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The ECU hockey team wrapped up its regular season this past weekend at Bladez on ice in Greenville. Turn to the sports section to see if the Pirates kept their undefeated home record in

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2008

ECU transit bus driver loses consciousness at wheel

Causes downed power lines and grass fires

> DAVID WILDER STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 7, an ECU student driver lost consciousness at the wheel of an ECU Transit bio-diesel bus, launching it into oncoming traffic on 10th Street between Charles Boulevard and Evans Street.

A passenger attempted to maintain control of the steering wheel after the driver, Nathen James Rennels, lost

control of the bus.

The bus crashed into multiple cars, damaged two traffic utility boxes, leveled power lines (lighting a set of grass fires) and hit four utility poles before slowing to a stop on the opposite sidewalk, according to The Daily Reflector.

Although the wreck caused massive damage and required an extensive cleanup effort, only four people endured minor injuries.

Rennels and two passengers were taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and were later released.

According to The Daily Reflector, the bus hit 10 vehicles between

Charles and Evans Street before stopping on the sidewalk adjacent to Starbucks. The bus struck a sports utility vehicle in Starbucks'

After crossing Evans Street, the bus downed utility poles, knocking down traffic signals and stopping in front of Scott's Cleaners

Scott's Cleaners store employee, Nancy Dunn, saw the last half of the accident.

"We saw it when it was coming from the Starbucks

parking lot," Dunn said. "It was headed right for us at that time. We thought we were

bus was going really fast."

The accident and traffic congestion affected the business at Scott's Cleaning for the majority of the day, Dunn said.

"I saw the driver stretched out over the steering wheel and I thought he was really badly hurt. I am glad those people are okay."

Motorists En route to the intersection of Charles and Evans Street were affected by the accident for most of the day.

"The accident happened around 10 o'clock [in the morning], and the traf-

really going to get it because the fic was obstructed up until about 10 o'clock at night," said Major Frank Knight of

the ECU police department. "For the first couple of hours, the ECU Police Department assisted Greenville with some traffic control."

The ECU Police Department also gathered insurance information for the Greenville Police Department, Knight said.

Although the damage caused by the accident was immense, electrical service was unaltered.

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House of Organizations works on getting established

New leadership chosen

KIMBERLY BELLAMY NEWS EDITOR

The SGA House of Organizations discussed their capabilities within SGA and voted on two leadership positions at their third meeting since the reconstruction of congress.

The SGA congress was divided into a House of Student Organizations, an Undergraduate Student Senate and Graduate Student Senate to create better representation of the student body.

The speaker that was presiding over the House of Student Organizations, Ashley Yopp, passed on the torch to new leadership after members nominated and voted on a speaker to fill her shoes.

Two nominees were chosen by the members for speaker of the house and were then given five minutes to express why they should hold the position.

After the members got to hear each nominee's claims, secret ballots were cast to determine the winner.

There was only one accepted nomination for the position as speaker pro tempore.

Tom Meutsch was voted speaker of the house while Ann-Gelle Carter was voted speaker

Both of the winners expressed

similar goals for the House of Organizations.

Improving the communication with the student body is a priority for the house, according to Carter.

"My overall goal is to represent the student organizations on campus in the best way possible, restore the belief in student government and build communication with the student body," Meutsch said.

Yopp will assume her role as speaker of the Undergraduate Student Senate, but is pleased with the members chosen for the positions. So "I'm excited to see such pas-

sionate leadership come form the House of Organizations," Yopp said.

"I have no doubt that they will continue to ensure students voices on campus."

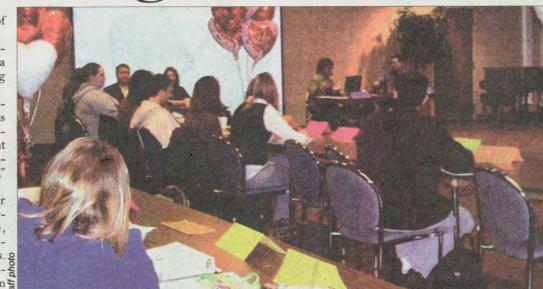
Even though new leadership has been chosen, direction is still needed about what the members will be allowed to do.

Some members of the organization expressed interest in gaining legislative power, but the Undergraduate Student Senate holds all the power.

There is a way for the House of Organizations to gain legislative power but it isn't possible without the help of the student body.

"You can ask the student body, all 26,000 of them if you can have those same powers,

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House of Organization members discuss an election to gain legislative power.



Pictured above: Tom Meutsch, Ann-Gelle Carter and Ashley Yopp.

for Sigma Pi.

tion and share it with fellow members.

sion, according to Christian.

250 attended Saturday's forum, according to Tingley.

Greek life participated in the week," Tingley said.

Office of Greek Life holds Greek Standards Week



ECU's rugby team traveled

to Wilmington, N.C. for

a crucial match up with

UNCW on Saturday. The

game turned out to be a

contest.....PAGE A10

huge mismatch, see how the

Pirates fared in the lopsided

Some believe that chocolate is an aphrodisiac, but others are a weary of the sexual side effects associated with the guilty pleasure, turn to features to read more about the candy some people can't seem to get enough of...... PAGE A4

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in attendance DAVID WILDER STAFF WRITER The ECU Office of Greek Life

All organizations were

held its "Greek Standards Week," from Feb. 4 through Feb. 9.

The event was designed to teach members of Greek organizations about the responsibilities and benefits of membership. "Greek Standards Week

replaced our Greek Leadership Conference that the office of Greek life has put on the past two years," said Keith Tingley, assistant director of Greek life.

"This year we did it a little differently and had different topics each night to educate our members."

accommodate leadership from various Greek groups.

A session was given that went over mandatory fire inspections to prevent house fires.

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"Each night had a different topic, which was designated for different officers in the chapter," Tingley said.

A forum was held Saturday night, featuring guest speakers to educate each organization's

members, according to Tingley.
"It was very well-attended," said Kay Christian, associate director of Greek life.

Christian is advisor to the Pan-Hellenic Council and spoke to its members during the Risk Management session on Feb. 4.

The Risk Management session informed students about the importance of their national policies, according to Christian.

The importance of impend-

The event was designed to ing mandatory fire inspections was stressed during the meeting.

"The last thing that we would ever want to happen would be a fire in any of our homes," Christian said.

The sessions included a new member meeting, a discussion with organization presidents and a service learning and philanthropy session.

A Scholarship Development and Education Programming session was held Feb 6.

"I discussed the importance of being registered with the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center," said Shawn Moore, community partner coordinator for the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center. Moore was the primary speaker at that session.

"Registration starts a stu-



dent's service record at the center and enrolls students in our \$1 million liability insurance while they are doing service. This insurance is free to ECU students as the center pays for the policy,"

The week also provided members with the chance to gain an understanding of other Greek organization's goals and accomplishments. "It was a really good opportunity to see what the other organizations are doing," said Adam Agee, Interfraternity Council delegate

The members that attended had the opportunity to gain informa-

"Their job is to go back and educate their chapter," Christian said.

About 350 students participated throughout last week and about

At least one member from each organization came to each ses-

"All of the 32 Greek organizations recognized by the office of

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Campus & Community }

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dance 2008 Tuesday, Feb. 12 8 p.m. **McGinnis Theatre**

Highlighting ballet, modern, jazz and tap dance - it's sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical and sometimes eccentric. This annual dance showcase is sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike.

Rivers scholar lecture Tuesday, Feb. 12 4 p.m. Bate 1032

Julian Lethbridge, distinguished visiting Rivers professor, will present "The Place of History Among the Disciplines." Free. Sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of English, the Program in Great Books, the Office of International Affairs and the Office of the Provost.

Spring Career Fair Wednesday, Feb. 13 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Greenville Convention Center**

The ECU Career Center will be hosting its annual spring career fair on February 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center. The career fair will provide employment and networking opportunities for students and alumni from all majors including business, education, fine arts & communication, hospitality and technology. There will be more than 150 businesses from school systems, local, national and international companies attending, making it an ideal opportunity for students and alumni to meet and network with potential employers. There will also be a construction management career fair on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton.

Process Ecology Lecture Thursday, Feb. 14 7:30 p.m. Science and Technology C-307

Robert E. Ulanowicz, professor of theoretical ecology at the University of Maryland will present, "Process Ecology: A New Vision of How Nature Works." This free, public lecture is sponsored by Robert R. Christian, distinguished biology professor of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. A reception will follow in the Science and Technology atrium.

4th annual Jean Mills Health Symposium: Rural Health in Eastern NC, Meeting the Challenge Friday, Feb. 15- Greenville Hilton Saturday, Feb. 16- Greenville **Convention Center**

Presentations and posters for registered participants on Friday in the Greenville Hilton; Community outreach health and wellness fair open free to public on Saturday in the Greenville Convention Center. Sponsored by the College of Allied Health Sciences in collaboration with the ECU Medical and Health Sciences Foundation, Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation and Eastern AHEC, the symposium will feature recognized experts who provide health and wellness-related services to residents of Eastern North Carolina. Programs and research designed to promote wellness, prevent disease and reduce health disparities will be discussed.

Rivers scholar lecture 4 p.m. Bate 1032

Speed Dating 5-6 p.m. MSC

Sex Bingo 2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m. Location: TBA

13_{Wed} **Spring Career Fair** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Greenville Convention Center

Puppy Kissing Booth 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wright Plaza

Men's Tennis Mount Olive 1:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis Barton 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball Tulsa 7 p.m.

Process Ecology Lecture 7:30 p.m. Science and Technology C-307

Live Music: 5th

Generation 10 p.m. Pantana Bob's

Women's Rugby Duke 1-3 p.m.

Blout Field

Softball **Boston College** 2 p.m.

Softball Maine 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball Southern Miss 7 p.m Minges Coliseum

Linguistics conference 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Bate

Enemies 8-10 p.m.

MSC 244

Walk for Women 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Minges Coliseum

Softball Ohio Noon

Men's Basketball Southern Miss 7 p.m.

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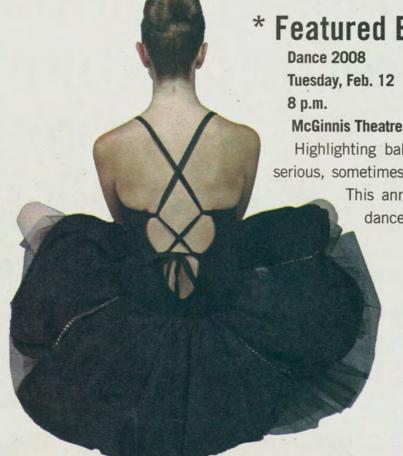
Women's Basketball UCF Iron Sides & The 2 p.m. **Gospel Years** Minges Coliseum Can Kickers

> Paleface The Spazzatorium Galleria

Featured Event

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PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

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HI: 59F **LOW: 30F** WIND: SE 10-15 mph % PRECIPITATION PROBABILITY: 20% **GENERAL WEATHER:** mostly cloudy with increasing

WEDNESDAY FEB.13:

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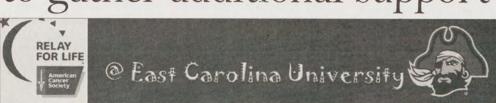
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ECU Relay for Life looking to gather additional support



Teams still registering with two months until event

YAZID FINN STAFF WRITER

ECU is gathering support from both online and non-Internet resources for the first upcoming Relay for Life.

The relay is a collaborative event between Colleges Against Cancer and the campus' very own SGA in partnership with the American Cancer Society.

Currently, ECU has 59 registered student teams, and the university as a whole is ranked fifth in the nation in terms of online fundraising.

"We really want to get the student body excited and involved on teams," said Val Englert, event co-chair for growth.

Student involvement is being encouraged through various methods of persuasion.

"We have incentives such as T-shirts for teams that register in advance and a lot of cool activities planned for the day of, including decorating their tents," Englert said.

A faculty and staff kick-off event was held Feb. 7 in the

Mendenhall Student Center.

The purpose of the event was to further spread the message of Relay for Life and gather additional teams and volunteers.

"There is no deadline to register teams," said Krista L. Wilhelm, assistant director for the ECU Center for Student Leadership & Civic Engagement.

"We would like teams to form now so they may begin fundraising, and I believe our goal will be attained by the day of the event."

The sky is the limit when it comes to student organizations and teams planning their fundraising strategies.

"Each group is in charge of their own fundraising," said Demi-Anna Martinez, a representative for Relay for Life.

"I have heard of car washes, bake sales as well as holidaythemed activities including Valentine's Day."

During the event day, awards and prizes will be issued

for a variety of reasons, according to Wilhelm.

One member of each team must be on the track the entire time the team takes part in the relay and various activities will take place to keep participants engaged.

"I could see themed laps at the top of each hour, like a 80s theme at two in the morning," Wilhelm said.

"This is the first time ECU has joined in Relay for Life and we hope students understand how great of a cause they are sharing in."

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ECU is scheduled to participate in their Relay for Life on April 4 and 5.

For more information about signing up your team or volunteering, direct e-mails to the student event chair at ecurelay@ecu.edu or visit events.cancer.org/rflecu to receive a packet.

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Yonn said

Those powers could be given to the House of Organizations if the student body votes in favor of the idea in an election.

Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences, reminded the organization that they chose the plan to restructure the organization in which they wouldn't be granted these powers.

After discussing the possibility of the group having legislative power, a motion was called to vote on having an election but it failed.

Following the discussion

of the House of Organizations powers, Peter Romary, director of Student Legal Services, presented two topics to the members and asked for their assistance.

Romary discussed the creation of a Mediation and Risk Management Center in which students can become mediators and receive training to handle different types of disputes.

This initiative will be effective as soon as the first batch of students decide to participate, according to Romary.

The second thing that Romary asked students to become involved in was his appointment as an honorary consul for the Republic of Namibia.

"I'm asking you to do something that's a huge philanthropic gesture," Romary said.

To find out more about these programs, you can email Romary. To find out more about SGA you can visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga or call the office at 328-4742.

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Gemini

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Cancer

The difficult part is almost over. Soon, you can celebrate your recent accomplishments in the company of good friends. Set up a date for lunch.

You're being watched more carefully, to see if you can do the work. You're making it look easy, so you shouldn't be surprised if they give you even

Finish up your business as quickly as possible. Odds are good you'll get an invitation you'll want to accept. Get obligations out of the way so

Discuss finances with your partner before going shopping. Budget for a few more tools, to make your work easier. Spend money to save time.

You make the job look easy. Luckily for you, it is getting easier, through the intervention of another. Accept the help, even if it means playing the student.

You'll have to postpone some of the social activities you've been planning. Work takes precedence for the next few days. Make dates for a fun weekend.

Everyone needs to make time for a break every once in a while. That even includes workaholic you. Indulge your

Aquarius

Consult with close family about an upcoming decision. You'll have to live with this for a while, so get everybody's input. Then, do what's best for all.

Education is wonderful for putting old fears to rest. Investigate your worries and you'll find that many of them lack substance. Let them evaporate.

Mendenhall Movies

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Fri. 2/15 @ 9:30 p.m. Sat. 2/16 @ 7 p.m. and midnight Sun 2/17 @ 7 p.m.

Did you know about **Black History Month?**

Jackie Robinson became the first African-American of the 20th century to join Major League baseball in 1947. He endured mistreatment from fellow ball players, and baseball fans with quiet dignity and paved the way for the integration of America's favorite past time.

Beethoven, the world's 'greatest' musician, was without a doubt a dark 'mulatto.' He was called "The Black Spaniard." His teacher, the immortal Joseph Haydn, who wrote the music for the former Austrian National Anthem, was 'colored,' too.

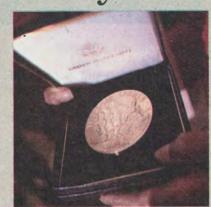
The Ganges, the sacred river of India, is named after an Ethiopian king of that name who conquer Asia as far as this river.

(As of 1930) the white population of New York (was) a third more illiterate than the 'Negro' one.

White American slave-holders used to induce white women to marry 'Negro' slaves in order to hold the women slaves for life.

Dr. Daniel Williams, Chicago surgeon, was the first to perform a successful operation on the human heart.

Today in history....



Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to Sgt. Cornelius H. Charlton for heroism in Korea.



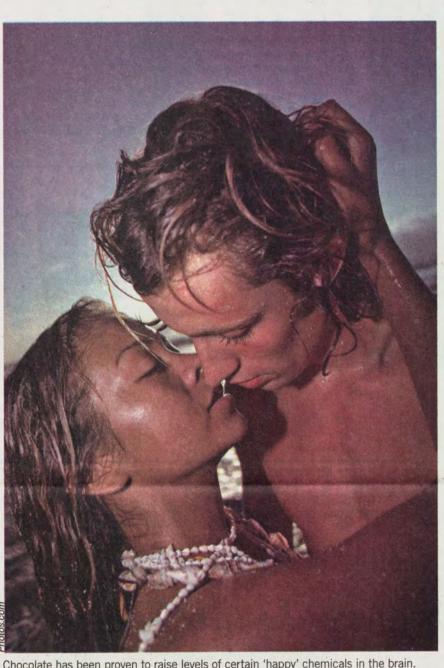
The National Association for

The Advancement of Colored (NAACP) People is a civil rights organization founded by 60 Black and white citizens.

Nelson Mandela, South Africa's Black Nationalist leader, was released from prison after 27



Chocolate as an aphrodisiac



Chocolate has been proven to raise levels of certain 'happy' chemicals in the brain.

Is there something about chocolate?

MICHAEL MCANDREW STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is almost upon us, and with it comes the never-ending question of what to buy in order. to win the affection of those one loves most. One of the most popular purchases is candy in the form of

chocolate, a favorite among women in particular.

What is it about chocolate that makes people so crazy on the fourteenth of February? Is chocolate really an aphrodisiac, as popular culture suggests? And what is the correlation, if any, between Valentine's Day and chocolate?

Modern Valentine's Day is celebrated by lovers and friends alike, who exchange boxes of chocolate, sentimental cards and little candy hearts with clichéd sentiments as tokens of mutual affection.

Casanova reportedly consumed chocolate to boost his endurance before seducing his conquests.

Thousands of years, ago Aztecs and Mayans discovered the cocoa bean and in turn ascribed aphrodisiac qualities to it. Aztec emperor, Montezuma, is said to have consumed nearly 50 goblets of chocolate each day in order to fuel his sexual ren-

Montezuma introduced Spanish explorer, Cortez, to chocolate who in turn took the cocoa beans back to his native country in an attempt to keep its libido-heightening powers a secret.

However, the power of chocolate didn't remain a secret for long after monks began to cultivate it by creating plantations.

The Spanish were one of the first cultures to add sweeteners to the cocoa beans and create what we now consider

chocolate. Today chocolate remains one of the most frequently purchased gifts. According to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association and National Confectioners Association, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for

Valentine's Day So is chocolate a sexual aphrodisiac?

According to a study found in the 2005 issue of the Journal of Sexual Medicine and conducted by the University of Milan in Italy, women who consume chocolate on a daily basis have an increased sexual appetite

compared to those who don't.

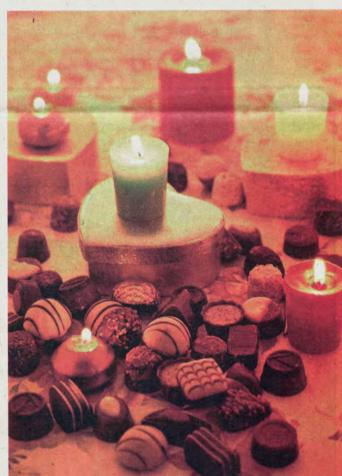
Since the study relied on selfreports from 163 Italian women, it is questionable as to whether the effects are actually physical or psychological.

The mood enhancers found in the ingredient phenylethylamine are know to act a love chemical by increasing serotonin. This increase causes rapid mood change, a rise in blood pressure and an increase in heart rate, inducing those feelings of well-being, bordering on the euphoria usually associated with being in love.

Although calling chocolate an aphrodisiac may be a stretch, it does heighten chemical levels in the brain and gives consumers an energy

So this V-Day, reach for the Hershey's and spread the love around.

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Juno digs a little deeper



Ellen Page stars in the film Juno.

The surprise Indie film of the year has a lot under the surface

> MICHAEL MCANDREW FEATURES WRITER

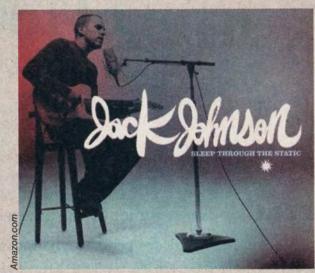
Director Jason Reitman's 2008 film Juno is a whip, smart Indie comedy centered on the title character's unplanned teenage pregnancy and the consequences of her decision to have the baby.

Juno McGuff ("Best Actress" nominee Ellen Page), a 16-year-old high school student discovers she is pregnant following a spontaneous romantic tryst one night with her best friend, Paulie (Michael Cera, following up his success in last year's Superbad and the lamentably defunct Arrested Development) in her basement. At the suggestion of her friend Leah (Olivia Thirlby), Juno seeks out couples looking to adopt through ads in the local Pennysaver. She finds an ad taken out by a couple that could be charitably described as typical yuppies, Mark and Vanessa Loring (Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner). As with many yuppie marriages in contemporary American film, mutual indifference and deeply rooted unhappiness are just under the surface of this outwardly perfect relationship.

The film is comprised of four sections, denoted by the scribbled narration that appears to inform the viewer of the passage of time. This same type of impressionist-esque animation is used in lieu of a filmed montage in the film's opening credits as Juno prepares to take her third pregnancy test. This animated sequence is perhaps used to express to the viewer how Juno perceives the world around her, much differently than many of her peers. In several instances the director tracks a shot of Juno walking in the opposite direction of the

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Jack Johnson releases fifth studio album



Sleep Through Static offers fans the classic Jack Johnson

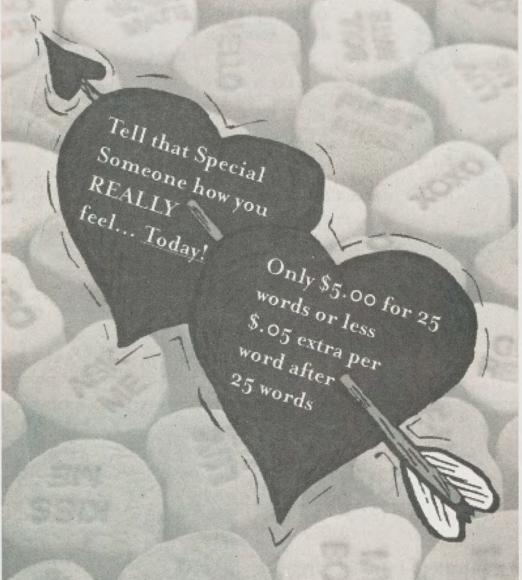
> **BRIAN MAZUROWKSI** STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 5, Jack Johnson released his fifth studio album, Sleep Through Static, a testament to vulnerability and the inherent flaws and struggles in life. Johnson maintains his soft rock tone and his progressive song-writing style that he has displayed so boldly on his past four studio albums.

Sleep Through Static is your status quo Johnson album, a 14-song acoustic epic that can make you feel exceedingly alive at times and dramatically depressed at others.

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oncoming tide of her classmates, demonstrating her willingness to break social norms. The root of Juno's teenage rebellion is left ambiguous, though the character expresses her skepticism over the perceived stability of interpersonal relationships many times by commenting how her mother left her father years ago and now has a new spouse and 'replacement children.'

Several instances in the film also make reference to Juno being prescribed to a variety of behavior-modification medications, including a reference to an unseen episode involving a mall fountain. It is this atypical outlook which leads the more experienced Juno into the arms of the virginal Paulie, who has been in love with her for quite some time. Juno's reasons for initiating the encounter fluc-

tuate between her being bored that night and being in love with Paulie. Likewise, Juno's decision to carry her baby to term is viewed with wariness by her family, as well as by the parents of her unborn child. Paulie and her friend Leah view her decision as irregular, but not as anything really unusual, a commentary of how commonplace unplanned teenage pregnancy has become in our culture.

The ensemble cast buoys the film to another plateau. Ellen Page has received a nomination for "Best Actress" at this year's Academy Awards, following in the tradition of young women being nominated for creating exceptional roles in which their characters act with a worldview that does not belie their youth (Linda Blair in The Exorcist, Tatum O'Neal in Paper Moon).

Michael Cera performs ably as always, delivering the role as a quiet, awkward young man who is repeatedly a victim to circumstances beyond his control and understanding. Juno's father, played by J.K. Simmons (HBO's Oz, Spider-Man) steals every scene with genial aplomb.

Juno isn't really a family film or a date movie. Like the characters' themselves, the film cannot be so easily pigeonholed into a quick and easy descriptive. Juno is a film about people with realistic, complex relationships, in which not everyone ends up happy in the end. At times it can be hilarious and heartbreaking, often in the same breath. Do yourself a favor and check it out.

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Johnson is a folk-style singer, songwriter, filmmaker and surfer from Hawaii. Originally, Johnson was a professional surfer until a surfing accident at the Banzai Pipeline cost him his front teeth and 150 stitches. After the accident Johnson pursued a degree in film from the University of California at Santa Barbara. During his time as a student there, he decided to begin dedicating all

his time and passion to making music.
In 2001, Johnson released his first major studio effort, Brushfire Fairytales, that was received with substantial acclaim from critics. After the release of his first effort, he garnered the creation of a loyal and receptive fan base. Since his first release he has released four other major label studio albums and a load of EP's and strictly to-Internet releases. Brushfire Fairytales, though, signified the start of a lucrative and immense career for Johnson.

The new Johnson effort, Sleep Through Static, offers all the classic Johnson characteristics

but sadly lacks some of the pizzazz that his last albums have been loaded with. Although it offers an enormous array of musical range, it lacks the consistency that made all of his last albums so compelling and masterful. It by no means is the nail in the coffin for the career of Johnson, but it does without a doubt disappoint in certain

In retrospect, Johnson's new album is moving and graceful. Songs like "Angel" have the ability to churn your gut and make your heart drop. Other songs like "Enemy" seem a bit sophomoric for the ability of Johnson. In the end, Sleep Through Static is worthy of a listening, but don't expect the same emotion-clinching album that Johnson has made in the past.

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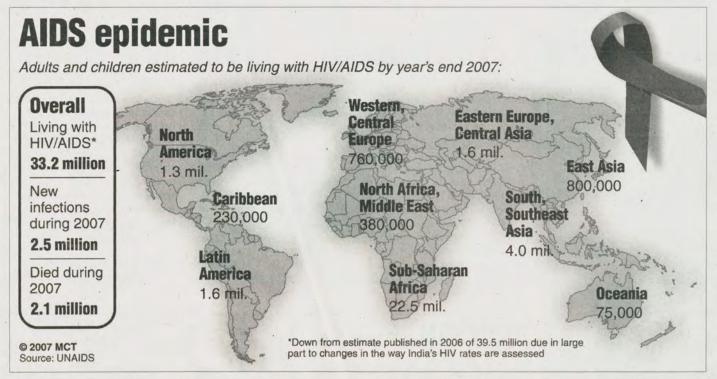
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Does HIV look like me?



Student Union hosts Sexual Responsibility week

> CHELSEA CAMPEN STAFF WRITER

The ECU Student Union, in collaboration with Healthy Pirates, will host two guest speakers to educate students on the issue of HIV/AIDS tonight from 8-10 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

The guest speakers will be members of Hope's Voice, a national campaign designed to inform young adults about the diseases.

"As part of Sexual Responsibility Week, we are giving people a face-to-face story, not just cold statistics," said Student Union Spectrum Committee

chairwoman Erin Edwards, also a senior communication major at ECU.

Both speakers acquired HIV from peculiar circumstances," Edwards said.

One contracted HIV willingly from a partner as an act of love. The other became infected by a blood transfusion when only six weeks old. Her family found out by chance for the first time that she was infected at age eight, and that military policy had kept her HIV status in sealed medical records.

These speakers are using their life stories to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS, and that takes a lot of courage. Hopefully students will see their courage and want to take a stand in the efforts to lower the number of

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ELISE PHILLIPS FEATURES EDITOR

Yeah, Facebook is great. Most of us college students can't get enough of it, and many scroll through minifeeds daily to see who's broken up with who, who's updated their profile information and who's added new photos.

Now there's a Web site that skips all that searching for new pictures. Flickr.com allows users to upload and organize photos in a cool, innovative way. Flickr is a Yahoo! company, so people who have Yahoo! accounts can sign up for an account at Flickr easily. All they have to do is plug in their Yahoo! username and password and then they're in!

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don't) want others to see. After getting organized, Flickr has a unique way to share pictures with not only friends on the site, but the millions of users that frequent Flickr every day. Users can share their photos in the hundreds of groups available to join. Some are public and some are private (invite-only), but groups allow users to get involved in something they're

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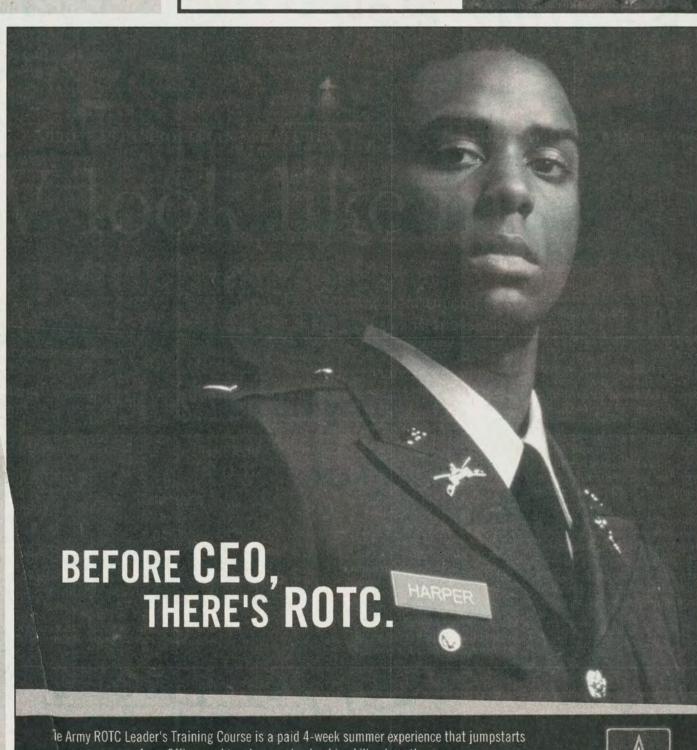
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cases of HIV/AIDS in the U.S.," said Tywanna Jeffries, assistant director of campus wellness at

Edwards hopes that the event will communicate to students that HIV/AIDS doesn't just affect one type of person.

Young adults are the newest highly effected age group," Edwards said.

"A lot of people are interested in the topic, but few talk about it.'

Jeffries wants students to

realize that HIV can be more real than some might think.

"I think it will make students realize that you can't just look at someone and tell if they are HIV positive. HIV can look just like you," Jeffries said.

Half of all the new HIV cases in the country affect people under the age of 25, according to Jeffries. Of these new cases, the majority of infected individuals contracted the disease sexually. Jeffries says that according to statistics

AIDS-related illnesses are the sixth leading cause of death

among 15-to 24-year-olds. Many students don't realize that they can get tested for free right here on campus at student health, and the testing is free and confidential,"

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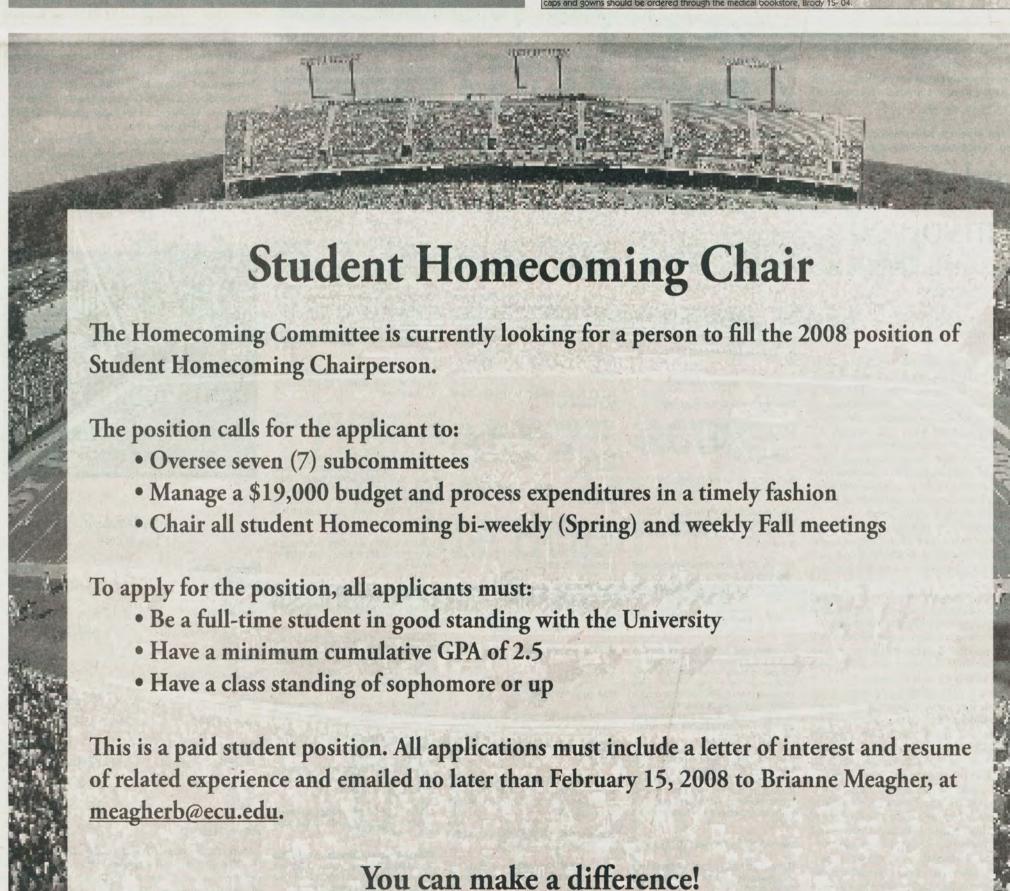
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Students need to chill out

Leave your worries behind

LARA OLIVER OPINION WRITER

Pirate Rants about people stealing other people's boyfriends, roommates yelling at each other over cell phones in between classes about who left the milk out, passive-aggressive comments towards teachers over disagreements on politics, angry driving leading to torn up cars (and in some cases) people ... It's time we chilled out, guys.

These are the best years of our lives, and we'll never see them again. It's a time period for finding out who we are, what we want to do with our lives and who we want to spend them with. These years should be filled with excitement, care-free weekends and learning (when we get around to it). Why do we spend this time, when our bodies and minds are in their prime, just yelling at each other? Yelling about a sandwich being made incorrectly, yelling about how you disagree over whether SUVs are evil, yelling over how some "skank" stole your man. It's just a whole lot of yelling about nothing.

We can't even have friendships anymore without feeling that some source of drama or sadness has to fuel everything. Girls attack each other on Facebook walls to show who's Alpha-Female; boys fight strangers in bars to show off to all their friends. Is this really getting us anywhere? Is all this anger and violence really making anyone happy in the long run?

Sure, school may take a toll on us, and that fight we had with our significant other may still be weighing on our minds for the rest of the weekend, but something we all need to realize is that this stress won't last forever. That algebra test won't make you a worse person if you get a D instead of a B. Your best friend will probably forgive you after you had a fight with her about who was going to be the designated driver this weekend. Your professor will listen to you if you have a problem in class and will try to help you work around it. So why let it sour you and make the rest of your day worse?

We need to stop letting this stress get a stranglehold on us and realize that it's just a part of life. Stress is going to happen, but we need to learn to deal with it rationally. Yelling at your boyfriend just makes him angry and your throat sore. Calling your best friend cruel names isn't going to make her like you any better, and it's not going to make you more popular. Being a jerk to the professor is just a more difficult way to make a bad grade than not showing up. So why not just take a minute to calm down and talk to the people that you're having problems with? They're people just like you, and probably have just as much stress in their life as you do in yours.

So while everybody else is busy yelling, I think I'll go and have a beer at Christies. You stressed out kids are free to join me.

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Avoid apathy, get involved

How I learned to do nothing but go to class

> YAZID FINN OPINION WRITER

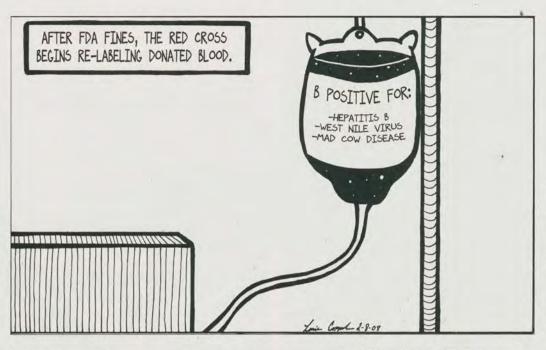
Continuing in this series I have taken upon myself to spread to the masses, I will expand upon issues presented in last week's episode. To begin, I made the promise of revealing this election season's antagonist, and to some it may come as no surprise. None other than M. Cole Jones still occupies the walls of Mendenhall Student Center in spirit. From his throne in one of the many rooms now long forgotten in MSC, his hand and endorsement have already been thrown into the ring. To whom, however, will remain a secret until the night of filing following our return from spring break

Some questioned how exactly they could possibly get their foot in the door when the door to the metaphorical SGA building so rarely opens. Just like national government, unless someone becomes afflicted with some form of mental illness or dies, seats seldom open. Nonetheless, there is hope for those looking to engage themselves and begin on a journey through their own collegic test of endurance. The first step is through the legislative branch, which only recently restructured itself and is now more user friendly. Get a seat while they're hot, as in a few weeks you will be out of luck till next semester.

If you do not have the credits or politics is not your cup of tea, there are multiple other venues available for students to still get involved and make a difference. The Student Union program available for ECU students provides individuals with the opportunity to voice themselves through arts or music, while entertaining thousands of their peers every year. Events as seemingly simple, as movies aired in Hendrix Theater are carefully tailored in hopes of reaching the general tastes of the campus. Think you can do better? Prove it and join the committees that direct these programs.

This is the final editorial in this trilogy, as next week I will faithfully return to my normal routine. These articles were not for naught, as they have already served their purpose in attracting the attention of those I set out to reach. If you suddenly feel inspired and have the time to invest into the campus as well, then please, by all means, do so. You will be setting yourself apart from those in our society who have forgotten the phrase "long-term gratification" and prove there are still a handful of altruistic people in the world.

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So, I had three Rants published the other day. Does that make anyone else jealous? Oh, and I heard there was some discussion about my crush on an ECU dancer. No, it's not the

Avril Lavigne may like skater boys, but to the rest of us, skateboards are toys ... for kids.

Are we too good of friends to become something more? The walls in the dorms are not as thick

as you may think, sweetheart. She asked me if she should worry that

it burned when she peed ... I wish the guys who live across from us would come out on their balcony so

we could stare at them more! I know I have a boyfriend, but I don't

want him, I want you. My roommate isn't in the room that often, but when he is, he's having sex with his girlfriend while I'm less then 3 feet away. Does he really think I'm

not watching?

Yeah, I drive by your house to see if the light is on. So what?

I live in Tyler. First it was fleas; they came and sprayed. Then it was roaches: they came and exterminated. Then it was worms in the shower; they had to come clean. Then it was rats; they had to come catch them. NOW IT'S BATS!!! WHAT THE HECK AM I LIVING WITH, AND WHY AM I PAYING THOUSANDS OF **DOLLARS TO STAY HERE?**

Project Management is ridiculous.

Doppelgänger ... there, I said it.

You know, just as many boys wear Clarks and North Faces as girls wear Uggs and North Faces. Why don't you talk about them? How sexist of you.

To the blonde who sits across from me in Shakespeare: if you catch me looking at you, it's only because I think you're beautiful

I wish cigarettes and beer were free!

Why did Facebook change? It's stupid now. Go back to college-kids-only, Facebook!

No joke; my grandma got a Facebook! WTF?

This just in....you're a lame-o!

Why don't we do it in the road?

Every time a band plays at Tavern On the 4th, they suck. I might never return there, in fear of enduring that

Everybody's working for the

Maybe I didn't love you quite as often as I could have. But you were always on my mind. You were always on

I'm only 20, but I'm already depressed about growing old. I hope my life continues to spread onwards and

I want to ravish you. After hours. In the art building. Be there.

It's been one entire year since I've been on a date, mainly because refuse to date guys that are only interested in ... you know. Also because there is a SEVERE shortage of genuinely decent males at ECU ... at least in any of my classes/social circles. This disappoints me. Don't be shy; I'm waiting.

feel like being here is wasting what few great years I have of my youth. Years that I could be spending in Ireland, my earthly paradise; or Sicily, in the home of my grandparents. want to experience a free state of

I wanna be on The Bad Girls Club.

Being a girl living next to Scott Hall has made my college experience that much better.

All I wanted was a temporary parking pass, but no, I can't get one because I'm a student at ECU. If that makes sense to you, please explain it to

I'm a gay guy and I love many gay

To my dorm coordinator: Why do you think I joined Hall Government? Make a move, you sexy thing!

Anyone else wishing it were volleyball season again? Bring back the

To the guy tanning at Sunchase: We

These people that are voting for Hillary must be some of the dumbest

Is it sad that I can only find boyfriends

I HATE people who talk in the quiet study areas in Joyner!

Is it bad that the only reason we get on MySpace is to read her bulletins?

I don't want to grow up; I'm a Toys-

To the person who wants to have a

life instead of studying: This is college, or did you only apply for the beer? Get a life and don't hate on the smart

people! Study and have a life before

So, you know you're an alcoholic when somebody says something to you about PBR (Professional Bull Riding), and the first thing that

crosses you mind is Pabst Blue

It is not fair when your history teacher

plays a practical joke on the whole

class and makes you have a heart

The bus crash yesterday was a

perfect metaphor for the university's

administration in recent history. The

leaving the student to save the entire

ECU allows graduate students to

drop their classes after the period to

pay back any grants, but would rather

undergraduate students fail their

classes instead of setting a drop date

that would actually be reasonable, so the students would not have to pay

People ride their bikes on the sidewalk

because the "bike lane" on the roads

suddenly disappears at random points. How about people walking just

move out of the way for two seconds

the same way they would have to for someone walking faster than them.

I'm supposed to be working right

Everyone thinks I've got my life so

together. Sometimes it's hard to keep

How do you expect me to ever fully trust you, when you can't trust ME

Just because you think I don't have a life or am boring because I would

rather stay in and watch movies than

make a fool of myself being drunk

doesn't mean you can keep me up until 1:30am with your extremely

Little known fact: Say Anything's album "Is a Real Boy," was written

I figured that if I submit a few Pirate

Rants then the probability of at least

one getting posted is heightened.

Now I just have remember which

I really want you to change your Facebook relationship status. I don't

ones I actually submitted

classes so we all don't die!?

Banks is my guilty pleasure

even look my way?

up the show.

with the truth?

about my life.

the grants back. ECU= GREED.

attack at the same time.

structure, but to little avail

you have no future.

people taking up oxygen.

God, I hate the wind!

saw you.

Come on, honey, tell me the monthly friend is back once again ... it is time for me to move on!

Todd Sandwich Lady for President!!!

When I am feeling sad, I think of warmer weather and College Hill covered with nubile freshman girls tanning, and all is right with the

So, I saw my so-called best friend only once over Christmas break, and she didn't invite me to her birthday this weekend ... and for some reason she still thinks we're best friends!

How about you stop telling people you're going to be in my wedding? You haven't been a good friend, I never see you, and I never even selved you. asked you.

I am FINALLY over you and it feels great:)

It amazes me that people think their stuff is private on Facebook. It is the World Wide Web - get it?

There are too many people in the world who don't know their there from their they're or their their.

Date me. I don't want to sit in your apartment another minute. It is

me know you are thinking of me.

Is it weird that I like to go home now that I am in college.

Dude, its not very classy for us to hear you and your girlfriend screaming

during sex My roommate openly admits to

getting freaky with a vacuum. My roommate goes to the tanning

bed so much, we all have to wear sunglasses to protect us from his radioactive glow.

Okay ... I'm writing a Pirate Rant while my bathroom is slowly becoming an indoor swimming pool. Be happy vou're not me

I'll give you a topic: You drive on a parkway, but park in a driveway. Discuss.

I'm glad you talked to my fireplace two years ago.

Am I the only one who is sad when there are no "Did You Know" facts?

Why are all the good guys gay and

That's really nice nail polish you

I sprained my finger texting the other

Does gas have lumps? I think I just

gambled and lost "Bohemian Rhapsody" is Queen's

Because of my class on Chaucer, I often wonder how my life would be different if I had lived in the Middle best song ever. Period My dad hit a deer with a Hummer. Take that, environmentalists!

What's in your navel?

E-I-E-I-O!

Pop goes the weasel!

If you were attempting to check the fire alarm systems at The Exchange on Saturday, yes, they were working and yes, they were keeping us up,

I just want a full night's sleep without a party raging above, a fire alarm at 3 a.m., or the cops showing up at my door, thanks!

Can you please tell your boyfriend to STOP calling me? Thanks.

I get winded walking up the stairs to the third floor in Bate. It is my workout for the day.

the street Sunday afternoon: Thank

Hey, Big Sexy, every time I see you in

you. That really made my day

West End it makes my day!

So, I'm tired of hearing Academy I am looking for someone to go back Award-worthy performances from my roommate's room at 2:30 a.m. It in time with me. You must bring your own weapons. I have only really can't be that good. done this once before. Safety is not To the guy in the brown truck who called me beautiful as I walked down

I love goldfish and adderol, does that make me weird?

Army men are so sexy!

Up in smoke

No butts about it

J.D. LEWIS OPINION EDITOR

Surely I'm about to tick some people off, but first let me say that although I do not smoke, I wholeheartedly support your right to kill yourself if that is what you so desire. They're your lungs after all. Bill Clinton's anti-tobacco crusade in the 1990s was a farce; his love of cigars was well documented. And, let's face it, Nextel Cup just doesn't pack quite the same punch as Winston Cup. Smoker's rights advocates will find no bigger supporter than me.

That being said, I support my right to breathe clean air, and like the majority of smokers I've encountered, when it all boils down to it, it's really all about me. If the smell of your smoke prevents me from enjoying a delicious meal with the wife at Outback, then snuff that sucker out. No one's paying \$50 for a side of your secondhand

Besides, do you really want to give the impression that you are that weak and sad? I'm fat and love to eat, but I can go for an hour without food. Do you honestly think anyone really believes you can't go for the hour it takes to consume a meal without puffing on a cigarette? In fact, I ate breakfast Saturday morning around 7:30, and didn't eat again until 8 that night. How many of you went that long without a cigarette? It's all in your head, friends.

ECU recently enacted a policy prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of any building on campus. Now I'm no math major, but as I walk through a choking cloud of cigarette smoke and wade through a pile of cigarette butts on my way out one door and into another, it's apparent that few here are. Another sign of the weakness of smokers: they can still smoke, but can't take the time to walk a few extra steps in order to do so.

People who smoke for 30 years and then try to sue the tobacco companies for their selfinflicted maladies don't deserve one cent. Cancer sticks were called that long before the 1990s. The information has been out there for quite a while now, and no guns were held to their heads. If they were too dumb to quit before it was too late, tough turkey. Should've gone cold turkey instead.

As a fan of clean air, I'd have no problem if every establishment in America banned smoking on their premises. As a supporter of smoker's rights, it should be strictly a business decision that smokers should grudgingly support. Just as you have a right to smoke and smell like an ashtray, non-smokers have a right to breathe and smell like clean laundry. Tolerance is a two-way street.

I am dead-set against a government-mandated ban on smoking. Like the decision to smoke, the decision not to smoke should be left up to the individual. As always, common sense and the free enterprise system do a lot more good for society than the government ever can.

Jesse Ventura once described religion as a crutch for weak-minded people. I'd say he can't see the forest for the cigar in his mouth.

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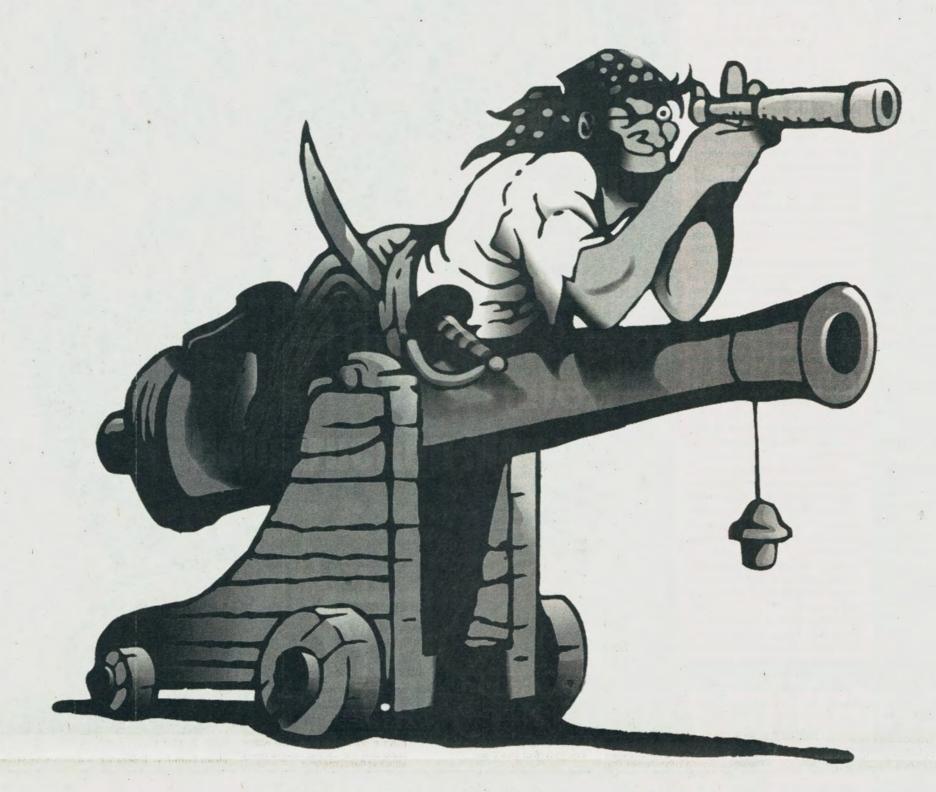
If pretty much everyone on campus is sick, shouldn't the Chancellor cancel Newsroom Why is it that all the wrong guys want to date me, yet all the right ones don't Fax

The next cycle of America's Next Top Model starts in two weeks.....and I am

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falls to Marshall

(AP) -- Tyler Wilkerson scored a career-high 25 points to lead Marshall to an 83-49 win over ECU on Saturday.

Markel Humphrey added 15 points for Marshall (12-10, 4-5 Conference USA). Tirrell Baines scored 14 and Mark Dorris added 10 points.

Wilkerson had 19 first-half points on 9-of-10 shooting to give Marshall a 36-25 lead at halftime, and the Pirates got no closer in the second half. Marshall's lead grew to as many as 36 points on the strength of 54 percent shooting in the second half. No players for ECU (8-13, 2-6) scored in double figures. Leading scorer Sam Hinnant, who had 24 points in the first meeting this season between the teams, was held to six points.

Tennis Teams notch wins over weekend

(SID) -- The ECU women's tennis team extended its season-opening winning streak to five straight with a pair of non-conference victories Saturday at the ECU Tennis Complex. The Lady Pirates opened the split doubleheader with a 6-1 triumph over Charleston Southern before closing action by blanking North Carolina A&T 7-0 in the nightcap.

In the opener against Charleston Southern, ECU took two of three doubles matches to jump out to a 1-0 lead before capturing five of six singles battles to secure the win. Against North Carolina A&T in the second match, the Lady Pirates rolled to a 24-4 doubles record before following with a 72-18 singles ledger. The pair of wins improved ECU's spring dual match record to 5-0

The Lady Pirates will hit the road Wednesday for a 2 p.m. match at the College of Charleston.

The men's tennis team was also victorious over the weekend.

The Pirates used a doubles sweep and wins in five of six singles matches to hand Charleston Southern a 6-1 non-conference setback and even its spring record to 3-3 Saturday afternoon at the ECU Tennis Complex.

The Pirates will return to action Wednesday, hosting Mount Olive and Barton in a split doubleheader scheduled

Pirate Nation poll question:

What spring sport event are you most looking forward to?

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BRIEFS Pirates protect home ice

ECU finishes on winning note

KELLEN HOLTZMAN STAFF WRITER

The ECU ice hockey team ended its third season on a positive note over the weekend by sweeping South Carolina. The Pirates knocked off the Gamecocks 10-8 Friday night and 9-4 in the Saturday matinee.

ECU finished with a spotless 7-0 record at Bladez on Ice Rink and improved its all-time home record to 23-3.

The Pirates honored seven seniors before both games, including goaltender and team co-founder Brent Falcon.

"Out of the three seasons I played here, this is probably the best team we've had and the tightest team off of the ice," said Falcon, who started both Friday and Saturday's games. "I had a blast. It was a great way to end my career.'

The "senior weekend" was of particular importance to the players who watched the program develop from the very beginning.

"It's a pretty big deal, being the last original class graduating," said senior defenseman Jon Koritz. "After losing our rankings due to ineligible players- it was a really big deal to win these last games.

ECU led 3-1 heading into the second period of Friday's game, when the intensity picked up significantly.

After an Ian Falcon goal g made the score 4-2, USC scored back-to-back goals to knot the game up at 4-4 by the midway \$ point of the period.

Sophomore Chris Cesario put the Pirates back in front at &

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Freshman goaltender Matt Dalgetty (above) will be the Pirates' top goalie next season, as senior Brent Falcon's career is now over.

Winning streak screeches to a halt



After winning five straight conference games, the Lady Pirates have now lost two in a row. ECU lost to Tulane last Thursday and then at UTEP on Sunday.

Pirates drop two straight

KATHERINE HARRY STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates faced the Tulane Green Wave Thursday night at Minges Coliseum and were outlasted, 70-65, after an exciting comeback inside the final two minutes of the game.

"It was pretty tough out there," said ECU's Jasmine Young. "I didn't expect it to be

that physical. We went with the punches and we didn't come out with a win.'

Gabriela Husarova sparked the comeback attempt with a 3-pointer. Husarova then stole * the Green Wave's inbound pass and passed the ball to LaCoya Terry, who made the basket and got the foul.

Terry converted the free throw and the Pirates were only

down by two points. Jasmine Young then scored fast break layup with :48 seconds remaining to tie the game at 65. Tulane followed

with a pair of free throws and although the Pirates had a few more opportunities, they were unable catch up.

"I was proud that we were able to come back. We could've folded...we were just a little bit too late," said Pirates' Coach Sharon Balwin-Tener.

After having won their previous four games, things were starting to look up for the Pirate

The loss against Tulane proved to be a very frustrating loss for the team.

"I was frustrated the whole

game," Baldwin-Tener said. 'I thought we took a big step backward today. We've been playing well. We've been playing together as a team and today I

didn't think we did that." ECU came out strong early in the game with a 7-2 run, but its lead wouldn't last long.

ECU's largest lead was by

five in the first half. ECU was plagued by turnovers having 13 in the first half

and 17 in the game. "We were very careless with the basketball early in the game—it wasn't important to

us," said Baldwin-Tener. "Tulane has a very good defensive team and that showed.

Husarova and Terry were the leading scorers for the Pirates, with 14 points.

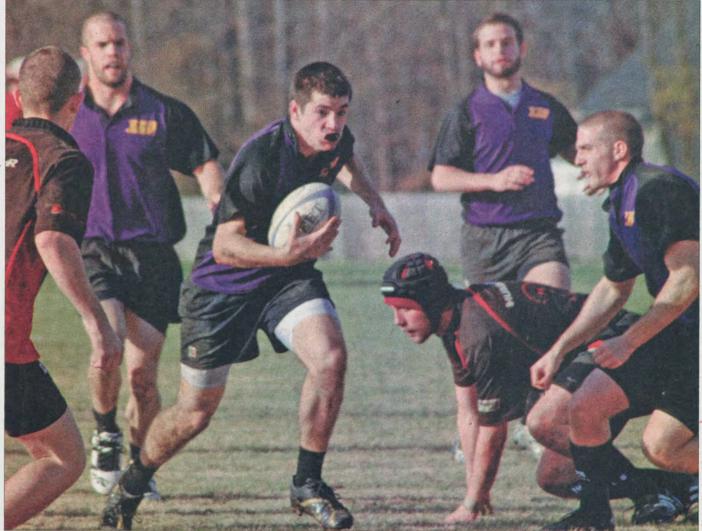
Ashley Langford of Tulane led all scorers with 28 points.

ECU's struggles were apparent to all of the players and coaches against Tulane.

"We were just out of sync tonight," said Young. "We couldn't really get anything going for us.

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ECU overcomes adversity in rugby win



The ECU rugby team is undefeated in matrix play. The Pirates dominated UNCW on Saturday, and will play Wake Forest this Saturday.



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Several Pirates step up

HART HOLLOMAN STAFF WRITER

The ECU rugby team was without some of its key parts this past weekend, but still dominated UNC Wilmington,

The Pirates, without senior leader Thomas Francisco and head coach Jorge Conde, improved to 2-0 in their matrix (conference) with Saturday's win against the in-state rival Seahawks.

44-0, in Wilmington, NC.

Francisco was sidelined because of a shoulder injury and Conde was not able to make the trip because of a business trip.

Several other ECU players played, but were not full strength because of the flu.

Despite the adversity, ECU dominated from the begin-

These setbacks seemed to be only marginal after the first few minutes of play began," said sophomore Justin Borgeois. We came out playing hard in the first half."

Numerous players played expanded roles due to the absence of Francisco, and they didn't disappoint.

Senior Connor Duke, who was awarded "Man of the Match" for his impact, started in Francisco's outside center spot, and had a very good game according to Bourgeois. Two rookies also got their

first career start in the win over the Seahawks. Bobby Allen and Hugh Morgan each scored two tries in their first starts, respectively.

Morgan made an impact immediately by putting the Pirates on the scoreboard

"We came out in the first half and despite an unlucky pen-

alty, and pressure by UNCW inside our 22 meters, we scored the first time our backs touched the ball," Bourgeois said. "The ball was passed out to Hugh Morgan on the wing and he made some solid moves through

Morgan scored on another offensive attack later in the

defenders to score the first

Former ECU football placekicker Robert Lee converted on both of the Pirates' conversion kicks and added a penalty kick to make the score 17-0 at

The Pirates blew the game open in the second half by utilizing their speed advantage for three second half tries.

"We came out just as strong in the second half as we did in the first," said Bourgeois. "The forwards began to really play as a unit and our excellent conditioning started to take a toll on the entire UNCW team. We obtained ball-possession for nearly the entire second half."

Allen made his presence felt in the second half, just like Morgan did in the first.

Allen recorded ECU's first try of the second half by blazing by multiple Seahawk defenders with his superb speed. He also scored ECU's final try of the game, again utilizing his quickness for a speedy run.

ECU's other score in the second half was not of the speed variety however.

Bourgeois and Duke were trying to push the ball ahead with their speed, but Steven Marrero took a different approach, willing his way for a Pirates' score which was very devastating to UNCW.

"After multiple attacks by the ECU centers, Steven Marrero was able to muscle his way

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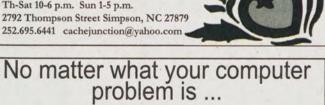
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Pirates finish second in season-opening tournament

ECU goes 4-2 in tournament

(SID)—After slipping past Kent State 3-2 in the first game of the day, the ECU softball team dropped a 5-2 decision to North Carolina in the championship contest of the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill on Sunday.

The Pirates finished their first weekend of play at 4-2, while the Tar Heels improved to 5-0 and the Golden Flashes

Sophomores Cristen Aona,

St. Ledger were named to the all-tournament team.

Kent State went ahead in the second inning of the morning game when Jamie Fitzpatrick drew a leadoff walk. Corey Houk then stepped to the plate and got just enough of the ball to send it over the center field fence, giving the Golden Flashes an early 2-0 lead.

Kent State threatened to add to its advantage in the fourth when Jessica Carmichael singled in the infield to begin the inning. However, Kaui Tom made a spectacular play to erase

Toni Paisley and senior Erin Carmichael at second and threw to first in time to complete a double play.

The Pirates responded in their half of the fourth when Jessica Johnson and St. Ledger blasted back-to-back long balls to draw their team even at 2-2. With one out, Sissy Jimenez singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch but she would go no further as Beth Nolan struck out to end the threat.

St. Ledger proved the Pirates' hero in the bottom of the sixth when she hit her second dinger in as many atbats to give ECU the winning

Paisley won her second consecutive contest, pushing her record to 2-1 and earning her third complete game of the season. She scattered three hits and struck out four, moving her within 13 strikeouts of sixthplace on the career chart. St. Ledger finished 2-for-3 with the two home runs.

North Carolina went ahead 3-0 in the championship game, plating runs in each of the innings off of six hits. The Pirates drew within one in the fourth inning when Vanessa Moreno singled with one out,

and Christina Merrida, who had led off the inning with two singles.

The Tar Heels put the game away in the fifth, scoring two runs on three hits to provide the final margin.

Junior Brooke Swann threw three innings while Britt Howell and Paisley combined to finish the contest. Swann allowed two earned runs on six hits while striking out four. Her record now stands at 1-1 on the early season. Howell and Paisley both struck out one.

ECU coach Tracey Kee

driving in Charina Sumner picked up her 500th career win on Saturday as the Pirates won a pair of contests. They took out preseason Mid-American Conference favorite Kent State 2-1 in Saturday's first game before returning to defeat George Washington 6-1 in the final contest of the day.

After Pirate hurler Toni Paisley kept Kent State off the board through the first two innings, East Carolina struck for their first run of the contest in the top of the third. Stacey Andrews was hit by a pitch to

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Gamecocks answered less than two minutes later to make the score 5-5.

Sean Burns recaptured the lead for ECU just 22 seconds after the USC goal. Burns outskated a Gamecock defender to gain control of a loose puck, creating a breakaway. Burns' shot appeared to have been saved but the puck bounced off the back of the goaltender's right skate and across the goal line for the score.

The next USC reply arrived with only three of its players on the ice. ECU failed to capitalize on a 5-on-3 advantage as a Gamecock converted a backhand shot to complete the rare, shorthanded goal.

The Pirates finally landed a power play goal with 1:27 remaining when freshman Sam Duehring blasted a slapshot into the back of the net to give his team a 7-6 lead heading into the third period.

ECU pushed its lead to 10-6 in the final period before USC added two late goals.

The Pirates controlled the puck for the majority of the first period and outshot the Gamecocks, 19-5.

ECU led 3-1 at the conclusion of the first, behind goals from Joe Colatuno, Corey Fleitz and Nathan Buhr.

ECU dominated the second game of the weekend from the

The Pirates scored an astounding three goals in just 21 seconds of play in the earlygoings of the first period. ECU entered the locker room with a 6-1 lead after one period in the

"That was the whole point to this game," said senior defenseman Jon Ciecko. "Just to get out to a quick start and have fun with it [the game].

Jeremy Lang seemed to have wrapped up the game in the second period when he got loose on a breakaway and deked his way to his first goal of the weekend.

USC managed to tighten the lead to 8-4 with 6:26 left in the third period, but senior Jon Huck cashed in an insur-

the 9:03 mark, but the resilient ance score in his final game as a Pirate.

"I've been here since the beginning," Huck said of his time at ECU. "I wanted to go out with a bang ... forfeiting those games was kind of a blow. It wasn't really the way we wanted to go out but playing

these games help. Those forfeited games are the biggest downside to what was an otherwise successful year for ECU ice hockey. The Pirates finished with an overall record of 14-4 (not counting forfeited games) and added to the already solid foundation for

ECU will lose several key players for next season, but a bulk of the scoring will return with rising seniors Ian and Tyler Falcon leading the way. Burns and Cesario, two of the Pirates' most prolific scorers, will also be expected to produce consistently.

The elder Falcon will pass his pads down to freshman Matt Dalgetty, who got plenty of on-thejob training this season and looks like a lock to man the Pirates' net for the next three years.

Coach Wayne Cox believes progress was made despite not making the ACHA South Regionals.

'Sam [Duehring] has got so much skill, Donovan [Dean], we've got Nick [Dinardo], Cox said of his underclassmen. "Chris [Cesario], Kyle [Tote] -all these kids can play hockey and we've got kids that didn't make the team that could step

"We've got four new kids coming in. We've got a young kid coming in from Philadelphia and a kid coming in from New Jersey. It's going to make the program get bigger."

All of the pieces appear to be in place for a return to South Regionals in 2009. And with 13 returning juniors and sophomores, a first-ever trip to nationals is a realistic possibility for the near future of ECU ice hockey.

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Senior defensman Jon Huck, playing in his final game, scored the goal that insured the Pirates of a victory on Saturday.

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we've been playing too hard to go out and play like we did tonight. I thought we really just didn't play tonight," Baldwin-Tener added.

The Pirates knew what they would face in regards to the Sunday's contest against undefeated conference rival UTEP.

"UTEP has a very good basketball team and we're going to have to play a lot better than we played today to even make it a game," said Balwin-Tener.

Sunday's game between ECU and UTEP was televised nationally by ESPN.

ECU kept it close, but UTEP's strong second half surged the Miners to a 81-53

"It's going to be a tough one and we're going to be on national TV so hopefully we can show

"We've come too far and everyone what the Pirates are made of," said Young, who had

13 points against Tulane. The 2 p.m. televised event proved to be too much for the Pirates, as UTEP extended its winning streak to 15 games in

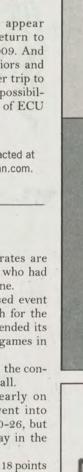
ECU is now 4-6 in the conference and 10-13 overall.

The Pirates led early on in the contest and went into halftime down only 30-26, but the Miners pulled away in the second half.

Jasmine Young had 18 points against UTEP, while LaCoya Terry had 9.

The Lady Pirates return home for a 7 p.m. game Friday, Feb. 15 against Southern Miss.

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past the tryline and touch the ball down for the second score of the half," said Bourgeois.

Lee was successful on all three conversions after ECU's second half tries.

He also added two more penalty kicks in the final half, finishing the game 3-of-6 on penalty kicks.

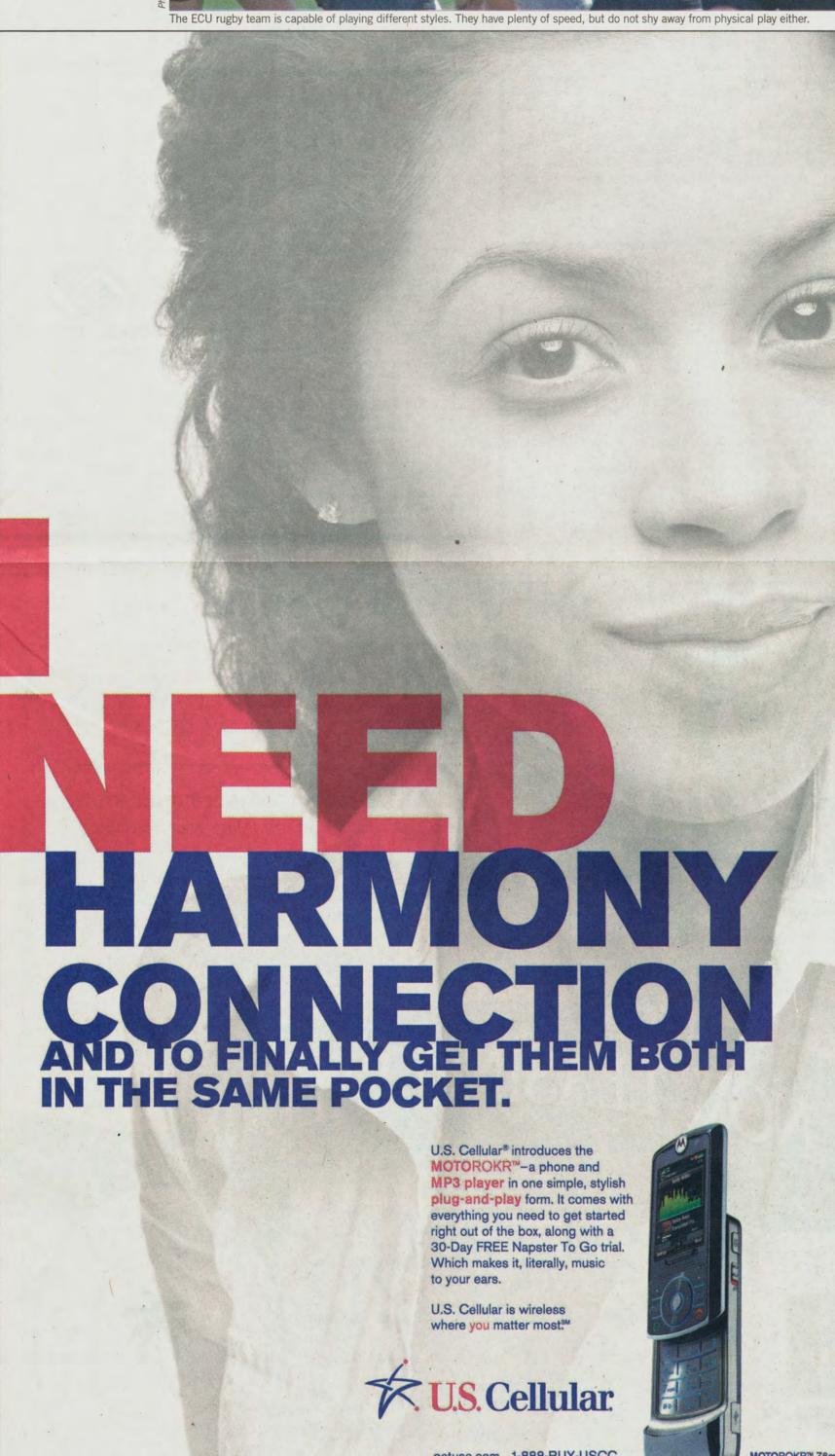
Lee's successful kicks and the Pirates' diverse attack in the second half made the final score 44-0.

ECU will play another crucial road matrix game this Saturday at Wake Forest before returning home for two straight home contests on March 1 and March 8.

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start the inning then proceeded to steal second. Sumner then recorded her second double of the game, scoring Andrews to push the Pirates on top 1-0. ECU added another run in the sixth.

The Golden Flashes drew within a run in their half of the sixth as Kim Hamilton took Paisley's offering over the left center field fence to leadoff the half-inning. The Pirates were then set down in order in the top of the seventh, setting up a dramatic ending to the contest.

Ashlee Hein reached first on a leadoff walk then advanced to second on a single by pinch hitter Lauren Brocklehurst. With both runners at second and third with two outs, Hamilton was hit by a pitch to load the bases. However, Kaui Tom was able to snag a ball off the bat of Jessica Carmichael and step on second to end the contest.

In Saturday's second game, GW jumped on top in the third inning, giving George Washington the 1-0 advantage. However, ECU would strike back in their half of the third.

On a 0-1 pitch, Sumner left no doubt as to where the ball was headed as it easily cleared the wall in right center, knotting the score at one. Two batters later, Jessica Johnson smashed her first home run of the year, scoring Merrida and providing the Pirates with a 3-1 lead. ECU scored two more runs later in the inning, pushing the advantage to 5-1.

Brooke Swann picked up her first victory of the season to move to 1-0 as well as throwing her first complete game since Feb 23, 2007. St. Ledger was a perfect 3-for-3 in the contest.

ECU split its opening day games on Friday, losing to UNC 5-1, and beating North Carolina Central 13-0 in five innings.

ECU threatened in the top of the first when with one out but with the bases load and two outs on the board, Cristen Aona struck out, ending the inning.

North Carolina struck first in the bottom of the third. Danielle Spaulding led off with a walk before Emily Troup doubled, scoring Spaulding, who had taken second on a sacrifice bunt. The Tar Heels added their second run on an Anna Roberts

single, scoring Troup. North Care lead to 3-0 in the next inning as Breanna Brown and Cassie Palmer singled. Palmer's single scored Brown from first.

Cristen Aona spoiled Lisa Norris's shutout bid in the top of the seventh when she ripped a long ball that easily cleared the center field fence, giving the game its 5-1 final score.

In the Pirates' second game of the day, they jumped on North Carolina Central early, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first.

The Pirates put the game out of reach in the second, scoring eight runs to extend their lead to 11-0.

Freshman Britt Howell went three innings, allowing one hit and striking out one while junior Brooke Swann threw the last two innings to complete the shutout. Swann did not give up a hit as she fanned three. Merrida was a perfect 4-for-4 on the game while Aona went 3-for-4 to finish 4-for-7 on the day.

ECU returns to action on Friday as it opens up the home portion of the schedule.

The Pirates host the Pirate Invitational at the ECU Softball Field, the first of three consecutive home tournaments. Boston College serves as the first opponent for ECU as the contest is scheduled for 2 p.m.



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The sisters of AOPi congratulate Dr. Jessica Christie from the School of Art on being chosen as-February's Panhellenic Professor of the Month!



Help Wanted Attention Students! Help Part-time Jobs Available Immediately at the Ayden Boys & Girls Club (15 minutes south of ECU)

- Pay ranges from \$7.00-\$7.50 and hour depending on experience •
- Hours are Monday-Friday 2:00 pm-6:00 pm or 2:00 pm-7:00 pm •
- Summer and Holiday hours availabe Monday-Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm •

..... Positions Include: ...

Games Room Supervisor

Responsible for planning organizing and supervising game room activities -Maintain order and discipline in the games room area -Maintain proper care and upkeep of all games room equipment

Arts and Crafts Coordinator

-Responsible for planning, organizing and implementing cultural enrichment programs and activities

-Maintain proper care and inventory of all Arts & Crafts materials -Maintain disciplie while teaching various aspects of the Arts

(music, drawing, crafts, fine arts, chorus, etc.) Health and PE Coordinator

-Responsible for planning, organizing and implementing physical activity programs inside and outside the club

-Maintain proper careand inventory of all equipment -Maintain discipline while conducting physical activity programs

-Must have CDL

-Hours are 1:45 pm-3:45 pm Monday-Friday

Routes include picking up kids from school and taking them to the Boys & Girls Club

-Extra hours are available if interested

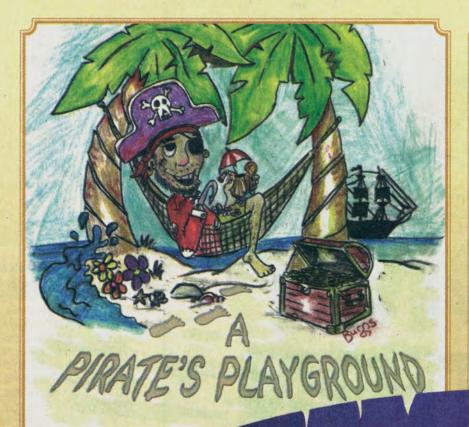
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt Co. 621 W. Fire Tower Rd. Winterville, NC 28590

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