



# ECU community reacts to second dorm rape

Police increase patrols in residence halls

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ECU will be stepping up security following the rape that occurred in the laundry room of Belk residence hall early Tuesday, Feb. 16. New security cameras will be added in the future as well, police said.

The rape — the second in a month — was reported by an 18-year-old woman.

According to the ECU Police Department, unlike the first assault, they have a description and have put out flyers around campus listing the assailant's physical description.

The flyer describes the suspect as a black male in his early 20s with short hair and a muscular build. The report also says he has a "beer belly" and a small patch of hair under his lower lip.

ECU Police Chief Robert C. Stroud said they still do not have a suspect in the crime. ECU police said the student didn't report the assault until 22 hours later. ECU Crime Prevention Sgt. Amy Davis said crucial evidence may have been lost during that time.

"We still don't have any leads. Nobody has come forward yet, and we have no witnesses to give information," said Stroud.

Police said even before the first rape, which occurred at White Hall on Jan. 19, a plan was put in effect to place surveillance cameras throughout the dorms.

Stroud said the first cameras will be placed around the College Hill area and the surrounding parking lots.

Immediately following the rape, police said they tightened security.

"We increased the patrols in dorms last week, using off-duty officers around the College Hill area," Stroud said.

Davis said the cameras will be useful in catching people who violate the residence hall's escort

## Safety Tips

Stay alert. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

If something doesn't seem right to you then it probably isn't.

Be aware of suspicious individuals in or around the residence halls.

Call the police department if you suspect someone is committing a crime.

The cameras will basically be put in each of the residence halls to crack down on people that aren't students."

Davis could not comment on how long it would take for the installations to be completed.

Meredith Samner, freshman

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## Administrators propose new security measures

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A month after the first rape this semester and only days after the second, administrators announced their plan to combat the breach of security in residence halls.

Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for student life, said he directed housing staff to evaluate policies, equipment and to implement new safety measures.

Staff will be assessing each hall for any areas that may be more isolated, said Waz Miller, interim director of campus living.

Areas in certain dorms like laundry rooms will be closed off over the next few weeks so staff can assess the need for panic buttons in the areas.

Administrators are also

debating moving away from multiple entrances and allocating single entrance doors.

Security officers or video entrance monitors may also be added.

Residence halls on College Hill are not protected by video surveillance, but officials put in a request for almost 35 cameras to monitor the area.

In the next week, resident advisers in each hall will conduct sessions reviewing safety procedures.

Certain residence hall procedures, including the prohibition of residents letting individuals in without a key, has been a hard rule for residents to follow.

Gary Raub, father of freshman speech pathology major Megan Raub, said controlling access to residence hall doors is a matter that should be addressed.

"I have seen plenty of people be passed in ... even I have been passed in," said Raub. "My daughter, who lives in

## Numbers to know

Telephone numbers to help protect you and your neighbors:

Police Emergency 911

ECU Police Department non-emergency 328-6787

Brody School of Medicine Security 744-2247

Public Safety Escort (main campus) 328-6787

Public Safety Escort (west campus) 744-2247

Jones, won't do her studying on the floor with the laundry area closest to the door because people are always knocking to get in."

Patrol Major Frank Knight said the police department is working with university housing to determine how to cut

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Spring graduates will celebrate their completion on Saturday, May, 8 with a dual ceremony in Minges Coliseum.

## Final decision made on graduation

Minges sets the stage for dual spring ceremony

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With spring graduation less than three months away, many students wonder how May's commencement ceremony will compare to last December's.

Following a successful graduation last fall, students and faculty were asked to provide feedback on the ceremony's new setup.

"After careful consideration of the input provided by students, faculty and the administration of ECU, the decision regarding spring commencement is to have two ceremonies in Minges Coliseum on Saturday, May 8, 2004," said Interim Chancellor William Shelton.

Liz Shilliday Johnston, director for Department for Disability Support and commencement co-chair, said they know they won't make every student happy, but they're trying to please as many students as possible.

"I really appreciate the fact that the

university officials are actually getting involved in what the student preferences are for graduation," said Natasha Chadwick, senior special education major.

"I'm sure that the families will be pleased to know that even at a large university, the school took the time to have each student properly recognized."

With more than 1,600 students involved in 11 different colleges and departments, the main ceremonies will be held in Minges Coliseum to help provide plenty of seating.

There is no limit to the number of guests per graduate, but seating will be first come, first serve, and no tickets will be issued to guests for admission.

The first ceremony will be held for the Colleges of Education, Human Ecology, Health and Human Performance, Technology and Computer Science, The Schools of Allied Health Science, Nursing and Brody School of Medicine. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 8 in Minges Coliseum.

Graduates in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and the College of Fine Arts and Communication will hold their ceremonies at 2 p.m.

The alternate plan was to continue

the traditional ceremonies for undergraduate and graduate students. The ceremony would allow students to only receive recognition through their department.

"The traditional way also posed the major issue of overcrowding," Shelton said.

"With two separate ceremonies, the schools and departments could recognize individual students and perform the hooding ceremonies for Master's students."

As with past graduations, during Commencement Week, several colleges, schools and departments will decide to honor their tradition of holding a unit recognition ceremony on campus to further recognize the graduates.

"I'm really excited that they took what we said into consideration, I think this decision is going to please everybody, especially students and their families," said Emily Banks, senior biology major.

"Graduation is a sacred thing, important to many people. I'm glad ECU recognizes that."

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## Bone marrow, blood drive will benefit area hospitals



Varun Axuja, freshman nursing major, helps replenish low blood supplies during his visit to a blood drive in Mendenhall.

Campus community given chance to help save ECU student's life

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The Chancellor's Staff Senate Diversity Committee will sponsor a bone marrow and blood drive this week to help replenish the decreasing blood supply in the Carolinas and help a local student in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Students are encouraged to donate blood of all types Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 in Mendenhall Student Center from noon - 6 p.m.

"The goal this February is to get 100 pints of blood per day to help the blood supply," said Debbie Page, account manager for Pitt County.

The blood received from this drive goes to support the Mid-Atlantic Regional Blood Bank, which supplies blood for 54 hospitals.

Pitt County Community Hospital is one of the hospitals that needs blood the most.

"The blood supply is so low now they can't even give it to hospitals, and we have less than a half a day's supply of [Type] O negative blood," Page said.

Blood Types O and B are especially needed.

"Type O donors are the first line of defense for trauma victims," said Dr. Tom Lugas.

"Until a blood type can be verified, Type O is used to keep victims alive because it can be transfused safely for all blood

types."

Type O negative is the universal recipient and will benefit anybody who needs a blood transfusion.

Page encourages students and faculty to donate and to bring a drivers license or OneCard for identification.

Donors need to eat an adequate meal, drink plenty of fluids, be at least 17 years of age and weigh more than 110 lbs.

A new addition to this blood drive is the request for bone marrow donors, of which the criteria slightly differs.

"Bone marrow donors should be 18-60 years of age and in good health to join the National Marrow Donor Program Registry," said Dawn Welles of the American Red Cross.

"Also, you're still able to donate even if you've had a recent tattoo, have visited overseas recently or if you have anemia."

This particular bone marrow drive especially encourages African American students to participate because student Maritza Johnson is suffering from Acute Myeloid Leukemia, and chances of finding a compatible donor are higher for people of the same ethnicity.

"Around 30 percent of African Americans suffering from leukemia and other life-threatening diseases will find a matching donor in their family. The remaining 70 percent come from unrelated individuals," Welles said.

It is possible for an African American patient to match a

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### Black History Awareness throughout February

- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was formed with Martin Luther King Jr. as president on Feb. 14, 1957.
- Aug. 28, 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.



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TEC REQUIRED READING



Online Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to read more about Maritza Stewart's appearance in court yesterday.



News page A2 The SCT Banner, a new \$16 million networking system, was discussed in Monday night in Hendrix Theatre.



Features page B1 An ECU professor works toward completion of his movie, "Chicks 101," which features local talents.



Sports page B5 ECU's baseball team beat out the Delaware Blue Hens in a three-game series sweep.



Don't forget to attend the lecture, "Why the Abortion Issue is so Difficult" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.

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## Announcements

### HRT Discussion

Phi Kappa Phi hosts a panel discussion on the merits of Hormone Replacement Therapy today at 6 p.m. in the Willis Building auditorium.

### Whichard Lecture

William Lycan, humanities professor, will lecture on "Why the Abortion Issue is so Difficult" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.

### Government Information Research

The Joyner Library Government Documents and Microforms Department will hold the second of three workshops on research using government information today from 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. in 1021 Joyner. The session is open to all and no registration is required.

### Ecology Lecture

Doug Crawford Brown, director of the Carolina Environmental Program at UNC-CH, will speak on "Modeling the Ecology of Infectious Disease: The Neuse River Estuary" today from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 144 Science and Technology Building.

### Bone Marrow/Blood Drive

The Chancellor's Staff Senate Diversity Committee will sponsor a blood and bone marrow drive today and Wednesday from noon - 6 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room.

### Lunchtime Learning Series

The lunchtime learning series on Wednesday at noon in 204 Joyner East will feature Charlie Justice speaking on improvements and enhancements to the ECU e-mail system. Faculty, staff and students can attend.

### How to Work a Job Fair

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

### Domestic Violence Forum

The School of Social Work will sponsor a community forum on domestic violence in the eastern North Carolina African-American community, Thursday from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

### Resume Blitz

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

### Doing Business with Government

A session on how existing business can set up and get contracts with local, state and federal government will be held Thursday from noon - 2 p.m. in the Willis Building Conference Room.

### Education Career Fair

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

### Fulbright Lecture

Shagufa Kapadia from New School University will speak on adolescent-parent relationships in India Friday from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in 218A Ragsdale.

### Resume Workshop

Career Services offers a resume-writing workshop on Monday, March 1, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

### Sophomore Survey

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, 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.

### English TAG Lecture

Biodun Jeyifo, English professor at Cornell University, will speak at the annual English TAG lecture Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in 1031 Bate. Jeyifo's lecture is titled, "On Being Anglophone Now: Meditations on Globalization, Language and Desire." A reception will follow the lecture.

### Carter Center Internships

Peter Mather, director of educational programs for The Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga., will hold an information session on internship opportunities Friday, March 5, in 221 Mendenhall from 10:30 a.m. - noon. The session is open to all faculty and students who are interested in international development and humanitarian issues.

### SRC Family Fun Day

The Department of Recreational Services and the Office for Adult and Community Students will co-sponsor Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the SRC. Events will include group fitness, sports, a climbing wall, bowling, a movie and arts and crafts. There is no cost for students, spouses and dependent children of students above age 6.

### 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.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers are applying 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.

### Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Sallie Baur, sophomore elementary education major.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### UNC instructor apologizes for e-mail criticizing student

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - A lecturer at the University of North Carolina has apologized for sending a stinging e-mail to her students about one of their classmates who said he opposed homosexuality.

Still, the message has provoked controversy on campus and a request by U.S. Rep. Walter Jones for investigations by state and federal officials. And university officials have said they will monitor the class for fairness.

The instructor, Elyse Crystall, sent the message Feb. 6 to students in her "Literature and Cultural Diversity" class after one student said during a class discussion that he opposed homosexuality.

"What we heard Thursday at the end of class constitutes 'hate speech' and is completely unacceptable. It has created a hostile environment," she wrote.

She referred to the student by name, saying he was a perfect example of the topic of discussion: privilege. She called him "a white, heterosexual, Christian male" who "can feel entitled to make violent, heterosexist comments and not feel marked or threatened or vulnerable."

Crystall apologized to the class Monday in another e-mail, saying her earlier message "crossed a line and inhibited free discussion."

"And I am sorry if anyone was offended by my e-mail; my intention was to promote respectful conversation among us, not to censor anyone. We should not make specific examples of anyone, and I should not have named anyone."

#### Commuter airline resumes in-house repairs a year after Charlotte crash

CHARLOTTE (AP) - The commuter airline whose plane crashed on takeoff in Charlotte 13 months ago, killing all 21 aboard, will stop

outsourcing routine maintenance on its aircraft.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators believe mechanics in Huntington, W.Va., working under contract for Air Midwest made mistakes that contributed to the deadly crash. Under federal regulations, Air Midwest was responsible for the outsourced maintenance on US Airways Express Flight 5481, which crashed on Jan. 8, 2003.

"After an accident like that, you reassess," said Jonathan Ornstein, chief executive of Air Midwest's parent company, Mesa Air Group.

Within months, the airline will again do all of its own routine, overnight maintenance, an airline spokesman said.

The NTSB will present its conclusions on Thursday in Washington about what caused the crash. The board will likely focus on maintenance and the plane's weight and balance.

### National

#### Democrats quick to label Nader a spoiler as he runs for president again

WASHINGTON (AP) - For months, Democrats, longtime friends and former supporters of Ralph Nader have urged him not to make another run for president.

Now that the consumer advocate has formally declared his candidacy as an independent, many Democrats fear a repeat of the 2000 race, when Nader was blamed by some for taking just enough votes away from Al Gore to secure a razor-thin victory for George W. Bush.

Nader rejects the spoiler label as a "contemptuous" term used by those who want to deny voters a choice. Declaring Washington a "corporate-occupied territory," he has accused both Democrats and Republicans of being dominated by corporate lobbyists who care little about the needs of ordinary Americans.

Nader, who turns 70 this week,

was to lay out his campaign themes—including universal health care, campaign finance reform, fighting poverty and addressing environmental concerns—at a news conference Monday in Washington before campaigning in Texas later this week.

"It's a question between both parties flunking. One with a D-, the Republicans, one with a D+, the Democrats, and it's time to change the equation and bring millions of American people into the political arena," said Nader on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he made his announcement Sunday.

#### Five sailors still missing after collision causes Mississippi River chaos

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Rescuers held out faint hope of finding survivors among five sailors whose boat sank in fog over the weekend in a collision with a container vessel that paralyzed traffic in the Mississippi River.

Commercial divers were to search the partially submerged supply boat Lee III on Monday, and authorities hoped a salvage crew could remove it from the channel so river traffic could resume.

"The Coast Guard continues to search for survivors for as long as possible and finding people alive is the first and foremost priority," said Petty Officer Jonathan McCool, a Coast Guard spokesman.

Dozens of large ships and thousands of cruise passengers trying to get to or away from New Orleans as Mardi Gras fever builds up to a climax have been stranded while authorities mount a rescue mission.

The 178-foot Lee III sank on a foggy Saturday morning in the Southwest Pass, the only channel up the Mississippi River deep enough for large oceangoing vessels. The ship lay about 80 miles southeast of New Orleans, near where the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

### World

#### Marines to Secure U.S. Embassy in Haiti

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) - Fifty U.S. Marines were headed to Haiti on Monday to protect the American Embassy and diplomats after rebels overran Haiti's second-largest city and began detaining supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Marines were called for after rebels threatened to attack the capital, Port-au-Prince, soon.

#### Palestinians open case at World Court seeking end to Israel's security barrier

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - The Palestinians opened their case against Israel's West Bank barrier in the world court on Monday, a landmark hearing that brings Israel's policies before an international tribunal for the first time.

The hearing started a day after a Palestinian bomber killed eight Israelis and wounded dozens on a Jerusalem bus in an attack that Israeli officials said underscored the need for the barrier. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, an armed group with ties to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility.

The 15-judge International Court of Justice planned three days of hearings into the barrier starting Monday, with all of the participants expected to harshly criticize the fence. Israel, the United States and the European countries that oppose the court's intervention, refused to attend.

But much of the action was taking place outside the historic Peace Palace, where thousands of pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian activists planned to demonstrate.

## SCT Banner's merits showcased to ECU

*Integrated system will provide more user friendly features*

how SCT Banner would fulfill the need to integrate.

"[In SCT Banner] There's no more indirect contact, you're a person," said Kearney.

Kearney said, the main advantages of the system would be the ability to access personal information anytime, make information updates immediately usable and contact other students and alumni.

For current students, this would translate to fewer problems between finances and course records and quicker registration.

Since the system is internet-based, there would be no downtime if campus servers experience problems. There is even a way to check e-mail through a "backdoor," Kearney said.

If SCT Banner is adopted, OneStop would still exist, Kearney said, though features made redundant by the new system would be removed.

The demonstration revealed SCT Banner to be comparable to OneStop, with additional functions. Users would access the system's services via the OneStop portal and logon as normal.

**HOLLY O'NEAL**  
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A proposed \$16 million university networking system, SCT Banner, was shown to the campus community Monday night.

The Student Government Association sponsored the presentation to educate students on the system's possibilities. On Dec. 2, 2003, the SGA unanimously approved a \$50 increase in student fees, which would partially fund the implementation and upkeep of SCT Banner.

Don Sweet, assistant chief information officer and director of ITS/DS, articulated ECU's need for such a system.

With different computer platforms and databases written in various, and sometimes outdated languages, certain departments of the university—financial aid, student records, human resources—cannot communicate, said Sweet.

A representative of SCT Corporation, Andy Kearney, explained



Photo by Tanesha Strunk

SCT Banner was put to the test Monday, when the campus community heard their questions answered by experts.

Depending on the user's system group certain information would be accessible, such as personal information, class schedule, financial aid awards and degree evaluations for intended major changes. Course searches for registration based on criteria like instructor, time of day or educational attributes would be possible.

Students in attendance, many of whom were SGA members, questioned SCT Banner's security regarding protecting personal information.

Kearney said in addition to

keeping a time stamped record of who changes information, the system allows users to designate whether information is personal or private.

Funding for SCT Banner depends on March 19's UNC Board of Governors vote to raise student fees. If the increase passes, Sweet said the system will begin to be implemented in late summer or early fall and will be complete in close to two years.

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## SGA votes unanimously to amend purple, gold route

*Senate members move to change route to both pick up, drop off*

along with issuing passes for certain days.

The resolution passed and the senate moved on to the student welfare committee resolution encouraging student organizations to help students with move in.

Senators discussed how this resolution would help students who may have to move in alone or are moving in with only one of their parents or friends.

To help identify helpers, it was recommended that stickers be assigned to each participant. The resolution passed unanimously.

The final resolution proposed the brown and purple routes be changed to better serve students.

Currently, the routes both make stops on 10th street in front of the Christenbury gymnasium and then proceed directly to Mendenhall Student Center.

These routes are "drop off" only at these location. The senate voted that they also be "pickup" stops.

Students had complained they were attempting to board these routes at these locations but were denied because of this policy, even if there were seats available on the bus. The resolution was passed unanimously.

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The SGA senate met and had enough members to remain active, despite the absences of student body officers who were away at a conference.

Senators discussed four resolutions from both the student welfare and the parking and traffic senate committees.

Senators discussed a resolution made by the parking and transportation committee on how to implement as well as distribute parking passes for off-campus students.

The parking pass resolution requested Parking and Transportation provide passes for students so that they can attend their campus organization meetings without having to worry about getting a ticket.

Those in favor of the resolution argued that if construction workers can get passes to work, then students should get passes to attend meetings.

Designating a specific lot for the passes was also on the table

## Interviews begin for chancellor search

*Committee members hope to succeed with March deadline*

**HOLLY O'NEAL**  
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The search for ECU's new chancellor edges closer to completion as candidate interviews continue through today.

The Chancellor Search Committee interviewed one candidate on Feb. 17, with up to eight more applicants scheduled for review yesterday and today.

Once the interviews are concluded, the committee will recommend three chancellor hopefuls to UNC-system President Molly Broad, whose choice must then be approved by the UNC Board of Governors.

"We expect by the end of the first week of March to be in the position to make our recommendations," said Jim Talton, chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

So far, Talton said the committee hasn't encountered any problems.

"It's [the search] is going very well," Talton said.

"After the interviews ... we'll have a higher level of confidence in choosing a leader." During the first



TALTON

interview, Talton said the candidate's background, experience and interest in ECU were discussed.

As advertised in education publications, candidates must have experience in higher education and hold a doctorate.

The applicants' identities have not yet been revealed to the public.

Whether or not the final three candidates' interviews will be public, which is what occurred in Appalachian State's recent chancellor search, will "depend entirely upon the desires of the applicants," Talton said.

To accommodate all 12 members of the committee the interviews are being conducted in Research Triangle Park, because some of the members come from the Raleigh area.

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# ECU celebrates African American history

Writers, students share excerpts from works

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Students and writers honored black history through literature last Thursday at the African American Reading Day in Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

The event, which coincides with black history month, was open to all students to read written excerpts from African and African American culture ranging from poetry to prose.

Among others, writers Alice Walker, Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni and Langston Hughes were read. Featured writers even read excerpts from their own works.

Many participants were taking African American Literature with Sedol Frank Deena, Ph.D., and co-coordinator of the graduate multicultural literature concentration.

Deena, born in the Caribbean island of Guyana, said that he grew up around the African culture of his country, which inspired him to teach



Sedodia Deena's wife reads a poem written by their daughter entitled "Through the Eyes of Paragon" during African American Reading Day at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

cultures.

Deborah Deena, a featured writer and daughter of Frank Deena, had an excerpt from her book "Through the Eyes of Paragon" read in her absence.

"It [reading] magnifies the quality and the attributes of so many African American writers and authors, while giving them a voice to

express themselves with regard to pride," said Lathan Turner, director of intercultural student affairs and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Even with a large turnout the event remained intimate and participants showed enthusiasm for their pieces.

"I think this was another form of self expression, and you could tell what was on

each participants' mind by the content that was in the stories they read," said Ciji Blue, sophomore communication major.

Turner said he noticed students left saying how motivating and uplifting each story was that was read.

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# Stewart judge declines to rule on whether to 'toss charges'

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge Monday declined to rule on whether she would toss out any of the charges against Martha Stewart and her former stockbroker.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum postponed her decision after hearing a half-hour of arguments from lawyers for the defense and government. The lawyers worked well into the night Sunday to prepare papers on whether charges should be dismissed.

The prosecution rested its case Friday after 21 witnesses and 14 days of testimony.

Cedarbaum has appeared particularly interested in the possibility of throwing out the securities fraud count against Stewart, which accuses her of deceiving investors in her media conglomerate, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

The judge has called that charge "the most problematic" of the five counts each against Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic. Cedarbaum indicated it was highly unlikely she would dismiss all the counts.

The government contends that Bacanovic told Stewart that ImClone Systems founder Sam Waksal was frantically trying to sell his shares. Bacanovic and Stewart claim they had agreed to unload the ImClone shares when the stock price hit \$60.

The securities fraud count, which the judge herself has called "novel," refers to three statements Stewart and her lawyers made in June 2002 in which they insisted she sold because of the \$60 agreement.

Prosecutors say that was a deliberate play to keep the stock price of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia high. Stewart owned nearly all of the voting shares in the company, and stood to lose \$30 million for every dollar MSLO stock fell.

Besides securities fraud, the remaining counts relate to whether Stewart and Bacanovic tried to hide the true reason Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it took a dive.

# Get caught reading.



# Controversial terror research lives, despite closing of Pentagon office

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is still financing research to create powerful tools that could mine millions of public and private records for information about terrorists despite an uproar last year over fears it might ensnare innocent Americans.

Congress eliminated a Pentagon office developing the terrorist tracking technology because of the outcry over privacy implications. But some of those projects from retired Adm. John Poindexter's Total Information Awareness effort were transferred to U.S. intelligence offices, congressional, federal and research officials told The Associated Press.

In addition, Congress left undisturbed a separate but similar \$64-million research program run by a little-known office called the "Advanced Research and Development Activity" that has used some of the same researchers as Poindexter's program.

"The whole congressional

action looks like a shell game," said Steve Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, which tracks work by U.S. intelligence agencies. "There may be enough of a difference for them to claim TIA was terminated while for all practical purposes the identical work is continuing."

Poindexter's goal was to predict terrorist attacks by looking for telltale patterns of activity in passport applications, visas, work permits, driver's licenses, car rentals, airline ticket purchases and arrests, as well as credit transactions and education, medical and housing records.

But the research created a political uproar because such reviews of millions of transactions could put innocent Americans under suspicion. One of Poindexter's own researchers, David D. Jensen at the University of Massachusetts, has acknowledged that "high numbers of false positives can result."

Disturbed by the privacy implications, Congress last fall



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks about the war in Iraq during a news conference at the Pentagon on Monday.

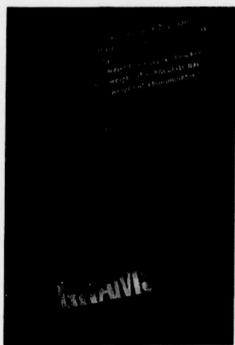
closed Poindexter's office, part of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and barred the agency from continuing nearly all his research. Poindexter quit government, claiming his work was misunderstood.

But the work didn't die. In killing Poindexter's office, Congress agreed to continue

paying to develop highly specialized software to gather foreign intelligence on terrorists.

In a classified section summarized publicly, Congress gave money to the "National Foreign Intelligence Program," without openly identifying which intelligence agency would do the work.

# THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES...



## 21 Grams

WED. 7 PM  
THURS. 9:30 PM  
FRI. 7 PM & MIDNIGHT  
SAT. 9:30 PM  
SUN. 7 PM



## Elf

WED. 9:30 PM  
THURS. 7 PM  
FRI. 9:30 PM  
SAT. 7 PM & MIDNIGHT  
SUN. 3 PM

Feb. 24th- Dat Phan and Ant (Comedy Series) 8PM Hendrix Theatre



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# Pirate UNDERGROUND

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## Our View

**The simple truth is that overweight people and politicians can't go on blaming the fast food, snack or soda industry for the rise in obese Americans.** It seems that states everywhere are jumping on the snack tax bandwagon. Apparently unsatisfied by their huge taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, the tax police are planning to threaten the snack food industry, placing taxes on potato chips, cookies, sodas and candy – a \$30 billion-a-year business.

**can't go on blaming the fast food, snack or soda industry for the rise in obese Americans.** New York plans to add a new sales tax (one-quarter of one percent) on sweets and snacks, on top of a bill to ban the sale of junk food from vending machines in public schools. The resulting \$50 million-a-year would fund programs to fight childhood obesity.

**industry for the rise in obese Americans.** Vermont's legislators recently tried to raise \$5 million for education by adding a six percent sales tax to snack foods. The bill died, but lawmakers are talking about reviving the idea of a snack tax.

A plan in Nebraska to extend the state's 5.5 percent sales tax to snack foods and baked goods flamed out last year, but supporters plan to bring it back in hopes of raising an extra \$5 million.

Other junk food taxes have also been proposed for Washington, Arkansas and other states quickly jumping on board. Profits used from the taxes will help to educate Americans on obesity.

What these legislators don't realize is that Americans already know that these foods make us fat – and we don't care. A certain percent increase in the cost of a Twinkie isn't going to make us opt for some granola.

Americans are educated every day on the dangers of being overweight. Yet, we are still one of the fattest countries in the world. Obesity education from snack taxes won't make us any slimmer.

The simple truth is that overweight people and politicians can't go on blaming the fast food, snack or soda industry for the rise in obese Americans – the only one to blame is the person shoving down the Big Macs and super-sized colas.

What we eat is a personal choice – no one is physically shoving snack food down our throats. Weight gain simply begins (and ends) with the individual and the individual alone.

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## In My Opinion

### Colorado deserves death penalty

#### Scandal bruises college athletics' reputation

The University of Colorado is a public tax supported educational institution. According to a myriad of reports, the school also serves as a hook-up service for highly touted football recruits.

The University of Colorado held a press conference Wednesday at 12 p.m. Eastern time to announce that head football coach Gary Barnett would be put on leave for his comments regarding the rape allegations of Katie Hnida, a former kicker for the team.

Barnett, speaking about Hnida and her effect on the team, said that Hnida was not only a girl, she was terrible.

Barnett avoided comment on the rape accusation and chose instead to bash her or her performance on the field, which ironically seemed to be good enough to get her on his squad in the first place.

Hnida also made the squad at New Mexico, where she became the first woman to ever score points in a division I A game last season.

This is not the end of sorry stories coming from the University of Colorado.

Reports have been made that an adult entertainment company was hired to provide strippers for recruiting parties. The university even admitted that an escort service was called from a cell phone that had been assigned to a former football recruiting aide.

Coaches from pee-wee leagues all the way up through College football talk about helping their players become responsible men. They talk about how sports teaches discipline and team work.

Others laud that sports helps kids stay off the streets and out of trouble even in communities with few streets to walk in the first place.



I believe that in many of those cases the coaches truly want to be mentors and or father figures to young men who need the attention. It gives college athletics a serious bruise to see something like the allegations at Colorado unfold. The University owes the public more then putting the coach on leave.

The coach, for one, deserves to be fired outright. Even more though, I think that if the football team cannot recruit on the merits of playing football on scholarship alone, and instead sells sex to recruits in order to stay competitive in the Big 12 conference, then the football team should be disbanded. Anything less is nothing other then political window dressing.

All of the players should be let out of their commitments and allowed to transfer to other schools. For those who are using sports to better themselves academically, not just coast through school for the sex and a chance to play in the pros, they should keep their scholarships and be allowed to continue in their education.

Nobody is stopping football players from going to a strip club if they want to spend the money, but arranging sex for high school students or ignoring rape accusations in order to get them to join a football team is another story.

## In My Opinion

### Why must college be so costly?

(KRT)—In 1988, I wrote that "consumers need a 'no-frills university' to turn the higher-education marketplace upside down." I lamented that "the \$80,000 bachelor's degree is upon us, and the \$100,000 edition cannot be far away."

Today, you can double those numbers. We are headed toward the quarter-million-dollar B.A.

In 1987, touring colleges with my kids, I was shaken by two realities: first, the absence of any sort of productivity gains in higher education amid an economy whose principal engine of growth was (and remains) improved output per unit of worker input; second, the tendency of U.S. colleges to compete for desirable students by adding upscale amenities, what a Mount Holyoke dean once termed the "Chivas Regal strategy." (During our campus visits, my daughter remarked that it was like comparing resort hotels.)

My own children are fortunately finished with all that, but the idea of creating some stripped-down, no-frills college models seems even more apt today. What would such places look like?

Key features would include a lean administration, few non-teaching employees, and most campus jobs performed by students or outsourced; amenities (entertainment, food courts, fancy gyms, etc.) left to entrepreneurs — and paid for by those who use them; a year-round calendar with facilities in constant use, steady work for employees, and the opportunity for energetic students to finish faster; faculty that are paid well but worked hard; a trimmed-down curriculum with a solid core and strong majors in a dozen fields but no pretense of teaching everything; and rigorous exit standards with diplomas equivalent to an intellectual "warranty."

This model could serve as a plausible formula for containing the cost and price of higher education and eking some productivity gains from this enterprise.

What's happened since 1988, however, seems noteworthy on four fronts.

First, yesterday's troubling trends have intensified. Students take even longer to complete their degrees. The academic week and year grow ever shorter as amenities grow yet more lavish (indoor climbing walls?).

Second, whereas the price pain then was felt primarily by those at private campuses, today the public university price tag is soaring too.

Third, higher education has developed a fast-growing sector that follows the no-frills formula: the for-profit sector, characterized by the University of Phoenix and kindred vendors of reasonably efficient and relatively inexpensive postsecondary schooling.

Fourth, technology enables students to avail themselves of higher education without ever showing up on campus.

The for-profit sector makes expert use of this delivery system, but traditional universities are working at it too.

Because distance learning makes it possible not only to slash campus expenses but also to extend a professor's "reach" to far more students, it serves willy-nilly to boost academic productivity.

As Congress and state legislatures seek to contain the cost of college, they may want to encourage more no-frills institutions and nudge more students toward the efficient providers. The starting point is to cease treating traditional college economics as immutable and instead to recognize that society has an obligation to reward efficiency and productivity here just like it does everywhere else.

## In My Opinion

### Suburbia's mean streets killing innocence with change

(KRT)—It is the end of the innocence in the suburbs. We all knew it was long gone in the inner city.

Now, come to find out, our once-tranquil suburban neighborhoods we'd like to associate with the essential America are just as troubled as our mean urban streets.

A new report from the Manhattan Institute titled "Sex, Drugs, and Delinquency in Urban and Suburban Schools" reveals that students in Kirkland or Puyallup are as likely as their counterparts in Seattle or Tacoma, Wash., to have sex, smoke, drink, use illegal drugs and engage in other forms of delinquency.

Of the high-school seniors surveyed confidentially, four in 10 in both urban and suburban schools have used illegal drugs, and 20 percent of suburban teens have driven while high on drugs compared with 13 percent of urban teens.

Similar percentages of teens in cities and suburbs have driven while under the influence of alcohol, and 74 percent of suburban high-school seniors have consumed alcohol on more

than two or three occasions, 3 percent higher than the urban statistic. Sixty-three percent of suburban 12th-graders and 57 percent of suburban 12th-graders drink alcohol without family members present.

More than 60 percent of suburban high-school seniors have smoked cigarettes, while 54 percent in urban high schools have puffed a smoke.

Youth cigarette addiction is a bigger problem in suburbs than cities, with a 37-percent-to-30-percent comparison.

The study found that two-thirds of all suburban and urban high-school seniors have had sex, and more suburban 12th-graders (43 percent) than urban 12th-graders (39 percent) reported having had sex with a person with whom they did not have a romantic relationship.

As a result, teen pregnancy rates remain high: 14 percent of suburban and 20 percent of urban female high-school seniors have been pregnant.

The report also revealed that it is almost as likely for a suburban student as an urban student to engage in stealing or violent behavior.

Indeed, the 1990s spate of school shootings didn't occur in major cities but in suburban areas like Littleton, Colo., outside of Denver; Pearl, Miss., near Jackson; Conyers, Ga., near Atlanta; and in obscure towns like Jonesboro, Ark.; Springfield, Ore.; West Paducah, Ky.; and Moses Lake, Wash.

Interestingly, nonprofit community agencies and schools are doing more than ever to attempt a remedy for youth problems of drugs, smoking, teen sex and pregnancy and violence.

Youth resources and education outreach programs like Planned Parenthood, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Big Brothers Big Sisters, volunteerism and after-school activities are exceedingly mobilized.

However, the challenges seem to be exacerbated despite the profusion of activities, agencies and programs.

Why is innocence dying in the suburbs?

The answer is that our communities are casting aside their sense of decency and identity in favor of tolerance and change.

The tragic result of too

much tolerance in our homes and schools and culture in general is that young people feel completely justified in premarital sex, drug use or violence.

The unified moral norms once cultivated in the community are nearly all evaporated into the mistiness of radical individualism.

Though I don't much agree with Hillary Clinton's views on public policy, I agree with the title of her 1995 treatise "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child."

A community — the family, church, neighborhood, school — must work together to ensure that young people are taught the important lessons of morality, civility and compassion.

Urban and suburban alike, too many young people are failing to acquire the character requisite for being called American citizens.

Until our communities — individuals and institutions alike — recommit to absolute standards and expectations, we can expect to run a continual moral deficit in young suburban America.

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# NC National Guard brigade starts Iraq deployment

POPE AIR FORCE BASE (AP) - The first wave of North Carolina National Guard troops bound for Iraq began leaving their home state Monday.

In all, some 5,000 soldiers from the Clinton-headquartered 30th Heavy Separate Brigade are scheduled to fly out of Pope Air Force Base to Kuwait over the next several weeks, said guard spokesman Capt. Robert Carver.

In Kuwait, the soldiers will check equipment that was shipped earlier.

The soldiers will be attached to the 1st Infantry Division once they arrive in Iraq for duty up to a year as part of the Pentagon's rotation of troops.

More than 200 soldiers were aboard a charter airliner that flew out of the base about 4:30 a.m. Monday, Carver said. They were from the Burlington-based 230th Military Intelligence

Company and the Wilmington-based 120th Infantry as well as the Alabama-based 279th Signal Company.

"It will take anywhere from 24 to 48 hours to get to the theater, where they will draw their equipment that was shipped over in the last months," he said.

"They'll probably be in Kuwait for several weeks."

Earlier this month, the brigade was honored at a farewell ceremony attended by about 12,000 soldiers and their relatives and friends at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the soldiers, telling them they were fulfilling a historic role.

The brigade is the first unit of its size from the North Carolina National Guard to be called to combat since World War II. It is the first of

three National Guard brigades being sent this year to Iraq to relieve other troops.

Staff Sgt. Calvin Jones of the Burlington unit said leaving his family for such a long deployment was difficult.

"Tougher than I could imagine," Jones said.

"There were a lot of tears and a lot of hugs."

North Carolina guard troops are part of the second rotation of troops through Iraq since the war started last year. As many as 3,500 troops a day are being rotated in and out of the country; another rotation is scheduled at the end of the year.

The force in Iraq will be about two-thirds active-duty troops and a third reserves, Myers said.

In addition to North Carolina soldiers, the brigade includes troops from eight other states.



The first North Carolina soldiers left for Iraq Monday.

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down on students "piggy-backing in."

In addition, officers are working overtime to patrol residence halls.

Knight said normally eight officers patrol main campus and another two to four patrol Brody.

Before the rapes, officers checked the dorms twice a night. Now, officers will patrol every one to two hours.

Although no suspects have been named in the Jan. 19 rape in White Hall or the Feb. 16 rape in Belk Hall, officers do not believe the two rapes are connected.

Moore said the university has provided counseling for the victims, and group sessions are available for other students affected by the incidents.

Administrators are planning to notify parents in letters that will be mailed out this week.

Moore said he will meet with the Parents Association to develop a letter to inform parents of the incidents and to encourage them to speak with their children.

"Safety is a priority at ECU, and we take that very seriously," said Moore.

"This [new safety measures] will be an ongoing effort to protect our campus community."

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marketing major and resident of Clement Hall, an all-girls dorm, said she would feel safer with increased patrols.

"They should send cops through the doors," said Sanner.

LaToya Lowe, a senior nutrition major who lives in White Hall, said the problem could lie in patrolling times.

"We could use more security at night time, between midnight and 5 a.m.," said Lowe.

Lowe also said she feels safe but was shocked that the second rape occurred within such a short time span.

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## Bone from page A1

donor from any racial or ethnic group, but the most likely match is with another African American who is willing to donate stem cells.

"It is important to point out that on these days we will only be testing the donors for compatibility, and not actually making the marrow donation. There is no extra stick or surgical procedure, just a bit more blood is drawn," Welles said.

Donors don't feel any pain when the marrow is removed because anesthesia is used, and the marrow will be replenished by the body within four to six weeks after donation.

"All persons willing to donate blood and bone marrow are encouraged because there are always individuals who need what you give," said Ethel Greer, chair of the Chancellor's Staff Senate Diversity Committee.

"This event is important because we need to help each other ... a student is in need."

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### Did You Know?

- Apple Computer co-founder Steven Jobs (1955), actor Billy Zane (1966) and boxer Oscar de la Hoya (1973) all call today their birthday.
- This month is National Time Management Month.
- Today is International Pancake Day and Fat Tuesday.
- On this day in 1979, a pig was sold for \$42,500, making it the highest price ever paid for a pig.

### Announcements

#### Volunteer Opportunity

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help out with a blood drive. Volunteers may donate blood, help run bloodmobile stations, greet donors, hand out donor information, work registration tables or distribute refreshments. The drive is from noon - 6 p.m. today and Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Mendenhall Student Center. For more information, contact Debbie Page at 778-1140, ext. 108.

#### '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. For tickets, contact the ECU/Loessin Playhouse Box Office.

#### Comedy Show

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents comedians Dat Phan and ANT at 8 p.m. today in Hendrix Theater. Tickets are free for students with valid student ID.

#### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *21 Grams* on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Elf* is showing Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information, call 328-4700.

#### Art Awards Ceremony

The 2004 School of Art Undergraduate Exhibition Awards Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in Speight Auditorium. The exhibition will run through April 17.

#### Guitar Ensemble

The School of Music presents a Guitar Ensemble directed by Elliot Frank at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Help Operation Sunshine get their new home ready for open house by painting, trim work, yard work and little odds and ends at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. Contact Jessica or Elizabeth at 328-1554 or eac0513@mail.ecu.edu. Space is limited.

#### Pirate Underground Band

The Student Union presents Annika Bently - Chamber Rock at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Pirate Underground.

#### Black History Concert

The School of Music presents *A Tribute to Motown* at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Wright Auditorium. Tickets are \$5-10.

#### Ladysmith Black Mombazo

The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents Ladysmith Black Mombazo at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 1 in Wright Auditorium. For tickets, contact the Central Ticket Office at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

### New Releases

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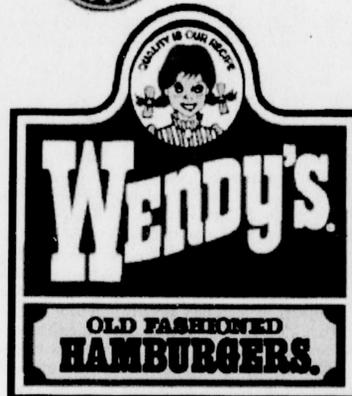
#### "Crash Test"

The hidden camera show, "Crash Test," takes its contestants and instructs them to crash an event - anything from a high school reunion to an elegant wedding reception. Once inside the event, the contestants (equipped with concealed cameras) compete to earn points by performing a list of stunts. If the participant is busted, they're eliminated. The person who manages to fool the partygoers and amass the most points moves on to the next round. "Crash Test" airs tonight at 9:30 p.m. on Spike TV.

#### "The Bachelorette"

The two-hour finale finds Meredith taking the final two guys home to Portland, Ore., where they'll both meet her family. As the two-hour special comes to a close, Meredith will make her decision. "The Bachelorette" airs Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 9 p.m. on ABC.

# TOP SECRET



## RESTAURANT RECIPES AT HOME

How to dine finely  
without going out

LAURA KEELING  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wondered if you could make a meal at home taste just like one you spent \$15 on at a restaurant? Believe it or not, it's possible. Many Web sites

and books are available today that give away some of restaurants' best kept secrets.

In his book, *Top Restaurant Recipes: Creating Kitchen Clones from America's Favorite Restaurant Chains*, author Todd Wilbur dispels secrets from Hooters, Cracker Barrel, Pizza Hut, Planet Hollywood, Applebee's, TGI Friday's, Outback and Red Lobster, just to name a few. Many Web

sites also offer these "top-secret" recipes, including CopyKat.com, TopSecretRecipes.com, GourmetSpot.com and RecipeGoldMine.com. These sites have search engines that allow you to look for your favorite eatery and your favorite meal.

Sometimes, after a long day of classes or work, you just want to come home and relax. Going out to eat can become a

hassle. Since you can't teleport food directly from a restaurant to your kitchen table, making a meal like this might be the best way to go.

Here are some recipes you might have wondered how to make as you were sitting in a restaurant:

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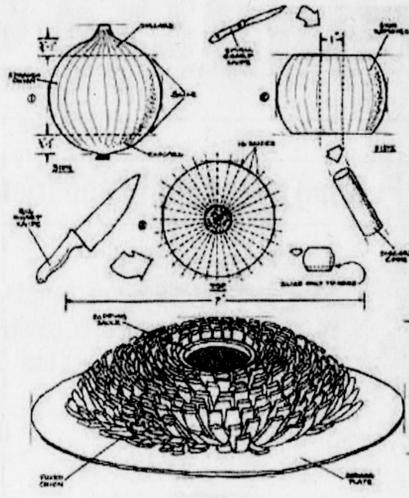
#### Ingredients:

- 1/3 Cup Cornstarch
- 1 1/2 Cup Flour
- 2 teaspoon Garlic - minced
- 2 teaspoon Paprika
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 2 teaspoon Pepper
- 24 ounce Beer
- 4 Vidalia or Texas Sweet Onion
- Seasoned Flour
- 2 Cup Flour
- 4 teaspoon Paprika
- 2 teaspoon Garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Pepper
- 1/2 Cayenne pepper
- Combine and mix well.

#### Preparation:

Mix cornstarch, flour, and seasonings until well blended. Add beer, mix well. Cut about 3/4" off top of onion and peel. Cut into onion 12 to 16 vertical wedges but do not cut through bottom root end. Remove about 1" of petals from center of onion. You may want to separate the onion petals slightly, do not do this too much, you will destroy the onion. Dip onion in seasoned flour and remove excess by shaking. Separate petals to coat thoroughly with batter. Dip in batter. Dip in flour mixture again. Gently place in fryer basket and deep-fry at 375 to 400 1 1/2 minutes. Turn over, and fry an additional 1 1/2 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Place onion upright in shallow bowl and remove center core with circular cutter or apple corer.

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### Wendy's® Chili

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- 1 cup diced onion (1 medium onion)
- 1/2 cup diced green chili (2 chilies)
- 1/4 cup diced celery (1 stalk)
- 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 2 teaspoons cumin powder
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cups water

#### Preparation:

1. Brown the ground beef in a skillet over medium heat; drain off the fat.
2. Using a fork, crumble the cooked beef into pea-size pieces.
3. In a large pot, combine the beef plus all the remaining ingredients, and bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook, stirring every 15 minutes, for 2 to 3 hours.

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Combine all in a blender and blend well

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### Lettuce Wedge Salad

#### Ingredients:

- Bleu Cheese Dressing
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- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup crumbled bleu cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 cup crumbled bleu cheese
- 1 cup diced tomato (1 large tomato)

#### Preparation:

Use an electric mixer to combine all ingredients for bleu cheese dressing in a medium bowl. Slice a head of iceberg lettuce into quarters through the stem end. Cut the stem off of the wedges and arrange each one on a plate. Spoon about 1/4 cup of bleu cheese dressing over each lettuce wedge. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of crumbled bleu cheese over the dressing. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of diced tomato over the top and serve.

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## ECU professor offers 'Chicks 101'



ECU professor Lovinder Gill looks on as a scene is being shot for his film, *Chicks 101*.

### Independent film enters final stages

RACHEL LINDEN  
SENIOR WRITER

Lovinder Gill can now add director to his long list of credits.

The 1999 graduate of the School of Filmmaking at the North Carolina School of the Arts is not only a professor in the ECU School of Communication but is also an independent filmmaker who recently finished shooting *Chicks 101*, a film he wrote, directed and co-produced with fellow ECU professor Geoff Thompson.

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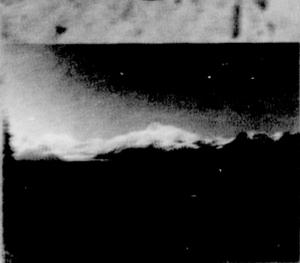
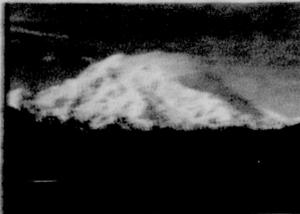
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continue with their cultural and religious activities without getting them into trouble.

"I look forward to the event, and it will be interesting to hear the music and dance that slave generations have passed down," said Marsha Smith, freshman dance major.

"It'll give me a chance to see other dances. Dance doesn't always have to be fun, but it can be beautiful and purposeful."

The most predominant instrument of the night will be the Bandoneon – a rare square headed accordion – as well as lots of percussion.

James Cook, junior music major, said he was excited to be able to have a chance to witness such a performance.

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**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Before next week, ongoing social or romantic power struggles can be easily resolved. Expect renewed respect and added cooperation from loved ones. Over the next eight days, key officials and trusted colleagues will rely heavily on your integrity, cheerful resolve and attention to detail.

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**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Close relatives and romantic partners are highly motivated to discuss family patterns, traditional roles or outdated

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**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Social relationships are unpredictable. Before Thursday, watch for sudden bursts of emotion or rare confrontations between friends. No serious or long-term effects are likely, so not to worry. Friday through Sunday, a relative or romantic partner will offer unique insight into his or her private fears. Offer heartfelt advice.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Love affairs and long-term family plans may be complicated with last-minute time restrictions and outside responsibility. Monday through Thursday, loved ones may request special favors, demand added private time or advocate revised home rules. Refuse to be dissuaded from established routines. Romantic hopes and social decisions will be brought back into balance.

**If your birthday is this week...** Business officials and older colleagues may be unusually temperamental over the next four to five weeks. Key areas of concern involve private family strain, marital discord or minor power struggles with younger co-workers. Before April 5, workplace changes and revised job roles may demand serious attention. Later this summer, surprising romantic and social opportunities may arrive. After mid-July, expect love relationships to quickly evolve into long-term commitments or complex lifestyle choices. Wait, however, until the end of September before taking on greater family responsibilities.

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### Sophomore Survey

before you can pre-register for either Summer or Fall 2004 courses. When you submit your survey responses, a "tag" is removed from your records so that you can pre-register. Registration staff can verify that your responses were received and that the tag was removed.

You can complete the form beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." Messages will also be sent to your ECU email account with links to the "One-Stop".

You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

ECU on-line kiosks at Mendenhall Student Center, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, Joyner Library East, and Cyber Café units located near the center stairway in Mendenhall.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on March 3<sup>rd</sup>—certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 29). This will also help avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. The restriction on registering will end on April 26 when this Sophomore Survey ends.

# SPORTS

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## Announcements

### Softball Officials Meeting

The Intramural Department at the SRC is looking for softball officials for the Spring 2004 season. The meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 9 p.m. in SRC 202.

### Rock Climbing

The adventure program will be going to Pilot Mountain March 6-7. Harnesses and gear are provided. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27. Pre-trip meeting is Tuesday, March 2.

### Spring Break trip

The Adventure program is organizing a multi-element trip to the Florida Everglades Sea Kayak trip. Registration deadline is March 3. Pre-trip meeting is March 4. For more information, please call 328-6387. The trip should include Hiking, Kayaking, Climbing and Canoeing.

### Smoke & Mirrors

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

## Sports Briefs

### ECU tennis tripped up at home

The ECU men's and women's tennis teams dropped two matches, falling to Campbell University, 5-2, Saturday afternoon at the ECU Tennis Complex. On the men's side, Felipe Fonseca and Gerard Galindo won both of their matches in convincing style. Fonseca defeated Campbell's Ryan Mills 6-0, 6-1. Galindo knocked off Campbell's Sergio Tejada 6-2, 6-1. ECU women's tennis claimed wins in two singles flights, but was unable to overcome Campbell. Raluca Baicu posted a 6-2, 7-5, win over Campbell's Carmen Linder, while Cristina Mellicke won her match against Campbell's Iva Stojancer. The Lady Pirates will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. to face the Tar Heels this Tuesday, Feb. 24, match time 3 p.m. The men's team will face Marquette in Fort Worth, Texas, Friday, Feb. 27, match time 2:30 p.m.

### Clinton Portis could be a Redskin

Desperate to land a tailback who could make a major impact in new coach Joe Gibbs' run-oriented offense, the Washington Redskins are in discussions about a blockbuster trade that would bring them one of the NFL's premier young backs. The proposed deal, which percolated here over the weekend at the annual draft combine sessions, would net the Redskins tailback Clinton Portis, who rushed for over 1,500 yards in each of his first two seasons with the Denver Broncos. In return for Portis, 22, Denver would receive Redskins four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey and perhaps one of Washington's choices in the 2004 draft. Officials from both teams and agents for the two high-profile veterans worked arduously over the weekend to nudge the swap much closer to reality.

### Franchise tag to be placed on Manning

The Indianapolis Colts are expected to designate Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning their franchise player Monday, a move that will cost a league-record \$18.4 million. President Bill Polian promised Sunday to tag Manning, the league's co-MVP, preventing him from hitting the free-agent market March 3. NFL rules require teams to pay a franchise player the average of the top five players at the position or 120 percent of the player's salary cap number from the previous year, whichever is higher. Manning counted more than \$15 million against the team's salary cap last year. Teams could still sign Manning to an offer sheet, but the Colts would have an opportunity to match. If Indianapolis chose not to match - highly unlikely - it would receive two first-round draft picks as compensation. The move could force significant roster changes for the Colts, who reached the AFC championship game last year for the first time since 1995.

### McNulty wins in first time out

Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty became the 11th player to win in his Champions Tour debut, shooting a 3-under-68 for a one-stroke victory in the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am. McNulty, a 16-time winner on the European tour, finished at 13-under 200 to hold off Larry Nelson. McNulty had twice postponed his tour debut because of a bout with shingles. Fuzzy Zoeller made 11 birdies - seven in a row - and flirted with a 59 before shooting 61 after a bogey on the 18th. Zoeller tied for third with Tom Purtzer (68) at 11 under.

### Kenseth victorious in Subway 400

Matt Kenseth shrugged off NASCAR's new points system partially designed because he won just one race last season en route to the series championship by nipping rookie Kasey Kahne at the finish line of North Carolina Speedway on Sunday to win the Subway 400, his first victory in nearly a year. Kenseth led a race-high 259 laps, but had to fight furious charges from Kahne and Jamie McMurray over the final 10 laps before edging Kahne by .010 seconds - the nose of the No. 17 Ford. It was yet another thrilling finish at what could be the final race at "The Rock." The tiny track has already lost one of its races under NASCAR's realignment plan and poor attendance could ultimately cost it its remaining date.

### Johansson wins ATP event

Joachim Johansson harnessed his powerful serve and was not broken in winning his first ATP title Sunday, beating Nicolas Kiefer in the final of the Kroger St. Jude tournament. The 21-year-old Swede faced just one break point and beat Kiefer 7-6 (5), 6-3 in just 94 minutes. Johansson routinely hit 137 mph on his serves, and even 130 on some second serves, as he avoided being broken in 55 games in the tournament.

### Pole vaulter sets world record

Russian Svetlana Feofanova set the women's indoor pole vault record Sunday with a leap of 15 feet, 11 inches at the Athina 2004 indoor meet. Feofanova broke the mark of 15-10 1/4 set last Sunday by Russian Yelena Isinbayeva. Feofanova easily cleared the bar in her first attempt at the height. Isinbayeva managed to jump just 14-9 1/4 after failing in three attempts at 15-1 1/4.

# Pirates crush Blue Hens

ECU improves to 7-0 after second sweep

**BRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

Delaware came into Harrington Field on Friday with a strategy - knock the opposition back on its heels early. After three batters, it seemed the Blue Hens were working the scheme to perfection as back-to-back singles and then a home run by Steve Van Note put Delaware on top 3-0.

However, the next 26 and a half innings of the series were all Pirates.

ECU used solid pitching, great defense, timely hitting, and capitalized on 11 miscues by the Blue Hens to sweep the series and improve to 7-0 on the season.

The story of the game was the outstanding recovery by starting pitcher Brody Taylor.

After giving up the three-run blast to Note in the first inning, Taylor settled down nicely and allowed just four more hits after the big first inning for the Blue Hens.

He pitched six strong innings for the Pirates and was relieved in the seventh by sensational freshman Mike Flye.

Flye, a J.H. Rose graduate, picked up his first collegiate save as he pitched the final three frames, giving up no hits while striking out three to preserve a 6-4 win.

The opposition has yet to get a beat off of Flye, who now has pitched five scoreless innings to begin his college career. Head Coach Randy Mazey is excited about the way his young gun has started the season.

"Everybody in Greenville should be proud of him and the way he pitched today," said Mazey.

"We all are, and that's exactly what we need, a guy that can come in and close

the door for us."

Jamie Paige led the offensive attack for the Pirates in game one with two hits and one RBI. Ryan Norwood's double in the fifth gave him two RBI on the game.

Game two was all about pitcher Greg Bunn. The junior right-hander pitched seven shutout innings, leading ECU to a 4-0 victory in which the Blue Hens looked consistently confused at the plate. Bunn allowed only two hits while striking out eight.

Dustin Sasser quickly put an end to any thoughts of a comeback as he pitched the final two innings to pick up the save. As evidence to the duo's outstanding performance on the hill, Sasser and Bunn combined to only face three batters over the minimum.

Trevor Lawhorn hit a three-run homer in the fifth to give the men on the mound some breathing room.

Game three showcased more from Trevor, as the first year Pirate put on an offensive clinic. Lawhorn went three-or-five on the game with a home run, two doubles and four RBI to guide the Pirates to a 9-1 shellacking of the Blue Hens.

Lawhorn already has eleven RBI on the season batting in the number two spot.

"It's obviously great to be 7-0," Mazey said.

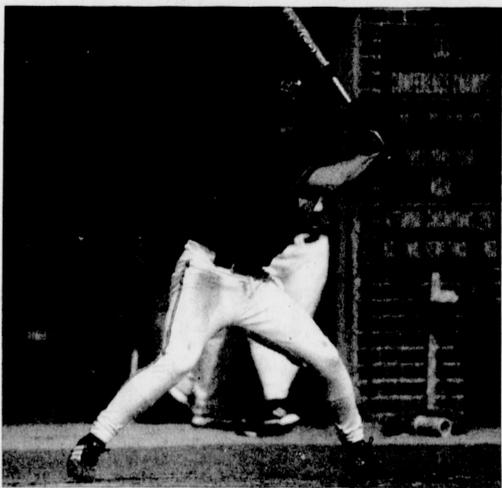
"We talk about it all the time, it's a long season, like a marathon, and when you're running a marathon, it doesn't matter who's winning when you start, it matters who's winning when you finish."

"Winning streaks are like slumps, if you think about them too much, it will affect how you play. We play it one game at a time, so we're going to come out on Tuesday like it's the first game of the year."

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ECU fought back from an early 3-0 deficit to win on Friday.



The Pirates are off to a strong start after a week of victories.

## Hot start keys second straight win

ECU holds on to down Horned Frogs 75-70

**TRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

ECU used an early 9-0 run to steal the game's momentum and fend off late charging TCU for their second straight home conference victory, 75-70.

Seniors Erroyl Bing and Derrick Wiley combined for 41 points and had 13 of the Pirates' first 14 points.

"Our backs have really been against the wall over the last couple of weeks, but I think we are showing people that we aren't going away without a fight," said senior Derrick Wiley.

Wiley's game-high 23 points were hidden behind a career night for teammate Bing. Bing opened the game with eight in just the first two minutes, connecting on two three-pointers in the sequence.

"Erroyl Bing was just phenomenal tonight," said Pirate Head Coach, Bill Herrion.

"That was the best 20-minute stretch in the first half that I have seen him play in his four years here."

Bing finished the first half with 16 points and 18 for the game, but his rebounding effort of 15 on the night earned him yet another career plateau.

"That's my role on this team, to rebound the basketball, so I just came out and played," said Bing, who now has 907 rebounds, second on the Pirates' all-time list behind Bill Otte's



ECU's Japhet McNeil battles for a loose ball during the first half while the Pirates win their second straight C-USA game.

(1960-64) 969 boards.

"My time is running out. I only have three more regular-season games to play in a Pirate uniform, so I'm just trying to extend my time with a trip to the C-USA tournament."

Freshman Mike Cook had another eye-opening performance as he chipped in with 16 on five-of-eight

shooting from the field.

"Mike Cook is just getting better and better with every game," Herrion said.

TCU's offense sputtered in the first half because star player Corey Santee was held to just one free throw by the Pirates' solid defense.

Santee found the scorer's book more often in the second half, hit-

ting four field goals and seven free throws.

"He is going to score 2000 points in this league," Herrion said.

"He already has around 900 points and he is just a sophomore."

TCU never crept closer than six after the quick start from the Pirates until late in the second half. Santee hit two free throws with about 4:30 to play and brought the Horned Frogs within five points.

A three-pointer from Santee with 32.3 seconds left had TCU as close as 72-70.

The Horned Frogs put four players in double figures including Santee as well as Nucleus Smith, Marcus Shropshire and Chudi Chinweze.

Key free throws from Wiley and Bing and Bing's 15th board on the night, however, sealed another win for the Pirates.

"I can't be more proud of what these kids are giving," Herrion said.

"And I'll say this again, this is the best my basketball team has played in the five years that I've been here.

"This was a great win for our team. This was a great win for our program."

"I'm just happy for the whole team, because we have given ourselves a chance to make it to the tournament," Wiley said.

"But, we've still got three games left and we have to keep taking care of business."

ECU hosts South Florida this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## Lady Pirates drop two close road games

Women have lost eight straight games

**ERIC GILMORE**  
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates are still trying to learn how to pull out a close win.

The women's basketball team lost to Cincinnati on Friday night 78-72 in a double-overtime thriller. ECU then dropped their eighth straight game to a red hot Louisville team 79-75 in overtime. The women have now lost four of their last six games in the 'extra session.

The ECU women (14-12, 5-8) can finish no higher than eighth in the conference tournament, but could still fall to tenth place. The Lady Pirates are currently tied with Cincinnati in the conference standings and are a full game behind USF. ECU has failed

to secure a win in February with their last win coming Jan. 25.

The Lady Pirates saw a huge first half lead disappear as Cincinnati used 24 points from star guard Valerie King. The women scored the first four points of the second half for a 14-point advantage. However, the Lady Pirates went scoreless for nearly seven minutes and let the Lady Bearcats reel off 16 straight points.

Cincinnati (14-13, 5-8) overcame a four-point deficit with 50 seconds left. A quick lay-up by Cincinnati and an untimely turnover for ECU on the inbounds pass forced overtime. Jennifer Jackson's desperation three point attempt at the end of regulation rimmed out.

They shot just three of 13 from the field in the overtimes and remain snake-bitten in overtime games. The women shot an

see LADY PIRATES page B6



The Lady Pirates have not won a game since Jan. 25.

# Pirate softball team sweeps classic

ECU starts '04 season with eight straight wins

DAVID WASKIEWICZ  
STAFF WRITER

ECU's softball team completed a six-game sweep at the Hampton Inn/Pirate Classic Sunday, defeating Fairfield in the championship game. The victory improved the Lady Pirates to 8-0-1.

ECU started the tournament with a dominating 10-0 win over Delaware and a 4-3 win against

Fairfield on Friday. The Lady Pirates continued their winning ways on Saturday, defeating George Mason 3-2 and Towson 4-1. The wins gave ECU a first round bye in the Pirate Classic Tournament Sunday where they faced and defeated Delaware once again, 6-4. This win allowed the softball team to advance to the finals where they rolled to a 5-2 victory over Fairfield.

"We have matured a lot since last year," said Head Coach Tracey Kee.

"We were a very young team last year and now everyone has

one more year of experience."

Sophomore Christine Sheridan and Junior Kate Manuse were both named to the 2004 Hampton Inn/Pirate Classic All Tournament Team for their performances. Sheridan and Manuse each batted over .500 in the tournament and combined for 20 hits.

"I am feeling really confident right now," Sheridan said.

"The ball is looking like a watermelon and I am staying confident."

After a weekend at home, the team will travel to Virginia

Beach to participate in the Dixie Classic this weekend and then to Houston, Texas for their first two conference games against Houston on March 2-3.

"We are hoping that this early confidence our team has will carry over on the road for the upcoming away games," Coach Kee said.

"We need to remain consistent and keep hitting the ball. I am very excited about these wins."

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uncharacteristic nine of 20 from the free throw line and six of 12 in the extra sessions. The women held a decisive 55-38 rebounding advantage, but could not capitalize.

Courtney Willis led the Pirates with 24 points and 19 rebounds while Jennifer Jackson also contributed a double-double with 19 points and 11 boards. Junior guard Jennifer Jackson became the 18th Lady Pirate to score 1,000 points in a career. Viola Cooper also scored in double figures with 12 points.

The Lady Pirates also fell to the hottest team in the league on Sunday. Louisville has now won

eight straight conference games and sits in third place in the conference standings. The Cardinals (18-8, 10-3) had four players in double figures to down ECU.

As seems to be the case in the road games, the Lady Pirates jumped out to an early lead but could not hold off their opponent in the latter stretches of the game. The women saw a 26-14 lead in the first half before Louisville ended a 14-2 run to tie the game at the intermission.

Each team took leads in the second half and tied five times. Willis hit a lay-up to give the Lady Pirates a 69-67 advantage with 1:30 remaining. However, Jazz

Covington, freshman, tied the game before each team fumbled chances to win in regulation.

In the extra session, the Lady Pirates shot one-for-six while Louisville went four-for-eight. ECU had another untimely turnover with two minutes remaining and could not mount a chance to tie the game as Louisville took the four-point win.

Courtney Willis played every minute of the game and contributed 25 points and 17 rebounds. Willis has posted double-figure scoring in every game thus far. Viola Cooper, Jennifer Jackson, and Shanita Sutton contributed double figures. Freshman point

guard Tamekia Powell dished out a career high 13 assists in the losing effort.

The Lady Pirates will close out regular-season play on Friday, Feb. 27 when they will take on instate rival Charlotte. ECU defeated Charlotte (14-12, 7-6) by 25 points on their home court earlier this year. The 49ers are the only team that ECU will play twice in conference. The game will determine seeding for the conference tournament which will take place in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas on March 4-7.

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# Pigskin Pig-Out is better than ever

The food, fun and merriment that is the Great Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party returns for its 21st year March 25-28 in and around ECU's Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The annual festivities that surround ECU football's Spring Game promise to be bigger and better than ever.

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The Pitt County Pirate Club Golf Classic Social kicks things off on Thursday night, March 25.

Carnival rides will be in full swing on Friday evening, along with the Coastline Band live on stage

and fireworks.

Saturday brings barbecue, a variety of activities for the entire family, and a sneak-preview of the 2004 Pirate football team in action at the Spring Game.

Save 20 percent by purchasing advance barbecue (\$6) and Spring Game tickets (\$4) through the ECU Athletic Ticket Office.

Call 1-800-DIAL ECU or (252) 328-4500. Tickets can also be purchased online at ECUpirates.com.

The midway area, live music and accompanying events are open with no entrance admission.

The carnival midway will be set up on the south side of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium with ride tickets available for purchase nearby.

Tickets for barbecue plates and the Spring Game will be \$7 and \$5, respectively, on the date of the event.

## Activities 2004

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

### Thursday, March 25

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Pitt County Pirate Club Golf Classic Social, Ironwood Country Club

### Friday, March 26

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7 p.m.-9 p.m. Football Letterwinners' Social

8 p.m.-11:45 p.m. Coastline Band live on stage

9 p.m. Fireworks

9:30 p.m. Parade of Pigs, Pig Cookin' Contest begins

11:45 p.m. Event area closes

### Saturday, March 27

8 a.m.-10 a.m. Judging of the pigs

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1 p.m. Lady Pirate softball vs. DePaul (doubleheader)

1:15 p.m. Kiddie Games/Birthday Party with the Pirate mascot and ECU cheerleaders

3 p.m. ECU Football Purple/Gold Spring Game (\$4 in advance, \$5 at gate)

# ECU's Brian Rimpf awarded for excellence in community service

ECU announced that Brian Rimpf has been selected as its Coca-Cola Community All-American for his excellence in community service today. The Coca-Cola Community All-Americans program is all about recognizing, celebrating and applauding student-athletes who are making a difference in their communities.

Rimpf, a native of Raleigh, N.C., who recently completed his outstanding four-year career on the Pirate football team, distinguished himself by dedicating an average of nine hours per week throughout the academic year to community service. Among the programs he has worked with

are Young Life, Sportworks Ministries, church youth groups, Boys and Girls Clubs, a local juvenile detention center, the Methodist Children's Home Summerfest, the Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Pitt County Historical Society, Boy Scouts, and reading in elementary schools. A majority of Rimpf's volunteer efforts were done on his own and not part of a group function.

"We are extremely proud of all our student-athletes and the tremendous commitments they've made to this institution and our community through their community service efforts," said Nick Floyd, interim director of athletics at ECU.

"In addition to bringing national attention to the issues of volunteerism and community involvement, the Coca-Cola Community All-Americans program provides a platform for colleges and universities to honor and recognize student-athletes, like Brian Rimpf, for their outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live, learn, work and play."

As a Coca-Cola Community All-American, Rimpf will be ECU's nominee at the national level.

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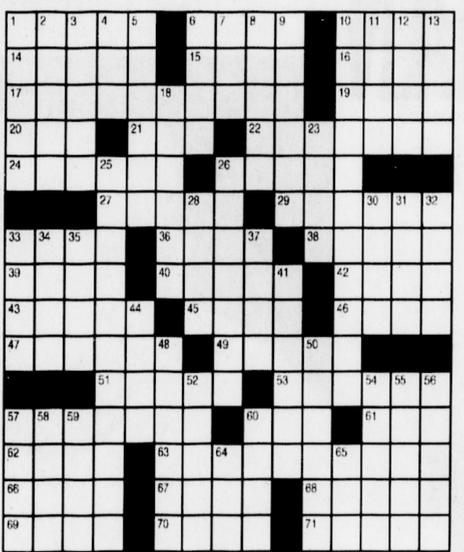
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# NBA has gone global and there's no turning back

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"Steve Francis pass ball to Yao Ming!" he says in fractured English.

As Andrew Messick and his colleagues piece the information together, they figure out that the cab driver is upset that Jeff Van Gundy's offense in Houston doesn't include more plays with Yao as the primary option.

"It's pretty bizarre when you think about it," said Messick, the NBA's international senior vice president. "This taxi driver is watching games early in the morning and has a view on how Coach Van Gundy is running the offense. It's a small world we live in. It expresses the notion that sports allow people from widely divergent places to

communicate in a language that's compelling and wonderful. I didn't know what to say."

The NBA is no longer our game. It belongs to the world.

From Shanghai to Sacramento, Calif., Orlando, Fla., to the Australian Outback, Philadelphia to Paris, the league's bouncy-bouncy soundtrack resonates loudly. You heard it last Sunday night during the glitzy introductions for the NBA All-Star Game, when six international players will be in the mix of 24 stars on two conference teams.

Fans voted in ballots printed in 17 languages. More than half of the traffic on nba.com (51 percent) is outside the United States.

The Internet will be a click away for fans, including Manouar Abdeslam, a 17-year-old from Morocco whose father rewards him for good grades with Orlando Magic souvenirs.

Among them is a Tracy

McGrady jersey, bought in Paris by Manouar's uncle.

"If that's not an international game ...," said Bob Baydale, an Orlando businessman who met Manouar during an overseas trip, leaving the obvious answer dangling indefinitely.

A spike that began with the inclusion of the Dream Team - basketball's version of rock 'n' roll stars - in the 1992 Olympics continues to rise dramatically, with the likelihood of the league expanding to several European cities within the next decade.

Travel logistics may be more demanding physically, but a seven-hour trip from London to New York isn't much more of a strain than traveling from Orlando to Los Angeles.

"Believe it or not, (John) McEnroe and (Jimmy) Connors used to get off a plane in Shanghai and play in a tournament," NBA Commissioner David Stern said. "Tiger Woods goes all over

the world to play golf."

Stern's vision of world domination simply reflects a marketing-savvy approach to capture a broader audience that can't get enough of the game and all of its accessories.

Reebok's \$130 Answer 6 Allen Iverson sneaker sold out in six weeks when it launched in October 2003 in Western Europe.

Spalding's international sales spiked 44 percent in 2002, largely because of Ming-mania in China. Tony Parker (France), Dirk Nowitzki (Germany) and Peja Stojakovic (Serbia and Montenegro) are telling folks to drink Sprite in native-language commercials overseas. An estimated 30 percent of all NBA merchandise is sold overseas.

Fans who want a more exotic location than Orlando to check out the NBA City theme restaurant can travel to one in the Dominican Republic.

Marketing the game is

easy enough. Although soccer remains the most popular game in the world with an estimated 1.25 billion fans, basketball has an easy-access feel to it - find a ball and a basket - that allows for crossover appeal throughout the continents.

Interest continues to rise as more foreign players ditch their professional teams overseas to play in the NBA.

Opening night, NBA rosters featured a record 73 international players from 34 countries. Six of them - Yao, Nowitzki, Stojakovic, Jamaal Magloire (Canada), Tim Duncan (U.S. Virgin Islands) and Andrei Kirilenko (Russia) - played in the All-Star Game last weekend.

Players who could think only of playing in the NBA as whimsical folly now have no problem snagging a passport and visa to play in New Jersey, Memphis or Los Angeles. An increasing interest in recruiting international players with

a better feel for fundamentals and up-tempo team style, coupled with the NBA steadily improving its global outreach through television broadcasts and the Internet, allows both sides to come together without a glitch.

That wasn't possible a decade ago, when children overseas had a limited vision of the NBA. Growing up in the Republic of Georgia, which borders the Black Sea between Turkey and Russia, 8-year-old Zaza Pachulia stuck posters of NBA stars Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and Rod Strickland in his room. He got them inside basketball magazines, his only connection to the NBA.

He dreamed of living large one day, not knowing that he would grow to be a talented basketball player. Signed by a professional team in Turkey at 15, Pachulia, now 20, was drafted by the Magic in the second round last June.

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