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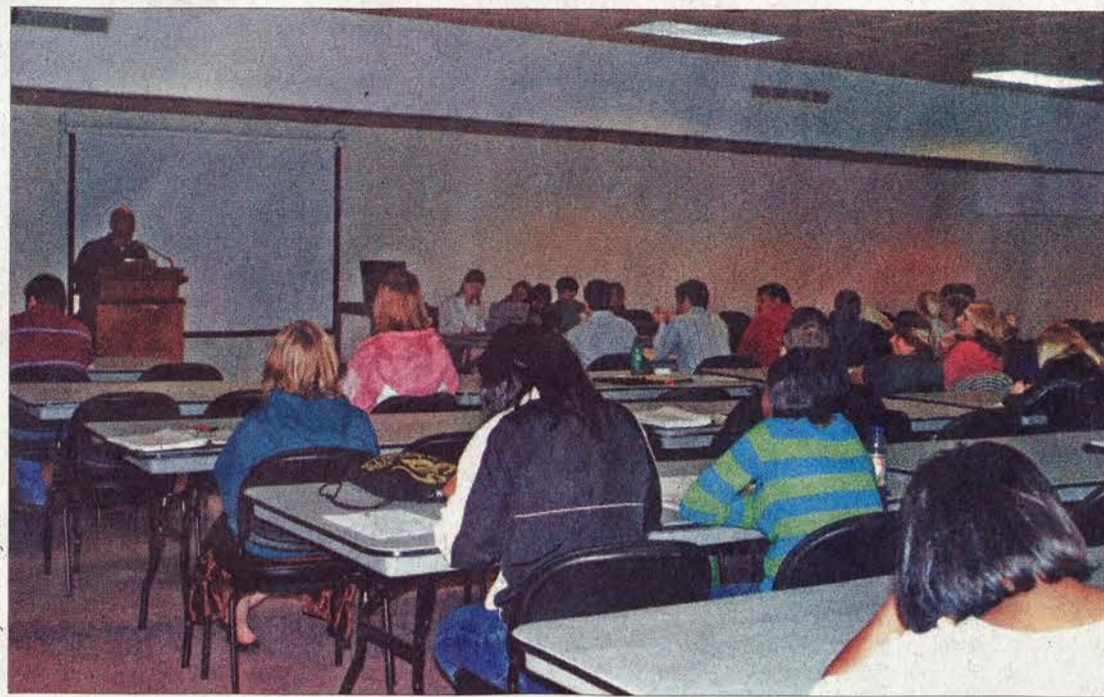
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SGA's first meeting of the new semester discusses the goals for the semester, including sponsoring a formal.

Goals set by class officers at the first meeting

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Executive reports and elections for a new SGA treasurer and senior class officer were the main topics of discussion at the first congress meeting of the semester.

Patrick Sebastian, freshman class officer, talked about the outcome of the "Making the Grade" workshop that was held last semester. A total of 115 students came to the event.

Sebastian stated future goals for this semester which included a formal, which will be sponsored by the freshman class and finishing the Web site for the freshman class.

Kristen Dalton, sophomore class officer, gave an executive report that mainly consisted of goals for getting the student body more involved in volunteering.

Dalton is working developing a student to student mentoring program which would involve

study abroad students being paired with ECU students to expose them to American culture.

Kelley Shelton, junior class officer, has several potential projects that she hopes to get completed this semester.

Shelton's report said she is trying to get an ECU sign built along 10th Street, establish an organ donation chapter at ECU and hold four "Real World" workshops this semester.

Nadia Payne, senior class officer, gave an executive report that focused on the awareness of programs like the Alumni Association and Service NC which promotes volunteering.

Other goals that Payne expressed were Seniors Promoting and Improving the Campus Environment which is a program that promotes recycling.

Payne is also working on monthly newsletters, exam survival kits and the H.U.G.E. scholarship.

Class councils have been working with the class officers to complete these goals and to complete goals of their own as well for spring 2007.

Two executive reports must be given by the class officers

during the semester to outline future goals and tasks that have already been accomplished.

Voting for a new SGA treasurer and senior class officer was initially set to happen on Monday, but it has been postponed to Jan. 22.

M. Cole Jones, SGA president, said, "I would just like to remind the congress members about how much their vote counts and how important it is to make their voices be heard."

Joel Banjo Johnson, current chief of staff, will act as the SGA treasurer until a permanent treasurer is chosen by congress.

Congress member, Regina Twine, helped organize the pep rally that has held in recognition of the football team playing in the Papa Johns.com bowl game.

"I would like to thank all the congress members that came out to the pep rally. It was a very big success," said Twine.

The next congress meeting will be held on Jan. 22. To find out more about SGA, visit ecu.edu/sga or call 328-4742.

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ECU 1 Card office moves to the Old Cafeteria Complex

New location accommodates more students

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The ECU 1 Card office moved from its old location in Ragsdale Hall to the newly renovated Old Cafeteria Complex on Dec. 12, just before the closing of fall exams.

"We can now accommodate more people than we could in the tiny Ragsdale office," said Katie Carr, who works in the 1 Card office. "Unfortunately, the new office doesn't have any windows."

The new office is located in

room G521 on the ground floor of the Old Cafeteria Complex and can be easily found by entering the ramp located at the southeast side of the building, where signs have been placed to help guide students.

"Although it was hard to find the first time I visited the new office, the location and pleasant atmosphere is a huge improvement from the old one," said Lauren Raymes, senior ECU student.

The OneCard office provides incoming freshmen with their first 1 Card for \$10 and allows current students to report and replace their lost, stolen or damaged card for \$15. The office also helps students set up spending

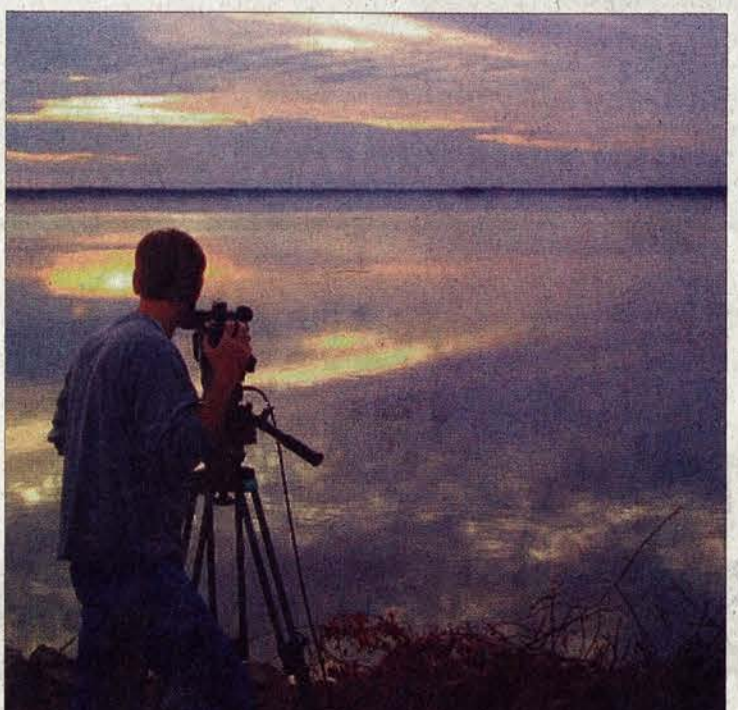
accounts that can help reduce the need for cash or credit card use on campus.

"The office looks more professional and will allow us to better organize student accounts," said Carr.

Now that the 1 Card office is in the same building as the cashiers office and financial aid, students should have an easier time getting everything they need in a timely manner. Regular hours for the 1 Card office are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. On Jan. 9, the office will extend its hours until 6 p.m.

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FoR ENC celebrates successes of 2006



FoR ENC reviews the successes they achieved renewing in 2006.

Regional foundation promotes growth on many scales

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The board and staff of the Foundation of Renewal for Eastern North Carolina, a private non-profit corporation designed to restore and promote economic, entrepreneurial and cultural growth throughout the region, recently celebrated the success their organization has made throughout 2006.

Foundation president, Phillip Horne, who is also an ECU alumnus, spoke on what the foundation means to the region and the success FoR ENC has had since its start four years ago.

"The founding of FoR ENC in 2002 was an expression of optimism in the future of eastern North Carolina," said Horne. "In the four years since, stakeholders across the



Federal appropriations of \$84,064 will help Pitt County's homeless.

Pitt County receives emergency funding to aid homeless

Emergency food, shelter, money available

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Pitt County has been awarded an \$84,064 federal appropriation for supplemental emergency food and shelter funding. These funds are to be utilized by local nonprofit or governmental organizations that have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination and have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs. Private voluntary organizations must have a voluntary board in order to qualify for a portion of this funding.

Applications for the emergency food and shelter program funds are due by Jan. 17. Applications are available at the United Way of Pitt County office, 1020 Red Banks Rd. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by contacting Cecilia Scott at 252-758-1604.

According to Eric Cloud, operations manager for the Greenville Community Shelters, Inc. people who are in desperate need of basic necessities experience their misfortunes mainly because of addictions, mental illnesses or the loss of a job. Cloud encourages the community to reach out to those in need by stating, "ECU students, or any individual can provide services, donate extra food laying around the dorms or apartments, time or money to help the homeless and hungry."

"I've had several incidences where ECU students have helped very much with rebuilding ramps and volunteering in the shelters at night. We are working to provide a point and time count. We are going to count how many homeless we truly have in Greenville. This will determine if the rate has become worse or better compared to previous years," said Cloud.

Vicki Luttrell, director of communication and marketing for the United Way of Pitt County said Pitt County received

more money than the past from the emergency food and shelter program.

"Usually every year there is an increase because the money is given based on our needs. The amount of money we receive is based on the Federal Emergency Management Act and the money available through the program," said Luttrell.

"Working with the United Way there are twenty nonprofit agencies providing 30 programs making a difference in the lives of people in Pitt County."

Rachael Lotter, a senior communication major researched and wrote a paper for the fall 2006 semester about the homeless people of Greenville. She said, "You see all of the homeless people walking around campus and in the neighborhoods. I wanted to know what Pitt County was doing for them. These places are looking for volunteers; there are so many opportunities for ECU students to be involved. Just go to the shelters and you will realize how much help these people need. It's really sad, people need to know it can happen to anybody."

The emergency food and shelter program was created by Congress in 1983 in order to help meet the basic needs of the hungry and homeless throughout the United States by distributing federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

Throughout the 20 years of operation, the program has spent over two billion dollars in more than 2,500 counties and cities. The program's objectives are to disburse funds to the neediest areas, ensure a speedy response and promote community cooperation.

A local board, including representatives from the city and county, Greenville Utilities Commission, United Way of Pitt County and various local nonprofit organizations, will determine how the funds granted to Pitt County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

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region have joined together to produce extraordinary and visionary efforts at economic renewal."

The corporation aims to serve as a vehicle to assist renewal in one of the country's most underserved regions. FoR ENC calls upon organizations and citizens of the communities within this part of the state to work as a whole to restore an economy that was once almost solely dependent upon manufacturing and agriculture.

"As the pressures brought by globalization, NAFTA and the decline of North Carolina's historic economic cornerstones accelerated, these leaders [FoR ENC board and staff] challenged each other and all collaborators, partners and stakeholders to think and act boldly for the purpose of advancing a regional commitment to competitiveness in a post-industrial, post-agrarian economy," said Director of Communications Frank Dooley.

Dooley explained that those involved with the foundation rep-

resent diverse viewpoints and bring experience from leadership positions in education, business, government, civic life and public policy.

One project in particular that was launched in 2006 is the Creative Communities Initiative, which targets six communities in eastern North Carolina: Ayden, Edenton, Hertford, Murfreesboro, Plymouth and Tarboro, and focuses on identifying the concept of a creative community and implementing that concept to further the economies of these communities. According to Dooley, this initiative is projected to continue throughout the next two years.

Another highlight of 2006 was the Greene County School System technology project, in partnership with Apple Computer and Wavelength Broadband Wireless. According to Dooley, the project began in an effort to expand access

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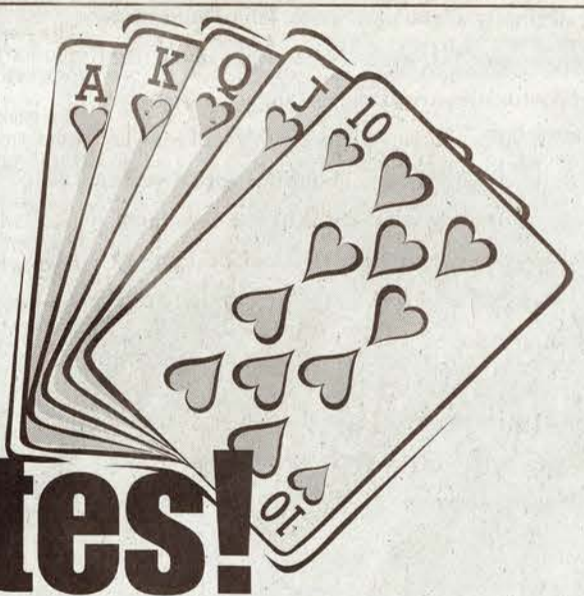
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Horoscopes:

Aries
You resist routine, but you're always most effective when you have a solid structure. Maybe that's why they call it getting into the groove.

Taurus
The work is building up, but don't race off and do it quite yet. You need to get your energy up first, and do mental preparations.

Gemini
It's hard to achieve a compromise now, so don't worry about it. Wait until tomorrow. People won't be so argumentative.

Cancer
You're in that awkward learning phase, when anything could go wrong. Make sure your insurance policies are current and paid up.

Leo
More study is required, before you make a big purchase. Don't worry, you're about to discover something to watch for that removes all the risk.

Virgo
Initial frustrations give way to more creative thinking. What used to work doesn't anymore. Come up with a different answer.

Libra
Inquiring minds want to know, so don't be afraid to ask the tough questions. You're asking them of yourself, by the way, in case you hadn't noticed.

Scorpio
You're still a money magnet. That's the good news. There's a hole in your pocket. Watch out for that.

Sagittarius
Collect your reward before you go public with whatever you've discovered. It's tough, but you can do it. Exercise discipline.

Capricorn
More work is required, but you're off to a good start. You're making a good impression on people who can help you achieve your goals.

Aquarius
The difficult phase is just about over for a while. Prepare to relax. Sneak out of town before the paparazzi know you're going.

Pisces
Use your imagination to come up with a solution to the problem. If you have an idea that will work, you can get the funding.

Drink Recipe

Lava Flow
1 ounce coconut syrup
2 ounces pineapple juice.
1 1/2 ounces rum
Splash vanilla ice milk (or ice cream)
1/2 cup ice
1 1/2 ounces strawberry puree
Blend all ingredients except strawberry puree. Pour into a cocktail glass and garnish with strawberry puree.

Please drink responsibly.

Don't let book buying break the bank

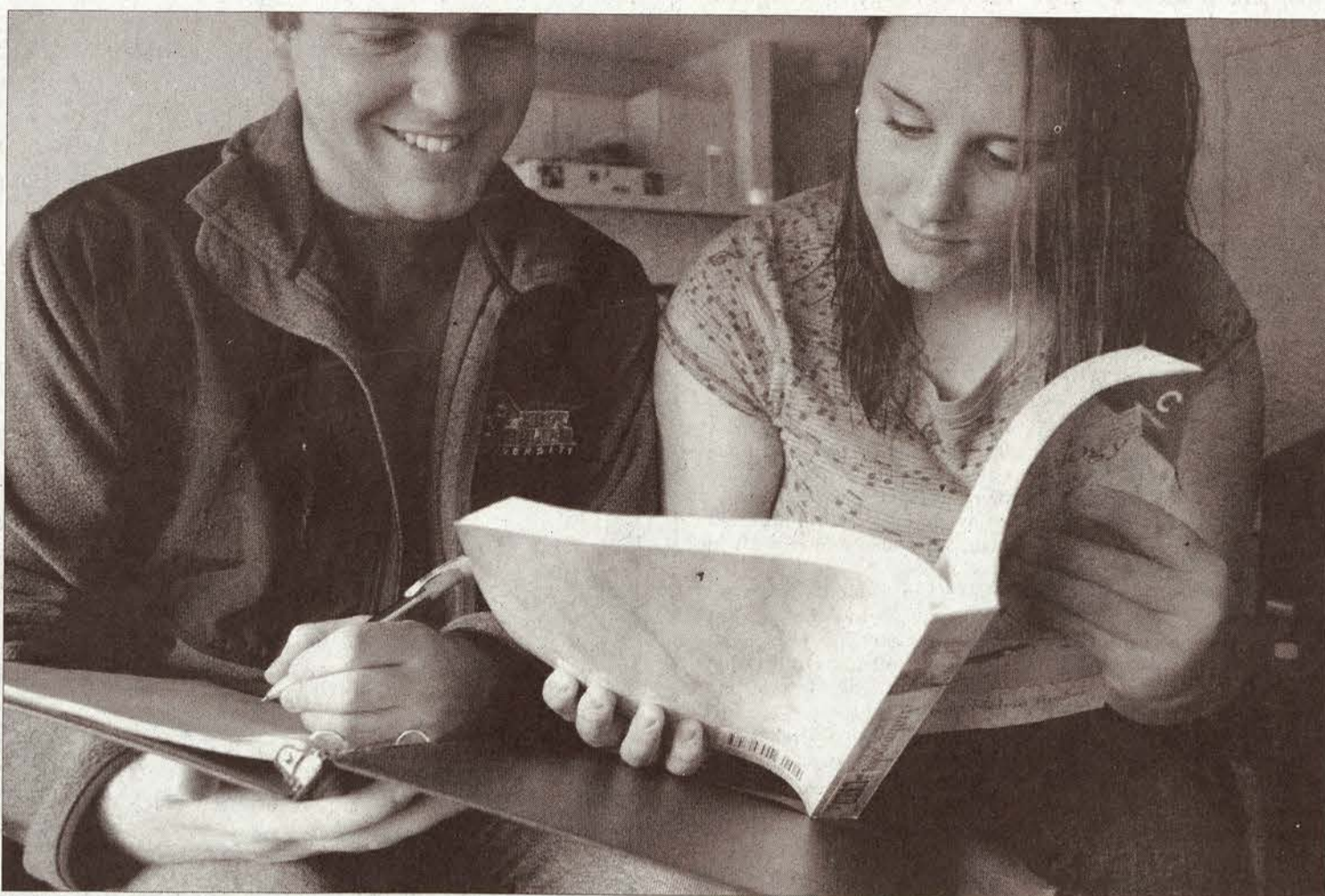


Photo by Liz Wells

Sharing books with a friend or classmate can be a fantastic alternative to purchasing all of your books, especially if the two of you live in close proximity to one another.

Money-saving alternatives to book buying

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One of the woes for returning students each semester is having to spend money on textbooks that are rarely used. While this may be one of the requirements of a

college education, going broke because of it is not.

An obvious solution that many students try to take advantage of is buying used textbooks. The pre-highlighted and stained option may not be very glamorous but might save a few dollars. Of course, students who opt for used books need to shop early, as copies are snatched up quickly.

Another alternative is book sharing. During the first few days of class, students can make friends

with a classmate and offer to split the cost of the text with them. This option isn't very convenient if the class requires a lot of reading, but it is a definite money-saver.

Possibly the best money-saving tool for college students is the Internet and the assorted Web sites that offer used textbooks for great prices.

While some students might be apprehensive about making purchases online, most sites have a seller rating system, book

condition scale and very secure purchasing networks.

There are many book-selling sites to choose from but a few stand out from the rest when it comes to dependency, decency and ease of use.

Amazon.com is a popular book-buying-bandwagon that many of you have already taken advantage of. This site is easy to use and is home to thousands of used books. Other bookstores such as Borders and Barnes &

Noble also have online stores that make buying used textbooks very quick and easy.

Another book-buying option is Google.com. On the main page there is a feature that allows students to narrow searches by choosing to search books only.

Previews of books and even books in their entirety can be found online along with reviews and a list of Web sites from which you may purchase the books. Many novels can be found in their entirety using this tool, which makes it great for students taking reading-intensive courses. Students who are really looking

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Tips on shaping up for the new year

A guide to getting healthy

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Research has shown that even moderate amounts of exercise have a big impact on health. For most of us however, getting into shape and heading to the gym is ultimately much easier said than done.

Unfortunately, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the physical activity pattern for many has been established by the time they reach high school. Given that we have all passed that phase in life, it's time we take a closer look into our psyche and determine how we can change our motivation.

After further inspection, it's evident that stretching, cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular strength and muscular endurance should all be assessed in any good workout. Although many of us dread the long and tedious workouts that are often associated with fitness, it is important that we learn the make up of a true balanced workout.

First and foremost, stretching is the most essential aspect of physical fitness. Not only does stretching help to prevent pulled

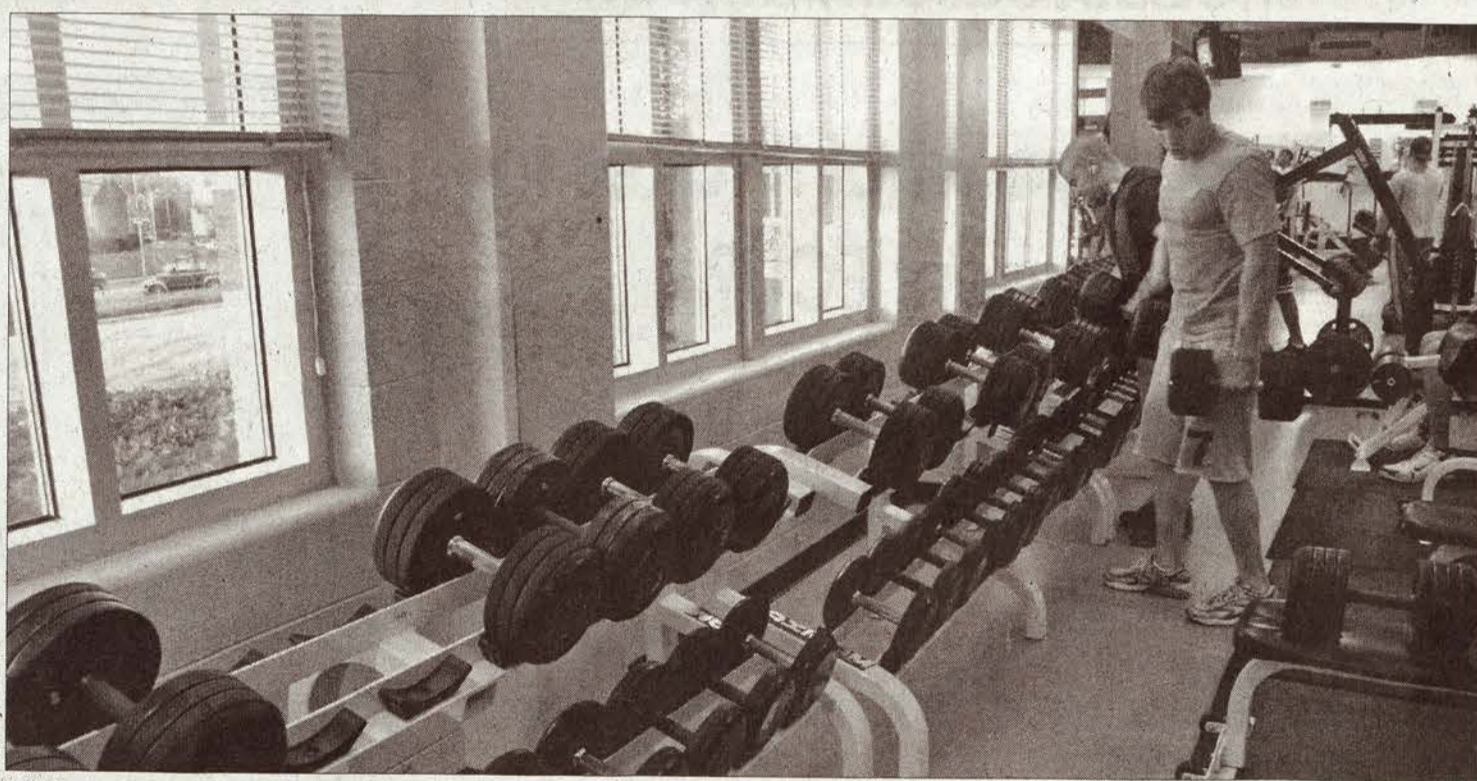


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Utilizing the Student Recreation Center on campus is a great way for students to shape up for the New Year since it provides a variety of ways to achieve fitness goals.

muscles, but it has been known to increase flexibility and reduce stress levels. Daily stretching of about 10-12 minutes should be performed slowly and without any bouncing motion.

In terms of cardiorespiratory endurance, engaging in continu-

ous aerobic activity that increases your heart rate is most beneficial. Such activities can include brisk walking, jogging, swimming or cycling and should be done for at least 20 minutes at least three times a week.

To those of us who don't

visit the gym frequently, weight lifting can seem too intense. Although many of us admire the results, we are often not driven enough to try our hand at such a workout. Unfortunately, those of us with such views may be disappointed to discover The Ameri-

can College of Sports Medicine recommends that both aerobic and anaerobic exercise (strength training) be included in any balanced fitness program.

Furthermore, scientists have

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Student shares strategies for success in 2007

Tips for making the grade this semester

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Fall semesters often end on a lackluster note. Football tailgates, band parties and learning the downtown drink specials can take precedent over inane activities such as attending class and cracking open textbooks. Luckily, the university system bestows students a second chance in redeeming themselves throughout the spring semester.

There are shortcuts in acing classes without trying. Cuddling up to the smart one in your class and "working together" constitutes you pursuing other activities while they do all your work. This is also the time to pledge the Greek fraternity of your choice because the myths about test banks might true.

However, if you are gung-ho about learning and succeeding this semester, consider adopting

this fail-safe plan to increase your GPA and stay organized.

Blair Dickens, senior public relations major, has developed a strategy for categorizing notebooks known as her "ingredients for success."

Notebooks are key in being prepared for class. Take a trip to your local office supply store and load up on the following items:

1. Three-ring binders. To make life as easy as possible, consolidate all of your Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes into one notebook. Depending on how many classes you have determines the thickness of the binder.

"I recommend a one inch binder for two classes," said Dickens. "Basically plan on using half an inch per class."

2. Sheet Protectors. For each class, place a sheet protector at the front to put the syllabus in. These come in different quantities, and depending on the course content,



Staff photo

Taking the time to get organized before classes get swing back into full force can be well worth the time in the long run.

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to haggle and find a bargain can make their way over to eBay.com and begin the bidding wars.

By following the "books" link on the main page and scrolling over to the textbook section, students can find everything from architecture to test-prep books.

While students have little choice but to spend money on textbooks if they expect to be

successful in college, they do have a choice as to where they purchase them.

The options are numerous when it comes to purchasing your textbooks, just remember to shop around before deciding where to buy.

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Remember to get organized this semester by gathering some essential items.

buy accordingly to place handouts and returned tests in.

3. Clear Pocket Folders. Buy the multi-pack in various colors to help distinguish each class. This needs to go behind the syllabus and is used to temporarily place handouts that are passed out at the end of class and need to be properly filed.

4. Dividers. It is important to buy the correct set of dividers. Do not buy dividers that use replaceable tabs. These can cause a lot of confusion and will often fall out. Buy the multicolored tabs that can be written on. Each class will require five dividers for notes, handouts, study guides/tests, quizzes and homework.

5. Notebook paper. Hopefully we all can appreciate the greatness of college-ruled paper. Buy a couple of packs and place them

at the back of the binder, moving it into each desired section when necessary.

These supplies will have you completely organized and ready for class, but it is necessary to have a method that works for you.

If you really want to go the extra mile, consider purchasing the multi-pack of Sharpies in order to take notes in different colors.

"Whatever you do, don't use the binder pockets," said Dickens. "Papers will end up either lost or misplaced, and it's inevitable that the pockets will stretch out."

It may seem like a lot of work to put into your class notebooks, and be forewarned - it is pricey. Just remember, you can't put a price tag on success.

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found that many people (even those who get regular aerobic exercise) suffer rapid erosion of muscle mass around age 45. To reduce the chances of such muscle drain occurring, one should engage in a regular program of strength training.

A basic program involves lifting small free weights, or lifting weights or stretching large elastic bands on stationary universal exercise machines. To increase muscular strength, it is recommended that 20-minute sessions of weight lifting be included into your workout plan at least twice a week. In order to build muscular endurance, all of the major muscle groups should be exercised at least three times a week in 30-minute workouts.

Calisthenics, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and weight training are most effective for building such endurance.

So now that we are all a bit more familiar with the composition of a successful workout plan, it's time to hear a bit of good news.

Here on campus we are all fortunate to have a Campus Recreation and Wellness Center that can help us obtain that healthy body and lifestyle that we long for.

The SRC includes indoor and outdoor pools, a climbing wall, six basketball courts, tons of free weights, over 10,000 square feet of space housing various weight and cardio machines, a walking track and more.

The fitness programs include personal training, group fitness classes, seminars, workshops and instructional classes designed to provide education about a variety of healthy lifestyle options.

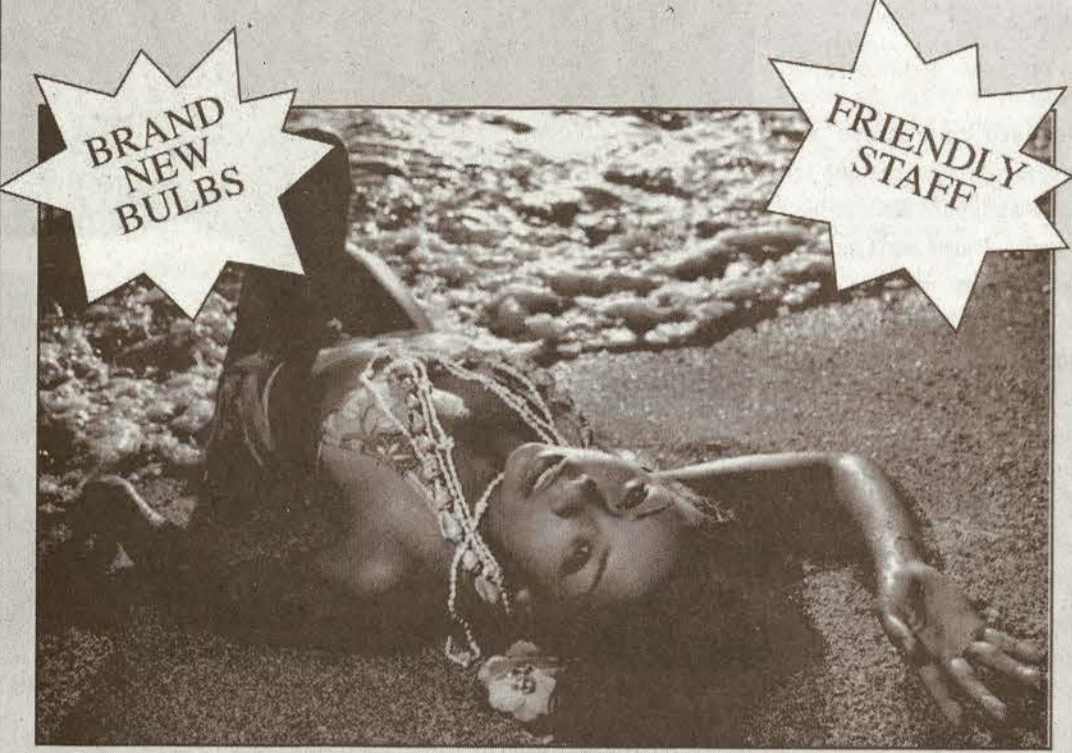
As 2007 begins, may we all strive to keep those New Year's resolutions pertaining to physical fitness. No matter how you go about it, just remember to get out and get active this year.

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MSC Outer Limitz Bowling

Billiards
Thursday, January 18, 2007
6:00 p.m. - Midnight
MSC Pirate Underground

Table Tennis
Sunday, January 21, 2007
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
MSC Pirate Underground

Chess
Saturday, January 20, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MSC Social Room

Spades
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
MSC Great Rooms

There will be a \$3 Registration Fee for each participant in each event.

Participants selected as winners will represent East Carolina University at the Association of College Unions International Region 5 Recreation Tournaments, February 23-25, 2007, in Knoxville, TN.

To view the rules and registration information for each event, please visit our website:
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BY THE NUMBERS

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Estimated amount in millions that Head Coach Skip Holtz will earn in new five-year extension through the 2011 season; the contract includes additional incentives such as bowl participation, conference championship game appearances and titles, and season ticket sales; Holtz will receive \$6,000,000 in 2008, and a lofty \$900,000 in 2011 if he decides to remain the head coach through the deal

223,006

Single-season attendance record at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this past season; the former high-mark in attendance at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was set in 2000 (217,742)

3.22

Average blocks per game for 6-foot-9 freshman John Fields of Fayetteville, N.C., first in C-USA; Fields had two blocks against Chowan in 29 minutes of play; Fields had been sidelined for three games (all Pirates losses) with a shoulder injury before returning to the lineup against Chowan

10-0

Tulsa's home record so far this season after a 72-64 victory over Texas-Pan American in its final non-conference home game of the regular season; ECU opens C-USA play at Tulsa Wednesday night; tip-off is set for 8:05 p.m., and the game will be televised live on CSTV

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Lady Pirates' all-time record in C-USA openers; ECU beat Marshall in their C-USA opener on Jan. 2, 73-51; last year the Lady Pirates lost at Marshall 57-54 to open up C-USA play

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Number of points accumulated by the ECU men's ice hockey team at the midway point in the season, putting the team alone atop the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference.

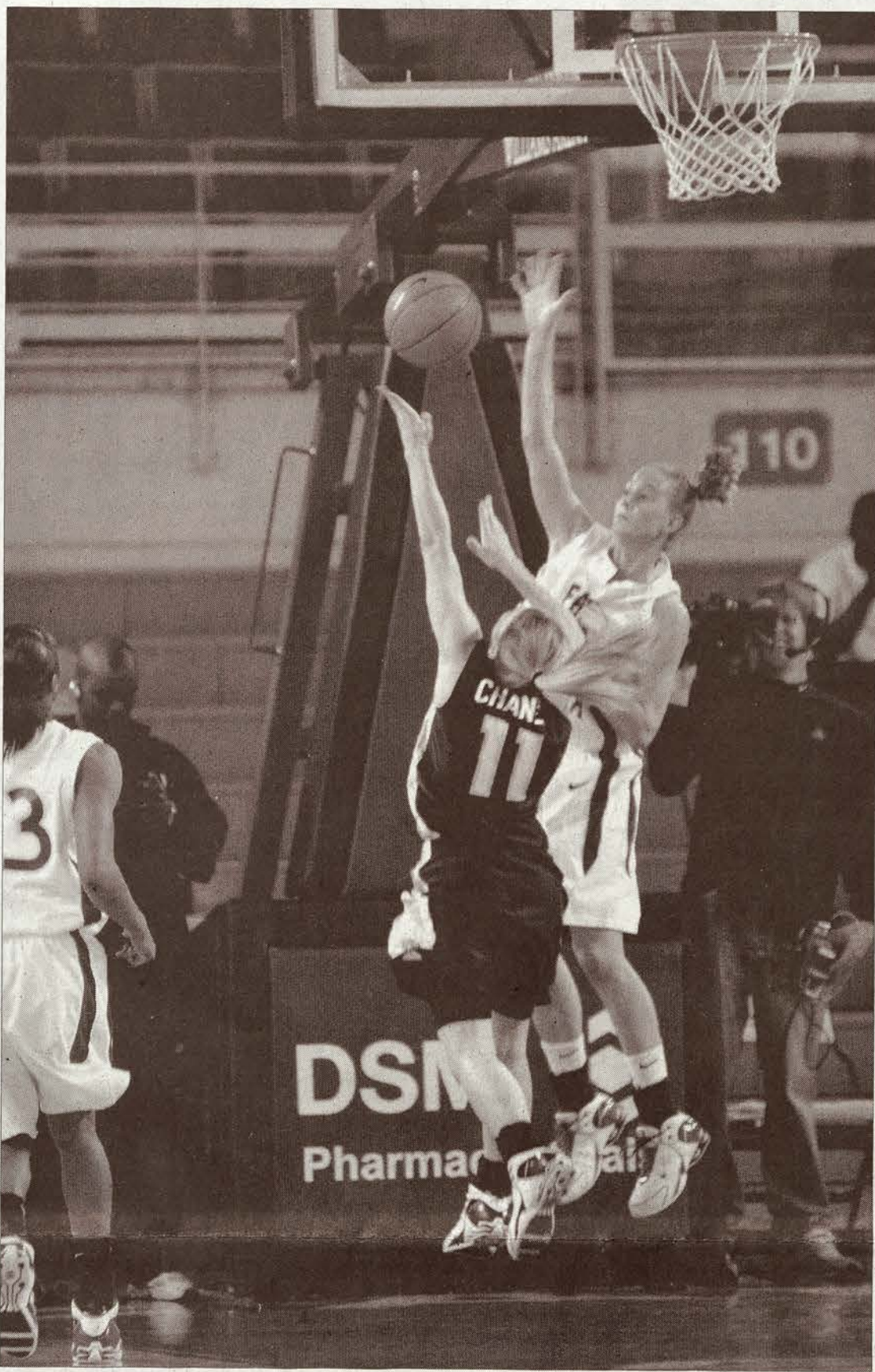
SPORTS TALK

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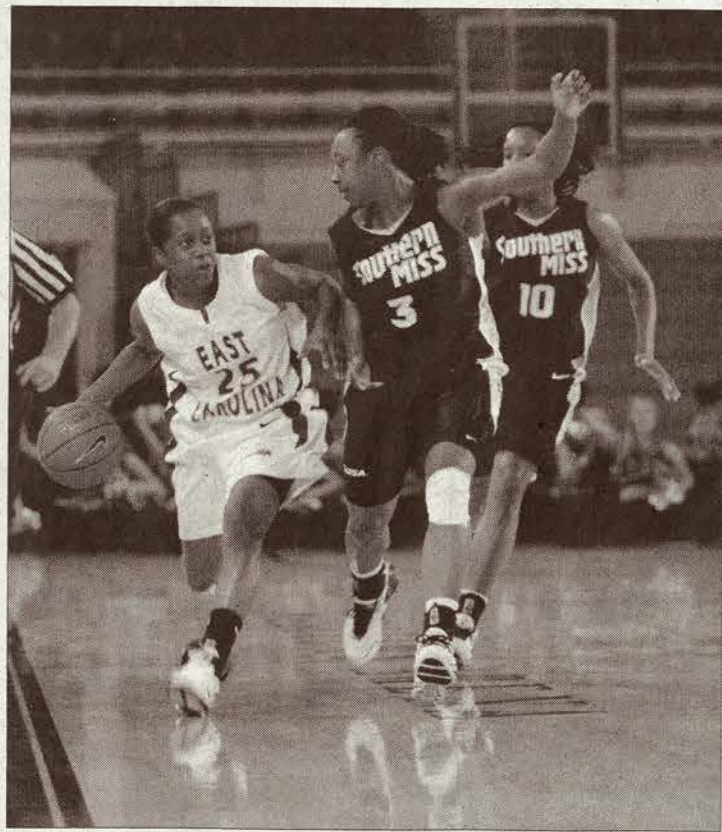
All things considered, do you think the men's basketball team is headed in a positive direction under Ricky Stokes?

Keep in mind: Going into C-USA play last year ECU was 6-7. This year ECU has in a sense regressed, heading into conference play at 5-8. Looking back on Ricky Stokes' collegiate coaching career shows that he has experienced success and failure. As an assistant coach for 14 seasons, Ricky Stokes compiled a 265-166 record (.615 winning percentage). As the head coach at Virginia Tech for four years Ricky Stokes was 46-69 (.391 winning percentage).

Pirates open C-USA schedule on positive note



Jessica Slack, 5-foot, 11-inch sophomore guard, goes up high to block the shot attempt of a Southern Miss



LaCoya Terry crosses up two Southern Miss defenders going to the hoop.

ECU holds 2-1 mark, tied for fourth in conference standings

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After a grueling out of conference schedule, the women's basketball team seems relieved to get conference play started off right.

The Pirates walloped Marshall at home, 73-51, to start off the New Year. Talk about making a resolution, and an impression in C-USA. Marshall is no push over, as they are 10-6 (9-1 in conference play). ECU followed up the impressive win over Marshall with a tough loss to Southern Miss, 65-59. But displaying true character and poise, the Pirates came back a mere two days later and crushed UCF 62-46.

Cherie Mills, a 6-4 senior center, had three of the best games of her career. Mills is a force to be reckoned in the middle, and is very versatile. Coach Baldwin-Tener said, "Cherie is really effective on the block and she's also a very good passer. So she's done a good job when she's doubled of getting the ball to the open teammate."

Mills scored a combined 49 points in the three games, and led the Pirates in scoring against UCF and Southern Miss. She also tied a career high with four blocks against Southern Miss.

Probably the truest testament of Mill's all-around game was her performance against Marshall. She racked up 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Mill's performance, to go along with point guard Jessica Slack's 16 points, provided an emotional lift for ECU against Marshall. After going 5-8 to open up the season against non-conference opponents, the Pirates needed to prove their worth. They did so, and then some, in recording a 73-51 win over the Thundering Herd. Slack, a 5-11 sophomore guard from Thornville, Ohio continually fended off mounted comebacks by Marshall.

Early in the game, Marshall's Bridget Chacon made a jumper to tie the game at 11. On the ensuing possession Slack made a three-pointer in the act of being fouled. She finished off the ever-elusive four-point play by making the free throw, sparking a 12-0 run by ECU. The Thundering Herd countered with a run, but Slack

widened the gap once again with her second make from beyond the arc, ending the Pirates four-minute scoring drought.

ECU took a 36-20 lead into the break, capped off by another Slack three-pointer. Coming out of half-time, the Pirates went on a 9-0 run, to go up by 25. The closest Marshall got after that was within 18 points, as ECU cruised to an easy victory. Slack tied a career high with five three-pointers, in helping the Pirates shoot an impressive 50 percent from the floor.

The Pirates found themselves in a much tougher game only three days later. ECU lost a heart breaking game to Southern Miss, 65-59. Cherie Mills led the Pirates with 20 points and a career tying four blocks.

For the Golden Eagles Amber Eugene scored 20 points, making 6-14 field goal attempts and hitting 8-9 free throw attempts. Kendra Reed added another 17 points and Liz Biland helped with 10 points on the night. ECU shot 40.3 percent for the home loss, while Southern Miss shot only 32.7 percent.

The game was very close, with both teams fighting until the very end. Mills tied the score at 56-56 with 1:40 left to go in the game, until Southern Miss regained control on the next possession with a Eugene basket. Emer Foley's free throw extended the lead to three with less than 30 seconds on the clock.

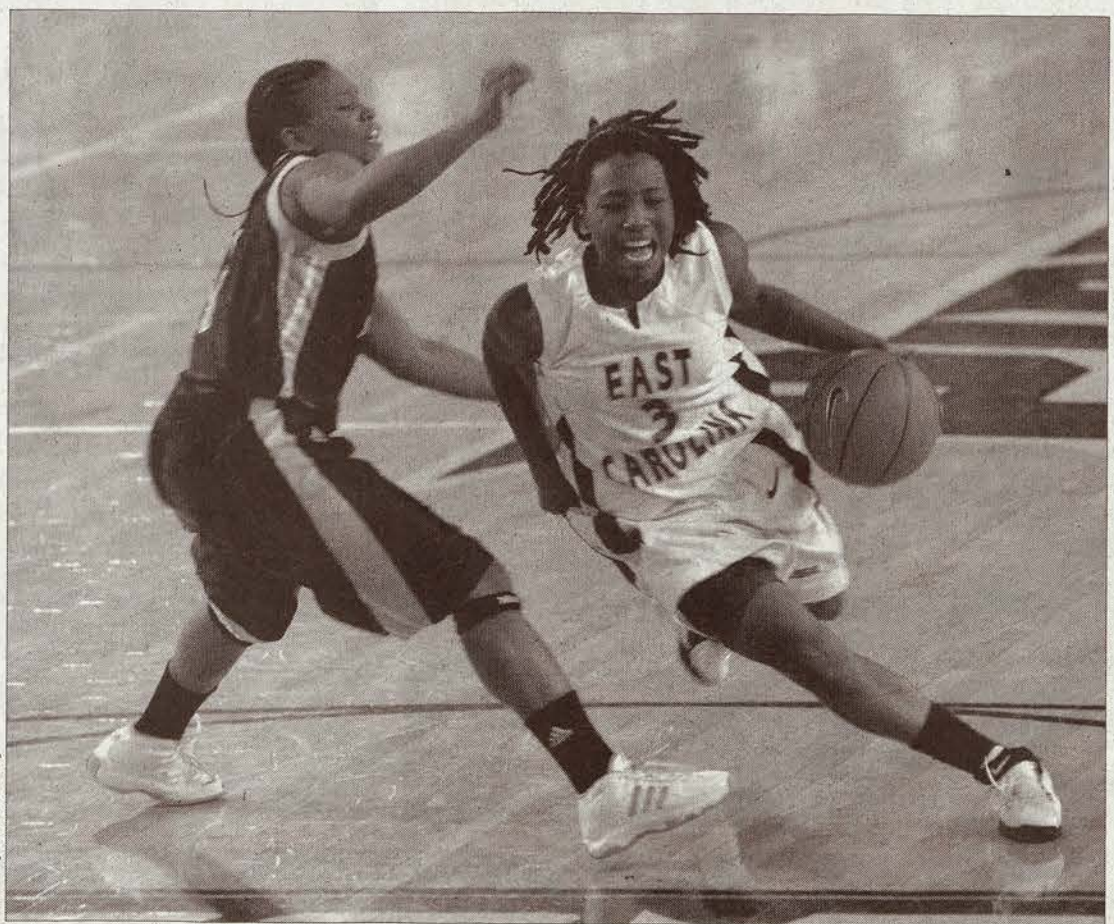
Kristen Chaney was fouled on the ensuing play and she made both free throws to put the Golden Eagles up by five with 20 seconds left in the game. Slack hit a three pointer with 7.6 seconds left to bring the Pirates within 4, 63-59. ECU was not able to even the score as Southern Miss pulled away with the victory 65-59.

Southern Miss was staggering from the charity stripe, scoring 25 points, shooting 86.2 percent from the line, while the Pirates only made 7-12 from the free throw line.

Sunday's game against UCF proved to be a different story for ECU's Women Basketball team. ECU dominated with the fast break scoring 16 points against the Golden Knights, which took them to a 62-46 victory at Minges Coliseum.

UCF dominated the first half allowing ECU to shoot only 26.5 percent from the floor, while they shot 38.2 percent. ECU out

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Guard Jasmine Young runs right around a UCF defender. The Pirates ran on UCF throughout the entire game.

Skip Holtz' contract modified



HOLTZ

Holtz to earn \$4.35 million compensation package

(SID)—ECU has announced a modification of head football coach Skip Holtz' five-year contract, which secures his position through 2011. The new agreement, approved Friday by the University's Board of Trustees and announced by ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland, provides a total compensation package of \$4.35 million with the ability to earn additional incentives.

"I'm grateful to the leadership we have at East Carolina for the confidence they have in the direction that our program

is heading," Holtz said. "I think it's another testament to the commitment that is in place for ECU to compete and be successful at a high level in today's college football environment."

After inheriting a program which recorded a 3-20 mark in two previous years prior to his arrival in December, 2004, Holtz has guided the Pirates to their first winning season since 2001 with a 7-5 record in 2006. Heading into this year's bowl game against South Florida Dec. 23, Holtz owns a 12-11 record in his two years at ECU and, in addition, the Pirates set a school single-season attendance record at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall by drawing 223,006 fans to six games.

"We have been working since the end of the 2005 football season to find a reasonable and responsible compensation package for our head coach that helps reposition our football program for the future," Holland said. "It is not our intention to attempt to 'buy' our coaches' loyalty because I believe 'earning' their loyalty by supporting them through tough times, as well as the good times, is more important."

"College football is a highly competitive business and no one wins all the time," he added. "84 percent of the Division I-A football programs have experienced at least one losing season since the 2000 season. Our goal is to provide a fair compensation package and a guarantee of great

support from the Pirate Nation to both enjoy the good times and fight through the tough times together."

The amended contract calls for one-time supplements of \$600,000 in 2008 and \$900,000 in 2011 if Holtz remains the head coach for the Pirates. Other incentive compensation includes bowl participation, conference championship game appearances and titles, and season ticket sales.

"We are equally committed to the creation of a similar compensation approach for our outstanding assistant coaches," Holland said. "Coach Holtz has put together a remarkable group of people and we are truly blessed to have one of the very best coaching staffs in college football."

ECU defeats Chowan 68-50



John Fields, 6-foot, 9-inch freshman forward, goes strong to the rim over two Chowan defenders.

Fields earns first career double-double

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team entered Saturday's contest on a seven-game losing streak. Division II opponent Chowan (5-9), coupled with a healthy John Fields, proved to be just the cure for the ailing Pirates.

After dominating for most of the second half, ECU cruised to a 68-50 victory. The win gives the Pirates some renewed confidence heading into C-USA. ECU is 3-1 all time versus Chowan, and has won 22 straight games against Division II opponents.

The Pirates built their lead on a series of runs. ECU went down by three to start the game, but answered with an 8-0 run. After holding a 12-10 lead, ECU went on a 15-6 run to take an 11-point lead with 6:50 remaining in the first half. The Pirates carried a nine-point lead into halftime.

Chowan came out with energy to open the second half, cutting the ECU lead to six.

This would be the closest the Hawks got to the Pirates in the second half though.

ECU took momentum back with an 11-2 run to go up 48-33. The lead would swell to as many as 21, with the final margin of victory at 18.

Head Coach Ricky Stokes thought that his team's play inside the paint was the biggest factor in the win.

"We wanted to try to get the ball down inside, and we did a better job of that in the second half," said Stokes. "We definitely have some more things to work on, but it was nice to see both freshman post players get a double-double."

John Fields, who had missed the last three games due to shoulder injury, returned to action against Chowan. The 6-9 freshman from Fayetteville, N.C. had the best game of his young career. Fields led all scorers with 14 points and grabbed a career best, 11 rebounds to finish with his first double-double.

Fields credited the coaches for his strong performance.

"Sometimes I had to catch my breath. Nothing can simulate the game speed. The coaches did a good job on bringing me out and giving me breaks."

Gabe Blair, the "other" freshman post player, completed his second double-double of the season. He finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Four of the starting five Pirates reached double figures, led by the two freshmen. Starting guards Darrell Jenkins and Jeremy Ingram complemented the freshmen duo nicely. The lethal backcourt combined for 23 points, with Jenkins scoring 13 and Ingram adding 10.

The Pirates also moved the ball around well and were credited with 23 assists on 25 made field goals. Starting point guard Jenkins was the catalyst for offensive execution, dishing out a game-high, seven assists.

Stokes seemed relieved, but not satisfied, that his team got a win after losing seven straight. "Naturally, we are excited

about the win and glad to be in the winning column," said Stokes. "I don't know if we played extremely well at times, but give the team a lot of credit; it was enough to earn the win."

Blair reflected his coach's demeanor.

"You learn a lot from losing. I don't like to learn too much [about losing] but I learned a whole lot from this seven game losing streak. At first it just feels good to win again. Winning cures a lot," said Blair.

The win means a lot to the Pirates as they head into C-USA play on Wednesday night against Tulsa.

Blair thinks that the team can pick up the win on the road. "Any confidence is good confidence," said Blair. "We should be ready to get a Conference-USA win on the road hopefully."

The Pirates match-up on the road at Tulsa is set for an 8:05 p.m. tip-off.

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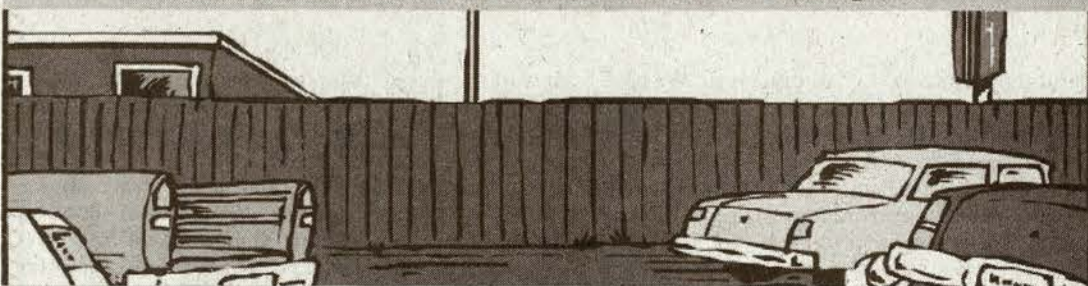


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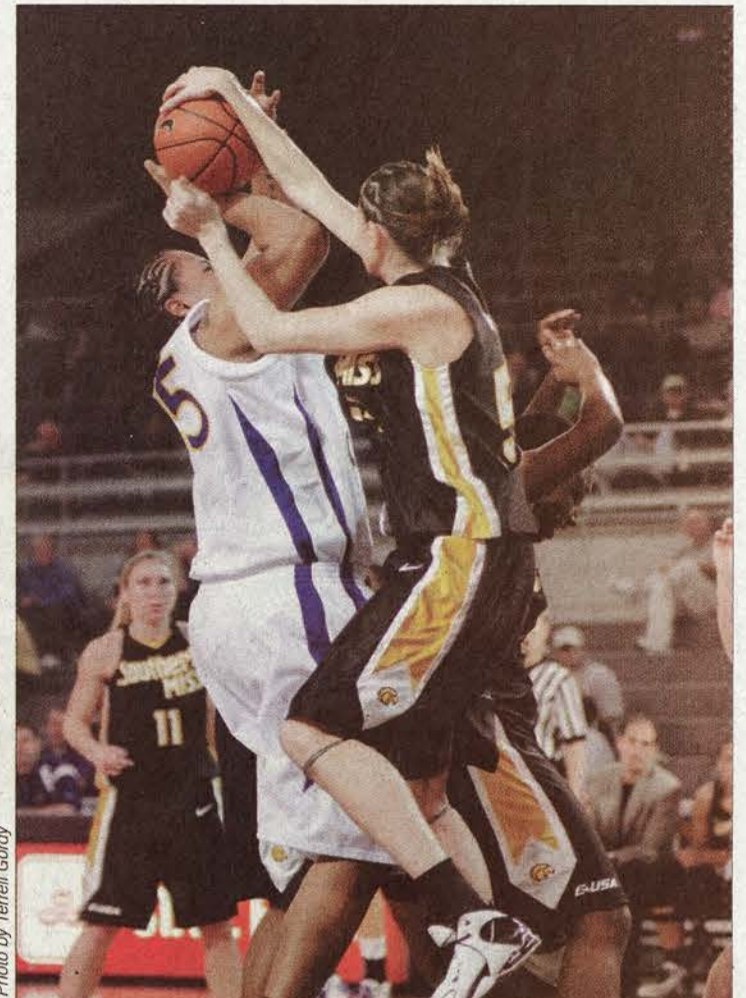


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Cherie Mills, 6-foot, 4-inch center, is stuffed at the rim.

rebounded the Golden Knights 25-21, but turned the ball over seven times to UCF's five.

UCF had a winning game plan, going inside and going in strong, and it worked for the first half as they led 27-22 at the break.

During half time Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener told her team, "We needed to pick up the defensive intensity, we were not playing with the energy we need to. We need to come up with some steals, some turnovers and some forced shots, and then get in with some transition."

The second half was all ECU, as their defense did most of the talking for them. Slack led ECU with three of the nine steals, and ECU forced UCF to 22 turnovers and only allowed 28 percent shooting from the floor.

UCF got into trouble when they forgot about their game plan of attacking the basket and started to make sloppy turnovers and bad fouls. ECU shot 8-14 for the free throw line and only allowed UCF 4-5 from the free throw line.

Cherie Mills led all scorers with 14 points and five rebounds. Lacya Terry also finished in double figures, with 10. Jessica Slack and Impris Manning each had nine points on the night. Gabriela Husarova pulled down a career-tying seven rebounds in the win. Francine Houston led the Golden Knights with nine points.

ECU's record has improved 7-9 overall and 2-1 in C-USA play and the UCF Golden Knights have fallen 5-11 overall, and 0-3 in C-USA.

ECU heads to Houston, Texas this week for the Women Pirates first road Conference USA game of the season as they face the Houston Cougars Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Coach Baldwin-Tener had some insights of what the match up is going to be like, "They're very good at home and great offensive rebounders, so what we need to do is hit the boards hard and come up with 2 or 3 shots a possession if we're going to win."

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