



## School grows in enrollment, 950 students declare major

Communication program hires faculty to meet demand

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ECU's School of Communication has increased in size during the past couple of years.

The school's role used to be minor, placing journalism majors in the English Department and broadcasting majors in Theatre Arts.

Recently, the school joined with the arts to form the College of Fine Arts and Communication, combining the Schools of Art, Music, Theater and Dance and Communication.

Linner Griffen, interim director for the School of Communication, said the integration is a "good marriage."

"Most of the fine arts are in some way communicated to others," said Griffen.

"In many ways, I see communication as part of that glue ... part of that piece that allows the other fine arts to present themselves in a very favorable light."

The School of Communication became a more prominent school when more students declared a major or minor in the field.

Griffen said the school's growth is solely because of its increase in popularity.

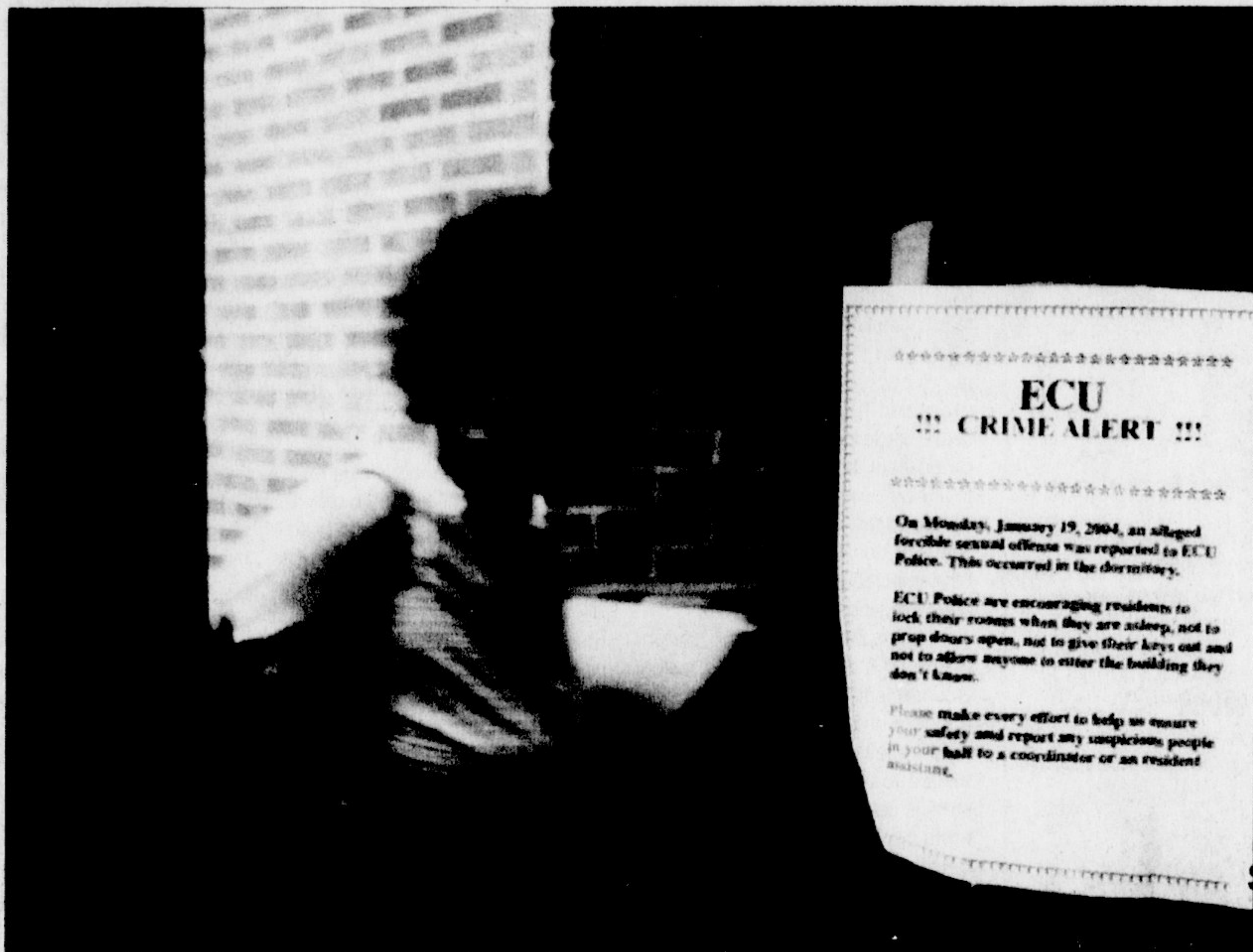
"The number of students who ... are actually accepted or admitted into the major has grown," Griffen said.

The school now has more than 950 students, Griffen said.

To accommodate the growth, the school hired more faculty members for the positions of teachers and advisers.

"This year we were very fortunate. We were able to bring

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Colleges across the country have taken extra precautions, such as controlled dorm entrances, to keep students safe.

## Police boost dorm rounds

Safety measures a concern after rape

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ECU police have increased their rounds in dorms and Resident Advisers have become more cautious since the Jan. 19 rape in White Hall.

Amy Davis, crime prevention sergeant of the ECU Police Department, said residence halls are safe; each residence hall is assigned ECU police officers that do regular rounds and are in communication with the residential advisers, coordinators and residents.

Davis said after the rape occurred, the ECU police have become more cautious patrol-

ling the residence halls.

Davis said there has been talk of adding surveillance cameras and a One Card system for entry to residence halls, although no definite decision has been made.

The ECU police are providing several programs to residence halls to improve student safety and awareness.

"We do safety and security programs, alcohol, self defense and domestic violence [programs]," said Davis.

The ECU Police Department provides a Haison program, created to build communication between students and ECU police and better reports of incidents.

The program allows students to express their concerns to ECU police.

A common violation in residence halls is visitation. There are often unescorted guests, and visitors stay in residence halls past the university's legal visitation hours.

Davis said if there is a suspicious looking person who doesn't appear to be a student standing outside a residence hall, students and RA's should immediately contact the ECU police.

"You never know if that person is armed in any kind of way, whether it's a knife or any kind of weapon ... they need to call the police department," Davis said.

Although there are several safety measures provided, students still express concern about residence hall safety.

Maria Sengebusch, sophomore nursing major and

resident of White Hall, said she was a little more nervous after the incident occurred but feels safer now because more people are aware that safety is an issue.

However, she said people could easily enter dorms where they don't live by simply waiting for someone with a key to enter and going in behind them.

Other universities take different measures to help maintain a high level of security in residence halls.

Danielle Cook, senior photography major at Syracuse University, said students swipe their university identification cards upon entry to residence halls.

"When you enter a dorm, you have to always use your

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Do you feel safe on campus, why?



SHANNON COLLINS  
FRESHMAN CLEMENT HALL

"It seems good. I don't walk around at night, so I feel safe."



ALEX THOMAS  
FRESHMAN TYLER HALL

"Now after everything it's better... now the security has improved, it's not so easy for people to get in."



CHRIS HANRAHAN  
FRESHMAN TYLER HALL

"It's all about our RA, Spencer Mitchell. Even if we have fire drills early in the morning, he's out there making sure we're OK."



BILLY HOLIDAY  
FRESHMAN TYLER HALL

"I feel pretty safe. My RA looks out for us."



CAITLIN TRUEX  
FRESHMAN CLEMENT HALL

"It's not too bad. The emergency boxes are around, and some things can't be prevented."

## Daytime Safe Ride hours planned



Vans are now the only vehicles in Safe Ride's fleet. The golf carts once used on main campus have been discontinued.

Wednesday shuttle service a success

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ECU's late-night shuttle program, Safe Ride, extended its service to include Wednesdays as of Jan. 21.

ECU police and Transit Adviser, Scott Alford, decided to add an extra day after difficulties crossing 10th Street, and inclement weather made the use of the Safe Ride golf carts impossible.

The new extended service makes stops anywhere on campus.

On weekends, Safe Ride provides service to about 100 students a night, said Hank Bowen, Safe Ride supervisor.

Bowen said there are less students using the service on Wednesdays, but there are still more than on Sundays.

Safe Ride ends services at 1 a.m. on Sundays but stays close to the freshman parking lot located on Dickinson Avenue until 2 a.m. to accommodate freshmen returning late from home.

Due to the high demand for service, Bowen said in the next few weeks, Safe Ride will run in the daytime from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., providing service to outer areas

of town.

"I think the new extended days of Safe Ride will give students more choices as to which day they want to go out," said Shawn Braddy, freshman computer science major.

"It's also an added plus for females due to some of the things that have been happening around campus lately."

Safe Ride provides service for only ECU students by checking students' One Card before service is given, and a student patrol officer is in each van.

"My hope is that eventually more people will use Safe Ride to attend campus events," Bowen said.

"There are concerts, art shows and many different entertainment events that run until late at night. Hopefully, it will bring more participation to those events."

Safe Ride, which was proposed by Student Government Association, was created as a service run from grant money to ensure students arrive home safely and unthreatened.

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## Students, local poet share select works

Cultural Center will host Poetic Expressions

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Many hope for the chance to prove their poetic talent and Thursday, students will have that opportunity during "Poetic Expressions: Readings, Rhymes and Rhythm!" hosted by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

During this event, guest poet Monica Daye, 23, Durham, will read two of her favorite poems as emcee.

Daye has real life experience in the world of poetry and is the published author of "And You Thought You Had Problems: Well, This Is My Life," a book that illustrates various problems of her past including sex, drug use, death and abuse and her struggle to overcome them through the power of God.

"I am excited to be coming to ECU ... and want the students to come to the program and enjoy themselves and share their work in a friendly and supportive environment," Daye said.

An author of more than 500

Information

For further information, contact the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-1680.

poems is not the focus of the event, but rather the chance for students to read their own poetry or rhymes in front of an audience.

"This event offers students the opportunity to come to a relaxed setting and read their own works," said Cultural Center Associate Director Toya Sanders.

"This is not a competition, and students will not be judged ... it is just for fun and experience."

Poetic Expressions is the first event of its kind this academic year, and the only one this semester.

"We hope this program will be successful, so that we can have even more next year," Sanders said.

"You don't even have to read any poetry or rhymes, you can just come out to listen ... everyone is welcome."

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Black History Awareness throughout February

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Visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com) to read more about John Kerry's sweep of the southern states.

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Three career fairs will bring potential employers to campus this week for the first time this semester.

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Art comes in all sizes. Beginning Friday, Emerge Gallery will feature a Tiny Art Show.

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The Pirates will face a Memphis team that has picked up a lot of momentum tonight at Mingos Coliseum.

FYI  
Don't forget! The construction management/industrial technology career fair is today from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Science and Tech Building.





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## Announcements

### Correction

The photograph that ran with the story, "ECU researchers file lawsuit against company," pictured all three of the original creators of the SpeechEasy device. Michael Rastatter, Ph.D., who was shown in the picture, signed off his rights to the device and is not a party in the lawsuit.

### Sexual Responsibility Week

The ECU Health PIRATES showcase games and activities, including a raffle drawing to win free dinners, DVDs and an MP3 player, continuing today through Friday in Wright Plaza for Sexual Responsibility Week.

### Construction and Industrial Career Fair

There will be a Construction Management and Industrial Technology Career Fair today from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Science and Technology Building.

### Sex Smarts

Wellness Education presents "Sex Smarts," a game show based on the TV show "Street Smarts," Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

### Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair

There will be a Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair Thursday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Carol Belk Building.

### Deans and Issues Forum

The ECU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa will host the Deans and Issues Forum on Thursday at 7 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall Student Center. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for Student Life, will moderate open discussion on diversity, campus safety, transportation, parking, expansion, faculty involvement and student organizations.

### Science and Chemistry Career Fair

There will be a science and chemistry career fair Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the third floor of the Science and Technology Building.

### Leadership Academy Applications

The ECU Leadership Academy will accept applications until Friday. Applications are available online at [www.ecu.edu/leadership](http://www.ecu.edu/leadership), in the Faculty Senate Office in the Rawl Annex on Reade Street and at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences in Brody. Classes will focus on preparing faculty and staff members to assume enhanced campus roles.

### Self Defense Registration

Learn how to defend yourself in a progressive training system. Registration is Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in 240 SRC. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, and the program runs March 21 - April 31.

### Book Drive

The ECU NC Teaching Fellows Program will sponsor a book drive on Saturday, Feb. 14 at Greenville Nissan and Greenville K-Mart. Books and donations will be distributed to area schools affected by Hurricane Isabel. All contributors (books or cash) will receive a chance to win a dinner for two at one of several participating Greenville restaurants. Books may be dropped off at the book drive or sent/delivered prior to the Teaching Fellows office in 204 Spellman. Contact Mary Beth Corbin at 328-4126 for more information.

### Negro Spiritual Presentation

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will sponsor "The History of the Negro Spiritual" presented by Dortha Taylor, soprano, and Louise Toppin, piano, on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Hooker Road.

### Resume Blitz

Career Services offers a Resume Blitz, where students' resumes are critiqued on sight, Monday, Feb. 16, from noon - 2 p.m. in Bate Lobby.

### Interviewing Workshop

Career Services offers a workshop on interviewing Monday, Feb. 16, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 1012 Bate.

### PRSSA Meeting

The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet Monday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in 202 Joyner East.

### Drop Deadline Extension

The last day for undergraduate students to drop term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades has been extended to Wednesday, Feb. 25. Block courses may be dropped only during the first 40 percent of their regularly scheduled class meetings.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers can apply for the annual \$2,500 James M. Cox Jr. Foundation Scholarships offered by *The Daily Reflector*. Applicants must be a junior at ECU with a minimum of two full-time semesters remaining until graduation and have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last academic year. Applications are due by April 1. For more information, contact Vicky Morris at 328-9573.

### Paper Person

The person featured at the top of today's paper is Alie Robinson, sophomore accounting major.

## News Briefs

### Local

**UNC students protest proposed tuition increases**  
RALEIGH (AP) - About a dozen students gathered in front of the state Legislative Building on Monday in an effort to persuade lawmakers to stop tuition increases at public universities in North Carolina.

They came with about 280 copies of "The Personal Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers," a 500-page book with entries from about 800 students, alumni, parents and faculty members detailing the difficulty of keeping up with rising tuition costs.

They planned to distribute the books to lawmakers, university chancellors and members of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. The board's budget committee is expected Friday to discuss proposed tuition increases for in-state undergraduates that would range from 11 percent at NC State to 23 percent at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Some schools have recommended bigger increases for out-of-state and graduate students.

Jonathan Ducote, the president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and the only student member of the Board of Governors, said increasing the cost of public education at a time when the state is dealing with large job losses hurts displaced workers who want to further their education.

**NC to receive more than 500,000 free gun locks**  
RALEIGH (AP) - More than half a million free gun locks will be distributed to law enforcement agencies statewide to help make homes with firearms safer, state officials said Monday.

"This project is important to law enforcement, but it is essential for the safety of many North Carolina families," said Bryan Beatty, secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

"Gun owners are responsible for ensuring their weapons are safely stored so that children cannot get to them. Using a gun lock is one of the smartest things you can do." The 503,500 gun locks were provided by Project ChildSafe, a national program supported by a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Justice Department.

### National

**EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. (AP) - A 16-year-old student shot and wounded a special-education teacher in the leg Monday as he let off three shotgun blasts in a high school hallway, authorities said.**

Jon W. Romano, a junior, was arrested at the school, police said. He pleaded not guilty Monday night to a charge of attempted murder and was sent to jail.

His lawyer, E. Stewart Jones, said he would file a bail application later this week and further discuss Romano's case at that time.

Police did not immediately disclose a motive for the shooting, which happened around 10:30 a.m. and sent Columbia High School in suburban Albany into lockdown before the arrest.

Superintendent Terrance Brewer said the student fired three rounds of birdshot from a pump-action 12-gauge shotgun, and one round hit teacher Michael Bennett in the leg.

Assistant principal John Sawchuk stopped Romano and held him

until police came, Brewer said. Bennett was treated at Albany Medical Center and released about two hours later.

### Billions in tax refunds still unclaimed

**WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly 2 million students, retirees and other taxpayers stand to lose \$2.5 billion in refunds if they don't act quickly to claim the money.**

The Internal Revenue Service said Monday that anyone who should have gotten a refund for taxes paid in 2000 but didn't file a return must file and claim the money by April 15.

"Don't wait until it's too late," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "We want all taxpayers to get the refund they're due."

Half of those taxpayers could claim refunds of \$529 or more, the IRS estimated. That calculation does not include the earned income tax, which could make the refund even larger for some low-wage workers.

### World

**Iranian passenger plane crashes in Emirates, killing at least 35 people**

**SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates (AP) - An Iranian plane crashed Tuesday shortly before arrival at an airport in the north of the United Arab Emirates, killing at least 35 people. Three survivors reportedly were being treated at a local hospital.**

The Kish Airline turboprop carried 46 people. A Civil Aviation official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said 35 people were confirmed dead.

The cause of the crash was not

yet known, said Ghanem al-Hajiry, director general of civil aviation and the Sharjah Airport Authority. It crashed about 11:40 a.m. local time in an open area about two miles from the air field but no one on the ground was injured, he added.

Three victims arrived at al-Qasimi hospital in Sharjah, two of them in critical condition and the third listed as stable, according to WAM, the official news agency of the Emirates.

The plane was arriving from the Iranian island of Kish. Previous reports incorrectly said the aircraft crashed on takeoff.

### Missing Russian presidential candidate located, staff says

**MOSCOW (AP) - The Russian presidential candidate, missing since last week, has been located in neighboring Ukraine and will return to Russia Tuesday night, a campaign staffer said.**

Ivan Rybkin, a critic of President Vladimir Putin who has been supported by one of the president's most outspoken foes, self-exiled tycoon Boris Berezovsky, had been missing since late Thursday, after being dropped off outside his Moscow home, according to his wife and campaign staffers.

A campaign staffer who gave her name only as Maria confirmed a Russian media report that Rybkin had been found and was to return to Moscow on a flight Tuesday night. His wife, Albina, said she could not immediately confirm the report.

She and Rybkin staffers filed a missing-person report on the 57-year-old on Sunday, the day after his candidacy for the March 14 presidential election was approved by the Central Election Commission.

## Semester's first career fairs begin

*Employers from over 60 companies will attend*

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Student Professional Development is giving students an opportunity to attend some of its first spring career fairs this week.

Three different career fairs will be held in the next two weeks

from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Construction Management and Industrial Technology Career Fair will be held today in the Willis Building.

Susan Martin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs for Student Professional Development said there would be 32 companies attending the fair.

The Nursing and Allied Health Career fair will take

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on 10 new faculty," Griffen said. Griffen said she believes the increase in student communication majors is due to the increase of technology in society as a whole.

Children grow up on computers and video cameras, she said, and when they come to school, the interest carries into a field such as broadcasting. Sophomore Emily Waite said she chose to major in communication because she loves to interact with people.

"I can't have a job where I work by myself with numbers or something at a desk with no one to talk to," said Waite.

Space is an issue for the growing school. Renovations in Flannagan and Rivers buildings caused a shortage in classrooms that were once available.

Based on class size, a communication student could find their class in an auditorium in Joyner East or a small room surrounded by offices in Ragsdale.

"It will get better because obviously those buildings will complete their renovations, and students that are normally in there will begin to occupy those classrooms," Griffen said.

New technologies will also be needed to accommodate the rising number of students. Griffen said new computers will be available in labs soon.

Curriculum will not change, however. This is only the second year these particular classes have been taught and the school chooses not to modify. Still, Griffen said faculty is always considering new electives.

Currently, the school is searching for a new director who will begin working at the start of the fall 2004 semester, Griffen said.

Griffen said she believes the School of Communication will continue to grow, change and improve as more students declare majors in communication fields and new faculty is hired.

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# Snow Hill Primary implements dual language program

*'Las Puentes' builds bridges for Hispanics*

*Editor's Note: The version of this story that ran in the Feb. 10 edition was incorrectly formatted; therefore, we have re-run the story in its entirety.*

**PETER KALAJIAN**  
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Snow Hill Primary has established a dual language immersion program, the first of its kind in rural eastern North Carolina to be utilized by Kindergarten and first grade Hispanic students in the area.

In cooperation with the ECU Geography Department, Snow Hill is taking bold steps in the ongoing challenge to offer alternate learning opportunities to Latino and Hispanic children living within their district.

Under the new program, Spanish-speaking students will be able to learn from a Spanish-speaking instructor, while collaborating with peers and participating in normal activities.

Dubbed "Las Puentes," which is Spanish for bridges, the program is the brainchild of Pat MacNeill, director of instruction and federal programs for Snow Hill Primary School.

"The Greene County Schools have been very progressive in watching cultural changes in our communities," said MacNeill.

"We appreciate all the efforts of Rebecca Torres and ECU." Rebecca Torres, associate professor of geography at ECU and Snow Hill parent, became involved in the program when she wrote a state grant to help fund "Las Puentes."

Torres was unavailable for comment at press time.

"Las Puentes" requires an application for admittance, and the program runs for the entire school day. One-half of the students currently involved in the program speak English as their second language.

Camoosha Bell is a bilingual graduate student in international relations and a Spanish tutor for the modified program at ECU.

"The earlier people can learn a foreign language, the better," said Bell.

"I feel that programs like Las Puentes should be a federally mandated part of the education system. It would not only be advantageous to the individual but to society as a whole."

Snow Hill, which sits in one of the poorest counties in the state, has a Hispanic population of approximately 1,600, or 8 percent of the overall population.

The majority of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of Greene County originate from Mexico.



Growing numbers of Hispanic students require bilingual classes.

Hispanics are the fastest growing demographic in the nation as well as in rural eastern North Carolina.

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place Thursday, Feb. 12 in the Belk Building and nearly 38 employers are expected to attend the fair.

The Science and Chemistry Career Fair will be held this Friday on the third floor of the Science and Technology Building, but only nine employers will be attending the event.

"There is always an opportunity that they [students] will be hired from a career fair, but it's also an opportunity to network," said Martin.

"It's an opportunity to practice your infomercial [introduction] and to interact with employers so that you begin to feel comfortable."

This week's career fairs are free and open to all students.

Martin said that students should remember to come to the events dressed professionally with resumes in hand.

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## Contact Info

If you are interested in more information on any of the three career fairs this week, visit [www.ecu.edu/career/updated](http://www.ecu.edu/career/updated).

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card," said Cook.

"If you are not a resident the card will not work."

Cook said a "public safety person" stands at the front of the entrance to residence halls from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. and keeps records of everyone entering the building.

Each person, student or not, is required to show some form of identification and it is documented upon arrival and departure.

"They take a record of everyone who comes in ... if there's a problem, they have a record," Cook said.

There is also a 24-hour front desk at each residence hall that watches for people sneaking in behind other residents, Cook said.

Gillian Haux, freshman nursing major, said she would feel more secure if ECU provided a similar system.

According to Aaron Lucier, assistant director for technology and interim associate director for Campus Living, the overall safety in residence halls has not become a rising concern, despite the recent rape in White Hall.

"Safety and security has always been a concern in residence halls, and I wouldn't say this year has been particularly more of a concern," said Lucier.

Amy Davis said she would like to remind students that everyone is susceptible to crime and they should always be concerned about their personal safety.

"I think, mostly, when students come on campus, they think they are immune to crime, until at least they have been victimized, and then that's like an eye opener," Davis said.

Lucier said the rape could make residence hall students more aware of their own safety.

"Incidents like this serve as a wake up call for most of the community and the staff to double their efforts in trying to keep the

buildings secure," Lucier said.

"It [the rape] is a serious incident, and it concerns us, and I hope it concerns residents in a way that it makes them more aware of their environment, makes them feel a little more responsible in maintaining the security as a community member."

Kristen Tucker, senior family and community services major and an RA of Slay and Umstead Halls, said she has definitely become more cautious after the rape occurred, and she feels other RA's have as well.

Lucier said the university takes several measures to ensure safety in residence halls, including educating students on ways to create safe environments.

The university can lock doors and have staff members complete rounds, but residents need to take responsibility as well in ensuring their own safety.

Building security is a joint effort between the community and the university, Lucier said.

Lucier said the construction taking place on campus does reduce the security of students.

"They [construction sites] tend to create boxed-in areas - they tend to create areas where students cannot see as clearly as we would like, and so that's why we try to add the additional lighting and deal with concerns when they arise," Lucier said.

"The fact is those construction areas are always a concern when talking about safety, and what we try to do when we see problems we try to add lighting when appropriate, we try to create fencing."

Lucier said the new construction jobs taking place would create a safer environment with more open walkways and better lighting when finished.

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# John Kerry claims victory in both Tennessee, Virginia

FAIRFAX STATION, Va. (KRT)—Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts swept primaries in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday, decisively defeating two Southern rivals near their home turf and all but assuring that he will be the Democratic Party nominee for president.

Kerry won easily in Virginia, taking about 50 percent of the vote, followed by Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina with 26 percent and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas with 9 percent.

Kerry also breezed to victory in Tennessee. With three-quarters of the vote counted, he had 47 percent, Edwards 26 percent and Clark 23 percent.

After finishing third in both states, Clark decided to abandon his presidential bid, a campaign aide said late Tuesday night.

"General Clark has decided to leave the race," said Matt Bennett, the Clark campaign's communications director. "There was tremendous momentum for John

Kerry and the mountain got too steep to climb."

Bennett said the decision was a difficult one and that the campaign opted to wait until all the returns were in before announcing the decision.

A formal announcement is planned Wednesday in Little Rock, Ark.

Kerry's victories, his first in the South, gave him a new jolt of momentum as he heads into a showdown next week in Wisconsin that could leave him the acknowledged nominee of his party.

He enters the coming week having won five states in four days and 12 of the 14 that have voted so far. With Tuesday's wins, he has shown political strength in every region of the country and among Democrats from all demographic, economic and racial groups.

More importantly, he approaches next Tuesday's Wisconsin primary without any clear threat to his nomination.

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## Our View

*Fortunately, no one is ever perfect, and those problem areas that you glare at in the mirror are things every person knows all too well.*

Watching the Grammy's Sunday night, you couldn't miss it - perfect bodies. Bodies that have sucked, tucked and stuffed their way into America's perception of perfection.

Just about everyone has a part of their body that they have designated a "problem area," and every year millions of Americans go under the knife in an attempt to repair the so-called problem.

The question is would you choose plastic surgery if given the option? Society has warped the human mind into thinking that we should all resemble the picture perfect models that look out at us from magazine stands.

Cosmetic surgery is a radical attempt to help get that guy from class to notice you or to get the girl that lives around the corner to go out on a date with you.

In our opinion, no one should change, especially physically, for anyone else.

Would you really want to appease someone who probably feels equally as insecure about some part of his or her own body?

And those celebrities everyone thinks are perfect, have spent millions for their look. They all have the money to get that makeup artist and fashion designer to pick out and cover those little imperfections that we never see on the covers of our favorite magazines.

Not to mention, studies that show people who undergo plastic surgery once are more likely to do it again, which is definitely true for celebrities like Michael Jackson, whose view of himself has caused him to make a habit out of going under the knife.

Fortunately, no one is ever perfect, and those problem areas that you glare at in the mirror are things every person knows all too well.

The goal of the TEC Opinion page is to evoke discussion as well as action on topics pertinent to the ECU community.

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## Opinions In Brief

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**Bring em' back**  
 Let's all hope the Carolina Panthers management brings back the necessary players for another playoff run next year.

The last two years, the Super Bowl loser hasn't made it to the playoffs the following year. Carolina should sign both Head Coach John Fox and wide receiver Steve Smith to long-term deals.

This is the only way Carolina will continue to have the fan support seen this past year. In 1996, when Carolina went to the NFC championship game, the team was dismantled the following year.

Hopefully, the guys in charge will take care of business.

**Williams' frustration**  
 Roy Williams is frustrated, I guarantee it. North Carolina is playing the most inconsistent ball of maybe any team in the country.

They lost to Florida State, and then the Heels go on to wax Virginia and beat NCSU. Next Carolina loses to Clemson, the absolute worst team in the conference, then plays great against Duke in a two point OT loss and goes on to beat Wake Forest last Saturday.

They have the most talented individual starting five in the country and yet they can't get consistent play out of more than two of them. Coach Williams is dying to get some of his hard working, tough, humble team

players in the program.

And until Williams and UNC get a strut of toughness and suck it up out there on the court, they'll be mince meat come March.

**Is Valentine's Day a real holiday?**

What's the purpose of Valentine's Day?

To me it's just another day... a day that's supposed to be for celebrating feelings of love. But truly it's another day for people to spend money on each other and exchange meaningless gifts - which will be forgotten in less than two weeks. Most people wait until Valentine's Day to say or do something special for someone else. Whether it's romantic or not, the things that will be said and done just for the sake of it being Valentine's Day probably will not be repeated until next year on Valentine's Day.

**Too old to drive**

I think that once drivers reach a certain age, they need to hand their license in.

Elderly drivers aren't safe just as a driver who's too young is not safe. Some elderly drivers begin to lose vision, have heart problems, and other health problems that could cause them to wreck or be unsafe for other drivers on the road.

I was going down the road

yesterday and had to brake from 55 MPH to 25 MPH. I thought the person may be turning, but no, he was driving 25 MPH or slower. There was no where to pass so I had to stay behind the person. The hard thing to determine is at what age should you lose your license?

Government could set an age limit like they set a beginning driver's age. Or they could set an age and give the elderly a restricted license. My experience with elderly drivers has not been good. But then again, I wish all drivers drove like me!

**Make them hear you!**

In less than a year, the students of ECU will have a chance to participate in one of the greatest privileges that this country bequeaths unto its citizens.

Americans will be given a chance to vote for the president. Not only that, students will be given a chance to vote for or against local politicians running for election or re-election.

Too many people complain about issues affecting them on campus and around town. This will be a chance to do something pro-active about it.

We all have to realize that there is no greater voice in the country than one articulated in the voting booth. We should all start to read up on the national, local and regional issues in the country, county and this region

of the state.

This may not be where you were born, but it's where we live. We should have a say in how it's governed and we do!

None of us got into school without being able to read, so let's put our literacy to work and educate ourselves on what people actually stand for and not just look at what party banner flies behind them on their election posters.

Young voters have been ignored by politicians for years because most assume we don't know or don't care about the world around us. Don't prove them right this year.

**ECU's money woes**

ECU plans to build an intramural structure costing millions of dollars, which will supposedly be the largest in the nation. The first question that comes to mind: Where are we getting this money?

Tuition, of course. The structure won't be finished for years, which means a lot of us won't ever get to see the building we funded. This is unfair.

Just because ECU doesn't really stand out academically in North Carolina doesn't mean some giant building will do the trick.

Why not use the money to hire more teachers? Why is this university so concerned with buildings lately?

## In My Opinion

### Fear not, life can be cell-free

(KRT)—After the dot-com bust came the cell-phone boom, and it hasn't stopped ringing.

Cells are a mixed blessing, especially when that nifty \$59-a-month plan mushrooms, unexpectedly, into a \$159 bill. Certainly it says something about our culture and economy that cable TV and wireless phone companies are locked in a death match to see which can produce the highest monthly bill. The price of electricity and antiquated landlines is chump change by comparison.

Fear is the wireless provider's greatest promotional tool, especially since Columbine and Sept. 11. It's a gadget for the anxious.

Many users feel unmoored when they leave the house without one, despite having survived much of their life incommunicado as they strolled the grocery or drove Main Street. It's as if the chance of a flat tire, or worse, is increased exponentially by the phone's absence.

The underlying message is "no cell phone equals bad things." It's like going out without a wallet or pants. This is marketing at its most brilliantly devious.

There are second-graders with cell phones, though the kids are virtually never without adult supervision. I know a 10-year-old with a cell phone and a Palm Pilot, the better to book play dates and bath time.

Teen-agers have become the greatest beneficiary of the fear industry. At the end of 2002, according to one major study, half were packing cells. I suspect that number is way higher now, considering the angst teen-agers inspire in many parents.

For adolescent users, cell phones are both freedom and wireless umbilical cords. The technology has allowed them to be

more mobile, though there's no evidence they've become independent. On the contrary, it's turned them into toddlers.

The chauffeur, that being a parent, is a speed-dial away. So is the chef, which would also be the parent, as well as the bank and that bounty-hunter for all things missing.

Honestly, if you took all those cell phones away, teen-agers would have to do some things themselves. Like walk.

Or show up when they said they would.

And woe to the parent foolish enough to believe that a cell helps her keep tabs on her offspring. When a child calls on his Nokia to tell you he's arrived home from school, it's time to place a discreet follow-up call on the house line.

Cell phones haven't made people more efficient. They've increased tardiness and irresponsibility, according to another study. They've fostered selective information-sharing, bringing "I missed the last bus" stories into the 21st century.

Since the cell phone, people are ringing up the same individuals more frequently to have less substantial conversations at a conspicuously higher cost. We're reaching out to annoy someone.

In the last month, I've noticed people on the phone while exercising at the gym, taking a (supposedly) pastoral walk in the woods and - though I didn't actually see it - in bathroom stalls. People either loathe downtime without a voice in their ear or they worry they'll lose out if they're not an annoying ring away.

That, or they simply can't shut up.

## In My Opinion

### American's should say 'I don't' to Bush's marriage proposal

(KRT)—Last month, President Bush used the State of the Union to comment on the state of our unions - our marital unions.

Bush's address included a call for "our nation to defend the sanctity of marriage," and the administration is proposing a \$1.5 billion initiative that would help build the interpersonal skills required for successful marriages, especially among the poor.

Strong marriages are a worthy goal and a key ingredient to a healthy society. But at a time when our budget is spilling red ink to the tune of \$500 billion, when our schools are strapped for cash, our states are going broke, 43 million people have no health insurance, and we are committed to the multibillion dollar reconstruction of Iraqi society, is this the best way to spend federal dollars?

Surely we can rely on extended families, communities and clergy to help couples keep their relationships strong. Note the irony. Aren't Republicans small-government purists? Only, apparently, when it comes to protecting the wealthy and ignoring corporate excess. When the subject is our bedrooms and our most personal affairs, Republicans champion the most intrusive government imaginable.

In describing the marriage initiative, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Wade Horn told the New York Times last week: "We want to help couples ... manage conflict in healthy ways. We know how to teach problem-solving, negotiation and listening skills."

Maybe Horn should be passing along those skills to his administra-

tion's foreign policy team, whose idea of healthy conflict management is the unprovoked invasion of a sovereign nation. An administration that can't even make nice with some of our most faithful allies is now telling us how to conduct our personal relationships.

At the heart of conservative doctrine is the belief that, if you are poor, there is something wrong with you. If you are down on your luck, it must be because your lifestyle does not meet their standard of what is traditional or mainstream. No amount of mentoring or conflict management could have saved my marriage to a man who left me alone and destitute at the age of 29, with three young children to raise.

What I needed at that desperate moment in my life was not right-wing moralizing, but the social safety net - the very social safety net conservatives seem determined to tear down. Although I was employed, I needed public assistance to make ends meet, so that I could provide my family with life's basics - food, health insurance and child care.

Only truly compassionate government policies helped me turn my life around.

We don't need government marriage counseling; we need good jobs with good benefits. We need flexible workplaces, universal health insurance, affordable child care, safe after-school programs and much more. We need a government that helps ease the pressures on hard-working parents who never seem to have enough time or money to meet their obligations to their families without compromising their jobs.

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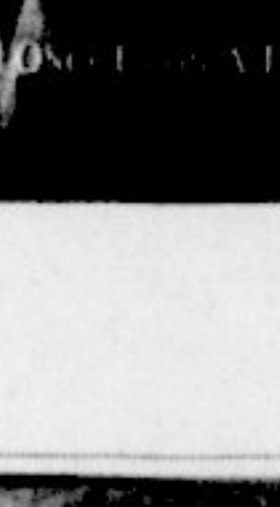
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## Did You Know?

- Singer Brandy (1979), actress Jennifer Aniston (1969) and singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow (1962) all call today their birthday.
- This month is Library Lovers' Month.
- Today is National Shut-In Visitation Day and Satisfied Staying Single Day.
- On this day in 1990, Nelson Mandela was freed in South Africa after being held as a political prisoner for 27 years.

## Announcements

### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Elephant* today at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *The Matrix Revolutions* is showing today at 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information, call 328-4700.

### Open Mic Night

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents Open Mic Night today from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Pirate Underground.

### Music Among Friends

The School of Music presents *Music Among Friends: Yoram Youngerman, viola; and pianist Paul Tardif present music by Joachim, Brahms and Schumann* today at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

### Poetic Expressions

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents *Poetic Expressions: Readings, Rhymes and Rhythm* featuring Mona Daye on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery.

### Music of Love and Courtship

The ECU Chamber Singers present *If Music Be the Food of Love, Sing On! Music of Love and Courtship* conducted by Dan Bara on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

### Jazz at Night

The Student Union presents Jazz at Night with the ECU Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the MSC Great Room. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free for students. Pick up tickets at the Central Ticket Office.

## Top Fives

### Top five albums

1. *Kamikaze*, Twista
2. *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, OutKast
3. *The Very Best of Sheryl Crow*, Sheryl Crow
4. *Fallen*, Evanescence
5. *Soulful*, Ruben Studdard

### Top five singles

1. "The Way You Move," OutKast
2. "Slow Jams," Twista featuring Kanye West & Jamie Foxx
3. "Hey Ya!," OutKast
4. "Yeah!," Usher featuring Lil John & Ludacris
5. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys

### Top five movies

1. *Barbershop 2: Back in Business*
2. *Miracle*
3. *You Got Served*
4. *Along Came Polly*
5. *The Butterfly Effect*

### Top five DVDs

1. *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*
2. *Out of Time*
3. *Open Range*
4. *Cabin Fever*
5. *American Wedding*

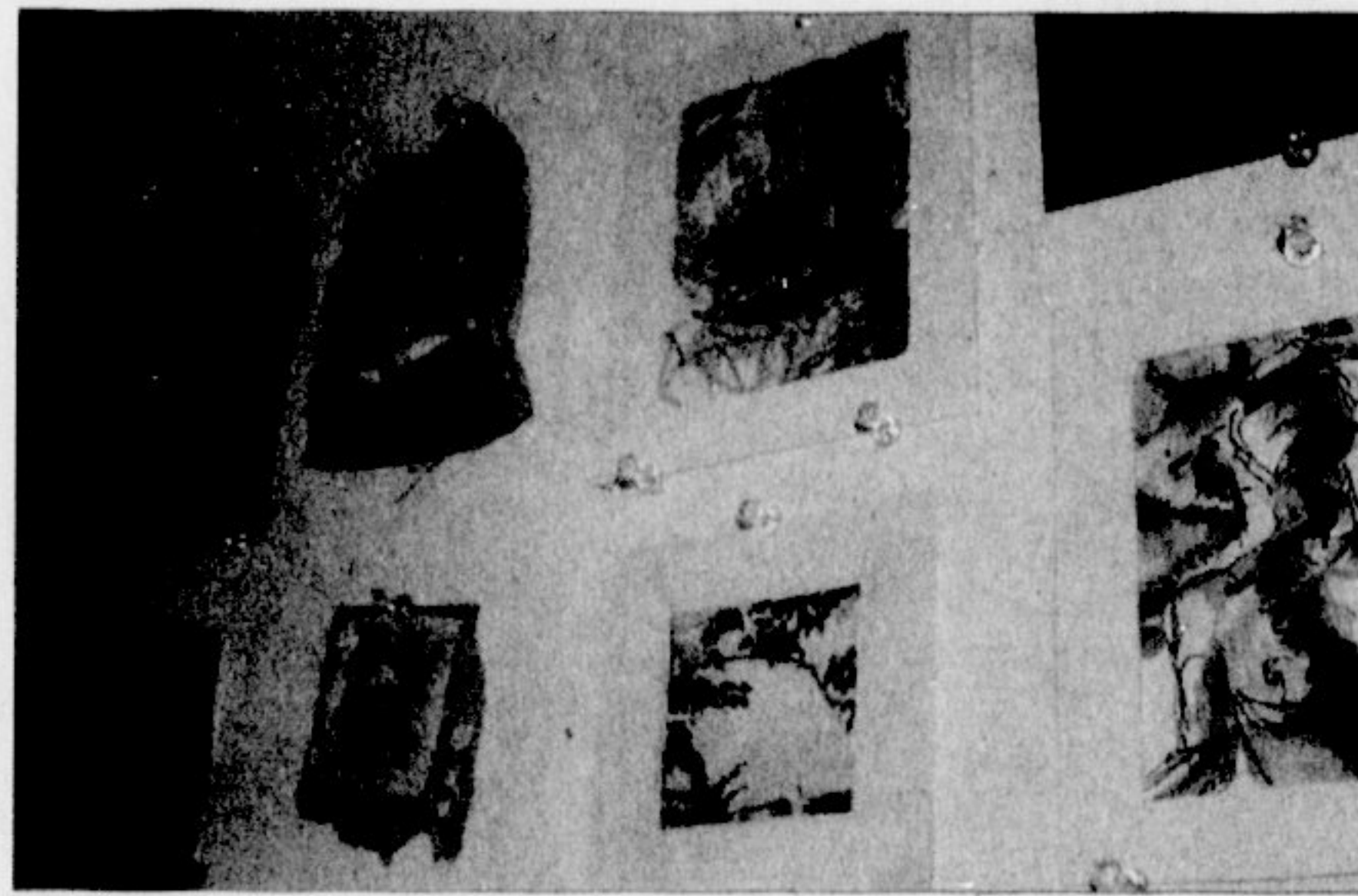
### Top five books

1. *The South Beach Diet*, Arthur Agatston Rodale
2. *The DaVinci Code*, Dan Brown
3. *The South Beach Diet Good Fats and Good Carbs Guide*, Arthur Agatston Rodale
4. *Angels and Demons*, Dan Brown
5. *The Ultimate Weight Solution Food Guide*, Phillip C. McGraw

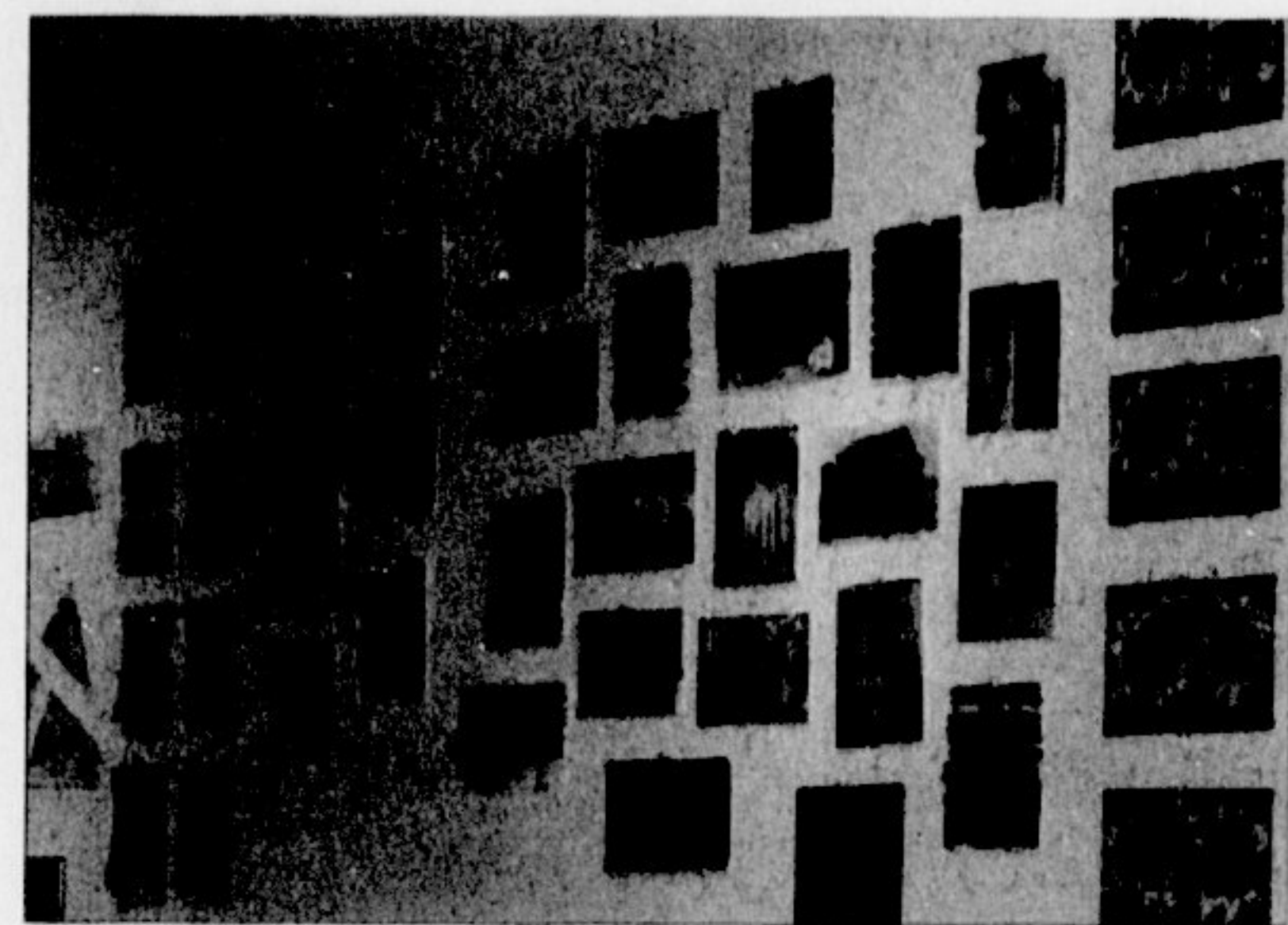
### Top five TV shows

1. "Super Bowl XXXVIII," CBS
2. "Super Bowl Postgame," CBS
3. "Survivor: All-star Premiere," CBS
4. "American Idol" - Tuesday, FOX
5. "American Idol" - Wednesday, FOX

# Great things come in small packages



The Tiny Art Show, an exhibit featuring artwork no larger than a 5-by-7 photograph, opens Friday, Feb. 13.



Photos by Amanda Vainness

## Emerge Gallery offers Tiny Art Show exhibit

**LAURA KEELING**  
STAFF WRITER

Emerge, Greenville's hottest art gallery located at 404 S. Evans St., is challenging the Greenville community to think tiny - tiny art, that is.

The 3rd Annual Tiny Art show, beginning Friday, Feb. 13 with a reception kick-off, will display artwork no larger than a 5-by-7 photograph and no limit to how "tiny."

The show is held as a fundraiser for the gallery, a non-profit organization. Artists have either chosen to keep 50 percent or donate 100 percent of the profits to Emmerge. All submissions are accepted and artists are allowed to enter 20 pieces maximum in the show.

"We get no financial support from the university, city or state, so basically we survive off of fundraisers like this, memberships, sales and grants," said Holly Garriott, Emmerge Gallery director.

"Every little bit helps." Shows like this are not only what keeps the gallery up and running, but also the idea for the gallery's creation. This student-

run facility was established to allow an opportunity for both the community and university to see real art and the process of displaying art.

This show has become a favorite for many because of its wide range of entries and acceptance into the exhibit. This is not a contest but a chance for anyone to be involved.

"[The Tiny Art Show] allows a wide majority of people participation, but it questions what art is and who can make art," Garriott said.

In the past, the gallery has had many participants including works from professional artists, professors, students, children and community members.

"Everyone can enter, regardless of age or artistic ability. Last year we had a one-year-old participate," Garriott said.

All have natural art ability and are able to display it in a non-competitive atmosphere. This year will be no exception.

"We are all excited here at the gallery because the show is fun and it involves the community," said Kelly Kye, junior art major and ART 4000 student behind the show.

The Art 4000 class is an internship through the gallery offered to all majors. The course teaches the student aspects of exhibition installation and

## Event Information

The Third Annual Tiny Art Show at Emmerge Gallery

Location: 404 S. Evans Street

Reception Friday Feb. 13 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Show runs Feb. 13 - Feb. 27

Admission is free, donations accepted

Artwork on sale for \$5-\$10

For more information, call 551-6497.

gallery management. This particular show, as with many others, was created by the ART 4000 class two years ago. It has been an annual event ever since.

The reception on Friday, Feb. 13 will be from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and will be an opportunity for the public to view and purchase entries.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

This is not the only opportunity for anyone to see the exhibit or buy entries. The exhibit will be on display Feb. 13 - 27. Emmerge Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The gallery gives those who

wish a chance to display something they can be proud of using their own artistic fashion.

"We might have a really well-crafted painting next to a crumbled up piece of paper," said Garriott.

The exhibit allows anything "tiny" to be represented in its own artistic fashion.

"The Tiny Art Show sounds like a neat idea. Working with a smaller size forces the artist to step outside of their comfort zone and really create some neat stuff," said Clay Nelms, junior musical theatre major.

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## New Subway hopes to add beer to menu



The Subway on Tenth Street hopes to add beer to its menu.

### Store to serve alcohol with health food

**TOMEKA STEELE**  
STAFF WRITER

The new Subway in Greenville, located on 3120 E. 10th St., may be unlike any other on

the East coast. Owner Ashley Bleau wants the new Subway to be one of the first to have beer on the menu.

While still under debate, corporate reportedly isn't giving the green light because beer conflicts with the image Subway is currently conveying.

Bleau is a 2000 graduate

of ECU who owns seven other Subway franchises in North Carolina, and he plans to have as many as two in Greenville.

When you think of Subway, the image of Jared Fogle instantly pops into the mind. The public is familiar with Fogle's loss of 245 lbs. by eating only Subway sandwiches for a year.

Subway is seen as a healthy alternative to competing fast-food chains. They are now advocating their two new Atkins Friendly Wraps, which have 11 grams of carbohydrates or less.

Subway aims to have fresh foods that are tasty and nutritious, endlessly advertising their seven subs with six grams of fat or less. This image may prevent beer from ever being served at the new Subway here in Greenville.

The sale of beer could threaten the reputation and credibility of Subway as a franchise. Beer isn't exactly in

accordance with health since regular beers have between 90 and 200 calories.

"I would think that Subway would want to serve beer to get business from college students. But Subway is on this big health kick with the Jared diet and now serving Atkins. Maybe they want more business from people who aren't watching their weight, but beer is definitely not a part of a healthy diet. It totally contradicts the message that the Subway franchise is sending out," said Erin Brothers, senior nursing and exercise sports major.

The decision whether to market beer is still under consideration, because the corporation realizes how much money can be made serving beer in close proximity to a large campus.

"I wouldn't go to the new Subway specifically for beer but it probably would help the owner's business since it is right by Pirate's Cove and Sterling Manor.

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## Former Weekend Excursion member goes solo

### ECU graduate returns to perform downtown

**JESSICA CRESON**  
STAFF WRITER

Weekend Excursion has been one of the most popular independent bands in the southeast, winning fans over show by show. Their pop-rock sound, lively shows and various cover songs, such as "Rockin' in the Free World," "Bombs over Baghdad" and "Johnny B. Goode" are why their success is so great, even without radio play or many publicity opportunities.

Their time together as a band has ended and Weekend Excursion is breaking up.

"[The band] has done enough, and it's a common wish to stop while we're still having fun," said Sam Fisher, lead singer of Weekend Excursion.

Fisher, a former ECU student,

is now starting a solo career after being with the band for several years. He spent a lot of time playing tennis for ECU and thought he wanted to play professionally. Meanwhile, Fisher began to play guitar. His first show was an "open mic" at the Firehouse Tavern, in Greenville about 10 years ago.

Upon graduating, he worked at Wachovia Bank, while still performing in a band. Uninspired by banking, he tried to gain success by going solo full time. At one of his shows, Fisher was introduced to Jeff Foxworth and Chris Groch of Weekend Excursion. They asked if he would be interested in replacing their former lead singer. Fisher auditioned and weeks later he was performing in front of hundreds.

Weekend Excursion became popular throughout the southeast, producing five albums and selling 30,000 albums indepen-

## Event Info

Who: Sam Fisher of Weekend Excursion

Where: Wrong Way Corrigan's

When: Friday, Feb. 13 at 11 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 (over 21) and \$8 (18 - 21-years-old)

For more information on Fisher, visit [www.samsongs.com](http://www.samsongs.com)



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dently, by touring as much as possible.

Sam Fisher's new solo CD, *Who Are You?*, is a blend of hard and soft rock, soul and folk that can interest all kinds of listeners. Fisher said he plans to "explore new styles and rhythms, but keep the appeal to mainstream

audiences."

"In the last two months Sam has distributed more than 1,000 copies of his latest [album]. He has gotten positive feedback from venues, artists and fans about his new material," said Fisher's Manager, Brian

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Michael Pitt stars in the racy new movie, *The Dreamers*.

## 'Dawson's Creek' star bares all in NC-17 film

NEW YORK (KRT) — You're about to see a lot of "Dawson's Creek" darling Michael Pitt. So much so that his new film, *The Dreamers*, earned an NC-17 rating due to its nudity and sex.

But though he has gone from TV heartthrob to Brooklyn's movie-sex poster boy, the 22-year-old former panhandler is not exactly living a celluloid dream.

"I don't have a boiler in my apartment and it's been cold this winter," confesses Pitt, who has been sick for weeks.

Sniffing in a booth in Flatbush Avenue's cheesecake mecca Junior's, just up the street from where he lives, Pitt grins before wiping Russian salad dressing off his lip with his thumb. "I have a space heater that I use in my room when I sleep and when I wake up I have to run with it to heat up the bathroom.

"I've done the winter without heat when I first came to New York," he says, referring to days of bumming change in Times Square after he ran away from his home in West Orange, N.J., at age 16.

"Now it's like, I'm making some money. I should have some heat. Um, right?"

*The Dreamers*, directed by Italian maestro Bernardo Bertolucci (*Last Tango in Paris*), will leave audiences hot and bothered — or hot under the collar. It's the first NC-17 movie released in more than six years.

"In America, (doing full nude scenes) can be a risky thing, looked upon as not work but just something obscene," says Pitt, who bares the full monty and performs skin-timate acts as an American seduced by two siblings during the 1968 Paris riots.

"You can stick a gun down a guy's throat and blow his head

off and get an R rating, but you can't show sex.

"I think it's basically the insecurity of the guys at the studio, a bunch of old men who feel uncomfortable if they see" a young guy without clothes.

That doesn't mean Pitt (no relation to Brad) found stripping down for his role a breeze while on location in Paris.

"I was the big prude," says Pitt with an embarrassed grin, speaking in his slow murmur. "I'm not going to pretend that I don't get insecure.

"Before our first nude scene, (French co-star) Louis (Garrel) stripped naked and ran through every room screaming. It loosened everybody up.

"Pretty much the only person who was left uncomfortable was me."

Considering what Pitt has lived through, it's a surprise that anything fazes him.

A troubled childhood led to therapy at age 9 and special ed classes early on.

"I got all of those labels: dyslexia, perceptually impaired, all of the good excuses," Pitt recalls.

Disgust creeps into his voice as he remembers the big public schools where "no one knows your name and the teachers don't care and you don't really have to go if you don't want to."

Pitt was kicked out of three high schools and had the drug Special K pumped from his stomach at 15.

He fled to New York a year later.

"I think I had a fourth-grade reading level when I left high school," says Pitt, who claims he still "is no Einstein."

He can't use a computer and uses phonetic spelling when he writes.

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... But I guess it's what ever makes him happy or provides better business," said Pamela Decent, junior physical fitness major.

Subway has been around since 1965 when Fred DeLuca, a 17 year-old college freshman, became founder. The first Subway was called Pete's Super Submarine. There are more than 17,500 Subway franchises in 71 countries.

The target market for Subway includes adults between the ages of 18 and 34 who eat quick meals and are looking for better tasting, healthy options. This age bracket may help the new Subway in Greenville receive beer on the menu.

The new Subway is open from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Sunday. This Subway also takes credit cards for payment. The new Subway is the first in the area to have the chain's new Tuscan look.

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Showalter.

"His willingness and determination to push himself as an artist will continue to payoff. Sam believes in constantly giving back to his fan base by playing 15 - 20 shows a month and distributing copies of his latest material to concert-goers. He has plans of not only reaching his national fan base, but international fans. There are plans in the works for a European tour in the summer of this year," Showalter said.

The new album, *Who Are You?* will be released in March and will touch on deeper subjects, such as sexuality and racism, showing a more mature, complex side of Fisher not normally seen with Weekend Excursion.

As for the rest of the band, they are "excited to have a breather and a chance to maintain a personal life," Fisher said.

Two of the band members have recently gotten married and the drummer will continue playing for another band.

"I have been listening to them since I was 17, and it's sad that they are breaking up, but if it is going to be better for him, then more power to him," said Brooke Moore, psychology graduate student.

Many fans from Weekend Excursion will still support and enjoy Fisher's music, although a band break-up is always a disappointment. He has to gain popularity all over again with a new name and sound.

"Greenville is where I started and now I get to come back to start again," Fisher said.

Fisher will be playing at 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13 at Wrong Way Corriган's.

It will be one of his first solo shows since the band's break-up.

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## American Idol

## Watch



AMANDA LINGERFELT  
FEATURES EDITOR

This week, I have to agree with Simon — for the most part, the contestants were boring.

Fantasia Barrino stole the show, proving to the judges that her voice has more soul than Macy Gray's ever will. Expect Jennifer Hudson, the "leather nurse," to join Barrino as the first two contestants to make it to the final 10.

Honorable mentions go to Katie Webber's jazz rendition and Ashley Thomas' version of "Crazy."

The men on the show were particularly bland. Matthew Metzger's version of "Walking in Memphis" was painfully average — don't count on him, Marque Lynche or Erskine Walcott to make it to the finals.



JOHN BREAM  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Last night, Katie Webber turned in quite a performance of the song "Orange Colored Sky." The jazz tune really did a great job of accenting her vocals and displaying her knack for the stage. Not to mention that she has a great body to go with great vocals.

Jennifer Hudson's "Imagine," while not bad, was standard comparatively to the rest of the performers. While her voice was sensational, her wardrobe needs to be completely overhauled — her clothes are louder than her vocals. Matt Metzger's "Walking in Memphis" was also not stellar (but far better than Lonestar's), but his camera presence should carry him into the next round.



MICHELLE MCLEOD  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The worst thing about last night's performance is that only two contestants will move on. I'm not sure if the judges chose talented singers to perform first, or if last night's performances are a testament to the enormous talent we are in for this season.

Idol judge Simon Cowell said that all the contestants chose safe songs, and I agree. However, from a contestant standpoint, I'm not sure if that was a bad thing. When you know you're up against seven other worthy competitors, you should choose a song that complements your voice.

I think tonight's top performers were 16-year-old Diana DeGarmo of Snellville, GA and 19-year-old Fantasia Barrino of High Point, NC. Their performances were great, and their voices were powerful ... I can see either one of these ladies going on to become America's next Idol.

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**Announcements**

**Swiss Ball Training**

Swiss ball training is a 90 minute practical training lab featuring exercises for the Swiss ball, or "stability ball", a dynamic exercise tool. Working with the Swiss ball is perfect for abs/low back, and can challenge all major muscle groups of the upper and lower extremities. Registration ends today.

**Indoor Soccer Team Regular Meeting**

A meeting will be held for those interested in intramural indoor soccer registration on Monday, Feb. 16. The meeting takes place at 5 p.m. in MSC Multi-purpose room.

**Indoor Soccer Officials Meeting**

A meeting for intramural indoor soccer officials will be held Monday, Feb. 16, at 9 p.m. in SRC 202. This meeting is for anyone interested in being an indoor soccer official this spring.

**Adventure Program**

The ECU Adventure Program has three trips in the works for February

**Backpacking trip**

Participants will go to Croatan National Forest, Feb. 21-22. Register by Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17.

**Sea Kayaking**

The adventure program will be going to Goose Creek for kayaking. Register by Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 18.

**Rock Climbing**

Interested parties will be taking a trip to Pilot Mountain Feb. 22. Harnesses and gear will be provided for free Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17.

For more information on any of the above programs call 328-6387.

**Sports Briefs**

**Tax payers can sue NFL**

A federal judge ruled that a taxpayer can pursue a lawsuit alleging that the NFL has illegally used its clout to "extort" new stadiums from cities. U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel rejected the league's arguments that there was no legal standing for the case, which is based on how the Cincinnati Bengals got their new stadium. Lawyers for taxpayer Carrie Davis now can try to get financial records and other private information from the league as they prepare for trial, something the NFL has strongly resisted in previous antitrust cases.

**Wyche returns to the NFL**

Sam Wyche is returning to the NFL as the quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills. Wyche spent 1984-91 as head coach of the Bengals, a stretch in which he twice led Cincinnati to the playoffs and took the team to the Super Bowl after the 1988 season. He coached the Buccaneers from 1992-95 before entering television broadcasting.

**Jockey dies from injuries**

Michael Rowland, a jockey with nearly 4,000 victories, died from injuries sustained in a spill at Turfway Park last week. He was 41. Rowland died at University Hospital in Cincinnati, hospital spokeswoman Pat Samson said. The fall occurred Wednesday when Rowland was unseated after his mount, World Trade, broke a front leg and collapsed on the first turn of a \$13,900 claiming race. The horse collided with two other horses, injuring the other two riders.

**Sixers fire coach Ayers**

Randy Ayers was fired by the struggling Philadelphia 76ers during his first season as their coach, two team sources told the Associated Press on Tuesday. Assistant Chris Ford will be promoted, according to one of the sources, who both spoke on condition of anonymity. The 76ers announced they would have a news conference Tuesday afternoon, but they did not say why.

**AP Men's Top 25**

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- 14 North Carolina 14-6
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- 16 Arizona 14-6
- 17 Wisconsin 15-4
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- 21 N.C. State 14-5
- 22 Florida 14-6
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- 25 South Carolina 19-4

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 187, Memphis 71, Air Force 62, Seton Hall 55, Dayton 54, Oklahoma 46, Michigan St. 42, LSU 41, Florida St. 40, Illinois 40, Charlotte 39, W. Michigan 33, Vanderbilt 24, Hawaii 23, Marquette 14, Maryland 14, Kent St. 12, UTEP 7, Creighton 5, Boston U. 4, Vermont 2

**ECU hosts Memphis tonight**

*Team still playing for spot in C-USA tourney*

**TRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates have dropped numerous heartbreakers in Conference USA play that could possibly have them in the middle of the pack.

Saturday night's loss definitely falls in the "heartbreaker" category as well. The Pirates were just a few free throws away from beating a very good Charlotte team. ECU had a two-point advantage until 49ers' Calvin Clemmons slammed home the game-tying basket as time expired, sending the game into overtime where the Pirates fell short 96-90.

"We have been down this road so many times before. There are obviously no moral victories in this game at all," said Bill Herrion after the team's loss.

The Pirates now have to look ahead to tonight's game against another tough opponent in the Memphis Tigers.

After starting the conference season 0-2, the Tigers have been on a tear as of late, ripping off seven in a row in C-USA. Their most impressive victory on the schedule to date came against the number six nationally ranked Louisville Cardinals, 62-58.

The Pirates have to focus on Memphis freshman sensation Sean Banks (16.1 PPG), six games with 20 or more points, and Senior Guard Antonio Burks (16.3 PPG), who is shooting better than 44 percent from behind the arc on the season.

ECU's main advantage may come on the inside. The Tigers regular rotation does not match up height wise with the likes of Moussa Badiane, who had a

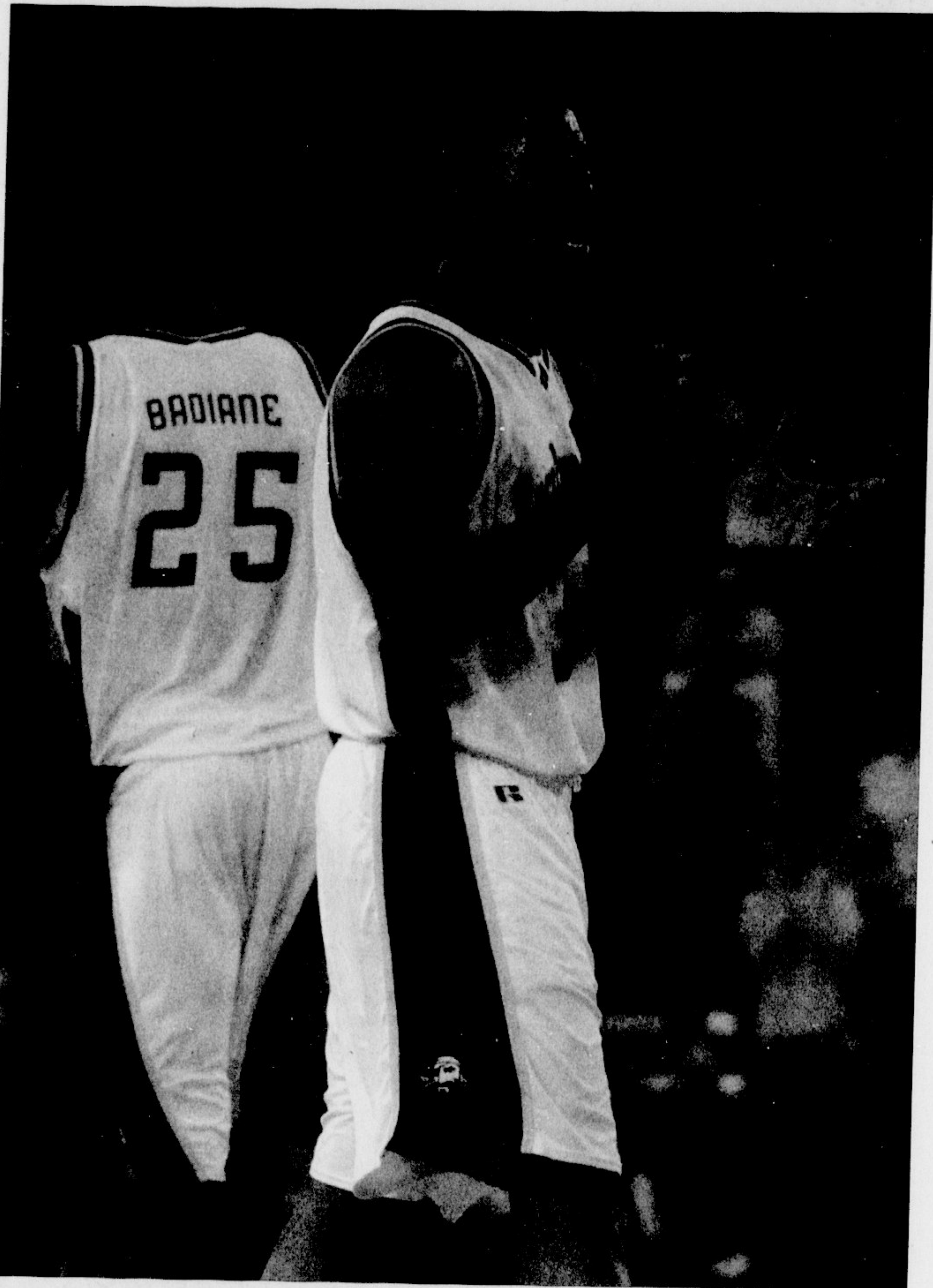


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see PREVIEW page A9 The Pirates face a Memphis team that has picked up a lot of momentum in recent weeks.

**Channel 99 proves resourceful for fans**



*Station has grown throughout years*

**ROBERT LEONARD**  
STAFF WRITER

Since joining Conference USA in all sports in 2001, Minges Coliseum has hosted some great basketball games. After these games, many students have wanted to see them, or at least have an opportunity to tape them for their personal video collection. Thanks to Channel 99, this isn't a problem for Pirate fans any longer.

Channel 99 replays all home basketball and football games. Did you miss the dramatic overtime loss this past Saturday night in Minges? If you did, you can find it on Channel 99.

Channel 99 also plays the Bill Herrion show, which is dedicated to Pirate basketball. The last episode featured an interview with the voice of the Pirates, Jeff Charles, and head coach Bill Herrion. The show also had highlights of the Pirates road game with Cincinnati, and had a feature on the Minges Maniacs.

Most of Channel 99's success and vision is thanks to the Director of Channel 99, Bryan Edge.

"Channel 99 caught the vision of the university because of the sports programming," said Edge. "We want to reach out to the

entire university."

Graduating soon? Going to miss watching the games?

Moving out of the area? Well, thanks to Channel 99's website anyone can view the network from anywhere around the world. The website has a live telecast of Channel 99. This gives many people who live outside this area a chance to see the games.

"A lot of people have complimented me about this feature," Edge said. "It's very convenient for people outside of Greenville."

While sports have propelled Channel 99 to its current success, it also has other types of programming. NASA TV is aired on the network, as well as ECU press conferences. And then there is that shot of students walking beside the Bate Building with commentary. This is a program called the Radio Reading Service. This is for blind people around the area. The commentary is actually a man reading *The Daily Reflector* for the blind. FIT-TV is a program coming soon that will show work out videos as well as cooking shows. Channel 99's contribution to ECU has been tremendous, not only through athletics, but in every aspect.

Originally started in the mid 1990's to help promote the Brody School of Medicine, Channel 99 has grown to not only a campus station, but a station the can be viewed on Cox cable around Greenville.

Now with it showing replays of sports, there is no doubt Channel 99 is a great way to check out what's going on at ECU.

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Intramural basketball playoffs will begin in less than a week.

**Intramural basketball season in full swing**

*Intense competition at SRC, Christenbury*

**BRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

The intramural basketball season has recently gotten underway and things are starting to heat up on the court as teams are battling for playoff positions.

In the current format, each team is designated four regular season games to be played in a two to three week span. A team must win at least one game to qualify for the playoffs that begin Feb. 16.

According to Assistant Director of intramurals, Laura Triyonis, there are nearly 100 teams competing this year. Teams are split into divisions according to skill level and their affiliations with ECU.

The divisions include fraternity purple and gold, men's purple and gold, sorority, women's, co-rec, and grad/faculty/staff. The largest division is the

men's purple league, which has about 30 to 40 teams.

Teams will not be seeded according to regular season records due to some problems in the past with teams with identical records getting unfair draws in the playoffs. Instead, teams that qualify for the playoffs must send a representative to the student recreational center on Wednesday to sign up for a playoff time that is convenient for their squad. This eliminates conflict on the basis that it allows the teams to decide when they will play.

With the regular season set to end this weekend, Triyonis is pleased with how things have proceeded thus far.

"The season is nearing an end, and we have seen some great basketball played up to this point. We are excited about the playoffs because there are a lot of good teams left, so it will definitely be very competitive," Triyonis said.

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**Pirates can't seem to catch a break**

*ECU men fall in another close game*

**ROBERT LEONARD**  
STAFF WRITER

Minges Coliseum was a whistle fest Saturday night.

A total of 66 fouls were called between ECU and Charlotte. All but five of ECU's players fouled out; and one of those five had four fouls. While the amount of fouls called was a unique take on the evening, that wasn't even the half of it. This was the greatest game I've ever seen at Minges Coliseum.

The real game story was the end of regulation. ECU is up two. Charlotte has the ball and shoots the three. KLANG. Senior Derek

Wiley grabs the rebound and is fouled immediately. Two free throws and this game is over. Wiley steps up to the line. The first one rims out. Hey no problem right, we still got one more free throw. With this shot, ECU could force Charlotte to shoot the three. No good. The 49ers get the rebound.

At this point, I got nervous. Charlotte hadn't played well all night, but over the years, they have hit big shots when they needed them. I've always heard that when you're down two at home, you play for the tie, but when you're down two on the road, you play for the win.

Charlotte head coach Bobby Lutz seemed to agree.

Charlotte's three-point

sniper, Brendan Plavich hurls up a three-point brick with about seven seconds left in the game and the rebound flies out to the foul line. Charlotte senior and fellow three-point guru Demon Brown grabs the rebound and shoots while still in the air - iron unkind.

At this point I thought ECU had pulled it off.

Just as that enters my head, it leaves rather quickly. Calvin Clemmons, a reserve center for the 49ers, only playing because starting center Martin Iti had fouled out, runs straight to the glass and slams home the Brown miss - at the buzzer. After celebration from one bench, disbelief from the other, and a review of the videotape, the basket counted. ECU had a

half of a second left to pull off a Christian Laettner type play, which didn't work.

After 40 minutes of basketball, 160 points, and at this point, about 60 fouls later, the game was right where it started - Dead even.

Charlotte would take advantage of ECU having some players foul out and would take the lead. A few clutch free throws and five minutes later, ECU suffered its fifth loss by less than 10 points 96-90, all of those coming in conference play.

It's really easy to blame the loss on Derek Wiley.

After all, he makes only one of his two free throws, and Clemmons' dunk is the coolest

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# Women's soccer adds new talent, four players sign on during spring

ECU's women's soccer program announced the signing of four student-athletes that will join the Pirates in 2004. The class includes Jami Dickerson (Roanoke Rapids, NC), Kat Norris (Houston, Texas), Lindsey DiLuzio (Woodbridge, VA), and Patty Pierce (Columbia, SC). "Bucks were a priority for this class as we graduate three starting defenders," said Head Coach Rob Donnennwirth. "We feel all four of our incoming freshmen are solid defenders and are also versatile enough to play other positions if needed. What I like most is they all come from winning programs that are well-coached and have won state championships."

## Jami Dickerson (Roanoke Rapids, NC)

Dickerson has been a member of the North Carolina Olympic Development team from 1999-2002. As a member of the CASL Spartan Elite (Raleigh) team, coached by Pano Paschaloudis, her teams won three state championships and advanced to the Region III Finals in 2002. Entering her senior high school season this spring, Dickerson has scored 130 goals for her Roanoke Rapids H.S. Team coached by Terry Frazier. Her 60 goals in her junior campaign broke the state record for goals by a junior. For this she was named the Northern Carolina Conference Player of the Year. She was also invited to the NC State Games where her team won the silver medal. Dickerson is also in the National Honors

Society, a two-time scholar-athlete, and is a member of the US Achievement Academy.

## Reason I chose the Pirates:

"I feel ECU will be a good fit for me both academically and athletically. I've known Coach Donnennwirth for several years and I'm looking forward to becoming part of his soccer program as well as furthering my study in exercise science."

## Coach Donnennwirth's Comments:

"Jami is a tough competitor. She is very versatile and can play centrally or out wide in the back or midfield. She has scored many goals in high school but I feel it is the intangible characteristics that make her a special player."

## Kat Norris (Houston, Texas)

Norris was a two-time member of the South Texas Olympic Development Program. She plays club soccer for the Challenge Soccer Club and under the direction of Pat O'Toole. One of three original members of the Challenge, her teams have compiled a 238-57-53 record, won 10 state championships (both fall and spring), two Region III Championships, and placed 3rd in the National Championships through seven and a half years of play. During this time her team competed in 39 tournaments winning 15 championships and earning six finalist, nine semi-finalist, and 2 quarterfinalist trophies. An honor roll student at Cy-Creek High School, her

team voted her best defensive player while being named first team all-district.

## Reason I chose the Pirates:

"I loved the coach, the team, and the campus."

## Coach Donnennwirth's Comments:

"Being part of the Challenge Soccer Club, Kat has experienced club soccer at the highest level. She reads the game very well and is very composed with the ball. Her speed and quickness will help her right away this level."

## Lindsey DiLuzio (Woodbridge, VA)

DiLuzio was a two-time member of the Virginia Olympic Development Program. She is a starting defender for the PWSI Eclipse coached by Kab Hakim. Her team was the Region I Summer League and WAGS A Flight Champion in 2003. In 2002 they were the Virginia State Cup runner-up while winning the Raleigh Shootout Championship. An honor roll student at Forest Park H.S., she has garnered 1st team All-District, All Region and All-Area Honorable mention in 2003 (junior season) under the direction of coach Dave Creswell. In 2001 and 2002 she also earned All-District and All-Area honors.

## Reason I chose the Pirates:

"I liked the variety of majors, athletic opportunities, and the location of the school."

## Coach Donnennwirth's Comments:

"Lindsey can play centrally

or out wide in the back. She has a very good tactical sense and an excellent technical base. She is very good at striking the ball, which will make her dangerous on set pieces."

## Patty Pierce (Columbia, SC)

Pierce was a member of the 2002 and 2003 South Carolina Olympic Development Program. She plays for the 2003 South Carolina State Cup Champion, Greenville FC. Her team also won the Orange Classic Millennium Championship this past December where she was voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. At A.C. Flora High School, her team has won the Region Championship in 2001 and 2002 under the guidance of Coach Pierre Fome. In High School she has earned All-Region in 2002 and 2003, and Team MVP, All-Area and All-State in 2003. Pierce is a member of the National Honor Society, MU Alpha Theta, and Who's Who Among High School Students.

## Reason I chose the Pirates:

"I enjoyed the girls on the team. ECU has a good nursing school and it is a good distance from home."

## Coach Donnennwirth's Comments:

"Patty is a tenacious 1v1 defender and is a great ball-winner. I thought she played like a warrior at the Orange Classic and we look forward to seeing her do the same in a Pirate uniform."

## Basketball from page A8

way ever to lose by a point. Wiley probably had his worst game as a Pirate, as he shot 2-17. He did make six free throws; his only two misses coming at the end.

This loss is not on Wiley by any means. Several plays went Charlotte's way.

For instance, in the second half, senior Erroyl Bing beat everyone down the court and Freshman Frank

Robinson threw a left-handed baseball pass his way. The pass sailed over his head and no basket was scored on the possession. Or how about only one of the Pirates 14 misses from the free throw line got a good roll and fell in.

It's hard to lose, but losing like that just flat out hurts.

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## Softball picked seventh in conference preseason poll

ECU has been picked to finish seventh in the final 2004 Conference USA Softball standings, as voted by the league's nine head coaches. The Pirates' Christine Sheridan, last season's C-USA Freshman of the Year, has been named preseason all-conference.

As a freshman, Sheridan earned first-team all-conference accolades.

She led ECU in numerous offensive categories, including batting average (.357), hits (50), RBI (30) and stolen bases (23). Sheridan played and started in 54 of the Pirates' 55 games last season at shortstop.

Nationally ranked and NCAA Tournament regular, USE, has been selected to win the 2004 C-USA Softball Championship. The Bulls' Leigh Ann Ellis has been named preseason Pitcher of the Year while DePaul's Sarah Martz has been

chosen as the preseason Most Valuable Player.

DePaul, who claimed the regular season and championship titles last year, has been picked as the preseason runner-up.

The Demons closed the 2003 season with a 48-7-1 record (22-2 C-USA). It marked the eighth straight year the team has won at least 40 games and the seventh straight year that the Blue Demons qualified for an NCAA Regional and won an NCAA Tournament game.

Coming off a 36-win season, Houston has been chosen to finish third in the upcoming season followed by Louisville, Southern Miss and UAB. Charlotte was tabbed eighth, while Saint Louis rounds out the poll.

ECU opens its season at the Triangle Classic in Raleigh on Feb. 13.

## College football can learn from hoops

(KRT)— College basketball remember it? March soon will arrive, and you will swear by it. You will profess expertise. You will eat, drink and gamble it.

Somewhere in the middle, you also will groan at college basketball. How it's changed. How the household names went outside and never came back. How, most important, you hope that your precious college football never falls this far.

That's the fear nowadays, isn't it? Basketball is about to get interesting, but first, there's a federal ruling in Maurice Clarett's favor. If it isn't overturned, football players can skip as much of college as they want. The NFL no longer could restrict them with archaic draft-eligibility rules.

Concern is at an all-time high. Such anxiety leads to an attack on college basketball.

It would be terrible if college football became like college basketball.

Heads nod. Huffs abound. Discomfort develops.

It's unfortunate. The ill-advised ramblings of the misinformed are always unfortunate.

Despite attrition, despite a big-man shortage, despite an increase in lapses, college basketball remains a solid, entertaining and worthwhile sport. And the NCAA Tournament remains an infinitely more interesting conclusion than a bunch of bowl games.

While early NBA departures have hurt the sport, they also have added to the intrigue of this national-title pursuit.

I would rather see more dynasties and less parity, but I cannot deny the power of parity. It's unfair to overlook the flaws of NFL teams in order to praise the league's parity and then expose the flaws of college basketball teams in order to shun parity.

"The proof is in the pudding," NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said at the Super Bowl, defending his rule and seemingly shunning basketball's.

"Our system is working."

Don't penalize college hoops for being wide open. Celebrate the fact that Stanford and Saint Joseph's, two mildly regarded teams at the season's start, are unbeaten. Enjoy the arguing after someone makes a legitimate case as to why neither team will make the Final Four.

Watch Florida, Arizona and North Carolina struggle with youth. Witness Gonzaga grow from Cinderella to a dominant program. Admire Kentucky, now fearful of recruiting pro-hopping preps, winning games with toughness, not talent.

You still have Duke either to adore or abhor. You still have Emeka Okafor to marvel. You still have Bob Huggins to rip.

The days of witnessing a Patrick Ewing in college are probably over, but having 15 Final Four contenders and an occasional Carmelo Anthony isn't a bad consolation. It certainly doesn't warrant the disdain of football fans who fall for NFL exaggera-

tion and fear that allowing more young athletes the right to make money will ruin their sacred sport.

If forcing me to watch more Jameer Nelson is wrong, then I don't want to be right. Sure, Nelson, the St. Joe's point guard, wouldn't be receiving as much hype with a complete stock of college players, but it doesn't make Nelson less exciting.

When draft time comes, the four-year player will go ahead of many of these high school players that college basketball so desperately misses.

College basketball has declined, but it hasn't fallen to an irredeemable low. And income-craving young adults aren't forced to pretend to be student-athletes in this system.

Meanwhile, college football clings to an outdated rule, afraid, wondering how much its sport might resemble its peer.

Go ahead and fear it. While you're at it, sleep with the light on tonight, too.

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monster game against the 49ers, scoring a career high 20 points along with 11 rebounds.

Badiane's 20 points was not the only career high in the Charlotte game. Freshman Mike Cook and sophomore Corey Rouse both had their career highs as well, scoring 18 and 14 respectively.

ECU may need more career highs to get past the Tigers. "Our basketball team is get-

ting better every night we step on the floor," Herrion said.

"Unfortunately you are not seeing it in a lot of wins and that is the frustrating thing, but we truly are getting better."

"We are at least closing the gap, but this is an extremely tough league," Herrion said. "We've just got to continue to get better."

The Pirates might have done

some scoreboard watching as well on Saturday as the two teams without a conference win, Tulane and South Florida, squared off with Tulane taking the victory.

ECU now sits in a tie for the conference tournament's last position with the Green Wave. The Pirates biggest three game stretch of the season comes at the end of the month when ECU

takes on Tulane, TCU, and South Florida all at home.

With a win in tonight's game, the three game home stand may prove to just be a seeding process for the tournament, as the Pirates still have a chance to pick up a higher seed than the last.

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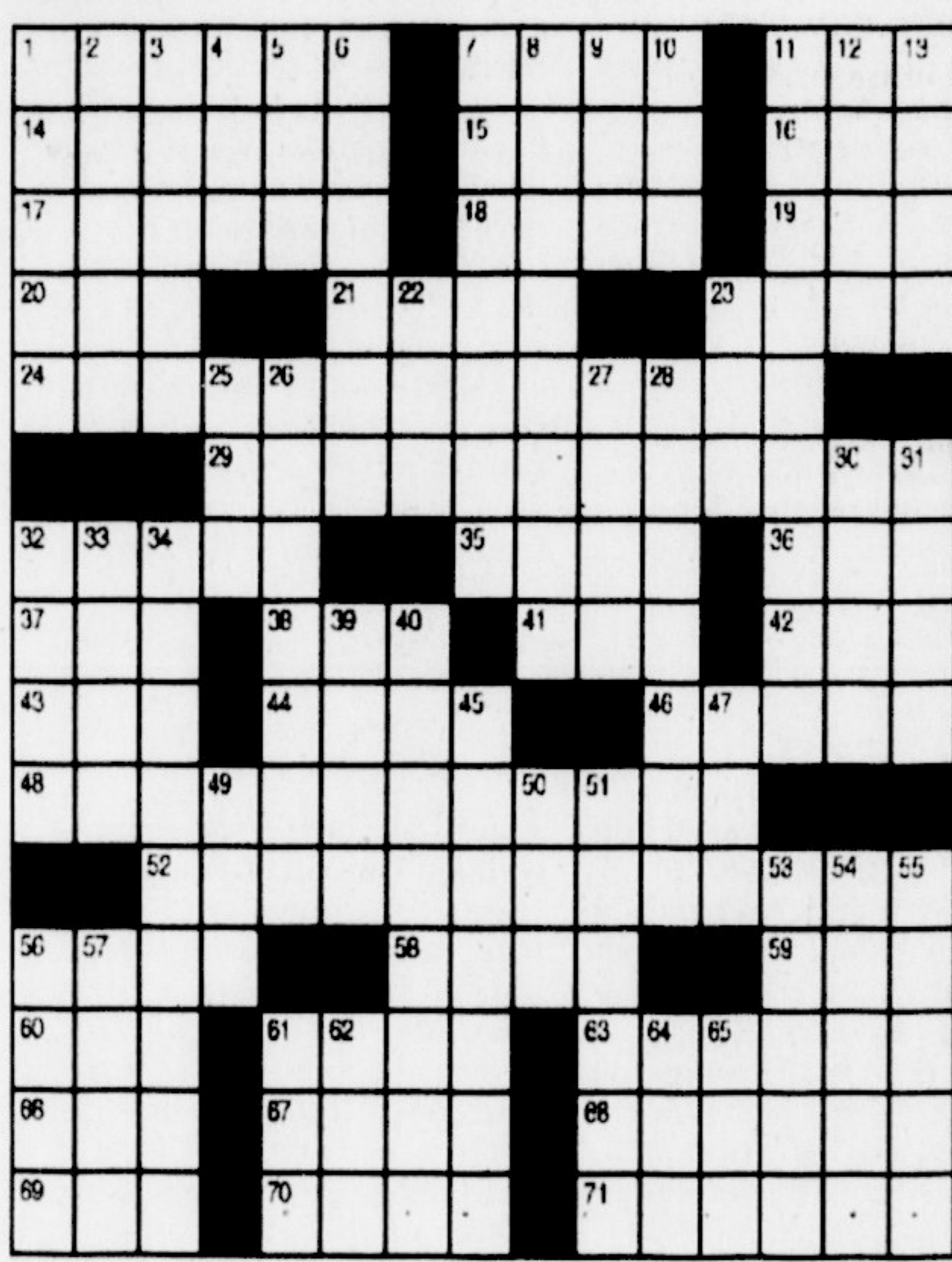
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mark of distinction
  - 7 Jazzy singing
  - 11 Bossy bellow
  - 14 Collect a lungful
  - 15 Columbus' state
  - 16 Minor devil
  - 17 Stringed instrument
  - 18 Electrical unit
  - 19 Pose for a portrait
  - 20 & so forth
  - 21 Faucet flaw
  - 23 Mr. Ed's dinner
  - 24 Prepares to testify
  - 29 Placates
  - 32 Shoot from hiding
  - 35 Boys of the house
  - 36 \_\_\_ had it!
  - 37 Kitchen utensil
  - 38 Egyptian viper
  - 41 Sch. grp.
  - 42 Vicious or Caesar
  - 43 Porch raider
  - 44 Felt regret
  - 46 Some Isle of Man residents
  - 48 Asian capital
  - 52 Navratilova's namesake
  - 56 Remain behind
  - 58 Tuneful Turner
  - 59 Individual
  - 60 Steaming
  - 61 Mayberry kid
  - 63 Uncouth
  - 66 Cote mama
  - 67 Sucker
  - 68 "Trees" poet
  - 69 Dunderhead
  - 70 Flippers
  - 71 Falls as ice



- DOWN**
- 1 Musky cat
  - 2 Loos or Ekberg
  - 3 Wedge put under a wheel
  - 4 Holbrook or Roach
  - 5 Samuel's mentor
  - 6 Look after
  - 7 Russians, once
  - 8 Car thief's destination
  - 9 Trouble
  - 10 Youngster
  - 11 Supply with a bum steer
  - 12 Bypass
  - 13 Makes a decision
  - 22 Fraternity letter
  - 23 John's Yoko
  - 25 Clairvoyant's letters
  - 26 Vilifier
  - 27 Camper's shelter
  - 28 Javelin
  - 30 Wicked
  - 31 Checkers side
  - 32 Petty quarrel
  - 33 Sten title role
  - 34 Confidants
  - 39 Business outfit
  - 40 Solemn supplication
  - 45 Boone and Defoe
  - 47 Actress Sheridan
  - 49 Wages
  - 50 James Bond's Fleming
  - 51 Sharp blows
  - 53 Vocalist Eydie
  - 54 Map in a map
  - 55 Soothsayers
  - 56 Flushing stadium
  - 57 Pulls behind
  - 61 \_\_\_ and running
  - 62 Luau dish
  - 64 Tanker's cargo
  - 65 Pub offering

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I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BALL TONIGHT! C-YA SOON, MY LOVE.

DAMN, YOU LOOKING SHARP HONEY.

YOU TOO!

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