



Diversity forum held to discuss race relations in the ECU community

Dialogue sparked by second noose investigation

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In response to a second noose being found on campus this school year, a forum about diversity and equity was held on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.

Faculty, students and community leaders from Pitt County and other areas in North Carolina met in the Great Rooms of Mendenhall Student Center to discuss ways to lessen racial tensions among members of the ECU community.

Chancellor Steve Ballard confirmed that the university was taking the noose incident very seriously.

"We did find a noose on campus on Friday. The noose was found on ECU property and a full investigation began on Friday," Ballard said.

Ballard expressed his thoughts about what type of attitudes he would like to eliminate at the university.

"Hatred has no place on this campus and in this community," Ballard said.

Some of the members who were on the panel and offered support to the chancellor's incentive to cease discrimination were Marilyn Sheerer, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic



Local NAACP leader introduced the President of the N.C. chapter of NAACP, William J. Barber II.

and student affairs, Taffye Benson, university equity officer, Pat Dunn, mayor of Greenville, and William J. Barber

II, president of the N.C. chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Barber commended Ballard on his efforts to find out the details of this hate crime and seek justice.

"Thank you for not at first calling it a prank. A noose is not just a prank," Barber said.

Other N.C. institutions such as N.C. State, N.C. A&T and UNC Greensboro have found nooses on their campuses in recent months, according to Barber.

Strong points were offered by Barber about three different dimensions of diversity that he believes exist.

The first type of diversity he described is achievable by anyone without major attempts to be diverse.

"There is diversity with people just living around each other. We had that in slavery," said Barber.

The second kind of diversity described involved interaction with one another momentarily to meet a need.

The last type of diversity was defined as efforts to diversify to ensure justice and opportunity.

After Barber presented his definitions of diversity and commentary about how to improve racial prejudice, he closed with asking the audience

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The Pirates held their first home conference game of the season at Minges Coliseum Wednesday night. Turn to the sports section to see who won the crucial Marshall-ECU matchup....PAGE A6



The ECU hockey team was in Georgia last weekend for games against two talented teams. The sports section has a recap of the Pirates' win over Georgia Tech and fierce battle with the No. 2 ranked Georgia Bulldogs....PAGE A6



January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and the Student Health Center is raising awareness about the disease. Find out how you can get involved in cancer-related activities....PAGE B1

Hard Waiver Insurance still in consideration phase



Photo by Marissa Neiron

Student engages in conversation about Hard Waiver Insurance.

Advantages of plan discussed at forum

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ECU is considering the implementation of a mandatory hard waiver health insurance policy that requires all full-time students to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan that will be apart of students' tuition and fees.

The Student Health Services on ECU's campus does not cover serious health issues such as cancer and gun wounds.

"It covers lots of routine things, but it's not comprehensive," said Chancellor Steve Ballard.

The newly anticipated hard waiver insurance plan will be all-inclusive.

Additional benefits of the plan include a decreased cost of insurance for some students.

"It's very good insurance at a good cost," Ballard said.

By choosing the hard waiver health insurance provided through ECU, instead of an outside source, each student is expected to save an estimated \$500-\$1,110 each year, according to Ballard.

A hard waiver program is when a university requires students to carry health insurance, which meets specific coverage requirements. A student is therefore billed the full cost for single coverage under the university's endorsed student health insurance plan.

Students not affected in any way by the anticipated hard waiver insurance policy, are those who can provide proof that they are already covered by health insurance plans. These qualified students are therefore

given the option to opt-out online via ECU's OneStop.

An estimated 50-75 percent of students will have difficulty paying \$700 (\$349 per semester) for the health insurance, according to Ballard.

ECU will pay the amount of the health insurance if a student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) listed on his or her FAFSA is zero dollars, according to Ballard.

The anticipated health insurance program will provide access to quality healthcare without overburdening students' financial resources.

"I'm working with President Erskine Bowles right now, to get more funding to where there is virtually no burden to students," Ballard said.

To students whose EFC cost is high, Judy Bailey, executive director of enrollment management at ECU, suggests applying for a Parent Plus Loan, a Stafford Unsubsidized loan or an academic award to cover the amount of the insurance.

"No cash-money comes to ECU for the health insurance. It goes straight to the state health insurance plan," Bailey said.

According to Ballard, the governing UNC System supports the idea of hard waiver insurance and recommends that every university have mandatory health insurance.

"N.C. State and UNC are still considering it [hard waiver insurance policy]," Ballard said.

"The economic statuses of students at UNC already have health insurance."

Students enrolled in the program will have coverage during the summer months even if not attending summer school.

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Volunteer and Service Learning Center sponsors MLK Day Challenge



The MLK Day Challenge is devoted to impacting the community as Dr. King did.

Students honor King with service projects

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In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Volunteer and Service Learning Center will sponsor the MLK Day Challenge.

During the challenge students will volunteer with various non-profit organizations throughout the community.

The Challenge gives students the opportunity to pay homage to Dr. King's commitment to service.

Participating students will be allowed to choose from a variety of projects from the Volunteer and Service Learning Web site, including cleaning, painting, creating care packages for the troops and working with local youth.

The MLK Day Challenge was started five years ago with 30 student volunteers, and participation has grown steadily with 150 participants in 2007.

"The purpose of the Challenge is not only to honor Dr. King, but to bring ECU's diverse student population together for a common purpose and then have these students connect with the local community through service to a variety of non-profit agencies," said Shawn Moore, volun-

teer and service learning coordinator.

Students will work with such non-profit agencies as the Ronald McDonald House, Give 2 The Troops and Hope Lodge cancer rehabilitation facility.

Participating organizations look forward to the extra help during the holiday.

"The ECU students are our greatest supporters," said Diane Greg of Give 2 The Troops' board of directors.

"Give 2 The Troops packs and sends care packages to U.S. Military troops who are currently on duty.

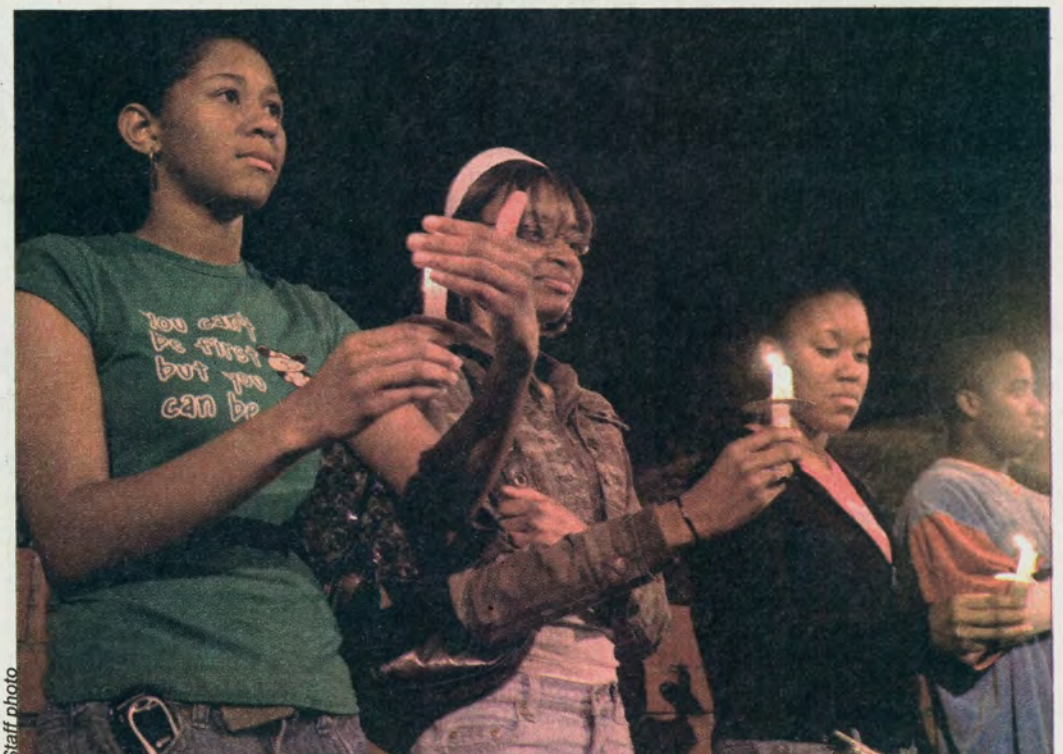
"There are students who will do anything to help," said Tom Craighens, manager of Hope Lodge. "Once they come see the people and meet them, it is a very uplifting experience."

Students wishing to participate in the MLK Day Challenge must register on the Volunteer and Service Learning Center web site at www.ecu.edu/volunteer.

The deadline to register for is Friday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. The event kicks off at 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 21.

For more information regarding the MLK Day Challenge contact the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center, 328-2735 or volunteer@ecu.edu

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Students participated in various events last year to honor Dr. King's accomplishments.

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series features Cynthia Cooper Thursday, Jan. 17 Hilton Hotel 3:30 p.m.
Cynthia Cooper is known for her role in uncovering the corporate fraud at WorldCom - to date the largest corporate fraud in history. Cooper will present "WorldCom Warnings: What Went Wrong and Corporate Governance Lessons Learned." Free and open to the public. Sponsored by ECU's College of Business and the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series and Johnson & Johnson.

Great Decisions 2008 Saturday, Jan. 19 Topic: Iraq End-Game New Rivers West Auditorium, ECU 10 a.m.-noon
Full-time students and teachers may attend free of charge. The cost for the public to attend all eight sessions is \$49 for World Affairs Council members; \$59 for the general public (before Jan. 11) and \$69 thereafter. Registration includes the Great Decisions textbook. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina and ECU. For more information call (252) 328-5520

Day of Freedom Monday, Jan. 21 West Greenville Intergenerational Center 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Event to honor the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Registration will begin at 9:15 at the West Greenville Intergenerational Center. There will be activities to benefit the community, keep children safe and increase children's critical thinking skills. Specific activities include the making and distribution and quilts for the elderly in West Greenville, self defense classes and emergency response packets, and games of chess. These events are designed to introduce the public at large to the services available from Project HEART and the Intergenerational Center in 2008.

Study Abroad Information Session Wednesday, Jan. 23 MSC 244 3-5 p.m.
Have you always wanted to study abroad, but never knew where to start? Come to the ECU campus-wide Study Abroad Information Session to learn all of the ins and outs of studying overseas and obtain information about our partner universities located in 41 countries on six continents

Medicine and Music Working Together Sunday, Feb. 10 Wright Auditorium 3:00 p.m.
ECU Symphony Orchestra and Brody School of Medicine Come Together Free performance with donations appreciated. All proceeds go to support Grimesland Clinic, a student-run health clinic for the underserved. For further information: srz0607@ecu.edu

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Beyond Beats & Rhymes: Hip-Hop and Manhood MSC Hendrix Theater 7 p.m.
Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series features Cynthia Cooper Hilton Hotel 3:30 p.m.

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Men's Basketball UCF Minges 7 p.m.

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Day of Freedom West Greenville Intergenerational Center Monday 21, 2008 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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Patrick Dixon, president of Black Student Union, speaks about increasing student involvement in making changes towards diversity.

which type they preferred.

"Remember those issues of diversity and decide which one we want. One is hard, but it's possible," Barber said.

After each panel member spoke, audience members got the chance to ask questions or offer their ideas about diversity.

Some students feel that progress has been made in the area of diversity over the last couple of years.

One of the students in the audience gave a testimony about being a native of the Caribbean and having to adjust to racial tensions on campus.

The student continued by saying that she took a year off and was very impressed that people had begun to talk about these issues by the time she returned.

Members of Prism, formerly known as B-GLAD, raised other issues about diversity other than race relations.

The members of Prism suggested being offered more opportunities for their organization to expand but admitted that ECU has worked to make their organization accepted.

Patrick Dixon, president of Black Student Union, stressed the fact that more students should play a bigger

role in making changes such as improving diversity.

"I'm a little disappointed about the student turnout. I only saw a hand-full of students here," Dixon said.

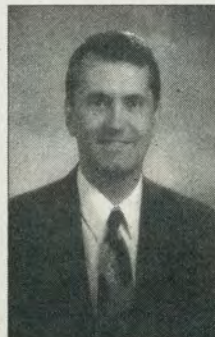
"There was a party in this room this weekend and people were lined up out the door."

Even though the student turnout wasn't as big as expected, attendees of the forum shared experiences and ideas on how to take steps toward change.

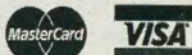
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SGA legislative branch decides on structure for their organization



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Ballard speaks to audience about the advantages of Hard Waiver Insurance.

Junior and senior student's who, because of their age, get dropped from their parents' health insurance company, will have coverage. Other advantages of the hard waiver insurance policy include recent graduates who will be covered for the three months after they graduate. Hard waiver programs have been implemented at about 80 other institutions in the U.S., including several of the universities of

UNC system. "We are interested in your thoughts and your questions," Ballard said. Students are encouraged to join the mandatory hard waiver insurance open discussion on www.onestop.ecu.edu.

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New positions open up for students to fill

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After multiple recommendations and amendments to recommendations, SGA chose which plan reflected the way the legislative branch should be organized.

The new structure was presented to members of the congress at the first legislative meeting of the spring semester on Monday, January 14.

In the new format, the organization will be divided into separate groups that will act to better represent the student body.

"We're taking congress and splitting them in half," said Ashley Yopp, speaker of the congress.

This division will occur over a gradual period of time in a process called the Roll Out Plan.

Prior to this plan, the congress was made of undergraduates who are elected at-large and student organization representatives.

Now, the congress formed of these two groups will be separated into an undergraduate student senate, graduate student senate, and house of student organizations.

"It's a wonderful process to go from a congress that was ineffective because it was so big to a house and a senate," Yopp said.

"What we're doing is giving students more of a voice. Students will be represented more equally..." Yopp continued.

The Roll Out Plan stemmed

from three different recommendations that were proposed in the fall.

"The task force committee brought recommendations to the oversight committee," said Keri Brockett, SGA president.

The oversight committee is made up of Brockett, Yopp, Abey Dessie, attorney general of the judicial branch and April Baer, graduate student council president, according to Brockett.

Brianne Meagher, SGA liaison, and Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences, also were involved in the oversight committee.

"Ultimately, we voted on the tri-cameral system," Brockett said.

Due to the new setup, some of the leaders within the legislative branch will take on new roles.

Members of the current congress have the option to remain a member of the student senate if they have someone to fulfill their position within the house, according to Yopp.

Baer will preside over the graduate student senate, formerly known as graduate student council.

Yopp will preside over the house of student organizations while Preston Stanford, president pro tempore, will lead the undergraduate student senate.

Yopp and Stanford will remain in these positions until the senate and house form their own rules on how to elect their leaders.

Other individuals in SGA are also taking on new leadership roles. Brad Congleton,

former external deputy chief of staff, has been chosen to fill the position as chief of staff.

The chief of staff oversees the 15 secretarial positions in SGA, according to Congleton.

In his previous position, Congleton's duty was to plan events that reached out to the community.

The chief of staff position calls for work relating directly to campus such as Talk It Tuesdays.

The former chief of staff, James Wagner, recently stepped down from the position to focus his energy to other areas in his life.

While in this position, Wagner accomplished many things that had an impact on the university community.

"I restructured the cabinet and worked on ECU-Nity Safety Forum, the Safety Walk, the monthly Success for Life Workshops, and the monthly Talk It Tuesdays," Wagner said.

Even though Wagner has chosen to resign, he still plans to continue participating in SGA.

"He is still staying involved in student government but will be in a different capacity," Brockett said.

"At the end of the first semester, I saw the structure was in place and that it was successful enough for me step away without hindering it," Wagner said.

All students who are interested in participating in SGA are encouraged to fill out an application to become apart of the cabinet or senate.

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Greek community honors accomplishments in leadership



Vonta Leach, Kay Christian, Keith Tingley, and Lathan Turner pose together after the banquet



Mark Tipton lectures about the significance of Greek life.

Banquet held to recognize individuals and organizations

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The Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic and the Panhellenic Council came together last night to honor their Greek counterparts in the areas of service and leadership. For the second year in a row the Greek Leadership Awards

Banquet has honored those in the Greek community for their commitment to excellence both in and outside of the classroom.

"We host this banquet every year in order to reward the chapters for their achievements from the year before," said Kay Christian, associate director of Greek Life. ECU alumni Mark Tipton served as this year's guest speaker. Tipton, a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity, is also a member of the ECU Board of Trustees.

He graduated from ECU

with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a minor in Urban & Regional Planning in 1973.

Tipton regaled students with stories from his days in the Pirate Nation and offered advice for future graduates.

"Meet and beat life's challenges," said Tipton.

He encouraged students to take the opportunity to meet as many people as possible in order to succeed.

"It [Greek life] has taught me a lot of lasting leadership skills and given me the opportunity to make lifelong friend-

ships," he said.

At the conclusion of Tipton's speech a number of awards were given out in numerous categories including highest GPA, scholarship, philanthropy, education and intramurals. For the first time ever Pirate alumni were inducted into the Greek Alumni Hall of Fame. Dr. Leo Jenkins, Mark Tipton, Vonta Leach and Robert "Bob" Ward were just a few of those selected.

"This means everything to me to be recognized by the students for the contributions

that I have made to ECU. It proves that my contributions have lasted, which is important to me because my entire life has been about helping others."

Undergraduates Drew Griffin, Katie Heim, Sheree Hawthorne were also awarded for their outstanding achievements by being chosen for the 2007 Greek Hall of Fame. Griffin and Hawthorne were also named Greek Man & Woman of the Year, respectively.

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ECU Students Attend Conference in DC



The Office of Intercultural Student Affairs at East Carolina University sponsored nine students to attend the annual National Black Student Leadership Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill Hotel in downtown Washington, DC during the holiday break. The Carroll F. S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference opened under the theme "A Work in Progress: The Spiritual, Mental and Physical Dimensions of Leadership". The conference founder, Dr. Carroll F. S. Hardy, established the conference 22 years ago and has seen it grow in attendance annually welcoming students from various institutions across the country.

According to Dr. Hardy, "the conference attempts to instill in students the fundamental skills of leadership through workshops designed to stimulate their interests and satiate their spiritual and intellectual appetites." She adds, "effective leadership is not an end; it is about movement toward goals that evolve. Challenges are multidimensional and ever changing. Before we can address one need, four others rear their heads. Our bodies, our intellects, and our spirits must prepare. We must understand that ongoing preparation for leadership is pivotal to our survival. We are more likely to be effective when we realize that we and our work are a part of a process—beginning generations ago—a process that will continue long after we are no more."

The ECU Students were part of an audience of over 1,000 leaders who enthusiastically absorbed words of inspiration and leadership tips from nationally acclaimed speakers such as Dr. Na'im Akbar of Florida State University, Dr. Debyii Sabadu-Thomas of Howard University, and author/television/radio personality Rev. Dr. Jyaula Vanzant Founder, Inner Visions Worldwide. Also included on the agenda were other workshops, a Graduate Schools and Corporate Job Fair, and a closing banquet that recognized student leaders and multicultural professionals who were nominated for leadership and motivation awards. Students had a brief break to discover the sights and sounds of Washington.

ECU student and junior Demetria Smith stated "I am thoroughly grateful I was able to attend such a phenomenal conference. Not only did I get to interact with and receive applicable leadership information from prominent members of the African American community, but I was also able to exchange dialogue with other collegiate minority leaders from other institutions. This was definitely a conference that all African American student leaders should try to attend."

Dr. Lathan E. Turner escorted the students to the conference. The conference dates were January 3-6, 2008. Additional sponsors from ECU were the Office of Student Experiences and the Office of Housing and Dining.

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No choices out of many

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OPINION EDITOR

Well ... my Democratic candidate, Bill Richardson, has dropped out of the 2008 Presidential race. My Republican candidate, Rudy Giuliani, was once the national front-runner but appears to be on the fast track to becoming an "also ran." I'm an Independent, but those two stood out to me as the best their parties had to offer. Now whom will I vote for?

New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg is rumored to be considering an Independent Presidential bid. Great. The last thing this race needs is another ego. But he's an Independent, you're thinking, shouldn't I be happy? Bloomberg was a lifelong Democrat until he switched to the Republican Party to run for mayor, and then, as soon as his name was mentioned in the same breath as running for President, he changed his affiliation to independent ... before his term as mayor has even ended.

Do true independents want to vote for a candidate when even the candidate doesn't know where the hell he stands? Besides, the Democratic and Republican Parties, unfortunately, are so entrenched that they'll continue to shut out independents and third parties, and Presidents will come from one of the two for the foreseeable future. The best thing we can do is to find a candidate in each major party that comes the closest to sharing our views.

Right now, I'm starting to take a closer look at Barack Obama on the Democratic side, and I'd cast a ballot for Satan before I'd vote for Hillary Clinton. At least you know where he stands.

The Republican side is a little more perplexing. I've never been a big John McCain fan, but I guess I'll have to go with him. I like that Mitt Romney has a business background, but I have a hard time getting past the fact that he's from Massachusetts. I mean ... there's just something unsettling about the fact that he appealed to the same voters as Ted Kennedy and John Kerry. And while I don't think Mike Huckabee will ever be elected President, he'd be a shoo-in for a Gomer Pyle look-alike contest.

On the home front, we have the races for Governor of North Carolina and U.S. Senator to look forward to.

In the Democratic race for governor, we have Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue, who is about as exciting as watching paint dry, and Treasurer Richard Moore, who is about as exciting as Bev Perdue. The Republicans are offering NC Sen. Fred Smith, former NC Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr, Salisbury attorney Bill Graham, and maybe Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory. Collectively, they're about as exciting as Richard Moore.

That leaves the Libertarian candidate, Duke political science professor Mike Munger, who looks like a cross between Herman and the Incredible Hulk. That's a little better than their 2004 U.S. Senate candidate, who looked fresh off a tour with ZZ Top. I support a lot of what's in the Libertarian Party platform, but I just can't bring myself to vote for a cartoon. Given the party's track record, few can. I have nothing to look forward to in this election.

The reelection of Elizabeth Dole to the U.S. Senate is most likely a done deal thanks to the stellar crop of candidates the Democrats have thrown her way. After failing to attract the likes of Mike Easley or Jim Hunt, the party tried to recruit NC Sen. Kay Hagan, but she declined to run. Then Chapel Hill investment banker Jim Neal tossed his hat into the ring. As soon as he announced that he's gay, Hagan jumped into the fray, not because of Neal's homosexuality and electability in a relatively conservative state, but to be a voice against the war in Iraq. Yeah, and I'm Aunt Bee.

Why not persuade John Edwards to abandon his Presidential bid and run for the Senate again? It's not like he did anything for North Carolina the first time around, but there are plenty of poor people here that he and his \$400 haircut could relate to. Besides, after one more term in the Senate he might actually be qualified to run for President.

It appears all the parties were scraping the bottom of the barrel this election cycle, and they're going to have to do a lot to convince me to come over to their camps.

We've got a long way to go to get to November.

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- What is it with girls downtown being so self-conscious? Girl with the blue dress on and an attitude to boot, don't be jealous that your boyfriend was trying to be polite to me. I work in a BAR; he was just making small talk!
- Is it sad that I miss Cabana's or the Attic? Standing on the deck at the 5th Street Distillery is not my idea of a good night, and thanks to the redneck with the boots who ruined my new heels, next time I'm going next door to The Corner.
- I am really dreading "Singles Awareness Day" in February.
- I love my tall guy friends because when I walk around campus with them, it makes me feel like I am a famous rocker, and they are my bodyguards.
- Dear ECU Parking, thank you for writing my friend two parking tickets today. Not only did she have to pay for the tickets, but she also had to pay for a parking permit.
- The girls on my hall made a Youtube video of the Soujia Boy dance. We now have 600 views. I just wanted to say thank you to all our fans.
- I wanted to thank the maintenance men of ECU for fixing our broken dryer. It's not every day you find dead mice in the vents. Yeah, dorm life!
- I want you to want me...
- Your boyfriend cheated on you with ME ... Ha-Ha.
- Sweetie, it doesn't matter how many winning field goals you may kick ... I will NEVER make that mistake again, so don't even try.
- I pay lots of money to eat in the dining hall; therefore, the dining hall should have food for me to eat. Do workers get paid to point to the trashcans when I take my paper plates from the dining hall? Now that the dining hall doesn't wash our dishes, I'm gonna leave my paper plates at the table and yell, "Fetch," so they can earn their pay.
- I had really, really bad cramps that afternoon, so my uterus and I thank you for giving up your seat on the bus for me.
- It's spring semester and that means it's almost time for Barefoot on the Mall! I can't friggin' wait!
- Cute is What We Aim For is coming to ECU!!!! Wooohoo!
- I used to wish my super clingy friend would just go away, but now that she transferred, I really miss her!
- My thumb muscles have never been stronger ... THANK YOU HALO 3.
- You have the cutest toes on the bus!
- I'll blow smoke in your face!
- Please get off your high horse! Despite what you may think, you're not better than everyone else!
- Like me or hate me. I don't care. It's still an obsession.
- I'm sick of people cutting me off in the line at 360! You were at the very end of the line! That was my quesadilla!
- Isn't it awkward that awkward is spelled awkwardly?
- The automatic toilets on the first floor of Austin are HAUNTED!
- I still take Flintstones vitamins.
- If your door is open when I walk down the hall, I WILL look inside.
- I have found Mr. Right. All he has to do is ask me out.
- I'm ninety-nine percent sure that my boss is sleeping with my other boss. And I'm pretty sure I'm the only one who has caught on.
- I'm hoping that one day I will read the paper and see a Rant about me, good or bad, so WRITE ONE!
- I have a word document where I save all of the funny Pirate Rants. Is that weird?
- I hate the color orange.
- I never want you to think you are anything less than amazing.
- "Not all girls are the same." Why do I keep hearing that from my guy friends? You're all just picking the skanky ones and then complaining about it when, in reality, we good ones are right under your noses.
- If ladies love country boys, then why am I still single?
- I'm in love with a girl in Boone. I wish I were in Boone.
- When I look into your gorgeous green eyes I melt a little on the inside, and you make everything in my world okay. I love every second we spend together.
- You call me crazy. But you are the most manipulative person I know. Somehow, you always turn things around on others. But everyone can see your true colors.
- When I first saw the bio-diesel electric hybrid ECU bus rolling around town I was pretty darn happy, because its wonderful that ECU is trying to help the environment and still provide transportation for us. And no, I am not some liberal, but someone who actually cares about the earth and our environment.
- I hate Tom Brady and the Pats.
- World of Warcraft is weird; how do these dudes get girls when they play this game?
- Last time I was at PB's there was a deuce in the urinal. Who does that?
- I love classy looking girls, especially when they wear those pearl earrings.
- So how many of you are sitting in the library with me right now submitting Pirate Rants instead of studying?
- My dog can kick your dog's butt.
- Man, oh, man, I hope this Pirate Rant gets posted, and just for the person who said these kind of Pirate Rants are stupid.
- I think half the girls from my high school have been knocked out by now. It's insane.
- I wish my hands were scissors.
- I really want a baby.
- You make me think things.
- I HATE THE PATRIOTS WITH A PASSION.
- Seriously folks, skateboards are so middle school.
- My national government professor is HOT!
- Where are all these lesbian freshmen I keep hearing about?
- I think fewer women would like "Soujia Boy" if they knew what he was singing about.
- Your girlfriend looks like a man.
- The only reason I go out to eat at Tripp's is because you are really hot, and I am hoping that one of these times I will have you as my waiter.
- So, I am sitting in the library right now, and I just saw some guy come up behind a random girl and smack her on the butt. It made the loudest noise ever.
- Don't you just love it when you have a good friend and then they just stop talking without even telling you what's wrong? Guess that means that they were never a friend in the first place.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
- Sometimes I wish I were married already, so I would stop having to search for the right guy.
- Stop wasting my money on replacing sidewalks with bricks I'm going to slip on when it rains!

The 'Corps' of the matter

Not always Semper Fi

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

I grew up in a Marine town. Yes, anyone who knows anything about the Marine Corps knows that it is a transitory business that keeps men and women away from their families and makes kids attend ten different schools before they graduate high school.

There's a stereotype that all 20-something-year-old Marines are sex-hungry and on the prowl for underage girls (which, in my experience, is true of very few servicemen).

But the women and men who serve in the Marine Corps are not all bad people.

They have been called heroes by many media outlets, and most people in the U.S. (despite their political party affiliation) agree that the Marines and other servicemen are brave Americans.

However, despite the pleasantries that can accompany talk about the Marine Corps, there are other questions that need to be considered about the institution.

There's a stereotype that people join the Corps for a "way out" of bad circumstances (which, in my experience, is true of a lot of servicemen).

Don't have any money? Join the Marine Corps. Don't have a job? Join the Marine Corps. Need health insurance? Join the Marine Corps. Want benefits that don't compare to most jobs in the U.S.? Join the Marine Corps. You get my drift.

And that leads me to my question: Are they screening individuals who join the Corps adequately?

This week, in my hometown of Jacksonville, NC, a female Marine was murdered. Her body was burned, and police suspect she was raped and struggled with her murderer violently before being torched in the backyard of a home on the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base. Sadly, she was pregnant. Even worse, the person who killed her was the father of her child. Worst part of all, he fathered that child by raping the woman months before.

The man was married, and he had been bragging at work for months that his wife was pregnant (which she's not). Cesar Armando Laurean fled his home after he murdered his unborn child and a 20-year-old female Marine.

Was Laurean a product of the "way out" Marine stereotype? And if he was, why was he allowed to join the Corps? Is the United States Marine Corps so desperate for members that they admit murderers and rapists? Are the people who are defending our country being checked for mental illness, past criminal records, etc., etc.?

I honestly have no idea about how the Marine Corps checks out its soldiers, but I do know that in order to join, there are only a few simple processes: fill out paperwork, go to boot camp ... and bam! You're in. That makes me a little nervous.

I'm not saying that everyone in the Marine Corps is a rapist or a cold-blooded killer. What I am saying is that the Corps could do a better job of screening who they allow to join the service and whom they don't.

In the meantime, I'll just shout a big Oorah for the men and women in camouflage and hope that the stereotypes are just that: stereotypes.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome...back?

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

I have to admit that the stress is already starting to get to me. That's right, class has been in session for less than a week and I am already beginning to crack under the pressure.

My body hasn't been able to grasp the fact that I can no longer go to bed around 4 a.m. and sleep until 2 p.m. Waking up at 6:30 a.m. this morning nearly killed me. In fact as I type this letter I may pass out from sheer exhaustion.

I'm not sure if this is just a syndrome that I have developed or if it's universal among college students, but venturing back to campus after a nearly a month break has been a nightmare.

Not only is waking up before noon absolutely horrifying, but walking across campus in the freezing cold is downright dreadful. As I partake in my brisk hike across campus each morning my eyes water, my body shivers from the wind gusts and my lips have begun to crack.

After strolling across campus for what seems like hours, arriving at the bookstore to purchase my textbooks makes me cringe in disbelief at just how much money I am forced to part with.

Thankfully this is the last semester that I will ever have to endure the painstaking chore of returning to class after winter break only to suffer through months of re-adjustment.

Gone are the days of dancing all night and sleeping all day, the days of lazing in my bed watching Entourage for hours on end and the days of wearing nothing but pajamas the entire day.

For me, it's back to reality. My reality includes 20 semester hours of class, a part-time job at a local retail store and spending every waking moment of my life outside of class on Monday and Wednesday down in the newsroom.

But this letter isn't about me, it's about you. That's right, you. This is my desperate cry for help. The stress of the semester isn't only getting to me, it got to the entire East Carolinian staff, which means many have decided to part ways.

For those of you that enjoy writing, copy editing or photography I have the perfect job for you. Stop by The East Carolinian newsroom on Third Street and fill out an application.

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ON TAP...

A look ahead to the weekend in sports

Men's Basketball

Saturday vs. UCF
7 P.M.
TV: WITN

ECU will be looking to knock off UCF (9-7, 2-0) when the Golden Knights invade Mingos Coliseum for a pivotal Conference USA matchup. The Golden Knights will look to slay the Pirates behind their potent offense, which ranks fourth overall in C-USA play. The Pirates will be looking to just get a solid win under their belts.

On a side note, the Pirates 2007 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl Champion football team will be honored at halftime. A Hawaiian theme has been set for the event with fans encouraged to wear their favorite Hawaiian style shirt. The first 1,700 students will receive a free lei.

Women's Basketball

Friday vs. SMU
7 P.M.
Sunday vs. Tulsa
1 P.M.

The Lady Pirates will be looking to secure their first conference wins of the season against SMU (12-4, 2-1) and Tulsa (7-9, 3-0) over the weekend. SMU, led by senior forward Janielle Dodds, has been averaging 79 points during Conference USA play. That can only be matched by UAB who is averaging a little less than a point more.

Tulsa seemingly has the perfect blend of offense and defense as the Golden Hurricane have the fourth ranked offense and third ranked defense so far during C-USA play.***

NFL

Sunday

San Diego vs. New England
3 P.M.
TV: CBS

New York vs. Green Bay

6:30 P.M.
TV: FOX

Clutch Pirates pick up crucial win

Key free throws guide ECU

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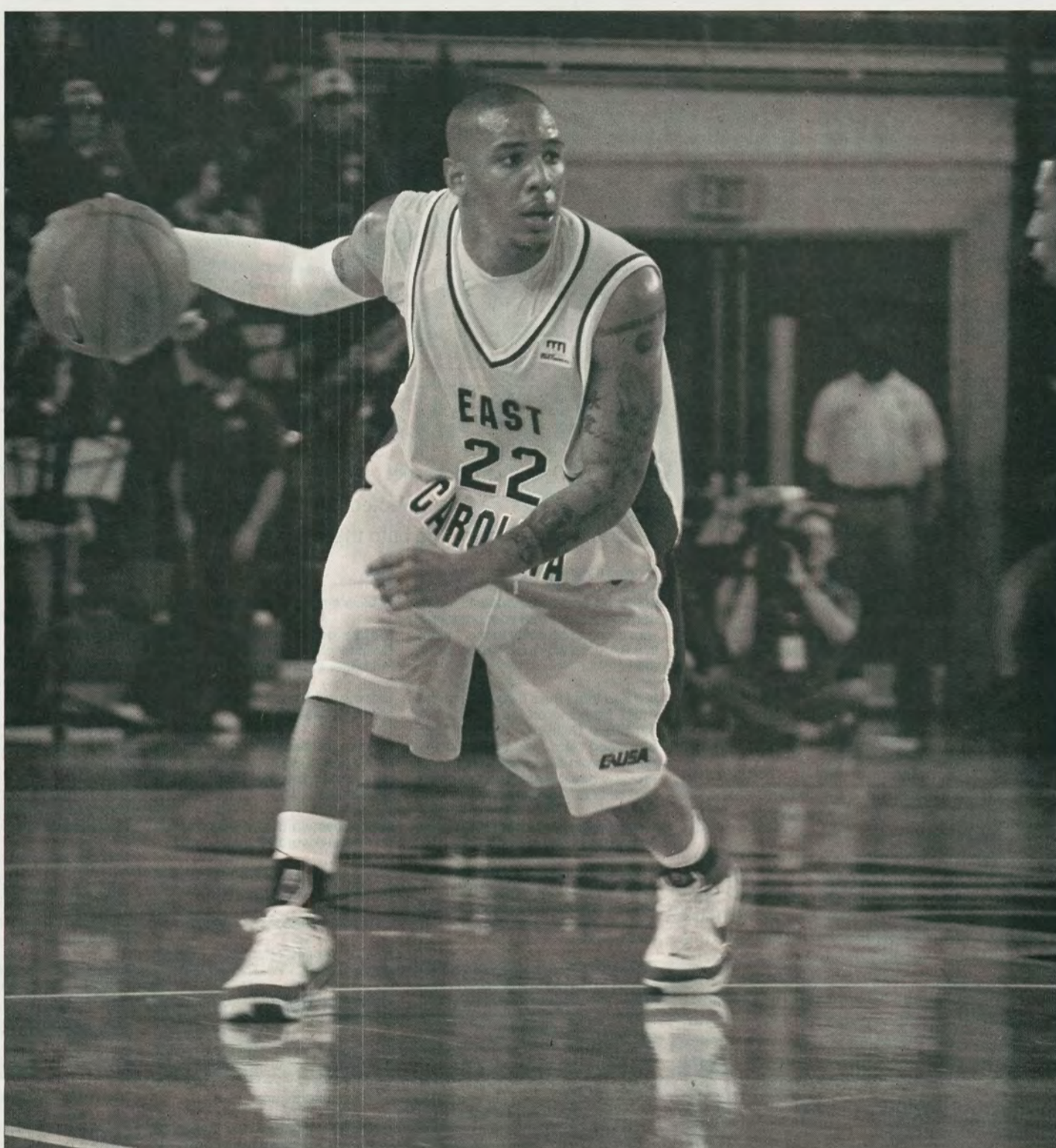
Free throws down the stretch proved to be the difference as the Pirates earned their first conference win of the year, 75-62, over Marshall Wednesday night.

"We're really competitive in Conference USA and we think we can win the next 14 games," said Darrell Jenkins, ECU's senior leader and point guard. "We're going to get out there and play competitive ball every night."

ECU's guards truly shined as Sam Hinnant led the team with 24 points and a career-high seven three-pointers, while Brock Young and Darrell Jenkins put the game away with 12 consecutive free-throws in the game's final minutes.

Hinnant began the night in true fashion, draining a trey from the corner to give the Pirates the early lead. Tied at 5 a-piece, ECU went on a 7-0 run capped off by a Hinnant three-pointer from the top of the key. Marshall answered back with a 6-0 run after Mark Dorris' free throws brought the Thundering Herd to within one of the lead. After six straight fast-break points and a three-pointer from James Legan, ECU stretched the lead to seven with just 8:38 left to play in the half.

The Thundering Herd hung close hitting three straight jumpers and connecting on four straight free throws to even the score at 24 with 5:33 remaining. Both teams continued to exchange baskets and the lead until Marshall went into the



Senior Darrell Jenkins had 14 points, six assists and no turnovers in a team-high 31 minutes against Marshall Wednesday night.

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Penalties cost Pirates in Georgia



After the split in Georgia, the ECU ice hockey team needs to add some regular season games and finish strong before starting the postseason.

ECU goes 1-1 in the peach state

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU ice hockey team could easily be the most talented ACHA Division III hockey team in the South Region.

However, when the fourth

installment of the ACHA D-III rankings are released this week, the Pirates will be fortunate to remain in the Top 15 despite climbing as high as No. 5 in October.

ECU let a golden opportunity slip away in Duluth, Ga. last Saturday after knocking off unranked Georgia Tech 5-2 on Friday in Alpharetta. The Pirates could not withstand a barrage of third period goals from No. 2 ranked Georgia.

ECU skated confidently into the third period, tied 4-4. Then the ice heated up considerably.

Forward Sean Burns was penalized for fighting after contact made during a faceoff. The referee deemed Burns' actions to be worthy of a five-minute major penalty.

Georgia peppered freshman goaltender Matt Dalgetty with shots, tallying four goals in the five-minute span. The

Pirates snatched one goal back at full strength, cutting the lead to 8-5, but the damage had already been done.

The Bulldogs went on to win 9-5.

"We knew we had to come out tough and beat them," said Dalgetty, who manned the pipes for both games.

"The problem was too many guys had issues with the other team and took stupid penalties and that hurt us."

The bright spot of the weekend came against Georgia Tech as the Pirates completed a season sweep of the Yellow Jackets.

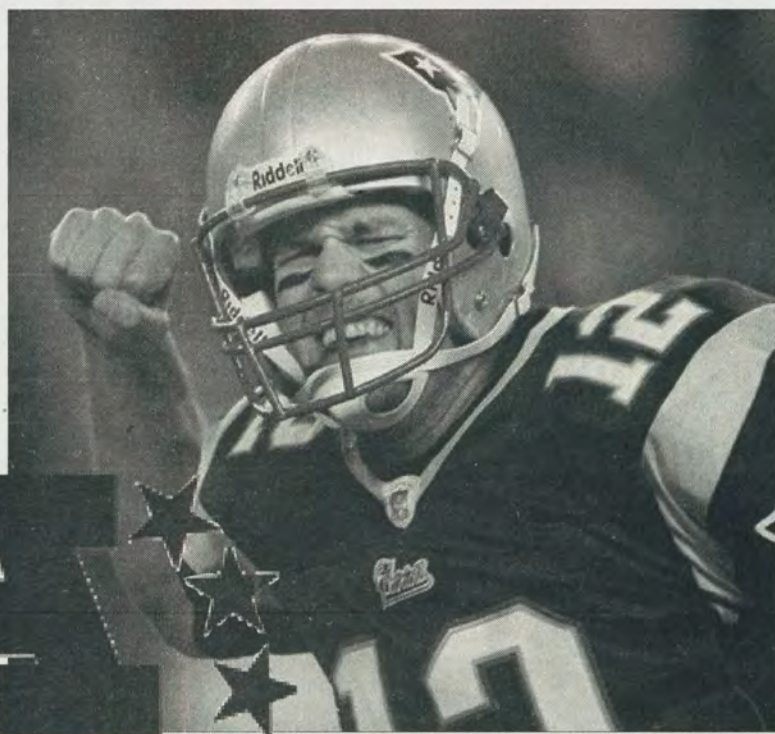
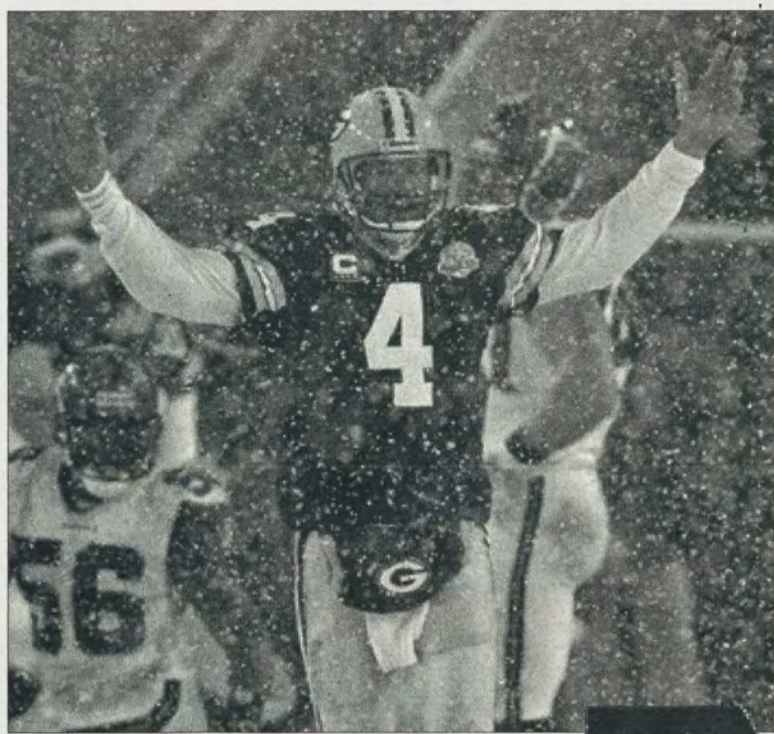
ECU (9-3) proved yet again that the scoring can come from anywhere on the ice with five different players registering goals. Donovan Dean and Corey Fleitz orchestrated the scoring chances,

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Staff photo

NFL Championship weekend



Packers quarterback Brett Favre celebrates last week.

Tom Brady will try to keep the Patriots undefeated this Sunday.

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NFC

The storyline: Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers [14-3] look to stake claim to the NFC crown and earn a Super Bowl berth this Sunday when the New York Giants [12-6] travel to Lambeau Field to compete in a contest featuring two of the NFL's most surprising teams.

"I'm just excited about having the game here at Lambeau Field," McCarthy told the Associated Press. "To have the NFC Championship Game at Lambeau Field is just wonderful for the Green Bay community, for our fans, especially after our fans' performance (last Saturday). Just to bring the game here is really the excitement that we're all feeling right now."

Green Bay, fresh off a 42-20 dismantling of the Seattle Seahawks, now has its sights set on the Giants, who knocked off the top-seeded Dallas Cowboys, 21-17, this past Sunday to earn a date against the Packers.

The matchup, just like the AFC title game, is a rematch

of a regular season blow-out. The Packers steamrolled the Giants, 35-13, in the week-two meeting at Giants Stadium.

But now the Giants, behind the fantastic play of Eli Manning, have gained a new confidence that was lacking in the earlier weeks of the regular season.

"The past two weeks, he's played well," Giants' wide receiver Plaxico Burress told NFL.com when asked about Manning. "He's directed our offense. He's executed our passing game. He's put us in good situations. He's playing with a lot of confidence. As long as that continues, we'll be going to Arizona."

Manning, who was 12-of-18 for 163 and two touchdowns against Dallas, has yet to throw an interception this postseason. This has been the biggest key in the Giants' miraculous run.

On the flip side, after suffering two of his worst seasons, Favre—at 38-years young—has reasserted himself as one of the game's best quarterbacks.

Against the Seahawks, he was 18-of-23 for 173 yards and three touchdowns. Not



too shabby for someone most players joke around as being a senior citizen.

Key to the game: The key for Sunday's contest will of course be quarterback play as each Manning and Favre have been known to be interception prone. Each defense must create pressure and force the opposing quarterback into making a costly turnover.

The pick: With the wind chill forecasted to be negative 13 degrees at kickoff, look for the Packers to edge out the Giants 24-21 and earn their first Super Bowl berth in 10 years.

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AFC

The storyline: The San Diego Chargers [13-5] are the AFC's last hope and most likely the last true competition that the New England Patriots [17-0] will face in their march toward history.

Earlier in the season when these two teams met, the Patriots were in the midst of the infamous "Spygate" scandal and San Diego was not playing very good football.

The end result was a 38-14 New England beat down behind the pass and catch combo of Tom Brady and Randy Moss to prove that the Pats didn't need to use banned video camera footage to obtain an inside advantage.

The two teams also meet last season in the divisional round of the playoffs. San Diego seemed to have the contest won leading 21-13 around the midway point of the fourth quarter until free safety Marlon McCree intercepted a Brady pass and made a critical error in trying to run back the pick and fumbled. This led to a Patriots' touchdown and tying two-point conversion, and

eventually New England pulled out the victory with a 31-yard field goal with 1:10 remaining.

The real fireworks came at the games conclusion however, as the Patriots upset many of the Chargers players for imitating their linebacker's celebratory dance.

"Yes, I was upset, very upset," NFL leading rusher LaDainian Tomlinson told the Associated Press after the game last season. "When you go in the middle of our field and start doing the dance Shawne Merriman is known for, that's disrespectful to me. They showed no class at all, absolutely no class, and maybe it comes from their head coach."

Now a year later after the bad blood has had time to boil, the Chargers, who started the season 1-3, could give the Patriots a run for their money come Sunday. But after some key injuries to some of their best players, New England is left heavily favored.

While Tomlinson should be able to play after a knee injury, starting quarterback Philip Rivers is listed as questionable.

Rivers injured his medial collateral ligament after he landed awkwardly moments after completing a 56-yard screen pass to

Darren Sproles for a touchdown on the final play of the third quarter in the Chargers' stunning 28-24 upset of the Indianapolis Colts this past Sunday.

"Right now, it's probably questionable in terms of playing in the game, but he's got a chance," Turner told the AP on Monday. "That will be a day-to-day thing and we'll monitor it as the week goes on."

Rivers, who was 14-of-19 last week against the Colts for 264 yards and three touchdowns, is perhaps the most critical part of the Chargers talented offense. If he is unable to suit up then San Diego has simply no chance of knocking off perhaps the best team of all time.

Key to the game: Obviously, the main key for the Chargers will be the overall health of the offense with Tomlinson, Rivers and tight end Antonio Gates all suffering from injuries. For the Patriots, all they will need to do is stick to their plan that got them to 17-0 and keep the pedal to the metal.

The Pick: I see the Patriots winning this one rather easily, 41-17.

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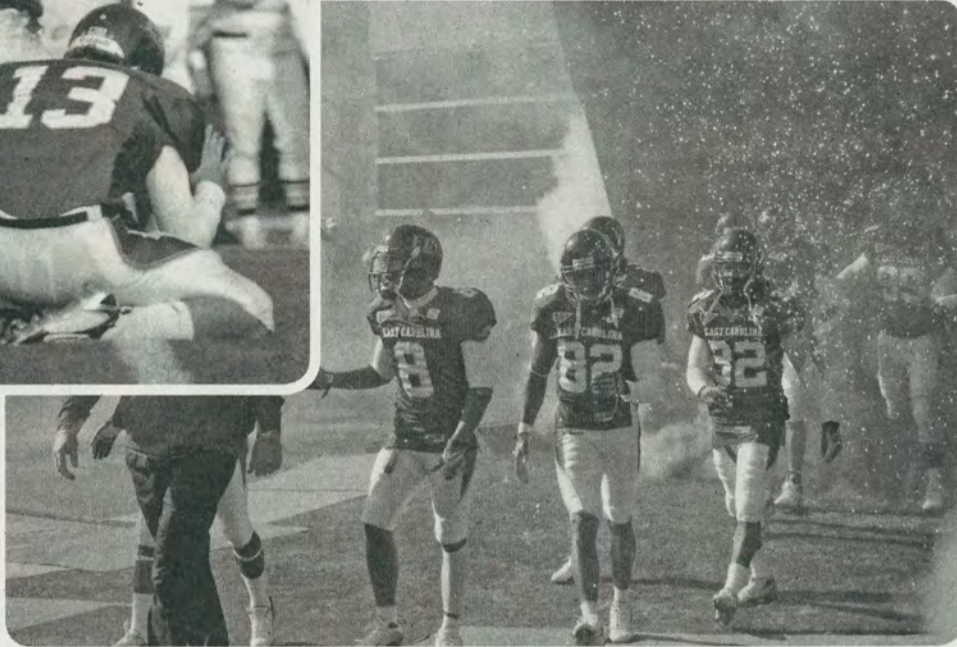
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HAWAIIAN SATURDAY



STAFF REPORT

Victorious at the 2007 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl game, the ECU Pirates will be celebrated on Saturday night at the men's basketball game during halftime. The game begins at 7 p.m. in the Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

In addition to recognizing the football team, individuals and businesses that donated tickets for the "Tickets for Troops" program and the class of the VanSant Society will also be honored.

The VanSant Society, named for former ECU coach and administrator Henry VanSant, is an honors Pirate Club known for giving to ECU.

Hawaii is the theme for the night, and all fans are advised to wear Hawaiian shirts or gear. The first 1,700 students who attend the game will receive a free lei in keeping with the Hawaiian theme.

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Sam Hinnant (left) gave Pirate fans much to cheer about Wednesday night with six three-pointers made against the Herd. After going 13 games without a conference win last season, the Pirates look to be a stronger competitor in Conference USA this season and hope to continue their conference winning streak when they face UCF Saturday night in Minges at 7 p.m.

Marshall led by as many as eight in the game but its quick guard play leveled off in the second half and ECU's perimeter play proved to be too much for the Thundering Herd. The Pirates improved their conference record to 1-1 and an overall record of 7-8 while Marshall moved to 1-2 in the conference and 9-6 on the year.

ECU came out ready to play. With 8:42 left to play, ECU began a 12-0 run that held Marshall scoreless for six minutes, giving the Pirates a 63-56 lead with 4:13 left to play. After Marshall pulled back within four, Young and Jenkins combined to hit 12 straight free throws to put the game out of reach and give ECU a 75-62 victory.

The Pirates outscored Marshall 40-25 in the second half, holding it to just 38 percent from the field, forcing 15 turnovers and out-rebounding the Herd in the lopsided

half. ECU shot 47 percent for the half and 46 percent for the game, going 9-19 from downtown and shooting 76 percent from the line, hitting the crucial free throws when they counted most.

ECU had three players contribute double-digit points on the night, but ECU's bench was a big factor to the win, outscoring Marshall's bench 35-20 as Young and Legan combined for 21 points. Fast break points were also a discrepancy as ECU held Marshall to just five points off the break compared to the

in the second frame as Matt Walls buried a three-pointer from the left corner, only to be answered by a Hinnant trey that brought the lead back within two. Marshall answered back with an 8-2 run that put the thundering herd up 48-40 with just over 15 minutes to play in the game. Undeterred by Marshall's strong start to the half, Hinnant completed a four-point play that sparked a 9-8 run to bring the Pirates within two of the lead.

Marshall once again expanded the lead to five and after an official TV timeout,

After going 13 games without a conference win last season, the Pirates look to be a stronger competitor in Conference USA this season and hope to continue their conference winning streak when they face UCF Saturday night in Minges at 7 p.m.

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Junior Sam Hinnant, who missed most of last season due to injury, has returned to form this year with clutch performances.

East Carolina University Equestrian Club

The ECU Equestrian Club is hosting a Schooling Show Hunter Show Series on January 26th and February 16th. The shows will take place at Sanctuary Farm, off Hwy 43.

Contact Erin Graves (ecg1027@ecu.edu) for a prizelist or if you have any questions.



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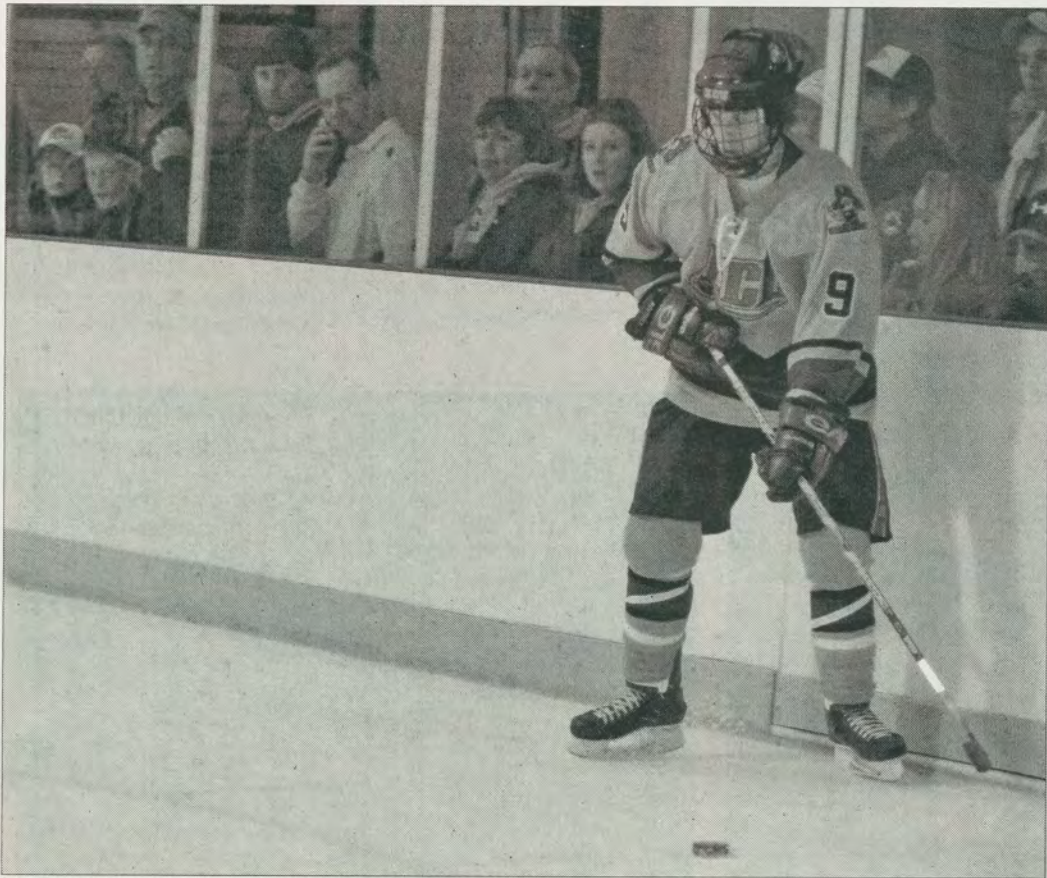
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Ian Falcoln tries to find a teammate near for a centering pass near the goal.

combining for four assists.

"The Georgia Tech game went well," said Fleitz. "We came out strong, we had lots of shots and our lines were playing well."

ECU accumulated 48 minutes worth of penalties, more than double that of Georgia Tech. The Pirates' defense responded by killing Georgia Tech's power play consistently and holding the Yellow Jackets to two goals.

Assistant coaches Mike Ormsbee and Kelley Smith were the brains behind the boards for both games, as coach Wayne Cox remained in Greenville for the road trip.

It's sort of been our Achilles' heel for the entire season," Ormsbee said of ECU's penalty problems. "But our talent is so high that sometimes we can get away with it, but not against Georgia."

In addition to keeping a close eye on the ACHA rankings, ECU must add games to its schedule in order to qualify for the South Regionals. The Pirates' schedule is two games short of the minimum 16

games required before the final ranking period by the ACHA.

UNC-Charlotte pulled out of scheduled matches earlier in the season, which has team President and netminder, Brent Falcon scrambling to find opponents.

Falcon seems to have lined up meetings with N.C. State and Appalachian State so far.

"That will be a good game because I think N.C. State thought the loss here was a fluke and they feel like they can probably beat us on a larger ice surface," Falcon said of the potential rematch, "That will be a pretty intense game and also bode well for the rankings if we are able to beat them again."

"We're trying to get a game with App State to close out and get two more games in before the ranking period, and qualify for regionals that way."

Recent talk in the club hockey community has surfaced about a new "select" Blue Ridge league that would likely feature ECU, Richmond,

Christopher Newport and Old Dominion. A new competitive conference may provide a solution to the Pirates' scheduling woes.

"When you're in a conference, teams are obligated to come in and play," said Coach Wayne Cox. "When you're not in a conference, they are not necessarily obligated. It puts the onus on you to track down games."

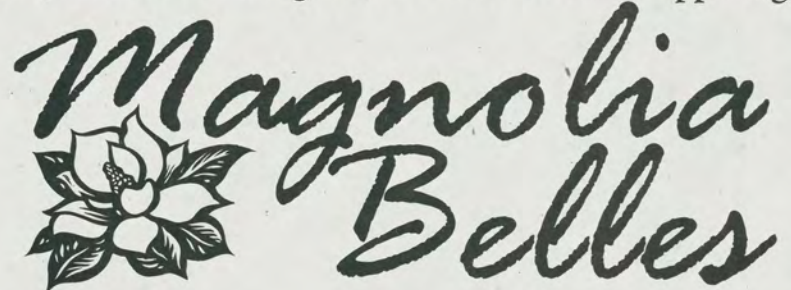
Stepping into ACHA [Div. II] and joining the Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey League [ACCHL] is another possible alternative for the future. The ACCHL boasts the likes of UNC, Duke, N.C. State and Virginia Tech, among others.

Meanwhile, this weekend's scheduled exhibition games with Team Carolina Jr. have been cancelled. The Pirates return to the ice Jan. 25 and 26 for home sessions with Div. II opponents Liberty.

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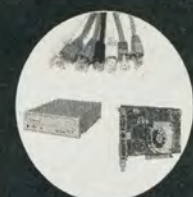
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Features

{Campus Scene}

Horoscopes

Aries
It's your friends who are critical now, perhaps out of jealousy. Take their ribbing with good humor. They can't stop you now. Your real friends are proud as punch.

Taurus
You can accomplish just about anything, if you begin it now. If you can't actually go yet, like on a world cruise, at least begin your planning. Choose a destination.

Gemini
Your savings account gets fatter as you improve your shopping skills. Frugality is a game you can learn how to play. Pretend you don't have to do it, and some day you won't.

Cancer
One good deed leads to another. That's how you advance. You do favors for people you care about; they do favors for you. Let them know what you need.

Leo
Lately you've had to do a lot of the work yourself, to have the job done right. That won't be much of an option in the coming phase. Find people whom you can give jobs to, who will do them perfectly.

Virgo
Your partner's imagination seems to be out of control. You want to stick closer to reality. Is that absolutely necessary? Let yourself go. Reality's hard to define, anyway.

Libra
What else does your family want, to make life comfortable? Stock up now, while the sales are on. You won't have to shop again for months.

Scorpio
You're teaching and learning simultaneously, to and from the same person. The exchange makes your head spin. Don't push; relax and let it happen.

Sagittarius
The routine may seem unbearable, at times, but you can bear it. Hard work makes you stronger. It also provides the coin, in this case, to buy yourself a nice vacation.

Capricorn
You're very lucky now. Ask for favors. Make promises and commitments, especially with loved ones and children. You'll end up looking very good.

Aquarius
It may seem like it takes longer to get just about anything done. Don't argue with what is, adapt. Things will go much more smoothly once you stop worrying.

Pisces
Practice and listen and pay attention to what other people are doing. Copy the most successful ones and you'll naturally become one of them.

Mendenhall Movies

Thurs., Jan. 17 @ 7 p.m.: Beyond Beats & Rhymes: Hip-Hop and Manhood

Did you know?

Vikings used the skulls of their enemies as drinking vessels.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

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When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home to a sellout crowd, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

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The average person loses two ballpoint pens a week.

Talking about synchronicity increases synchronicity.

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The fastest bird is the Spine-tailed swift, clocked at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour.

Duelling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

Award-winning artist comes to East Carolina

Wellington B. Gray Gallery welcomes Neill Slaughter

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

The works of Neill Slaughter, a Fulbright Scholarship and David Newton Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient and artist, will be on display at the Wellington B. Gray Gallery from Jan. 15 to Feb. 16.

The Neill Slaughter: *Looking Back, A Mid-Career Ret-*

rospect exhibition will display pieces of art that portray Slaughter's travels, which include countries like Africa, Scotland and India.

Slaughter now teaches drawing, watercolor and painting at Long Island University in Southampton, NY, but graduated from Indiana University with in MFA in Drawing and Painting.

Slaughter's work spans the gamut, from California freeways to Indian travel scenes to urban New York landscapes. He is noted for having traditional as well as post-modern elements in his work.

Of his work Slaughter has said, "For myself, art making is a vehicle, a therapeutic and informative way of

progressing from one state of perception to another."

Tonight, Slaughter will be presenting a lecture titled "Looking Back" in Speight Auditorium at 7 p.m. A reception will follow in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, which is located on ECU's main campus inside the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

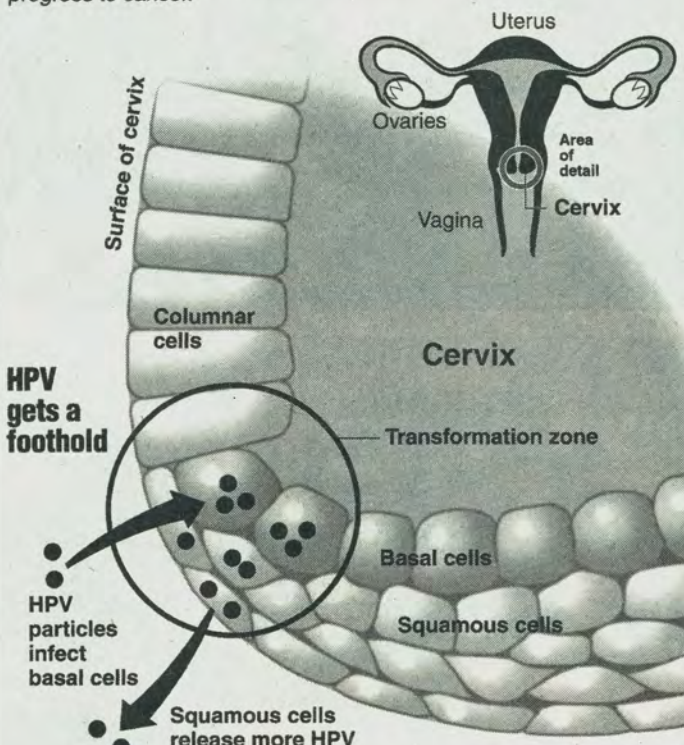
For more information about the gallery or the Slaughter exhibition, visit ecu.edu/art or contact Gil Leebrick, Gallery Director at 328-6336.

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Cancer touches everyone

HPV infection and cancer

Most human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are harmless, but "high-risk" strains can cause severe abnormalities that progress to cancer.

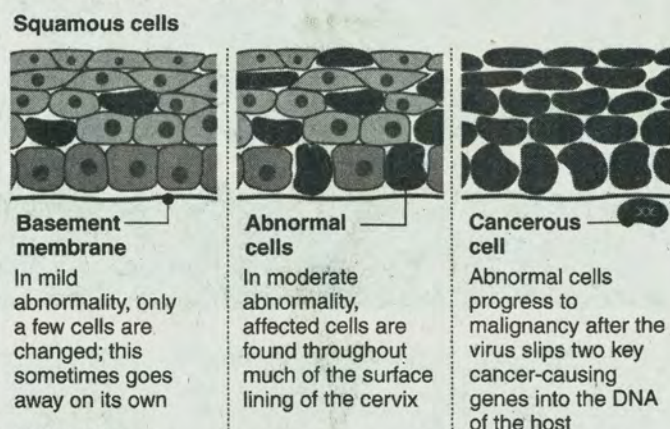


The virus takes advantage of a "transformation zone," where different types of cervical cells meet in a thin junction

Immature basal cells are unusually close to the surface of the cervix; the virus invades basal cells, and then reproduces within these cells as the cells divide, mature into squamous and rise to the surface; the infectious virus particles escape from the mature squamous cells and then invade more basal cells

From infection to cancer

"High-risk" HPV types have the potential to lead to cancer over a decade or longer. When the virus infects cells, it gradually causes increasingly severe damage.



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The Gardasil vaccine protects against four types of cervical cancer and is round of three separate shots..

Events on and off-campus can provide students opportunities to raise awareness about the disease

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

This month marks Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. According to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women around the world, with 10,000 new cases occurring each year in the United States alone.

However, because cervical cancer develops in the woman's body over time, it can be prevented easily by having routine Pap smear exams and by practicing safe sex. Because one of the causes of cervical cancer is Human Papillomavirus (HPV), which is sexually transmitted, women should be especially careful during intercourse.

In 2006, a groundbreaking vaccine was developed and approved by the FDA to help protect women and girls against

HPV. Gardasil, a round of three vaccinations, is available for women and girls ages 9 to 26 and is designed to ward off four types of HPV (two types that develop into cervical cancer and two types that develop into genital warts).

The ECU Student Health Center will be promoting cervical cancer awareness this January, implementing programs on and off-campus.

According to Courtney Rash, Nutritionist Coordinator for the Student Health Center, doctors from the SHC will be sponsoring a program on Jan. 29 to raise awareness for cervical cancer. At the program there will be an auction for a free Gardasil vaccine, which can cost about \$100 per vaccination. Information about cervical cancer is also posted on the bulletin board in SHC.

Rash encourages students to get involved in the program. "I think that if there's something positive that comes out of losing someone to a disease, especially cancer, [is] it empowers [people] to make a difference," said Rash.

Other cancer-related events sponsored by Student Health

for the Spring 2008 semester include a group participation in the Relay for Life Walk in May.

Besides on-campus programs whose goal is to help stop the disease that affects millions of Americans each year, there are nation-wide events that students can participate in.

One event that is sponsored by the Susan G. Komen For the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, includes fourteen 3-day, 60-mile walks. These walks will take place at different points in the year in cities around the nation, including Atlanta, Ga., Washington D.C. and Tampa Bay, FL.

In order to participate, individuals must raise a minimum of \$2,200 for the Susan G. Komen and National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. According to the project's Web site (the3day.org), taking part in an event of this magnitude will cause participants to be amazed "by the courage of survivors; by the commitment of the walkers just like you, by the power of the individual and the power of many."

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Cancer milestones

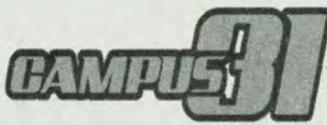
Some major developments in research and treatment:

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| 1904 First use of chemotherapy | 1954 First link between smoking and lung cancer found | 1970 First cancer-causing gene discovered | 1981 PSA test developed for prostate cancer screening |
| 1947 First successful chemotherapy cancer treatment | 1955 Testosterone/estrogen linked to prostate, breast cancers | 1972 Bone marrow transplants to treat cancer pioneered | 1985 Lumpectomy with radiation demonstrated to be equivalent to mastectomy for breast cancer survival |
| 1950s Pap test for screening of cervical cancer developed | 1956 Mammography first recommended for breast cancer screening | 1978 First trial of tamoxifen to prevent breast cancer recurrence; use expanded later | 1993 First use of stem cell transplants for leukemia, lymphoma |
| 1953 Radiation therapy first used to ease cancer pain, later found to produce 40 percent of all cures | 1961 Discovery that tumors create a network of blood vessels to support their growth | 1980 First cancer-causing virus discovered | 2006 FDA considers approval of cervical cancer vaccine |

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Campus 31 television undergoes programming changes



Movies offered by Student Union

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 20 students living in the residence halls on campus will be able to watch movies on Campus 31,

ECU's closed-circuit student television station.

The addition of movies to that station will serve as yet another service offered through the Student Union.

"Every four weeks the Student Union Film Committee will choose eight different films to be shown in a rotation of two movies per week," said Jacob Tidwell, assistant director for student activities and major events.

The first four week cycle will include the following movies: *Who's Your Caddy?*, *Stardust*, *Superbad*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Balls of Fury*, *The Shining*,

Knocked Up and Rescue Down.

New releases, blockbusters, documentaries and educational-type films will make up the array of movies that will be shown.

Those students interested in providing their input about the selection of movies are welcome to attend the weekly Student Union Film Committee meetings. All students are invited to participate in the meetings. The first meeting of the semester will be held tonight at 5 p.m. in Hendrix theatre.

"In addition to the movies, Campus 31 will return to airing student produced films, campus

programs, announcements and university advertisements, just as it did when it was created in 1999. In the future we hope to be able to do live broadcasts and produce a weekly show," said Heather Cwiakala, assistant director of student media.

Interns with Campus 31 along with the video production team under the Division of Academic and Student Affairs Marking Department will be working to produce the original programming for the station.

"Original short films produced outside of these two areas

have come from ECU students, either produced in the School of Communication or as a hobby, who have submitted their work to us to air on the station," Cwiakala said.

Campus 31 also services the campus community by providing public service announcements for student organizations. The station also accepts video production submissions.

Please contact Cwiakala at cwiakalah@ecu.edu for more information about the station.

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CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

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Craigslist.org is a website dedicated to offering classified ads and forums for a number of needs. It provides this service to every state in the U.S. as well as other countries. Users can also publish their own ads.

Housing, jobs, personals, for sale, resumes and services can all be found locally.

After typing in the website's domain, users find a list of links related to their need or interest. They then can click on an area close to them to find whatever they need.

Although some users find craigslist to be helpful, some students feel that the number of links can be confusing.

Jessica Christ, a Criminal Justice major and junior at ECU, found the site less than user friendly when she was trying to purchase books and movies.

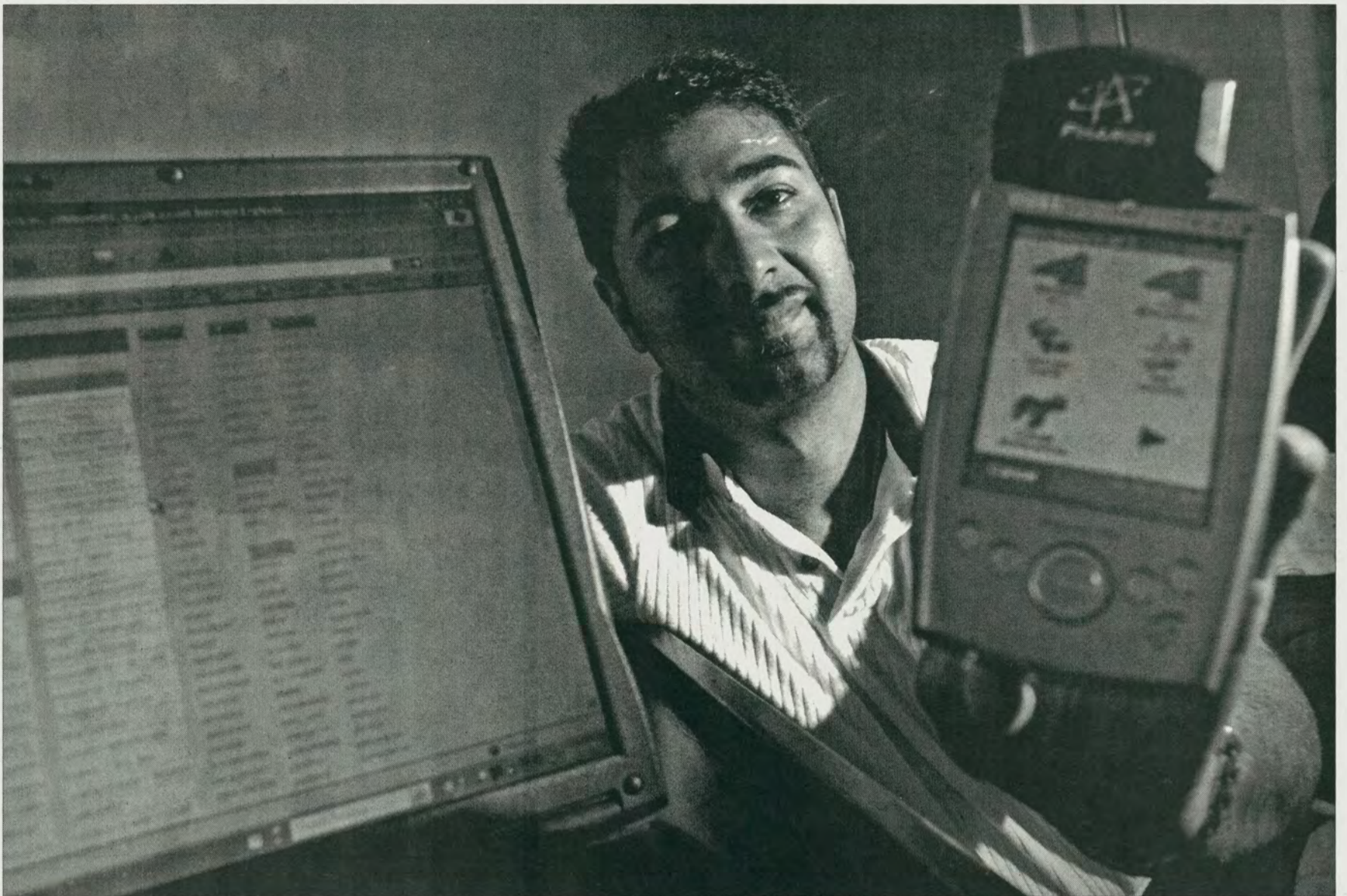
"I was using it to make a purchase, but didn't because it was too hard to navigate," said Christ.

"There were too many choices and not enough explanations on how to use the site. I couldn't narrow my search and there were too many links. I would not use it again."

Christ said she found out about the site through word of mouth.

"I've known about Craigslist since its inception, simply because every other person on the planet has been yakking about it," Christ said.

However, use of the site also



This man bought his GPS system from the website Craigslist.org.

has produced positive feedback.

Lauren Threatt, a Criminal Justice major and sophomore at ECU, used the site to look for a job.

"I didn't find one, but there were many opportunities and fields to choose from," said Threatt.

Threatt said the site had more opportunities specific to this area than any other site she had tried, including more jobs wanted by small businesses. She also said that this aspect of the site is the most valuable.

Posting wanted ads on Craigslist is largely free. The "for sale" section offers textbooks, and a place for free items.

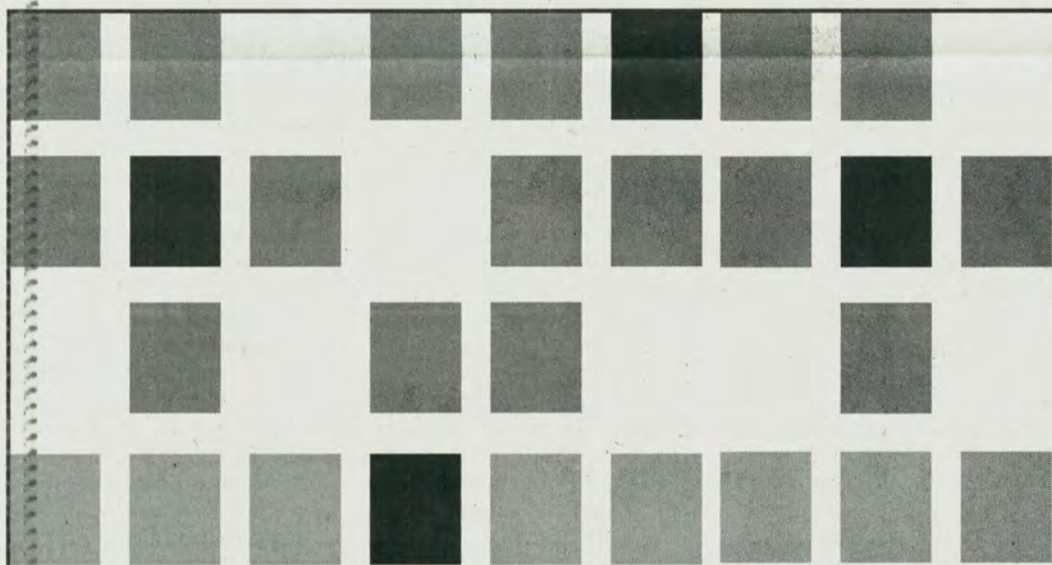
Craigslist offers advice on avoiding user scams also and a hotline for those who suspect they have been the victim of fraudulent advertising.

For more information, or to check out the website, visit craigslist.org.

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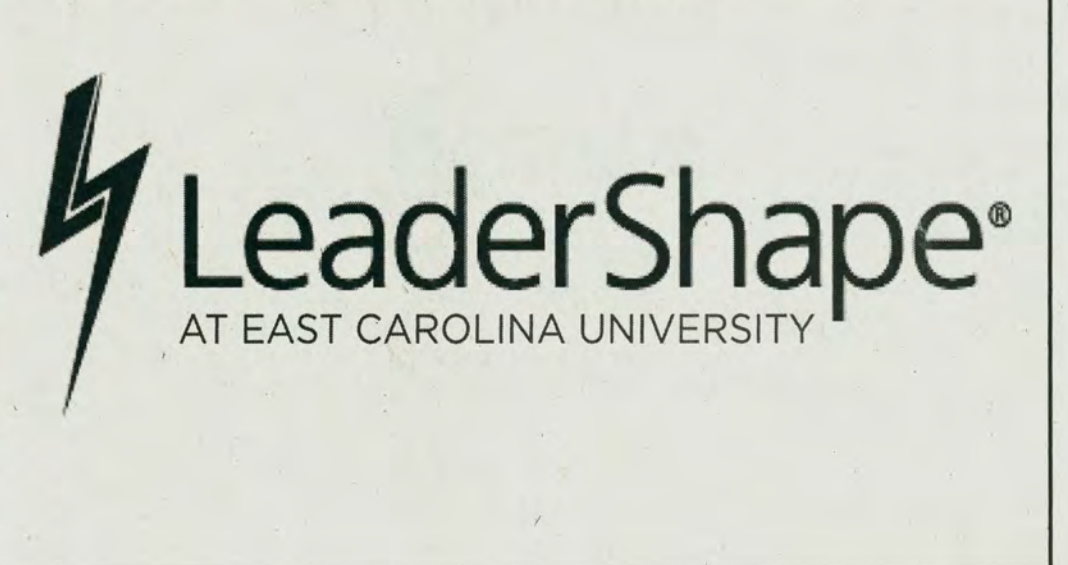
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The 3-day, 60-mile walks taking place all over the country this year will get people walking for the cure.

Those who participate in the 60-mile walk will receive meals, housing and entertainment.

Although Rash had not heard of this particular cancer walk, she thinks that it is important for students to take up for a cause.

"I think it's great if students want to participate. First of all they're being physically active, and they get a good sense of

accomplishment," Rash said.

"[They] participate in a cause that they can carry on for the rest of their life [that] could lead to future volunteer experiences and may develop into a lifelong passion."

To find out more about cervical cancer, visit nccc.org. To find out more about the Susan G. Komen For the Cure and the

National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund 3-Day Walk, check out the3day.org.

More events that promote cancer awareness can be found by visiting the Volunteer and Service Learning Center in the Christenbury building.

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What are you doing to celebrate MLK day?

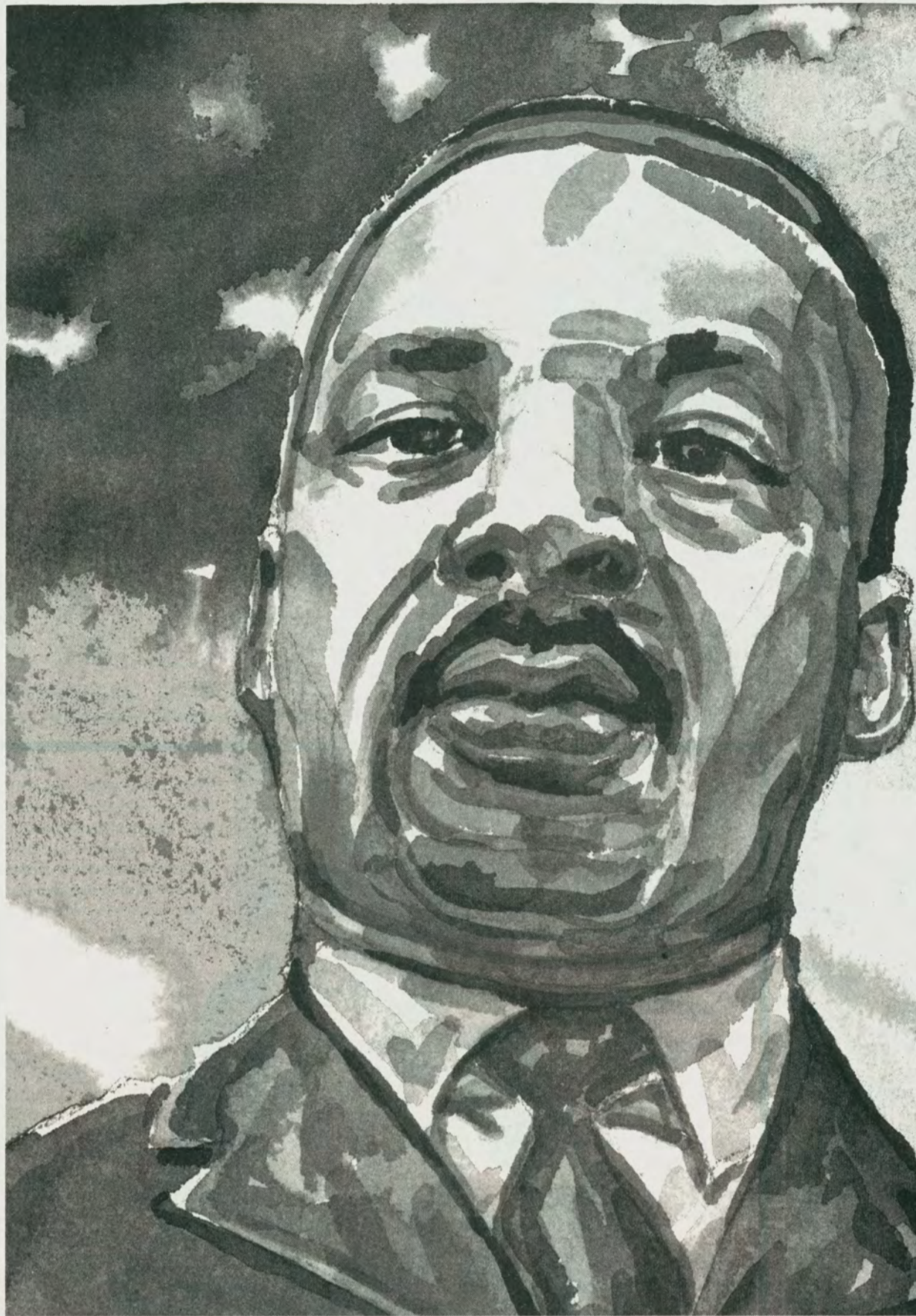


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"I'm going to sit back and relax. There's no school, [but] I'm sure I've gotta work."

ANTHONY TERRY
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"I don't have any plans, but if it's a day off I'll enjoy it!"

SAHIL SIROHI
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"I guess [I'll] sleep in late, enjoy the day and do some studies after."

SALISEIA RAMPERSUD
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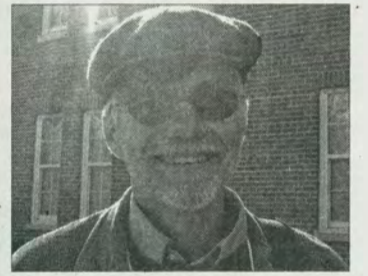
"I'm going skiing in Pennsylvania with my boyfriend and his family."

BETSY THRALL
SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR



"I hadn't really thought about it. In the past, I've going to the Cultural Center [where] they had a speech about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life."

TIFFANY THOMAS
SENIOR ATHLETIC TRAINING
MAJOR



"I'm planning on visiting family in Northern Georgia. I might be traveling part of that day. I just came to North Carolina from Illinois so I want to visit family."

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MLK Weekend Calendar

Jan. 17

Movie Night: "Beyond Beats & Rhymes: Hip-Hop and Manhood," 7 p.m., Hendrix Theater, Mendenhall Student Center.

The above events are free and open to the public.

Jan. 19

The Dr. Andrew A. Best Senior Recognition Banquet.
The Dr. Andrew A. Best Senior Recognition Banquet will be held at the Greenville Hilton for graduating minority medical students. It is sponsored by the Student National Medical Association at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. Dr. Julius Q. Mallette, assistant vice chancellor for regional health services outreach at ECU, will speak at the annual event. Tickets are \$30 for the general public and \$15 for students. For more information, contact (252) 744-2500 or email Akilah Crawford at asc0627@ecu.edu.

Jan. 21

Community Unity Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Murphy Center (ECU Campus Athletic Complex).

Dudley Flood, a retired specialist in school desegregation from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, will deliver the keynote speech at the annual breakfast. Sponsored by the Pitt/Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Frances Faust, 752-4101. frances@greenville.org

MLK Day Challenge, 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mendenhall Student Center.

The MLK Day Challenge offers ECU students the opportunity to volunteer with local non-profit organizations. Participating students will spend the day working on community service projects. To register for the event, visit: www.ecu.edu/volunteer. Contact: Pamela Barclay, 328-2735; volunteer@ecu.edu

Candlelight Vigil and March, 5 p.m., Bottom of College Hill Dr., ECU Campus.

Contact: Aameena Mohyuddin, mohyuddina@ecu.edu or 737-2003

Celebrating Dr. King Through, Words, Song and Storytelling, 7 p.m., Wright Auditorium.

Dr. Shirley Carraway, retired superintendent of Orange County Schools and ECU alumna will deliver the keynote address. Contact: Virginia Hardy, 744-3078 or hardyv@ecu.edu.

PROJECT HEART HONORS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ON MONDAY

"Day of Freedom" celebrates Kings
accomplishments

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

Project HEART will celebrate the life of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday in their event, "Day of Freedom."

The event will take place at the West Greenville Intergenerational Center at 9:15 a.m. and will last until 12:15 p.m.

The day will begin with event setup, followed by registration and breakfast. The Project HEART members and the staff of the West Greenville Intergenerational Center will welcome participants after the breakfast.

Commentary of the impact of King's life will be given and then the attendees will break into three groups to perform the service projects.

The three stations in which participants can offer their help will be a quilt making station, chess station, and self-defense station.

The day of events will wrap-up with the distribution of disaster preparedness packets.

Other than paying homage to an American icon, King, the event will serve multiple other purposes.

"We wanted to do services that introduced new programs at the center, and that could serve the community," said Kenneth Taylor, Project HEART volunteer coordinator.

"It's a way that students can connect with individuals in the community," said Lakeah Williams, West Greenville Intergenerational Center intern.

Students and faculty have put a great deal of work into planning and promoting the event to ensure it will be successful.

"We had to contact different radio stations, TV stations, and newspapers," Williams said.

Project HEART has been committed to doing events to honor King's legacy for years.

"Every year Project HEART does a MLK Service Project with different organizations," Taylor said.

This year, the "Day of Freedom" is in collaboration with the Volunteer and Service Learning Center at ECU.

Project HEART's mission is similar to King's mission, to impact the community in a positive way.

"Project HEART is dedicated to the improvement of educational opportunities for youth. We also wish to provide services in the community," Taylor said.

"We are a service and tutoring/mentoring based organization."

West Greenville Intergenerational Center is located on 1101 Ward St. For more information about the event, contact Betty Beacham at 328-4357 or beachamb@ecu.edu.

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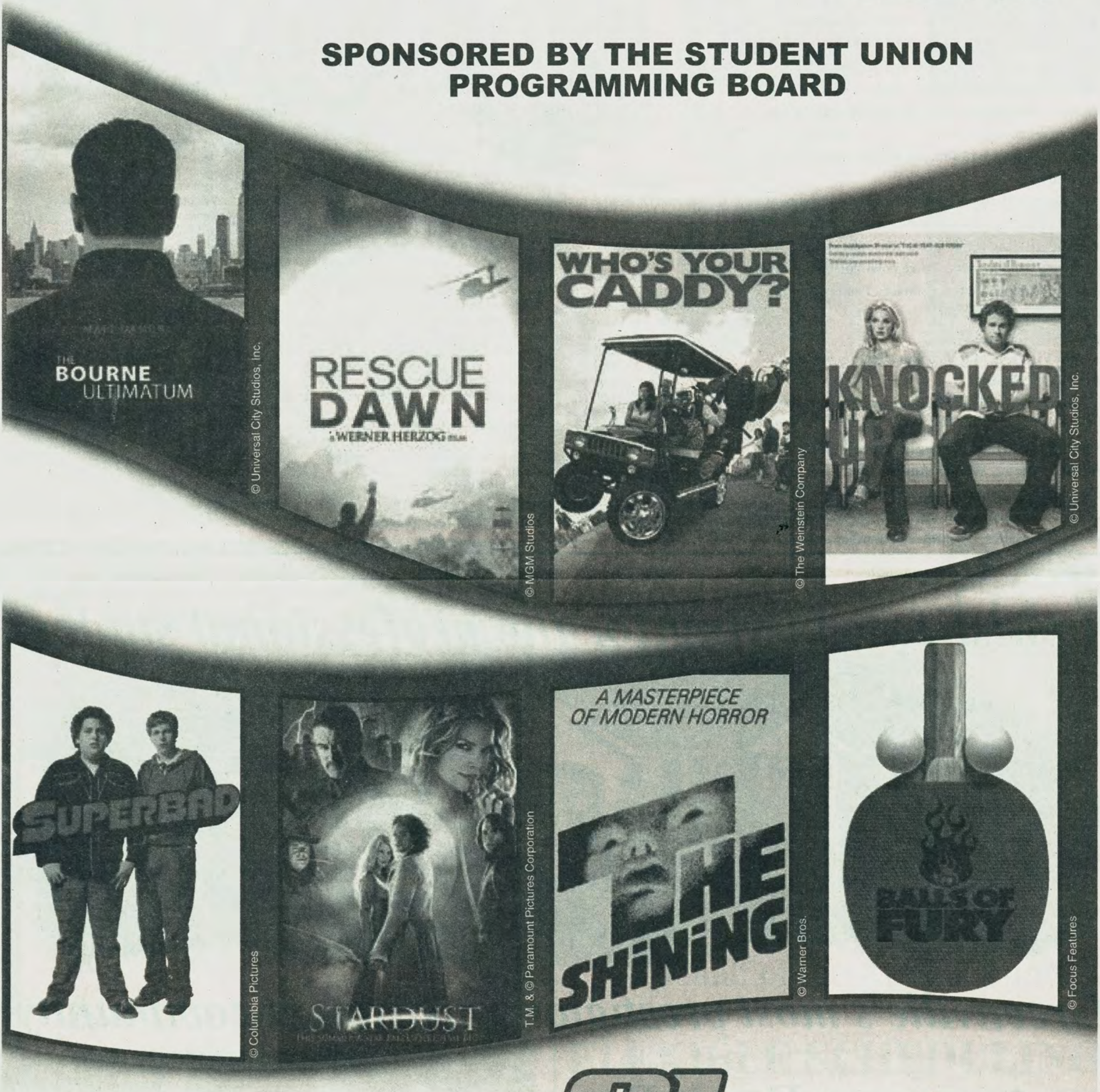
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