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ECU reacts to Virgina Tech shootings

ECU holds question and answer session for students

> **ELIZABETH LAUTEN** ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday morning, an unidentified man opened fire at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage on American soil. Two attacks, two hours and a half-mile apart, occurred before the university assessed the situation fully and warned students.

The bloodbath ended when the gunman committed suicide, leaving at least 33 dead and countless others injured.

In lieu of yesterday's tragic events, ECU held a question and answer session last night in Hendrix Theater. The meeting gave students and staff members an opportunity to discuss what ECU is doing to safeguard its students from a similar occurrence.

"A tragedy such as this serves as a reminder to all universities about the importance of safety initiatives and plans of actions if this were to happen at their respective institution," said Keri

president

M. Cole Jones wins ASG elections

KIMBERLY BELLAMY

SENIOR WRITER

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election this Saturday for the position of president of the UNC

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M. Cole Jones, former SGA

ECU



VT students watch from the doorway of McBryde Hall as police infiltrate an area where a shooting took place.

Brockett, SGA president. "This [forum] is our first step in creating our plan of action for such an unfortunate event. Really, the benefit of this forum was to allow students the opportunity to voice

the shooting or safety issues on campus. [It was] one of the mechanisms we have to ensure the safety of students at ECU, both on and off campus."

Chief Anderson of the any concerns that they have about Greenville Police Department

said the structure of ECU's campus makes it impossible to fully secure.

This is an open campus, people can drive in, walk in any-

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Eyes Wide Open comes to ECU student leader to be ASG



Combat boots, teddy bears and other objects in front of Mendenhall illustrate the casualties of the War in Iraq.

An exhibit to educate students

ADELINE TRENTO STAFF WRITER

Last week, ECU Peace and Justice hosted an exhibit on campus to educate students about the war in Iraq.

Eyes Wide Open is a national exhibit that has been displayed in most major U.S. cities, and aims to teach students about the human and economic costs of the Iraq war.

With this exhibit we hope to open people's eyes to the realities of war," said Debra Dillard, a Peace and Justice Fellow from the Orita Program. "This is a display that represents the costs on both sides, for the U.S. and for Iraq."

Eyes Wide Open, which took place in the Mendenhall Brickyard, used combat boots, teddy bears and everyday shoes to illustrate the human losses of war.

There are boots to represent the soldiers and normal shoes to represent the civilians that have died because of this war, although not in a proportionate number," Dillard said. "The teddy bears represent children that have either died in Iraq

or American children that have lost parents because of the war."

For the exhibit, 76 combat boots were set up in a military formation to represent the 76 N.C. service people that have died in Iraq.

'We all hear numbers on the news of how many people have died, but it is hard to visualize them as people. It seems like it is just a number," said Jill Doub, AmeriCorps Vista member with Habitat for Humanity. "This exhibit helps students to picture people filling these shoes and it puts a human face to the numbers. It just makes it very real and very powerful because people can see themselves in these shoes."

Students were also able to look at pictures and read display boards about the financial concerns of the war.

On Friday, a panel discussion along with a question and answer session was held as part of the exhibit. Jacek Teller, an ECU student

and Iraq war veteran, spoke on the panel about his personal experiences with the war and why he is now against it.

Economist Kash Mansori and Summer Lipford, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, spoke on the panel as well.

"We thought it was important

to have this exhibit and discussion because we wanted to get people talking," Doub said. "It seems like a lot of people are unaware of what is going on so they don't voice their opinion or talk about these things. It was important for us not to come out here and say, 'this is a huge anti-war exhibit, come out if you are anti-war.' That is not what we are trying to do, our goal is to get everyone thinking, talking and learning."

Eyes Wide Open travels throughout N.C. and will head to Davidson College, Guilford College and Highpoint University in the future.

"As a student, I hope that this will empower some people to speak up and say how they feel about things," said Laura Taylor, sophomore anthropology major. "This is a very sheltered, comfortable place to live so a lot of people don't know what is really going on. I think this helps people to see what it is like in Iraq and hopefully it will encourage students to speak out and make a

For more information about Eyes Wide Open, students can visit ewonc.org or afsc.org/eyes.

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What was your reaction to the news about the shootings at Virgina Tech?



"I think it's a shame that this happened, and do not know how someone could do something like this. I couldn't imagine being in that room or being there now. My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and families."

- Monica Hewett, sophomore elementary education major



"I'm shocked. Out of all the schools in America, VT is a top school... it's mind blowing and really an eye-opener. There's no way of prevent-

- Michelle Joyner, senior criminal justice major



"I'm shocked. They took Columbine and made it to college-level. It gets you thinking 'what if ...

- Akshay Ahuja, sophomore business administration major



"I feel it was a tragic loss for many family friends. Now I am more aware of the fact that this could happen everywhere. When I walk on campus I am going to be cautious and pay attention to detail."

- Kortney Benton, sophomore elementary education major



"It's scary knowing it can happen at any given time. It's

- Sita Patel, sophomore biology major

Memorial Lecture on Social Justice held

UN special court war crimes tribunal speaks

> CARMIN BLACK STAFF WRITER

On April 12, at 2 p.m. in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall the ECU College of Human Ecology hosted the fourth annual Carolyn Freeze Baynes Memorial Lecture on Social

The lecture, named after the late Carolyn Freeze Baynes, was

held to honor Bayne's commitment to social justice and the community. This year Dr. Bankole Thomp-

son, a United Nations appointed judge for the Special Court War Crimes Tribunal was asked to speak.

Thompson discussed international social justice and his involvement in bringing peace not only to Sierra Leone, Africa, his hometown, but his hopes of attaining serenity for the entire world.

Most of Thompson's lecture focused on the U.N.'s eight Millennium Development Goals.

MDG's as many call them, are the U.N.'s eight goals they have created as an outline for all countries involved in the U.N. to end world hunger and poverty.

The eight goals are to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability and to create a global partnership for development.

Dr. Thompson said that the U.N. is hoping to achieve their goals by the year 2015. Thompson admits the deadline is coming soon, but he feels that a firm and unyielding campaign is essential if the U.N. is truly going to take a stance against world poverty, illiteracy, disease and hunger.

Thompson made it clear that the implementation of the eight goals depends on the U.N.'s participating member states. Thomp-

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CORRECTIONS

In the news section, "STD awareness appears on campus," The Student Health Center offers STD tests for students, but the only one that is free is HIV/ AIDS.

The East Carolinian is dedicated to accurate reporting and will correct errors published in the paper.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now - April 17 **Choose the Centennial Buccaneer Yearbook** Cover

The department of Student Media is inviting all students, faculty and staff to help us choose the yearbook cover for the centennial edition of the Buccaneer, ECU's official yearbook! You can view all three covers and place your vote using OneStop. All yearbook covers were designed by ECU students

Scholarships offered by N.C. National Guard

and staff.

The North Carolina National Guard is currently offering two, two and one-half, and three-year scholarships. Those interested can see SFC Jimmy Smith in Room 344-A Rawl Building to pick up an application packet. Information can also be obtained by calling 916-9073. 344-A Rawl Building

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"Real Talk" with Jonathan Perry This nationally renowned speaker will discuss how HIV/ AIDS has affected his life as a college student, a man, an African-American who is openly gay.

Hendrix Theater

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Historian to discuss African Diaspora at ECU Sponsored by the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the ECU Department of History. Michael Gomez, professor and chair of history at New York University, will discuss the African Diaspora. Gomez is also director of the Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora. Free. Science and Technology Building, room C-309 4 p.m.

"Am I Crazy?"

This program is focused on Mental Health issues and will be facilitated by Renita Moore of the Student Counseling Center. Ledonia Wright **Cultural Center** 6 p.m.

Baseball vs. Old Dominion Clark-LeClair Stadium

"Project Stretch" This day is designated to promote physical activity among the students of ECU. The Campus Recreation and Wellness Center is encouraging students to come out and try a class in yoga and aerobics free with a coupon. Students will also have a chance to participate in a swing and salsa dance class, plus a

Black Student Union ICON Modeling Group Informational

Student Recreation Center

walk around campus.

The Black Student Union will be presenting to ECU, a fresh, new modeling group, better known as ICON. If you are interested in what ICON is all about and what we have in store for next vear. Bate 1019 6:30 p.m.

28th Barefoot on the Mall: **Pirates Do it Better** Come out to the 28th Barefoot on the mall and enjoy free t-shirts, giveaways, inflatables, and live music. **ECU Mall**

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Campus Nutrition-

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Mendenhall Student

choices.

2 - 4 p.m.

Baseball

Stadium

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Clark-LeClair

"Build A Plate" Storybook Theatre presents This healthy food "Runaway Bear" program will allow Part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Family Fare Series students to build their own plate of

Blu Moon Film Festival

Wright Auditorium

A celebration of film, filmmakers and the community of creativity that encompasses us all. There is a \$1 admission to the festival, with all proceeds going to the Magnolia Arts Center, a local non-profit organization supporting independent film. Hendrix Theater 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Latinos Unidos Leadership Conference

Individuals who attend will be given valuable and inspiring lectures, ideas, and information that will strengthen their leadership skills, when reaching out to their Latino community. Hendrix Theater 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Gardners for Hope holds plant sale for Jenkins Cancer Center

The funds raised are dispersed by the nurses at the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center to buy wigs, protheses, dressings and health products for patients. McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge, 930 Wellness Drive (off Stantonsburg) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Moulin Rouge Midnight Spectacular 3 Hendrix Theater 12 a.m.

Baseball

vs. Savannah State Clark-LeClair Stadium 6 p.m.

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Baseball

vs. Savannah State Clark-LeClair Stadium 1 p.m.

Treasures of the East

The Asian Student Association will be showcasing their talents and different cultures through dances, songs, and acts. Wright Auditorium 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Classes End

Student Union's **Student Appreciation**

Inflowential hip-hop band from Raleigh will be perform at Student Union's Student Appreciation Day. Free Food, Prizes, Games and much much more. Mendenhall Brickyard 2 - 6 p.m.

Featured Event

Thursday, April 19

7 p.m.

TECU hosts Global Warming Lecture Kevin E. Trenberth, head of Climate Analysis for the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., will present "Global Warming is Unequivocal." The lecture is being held in honor of Robert Morrison, a longtime professor of chemistry at ECU, who was named the 2006 distinguished professor in the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. This is the last of three lectures in the series. Science and Technology Building, room C-307

BRIEFS

Obama's \$25 million fundraising haul places him in competition with Clinton

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) -With a stunning \$25 million fundraising haul for his presidential campaign, Democrat Barack Obama affirmed his status Wednesday as Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief rival.

The freshman Illinois senator proved he could channel his appeal into significant financial muscle, and he dispelled, for now, questions about the durability of his anti-war, 'hope"-driven candidacy. Obama's three-month money total stopped just short of the record \$26 million Clinton brought in. By any measure, it was an astonishing figure for a political newcomer elected to the U.S. Senate just two years ago. Obama was in Iowa Wednesday, with a rally in Mason City planned for the afternoon. In an e-mail message to supporters, he said his fundraising success represented "an unmistakable

establishment in Washington about the power and seriousness of our challenge."

2-6 p.m.

His campaign released additional details illustrating the breadth of Obama's support. He had 100,000 contributors in the first quarter, with more than half donating online for a total of \$6.9 million. Clinton, by contrast, had about 50,000 contributors and raised \$4.2 million online.

New study suggests a good mammogram reader may do as well as computers at spotting cancer

BOSTON (AP)-A good mammogram reader may do just as well at spotting cancers without expensive new computer systems often used for a second opinion, a new study suggests. Computerized mammography, now used for about a third of the nation's mammograms, too often finds harmless spots that lead to false scares, researchers found. That conflicts with earlier studies showing benefit from the systems.

"It looks like computer-aided detection might not be working like people thought it would," said lead researcher Dr. Joshua Fenton, a family doctor at the University of California-Davis, in Sacramento. The findings, which appeared

Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine, touch on a rapidly spreading technology first marketed in 1998. Known as computer-aided detection or CAD, it consists of a computer coupled with software that identifies suspicious spots on mammograms and visibly marks them.

Here's how it works. When mammograms are taken, radiologists first read the X-rays and make their own judgments. But they can then double-check with the computer system to see if they have missed anything that's worth examining further.

Army says friendly fire may have killed two U.S. soldiers WASHINGTON (AP)-Two soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have died as a result of friendly fire, Army officials said Wednesday. The Army said it is investigating

the deaths of Pvt. Matthew Zeimer, 18, of Glendive, Mont., and Spc. Alan E. McPeek, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., who were killed in Ramadi, in western Iraq on Feb. 2. The families of the two soldiers were initially told they were killed by enemy fire. According to Army Col. Daniel Baggio, unit commanders in Iraq did not initially suspect they were killed by U.S. forces, but an investigation by the unit has found that may be a possibility. A supplemental report filed Feb. 28 suggested that the initial reports might be wrong but that an investigation was still under way, he said. It took another month before the families of the two soldiers were told, on March 31, that friendly fire was suspected.

Wednesday's disclosure comes on the heels of the announcement last week that nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made

the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan. The military found no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player.

critical errors in reporting

Pelosi meets Assad despite **Bush objections: Urges Syria** to engage in peace talks with

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held talks with Syria's leader Wednesday despite White House objections, saying she pressed President Bashar Assad over his country's support for militant groups and passed him a peace message from Israel.

The meeting was an attempt to push the Bush administration to open a direct dialogue with Syria, a step that the White House has rejected. Congressional Democrats insist the U.S. attempts to isolate Syria have failed to force the Assad government to change its

Downtown festival draws crowd

Streets flood with revelers

message to the political

ZACK HILL SENIOR WRITER

Early morning clouds gave way to sunshine on Saturday and provided the perfect weather for the Uptown Arts Festival.

Evans street was shut down from Fifth Street to First Street to provide space for more than 60 booths of food, artwork and crafts among other things.

"There is surely something for everyone," said Heather White, director of education and outreach at Emerge Gallery and Art Center. "It surely is a day of fun for the entire family and a big draw for the residents of Greenville, Pitt County, eastern North Carolina and beyond."

Events opened at 10 a.m. and lasted to 7 p.m., with seven live bands and street attractions like pirate duels and artists demon-

strating their methods. Chuck Russo, a Florida resident, was visiting the area and attended the festival.

here this weekend," said Russo. "There's a lot to do out here." A shuttle service also provided free transportation to the

Pigskin Pigout and parking was

open and free in several ECU and

"I'm glad I happened to be

city parking lots. A beer and wine garden was open from 3 - 7 p.m.



Among the bands playing were Purple School Bus, Back Draft and the Press Gang.

Down by the river was an international festival with tents set up for countries to provide cultural information and sell ethnic food. Dancers also performed for a crowd in front of the

amphitheater.

Frederick Smith, a nurse at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, said that he hoped the festival would return next year.

'Something like this is what they need down here more often," said Smith.

His wish will more than likely

be fulfilled.

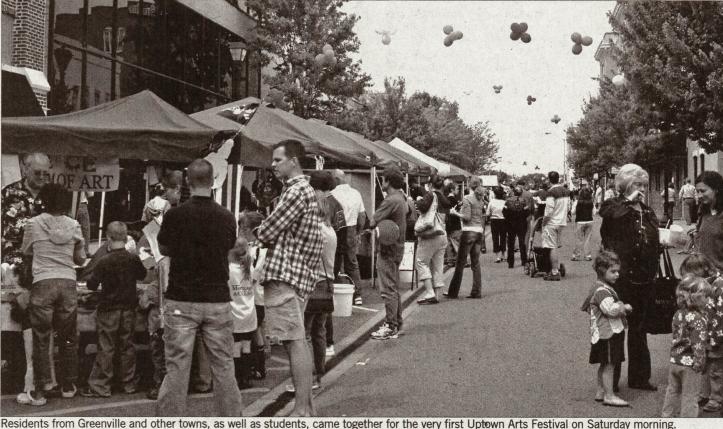
The Uptown Arts Festival will be an annual event," White said. "It will be in the spring of next year as well. The 2008 date will be released shortly after this year's festival."

Uptown Greenville and Emerge Gallery and Art Center

collaborated to sponsor the

This is the first time we have had so many professional crafts persons in Greenville for an actual street festival," White said.

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Residents from Greenville and other towns, as well as students, came together for the very first Uptown Arts Festival on Saturday morning.

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time they please, so no there is through the dorms. VA Tech's no way to screen their property," said Anderson.

Todd Johnson, associate vice chancellor for Campus Living, said measures were being taken to monitor residence halls, how-

"We have cameras in all 16 residence halls," Johnson said.

Additionally, installing more blue lights is being considered to help make the areas surrounding campus safer.

"ECU is also looking into putting in blue lights from First to Fifth Street for offcampus residents," said Chief Anderson.

Michael Caple, Student Union cultural awareness chair, asked how the ECU police department was going increase communication between local and federal police agencies in the event that a similar event would happen at ECU.

"ECU recently bought a VIPER radios, which will allow them to communicate between local and federal police," said to Chief Anderson.

The university already has some safety measures in place.

"We're taking precautions

stay open until 10 p.m and we keep ours locked 24 hours a day," said Brockett.

Michelle Lieberman, director for off-campus and community living, is sending out a safety survey in the next day or two to students to get their opinions on how to better secure the campus.

ECU will take the student responses and use them to help decide what further steps to take to protect the campus.

"I encourage all students to be proactive and mindful of the initiatives that are in place and that will be instilled by institutions after this occurrence," said Brockett. Students or faculty who would like to talk with someone regarding the shootings at Virginia Tech can visit the counseling center, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5.p.m. on weekdays.

A vigil will be held for the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings from 9:30-10:30 p.m. tonight in the Mendenhall Great Rooms 1 and 2.

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son said the U.N. cannot achieve these goals alone, but they can assist member states in making all efforts possible.

"The world body over the years has realized the importance of social justice to obtain world peace and security. It is my submission that social justice is a fundamental and moral imperative, concerning basic human needs regardless of class, age, rage and sexual orientation," said Thompson.

After the speech, the floor was opened for questions. Many took advantage of having Dr. Thompson in their presence to ask him questions about international social justice, as well as questions about the many problems concerning poverty and hunger in Africa.

Peter Romary, director of Student Legal Services said, "I think it's a real coup for ECU to get a justice of this caliber to come here and speak to us about international law, social justice and human rights. I've had a huge interest in the area in which he's worked, in the U.N. Special Courts crimes against humanity and the interplay in local law in countries around the world."

Many students present came as requirements for political science or criminal justice classes. Regardless, many students said they gained new insight from Thompson's lecture.

Brooke Loflin, sophomore criminal justice major said, "I came for class extra credit but I learned a lot about international justice today. I enjoyed hearing about human rights but I don't think the U.N. goals are reachable by 2015."

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Patron attended which caused a large margin between votes for the victory according to Jones.

Moore and Patron ran on ticket two, the only ticket to run against Jones and Grasty for these two positions.

Jones and Grasty are both in their second terms in SGA and ASG while their opposing candidates were both in their first term.

Jones and Grasty ended up being on the same tickets because ASG does not allow independent tickets according to Pantiel.

"Senior vice president is kind of a chief of staff person and I have acted as chief of staff for two years," Grasty said when asked how he was going to make the transition from one position to the other.

"I feel that the task will be second nature; I have been serving in leadership roles for several years and I feel I can lead the association in an effective transition," Jones said when asked the

same question. Cole and Grasty have already planned out their platform goals for the upcoming year.

"I'm excited that Cole and I share the same vision for ASG," Grasty said.

Even though Jones is no longer the SGA president for ECU, he plans to continue to be active in initiatives for the university.

"ECU will be piloting some programs such as the High School Leadership Institute and the Legacy Endeavors," Jones said.

To find out more about ASG, you can visit the Web site atuncasg.org.

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RANT OF THE DAY RIP to all of those that died in VT

Opinion

{Something to ponder}

IN REMEMBRANCE

To the ECU Campus Community, Virginia Tech Community, friends and family:

We would like to offer our sympathies in connection with the tragedy that occurred yesterday at Virginia Tech. The loss of life sustained by the school will not be forgotten, nor will the voices of those that mourn, both here and throughout the rest of the country.

Today's issue offers articles that reflect and comment upon these recent events in an effort to enlighten and comfort readers, and address various aspects of the shooting.

We encourage everyone to keep an open mind and open heart for those that suffer as you peruse today's issue. In a way, we all suffer, as we are united as a nation in shock.

Although details emerge even as each of you read, the world will likely never know for sure why such a horrendous thing would happen, could happen. All that can be done from here is to pick up the pieces, to remember, and to rebuild.

Our hearts go out to those who have suffered in this tragedy, and know that we are all grieved, as college students, faculty members, staff members, parents, siblings and as Americans. We will remember those we lost yesterday at Virginia Tech; it could have been any one of us.

We will do our best to represent the consequences and aftermath of what has, unfortunately, assumed its place as the worst shooting in our nation's history.

We also sincerely hope that such a terrible event may never happen again, neither during our lifetimes nor in the lives of those that follow in our footsteps.

With deepest sympathy,

The East Carolinian Editorial Board

Media crosses the line in VA Tech tragedy

Everyone needs to back off

JASON PATTY **OPINION WRITER**

There is no doubt that what has happened in Blacksburg, Va. is a terrible tragedy that will affect people for years to come. It is not, however, the police chief's fault. Nor is it the university president's fault.

The media, clamoring for their resignations, is doing nothing but yelling. They have no facts to report, so they have found something to just make noise about. There are reporters yelling at the police chief during interviews. What are they thinking? Since when is the media entitled to know everything immediately? Do they not understand that they are hindering an investigation? Do they not have any respect for the families of these students?

When police found out that two people were murdered this morning in a dormitory, that's all the information that they had in which to base their actions. They knew that someone had gotten into an argument with his girlfriend, and then shot her and the RA that came out to break up the dispute. This in no way pointed toward a mass killing two hours later. They had information leading them to believe that the killer had left the dorm and they were actively searching for him. While the shooting of these two people is certainly tragic, it is not a mass murder. The shooter did not shoot anyone else in the dorm that morning.

Furthermore, locking down a campus the size of Virginia Tech's would not have done any good. First, it probably would not have been very effective. The logistics of such an operation are pretty impressive. Secondly, the shooter was obviously still on campus. The same results would have been obtained.

The media needs to give the police and investigators some room to do their job. Their time needs to be spent identifying this man and figuring out what motivated him. Families need to be notified, and arrangements for their arrival need to be made. There is no reason for them to be wasting time getting yelled at by reporters because they couldn't prevent such a horrible tragedy.

There are also many already screaming for more gun control. As we've seen in the past, more laws don't limit the access that criminals have to guns. Furthermore, if one student in the classroom had a concealed and carry permit and it was legal to posses a firearm on a college campus, this tragedy could have been stopped much more quickly and with much less loss of life.

Hindsight is 20-20 and I am sure that the administrators at Virginia Tech would love to go back and do things differently, but at the time of the incident they acted on all of the information available to them. Firing these people for something that they could not control will not bring back these 33 students and faculty members. The police need to be figuring out how to prevent another one of these from happening, not answering mindless questions from reporters.



IRATE RANTS

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I told you my friends were coming into town just so you'd clean your side of the room.

Stop harassing my dogs or I will report your pot habits to the police. Are we

I know you called my new roommates behind my back to try and get me out of our apartment sooner. We would've still been friends after I moved out. Now I'm not so sure.

Regardless of whether you support the war or not, we all need to support

Would it be bad to give someone Head and Shoulders shampoo for his or her birthday?

Choose your friends wisely and your enemies wiser... take the advice,

Girl, you would think with how much time you spend in the mirror you would notice your mustache and nose

People are so screwed up. Who wakes up one morning and decides that they are going to kill 30 people?

My heart goes out to all of those who lost their lives in the shootings at VT and their families. I do, however, have one question: How is it possible that there was a shooting in the morning and then another over two hours later without anyone stopping him?

Smoking is the most unattractive thing ever.

Apparently being a curvy redhead who plays video games, loves horror movies, and worships old cartoons and anime is SOL in the dating game here. All the guys on campus want skinny, vapid girls.

Don Imus apologized to the black people for his comments and treatment of the Rutgers Basketball team, now when are Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton going to apologize to the Duke Lacrosse team? Because I am still waiting for that injustice to be

I think the toilet paper at ECU should be called John Wayne because it won't take s*** off anybody (courtesy of the third stall)

I was replaced before you were done with me. Does he know how lucky he

I know about NY. I'm sorry.

Hey ladies, being feminine has more power than being feminist.

Walking away was not what I wanted. It was an obligation. Not to me, but to ou. It's that important to me that you

I'm getting senioritis as a junior!

If you are not laughing, you're not living.

I love how impersonal the Rants are... I think they provide a chance to make a single ambiguous remark about possibly different people.. definitely increases you increases your

Before anyone decides to rant about it... I wear a hoodie and a beanie because I feel like it. I know it's 80 degrees out... let it go, man.

To the guy who farted at the gym and thought nobody heard... everybody

When no one's around, I take the elevator to the first floor.

I really just want to quit school, marry rich, and start popping out babies.

To the girl carrying the fake Coach bag: You are not cute, and neither is your bag. If you don't have enough money to buy the real thing, don't make yourself look even trashier by carrying some lame knock-off!

Why are you still with the guy that treats you like crap?

Have you ever wondered why Destination 360 is called Destination '360?" Could it be because it takes three-hundred and sixty minutes for your food to reach its destination

Facebook is the creepiest thing ever

You had no right to be angry. You dumped me, remember? Don't criticize me for moving on with my life!

I lied to my fraternity brothers about finally losing my virginity at formal.

Losing the remote is the worst feeling Going to ECU makes me feel dumb,

all you have to do is be alive and breathing to get accepted. I used to be cool and now... I'm

I have an English minor and I'm

broke... my services are for sale

Pray for VT.

I play your game better than you do.

If it wasn't for my grammar—Nazi teacher, I might actually be able to

pass an English paper.

If I wanted you, I could have you.

Don't you hate it when your milk spoils and you accidentally take a drink of it?

The VT tragedy is so sad... but the details that keep coming out, hours later, are even sadder.

I'm a white female and I can rap.

I don't like when I have drama, but I like when other people do.

I had a secret club trip that you don't know about. Sorry, honey.

You're obviously not here to party! Loosen up!

I love art class!

My reply when people tell me cigarettes are going to kill me: I'm counting on it!

There are a lot of closed-minded people at ECU, and they make me laugh.

I love giving blood and saving people's lives. It makes me feel good

Hey drummer girl, can I have your

Please buy an iron.

Thanks for holding my hair when I'm

Turning around would be like pouring raindrops back into a cloud.

Happiness is something we never fully achieve but something we will always strive for.

I'm glad we are setting our differences

I'm really not listening

I'm so close to just walking away and never looking back.

Your boyfriend looks at me like he's in love with me. Could you please get him to stop?

I hate catty girls. You ruin it for us girls who actually have a heart.

My parents think my goal is to se how many different colors I can put into my hair before the end of the year, which is probably true.

I want to know how Bush could get on TV and talk about the VA Tech shooting but he would not comment on the Rutgers University Women's Basketball team and how the radio jockey called them Nappy-headed. I mean I understand that what happened at VA Tech was tragic, but he still could have made a comment

I wish I could stop biting my nails.

People shouldn't cuss. It reflects poorly on their character.

The gunman killed at least 32?! What

a waste of life. E-Mail is not the way to notify students

about serious campus emergencies!

My prayers are with you V-Tech!

My residents are absolutely the best I'm going to miss them next year!

I hate surprises!

I miss my cat. Meow.

Imus hates nappy

My hair was nappy while I was writing this

> **BRIDGET TODD** OPINION WRITER

I'm probably the only black person in the country who doesn't think Don Imus deserves to be fired. His "nappy headed ho" comment didn't upset me. Sure, it was offensive, insensitive and all of that. And if Imus were a lawmaker, a judge, a politician or anything other than some radio guy, I probably would have cared. But he isn't. He's a cranky old radio talk show host whose whole thing is being edgy and in your face. He's not in any kind of position where his opinion affects minorities in any real way. It's not like he's making laws or influencing public policy. He's just some stupid racist guy on the radio... so who cares? And honestly, as far as racist remarks go, Imus

handled it very well. He immediately apologized to America for his comment, he asked to meet the team to personally apologize, and he even went on Al Sharpton's radio program. He didn't pull a Michael Richards, and offer a strange, rambling apology days later. No one seems to be giving Imus a break, especially not Reverend Jesse Jackson who held a boycott that called for Imus' termination for his "acts of racial bigotry." That's pretty weird, considering in 1984 Jackson himself referred to Jews as "Hymies"

and referred to New York City and "Hymietown."

The fact that Imus was fired speaks of the hypocrisy of CBS. Imus has made scores of racist, anti-Semitic and sexist comments in the past. He once referred to PBS anchor Gwen Ifill as "the cleaning lady." He called a black New York Times columnist "a New York Times quota hire." He repeatedly used the term "ragheads" to describe Arabs. The list could go on and on. If CBS or MSNBC really cared about promoting racial harmony, they would have fired Imus after his previous remarks. Or maybe they wouldn't have put a radio show that promotes race and gender insensitivity on the air in the first place. The only reason they fired him now is because advertisers are complaining.

If our country weren't so caught up in punishing people, maybe there would be a desire to educate Imus rather than just fire him. Maybe have him go to a black hair salon, and see what black girls (myself included) do to keep their hair from looking "nappy." Have him read Black No More, George Schuyler's influential novel about black identity, skin whitening and wanting to be something you're not. Someone should be encouraging Imus to learn and reform, not just slink into anonymity.

We have a problem in America with misplaced anger. Imus didn't just make up the phrase "nappy headed ho" on his own. It came from someplace. So maybe we should be angry that we live in a culture that includes racist and sexist speech; we shouldn't just be blindly angry with Imus for promoting it.

The all-American race war

Time for both sides to shut up

JARED JACKSON SPORTS WRITER

Since radio personality Don Imus called the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hoes" on his show two weeks ago, all hell has broken loose in the media.

I'm not saying that Imus's remarks were right, far from it in fact, but if it wasn't for the barrage of media that swarmed to cover his remarks, I dare say that most of America would have never found out about the incident.

Imus did deserve to be fired; he had pushed the boundaries of the media too long for this not to have been the conclusion. The incident offers without a doubt the poorest choice of words that I can think of, but I was appalled

when I turned on my television and witnessed Reverend's Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton speaking for the African American community in the aftermath of the Imus remarks. These two claim to carry the word of the late great Martin Luther King, yet they continue to do everything

in their power to demolish the path to an equal nation where everyone will be the same no matter the color of The message of racial equality that King was trying to send has suffered drastically since Jackson and Sharp-

ton have been the unofficial spokesmen for the African American community. They have been turning African American's against Caucasian's and vice versa for the past 20 years.

For instance, Jackson rushed to the aid of the socalled victim of the Duke Lacrosse case; even offering to pay her tuition. In the meanwhile, he pretty much condemned the three accused for a crime they didn't commit.

Come on folks, playing the white - black card is getting old; no matter how it is used. I'm sick of seeing Caucasian's blaming African Americans and vice versa. However, that's clearly the tool of the trade that

Jackson and Sharpton have mastered. While I'm trying to state my opinion on this case it might be best to let a member from the African American community offer his view on this out of

control situation. Jason Whitlock, a columnist for AOL Sports,

authored by the far the best article on this situation. Whitlock presents Jackson as the president of the African American community and Sharpton as the Vice President.

"We need to take a cue from White America and re-elect our leadership every four years," said Whitlock. White folks realize that power corrupts. That's why they placed term limits on the presidency. They know if you leave a man in power too long he quits looking out for the interest of his constituency and starts looking out for his own best interests.

"Rather than inspire us to seize hard-earned opportunities, Jesse and Al have specialized in blackmailing white folks for profit and attention," Whitlock added.

At the end of end of his column, Whitlock offers some advice of Jackson and Sharpton.

"It's time for Jesse and Al to step down," Whitlock said. "They've had 25 years to lead us. Other than their accountants, I'd be hard pressed to find someone who has benefited from their administration. With that being said, in the day and age that musical

artists of each race label women as bitches, ho's, sluts and many over derogatory terms; the battle doesn't rest with just radio jocks. It's time to take a look at the real issue at hand. The

music we as college students listen to or maybe even the music our kids listen to places a dramatic effect on the way we view life itself and in this case women.

Everyday remarks similar to the one Imus made make their way into a magazine, onto television, or are heard throughout certain types of music.

So does firing Imus even remotely stop racism? I think not, but it's a step in the right direction.

The racial lines have been drawn once again and we as a nation should set out to prove we are bigger than three words a radio host used or the two reverends that supposedly came to the rescue. It is time to fulfill the dream that Martin Luther

King Jr. once shared with a nation and make progress towards living as one nation undivided by skin tone.

However for the time being, just remember to watch what you say or you could be sitting in Imus' shoes.

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Cancer

Follow orders, and also use your own imagination. It's OK if superiors don't know that you ever make mistakes. Produce results and smile, as you accept the kudos.

You're still lucky, and you're starting to get a little more sensible. Don't depend too heavily on a flaky assistant. Make sure the job gets done right.

You can put away money for the future by letting a client pay later. Only do this for somebody you're certain can be trusted.

Libra

Don't let your partner spend all the money. There's a great temptation to simply have somebody else make all the decisions. That's not a good

Scorpio

You'll have time to relax later, after your associate is trained. Don't have a helper in training? Get on that right away.

You're slightly more interested in settling down to work. This is good, but don't go exactly by the book. The latest theory does not apply well.

Suddenly, it all makes sense. In the next moment, you wonder why you worried. After that, you can forget all about it, and get onto the next question.

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Feel free to substitute or add other fruits, such as blueberries, mangoes, or peaches. And feel free to substitute pineapple juice for the orange juice-it'll work just as well.

Artwork showcased in Gray Gallery



The Gray Gallery is currently housing the thesis artwork of several graduate students.

ECU's School of Art and Design presents MFA Thesis Exhibition

ASHLEY WALKER STAFF WRITER

The Wellington B. Gray Gallery located in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center currently houses artwork from ECU graduate students. The 2007 MFA Thesis Exhibition is an annual event where graduate students present their artwork after the required three or more years of study. All of these students are eligible for a MFA, which is the highest degree

possible in fine arts.

Graduate students must fulfill certain criterion in order to showcase their work at this exhibition.

Gilbert Leebrick, Director of Wellington B. Gray Gallery, explained that students are required to have, "a written paper documentation of their process, an oral defense, as well as a body of art work," for the exhibition.

Jeff Whelan, a graduate student whose artwork is in the exhibition, said that everyone is required to have a thesis. This thesis represents the theme that prevails throughout each artist's series

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Kristi Glick-Shank	Thesis is about the idea of touching beauty in nature, place and process. -all pieces are related to nature -mostly constructed from found objects or nature
Cameron Johnson	Thesis is centered around the idea of family interactions and familial relationships.
Ben Lustig	Constructed as a large circle of landscape photographs that viewers walk into. -deals with the concepts of space and place -space is all around us as the unknown -when space becomes known then it is now a place -He as an artist created a place by creating the circle, but everyone can define or name the place he created according to how it affects them. -intended to be an experience of place within a landscape
Renee Tripp	Thesis is about two lane travel experiences from main street Americaset up in two parts, a before and after -the before is inside the art building where eight sculptures and journals can be viewed -the after is a trailer outside the art building, this is where viewers are supposed to cross into the west where traveling took place -idea is how travel transforms people
Charity Valentine	Her pieces reflect a journey she has been on -Thesis deals with "connecting with the divine feminine." -the idea is that we live in a primarily patriarchal society -as a woman we feel that something is missing and what is missing is the feminine side -presented through self portraits within landscapes -shows that the feminine movement and environmental movement are linked
Jeff Whelan	Thesis: "Locating myth, meaning and truth within a secularized wasteland in post-modern culture." -Christian themed, a lot deals with work by C.S. Lewis coupled with a song or poem by another author -Three center pieces
Lauren Wyrick	Thesis deals with women and the concept of domesticity, and whether or not a woman wants to do this or not, and how society relates to her stance. -Presented through textiles, painting and mixed media

Speed dating offers a variety of choices

Finding a potential mate in five minutes

> LEIGH CARTER STAFF WRITER

While almost every college campus is filled with thousands of people, allowing any individual to meet a different person every day without interacting with a familiar face twice, many students still choose to look outside the walls of the academic institution of their choosing to create romantic relationships and lasting friendships.

One such environment for this type of interacting is speed dating, which can be defined as a formulized match making process dating system whose purpose is to encourage people to meet a large number of new people.

Speed dating has a pretty basic set up where various singles sign up online to be at a speed dating event. When they arrive and the ladies are each seated at tables so that each single male moves from lady to lady, meeting a different person every five minutes until everyone has had time to meet each single there. The people then check off on a sheet of paper which of the people they met they would like to meet again and the service exchanges the e-mail addresses of matching responses the next day.

Speed dating really seems

meet people," said Shaina Adkins, senior public relations major. "Five minutes does not seem like enough time to get to know their personality and who they really are."

While this situation may seem like a bid hassle, it is understood to be a strategic way to go on several dates in one night, allowing for a much higher success rate for meeting someone that may match what you are looking for.

Many people also sign up with single friends so that they can go to events together, and compare meet without being completely out of their comfort zone.

what you are looking for in a date but it seems useful in some ways," said senior English major Thomas McKeel. "While it only allows a limited amount of time to make a decision, it does allow different groups of people to meet others that they would not have known otherwise."

Speed dating events are held all over the country with various meeting places including restaurants, bars and entertainment centers like bowling alleys and game rooms. Local events include meetings in Raleigh, Charlotte, Wilmington and even Greenville, each hosted by a different speed dating company.

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opinions about the singles they guess it really depends on

Speed dating to me is sort of like meeting people downtown," Adkins said. "You only speak to someone for a brief period of time and then judge whether



Speed dating offers students a unique outlet in which to meet a variety of different people from all walks of life.

that interaction."

A 2005 study of speed dating at the University of Pennsylvania found that most people made their choices within the first three seconds of meeting.

A similar 2006 study in Edinburgh, Scotland showed that 45 percent of the women participants in a speed-dating event and 22 percent of the men had come to a decision within the first 30 seconds.

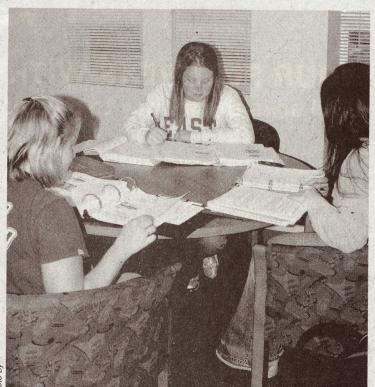
The study also showed that major issues such as religion, previous marriages and smoking habits were found to play much less of a role than many expect, and that most of the dialogue engaged in by participants concerned either

While speed dating does not let those who participate in the practice to get to know potential companions as completely as

normal dating practices, it does open the door for people who are not incredibly outgoing the opportunity to get to know others who are single and looking. This takes some of the pressure off, allowing them the chance to be less nervous about the interaction and be more like themselves.

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Exams loom in the midst, a preparation guide for students



Students have already begun their exam preparation by hitting the books.

Develop healthier study habits now

ELISE PHILLIPS ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

It's that time again. The library is full of students with their heads in books, desperately trying to retain information from a semester of classes and labs.

With exams right around the corner, students can feel overwhelmingly stressed out. Most students are cramming for more than four or five exams at a time, all hoping for good grades in their classes. All their work from the entire semester has boiled

Healthy stress can be a good thing; it can be the driving force behind a student. However, it can also be dangerous. Unhealthy stress can cause physical, mental and emotional problems that can harm a person in the long run.

Finding ways to dodge dangerous levels of stress is key to keeping sane, even under the extreme pressures that exams provide.

There are many ways that students can avoid this bad stress

Mental Health Outreach Specialist for the Center for Counseling and Student Development, Renita Moore says that following a few good study habits during exam time will keep students cool under

1. Do not procrastinate. Chances are you are

going to be tested on a lot of material at once, so start studying at least two weeks in advance of your exams if possible.

2. Be sure to get adequate sleep. When a person is well rested, he/she retains information better and is able to concentrate longer. Try to get 6 - 8 hours of sleep per night.

3. Easy on the junk food! Snacks that are high in sugar and salt will only temporarily satisfy your hunger, leaving you vulnerable to hunger distractions as you try to study. Try to snack on things like fresh fruits or veggies, pretzels, baked chips or crackers with peanut butter. For more nutrition tips, contact Student Health or the Campus Recreation &

4. Reward yourself. Once you have had a productive study session, reward yourself by doing something fun and relaxing. This will give you more of an incentive to stay on task and know that something fun awaits

5. Surround yourself with people who are not stressing. When you are around a person at their wits end, you tend to become more anxious. Maybe embark on your no stress exam prep with two or three friends to keep each other motivated

Danica Wanko, sophomore fitness major, has been following these steps since she came to ECU

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ECU's Panhellenic Council is providing a breakfast for the faculty on April 18th from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Wright Place.

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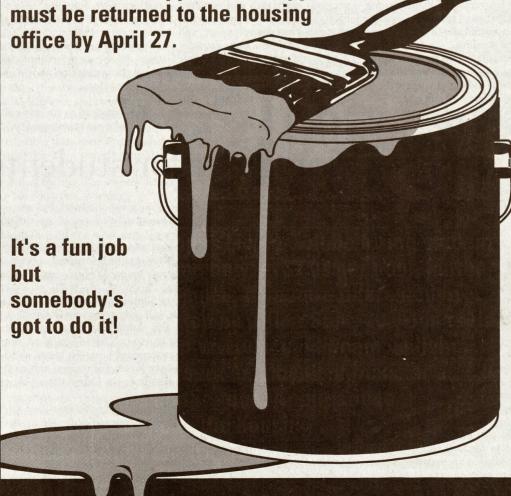
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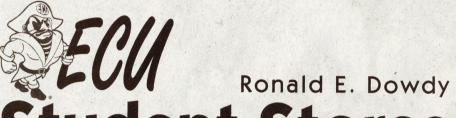
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last spring.

"I went to the Academic Enrichment Center to get some help with my stress levels. I usually get so stressed out with exams that I can't sleep or eat. Following these tips has really helped me to keep a level head, and I've gotten better grades as a result," said Wanko.

Although exam time is one of the most stressful times of the year for students, following a few simple rules in how to stay calm and de-stress can help during this pressure-filled time.

For more information about how to keep your stress under control, or to learn better study habits, contact Shelly Myers at the Academic Enrichment Center.

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of pieces. Whelan emphasized that a series of pieces was key in the presentation of the artwork, saying that the pieces are a, "visual version of a person's thoughts and ideas."

The thesis is defined in the artist's paper, which has already been written and submitted. During the oral defense, graduate students are questioned by the faculty about their thesis and artwork.

The students are expected to intellectually defend themselves in a scholarly manner," said Leebric. The oral defense has already occurred for a number of the graduate students.

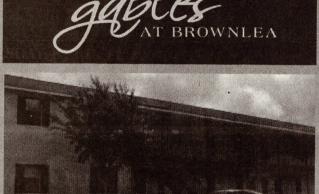
An opening reception was held from 5-7 p.m. on April 13, where the artists' work was unveiled to the public for the first time. Viewers could talk with the artists about their thesis and how it was represented in

The graduate students included in the show are Kristi Glick-Shank, Cameron Johnson, Ben Lustig, Renee Trip, Charity Valentine, Jeff Whelan and Lauren Wyrick.

The artwork is currently on display and will remain in the Gray Gallery until May 24. 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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ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday's Purple-Gold

game wasn't only about the

players on the 2007 ECU foot-

ball team, but it was a chance

for some former ECU greats to

come back to the place where

rently NFL players like Ter-

rance Copper, Vonta Leach,

Brian Rimpf and Damane Duck-

former players we've had here,'

said Rimpf, who is now a member

of the Baltimore Ravens. "This is

my third year coming back and

each year there's more guys here

and it feels more like home. We

like to come back to Greenville,

back, signed a four year, \$8 mil-

lion contract with the Houston

"It always feels good to be wanted," said Leach.

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starting fullback for the Texans.

Leach is known as one of the best

blocking fullbacks in the NFL.
"I am the starter, so that

was my ultimate goal," Leach

said. "Now I want to make the

Pro Bowl and win a Super Bowl,

when you play at this level that's

late July, and the former Pirate

stars said they enjoy coming

back to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

"I really look forward to doing this every year," Leach

said of the spring game. "It's

good to talk to some of the

guys that I played with here

and catch up. We talk, share

stories and watch the game to

see what direction this program

were impressed with some of

the talent that ECU displayed in

I'm excited about the upcoming

season," said San Francisco 49er

Damane Duckett. "I'm a big sup-

porter and think this program is

neaded in the right direction and

they still keep up with the ECU

program and are confident with

making plays out here today

and I think we're headed in the

right direction," said Leach.

'Skip [Holtz] is getting a lot of

talent in here and we have some

big names on our schedule next

year, but I think we're going to

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be competitive.'

Skip Holtz and the future.

All of the players said that

"I've seen a lot of guys

wish them the best.'

Saturday's Purple-Gold game. "They're looking good and

The players said that they

during the off-season.

NFL training camp starts in

always the goal."

is headed in.

The six-foot, 250-pound

Texans a couple weeks ago.

Leach, a former ECU full-

we had a good time here.'

Former ECU stars and cur-

"I think this is the most

they played in college.

ett were on hand.

Sports

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Yards per completion for ECU quarterback Rob Kass in Saturday's Purple-Gold game; the redshirt sophomore threw for 231 yards and two touchdowns in the annual spring game; Kass, who is listed at 6 feet 4 inches and 250 pounds, showed off his arm strength as both of his touchdown

passes were of 50 yards or longer; Kass connected with senior receiver Phillip Henry on the first possession of the game for a 55-yard TD strike, and later found fellow sophomore Jamar Bryant for a 77-yard TD bomb that gave the "East Carolina" team the 20-13 win over "the Pirates"

Receiving yards for sophomore wide receiver Jamar Bryant on Saturday; Bryant, who was a highly-touted recruit out of Richmond

County High School, recorded one touchdown and 116 yards on four catches; Bryant backed up departed star Aundrae

Allison last season, recording 108 receiving yards on 11 catches; Bryant figures to be a bigger part of the offense in 2007 and is one of the receivers that is trying to fill the void left by Allison, who is expected to be selected on the first day of this month's NFL Draft; Bryant best displayed his playmaking ability late in the fourth quarter when he got behind the secondary and hauled in a 77-yard touchdown pass from Rob Kass, which was the deciding play in the game

Receptions for 61 yards and a touchdown for former ECU star Vonta Leach in the month of December last season with the Houston Texans; Leach, who played for the Pirates from 2000-2003, helped lead the Texans to a 3-2 record last December; he also recorded his first career NFL touchdown in a 27-24 victory over the Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts on Christmas Eve; Leach was on hand for ECU's Purple-Gold game this past weekend

ECU games that were cancelled due to weather on Sunday; the ECU baseball and softball teams were not able to play their C-USA series finales on Sunday because of rain; the baseball Pirates won a doubleheader on Friday over Marshall, but couldn't play the third game on Saturday or Sunday because of the weather in Huntington, W. Va. and no make-up date has been made for the game yet; the softball team split a doubleheader with C-USA foe Memphis on Saturday, but couldn't finish the series on Sunday because of the rain in Greenville; per conference rules, the softball

game will not be rescheduled

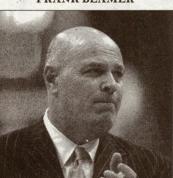
sophomore defensive lineman C.J. Wilson in the spring football game this past weekend; Wilson was in the offensive backfield all day as he recorded two and a half tackles for loss for 18 yards, and forced fumbles on each of his two sacks; the 6-foot-4, 265-pound defensive end, who played at nearby Northside High School in Bellhaven, recorded seven total tackles and had three quarterback hurries in the game

THEY SAID IT

"We lost some good players in James Pinkney and Aundrae Allison, but we have some guys who have been playing behind them that are ready to step up and make big plays.' - ECU wide receiver Phillip

What matters the most

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Thoughts go out to the Hokies

> JARED JACKSON STAFF WRITER

Suddenly, the opening football game for ECU Sept. 1 at Virginia Tech doesn't seem as important as it did a day ago.

As a gunman proceeded to take the lives of 32 others and his own, football as been pushed aside for two campuses that have a rich tradition with the pigskin.

The horrific news reports that flooded the airwaves early Monday morning from Blacksburg, Va. only serve to prove that sometimes the things that matter in life most get pushed to the bottom of the pile while other things such as a football game prove to be a "live or die" affair for some fans in the heat of winning or losing.

Let this tragic incident serve as a reminder of what truly matters in life. It doesn't matter if Virginia Tech steam rolled their way to a undefeated season next year and a BCS championship; nothing can bring back the over 30 citizens that the beautiful Virginia community lost or even scratch the surface of healing the wounds left by one fateful morning.

In a town such as Blacksburg where crime rarely happens, much less homicide, the coaches of the two most prominent teams at VT, basketball and football, are left wondering what to say; if anything at all.

"I'm numb right now thinking about the parents coming to campus to identify their children," said Virginia Tech basketball Head Coach Seth Greenberg, according to an article by ESPN.com senior writer Andy Katz. "It's hard to put into words. What would drive someone

Virginia Tech football Head Coach Frank Beamer is left wondering the same questions as well. "It's hard to say how this will

impact our community or our team," said Beamer, according to an article by Joe Schad, ESPN TV's national college football reporter. "What I know is that one person has affected at least 22 families and countless friends. And it's senseless; all so senseless.'

With the Massacre that has shaken the community came the announcement that all athletic activities for Monday and Tuesday have been called off.

But rest assured that with the cancellation of two days worth of athletic events, such events cannot even begin to heal the heavy hearts that these student-athletes will surely have to cope with in the coming weeks.

The thoughts and prayers of the Pirate Nation are undoubtedly with the Hokies right now, as well as the community of Blacksburg.

For now, the focus of renewing an intense football rivalry in September has been put on the back-burner for now for things that are much more important.

And rightfully so.

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Purple-Gold game puts on aerial display

Quarterback Kass shines in game defined by big plays

> JARED JACKSON STAFF WRITER

Big plays and even bigger hits defined the annual Purple-Gold football game held this past Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in front of 5,055 fans as ECU defeated the Pirates 20-13.

The two teams that were pitted against each other were subject to a player draft last Wednesday. The draft ensured that the first team offense [ECU] would face the first team defense [Pirates] in order to display true competition.

Redshirt sophomore Rob Kass passed for 231 yards and two touchdowns, which included a 77-yard game winning strike to sophomore Jamar Bryant early in the fourth quarter and a 55 yard-toss to senior wide out Phillip Henry on the first

possession of the game. Kass finished 10-of-21 for the day while splitting time with both units. While running the eventual winning team, ECU, which featured the number one offense, Kass completed 6-of-11 passes for 174 yards, which included the two long touchdown passes to Henry and Bryant.

The only mistakes that Kass seemed to make all day were throwing an interception while leading the Pirates team and fumbling the ball away

"I think overall as an offense, we came out and had a quick strike on the first drive," said Kass. "Obviously we have to build consistency, getting into the rhythm of the game is really a part of it. Once you get your beginning jitters out, you become more comfortable and get to run the offense up and down the field."

Junior Patrick Pinkney and sophomore Brent Clay, the two quar-



Junior QB Pinkney winds up to deliver a deep pass. The ECU quarterbacks were airing it out on Saturday.

terbacks listed under Kass on the depth chart, showed flashes of decent play. Pinkney completed eight of 24 passes for 67 yards to go along with an interception while Clay finished 10-of-21 for 96 yards.

"As for the quarterback situation, I thought Kass really played pretty well today," said ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz. "I don't think any of the three did any really foolish things. There are some things however, but I know that on Patrick Pinkney's interception, the wide receiver ran the wrong route. There are some things like that which may make the quarterback look bad, but it's not really his fault.'

While none of the quarterbacks made huge mistakes according to Holtz, he thought that Kass really separated himself from Pinkney and Clay.

"I thought the quarterbacks really played well today, but I think Rob really separated himself," Holtz said, who led the Pirates to a 7-6 finish and a bowl berth in 2006. "He really played well today and it's good to see him get in front of a crowd like that and play as well as he did. He made a couple of really nice throws and I believe he was the quarterback on all three touchdown drives."

The game remained close throughout, with ECU holding the biggest lead of the game with a 10point advantage early in the first quarter. The Pirates briefly tied the game up with 24 seconds left to play in the third quarter on freshman Kevin Gidrey's one-yard scoring run, but Kass responded on the first possession of the fourth quarter with a 77-yard touchdown pass to Bryant to cap a three-play scoring drive and give the ECU squad the eventual 20-13 winning mark.

Senior running back Chris Johnson lead the ECU rushing attack with 93 yards on 20 carries, while redshirt freshman Norman Whitley led the Pirates on the ground with 41 yards on eight carries.

Bryant led all receivers on the ECU squad with 116 receiving yards on four catches, while Juwon Crowell brought in 67 yards on four catches, including a 45-yard catch in double coverage for the Pirates.

"I would rate us pretty good," said Crowell of the receiving core. "We are a lot closer with the younger guys coming in and the older guys leaving. We're good as a group.'

In a relatively low scoring game the defense made their presence felt. Junior linebacker Jarrett Wiggins had a game high 12 tackles while senior tackle Wendell Chavis added 10. Sophomore C.J. Wilson tallied two sacks to go along with seven tackles and a pair of forced fumbles. Redshirt freshman Dekota Marshall had a stellar day playing for the ECU squad, breaking up two pass attempts and adding nine tackles.

While not be able to play because of an ankle injury, prize UNC Chapel Hill transfer Khalif Mitchell thought

defenses on both sides played great. "I thought the defenses played

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MOST VALUABLE PIRATE

SEASON SOFTBALL AWARD

TONI PAISLEY



Paisley, a freshman from Lakewood, Calif., improved her overall record to 13-4 with her dominating four-hit complete game shutout in game two. Her 11 strikeouts Saturday tied a career high that she set in her first career no-hitter against UNC-Greensboro March 22. She has tallied 114 strikeouts in 117.1 innings pitched and has a 1.79 ERA on the season. With Senior ace Keli Harrell graduating at season's end expect Paisley to anchor the Pirates pitching staff and continue to intimidate opponents in the year's to come. Paisley's emergence in conference play with six of the Pirates eight conference wins has been the most important factor to the Pirates success and second place position.

Pirates rebound from rough loss to the Tigers

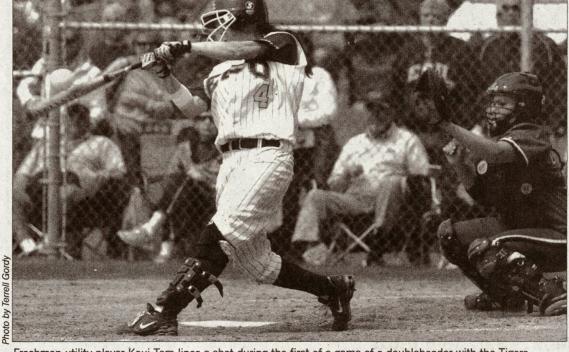
ECU softball team notches a decisive win

> JOSEPH MURPHY STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team split a twin bill with the Memphis Tigers Saturday afternoon at the ECU Softball Field. The Tigers took game one, 8-3, but the Pirates bounced back to win game two, 5-0. The game two win allowed the Pirates to hold on to second place in Conference USA with an 8-6 record. The series final game was cancelled due to bad weather on Sunday.

The Tigers jumped on the Pirates immediately in the first game, with a lead off home run by Leila Dolfo off of senior pitcher Keli Harrell. The solo blast set the tone for the Tigers, who would add three runs in the third inning and four more in the sixth to take a commanding lead. Sophomore Jessica Johnson hit her team leading 10th home run in the fourth inning and a pair of RBI doubles by fellow sophomores Sarah Bibee and Angel Barrella in the bottom of the seventh accounted for the Pirates scoring in the losing effort.

In game two, the Pirates got out to a fast start, scoring two runs in the first. Junior Erin St. Ledger walked and advanced to third on a double by Johnson and



Freshman utility player Kaui Tom lines a shot during the first of a game of a doubleheader with the Tigers.

freshman Charina Sumner drew a walk to load the bases. Senior Joyce Roodenberg hit a blooper that dropped between the outstretched gloves of the Tigers shortstop and left fielder that allowed St. Ledger to cross the plate. Sumner would

also score from third later in the first on a Tigers error. "Jumping on them with two runs right away helped us get

said ECU softball Associate Head Coach Natalie Kozlowski. "It really suppressed Memphis that we got those first two."

a little bit more momentum,"

It turned out that would be all the Pirates would need to secure the victory thanks to a dominating performance on the mound by freshman Toni Paisley. Paisley pitched a magnificent four hit com-

plete game shutout, striking out 11 while only allowing two walks. "What can you say? She was

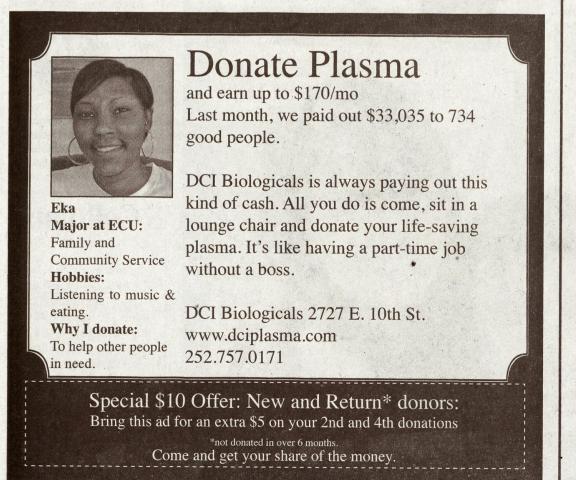
just able to blow past them," said Kozlowski. "She had some nasty movement, and she was in control the whole game and that was good

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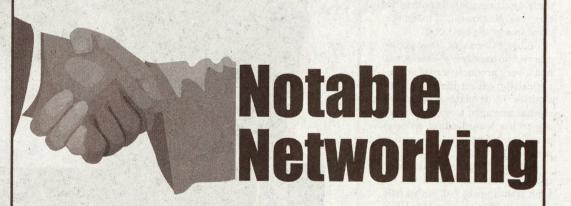








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In one of the most spectacular plays of the game senior wide receiver Juwon Crowell leapt high into the air between double coverage to haul in a 45-yard bomb from Rob Kass.

hard," said Mitchell. "When the ball was on the ground, I always saw at least eight heads on the ball. They weré flying around. The cornerbacks, especially J.J. Millbrook, were sticking people. I'm talking about hitting them. I was impressed."

Coming into the game, most wondered how the special teams would fair. ECU added to a 7-0 lead with 9:00 to play in the first quarter with a 21-yard field goal by Ben Hartman. Hartman was perfect on the day on his four kicks, adding two extra points and drilling a 44-yarder midway through the third quarter to give ECU a 13-6 lead. Murphy Paderick nailed 35-yard and 22-yard kicks in the second quarter to bring the Pirates within 10-6 at the half.

Punting wise, redshirt freshman Nathan Przestrzlski tallied a 41.7 average on six kicks with a long punt of 54 yards to lead the Pirates. Sophomore Appalachian State transfer Matt Dodge posted a 38.4 yard average on five kicks with his longest being 55 yards. More importantly, Dodge placed two

kicks inside the opponent's 20 yard line while Przestrzlski added one.

After the game, Holtz's assessment of the spring game made it clear that along with flashes of brilliance from certain positions, the offensive line is one area that needs to improve.

"There are a lot of positives and a lot of negatives," Holtz said of the game. "I thought that a few of the skill players really stepped up and played well and the three running backs played hard. It is good to see them run as well as they did and I think those three are going to be fine.

"I really like our defensive line, I think they could be very good. Our offensive line is still really young and they make a lot of mistakes. Right now, when you take the offensive line and split them in half and put them on two teams, we don't have two solid units yet, and that was pretty obvious today. We're still not there and we have to make all the little adjustments."

The spring game signaled the end of what Holtz calls "phase two" of spring practice and he concedes that the team is a ways from being ready to head to Blacksburg

for the first regular season game against Virginia Tech on Sept 1.

"I'm encouraged," Holtz said.
"I think we are better in so many positions, but I'm still not satisfied. We're not ready to play; in fact, we're a long ways away from being ready to play. I'm encouraged because we are making some plays, we're throwing, we're making some strides, but still a long way away from being where we need to be in order to be competitive against the schedule we have, especially early in the season."

And while the team is a long ways away for becoming ready to compete against a treacherous September schedule, Holtz believes they are on the right track.

"I think this team wants to be good, and we say it all the time—one thing we can control is to make sure we are as good as we can be, and the only way we can do that is coming out here everyday and giving a great effort," Holtz said.

"This team is already doing that."

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Three of the four hits allowed by Paisley were singles to the Tigers Kimmi Hayden, illustrating her command over what was a hot Tigers lineup in the first game. The victory was Paisley's sixth in conference and 13th overall.

"She's been doing an unbelievable

job in conference," said Kozlowski.
Junior Paige Baggett scored
Roodenburg on an RBI double in
the fourth inning, and Baggett
would score from third off a wild
pitch to add another run later in
the inning. Bibee added an RBI
double in the sixth inning to
complete the Pirates scoring in
the 5-0 victory.

In three plate appearances on the day Bibee hit two RBI doubles, scored a run and drew a walk.

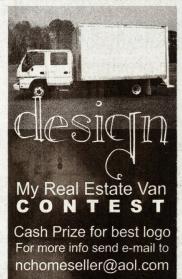
"Sarah Bibee had a great day for not getting a lot of opportunities," said Kozlowski, "I mean she came in and she hit 1.000."

Bibee, a Knoxville, Tenn. sophomore who usually is a reserve, has had a very productive season statistically given her limited opportunities. In 21 plate appearances she has managed to score 11 runs due to her team leading on base percentage (.455) and slugging percentage (.773).

Currently the softball team clings to second place in the C-USA standings at 8-6, with a half game advantage over the UCF Golden Knights (8-7). Tulsa (9-8) and UAB (8-9) are nipping at the Pirates heels as well. The Houston Cougars are well in front of the pack at 13-2.

The Pirates will make up last weeks postponed doubleheader with UNC Wilmington today on the road. The Pirates will then have three conference series' remaining before the C-USA tournament in Orlando, Fl. begins on May 10. This weekend the Pirates will travel to El-Paso, Texas for a series with the UTEP Miners. A week later conference leading Houston will come to Greenville for a critical series. The Pirates regular season will come to an end the next weekend with a series at Southern Miss.

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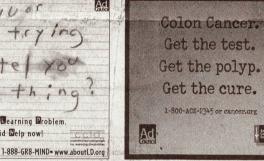
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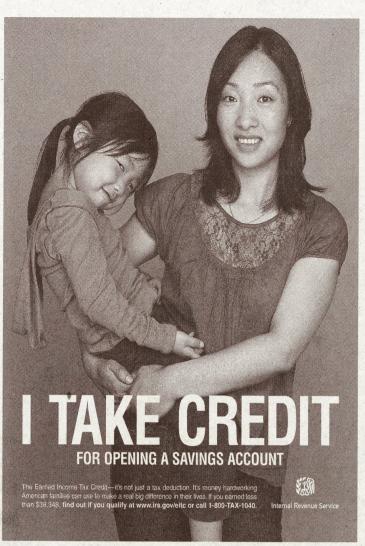
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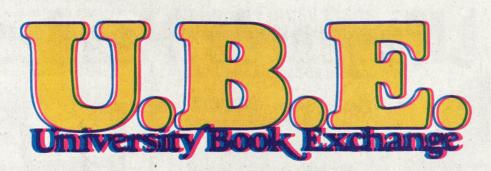
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