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University hosts "topping-out" ceremony for Heart Institute

Milestone in construction of heart institute

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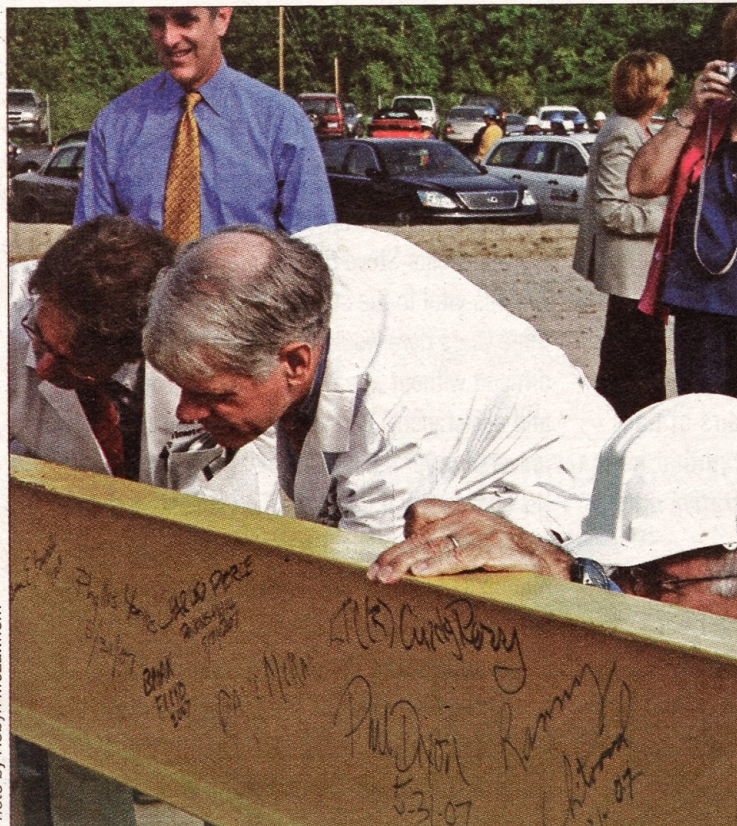
ECU hosted a traditional "topping-out" ceremony on the ECU Health Sciences Campus Thursday, May 31 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the construction site next to the Warren Life Sciences building.

The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize a milestone in the construction on the university sponsored portion of the East Carolina Heart Institute.

University officials signed the final beam that will be installed at the top of the frame structure for the 206,000-square foot clinical research and educational building.

The East Carolina Heart Institute is one of two building that are being built. Pitt Memorial Hospital [PMH] is also building a health facility on Moye Boulevard.

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University officials sign the last beam that will be installed at the top of the building.

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

ECU students benefit from fellowship

Scholars selected for program acknowledgement

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

ECU students Jeremy Eamick and Valerie Grussing were awarded the first North Carolina Sea Grant/East Carolina University Maritime Heritage Fellowship.

The fellowship strives to advance graduate research and education within the maritime heritage field.

All students on the graduate level had the opportunity to apply for this joint fellowship, which provided \$3,000 to each of its deserving recipients.

"The fellowship is open to any student on almost any topic that involves North Carolina maritime matters," said Larry Babits, direc-

tor of the ECU Program in Maritime Studies.

"Students are chosen on the merits of their proposal by a committee of scholars and the North Carolina Sea Grant leadership," Babits said.

Under the fellowship, Eamick will be studying the landscape and maritime trading culture of Union Point in New Bern, NC.

Eamick, a graduate student in maritime studies, received his bachelor's degree from ECU.

"Jeremy was a hard working student and almost always the first to show up to class in the mornings," said Randolph Daniel, associate professor of anthropology. "I'm not surprised at all that he was awarded this fellowship."

Grussing will be conducting research and analysis of the role of shipwrecks on tourism develop-

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Dog scams become common in North Carolina

Beware of dishonest dog sellers

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

Dog-sellers around the country are advising customers to exercise caution when purchasing dogs from unfamiliar sources.

According to both the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) and the Better Business Bureau of Eastern North Carolina (BBB), hundreds of consumers have fallen prey to recent "puppy scams" targeting both online and media printed sources.

Advertisements displaying free or reasonably priced puppies have been used to lure customers.

Such swindlers have been known to attach empathetic stories to the sale, making consumers believe they are desperate and that the puppy will die if not given away.

According to Peter Romary, director of Student Legal Services, the legal stipulations behind such scams hold high accountability within the state and federal government.

The violation of scamming is described as "obtaining property by false pretense," and stands as a felony in North Carolina. The specifications of the described felony include intentionally forging information in order to take anything of value.

Ways that the violation occurs includes doing business over the phone, via email, media print or in person.

If transactions take place over state lines, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) becomes involved and the crime is looked upon more seriously.

When asked if he would ever purchase an animal over the internet, Jason Miller, senior accounting student said, "Never,

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ECU's Counseling Center in Wright offers students a chance to talk to a counselor free of charge....Page 6



Sophomore Stephen Batts got the job done over the weekend at the plate, breaking an ECU baseball record. Check out the sports section to see if the rest of Pirates did their part at the Chapel Hill, N.C. NCAA Regional....Page 9

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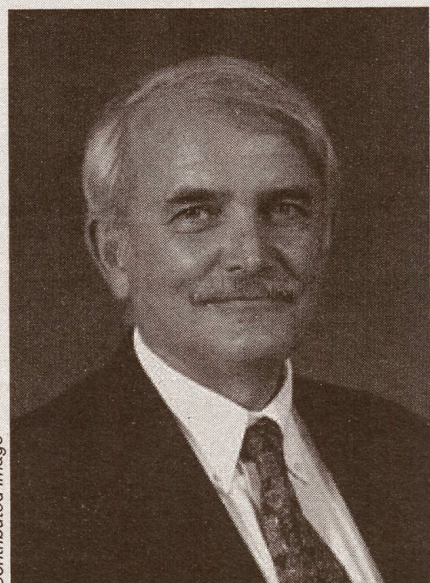
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Valerie Grussing, recipient of the NC SeaGrant Fellowship. Fellow recipient Jeremy Eamick not pictured.

Smith plans to return to classroom



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Dr. James LeRoy Smith, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at East Carolina University, has announced that he is stepping down from his administrative duties to return to teaching.

"I am honored to have been able to serve ECU as provost, but it is time to get back into the classroom," Smith said. "I have always been proud of this university, and I am especially proud of what we achieved over the last four years."

During that time, the university has been the fastest-growing campus in the University of North Carolina system. Smith has overseen the hiring of hundreds of faculty members and has appointed deans of three of the university's colleges as well as the director of Academic Library Services. The university is awarding record numbers of degrees

and its retention and graduation rates are higher than those that would be predicted by the test scores of its incoming students. Smith, who joined ECU 38 years ago as a faculty member in the philosophy department, said his first love has always been the classroom. He continued to teach an ethics course while he served as the university's chief academic officer. He was named interim provost in September 2003 and was selected for the role after a national search in March 2005. His resignation is effective June 30.

Chancellor Steve Ballard praised Smith's work as vital to the success of ECU. "My first three years here would have been much more difficult without Jim Smith's guidance, advice and assistance," Ballard said. "His service to the university over the last 38 years is unexcelled. His knowledge of the institution is vast, and he commands the respect and admiration of untold numbers of current and former students, faculty members and administrators."

In addition to his current role, Smith has served as chair of the Department of Philosophy; chair of the ECU Faculty Senate; chair of the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly, which represents faculty members system-wide; chair of the committee that led preparations for the university's reaccreditation in 1990-92; chair of two self-study committees preparing for NCAA certification; executive assistant to the chancellor; and assistant secretary to the ECU Board of Trustees.

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The ECU building will include research and educational facilities, which will house cardiovascular research labs, offices, outpatient treatment and educational centers, as well as a 375,000 square foot clinical facility to treat cardiovascular patients.

The PMH building will include operating rooms, interventional labs and 120 patient beds.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood, future director of the Heart Institute.

"This will be a tremendous learning center, for not only medical students, but also nurses and other allied health providers of

cardiovascular care.

"We will focus not just on end stage care, but also prevention and research," said Chitwood. Efforts to create this building began as early as 2004 when state funding was approved for the construction of the building.

March 2006 marked the date that officials broke ground for the building. The entire facility is scheduled to be complete in 2008.

To find out more about the East Carolina Heart Institute visit the Web site at uhseast.com/home_cardioinstitute.cfm?id=489.

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ment in North Carolina.

She received her bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and her master's from the University of Iowa, and is currently enrolled in the Coastal Resources Management doctoral program at ECU.

"I think Valerie is an outstanding student," said Timothy Runyan, Coastal Resources Management doctoral program advisor.

"She is very energetic and willing to try new opportunities—and

she has done an excellent job in everything that she has attempted," Runyan said.

This is the first year that the North Carolina Sea Grant has provided funding for this fellowship.

Sea Grant is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is a program of North Carolina State University.

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I've read from many organizations, including the American Kennel Club®, that you should always meet the dog you purchase and its parents before deciding what to do. They always advise that as the safest way to do things."

Trisha McVicker, elementary education graduate student, had a similar response when asked the same question.

"I wouldn't buy an animal over the internet unless I had met the pet and its caretaker," McVicker said.

Sources are available on the Internet to inform consumers of the appropriate way to purchase a pet.

"There are some Web sites that keep you up-to-date on the animals that become available at shelters and those can be quite

helpful—I actually found my cat by researching that way," McVicker said.

"To anyone who is considering buying anything over the internet, make sure to go through a reputable website or dealer," Romary said.

"There are laws that protect individuals who are buying items, but it can be very difficult and expensive to track down criminals who falsely display information," Romary added.

For more information, visit the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) at akc.org or the Better Business Bureau of Eastern North Carolina (BBB) at bbb.org

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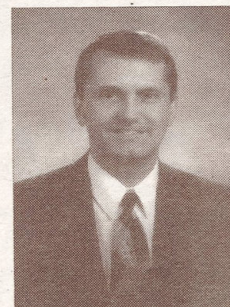
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Iraqi artist brings war home

Wafaa Bilal's "Domestic Tension" project

JARED WOFFORD
OPINION WRITER

Wafaa Bilal knows violence. On his turbulent path to the United States, he has been arrested by Saddam Hussein's secret police, spent years in a Saudi refugee camp and has narrowly averted execution. In 2005 his brother was killed by American military forces in Iraq; and in his grief, Bilal's father died two months later after refusing to eat.

Wafaa is being shot right now.

As I am writing this, the Iraqi-born artist is sitting in a gallery in Chicago as part of his current project "Domestic Tension." For 30 days he has lived in this gallery, where he has set up a webcam and paintball gun such that Internet users can aim the gun at him and decide whether to shoot or not. Tonight he is celebrating the last few hours he must spend here, and after ducking to avoid gunfire, he raises his glass to make a toast.

"Cheers."

After visiting this Web site several times, I finally catch Wafaa sitting at the computer, engaging visitors on the site's chat room. I use this opportunity to congratulate him and to tell him that I admire his work.

I thought he might find it interesting to know that at that moment I was actually writing an article about him and his project-- to which he responds, in a startling gesture, by volunteering his phone number and inviting me to call him. Astonished, I dial the number he has given me and watch as he gets up from his computer desk and walks off the screen.

"Hello?"

Ill-prepared and fumbling for a pen, I introduce myself and clumsily mispronounce his name. Not knowing how long I might have to speak with him, I ask the broadest question I can muster, in the hopes of securing the most substantial and applicable response. I ask what he has come away with from this experience and before any silence can frame his answer, he replies, his voice curiously placid.

Wafaa Bilal--after being shot at more than 70,000 times-- then began to praise human kindness.

The man had spent a month, in seclusion, suffering from paintball wounds, sleep deprivation and egregious stress--and then began to praise human kindness.

In explanation, Wafaa told me about how he had received the blessings of so many people through the chat room on his Web site. He said that he had lived on their good energy while processing the bad energy which, to me, seemed to deluge him constantly. He proceeded to talk to me about the layers that cover human life; layers like our culture, our experiences, our religion and their tendencies to separate and polarize people.

Perhaps the most profound part of our conversation was a story he related about one particularly hostile man from Ohio who had fired over 2000 rounds at him. After quite some time Wafaa grew hungry and attempted to eat, but conditions of the man's incessant attacks proved unbearable. Knowing that his only hope was through talking to his assailant, he told the man that the paint was getting into his soup and simply asked him to stop.

The man obliged.

All Wafaa had to do was ask. A more poignant allegory of the inhumane, impersonal nature of war couldn't be written. After saying goodbye to this extraordinarily amicable and lucid man, I couldn't help but silently muse to myself. Perhaps if our politicians, military leaders, businessmen and communities around the world could communicate just a little more; we might all be able to enjoy our soup.

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RANT OF THE DAY

My friend sprays her dog with febreze...I'm sorry but that does not qualify as giving it a bath.

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PIRATE RANTS

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My online ethics course is impossible! I'm pretty sure the teacher is trying to prove that not all online courses are cake classes!

I think it would be awesome if our Marching Pirates performed half time shows with music from the soundtrack of *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*. After all, we are Pirates!

I don't dress up for class, I dress up for the job I have to go to AFTER class. Some of us can't sit around in sweatpants everyday.

I'm sorry to say this, but people that ride skateboards on campus look like darn fools!

Whatever happened to lovely, rubbery, erasers?

Are they having fireworks at Pirate Palooza this year? That would be rockin'!

My professor looks like Run's wife. Everytime I enter the classroom I always want to shout "whos house? Run's house!"

Its always better when we are together!

My mom says she wants to come back in her next life as a squirrel on ECU campus.

My friend sprays her dog with Febreze...I'm sorry but that does not qualify as giving it a bath.

It's a little easier to get out of the bed on Wednesday mornings in the summertime because I know that new Pirate Rants are waiting for me to read in TEC.

Paris Hilton in prison? Now that's hot!

Fish sticks rock my socks!

If you read between the lines you can see that I want you. Just give me a shot.

What's up with guys wearing super short shorts? I don't want to see your boxers hanging out from underneath or your pasty white thighs!

I get confused when I go into a building that doesn't have signs up telling you what is in each room.

I'm in love with a stripper and I'm thinking about marrying her!

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Horoscopes:

Aries

If you spend more time on a household project, you can spend less money. If you have less money, this is required. If you have plenty, it's just smart.

Taurus

As you well know, cookies are a good way to help other people relax. You won't have to resort to torture to get the answers you seek.

Gemini

The task you're facing is challenging, but you can figure it out. Provide what a rather eccentric person wants, and be well rewarded.

Cancer

You're finding it easier to express the thoughts you've been pondering. You've worked out a lot of the answers now, and that helps.

Leo

You've thought everything out carefully, well in advance. So everything goes smoothly when the moment finally comes. Good work.

Virgo

You and your team are developing a very effective bond. You're joined in the goal of producing results. You're becoming a powerful force.

Libra

You're in a very creative phase, and you will be for a while. Use these skills to increase your wealth. Take it past "art for art's sake."

Scorpio

During the upcoming phase, you'll deal with jointly held money. This includes your credit cards and all your stocks and bonds. You're really good at this stuff, once you get into it.

Sagittarius

One of the reasons you live life so close to the edge is because you can. One of the reasons you believe in miracles is because they happen.

Capricorn

Friends can understand a lot of what you've been going through. Talking with a wise older person helps you put it into perspective.

Aquarius

Inquiring minds want to know, but you don't have to tell them. Wait until the project's complete, and you have your big unveiling.

Pisces

The money vanishes quickly, but it's not the most important thing. You're gaining confidence and you're providing security. That matters a lot more.

Jahnaz: Savor the flavor of Jamaica

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BRITTANY JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Jahnaz Caribbean Cuisine kicks downtown Greenville into a new world of dining. Located at 403 S. Evans St., Jahnaz first opened its doors in August of 2001.

The restaurant provides a bright Jamaican atmosphere, and specializes in authentic Caribbean dishes.

"We decided to open the restaurant to bring the Jamaican food, taste and culture to Greenville," said Genara Smith, Jahnaz's manager.

Ideal for a quick lunch, Jahnaz offers a variety of chicken, beef and seafood dishes that are great for dinner as well.

Jahnaz's menu also includes more exotic foods such as curry goat, oxtail and vegetarian dishes. Unique to Jahnaz is the national Jamaican dish that consists of ackee vegetables paired with salted cod fish laced with Jamaican seasonings.

Entrée prices range from veg-



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Jahnaz's colorful interior and unique menu is a great choice for students.

etarian dishes at \$5.75, to shrimp and snapper at \$11. A wide assortment of breads, sides and juices are available as well.

"I would go back just for the mango Reggaeade," said Chris Nerve, ECU student. Reggaeade is a drink with daily flavor changes. It is made from natural juices and is an absolute must for the thirsty passerby! The juices range from \$3 to \$6.

Jahnaz is nestled away in

cozy uptown Greenville, surrounded by offices and a variety of locally owned retailers. It is in a great location for those working in Greenville, and is only a few blocks away from ECU's West campus.

Although Jahnaz is a small facility, it has four tables as well as a bar for seating. The walls and light fixtures are splashed with the national Jamaican colors: red, yellow, green and black.



Photo by Lizz Wells

One of Jahnaz's dining tables.

Spicy Caribbean aromas continuously waft through the restaurant and add to the atmosphere.

Jahnaz is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday. A discount is offered to all ECU students with proper identification.

Akiamaa Thomal, Jahnaz employee, advises students to "come

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ECU Counseling Center: Always lending an ear

Counseling center available to assist students

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER



Photo by Lizz Wells

The center offers free counseling to ECU students.

For over a decade, the ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development has been a place where students can get a friendly, attentive ear and priceless help with just about any of the thousands of problems a college student can experience.

The center, located on the top floor of the Wright Building, is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, the highest accreditation a counseling center can receive.

The center's main purpose is to protect the rights of students and their education, deal with adjustment issues and support students by means of a knowledgeable and accessible staff.

There are over 20 licensed and accredited counselors on the center's staff. The counselors all have either their Masters or Doctorate degrees, and their expertise ranges from mental health to rehabilitation.

Dr. Angela Holman has been with the center for nearly two years and has seen a

wide range of students with an even wider range of problems.

"I see students dealing with alcohol and substance abuse, students dealing with depression and anxiety, and I also see couples who might be having relationship problems," said Dr. Holman.

Since Dr. Holman and her colleagues are counselors at a university with a large and diverse population, it is easy to understand why having so many areas of knowledge can come in handy.

ECU's large student population also manages to keep the staff members very busy.

However, counselors take appointments all day long and they will do their best to fit a student in. If waiting just isn't an option, students can elect to walk into the center, but this is a route best reserved for the worst of emergencies.

Students do not even need to go into the center to receive help. According to Dr. Holman, there is a "counselor on call 365 days a year and during after hours." Students can also call ECU campus police and ask to speak to a counselor.

In addition to providing an open ear and unbiased attention, counselors offer other

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ways to help students. The center's psychiatrists can prescribe medication, but do so with great caution and with the best interest of the student at heart.

In an extreme case, such as the threat of suicide, counselors can recommend hospitalization for the student.

According to Dr. Lynn M. Roeder, Interim Dean of Students and the Center Director, the center works "as much as we can with hospitals" and counselors can arrange for a student to go to the hospital "either voluntarily or nonvoluntarily."

In the wake of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, counseling centers around the country are revamping their entire evaluation processes.

One policy ECU is considering is academic withdrawal.

"Academic withdrawal is when an administrator can withdraw a student based on that student's well being," Dr. Roeder said.

This policy is only intended to comply with the students best interests so that the student can go home and rest long enough to recover. Students can come back to campus, but only with certain stipulations regarding their actions.

As always, the center is completely free and confidential. Also, records are not released without the consent of the student.

This commitment to confidentiality, service and excellence is what makes the Center for Counseling and Student Development a priceless asset to the ECU community.

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get a taste of the Caribbean."

"I would love to come back for lunch sometime to try the jerk chicken. I had the curry chicken [last time]," said Evan Roberson, an ECU student.

Jahnaz's atmosphere is fun

and inviting for both young and old, especially those with a craving for the Caribbean that needs satisfying!

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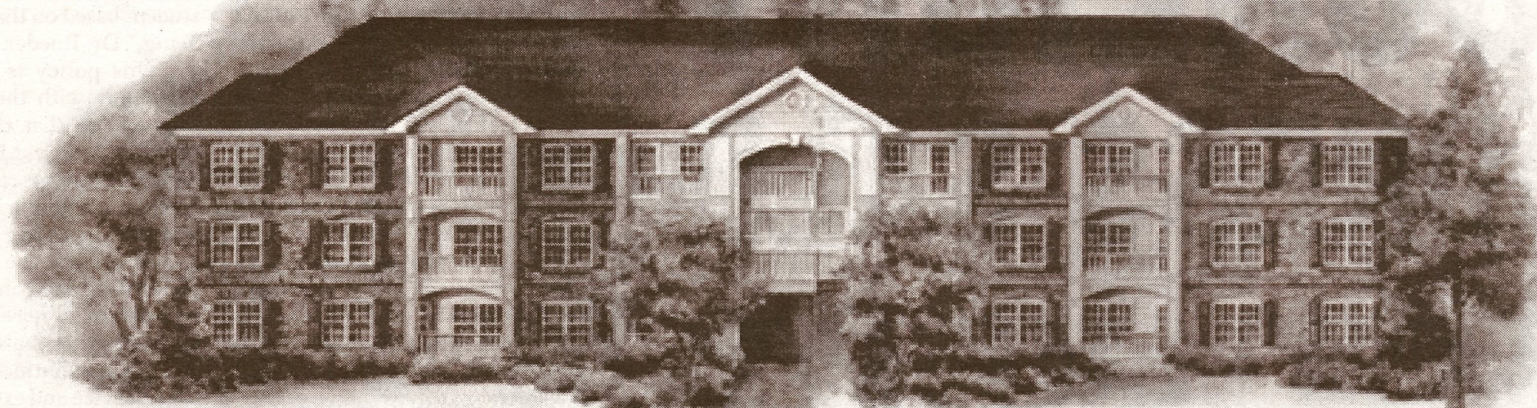
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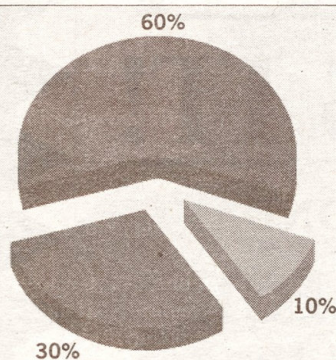
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Results from last week's question:

Do you think that the ECU baseball team received a fair seed in the NCAA Regionals as the No. 2 seed at the Chapel Hill, N.C. site?

60%- Yes, the team had some big wins during the season but not enough to earn a No. 1 seed or match up in a NCAA Regional against a lower ranked No. 1 seed than UNC.

30%- No, the team proved in the C-USA Tournament that they deserved a No. 1 seed or at least the chance to play a lower seeded No. 1 team than the third best overall club in the nation, UNC.

10%- Maybe, UNC is considered the third best club in the nation but ECU has an advantage matching up with the Tar Heels because they are familiar with the team and know what they need to do to beat them.

Online poll question:

Do you think that Vernon Hargreaves was an exceptional hire to replace Donnie Thompson on ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz's staff?

Yes, Hargreaves is a solid defensive coach with a proven track record. He will fill in well for Thompson as the defensive ends coach and bolster the staff as the new special teams coordinator.

No, Hargreaves will never be able to replace Thompson, a veteran coach and solid recruiter who lured the likes of Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers to his unit.

Maybe, Thompson was a big-time recruiter but Hargreaves excelled under pressure at a big-time program in the University of Miami (Fla.). It's too early to tell at this point.

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Heartbreaker costs Pirates in Chapel Hill

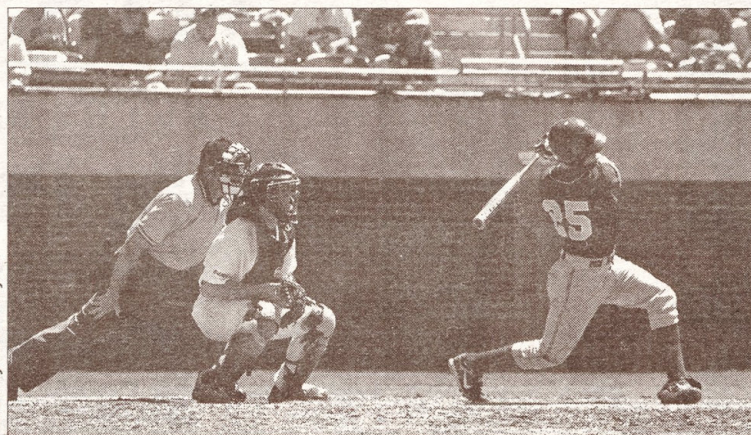


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Batts school record 29-game hitting-streak wasn't enough to beat UNC.

ECU eliminated

RONNIE WOODWARD

ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend, ECU found out just how thin the line between winning and losing can be in post-season college baseball.

The Pirates took a 10-8 lead over North Carolina into the bottom of the ninth Saturday night,

and were three outs away from vaulting themselves into the championship game and driver's seat of the Chapel Hill Regional...then disaster struck.

Pinch-hitter Mike Cavasinni led off the inning with a walk, and five batters later Dustin Ackley singled up the middle, giving third-ranked UNC a miraculous 11-10 win and seemingly ending the Pirates chance to win the regional.

"It's disappointing to get that close, and have it slip away," said ECU coach Billy Godwin after the devastating loss. "We came in here and we didn't back down; I was very proud of our effort and we'll hold our heads high."

In-between the Cavasinni walk and Ackley single, Seth Williams walked, Garrett Gore recorded a sacrifice bunt, Cavasinni scored on a wild pitch, Reid Fronk knocked a RBI single and Tim Fedroff singled.

Fronk scored the winning run, sliding headfirst into home plate and igniting a ruckus celebration that ended with Fronk having to be sent to the hospital for five stitches in his head.

"It's a tough loss, I'd rather lose by 10 then lose by one," said ECU freshman Kyle Roller, who gave the Pirates a 9-8 lead with a solo home run in the eighth. "That's just the way baseball is sometimes, it's a crazy game."

ECU closer Shane Mathews entered the game in the bottom of the ninth inning with 14 saves, but

he allowed three hits, two walks and three runs in his last outing of the season.

"It definitely wasn't the atmosphere or anything, I just didn't have it," Mathews said.

ECU had leads of 5-1, 7-5 and 10-8 in the game, but the Pirates couldn't hold on for the win. The Tar Heels went on to win the Regional two days later.

"I'm obviously very excited that we won, but I really feel for Billy [Godwin]," said UNC Head Coach Mike Fox. "He's a good friend of mine and a former coach of mine. He's done a great job and they really played well, we took their best shot."

Godwin and Fox won a national championship together at N.C. Wesleyan in 1989. Fox said Godwin, who was the pitching coach under Fox for two years, was very instrumental in Wesleyan's NCAA Division III National Championship.

"I just patted him on the back, I've been on those ends where you

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Recruits commit to board ship

ECU lands three early players

MATT SIMON

STAFF WRITER

Before Holtz took over the program the Pirates accumulated a mere three wins in a two-year span. Since his arrival in 2005, ECU has improved by leaps and bounds. Last season Holtz led ECU to a 7-6 mark, it's first winning record since the 2000 season and first bowl appearance since 2001.

Because of the hard work done on the recruiting trail by Holtz and his staff, ECU has gained national recognition. ESPN praised the program's recruiting class as one of the Top 40 in NCAA Division I football for the 2007 season, second in the state only to Butch Davis' Tar Heels.

Despite already having a distinguished incoming class this season; ECU has received verbal commitments from several recruits expected to join the team in 2008.

Marquan Brown of Gray's Creek High School is a speedy tailback with a 4.3 40-time that could become a threat to take it to the house any time he touches the ball.

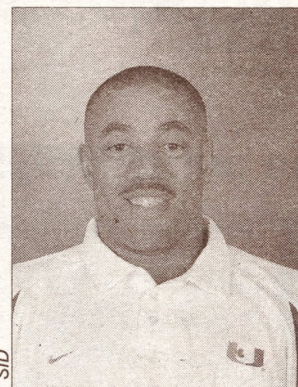
As a junior, Brown amassed some impressive statistics, rushing for 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns, averaging a staggering 12.7 yards per carry. He also had 20 receptions for 631 yards and 5 touchdowns (31.6 yards per reception).

Brown hits the hole with authority, measuring only 5 foot 9 inches and weighing in at 160 pounds, he shows the ability to beat defenders to the edge. His head coach at Gray's Creek has been quoted as saying that he believes Brown is the best junior in the state. He was also being recruited by N.C. State, UNC, and the USC Gamecocks before verbally committing to ECU.

Darius Spencer of AC Reynolds High School is another early commitment for the Pirates. As a junior, Spencer ran for 1,200 yards and 18 touchdowns. Spencer, 6-foot, 174 pounds, doesn't look to have the blinding speed of Brown but he shows good vision, following his blockers and taking-on defenders to get extra yards at the end of runs. He also looks to be a threat in the return game on punts and kickoffs. Spencer was also being recruited by UNC and State along with the University of Tennessee.

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Hargreaves joins staff



Hargreaves

Assistant reunited with Holtz

SID--Vernon Hargreaves has been named defensive ends coach and special teams coordinator at ECU according to an announcement from head football coach Skip Holtz Friday.

Hargreaves' appointment at ECU will mark a reunion with Holtz as the pair worked together for four seasons at Connecticut beginning in 1994 when Holtz was named the program's head coach and ending in 1997 when Hargreaves accepted a position on the University of Miami (Fla.) staff.

"Vernon obviously brings a lot of big game experience to our program and we're thrilled to have a familiar face in our new family at East Carolina," Holtz said. "You can run out of adjectives to describe Vernon but the words energetic, enthusiastic, positive and upbeat come to mind pretty quickly."

Hargreaves' assignment to handle ECU's ends, coupled with Donnie Thompson's recent departure, enabled Holtz to slightly realign other staff positions on the defensive side of the ball. Former outside linebackers coach Rock Roggeman will take over responsibility for the defensive tackles while coordinator Greg Hudson, who handled middle linebacking play in 2006, will now directly guide all three slots. Holtz also announced the promotion of secondary coach Rick Smith to the assistant head coaching position.

In addition to his defensive duties on Holtz' staff, Hargreaves will also assume the special teams coordinator's role formerly held by Don Yanowsky.

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just want to shake hands and go crawl in a hole," Fox said of his post-game gesture to Godwin.

The Pirates pulled an emotional comeback of their own in the first round of the regional, beating Western Carolina 9-8 on Friday.

Jamie Ray singled in the eighth, scoring Ryan Wood and Harrison Eldridge for the 9-8 lead.

"The bases were loaded and I was lucky enough to get a good, hittable fastball," Ray said of his game-winning hit.

Josh Ruhlman, Jason Neitz and Mathews combined to throw 3 2/3 scoreless innings to end the game, while Ray, Corey Kemp and senior Ryan Tousley led the offense in the comeback.

The Pirates scored the final five runs of the game after falling behind 8-4 in the sixth inning.

"Coach never lets us hang our heads," said Tousley of ECU's comeback ability. "That's just what this team is about, we're in it for nine innings."

ECU never really recovered from the UNC comeback however, as it was eliminated by WCU on Sunday with a 9-5 loss.

"Anytime you win 40 baseball games, make it to a regional and do some of the things we've done, you can look back and call it a successful

year," said Kemp. "We're a team that is never satisfied, we wanted to make it to that next step and we just didn't get there, we fell a little short."

Sophomore Stephen Batts extended his hitting streak to 29 games in the Pirates' last game, breaking the school record held by Steve Sides in 1987.

"It was great, but I'd much rather take a win," he said of the record.

According to some standards, ECU overachieved this season. The Pirates were picked to finish fifth in C-USA, but ECU finished second in the conference both in the regular season and postseason.

"To be picked by a lot of people not to even be in the postseason and fifth in C-USA, and for us to end up the way we did, I couldn't be any more proud of our season," Godwin said.

Batts, Kemp, Ray and a host of others are expected to return next season. ECU will only lose seven seniors to eligibility.

"The key to having a good program is to surround these guys who are returning with guys who can come in take us to the next level, and we feel like we've done that with the recruiting class we have coming in," said Godwin.

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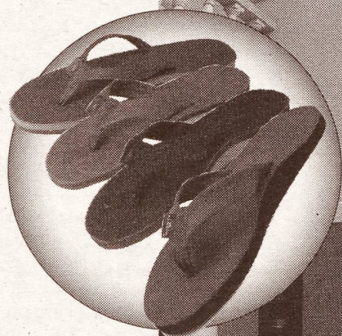
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"Vernon's experience, background and presence certainly provides us an opportunity to have a special teams coordinator on our staff entering the season," Holtz added.

While with the Hurricanes, Hargreaves is credited with molding some of the nation's finest

linebackers, including 2000 Butkus Award winner Dan Morgan and 2004 first-round draft choices Jonathan Vilma and D.J. Williams, as well as playing a key role in developing the UM defense into one of the nation's top units over a five-season span under head coaches Butch Davis and Larry Coker.

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Joe Womack is the last of ECU's early verbal commitments. As a junior quarterback for Northside High School, Womack completed 55 of 124 pass attempts for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns while rushing for 478 yards and 10 touchdowns on 126 carries. Expected to be converted to wide receiver at ECU, Womack could use his 6'2 frame, 180 pounds, 33-inch vertical leap and 4.4 40-time to rise above defenders and make big catches for the Pirates.

ECU is far from finished and remains optimistic about recruiting other members of the 2008 class. On defense they hope to land four-star recruit, defensive end Quinton Coples of Kinston High School. The Pirates hope Coples will prefer to play close

to home because they will be recruiting against big-time schools Clemson and Florida. ECU has also extended offers to three-star linebackers E.J. Abrams -Ward of Thomasville High School and Duane Maddox of Crest Senior High School.

On offense the Pirates are tapping reserves in Virginia, extending offers to Dyrrell Roberts, a running back/wide receiver who is thought to be one of the best players in the state and highly touted quarterback Tommy Reamon Jr. Reamon Jr. is being coached by his father, who mentored the likes of the Vick brothers and Aaron Brooks.

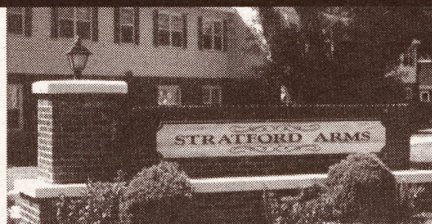
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