



SGA works to improve student to community relations



Sunday's women's basketball game between Marshall and ECU came down to the last seconds. Turn to the sports section to see which team came out with a win.....PAGE A7



Council members listen to Andrew Griffin, SGA vice president, discuss new Safe Ride procedures.

City council and SGA members work together

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Members of the Greenville City Council and SGA met on Thursday to discuss issues relating to students and the community.

The meeting was held in room 337 of City Hall at 5 p.m., and dialogue between the groups lasted until around 6 p.m.

During the span of an hour, city council members

and SGA representatives were able to address a number of issues.

One of the first topics addressed were common city ordinances that affect students, such as the number of occupants allowed in one housing unit and noise violations. "In the City of Greenville, since 1982, it has been illegal to have more than three occupants that are unrelated," said Merrill Flood, director of community development.

A booklet was passed out to attendees called, "Take Heed, Your guide to living in a pirate community," that outlines all the ordinances that

students should know about.

While the council members didn't discuss all the ordinances, some of them were brought to the attention of SGA representatives because of past violations.

We've had issues in the past where students want to have parties and the noise exceeds the limit, according to Flood.

Other ordinances represented in the booklet include animal control issues, trash collection, parking, litter, weeded lots and housing con-

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Mendenhall renovations take stage at SGA meeting



SGA members retrieve agendas that outline business for meeting. Plans being made to fulfill voided space

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The ECU Student Government Association held its first ever, "House of Organizations," meeting Jan. 28, in which the representatives of each student organization were presented with a new order of business with various topics of discussion.

Ambassadors of Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) were recruited at the SGA meeting to speak to other students about the upcoming renovation of MSC, beginning in May 2008.

"Students are much more interested in hearing from their peers," said

Carol Woodruff, director of co-curricular programs.

Short conversations and dialogue will be suggested in order to get students aware of the upcoming renovations and to discuss the changes to take place.

Leaders will still be able to reserve areas on campus in order to meet with their student organizations. Students are required to contact The Event Planning Office to make these on-campus space reservations.

"Our Operations and Reservations Staff have been securing places all throughout campus," Woodruff said.

"Our team has been working very hard to identify some spaces on campus that you can have big events."

There are a few perks, how-

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The ECU hockey team battled for two physical victories over Liberty this past weekend. The sports section has a full recap of the heated contests.....PAGE A7

12th Annual Polar Bear Plunge attracts attention



Students courageously spring into the icy waters located at the outside pool of SRC on Thursday.

Students enjoy the icy waters

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Thursday evening, with a high temperature of only 47 degrees for the entire day, students from around Greenville made their way to the Campus Recreation and Wellness center (CRW).

The event that students made their way through the cold to participate in was the Polar Bear Plunge, a winter tradition that has been around for as long as CRW has been open.

"It began for faculty and staff; we wanted to celebrate the opening of the center," said Stephen Gray, director of parent and student services, "and it gives students something fun to do in January."

Student turnout set a new record for the occasion,

with a total of 502 registered participants, up from 2006's record of 467 students.

Observers and students came early and one could feel the energy and anticipation in the air as the clock counted down to the first jumpers.

"I heard it's a big deal," said Cayleigh Blackwell, freshmen and undecided in her major. "I'm excited, I have never done something like this before and I hope to do it again next year!"

Many shared Cayleigh's sentiments, as a band of students showed off their enthusiasm, lining up and showing off painted letters across their chest.

Gray continued to pump up the crowd, calling out questions and shouting words of encouragement as others referred to him as the "Papa Bear" for the evening.

With only five minutes until the first jumpers, groups began to chant "purple

and "gold," adding to the already electric atmosphere.

As the clock hit 7 p.m., students were allowed to line up around the pool with Papa Bear giving the final countdown.

If the 39-degree water was not enough, over 150 pounds of ice were dumped into the waters before participant's eyes.

Equipped with glow necklaces and their courage, groups of students continued to make the trip into the freezing water for the next hour, receiving T-Shirts and a chance for a \$250 gift card to Best Buy.

Students dried themselves with towels provided or their newly acquired T-Shirts as they enjoyed food provided by Campus Living and Dining.

"I did it for the rush, the T-Shirt and my friends,"

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On Feb. 5, North Carolina based band, Boxbomb will release a new album that offers a variety of musical influences and genres, read a review.....PAGE A5

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Distinguished Professor Allen Blustine
Tuesday, Jan. 29
8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
 Mr. Blustine is one of America's most distinguished clarinetists, with an impressive career of performing and recording around the world. He is a member of the Speculum Musicae, New York Chamber Soloists, and the Festival Winds.

Poetry professor offers reading
Tuesday, Jan. 29
7:30 p.m.
Bate 1032
 In celebration of the publication of his second book, *Anticipate the Coming Reservoir* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 2008), John Hoppenthaler will give a reading. Hoppenthaler, a poet and professor of English at ECU, is author of *Lives of Water*. His work has also appeared in publications that include *Ploughshares*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *McSweeney's* and the *Southern Review*. Free and open to the public.

Spring Service Fair
Wednesday, Jan. 30
12:30-2:30 p.m.
Bate
 This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about local agencies and speak to agency staff regarding volunteer and service-learning opportunities.

Statewide Campus Safety Symposium
Thursday, Jan. 31
Friday, Feb. 1
9 a.m.-5 p.m./ 9 a.m.-noon
Greenville Hilton
 ECU's Student Legal Services is hosting its second Safety Symposium "Campus Crisis Communication and Intervention" to school and university staff and administrators across North Carolina. Roy Cooper, NC attorney general, will deliver the key. Other speakers include: Dave Rainer, associate vice chancellor Environmental Health and Public Safety, NCSU; Kevin Foust, FBI; Dr. Eugene Zdziarski, assistant vice president & dean of students at the University of Florida; David Robey, Secret Service Threat Assessment Team. Registration: \$100.

29 Tue

Blood Drive
 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Blood mobile at Wright Place

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 8-10 p.m.
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Poetry professor offers reading
 7:30 p.m.
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30 Wed

Spring Service Fair
 12:30-2:30 p.m.
 Bate

Live Music:
The New Familiars
 8 p.m.
 Pirate Underground

31 Thu

ECU Percussion Ensemble
 6-8 p.m.
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Statewide Campus Safety Symposium
 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Greenville Hilton

1 Fri

School of Music Wind/Jazz A Concert
 8-10 p.m.
 Wright Auditorium

Statewide Campus Safety Symposium
 9 a.m.-noon
 Greenville Hilton

2 Sat

Swimming
 Marshall/Catawba/Wingate
 1 p.m.
 Minges Aquatic Center

3 Sun

Bath Duo
 Joanne Bath, violin
 Charles Bath, piano
 3-5 p.m.
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

4 Mon

School of Music Faculty Trio
 Christine Gustafson, flute
 Emanuel Gruber, cello
 Keiko Sekino, piano
 8-10 p.m.

*** Featured Event**
School of Music Wind/Jazz A Concert
8-10 p.m.
Wright Auditorium



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Members of SGA met with the Greenville City Council in order to put together a plan to improve community relations.

ditions. "We have put together this information over the years to inform students of popular ordinances..." Flood said. Another issue discussed at the meeting concerned

safety advancements being made by the city and the university.

Ashley Yopp, speaker of the congress, addressed the safety forum that was held last April and said that most of the

changes proposed by administrators have been done.

Changes relating to ECU Student Transit Authority's Safe Ride were also mentioned by Andrew Griffin, SGA vice president.

Efforts to make students

feel safer while waiting for Safe Ride have been made by decreasing the radius in which the drivers can pick up students to four or five miles away from campus, according to Griffin.

Decreasing the radius has resulted in a shorter wait time for riders of Safe Ride.

Desires for a better relationship between students and ECU police officers were expressed during the meeting.

"I think it has been a more positive feedback from students, opposed to when I was a freshman three and half years ago," said Keri Brockett, SGA president.

Brockett noted that the officers seem more accessible and more approachable because of their new choice of uniforms.

Both council members and SGA representatives are concerned with increasing the amount of volunteering being conducted by students.

Yopp talked about the efforts being made by the Volunteer and Service Learning Center in the area of mentoring with the Boys and Girls Club and Service NC, a statewide competition among UNC campuses to complete the most volunteer hours.

At some point during their ECU tenure, students must complete at least a few hours of volunteering for one of the introductory health classes.

"It's not stated that every student has to have those hours, but it is a requirement that they have to have that class," said Brittany Adams, SGA secretary.

One of the last heavy issues that council members hit on was the presence of drugs near campus.

Council member Rose Glover noted that drugs are readily available in Greenville, and that is not safe for students.

SGA representatives felt that students must take the initiative themselves to not be influenced by drugs.

"It's something that people need to internalize in themselves and say, 'Hey, this is not something that I need to be putting into my body,'" said Abey Dessie, attorney general of the SGA judicial branch.

The meeting ended with commentary from council members and SGA members planning for future dialogues with one another.

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PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

TUESDAY JAN. 29:
 Hi: 62F
 Low: 34F
 Wind: SW 5-10 mph
 % Precipitation Probability: 10%
 General Weather: partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY JAN. 30:
 Hi: 58F
 Low: 50F
 Wind: NW 5-10 mph
 % Precipitation Probability: 20%
 General Weather: sunny

Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geography's Atmospheric Science Program.

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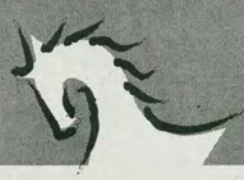
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ever, concerning MSC being 'temporarily-out-of-service,' such as free games of bowling at AMF Bowling Lanes, on select ECU student nights throughout the semester.

Also, the Student Union Programming Board will continue to offer free movies for students. Movie coupons will be available for pick-up on select nights of the week in which movies are show-

ing. "Arrangements have been made with Greenville Grande [on Memorial Blvd. in Greenville]," Woodruff said.

"Students will be given free tickets and the ECU transit will provide transportation."

Students are strongly encouraged to visit www.ecu.edu/newmsc for additional

information concerning the renovation of MSC.

Special orders included multiple resolutions and legislations that were passed.

Other issues discussed at the SGA meeting were voter registration and various leadership initiatives.

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said Adam Burk, sophomore nursing major, as he dried himself off.

Students could have their picture taken with their friends after the fact, a token of remembrance for their test of endurance on

their way back to the court. Some students seem to regret diving into those icy waters again after doing so in previous plunges.

"I must have been crazy for wanting to do this again," said Rob Breiner, sophomore

broadcast journalism major, "so many freshmen here don't know what they're getting into."

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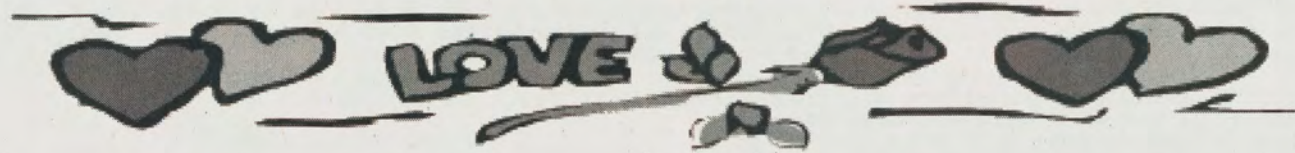
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Horoscopes

Aries
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Taurus
Stay out of a controversy between others, if you possibly can. They're not paying attention to you, anyway. If you give them a lot of room, you can go about your business.

Gemini
A job turns out to be more difficult than you expected. Reschedule errands and everything else until Friday at best. Between now and then, scurry to keep up.

Cancer
You can express your love lots of ways that don't require words.

Leo
Settle down and contemplate what you've recently learned. You're running into contradictions and possibly some errors. Give yourself time and a quiet space to sort all this stuff out.

Virgo
You're good at keeping up with all the latest trends. Do that again, in the next day or two. Review and revise, especially workplace procedures. Create more time for play.

Libra
How will you find the money to do what you want to do? Through lots of trial and error. Don't buy a lottery ticket. Under these conditions, that won't work.

Scorpio
Definitely watch your words. Misunderstandings can happen in seconds, and take years to correct. Be the strong, silent type.

Sagittarius
Take care not to gossip now, not even with close friends. If somebody doesn't want to talk about something, don't push. Wait for a better time.

Capricorn
Don't go bragging to your friends, or anybody else. Talking about work in progress would be counter-productive. Wait and show them the results.

Aquarius
For the next several weeks, review old material. Sort and file your paperwork, receipts and whatever else. You'll be in the mood to tidy up communications.

Pisces
You'd like to run away from your dull routine, and avoid a particularly difficult task. That's not a good idea. Everybody would notice.

Did you know?

According to the American Solar Energy Society, enough sunlight falls on the earth's surface each minute to meet world energy demand for an entire year.

Spider monkeys like banana daiquiris.

There are four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a ten-dollar bill.

In 1963, baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run." On July 20, 1969, a few hours after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Gaylord Perry hit his first of six home runs.

Australian Rules Football was originally designed to give cricketers something to play during the off season.

The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.

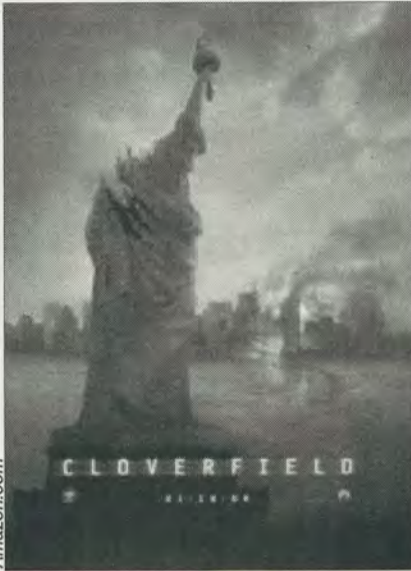
Although bourbon is Kentucky's leading export and its production directly employs thousands of people, it is illegal to buy the product in the very counties in which it is produced.

A newborn kangaroo is between the size of a grain of rice to the size of a honeybee!

A rat can last longer without water than a camel can.

Obstreperous means resisting control or restraint in a difficult manner.

Cloverfield offers moviegoers a unique experience



Cloverfield hit theaters on Jan. 18.

Movie's new perspective makes a cliché-like story more novel

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The new monster movie epic, *Cloverfield*, recently hit theaters and has been met with mixed reviews and fan adulation. *Cloverfield* takes a page out of *The Blair Witch Project's* playbook by employing a chilling sense of reality with an increasingly bleak plot. The concept for the film is simple but with a new and fresh approach, resulting in *Cloverfield* offering moviegoers a somewhat new experience.

The movie tells an all too common story with a new and creative spin. It is

shot from the perspective of the main character's handheld camcorder. It starts with an unassuming going-away party but quickly turns chaotic when the partygoers witness unexplained explosions and destruction throughout the city. Early on, chaos ensues and an overwhelming sense of confusion envelops the movie. As onlookers observe the subsequent destruction of New York City, the movie begins to slowly but surely develop the storylines of the main characters.

However, the movie has a simple but effective storyline. Essentially, the city is attacked by a monster, and while the city is evacuated the main character decides to stay behind to save the woman he has an unprofessed love for. Although at times the story seems quite cliché, the perspective from which the story is told manages to keep you glued to your chair.

Still though, the cheesy aspect of *Cloverfield* is what gives it its charm. As unbelievable and ridiculous as the story may be, the characters develop convincingly. The glimmer of humanity throughout the eminent disaster keeps your attention held throughout the surprisingly short movie.

Although *Cloverfield* seems to lack any real depth, it still manages to be a simply fun monster movie to watch.

This is a movie to just effortlessly observe and take in as a visually and stimulating sort of experience. Don't think too hard about the marketing scheme or anything else, just take this movie at face value and enjoy it for what it is.

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Examining "Scar Tissue"

Anthony Kiedis' Autobiography

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In the light of James Frey's masterfully false *A Million Little Pieces* comes the autobiography of front-man and lead singer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers Anthony Kiedis' remarkable story of drug addiction and the perils of rising fame.

Scar Tissue's first chapter opens up with Kiedis snorting

cocaine with his drug dealer in Arizona, and quickly shows the downward spiral to tripping on LSD with Peppers' bassist and Kiedis' best friend, Flea. After dragging out his parents' biological drive to reproduce, Kiedis finally gets to the good stuff and explains how his first experience with drugs was at the age of four, when his own father helped him get stoned with marijuana.

The first chapter, "Me, I'm from Michigan," which chronicles his surprisingly dull childhood of growing up on welfare and tales of his reckless father, though boring, is an important buildup for the turmoil of his life. He

began to fight and steal. The same addiction-driven and immature actions taken

by his father are taken in every way by Kiedis.

It seems that the autobiography is typical of every rock musician, because the general population expects huge rock stars to be addicted to every drug possible, to perform completely plastered and overdose at least twice. Typically all of this includes having sex with a string of beautifully strange women, which in Kiedis' case, follows along with the stereotype.

Kiedis even illustrates his life with pic-

tures of these sexual conquests and photos of the late guitarist Hillel, and many of these photos were taken during his innumerable drug binges. Toward the middle of the book, every single drug fest becomes extremely repetitive. Also, regardless of the fact that his drug intake rivals

that of Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones and somehow miraculously he is still alive, the story becomes monotonous.

For Red Hot Chili Peppers fanatics the story is intriguing, especially when Kiedis explains the numerous changes in lead guitarists after the death of

Hillel. However, it is an autobiography of Kiedis, so just when the information about the band begins to become interesting, he jets back to talking about another drug binge or another crazy night of sex and violence.

For those without a specific connection to the band, the book is somewhat lackluster, and even falls short of the false *A Million Little Pieces*, which is a shame, because without all the "...and then I OD'd" and "then

this happened," it would be a timeless tale. Needless to say, Kiedis is definitely not someone to idolize.

Even with all of *Scar Tissue's* faults, it is interesting to appreciate the lives of the outsiders involved in Kiedis' and the Peppers' lives. Kiedis (with the help of Larry Sloman) writes bluntly about his experiences, the fights between himself and the rest of the band and the meanings behind most of his lyrics.

If the book had been written as a biography of the entire band, it would have been more effective.

For its purposes, *Scar Tissue* accomplishes its goal and chronicles the life of a screw-up that got enough highly successful

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Professor's journey from Egypt to ECU

Statistics professor teaches students a valuable lesson

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Born July 14, 1951, in Cairo, Egypt, ECU Professor Ahmed Abdelfattah has spent a large portion of his life studying, researching and teaching statistics in various regions of the world.

Since fall 2006 he has taught statistics courses at ECU, but his desire to help others understand math and statistics began in 1969 when he attended Cairo University in Egypt.

"When I was attending Cairo University, I was at the top of my class, but I felt bad because a lot of my classmates weren't getting good grades. So when I was a sophomore, I started tutoring my classmates that were having trouble understanding statistics on my own free time," said Abdelfattah.

Administrators at the university became aware of Abdelfattah's tutoring services and hired him as a teaching assistant. Some of the classes he taught as a teaching assistant had approximately 450 students in the class.

"After a year of being appointed as a teaching assistant, I had been asked by the university to teach at one of their branches in Khartoum, Sudan, for a year. The class I was assigned to teach had a capacity of 3500 students at the school of business," Abdelfattah said.

Abdelfattah continued to work as a teaching assistant, and in 1975 he completed his gradu-

ate studies at Cairo University. Two years later he traveled to Paris, France, to continue higher learning at the University of Pierre and Marie Curie until he was accepted to Oregon State University in 1979.

In Oregon, he continued to teach his classmates--free of charge--who were struggling in school, but eventually he was paid \$500 a month by the university for his teaching services.

In less than a year, Abdelfattah earned his second master's degree in statistics at Oregon State University, which made him eligible to take courses towards his doctorate. However, his education was delayed because his father experienced health problems, and Abdelfattah took a job in the Persian Gulf as a statistician for the Arab Monetary Fund in order to financially support his family residing in Egypt.

Abdelfattah got married and had four sons while working for the Arab Monetary Fund. He returned to America in 2000 with his wife and kids because he wanted his children to benefit from the American educational system.

"I wanted quality education for myself and my kids, and also the quality of life," Abdelfattah said. "I consider education in America the best in the world...others may have a different opinion, but that is my opinion."

Abdelfattah currently teaches Intro to Statistics and Business Statistics.

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Popular entertainment brings live music to Mendenhall



Mendenhall Student Center plays host to a number of activities and performances sponsored by the Student Union.

Student Union offers students a chance to get involved

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The Student Union's Popular Entertainment Committee will bring live entertainment to the Mendenhall's Pirate Underground tomorrow night. The committee, which plays a vital role in developing, planning and executing entertainment on campus, will play host to Charlotte-based band The New Familiars.

A mixture of traditional bluegrass and rock and roll has given The New Familiars notoriety and attention throughout the state.

The band has created a unique style of music, with influences ranging from the folk rock epics of Bob Dylan to the dark metal of Tool.

"I think a lot of it might stem from our openness as a group and how we all work so well together... and then, of course, we all have so much fun playing music, and we're passionate about the songs we write," said vocalist Eric-Scott Guthrie.

The Popular Entertainment Committee meets once a week to discuss the past week's events and to plan and discuss possible future events. At these meetings students express what they would like to see on campus and what they would find entertaining. It is then up to the members of the committee to promote the upcoming event and to garner an

interest among the student body. "Anyone is free to join and they are given a voice in picking the types of entertainment, scheduling and locations of the entertainment that the student body gets to enjoy," said Adesola Ogunleye, popular entertainment chair.

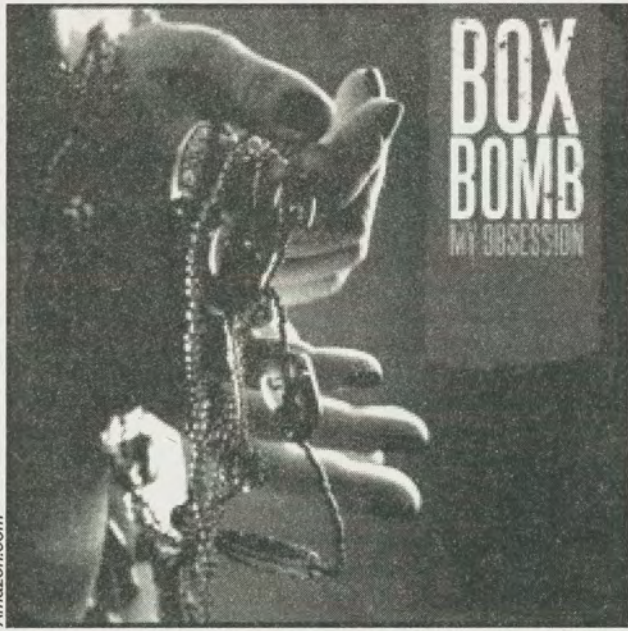
The New Familiars was discovered by one of the current committee members at a conference the committee attended.

For more information about The New Familiars log on to myspace.com/thenewfamiliar.

Information regarding Student Union can be found on their Web site at ecu.edu/student_union.

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Boxbomb releases new album



The Charlotte-based band will release their album on Feb. 5.

North Carolina band aims to go big with new album

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Listening to the homegrown sounds of the Durham, NC band, Boxbomb, is an eclectic yet accessible music experience. On Boxbomb's new CD, which will be released Feb. 5, the band displays a wide range of influences to produce catchy songs that are both rich and sleek.

Boxbomb formed in the spring of 2003 in the midst of a music scene that was saturated by emo and hardcore bands. In 2005, Boxbomb released their first CD called *Golden*, which offered listeners their first opportunity to hear the unique musical experience that is Boxbomb. Unlike a large contin-

gency of their peers, Boxbomb offers music that is mature and unique. The band draws obvious influences from 90s grunge and combines a conglomeration of sounds from across the board.

"Everything from Bob Dylan to Nine Inch Nails, nothing directly influenced one in particular song but a little bit of everything sort of all over the album," said guitarist Rob McFarlane.

Boxbomb's new album *My Obsession* is reminiscent of a coming-of-age album such as U2's *Joshua Tree*.

Some songs on the album offer something easy to listen to while not eroding the authenticity of the music, with a sound like that of bands the Smashing Pumpkins and Bush.

What most young bands offer the listener in angst, Boxbomb offers in musical

integrity.

The growth between the *Golden* release and the new album is evident.

"We've grown a decent bit I'd say; the first CD was recorded in my parents house and this was recorded in a full studio called Warrior Sound Recording Studio in Chapel Hill," said vocalist and guitarist Ryan Gustafson.

Boxbomb's unique style of well-manicured rock songs with a rough edge on *My Obsession* makes the whole CD perplexing but beautiful from start to finish. With plans to tour in the near future, Boxbomb offers the North Carolina music scene a brave and fresh album to stand on.

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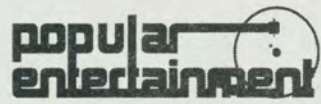
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BRIEFS

Pirates change radio coverage

SID--East Carolina football and men's basketball broadcasts will be moving to a new radio flagship beginning next fall as WNCT-FM (107.9) becomes the Pirates' new primary home for the next three years according to an announcement made by ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland last Thursday, ISP Sports Vice-President Meghan Molnar and Brad Hood of the Beasley Broadcast Group. WNCT-FM's powerful 100,000-watt signal will provide expanded coverage for ECU sports, extending to Raleigh (to the west), southern Virginia (to the north) and up and down the North Carolina coastline. "East Carolina University's partnership with the Beasley Broadcast Group continues to pay dividends for our athletic program and the Pirate Nation," Holland said. "The new placement on WNCT-FM 107.9 provides tremendous coverage for our football program and is a major step up for our basketball program. In addition, the continuing coverage on WNCT-AM 1070 will maintain our baseball program's national distinction of having its complete schedule broadcast on a 50,000-watt station. We are very appreciative of the Beasley Group's commitment to eastern North Carolina and to East Carolina University." All ECU football and men's basketball games, along with weekly coaches' call-in shows, will be included in the programming on WNCT-FM. "We are delighted to be able to provide this level of radio coverage of Pirate Football and Basketball to our loyal fan base," Molnar added. "Having both sports available on the same radio location will also prove to be a major positive for Pirate fans."



ECU splits swim meet with Duke

SID--The ECU swimming and diving teams split a dual meet with Duke Saturday afternoon with the Pirate men's team posting a 178-117 victory, while the women's team suffered its first loss of the year, 167-131. The Lady Pirates (7-1) won their first seven dual meets of the season before suffering defeat today, while the men's team improved to 6-2 in dual meet competition. "This was a great college dual meet," said Pirate head coach Rick Kobe. "The atmosphere was terrific and both teams swam very fast. I'm so proud of the effort of all of our kids." ECU won 11 events on the men's side including one record setting performance from Thiago Cavalcanti. He set an ECU freshman record in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:32.84, breaking the former record of 9:34.04 set by Matt Walker in 2000. East Carolina will conclude dual meet competition at home on Saturday, Feb. 2, with a tri-meet against Marshall, Chowan and Wingate.

Lady Pirates squeeze by Marshall



ECU point guard Jasmine Young came off a ball screen and nailed the game-winning shot Sunday afternoon against Marshall.

ECU wins second straight conference game

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

Junior standout Jasmine Young's layup with only 1.5 seconds remaining in the game gave the Lady Pirates a 59-57 win over conference foe Marshall Sunday afternoon at Minges Coliseum.

With the win, the Pirates improved to 2-4 in Conference USA and 8-11 overall. The Thundering Herd fell to 3-3 in the conference and 11-9 overall.

"This win was really big," said ECU guard LaCoya Terry, who had a game-high 18 points. "It will give us a start knowing that we can do things in conference now and knowing that we can win, which gives us confidence to go into the next game."

Both teams were troubled by turnovers in the first half and also struggled to make field goals throughout the game. ECU trailed most of the contest, its largest lead being a 5-point lead with 12 minutes left to play in the first half. The Pirates trailed 30-28 after the first half of play but came out much stronger defensively in the second half. ECU also did not connect on any of its 3-point attempts, marking

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Pirates extinguish Liberty's flame

Pirates prepared for crucial weekend

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Rodney Dangerfield once said, "I went to a fight the other night, and a hockey game broke out."

The late comedian must have been referring to bouts like those in the ECU-Liberty series over the weekend.

Liberty's two-game combined total of 38 penalties and six disqualifications made life much easier for ECU as the Pirates skated to a 7-3 victory Friday before holding off the Flames, 6-4, Saturday.

"I think we stepped it up," said freshman Sam Duehring, who registered two goals on Saturday. "Last week against Georgia was frustrating but we've got our head on our shoulders. We're playing the right guys."

"It's going to take games like these the rest of the year...the biggest problem we have right now is our third period."

The Pirates squandered away large leads in both contests, allowing Liberty to come dan-

gerously close to completing comebacks.

The Flames spent most of Saturday trying to kill power plays, but finally returned to full strength with 12:02 remaining in the third period and trailing 6-1. The ACHA Div. II members showed what they are capable with all five men on the ice, scoring three goals in less than three minutes.

A slashing penalty on a Liberty player, called at the 2:38 mark, abruptly ended the Flames' hope of a comeback.

"We've got to maintain the intensity for 60 minutes," said coach Wayne Cox. "We can't back off the gas and that's what happened tonight. The boys backed off a bit and got a little complacent."

ECU broke the game open in the second period courtesy of a goal from freshman Nick Dinardo. Dinardo initially shot wide of the goaltender but followed the puck around the boards and slapped in his own rebound with a backhand shot.

Liberty players interrupted the Pirates' celebration, setting off a brawl that would lead to two

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The Pirates' hockey team got physical with Liberty this past weekend en route to two victories.

Tulane's tandem overpowers Pirates

ECU drop third straight game

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Tulane's tandem of David Gomez and Robinson Louisme were too much for the Pirates Saturday night at Minges Coliseum, as the two combined for 29 points on 15-of-20 shooting and grabbed 12 boards over ECU's undersized and overmatched big men.

ECU's lone bright-spot on the night was guard Darrel Jenkins, the only Pirate to score in double digits, going 5-8 from the field and collecting eight assists and five rebounds.

The night began well for the Pirates, as Chad Wynn hit a baseline jumper to give ECU the early lead. The Green Wave answered back with a jumper by Gomez, who would go on to score Tulane's first three baskets. Knotted at 6 a-piece, just four minutes into the game, Kevin Sims capped off a 5-0 run with a three-pointer from the top of the key. Sam Hinnant answered back with a three pointer of his own and after an offensive put back by Tulane's Donnavan Stith

stretched the lead to four, Jenkins drained two straight treys and a James Legan three pointer capped off a Pirate 9-0 run that put ECU ahead by five. With eight minutes to play in the half, Tulane mounted another 5-0 run to draw the game even at 20 just before the media timeout. The next couple of trips, both teams exchanged baskets until the Green Wave assumed control on a 6-0 run to take the lead into the locker room, 30-23.

ECU had trouble containing Tulane's big men in the first half, as the Pirates were outscored in the paint, 18-8. Turnovers were also a big difference as Tulane's pressure defense forced 11 ECU turnovers, compared to Tulane's three. ECU's offense was stifled once again early in the contest, failing to get any inside penetration and consistent outside play from its starters.

ECU shot 33 percent from the field in the first half and 4-10 from behind the arch, only making it to the charity stripe five times. Tulane didn't fare much better, shooting 40 percent from the field and scoring the majority of its points in the post, connecting on only two of nine

three pointers.

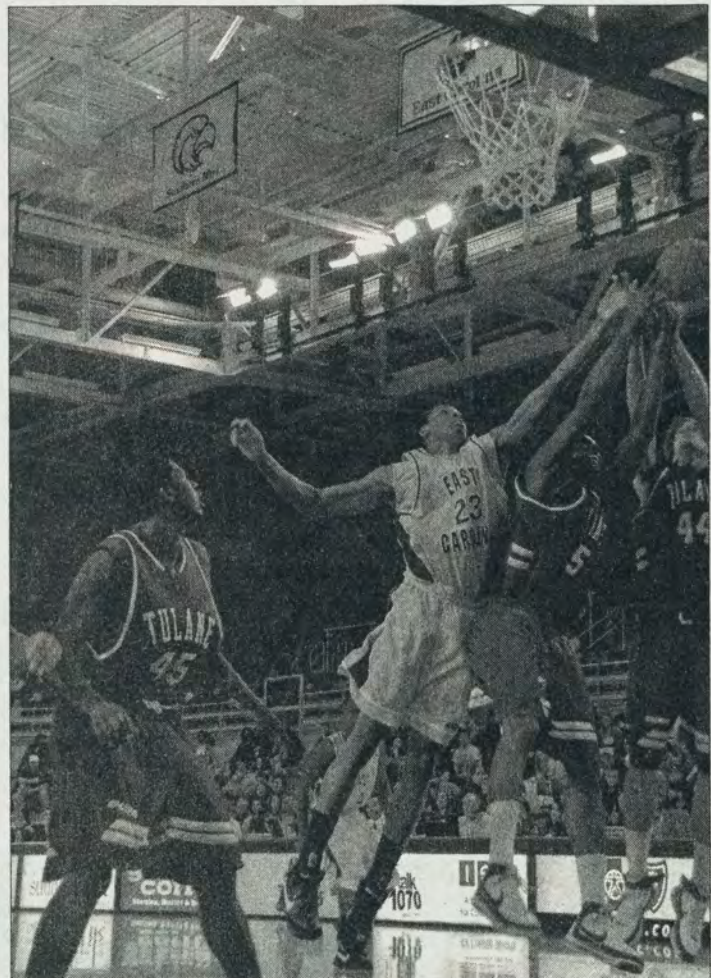
In the second half, ECU fell down by nine but found its stride after Cory Farmer drained a three-pointer from the right wing, beginning a 7-0 Pirates' run that would draw the lead to within four.

The momentum would not last long though, as the Green Wave stormed back with a 12-3 run that included three straight dunks from a possessed Gomez, and capped off by a rim-shaking alley-oop dunk by Stith that all but took the wind out of the sales for a tired Pirate defense. Legan answered with a three pointer that drew the lead within ten but ECU would fail to get any closer for the night.

Tulane continued to wear down ECU's undersized lineup and stretched the lead to 18 points with just six minutes to play. Two late field goals from Jenkins were not enough to bring the Pirates within striking distance and the Pirates fell to the visiting Green Wave, 72-56.

In a lopsided second half, Tulane outperformed ECU in every offensive category. The

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The Pirates were out-rebounded, 39-26, in Saturday night's loss.

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Photo by Jessi Braxton

ECU has now lost three straight games in Conference USA play.

Green Wave outrebounded the Pirates by 13, scoring 22 points in the paint and recording 11 second chance points off of 13 offensive rebounds.

"They were physically and mentally tougher than we were," said ECU coach McCarthy. "They challenged us in a lot of different areas and we hung in there and responded for awhile, but once we went down, we didn't have the maturity we needed to have to answer."

Tulane had four players score double figures, as Gomez lead the team with 18 points on 8-13 shooting, spurring on many of

the Green Wave timely runs. Fields and Jenkins kept the game close for the Pirates, but Blair and Wynn were little match for Louisme and Gomez, who played like all-conference forwards.

ECU falls to 7-11 on the year with a 1-4 record in Conference USA while the Green Wave move to 14-6 and 4-2 in the conference. ECU looks to end its three-game losing streak in conference play when it faces off against Southern Miss Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. in Reed Green Coliseum.

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Flames being ejected.

"I think the Dinardo goal broke their back a little bit," said Cox. "Things started to turn on them and that just starts the cascade effect."

Corey Fleitz and Jeremy Lang scored less than one minute apart in the final two minutes of the period to put ECU up 4-1.

Duehring opened ECU's scoring account midway through the first period when the defenseman settled the puck and guided a wrist shot into the top shelf past Liberty goaltender Paul Gray.

Chris Cesario led the way for the Pirates on Friday with a hat trick- and then some. The Charlotte native put ECU in front just 1:19 into the game.

"I just got hit and kind of threw it [the puck] at the net and it ended up hitting the crossbar and bouncing in," Cesario said of the early goal.

Cesario frequently positioned himself in front of the net to finish off his line mates' shots. The sophomore punched in another goal three minutes later to give the Pirates a 2-0 lead that would last the rest of the period.

Cesario added two more goals in the second period to bring his tally to four.

"Initially, when this year started we had Cesario playing defense," said Cox. "We moved him up to forward- he can just put the puck in the net."

Lang and Dinardo finished off the period with two goals of their own, giving ECU a 6-0 lead.

The Flames fought back with three unanswered goals



Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

The Pirates have momentum headed into crucial games with rivals N.C. State and Appalachian State.

in the third period, but Zach Johnston and Ryan Konchalski put the game away for the Pirates. Konchalski sent the puck in from just inside the blue line and Johnston deflected it in past the goalie.

ECU played Friday night's game without the services of leading point-scorer, Sean Burns, who was serving a suspension that stemmed from a penalty in the Georgia game. Freshman Mike Rudolph

stepped up in Burns' absence and played significant minutes on the left wing.

Rudolph's fellow freshman, Matt Dalgetty, continued his stellar play in net, working both games for the Pirates.

Despite losing to Georgia two weeks ago, ECU held on to its No. 9 ranking when the newest ACHA South polls were released last week.

ECU faces two huge road games this weekend against NC

State and Appalachian State. Needless to say, both teams will be looking to enact some revenge on the Pirates. ECU upset the Wolfpack in October and defeated the Mountaineers handily at the start of the fall semester.

With the final rankings scheduled to be released next week, the Pirates can ill afford a slip-up this late in the season.

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the first time all season that the team had no 3-pointers made.

The ECU defense forced ten Marshall turnovers in the second half of the game, which sparked ECU's comeback.

An 8-2 ECU run in the final three and a half minutes of the game led to its defeat of the Herd.

"I was really pleased with the defensive effort," said Pirates' coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener. "When we miss shots our defense steps up...I thought that our defense is what won the game today."

The run was sparked by a Young jumper to tie the game at 55. ECU then forced a turnover and Terry was fouled on a layup and connected on both free throws to give ECU its first lead since the first half.

Marshall fought back as Meg Withrow hit Casey Baker for a layup to tie the game on the very next possession, but Marshall ran out of time as Jasmine Young's game-winning layup followed and sealed the victory for the Pirates.

"My main focus was to play relaxed, go in there and try to score and I did so I'm glad we came out with the win," said Young. "It was great. I was just telling myself to keep my composure and stay focused. A lot of times we get tight toward

the end of the game and we don't play relaxed."

Baldwin-Tener was very proud of the way ECU played at the end of the game, especially considering two of the Pirates last three losses have come in overtime.

"I thought we did a good job down the stretch," said Baldwin-Tener. "[The win] gives us a lot of confidence; we have been a little concerned. We have been competing a little bit more in the last couple of weeks but to be able to come out with a win, especially in a close game, is huge for this team."

The win gives the Pirates two conference wins in a row.

"We aren't at the bottom of the conference right now so it's definitely good for us to move up," said Young.

ECU was defeated by Marshall just three weeks ago at Marshall, by a score of 81-55.

Baldwin-Tener pointed out that Sunday's contest was a different story, due to ECU's more aggressive approach.

"The difference is that up there they were the aggressor—they were very aggressive offensively and defensively," she said, referring to the first contest. "That was one of our goals today, to be the aggressor...and I thought we did that."

Guards Jasmine Young and LaCoya Terry concurred that

Sunday's game against Marshall was very different than the contest a few weeks ago.

"We competed today," said Young. "We had to play with a little bit of pride. We were embarrassed when we played at Marshall. We had to show them we were a different team compared to three weeks ago."

"Today we were a little bit more aggressive, last time we played they were a little too passive," added Terry.

The Pirates also set other goals for Sunday's game.

"We had to limit our turnovers," said Baldwin-Tener. "We had eight at halftime and ended with 14 and that is a lot better than what we have been doing".

LaCoya Terry led all scorers with 18 points as well as seven rebounds, four assists and four steals. Young finished with 11 points and Allison Spivey had 11 rebounds.

ECU also shot a much-improved 76.5 percent from the charity stripe, its best in league play this season.

The Lady Pirates will be on the road again, traveling to Southern Miss on Jan. 31 and then to Central Florida on Saturday, Feb. 2.

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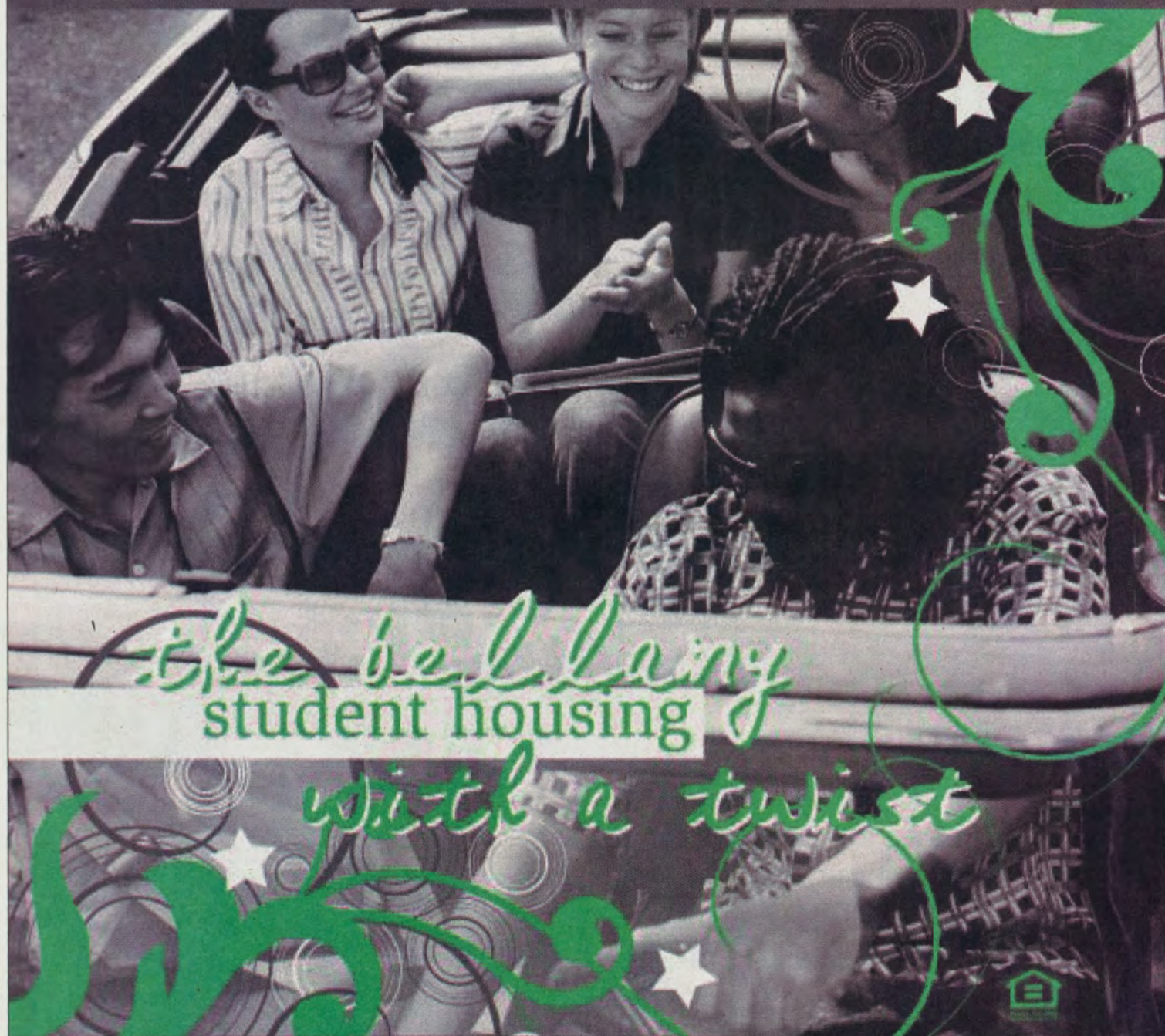
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