



Annual Service Information Fair held



The Volunteer and Service Learning Center sponsored the Service Information Fair.

Volunteer opportunities presented

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

Students received the opportunity to learn about multiple volunteer opportunities at the annual Service Information Fair on Wednesday.

The event was held in the lobby of the Bate Building between 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Over 20 non-profit organizations had tables setup with display charts and pamphlets to attract potential volunteers.

The fair is beneficial for students who are trying to get around the initial hump of getting involved. "The main reason why I started

doing the fair is for students who find it hard to do the cold call to the agencies," said Shawn Moore, community partner coordinator.

A new component of the fair called the Faculty and Community Partner Meet and Greet was added last fall to aid in the effort of students meeting community partners.

"That's when we invite faculty whose students are going out to serve the community," Mooresaid.

"I think it's a good idea for them to communicate together because it creates a better relationship between faculty, students and community partners."

The fair also provides a means for the representatives of different non-profits to interact with one another.

It is important for the community partners to network with one

another as grants dry-up and the need to work together increases, according to Moore.

Community partners were there to meet needs of students who wanted to work in all different areas.

Service organizations were present that work with latch key children, children with disabilities, family violence, and many other issues.

While some organizations called for individuals with certain skills, most welcomed those with the willingness to help.

"We're just looking for students that want to volunteer. We would love to have the education and math majors but anyone that is dedicated

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The East Carolinian is going David Letterman style and giving you the top reasons to watch Sunday's Super Bowl. Turns to the sports section to find out why you should watch Super Bowl XLIII and predictions for the big game.....PAGE B1



Drunk dialing is a phenomenon that is prevalent among college students and could cause embarrassment the day after a drunken night with friends....PAGE A6



February marks the celebration of Black History Month, and ECU's Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is sponsoring numerous events to commemorate the month....PAGE A6

No criminal charges filed for the noose found on campus

Do you think the university is taking a strong approach to increasing diversity?

Daniel Ogbamichael, junior accounting major



Honestly, I think they are because of the organizations on campus such as BSU, ASA, and BSNA that are getting minority students involved and that the university funds. Compared to other predominantly white schools, we have more organizations for minorities.

David Gold, freshman anthropology major



I don't feel any tension on campus. I feel we're one community. I feel people associate with what they know but by and large, we're one community.

Second investigation completed

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NEWS EDITOR

Another case has been closed pertaining to a noose found on the campus of ECU.

On January 25, ECU officials concluded a two-week investigation about the details of a noose found in a vehicle on campus.

The noose was linked to the rear-view mirror of the vehicle and was reported to the ECU Police Department on Jan. 11.

Within that time span, evidence was examined and interviews were conducted to gather definite answers about the incident.

Despite the work of the individuals working on the investigation, not enough information was collected to hold someone accountable for the noose.

"In consultation with the Pitt County District Attorney's office, it was determined that there was insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges in connection with this incident," said John Durham, university spokesperson.

Following the reporting of the noose, a forum was held on Jan. 15 to discuss ways to improve diversity at the university.

Chancellor Steve Ballard expressed strong feelings about the type of climate not tolerated at the university.

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

Members of the faculty seem to agree with Ballard's stance about the university's efforts to increase diversity and eliminate

discrimination.

"As Chancellor Ballard has said, the university is committed to a tolerant caring environment," Durham said.

This mission is being tackled by offering training to faculty and more forums relating to diversity in the future, according to Durham.

The forum on Jan. 15 allowed prominent community members, faculty and students to voice their thoughts about the issue (diversity).

"I think it (the forums) is useful in allowing people to express their views and hearing a variety of university people and people outside of the university," Durham said.

To aid in the process of increasing diversity, the university is also looking for permanent staff members to work on this goal.

The university is in the process of concluding a national search to fulfill the position of chief diversity officer. The interim chief diversity officer is Virginia Hardy.

The first investigation relating to a noose began on Sept. 23 after an alleged noose was found in the basement of Belk Hall on Sept. 19.

The investigation relating to the alleged noose found in the residence hall was concluded on Oct. 5 after the ECU Police completed more than 100 hours of work relating to the claim.

In the Sept. 19 incident, no decision could be made about whether the object found was actually a noose because the rope was untied by the arrival of the police.

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How do you feel about no one being charged for two investigations?

Adrian Massenburg, sophomore animation and interactive design major



How many more nooses will they have to find before someone will be held accountable?

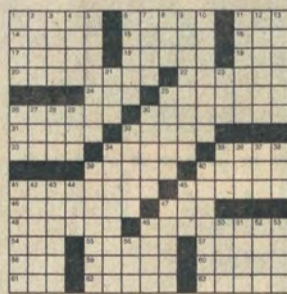
I feel like its being brushed off and their not taking it as seriously as it should be. Two is way too many.

Stefanie Feeley, freshman elementary education major



I think it's hard to figure out and I think they are trying. The first one was found in the basement and it's tons of people down there. If there is an opportunity to find more evidence, then they should do another investigation. The second one should have been less harder to find.

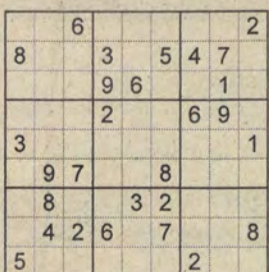
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Pirate Profiles now featured on ECU's home page

Part of ongoing web site restoration project

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

Pirate Profiles is the newest addition to ECU's Web Features; the next step in a continuing effort to redesign ECU's web site.

"Doing student profiles is nothing new, every university does them, but what we feel makes Pirate Profiles unique is the prominence the university has given them on their home page," said Brian Paris, office of publications web editor.

"One of the purposes of a Web site is to introduce people to East Carolina, and we felt that the best way to explain what we are all about is with the people who make us what we are—the students."

Faculty members and administrators nominated students for the new section, which went live Jan. 3.

While the feature is here to

stay, fresh faces will grace the page as the idea lives on.

"Pirate Profiles will be a permanent feature. New profiles will replace the existing profiles in the rotating banner on the home page about twice a semester," Paris said.

"All profiles will be available on the Pirate Profile archive page even after they are no longer in rotation."

The concept of introducing a few of the Pirates to the on and off campus community seems to be working.

"Apparently the profiles are quite popular because I often run into people on and off campus that I never met before and they tell me they recognize me from my profile," said Patrick Dixon, senior communication major.

"Some people have even told me things about myself from my profile."

A coordinator working for Pirate Profiles sent Dixon a letter, informing him that he had been nominated for a spot on the feature.

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Pirate Profiles

Sharon

Majoring in psychology has taught Sharon how human beings think. Find out what she thinks about ECU and why she loves being a Pirate.

"I do think that the Pirate Profiles is the best addition to the web site that has taken place since I have been here," Dixon said.

"It is a great way for students, and the community to see the type of students that are attending school."

"It is definitely an honor to be chosen as one of the first students selected to be included

in the Pirate Profiles," Dixon said.

"Even though I am sure they will feature hundreds of students in years to come, it is nothing like being part of the first group."

Each profile features various aspects of students' lives, including campus involvement, best ECU memories and favorite classes. Dixon's favorite

memory of ECU is football tailgating.

"Tailgates are just something that I love to do," Dixon said.

"It is a great time to just bond with friends and I like taking a break from being a leader."

Students featured on Pirate Profiles also enjoy having the option of reading about fellow

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sustainable Tourism Lecture
Wednesday, Feb. 6
3:30 p.m.
Science and Technology Building, C-307
 Brian Mullis, co-founder and president of Sustainable Travel International, will present a lecture about sustainable tourism trends in business practices, public policies and personal travel. Mullis is an outspoken supporter of responsible travel and is working to facilitate the travel and tourism industry's move toward sustainability. Free. Open to the public.

Beating the Cold
Wednesday, Feb. 6
6-7:30 p.m.
Student Recreation Center
February 6, 6:00
 Beating the Cold. This seminar will cover cold related conditions, dressing for cold weather, sheltering and planning for a winter adventure. Tom Burkiewicz, Assistant Director of Adventure will share some experiences from high altitude, and cold weather paddling to demonstrate how we get cold and how to protect ourselves.

Soulful Exposition
A Celebration of the Arts
Monday, Feb. 11
6-8 p.m.
 LWCC Gallery
 Calling all poets, musicians (jazz, soul), comedians to join the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center's Soulful Exposition as we celebrate the arts in a comfortable, culture-infused atmosphere! If you are interested in becoming our opening act, please send me a message or stop by the LWCC.

PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT
THURSDAY JAN. 31:
 Hi: 55F
 Low: 29F
 Wind: NE 5-10 mph
 Precipitation Probability: 10%
 General Weather: cold morning warming to mostly sunny
FRIDAY FEB. 1:
 Hi: 63F
 Low: 52F
 Wind: SW 15-20 mph
 Precipitation Probability: 80%
 General Weather: rain early with windy and cloudy conditions throughout the day
SUPERBOWL Weekend Feb. 2-3:
 Hi: low to mid 60s
 Low: upper 30s to low 40s
 Wind: easterly 0-5 mph
 Precipitation Probability: 10%
 General Weather: sunny and warming
 Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geogrophy's Atmospheric Science Program.

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.

5 Tues

Trent Rivers Chamber Players
 Robert Burkett, oboist
 Starlight Cafe
 7 p.m.

6 Wed

Sustainable Tourism Lecture
 3:30 p.m.
 Science and Technology Building, C-307
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ECU to host 2nd annual Research and Creativity Week

Deadline to submit abstracts quickly approaching

NIA RICHARDSON
 STAFF WRITER

Beginning March 31, the Division of Research and Graduate Studies will celebrate Research and Creative Achievement Week.

During the week, students are encouraged to showcase their research before a forum of students, faculty, and members of the local community.

Students may present research on any topic under the categories of biomedical science, business, education, technology, fine & performing arts, human health, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Students can present alone or in teams.

A selected panel of faculty members will judge the research presentations with a monetary award given for the best presentation.

Any creative method can be used to display their findings including oral presentations, posters, and films. The presentations will be evaluated on creativity as

well as proper method, and clarity of topic.

The faculty judges will judge presentations that are specific to their disciplines.

In order to submit research, participating students must complete an abstract completion form.

The abstract must be an overview of the topic that the student wishes to highlight during presentation time. It requires a minimum of 250 words and must be submitted by Feb. 9.

The purpose of Research Week is to encourage students to participate in the research and creative process.

"Research is something that we all do in whatever endeavors we may pursue," said Ron Newton, associate dean of graduate studies.

Two thousand eight marks the 2nd year that the graduate school will host the event.

Last year's event showcased over 100 presentations from both individuals and teams. Along with student presentations, there will be special presentations from ECU faculty members and community experts on various topics of research. All presentations will be held in Mendenhall Student Center.

Research week will also include the 2007-2008

Scholar Teacher Awards Symposium in recognition of distinguished professors who integrate scholarship and teaching.

"This is good opportunity for faculty to communicate with each other and meet potential collaborators to get input on potential experiments they can do," said Rich Franklin, professor of microbiology in Brody School of Medicine.

A committee of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students planned the activities for Research Week.

"It is exciting to be an integral part of the planning of this extraordinary week and as a graduate student I'm grateful to ECU to have this opportunity for leadership development; it is very rewarding because it enhances the value of my degree in my opinion," said Bill Maton, program co-chair.

Research Week begins March 31 and ends April 3. For More information on Research and Creative Achievement Week, email researchweek2008@ecu.edu.

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- Communities In Schools/Power of One
- Creative Living Center
- ECU-READS
- Family Support Network Eastern NC
- Family Violence Program
- Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
- Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines
- Give2theTroops
- Little Willie Center
- North Pitt Boys & Girls Club
- REAL Crisis Intervention
- Rocking Horse Ranch
- Ronald McDonald House
- Special Olympics of Pitt County
- Stafford Glen Assisted Living
- STRIVE
- TRAC Enrichment Center
- ECU Volunteer & Service-Learning Center

to helping is fine," said Necia Boston, TRAC coordinator.

Individuals who know that they are good at a specific things or want to work in a certain area should let the community partners know.

"Sometimes, students call and say I'm good at 'such and

such,' so sometimes the needs come from the students," said Cathy Ahlschlager, volunteer coordinator for the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina.

The Service Fair has been occurring for about three years, according to Moore.

It is held in the fall and spring semesters about two to three weeks after the beginning of classes.

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Pirate Profiles

Mac

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students' lives. "I go on the Pirate Profiles to read other peoples' stories," said Joel Banjo-Johnson, junior communication/German major. "The web site editors did an excellent job. The concept behind Pirate

Profiles is an excellent idea and ECU carries a diverse group of people." ECU's Office of Publications is currently working on many new features for ECU's web site, according to Paris. "Web features are just a part of

an overall, ongoing effort to optimize the ECU web site to make it more informative, interesting and easier to use." This writer may be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Current Web Features Pirate Treasures | Rooms, Bunks, and Busting Rubber

Our student body shapes our identity and answers the question, *What does it mean to be a Pirate?* Each student has a unique story, and together they combine to tell the larger story of a university committed to education, leadership, innovation, and quality of life for not only our students, but for faculty, staff, and the residents of eastern North Carolina.

Danielle
Danielle has great things to say about East Carolina University. The fact that she's a marketing major is purely coincidental.

Katie
This proud Pirate may be graduating in the spring, but that doesn't mean she wants to leave. Find out how Katie plans to stick around ECU.

Matthew
Matthew has two passions in his life—the United States military and ECU. Learn how this future Army officer has dedicated himself to both.

Patrick
This student leader aspires to be the president of the United States. If his ECU career is any indication of what he can do, hail to the chief!

Sharon
Majoring in psychology has taught Sharon how human beings think. Find out what she thinks about ECU and why she loves being a Pirate.

Steven
This Pirate's East Carolina experience has a soundtrack all its own. Learn how Steven keeps the Pirate Nation rocking.

Joel
Like the pirates of old, this Pirate hails from England. Learn how she ended up in Greenville, and what she thinks about life across the pond.

Mac
Ever wonder what it's like to be a freshman at East Carolina? Mac can tell you—as soon as he finds the time.

Meredith
Meredith wants to investigate crime scenes for a living. Learn how ECU's forensic science minor is preparing her to do just that.

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Student population increase creates concern

Enrollment task force set to ease questions

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Over the past five years, the population of students attending ECU has increased substantially. This increase poses the question of whether or not the faculty as well as the facilities can sustain the larger number of students.

Since 2002 ECU's enrollment has grown from 20,577 to 25,990 in the fall of 2007.

"We have been the fastest-growing public university in North Carolina for the last five years," said Chancellor Steve Ballard.

"Clearly students and parents all across the state are finding more and more to like about East Carolina, and this is key to our success. Our growth is also illustrative of our historical commitment to access and opportunity," Ballard continued.

In order to begin strategically planning for the increased enrollment, a task force has been put together as a method to develop goals and plans in order to facilitate the growing student body.

The primary goal of the task force will be to figure out means to accommodate the growing student population, while still maintaining the same level of excellence.

"This is an appropriate time to take a close

look and make sure that our growth is focused in a way that ensures that we are maintaining access and properly serving the people of North Carolina," Ballard said.

As a way to maintain the level of higher education that students expect a number of initiatives have been taken. Tutorials, study skills and time management sessions will be offered with the addition of a student-learning center.

"The task force must take the lead in helping us decide such critical questions as how large our student body should be and what are the proper ratios of undergraduate to graduate students and on-campus students to distance-education students," Ballard said.

Judi Bailey, former president of Western Michigan University and Northern Michigan University, will head up the task force.

Bailey is currently in charge of overseeing enrollment management enterprise, which includes the admissions, financial aid and registrar's office.

The first meeting of the task force will be held in February. Students are welcome to attend; the meetings will include members from the Board of Trustees and faculty.

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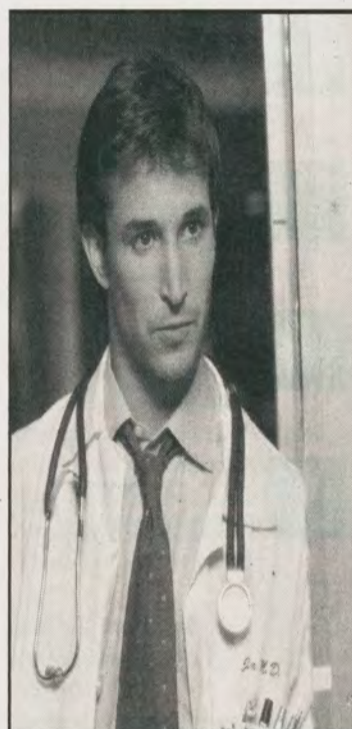
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RANT OF THE DAY

I want to watch Muppet Treasure Island, but my VCR is broken.

Loathing Valentine's Day

Yes, I am taken; yes, I hate Valentine's

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

Remember when we were all in elementary school and everyone made large bags or boxes for our classmates to put Valentines in? We got one from everybody! Talk about a self-esteem booster. It was not long after this, however, that Valentine's Day lost its sparkle. I am not sure what happened exactly. Maybe it was the fact that your worst enemy was forced to give you a Disney Valentine. On the other hand, maybe it was because you were little and you hated the taste of those stupid candy hearts with sayings on them. Today, there are entire Web sites (www.antivday.com) and products devoted to celebrating the hopeful demise of a somewhat hated holiday.

Katie Woerdeman, a senior at ECU, shares my sentiments: "Happy Valentine's Day, no one loves you, you're single and life sucks!"

Exactly. Why must culture do this to us? I truly dislike you Valentine's fanatics because why "love" your significant other only one day a year? Hmmm? We should celebrate the love we have for a person every single day of the year, not just one random day in the shortest month of the year, because when you think about it, have you ever actually had that perfect Valentine's Day? I know many men and women who are chronically let down by not getting that ideal gift or not hearing the romantic words.

I am just convinced that if you truly love someone, you would celebrate it every day. Little romantic surprises and loving acts should be done every day. Yes, this seems like a lot to ask, but come on. If you love someone enough, it would be worth it. I firmly believe that the only people you can truly rely on for Valentine's are your parents. They always have something up their sleeve to make you feel loved when no one else takes time to. Diamond necklaces, Reese's Cup hearts and things of that nature, I love it. Celebrate this most unholy day, if you must, and at least try to do it right. When you think about it? No flowers, please. Flowers wilt and die, and yeah, most people are somewhat allergic to some flower or another.

Chocolate just makes us fat, and as much as we like it, please do not give us something that will just serve to give us cavities. My boyfriend is convinced that Valentine's Day is a good "excuse" to spoil me. While I love being spoiled, I would like his reason to be because he loves me and not because Hallmark tells him to. So, if you celebrate it, do something creative at least. Not your typical dinner date with a movie and not those disgusting, confusing chocolates that taste weird, and flowers that wilt and die (Do you want our relationship to die?). When you are all sitting at your boring dinners, watching sappy movies, I will be stewing in my disdain for the day and the fact that the ideal, perfect Valentine's Day will never come. So Happy Single Awareness Day, Happy VD and many more.

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Time to enter the real world

But are we ready?

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

I have seen a number of people graduate that had no idea what they were going to do afterward. I never thought I was going to be one of those people. For as long as I can remember, I always knew exactly what I wanted in life. Now as I enter my last few semesters in school, I am beginning to question what I always thought I knew.

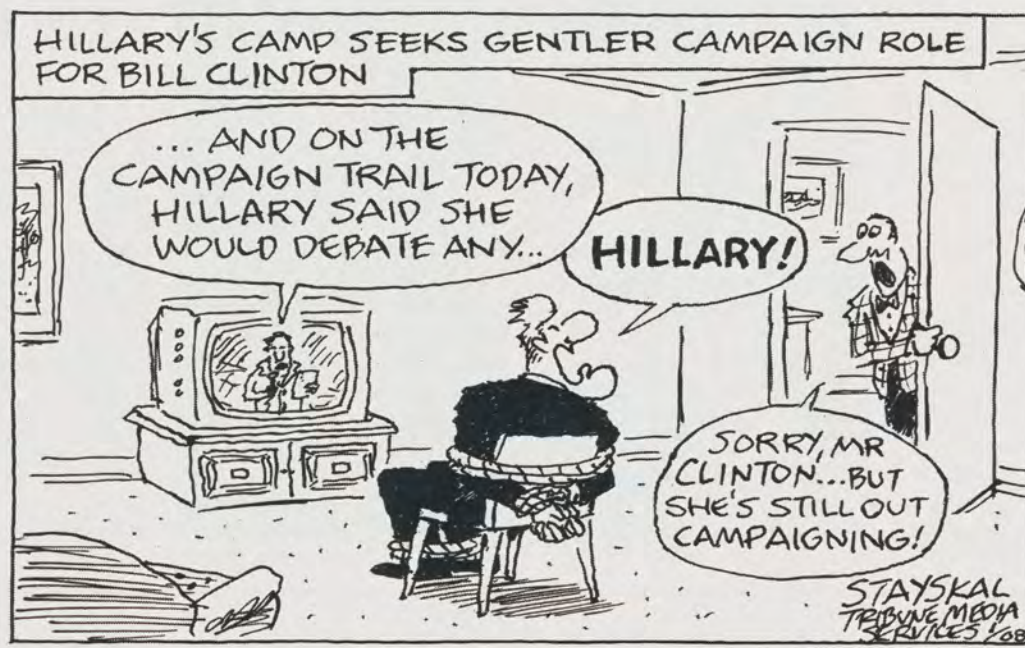
Do I want to go to graduate school? Do I want to get a job? Am I even going to use my degree? Where do I want to be in five years? These questions seem almost overwhelming in the moment you are faced with them. I wonder how many college students get to this point and have no idea. How do we examine these questions critically?

I thought talking to my parents and friends would help, but they quickly pointed out that they cannot answer the questions about what I want for my life. So then I thought of my options. It seems like the possibilities are endless. When I think about how many options I do have, I cannot help but be proud to be an American.

So what to do? I think the problem for most of us is that we spend too much time thinking about making sure we make the right choice. Too many of us try to focus on what we want in the long term instead of just figuring out what we want right now. The worst thing that happens if you start something and hate it is that you change it.

With few exceptions, we have the ability to modify what we want out of life. Once I concentrated on what I want right now, it seemed a lot easier to make decisions about the next steps in my life. I am still scared of getting myself into a career or degree that I hate, but it's almost time to enter the real world, with both feet first.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Hopefully one day I'll be a Blue Devil.

Jack's Mannequin is like my new favorite band.

I think people are reading my thoughts.

I can't believe my college career is almost over.

Yes, these Pirate Rants are about you!

Finally, an ECU Alert with white guys ... and ten at that!

I'm the Scrooge of Valentine's Day. Bah, humbug!

No, I would love to go with you and your significant other downtown on V-Day; that wouldn't be awkward at all.

Eye wondr how meny mizzpelled Rants r submitttd.

Getting a Pirate Rant published is on my "Bucket List."

The ECU toilet paper gave me a butt period.

To the guy sitting right beside me and my roommate at Todd on Tuesday: Dude, if she cheated on you twice and then broke up with you, she's not your type. Don't make the same mistake a third time. Please.

I love scuba guys!!! The dive master in navy blue is hot!

We all know the reason why you won't let students tape your lectures is because you are mean as hell to your students in class.

I am not going to lie, but for a man in his 60's, David Bowie still somehow remains ridiculously hot to me.

To the girl that sits to the left of me in remedial math: You are so beautiful. Why can't I get up the courage to talk to you?

Everyone is a robot except you.

Able was I ere I saw Elba.

I enjoy reading the Pirate Rants every Tuesday and Thursday with you in Psychology. P.S. I like you more.

I changed my Facebook picture to me and a hot dude just to make guys jealous.

Don't talk to me if you're stupid.

How come all of the campus dining facilities always have on BET and rap music?

Hey, go somewhere else to talk on your phone, not behind ME in a cubicle on the 2nd floor in the LIBRARY! All I can hear is you talking and clicking on your computer, playing a game! Chris left me a message on Facebook...click...click...OMG! Shut up, PLEASE!!

To all those people who complain about their boyfriend and girlfriend problems: SHUT UP!

Anyone who says that they are in love with a stripper is an idiot! Trust me! Maybe you are so wealthy that you don't mind being robbed by prostitutes that dance.

Is it just me or is there something sexy about beautiful women driving big trucks?

To the hazel-eyed girl I know: Why is when you are single you treat me like the coolest guy you know, but every three months, when you get a new boyfriend, you act like I don't exist?

I'm so glad it was not as cold today!

I am going to be nice to you just because I am a much better person than you can ever become.

I want to watch Muppet Treasure Island, but my VCR is broken.

To the girl who wants to marry rich and pop out 4 kids: I want to marry an attractive rich man and have 8 kids, so no I don't think that's bad at all.

If the people above me don't stop stomping on the ceiling of my apartment, I'm going to go up there and rip the freakin' DDR out of the wall and burn it in front of them! That crap is annoying. I'd like to beat the person who invented that stupid mess that has absolutely no point! If you want exercise go to a freakin' gym!

For the girl in my CDFR class who obviously NEVER takes a shower: Your smell gets worse everyday of class! Apparently, I'm going to have to invest in a gas mask just to get through the semester. Wouldn't it just be easier for YOU to invest in some soap and then actually use it?

I'm about to remove Nip/Tuck from my favorite TV shows on Facebook.

To the girl sitting in front of me in sociology on Wednesday: I hope your cold is better because I don't think I can stand sitting through another two and a half hours listening to you breathe through your mouth.

I'm a male feminist. I think women should receive equal pay for equal work. In fact, I think a woman should be able to do anything a man can do, and that includes standing up on the bus. Quit your b---ing because I don't give up my seat!

Love Animals. Love People. Love Life. That's what SOAR is all about. :)

Your away messages make me want to vomit. I don't care how lovey-dovey, peachy-fing keen your love life is. Keep it to yourself.

I am wracked with such hearty guffaws that in addition to rolling to and fro on the floor, my posterior has separated from my body. -- ROFLMAO

Superbounce balls and guinea pigs look nothing alike; but it was funny, and for that I thank you.

I was once a treehouse.

Actually, same sex guests aren't allowed to stay on weeknights, ONLY on weekends; it's in the visitation policy. Weekends are Fridays and Saturdays, so if you get caught on a weeknight with a same sex guest, you're getting written up.

I wish I was Optimus Prime.

I watch HGTV 24/7. I even know that it goes off the air at 4 a.m., and new programming doesn't start till 8 a.m. Is that a problem?

Sometimes I wish I could write in hieroglyphics.

I think it's possible that maybe I'm falling for you. I guess there's a chance that I've fallen quite hard over you. I've seen the paths that your eyes wander down; I wanna come too...

When I say Hillshire you say Farm! Hillshire! Farm! GO MEAT!

God really does rock. There must be some things He doesn't want to see, yet He's still omnipresent. Take, for instance, your horrible driving. I'm sure He didn't want to see me flick you off, but I did it anyways.

Bratty Brat Bratz

Or growing up too fast

LARA OLIVER
OPINION WRITER

Okay, I admit it. I've never really been "hip" or "cool" or anything like that in my life. In middle school, I preferred riding horses to going shopping or getting interested in boys (didn't even date one till I was 16). In high school I hung out mostly with the nerdy crowd or the overachievers — the girls who didn't go out on Friday night because they had an exam next Wednesday, or the boys who could tell you what saving throw to use against an Orc, but couldn't tell you when the prom was to save their life.

In college I mostly turned all that around. I started wearing clothes that weren't from Wal-Mart and paid attention to music that was made after the 1800s. Yet, I was still completely baffled by most trends that swept the campus. Ugg boots: you mean like "ugly"? Leggings for pants: doesn't that make you cold? And of course ripping your blue jeans right below your butt to show off that under-butt cleavage: Congrats! I can see your ripped-up underwear too.

So it's no surprise that most trends among the generation below us either scare me to death or confuse me. It seems like the girls who'll be the trophy wives to our generation of men are a lot, well, sluttier than we were. I remember slap bracelets, jelly shoes and wearing shorts that matched our T-shirts being all the rage when we were 10. Wearing a kitten sweater? Why not pair it with kitten sweatpants? The height of fashion! But now it seems like 10-year-olds care more about how hot they look than if their outfit is comfortable enough to play tag in. I babysat two girls (one 9, the other 7) the other month, and they both owned multiple pairs of shorts with words like "HOTTIE" or "BRAT" printed on the butt. What kinds of parents draw attention to that area? Why not buy them a T-shirt with a witty slogan like "Easily led into vans for candy" instead?

It also seems that being trendy has finally sunk its claws into the male youth as well. Most of you remember that when girls were getting into makeup and high-heels, boys still thought girls were icky and wanted to play with Transformers or GI Joes instead. Yet, this generation of "tweens" (oh, God, I can't even stand typing that word) has convinced the boys to start caring about things even adult men don't even care about, like fashion. At my boyfriend's parent's house the other day, his 10-year-old brother told me that he knew a boy in his class who dressed like I do, in skinny jeans, tight shirts and chucks. Now, the way I dress is great for my lifestyle of walking, sitting and walking some more, but I can't imagine trying to run laps around a jungle gym or anything like that without tearing the seams.

I guess a lot of people can't blame this whole new-age of "fashionable" kids on things like Disney's pop-idols like Lindsay Lohan, Hillary Duff, or (guh) Hannah Montana, or the popularity of Bratz dolls (which I affectionately call Slutzy dolls), but I think the real problem lies with parents (doesn't it always?). It seems that parents, beginning with our generation, care more about their kids liking them than respecting them. It began with latch-key kids like my friends and me getting money thrown at them in replacement of love, and now it's morphed itself into becoming your kid's best friend rather than their parent.

Let's let kids be kids, not mini-adults. I cherish the memories I have of not caring what boys thought of me and thinking ponies were the best things ever. I can't imagine replacing those with worry about whether I was "hot" at 8 years old. Maybe more parents need to remember their childhoods and try to encourage their kids to stay kids as long as possible, too.

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We haven't heard the last of them

And we never will

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It makes me wake up screaming in the middle of the night with tears in my eyes. It echoes in my mind until I have to either think of ponies, or throw my head into a rock. What could I possibly be describing? Stupid people ... and not just normal stupid people, but stupid people in college.

These "people" surrounded me my entire life, but for some odd reason, God, or the gods, chose college as the general meeting place for all stupid people of America. I don't understand how they got here, or how they survive — a diet of FOX and Hot Pockets most likely — but they could comprise about half of this university.

Now I cannot write this entire article with just my own stories, so I will provide for all of you some of the stupidest things I have ever seen or heard. Note: All of these events really happened, and they all happened at ECU. Another note: If it takes some soul-searching to discover why these events are classified as "stupid," then it may be that you yourself have become stupid or temporarily distracted.

My first event deals with my worst experience, which took place in my English class. My teacher made everyone openly speak about their final paper's topic in order to publicly critique it. My topic is irrelevant, but it led to the teacher asking the class if they knew what I wanted to write about, specifically if anyone knew what "Hezbollah" was. Seeing the no one did, one girl in particular took up the struggle and mentioned that she just didn't have enough time to "watch TV." Slowly, she was informed that news was printed in newspapers and played on the radio, but this only got her to mention to the class that she was in fact ignorant, and that "it just doesn't matter if I am ignorant of everything."

Another enthralling tale was told to me by a

friend, and it took place at a college Democrats table. One of the college Democrats was discussing with a student whether or not he had registered to vote. It turned out that he had, but he was not going to vote because, as he put it, "What is the point? George Bush is just going to win again." True patriots never do vote anyway.

This not being the worst of it, my girlfriend was speaking to a girl online about a project they had to do for, what else, English class. They had to get a historical document and write about it in some form. Curious, she asked her what she was doing for her project. The girl eloquently wrote back, "It is a letter from some war in 1942." The American Revolution or the Civil war? We may never know.

This tale isn't as much about ignorance or misunderstanding as it is sheer and absolute stupidity. In a communications class, the topic of stereotypes was being discussed. The teacher asked the class, "What are some stereotypes for Asians?" A wonderful lady raised her hand and proceeded to inform the class that "In Charlotte all the Chinese people sell ecstasy." And elephants can be scientists. What drew this girl to speak will probably never be known.

If anyone reading this believes some of these stories are out of context, or are mere brain-farts, then you are in denial. Stupid people make it beyond college too, and even into the mainstream world. The worst of which I saw was Sherri Sheppard, of *The View*, clueless as to whether or not the world was flat. I can only imagine the numbers of people at this school who must not know the answer to that, but even 1 percent is worth a good cry. Fortunately the urge to pour molten lead down my ear lessens with the thought that one day I will be able to step out of this university and have a diploma which separates me, on paper at least, from the American status quo.

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{Campus Scene}

Horoscopes

Aries

Focus on financial matters in total privacy. Listen, but don't even offer advice. The situation is rapidly changing. Take care of your old obligations before incurring more.

Taurus

You can be supportive, but keep control of the checkbook. Don't allow your partner to spend your money without permission. There may be an attempt, so vigilance is required.

Gemini

Wait just a little bit longer before launching new projects. Don't launch anything, actually. Do your pre-launch checklists again.

Cancer

Busy yourself making sure you have plenty of everything. If there's something you need, let your partner know. Together you can find it, or find a way to do without.

Leo

Something that used to be hard is almost becoming fun. Don't let problems scare you; tame them. And don't let them sense fear. It turns them into monsters.

Virgo

It's still best to watch and listen, but don't say very much. Let people assume you know more than you actually do. Then, go and find the right answers, before embarrassing questions.

Libra

As the day progresses, your attitude will improve greatly. Don't just sit there, helplessly; investigate. The more research you do, the better you'll feel.

Scorpio

Keep your ears open and you'll discover a great bargain. You can get something for your home at an awesome price. It could be linens or food, but it's more likely electrical.

Sagittarius

You can find another way to achieve your objective. The old way is blocked, but don't waste time worrying about that. Ask an old friend for a favor.

Capricorn

You still have a lot of loose odds and ends that need to be tidied up. Avoid annoying criticism by cleaning up messes in private.

Aquarius

Keep quiet for a while longer, around authority figures. You don't have to agree, just don't instigate a confrontation. There are other ways to prove your point, later.

Pisces

Finish up the task at hand, and don't complain about it. Having this out of the way will free up a lot of your valuable time. And then you can party.

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Did you know?

In Colombia, an individual can be fined up to \$90,000 for gossiping.

Coca-Cola translated to Chinese means, "To make mouth happy."

No word in the English language rhymes with "month."

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7 percent of the world's population are drunk.

More than half of women in the United States will not leave their home without makeup on.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's famous line in *The Terminator* "I'll be back" was originally scripted as "I'll come back."

"Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language. "I am." is another short one.

A typical full-time worker in the U.S. with a four-year college degree earns about \$50,000. This is 62 percent more than a worker with only a high-school diploma.

In 32 years, there are about 1 billion seconds!

There are two credit cards for every person in the U.S.

'Pick a Prof' better than 'Rate my Professor'

Pickaprof.com proves more detailed than other sites

ELISE PHILLIPS
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Most college students at ECU and around the country are familiar with ratemyprofessor.com. Students can go on the site, click on the class they are taking (or are going to take) and see how other people rate a certain professor. Some ratings may be good, some may be bad and some

might be so-so, but they are all just that...ratings. Opinions. What if there was a site that gave you some facts about the professor? Like what kind of grades he or she gave last semester? Would that sway students more than ratemyprofessor.com if they had those numbers?

Now, college students all over the country can find those numbers about their professors. Pickaprof.com is a site dedicated to giving students at most universities across the nation a chance to review their professor's grade history. They

can see how many A's, B's, C's, D's and F's a professor gave to each class he or she has taught.

Pickaprof.com is a legitimate Web site. It receives official transcripts from the universities that it serves and uses this information to give to students. According to the site, they are the only Web site that provides this service to students.

When you go to pickaprof.com, the site will have a clickable map of the U.S. on its homepage that allows users to click on the state they are interested in, choose the school they attend

and then register for the site.

Registration is simple and easy, just plug in your e-mail address, a password and user name and you're good to go. Once registered, students can add a class they are taking or plan to take.

A graph will show up telling you how many students the professor had in their class and the percentage of grades that that professor gave to their students. It also shows the average GPA the students earned in that class.

Other services that the Web

site provides to students are Facebook services, a schedule planning feature, a book exchange option and ratings features.

With the Pickaprof's Facebook service feature, students can link their Pickaprof account with their Facebook account and invite friends to sign up for the same classes they are taking. It also allows users to see which classes their friends have signed up for.

The schedule planning feature see PICKAPROF page A8

Alcohol and your cell don't mix



Dialing while intoxicated can lead to some embarrassing moments the day after.

How drunk dialing can affect you

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Waking up the morning after a night out with friends at a downtown bar or club can produce a myriad of feelings. A headache, sensitivity to light, extreme hunger and thirst...can all follow a drunken evening. But some effects of these outings can't be solved with a cup of coffee or an aspirin.

Ever looked through your phone the night after you've had too much to drink and realize that you called your ex-boyfriend or that person you haven't talked to in six months? It's called drunk dialing, and it's a phenomenon that has plagued college students all over the country.

According to urbandictionary.com, drunk dialing is described as "a very bad, uncontrollable urge to call someone (usually the opposite sex or your boss) on the phone after an evening of heavy alcohol intake. Will usually result in the loss of friends, job, your reputation, and self respect."

Drunk dialing has become so popular in recent years that phone companies have picked up on the action and decided to do something about it.

The mobile phone company LG started selling their own "breathalyzer" phone in 2005 to its South Korean consumers. The Samsung LP4100 phone worked like this: if a person blew a small breath directly into the phone and had a blood alcohol content over the legal limit, a picture of a car running recklessly into cones would pop up. The

phone also had a program that would block any outgoing calls to contacts that that person wished to avoid (i.e. ex-girlfriends, bosses, coworkers). In addition, the LP4100 was programmed to measure the amount of alcohol in a person's body in relation to where they lived. Although LG has marketed to the South Korean and U.K. markets, there is no date set when it will be available in the U.S.

LG wasn't the only mobile phone company that picked up on the drunk dialing craze. Verizon Australia started their own version of trying to stop drunk dialers; they gave their customers a service that allowed them to dial 333 followed by the number of any person they did not want to drunk dial. A block would be placed on the user's phone not allowing them to call those numbers until 6 a.m. the next morning. However, Verizon doesn't offer this service to its U.S. consumers.

According to Renita Moore, Mental Health Outreach Specialist and Outreach Coordinator for ECU's Center for Counseling and Development says that drunk dialing is not a habit that students should develop.

Although seemingly fun, if your level of intoxication is to the point where you won't even remember making calls, you run the risk of creating problems and misunderstandings with your friends and family that you then have no context for," said Moore.

"It's definitely not a habit that you want to form, especially if you are not coherent to tell who exactly you are calling and what exactly you are saying to them."

According to a recent survey by the National Health Center for Statistics,

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Center will sponsor a month full of events



The LWCC will be commemorating Black History Month by sponsoring many events.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center celebrates Black History Month

ELISE PHILLIPS
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ECU's Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) will be hosting programs and events the month of February to celebrate Black History Month.

"We have a whole series of programs [that we put on], and the celebration of Black History Month is one of the focuses of the series," said Rod Bradley, director of the LWCC.

"The topics [used for celebrating Black History Month] range from history documentaries of the Civil War to the opportunity to talk about cultural

expression with art, music and poetry. There will also be a series on dispelling stereotypes."

The Center will start off the month-long celebration with a dinner and movie on Feb. 5 in the LWCC Gallery at 6 p.m. The movie, titled *Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives*, will be shown along with a bring-your-own-dinner style meal and discussion afterward. The movie depicts the lives of dozens of slaves whose stories were kept in the Library of Congress and found 70 years later. Hollywood actors will read the memoirs of these slaves, which according to the LWCC Web site "range from the brutal to the bittersweet."

Another bring-your-own-dinner and a movie will be sponsored by the LWCC on Feb. 26 at the

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From classic to modern, Dance 2008 has it all



School of Theatre and Dance to host Dance 2008

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The Dance 2008 concert being put on by ECU's School of Theatre and Dance will feature original choreography by faculty of the school and by this year's guest Monica Bill Barnes of New York.

Barnes, a nationally and internationally renowned choreographer, will bring her humor and creativity to the concert by performing her amusing line dance called *Falling Down Fred Astair*. The New York Times has called Barnes an "authoritative choreographer and performer who specializes in zany humor and surprises."

Faculty whose dances will

be featured at the show include an original ballet by Galina Panova, a modern work by Patti Weeks dedicated to the coal miners and rescue workers who passed away last year in a Utah mine and a tap piece by Clarine Powell. Other faculty members being highlighted in Dance 2008 are Tommi Galaska, Timor Bourtasenkov and Roger Belman.

Dance 2008 will be presented from Feb. 7 to Feb. 12, with showings every night at 8 p.m. with a special showing on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. in ECU's McGinnis Theatre.

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance for ECU students and \$12.00 at the door.

They can be purchased by calling 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS, or by going online to ecuarts.com.

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More than a history lesson

Dr. Papalas teaches students about cultures around the world

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It is hard to find a history student at ECU who has not learned a great deal from Anthony Papalas. Whether it is about life, success or just history, Papalas has taught an innumerable amount of students in his 37 years as a professor at ECU.

Papalas, whose grandparents emigrated from Greece to the U.S. in 1900, was born in Detroit, M.I. in 1939. His father was a successful businessman who had his own construction business. He loved growing up in Detroit.

"Detroit was great," said Papalas. "The city was well regulated, had full-employment and essentially no crime."

Papalas enjoyed visiting Canada, watching the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor football games and watching the Detroit Tigers' baseball games.

He enrolled at Wayne State University where he considered a career in medicine, but was still not entirely sure about what he wanted to do. The answer came to him on a trip to Greece he took in 1960.

"I fell in love with Greece."

It was a great experience," Papalas said.

Upon arrival back at Wayne State, Papalas began taking courses pertaining to Greece and the classics. He loved the study of history because of his fascination with human behavior.

He also learned several languages including modern and ancient Greek, French, Latin and German. He graduated with a degree in ancient history and decided that he wanted to teach. He got his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago where he wrote his thesis on Roman Athens.

In 1970, Papalas came to ECU because of an opening the university had for a classical history teacher. He wanted to eventually teach in the Midwest and originally only planned to stay at ECU for a short period of time. However, Papalas instantly loved the university and the city. "Greenville has a nice climate," Papalas said. "I like the rural flavor and the people here are also very nice."

Papalas' research consists of Roman Athens, sea-power in the ancient world and ancient sports. In his spare time, Papalas enjoys playing golf, although not as much as he would like, reading fiction and the classics and keeping up with the Detroit Tigers.

Papalas still travels back to Europe and likes to visit Michigan where he still has family.

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there is a link between wireless usage and alcohol consumption in the U.S.

"The prevalence of binge drinking (i.e., having five or more alcoholic drinks in one day during the past year) among wireless-only adults was twice as high as the prevalence among adults living in landline households," the survey said.

There may not be a special phone or plan in the U.S. that college students can use to stop the prevalence of drunk dialing, there are ways to prevent embarrassment.

Making an "x" list of any person that would be a bad idea to call after a long night

of heavy drinking could be one possible solution. Place an "x" by that person's name in your contact list so if you try to call them, the "x" pops up and hopefully halts the subsequent phone call. Another way to stop drunk dialing is to give your phone to a friend who's not drinking for the night. Remember to tell them not to let you call certain people while you are intoxicated.

The next time you and your friends decide to go out for a night on the town, remember: alcohol and your cell phone don't mix.

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Wear red, save lives

Radiate red on Friday

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On Friday, Feb. 1, women across the U.S. will don red in the order to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women on what is now deemed as National Go Red Day. Those wearing red will pay tribute to the ongoing research and educational programs geared to fight and potentially treat the deadly disease.

Money raised throughout the day will be donated to aid in educational programs and awareness events within the community.

Advocacy to provide increased knowledge among legislators, policy makers and public officials about the impact of heart disease also serves as an important facet of the day.

The American Heart Association issued the following statistics regarding women and heart disease:

- Only 13% of women view heart disease as a health threat, even though it's women's No. 1 killer.
- cardiovascular disease (CVD) kills over 480,000 women a year, about one per minute.
- One in three adult females and males in the United States suffers from a form of CVD.
- CVD claims more lives than the next four most common causes of death combined.

• On average, an American dies of CVD every 35 seconds.

• Coronary heart disease is the No. 1 single killer of women over age 25.

• 64% of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms.

• One in 2.6 female deaths are from CVD, compared with one in 30 from breast cancer.

• Heart disease rates in post-menopausal women are two to three times higher than in pre-menopausal women of the same age.

Students can get involved in Go Red Day by participating in a Go Red Heart Walk at noon on Friday in the Student Recreation Center.

Anyone interested in donating money to the Go Red Campaign can log on to goredforwomen.org.

The Web site also includes information from heart specialists as well as recipes and exercises to improve heart health.

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Coke's health kick over hydration won't hold water

MCT--Coca-Cola recently teamed with the on-demand cable fitness network ExerciseTV, an unusual partnership that promises to solve what apparently is America's latest health crisis: dehydration.

Say you're getting sweaty during an abs workout. Before you can reach for some tap water, an image of Coke's Enviga product pops up on the screen. When the carbonated green tea is poured, messages about hydration, burning calories or Coke brands spill out.

These handy reminders, said fitness icon and ExerciseTV founder Jake Steinfeld, are just one way the world's No. 1 soft-drink company can bring more "educational information" to his network's 23 million viewers.

To say that Coke wants to give us good "information" about fitness is to believe that Virginia Slims wanted to improve women's tennis.

Health sells. And Coke and PepsiCo want a piece of the wellness market by using illusions of health to sell unnecessary beverages.

In this case, the programs on ExerciseTV won't just be brought to you by Coke. They will actually be co-created by Coke.

Under the unique sponsorship arrangement, Coke will be dreaming up original programming to air on the fitness network, which offers about 200 workout shows, including pilates, yoga, abs, cardio and kids' fitness. The ads, which feature several brands in the Coke family, will be "organically integrated" into the shows, which means viewers won't have to suffer through intrusive 15- to 30-second spots.

Instead, Coke will use an integrated approach, including



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product placement, signage and messaging, said Steinfeld, adding that ads could be "woven into" a pilates program. Or a program's fitness instructors might casually suggest you grab some of Coke's Vitamin Water before moving on to bicycle crunches.

Steinfeld, a pioneering celebrity fitness trainer who created the business and entertainment

conglomerate Body by Jake Global, needs sponsors to keep his network going. (It's a free service on digital cable with Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Cox and Bresnan.)

He has the programming and the audience that Coke wants. Coke has the marketing reach and expertise that he needs.

"[Coke] has 100-some odd years of history in the hydration business," said Steinfeld, who has no reservations about promoting Coke products, even though soft drinks are one reason both children and adults have trouble managing their weight. He believes moderation is a key, no one is forcing viewers to drink a six-pack. He said the more he learned about Coke, the more comfortable he was being in business with them.

"I don't believe someone tells you to eat or drink too much of something," he said. "I believe you do it on your own, or it's put in front of you at a dinner table."

Coke's Enviga, meanwhile, combining caffeine and an antioxidant found in green tea, has been controversially promoted as an energy drink that will help burn 60 to 100 calories for every three 12-ounce cans consumed.

The theory is that your body uses energy to digest the drink, which burns calories. But some doctors say it's marketing hype, and the advocacy group the Center for Science in the Public Interest is suing Coke, charging bogus Enviga claims.

Steinfeld said he feels confident that Coke can back up its statements.

"My whole life is about trust," he said.

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Feb. 8
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Soulful Exposition

Feb. 13
6 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
Black Jeopardy

Feb. 19
7 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
Multicultural Book Club

Feb. 26
6 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
Dinner and Movie: 4 Little Girls

Feb. 6
7 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
Brothers Council

Feb. 12
6 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
Dispelling the Myth: Black Face, White Face

Feb. 15
7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre
Apollo Night

Feb. 20
6 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery
R & V: Rhythm and Voice

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These images depict Black leaders. From left to right: Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Johnnie Cochran.

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Center's Gallery at 6 p.m. *Four Little Girls*, a movie about the bomb that blew through a Black Baptist Church in 1963, will be shown. The bomb subsequently killed four small girls in the church, and gained national recognition at the time.

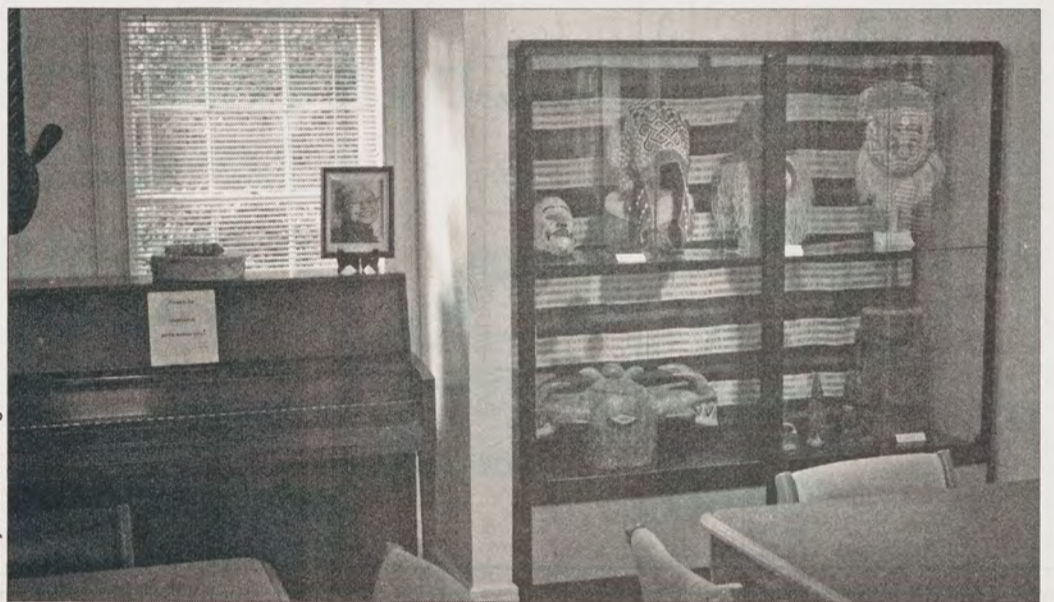
On Feb. 8, the Center will put on a "Soulful Explosion," complete with poetry readings, jazz music and comedy performances. The program will take place at the LWCC at 6 p.m.

"We hope to provide opportunities for students, faculty and staff to understand, become involved and share in some of the history—past, present and future—of African-Americans that have helped to shape society as a whole," Bradley said.

"We hope that students will be able to use this [experience] far beyond their years at ECU."

On Feb. 12 the LWCC will present "Dispelling the Myth: Black Face, White Face," which will highlight and try to dispel stereotypes related to the African-American race and skin color in America.

On Jan. 13 the center will have a round of "Black Jeopardy," a fun way for students to learn about Black culture. According to the LWCC Web



The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center also offers a computer lab and an art gallery for students to enjoy.

site, "This throwback game will be spiced up with African-American facts and figures."

On Feb. 15 the NAACP along with the LWCC will put on the annual "Apollo Night," in Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m. The night will be full of singing, dancing, poetry and more.

The LWCC's celebration of Black History Month will continue with a Multicultural Book Club meeting in the LWCC Gallery, giving students of all

ages a time to talk about books that they have read and authors they like or dislike.

Feb. 20 will feature a R & V: Rhythm and Voice session, where students can learn some Swahili and other African languages, African dances and enjoy some food. The event will start at 6 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery.

"Everybody can come to any of these events," Bradley said. "We do see a quite of a bit

of diversity [at our events] but we're always looking for more. It is growing, [though]."

Other events that the center will be sponsoring after Black History Month are a men's retreat on Mar. 1 and the LWCC Day on April 11.

For more information about these programs or the LWCC, visit ecu.edu/lwcc.

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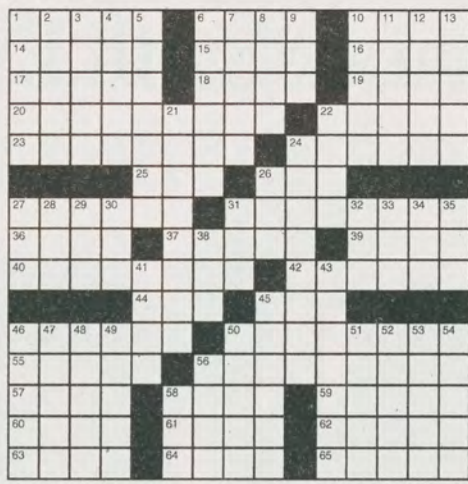
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 16 Word of honor
 17 Chips in chips
 18 Whisker
 19 Clarinet relative
 20 Called off by a cloudburst
 22 River of Rouen
 23 Parker and Powell
 24 Break one's heart
 25 TV network
 26 "A Night in the Street"
 27 Relative intensity
 31 Divides into three
 36 Toward the center of
 37 Cook in an oven
 39 Tex-Mex order
 40 Glaswegian, e.g.
 42 Break in the action
 44 Swallow
 45 London bell
 46 Assign to a feedlot
 50 1983 Matthew Broderick film
 55 Enticements
 56 Baking dish
 57 Garfield's pal
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 60 Thailand, once
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 63 Lays a lawn
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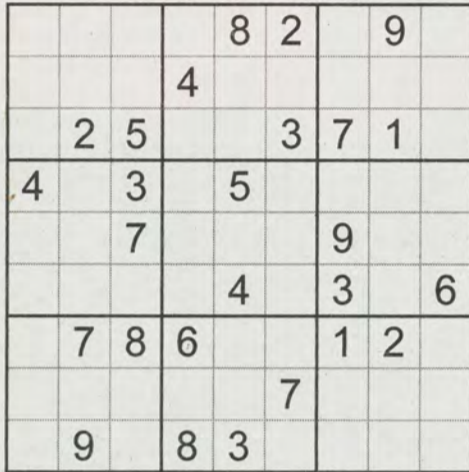
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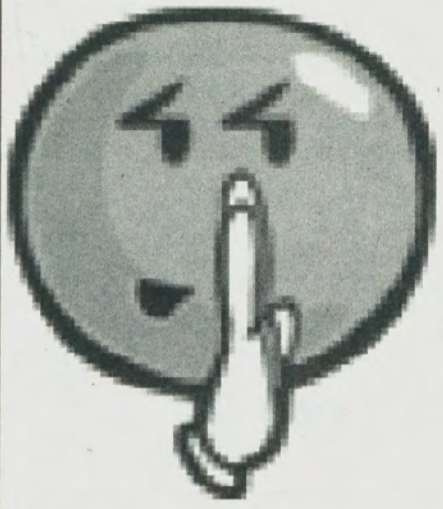
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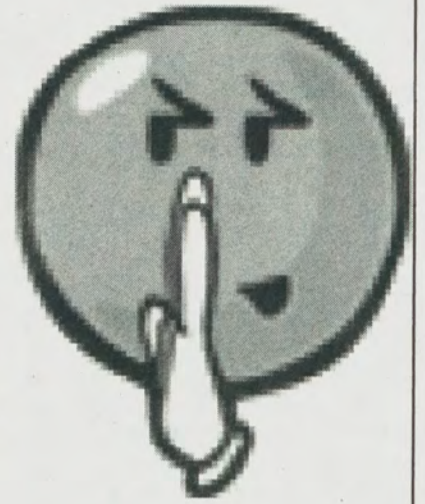
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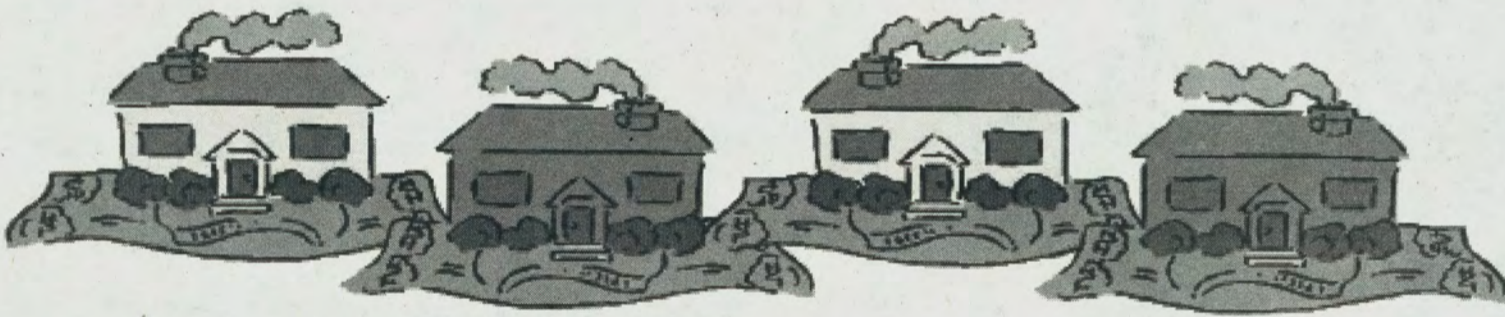
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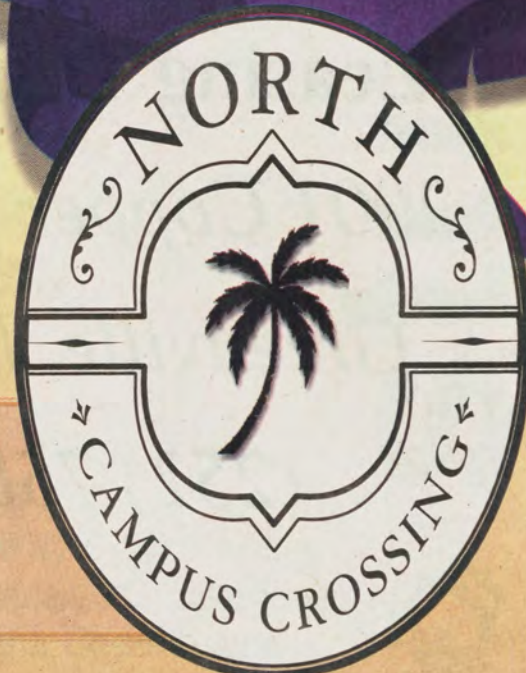
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ON TAP...

A look ahead to the weekend in sports

Men's Basketball

Saturday
at Southern Miss
3 p.m.

After losing last weekend to Tulane, 72-56, ECU returns to action Saturday when it travel to Hattiesburg, Miss. to face Southern Miss. The Pirates will be looking for their second Conference USA win of the season against one of the better offensive and defensive teams in the conference. The Golden Eagles have been putting up almost 72 points per game and holding opposing teams to 64.

Women's Basketball

Saturday at UCF
5 p.m.

The Pirates look to continue their winning ways this weekend when they face UCF Saturday on the road. The matchup should favor ECU, as the Golden Knights are one of the worst teams in Conference USA. A win would go a long way towards getting the Pirates back into the conference race and also earning them a good seed for the C-USA tournament.

Swimming and Diving

Men's

Saturday
vs.

Catawba, Wingate
1 p.m.

Women's

Saturday
vs.

Catawba, Marshall,
Wingate
1 p.m.

Super Bowl XLII

Sunday
New York Giants
at

New England
Patriots

6:30 p.m.
TV: FOX

Fox's pregame coverage for Super Bowl XLII begins at 2 p.m. At 6:30, the game will kickoff and the Patriots will try to complete their perfect season.



Ten reasons to watch the Super Bowl

Patriots look to make history

JARED JACKSON
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The New England Patriots, representing the AFC, and the New York Giants, representing the NFC, square off this Sunday in one of the greatest sports spectacles of the year, the Super Bowl. Super Bowl XLII provides us with numerous storylines. Here are the top 10 reasons to watch:

10. The Halftime Show

Of course the Halftime show is always one of the highlights of the Super Bowl. In keeping with current tradition of older artists, the NFL choose Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers to be the entertainment this year. I am delighted at the choice and cannot wait to hear such classics as "Free Fallin'," "I Won't Back Down," "Runnin' Down A Dream" and hopefully "Mary Jane's Last Dance." This will certainly be a great stage for perhaps the most underrated band of all time to display their talents.

9. The commercials

Without a doubt, the reason why most people watch the Super Bowl—other than for the game—is to watch the new commercials. Companies spend millions every year for a 30 second spot and the viewers usually get great returns with that investment. While there are always some flops, overall the ads are usually great and add to the element surrounding the entire event.

8. The Giants' defense

New York's defense ranked 17th in the regular season for points per game allowed, and 7th for total yards per game allowed. While those numbers obviously don't jump off the page, rest assured that the Giants defense is one of the most entertaining to watch play. They lead the league in sacks with 53 and feature arguably the best pass rushers seen in years.

7. The Patriots' offense

Any fan of football, whether a New England fan or not, watched continuously over the course of the regular season as the Patriots seemingly scored at will on opponents. The stat lines at the end of the season was amazing: New England averaged almost 37 points per game, Tom Brady threw 50 touchdowns on the year and Randy Moss was the recipient of 23 of those touchdowns. Of the 411 yards per game that they averaged, 295 came through the air.

6. The road warriors

The Giants have made a living out of winning on the road this season. New York is undefeated in their last 10 road games, after suffering their only road loss of the season in week one to the Dallas Cowboys. Not only is that amazing, but also the fact that they have held their opponents to only 148 points during the 10-game streak. Also keep in mind that the Giants have won in the United Kingdom as well. If they can win overseas I would think they could absolutely win in Glendale this weekend.

5. Bill Belichick

Bill "the hoodie" Belichick could become the second head coach to win four Super Bowls on Sunday with a New England victory. The only other coach to accomplish this feat was former Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Chuck Noll. The season started rough for Belichick, in particular with the whole "spygate" scandal, but after going 16-0 and winning AP coach of the year, the season can be considered a huge success. He will go down win or lose Sunday as one of the best to ever coach the game of football.

4. [Eli] Manning vs. Brady

For years it has been Peyton Manning versus Tom Brady, and their respective teams for dominance of the AFC. In fact, in 2003, 2004 and 2006 Brady and Manning ended each other seasons. Now Peyton's brother, Eli, gets an opportunity to stop Brady's season just like his older brother did last season. Eli will need to steal Peyton's game plan as well, as he will need to out-gun Brady in order to win. It defiantly could happen as Brady is coming off a three-interception game against the Chargers, and is nursing an ailing high ankle sprain.

3. A rematch of one of the season's greatest games

New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin didn't have to play his starters in the week 17 contest against the Patriots, but boy I bet he's glad that he did. The Giants lead 28-16 before eventually losing 38-35. Even though New York was unable to pull out a win, it realized it was capable of playing with the very best. Many Giants players admitted they used the game as motivation to make their miraculous playoff run. To reach the Super Bowl, New York beat Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay—all on the road.

2. The Boston vs. New York rivalry

It's a known fact that Boston hates New York and vice-versa. With all due respect to the great game of baseball, as well as the Red Sox and Yankees; nothing can compare to the tension that will be shared between the nation's biggest cities come Sunday. With a Patriots victory, New York fans will go into seclusion due to the fact that the Red Sox won the World Series this past year while the Yankees barely made the playoffs. Also the Boston Celtics are dominating while the Knicks are one of the worst teams in the NBA. To say the least, Boston sports are alive and well.

1. The Patriots march towards perfection

With a win against the Giants Sunday, The Patriots will become the second team to go undefeated; sharing the honor with the 1972 Miami Dolphins. What many people fail to realize however is the Dolphins finished the season 17-0 while the Patriots are a win Sunday from 19-0. Also, Miami benefited from one of the easiest schedules in NFL history, as its opponents combined win-loss record was 43-86-3, and only played two games against teams that finished above .500. If the Patriots win on Sunday then the nation would be undoubtedly watching the best team to ever step onto the gridiron.

Jim Mandich, a tight end on the '72 Dolphins recently told Fox Sports, "They [Patriots] would kick our [butts] from one side of the field to the other."

So there you have it, 10 reasons to watch the Super Bowl. Whether your team wins or loses come Sunday, just sit back and enjoy the game. It should be a great contest.

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Hinnant regaining his hot hand

Junior leads ECU's potent backcourt

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The 2007-08 Pirate's basketball team has fans believing again, and Sam Hinnant's return to the starting lineup is a big reason why conference opponents have cause to worry when spotting ECU on the schedule.

At 6-foot-4, Hinnant is averaging 12 points per game, hitting two and a half three-pointers per contest and giving ECU's backcourt the depth and range it lacked last season.

Hinnant, who was named to Conference USA's All-Freshman team two years ago, is no stranger to filling up the box score, and after last season's leg injury sidelined the junior guard for half of the season and all of conference play, Hinnant is returning to form as ECU's go to man in the clutch this season.

"I was down," Hinnant said referring to last season's injury. "But coach told me I was going to rebound and get back to playing form, and I did. We have a great strength and conditioning coach (Mark Thompson) and after a long summer of hard work, harder work-outs than I've ever had before, it feels great to return to the lineup and compete."

Highly touted out of Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia, Hinnant lived up to the hype freshman year, starting all 28 contests and averaging 10.3 points per game, earning Conference USA All-Freshman honors. Despite his efforts freshman year, ECU finished 8-20. But this year's club has a revamped lineup that includes senior leader Darrel Jenkins, freshman point

guard Brock Young, and 6-foot-9 sophomore John Fields; all new fixtures in a lineup that's surpassing preseason projections, placing the team on a level that can compete with the best competition in Conference USA.

"Despite the projections (projected last in the conference), we know our game and play within ourselves," said Hinnant. "We have a lot of depth on this year's club and with Brock and Darrel penetrating opposing defenses and creating for us on the outside, we can compete with anyone in the conference."

Hinnant has started all 18 games this season and in the past nine contests, he's become comfortable within ECU's offensive scheme, averaging 16 points and three treys a game, and netting a career-high 30 points in ECU's biggest victory of the year against in-state rival, NC State.

And despite the recovery from his leg injury, Hinnant has improved his three-point percentage from 33 percent his freshman year to a team-leading 41 percent beyond the arch this season.

Hinnant has prepared hard physically and mentally to return to this level of play, but he still recognizes that his game is still maturing and though hard to see, he recognizes the weaknesses that still need to be addressed.

"I need to improve defensively and I know coach expects me to develop on that end of the floor," he said. "I have work to do, and if I can improve and contribute on both ends, I'll be happy."

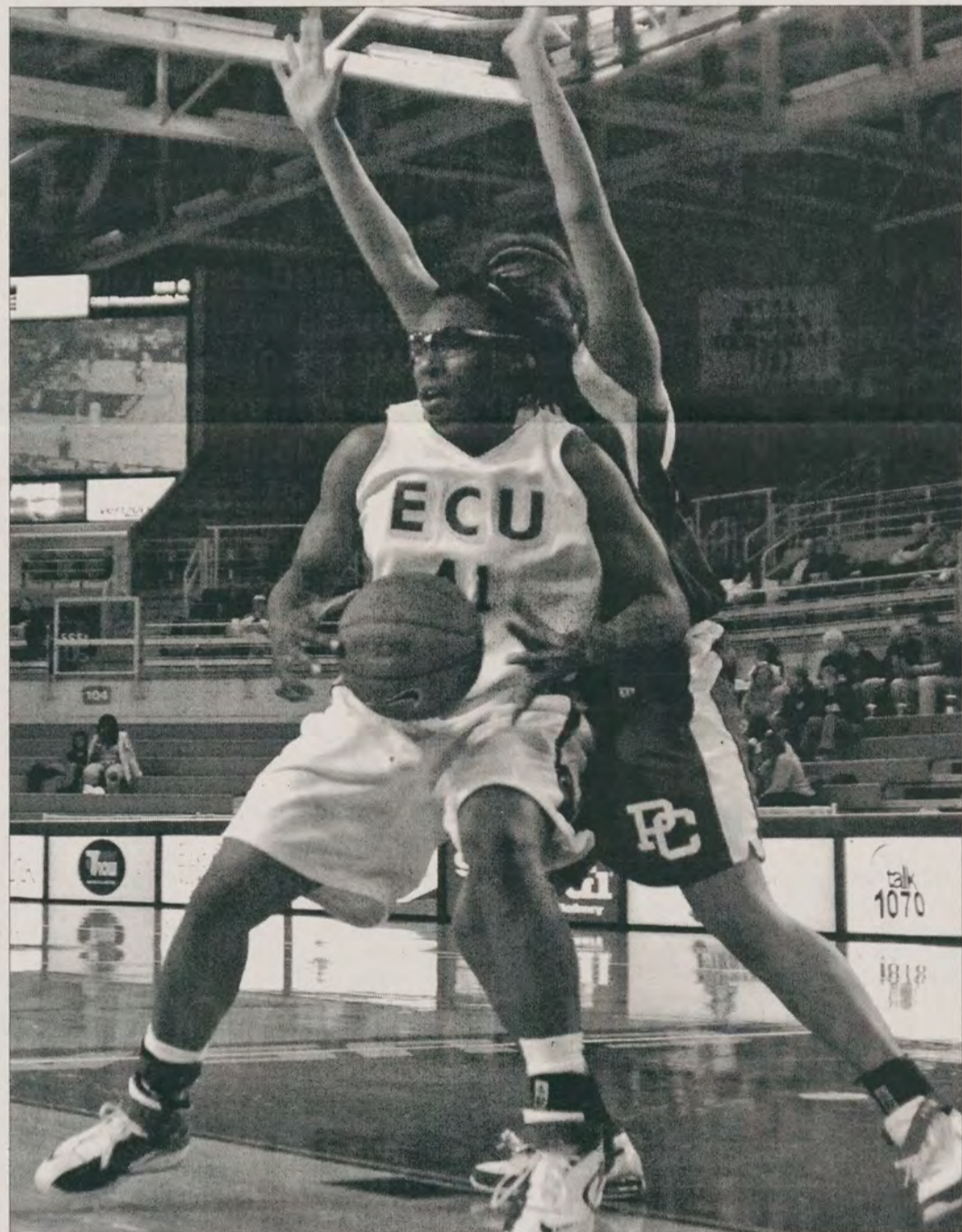
Hinnant has secured his place in the starting lineup and while opposing defenses are hesitant to give him an inch of space, Hinnant knows teammates Cory Farmer and James Legan will knock down the open three-pointer without hesitating,

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Sam Hinnant (4) and Brock Young (10) have helped solidify one of C-USA's top backcourts this season.

Senior leadership reigns supreme



Nicole Days is providing the Lady Pirates with strong leadership and frontcourt play in 2008.

Days controls ECU's post play

SETH STRINGER
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As the only senior on this year's Lady Pirates' basketball team, Nicole Days is asserting her veteran leadership on the court and in practice.

Averaging over seven points and seven boards a game, Days' stats don't tell the full story of her contributions to a Lady Pirates team stacked with underclassmen.

"Nicole plays like a veteran and leads by example," said ECU coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener. "She has such a great feel for the game and her influence and work with the post players is where she's most valuable and where her leadership shines."

Standing at 6-feet tall, Days is known for her strength in the post, and her trademark goggles. Since she is completely blind in her left eye, she is required by NCAA rules to sport protective eye-wear.

A freak shop accident in high school gave Days this burden, but through adversity she's become a fixture on an ECU team that's fresh off a Cinderella run to the NCAA tournament.

And with wins against N.C. State and Georgetown this year, and coming off two straight conference wins, Days is poised to lead the Lady Pirates to shades of last year's success.

"We can definitely make a run similar to last year's team," said Days. "This group is finally playing together and we've all made adjustments to better the team and perform night in and night out."

Performing night in and night out has been a theme to Days' impressive collegiate play at ECU; leading the conference in field goal percentage freshman year, earning the team's best defensive player award sophomore year and playing an integral role in the team's string of 10 straight conference wins her junior year.

Days' work ethic has been the main reason why she's assumed the leadership role on this Lady Pirate team stacked with diaper dandies and junior guards. Although tall compared to most women on the court, Days is undersized in the post, but her numbers would tell you different.

Listed as the fifth tallest player on the team, Days is playing far above her stature.

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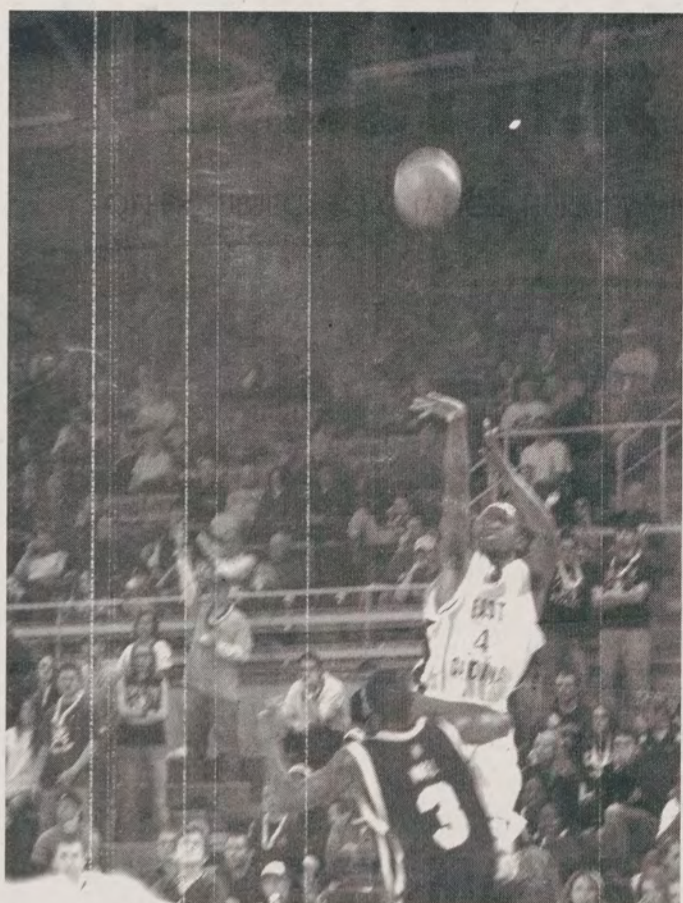


Photo by Jessi Braxton

proving the depth of ECU's guards.

Hinnant's success on the hardwood this year has come with the hiring of new Head Coach Mack McCarthy, and beyond Hinnant's strong play, the team's victories are indicative of Jenkins' impressive play at the point, leading the conference in assists, and the consistent efforts from big men John Fields and Chad Wynn.

At 1-4 in the conference and 7-11 on the year, the Pirates will need Hinnant's clutch shooting against upcoming conference opponents, and ECU's big men will have to step up their games to compliment ECU's impressive, high-octane backcourt.

ECU looks to end their three-game losing streak in conference play when they face off against Southern Miss Saturday afternoon at 3:00 in Reed Green Coliseum.

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Hinnant has been the Pirates' best three-point shooter and scorer.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Days, ECU's lone senior and leading rebounder, grabs a rebound against Presbyterian.

She leads ECU in rebounds, blocks and field goal percentage, and her teammates are recognizing the effort she brings to the court.

"Nicole works harder than anyone in practice, and her leadership shows in the low-post," said 5-foot-10 freshman Allison Spivey, who is averaging ten points and a remarkable 7.2 rebounds in conference play. "She has such intensity crashing the boards, and we feed off her energy."

ECU's overall record of 8-11 and 2-4 in the conference is not indicative of their talent or efforts on the court, coming off heartbreaking overtime losses to conference foes, UAB and SMU, and letting late leads slip away earlier in the year against

Long Island and High Point.

But for now, ECU's picking up the pieces and playing like a focused squad. Along with Days' success in the post, ECU is feeding off the veteran guard play from Lacya Terry and Jamine Young, and Spivey's increased minutes are translating into big numbers for the talented freshman.

The team and its fans are banking on the perception that this team has what it takes to repeat as conference champions and in order for that happen, the club cannot alone rely on the consistent play of Days, Terry and Young. 6-foot-2 freshman Kim Gay needs to assert her size and talent in the post, and Shuanda Ashford will have to utilize her shooting ability by

creating open outside shots. ECU will also look to junior guard, Gabriela Husarova for size and quickness on the outside perimeter, showing opponents that their are multiple weapons within ECU's lineup.

The Pirates are poised to show that last year's success was no fluke, and that this team has the talent and tenacity to take Conference USA by storm.

The Lady Pirates look to follow up their two-game conference winning streak Thursday night at 7 p.m. against the 11-8 Southern Miss Golden Eagles in Reed Green Coliseum.

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SUPER BOWL PREDICTIONS

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Key to the game:

The Patriots' defense



With all the focus on how the Patriots' explosive offense will matchup with the Giant's fierce pass rush, the key to the game will actually happen when the Giant's have the ball and the New England is on defense.

Giant's receiver Plaxico Burress predicted that the Giant's would win, 23-13, at Media Day this week.

Note to Plaxico: The Steelers and Chargers tried the prediction thing earlier this season. The Patriot's weren't too fond of that—and the end result wasn't pretty.

Now that the Patriots' defense has motivation to shut down Burress, Eli Manning and the Giant's offense, the key to Super Bowl XLIII will be how the Patriots' defense responds to Burress' bold mouth.

The prediction: The Patriots will be motivated. New England 31, New York 16.

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Key to the game:

The Giants pass rush



New York collected an astonishing 53 sacks over the course of the regular season due to one of the best pass rushes seen in years. Couple that with the fact that NFL MVP Tom Brady is nursing a high ankle sprain and it is a recipe for disaster. Against the Chargers two weeks ago in the AFC Championship game when he suffered the injury, he threw three interceptions and played downright

horrible by his standards. The media has been questioning the Patriots all week about the severity of the injury but they have yet to provide a definite answer. However, Brady has been practicing. It's my belief that the injury is worse than New England is making people believe and if the Giants put the pressure on Brady and force him to make bad decisions then I like New York's chances.

The Prediction: The Giants defense will get to Brady early and often. New York 35, New England 31

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