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## more than \$1 million to recruit teachers

Largest monetary gift in ECU history will benefit eastern NC

#### **TABATHA JAMES** STAFF WRITER

The demand for new teachers in the next decade far exceeds supply, with a projected two million jobs to be filled.

But Wachovia Bank Corporate has generously donated \$1.25 million to combat the shortage of rural teachers.

This is the largest corporate gift ever donated to ECU and will provide scholarships, tuition, fees and support to positions for various coordinators.

The money specifically targets rural areas east of 1-95 where the Lathum Clinical Schools Network serves Pitt County and 17 surrounding counties.

Martin Lancaster, North Carolina Community College president, and Marilyn Sheerer, college of education dean, were both in agreement that this is a very powerful vehicle for addressing the statewide crisis and are happy to have Wachovia as a partner.

Reasons for the shortage are lack of teacher mobility, inadequate induction programs, poor working conditions, the lowest unemployment in three decades and a growing salary gap between teachers and other college graduates - a difference of more than \$32,000 for experienced teachers with master's degrees.

"Right now there is a national shortage of teachers, particularly in rural areas because newer, younger teachers don't have much social life after work, and then for the teachers who might be moving in from various states and cities, there is a cultural gap they need to close," said Yokima Cureton, director of communication for ECU's college of education. To help conquer this economical and educational shortfall, the ECU college of education and North Carolina Community College System partnered to train and persuade teachers to work in rural areas.

Sen. John Kerry is joined by his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry, daughters Alex and Vanessa and stepson Chris Heinz, as he addresses supporters in Washington, D.C. last night.

### Edwards set to bow out

WASHINGTON - (KRT) Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts clinched the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesdav, election crushing rival John

tax cuts for the wealthy, expand health care to the uninsured,

cut the federal deficit in half, raise the minimum wage, oppose a constitutional New York, Rhode amendment banning gay marriage and rebuild international alliances to fight the war on terrorism.

"We can and we will win led by a 2-1 margin this election. And we will

Kerry added blowout wins in California, Connecticut, Maryland, Island and his home state of Massachusetts in early returns. In Minnesota, which held caucuses, Kerry



Known as Partnership East, the program provides education to aspiring teachers by delivering instruction to them wherever they live.

"One of the strategies that the community colleges and ECU's college of education came up with was to identify this pool of talent and keep the people and students who are already working and living in these areas here in eastern North Carolina," said Cureton.

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Edwards in a coast-to-coast primary romp and driving him from the race.

Kerry spoke with the North Carolina senator by telephone Tuesday evening and took a congratulatory call from President Bush as the two men looked ahead to their long general-election campaign against each other.

"We had a very nice conversation," Kerry said of his talk with Bush. "I said I hoped we had a great debate about the issues before the country."

Kerry said later he would offer the country a clear alter- reach voters who blame free paigning as scheduled. He native to Bush, vowing to repeal

build one America of freedom and of fairness for all," Kerry said to cheering supporters a mile down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House

he hopes to win. "Tonight, the message could not be clearer. All across our country, change is coming to America."

Kerry, 60, dealt the final blow to Edwards' fading campaign by beating him decisively in Ohio and narrowly in Georgia the two states where Edwards had hoped his downhome populist message would

trade for lost jobs.

with about a third of the vote counted.

In a surprise that had no effect on the nomination contest, failed candidate Howard Dean won a sentimental victory in his home state of Vermont. Though he quit the race Feb. 18, his name remained on the ballot in Vermont and many other states.

Edwards abandoned any fading hope of overtaking Kerry and decided to fly to his home in Raleigh, N.C., rather than continue cam-

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Kerry's victories may force Edwards out. Results California - John Kerry Connecticut - John Kerry

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Georgia - John Kerry Maryland - John Kerry Massachusetts - John Kerry Minnesota - John Kerry New York - John Kerry Ohio - John Kerry Rhode Island - John Kerry Vermont - Howard Dean

Editor's Note: All information reported current at press time

## Greenville hosts Special Rivers completion set for May Olympics basketball '04

Volunteers still needed

JASMINE D. HARRELL STAFF WRITER

More than 800 athletes from 45 counties will travel to Greenville for the North Carolina Special Olympics basketball tournament March 19 - 24.

The opening ceremony will be held at Minges Coliseum



#### North Carolina Special Olympics is the largest program of its kind in North

America and the fifth largest in the world.

Interested volunteers should call Alice Kenne or Rita Roy

Inclement weather causes delay

**KRISTIN DAY** STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty have to wait two more months to see a completed Rivers Building. Mark Myers, project manager,

planned to finish the building Feb. 27, but due to inclement weather, the completion date changed to May 6.

Myers said planning for reno-

both factors that set the completion back.

"Last spring was a very wet spring ... plus, we've had some fairly indecent weather here lately," said Myers.

The weather set the crew behind more than two months, but Rivers was never intended for students until the fall semester. The changes gave Rivers

mostly office space. "That's the main purpose of

the building ... there's one large lecture hall for 127 people," Myers said.

Myers said after they finish



and tournaments will include a three-on-three team competition at South Central High School followed by a five-on-five team competition at selected Greenville schools and parks.

Locations include Boyd Lee Park, J.H. Rose High School, Pitt Community College, D.H. Conley High School, C.M. Eppes Middle School and Wellcome Middle School.

**Nutrition Awareness** 

throughout March

#### at 830-4217.

Qualified athletes have already won their local games and regionals before going on to compete at the state level.

Athletes have been practicing year round, working on their athletic skills in preparation for the basketball tournament with the help of more than

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vations began in 2000, but the wait for bonds to pass for funding to start the project took a while, and actual construction on the building did not begin until January 2003.

Myers said many projects dedicate a year or two to planning and design, and an additional year or more could be spent in construction.

Digging and weather were

construction they need some time to finish the inside of the building. Faculty will begin to move into these offices in late May or early June.

The outside view of Rivers will be more pleasant than what students have seen over the last few semesters. The finished renovations will include a courtyard



The Rivers Building was scheduled to be finished in February 2004, but bad weather delayed completion until May 6.

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The fat in one bologna sandwich with mayonnaise contains more than half the fat recommended for one person each day. A person should drink eight to 10 cups of water every day.



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## Announcements

## **News Briefs**

#### Local Man released early from prison apologizes for new charges

GREENSBORO (AP) - A man released early from prison apologized in cour to his estranged wife and her family for a "bitter rage" that landed him in jail just a month before conditions of his release were set to expire. Kwame Cannon, 35, was released from prison in 1999 after former Gov. Jim Hunt commuted two consecutive life sentences, saying the punishment was too harsh for the burglaries he committed. Cannon was released on the condition that he not break any laws for five years. On Saturday, police charged Cannon with assault on a female, communicating threats and making harassing telephone calls.

According to police warrants, Cannon grabbed his wife, Angela Cannon, by the throat on Friday and threatened to kill her with a shotgun in a conversation with her stepmother. Police said he also threatened to send men to rape the granddaughter of Angela Cannon's friend, Karen Andrianous.

federal felony. Federal, state and local agents participate in last Thursday's searches of four Wake County and two Wilmington businesses as part of "Operation Pipecleaner."

Distributing drug paraphernalia is a

They recovered decorative and brightly colored bongs, as well as "roach" clips and miniature spoons.

### National

#### Court-appointed guardian in custody case says Chinese girl should stay with American couple

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - A 5-year-old Chinese-American girl at the center of a custody fight has bonded with the American couple who raised her from infancy and should stay with them, a court-appointed guardian said. Guardian Kim Mullins also testified Monday that she believes the

WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers has been indicted on federal charges stemming from the multibillion dollar accounting fraud at the telecommunications giant, a government official said Tuesday. The official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the charges include securities fraud.

Attorney General John Ashcroft planned a 1 p.m. news conference in New York to announce the charges, which first were reported late Monday by WNBC-TV.

Ebbers' attorney, Reid Weingarten, could not immediately be reached to comment.

Ebbers resigned from WorldCom in April 2002, well after its stock price had begun a steady decline and soon after questions began to swirl about the company's finances. Two months later. WorldCom announced it had uncovered nearly \$4 billion in hidden expenses at the beginning of

Soon after, a Sunni Muslim mosque, a television network office and several shops were set afire as Shiites rioted in parts of the city, and a shootout occurred near the scene of the initial attack, police said. Haiti's conflict moves to political front after rebels take capital to cheering crowds

explosion.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - The aftershocks of President Jean Bertrand Aristide's departure from Haiti echoed from the streets of Port-Au-Prince to Washington D.C. as rebels refused to fade into the background and accusations of a coup dogged American officials.

Baluchistan province, as hundreds

of Shiite Muslims marking the

Muharram holiday passed by,

officials said. Authorities were trying

to determine the source of the

U.S. Marines and French troops secured key sites around the capital on Monday, and rebels rolled into the capital to cheering crowds as Haiti's bloody uprising moved from the streets to the political arena. Aristide, currently in the Central African Republic, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday that he was "forced to leave" Haiti by U.S. military forces. He added that they would "start shooting and be killing" if he refused, but it was unclear if he was referring to rebels or U.S. agents. American officials dismissed Aristide's claim. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the allegations "absolutely baseless, absurd." U.S. officials acknowledged privately, however, that Aristide was told that if he remained in Haiti, U.S. forces would not protect him from the rebels. Quetta, the main city in southwest

#### **Coffee and Careers**

Career Services offers an interview workshop today 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 today.

#### Information Technology Seminar

John Mullen, vice president of sales for Dell's higher education sector, will speak on the impact of emerging technology on education today from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

### Deadline

The deadline for early registration for graduate student research is today. Contact Katrina Searcey, graduate programs coordinator at 744-2808 for more information.

### SGA Officer Filing

Filing for Student Government Association 2004-05 president, vice president, treasurer and secretary continues through Friday. Forms are available inside Mendenhall. For more information contact 328-4726.

#### Art Lecture

The Painting Guild will sponsor a lecture by Sigmund Abeles, professor Emeritus from the University of New Hampshire. Abeles works in pastels, oils and graphic media and focuses on the expressive and psychological aspects of the human figure. The lecture is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Speight Auditorium.

### **English Tag Lecture**

NC law enforcement seizes items designed to help use drugs

RALEIGH (AP) - The federal government is going on the offensive against drug paraphernalia, seizing pipes, clips and other items from a half-dozen stores in eastern North Carolina.

Federal prosecutors said Monday the searches and seizures are the first in a new campaign designed to make it harder to find materials that could entice teenagers to begin smoking marijuana.

discrimination if her birth parents are allowed to take her to China. "She is a Baker in her mind, from what I can see," Mullins told Circuit Court Judge Robert Childers. Jerry and Louise Baker, who

girl, Anna Mae, would face gender

became foster parents of Anna Mae in February 1999, are trying to adopt her over the objections of biological parents Shaoqiang and Qin He, and are suing to terminate the Hes' parental rights on grounds of abandonment. The Hes, facing legal and financial hardships, put Anna Mae in foster care less than a month after her birth in Memphis.

> Ebbers to face federal criminal charges

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former

a spiral that would become the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history. The fraud is now estimated at \$11 billion. WorldCom filed for bankruptcy July 21, 2002.

### World

At least 29 killed in attack on Shiite procession in Pakistan QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) - Armed men opened fire on Shiite Muslim worshippers during a religious procession in southwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, killing at least 29 people and wounding more than 150, authorities said. The city's mayor declared a curfew. An explosion and gunfire rang out in a congested area of

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## **Renowned literature scholar from Cornell will speak** to campus on universal impact of English language

Biodun Jeyifo chosen as 2004 Tag lectuerer

#### LATOYA TONEY STAFF WRITER

English is the third most widely spoken language in the world, and its universal impact is significant.

on African, African-American and African-Caribbean literature.

In his lecture, Jeyifo will focus on the positives and negatives of the English language and its impact in the world.

"The question of language is important," said Seodial Deena, Ph. D. and co-coordinator

of the graduate multicultural



The Tag lecture has an interesting history behind its name. Many years ago, an anonymous donor donated money on behalf of a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Tag.

The money was donated to the university to bring in



Biodun Jeyifo, English professor at Cornell University, will speak at the annual English Tag Lecture Thursday 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.

#### **Coffee and Careers**

Career Services offers a job search workshop Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

#### **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 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 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 six.

#### **Chancellor's Leadership Conference**

Interim Chancellor William Shelton and other notable speakers will give informative workshops and seminars to help improve organizations and their leaders Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Mendenhall. Student leaders and campus organizations are invited to come.

### NC Parternering Workshop

There will be a workshop on the Small Business Innovation Research/ Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, which offer more than \$2 billion a year in grant and contract funding to research-based small businesses, March 10 from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Willis Building Auditorium. There is no cost, but pre-registration is recommended.

This year's Tag lecturer Biodun Jeyifo, professor of Eng-

lish at Cornell University, will address the phenomenon in his lecture titled, "On Being Anglophone Now: Meditations on Globalization, Language and Desire."

Originally from Nigeria, Jevifo is the author of six books and more than 50 articles. He teaches courses

literature concentration Deena said English is not just a language, but a culture. It has

also become a political tool. This topic will be important to people in humanities, languages, social and natural sciences.

"It is a global world in

which we live, and many of us will never visit some of these global hotspots. But when



Simultaneous explosions ripped through crowds of worshippers **Tuesday at Shiite Muslim shrines** in Baghdad and the holy city of Karbala, killing at least 125. It was the bloodiest day since the end of major fighting.

The blasts in Iraq during the Shiite festival of Ashoura coincided with a shooting attack on Shiite worshippers in Quetta, Pakistan, that killed at least 29 people and wounded more than 150. The shootings touched off rioting in the city.

The blasts in Karbala killed 50 to 60 people, said Adel Abdel-Mahdi, a senior member of a Shiite political party represented on the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

The nearly simultaneous bombings at Baghdad's Kazimiya shrine killed at least 75 people, he said. Hundreds were wounded in both cities.

during Ashoura. Last month, U.S. officials released what they said was a letter by Jordanian militant Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi outlining a strategy of spectacular attacks on Shiites, aimed at sparking a Sunni-Shiite civil war.

The Iraqi Governing Council condemned the "evil and terrorism that targets Iraqi unity and seeks to enflame divisions among the people" in a statement read by a grim-faced Adnan Pachachi, a Sunni Muslim on the council. Abdel-Mahdi said the Bagh-

dad blasts were believed to have been caused by bombs, possibly planted or carried by suicide attackers.

The Karbala blasts, he added. were believed caused by mortar shells.

Council member Mouafak allances raced to the scene. Rubaie said there were Iranians Crowds of enraged survivors among those killed in Karbala, swarmed nearby hospitals, some but gave no exact figures. Grand blaming Americans for stirring up Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, will shortly issue a statement appealing for calm after the attacks, al-Rubaie said. Abdel-Mahdi belongs to the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, SCIRI, led U.S. intelligence officials by Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim. Abdel- then trying to storm the gates. Sistani representative in Basra, in Mahdi routinely represents al-

national and international speakers for the scholarship of faculty and students.

The free lecture, sponsored by the Multicultural Graduate Literature Concentration of the English department, is open to all and begins Thursday at 7 p.m. in 1031 Bate. A reception will follow.

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sessions. SCIRI security officials

loaded onto wooden carts nor-

mally used to ferry elderly pil-

grims to holy sites. Bodies ripped

apart by the force of the blasts lay

explosions went off inside and

outside of Baghdad's Kazimiya

shrine, which contains the tombs

of two other saints. Panicked men

and women, dressed in black, fled

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At about the same time, three

Shiite shrines in Iraq.

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Neyifo

KARBALA, Iraq (AP) — the possibility of militant attacks Hakim at Governing Council and fired shotguns into the air to drive the mob off.

are known to be active in policing The Ashoura festival, which marks the killing of Hussein in The attacks in the two cities a 7th century battle, is the most took place nearly simultaneously important religious period in Shiite Islam and draws hundreds of thouas tens of thousands of Shiite pilgrims gathered for Ashoura, the sands of pilgrims from Iraq, Iran, holiest day in the Shiite religious Pakistan and other Shiite communities to the Iraqi shrines. Dead and wounded were

Iran condemned the blasts as "terrorist" and "vicious" attacks, according to Iranian state radio. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said the United States and its allies are "responsible for security" for the pilgrims at Karbala and in Baghdad.

In Beirut, a spokesman for Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, blamed American soldiers for the attacks, saying they were responsible for the security. Sheik Hamed Khafaf said U.S. officials

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#### Spring Break

Spring Break begins Sunday, March 14. Classes resume Monday, March 22.

#### **Community Service Scholarship**

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Greenville is accepting applications for a \$500 community service scholarship. Applicants should be Pitt County residents, female, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and are or will be attending Pitt County Community College or ECU. The application deadline is April 16. Contact Shelly Townsend at 341-0363 for more information.

#### ECU Child of Faculty Scholarship

Current or accepted ECU students who are children of active or retired faculty qualify for the \$1,600 ECU Retired Faculy Association Undergraduate Scholarship. Applicants must have a projected or actual collegiate GPA of 3.0 and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Applications are due by April 9. Contact Vicky Morris at 328-9573 for more information.

#### **Paper Person**

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Anne-Stuart Huffman sophomore communication major.

The attacks sparked a wave of Shiite outrage - much of it directed at U.S. troops in the Iraqi capital. American soldiers who arrived at Kazimiya were attacked by angry crowds throwing stones and garbage, injuring two Americans.

have long been concerned about

### Election from page A1

was expected to announce his decision to leave the race in a speech there Wednesday afternoon at a high school that his children attended, according to sources close to him who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Appearing before supporters in Atlanta even before polls closed in California, Edwards congratulated Kerry without formally conceding.

"He's run a strong, powerful campaign," Edwards said. "He's been an extraordinary advocate of causes all of us believe in."

religious tensions by launching the war, others blaming al-Qaida or Sunni extremists.

Stone-throwing Iraqis attacked Army medics trying to help wounded at Kazimiya, driving the U.S. troops back into their high-walled compound Soldiers threw smoke grenades southern Iraq.

had ignored repeated requests to bolster security for the pilgrims.

"Those behind this painful incident have no links with Islam ... the criminal who target innocents and Muslims in this holy place and on this pure land is not a Muslim," said Ali Abdul-Karim al-Safi al-Musawi, an al-



area between Austin and Rivers. In 2001, North Carolina residents voted and passed a \$3 billion bond.

ECU received \$195 million of the bond for the major construction projects currently on campus and more than \$9 million from this bond went to construction of the Rivers building.

Myers said authorization, which includes designer fees and other standard needs for construction, cost more than \$11 million.

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Kerry returned the kind expected to lose every state sentiments, apparently hoping Tuesday, including their to dispel talk of a chilly relaown. tionship. He called Edwards Sharpton said he wasn't in

"remarkably gracious" and said the race to win the nominahe "brings a compelling voice tion but to pitch his liberal to our party." agenda. A total of 1,151 delegates

He also called Edwards, 50, "a valiant champion of were at stake in the 10 states: the values for which our party stands." Edwards was the last realis-

tic challenger to Kerry for the nomination.

The only other remaining candidates Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York were

California, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont.

With Kerry's nomination now a foregone conclusion, both parties signaled an immediate start of the general election campaign.

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Sept. 11 federal panel convenes to push Bush meeting, Rice testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal panel reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks has scheduled interviews with former President Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore this month but is struggling to get similar cooperation from President Bush and administration officials.

Members of the bipartisan commission said they were considering a subpoena to force the public testimony of national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. She has declined to appear at the panel's two-day hearing later this month.

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back in the court of public opinion and appeal to the administration for them to reconsider their first stand," said commissioner Timothy Roemer, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana.

"If we don't get that kind of cooperation, compelling Dr. Rice to come before us is an option." The White House said Tues-

day that Rice's testimony was a 🕏 constitutional issue of separation of powers.

"As a matter of law and practice, White House staff have not testified before legislative bodies," National Security Council spokesman Sean McCormack said. "This is not a matter of Dr.

Rice's preferences."

The 10-member commission also requested private meetings with Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney about what the administration knew before the attacks, potentially a sensitive subject in an election year.

While Clinton and Gore have consented to public questioning without a time constraint, Bush and Cheney have agreed only to private, separate, one-hour meetings with the commission's chairman and vice chairman, instead of the full panel.

The commission was meeting Tuesday to discuss options as it seeks to hold private interviews with the four officials before its

In November 2002, President Bush signed legislation creating a new independent commission to investigate the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and named former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, left, to lead the panel.

next hearing. The interviews with Clinton and Gore were scheduled for "the next couple of weeks," the commission said.

The latest dispute also comes as the panel seeks additional time from Congress to complete its work. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., agreed Friday to support extending the panel's deadline to July 26, clearing the way for Congress to formally approve legislation this week. The panel was scheduled to

finish its work on May 27. The commission and its supporters wanted a two-month extension of both dates, but met resistance among House GOP leaders, partly because of concern that a final report would

get entangled with presidential election politics. Hastert's proposal would not

give the commission any time to wind down its business, a period during which commissioners lobby for implementation of their recommendations on how to prevent future terror attacks and declassify information for public release.

the Sept. 11 attacks took seven months to declassify information, a process that involves White House approval.

Under the current deadline, the commission has a 60-day period to wind down.

The Senate bill would give it just 30 days.

The chairman and vice chairman of the commission, former New Jersey Republican Gov. Thomas H. Kean and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., planned to meet separately with Hastert

on Tuesday to push for a longer wind-down period.

"We're very hopeful that we can find a way with the House bill and the Senate bill to come together," said commission spokesman Al Felzenberg.

At the panel's next hearing A congressional inquiry into on counterterrorism policy, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell are to testify, as well as their counterparts in the Clinton administration, William Cohen and Madeleine Albright.

Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, also is to appear at that open session, which commission officials say will be unprecedented in its review of high-level officials in Clinton and Bush administrations.



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NEW YORK (AP) - Maintainperson of a ing her grim poker face, Martha Stewart sat quietly as prosecutors borrowed some of the homemaking icon's methodical approach said in carefully pulling together their case for the jury hearing sberg.

her stock trial. "Martha Stewart probably thought she would never get caught," said prosecutor Michael Schachter during closing arguments Monday. But she "left

behind a trail of evidence." Schachter said that trail never would included contradictory statehave risked his ments, an altered phone log career for the and the testimony of brokerage assistant Douglas Faneuil, a pros-Stewart trade, which earned ecution witness who undercut him just \$450

Stewart and her broker, Peter in commis-Bacanovic, face nine federal sions.

The broker counts related to the sale of about taking such a \$225,000 worth of ImClone risk "makes no Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before the stock tanked

on news that the government declined to review the firm's cancer drug. While Stewart is not charged with insider trading, the government says she lied to investigators about the sale.

Stewart's story.

Schachter tried to dismantle the centerpiece of the pair's defense - they had struck a deal before Dec. 27 to sell Stewart's shares when ImClone stock dropped below \$60. The prosecutor called the story "phony," "silly" and "simply an after-thefact cover story." Following Schachter's presentation, Bacanovic lawyer Richard Strassberg attacked Faneuil's credibility for more than two hours, even alluding to the Academy Awards and suggesting he was acting on the





Stewart faces nine federal charges for \$225,000 in sales of ImClone stock.

#### sense," Strassberg said.

Strassberg was to continue his closing argument Tuesday morning. Later in the day, Stewart's lawyer was to present his. Jurors are expected to begin deciding the case Wednesday.

"It's such a heart warming

Strassberg spent more than two hours attacking the credibility of Faneuil, Bacanovic's former assistant who said he passed a tip that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal and his family were dumping the stock from Bacanovic to Stewart. Faneuil and the government have a cooperation agreement - clear motive for him to "shade the truth," Strassberg said. Strassberg insisted Faneuil was star-struck by Stewart, and suggested it was he who came up with the idea to tell Stewart about the Waksal selling. "He lies by just twisting a few little facts, a few key facts," this based solely on the worst Strassberg said.

about why she had sold the stock, Schachter said.

> Stewart and Bacanovic concocted the \$60 cover story because "they saw the facts as plainly as you do," Schachter said.

"They know it looked as bad as it actually was."



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"But those facts are crucial." Earlier, Schachter listed inconsistencies - mistakes, he called them - in the stories Stewart and Bacanovic told federal

investigators looking into the

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witness stand. "You can't prove a case like

claimed they had the \$60 conversation on Dec. 20, 2001. But Stewart placed it with the Merrill Lynch & Co. broker in late October or early November.

And Schachter took jurors back to Jan. 31, 2002, four days before Stewart was first questioned about ImClone, when she allegedly tampered with a log of a message Bacanovic had left her the day she sold.

Stewart quickly ordered her assistant to restore the message to its original wording, according to the assistant's testimony. But the fact that she altered it at all is evidence she was worried

After U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum dismissed the top count of securities fraud last week, jurors were

left with charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators. The remaining counts

against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, although federal sentencing guidelines could mean a sentence of just a year or so if she is convicted on all counts. The charges against Bacanovic carry 25 years, but the guidelines would similarly reduce his sentence.

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### Olympics from page A1

#### 250 coaches.

At least 400 volunteers are expected to attend, but because the March Olympics interfere with ECU's Spring Break coordinators are concerned they will not have enough volunteers.

Volunteers can choose from director of recreational services. a variety of tasks such as cheer teams, court assistance, check-in,

set up and score keeping. Other experience."

Mize said volunteering is a options will also be available. great opportunity to watch ath-"[Special Olympics] gives letes most people have not had them an opportunity to excel the opportunity to see. In addias athletes, and I think besides benefiting participants, the tion, the athletes love people to real benefit is for the volunteers come out to experience the event and provide support. to have the opportunity to work with athletes," said Nance Mize,

Volunteers receive a 2004 Special Olympics North Carolina Basketball Tournament T-shirt

and lunch if they volunteer all day on Saturday.

Special Olympics, which began in 1968, provides training and competition opportunities for people with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities.

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# Supreme Court revisits claim of censorship

WASHINGTON (AP) - Kids, don't try this at home.

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The Bush administration's top Supreme Court lawyer says he typed the words "free porn" into an Internet search engine on his home computer and got a list of more than 6 million Web sites.

That's proof, Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the Supreme Court on Tuesday, of the need for a law protecting said. children from a tide of online smut.

Internet porn is "persistent and unavoidable," Olson told the court, and government has a strong interest in shielding teenagers and younger children from it.

The problem, as the Supreme Court has observed before, is

A federal appeals court struck down the law twice, on separate constitutional grounds, and it is now before the Supreme Court for a second time.

The law, known as COPA, was \$50,000. a replacement for a broader law that the Supreme Court rejected as unconstitutional in 1997.

Congress retooled the law to address the high court's free speech concerns, Olson

Several justices weren't buying it.

"It seems to me this is very sweeping," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said at one point.

If porn sellers are flouting the existing laws about obscenity, perhaps the government should go after them more aggressively,

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

material that is harmful to children within their unrestricted online reach. Violators can face six months in jail and civil and criminal penalties of

The law is meant to go after the really bad guys, Oison argued. He suggested that the American Civil Liberties Union and other opponents of the law are crying wolf.

It's the government that is being unrealistic, ACLU lawyer Ann Beeson countered.

The law "criminalizes a depiction or description of nudity, or even a description of the female breast," Beeson told the justices.

The ACLU challenged the law on behalf of online bookstores,



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that a lot of dirty pictures are constitutionally protected free speech that adults have the right to see and buy. Children don't have the same rights, but kids and adults alike can surf the Web.

Porn is "as easily available to children as a television remote," Olson told the justices as he defended a 1998 law that Congress meant as a firewall to shield children.

The Child Online Protection Act has never taken effect.

suggested. The Bush administration has brought 21 indictments in

two years alleging that Web site operators and others crossed the line from acceptable smut to illegal obscenity, Olson told the court.

"With such a vast array of sites, there are so few prosecutions," O'Connor said. "It's just amazing."

COPA would make it a crime for commercial Web site operators to knowingly place

artists and others, including operators of Web sites that offer explicit how-to sex advice or health information.

Among them is Mitch Tepper, whose Web site dispenses very specific instructions to help the disabled enjoy sex. One article E he has posted online is titled

"Handsfree Whoopie."

Tepper risks jail time if some prosecutor somewhere finds his material "harmful to minors," the ACLU argued. COPA gives no absolute definition of

Easy access to Internet porn has been questioned due to harmful effects on children.

what is "harmful to minors," leaving that in part to "the average person, applying contemporary community standards." The ACLU maintains

that the community standards test is meaningless when applied to the far-flung Internet, but the Supreme Court ruled two years ago that that

claim is not enough, on its own, to make the law unconstitutional. The high court is expected to issue a more definitive ruling by summer.

## California votes on Schwarzenegger's plan to rescue budget

LOS ANGELES (AP) -With California's fiscal health and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's political standing hanging in the balance, voters decided Tuesday whether to approve \$15 billion in borrowing to bail out the state budget.

Schwarzenegger has used his celebrity and his political capital to try to build support for the bond measure, the ceterpiece of his plan to solve the state's financial woes without what he warned would be "Armageddon" budget cuts or higher taxes.

The bond measure the electorate nation's largest ever to to communicate and take appear on a statewide matters directly to the ballot would be used to refinance California's debt and Allan Hoffenblum. "Should help close next year's budget he lose on Tuesday, it gap.

Proposition 57 was seen as the biggest test yet of Schwarzenegger's influence with the voters who swept him into office in a recall election just five months ago.

"One of the reasons Schwarzenegger is wielding so much political influence is borrowing in the future his perceived impact on the and create a state reserve

his ability people," said GOP strategist could weaken his ability to The success or failure of do that on other matters in the future."

A recent California Field Poll showed 50 percent of voters in favor of the bond measure, 36 percent opposed and 14 percent undecided.

A companion measure, Proposition 58, would restrict fund. Both had to pass Tuesday for either to take effect.

Schwarzenegger voted Tuesday morning in a recreation center near his Brentwood home. "It is very important for people to support this because it will save the state and it

will get us back on track to fiscal recovery," he said. The governor has been

barnstorming the state in support of the bond measure.

Last week, the movie star-turned-governor held a rally at Universal Studios with actor Rob Lowe and threw T-shirts to supporters. On

Monday, he went to Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" to tout the bond measure a longside the man he ousted former Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

Backers have warned of a potential financial meltdown if the bond fails, though the state still has possibility of a backup \$10.7 billion bond issue now in the courts on a legal challenge.

State lawmakers can also roll \$14 billion in shortterm state debt into the new fiscal year, as they have done the past two years.

Two other issues are on the ballot. Proposition 55 would sell \$12.3 billion in bonds to pay for new and improved schools, and Proposition 56 would lower to 55 percent the support needed in the Legislature to pass a budget. Currently, budgets need at least two-thirds support.

The deficit bond and school bond issues would raise California's long-term debt to about \$59 billion and earmark more than 6 percent of the state's annual budget for interest payments.

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**Our View** 

Celebrities like Winona Ryder, O.J. Simpson, But no Martha Stewart and Michael Jackson have all appeared in the media for their successes

REPERT. In My Opinion In My Opinion Marriage is a privilege, A nation at war

not a right Allowing gay marriage could have snowball effect

ANTHONY MCKEE **OPINION COLUMNIST** 

President George Bush did the right thing when he announced support for a Constitutional Amendment that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

There never has been a "right' to marry. Marriage is a privilege, not a right.

The issue and the stakes are about the institution of marriage and not changing its definition just because it suits somebody's needs at the moment.

If we allow marriage to be defined by current social "sensitivities," there will be no right to deny marriage to other non-traditional groups. Once we start down that road, there's no telling what we as a society will be forced to recognize as "marriage." There are prohibitions against marrying direct family members. Fathers cannot marry daughters, mothers their sons, brothers and sisters cannot wed, even first cousins are barred from marriage. If we change the definition of marriage to allow same sex couples to marry, would we have the right to deny familial weddings? What about multiple spouses? If same sex couples are allowed to wed, how can we prevent people from marrying multiple partners? I speak not just of a man marrying more than one woman. Women would have to be allowed to marry more than one man. Come to think of it, men would be allowed to marry more than one man, and women would be allowed to have multiple wives also. Why not? Marriage is whatever we define it as, right? But let's not stop there. All current laws governing statutory rape and pedophilia would eventually have to be thrown out. Why, you ask? Because sex with children would have to be legalized. Adults would be allowed to marry children no matter what their age. Everybody knows that sex before marriage is expected so any adult/child relationships would have to be condoned.



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for the legalization of not only adult/child sex, but man/boy sex specifically.

They are practicing pedophiles and are proud of it. Their Web site sings the praises of men "loving" boys. These "relationships" would eventually have to

Pre-emption is dangerous precedent for America

PETER KALAJIAN STAFF WRITER

When Coalition military forces invaded Iraq in March 2003, the war-hawks in the Bush administration ushered in a dangerous new era in American foreign policy.

In his first speech to an American public, still reeling from the horror of Sept. 11, Bush outlined a plan which was designed to root out terror "all over the globe" and gave a frightening ultimatum to the rest of the world: You're either with us or against us.

Sure, the rhetoric sounded great to an American people bent on revenge for the shock of the World Trade Center bombing and the renewed danger of international terrorism, but the political nuts and bolts of this policy were given much less thought than the immediate pos-

turing of a super-power after an



the 9-11 hijackers in the use of explosive and combat tactics. Bin Laden received the majority of the military training for his group of fanatics from John Q. American Taxpayer.

When it was over and the Afghan resistance had succeeded in expelling the Soviet invaders, they turned their attention to the West.

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of their celebrity status? witnesses

Both Ryder and Simpson have appeared negasay, and no tively in the media during their careers. matter what

Ryder was arrested for shoplifting at a Saks the crime, Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills. Simpson was accused of brutally murdering his wife, will we really Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron see either of Goldman.

these famous Even though there was an overwhelming amount of evidence in each of these cases, faces behind both celebrities were spared jail time. bars?

> We cannot help but wonder, if the same accusations and evidence were charged to the face and name of an average citizen, would the outcome be the same?

> Could someone that shoplifted more than \$3,000 worth of merchandise, molested children or murdered their wife really get away with all these things if there name was not associated with the latest movie or the best song?

> For celebrities like Jackson and Stewart, whose cases still await a verdict, opinions about their guilt or innocence are splattered all over the media.

NAMBLA, the North Ameri-

be condoned.

Are you beginning to see the problem?

I can almost hear the outraged cries as you read this of "This would never happen!" Really? One of the arguments for recognizing same sex marriage is that "other countries are enlightened enough to recognize/allow it." Well, guess what?

Every situation that I have described is practiced in at least one other country on this planet, as NAMBLA and several polygamy Web sites are quick to point out. Still don't think it can happen?

The most divisive issue of our time, morally, ethically and socially, is abortion. It started as being allowed only if the mother's life was in immediate danger and there was absolutely no alternative.

Abortion has now progressed to where a baby can be killed by sticking a needle in its skull at the moment of birth.

Incidentally, this procedure has been used by the Communist Chinese as a forced population control measure for years.

Makes you wonder where the abortion rights people got the idea – but that's for another article.

I believe that any attempt to change the Constitution should never be taken lightly. However, if there was ever a reason to do so, this is it. The sanctity of the

unprecedented attack. For decades leading up to Sept. 11, the U.S. military had operated under a policy of "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" and had engaged in military and diplomatic operations to support this doctrine. Unfortunately, the enemy of our enemy is very often not our friend.

Many of the groups and individuals the United States supported with this ideal later came to pose the greatest perceived threats to American national security, both at home and abroad.

The Bush administration's military forays into places like Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East are direct results of the diplomatic miscalculations made by past administrations.

In the wake of Sept. 11, the American people were looking for someone to blame - a face, a name, one particular organization where we could point our collective fingers and say, "It was them. They hit us, now we must hit them."

For many people, including myself, that face belonged to Osama Bin Laden and his worldwide terror net, al Qaeda.

The U.S. Navy launched immediate cruise missile attacks on the third world nation of Afghanistan with the intention of removing the pro-Bin Laden fundamentalist Taliban regime there and it worked. In short order, the mighty American military machine had removed the Taliban from power and had begun the long process of reconstruction, but Bin Laden remained elusive. When Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and President Bush spoke of the war in Afghanistan, they failed to inform the American people of the reality of the situation. In 1985, when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan to prop up the Communist puppet regime in Kabul, the Central Intelligence Agency went on a spending spree, siphoning billions of tax dollars through the Pakistani Intelligence Service to - who else - Bin Laden and his revolutionary mujahadeen.

Iraq is another perfect example of short-sighted American foreign policy coming back to haunt us. During the war between Iraq and Iran during the 1980s, the Reagan administration decided that this evil dictator, a man who had murdered thousands of his own people with nerve gas attacks and executed thousands more as political dissidents, should be on the American payroll.

He was the enemy of our enemy, Iran, a nation which had installed a fundamentalist Muslim government in the 1979 revolution and had from then on been hostile to the West.

Again, the United States supplied Saddam Hussein with billions in military and economic aid and weapons of war that would otherwise have been beyond his reach.

The war between Iraq and Iran ended in stalemate in 1988 when the Iraqi government once again became hostile to the United States. A little more than two years later, Hussein's army, strengthened by American hardware and foreign aid, invaded Kuwait and started the first Gulf War.

The American diplomatic ethos of forced cooperation and political coersion, unfortunately for us, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. By forcing other nations - either through economic sanctions or outright military threats - to cooperate in our "War on Terror," we further alienate the people of those nations and create the very threat we are trying to counteract. By stationing American ground forces on Holy Muslim soil in Saudi Arabia and forcing national democratization in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States is creating international hatred for the American government and consequently stirring up support for the "evildoers," as President Bush so eloquently refers to them. This perceived international campaign to bully and cajole our "allies" into cooperating with us in the "War on Terror," in the end, will accomplish very little other than ensuring half-hearted cooperation and ferment increased hatred for Americans. The Bush administration has succeeded, through military and economic coercion and governmental imperialism, in creating more terrorists and terrorist sympathizers than any recruitment campaign by al-Qaeda could ever hope.

But no matter what the evidence and witnesses say, and no matter what the crime, will we really see either of these famous faces behind bars?

Celebrities not only have the money to afford the best attorneys, but they also have that "larger than life" image that average citizens lack.

No one could really picture Stewart calling a prison cell "home," or Winona Ryder decked out in a prison uniform.

Celebrities only play these parts on-screen, not in real life.

The purpose of TEC's opinion pages is to invoke conversation in ECU's community. To respond to an opinion on this page, please send your letter, with your contact information for verification, to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

can Man Boy Love Association, has for years been advocating

institution of marriage must be protected.

looking constantly at the sky.

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the Minor Planet Center, located in

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## In My Opinion loo close an encounter

(KRT)—Feel that breeze? Something just passed by. Good thing, too.

This something was an asteroid. And scientists were so worried about it in mid-January that they came within nine hours of calling President Bush.

The chance that a big asteroid will strike within any person's lifetime is exceedingly small. But we ought to have something better in place than the current loose confederation of scientists that is the main lookout.

About Jan. 13, that informal system - which relies on scientists' brains and cooperation, rather than an alert algorithm - didn't work too well. Thanks to an asteroid named 2004 AS1, that system is being reviewed.

> All sorts of astronomers are no other choice.

The United States supplied the Muslim fundamentalists with sophisticated weaponry and advanced military training.

We funded the construction of the training camps, which would be used 15 years later to educate



- This month is National Collision Awareness Month.

- Today is I Want You to Be Happy Day and Stop the Bad Service Day.

- On this day in 1991, Los Angeles Police severely beat Rodney King while being videotaped.

## Announcements

#### Films

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

#### **Recital Concert**

The students of Ara Gregorian will perform in a recital at 7 p.m. today in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

#### Swash Improv

The Student Union presents a performance by the ECU Swash Improv Group at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free for students.

#### **Organ** Class

The School of Music presents Master Class with a Master Teacher featuring Wilma Jensen, a distinguished guest organist. The event runs from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 401 E. Fourth St. This event is free to students and Eastern Carolina American Guild of Organist members. Others should call 328-1261 for ticket information.

#### Jazz at Night

Broadway show to be performed in Wright Auditorium

**BETH GUNDERSON** SENIOR WRITER

Russell Simmons' "Def Poetry Jam" started out as an HBO special but grew in popularity to Broadway Show in 2003 for Best Theatrical Event.

"Def Poetry Jam" is a performance of eight poets from different backgrounds giving their audience a striking experience.

"It is poetry with a beat - very expressive - can make you laugh Union president.

The type of poetry is generally referred to as "slam poetry."

"[Slam poetry] is a mixture between hip-hop and poetry," said Thomas Doyle, Student Union Spectrum Committee chair.

The Student Union has been hosting slam poetry contests. for three years, resulting in its growing popularity.

"I am also a big fan of the HBO show," Crouse said. Crouse attempted to bring

the show to ECU after he had

a friend see it on Broadway. Crouse went on to say that the performance in Wright Auditorium is the same program on Broadway, yet it's brought to the ECU community at a much cheaper price.

On Broadway, tickets can cost as much as \$70, but the Student Union is bringing this opportunity to ECU students for only \$5.

"I think it is a great cultural become a Tony Award winning opportunity for ECU and can give ECU students a chance to explore a different side of life," said Adrienne Battle, sophomore communication major.

Eight performers from many different areas will grace the stage of Wright Auditorium on Monday, March 8, including Beau Sia, Black Ice, Mayda Del Valle, or cry," said Lisa Crouse, Student Flaco Navaja, Georgia Me, Suheir Hammad, Poetri and DJ Jedi. It is directed by Stan Lathan.

Sia is an original cast member featured on all of the Russell Simmons' "Def Poetry Jam" specials on HBO.

He is a Chinese American from Oklahoma City who moved to New York mons' Def Jam records. He has City to further his career. He has been on two national since 1994. championship slam poetry teams and also has several published books of poetry. Sia also has two her own writing in high school. spoken-word CDs.

After college, she moved to New Black Ice was born in Phila-York City and won a poetry slam



Russell Simmons' popular slam poetry will be performed at ECU.

"I wanna be read, loved, memorized. I wanna be a poem that changes lives," -Suheir Hammad

#### Def Jam Poet

delphia and honed his skills contest without ever performing there. Simmons himself discovpoetry competitively before. ered him in a New York café and

Navaja was born and raised in the Bronx and over the past seven years has performed his poetry in a variety of places.

He is also an actor and a member of a theatre group.

Meisfrom Atlanta, Ga. and has Valle is a native of Chicago's South Side and began performing performed at many of the clubs in the area.

> She is also a wellsee DEF JAM page A8

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The Student Union presents Jazz at Night at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 5 in the Mendenhall Great Room.

### **Musical Performance**

Ara Gregorian, violin, Paul Tardiff, piano and Christopher Grymes, clarinet, present music by Bach, Stravinsky, Janacek and Franck at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 5 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

### Early Music Ensemble

The School of Music presents an Early Music Ensemble at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This event is free.

## **Top Fives**



### Top five movies



2.50 First Dates

4. Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen 5. Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights

### Top five singles

"Yeah!," Usher featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris 2. "The Way You Move," OutKast featuring Sleepy Brown



3. "Toxic," Britney Spears 4. "Hey ya!," OutKast 5. "With You," Jessica Simpson

### Top five albums

Feels Like Home, Norah Jones



Students have trouble with time management

TOMEKA STEELE STAFF WRITER As college students, we should realize the importance of time management, but some of us rarely master the skill. Instead, we procrastinate, party and only find time to study the and include test dates and quiz could manage your time effi- when projects and homework ciently, excelling in academics would be a breeze. Planning the best way to organize what you need and want to do to increase accomplishments is time management. Students have to balance classes, study time, family, friends and jobs. It may seem like a student can never find the time to focus on studies. Students should realize that the number one reason we are in college is to receive an edu- tive. cation. Thus, our grades should be our first priority. self-discipline - sacrificing up time you never knew you something you'd rather do for had. Keep track of meetings something that may not be fun and interviews because it's but will help in the long run. The first step to time man-

agement is prioritizing. The best way to prioritize is

to make lists. Choose which things are important and do those first.

erasable calen-An dar is an excellent way to accomplish this. The calendar should be out in the open, constantly visible. Since college students have weekly classes, it's better to go on a weekly schedule than a daily schedule. Go through class syllabuses night before an exam. If you dates on the calendar. Include Watson is willing to take the are due. Since they'll be in plain view everyday, it will be harder to forget something. The second step to good time management is effective scheduling. When making a schedule for classes, be aware of how much time there is between classes. This will prevent being excessively late. It isn't a great idea to have an overload of classes in one day because your mind can't stay atten-Scheduling meals is important as well. Plan when to eat Time management takes and stick to it. This will open

## Kellin Watson visits Pirate Underground

Concert part of Women's History Month

Black Ice became the first spoken-

word artist to be signed to Sim-

been performing spoken-word

ADAM PARR STAFF WRITER

Kellin Watson will play her first show ever in Greenville on March 6 at 9 p.m.

Watson is playing as part of ECU's celebration of Women's History Month, which happens all month long. Though she is flattered to be given the opportunity, Watson is quick to point out that her involvement is not an indication of her musical style.

"It's not like I'm a feminist or anything. It's music for anyone who can relate to it," Watson said.

Watson is based out of western North Carolina, where most of her performing has taken place. Thankfully, she caught the ear of someone at ECU and we are fortunate to be one of her stops as she tackles this side of the state for the first time.

The 22-year-old singer-songwriter will catch the ear - if not the eye - of even the most casual music fan. An absolutely velvety voice punctuates a collection of catchy, comfortable songs, which have a soulful complexity well beyond her years. She has the bluesy, bittersweet quality that makes Norah Jones so great, but chances that Jones won't, making it overall a much more satisfying experience. She does it with an easygoing confidence that is truly hard to believe. Watson will be playing to promote her first solo album, Paper Birds, released in December. She has provided her vocal talent for two previous albums she made with her now-producer, Chris Lee, before striking out on her own. Paper Birds expresses a charmed wisdom that Watson imparts graciously. "It's about following what you want to do, trying to experience life." On the subject of the album title, she says simply "When you create something, you have to be willing to let it go." In, the midst of so much praise, it would be unfair to mention that she has had some prac-







Kellin Watson

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tice. Watson grew up in a musical family in which her father played guitar for Bruce Couburn, among others. Watson picked it up and ran with it, started performing at age three and started writing on her own when she was 13. "It was just kind of a natural thing for me to do. I was always around music," Watson said. Not only has her upbringing provided a productive atmosphere, but it seems that greatness runs in her blood - her third cousin is bluegrass legend Doc Watson. "That's the first thing most people ask about, and it's really not my style of music - but it's still pretty cool," Watson said. After Greenville, Watson will be making stops in Raleigh and Chapel Hill before heading back to western North Carolina. That's where the plan stops; however, for this young musician, the future seems bright no matter what lay ahead.

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"You have to do what you want to do, and just have the feeling that it is all going to work out in the end," Watson said.

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# Campus club dedicated to anime culture, films

SAGA views Japanese anime films weekly

#### LAURA KEELING STAFF WRITER

If you are interested in the world of Japanese anime and would like to join a club at ECU as an extracurricular activity, then SAGA is the club for you. SAGA is an acronym for School of Anything Goes Anime. This club specializes in both camaraderie and the screening of Japanese anime films.

The group consists of about 15 - 30 people.

"People come and go, but we are a happy little family," said Amara Dumlao, SAGA president.

The club was founded in 1996 by two ECU alumni, Brian Perry and Andre Germain.

"It was an attempt to give more Japanese culture to the masses. This was before anime was really known about in America," Dumlao said.

executive committee, then you can help pick which film is going to be shown every week.

"I think the fact that people who belong to SAGA are really close-knit, spreading the culture and a welcoming place for all individuals....is really what it's all about," Dumlao said.

Those who are a part of the club have a unique interest in anime as a hobby. Many of the members are also involved with Japanese classes or Asian history. Anime is a big part of the customs and traditions in Japan and other Asian countries.

"The earliest Japanese animation was by individual film hobbyists inspired by American and European pioneer animators. The first three Japanese cartoons were one-reelers of one to five minutes each in 1917," said Fred Patten in his article "A Capsule History of Anime" on Awh.com.

"Animation of the 1920s ran from one to three reels. A few were imitations of foreign cartoons, such as the Felix the Cat series, but most were dramatizations of Oriental folk tales in traditional Japanese art styles."



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ECU School of Anything Goes Anime

221 Mendenhall Student Center.

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These films interest many and are a taste of Japanese art.

If you are interested in joining this club, they ask for a small \$6 donation as an entrance fee and for your participation.

The club will not only stimulate the mind in a journey through the world of anime, but it gives the opportunity to make new friends and be with people that share a love or hobby of the anime world. Each member can connect on this level with people

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A typical meeting, held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall Student Center, consists of a presentation of a Japanese anime film. If you are on the

that share their own mind's eve with others, creating a spark of culture in this small group.

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### Time from page A6

extremely unprofessional to forget or be late.

Setting time aside for studying and completing homework is essential for effective time management.

calendar as well. Look over class notes once a day until the test.

Even if it's only 15 minutes a day, reading over the notes will put that information into long-term memory. This cuts down cramming tremendously.

When an assignment is given out, it's best to complete that assignment the same day.

This way, you can study for that subject and complete the assignment simultaneously, which prevents the tendency to forget about it.

"I don't really have a plan for managing my time. There never seems to be enough time in the day. I have learned

to write assignments down and I do those things first. That saves me a lot of time," said Tiffany Kenner, sophomore communication major.

Making note cards for sub-Write out study times on the jects with a lot of information is a good way to cut down on study time.

Instead going of through pages and pages of notes, simply whip through note cards two or three times and be done with studying that subject for the day.

Set aside time to do the things you enjoy. Go hang out with friends and attend parties only when studying assignments and are completed.

An important rule in time management is not to take on more than you can handle: Know your limitations and stick to the set schedule.

Long-term projects can be brokendownintosmallerpieces.



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Do a little at a time. This goes for studying as well. Instead of studying for four straight hours, break it up into two hours at a time with a large break in between for something else.

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American Match



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The only recurring thought I had after last night's episode of "American Idol" was, "How in the world did Lisa Wilson make it to the semi-finals?" She stunk in the auditions, she forgot her lines in the quarterfinals and last night she pathetically screamed her way through what was supposed to be a rendition of Melissa Ethridge's "Come to My Window." Paula, Randy and Simon - what were you thinking?

It's a tough pick to say who will go on to the next round. I really like Heather Piccinni and John Stevens' voices, but I think their song selection will prevent them from moving on. Expect Hawaiian Jasmine Trias and smooth crooner George Huff to advance tonight.



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Heather Piccinini's version of "New Attitude" left much to be desired. In comparison to Kimberly Caldwell, with whom she was associated with in the auditions, Piccinini cannot stand her ground.

George Huff blew away the competition. I completely agree with Randy's comment: Huff is "the best male performer this competition has seen."

Lisa Wilson's performance was atrocious. It was painful for me to listen to her arrangement of "Come to My Window" as she screamed each note.

My picks for the next round are, without a doubt, George Huff and John Stevens.





The only part of last nights competition that could even be considered good entertainment was when Simon Cowell told Ryan Seacrest if he had any talent, he would be a billionaire instead of a thousandaire. Good entertainment.

In terms of singing, last night's contestants left little to be desired — my only desire is that next week will include singers that can actually carry a tune. Week four's best contestants made me cringe. Watching "American Idol" actually felt like a chore, and I couldn't wait until it was over - for thee contestants sake and mine.

However, the competition must go on. The most tolerable two of the night were 17-year-old Mililani, HI native Jasmine Trias and 22-year-old New Orleans, LA native George Huff, expect them to move on to the top 12.

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## Filmmaker brings personal side to fast food

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(KRT)—The red-haired clown with a larger-than-life smile has welcomed generations of children to McDonald's. But the bloated mug of a filmmaker soon could scare away healthconscious adults.

In the new documentary Super Size Me, filmmaker Morgan Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for 30 days and documents his rapidly deteriorating health.

Interspersed with segments about obesity and processed food in the United States, viewers watch Spurlock pack on 25 pounds, ride out wild mood are working overtime to figure swings and get warnings from doctors about his rising cholesterol levels and liver toxicity. The movie will be released to theaters by the end of May.

The 90-minute movie could cause more people to bring obesity lawsuits against McDonald's Corp., predicts John Banzhaf, a professor at George Washington University Law School. A consultant in lawsuits against McDonald's, Banzhaf appears in the documentary and was instrumental in building a case against

the tobacco industry. "What this movie did is show that if you eat there frequently, yes there can be problems," Banzhaf said.

"I would bet a lot of people out how to deal with this film," said Larry Kramer, a crisis management expert with Manning Selvage & Lee, who advised Nike boss Phil Knight in 1998 after a

documentary showed children making its shoes in Indonesia.

Filmmaker Michael Moore's The Big One quickly led to major changes in Nike's operations, including the introduction of a minimum working age of 18 in its Indonesian factories.

Kramer said he likens McDonald's current predicament to a situation he faced in . 1993, when he helped burger chain yet. Jack in the Box rebound from food poisoning outbreak blamed for the deaths of four children.

perspective on food safety and tell our customers some hard truths," he said. "We told them that most food safety problems actually occurred in the home. I

think the challenge that McDonald's faces is to communicate that eating three squares a day at its restaurants is not a healthy pursuit. People have to make smart choices."

In McDonald's case, executives are already in crisis management mode, openly questioning the film's content even though they haven't seen the picture

"Absolutely, I'm a bit carried away," said an irate Ken Barun, Ronald McDonald House Charities president and leader of the "We had to provide some company's healthy/active lifestyle initiative.

"The movie is a distortion of reality. I'm sure we'll have more to say after we've seen the film," Barun said.



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### Def Jam from page A6

known regular on the slam represented Atlanta in the national slam poetry competition. In 2001, she was cast in the first season of "Def Poetry Jam" on HBO.

native of Palestinian descent, scene as a deejay. was also cast on the debut episode of "Def Poetry Jam" on HBO.

Her work has been published in many magazines and Hammad also has several books to her credit.

Poetri was one of the first poetry circuit. She has been to appear on "Def Poetry a member of some award Jam" and has also been seen we have in store for the winning slam teams and on ABC, MTV, BET, NBC and VH-1. Poetri is also an actor and said. toured with several shows. He is now writing a hip-hop musical called Ball.

Jedi is a 10-year vet-Hammad, a Brooklyn eran of the slam poetry

He is the backbone of the performance by keeping the beat going experience all together. It is and truly making it a hip-hop inspiring," Crouse said. experience. "[This is] probably the biggest thing that the Student

Union has done in a while. It is just a preview of what rest of the semester," Crouse

Tickets for ECU students are \$5, other students and ECU faculty and staff are \$10

\$20 for and the general public. Ticket prices increase by \$5 at the door.

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### Announcements Spring Break Trip

# ECU fans say goodbye to one of basketball's best classes

Pirates bid farewell to five skilled seniors

ROBERT LEONARD STAFF WRITER

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Senior day hit Minges last Saturday as we saw the careers end for five great players in probably the best class ever to play for ECU. They finished their home against South Florida. Before the game, each player was honored individually for his career. Here's my tribute to each player and what I will miss about them:

#### **Garth Grindley** 6'8 Forward,

Westmoreland, Jamaica

Durham, N. C. When the ball was in Derek Wiley's hands, plays happened. Wiley is such an incredible athlete and is strong. The first time I saw him play, I was amazed by his quickness and how high he could jump. Wiley will probably be remembered for his infamous "teabag" dunk last season against careers with a nine-point win Marquette where he caught an alley-oop pass and slammed it home. As he tried to gain his balance while hanging on the rim, he spun with his legs spread right into a Marquette defenders' face.

**Derek Wiley** 

6'4 Forward,

Wiley will also be remembered as a great scorer. Cur-





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#### The Adventure program is organizing a multi-element trip to the Florida Everglades Sea Kayak trip. Registration deadline is today. Pre-trip meeting s Thursday, March 4. The trip should include Hiking, Kayaking, Climbing and Canoeing.

### Self Defense Fitness Class

Self Defense fitness classes will be held March 24 - April 14 from 8 p.m.-9 p.m. The program offers students a chance to learn self-defense techniques a progressive training system that allows you to avoid confrontation and defend yourself as the situation dictates. The classes will cover basic personal protection theories as well as some of the more recent philosophies on self-defense.

## **Sports Briefs**

#### Pirate baseball jumps into national polls

he ECU baseball team made its debut in the national collegiate baseball olls for the 2004 season Monday. ECU is ranked No. 18 by Collegiate Baseball, No. 21 by Baseball America and No. 28 by the National Collegiate aseball Writers' Association.

The Pirates are off to a 12-0 start with two wins over then No. 11 Clemson. ECU swept two games from the Tigers and two games from Georgia Southern over the weekend in the Keith LeClair Invitational as the Pirates won all four of their games in the tournament. ECU also has three-game series sweeps of UNC Asheville and Delaware under its belt. ECU will travel o play at No. 6 Arizona State for one of the top college baseball match-ups this weekend. The Sun Devils and Pirates will play a three-game series at Packard Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

### Pirates return to gridiron ror spring practice

Head Coach John Thompson welcomed back 48 lettermen to the football gridiron as spring practice officially got underway Monday at ECU. The Pirates, entering their second year under Thompson's direction, spent over two and one-half hours at the Cliff Moore Practice Facility while enjoying a perfect sunny 70-degree afternoon in Greenville. Among the 15 returning starters back on the field Monday was running back Art Brown, who rushed for 1,029 yards in 2002 before being sidelined for all of 2003 with a knee injury. Spring practice for the Pirates runs through April 1 with the annual Spring Game slated for Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Pirates will open their 2004 season on Sept. 4 at West Virginia.

Garth Grindley may be one of the biggest guys I've ever

seen in Minges. Recruited as a junior college transfer from Monroe College, Grindley added much needed depth down low. Throughout the years, the Pirates have gotten into foul trouble, and Grindley added a big body to the roster. His role as a Pirate dramatically grew this year with the injury of Gabriel Mikulas. Grindley scored four points on the year on 2-5 shooting and pulled down 12 rebounds in 14 games. I will miss just seeing Grindley. His presence and size are intimidating and will be missed around Greenville.

#### Luke McKay 6'4 Guard, Perth, Australia

I referred to Luke McKay in an earlier article as the sniper. McKay provided three pointer after three pointer as a Pirate free throw line, the scorer should and scored a career high 14 points this year against Houston. McKay was also brought in as a transfer to provide help to the backcourt and to bring in a shooter. He received the start last Saturday and hit a three. I couldn't have dreamed of a better way for his career to end as a Pirate. He finished doing the job he was brought in to do, tickle the twine from downtown. I will miss seeing Luke's shot. The first time I saw it, I was so surprised at how unique it was, but it comes

rently 11th in the conference in scoring, Wiley averages 15.1 points per game. Wiley became my favorite player to watch. I will miss seeing him drive, stop and shoot that little 12-footer over the top of whoever was trying to guard to him.

#### **Gabriel Mikulas** 6'8 Forward,

Cordoba, Argentina "Gabe." When that name E was said on this campus, everyone knew who you were talking a about. Gabriel Mikulas' season 💆 and career ended early due to a E broken arm halfway through this 2 season. He also sat out about 10 games his sophomore year due to NCAA suspension for play-

Despite these two things, he will still graduate as the leading free throw shooter in school hishave just put two points on the board and saved some time - he was just that automatic.

Mikulas made all the defenders in Conference USA look silly as they constantly fell for his head fake. Mikulas has no weak hand, he made shots right-handed and left-handed his entire career. It's been hard seeing him in a cast and sweats for half the season - it couldn't have happened to a nicer or better player. Mikulas scored more than 1,000 points as a Pirate, most of them from the charity stripe.

I will miss seeing his and played hard. out so perfect and with great I cannot emphasize how sports@theeastcarolinian.com. grace on the court. He was rotation.

Erroyl Bing is one of five seniors leaving the team this season.

ing professionally overseas. smooth and handled the ball well for a big man. I have no doubt he will recover from this injury and be a successtory. When Mikulas was on the ful professional in Argentina.

#### Erroyl Bing 6'7 Forward, Largo, Florida

No player for ECU shows more emotion or leadership than Erroyl Bing. Bing also was a beast on the boards. In a double overtime game last year with South Florida, Bing pulled down over 20 rebounds. He is the school's second all time rebounder and is also a 1,000 plus scorer. Bing led the team on and off the floor game in and game out this year. He accepted his role as the sixth man of the team at the beginning of the year, came off the bench

important his leadership has been over the years, especially this year. ECU has a young backcourt, and he was always talking to and encouraging them. A true team player, Bing will be remembered for that big smile of his.

I sometimes felt that if Coach Herrion asked Bing to do the team's laundry, he would just because Herrion asked him to. Any team in America would be privileged to have him on their roster. I will miss Bing's emotion, leadership and watching him box out.

So, I bid farewell to the class of 2004. Good luck to all five of you. You will be sorely missed in Greenville, and especially in Minges:

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## AP top five: Contenders or pretenders?



ECU will be on the road for its final two games of the regular season beginning Wednesday night at Marquette. The Pirates enter the final week f conference play riding a three-game winning streak and need one win coupled with a Houston loss to clinch a spot in the Conference USA Tournament. The Golden Eagles are 11-3 at home this season, but all three fits losses have come to conference foes (Cincinnati, TCU, Memphis). The ECU-Marquette game will be carried on the Pirate Sports Radio Network and televised regionally on Fox Sports Net North.

### Jones named C-USA hitter of the week

League officials announced Monday that ECU center fielder Ryan Jones ad been named Conference USA Hitter of the Week.. It was Jones' first C-USA weekly honor of his career. Jones helped the Pirates to a 5-0 week, ncluding a pair of victories over No. 11 Clemson, by batting .444 (8-for-18). He hit safely in each game, hitting three doubles and two home runs, while driving in five. Jones reached base twice on walks and also scored three runs. In the two wins over Clemson, he was 3-for-6 with two doubles, two walks and two RBI. On the season, Jones is hitting .424 with 14 hits in 33 t-bats. He has nine runs scored, 14 RBI, five doubles and a career-high ve home runs in helping ECU to its second best start in school history 12-0. The best start in school history was set in 2001 when the Pirates started the season 13-0.

## **AP Basketball Top 25**

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The Stanford bench celebrates a last-minute three-pointer by Matt Lottich, far left, against the University of San Diego.

### Which of the top teams will dance in?

#### TRENT WYNNE STAFF WRITER

It's finally here: March Madness. Whether it was an upset, a game winning shot, a controversial call or a power outage (Clemson vs. GT), this year's college basketball season has given its fans everything, except for a team to beat.

Several teams have shared the spotlight at the top of the polls this season with no one's reign lasting long. Stanford now sits atop of the polls, a position many thought they should have had way earlier in the season. St. Joe's, Duke, Gonzaga and Mississippi State follow closely behind the Cardinals for the seasonending race for number one. Will any of these teams make noise late in March? Here's a little information that might help you decide

for yourself: 1. Stanford Cardinals - Contender: Stanford has proven time and time again this season that games and win them in convincing fashion. The Cardinals have

had only a few close calls this season, the most recent coming at home against Arizona.

With the game tied and seven seconds remaining, the Stanford defense came up with a steal, which fell in the hands of Nick Robinson and the rest was history from 40 feet. The Cardinals look great in the win column and on paper, but the factor that may stand out the most in this year's incredible run is their strength of

schedule, 91. The Pac-10 Conference is definitely not as strong as in years past and may only see three teams squeak into this year's NCAA tournament. Though the 91 SOS may be a little misleading, their 4 spot in the RPI is not and the Cardinals looked poised for a title run and

#### possibly an undefeated regular season as well as postseason.

2. Saint Joseph's Hawks - close one, but I say Pretender: they can continue to win ball- The Hawks' 26-0 start to the season may seem to some fans their common four-guard lineup to be the most surprising thing to happen in college basketball this year. However, a reminder to those fans who think this is such a big surprise - they have no competition in conference play. This is the Atlantic 10, a conference that collectively has just four wins against the AP top 25.

> Realistically speaking, at least 10 teams in the AP top 25 could possibly go undefeated with the Hawks' schedule, which only featured one AP top 25 team in the Gonzaga Bulldogs. However, taking nothing away from the Hawks, they have won all their games so far on this respective season, a feat that is rarely accomplished by any team no matter the schedule or conference.

St. Joe's has ridden on the wings of guards Jameer Nelson

and Delonte West the entire season thus far and look to do the same late in March. Many people have questioned the Hawks' ability to guard the opposition due to used throughout much of the season. However, Head Coach Phil Martelli, confident in his lineups on the court, always responds by simply saying "How is the opposition going to guard us?"

3. Duke Blue Devils - Contender: Here is a more familiar name at the top of the polls. The Duke Blue Devils have consistently been atop the polls for the last several years now, coming up with great season after great season. The Devils are looking to defend their ACC tourney title again this year as they go for six consecutive tournament crowns. After an early season loss to Purdue on a neutral court, the Dukies went on a tear, ripping off 18 straight wins before they fell to

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the NC State Wolfpack at the RBC Center just a few weeks ago.

After the Wolfpack loss, the Blue Devils hit the road again and found more trouble at Lawrence Joel, falling to the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest 90-84. Duke climbed its way to the top of the polls during the 18-game win streak, but has recently fell to number three due to the recent losses. However, the Devils used victories over Maryland, Valparaiso and Florida State to come out of their recent funk and get back on track. Duke looks solid heading into March, sporting a deadly outside attack with the likes of J.J. Redick, Daniel Ewing and Chris Duhon, but the key to their offense may come inside.

Duke's Luol Deng and Sheldon Williams, who continue to improve every game, will have to dump in points from the inside

get slighted again due to their key wins and key losses. Their 25-2 record may look intimidating to some, but to others, it shows nothing because of the quality of the teams faced in conference as well as out of conference.

5. Mississippi State Bulldogs - another tough one, Contender: The selection committee come selection Sunday may see things they way I see them: There is only room for one dog in the number one seeding process. That lone dog might very well be the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

A controversial loss to the Kentucky Wildcats midway through the season dashed any hopes of the 'Dogs being the third team to run the regular season table, but that hasn't stopped them from making their way to the top of the polls. Mississippi State is definitely the road warrior team of the college basketball season, having not dropped a single game on the road the entire year. With an RPI of five and a record of 23-2, the Bulldogs are definitely proving their case to grab the last number one seed for the tourney. If not for a recent loss to Alabama, Mississippi State may already have sealed the coveted top seed.

### Title night goes off without a hitch

#### ERIC GILMORE STAFF WRITER

Upon entering the Student Recreation Center on Sunday evening, there was a large banner: "ECU Intramurals Championship Night: There Can Be Only One." In eight different divisions, playoff champions were crowned. There was no controversy - it was March Madness one day short of March after the games were rescheduled for Sunday due to inclement weather.

"We had some close games, and especially with men's purple where 64 teams get down to the final two. I think overall the students had a good time with

Mad Dog topped Top Dog 53-49. The game, in one of the closest of the night, saw a flurry of free throws down the homestretch due to constant fouling.

Intramural basketball champions crowned

Greg Knapp sank five throws in the last minute and the game was sealed when Yu Yu Huang fouled out. Greg Jones was named MVP.

the intermission and hit crucial The co-recreational and free throws as Chi Phi's desperasorority divisions were settled tion shots often fell short. in the second slew of games. In the co-rec game, Rip Van named MVP. Winkle downed the Mamas and the Papas 39-36.

Lance Sobel missed a three pointer with three seconds left that would have tied the game. David Williams was named MVP. The sorority game pitted Alpha Phi against Alpha Xi Delta. The pledges of both sororities saw Alpha Xi Delta beat Alpha Phi 23-

was the leading scorer. BJ DeBuchananne's scrappy play and leadership ability proved to be the difference as Win It For lim Bob took the men's purple division championship, beating the Beasts from the East 68-58. Win It for Jim Bob got off to a big start, leading in the first half 14-2: However, The Beasts from the East got to within 11 at the break, 30-19. MVP BJ DeBuchananne

Sigmas. Chi Phi player Stephen

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the second half to defeat Chi

Phi 56-43. Tyler Mutz's team

used a 10-point advantage after

Sigma Nu's Tyler Mutz was

The women's and men's

The women's division saw

purple division played next on

a close game as Reign Supreme

knocked off Quiet Storm 47-41.

Danielle Melvin was given MVP

honors for Reign Supreme as she

parallel courts.

In the fraternity gold divi-

Graham was announced MVP.

repeatedly stole the ball, and division downed Kappa Sigma his no-look passes staggered his 53-34. Chi Phi used a 23-13 opponents. The Beasts from the second half to down the Kappa East got it to within 10 at the final hour, but the conclusion was inevitable.

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In the most anticipated game of the night, the men's gold division did not disappoint.

The Dream Team proved to be just that when they downed the stacked Usual Suspects 45-40. Both teams had coaches dressed in professional attire and each player respected their respective coach's decision.

Sporting several football players and ex-basketball player Jason Herring, the Usual Suspects could not get over the hump as the Dream Team escaped with the narrow win.

Controversy spilled over when a questionable call had the Usual Suspects giving up a crucial possession. Mike Jones, captain of the Dream Team, was named MVP.

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to jumpstart the Devils' bread and butter.

Duke's win at Florida State on Sunday night proved to be sweet as it ended a two-game losing streak at Tallahassee. At the same time, it exposed some weaknesses on the defensive side of the ball.

Florida State used a centerless offense to spread the court and open backdoor cuts, which worked to perfection every time against the tight defense from Duke. If teams throw their playbooks at the door in the beginning of the game and use this tactic against the Blue Devils, it may force them to fall into more of a lax defense, thus allowing more outside opportunities.

4. Gonzaga Bulldogs -Pretender: Cinderella? No way. That story ended a long time ago as the Bulldogs have now proven that season after season they will continue to get better as a team. Gonzaga now finds itself in a position to pick up a number one seed heading into the dance, almost guaranteeing them a Sweet Sixteen appearance which is nothing new to them however. With a RPI of seven, the 'Zags look like they are in great position to grab that number one seed. Not so fast, though.

toughest in the nation, nothing to boast over. Also, the Bulldogs still have yet to win the "big one" this season. They had their chances against the two undefeated teams and failed in both

They will have their chance, however, to prove to the committee that the home loss to the Crimson Tide was just a fluke as their last contest on the season is in Alabama. It is simple for the Bulldogs - win the SEC tourney, get a number one seed.

Teams play all year to get to the NCAA tourney. No matter how they get there or how hot or cold they may be coming into the dance, each team has to start over with a new season consisting of six games, or however many they win before they lose and are eliminated. A record of 28-0 or 30-0 in the regular season is a great accomplishment, but will not get a team a national title.

The NCAA tournament isn't only a new season of games, but a new season of emotions.

This season is none other than Gonzaga's SOS is the 68th March Madness. Just six wins in a matter of two weeks and bang, national champions. Who is going to be the team that has that heartfelt, outstanding, momentum filled, six-game run to the title? My seat is out on a limb, right beside a Husky. A U-Conn Husky, that is.

the music and programs," said Laura Triyonis, assistant director

of Intramural sports. Triyonis and her staff worked hard all season, constantly rescheduling games due to inclement weather and training referees, only experiencing a few days off.

In the first game of the night in the faculty/staff/grad division,

16, despite a late Alpha Phi run.

Katie Bacon and Kim Corrada combined for a whopping 21 of the 23 total points for Alpha Xi Delta. Bacon was named MVP after nailing down crucial free throws in the final two minutes. In the fraternity divisions,

Chi Phi saw two teams in the championship. The farm team playing in the fraternity purple

The Dream Team, when taking pictures after the game, chanted, "One loss in two years.

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defeated Fordham 3-1 but were

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Harrell pitched a terrific game

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Lady Pirates come up short in clash, 9-1

#### ROBERT LEONARD STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's club lacrosse team hit Blount Field Saturday night to take on in-state rival Duke.

The club is new to ECU this year, but you couldn't tell by the number of girls in uniform and the amount of fans in attendance.

The women ran up and down the field, keeping up with Duke, but fell 9-1. The lone goal came right at the end of regulation by freshman Katie Talbot.

She scooped up the ball and fired it past the Duke goaltender to end the shutout.

The Pirates netted a lot of shots on goal but just couldn't get it past the goalie, who recorded save after

team battles Duke Watson was happy with the way

her team played. "We did really well. We played awesome defense," said Watson.

The Pirates put junior Kim Lafemiero in net against the Devils.

Duke was able to put a lot of shots on net, but the Pirate defenders and the play of Lafemiero were able to slow the Duke attack down.

The team was led on to the field by sophomore Angie Jusino, the club's president.

As president, Jusino coordinates practices and sets up games with other schools. Jusino is happy

with where the club is going in her first year as President.

"It's been a big learning experi-

ence for us all," said Jusino. The club team battles Elon this Saturday at Blount Field at 1 p.m.

### Lady Pirates defeat George Mason

Coming off a sweep at the Hampton Inn/Pirate Classic, the ECU softball team looked to repeat their performance last weekend as they traveled to Virginia Beach, Va. to take part in the Dixie Classic. Although another sweep did not occur, the Lady Pirates were able to win three of their five games, which boosted their overall record to 11-2-1.

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a complete game and allowed no earned runs as she improved her record to 3-0 for the season.

In their second game of the the bottom of the fourth inning. day, the Lady Pirates were dealt

The Lady Pirates kicked off the Classic on Friday with an 8-1 win

Junior Maggie Lingo pitched next day with a 9-2 win. uted to the win by hitting her first career home run, a grand slam in

### DAVID WASKIEWICZ STAFF WRITER

Women's lacrosse Softball wins three of five

contests. Their most impressive wins came against two bubble teams, Missouri and Maryland.

Come selection Sunday, the Gonzaga Bulldogs may very well This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

save. Despite the loss, junior Alexis This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

their first defeat of the year, falling to Cornell in a close game 2-1. After pitching a complete game with three strikeouts, sophomore pitcher Brentley Bridgeforth was credited

play in their first conference game of the year at Houston.

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SRC 238 5pm Softball Registration Meeting SRC 128 NCAA B-Ball Tourney Pick'Em entries available 10am 22 MSC Great Room 4-on-4 Flag Football Reg. Meeting 5pm 29 **Blount Fields** 8pm-10pm Softball Hitting Challenge 31

## ARISE

### Program

### Time

Location

1	ARISE Committee Meeting	7pm-8:30pm
22	NCAA Basketball Pick'em entries available	10am
23	Aqua Exercise and Swim Lessons	6:30pm-7:30
24	Goalball	7pm-9pm
25	Wheelchair Basketball	8pm-9pm
31	Softball Hitting Challenge	8pm-10pm
31	Goalball	7pm-9pm

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3/10-4/21	Hatha Yoga	SRC 239	Begins 3/1
3/12-21	Spring Break "BAH HUMBUG!"	SRC 240	
3/15-4/28	Exercise Wisely for Faculty & Staff II	SRC 240	Begins 1/5
3/22-4/26	Relaxation Yoga: Advanced Beginner	SRC 238	Begins 3/1
3/22	Ask-The -Expert Tennis	TBA	Begins 3/1
3/23-4/22	Tai Chi	SRC 238	Begins 3/1
3/23-4/27	Relaxation Yoga: Beginner III	SRC 238	Begins 3/1
3/24-4/28	Relaxation Yoga: Beginner IV	SRC 238	Begins 3/1
3/24-4/14	Self Defense	SRC 240	Begins 3/1

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13-21	Spring Break-EvergladesSea Kayak	3/3	3/3	\$195/235
	Spring Break-Multi-Element	3/3	3/4	\$155/180
28-29	RCLS Estuary Trip*	3/23	3/23	\$65/75
28	Climbing Day Trip Pilot Mtn.	3/23	3/23	\$25/35





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