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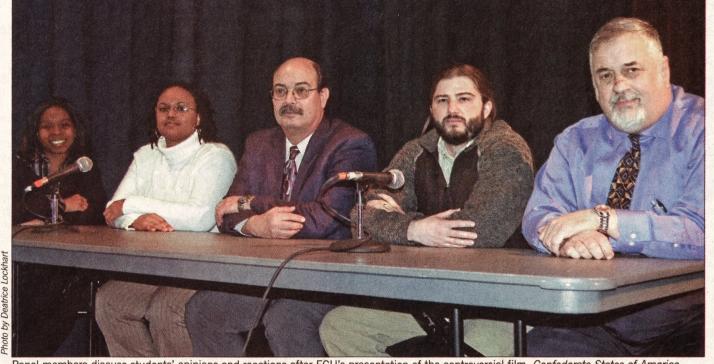
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'Confederate States of America' sparks interest



Panel members discuss students' opinions and reactions after ECU's presentation of the controversial film, Confederate States of America.

CARMIN BLACK STAFF WRITER

Previously banned in American movie theatres, the highly controversial film Confederate States of America made its way onto ECU's campus Monday at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre.

The film, sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Student Union Film Committee, was followed by a six person panel discussion allowing audience members the opportunity to ask questions and talk about their reactions to what they had just seen.

This "mockumentary," as some viewers jokingly called it, was backed by Spike Lee and directed by British director, Kevin Wilmont.

CSA is Wilmont's interpretation of how he feels America would have ended, up had the South won the Civil War. Wilmont's supposed-to-be

satirical film is full of recreations of the American historical timeline both pre and post Civil War. In this movie, Wilmont not only

twists actual American historical events, but also creates fictitious incidents in the hopes of shocking the American viewing public. The movie begins with Brit-

ish and French forces joining the battle with the Confederacy, assuring the defeat of the North at Gettysburg, an event which actually never occurred, this film goes on to detail such events as Abraham Lincoln's assassination, which did not happen in the film. In this movie, Lincoln joins the underground railroad, paints his face black to look like a "darkie," and tries to flee to Canada due to American citizens viewing him as a traitor to their country because of his abolitionist ideas. This film suggests that had

the South won the Civil War, America would have taken notes from Adolf Hitler on how to run our nation. It shows Americans selling slaves over the Internet and home shopping networks, and depicts young children pledging allegiance to the Confederate Flag.

With all of these controversial ideas presented in CSA, this film was bound to draw a large crowd. In fact, Monday night Hen-

drix theatre was packed with viewers who came from all sorts of varying backgrounds.

Some students came to see what all the hype was about but didn't really know what to expect, while others may have already had the chance to see the film on DVD but wanted to hear other student's opinions of the content during the panel discussion.

"I was required to come to the viewing for my media culture and society class, the only thing I know about this film is that it is based on the South winning the civil war. I know that it was banned in major theatres so I'm interested to see what is so controversial about this film," said Stephanie Grice, junior communication major.

Regardless of students' rea-

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Habitat Week comes to campus

> **ALYCIA WENDT** STAFF WRITER



ECU to celebrate 100th birthday

Plans for the centennial celebration

> **ADELINE TRENTO** STAFF WRITER

On March 7, 1907, almost 100 years ago, the N.C. Legislatures decided to open a teacher training school in eastern North Carolina. This decision, which would eventually create ECU, will be honored next month and used to kick off the university's two and a half year centennial celebration.

"The centennial is a particular benchmark in time that allows us to look at what has happened, what is going on and what we are planning," said Austin Bunch, co-chair of the Centennial Task Force. "It is a time for all of East Carolina to come together and focus on the fact that this is an institution of value, an institution that has done its work, and an institution that makes a difference. So we will celebrate, the university deserves to celebrate.'

The centennial celebration will begin March 7, with a birthday party for ECU. Students will be able to enjoy a cookout, ice cream, cake and live music on the mall.

On March 8, the day the bill to create ECU was officially ratified, the N.C. General Assembly will hold a special legislative session in Greenville as part of the centennial kickoff. The General Assembly will honor the establishment of ECU, as well as the accomplishments and achievements of the university.

'The joint session of the North Carolina General Assembly is held on occasion to commemorate and give special notice to some particular event or circumstance," Bunch said. "Members of the General Assembly will be here to pay tribute to all of the activities, successes and contributions of East Carolina." Throughout the next two and a half years, students can expect a variety of events that will celebrate the 100th anniversary of ECU. Many lectures, dinners, speakers and exhibits are planned for the centennial celebration. There will be a variety of activities," Bunch said. "Everything from speakers forums to celebratory events will take place on campus. There will be special celebrations to honor women in the history of East Carolina, diversity in the history of East Carolina, and there will be events that honor innovations and entrepreneurship here at the university.

See if the Pirates could pull out a series win against a tough opponent.....Page A6



The stars of the ECU softball team continued to shine bright in the FAU **Dunkin Donuts** Tournament. See if the younger Pirates gave the team a lift before this weekend's home opener.....Page A6

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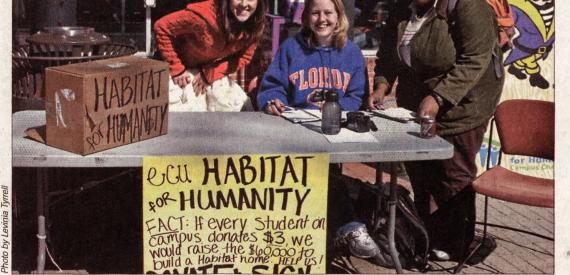
Habitat Week, the second annual event on campus run by the Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County and the Campus Chapter of ECU, is offering a way for ECU students to help the program by making donations this week.

In Wright Plaza every day between the hours of noon and 2 p.m., students can donate money, canned food and clothing.

"Hopefully Habitat Week will raise awareness for the students and they will want to get out there F and help. My favorite thing about is Habitat is just helping out," said Lyndsay Burns, freshman Habitat à volunteer.

There will also be an assembly with Denis Neunaber, executive director for the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness and a local Habitat homeowner on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The assembly will inform people about homelessness, Habitat for Humanity and how to get involved. The Pitt County Habitat homeowner will talk about his life and the impact Habitat for Humanity has made on him.

"My main goal for the week is to inform ECU that there is a homeless population here in Greenville that can use our support. I also would love for students, faculty and staff to learn more about Habitat," said Colleen Falbe, historian of Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter.



ECU's Chapter of Habitat for Human collects donations at Wright Plaza during Habitat Week.

Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 5 p.m., Habitat Week will be holding a sleep out/shacka-thon in front of the Blount House on Tenth Street to raise awareness of homelessness. Participants will sleep in cardboard boxes all weekend.

'We're hoping to have food donated to volunteers but if not, homeless people don't always get food donated," said ECU Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter Advocacy Chairperson Allison Castellana.

Also on Saturday at 8 a.m. Habitat volunteers will start fresh on a new Habitat home on Ford Street. Volunteers who get involved

with Habitat for Humanity say it makes a huge impact on the community and helps volunteers to learn a lot of interesting skills themselves.

"I've been involved in Habitat for over ten years with my father and the Dallas Area organization. My 'How To' presentation my freshman year of high school was 'How to Hang Vinyl Siding and Soffett on a House,' because I learned the skill while volunteering with Habitat," Castella said.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, faith-based housing ministry that is trying to eliminate homelessness around the

world. They offer home ownership opportunities to families who are unable to finance a conventional house.

Habitat houses are not free. The organization raises \$60,000 to cover the housing and then the family must pay them back in the form of mortgage. Homeowner's must also complete about 300-500 volunteer hours of construction on their Habitat home or someone else's. Most of the land, materials and labor used to build Habitat homes come from donations.

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Many students are excited about the centennial and the activities that are planned for the next two and a half years.

"I think it's great that ECU has been around for 100 years," said Katie Seger, junior marketing major. "I'm definitely interested to see what the university has planned for us and I want to attend a lot of the events.'

Many places on campus have already begun to celebrate the centennial.

Currently, The J.Y. Joyner Library has several exhibits that will educate students about the history of ECU.

An exhibit to commemorate the "father" of ECU, Gov. Thomas Jordan Jarvis, can be found on the third floor of the library in the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection.

This exhibit, which was put together by Fred Harrison, gives students the opportunity to learn about the man who pushed to have ECU established and located in Greenville.

The exhibit gives students the opportunity to see many items that will help depict the life of Jarvis including articles, photographs, sketches and other things that were owned by the "father" of ECU.

"Jarvis had a very big impact on the founding and development of this university," said Maurice York, librarian of the North Carolina Collection. "Students will be able to see that one person can make a tremendous difference in their region or state."

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Easley seeking to expand college grants, Learn and Earn

(AP)-Gov. Mike Easley asked state lawmakers Monday night to provide college grants to middle and low-income students and expand his successful early-college high school program to all 100 counties.

In what is likely to be his final State of the State address, Easley focused largely on education. He told a joint session of the General Assembly that his forthcoming budget would give children who participate in the state's Learn and Earn program the opportunity to earn a four-year degree debt-free.

"Today, it is the duty of every citizen to learn as much as they can to compete in the world economy," Easley said, according to prepared remarks released before the evening

speech. "And it is our duty to offer that opportunity."

The two-term Democrat also proposed eliminating the state income tax for 600,000 residents and cutting that tax in half for another 600,000, a move he said would be affordable and just.

In his prepared remarks, Easley made no direct reference to former House Speaker Jim Black, who pleaded guilty in federal court last week to taking thousands of dollars from three chiropractors while backing their legislative agenda. Black resigned from office the day before entering the plea.

He did praise lawmakers for the ethics and campaign finance reforms they passed last year, but said there's

always room for improvement.

Easley, who is barred by state law from seeking a third successive term next year, praised the General Assembly for working with him since his election in 2001, when a recession created a budget shortfall that ultimately reached \$1.6 billion.

Today, he said, "our state is much stronger. We have taken the toughest blows that a national recession and federal trade policies could deliver, and we are not only surviving in this new world economy, we are thriving in it."

He also mentioned the state's continued military presence in the Middle East, calling it North Carolina's largest deployment of soldiers since World War II. Sitting

in the audience was 9-year-old Breanna Bodden of Spring Lake, whose parents and stepfather are deployed in Iraq.

All three were watching the address overseas Monday night, and Easley asked Breanna to look into the camera and blow them a kiss.

Easley said his education initiatives follow other state commitments to early childhood and pre-kindergarten programs, along the state's efforts to lower class sizes and boost teacher pay.

We are doing it so we can raise the bar and raise the level of expectation for education," he said. Learn and Earn, currently is place at 33 high

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CORRECTIONS

In News, the article "Representative talks about establishing university creed," Lynn Roeder's title was incorrect. Roeder is the Associate Vice Chancellor/ Interim Dean of Students.

The last line of the first paragraph in yesterday's "ECU beats Tulane in a record-setting win" should have read "Thursday's win moved the Pirates into a tie for third place within the C-USA rankings," instead of implying that the win over Tulane contributed to the ranking.

Yesterday's Pulse column listed the incorrect titles and dates for the Student Union films that are playing this week, for the correct listing please turn to A4.

To submit a correction, send an e-mail to editor@ theeastcarolinian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Involved

Teen Court of Pitt County is looking for volunteers to donate time working directly with youth, ages 11 to 17, from our community, in a courtroom setting. Those who are interested are encouraged to contact Misty West at 758-0268, Ext. 14. Schedule must be open Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Counts toward required service hours for organizations or class projects.

2007 Graduation Expo

Feb. 20 - 22 Wright Place Rear Dinning Area

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Everything the May Graduate needs in a one-stop shopping Expo. Pick up cap & gown, find out about Senior pictures, order graduation announcements, and visit with reps from the Registrar's Office, Career Center, Alumni Association, Pirate Club, Rec Center and loan consolidation companies. May Grads have a chance to win a \$400 travel voucher

Wed

Soul Food: You Are What You Eat Brody 2W40 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

*American Red Cross **Blood Drive** Mendenhall Student 12 – 6 p.m.

Secret

Baseball vs. Campbell Clark-LeClair Stadium 3 p.m.

Center

Men's Basketball vs. Marshall Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum 7 p.m.

22Thurs 23Fri

ECU TECS hosts Engineering and A Young Woman's **Technology Day** A program about gen-Science & Technology Building der violence against 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. women geared toward college aged women. **Education Career Fair**

Susan Molhan, the ECU Victims Advocate, will be speaking about emotional and physical abuse in young relationships. Designed to help young women detect the warning signs of abuse and

raise awareness of the

women keep.

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Bate 1012

secret that many young

Softball ECU Softball Field vs. Towson 10 p.m.

Concourse

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Coastal Carolina **ECU Tennis Complex** 1 p.m.

200 Representatives from over

120 Organizations will be meet-

Education and other majors

Minges Coliseum Second Floor

ing with students in the College of

ECU hosts Asian Studies Lecture Science and Technology Building, Room OC 209 3 p.m.

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Softball vs. Appalachian State ECU Softball Field 3 p.m.

Baseball vs St. Johns 5 p.m.

Cultural Arts Festival **ViQuest Center** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ECU Hosts Great Decisions Seminars Rivers West Building auditorium 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Standing Together in Unity-Black History Month Symposium Mendenhall Student Center 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Softball vs. St. Johns ECU Softball Field 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Washington Clark-LeClair Stadium 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UTEP Williams Arena at **Minges Coliseum** 7 p.m.

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Baseball vs. Duke Clark-LeClair Stadium 2 p.m.

Rooms

Pamper Party Mendenhall Great 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Thin-A Documentary on Eating Disorders Hendrix Theater 4 p.m.

*Featured Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive Today in Mendenhall Student Center 12-6 p.m.

BRIEFS

Cherokees consider selling prescription drugs

CHEROKEE (AP)—Leaders with the Eastern Band of Cherokees are looking into selling discount prescription drugs by mail and possibly importing cheaper pharmaceuticals from Canada.

Selling prescription drugs has been a moneymaker for other tribes, but importing them from Canada could open an age-old rift between a tribe's claim of sovereignty and federal laws that prohibit the imports. "We've definitely looked at the Canada option," said Michell Hicks, principal chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "That definitely could go under sovereignty."

The proposal could allow the tribe to fill prescriptions for tribal members and for people who live outside the boundaries of Cherokee land in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The latter would require a permit from the state. While discussions are preliminary, Cherokee health officials have already toured mail-order pharmacies run by other tribes "to see if it makes

sense for us," Hicks said.

"It's not just for external sales," he said. "We want to see whether volume purchases would lead to better prices for our tribal members."

They've toured the pharmacy operation of the Mashantucket Pequots of Connecticut, which generates more than \$15 million in revenue a year selling only U.S.-manufactured drugs. The tribe has been able to purchase the drugs at deeply discounted prices because of the large volume of business done by its mailorder operation.

N.C. Pork Council seeks approval for hog waste conversion program

RALEIGH (AP)-The North Carolina Pork Council asked legislators Monday to create a pilot program that would test the feasibility of converting hog waste into electricity. Raleigh-based utility Progress En-

ergy said it would participate in the

to capture methane gas from the farms' anaerobic treatment systems and convert it into electricity, the council said.

'This pilot program will help us see if it will be possible for producers to sell energy at a rate that allows them to justify the capital investment and cover the operating expenses for these projects," said R.C. Hunt, president of the North Carolina Pork Council and a contract hog producer. Under the program, Progress Energy would purchase the electricity generated at about 18 cents per kilowatt-hour-significantly more than the 4.5 cents to the 5.5 cents usually paid by other non-utility generators, said Dana Yeganian, a Progress Energy spokeswoman.

The proposal would call for a sevenyear pilot in which Progress Energy would start buying no later than late 2012, Yeganian said. The p ogram "will help the hog insources to our grid," said Gene Upchurch, vice president, state public affairs and economic development for Progress Energy.

Hunt said he hoped the process would become more efficient with time. "From an environmental standpoint, this program makes good sense because we're providing a renewable energy source and, by capturing the methane gas, we're lowering greenhouse gas emissions," Hunt said.

City offers settlement, apology to **Darryl Hunt**

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)-The city of Winston-Salem agreed Monday to pay \$1.65 million to Darryl Hunt, who was imprisoned for 18 years for a murder he didn't commit.

City council members also issued a formal apology to Hunt during a meeting Monday night, the Winston-Salem Journal reported. Hunt was convicted twice in the

who has pleaded guilty to murdering Sykes.

In a written apology, Mayor Allen Joines and city council members said a report detailing the case revealed "actions of city officers and employees, and of others, which fall far short of the standards this city holds and espouses.

"For such actions...the city expresses its sincere regret, extending its profound and sincere apology to Darry Hunt for all that he has endured and suffered in this matter."

A panel of volunteers spent more than a year looking into the case. The findings were detailed in a 9,000page report, released Monday night, that included interviews with former police officials and other witnesses. "Hopefully this can be a healing process for myself and the city. ... For me and for everybody on my side, this is it," Hunt said. "The apology, I appreciated, but I still think the apology needs to go Mrs. Sykes and her family, because I'm still living." In 2004, Hunt was exonerated by a Forsyth Superior Court judge and pardoned by Gov. Mike Easley.

Clark-LeClair Stadium

Urinetown

from Jostens

One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year draught, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom! Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny. Praised for reinvigorating the very notion of what a musical could be, Urinetown catapults the comedic romp into the new millennium with its outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter. McGinnis Auditorium Sunday's showing at 2 p.m., all others at 8 p.m.

Pitt County Citizens Academy

The Pitt County Legal Department is accepting applications for the next session of its Citizens Academy, which will be held every Tuesday, March 27 through May 15.

The Academy is designed to form a stronger partnership between citizens and Pitt County Government through education. Participants will learn about county services, programs and responsibilities.

Applications are available at the Pitt County Legal Department, and on the County Web site at pittcountync.gov For information, contact Nancy Wilson at 252-902-3106 or e-mail njwilson@ pittcountync.gov

program if legislators approve it. Murphy-Brown LLC, the Warsawbased livestock production subsidiary of Smithfield Foods Inc., and others developed the technology

Chicken." Wilmont showed an

African American woman dressed

as a kitchen cook, advertis-

ing what the audience thought

was just another ridiculous por-

trayal of a pre-civil rights ad

for a Southern restaurant chain.

laughed at this lampoon, as the adver-

tisement seemed to be so over the top

that there could be no way this was

ever socially accepted in America.

the audience gradually silenced any

hints of laughter as a series of silent

shots popped up on the movie screen

with captions that revealed many

items and advertisements in the film,

just like "Coon Inn Chicken," were

actually not Wilmont's ridiculous

creations at all. They were in fact

socially accepted commercials for

products and goods that Americans,

pre-civil rights, used on a daily basis.

humorous. Wilmont wants to have

his cake and eat it too, pictures of

bodies hanging with nooses around

their necks is not something I'll ever

"I didn't find the movie's portraval of characters as particularly

However, after the film ended

Audience members nervously

dustry determine if converting hog waste to electricity is economical and feasible and will help us develop reliable and safe systems for connecting renewable generating

find particularly humorous," said Dr.

David E. Long, associate professor

for the history department as well

just African American history, this is

all of our history, this is a film about

American history. This film is not

something I think people should be

offended by, we find ways to block out

parts of our history, we have to learn

to accept the low points and the high

points," said Everson Godfey, senior

film was an eye-opening portrayal or

a terrible attempt to re-create history,

the film prompted many to ask, and to

ponder, "What if the South had won?"

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Whether students thought the

sociology major.

"The satire being portrayed isn't

as post-film panel member.

stabbing death of Deborah Sykes, who was raped and killed in 1984 while walking to work downtown. DNA evidence linked the crime to another man, Willard Brown,

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The library is also hosting another exhibit that will show students the development of the university over the years.

"An Era of Progression -The College Transformation: East Carolina Teachers College," part two of a four part series of exhibits, is currently on display at the library. This series of exhibits will document the history of ECU and show how ECU came to be the university that it is today

"It's important for students to see these exhibits," York said. "That way they will have a better understanding of the history of the school that they attend. It gives them more of an appreciation of what we have now to be able to see the very humble beginnings of

ECU. People will get to see how it was founded and how it grew."

Bunch said that the centennial is a very big event for ECU and he encourages students to participate in as many activities as possible.

This is a way to honor East Carolina," Bunch said. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us to say, feel and celebrate what's good, what's right and what's appropriate about this university.

The centennial activities will end on Oct. 5, 2009, the day that ECU's first students arrived for class 100 years ago.

For a list of centennial activities students can visit ecu.edu/centennial.

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Newman Catholic Student Center EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSIT Come celebrate Ash Wednesday at the Newman Catholic Student Center Newman Catholic Center will hold Ash Wednesday services on February 21st at 12:15 and 5:30 pm.

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sons for attending the movie, the reactions voiced after the film did not mirror the mild temperament of anyone who came in not knowing what to expect. Wow is what I first want to

say—I don't think there is another subject matter in America that will invoke more emotions than this," said Renita Moore, a panelist member who works for ECU's Counseling Center services and outreach program.

Although the ideas in this film did center on race and slavery, Wilmont used comedy to relay his thoughts.

Many of the scenes in this film looked like they would be better suited for an episode of MAD TV than for a pseudo-documentary depicting scenes from the Civil War. However, humorous or not, the underlying messages presented in this movie were serious.

Wilmont depicted what modern day versions of old television, newspaper and magazine advertisements might look like had we not abolished slavery. One recreated advertisement

Wilmont used was for "Coon Inn

school diploma at the same time.

already in the works to expand

the program to 75 high schools by

the 2008-09 school year, but his

forthcoming budget will take Learn

dent in every corner of every county

in North Carolina the opportunity

to take college-level courses and

earn an associate's degree at their

high school, and they can do it for

will also include money to pro-

vide grants to low- and moderate-income students to pay

Easley also said his budget

"It is only fair to give every stu-

and Earn statewide.

free," Easley said.

Easley said plans are

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schools statewide, allows students to for two years of college. That stay in high school for an extra year, would allow for participants in the and earn enough community college Learn and Earn program to receive or university credits to get an bachelor's degrees at a state university. associate's degree and a high

Easley didn't provide specifics, except to say that students would have to get good grades and be willing to work 10 hours per week.

Easley also proposed creating "N.C. Kids Care," which would provide affordable insurance to an estimated 12,000 children in families up making up to three times the poverty level. He also wants to give health insurance to foster children until they are 21 years old, up from the current 18.

We have seen Washington shift the risk and burden in America to our low-and middle-income families," he said. "It is time to reverse that trend."

Opinion

The musical downfall of our generation

And what they really should be aiming for

JONATHAN GARDNER **OPINION WRITER**

I fear for the ears of the upcoming generation. When today's drivers must rely on classic music to avoid permanently damaging their hearing, I can only imagine what the bands that draw their influence from today's popular music will sound like. However, there's always one band that will always be played, one band whose influence will always be drawn from. The band that *Rolling Stone* magazine called "a monster": Queen.

Forget Michael Jordan with Scottie Pippen or Wayne Gretzky with Mark Messier. The greatest sports duo of all time belongs to the combination of, "We Will Rock You" with, "We are the Champions." The former sets up one of music's most memorable beats, and is almost guaranteed to pump up any sports crowd. The song ends with an amazing guitar riff. When played on the radio, the latter duo follows immediately after. However, when it comes to sporting events, it's usually reserved for a victory in a big championship game.

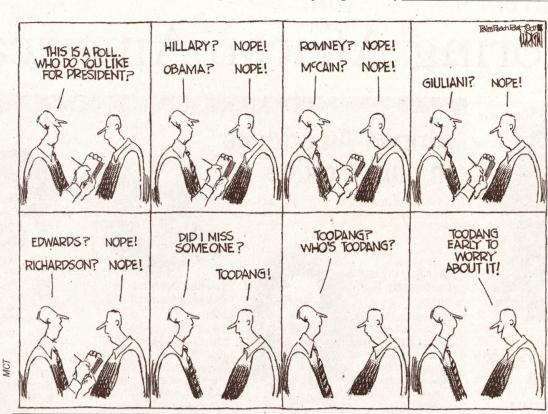
Not only does Queen provide great music on their own, they make great music with others. With David Bowie, Queen performed "Under Pressure," a song with a catchy beat and seemingly nonsensical lyrics. The song was part of controversy for a while, when rapper Vanilla Ice stole a sample of the song for his song, "Ice, Ice Baby."

When a performer of the current generation works with another, breasts are exposed on national television, such as Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson.

Finally, there's arguably Queen's most successful song and a song that constantly reaches the top of polls as "the best single of all-time," "Bohemian Rhapsody." The song itself is an interesting piece of music, combining opera and hard rock. But where "Bohemian Rhapsody" goes, headbanging will follow.

As shown in the movie Wayne's World, when the song reaches the hard rock portion, it's traditional to head bang along. No band of this generation will come close to creating the musical piece of art that Queen has in "Bohemian Rhapsody.

When the best hits on the radio belong to Gnarls Barkley and Justin Timberlake, there's something wrong with the musical status of our generation. When drivers feel suicidal after listening to emo band after emo band on the radio, something needs to be done. Luckily for everyone, Queen will always be there. They will always be on the radio, with these hits, and many others.



{ Alway fresh, always opinion }

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Please learn how to dress when you go out in public!

I like you a lot, but I hate NASCAR.

To the two guys who peed by the fence last night, I saw you and I couldn't stop laughing for a while afterwards. Thank you so much for that!

I failed all my first exams Mom and Dad should be proud!

To all the guys that want my roommate and try way to hard to get her... get a life.

Is it bad that I think my boyfriend's best friend is the hottest guy I've ever seen?

I don't understand why a decent guy would like a trashy girl over a girl who's always been there for him.

OK so I have this friend that lacks all common sense needed to function, yet she can get a A on her calculus test.

To the people who built the ECU library thank you for adding a Java City!

To the girl sitting beside me in English... cell phones have the silent option for a reason!

You are my hero. You should know why. Please keep your germs to yourself

because I don't want that whatever vou have!

My friend got her car towed and thinks that the world is against her but I just told her, "Welcome to ECU."

support from the student body. Maybe that should say something to ECU fans... Whoever sent in the Rant about it only raining on Tuesdays and Thursdays The first step in getting better is having fanatic support from the student body. is so right! I think that the universe is against me and it only rains on

Does it not send the wrong message that state colleges get out of school to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. MLK, but don't get out of school to celebrate the life and achievements of all the past U.S. Presidents? Dr. MLK deserves his day, and more. However, so do all of our Presidents.

Am I the only one who feels the only way to get the little pudge under my belly button to go away is by liposuction?!

Britney Spears shaving her head won't work too well for her comeback career.

Why can't you see that I would love you so much more than her?

I think we should have an Easter egg hunt on campus!!

Please put up some freaking signs in Whichard!

I saw my professor naked in the locker room at the Rec and now I'm scared for life!

So can anyone tell me if it's bad that I've only been with her for two months now, I find out she's pregnant, and I want to marry her? I mean I just know with her that she's the one and that I am deeply in love with her... so there's no problem, right?

I have always been me: The perfect

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RANT OF THE DAY I am often misunderstood and people don't understand

All I want is a smoke-free downtown

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A girl can dream, right?

ELIZABETH LAUTEN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There's nothing I like more than having a great night downtown with friends, only to wake up to that all too familiar smell. You know, that lingering aroma of cigarettes that clings to your hair and clothes until you take a shower and do laundry. Oh yes, how I love to smell like an ashtray.

OK, clearly I'm not serious. In fact, downtown is starting to become more of a nuisance than anything else to me because of the cigarettes and their stench. Before I go any further, this article is not an opinion about whether or not you should or shouldn't smoke. If you want to do something that's proven to takes years off your life, give you various problematic medical conditions-then be my guest! I'm sure you know the consequences of your actions, so I'll allow you to suffer from them if you so choose.

No, instead, this article is about wanting to go out and have a good time with friends and not being subjected to not only a bad smell, but also the health risks that come from secondhand smoke, especially in small enclosed areas such as the bars and clubs of downtown Greenville.

Before you argue with me about secondhand smoke, know that the U.S. Surgeon General recently said that secondhand smoke is a health hazard at any level. His report, continues in saying that there is "massive and conclusive scientific evidence [of the] alarming public health threat posed by secondhand smoke and finds smoking bans are the only way to protect non-smokers... The science is clear. Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance but a serious health hazard." In fact, we are told that nearly 65,000 Americans die every year from secondhand smoke. That secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in this country. Plus, secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, which includes 69 that cause cancer:

With that in mind, how can non-smokers continue to accept the dangers of secondhand smoke? Is coming home smelling like a smoker not enough? Do you really need to incur the health problems too, before you put your foot down and demand change?

Well I don't need to hear, see or smell anything more. I'm sick of it. I'm tired of coming home, and dealing with a day full of migraines when I wake up because of the smoke. I'm tired of going to bed at night and waking up only to find my sheets reeking of smoke. And now, there is even more conclusive evidence saying that I should avoid secondhand smoke, because, unlike some Americans, I actually value my lungs ...

So here is what I propose-I'd like to see a smokefree downtown. However, I know I'm in a Southern tobacco state and that probably won't happen until the government mandates it. So instead, I propose a challenge. I challenge some club, any club, to step up and be the first of downtown Greenville to become smoke-free. I really want to have a good time in a club and not risk my health in doing so.

The idea of a smoke-free club isn't unique

to me. Actually, according to the Americans

for Nonsmokers' Rights, 116 communities and

seven states have enacted smoke-free laws in

2006 alone, making the total to 577 communities

and 22 states smoke-free. It can be done, and in hopes of saving and prolonging lives, it should be.

ness, then just look at New York City. They did it, and

they're still prospering. In fact, I would think the non-

smokers, who in reality are majority here, would flock

to your club to enjoy the new experience if anything,

to smoke-free, then make it mandatory that smok-

ers go outside to smoke. And, definitely invest in a

commercial smoke remover, to help make the club

more enjoyable to all of us who choose not to smoke.

effort here to make these changes. It may not be easy,

but I think it would not only prove beneficial to your

business, but also would be satisfying in knowing that

you're doing something to help promote healthy living.

like an unattainable luxury in this town?

Seriously, why does clean air have to feel

Yes, I'm asking that club owners put forth some

If you need a middle step before going all the way

Club owners, if you think it's going to hurt your busi-

luesdays and Thursdays to torture

me because I have to be on campus

Like I swear, if I like, hear you say "like," like, one more time, I'm going to, like, cut your tongue out, and you will like it. Like, OK?

The volleyball girl that sits in front of me in class is so beautiful!

Is it vanity that I have a life-size picture

of myself on my wall right above my computer? Ah, I am looking at it now. It's so nice.

All the good-looking girls disappear in winter. I guess it's because they are all bundled up and I have to look

Student life is about staying up too late, partying too hard, doing semester long projects the night before it's due and starting the weekend on Wednesdays. I am a professional

The girl who wrote about how excited

she is because her boyfriend has money to buy her stuff shows why Valentine's Day is evil. People only care about what they can get and that's

not real love. It's called being selfish

and all of you people make me sick!

Is it bad that we drink every single night

You don't deserve nice people!

all day.

at faces

student.

of the week?

Dead, and at only twentyseven

Drug overdose leads to a young and tragic demise

JESSICA DUNLOW **OPINION WRITER**

Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison are four of the most famous deaths in American culture, and they have one thing in common: Drugs.

The age of 27 was the final year for these performers and they became immortalized in history. The problem is that these deaths seem to glamorize the idea of excessive drug use and more teens and people in their early twenties are passing away from overdoses.

Maybe it is just me, but I have lost too many friends to this epidemic, been to too many funerals, and I am only 19.

Too many times have I been to parties at ECU where there are people tripping, popping pills and doing lines. I just do not understand. We are in college to build our minds to enter the "real" world successfully, and not with an expensive addiction to one drug or another.

Everyone has their share of fun, going out and trying out new things. But when it becomes a goal to get as messed up as possible each night, to try and blackout just to hear stories the next morning about what all you did, it is a problem.

In addition, when you are in a state when you have numerous drugs flowing through your system, and it is likely that others around you are too... it is doubtful these people will save you.

You know it is a problem when a friend blacks out, and then people at the party continue to hand him drinks, to put pills in his mouth as he passes out, then he ends up dying in the emergency room that same night. Get out of your "vortex" and live in the real world. I am a normal college student, and we all go out and have fun. Therefore, I will get off my soapbox and let everyone live his or her own lives.

Nevertheless, take heed that I learned my lesson from mourning my friends, and I am not ready to see the ECU population take hits from drug deaths.

Stop living as if you are going to die at age 27, it is important to live each day to the fullest, but it is not imperative to mock death by pushing its limits with foreign toxins in your body.

I wonder how many computers in the library are on Facebook or MySpace right now.

Today I was on the Minges bus trying to get home quickly so I could study & go to work. The driver just decided to get up and peace out. We all sat there for 10 or so minutes before another driver came and told us that this bus was not going to be running for a while longer and to get on the other bus.

If I ever throw a party and you happen to get really sick on my couch, I'm going to drag you out of my house and leave you in the cold like you tried to do to my friend Saturday night.

When you come to class in the morning make sure you brush your teeth. I sit in the next row over... and when you talk, your breath makes me want to throw up.

Does anybody else want to slap the girl who wrote the Rant about how excited she was about Valentine's Day because her boyfriend had lots of money to spend on her?

Whenever people come to visit ECU, I run around in my towel and yell, "Go Pirates!

I'm giving up Facebook for Lent. Every time I feel the temptation to log on, I'm going to pray hard, real hard!

So, I had the best Pirate Rant in the history of Pirate Rants ever! However when I went to the Web site to submit it, my mind went blank.

One of the reason Duke basketball is always so amazing is the amazing

tragedy. Take it or leave it.

Chemistry without coffee is a big mistake

Someone take me out of here and let's go hang out in Key West for a little while!

If you're trying to get back at us for being loud before quiet hours—good luck. It's not going to work.

My stalker graduated ... I am sad.

Your "friends" are only giving you as much attention as they are because they think you're going to hurt yourself.

Honey, you have to be a little more specific about the girl who sits in front of you or she'll never know.

I'm going an entire week without seeing the hot guy on the bus. I don't know what to do with myself.

I want to have a snowball fight.

You're an object of my affection.

Getting a Pirate Rant published is number seven on my "things to do before I die" list, so publish this so I can get on with my life!

Girl you fine, where you stay at?

Don't call me l'muh call you.

People that take the elevator in Bate really make me mad, unless you have a really good excuse. Stop being lazy!

Where are all the guys from the North?!

Is it me, or is it a little dry in Greenville?

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My boyfriend of three years just joined a fraternity that has been taking up all of his free time. I have been depressed since I haven't been able to spend any time with him, but he thinks it's because I am jealous.

I don't want to break up with him because I love him, but I can't stand not being able to hang out with him on the weekends because of his socials where girlfriends are not allowed to come.

What should I do?

Please Help, Lonely and Depressed

Dear Lonely,

I can't say that I blame you. It must be disheartening to be closer to the center of someone's life and then be forced to take a backseat to something new. However, that doesn't mean that it can't be worked out. Many times, the solutions for problems I encoun-

To everyone that looks down on the Ultimate Frisbee team, they work harder than any other club sport and happen to be very good. Earlier this season they beat defending national champions University of Florida. Maybe you should think twice before not coming out for a competitive sport.

I refuse to leave Greenville this summer because I know I can't handle three months without my best friends

I can give my best friend a "look" and she can almost always figure out what I'm thinking. Our other friends think it's disgusting ... I think it's amazing.

When I ask a question, I can't tell if my teacher is looking at me when he responds.

You're right, sometime in the future I am going to look back on all of this. And guess what? I'll still be ticked!

I apologized to the person I had an issue with. I will not apologize to you. Especially since you hurt me more than anyone else ever has.

Spandex and me don't get along.

Would you hurry up and drop this loser and be with me?

Don't judge me on what I've done in the past. Judge me by what I'm going to do in the future.

You looked like a strange bird in that dress. I never pay for my drinks downtown

I only drink when I smoke.

ter have a lot to do with directly talking to the

person that it involves, so I'm sure you can guess

that I'm going to tell you to talk to him about it.

ous, you've probably already tried, to an extent,

so this time take it a little further. I don't believe

in ultimatums but you may need to let him know

that you just can't go on being second to his new

fraternity. Of course, that's provided that you

aren't just having a hard time adjusting to his

new partnership with his fraternity brothers.

medium regarding when he can make time for you,

and you should be just fine. Also, make sure to fill your

time with fun things you've always wanted to do but

didn't because you were spending that time with him.

miserable, it may be time for you both to move on.

Hope I could help,

Jane

However, if he can't or won't and you are just

Either way, you two have to either come to a happy

Since you mentioned that he thinks you're jeal-

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Horoscopes:

Aries

You have the support of your teammates. They think you can do anything. Let them in on the secret. You can do it all because of them.

Taurus

The more "To Do" items you check off the list, the more secure you become. Try to explain to the others, kindly, that this trick will work for them, too.

Gemini

Your friends provide encouragement, but you're the one taking the test. Luckily, you're very smart, and you're proving it again. Relax and do what's natural.

Cancer

You don't have to feel intimidated any more. You can do fine on what you've accomplished. You don't need any of them; just make sure they do a good job.

Leo

You don't need to tell everybody what you've recently discovered. Let them figure it out for themselves. Move fast, while you have the advantage.

Virgo

You're being offered something nice for your home and-or family. Luckily, what you'll have to pay is not more than you can afford. Accept a good deal.

Libra

Get somebody else to take care of the parts of the job you find most difficult. You're really not in the mood to take on a bigger challenge now.

Scorpio

You're a bit hyperactive now, which is a good thing. There is too much work for a regular person to do, which is not a problem. You're also feeling romantic. Luckily, you can do it all.

Sagittarius

Your sense of humor is coming back. You may not have known it was missing. Actually, it was just resting. Beware today of unexpected giggle fits.

Capricorn

Don't push too hard. That won't be necessary now. Go with the flow, and you'll wind up in a beautiful place.

Honoring African American history **African-Americans** in public office

A glance at leaders past

and present

TRICIA COUNCILOR

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

time to honor and celebrate the

many accomplishments of African

American citizens. It provides the

opportunity to study the nation's

history and the current conditions,

both painful and triumphant.

tion that has been in existence since

1926. The event was originally a

week long commemoration and in

1976, the entire month of Febru-

ary was dedicated to black history.

History Month is "From Slavery to

Freedom: Africans in the Ameri-

cas," which remembers the journey

tant to understand the history

of African American students on

campus. In 1963, only 44 years ago,

in the regular academic year.

early 1960s, black students could only enroll during the summer sessions. During her first year at

ECU, Leary was the only African

improved on our campus since

the 1960s. Black History Month

is a good opportunity to think

about social conditions at ECU.

said Crispin Noble, senior econom-

ics major. "I've never experienced

any different treatment or any

While restricted opportunities,

racism here."

"I feel like I'm treated equally,"

Racial conditions have certainly

American student on campus.

Laura Marie Leary was the first African American student enrolled

Prior to her enrollment, in the

Here at ECU it is also impor-

from slavery to the present.

The theme of this year's Black

The month is an annual celebra-

Black History Month is a

Some celebrated African-American government officials in U.S. history and current members of Congress:

Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** 1954

First African-American woman to hold the office; national security advisor under President George W. Bush: advised President George H.W. Bush on Soviet Union

Army General and Secretary of State **Colin Powell** 1937 Highest ranking

African-American officer in U.S. history; first African-American secretary of state; chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff during Persian Gulf War



discrimination and racism were major problems in the early to midtwentieth century, these issues and the aftermath that exist are still important to scrutinize today.

The issue of racism] is definitely still important," Noble said. "It may not be on the surface, but it is definitely still a big deal."

The month has inspired students to discover and recognize their history and how they can learn from it and apply it toward the future. "[African American History

Month] gives you a chance to learn

about your heritage and history, and for young people, it gives them a chance to see where they came from and where they can go," said Kimberly Fowler, senior criminal justice major.

Supreme Court Justice

Supreme Court s first

African-American justice,

1967-1991; as an NAACP

lawyer, won Brown v. Board

of Education of Topeka, the

1954 Supreme Court case

that overturned "separate

but equal" schools

Rep. Shirley

1924-2005

First female African-

African-American

Representatives

woman in House of

American presidential

candidate, in 1972; first

Chisholm,

D-N.Y.

Thurgood Marshall

1908-1993

Although ECU is undoubtedly diverse, no African American studies program currently exists on campus. Universities such as UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro, Duke University and many others incorporate African American studies into their curriculum to provide students the opportu-

Black History Month



First African-American elected to House of Representatives from South since Reconstruction; member of committee that held 1974 Watergate hearings

Sen. Hiram Revels. **R-Miss.** 1827-First African-

American U.S. senator, elected in 1870 during South s Reconstruction

In the current Congress All are Democrats

42 out of 435 representatives

Ala.: 1 Md.: 2 Pa.: 1 Calif.: 4 Miss.: 1 S.C.: 1 D.C.: 1* Mich.: 2 Tenn.: 1 Fla.: 3 Mo.: 2 Texas: 3 Ga.: 4 N.J.: 1 Virgin Isl.: 1* III.: 3 N.Y.: 4 Va.: 1 Ind.: 1 N.C.: 2 Wis.: 1 Ohio: 1 La.: 1 *Non-voting delegate

nity to delve deeper into African

American studies. ECU offers

classes through the ethnic studies

department, history department

and the English department,

where students may take a variety

of different courses dealing with

question whether one month

out of the year is enough to cel-

ebrate African American his-

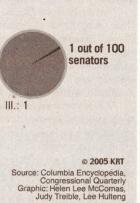
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"Because there are so many

cance as a part of U.S. history.

While some students may

African American studies.



Rep. Adam Clayton

Lone voice of African-

House of Representatives

for years; elected in 1945

American protest in

by Harlem district

Powell, D-N.Y.

1908-1972

things going on in life, having a certain month set aside brings all these important issues to the forefront of our minds," said Jaime Murphy, senior outdoor recreation major.

Many students feel that this dedicated month is not only for African Americans, but it is for all Americans to remember and appreciate the struggles and successes of our collective history.

"Its important for everybody to know and to see

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Aquarius

Your attention is being drawn to a new topic, and this is good. You can afford to do more research now, and you should.

Pisces

Move quickly on an opportunity that won't come again for a while. You've thought about it long enough. Grab it!

Mendenhall Movies

Sponsored by Student Union

Casino Royale

Wed 02/21 at 7 p.m. Thurs 02/22 at 9:30 p.m. Fri 02/23 at 7 p.m. & midnight Sat 02/24 at 9:30 p.m. Sun 02/25 no showing

Happy Feet

Wed 02/21 at 9:30 p.m Thurs 02/22 at 7 p.m. Fri 02/23 at 9:30 p.m. Sat 02/24 at 7:30 p.m. & midnight Sun 02/25 no showing

Drink Recipe:

Ginger Mango Lassi

2 mangos 1-inch piece of ginger 2 (8-ounce) containers vanilla yogurt 1 handful of ice cubes

2 tablespoons honey

To remove the flesh of the mango, cut the flesh away from the pit in two large pieces. Use a paring knife to cut through the flesh (but not through the peel) in a crisscross grid pattern. Use your thumbs to press against the skin side and pop the mango cubes up. Cut across the bottom, along the peel and add the cubes to the blender. Peel ginger. Grate ginger finely into bowl. Use fingers to squeeze juice out of gratings. Discard juiced gratings. Put ginger and remaining ingredients in the blender and blend until thick and smooth. If you don't have a blender you can still make the drink: Just whisk everything but the ice together in a mixing bowl. Fill glasses with ice and pour the mixture on top.



The proper conventions for consuming spirits

LIZ FULTON SENIOR WRITER

More and more, a recurring problem arises for those brave souls frequenting the trenches of downtown. Whether ensconced among a group of pals or better yet, hoping to score with a fine specimen of the opposite sex, the required etiquette for ordering shots is beginning to fall to the wayside.

Scenarios begin idyllic enough: "Do you want to take a shot?" is bellowed above the roaring crowd by an enthusiastic cat intent on getting out of control. As soon as an affirmative is established, there begins the juncture when the situation becomes a bit slippery.

Debates have raged since the days of Tim Finnegan's wake on who decides the choice of shot. Drinkers following old school rules ascertain that the buyer is responsible for dictating what alcoholic concoction will be consumed. This demonstrates one's assertiveness and control of the situation. Not to mention, it is your dime footing the bill for these mind-altering spirits.

Lick it, slam it, suck it?

There are two exceptions to this rule. Only if the other recipient possesses finicky tastes or massive liters of alcohol have already been consumed, then the asker should maintain the upper hand.

If these exceptions are not coming into play, then the buyer should already have a type of shot in mind to purchase. Stick to your guns and order what you want. When the decision is left up to the other, it could be days before a consensus is reached.

Senior nursing major Katherine Donahoe recommends looking at the daily special's board when it comes to determining what type of shot to take. "Always go for whatever's cheapest," she said, "that way you can take more than one."

If you do make the misstep of asking your partner in crime what type of shot they want, rest assured that the following ones will automatically be thrown out there.

Tequila, along with salt and lime, is always a crowd favorite. However, if you aren't going to opt for the top shelf, stay away from the house brand unless you enjoy morning regurgitation.

Southern Comfort and lime is cheap, fast and easy. It does lack originality or imagination though, and should only be considered when buying for large numbers of people.

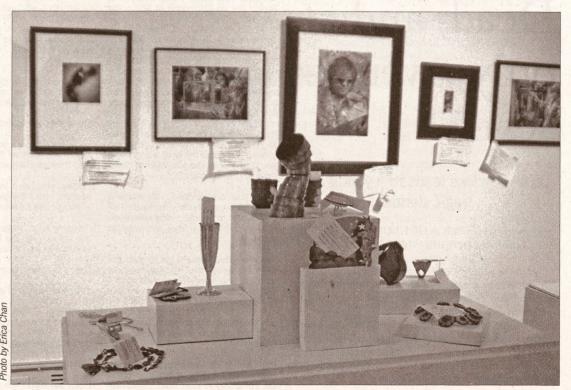
If you are looking for a fun shot that will only slightly put a dent in your wallet, consider the frothy Jaeger Bomb or a sassy Red-headed Slut (peach schnapps, Jaeger and cranberry juice). If it happens to be your best mate's birthday or you feel like playing a nasty trick on someone, then be sure to send them a Three Wise Men (Jack Daniels. Jim Beam and Jose Cuervo).

"Always send a Three Wise Men to someone who pisses you off," said senior history major Jared McClean.

Once the shot is taken, a new gray area ascends. What do you do with each other now?

If a girl was using her wiles to entice a free shot from some

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Students showcase their talents in the Undergraduate Exhibition which is on display in the Gray Gallery.

Art in all its excellence

ECU's School of Art brings artistic merit to our campus

LAURA HUHN STAFF WRITER

Art encapsulates the passion in all of us. Even in its rawest form, art speaks volumes about the artist. Many such artists have put a lot of time and effort into perfecting their masterpieces. It only seems right that these diligent individuals should have their hard work honored. ECU's School of Art and Design has set out once again to do just that. The annual Undergraduate Exhibition in Wellington B. Gray Gallery will begin on Friday, Feb. 23. The purpose of this exhibition is to showcase

the outstanding work from some

of ECU's finest undergraduate

artists.

The noteworthy pieces are chosen by a range of ECU's Art and Design faculty, which brings a more personal honor to the chosen artists.

Holly Ann Sailors, a sophomore painting/drawing major, expressed enthusiasm about having her pieces chosen.

"I was incredibly honored, actually. The professors who chose my works were over the painting and drawing concentration. They are very important people," said Sailors.

The student artists are placed into two main categories, foundations and undergraduate. Foundations is mostly comprised of firstyear students, and the undergraduate category is made up of the sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"Last year," Sailors said, "I was very impressed by the work of the sophomores, juniors and seniors. It was my goal this year to put my work in the exhibition again, after my freshman year."

All of the many concentrations are represented in the exhibition, from painting to graphic design, to ceramics and more. One of the most significant things about this annual exhibition is its diverse selection of pieces from within each of the different concentrations.

"Last year, I was very impressed by both the diversity and the quality of the pieces. My painting will likely be way different than the one next to me," Sailors said.

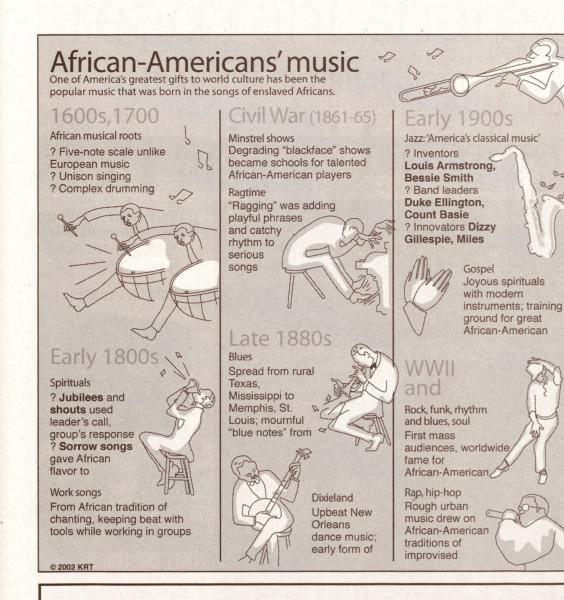
The students are not the only ones that are aware of the importance of this exhibition. The entire faculty takes great care in selecting each of the pieces.

There are no set guidelines for the selection process, so the professors within each of the concentrations are able to really look at what makes the pieces from their area outstanding.

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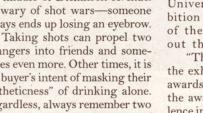
likely be to discreetly extract herself from the situation. Common phrases such as "I've got to go to the bathroom" or "I'll be right back" are perfectly acceptable but hold the danger of being too transparent. Instead, try sticking around for a little while until "finding" a long-lost friend on the other side of the bar. This gives a somewhat legitimate excuse for your vanishing act while allowing for the gentleman to save face.

On the other hand, if a boy was buying a shot to appease the predicament of not remembering. the girl's name, take your poison and retreat quickly. She will be appreciative for the free drink, and you will be saved once again from not remembering the name of the girl who sat behind you in geology two semesters ago.

In some rare occasions, partiers can find themselves in a never-ending plight. After imbibing one Lemon Drop shot, the receiver sometimes feels compelled to return the favor by then purchasing a round of Kamikazes. Not to be outdone, the original buyer will then order Mind Erasers. Before you know it, all your money is gone, and you are lying naked in the middle of Dickinson Avenue. Be wary of shot wars—someone always ends up losing an eyebrow.

strangers into friends and sometimes even more. Other times, it is the buyer's intent of masking their "patheticness" of drinking alone. Regardless, always remember two things about slamming booze. If you have the cash, you call the shots (literally) but wield your power responsibly.

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poor sap, the next move will most it from the perspective of Afri- rate this month, and more are ahead. Look for the Black History Month Symposium on Feb. 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mendenhall.

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can Americans," said Alva

Navarro, senior nutrition and

dietetics major. "But it is really

important for them too; cul-

tural pride is really important."

at ECU so far to commemo-

Many events have been held

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Gil Leebrick, the director of the Gray Gallery and a professor within the School of Art and Design, spoke of the value of the exhibition.

The reason for the exhibition is to showcase the artwork of the undergraduate artist. The work here is the best of the best as juried by the faculty of each division of the school. It is exemplary of the fine talent that our young students have in the School of Art," said Leebrick.

Along with the honor of having a work chosen to be displayed, the students have the opportunity to receive awards for their excellence. This year, the award juror will be Sonya Clark, who is the director of the Department of Crafts/Materials at Virginia Commonwealth University. During the exhibition she will examine each of the pieces, and will give out the awards accordingly.

There will be 200 pieces in the exhibition, and a total of 47 awards will be given out. Most of the awards are awards of excel-

"It's not about the cash prize," Sailors said, "it's about the honor of receiving the

the ways that the strength of the ECU School of Art and Design can be seen. The program is the largest in North Carolina, and is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Sailors spoke fondly of her time in the School of Art and Design thus far.

"I feel like the department is willing to help you pursue your personal goals. The professors are able to bring things out of people they didn't. know was there. They know how to help the students," she said. "You can be outside of the box and still make good grades, which is how art should be. Mytimeherehasshapedmetremendously as an artist." Sailors said.

The Undergraduate Exhibition will be held in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. It will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 with the awards ceremony and reception, which are open to the public.

The exhibition will run through Saturday, March 31. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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ips and tucks

(MCT)-After several seasons of loose silhouettes and layers that float far away from the body, runway shows for New York Fashion Week prominently featured a return to form-fitting apparel, including belts and clas-

sic tailoring. Marc Jacobs went from his spring extreme of flowing, ballooning, light-as-air layers to their opposite: body-hugging, streamlined ensembles. He opened the show with a long belted coat and a brimmed

were belted (Jacobs), but many (Klein, Ellen Tracy) had strong, nearly architectural shapes.

"Women as buildings" feels like a nonhumanist approach to something meant to adorn the flesh. But these interpretations seem intended to maximize assets (belts, waists) and create lines that flatter.

Architecture, like fashion, is a creative field that must work within a set of restrictions: Buildings must be designed to stand and be safe; fashion must

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hat. The model looked like a lady instead of the ragamuffins in oversized, waistless dresses he showed last season.

For most designers, the experimentation with volume isn't completely over, but it is being reined in, making big clothes more manageable. Instead of all-over shapelessness, volume shows up in exaggerated or distinctive sleeves, or a drop-waist peplum, while the rest of the body is fitted.

Following spring's neutral colors, fall 2007 palettes were limited as well. The color of the season is non-color. Francisco Costa for Calvin Klein's entire collection was a study in shades of gray, with only a few blue pieces interrupting the parade of dark neutrals.

At Michael Kors, most clothes were completely neutral in black, browns and grays with a few pops of purple, red and teal. Most designers seemed to lump shine and metallics (gold, silver, copper, bronze) into these categories, with satins and sequins. The shine added interest to what might otherwise have been a very monochromatic season.

Monique Lhuillier drew upon the work of architect Frank Gehry to create the lines of her dresses (don't worry—none of them look like the Weisman, a fabulous museum that would be a disaster as a dress), all topped off with gem-encrusted belts. Carmen Marc Valvo cited architects Isamu Noguchi and Jean-Michel Frank for his collection, which was highly successful, though it felt a bit stiff in some incarnations.

For Marc Jacobs and Calvin Klein, architectural inspiration wasn't specified, but pant lines were kept rigidly in check with stirrups (not always visible). Every designer showed coats. Some fit bodies. Fashion is rebounding from a period when clothes seemed abstract to distraction rather than celebrating the human form.

In times of war and a harshly divided government, it's hard to make room for whimsy. That somber zeitgeist carried over to the runways with primarily dark colors and streamlined designs. Designers seemed determined to work within a set of constraints, but have also signaled that it's time to peel down and simplify the layers.

Vera Wang's serious collection invoked a Russian theme that included as many Bolsheviks (and babushkas) as royalty. Even Betsey Johnson, notorious for her outrageous designs with frills, toned things down. Her "School of Charm" featured dresses that looked more classic, with Peter Pan collars (and the runway drama of white gloves and tights). Almost everything seemed wearable. That's the real buzzword of the season.

Take Diane von Furstenberg, whose collection consisted almost exclusively of dresses, which demonstrated great freedom of expression through style, pattern and hem length. Wearing one piece that instantly creates a pulledtogether look frees up the wearer, too-no more standing in front of your closet trying to figure out what to wear with what else.

In this sense, the real control is in the hands (and wallets) of the consumer. Every woman can choose the best gray dress or the best pants for her without feeling like she has to emulate one specific look to be modern and in style. For fall, it is up to the individual to reclaim her own sense of order.





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BY THE NUMBERS

Pirates put weekend in the past

Seasons that newly appointed ECU quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator Todd Fitch worked on the same staff as ECU Head football Coach Skip Holtz; Fitch is coming to ECU from Iowa State, where he was the quarterbacks coach; Iowa State quarterback Bret Meyer set school career records in passing yards (7,348), total offense (7,929), touchdown passes (41) and completions (587) in just three seasons under Fitch's guidance; Fitch also spent five years as an offensive assistant under Holtz at the University of Connecticut (1994-1998)

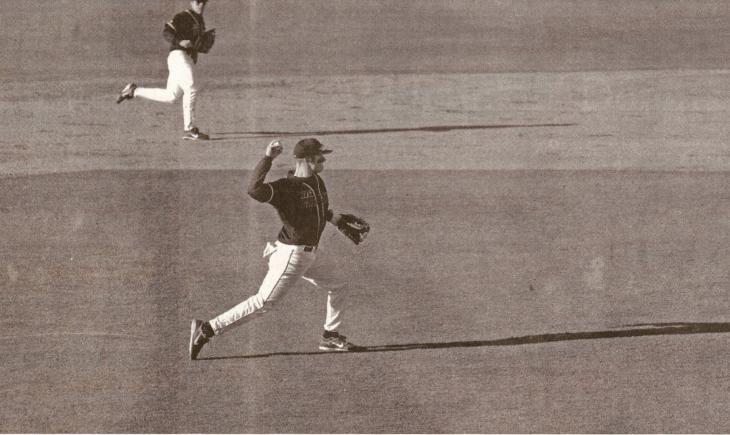
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ECU swimmers and divers that earned All-Conference USA honors this season; All-Conference honors were awarded to athletes who finished in the top-three in any event in this past weekends Conference USA Championships; ECU's men's and women's teams both recorded third place finishes at the Championships

Runs that were the difference in two losses by the ECU baseball team this past weekend against UCLA; the Bruins won Saturday's game 9-7 and won Sunday's game 7-6; the Pirates out-hit the Bruins 11-9 in Saturday's game, but a grand slam by UCLA's All-American candidate Brandon Crawford in the eighth inning

gave UCLA the 9-7 win; the Pirates were down 7-2 in the seventh inning of Sunday's game but made a courageous comeback, scoring four runs in the final three innings as their comeback fell just short in a

7-6 loss



Coach Billy Godwin thinks that ECU has played well at times but hasn't "put all three phases [pitching, offense and defense] of the game together."

ECU baseball gets swept by UCLA on the road

RONNIE WOODWARD ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

After winning its first series of the 2007 season ECU Head baseball Coach Billy Godwin said that it was important for his team to stay on an even keel. Godwin reiterated that statement in his office on Tuesday, saying that it is even more important now as the Pirates try to bounce back after getting swept by the 15th ranked UCLA Bruins this past weekend.

'I think it's even more important now than it was after winning," said Godwin. "We don't like to push the panic button; we feel just as good about our club as we did when the season began, we just have to go out and get some results."

The Pirates (2-4) did lose all

two games of the series by a total of three runs. Godwin said despite the three losses, ECU came back from California with some positives.

'I thought we scrapped and we were in every game," said Godwin. "I certainly think the difference in the series was they managed some two-out hits and we didn't, and I don't think we pitched particularly well."

Saturday's game was the most crushing defeat the Pirates have endured so far this season. ECU scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning to take a 7-5 lead. Godwin then brought in closer Shane Mathews in the bottom of the eighth, hoping Mathews could shut the door on UCLA and give ECU the hard-fought victory. Mathews retired the first batter of the inning but walked the next two and eventually loaded the bases with two outs and the Pirates still clinging to a 7-5 lead. UCLA All-American shortstop Brandon Crawford blasted a grand slam over the left field wall, which in the Pirates first series. But would eventually be the differ-

ence as the Bruins won Saturday's game 9-7. "I don't think we've put all

three phases [pitching, offense and defense] of the game together yet and you've got to do that to beat good teams," Godwin said.

Mathews made another relief appearance in the Pirates 7-6 loss on Sunday, pitching two-thirds of an inning and not allowing a hit or a run. Godwin said he wanted to make a statement on Sunday, allowing Mathews to regain his confidence as he continues in his role as the Pirates closer.

We needed to get him back on the mound," said Godwin. "When you have a tough outing like he did on Saturday the best thing I can do as a coach, and what you want in a competitor, is to jump right back up that next day.

ECU was without the services of senior Jeff Ostrander this past weekend. Ostrander pitched great in his first start of the season, and return from Tommy John Surgery,

Saturday start against UCLA due to soreness in his pitching arm. Godwin said that Ostrander's status, as of now, is uncertain.

Sophomore Josh Dowdy is scheduled to start today's 3 p.m. game against Campbell. Godwin said that Junior T.J. Hose will start Friday's game against St. John's, left-hander Dustin Sasser will start Saturday's game against Washington and Sunday's starter is to be determined.

The Pirates will now play 21 home games in a row, starting with today's game. ECU's next road trip is scheduled for March 30, when it heads to New Orleans, La. for a weekend series with Conference USA foe Tulane.

We have some very good teams coming in here so we have to be prepared to play, but it's certainly a good feeling to be at home and the fact that we don't have to travel again for another five weeks," said Godwin.



Eldridge has been the perfect leadoff hitter for the Pirates so far this season. He went 5-for-11 against UCLA, scoring four runs and tallying two RBIs. Eldridge now holds a .522 batting average, a .607 onbase percentage and a .783 slugging percentage.

Eldridge leads the Pirates in batting average, runs, hits, doubles, total bases, slugging percentage, walks and onbase percentage. The Pirate's speedy center fielder even managed an inside-the-park home run on Saturday.

"He's been tremendous and is really playing well right now.

He actually hit a couple other balls that were right on the button and got nothing to show for it. There's no question he's playing very well offensively

three games to the Bruins (6-4) this past weekend, but didn't go down easily. UCLA won the last

Ostrander missed his scheduled

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for us," said Head Coach Billy Godwin

Pirates plunder FAU Dunkin' Donuts Classic

Consecutive innings that ECU softball star pitcher Keli Harrell has not allowed an earned run; in an 11-0 mercy rule blowout over St. Johns Harrell pitched only two innings before giving way to Toni Paisley (2-2); Paisley notched the second win of her career by finishing the last three innings against the Red Storm; Harrell has fanned 46 out of 106 batters (43.4 percent) faced so far this season and is now 58 strikeouts shy of the C-USA career strikeouts record

Games in a row that Charina Sumner hit a triple to lead off the contest; Sumner jumpstarted the Pirates offense against St. John's in their last game of the FAU Dunkin' Donuts Classic, tripling to lead off and scoring on Kaui Tom's first collegiate home run, a two-run shot; Sumner also recorded her second home run of the season against the Red Storm

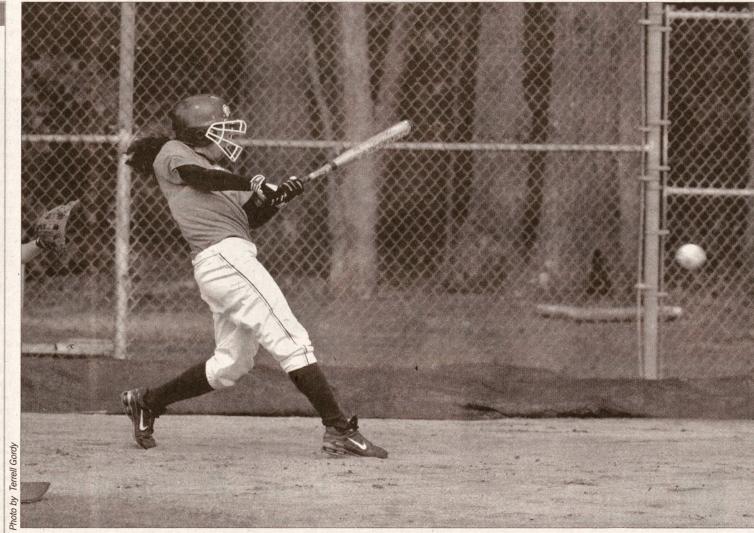
They said it

"If you would have told me we would be 6-3 starting with nine games on the road, I would have taken that anytime. It is tough playing on the road. At home we have a great following and a really rowdy left field line that we're proud of. It's sort of our min-iature 'Jungle.'"- ECU Head Softball Coach Tracey Kee



Sumner has been showing some serious "pop" in her swing for a leadoff hitter. She currently has a slugging percentage of .828, with five extrabase hits in nine games including two home runs and two triples. More importantly, Sumner is hitting .448 on the year with an on-base percentage of .500. Getting on base however possible is always the goal of the leadoff hitter, and Sumner is getting the job done and then some. She also has four stolen bases on five attempts, and eight runs scored.

Sumner has also been clutch in the field. In the closest game of the FAU Dunkin Donuts Tournament, she ended the ECU match up against FAU with a clutch put out at first base from right field with two outs and an FAU runner on third.



Head Coach Tracey said her players "swings did not look good in warm-up" before playing Maryland and Michigan Friday morning.

After tough first day Pirates rally to three consecutive victories

ROBERT MATTHEW PARKS STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team traveled to Boca Raton, Fla. to take part in the FAU Dunkin' Donuts Classic over the weekend and won three of the five games they played. The Pirates opened the tournament slowly with a tough 3-1 loss to No.14 NCFA/USA Today ranked University of Michigan and a 9-1 loss to the Maryland Terrapins.

The Pirates had entered the tournament riding high after taking three of four in the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill a week earlier and looking forward to the match-up with nationally ranked Michigan.

ECU pitcher Keli Harrell was solid only giving up three runs and striking out 12 against the Wolverines. The Pirates gave Michigan a fight, but in the end Michigan pitcher Lorilyn Wilson was the difference only giving up four hits and notching a complete game.

The Pirates entered the sixth inning up 1-0, but the Wolverines ended up scoring three runs, sealing the game.

"Against Michigan we actually played a pretty good game. We just had one bad inning,' said sophomore infielder Jessica Johnson. "Take that inning out and I think we went toe-to-toe with them.'

Later in the day the Terrapins jumped on the Pirates in the second inning and rode to a 9-1 victory

Head coach Tracey Kee said the Pirates had a hard time getting things going offensively on the first day.

"Friday morning coach Koz

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[Associate Head Coach Natalie Kozlowski] said that the swings did not look good in warm-up and I think it carried over," said Kee. "We were just overly anxious. We were not very patient as hitters."

The Pirates were far from done, however. The team rebounded to sweep the final three games of the tournament with a 2-1 win over Florida Atlantic, a 4-0 victory over Long Island University and an 11-0 drubbing of St. John's.

The Pirate offense that was not there on Friday came alive on Saturday and Sunday. "All of a sudden we started

hitting the ball in the last three games," Johnson said. Harrell came back to pitch a shutout over Long Island, while ECU's offense was finally jump started in a 4-0 perfor-

mance. The Pirates squeezed out a 2-1 win over tournament host FAU behind a Johnson fifth inning home run and a strong performance from sophomore pitcher Brooke Swann.

"I just went out there and tried to do the best I could," said Swann. This was quite an understatement for a performance in next 13 games here in Greenville.

which Swann held the Owls to only two hits. "I just waited for my team to put hits on the board."

The final game of the tournament against St. John's found the Pirates in full-stride.

"We jumped on them in the first inning and just never let up," Swann said.

Coming out of this past weekend's tournament, the Pirate's pitching is being led by ace Keli Harrell, who sports a 0.66 ERA.

The offense features three players currently batting over .400 in Charina Sumner, Paige Baggett and Vanessa Moreno. Baggett is tied with Johnson for the team lead in home runs so far. Both have three on the season.

The Pirates are 6-3 as they enter this weekend's upcoming tournament; the Baymont Inn & Suites Pirate Classic that will take place here in Greenville. That record sits just fine with Kee.

"If you would have told me we would be 6-3 starting with nine games on the road, I would have taken that anytime," Kee said.

And one other thing is for sure, Kee and the Pirates are happy to be home. They play their

In addition to the Baymont Inn & Suites Pirate Classic this upcoming weekend, the team will also host the Holiday Inn Pirate Clash starting on March 2.

'We got in Monday morning at 2 a.m.," Kee said of her team's return trip from the tournament. We rolled back in and our kids had to get up and get to their eight o'clock classes.'

In addition to escaping the demands of travel, the Pirates are happy to come home to the ECU fans.

"It is tough playing on the road," Kee said. "You don't have all the major fan support. At home we have a great following and a really rowdy left field line that we're proud of."

"It's sort of our miniature 'Jungle," Kee laughed.

The Pirates play their first home game this weekend in kicking off the Pirate Classic. They will play on Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. against the Towson Tigers. They will also play Appalachian State and have a rematch with St. John's on Feb. 24 as part of the tournament.

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Todd Fitch appointed to ECU Football staff



FITCH

(SID)-Todd Fitch has been named quarterbacks coach and an offensive coordinator at ECU according to an announcement from Head Football Coach Skip Holtz on Monday.

Fitch's new assignment at ECU will mark a reunion with Holtz, as the pair worked together

for a total of 10 seasons, five each at Connecticut and South Carolina beginning in 1994. A veteran with over 20 years of coaching experience, Fitch has also worked under legendary head coaches Don Nehlen, Earle Bruce and Lou Holtz during his career, which spans back to 1986 and included stops at alma mater Ohio Wesleyan, Bowling Green, West

Virginia, and Colorado State. Undoubtedly, Todd brings a wealth of experience to East Carolina and we're excited to have him join our Pirate family,"

Holtz said. "There's certainly a comfort level there when you've spent 10 years working with someone. He's made a significant impact everywhere he has been, and I've been fortunate enough to see it in person twice.'

Fitch indirectly replaces former tight ends coach and special teams coordinator Don Yanowsky on the Pirates' staff who accepted a position with Boston College on January 5. Fitch's assignment to handle quarterback play and assist in the receivers coach-all under head coordination of ECU's offensive unit has enabled Holtz to slightly shuffle his staff for the 2007 season, which includes Phil Petty taking over responsibility for the tight end position. "In replacing Coach Yanowsky's position, we were able to make some moves that will strengthen not only our program as a whole, but help continue the progress we've made towards the development and growth for our staff," Holtz said. "I'll be the first to credit Phil Petty for doing an outstanding job working with James Pinkney over the past two seasons. The stats simply speak for themselves as does James' maturation and development on and off the field. Thus, our program will benefit greatly by Phil having the same impact with our young tight ends, which as we discovered late in the year, is a position critical

to our success, especially in the redzone. I feel this opportunity for him is a win-win situation for all of us as our tight ends will be in the hands of energetic leadership and Phil will be in a strategic position to continue his climb toward being one of the nation's young, bright and well-rounded offensive coordinators of tomorrow."

Most recently, Fitch spent three seasons as a member of the Iowa State staff as quarterbacks coach where he tutored All-America performer Bret Meyer, who has blossomed into ISU's most prolific signal-caller under his guidance. Meyer set school career marks in passing yards (7,348), total offense (7,929), touchdown passes (41) and completions (587) in just three seasons and included a 1,926-yard passing effort in 2004 which ranked as the top freshman mark in school history.

Prior to his move to the Big 12 Conference, Fitch was South Carolina's quarterbacks coach in 2003 after a year as running backs coach and three seasons as wide coach Lou Holtz and offensive coordinator Skip Holtz-where he helped lead the Gamecocks to consecutive Outback Bowl victories in 2001 and 2002. Fitch came to the South Carolina program from Connecticut, where he worked under head coach Skip Holtz during his five year tenure from 1994 to 1998. He coordinated the Huskies' offense in his final three years, playing a key role in UConn's highpowered and prolific offensive attack in 1998 that resulted in a school-record 10-win season and quarterfinal round appearance in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Connecticut quarterbacks set school records for passing yardage, touchdown passes and passing efficiency under Fitch's guidance and the Huskies enjoyed a spot in the Top 25 polls during four of the five seasons.

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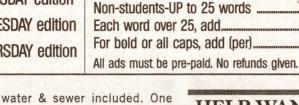
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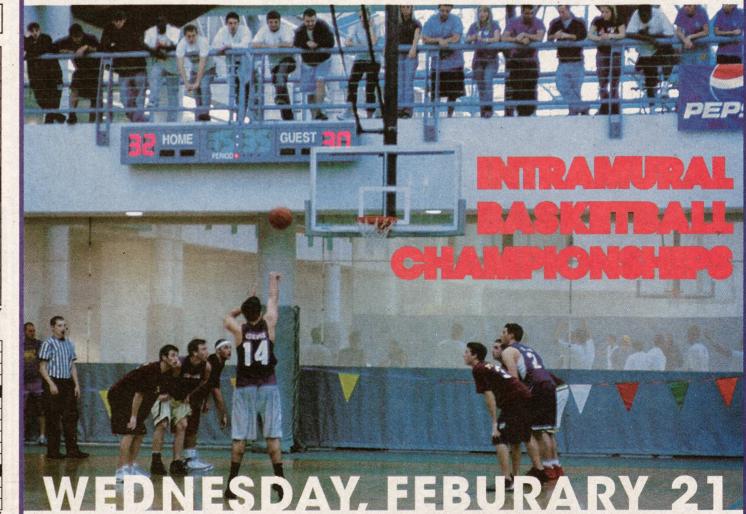


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