick 10-feet from the net. Lambda Chi Alpha seemingly took over the game, with Jones leading the way with four goals.

"I haven't scored four ever," said Jones, a four-year varsity letterwinner at Apex High School. "They were just going in tonight." Jones was equally excited about earning the dubious T-shirt and fraternity title.

"It feels good," Jones said. "This is one of the few sports we excel in."

Lambda Chi failed to show up for soccer in 2005 and was deducted 20 points in the Chancellor's Cup standings.

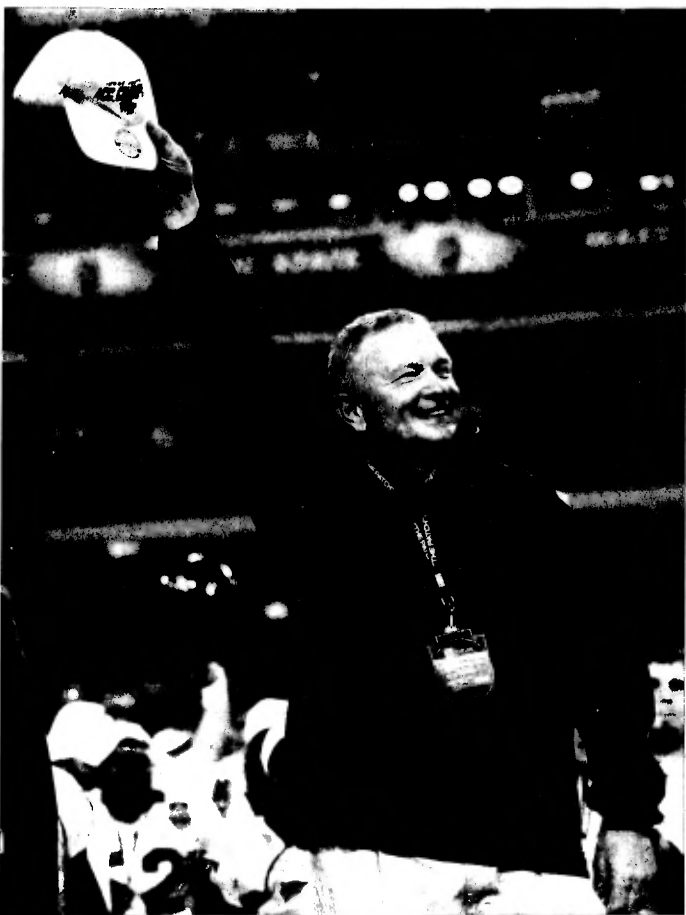
To conclude the event, B Diddy

& Da Fam took home their second championship of the night, beating Mutiny 6-5 in the men's gold championship. The teams were evenly matched and traded possessions for most of the first half. Mutiny caught a break late in the half when a player on B Diddy & Da Fam inexplicably pushed down one of their men. A foul was called and Mutiny took the ball on a breakaway, scoring a goal from the left corner.

Mutiny opened up the second half the same way they ended the first. The only thing that kept B Diddy & Da Fam in the game was a spectacular play from their goalkeeper. Then in the decisive play of the match a B Diddy & Da Fam player was pushed in the

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Grobe dismisses rumors linking him to coaching vacancies



Wake Forest Head Coach Jim Grobe celebrates after his team won their first ACC Championship since 1970.

(AP) — Jim Grobe sounds like he's staying put at Wake Forest.

For the second consecutive week, the coach made it known that he has no interest in other jobs after leading the Demon Deacons through the most successful regular season in program history, which includes a surprising run to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl.

It's been speculated that Grobe could be a candidate for several openings, including the one at Alabama. But he sounded more interested in maintaining the Demon Deacons' success next year instead of winning games elsewhere, while athletics director Ron Wellman said the school was "discussing" ways to enhance Grobe's contract.

"I'm a Wake Forest guy," Grobe said Tuesday. "All I can say is I have no interest. I am not after a job. I'm not looking for a job. I'm perfectly happy and satisfied at Wake Forest."

The 15th-ranked Demon Deacons (11-2) are coming off a 9-6 win against Georgia Tech that clinched the school's second ACC championship and first since 1970. Wake Forest will play No. 5 Louisville in the Orange Bowl to cap what is already the best season in the program's 105-year

history, a run that has raised Grobe's national profile.

He is 37-34 in six seasons at Wake Forest, a small, private university that ranks among the smallest schools in Division I-A football with just more than 4,000 undergraduates. But after the Demon Deacons were picked to finish last in the ACC's Atlantic Division, they broke the school's season record of eight wins and made Grobe the first coach to take the program to two bowl games since they joined the league.

That came despite losing starting quarterback Benjamin Mauk and preseason all-ACC tailback Micah Andrews to season-ending injuries in the first month.

Grobe said rumors linking him to other coaching jobs led him to address his team last week, primarily to ease the younger players' minds about his future.

"I'm perfectly happy at Wake Forest," he said. "I think some people like having their names floated all over the place. I've been around long enough that it has no appeal for me. I couldn't be happier. I'm not only happy with this football team and the staff and our families are happy, but I'm happy with where we're headed."

"I can't predict the future. I don't know what's going to happen. Maybe there's something else out there. But for me right now, I just enjoy coming to work every day and seeing our kids and our coaches. I'm really proud of what we've done. I think we're not in a one-shot deal. I think we're in a position where we can continue to be a good football team each year."

Jamil Smith, a fifth-year defensive tackle, said he expected Grobe to stay in Winston-Salem.

"We're like a big family and if there's any feeling of needing to go, he would let us know," Smith said. "And he hasn't, so I don't feel like he's going to go anywhere... that he's going to be there for the long haul."

Grobe is in the fourth year of a 10-year contract signed in 2003 that's believed to pay him about \$987,000 annually. Wellman wouldn't specify whether the school planned to increase Grobe's salary or extend the term of the deal, though he said he didn't consider it a "very, very urgent" issue.

"Jim Grobe is very important to our future and we're very hopeful, and he has said publicly, that this is where he wants to be, this is where he intends to be and he has no desire to be anywhere else," Wellman said. "He doesn't say those things unless he really means them."

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C-USA coaches voted punter Ryan Dougherty a third-team selection.

Division Champion Southern Miss with 10.

UTEP produced nine members on the All-Conference squads while Rice, SMU and UAB each had six players earn recognition on the teams.

Marshall joined Houston, Southern Miss and Tulsa in garnering four first team choices, led by junior running back Ahmad Bradshaw, the league's leader in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns. Marshall had five total selections. Memphis, Tulane and UCF all had four total choices.

C-USA will announce the coaches' selections for Offensive, Defensive, and Special Teams Players of the Year, as well as the Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

Four C-USA teams in addition to ECU taking on South Florida in the Paajohns.com Bowl will play in bowl games. Houston will face South Carolina in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, Southern Miss takes on Ohio in the GMAC Bowl, Tulsa tackles Utah in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Rice takes on Troy in the R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

Eric Gilmore contributed to this article.

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The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi celebrate after they defeated Alpha Phi on penalty kicks in the sorority division.

keeper's box with four minutes left. B Diddy & Da Fam scored on the subsequent penalty kick. The game was decided during penalty kicks with B Diddy & Da Fam winning on five straight goals.

Sigma Phi Epsilon took home their second intramural championship in as many days, beating Kappa Sigma 3-1 in the fraternity purple championship. Sig Ep dominated the intensity of the game from the outset, scoring two goals in the opening minutes. Sig Ep led 2-0 at halftime.

Sig Ep continued the pressure, only allowing Kappa Sigma a single one goal.

"We're in the championship in almost every sport and we always come up short. It feels great to get these," said Josh VanNamee,

a Sig Ep midfielder. "It's been a long time since we won in soccer."

B Diddy & Da Fam also took home the co-rec gold championship. They beat the Blazers II 2-1 in another hard fought game. Alpha Delta Pi won the sorority championship in a shootout. Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Phi were scoreless at the end of regulation. In a dramatic finish, Alpha Delta Pi won on a diving save from their goalie, winning 4-2.

Army surprised the entire co-rec purple league by winning the championship 4-3 over Cabanas. To round out the slew of championships, league favorite Pleasant Farms won the men's purple championship over Dynasty 3-0.

This season of intramural

soccer featured an astounding 88 teams, 10 more than last year.

"There's been a real good turnout," said site manager Justin Waters. "Everything went real nice, and there were no major injuries... We had some really competitive games and some big upsets. Army [in the co-rec purple league] only won one game in the regular season and won the championship tonight."

The soccer championships concluded the intramural's fall semester. The spring will kick-off with a registration meeting for 5-on-5 basketball that will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 8 in the multipurpose room of Mendenhall.

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Panthers crumble like a cookie in fourth quarter

AP — There were blue and white cookies on display at a downtown coffee stand Tuesday with a sign that read "Be careful with these Panthers cookies. They fall apart at the end."

At least some Carolina fans have found a way to joke about the Panthers' fourth-quarter collapses.

Monday night marked the fifth time the Panthers took a lead into the fourth quarter and blew it and lost. Quarterback Jake Delhomme was again at the center of Carolina's inability to finish.

After throwing three touchdown passes and no interceptions in the first three quarters, Delhomme threw picks on Carolina's final two possessions, including one in the end zone with 25 seconds left that secured Philadelphia's 27-24 win.

"It was a heartbreaking loss more than that it is frustrating," receiver Steve Smith said. "We feel like we had the rug pulled from underneath us."

The loss dropped the Panthers to 6-6 and coach John Fox was asked just minutes after the game if he would replace Delhomme with Chris Wemke for Sunday's game against the New York Giants.

"We're going to stick with Delhomme for next week," Fox said. "Like most of our players, we

evaluate as we go. I still feel like he gives us the best opportunity to win, and we'll continue that way until that changes."

Delhomme, the toast of the town since leading the Panthers to the Super Bowl in his first season as a starter in 2003, is now under fire. Monday night was the third time this season he's thrown an interception in the end zone late in the fourth quarter when the Panthers were driving for what would have been the go-ahead score.

"You don't look to place blame. You look at yourself and the way you could have done better and that's what I'll do," Delhomme said. "You know you're so close, you didn't get it done. It's tough, it's hard, but we've got to keep fighting. It's the only way I know."

But Delhomme is not the only one responsible for the Panthers' wildly inconsistent season. He is constantly being pressured as the Panthers' injury-plagued offensive line has struggled.

The Panthers can't run the ball consistently, and they've had trouble getting the ball to Smith, who has been held to nine catches for 88 yards in the past two games, both losses.

The defense shares in the blame as well. The line has been a huge disappointment. Tackles Kris Jenkins and Maake Kemoeatu

have been mostly invisible this season. Julius Peppers, who had 11 sacks in the first nine games, has no sacks in the past three. Carolina had just one sack against the Eagles and didn't force a turnover.

The secondary, expected to be the Panthers' strength, has become a weakness. For the second straight week, cornerback Chris Gamble was beaten for a key fourth-quarter touchdown: Jeff Garcia's 40-yard strike to Reggie Brown that tied the game.

Still, the Panthers had a chance to win until Delhomme's interceptions. On the first, there was as communication mixup with Nick Goings, who stopped his route and turned back to the ball. The pass sailed 20 yards past him and was easily picked off by Brian Dawkins.

Then with the Panthers facing a first-and-goal from the Philadelphia 7 with 28 seconds and left and holding two timeouts, Delhomme tried to lob a pass into the right corner of the end zone for Keyshawn Johnson. The same play worked late in the first half for a touchdown.

But this time, Johnson got tangled up with Lito Sheppard and wasn't where Delhomme thought he would be. Sheppard picked off the pass to end Carolina's chances.

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- IM Sports Captain's Certification Monday, 1/8 5:00pm MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Sports Official Interest Meeting Monday, 1/8 9:00pm SRC 202
- Bowling Team Registration Tuesday, 1/16 10:00am-6:00pm SRC 207
- Racquetball Registration Monday, 1/22 10:00am-6:00pm SRC 207

February 2007

- Sports Official Interest Meeting Wednesday, 2/7 9:00pm SRC 202
- Indoor Soccer Team Registration Meeting Monday, 2/12 5:00pm MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Softball Team Registration Meeting Monday, 2/19 5:00pm MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Kickball Team Registration Tuesday, 2/20 10:00am-6:00pm SRC 207

March 2007

- NCAA I Sweet Sixteen Pick 'Em Begins Monday, 3/19 10:00am SRC
- 4-on-4 Flag Football Team Registration Meeting Monday, 3/19 5:00pm MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Softball Hitting Challenge Wednesday, 3/21 7:00pm-10:00pm Blount Fields
- Golf Registration Tuesday, 3/27 10:00am-6:00pm SRC 207

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