

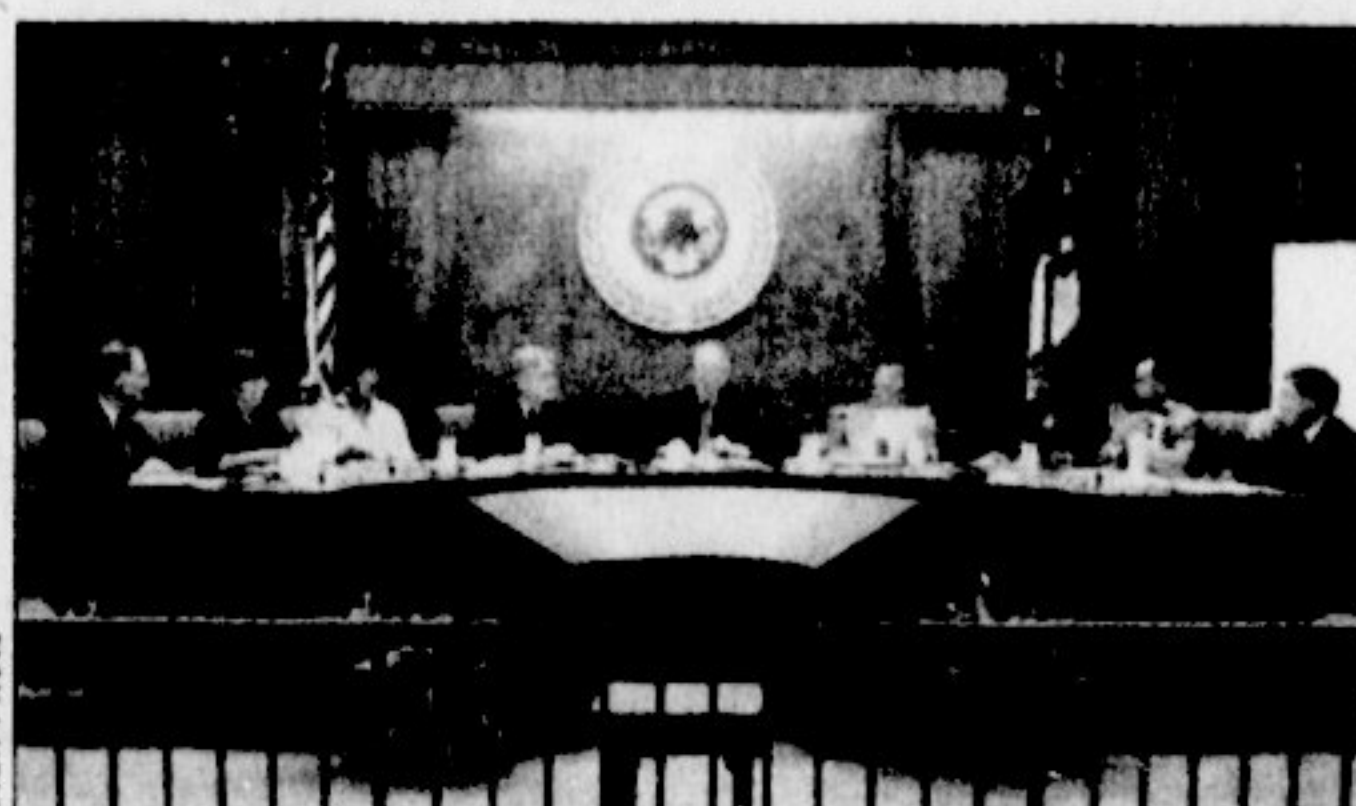


## Classes continue despite snowy conditions



Students and faculty walk to class through central campus Monday morning after a snow and ice storm hit Greenville Sunday night.

## Council votes to allow building on floodplain



The Council voted 5-1 to approve floodplain developments in northern Greenville.

### Horizon's plan amended, new cameras for traffic lights approved

KRISTIN DAY  
STAFF WRITER

The city council met Thursday evening and approved Horizon's Community Plan for Greenville and an automated red light citation program.

Representatives for Horizon said the plan was amended to discourage residential construction in the floodplain because it would be difficult, if not impossible, to build on. They recommended the area be used for parks instead.

Residents of northern Greenville spoke in opposition during the public hearing and said limitation of use in the floodplains could hurt property values. They asked to allow development where flooding isn't as likely.

Attorney Phil Dixon spoke toward development and ECU's plan for a recreation center.

Residents fought for the recreation center, calling it a "ray of hope."

Many feel such developments would ease economic hardships faced by those on Greenville's north side. Residents there said they feel left out because they don't have gas stations and grocery stores.

"We're part of Pitt County and the rest of Greenville," said one resident.

Others fought to keep the original plan. Heather Jacobs, river keeper, said it would be difficult to have development there.

"There was a reason why they prohibited the development," said Jacobs.

Bob Christian is one of the people who worked on the plan. He said he was "shocked" at what he heard because he never heard those complaints before.

Christian said even if homes are built high off the ground, if a flood occurs, the height will not protect their electricity, water supply or ability to leave the home.

After the hearing, the council discussed what should be done with the plan. Councilwoman Rose Glover said it wasn't fair for them to make decisions for the people living on the north side of the river. She said nobody would ever build stores in a place where no one lived.

"We're continually shutting off another part of the city," said Glover.

Councilwoman Pat Dunn said they needed to take more time to discuss before she could vote. The council disagreed and voted to keep the Horizon's Plan with some revisions, allowing for some development in the floodplains.

The council also discussed and approved

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## ECU Teaching Fellows hold book drive for Isabel victims

Donations include money, books

KEITH S. BYERS  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU North Carolina Teaching Fellows Service Committee held a book drive Saturday to help Outer Banks schools replenish books that were destroyed when Hurricane Isabel slammed ashore last September.

The drive received about 500 books and \$100 in donations according to Ben Fonville, junior music education major and co-chairperson for ECU Teaching Fellows.

The books donated ran the gamut ... everything from 1970s-era National Geographic magazines, textbooks, novels and children's books lined the collection boxes.

Faculty members were also ready to help. Dot Satterfield, Ph.D. and professor emeritus of the ECU school of art, stepped in with a donation of more than 75 books and another donation totaled \$200.

The event came to fruition through many Teaching Fellows Service Committee meetings. The two locations selected for the book drive, Greenville K-mart and Greenville Nissan, were more than happy to lend a hand.

"It's a great thing, the community has been hit hard," said Patrick Whitesell, sophomore English education major.

"This drive is a drop in the bucket compared to what needs to be done, but it's a step in the right direction."

Fonville said the Teaching Fellows are representing the service community by doing activities to benefit the communities around Hatteras-Hyde County.

Committee members, who were present at both locations, said they were happy to be involved in the book drive.

"I think it's a wonderful cause," said Heather Colosky, sophomore elementary education major.

Fonville said fliers had been sent out during the month of February, and they placed ads with The Daily Reflector and WITN-7. People donating books or money

also had the opportunity to register for a chance to win dinner for two from area restaurants. Ragazzi's, Riverside Steak Bar, Mesh Café, Tokyo Japan and Carolina Pizza and Pasta Works all donated tickets.

"Some [restaurants] gave \$20 certificates - others, two entrees. They were very generous," said Fonville.

The K-mart and Greenville Nissan locations were chosen for their accessibility and cooperation.

"K-mart was the only department store that would allow us to do this," Fonville said.

"A lot of businesses have strict solicitation policies."

Jesi Knowles, co-chair of ECU Teaching Fellows Service Committee and sophomore English education student, previously worked for Greenville Nissan and had no trouble convincing them to allow the book drive space in their show room.

"They've been really nice to us," said Knowles.

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More than 75 books were donated at the drive.

## Winter storm drops snow on parts of North Carolina

RALEIGH, (AP) — Up to 7 inches of snow collected on portions of North Carolina by Monday morning, with most of the wintry precipitation confined to the northern mountains and foothills, the northern piedmont and coastal plain, the National Weather Service reported.

Snow and sleet accumulations ranging between 3 and 6 inches stretched from the northern foothills through the northern piedmont, the weather service said. Heavy snow fell near the Virginia border, where 7 inches was measured in Reidsville in Rockingham County late Sunday night.

No serious problems were reported in Rockingham County, said Billy Littrell, a dispatcher for the sheriff's office.

Three inches of snow fell in the northeast piedmont and up

to the Virginia border.

A winter storm warning for central and northeastern North Carolina was canceled Monday morning as snow and sleet tapered off after midnight.

More snow was possible on Tuesday, the weather service said. A strong high-pressure system over southeast Canada was forecast to force cold air into North Carolina and, coupled with another area of low pressure, raised the prospect for more snow.

The further out to sea the two weather systems meet, the less likely inland areas of the state would see significant snow accumulation.

"There's still quite a bit of uncertainty," said Scott Sharpe, a meteorologist with the National Weather

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## Local TV news anchor gives career advice

Kontji Anthony talks resumes, income

ADRIANNA DRAKE  
STAFF WRITER

More than 20 students gathered in Joyner East Thursday to hear professional advice from Kontji Anthony, a news anchor from WNCT-TV 9.

The National Broadcasting Society brought Anthony to campus to prepare prospective broadcasters for their future careers.

Anthony spoke for an hour during her visit, talking about her career's ups and downs, including her first real reporting job and a major pay cut she received there.

Anthony said broadcasting is not a good idea for those who value stability, since it requires individuals to move frequently. To succeed in the field, Anthony said one must always be prepared to apply elsewhere.

"They're [producers] always recruiting ... they're always looking for that talent," said Anthony.

She lectured on how to create a resume tape when auditioning for a broadcast job.

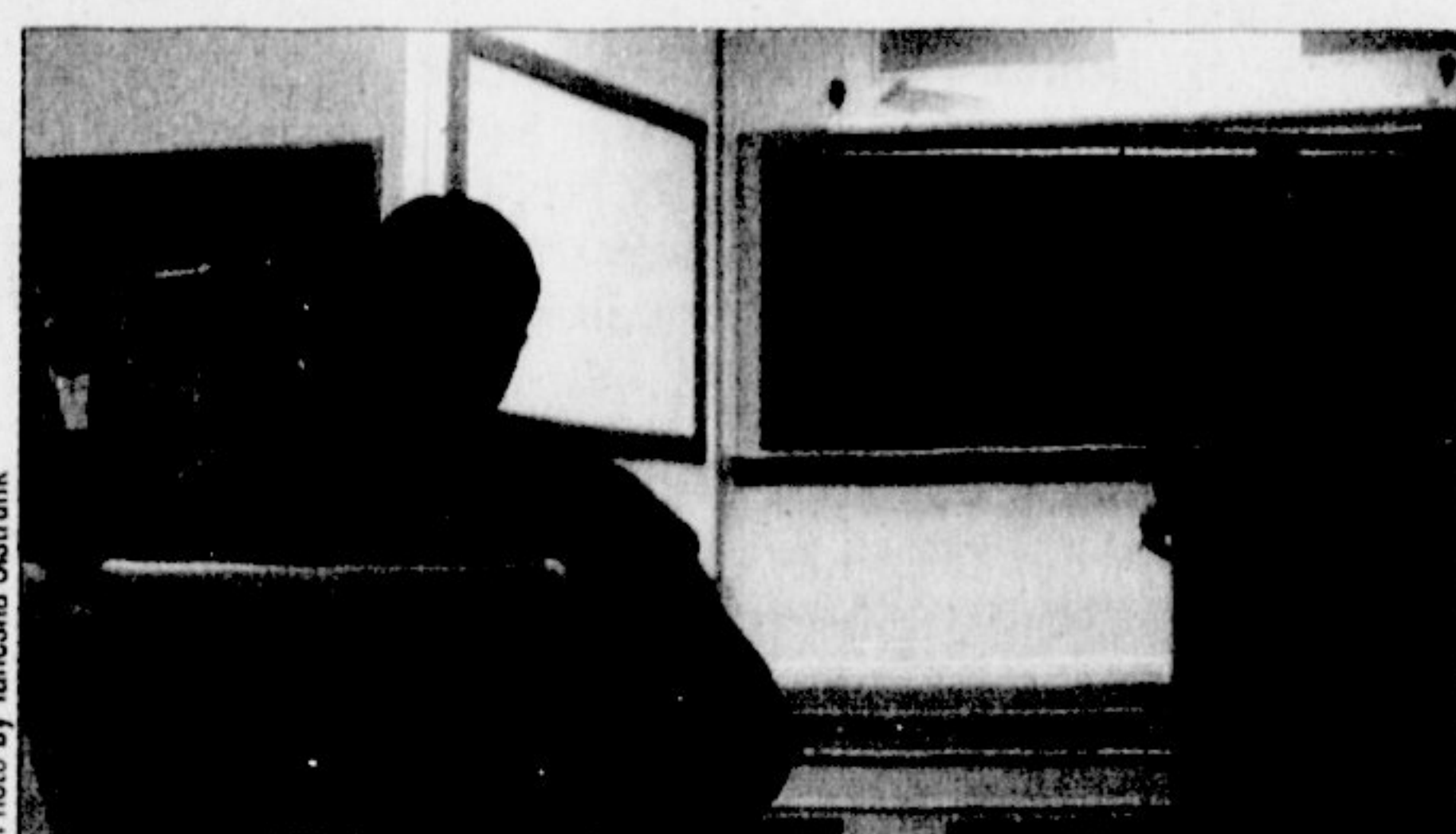
Anthony said there are key things stations look for in a reporter or an anchor in resume tapes - the biggest are format, content and versatility.

When it comes to a job in broadcasting, Anthony said to be prepared for lousy pay, no life, long hours and compromised safety.

"If you're willing to give that 200 percent, then they [television stations] know that you're hungry," Anthony said.

Anthony received her bachelor's degree in television and film communications from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She began her reporting career at KTVO-TV in Kirksville, Mo.

Anthony eventually became an anchor and reporter for CBS affiliates in Bakersfield and



Kontji Anthony offers experiences from the broadcast field.

Sacramento, Calif., before joining WNCT-TV 9 more than two years ago.

Anthony won awards for her work, including the 2003 Division II Associated Press Award for the Best Enterprise Story.

This is not the first time Anthony has visited ECU.

"Anthony has shown great enthusiasm for ECU," said Carey

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### Black History Awareness throughout February

What we now know as black history month was first celebrated on Feb. 1, 1926 as Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson. It became the month-long celebration we know today in 1976.

Feb. 3, 1989 Bill White became the first black president of the National Baseball League.

<p><b>Forecast</b> Rain High of 47</p>	<p><b>READING</b> Visit <a href="http://www.theeastcarolinian.com">www.theeastcarolinian.com</a> to read about the reports that accuse 4450 priests of sexual abuse against children.</p>	<p><b>News</b> page A2 Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry answers questions about the war in Iraq and Bush's military record.</p>	<p><b>Features</b> page A7 Spring Break is right around the corner. TEC is taking a look at trips that are not traditional for the season.</p>	<p><b>Sports</b> page A10 ECU's baseball team got off to an excellent start. The team won its season opener against UNC-Asheville Saturday.</p>	<p><b>FYI</b> Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day!</p>
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# NEWS

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## Announcements

### How to Work a Job Fair

Career Services presents a workshop on how to work a job fair today from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 1012 Bate.

### Introduction to Business Ownership

A workshop on how to get started in business will be held Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Willis Building Auditorium.

### Summer Study Abroad Open House

The Foreign Languages Department and College of Business will have a summer study abroad open house on Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 3015 Bate. Professors leading the trips and students from past trips will be in attendance to discuss opportunities and requirements.

### 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.

### Media Speaker

J. K. Chambers, professor of linguistics at the University of Toronto will speak on "Mass Media, Literacy and Your Language" Friday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in 1026 Bate.

### Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale

ECU's Habitat for Humanity chapter will have a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 6 a.m. - noon at 102 Guinevere Lane in Camelot. Proceeds will benefit the Habitat Resale Store and Habitat of Pitt County.

### Fulbright Lecture

Fulbright scholar Shahla Naghiyeva will give a lecture on her poetry translation research of Azerbaijani and American literature on Monday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. in 1031 Bate.

### Faculty Senate Meeting

There will be a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 2:10 p.m. in MSC Great Room.

### Resume Blitz

Career Services presents a Resume Blitz, where students can have their resumes critiqued on site Thursday, Feb. 26, from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### How to Work a Job Fair

Career Services presents a workshop on how to work a job fair Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### Education Career Fair

There will be an Education career fair Friday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. - noon in Mendenhall.

### Dances of Universal Peace

The Office of Adult and Commuter Students Services sponsors the Dances of Universal Peace Sunday, Feb. 29, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall. The participatory event features simple circle dancing and singing led by a trained leader and accompanied with live music.

### Belize Summer Study Abroad

There is an opportunity to study abroad in Belize, an English speaking country, and gain three credit hours in English, ethnic studies, humanities or other independent studies topics. The program runs from May 29 - June 20. Space is limited. For more information, contact Gay Wilentz at 328-6678 or wilentzg@mail.ecu.edu.

### Sophomore Survey

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, including 30 from ECU, must take the Sophomore Survey before pre-registering for summer or fall 2004 semesters. The survey will be available on OneStop beginning March 3.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers can apply for two of 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 (excluding summer school), show interest in a media-related career, have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last academic year and no grades below a C in their major.

Applications are due April 1 and can be obtained from Vicky Morris, director of Donors Stewardship, Greenville Centre, Suite 1100, 2200 S. Charles Blvd. For more information, contact Morris at 328-9573.

### Special Olympics Fundraiser

The ECU Police Department is raising funds for the North Carolina Special Olympics. T-shirts, hats and car magnets are available in the Blount House from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Paper Person

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

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Newton using generators for economic development

NEWTON, N.C. (AP) - A new marketing campaign aimed at capitalizing on Newton's unique power system may help generate new industry in a city hit hard by the economic downturn.

Newton officials recently mailed hundreds of color brochures to prospective companies that might benefit from the city's use of on-site generators at industries to supplement its power system.

The program, termed "We've Got the Power," may be the only one of its type in the country, industry recruiters say.

Bob Leak of the Leak, Goforth Co., a Raleigh-based economic development consulting firm, knows of no other city that has a similar program.

Leak helps companies select expansion sites across the country. "It's very unique," said Leak of Newton's program.

"I think it is very appealing and should get a lot of attention."

Doing that takes the industries off the city's system, ensuring that they will retain power.

The process was implemented during the ice storm of December 2002.

#### Seven killed when minivan collides with RV

ELLERBE, N.C. (AP) - Seven people including four children died Saturday when their minivan collided with a motor home, a state trooper said.

Three other children were injured, two of them critically. All of those dead or injured were in the minivan, said state Highway Patrol Sgt. B.T. Burr.

Two infants were among those killed, said Highway Patrol Sgt. C.G. Logan. "Just a tragedy is what it was, just a total tragedy," said Burr.

According to state Highway Patrol, those killed are: Rocio Jimenez Castillo, 24; Rigo Jimenez, 24; Alicia Jimenez, 25; Naivith Castelland Jimenez-Meza, eight; Leonardo Pacheco Jr., two; Elvis Pacheco, 15 months; and Rosanna Jimenez-Meza, 13 months.

Jessica Jimenez-Meza, five; and Alexander Pacheco, four, were both in critical condition late Saturday at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, a hospital spokeswoman said. Victor Hugo Jimenez-Meza, two, was in good condition.

All of them lived in Candor.

### National

#### Gay marriage license demands overwhelming

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Demand for same-sex marriage licenses has been so great that on Sunday officials turned away hundreds of gay and lesbian couples lined up outside City Hall, saying they simply didn't have the time or resources to meet all the requests. San Francisco authorities calculated they could process 400 licenses during special weekend hours but on Saturday they granted 600 licenses and performed 270 weddings by late afternoon. Then officials gave numbers to 320 couples securing them places in line for Sunday.

#### A look at U.S. military deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, Feb. 13, 537 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in

Iraq, according to the Department of Defense. Of those, 373 died as a result of hostile action and 164 died of non-hostile causes, the department said. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Thailand, two; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 399 U.S. soldiers have died 258 as a result of hostile action and 141 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

Since the start of military operations, 2,629 U.S. service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department's figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injured numbered 410.

### World

#### Afghan raids net three arrests, seize arms and terror-related material

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - American forces backed by warplanes sealed off two villages in southern Afghanistan and detained two terror suspects Sunday, while Afghan police and NATO-led troops in Kabul made one arrest and seized arms and terror-related material in another raid.

As many as 60 U.S. soldiers supported by warplanes sealed off a pair of villages Sunday in southern Helmand province and detained two men Mulvi Abdul Ghafar and Gul Agha suspected of ties to top Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah,

local district leader Haji Amir said. In a separate operation Saturday, Afghan police and the NATO-led security force raided a suspected terrorist hideout in the Afghan capital, detaining one person and seizing arms and "terrorist-related material," said Rita LePage, a spokeswoman for the International Security Assistance Force that patrols Kabul.

No one was injured in the raid on the home, where five women and 12 children were present, LePage said. LePage did not give the suspect's name or nationality, but he is not considered a major terror figure. She gave no further details.

#### Earthquake in northwest Pakistan kills at least 21 people, damages 400 homes

MANSEHRA, Pakistan (AP) - Earthquake victims sat huddled in the snow outside their damaged homes in northern Pakistan on Sunday, waiting for help to reach the remote mountainous region where two temblors killed at least 21 people.

At least 32 other people were injured in Saturday's earthquakes, which also damaged some 400 homes.

The quakes, with magnitudes of 5.7 and 5.5, hit an area of the Hindu Kush mountain range about 90 miles northwest of Islamabad. Several small aftershocks were reported late Saturday and early Sunday.

Begum Zadi sat wrapped in a blanket Sunday on a cot outside her damaged home in the village of Khanian, afraid another aftershock could cause the house to fall. Like nearly everyone else in the village, she spent the night outside.

## Students, professor receive Helms awards

Scientific research recognized by Sigma Xi

**JOSH SLONE**  
STAFF WRITER

Sigma Xi, an honorary scientific research society, held their annual Awards and New Member Induction Banquet recently.

Over 60 people attended the event where researchers were honored for their scientific studies.

This year, Joseph Chalovich, Ph.D., junior biology major Matthew Cook and graduate student Katrin Marancik received the Helms Research Awards.

"[The Helms Research Awards] recognize the importance of scientific research in a university community, but more importantly, recognize those members of our ECU family, both students and faculty, who have truly distinguished themselves in their pursuit of scientific inquiry," said ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi President Max Poole, Ph.D.

One professor, graduate student and undergraduate student are selected each year from a list of nominees, said Poole.

Nominations were made by peers or faculty advisors who are members of Sigma Xi. Cook's research has been



Katrin Marancik, graduate student, received the Helms Award from Dr. Cindy Putnam-Evans, President-elect of Sigma Xi.



Matthew Cook, junior biology major, was one of the recipients of the Helms Award.

conducted over the past two and a half years.

"It is truly a great honor to receive such an award," said Cook. "I was proud to be recognized in front of the people that I respect at this university."

The ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi has awarded the Helms Research Awards to deserving individuals of ECU since 1987.

The faculty award consists of an honorary certificate and

a \$500 cash prize. Students are awarded an honorary certificate and a \$100 cash prize.

Mark Sprague, Ph.D., chair of the Membership Committee, led the induction ceremony.

Twelve new faculty members and six new student members were inducted into the ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi.

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## Kerry's front-runner position bolstered by Sunday debate election 2004

MILWAUKEE (AP) - John Kerry says he will "do the work" necessary to win Wisconsin's Democratic presidential primary Tuesday, even though he has a hefty lead in the polls and emerged largely unscathed from debate with rivals trying to make a likely last stand.

Howard Dean and John Edwards were given several chances to criticized Kerry during a 90-minute debate Sunday night, but they seldom took advantage.

Dean in particular was uncharacteristically lenient on his leading rival. At one point, Dean rose to defend Kerry from Republican attacks that he is beholden to special interests, even though Dean himself has leveled similar charges.

"I think George Bush has some nerve attacking anybody about special interests," said the former Vermont governor.

Dean, still winless after 16 Democratic nominating contests, has said he would make a stand in the Wisconsin primary but is trailing Kerry.

Some of his supporters, including his national campaign chairman, are urging him to quit. But the former Vermont governor insisted Sunday, "We

are not bowing out."

Edwards also resisted suggestions that the contest is over.

"Not so fast, John Kerry," the North Carolina senator said after his Massachusetts colleague declared he would beat Bush.

"We're going to have an election here in Wisconsin this Tuesday. And we've got a whole group of primaries coming up. And I, for one, intend to fight with everything I've got for every one of those votes."

Kerry, winner of 14 contests, said he's prepared for GOP attacks. "I am ready for what they throw at me," he said with all the confidence that he will win the nomination.

But when he stopped by a nearby pub where supporters had just finished watching the debate, he warned that the contest is not yet over.

"I don't care what the polls say," said Kerry.

"There's only one way to make certain of an outcome in an election. It's get your voters out there, turnout the vote and do the work."

Kerry's cordial treatment in the debate added to the image of the Democratic Party rallying behind him as the presumptive nominee. Dean's campaign chairman, Steve Grossman, said if Dean loses Tuesday, he would seek to marshal his political network on behalf of the party and Kerry.

"When Howard Dean says he's not going to quit, what he means

is the battle to restore democracy and citizen participation is long-term and he's not going to quit on that battle," Grossman told The Associated Press.

During the debate, Edwards challenged Kerry's support of trade agreements that he said have cost jobs in Wisconsin. He also poked fun at Kerry's long-winded response to a question about whether he felt partly responsible for the cost and casualties of the Iraq war after voting for it.

"That's the longest answer I ever heard to a yes-or-no question," said Edwards.

But Edwards, like the four other candidates on stage, largely focused on Bush. Edwards said the president's honesty was an issue, while Al Sharpton flatly called Bush a liar for the evidence he presented to justify the war. "He had members of the administration say they knew where the weapons were," said Sharpton.

"Sowe're not just talking about something passing here. We're talking about 500 lives. We're talking about billions of dollars."

Kerry avoided direct answers to questions about his shifting positions on trade, education and Bush's anti-terrorism legislation. He declined to debate the president's Vietnam-era tenure in the Air National Guard, but used the question to criticize Bush's handling of the Iraq war and refer to his own decorated service in Vietnam.

## Event Info

Sigma Xi's next event will be a Spotlight Seminar featuring the work of physicist John Kenney, Ph.D.

The event is Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in 309 Science and Technology Building.

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Martin, associate professor and co-adviser for NBS.

"She was also a speaker at our graduation last fall. Anthony is successful on the local scene ... she can give the perspective of a woman and a person of color in a field that is just now opening up to it."

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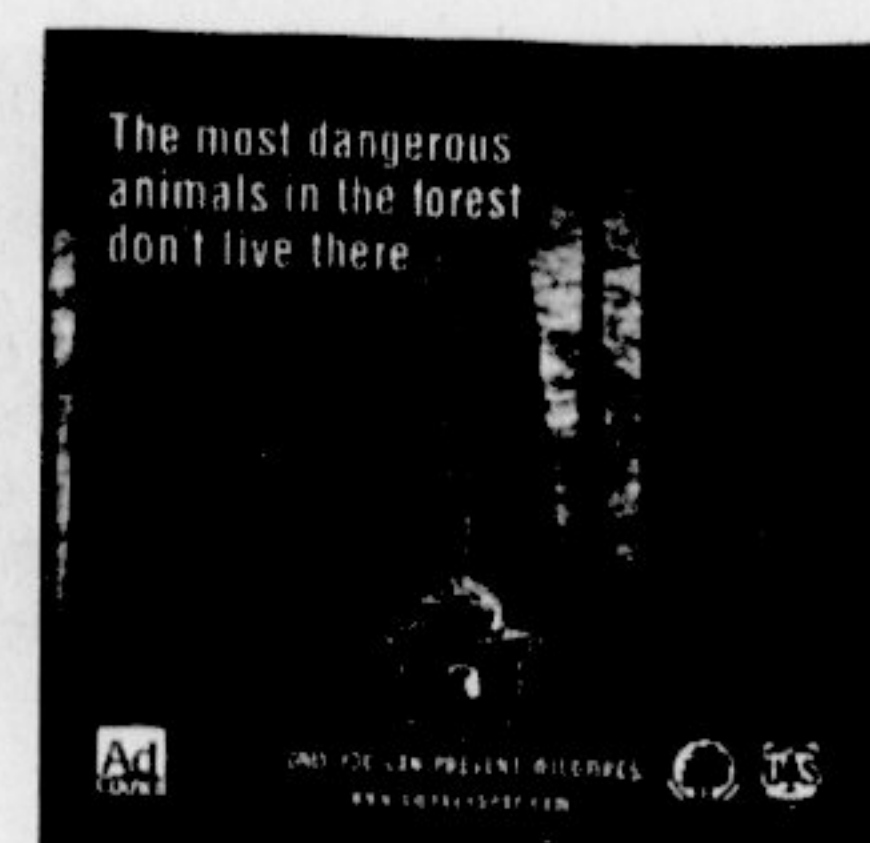
plans for an automated red light enforcement citation program.

The program initially sets cameras at 10 locations. The cameras record the intersection for 12 seconds after a light turns red.

If someone runs a red light, a citation will be sent to the owner of the car with a code number. The person can view the video with their code number on the Internet.

The plan's purpose is to curb accidents, like the recent fatal accident on Charles Boulevard where an individual ran a red light almost five seconds after it changed.

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# President focuses on economy while in Florida election 2004

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — President Bush courted voters Monday in the state that decided the 2000 election, arguing his tax cuts are helping the economy and suggesting Democrats would endanger America's fiscal health by raising taxes.

Spending the President's Day holiday in Florida, the second day of his 19th visit to the state as president, Bush said the country is recovering from its economic downturn. He blamed the recession, corporate scandals, and the 2001 terrorist attacks for the problem, but said his policies turned the economy around.

"Those were a lot of obstacles and hurdles for our nation to handle and yet our economy is strong. I will argue vociferously that one of the reasons it is strong is because the Congress wisely heeded my call and let people keep more of their own money," Bush told

employees gathered in a warehouse of NuAir Manufacturing, a small but thriving window and door manufacturer.

"The tax relief plan you hear some people maligning around our country helped small business growth."

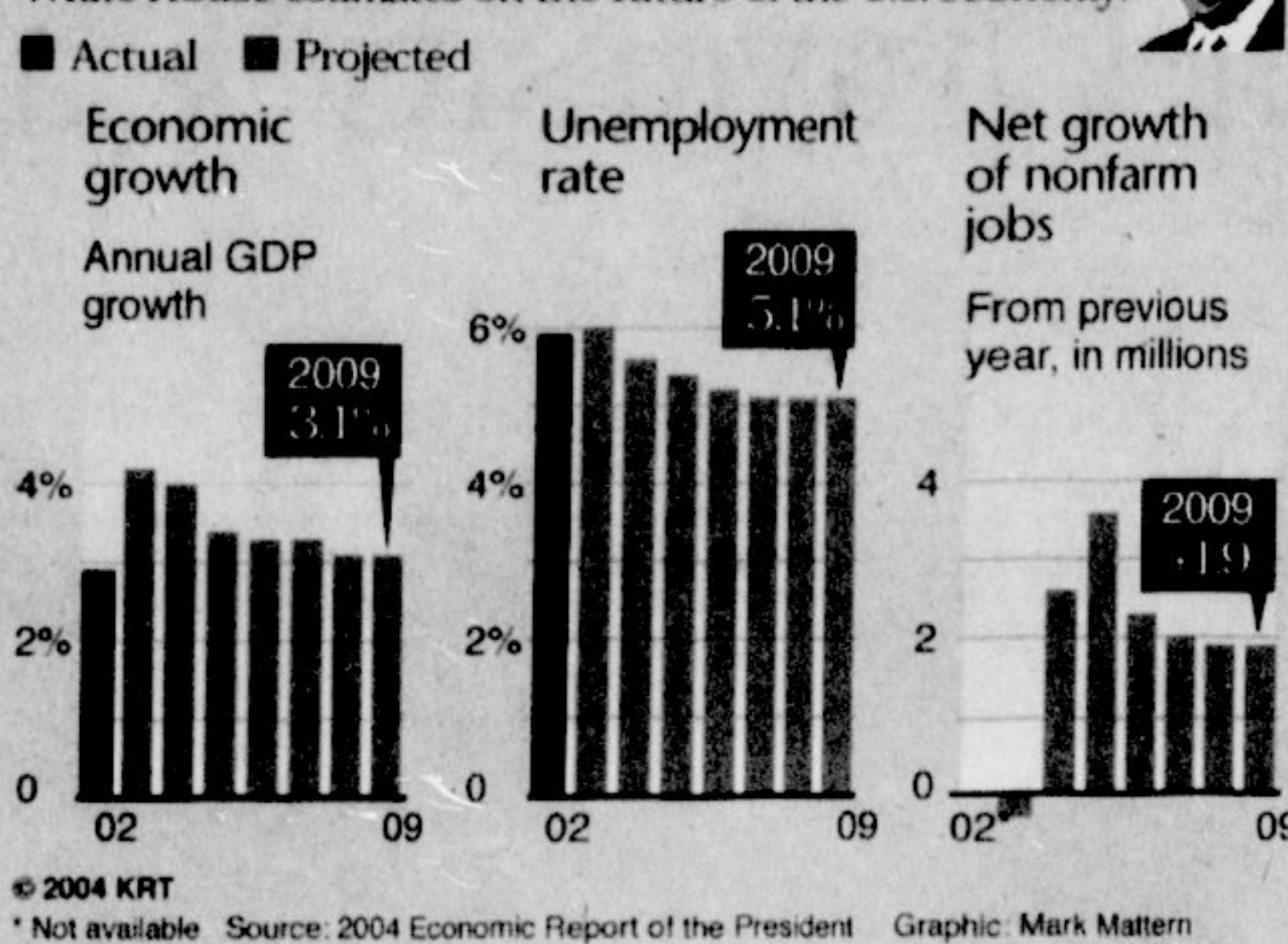
On the other side of the state the day before, Bush opened the Daytona 500 and watched most of stock car racing's ultimate prize. The appearance included an Air Force One flyover of the track, a partial lap around the oval for Bush's motorcade and nationally televised shots of him happily mingling with fans and drivers. Lee Greenwood's patriotic singing providing a gauzy backdrop.

It allowed Bush enormous exposure to the millions of NASCAR fans who have become one of this election's year most prized voter profiles.

With more than 8 million Americans out of work, jobs are a sensitive issue for Bush as he seeks re-election in November. While the U.S. economy is on the upswing, job growth has been slow, allowing Democrats to repeatedly highlight the 2.2

## Bush forecast for economy

White House estimates on the future of the U.S. economy.



million jobs lost during Bush's presidency.

"A look at his record shows that (Bush's) policies have actually exacerbated the effects of the recession for thousands of Floridians all while he and his brother (Florida Gov. Jeb Bush) have insisted on more tax cuts for the wealthy," said David Sirota of the Center for American Progress, a liberal

think tank.

Bush has labored to defend his economic record and show he has a plan to keep things going in the right direction. In the last three weeks, he has devoted four speeches to the economy, in other politically important states such as Pennsylvania and in key primary states like New Hampshire.

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Service.

If the low pressure system forms closer to the North Carolina coast, snow could fall as far inland as the piedmont, he said.

With skies clearing early Monday, temperatures dropped into the 20s and caused some slush to refreeze. Forecasters predicted temperatures would rise into the upper 30s and 40s in some areas to speed melting.

Durham and Orange County school systems canceled classes. Wake County operated on a two-hour delay on Presidents Day, a holiday that had been designated as a makeup day for students on a traditional schedule.

Most school systems in northeastern North Carolina were closed because of the weather.

UNC at Chapel Hill and NC State University delayed the start of classes on Monday.

State road crews dispatched their salt trucks

early, and they'll continue to clear roads Monday, said Tonya Beaddles of the state Transportation Department in Alamance County.

"We've been working 12-hour shifts," she said.

Some North Carolinians groaned Sunday night at the thought of more dreary weather. Others, such as Scott Stanley of Sugar Mountain in Avery County, celebrated the area's latest snowfall.

He was prepared with tire chains and other winter equipment.

"I love this weather and this place," said Stanley.

The owner of Scott's Pizza Place, sandwiched between two ski resorts, said he was having a record sales weekend.

"The road conditions delay deliveries, but (the snow) brings people here," he said.

"There are probably 25,000 people here and at the resorts right now, more

than at Martin Luther King weekend.

"A few hours to the south, John Corley of Concord said he was "most definitely sick of this weather."

"I'm ready for some sunshine," said Corley, adding that his construc-

tion business suffers in bad weather.

He said that in last month's snowstorms, he was isolated and frustrated.

"My driveway's on a hill; we were pretty much stuck here," he said. "That's hard when you work for yourself."

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# OPINION

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## Our View

**What this country needs now is what it has always needed, sound leadership. The election will be won or lost based on who has the best vision for the future of America.**

While we are all tired of hearing about the Super Bowl halftime show, we are already getting equally tired of hearing about the president's stint in the National Guard.

The attacks which have come from higher ups in the Democratic Party and not from any of the candidates themselves have created a scandal that distracts voters from the true issues facing this country.

In fact, in a democratic debate held at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, front runner John Kerry did his best to distance himself from the issue.

Last Friday the Bush administration provided reporters with an over 400 page stack of records from his service in the National Guard. The document dumping was in response to allegations that the administration has been hiding information about his record while serving in the guard.

Now that they have the information, the press needs to come up with something tangible to back up all of the hype surrounding the story. If there is nothing more than info about traffic violations being pushed aside without a waiver, we have to wonder what all of the fuss was about.

The Democratic Party needs to concentrate on the issues that are truly affecting the country and not look backward. The Democratic Party needs to learn that if they point to such an issue too loudly, they will look foolish if Bush's administration debunks their argument. They should have learned that lesson after grilling the current administration on its inability to find Saddam Hussein.

What this country needs now is what it has always needed, sound leadership. The election will be won or lost based on who has the best vision for the future of America. Neither side should bank on negative nitpicking.

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## In My Opinion

### This is a campus, not a construction zone

Poor planning wreaks havoc on students

JOHN BREAM  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

All ECU students can share at least one common bond — our paths have been repeatedly crowded, diverted and made dangerous due to the massive amounts of construction on campus.

While it is certain that construction is necessary to account for the rapid growth ECU has recently experienced, it seems that the planning that went into it was simply inadequate.

Such problems have been readily apparent since the middle of the fall semester when construction crews revamped the route around the Austin Building — one of the busiest parts of campus.

All traffic flowing to and from the Austin Building from the Brewster area was crowded into a walkway that was approximately five feet wide.

I'm sure we all remember the long waits that occurred as a result of not being able to get through without repeatedly bumping into our peers.

Not to mention this project kept students from being able to walk directly from Brewster to Howell.

Now the chaos continues on West Campus where construction projects have kept residents from being able to park near their dorm. Instead, the administration chose to put all the students in lots off of Fifth St.

That sounds really safe — we'll force students to cross Fifth St., even late at night when all the drunken people are walking (and sometimes driving) to and from downtown.

After all, the reactive steps the administration have taken show

that safety is really the number one concern on this campus.

Also in West Campus, are those boards that connect the rec center and Mendenhall — aren't those fun to walk across? Have you ever gotten a wobbly sensation when walking across them? Aren't they tough to see at night? Could it possibly be dangerous for those to be there?

And isn't it attractive for all of the prospective students and their parents who tour the campus to walk across boards to get from place to place?

I'm certain you've enjoyed walking through the mud to get from West Campus to the rec center and squeezing through that tiny space near the bus stop.

After all, we all love to ruin the bottoms of our our jeans for the sake of getting around campus.

Construction has made this campus an unsightly nightmare. This campus in the worst shape I've seen it in since I've been here.

We had hoped the concerns of students would be taken into account when planning all of these projects — all students asked for was a safe path to walk to class. What we got were boards, tight spaces and parking spots far away from our dorms.

## In My Opinion

### Security on campus should be first priority

ECU officials should focus on the students

MIKE MASHBURN  
WEB EDITOR

Over the past few months, the administration as a whole, has shown a serious lack of concern for the student body.

This administration was supposed to be "in touch" with the students, but I have yet to see any signs of life from them.

Nearly one month has passed since the rape in White Hall, and yet no significant changes have been presented to prevent another serious crime.

Other than bulking up police patrol around the dimly lit construction area of White Hall, it seems that there are no further plans to take additional security measures.

Besides the ECU Alert installed on campus computers, there was no other efforts to notify students about this incident.

Announcements should have been sent out explaining the situation and presenting ways to prevent other attacks.

Many students were concerned about the lack of information on the attack. ECU police said they are looking into surveillance cameras inside dorms, but this is not the answer.

Actions at other schools include a check-in desk in each dorm, with a university employee keeping records of all persons entering.

This is certainly safer than the current method at ECU, and would not require major construction and massive amounts



of time to implement.

According to ECU police, no definite decisions have been made on whether they will employ additional security measures.

This incident represents a major lack of consideration of the safety of the student body. But there are other examples.

With temperatures at or below freezing, students were left outside to wait in lines at the cashier's office in excess of thirty minutes.

Sure, students were offered coffee, once they were inside the complex. It seems unnecessary for students to stand outside in freezing temperatures waiting to pay tuition or collect excess financial aid.

Lines could have easily been angled around the hallway of the cashier's office.

Never have I seen Chancellor Shelton sit down for lunch with students, or hold forums that would elicit student contact.

This would be the perfect opportunity for those in charge to get feedback from us. Who is more aware of current conditions at ECU than students?

## In My Opinion

### Did 9-11 change your view of the world?

(KRT)—In a nation split by race and ideology, the sharpest divide is over whether Americans need to redefine their view of the world and the U.S. role in it because of the Sept. 11 attacks and aftermath.

Although President Bush and apparent de facto Democratic nominee John Kerry probably won't even directly debate the question, it is at the heart of most of their disagreements.

The election will get even nastier than it already is because candidate Bush has to stress the dangers of terrorism to explain his presidency. Yet that approach will inevitably lead Kerry's crew to accuse Bush of scare tactics and surely lead to even more recriminations.

After the 9-11 attacks, most Americans agreed there was little dispute that the United States was at war and needed to act accordingly. That's why most Democrats, including Kerry, voted for the very same Patriot Act that they now decry.

The political environment changed when the public fear of terrorism receded with the passage of time and no new domestic attacks. Today, many Americans

seem more concerned with the inconveniences of beefed-up airline security than the chance that their flight could become a guided missile.

A January Gallup Poll found that only 46 percent of Americans judged further acts of domestic terror likely in the near term, compared to 66 percent just a year before.

Partly, that's because through legitimate law-enforcement legwork or just luck, we have so far avoided another domestic terrorist attack. Simply put, Bush sees himself as a wartime president, and his policies and priorities flow from that belief.

Those who see 9-11 as a seminal event believe that the United States must act - not just react - to prevent even more horrifying incidents. If that requires more power and money for the military and law enforcement, and a corresponding reduced emphasis on individual rights in favor of collective security, so be it.

Those like the president who see a much more dangerous world don't understand why everyone doesn't share their concerns, and perhaps uncharitably, attribute it

to a dangerous naivete that fails to appreciate the role these policies have played in preventing another attack.

Kerry and many Democrats may feel the same anger over 9-11, but they see the world as fundamentally no different than the one that existed before then.

They believe Bush is using the attack as a pretext to reshape U.S. views and values for the worse and think that the increased dangers can be handled by tweaking the same tools and tactics they've always favored.

They believe that Bush is going too far, endangering basic constitutional rights to fight the war on terror, and that he is wrongly altering national priorities and endangering civil liberties to fight an enemy whose dangers the president overstates.

Some Bush critics find more solace in the attitudes and acts of foreign governments than those of their own. They exhibit an alienation that has not been as evident since Vietnam toward public and private institutions perceived as supportive of the president.

According to this view, Bush is using national security as a facade to push an economic and social

agenda - tax cuts, smaller domestic programs and more traditional social values - that they abhor.

They assume as fact every derogatory charge made against the president, regardless of its veracity.

That's why Al Gore's serious charge that Bush had "betrayed this country" becomes normal campaign rhetoric. So, too, the ready acceptance of the allegation that Bush never fulfilled his military obligation despite evidence and an honorable discharge to the contrary.

The debate over foreign policy - the wisdom of the Iraq war, Bush's policy of pre-emptive war if necessary, the levels of defense spending and our international relationships - grows from this split.

Even domestic matters - such as spending priorities and the trade-off between the needs for homeland security and civil liberties - revolve around that same question.

Seen through that prism, the heated political rhetoric and the unwillingness by either side to give the other credit for good intentions should not be surprising.



## Ohio's highway gunman remains elusive, grows bolder

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Joe Joan heard the gunshot while driving his wife and three young children to a flea market. A man standing calmly on an overpass had struck a sport utility vehicle right behind their car.

After pulling over, Joan said he watched the gunman get in his car and slowly drive away. "He looked like he didn't care about anyone," said Joan Sunday.

"He wasn't in a hurry. He didn't speed up or nothing. He just got in and took off real slow."

Ballistics testing confirmed the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday. No one was injured in the most recent shooting, though one person has been killed since the attacks began in May.

Witnesses described the shooter as a clean-shaven white male in his 30s with dark hair, wearing a hat and sunglasses and driving a small black sedan. Experts said he is becoming

bolder.

"He's sending a message to police: 'You're not as close as you think you are. I can shoot in broad daylight, and you still won't find me,'" said Jack Levin, a criminologist and director of the Brudnick Center on Violence at Northeastern University.

On Friday, Franklin County Chief Deputy Steve Martin said he felt confident in the investigation's progress.

"We feel that we're getting closer all the time," said Martin.

"We are doing exactly what we need to do."

Levin said his studies of criminals, including the recent Washington, D.C., sniper case, indicate reckless behavior can make serial shooters feel more powerful and important.

"It enhances the cat and mouse game he plays with law enforcement," Levin said. "Psychologically, he gains with these risks."

The serial shootings began in



The unidentified highway gunman continues to taunt police.

May, though most have occurred since mid-October.

Until last month, the gunfire at vehicles and buildings was scattered along or near Interstate 270, a busy highway that circles Columbus. The previous four shootings, including two Feb. 8, had moved progressively farther southwest on Interstate 71. Saturday's shooting was the farthest

east the shooter has struck.

The shooter is starting to get careless, perhaps on purpose, said W. Scott Thornsley, criminal justice professor at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania.

"If he gets away with it, it's more thrilling to him," he said. "If he doesn't get a way with it, it puts an end to what he may be going through."

## India, Pakistan begin Kashmir peace negotiations

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan began historic meetings Monday aimed at preparing the way for a sustained peace dialogue on Kashmir and other disputes that have kept the neighbors at loggerheads for decades.

Pakistan is eager to show quick progress during the three days of talks, which also are likely to cover confidence-building measures in the nuclear field to avoid an accident—especially considering admissions of leaks of nuclear technology by the father of Pakistan's nuclear program.

India and Pakistan last held formal peace talks in July 2001 in Agra, India.

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee agreed to launch the new dialogue when they met on the sidelines of a South Asian summit in January.

Jalil Abbas Jilani, a director-general in Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, and Arun Kumar Singh, a joint secretary in India's External Affairs Ministry, shook hands and smiled before the start of the meeting. The sides met for nearly two hours in the morning before breaking for lunch.

Singh is leading a four-

member Indian team at the talks, the first real test of the two sides' willingness to show flexibility on long-entrenched positions, such as the disputed Kashmir region—the cause of two of the countries' three wars since their 1947 independence.

A "line of control" divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan, but both claim the Himalayan territory in its entirety. More than 65,000 people have been killed in an insurgency that has raged in India-controlled portions of the territory since 1989.

In the latest violence, suspected separatist rebels shot and killed a local politician Monday as he stood on a roadside in Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, police said.

Two police officers nearby raced to the scene and opened fire on the assailants. One officer was killed and the other wounded as the attackers retaliated, and the attackers escaped.

Meanwhile, in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, more than 500 people Monday from a political group seeking Kashmir's independence blocked a main street for nearly two hours to protest the Pakistan-India talks.

"These negotiations are being held to end the Kashmiris' struggle," said Ghulam Nabi War, a Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front leader.

"The two countries are not interested in people of Kashmir. They don't respect their wishes."

After coming close to fighting a fourth war in 2002, India and Pakistan have moved to restore transport links and diplomatic ties. Soldiers in November halted cross-border firing in Kashmir.

India is also set to embark on its first cricket tour of Pakistan since 1989—a breakthrough for the two cricket-crazy nations.

"Pakistan is approaching their talks sincerely and earnestly. We hope that India would demonstrate matching reciprocity," said Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan Sunday.

The two sides are likely to set up expert groups to discuss a dispute over the flow of water to Pakistan from the Wullar barrage in India's Jammu-Kashmir state and fighting at the world's highest battleground in Siachen, an 18,000-foot high glacier.

With national elections due in India in April, Vajpayee's government expects no major deci-

sions during this round of talks. However, the prime minister is expected to stay in power and pursue the peace process.

"We are going to start the process (of negotiations) ... that will mean looking into modalities for the dialogue process and see what meetings should be organized in the next few months to keep up the dialogue on a sustained basis," Indian Foreign Secretary Shashank, who uses only one name, told Press Trust of India in New Delhi.

The "composite dialogue" between the countries was first agreed to in 1997 and reaffirmed by Vajpayee and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf during a January meeting in Islamabad on the fringes of a regional summit.

The two leaders had previously met for a failed peace summit in July 2001 in Agra, India.

Singh, who arrived Sunday in Pakistan, was to hold talks with his Pakistani counterpart Monday and Tuesday to map out a plan for future dialogue.

The talks are to be wrapped up by Shashank during a meeting Wednesday with Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokar. The officials are the most senior in their ministries below the foreign ministers.

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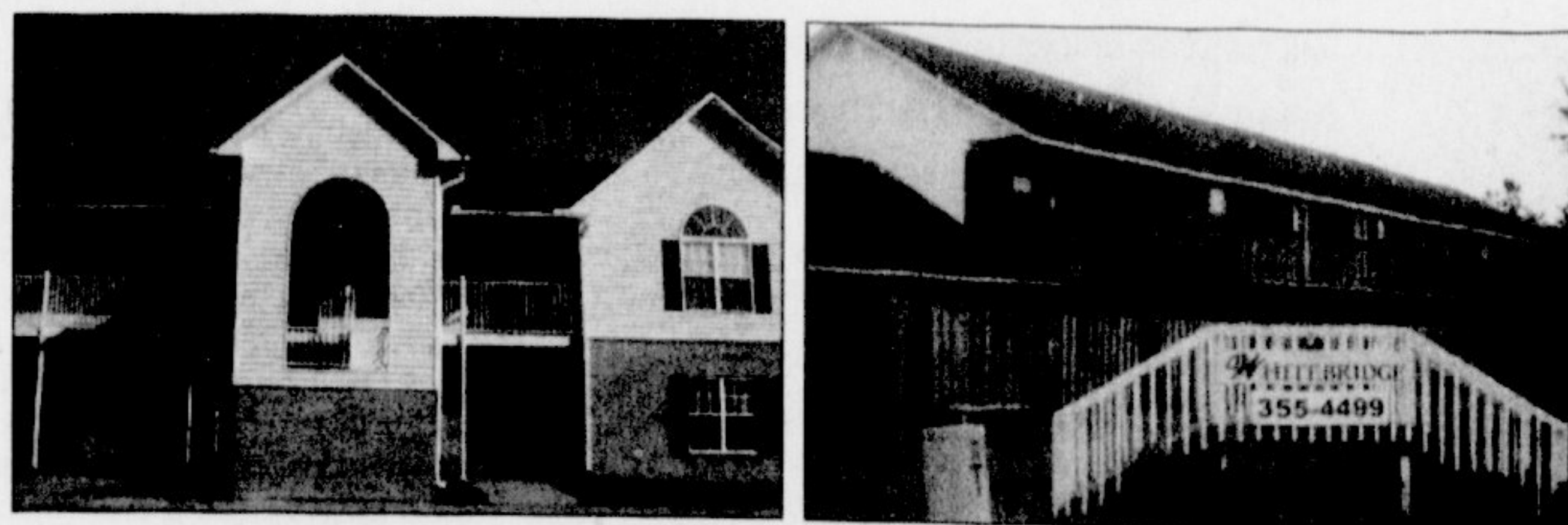
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### Did You Know?

-Actress Rene Russo (1954), basketball star Michael Jordan (1963) and actor Jerry O'Connell (1974) all call today their birthday.  
-This month is National Bird Feeding Month.  
-Today is My Way Day, National PTA Founders' Day and World Human Spirit Day.  
-On this day in 1962, the Beach Boys introduced a new musical style with their hit "Surfin'".

### Announcements

#### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Kill Bill: Vol 1* is showing Wednesday at 9:30 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.

#### Performance

The School of Music presents a performance by the ECU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band conducted by Scott Carter and Chris Knighten at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 in the Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

#### Bingo

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents Bingo at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 in the Mendenhall Dining Hall.

#### Negro History Week

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents "Negro History Week Celebration" from 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery.

#### African American Reading Day

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents an African American Reading Day from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery.

#### Early Music Ensemble

The ECU Early Music Ensemble/Viol Consort presents *The Glories of the Fifteenth Century: Plainchant and Polyphony* at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This event is free.

#### 'The Grapes of Wrath'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 - Tuesday Feb. 24 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 22. For tickets, contact the ECU/Loessin Playhouse Box Office.

#### Mardi Gras

Partners in Campus Life is sponsoring a Mardi Gras celebration from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 in Mendenhall Student Center.

#### Pirate Underground

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents music from Trailer Bride from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Pirate Underground.

#### Salsa Dance

There will be a Salsa Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Willis Building. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m.

#### Family Fare

The Family Fare series presents *Sarah Plain and Tall* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Wright Auditorium.

#### Bach Marathon

The students and guests of Yoram Youngerman present the Annual Bach Complete Solo Concert at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

#### Pirate Underground

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents the music of From Lonely Shore/Falter from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Pirate Underground.

#### Music Performance

The School of Music presents *Triple Treat: The Concertos for Three Harpsichords* by J. S. Bach, Janette Fishell, John O'Brien and Matthew Gillespie at 8 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 22 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets cost \$5.

#### University Choral

The School of Music presents the University Choral featuring Rutter's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Te Deum* conducted by Joel Gay at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 in Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

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*Reservoir Dogs*

# SPRING BREAK



### Items to consider before packing

**TOMEKA STEELE**  
STAFF WRITER

Spring Break is just around the corner, and students are gearing up for a week of fun, relaxation and a lot of partying. Most students just want to pick a place, pack a bag and go, but there are many other things to consider when planning the perfect Spring Break vacation.

Before deciding where to go, students should assess their funds. Students need to decide what their budget will be for the trip - including how much to spend on food, shopping, transportation and lodging. Afterward, locate the perfect place based on your set budget.

When deciding where to go, there are endless possibilities. If you're looking for some place warm and exotic, great options are the Bahamas, Panama City, Key West, Daytona Beach, Miami and every college student's favorite, Cancun.

"This Spring Break I'll probably go to Wilmington with a few friends," said Charity Hilton, sophomore undecided major.

The key to finding a great place for a good price is to start looking as early as possible. Many hotels in these areas are usually booked well in advance for Spring Break. Don't wait until the last minute because it may hinder your chances of finding somewhere decent to stay.

The best time to book hotel rooms is three to six months

before Spring Break.

A common question when planning for a trip is whether buying a packaged deal is cheaper than buying plane tickets and hotel accommodations separately. Most of the time, packaged deals are better simply because you won't have to run all over town to get what you need.

Several deals include plane tickets and a few hotel accommodations for certain days. This would be the logical route to take when planning for a Spring Break extravaganza.

While booking hotels, understand there are always lurking expenses that packaged deals may not advertise such as valet parking fees, room tax, resort fees, maid's fees, parking, extra person charges and key and damage deposits. Call the hotel and check all these unexpected costs before buying a packaged deal.

Important decisions to consider once a place is chosen are the weather, water and money. You may have to receive shots before going to Mexico. Pack for sun and maybe for a typhoon, too. In places like Cancun money has to be converted to Pesos. See if the hotel can do these things without difficulty.

Methods of transportation are an important factor. Choose a location with lots of activities and entertainment within walking distance. Planning to venture away from areas near the hotel requires extra spending money for taxis.

Many of the finest Spring Break locations offer different forms of entertainment. This

may become the deciding factor. Cancun attracts more than 300,000 college students during Spring Break.

Key West is the only American Spring Break destination that has nude beaches and clubs. Panama City is well known for their water sports, which include sailing, water skiing and snorkeling. Daytona Beach is a great location fit for almost any budget, and alcohol is prohibited on the beaches.

"I'm going to Hawaii for Spring Break to visit a friend. I'm looking forward to getting off the mainland and experiencing the island life," said Shauna McFarland, senior biology major.

MTV's Real World cast will be in the Bahamas this Spring Break. Former MTV cast members making appearances are Steven (Las Vegas), Kendall (Campus Crawl), Ace (Paris), Mallory (Paris) and Trishelle

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### Spring Break Web sites

Popular Spring Break Web sites:

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### What are your plans for Spring Break?



**KATIE DUGAN**  
FRESHMAN COMMUNICATION MAJOR

"I will be going back to my old neighborhood on Long Island, NY. I'm going to see old friends."



**CHRYSTAL WIGGINS**  
JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

"For Spring Break I plan on going on tour with the ECU Gospel Choir."



**CHRISTINA GRIFFIN**  
JUNIOR HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT MAJOR

"I'm going to New York to go to Broadway."



**EMILY LITAKER**  
FRESHMAN MUSIC THEATER MAJOR

"I'm going to California to visit my brother and see all the movie stars."

# Spend Spring Break on ice

### Students choose a colder climate

**BETH GUNDERSON**  
SENIOR WRITER

Traditionally, Spring Break trips are taken to warm weather destinations, but sometimes students decide to venture out into the snow.

Most local ski resorts no longer have snow in March, so skiers are forced to go to locations farther north or west.

Snowshoe, W.Va., is a popular skiing and snowboarding destination for vacationers.

Ryan Moynahan, junior communication major, said Snowshoe is a little village with everything, including bars. Moynahan, a member of the ECU skiing and snowboarding team, recently visited Snowshoe with the team, and he plans to go back for Spring Break. He said the trip to Snowshoe took approximately 6 1/2 hours.

Snowshoe is having a "Spring Break Snow Bash" March 7 - 10 and March 14 - 17. Three day and night packages are available for \$156 per student and are based on "quad occupancy in select one-bedroom mountain top condominiums." Lift ticket rates are based on student package rates.

During the "Spring Break Snow Bash," Snowshoe will become one big party, according to their Web site.



Winter sports attract many students during Spring Break.

Students can earn "Snow Bucks" throughout the week to be cashed in at the Snow Bash Auction for items including snowboards, skis, trips and gear.

Wintergreen in Virginia will be open through March 28, weather permitting. In North Carolina some of the most popular resorts are Ski Beech and Sugar Mountain.

There are many ways to book a trip, whether it's by phone, travel agent or through the Internet. Many Web sites are dedicated to helping plan

vacations.

"[Students] need to figure out what would fit best in their budget and look online," said Ilene Schwartz, junior communication major.

Schwartz used Expedia.com in the past and plans to use it to book her Spring Break trip to Las Vegas.

These Web sites offer daily discounts and specials for travelers. Spring Break packages are also available, depending on hotel vacancies. Orbitz.com has a separate page called "student universe" that offers special

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deals on trips and airfare for students.

Quixote Travels Inc. and the Greenville Travel Center are some local travel agencies.

Quixote Travels, located on Red Banks Road behind Moe's, books trips all over the country. Kim Matthews, travel agent, said the most popular ski destinations are Keystone, Aspen and Vail, Colo. Salt Lake and Park City, Utah, are also among vacationers' favorites. These ski resorts stay open until mid-April.

"Students should start planning and book their trips before Christmas or the beginning of January in order to get the best deal," Matthews said.

She said Quixote can still book your trip, but it may be expensive.

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Las Vegas is a popular gambling destination in the United States for Spring Break goers.

## Gambling the night away

*Plan the perfect high rolling trip*

**LAURA PEKAREK**  
STAFF WRITER

While many students will opt to soak up sun during their Spring Break, others will try to win tuition money by vacationing at various gambling locations. Playing blackjack can be just as addicting as the beach.

There are a variety of places where legal gambling is the main tourist attraction. Legal gambling in the United States means you must be 21 or older to participate. Las Vegas and Atlantic City offer high-quality facilities on both sides of the country.

Las Vegas offers 21 luxurious hotels — all of which include fine dining, entertainment and casinos.

It may be expensive to stay in a place on dazzling Las Vegas Boulevard, but all the amenities are at your fingertips.

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movie theaters and 95,000 square feet of casino. The hotel was also home to the cast of MTV's "The Real World: Las Vegas."

At Atlantic City's Taj Mahal Casino, players can choose from more than 5,000 slots and 210 table games.

Outside the country, the gambling age is only 18. Places like Cancun and the Bahamas offer cheaper and easier gaming experiences for college students.

The Princess Hotel and Casino, located in Freeport, Bahamas, offers their version of Las Vegas life. Game choices may be a little smaller, but still include blackjack, poker, roulette and craps, all native to the types of gambling we see here.

"I've always wanted to go to the Bahamas as well as test my luck on the slots. I think a week there would be awesome," said Emily Enochs, freshman political science major.

To experience a night in Cancun is to see the island come alive with top nightclubs and exciting casino gambling. The Royal Oasis Golf Resort & Casino features include a lavish 20,000 square foot American-style casino, one of the

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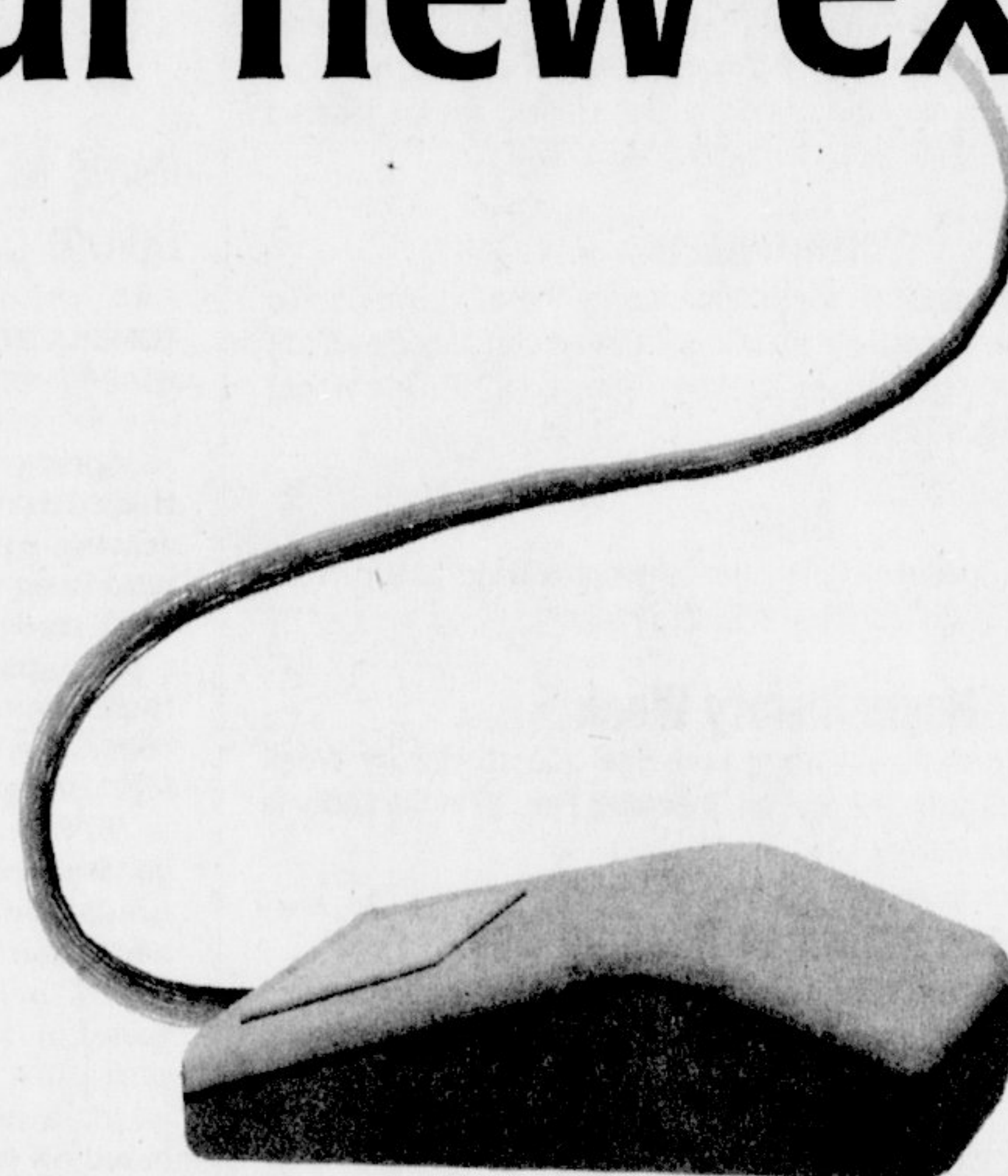
Once you pick a location, the research begins. Decisive factors not only include the price of a hotel or resort — you have to think about what kind of casinos you're trying to visit as well. You don't want to stay in a hotel that's 10 miles away from all the excitement and things you want to do. Transportation options are important to the final verdict on a place to go.

Local travel agencies in Greenville like AAA Vacations, Quixote Travels and Greenville Travel Center are informative and can help you organize.

Libraries and tour organizations are other sources that may provide abundant information, not to mention the Internet. Some of the fastest ways to look up ideas for a legal gambling Spring Break is searching on the Internet. Web sites like SpringBreakDirect.com and StudentExpress.com offer great deals and outstanding organization when it comes to planning.

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### Spring Break from page A7

(Las Vegas). They are scheduled to be in the Bahamas March 6 - 27 for three wild weeks of Spring Break 2004.

New York is the fashion mecca of the United States. You can shop, see a Broadway play and then hit the clubs

to party with P. Diddy.

There are many factors to consider when planning the perfect Spring Break, but the most important thing is to plan ahead. Don't be afraid to go somewhere out of the norm or some place that may

have bad drinking water.

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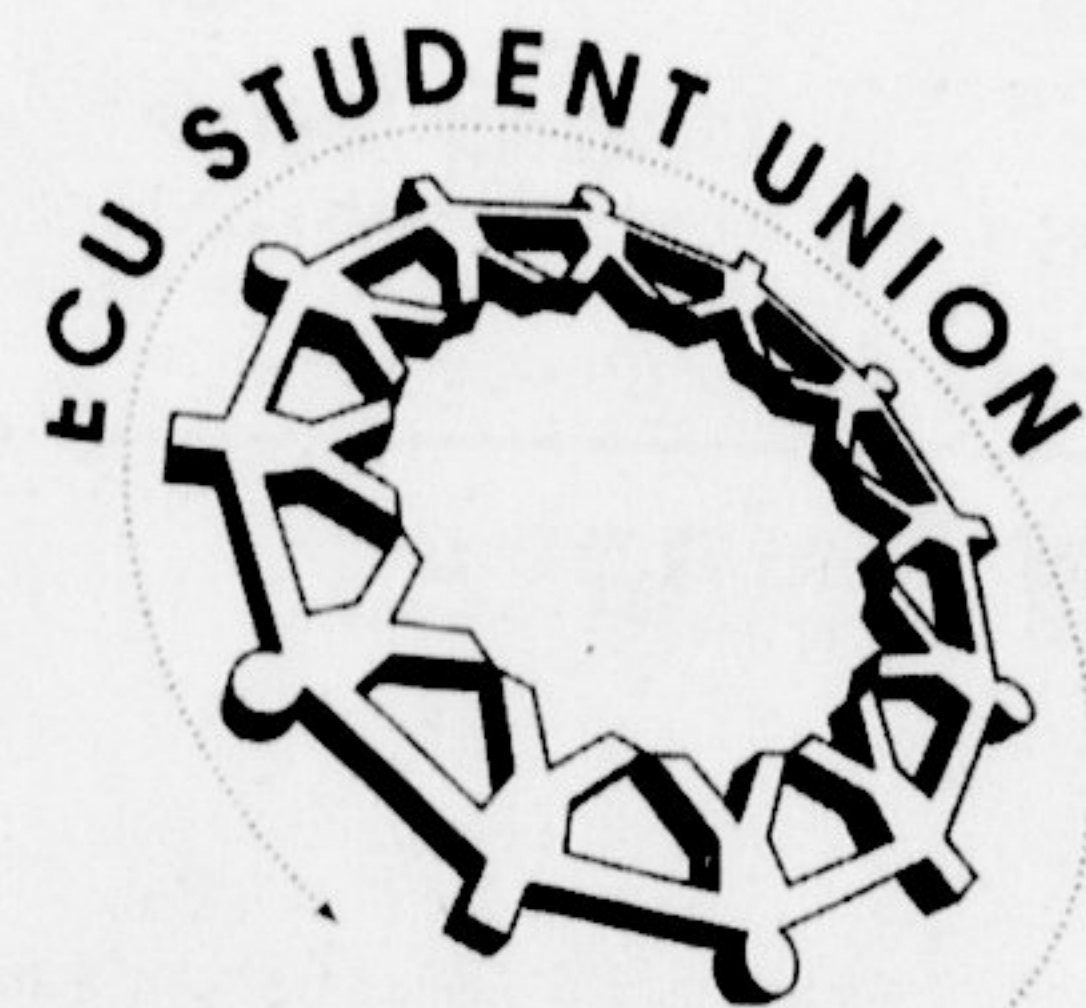
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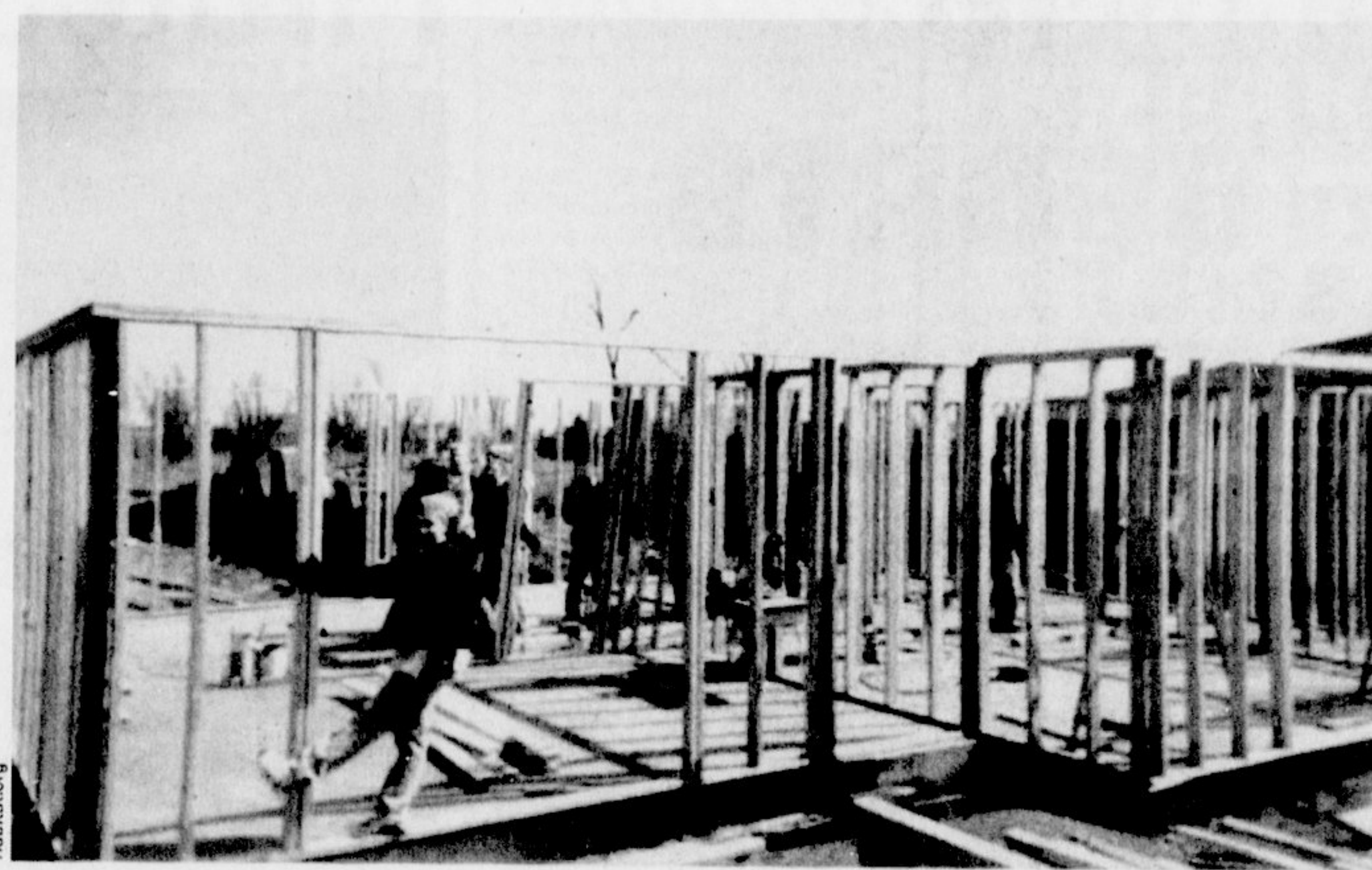
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Alternative Spring Break works with Habitat for Humanity to build houses for those in need.

## Students find an alternative way to spend Spring Break

*Organization gives  
back to community*

JESSICA CRESON  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine spending Spring Break waking up early to work hard every morning. Alternative Spring Break provides students with a different approach to their Spring Break vacation – give back to the community.

"ASB is a student organization, and it is a chance for students to use their Spring Break to help those in need," said Ryan Winget, Jones Hall coordinator and ASB adviser.

ASB is about helping others, and it gives students a chance to face issues such as poverty and illiteracy.

"Seeing the faces of an underprivileged family walk up to their new home that you put your heart and sweat into is something that is simply impossible to explain. I can't imagine spending my Spring Break any other way," said Jessica Borrelli, former ASB attendant.

Campus Living's Service Learning Advisory Board funds ASB.

This year the students

and advisers will go to Tallahassee, Fla.

There will be 18 students and two advisers traveling to work Habitat for Humanity International's Collegiate Challenge along with other students at the same site in order to build one Habitat House for the community in Tallahassee.

"ASB, for me, is an amazing experience. Last year, we started with a slab of concrete and put up the entire frame for a house. When we walked away on the last day, we could really see the difference we made," said Jennifer Miller, vice president of ASB.

ASB begins Saturday, March 13 and lasts one week. The cost is \$100 per student, which covers housing and meals.

Students are asked to try their best to raise money through fundraising scheduled by the Executive Board.

After the student fundraising, Campus Living pays for the remaining travel expenses.

This is the least expensive of most trips students take, but it is a week of hard work.

A typical week is working on the Habitat House Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., but Wednesday is a free day to go to the beach or try anything the

area offers. After working on the house, everyone uses the rest of the day to see local attractions.

"The work can be difficult at times – it is real labor. The students are really building a house and helping out with every step of that process. But there are skilled professionals on site to teach the students the crafts necessary to build a house, so it is really educational," Winget said.

ASB is an opportunity to meet new people, have a good time, learn about different people and help those in need.

"I think that a student who went on ASB said it best, 'What I put into it took a week. What I took out of it will last a lifetime,'" Winget said.

Although ASB tries to build complete houses, previous experience is not required.

"ASB is probably one of the most worthwhile trips that one can make over their Spring Break during college ... it is an awesome time of getting to know some new friends. Yet, the best part of it is definitely seeing that you just made a difference," Borrelli said.

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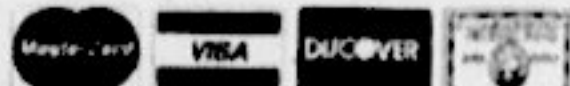
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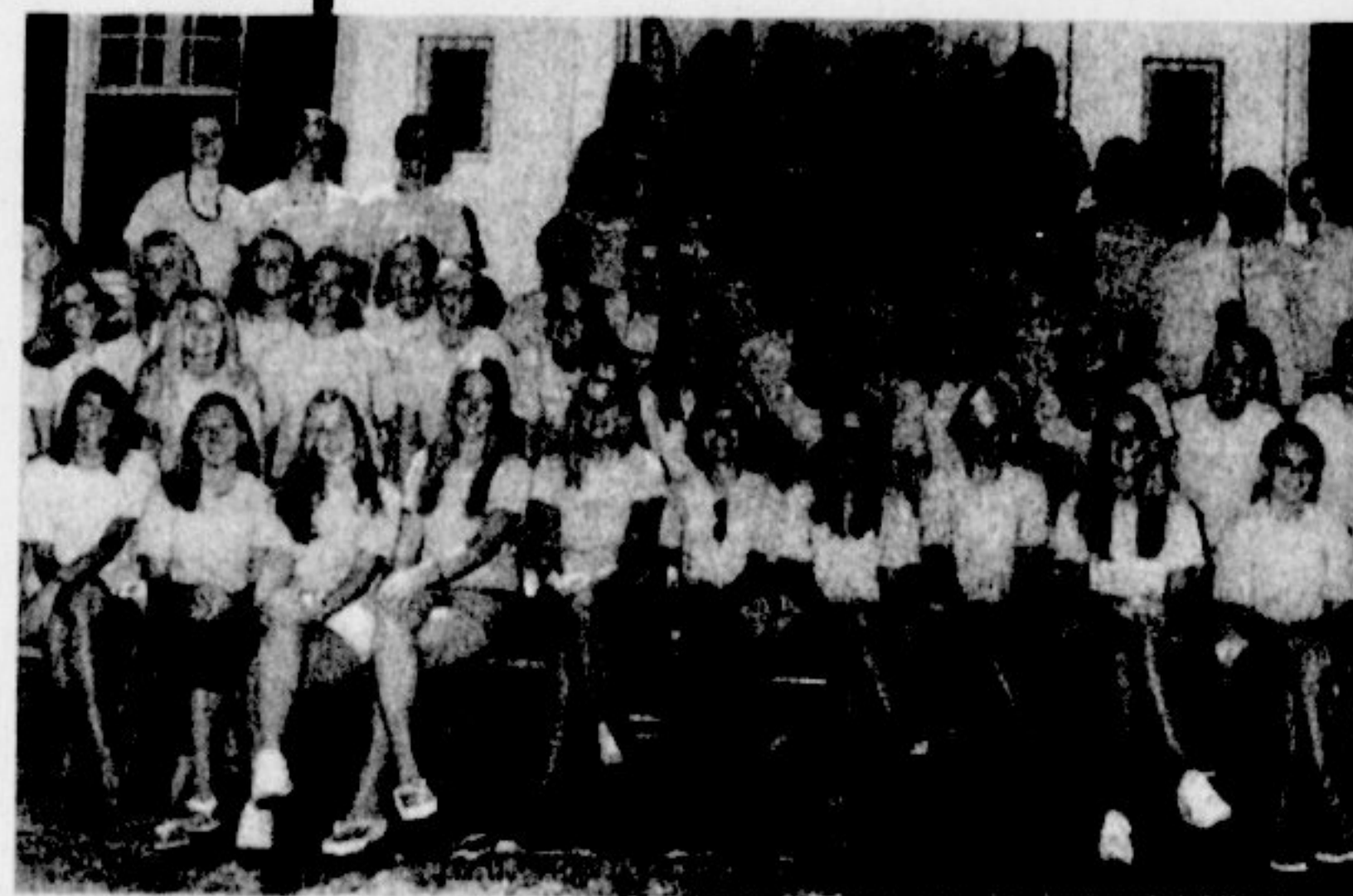
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## Smoke &amp; Mirrors

Hollywood's Smoke and Mirrors, Fitness, Feb. 25; 5-6pm. Learn how the media manipulate images to fit an unreal ideal. You may not believe your eyes! This interactive program includes a short video and discussion on how to fight back and learn to recognize and respect our uniqueness.

## Sports Briefs

## Daily wins title

John Daly hit a 100-foot bunker shot within 4 inches to win a three-man playoff in the Buick Invitational, his first PGA Tour victory in nearly nine years. It wasn't over until Chris Riley, who grew up playing Torrey Pines, watched in disbelief as his 5-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th rimmed all the way around the cup. Luke Donald earlier missed from 6 feet. Since winning the '95 British Open at St. Andrews his second major, Daly has gone through another divorce, had another trip to alcohol rehab, and now waits to see what happens to his fourth wife, indicted last summer on drug and gambling charges five days after she gave birth to his first son. Daly won \$864,000 for his fifth PGA Tour victory. It was almost as surprising as the first one, the 1991 PGA, when he was the ninth alternate.

## Davis wins ANZ Championship

England's Brian Davis won the ANZ Championship, birdieing 10 holes in a 17-point final round in the modified Stableford event. Davis finished with 44 points on the Horizons Golf Resort for a one-point victory over countryman Paul Casey in the tournament co-sanctioned by the Australasian and European tours. Under the scoring system, players receive eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, zero for par, minus-one for bogey, and minus-three for double bogey or higher.

## Indoor vault record broken

Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva broke the indoor pole vault world record by an inch with a leap of 15 feet, 10 inches Sunday at the Pole Vault Stars meet in Donetsk, Ukraine. Isinbayeva bettered the mark of 15-9 set by countrywoman Svetlana Feofanova last year in Birmingham, England. The mark also is better than Isinbayeva's own world outdoor mark of 15-9 3/4, set last July.

## Miller a champ again

American Bode Miller won his first World Cup slalom in two years Sunday, helping him move into third place in the overall standings. Miller covered the Sonnenwiese course in a two-run combined time of 1 minute, 34.60 seconds, finishing 0.95 seconds ahead of Finland's Kalle Palander. Miller stood motionless for several moments after seeing his name appear at the top of the scoreboard, then lightly punched his fists and poles into the air while "Born in the U.S.A." blared from loudspeakers.

## Jets hope for new stadium

The New York Jets have never had a stadium to call their own. But new plans to redevelop the far West Side of Manhattan could change that. Momentum has been building recently for a long-discussed scheme to transform the neighborhood with new office towers overlooking the Hudson River, a vast convention center and a riverfront stadium for the Jets -- and possibly the 2012 Olympics. The Jets have been promoting a stadium in the area with a retractable dome for the past year. No financing plan has been announced for the \$1.5 billion project, but public speculation has suggested the city and state could kick in about \$600 million. Since 1984, the Jets have played at the home stadium of the New York Giants in East Rutherford, N.J. Before that, they played at Shea Stadium from 1964-83, which they shared with the New York Mets. Getting a stadium of its own has been a focus of the organization since owner Woody Johnson bought the team in 2000.

## NBA influenced by NHL problems

The possibility of a long lockout in the National Hockey League influenced the NBA's decision to extend its collective bargaining agreement through the 2004-05 season, commissioner David Stern said Saturday. Stern also announced that the NBA and the players' union reached a preliminary agreement to scrap a rule barring veterans from the first five days of training camp next season. In exchange, players would be guaranteed a five-day break -- rather than the current four -- over the All-Star break. The commissioner also restated his desire for an age limit and predicted that a recent federal court ruling in the Maurice Clarett case, allowing the Ohio State running back to enter the NFL draft, would be overturned on appeal. Union director Billy Hunter, citing the success of Cleveland's LeBron James, reaffirmed his stance that the league's current age limit is adequate. American players may not enter the NBA draft until their high school class has graduated, while foreign players must turn 18 prior to the draft.

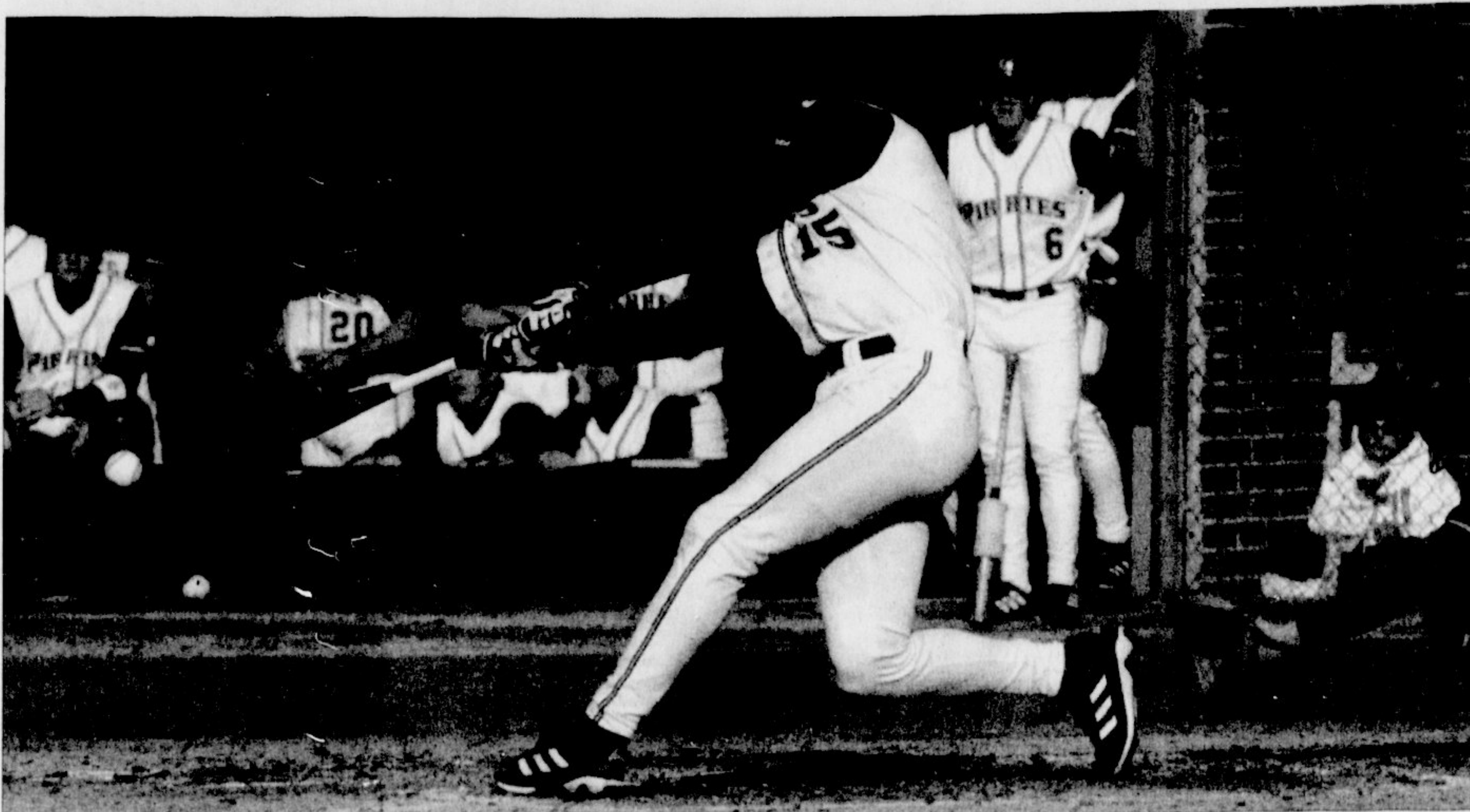
## FSU withdraws scholarship offer to player

Florida State withdrew its scholarship offer to football recruit Jonathan Warren on Friday, one day after he and two others were charged with two counts of committing a lewd and lascivious act with a minor. Warren, 19, was released from Madison County jail on \$25,000 bond Friday, a jail official said. It was unknown if he had a lawyer. The complaint was filed Jan. 12, about three weeks before the Feb. 4 signing day, the Madison sheriff's office said. School officials said they had no further comment. Also arrested on the same charges Thursday were Michael Dnaron Rowe, 19, and Antwon Darrell Fudge, 18. The 6-1, 190-pound Warren was a track and football star at Madison County High.

## O'Neal playing coy with Olympics

Shaquille O'Neal does not yet know whether he'll play at the Athens Olympics, and his decision could be affected by how far the Los Angeles Lakers go in the playoffs. Three spots remain open on the U.S. roster, and there could be a fourth if Kobe Bryant is unable to play because of his sexual assault trial in Colorado. The USA Basketball selection committee plans to meet in the next several weeks to begin the process of finalizing a roster that already includes Bryant, Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Jermaine O'Neal, Tim Duncan, Mike Bibby, Tracy McGrady, Allen Iverson and Ray Allen. Kevin Garnett is a virtual lock for one of the open spots if he chooses to play, and Vince Carter and Elton Brand are expected to make the team after performing well at a qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico last summer.

## Pirates dominate Bulldogs



ECU got the season off to a fast start sweeping UNC-Asheville 3-0 this weekend. The Pirates host Campbell Wednesday.

## Pirates open up season with sweep of UNC-A

BRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

## GAME 1 RECAP

In a game that was dominated early, both ways with pitching and flawless defense, it was the thunder stick of Mark Miniccozzi that propelled the Pirates late in the game to a 4-1 game one decision over the Bulldogs.

Miniccozzi's two run bomb in the bottom of the eighth inning sealed the deal for ECU as the home run finally allowed the Pirates to put the pesky Asheville squad away.

After Asheville pitcher Ryan Stewart threw the Pirate slugger two unsuccessful curveballs, he came with the heat and watched the ball soar out of the stadium and hit the scoreboard trailer over the right field fence.

"I told him, I said Cozz, it looks to me like you're seeing it pretty well today, and he said 'coach I'm seeing it pretty well.' I had thought about hitting and running with him and Poppert there, but you got to believe a guy when he tells you that," said Head Coach Randy Mazey, confident in Miniccozzi going into the at-bat.

Asheville struck first in game one. After a walk and a single to

consecutive Bulldog batters, two consecutive fielder choices allowed Charles Pippitt to scoot home to give Asheville the early 1-0 lead.

It would be short lived however, as ECU answered in the bottom of the frame.

Ryan Jones doubled in Miniccozzi to knot the score at one all.

ECU finally took the lead in the bottom of the seventh behind the bat of Preseason Conference USA Player of the Year, Darryl Lawhorn. Lawhorn singled to right with two outs, allowing Billy Richardson, who walked earlier in the frame, to score.

Maybe the most surprising statistic of the game was the fantastic pitching that the Pirates got from junior college transfers Brody Taylor and Carter Harrell.

The two combined to pitch seven strong innings, allowing only three hits and one run. Sophomore southpaw Jason Neitz came on in the eighth to pitch the final two innings to pick up the save. He only gave up two hits.

## GAME 2 RECAP

Game two turned out to be another masterful pitching performance, this time from Junior right-hander Greg Bunn and freshmen Shane Matthews and Dustin Sasser.

The three hurlers combined for a four-hit shutout, leading the Pirates to an 8-0 win over the Bulldogs.

Trevor Lawhorn and Jamie Paige each had two hits, contributing to the offensive effort. Ryan Norwood, John Poppert, Miniccozzi, Ryan Jones and Billy Richardson each finished with one hit.

The two big hits of the game were Jones' home run in the second and Richardson's two RBI triples in the seventh.

The Pirates improved to 2-0 with the win.

## GAME 3 RECAP

Ryan Norwood hit two home runs and the Lawhorn Brothers each blasted one as ECU cruised past Asheville 6-2 to pick up the series sweep. Trevor Lawhorn and Norwood went back to back in the first inning to give the Pirates an early 3-0 advantage that would not be relinquished. Darryl Lawhorn's home run with the score at 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth gave the Pirates cushion as they headed down the stretch in the series finale.

Once again, the Pirates got solid pitching. Ricky Brooks, P.J. Connelly, Kevin Rhodes, Mike Flye and Phillip Powell dazzled the Bulldogs with their contrasting styles. The only beat Asheville got off of Pirate

pitching came in the top of the fourth off of the bat of Nick Jaksa, who homered to cut into the Pirates' lead. The Pirates improved to 3-0 with the win.

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## Series Notes

Trevor Lawhorn, the twin brother of Darryl, made his Pirate debut in stylish manner going 5-12 in the series with a home run and three RBI. "Trevor's going to be fun to watch. He's going to light the crowd up sometimes with some highlight reel plays," said Mazey.

ECU used an astonishing 11 different pitchers in the three game series and what a show the group put on. Asheville only managed 15 hits, three runs, and seven walks off of the dominate Pirate pitching, which struck out 25 Bulldogs as a little icing on the cake.

The Pirates' defense was stifling all weekend, only making one error in three games.

The attendance on opening day was 1441.

## Pirates lose close game at UAB

Belton Rivers has 26 point game

BRANDON HUGHES  
SENIOR WRITER

Right now ECU's margin for error is "razor thin" as head coach Bill Herrion has said earlier in the season. The Pirates played well Saturday night against UAB but in the end, it was the Blazers that pulled out a win by a razor thin margin.

Senior guard Mo Finley hit a 12-footer from the baseline to give the Blazers a 71-69 lead with a about a minute remaining. UAB then held Pirates scoreless over the final 60 seconds and one last free throw gave the Blazers a hard-fought 72-69 victory over the struggling Pirates.

The Pirates led by a comfortable eight-point margin at halftime thanks to some hot shooting. ECU was 15-of-27 from the floor in the first 20 minutes, including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc. But UAB responded on offense in the second half, nailing 50 percent of their shots while the Pirates struggled from the line.

It could have easily been ECU pulling out a three-point win but free throw shooting was the difference. The Pirates connected on just 13-of-23 from the line, good for just over 56 percent. ECU is ranked eighth in



Derrick Wiley and the Pirates fell on the road in a close one.

Conference-USA in free throws, shooting 65.8 percent from the line on the season.

Moussa Badiane tied the game 69-69, for the Pirates on a dunk with 2:11 left. On the next possession, Finley threw

the ball out of bounds to give ECU the chance to go ahead. Erroyl Bing drove through the lane but missed a short jumper which set up the eventual game-winner by Finley. The Pirates had one last opportunity with seven

seconds remaining, but UAB intercepted a Mike Cook pass to seal the outcome.

Gabe Kennedy and Demario Eddins scored 16 points each to lead UAB and Finley added 10 points and seven rebounds as the Blazers improved to 8-2 in C-USA and 15-6 overall.

Belton Rivers was huge for ECU off the bench as he poured in a game-high 26 points including a lights out 5-of-8 performance from behind the three-point line. Mike Cook and Bing scored 11 and 10 points each. Derrick Wiley led the team with 10 rebounds while Badiane had seven blocks on the night. The Pirates fell into last place in C-USA with a 1-10 conference record.

ECU will return to Greenville for three consecutive home games against the likes of Tulane, TCU and South Florida. Herrion's squad will then hit the road to round out the 2003-2004 season with match-ups against Marquette and Southern Miss.

All five of their remaining opponents are in the bottom half of the C-USA standings and ECU will need to pick up some wins in order to make the C-USA tournament in March. The Pirates are currently two games behind 12th place Houston. Only the top 12 merit a post-season invite.

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## Lady Pirates fall short on senior day

Seniors play in Minges Coliseum for final time

ERIC GILMORE  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team lost to nationally ranked Houston on Sunday 73-65 in what was three seniors' last game ever in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

The loss is the sixth consecutively and puts the Lady Pirates at eight currently in the Conference USA standings.

The Lady Pirates also fell to nationally ranked TCU 125-119 in what is arguably the best

women's game ever played in Minges. The loss at the hand of the Horned Frogs (20-4, 9-2) saw seven lead changes and four overtimes. It marked the first time ever that the Lady Pirates had played an overtime game in Minges and set the mark for the longest game in ECU history.

The Lady Pirates (14-10, 5-6) proved they can play with the best teams in the nation, but are still looking for a win in February. ECU was led by Jennifer Jackson in the game Sunday afternoon against Houston (21-3, 10-1) where she scored 15 of her 24 in the first half. Jackson, a junior



The Lady Pirates have yet to win in the month of February.

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THE SISTERS of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to thank Sig Ep for a great social last weekend! Hope to see you again soon!

PANHellenic and ECU Sororities would like to recognize the following sister's of the week: Alpha Delta Pi, Suzanne Cumbey and Jackie Barnett; Alpha Omicron Pi, Toni Kearney and Liz Teeters; Alpha Phi, Katie Miller and Kaitlyn Crook; Alpha Xi Delta, Bre Gurley and Kristine Turner; Chi Omega, Kim Goodwin and Katie Augsburger; Delta Zeta, Meredith Anderson and Jana Maxwell; Kappa Delta, Morgan Webb, Katie Resse, and Laura Brewer; Sigma Sigma Sigma, Courtney Pavelock and Danielle Currin; Zeta Tau Alpha, Natalie Blackwelder and Erin Bulluck. Thank you, for all of your time and energy!

CONGRATULATIONS to Danielle Adkins and Laura Brewer on being our sisters of the week. You did a great job with recruitment! Love your Kappa Delta sisters!

ALPHA OMICRON Pi would like to congratulate all of our new members: Alison Lee, Kate Guteski, Michele Citi, Nancy Carter, Chrissy Alfonso, Sheila Colbert, Lindsey Fisher, Laura Cucco, McKenzie Baisden, Emily Enachs, Katie Wilkes, Carrie Grier, Nicole Vandermeeren, and Christina Eaker. We love you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kelly Teal, Whitney, and Sarah Catherine. Happy Valentine Day! Love the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma!

THANKS PI kappa Phi for an awesome social! We had a great time! Kappa Delta

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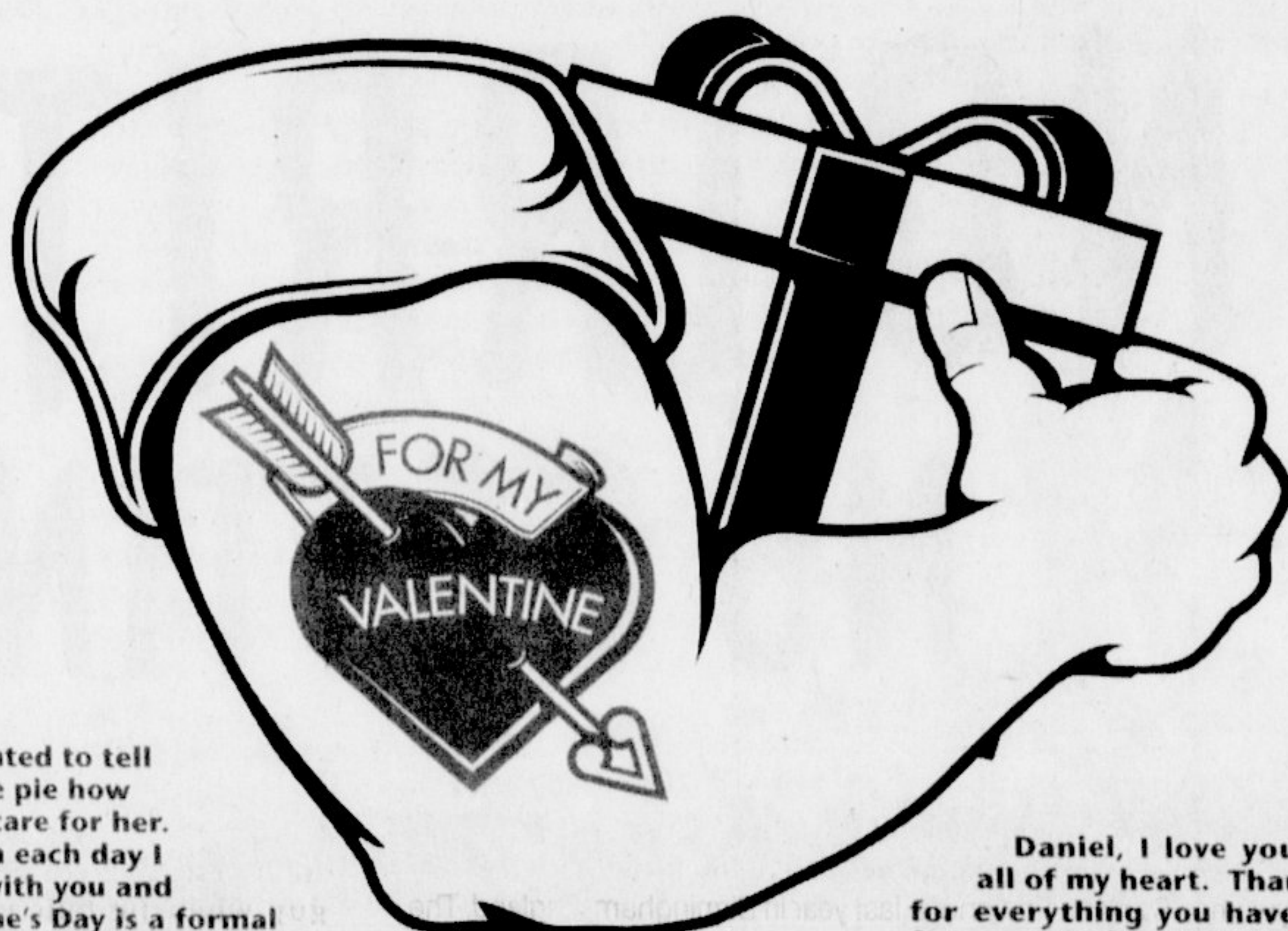
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Chris, These three years have meant so much to me. Thank you for being my uney. Ouw!

Jeffers, Can't believe we're not spending this day together. I love you and miss you like crazy. Happy Valentine's Day! Always, Stephens XOXO

For my Valentine  
With his fuzzy face  
Ways most wickedly  
Wonderful delight  
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JEK This past year and a half has been amazing. I love you more than you will ever know and I can't wait to see what the future brings. KML

Ashley, I GOT YOU BABE that warm August day and there has been music in my life ever since. I am SHAMELESS to admit that YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME. A LONG DECEMBER only made the PROMISES between us more true. You are my SHINING STAR at night and my ANGEL IN THE MORNING. You will always have my SOUL TO SQUEEZE. Let's WATCH THE CLOUDS ROLL BY together this Valentine's Day. Jonathan

BNG. Frodo, I'll cuddle you anytime! Sweetarts, Horsie, Fischer, hugs, and kisses! Loving you is like a constant sugar high! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, AMG

Daniel, I love you with all of my heart. Thank you for everything you have done for me. My future is with you! Love, Cassie

T, You're my angel who could never be replaced. I will love you until your hair turns gray. Happy Valentine's Day Baby. MM  
Seashells and the Southport Shore, from Faint to Echo and the 28 shooting stars. We'll always have the Riverwalk Valley and everything! RLF and RAC XOXO

Melissa Doodie Head and Nutter I love you. Love always Cuddles P.S. Kizert!

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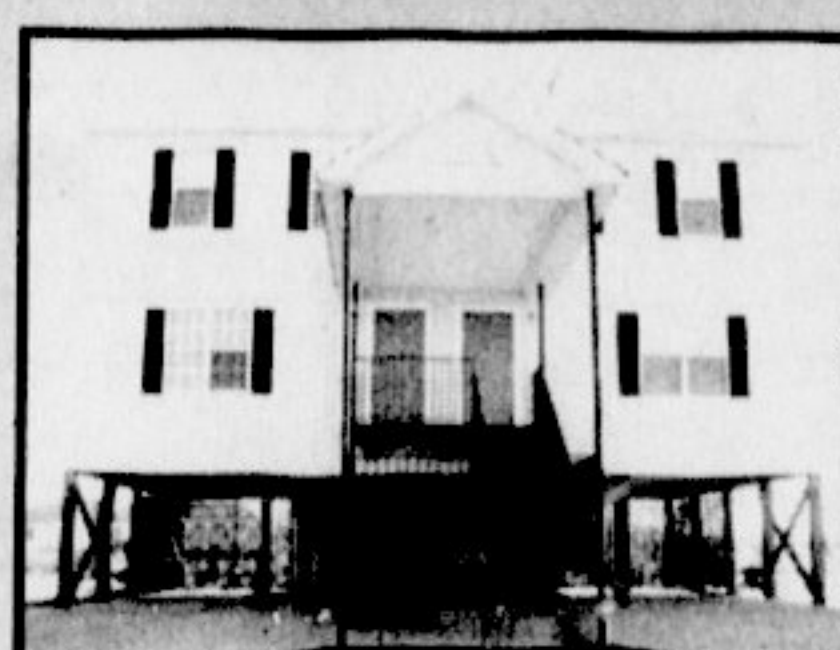
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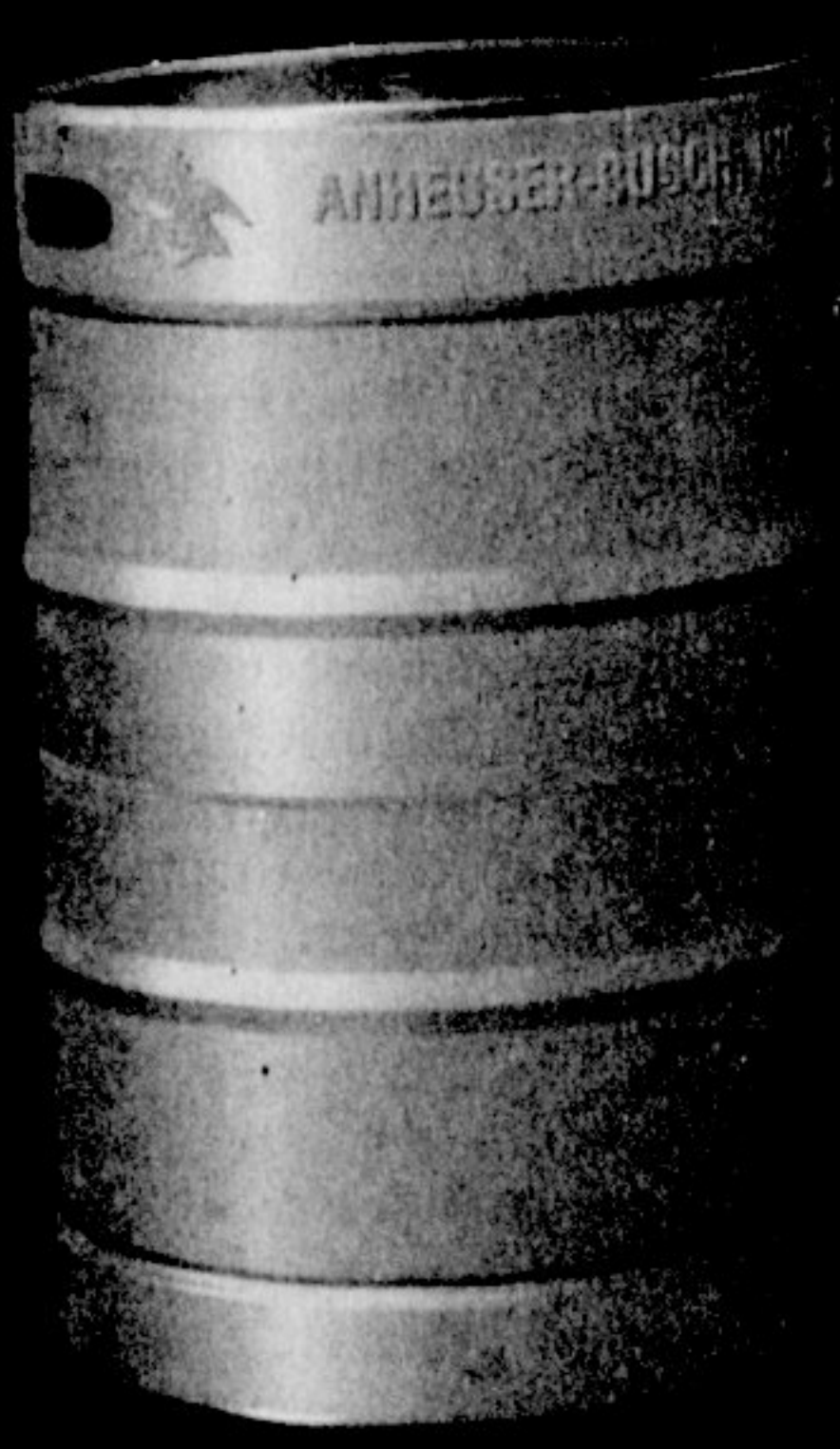
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# Track teams wrap up weekend at Virginia

ECU's men's and women's track and field teams captured a dozen top-10 finishes as competition concluded Saturday at the Virginia Tech Challenge.

A full complement of Lady Pirates participated in the two-day meet, while select members of the ECU men's team saw action in Blacksburg. The rest of the Pirate men's team was in Boston, Mass., on Saturday to compete in the FasTrack Invitational.

Tara DeBrielle had the top collegiate finish and was second overall in the 800-meter run and teammate Tammie Mentzel tied her own school record in the indoor pole vault to highlight the women's day.

DeBrielle turned in a time of 2:14.22 in the 800, an event in which she already owns the school record.

Mentzel cleared 11-11.75 in the pole vault to finish third

and match the school record she has set twice earlier this season. Freshman Lindsey Rosales placed ninth in the event by clearing 11-0.

"It was a good meet to get us ready for the conference meet in two weeks," women's track and field head coach Matt Munson said.

"Everyone was at or near their season bests and we seem to be right where we want to be. We're

excited about using the next couple of weeks to get ready for the C-USA competition."

Also on Saturday, the ECU men got a second-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay (7:51.92). Renaldo Isaac was 10th in the long jump, leaping 22-3.75.

The weekend served as the final tune-up for the 2004 C-USA Indoor Track and Field Championships, which will be conducted in Houston, Texas, Feb. 27-28.

## Virginia Tech Challenge

### RESULTS: ECU WOMEN

60 Meters  
Darneshea Jones 7:79 (prelims)

60-Meter Hurdles  
Nicole Callahan 9:40 (prelims)  
Sharon Heilig 9:80 (prelims)

200 Meters  
26 Darneshea Jones 25.51  
40 Jenee Moore 26.02

500 Meters  
10 Lauren Miller 1:20.52  
11 Simone Baptiste 1:20.53  
15 Brie Berkowitz 1:23.36

800 Meters  
2 Tara DeBrielle 2:14.22  
30 Lauren Miller 2:24.93  
37 Brie Berkowitz 2:30.04  
38 Simone Baptiste 2:31.07

5,000 Meters  
8 Johanna Allen 18:24.33

High Jump  
8 Colleen McGinn 5-6.5 (1.69m)

Pole Vault  
3 Tammie Mentzel 11-11.75 (3.65m)  
9 Lindsey Rosales 11-0 (3.35m)  
17 Kinsey Batts 10-0 (3.05m)

Long Jump  
4 Alisha Hopkins 18-4 (5.59m)  
5 Jenee Moore 18-1.75 (5.53m)  
13 Sharon Heilig 17-0.5 (5.19m)

### RESULTS: ECU MEN

60-Meter Hurdles  
Hector Cotto 8.26 (prelims)

400 Meters  
30 Jeff Walls 50.82  
41 Hector Cotto 51.81

800 Meters  
11 Vance Stephenson 1:55.21  
22 Kyle Yunaska 1:57.47  
24 Trent Fuchs 1:57.60

Mile  
23 Kristian Jorgensen 4:25.30

4x800 Relay  
2 ECU 7:51.92

Distance Medley Relay  
3 ECU 10:23.20

Triple Jump  
12 Derrick Carr 44-2.75 (13.48m)

Long Jump  
10 Renaldo Isaac 22-3.75 (6.80m)

Weight Throw  
8 Eric Frasure 56-11.5 (17.36m)  
14 Mayso Porch 49-8.75 (15.16m)

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guard needs just four points to join 17 other Lady Pirates to score 1,000 points in a career.

Courtney Willis, who received an emotional ovation after the conclusion of the Houston game, scored in double figures for the 24th consecutive time with 23 points. Willis failed to reach her 21st double-double of her career as she grabbed seven rebounds. Senior Alisha Bishop added nine points on four of nine shooting.

The Lady Pirates took the lead going into the intermission with a basket as time expired. Keisha Anthony forwarded a long pass to Jennifer Jackson who found a streaking Willis for a 27-26 halftime lead.

ECU held two-time Conference Player of the Year and preseason Conference Player of the Year Chandi Jones to just three points in the first half. However, Jones went for 21 and helped Houston holdoff the Lady Pirates.

The women took their largest lead of the game 61-57 with just 3:58 remaining off a Jennifer Jackson jumper. The Lady Pirates failed to convert and had costly turnovers as the No. 21 ranked Cougars went 11 of 12 from the charity stripe in the final three minutes.

The four overtime game with TCU just two days earlier could have played a factor in the late game collapse of the Lady Pirates. The women gave No. 22 TCU all they could handle and more.

"I am proud of our team, and I believe we played hard enough to win but we ran out of gas at the end," said Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener, a week and a half after giving birth.

Senior Courtney Willis dropped career highs in scoring and rebounding at 40 and 21 respectively. Willis was an outstanding 18 of 22 from the free throw line.

Willis tied the game in regulation when she connected on two free throws with 31 seconds left. The senior standout from Fayetteville, NC moved into sixth in career points after she passed Lydia Roundtree.

Four other players scored in double figures that saw four Lady Pirates log 49 minutes or more. Jennifer Jackson missed a career-high by two points as she notched 29. Keisha Anthony had career highs in rebounds and assists as she barely missed a double-double. Anthony had 15 points, 10 rebounds, and eight assists. Alisha Bishop and Viola Cooper both added 15 points.

The Lady Pirates led by as much as five in one overtime period as they had the ball on the last possession on two of the four overtimes. Keisha Anthony missed two shots that could have won the game, one of which barely rimmed out.

ECU held a three-point lead with 3:14 left. However, three consecutive three point baskets by Natasha Lacy, Tracy Wynn, and freshman Ashley Davis spelled doom for the Lady Pirates. No. 22 TCU made a conference record 17 three pointers. Sandora Irvin led TCU with 27 points and 12 rebounds. TCU who dressed nine players saw four foul out.

Feb. 22. The Lady Pirates will conclude their regular season when they travel to play Charlotte, a team they beat by 25 earlier this year, Feb. 27th. The Lady Pirates have clinched a spot in the Conference Tournament, which will take place in Dallas-Fort Worth Feb. 4-9.

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