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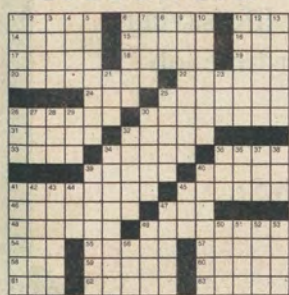


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Past Pirates still live on through celebrations of their lives

Students step up in planning memorial services

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

The ECU community has suffered a great loss recently due to the deaths of Pirates in three different incidents.

Kristina Hobbs, Jeff Linde and Justin Gross were all members of the ECU family who lost their lives.

• Michael Hobbs, husband of

Kristina, murdered her and committed suicide on Jan. 9.

A candlelight vigil was held on Feb. 5 in Hendrix Theater of Mendenhall Student Center to pay tribute to Hobbs.

The impact that Hobbs had on the students she worked with was so great that they planned a memorial to pay their respects.

Kandus Simmons, ECU freshman, was the main facilitator in making sure that the vigil occurred.

Simmons was able to establish a personal relationship with Hobbs before her passing.

"I did visit her outside of

when I specifically needed her for something. So I looked at her more as a friend," Simmons said.

Hobbs smiling face and kind nature was opposite of what Simmons expected to receive when visiting the cashier's office due to "financial aid horror stories" she heard from other students, according to Simmons.

Simmons voiced to the audience about how she became acquainted with Hobbs and expressed how much she would be missed.

"Little did I know that this will be one of the hardest things I would accept," Simmons said.

Instead of mourning, attendees of the memorial tried to focus on the good things they remembered about Hobbs.

"I believe God would say celebrate Kristina's life and cherish the precious memories," said Scott Wilkinson of ECU Campus Ministries.

Celebration was the theme of Jeff Linde's memorial.

Associates of Linde were invited to the "Celebration of Life," on Feb. 2 at the Topsy Teapot to share memories and thoughts about the person they had gotten to know.

The location was chosen

because of the peaceful setting that seemed appropriate for the gathering, according to Najwa Shehadeh, co-worker of Linde.

"It's a very calm place to speak and to gather and it's a favorite of a lot of people in the department," Shehadeh said.

In an e-mail sent by the ECU Student Announce, friends and family of Justin Gross were invited to "celebrate Justin's life" by attending his memorial. The memorial was held at the Willis Building on Jan. 27.

The problem that some organizers ran into while planning

see PIRATES page A3

Black History Month kicked off to eye-opening films

Historical points in African American history shown

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

Instead of presenting information from textbooks or giving quick facts about the typically mentioned names in black history, films were shown to provide a visual depiction of the past struggles of African Americans.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (LWCC) offered a viewing of the *Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives* on Feb. 6.

The Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha had a program on Feb. 6 that encouraged students to view *The Untold Story of Emmett Till*.

Both of the films illustrated the severity of racial injustices in the past and provoked strong reactions from the audiences.

"Considering when it took place (the time period) and that a young male was brutally tortured, I feel like people connected with it," said Melvin Moore, member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"When certain parts of the movie came on, I would look for a certain reaction and I got that reaction."

Visual aspects of the film were contributors of why the viewers were drawn to the messages being conveyed.

Unchained Memories focused on dialogue from the Library of Congress of slaves experiences, according to Rod Bradley, director of LWCC.

"Various actors acted what was documented," Bradley said.

Some of the actors included Angela Bassett, Don Cheadle, Vanessa Williams, Whoopi Goldberg, and many other prominent black actors.

"It's something that you really needed to understand from a movie and not from a textbook standpoint," Bradley said.

Both of the films were chosen based on the impact that it had on individuals that work at LWCC or in Alpha Phi Alpha.

"One of our staffers was able to see this documentary and thought it was important to show it," Bradley said.

"I was shown the film in Dr. Mingles class and it touched me and I felt like I needed to show others," Moore said.

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Students create new learning tool



ECU students are helping bring the modern technology of podcasting to elementary school children.

out on DVD.

Thanks to the modern technology known as podcasting, practically everything one can imagine missing can be found online. Student in face-to-face sections of READ 3205, an undergraduate reading methods course) are creating podcasts this semester as part of their coursework.

Fifty students will use iPods and Garage Band software to produce podcasts for use by children in elementary school classrooms. The podcasts will consist of readings from quality picture books. Sound effects and visual images will accompany the readings.

One example of a podcast that has been created this semester was for the book *Owl Babies*. Students added sounds of the

forest at night such as crickets chirping, frogs croaking and the wind rustling the leaves.

Department of Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Professor Robin Griffith, was inspired to integrate podcasts into her curriculum after attending an iPod Institute sponsored by the College of Education last spring.

"I expressed interest in incorporating more technology into my courses and I was particularly interested in creating some type of podcast but was unsure of the direction or nature of the project," said Griffith.

Bill McGrory, College of Education technician, stepped in to assist Griffith with the project. The two worked together to share ideas and craft a vision for the project.

"Children need to hear fluent,

phrased and expressive reading often and the listening center provides another opportunity for students to hear just that.

"Unfortunately, the old listening centers with cassette tapes and tape recorders are out-of-date and often no longer in use. This project will allow teachers to use the computers as listening centers," Griffith said.

Podcasts are available online at winmedia.com/ecu.edu/mcgroryw/griffith/welcome.html. New episodes will be uploaded each week for clinical teachers serving as hosts for the READ 3205 in a 10-hour practicum.

This writer can be contacted at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dance 2008
Thursday, Feb. 7-
Tuesday, Feb. 12
8 p.m. except Sunday at
2 p.m.
McGinnis Theatre
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modern, jazz, and tap
dance - it's sometimes
serious, sometimes funny,
sometimes lyrical and
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newcomers alike.

Pirate Playtime
Friday, Feb. 8
2-5 p.m.
Volunteers needed to
assist with this roving
afternoon of play. Must love
kids! Come play with us!!
Contact: Scott Councilman,
scc0817@ecu.edu

Parent's Night Out
Saturday, Feb. 9
5-10 p.m.
Volunteers needed to set-
up/break-down events,
supervise activities
at stations, assist
with registration, and
management of children.
Contact: David Gaskins,
gaskinsd@ecu.edu

ECU Symphony
Orchestra
Sunday, Feb. 10
3-5 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
Georges Bizet - L'Arlesienne
Suite No. 2
Winner of the 2007-2008
ECU Concerto Competition
Sergei Prokofiev -
Lieutenant Kije Symphonic
Suite, Opus 60

Super Spiders Wall
Climbers
Sunday, Feb. 10
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Student Recreation
Center
Volunteers will perform set-
up/break-down and check-
in duties, assist SRC staff
with participants (children
7-14), and assist with
supervision. Contact: David
Gaskins, gaskinsd@ecu.edu

Soulful Exposition:
A Celebration of the Arts
Monday, Feb. 11
6-8 p.m.
LWCC
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(jazz, soul) and 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
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by the LWCC.

Rivers scholar offers
lectures
Tuesday, Feb. 12
4 p.m.
Bate 1032
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distinguished visiting Rivers
professor, will present "The
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7Thu

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Basketball
Tulane
7 p.m.
Minges

8Fri

Jazz at Night
8 p.m.
MSC Great Rooms

The Tiny Art Show
6 p.m.
Emerge Gallery

9Sat

Women's Tennis
Charleston
Southern
9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
Charleston
Southern
1 p.m.

Women's Tennis
North Carolina
A&T
4 p.m.

10Sun

ECU Symphony
Orchestra
3-5 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

11Mon

Faculty Recital
Mary Burroughs-
Horn
8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital
Hall

Soulful Exposition:
A Celebration of the
Arts
6-8 p.m.
LWCC

12Tue

Rivers scholar
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Speed Dating
5-6 p.m.
MSC

13Wed

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10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Speed Dating
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MSC

Undergraduates relieved from Hard Waiver Insurance cost until 2009

Doctoral students
benefit from optional
policy

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

In late November, the stu-
dent body was introduced to
a new hard waiver insurance
policy that would make it man-
datory that all ECU students
have health insurance coverage.

With the students being the
highest-ranking sector of people
in the U.S. without health insur-
ance, the university offered the
hard waiver policy to insure that
those without private health
insurance will have access to
affordable health care.

The hard waiver policy was

due to be mandated in fall 2008,
however the ECU Office of the
Chancellor has proposed to
implement it in 2009.

According to insurance
coordinator Amy Viverette, the
hard waiver policy will not make
it mandatory for students with
pre-existing health insurance
policies to obtain insurance
from ECU. "As long as they have
some comparable form of health
insurance, they can opt-out,
which mean that they provide
proof of already having health
insurance," Viverette said.

Currently, the company of
Pearce and Pearce provides
ECU students with voluntary
health insurance.

Full coverage under this
policy is \$1,125 yearly. Under
a hard waiver policy, the cost

will be cut to an average of \$700
per semester due to a larger
number of students being under
the policy.

A growing concern among
the ECU community is the
affordability of a mandatory
insurance policy. According to
Viverette, the policy will be
covered by financial aid.

"Because it is a requirement,
the financial aid office will have
to supply the fund to those who
need them," Viverette said.

While the hard waiver
policy has not been imple-
mented for undergraduates, stu-
dents in the doctoral program
have already been required
to carry health insurance.

83 doctoral students
employed as graduate assistants
carry an insurance policy paid

for by ECU.

The policy from ECU is
strictly optional, but is used
as a recruiting device for the
doctoral program.

"We offer it as a fringe ben-
efit to attract the best students
to ECU," said Patrick Pelli-
cane, dean of the department of
graduate studies.

In order to qualify for
paid insurance, students
must be enrolled in the full-
time requirement of 9 credit
hours and work at least 20
hours as a graduate assistant.

Paid health insurance is a
popular incentive offered by
many graduate and doctoral
programs across the country.

Students in these programs
find this incentive to be helpful,
usually because they are older in

age and often to maintain families
while in pursuit of their degree.

"Graduate and professional
students are benefiting from
this service. It shows them that
the university is actively con-
cerned with their well being,"
said April Baer, president of
graduate student council.

"I have heard echoes
of students being satis-
fied with the program."

For further information on
the hard waiver insurance policy,
visit [www.ecu.edu/studentlife/
studenthealth/hard-waiver](http://www.ecu.edu/studentlife/studenthealth/hard-waiver).

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the memorial services was getting a big response from the university.

"I'm very thankful of the English department, but I do wish the university would have done more as whole," Shehadeh said.

More help was specifically needed with consoling the individuals who were hit the hardest by these deaths.

Steven Hinman, graduate student in the English department and roommate of Linde, said that although the ECU Counseling Center is very welcoming, he didn't receive the help he needed right away.

According to Hinman, he was directed to the center when a friend informed him that counseling was being offered to those who were affected by Linde's death, but was turned

away because the walk-in times were over upon his arrival.

"It seems like I've had to dig for help," Hinman said.

Simmons said that she did not feel like the university would have done anything if the students had not got involved, but did give credit to a few faculty members who assisted with the planning of the event.

Lynn Roeder, dean of students and Stephen Gray, director of parent and student services, helped with the memorial, according to Simmons.

Additional efforts are being completed by Simmons and Hinman to make sure that their loved ones names live on.

Hobbs left behind a daughter for whom an education fund has been established which is fueled by fundraising from

students such as Simmons, local churches and other contributors.

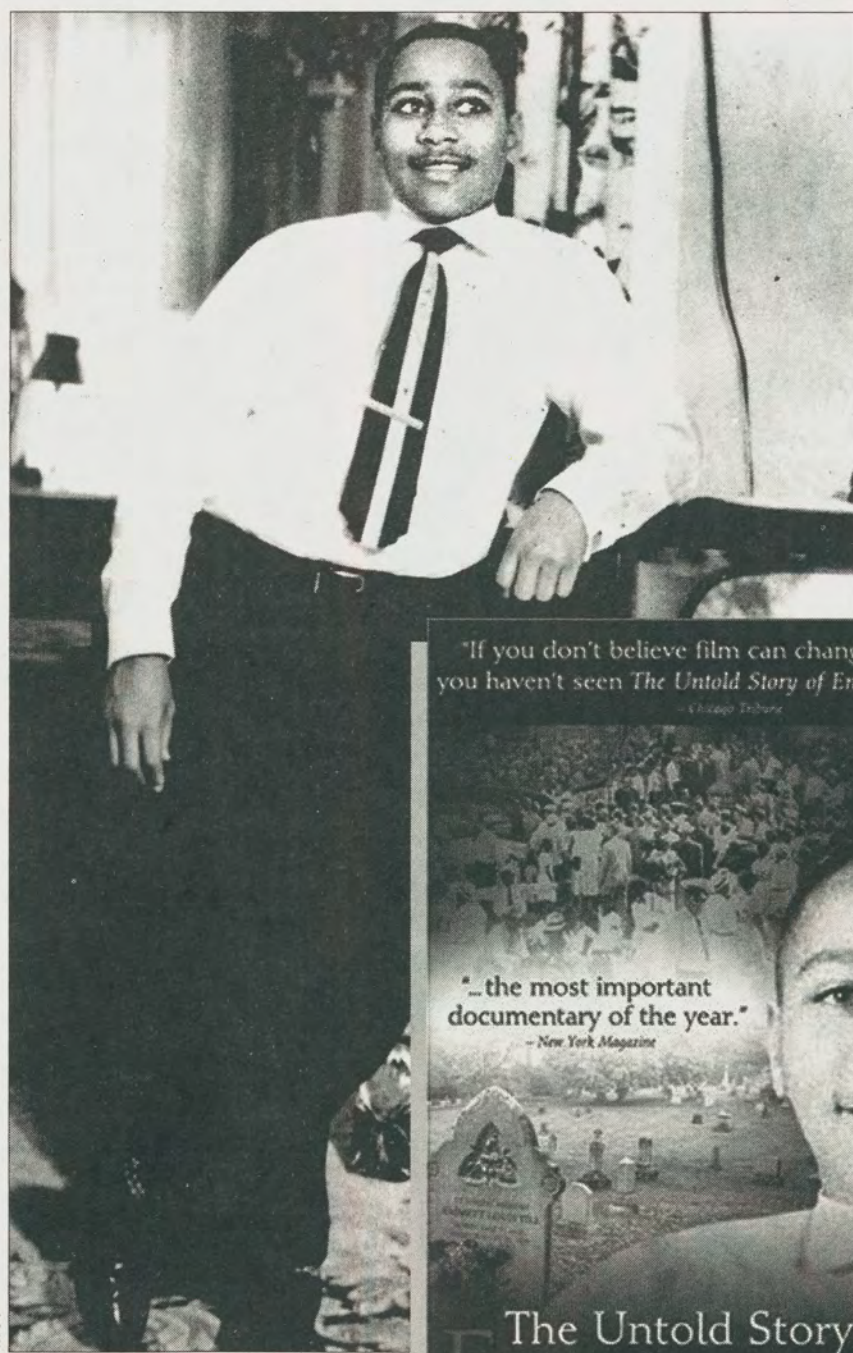
"There are a lot of people outside the community that will continually raise money for the fund," Simmons said.

Hinson said they he will be working on creating a Jeff Linde Scholarship Fund in the future.

Hobbs worked in the cashiers office and graduated with a business degree from ECU in 1996.

Gross was an alumnus of ECU and worked in the office of off-campus and community living.

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The Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha chose to show the documentary depicting Till's transition from being innocent-looking boy above to his brutal killing.

A second viewing of *Unchained Memories* was discussed because of the interest people expressed by those that had not seen it but heard about it from their peers.

Moore feels that *The Untold*

Story of Emmett Till parallels with hidden racial tensions today.

"I feel like it's kind of watered down but still evident within Jena 6 and when we find nooses on college campuses today," Moore said.

"Until the issue is pub-

licized, no one really knows about it."

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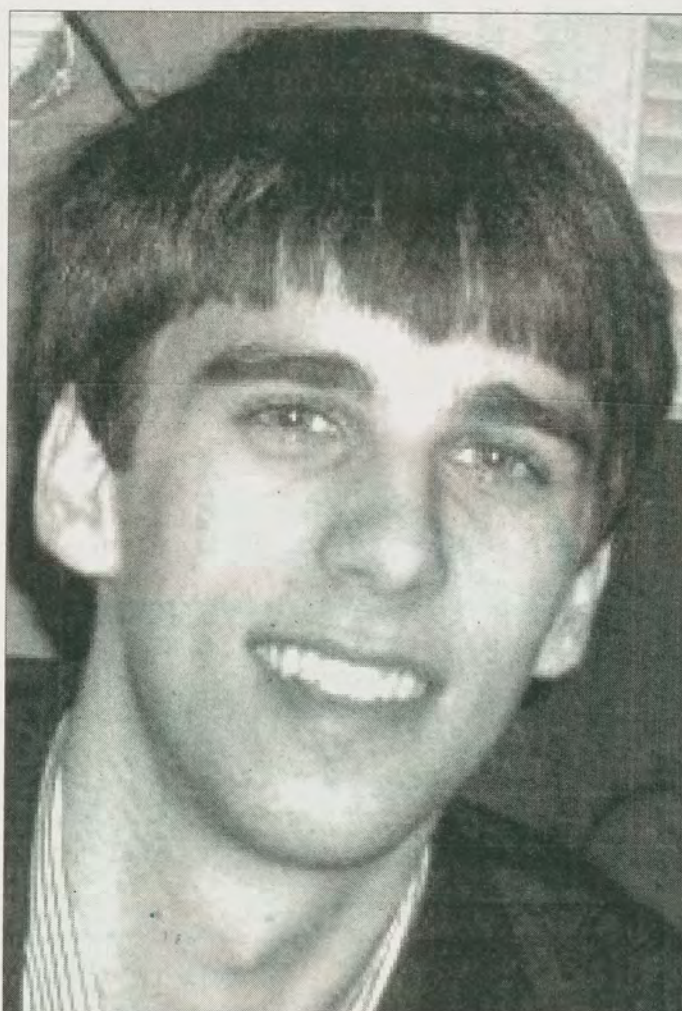


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State governorship has ties to East Carolina University



Pictured above: Patrick Sebastian, sophomore class president and nephew of McCrory.

Students' work on candidate's campaign

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

Politics runs in the family of ECU Sophomore Class President Patrick Sebastian.

Sebastian's uncle, Pat McCrory, who served seven terms as the mayor of Charlotte, announced his bid for candidacy Jan. 15.

McCrory, as well as other candidates eyeing the governor's seat, are hoping to come out ahead utilizing the younger age brackets, which seem to be more involved this year compared to previous years.

"Mayor McCrory has hired five East Carolina students and graduates as staff members to assist with his campaign," said Heather Dickson, member of McCrory's campaign staff.

Sebastian is an example of this, as he is the standing outreach coordinator for his uncle's campaign, looking to further gather youth voters.

With Mike Easley reaching his term limit this year, a number of hopeful contenders have stepped forward and voiced interest in the seat.

Among those entering the race are the current Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue, the

state treasurer Richard Moore and Sen. Fred Smith.

While McCrory is calling upon a near-decade of experience as the mayor of Charlotte, Moore is hoping to pull from his time as the state's treasurer in regards to issues such as "managing North Carolina's finances" and making NC a "leader in corporate accountability."

Smith noted that, during his time in the Senate, he has worked toward "creating jobs, improving education, protecting family values" and has pushed to make the government "more effective and efficient with citizen's money."

"Government needs to do more for less, not less for more," Smith said.

Candidates Perdue and former state Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert Orr were not available for questioning.

The Republican and Democratic primary for NC will be held on May 6.

At this time, registered individuals may cast their votes for the election.

For more information relating to your party's developments, you can log onto ncgop.org/ or ncdp.org/.

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Pictured above: Pat McCrory, candidate for governor.

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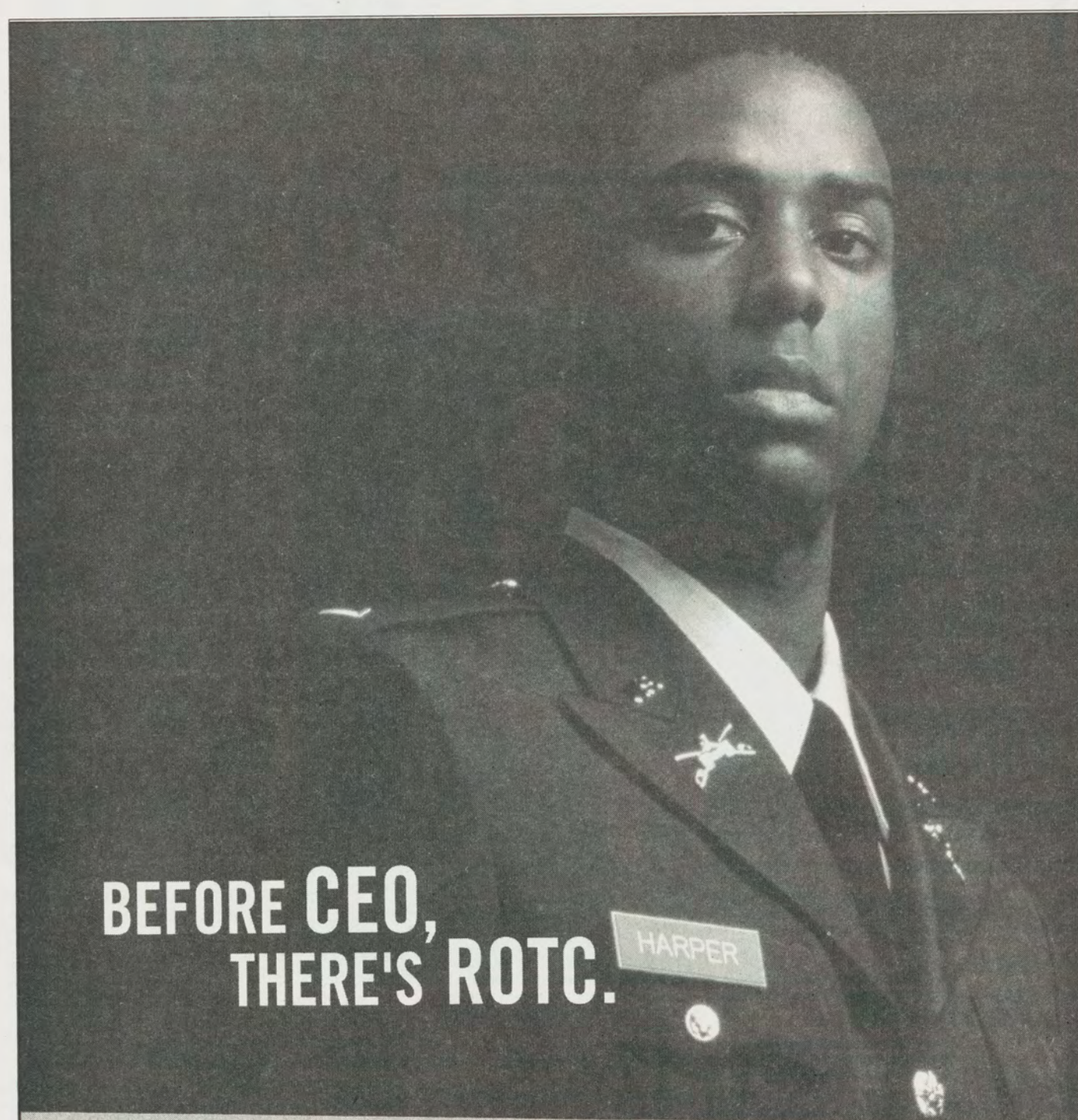
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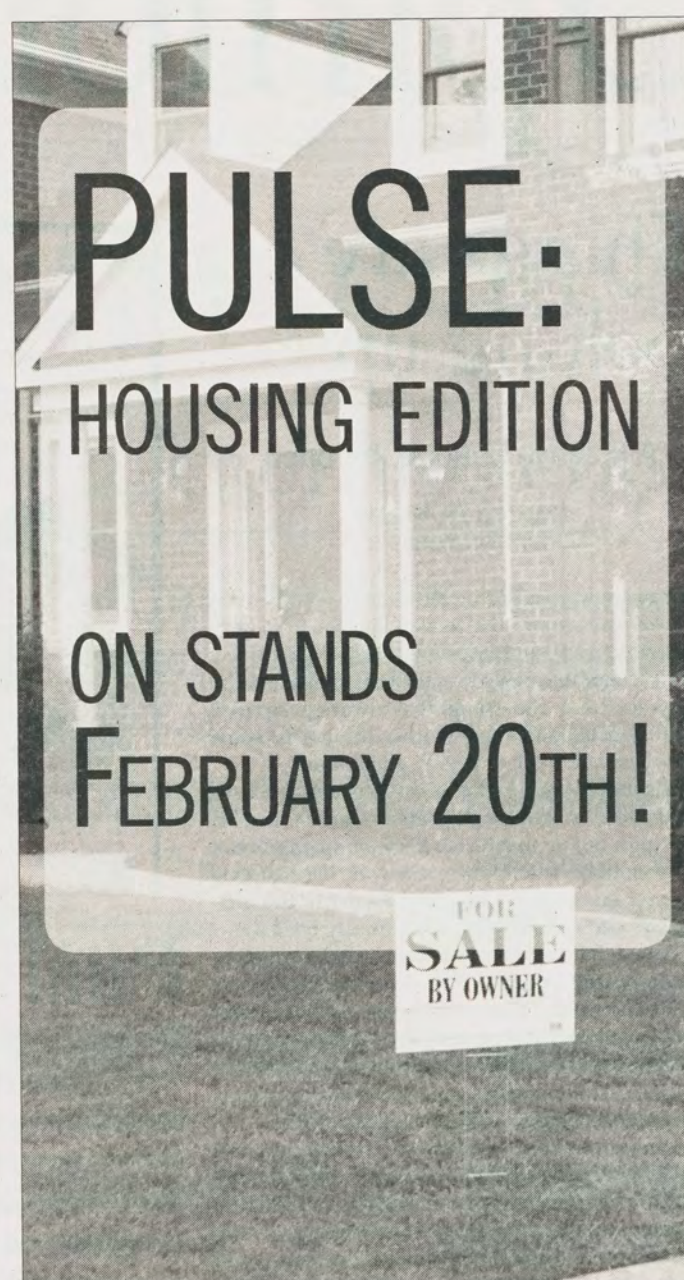
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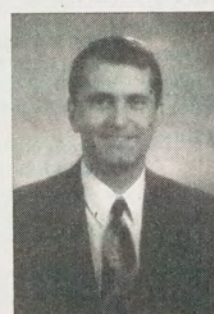


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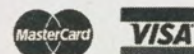


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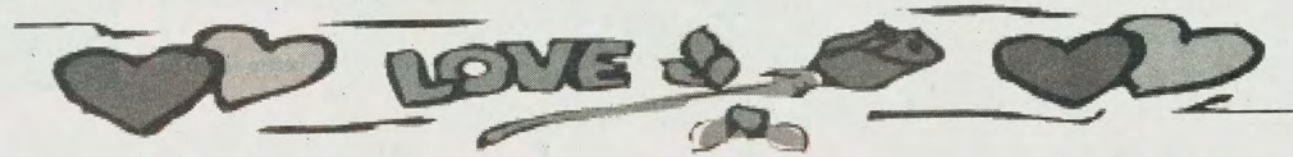


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RANT OF THE DAY

"Somebody to Love" is the best Queen song ever. Period.

Things are looking up

A positive outlook, for once

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

You know, considering all of the stressful events that are just around the corner, I'm not ticked off. Midterms, first rounds of exams, the hideous holiday of Valentine's, depriving myself of two of my favorite things for Lent, the drama that always surrounds packs of girls and so many other things, for some reason, cannot break down my good mood.

Maybe it's the fact that it's 80 degrees in February; maybe it's because the Patriots were taken off their high horse; maybe it's because spring break is almost here; who knows, it may be because this semester seems to be going by so quickly. Regardless, somehow, some way, I'm actually positive.

Since I have this overwhelming and disgusting happiness stuck in my system, I decided that it was time to spread the cheer, so to speak. So for the next couple of minutes, do not think about politics and the stresses of voting in the next election, do not take a glance at that long paper you haven't started that is due in a week; make a visit to your happy place.

I maintain that everyone's first happy place should be the Rec. Center. Considering endorphins make you happy (and what is it that Elle Woods says in *Legally Blonde*? "Exercise gives you endorphins, and endorphins make you happy, and happy people just don't shoot their husbands."), take that extra 30 minutes sometime today or tomorrow, and walk around the track a time or two. Give yourself some stress relief!

Sit down and watch your favorite TV show for once, or play your favorite video game (I vote for Rock Band; that game is awesome!), spend more time with your friends and study together, cook dinner for yourself, spoil yourself for goodness' sake! I know I sound completely redundant and you guys are probably all hitting yourselves in the head for reading my ridiculously positive opinion article. I just think we college kids do not get enough time to actually relax and enjoy ourselves.

Adults and students who aren't involved on campus would argue differently, but no, partying on the weekends does not count. When was the last time any of us actually sat down with the purpose of doing something solely for our own benefit? Rarely! We are too busy trying to please our professors, friends and campus organizations that we don't sit down and read a magazine or a novel that we want to. I'm not advocating abandoning school work, because that is just silly. I just think that we need to learn not to abandon ourselves. We can get what we want and achieve being happy if we just satisfy those cravings!

Okay, I'll get off my happy train and admit that it will probably take less than 24 hours for me to crawl back into my pit of despair, surrounded by all those day-to-day problems. But you better believe that I'll be there at the Rec. running away my worries, taking 30 minutes to read my book and studying with friends. While it may not make me as happy as I am today, it certainly cannot be as bad as being depressed, overworked and stressed all of the time. So get happy, everyone ... it really isn't as bad as it seems.

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Every campus needs a coffee shop

A change from the "norm"

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Every campus needs a coffee shop in order to sit and chat with friends, enjoy some fresh beverages and food, a place to escape from the fast-paced streets and do some homework; or to experience a different atmosphere and a change of scenery. What can you not like about a local coffee shop designed with distinctiveness and personality?

Coffee shops give the feeling of a chill and relaxed atmosphere where you can escape from everything and enjoy a nice cup of hot (or even cold) java coffee with some friends. It is a place different from the norm while chains of restaurants and stores have taken over America. Instead of going to the usual Starbucks located in every city (and even overseas), you can experience the individuality and uniqueness a city or town has to offer. I am not out to diss Starbucks or anything (I enjoy a cup of their specialty coffees, especially around Christmas time), but it is great to go somewhere new for a change and order a cup of coffee that you have never savored.

I have to give props to Tippy Teapot, the best local hang out in our little town of Greenville. It is not just a coffee shop; it also offers an assortment of teas, tasty entrées, and books. There is a sense of coolness and flexibility where you can do whatever you want in a neat atmosphere (and if you have never been there, I would highly recommend it).

Every campus needs at least one place like this, if not many more, for college students to gather and hang out or get things done. It also helps to have a change in atmosphere from the dreadful, still-library scene on campus or the sameness of Barnes & Noble, and Starbucks that you can experience anywhere else in the United States.

The uniqueness of the shops bring a sense of originality to the campus life, and a place to do anything you need to get accomplished; whether it is cramming for that anatomy midterm or catching up with an old-time friend. You have a chance to escape somewhere different and take a break from the monotony of our society.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Your hair looks terrible!

My dog eats my underwear.

I watch Fresh Prince EVERY night.

To the girl with the hairy armpits: SHAVE!

Bob Barker is my HERO.

Naps: 1. Solitaire games played: 69. Solitaire games won: 5. Papers written: 0.

Will you be my Valentine?

When are you going to break up with your girlfriend? Two years is long enough, and everyone thinks we are perfect for each other!

I'm finally breaking the habit of hooking up with frat guys, which means I'm ready for a guy with substance.

I want to ride on your motorcycle.

Will you ever profess your love for me in a Pirate Rant?!

I'm out of rants ... HELP!

I am only happy when I am in your company, Love, so what happened to us? I gave you the moon and offered you more, but now ... I have more enlightened conversations with my Sunday School children.

To the boys wearing only thongs the other night at the party: That's a big fashion DON'T.

How about bikes and skateboards on the sidewalks mowing people down where the pedestrians are SUPPOSED to be walking? The cars on THEIR road are the least of your problems.

My boyfriend thinks I don't know about his porn collection.

Do you really think you're hot because I danced with you downtown? One word: BEER!

I'm a freakin' MATHLETE!!

Is it bad that I can figure out exactly which one of my friends wrote what random Pirate Rant without even asking them?

I'm so glad I'm prettier than you. Everyone knows he made a huge mistake.

I submitted four Pirate Rants for Tuesday's paper, and not one made the cut. I'm just not good enough anymore!

You make me happier than I've been before :<3

If I'm paying thousands of dollars per semester to live in the residence

halls, why does only one shower on my hall work? What happens if more than one person needs to take a shower?

It's called a cough drop. If you are sick, don't come to class. I don't want what you have!

To my old roommate that moved out on me last semester: I still love you; I am still just a little bit bitter. I think it's forgivable though, so come by and visit sometime so we can catch up at least!

I could study 15 hours like you do and get an "A," but I choose to actually have a life.

In case you were wondering, or even if you weren't, we're really tired of hearing you whine and complain about how you never get to see your boyfriend. It's REALLY annoying, and you do get to see him, so get over it!

Nobody even cares that your mommy and daddy bought you a new car for no special occasion ... seriously.

Hey Roomie, stop staring. It's creepy when you stare at me all the time with your creepy little self, and it's even creepier that you live in the room right next to me.

My neighbors' attic is infested with over 1,000 bats. Sometime this morning, animal control is going to try and catch ALL of the bats. Is it sad that I have every intention to put a chair in my driveway, grab a bag of popcorn, and watch the insanity of all those fake birds running away from horror-stricken people? I think not.

I INVENTED Post-Its.

ECU switchboard sucks! How can the main number to ECU not know things! I asked about the registrar's office and they sent me to parking! They really need to get it together.

I'm sorry I broke up with you via Facebook.

Why can't life be like 27 Dresses?

I'm not ashamed that we were the only college students seeing Hannah Montana and the Jonas Brothers in 3D.

YOU slept with him EVEN though you KNEW he had an STD ... and now you're wondering why you are ITCHING???

I met my boyfriend in the Bahamas ... on Christmas night ... in a casino. Lady Luck has struck again!!

A BLACK man and a white WOMAN both running for PRESIDENT ... way to be progressive USA!!

Say it ain't so!

Disney World made me an alcoholic!

I enjoy the recent climactic changes around our wonderful campus, but I absolutely love the recent wardrobe changes for female students' bodies.

I eat NoDoze for breakfast.

Why won't you talk to me anymore?

Being an IT major sucks. There are only one or two girls in each of my classes, and around 30 guys.

Does anyone else think it would be fun to catch the squirrels and spray-paint them different colors?

I like flirting with girls, but I can't find one I like.

I think I'm on rant 10 by now.

College would be a lot better if there were no classes!

Even though it is 79 degrees outside, it is still February. Put some clothes on!

The school of business thinks my management class is an experiment. I'm not running through any maze looking for cheese!

If there is a way to combine Lost, Grey's Anatomy, American Idol and Survivor, it should be done. That way people don't waste so much time watching TV.

Ron Paul for president!

So uh, our chemistry lab professor just kicked 10 out of 12 of us out of lab today because we didn't have our procedure written from one notebook to the other. Very interesting.

Carrots that are shaped like fingers gross me out!

Owning a monkey is a huge responsibility; it's more than just bananas and dancing with tooth brushes.

Is it weird that I'm a guy and when I see a girl walking alone at night along 10th, 5th, or Cotanche, that I want to pick them up and take them where they are going so I know they won't get raped?

I haven't dated since the 8th grade and I'm a male sophomore. All I want is a classy girl who loves to kiss and cuddle. Is that too much to ask?

I think I have a crush on one of the ECU Dancers.

I suggest we drink before we go out drinking.

Recycling saves

Greenville doesn't care

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OPINION WRITER

I come from Wake County. When I used to live there, when I finished the ... let's say, milk ... I would wash out the jug and throw it into a green bin. As many of you must know, this green bin was the recycling bin. Every household got one and every apartment complex got a recycling center. Everyone uses them. Why? Because it's easy and it helps to reuse things.

Yet, here in Greenville, we don't like recycling much. Yes, ECU has our recycling bins near the Port Cities and the 360s, but I don't live on campus. I live in an apartment, and I can tell you over the past year I have gone through a lot of milk, beer, orange juice and soda. Every time I am done with any of these things, I stare at them and wonder why I have to crush it and throw it into the trash.

Would it be too much to ask for maybe just 10 more hollow rectangles of plastic that hold recyclable objects to be placed on campus? You know, they don't even have to get the big blue plastic ones. A cardboard box or even just a plastic bag would work. All it takes is that nice white "recycle" symbol, and everyone knows what's going on.

In a larger picture, it would be great to get a recycling dumpster at my apartment complex or even at every apartment complex. Who knows, maybe at every house! The City of Greenville could simply lie to us; I don't care. They could take all of our stuff and bury it in the middle of The Croatan. That part is not my responsibility. My responsibility is to recycle in general. If the school and the city make that almost impossible, then it is their responsibility. And, once again, if they decide to bury it in the woods, that is their business ... all I ask for is a chance.

I know that ECU technically has recycling, but if we take into consideration the advertisements that everyone dumps out onto the floor when they pick up an issue of the TEC, which never get recycled, we are talking about quite a lot of paper already. Now just imagine if there was a recycling bin right there, right next to the stand of newspapers! In all honesty, I got this idea from Bate. In Bate they have an assortment of recycling options, from newspaper to glass. "Smashing" idea, except only Bate has it. What about the Brewster prison? Recycling isn't much of an option there.

Of course this doesn't even compose of the entire city. Try and imagine the amount of beer cans that are used in a single week. We are talking about thousands of cans being smashed against thick skulls and discarded like cigarette butts. However, big the problem is for ECU, it has to be at least three times that for Greenville. So, would it really hurt? I don't know a lot about financing a city, or a school or even if this stuff gets recycled (see above), but with the rest of the world getting a little eco-savvy, I don't think it would kill off eastern North Carolina if we got some green bins.

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I have a right to be absent

Down with the attendance policies

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

I always love the first day of school. It's a new semester, a clean slate. I always set out my new school clothes and pack my book bag up with all of my new school supplies the night before, making sure everything is ready for the first day. I know it's nerdy, but it's what I do.

I wake up early the day of, put on my brand-new clothes and make sure I leave early to get my Starbucks coffee. Even with all the things I like about the first day of school, there is one thing I hate about that numero uno day: the handing out of the syllabus.

You know the story—the professor walks around the room and hands you that thick (or thin) pack of paper, and you earnestly flip through the pages to see what's going to be required of you. As you scan how the teacher breaks down your grades, you reach the section of—cringe—the attendance policy. You hope that the professor gives more than two excused absences, or better, has no attendance policy at all. But, in my experience, this is rarely the case. And I hate that.

Why do professors have attendance policies? Is it really necessary to make people come to class if they can make an A by skipping every day of the semester?

These have been the questions that gnaw at me every time I step into a new classroom at the beginning of a new semester each year. It's always the same. The professor says, "You cannot do well in this class if you miss too many days." And then he or she slaps this confining attendance policy on you that makes you want to skip the class even more.

For me, classes that don't have a policy against being

absent make me more motivated to attend. I can remember this one class that I took that didn't have an attendance policy. That whole semester I only missed that class one time. Once. Now, all those other classes that I was forced to attend (in lieu of my grade being docked), I probably missed the allotted amount of absences allowed. Irony, huh?

Maybe if professors gave students a little more slack in the absence area, they would attend more. We're paying for school anyway, and it would be stupid not to get good grades out of the classes we sign up for. But if we choose not to go, that's our choice. It shouldn't be mandated on us to have to go to class or our grade will be lowered.

I mean, I have been in some classes where for every absence you have your grade is lowered by one letter grade. Get all As on everything else, but miss one day and it's over.

What's even worse are those professors who not only have a policy against being absent, they have one about being tardy too.

I was in a class a few semesters ago where for every time a student was five minutes late to class, the teacher took 1 percent off of their final grade. I thought that was completely bogus, and I found that if I was going to be late for that class, I wouldn't go at all.

Honestly, what do attendance policies accomplish, anyway? I guarantee that if every professor on campus stopped making up these policies, they would start seeing the students who really want to be in class showing up. People like me. People who don't want to be punished for getting sick for a week or having a personal crisis come up.

So I say ban the attendance policies ... a lot of students will be grateful.

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ON
TAP...A look ahead to the
weekend in sportsMen's
BasketballSaturday at Marshall
2 p.m.
TV: CSTV

ECU will be looking for a road win over Conference USA rival Marshall on Saturday. The Thundering Herd comes into the contest ranking among the best in C-USA in defense, but among the worst in offense. If the Pirates can put up some points then a win is not out of the question.

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Women's
BasketballSunday at UTEP
2:00 p.m.
TV: ESPN 2

The Lady Pirates will play on ESPN2 Sunday when they travel to El Paso, Texas to take on arguably the best team C-USA has to offer in UTEP. The Miners rank among the top three in offense and defense in C-USA and also are the best three-point shooting team in the conference. ECU will have to dig deep to come up with a win in the desert.

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Softball

Carolina Classic in
Chapel Hill, NCFriday
vs. North Carolina
3:00 p.m.vs. North Carolina
CentralSaturday
vs. Kent State
10:00 a.m.vs. George Washington
5:30 p.m.

The softball team travels to Chapel Hill on Friday to compete in the Carolina Classic. The teams featured will be North Carolina, Kent State, North Carolina Central and George Washington. ECU will be looking for its first victory over UNC in two years, while hoping to get off to a good start and get on track for a NCAA Tournament berth.

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Men's Tennis

Saturday
vs. Charleston Southern
1:00 p.m.

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Women's Tennis

Saturday
vs. Charleston Southern
9:00 a.m.
vs. North Carolina A&T
4:00 p.m.

ECU signs a 'program' class



Staff photo

Holtz addressed the offensive line with this recruiting class.

Pirates receive 18
Letters-of-IntentJARED JACKSON
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Winning seems to fix everything, even when it comes to recruiting.

Hot off its Hawaii Bowl victory over Boise State, ECU signed 18 future Pirates on National Signing Day Wednesday. The class features 11 members who are projected to play offense, while the remaining seven will play on the defensive side of the ball.

"We're at a point where the emphasis has turned to increasing the bulk on our offensive and defensive lines," Holtz said Wednesday. "We need beef in the program with program-type players who develop and are here for the duration."

"It's a smaller class, but when you have the opportunity to redshirt 19 players last year who were predominately skill performers, our needs shift in this direction and we can't be any happier about this particular group of young men."

Holtz and his staff placed the emphasis once again on recruiting North Carolina heavily.

"Again we made our emphasis in the state of North Carolina," Holtz said. "Out of the 18 signed, 11 of them are from the state of North Carolina. There are three from the state of Florida, and then there are four; one from Virginia, one from South Carolina, one from Georgia and one from Louisiana."

The focus of the class was bringing in offensive and defensive linemen to bring depth to those positions. Because of this, Holtz believes the class will probably be ignored on the national level.

"It's probably hard to make a real national splash with this class because out of the 18 signing, nine of them are offensive and defensive linemen," said Holtz. "But I feel like those are the players we needed to bring in to continue to establish the program and where we're trying to go with this thing right now."

"Somebody pointed out to me today; they went through some of these Web sites and started picking out players who were not very high stars in the recruiting tabloids from

ECU's 2008 RECRUITING CLASS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Dayon Arrington	WR	6-2	205	Silver Spring, Md.
C.J. Brown	OL	6-4	315	Wilmington, N.C.
Mike Brown	TE	6-4	230	Reidsville, N.C.
Josh Clark	OL	6-4	265	Gastonia, N.C.
Allen Crowder	DL	6-2	260	Mebane, N.C.
Dalton Faulds	OL	6-3	285	Pt. Vedra Beach, Fla.
Anthony Garner	DL	6-1	290	Siler City, N.C.
Grant Harper	OL	6-6	300	Jacksonville, Fla.
T.J. Harper	OL	6-2	315	Meridian, Miss.
Jacobi Jenkins	WR	6-0	175	Rocky Mount, N.C.
Adrian Jones	ATH	5-11	180	Laurinburg, N.C.
Robert Jones	DL	6-3	260	Tucker, Ga.
Josh Jordan	QB	6-4	210	Amant, La.
Max Joyner	LB	6-2	191	Greenville, N.C.
Logan Kudinski	OL	6-5	265	Orange Park, Fla.
Rahkeem Morgan	DB	6-0	180	Asheville, N.C.
Leonard Paulk	DB	5-11	180	Coloumbia, S.C.
Justin Venable	DB	6-1	185	Climax, N.C.
Joe Womack	WR	6-1	195	Jacksonville, N.C.

the last couple of years" Holtz said. "I look at guys like Van Eskridge and C.J. Wilson and some of those guys that were not thought to be very good players, and I look at the players they have developed into. It makes me that much more excited about this class we have coming in."

Among the six offensive linemen signed by the Pirates, none will bring more experience than Mississippi native T.J. Harper, who will come to ECU as a junior having been

a two-year starter at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss. The five other offensive linemen signed include C.J. Brown, Josh Clark, Dalton Faulds, Grant Harper and Logan Kudinski.

Another offensive need addressed was the wide receiver position. ECU picked up letters of intent from Dayon Arrington, Jacobi Jenkins and Joe Womack. Arrington earned a three-star rating by rivals.com, while Jenkins and Womack were

each ranked among the nation's best wide receivers by scout.com.

"When I look at the holes that were vacated at the wide receiver position, I think maybe Arrington has a chance physically [to play next year] with where he is and has a chance to be a contributor next year," said Holtz.

While ECU is set at the quarterback position for year's to come,

see RECRUIT page A11

Pirates have varied results
against in-state rivalsECU will not make
RegionalsKELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU ice hockey team aimed to improve its record against in-state opponents to 6-0 last weekend in Raleigh and in Indian Trail, NC.

However, the Pirates lost a rematch to [ACHA Div. II] NC State, 7-4, in a closely contested battle on Friday.

ECU responded on Saturday with a massacre of Appalachian State for the second time this season, 17-2.

Sean Burns brought the Pirates within one goal of the Wolfpack with 1:39 remaining in the third period.

ECU was forced to pull goaltender Matt Dalgetty in the final minute to gain an extra attacker. The Pirates failed to keep the puck on their side of the ice and the Pack banged in two empty-netters for their sixth and seventh goals.

Burns, who played a key role in October's upset of NCSU, was disappointed not to get the sweep against his former team.

"It was definitely frustrating because I knew them all," said Burns. "It was a good game but we let ourselves down with penalties."

Penalties have been, in large part, the culprit in nearly every ECU loss this season.

"It's been harped on all year

see HOCKEY page A9



ECU goaltender Sean Burns stop a shot last weekend against Liberty. The Pirates will play their final home games this weekend.

Photo by Natassia Negron

ACHA FINAL SOUTH RANKINGS:

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| 1) CENTRAL FLORIDA (BYE TO NATIONALS) | 6) TENNESSEE |
| 2) FLORIDA GULF COAST (BYE TO NATIONALS) | 7) SOUTH FLORIDA |
| 3) CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT | 8) OLD DOMINION |
| 4) RICHMOND | 9) ALABAMA |
| 5) GEORGIA | 10) GEORGIA TECH |

Lacrosse loses season-opener

Pirates will try to rebound against South Carolina

HART HOLLOMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's lacrosse team opened its season this past weekend with a 16-10 loss at Coastal Carolina.

The Pirates traveled to Myrtle Beach on Saturday to take on the newly promoted Chanticleers. They are the newcomers in the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference's division II.

After going down 4-0 early in the first quarter, the Pirates were playing catch-up the rest of the game.

Captain Michael Mendes knew that it would have been tough to pull out win after that. "We dug ourselves in a hole early and before we knew it we couldn't get out," Mendes said. "We played really lackadaisical especially on defense and we gave them some easy one-on-one chances with the goalie and they converted."

After only one goal in the first quarter, the Pirates picked up the offense in the second and put four past the coastal keeper. But it was on the defensive end again where the Pirates broke down and they went into the half trailing by four.

Coastal again came out firing to start the second half, and with four goals in the third quarter to the Pirates' two, the Chanticleers took a six-goal lead which they would retain until the final whistle. The final score read 16-10 as Coastal celebrated adding another victory to its 2-0 start.

The Pirates were stifled by the Coastal keeper as he managed 21 saves despite the Pirates playing 13 minutes (almost a whole quarter) of an extra man offense due to Coastal penalties.

"We came out really flat and just playing sloppy," said Mendes. "We made a lot of mistakes

and they were able to capitalize. We had a lot of man-up opportunities and we didn't take advantage of those which always hurts you."

One good thing that came out of the game was the emergence of some of the young players on the squad. Team president, Chase Collins, noted that the future looked bright with some of the young talent the team possessed.

"Some of the younger guys played well this weekend," Collins said. "I think that's a good sign for the future and for the rest of the season. As they start to play more and get used to the speed of the game they can only get better."

And without a whole lot of upperclassmen, it will be up to the youth to step in and play a lot of minutes.

Returning to the team is the Pirates' leading scorer from last year, senior Patrick Geraghty. The team will look to him to carry the offensive load and lead the attack line with fellow senior Wade Nevitt.

The midfield is the most experienced group, led by Kyle Casey and Lees-McRae transfer face-off specialist, Chevy Peake.


The Pirate defense looks to have trouble protecting Mendes this season. The young group led by Collins will have to get it together for the Pirates to have any success this season; and with 16 goals given up in their first game, they need to do it quickly.

Especially with SELC north division rivals South Carolina coming to town this weekend.

"We just need to pick it up and work on some things," Mendes said. "We're trying to get these new guys in there and the team as a whole, ready to play for South Carolina. Division opponents are crucial and we're trying to make it to the [conference] playoffs in Atlanta."

The Pirates take on the Gamecocks Saturday at the Blount-Intramural fields at 3 p.m.

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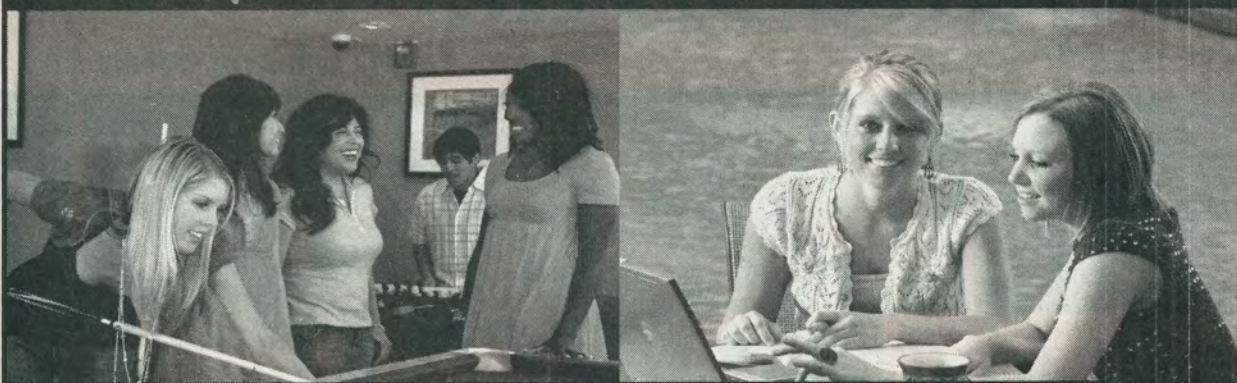
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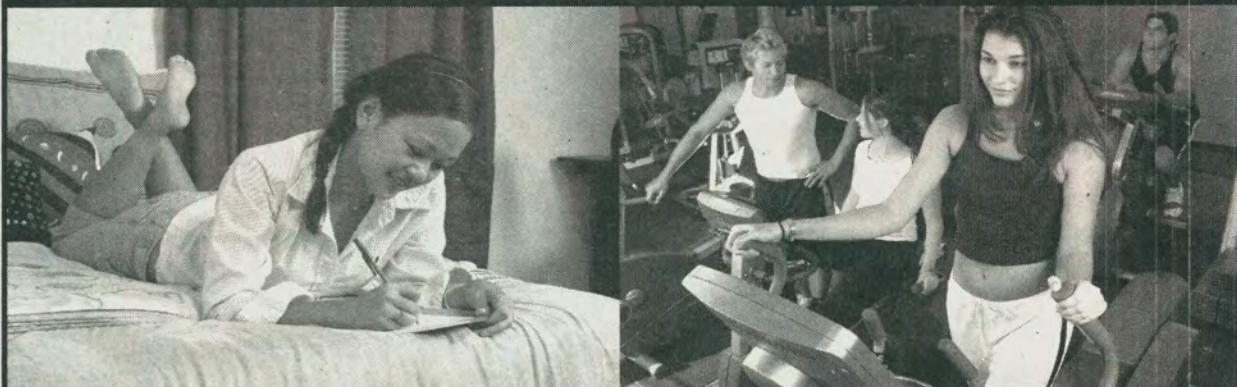


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ECU and N.C. State squared off twice this season, with the home team winning each contest.

long," said junior Jeremy Lang. "We took a five minute major in the third where they scored four goals and once again penalties killed us."

Ryan Konchalski continued the Pirates' routine of jumping out to early leads this season.

The freshman defenseman scored just 30 seconds after the opening face-off.

NCSU finally answered nine minutes later, and again at the 7:36 mark, to take a 2-1 lead into the first intermission.

Both teams' defenses proved to be impenetrable in the second period, with neither of the two sides' offenses capable of mustering a score.

The third period became a frantic battle of back-and-forth with ECU playing from behind. The Pirates turned to Konchalski again to bring life to the attack. The Charlotte native tied the game less than three minutes into the final period.

The Wolfpack snatched the lead back at 3-2 before Burns found the back of the net for another equalizer.

NCSU's Dan Masiulus scored back-to-back goals six minutes apart to set up the final two minutes of play.

"I feel it was our best competition this year," Konchalski

said of the game's intensity. "It was a real close game all the way up until the very end. Unfortunately they got two empty-netters. Other than that it was a really competitive game."

ECU came out more than motivated against its old Blue Ridge Hockey Conference rivals, ASU. The Mountaineers wanted this game desperately and had been hyping up the "revenge factor" all week on their team Web site.

The Pirates buried ASU early with seven first period goals. Two back-to-back goals by the Mountaineers, briefly postponed ASU's fate, but ECU countered with a staggering 10 consecutive goals to end the game.

Six different Pirates scored at least two goals and 11 total players tallied scores.

"They had a lot of trash talking on their Web site about how they wanted to beat us," said Lang. "We went in there with a whole new attitude to try and pretty much decimate them."

ECU's penalty problems on the ice have been no secret—but penalties off the ice contributed to the Pirates' descent from the ACHA South Top 10. A misinterpretation of an academic

ineligibility rule caused the Pirates to forfeit all four of this semester's wins.

Subsequently, the rankings committee deemed that ECU's first semester wins were not enough to keep the Pirates in the Top 10.

Tennessee, which suffered a similar ineligibility penalty, was fortunate enough not to slip very far in the rankings. Georgia Tech, a team the Pirates defeated twice this season (1-11-08 game forfeited), grabbed the No. 10 spot. More importantly, the fall also means ECU will not be participating in this year's South Regional Tournament.

"I think over the summer, as a team, we'll bond more," Konchalski said of the disappointment. "We'll try to come out even stronger next year and watch each other's back with schoolwork; just off-ice, on-ice, be a family and watch out for each other."

ECU will look to send off its seniors victoriously with two games against South Carolina. The two teams will square off Friday night at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

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Student Homecoming Chair

The Homecoming Committee is currently looking for a person to fill the 2008 position of Student Homecoming Chairperson.

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Motivated Pirates snap losing streak



Gabe Blair grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds in the Pirates' victory over Rice Wednesday night.

ECU notches second C-USA win

RONNIE WOODWARD
SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's men's basketball team

played like it was sick of losing Wednesday night, especially to Rice.

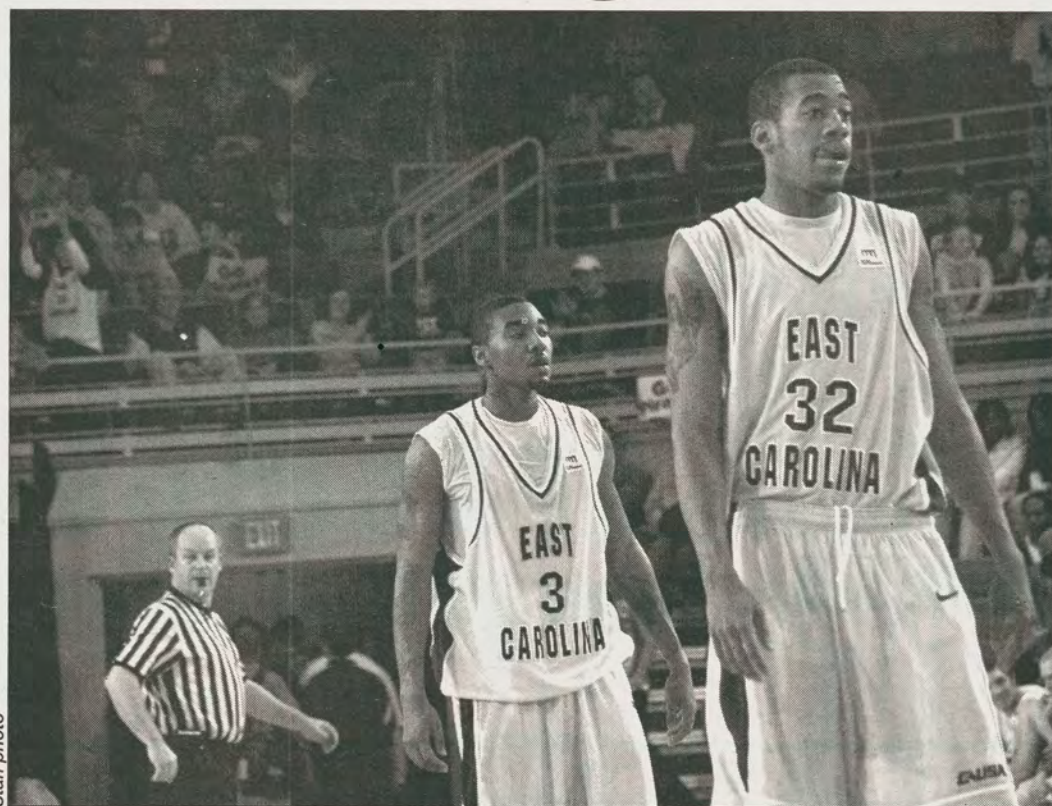
The Pirates' 64-45 win over Rice snapped ECU's four-game losing streak and winless record against the Owls.

"I thought our guys were really hungry tonight," ECU

coach Mack McCarthy said. "Our effort was really good even though our execution wasn't always great."

ECU's victory was the fourth meeting between the two schools, Rice had won the previous three.

The Pirates' 19-point vic-



Cory Farmer and Gabe Blair both helped ECU snap its four-game losing streak with a much-needed win.

tory was ECU's biggest margin of victory in a Conference USA win in the program's history.

"We wanted this one bad," said ECU point guard Darrell Jenkins. "We were on a four-game losing streak and that didn't feel too good."

"To come out here and beat Rice pretty convincingly was nice. ... A lot of credit has to go to the coaches and my teammates, were going to enjoy this one."

McCarthy used a unique substitution pattern against the Owls.

The Pirates' first-year head coach subbed all five players at a time throughout the game.

The tactic worked, as ECU (8-12, 2-5 Conference USA) fixed its sluggish play in the opening five minutes of the game by dominating the next 15 minutes, taking a 33-21 lead into halftime, and never looking back.

"The substitution pattern probably helped tonight, against a team that was a little bit depleted," McCarthy said.

"They were short on scholarship players and I thought we could wear them down if we pressed

and ran."

As the case with most of ECU's wins this year, Sam Hinnant and James Legan lit up the scoreboard via the three-point line.

All 15 of Hinnant's points came from behind the arc, as the sharp-shooting junior hit five of his eight three-point attempts.

"The nights that Sam [Hinnant] and/or James [Legan] make shots, we're usually pretty good and that proved to be true again tonight," said McCarthy.

Facing a 10-8 deficit early in the game, Legan sparked the crucial 19-4 run midway through the first half that put the Pirates up for good. Legan finished with a game-high 17 points.

"I felt like we had a letdown early in the first half and never really recovered," Rice coach Willis Wilson said. "The Pirates smelled an opportunity to seize the moment and they did just that. Their confidence then grew over the course of the game, and ours didn't."

As a team, ECU went 9-of-25 from the three-point line. The Pirates are now 7-1 in games when they hit eight or more three-pointers.

"They [Rice] are really big

inside and they were giving us open looks from the outside," said Legan, who knocked down three three-pointers in the victory. "Our big men were setting screens for us and giving us open shots. I think the big thing was just getting those open looks."

Defensively, ECU held Rice to just 28.8 percent shooting from the field.

ECU hadn't won a conference game since its 75-62 victory over Marshall on Jan. 16.

"The biggest story about tonight is they [ECU players] did get some reward," McCarthy said. "The last four games have been very frustrating...and it's hard to ask to give effort and sacrifice without getting some reward, so tonight was really big."

Rice (3-18, 0-8 C-USA) won last year's meeting at Minges Coliseum, 83-74. ECU will travel to Houston on March 5 to play Rice, which is still winless in conference play.

The Pirates will hope to continue their winning ways when they travel to Marshall this Saturday.

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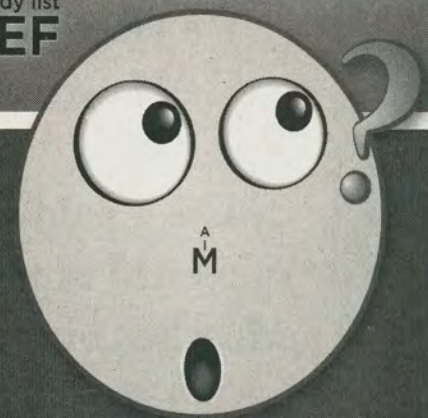
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Horoscopes

Aries

Your team is on a quest to find another elusive prize. Discipline is required, of course, but so is assertive behavior. This one won't come to you; you'll have to go get it.

Taurus

A leader is having trouble making an important decision. Suggest the option that benefits you, and see what happens next. Odds are in your favor.

Gemini

Make up a list of all the things you want to accomplish. The odds are in your favor now. Write it all down, and catch the moment.

Cancer

Don't rush into a new endeavor. Finish old business first. This may not be as much fun, but it's a more practical choice.

Leo

An enthusiastic coach can get your team motivated. They're tired of hearing you tell them what to do. Get somebody else to tell them what you always tell them.

Virgo

Important decision-makers are impressed with your attitude, especially when you find mistakes. You don't whine, you put in the correction.

Libra

Physical exercise is highly favored. You should be able to do more pushups and walk an extra mile. Or if you're a couch potato, start with around the block.

Scorpio

You could make your next million from the privacy of your own home. Put your extra skills to work to benefit your family.

Sagittarius

The competition is fierce. You're calm, cool and collected. You don't let emotions interfere. You've got a good plan, so work it.

Capricorn

There are a few more things you need to fine-tune your working space. Don't wait around until somebody else does it for you; they won't. Take the initiative.

Aquarius

You continue to make a good impression on a person who has very discerning tastes. Stand up tall. You have reason to be proud.

Pisces

Don't talk about unfinished work. You don't really know what your results are going to be, but the odds are favorable. Keep at it. Prove your point.

Did you know about Black History Month?

Juneteenth is a holiday that has celebrated the emancipation of Texas slaves for over 100 years. While its roots are in Texas, it has become a special day for African Americans throughout the United States.

Marcus Garvey coined the phrase "Black is Beautiful" during the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s. Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), which had a membership of 1.5 million in 30 states.

Dr. Charles Drew, a black man, invented the blood bank in 1940.

Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. was the first black astronaut, but he died in a plane crash during a training flight and never made it into space.

Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American to win an Oscar. She received the award in 1940 for her role as supporting actress in *Gone with the Wind*.

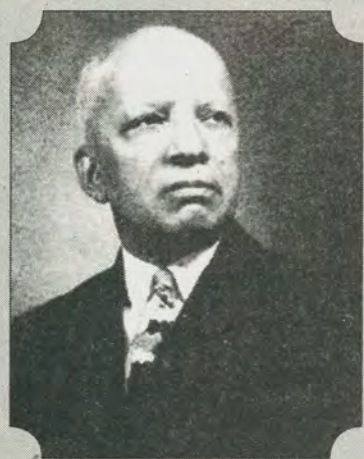
Madame C. J. Walker was the first black millionaire.

The first black public official was William A. Leidesdorf, who was named sub-consul to the Mexican territory of Yerba Buena (San Francisco) in October of 1845.

The first black cabinet member was Robert C. Weaver, who was named secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson. He was sworn in Jan. 18, 1966.

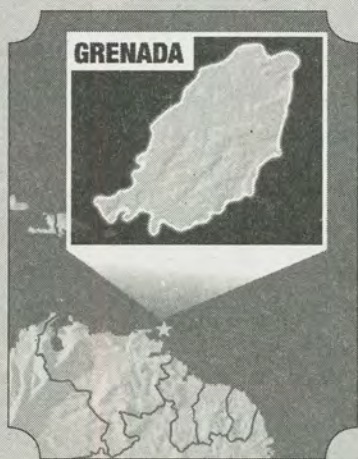
The first black drama group, the African Company, produced plays at the African Grove in New York City in the 1820s.

TODAY IN HISTORY...



1926

Negro History week, originated by Carter G. Woodson, is observed for the first time.



1974

Grenada achieves independence from Great Britain.



1967

Comedian, author, recording artist, actor, and talk show host Chris Rock was born in South Carolina.

Local band mixes styles



Local band Blount Harvey plays not only in Greenville but the surrounding areas.



Band members delight their listeners with their talented musicians.



Blount Harvey combines many musical styles to create their sound.

Blount Harvey combines hip-hop, jazz, soul and funk

MICHAEL MCANDREW
STAFF WRITER

From the opening notes of Blount Harvey's remake of "It's Love," some things become readily apparent to the listener. The first is the passion and power in the timbre of vocalist Lady Bri's sweet-as-honey voice—one that favorably draws comparisons to The Fugee's songbird Lauryn Hill, as well as the venerable Aretha Franklin.

The second thing that draws the listener in is the genre-spanning music and artists that Blount Harvey draws their inspiration from. You can't really stick one label onto Blount Harvey's eclectic troupe, and doubtless they wouldn't have it any other way. Their MySpace page makes the claim they sound like Hot Fiyah, but

this doesn't come close to the talent of the musicians Blount Harvey.

Blount Harvey effortlessly blends elements of the funk and soul scenes of the 1960s with the lyrically heavy, socially relevant hip-hop of the early 1990s.

"We stress early hip-hop, early nineties, hip-hop with soul," said Mad Shah, Blount Harvey's keyboardist.

Tracks like "Crunk Train," a hyper-smart, energetic song that flies over beats, are done by band member JohnBeez and by fierce guitarist, Nigel Cheeks. Rounding out this frenzied joint is Mad Shah on the organ John "Gabrielle" Caison blasting his trumpet and band member "Ill Will" beating his drums like they owe him money.

Blount Harvey rounds out at seven regular members: a large ensemble of talent.

"When we're here [in Greenville] we play as a 10 piece ensemble. We started off as a four piece, really a DJ-based concept," Mad Shah said.

"The first day [we had] a guitar, keyboard and a

DJ. Then we added a trumpet. It was really more dance oriented, house beats," he said.

"We had been working with MC's and it just snowballed from there. We tried different vocalists, stuck with Lady Bri, and added horns," Mad Shah said.

And that's Blount Harvey.

Fans of hip-hop, soul, Southern roots music or jazz should check out Blount Harvey.

The band will be playing on Feb. 9 at The Corner with Fuzz Jaxx and Big Hop at 10 p.m. That night, Blount Harvey will be releasing a live album entitled *Live at the Station*. The cost is \$5 before 11 p.m.

Also, be sure to catch Blount Harvey at Dr. Unk's Oasis with Dirty5Thirty on Mar. 1. Regardless of where you see them, the experience that is Blount Harvey should be mandatory for any real fan of old-school hip-hop.

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Movie doesn't measure up

Film strays from novels plot

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Some movies end up being better than the original novel or story. Granted, the only one that sticks out is the *Shawshank Redemption* written by Stephen King and magnificently transformed onto screen in 1994. Because, honestly, any Shakespeare adaptation on film is hardly as good as the play, even the novel *Legally Blonde*, was shamed by the plot changes made in the screenplay. This season's *Atonement* seems to follow suit.

Oscar fiends may love the adaptation of Ian McEwan's acclaimed novel, *Atonement*, but true fans of the author's work have a different view. Due to the excessive amount of detail used in McEwan's original text and the intricacies of the plotline, are seemingly impossible to encompass in a two-hour feature.

McEwan's story focuses on the misinterpretation of a private moment between a young girl's older sister and her suitor. This specific moment affects the outcome of the young lovers'

Kiera Knightly and James McAvoy star in *Atonement*, a remake of McEwan's book.

lives and the sister must atone for her actions for the remaining years of hers.

Keira Knightley (*Pirates of the Caribbean*) and James McAvoy (*Becoming Jane*) give flawless performances as the star-crossed lovers Cecilia and Robbie. However, considering

these are the two main protagonists, they are not provided enough screen time to save the rest of the cast who are somewhat lack-luster. In the novel, every move seems perfectly calculated as a step of fate, rather than a mess of accidents.

The movie is entertaining

to those non-readers because on screen, the movie captures the audience with the gorgeous views of the English countryside and with the complications of city life in London. This does not save the movie from lagging

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Feeling a lil' lonely?

Other ways to spend V-Day

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

It's that time again. The time where couples look at each other with love (or lust) in their eyes and flower shops sell out of roses. When every store in town looks like someone painted it with Pepto-Bismol. And when credit cards get maxed out. But for some people, Valentine's Day is just another day to remind them of their single status. Luckily for them, there are other things to do besides sit at home on Valentine's Day and binge on a pint of Ben & Jerry's or those chocolate candies in the heart-shaped box by themselves. There are other ways to pass the holiday without feeling alone.

-Volunteer

For starters, nothing can lift a sullen mood more than by volunteering. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer in Greenville. You can start by looking up nursing homes or schools. They will probably

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Super Tuesday blasts through the nation

Presidential hopefuls rally for states

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Feb. 5 marked Super Tuesday in this election year, as presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, John McCain and Mike Huckabee fought for the votes of each state in the U.S.

Millions of Americans across 24 states and American Samoa held either caucuses or primary elections on Tuesday, the largest number of simultaneous primary elections ever.

Caucuses are preliminary elections where members of each political party nominate who they want to run in a political race. A primary is an event where voters cast their ballot for a particular candidate.

Super Tuesday both shocked and confirmed expectations for each of the presidential candidates and the nation.

On the Democratic side, Clinton won the much-desired state of California, while Obama bagged Georgia, Alabama and his home state of Illinois. Still, Obama won 13 states compared to Clinton's eight. However, Clinton led in the number of delegates that supported her, she received 582 of the 1,681 delegates, compared to Obama's 562. (Delegates are members of the House of Representatives who represent their state and cast their votes for presidency during an election year.)

"The fact that we've made so much progress, I think indicates that we've got the right message, and the question is are we going to be able to pull some states out," Obama told NBC.

For the Republicans, McCain pocketed nine states, including California, Arizona, New York and Oklahoma, while Romney came out on top of seven states, including Colorado, Minnesota and Alaska. Huckabee won only five states: Arkansas, West Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. McCain received the support of 331 delegates, leading Romney with 129 and Huckabee with 69.

"Although I've never minded the role of the underdog and have relished as much as anyone come-from-behind wins, tonight I think we must get used to the idea that we are the Republican Party front-runner," McCain said Tuesday night in his home state of Arizona, according to a report by CNN.

With the nation divided down party lines, the outcome of the 2008 presidential election is still too close to tell.

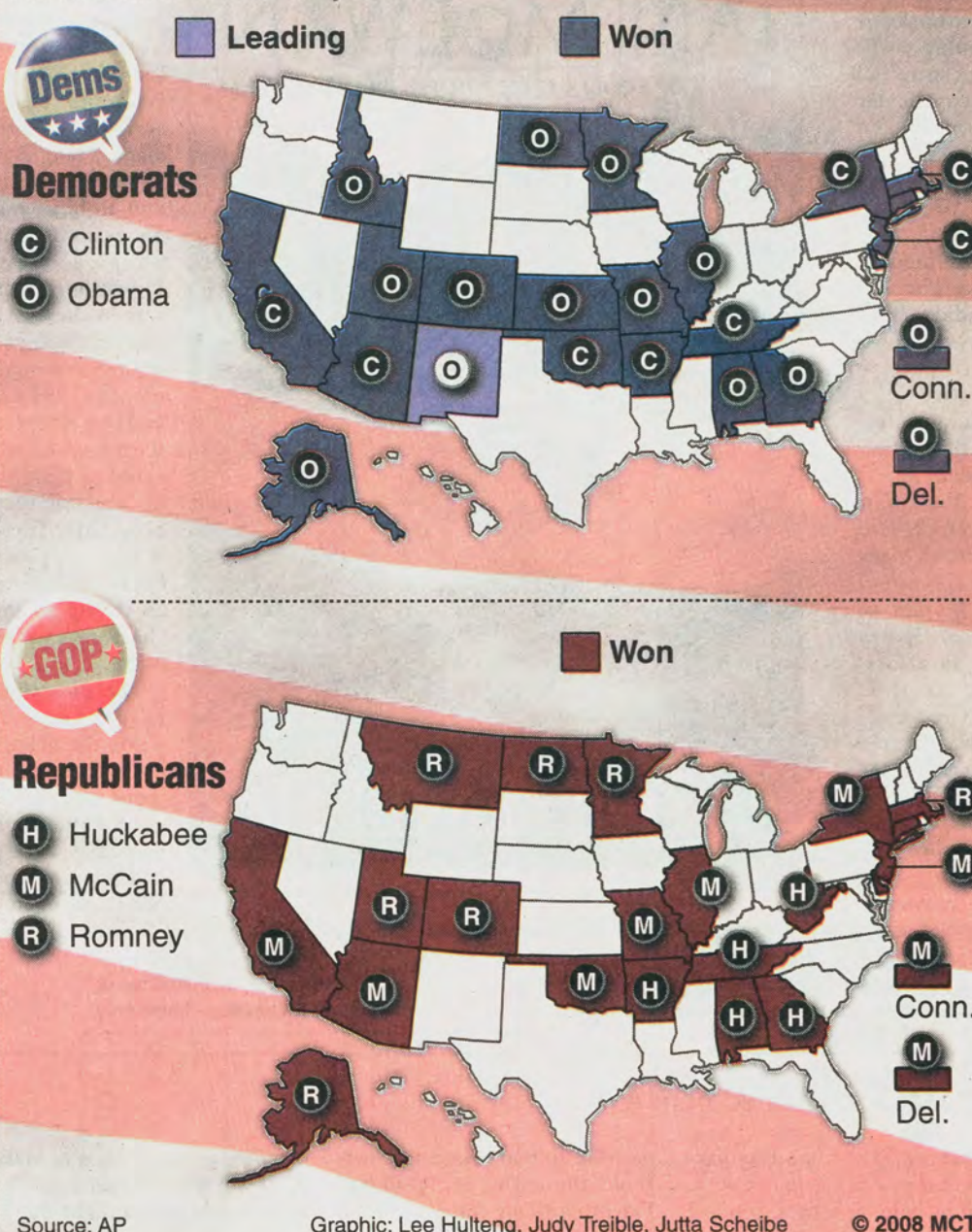
"It [Super Tuesday] went well for both parties, although for Republicans it gave John McCain a definite front runner status due to the winner take all states in the Republican primaries. This is unfortunate for some states like North Carolina who don't get to vote until May 6, although it might prove crucial for Democrats," said Dustin Robinson, the president of the ECU College Republicans.

With the North Carolina primary approaching in May, voters should review the platforms of all presidential hopefuls. For the most up-to-date information about the candidates and their views on key issues, visit cnn.com or the candidate's homepage.

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Super Tuesday results

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SUPER TUESDAY RESULTS

DEMOCRATIC	Alabama Primary	Obama 56%	Clinton 42%
	Alaska Caucuses	Obama 75%	Clinton 25%
	Arizona Primary	Clinton 51%	Obama 42%
	Arkansas Primary	Clinton 70%	Obama 27%
	California Primary	Clinton 52%	Obama 42%
	Colorado Primary	Obama 67%	Clinton 32%
	Connecticut Primary	Obama 51%	Clinton 47%
	Delaware Primary	Obama 53%	Clinton 43%
	Georgia Primary	Obama 67%	Clinton 31%
	Idaho Caucuses	Obama 79%	Clinton 17%
REPUBLICAN	Kansas Primary	Obama 74%	Clinton 26%
	Massachusetts Primary	Clinton 56%	Obama 41%
	Minnesota Primary	Obama 67%	Clinton 32%
	Missouri Primary	Obama 49%	Clinton 48%
	New Jersey Primary	Clinton 54%	Obama 44%
	New Mexico Primary	Clinton 49%	Obama 48%
	New York Primary	Clinton 57%	Obama 40%
	North Dakota Caucuses	Obama 61%	Clinton 37%
	Oklahoma Primary	Clinton 55%	Obama 31%
	Tennessee Primary	Clinton 54%	Obama 41%
	Utah Primary	Obama 57%	Clinton 39%
	Alabama Primary	Huckabee 41%	McCain 37%
	Alaska Caucuses	Romney 44%	Huckabee 22%
	Arizona Primary	McCain 48%	Romney 34%
	Arkansas Primary	Huckabee 60%	McCain 20%
	California Primary	McCain 42%	Romney 34%
	Colorado Caucuses	Romney 60%	McCain 19%
	Connecticut Primary	McCain 52%	Romney 33%
	Delaware Primary	McCain 45%	Romney 33%
	Georgia Primary	Huckabee 34%	McCain 32%
	Illinois Primary	McCain 47%	Romney 29%
	Massachusetts Primary	Romney 51%	
	Minnesota Caucuses	Romney 41%	McCain 22%
	Missouri Primary	McCain 33%	Huckabee 32%
	Montana Caucuses	Romney 38%	McCain 22%
	New Jersey Primary	McCain 55%	Romney 28%
	New York Primary	McCain 51%	Romney 28%
	North Dakota Caucuses	Romney 36%	McCain 23%
	Oklahoma Primary	McCain 37%	Huckabee 33%
	Tennessee Primary	Huckabee 34%	McCain 32%
	Utah Primary	Romney 90%	McCain 5%
	West Virginia Caucuses	Huckabee 52%	Romney 47%
	Alabama Primary	McCain 41%	Huckabee 4%
	Alaska Caucuses	Romney 44%	Huckabee 22%
	Arizona Primary	McCain 48%	Romney 34%
	Arkansas Primary	Huckabee 60%	McCain 20%
	California Primary	McCain 42%	Romney 34%
	Colorado Caucuses	Romney 60%	McCain 19%
	Connecticut Primary	McCain 52%	Romney 33%
	Delaware Primary	McCain 45%	Romney 33%

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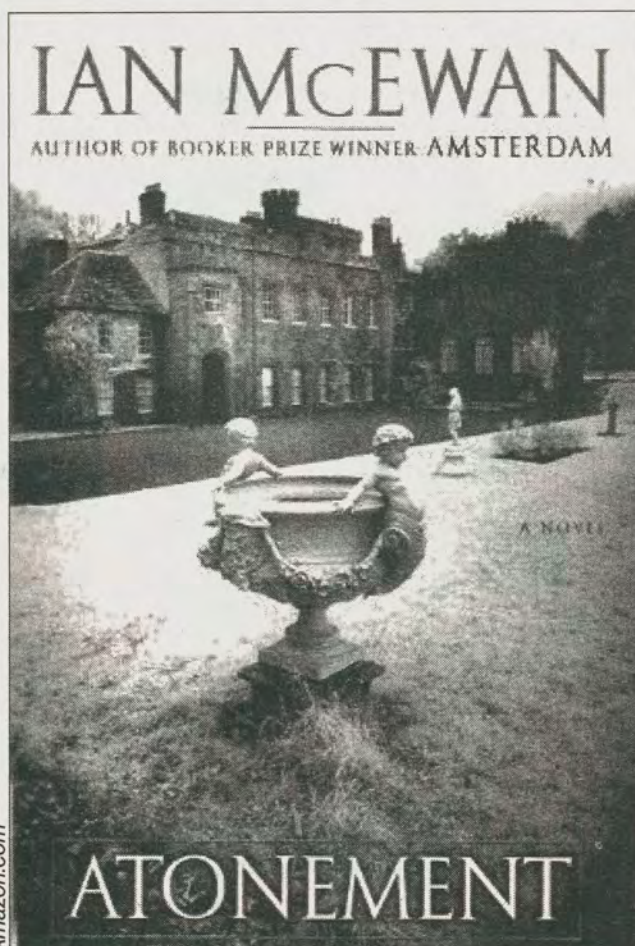
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It and disappointing viewers in the long-winded mid-section. In this particular moment in the novel, the story begins to pick up pace because of the amount of anger and disdain that the lovers hold in respect to Briony (the young sister) for destroying their lives.

The *New York Times* reviewed McEwan's novel as, "A tour de force... Every bit as affecting as it is gripping." Whereas when describing the movie, the *Times* was also disappointed stating that the movie is, "...an almost classical example of how pointless, how diminishing, the transmutation of literature into film can be." Which makes perfect sense because of the amount of beautiful language is lost



in translation.

The biggest disappointment between the transformations from novel to script is the intimacy of language between Cecilia and Robbie, not necessarily the physical part shown purely on screen, but love can be displayed stronger through words spoken, and this is lost in the movie. As talented as Knightley and McAvoy are, their love is not relatively close to being as strong as the characters in the novel.

If you're a reader, do not waste the dollars at the theater and spend them on the novel. However, if you enjoy sitting and relaxing and not thinking too

much, then the movie is perfect for you.

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V-DAY continued from A12

be having Valentine's Day parties that you can help out with. And by helping others, you feel better about yourself.

-Plan a party

Another activity that you can participate in to beat the Valentine's Day blues is to plan a party. Invite all your single friends and family and enjoy the day with the people you love. That's what the day is all about anyway. Instead of feeling sorry about being single, have fun with the day. A party is a great way to do that.

-Send platonic Valentine's

Sending valentines to friends and family is a great way to spread the love and keeps you busy. It also may cheer some-

one else up that is feeling down about the entire lovey-dovey-Valentine's-Day thing.

-Take a trip

Plan a trip to go out of town for Valentine's Day. Maybe go see that friend that you haven't visited in a while, or go spend some time with family in your hometown. If that's not possible, round up a group of your friends and go to the next town over and enjoy the nightlife there. It's always a good idea to get out of town (even for just one night) to break up the monotony of daily life. Or to celebrate a holiday.

-Relax

Valentine's Day and the hype that surrounds it is only as big

of a deal as you choose to make it. If you want to spend the day by yourself, plan a night that is relaxing for you. Take a bubble bath, eat a nice dinner, pamper yourself. Make it a time to read that book you've been wanting to read or watching that movie that you never seem to find enough time to watch.

Valentine's Day can be a day of drowning in self-pity or a giant bag of Hershey's Kisses, but by following these simple suggestions, the day can be fulfilling and even fun.

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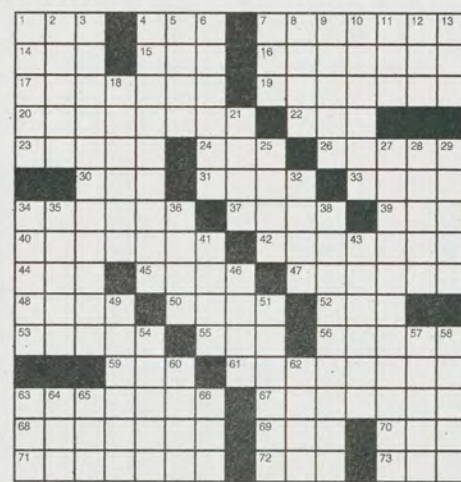
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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Youth grp.
4 Took seats
7 Consecrates
14 Capp and Capone
15 "The Sopranos" producer
16 Make like new
17 Roped
19 Singer Cash
20 4/15 payment for some
22 Fixed
23 Plus feature
24 Shamus
26 Fathers
30 Knight's title
31 Slaughter in Cooperstown
33 Gun maker
34 Polished
37 Bath's river
39 Yucatan uncle
40 Thurbles
42 Wearing away
44 Southern constellation
45 Easy marks
47 Wistful
48 Small fries
50 Parts of a byte
52 Lie to pull teeth
53 Slammin' Sammy
55 Strike lightly
56 Racers on runners
59 Child's toy
61 Ump's request
63 Of a creative nature
67 Aircraft
68 Manage
69 "Xanadu" band
70 JFK data
71 Provided the food for
72 FDR or JFK
73 Concorde, e.g.



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15 SO3TS dV1 QV3NS
16 SOO SL18 SL01
17 EL3SH1 6V3S VHV
19 O13SOH3 S33SN3O
20 O13NOVY Q3NIHS
22 L10O S0N3 H1S
23 S3H1S O31 L3SSV
24 L3S XV3L1V1S
26 INNVS0H Q3OSSV7
27 S3H0LS3H O3H S1V
28 S3SS318 LV3 V3S8

DOWN
1 Light wood
2 Tall one's nickname
3 Murder for political motives
4 Wingtip holders
5 Shelter a fugitive
6 Until now
7 Yow, it's cold!
8 Tolsky and Durocher
9 Double curves
10 Having no motion
11 Abel to Adam
12 European eagle
13 Visualize
18 Big mugs
21 TV's warrior princess
25 River refuge
27 Cookers with spits
28 "Silas Marner" author
29 Boulder
32 JK
34 Emulates Ella
35 Wading bird
36 Colorless
38 High-end retailer
41 Expectorate
43 Crablike mover
46 Not-so-educated guess
49 Provocative comedy
51 Disunited
54 God of thunder
57 Pieces for two
58 Fat avoider of rhyme
60 Meat paste
62 Narrative story
63 Org.
64 Clean air grp.
65 Ran into
66 Shown the way

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