



ECU women's basketball coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener and the Lady Pirates have two crucial Conference USA matchups this weekend at Minges Coliseum. Turn to the sports section to see what freshman has been guiding ECU during conference play this season.....PAGE A10



The Lady Pirates' soccer team singed seven new players this week. See which players will be joining the program for the 2008 season.....PAGE A10



The seventh annual Tiny Art show opened last week, and has already made a big splash in the community.....PAGE A4

Commencement ceremonies and activities aren't a priority for some

Students choose what events are most important

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For many students, graduation is just around the corner, and decisions are being made about what commencement activities will be apart of their college experience.

With so many activities being offered, most students are not willing to participate in all of them.

The graduation practices range from the main graduation to buying a class ring to getting a senior picture done for the yearbook and more.

Many students will participate in one or the other but most likely, not all of them.

This year, the main graduation occurs on May 10, the Saturday after exams are over.

Many students see the university graduation as another task to complete instead of a ceremony of recognition for accomplishments.

"I really do not see the point in the main graduation. Anything that needs to be said gets said when you go to the departmental graduation, so basically the main one ends up being another time for everyone to sit and listen to someone talk," said Emily Watkins, senior history major.

Some students anticipate the main graduation more than the departmental graduation.

"In my opinion, that's the real graduation," said Christopher Harris, alumni biology, philosophy and neuroscience major.

Many students feel the department-

tal graduations are better to go to simply because each student is recognized individually.

"I worked hard for this graduation as well as my parents. I deserve it; I deserve to walk across that stage and accept my degree and celebrate with the same people I have seen for the past four years," said Rahnesia Dyer, senior elementary education major.

Being prepared for graduation is totally at the students' discretion because the caps and gowns are available for pick-up throughout most of the year.

The caps and gowns can be picked up during the Graduation Expo, according to Wanda Scarborough, director of the Dowdy Student Stores. The fair this semester will be held on Feb. 19-21.

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Sexual Responsibility Week begins with HIV testimonies

Speakers share their experiences

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STAFF WRITER

Two HIV-positive speakers took the stage at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall to share personal stories of their continuous fight against HIV.

The first event that marks the beginning of Sexual Responsibility Week, "Does HIV look like me?" was on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Speakers of the event were Nina Martinez and Shelton Jackson. Both are members of the Hopes Voice organization.

Hopes Voice is a national organization committed to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS.

Shelton Jackson learned the risks of HIV the hard way.

"My story starts in the twelfth grade; I told people I was gay," Jackson said.

He fell for a man named Conan. He said when he first saw Conan, he stood out from the crowd because he was "glowing."

Two years into their relationship, Conan found out he was HIV positive.

Jackson said he "made a decision to continue having unprotected sex" to equate himself to Conan. This way, he said, "when you get sick, I'll take care of you and when I get sick, you'll take care of me and we'll live happily ever after."

Indeed, Jackson became diagnosed as well, but 'happily ever after' did not take its course. Conan's health condition began to deteriorate and eventually Jackson said his good-byes, telling Conan on his deathbed, "It's going to be ok, you're going to rest now." He then added, "I was alone."

Conan's death raised the alarm about HIV and Jackson decided to become more informed and involved.

Jackson said he now understands why Conan was "glowing." If it weren't for him, he would not have

been here, according to Jackson.

Martinez, a California native and the youngest twin from a military family, was diagnosed with HIV during a blood transfusion six weeks after her premature birth.

The transfer was authorized from a civilian birth hospital in San Jose to an Army hospital in San Francisco. That's where she became HIV positive. Her sister remained negative due to her stay in San Jose.

It wasn't until 8 years later that her family learned the striking news about the most feared illness of the decade.

This year will mark her twenty-fifth year living with HIV. Yet, she said she is "extremely lucky and you

take what you can in life and turn it into something good."

She is now a graduate student who hopes to earn her degree in Epidemiology.

Jackson and Martinez continue to take their medications to fight this disease. However, they both agree that these medications are a "reminder of something you don't want to think about."

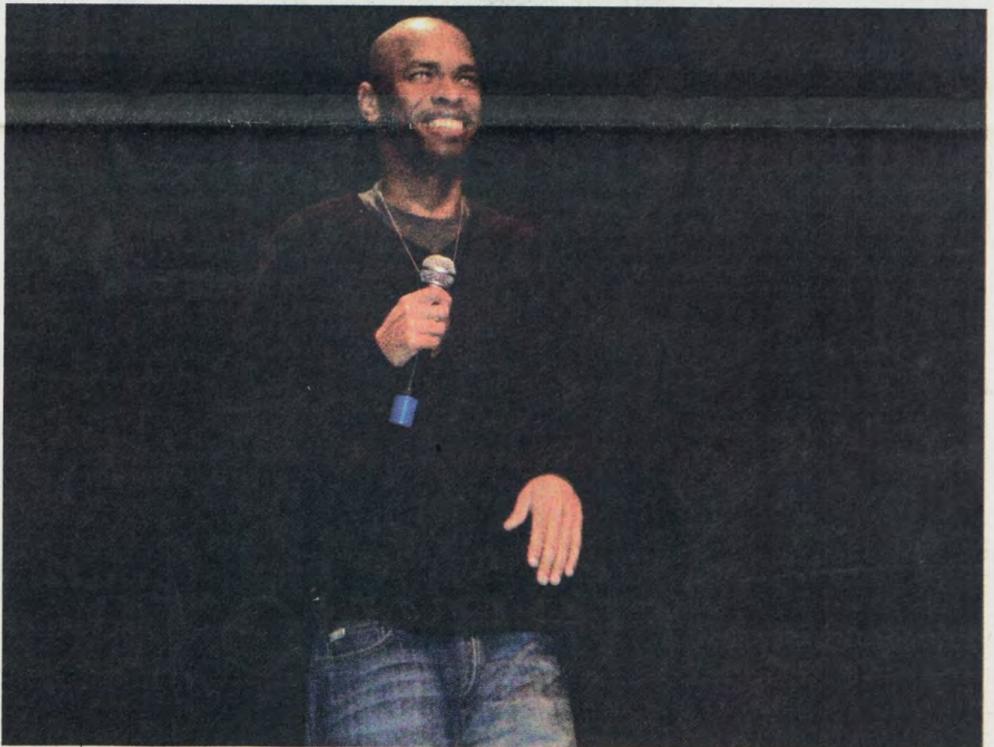
And to prevent others from having this memory glued to their minds, Martinez hammered on the issue of testing for HIV.

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SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY WEEK EVENTS:

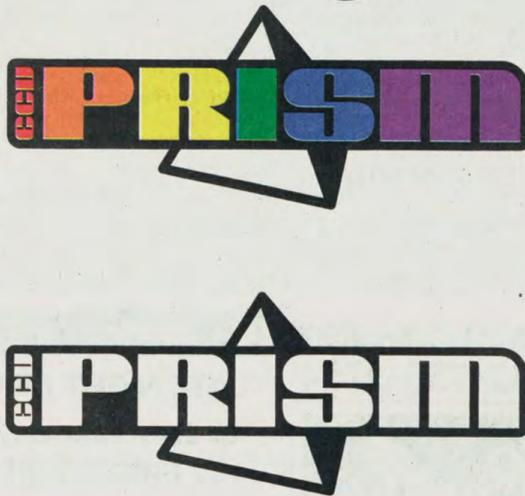
Smoke-free for Sweetheart
Wright Plaza
February 14
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

How to be Sexually Assertive for your women
Mendenhall Student Center
Multipurpose Room
February 14
4 p.m.



Shelton Jackson was one of the two speakers who shared stories about his fight with HIV and gaining awareness about the disease.

ECU organization changes name



BGLAD becomes Prism

NATALIE JURGEN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU student organization, formerly known as BGLAD, has recently changed its name to Prism.

The change was made in November after months of deliberation and a vote between all of its members.

The group's previous name stood for bisexuals, gays,

lesbians and allies for diversity. This name did not include the growing number of transgender students at ECU and the group felt as though they should be included as well.

"We need as much support as possible. We want all people to feel welcome," said Kevin Boyette, senior communication major and vice president of events and media for Prism.

The name was chosen based upon the idea that light travels through a prism and creates a rainbow, representative of people from all walks of life.

Based on the campus climate survey conducted at ECU, almost 25 percent of students identified themselves as bisexual, lesbian or gay.

Prism is an outlet where these students can feel safe and comfortable inside a larger environment that may not be as accepting.

Prism has 57 active members who work hard to gain equality and safety for the gay community on campus.

They are striving to implement harsher punishments for those who are intolerable of them both verbally and physically based solely on their sexual orientation.

"We are who we are and are dedicating our lives to bettering the education of society as a whole," said Christian Harden, perspective social work graduate student and executive vice president of Prism.

Prism is currently working to earn an office on campus so they will have a place to distribute information and run their organization. They are hoping for a spot inside the new Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Prism has a number of upcoming events that all are

welcome to attend. On Feb. 26, Prism will hold a panel for discussion of equality on campus at 9 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. Following the discussion will be a drag show for diversity week.

On April 3, Prism will also host guest speaker Robyn Ochs, who was one of the first people to be married to a member of the same-sex in Massachusetts.

Also in April will be the second chance prom where students will have the opportunity to bring who they choose to prom, a choice that many did not have in high school.

Prism has had trouble gaining funds through SGA and if not for their faculty advisor, Aaron Lucier, may have had trouble staying in existence.

Lucier paid for decorations for Prism's homecoming float out of his own pocket and is also providing the DJ for the second chance prom.

Prism is appreciative of him along with Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Marilyn Sheerer, for her verbal support, the Office of Institutional Diversity and LaQuesha Foster of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

The main message Prism would like to send to the students of ECU is that they are not what students perceive them to be.

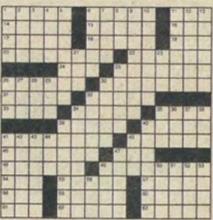
"Being gay is not something that we choose," said Tony Muccio, junior business major and president of Prism.

"We would never choose to have a harder life or to be hated. No one wants to be hated," Muccio said.

"Being gay is only a small part of who we are," Boyette said. Prism would like to extend an invitation to all ECU students to attend their meetings at 6 p.m. in room 15 of Mendenhall Student Center on Friday nights.

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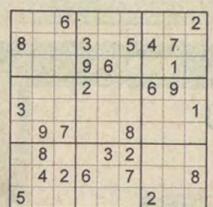
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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

School of Art Valentine's Sale
Thursday, Feb. 14
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jenkins Art Building
Handmade jewelry, sketchbooks, shirts, bags, aprons, sweets, cards, toys etc. will be for sale in the Jenkins foyer. Things for every price range.

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 NC. Programs and research designed to promote wellness, prevent disease and reduce health disparities will be discussed.

Linguistics conference
Saturday, Feb. 16
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bate
ECU's TALGS (TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Students) is presenting its annual conference. A fee is required to attend. Register at <http://core.ecu.edu/eng/talgs/conference/registration.htm>. Publisher exhibit. Refreshments offered. Keynote speaker Walt Wolfram will present "Southern Bred ESL: Hispanic English in the Mid-Atlantic South." Other topics include corpus linguistics in language teaching; sermons as narratives; identity in bilingual communities; colloquial English for medical graduates and serving immigrant children in NC public schools.

Enemies
Saturday, Feb. 16
8-10 p.m.
MSC 244
The play "Enemies" is a psychological thriller where a police officer finds his work and personal life caught in a web of lies, adultery and death only to discover that his sense of identity and sanity might be an even bigger threat. The play is rated "R" for harsh language, violence and adult situations. It is not recommended for viewing by children under the age of 12 and young teenagers.

Walk for Women
Saturday, Feb. 16
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Minges Coliseum
Join the East Carolina Women's Basketball team in a 1.5-mile walk to support breast cancer awareness. The Walk for Women, part of ECU's "Think Pink" initiative, will take place Saturday, Feb. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Minges Coliseum. Chick-fil-A will provide lunch for those participating.

Spring GRAD EXPO
Tuesday, Feb. 19
Wednesday, Feb. 20
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wright Place Dining Room
The GRAD EXPO is the first opportunity for seniors to pick up their cap & gown. Seniors can also sign up to take pictures for the yearbook, find out student organization photo dates, and order a yearbook. Order graduation announcements, diploma frame, class ring and more! Visit with representatives from the Registrar's Office, the Career Center, Alumni Association, Pirate Club, the Rec. Center, MA program in International Studies and more. Get a free gift just for visiting with vendors (First 500 May Grads)!

14Thu

School of Art Valentine's Sale
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jenkins Art Building

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

15Fri

Live Music: 5th Generation
10 p.m.
Pantana Bob's

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

Softball Maine
4 p.m.

Salsa Dance
7:30, lesson;
8:30-11:00, dance.
MSC Social Room

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

16Sat

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.

17Sun

Women's Basketball UCF
2 p.m.
Minges Coliseum

* Featured Event



18Mon

Live Music: Iron Sides & The Gospel Years
Can Kickers
Paleface
The Spazzatorium
Galleria

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

19Tue

Matt Roloff Being a David in a Goliath World
7 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

ECU Percussion Players
8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher
Recital Hall

20Wed

Spring GRAD EXPO
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wright Place Dining Room

PIRATE NATION WEATHER

VALENTINES DAY
Hi: 56F
Low: 34F
Wind: NW 5-10 mph
Precipitation
Probability: 10%
General Weather: "romance in the air"

Friday Feb. 15:
Hi: 67F
Low: 42F
Wind: SW 5-10mph
Precipitation
Probability: 5%
General Weather: clear and sunny

Weekend Feb. 16-17:
Hi: mid 50s
Low: upper 30s

Wind: NE 8-12mph
Precipitation
Probability: 50%
General Weather: mostly cloudy with chances of rain

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

Sorority and fraternity partnership for Homie, Lover, Friend event



Students got the chance to interact with others in a friendly dating game.

Valentine's Day social held

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STAFF WRITER

It was "The Dating Game" with a twist Tuesday night, as Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority hosted the first Homie, Lover, Friend event.

The event was a spoof of the popular game show that sets a bachelor or bachelorette up on a date with his or her choice of three

suitors whom can only be identified by how they answer a questionnaire.

The event, held in Mendenhall Student Center, was a collaborative effort between the organizations to offer singles the opportunity to take on dating from a different perspective. According to Chisom Atufunwa, director of education of Phi Beta Sigma, physical attraction is often a firsthand distraction from seeing who a person really is.

"We did this so if someone wants a date they can get to know the inner person before you actually see them," Atufunwa said.

Members of the audience had the opportunity to aid the bachelor and bachelorette in choosing a date.

Questions were raised concerning personality, gender roles, future career goals and the role of sex in a relationship.

Based on the answers given and with some approval from the audience, the bachelor and bachelorette then had to choose which suitor would be best as a "homie," or casual associate, and which one could be a romantic prospect.

"Mostly it's to celebrate Valentine's Day, but you have the option of finding a date," said Demetrius Philson, vice president of National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"You can choose to just have fun or seriously get a date."

With many Valentine's Day celebrations being geared toward couples, Homie, Lover, Friend allowed singles to interact in a small controlled environment where they could mingle while supporting a good cause.

The event also served as a fundraiser for Sigma Gamma Rho.

"It's an opportunity to raise conversation on more in-depth issues and look beyond just physical attraction," said Megan Brown, chair of Sigma Gamma Rho.

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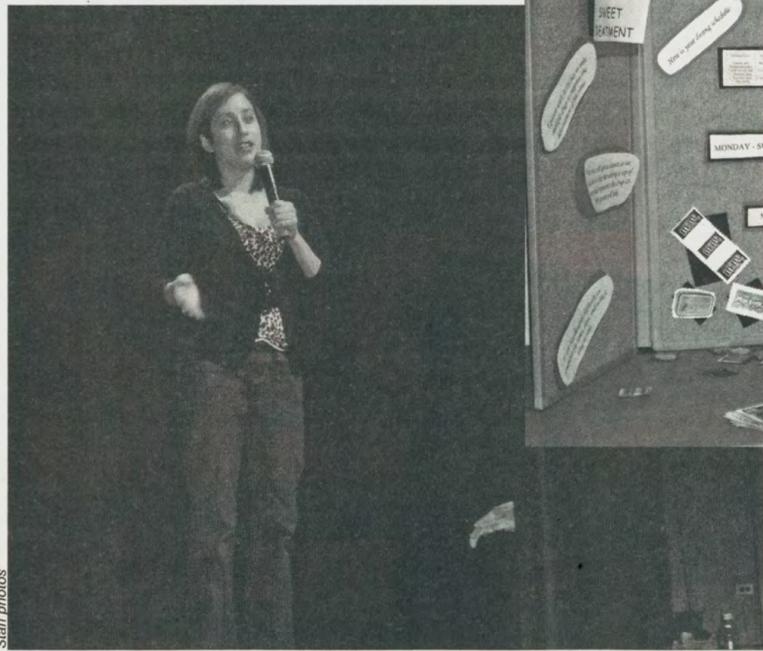
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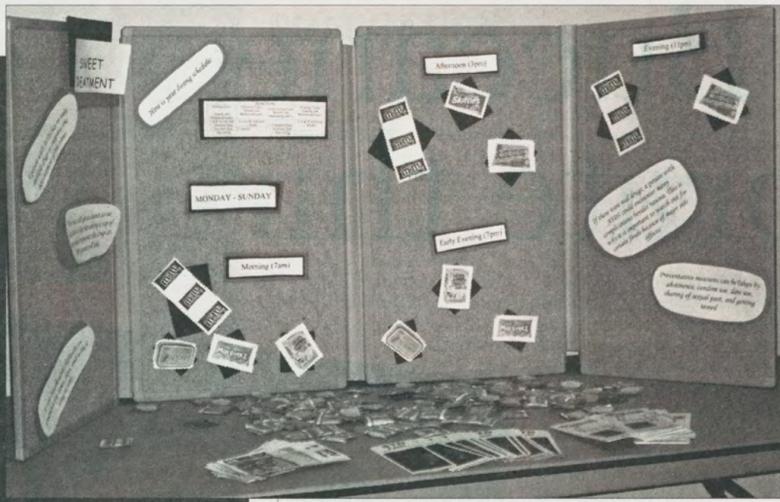
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Staff photos

Speakers, contraceptive materials, and textual information began the Sexual Responsibility Week.



"You're not getting tested because you're HIV positive, you're getting tested because you're HIV negative," Martinez said.

Other events included in Sexual Responsibility Week are; Smoke-Free for Your Sweetheart in Wright plaza from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and How to be Sexually Assertive (for women only) in Mendenhall Multipurpose Room at 4 p.m., both taking place Feb. 14.

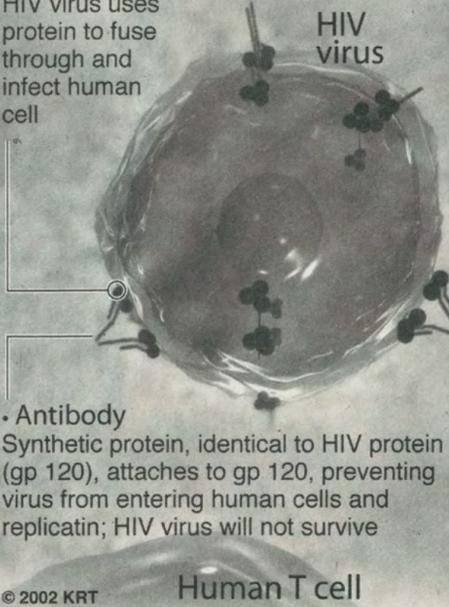
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AIDS vaccine

AIDSVAX is designed to prevent infection by HIV, not to cure people already infected. Vaccine could be ready by 2007.

How it works

• Protein gp 120
HIV virus uses protein to fuse through and infect human cell



• Antibody
Synthetic protein, identical to HIV protein (gp 120), attaches to gp 120, preventing virus from entering human cells and replicating; HIV virus will not survive

Vaccination

• Cannot cause HIV or AIDS since it is made from synthetic protein containing no genetic material from HIV

• Human immune system will be primed to recognize HIV virus and mount effective and rapid response to HIV exposure

• Vaccination principle is the same as that of successful vaccines against polio, smallpox

Current clinical trials

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The Buccaneer looks to celebrate third year

Yearbook experiences major evolution

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STAFF WRITER

Before two years ago, ECU had been without a yearbook for nearly a decade and a half.

Revived in the fall of 2005, the *Buccaneer* has since produced two books, and is now looking to continue the success of the previous years with their approaching release.

Terrence Dove, the student media coordinator of both the *Buccaneer* and the school radio station, WZMB, has a good feeling about the upcoming yearbook.

"I think we have a really focused staff with a lot of new ideas to continue the centennial theme," Dove said.

"As with last year's book, I feel that it will be something that a lot of students will look back on and treasure—even if they don't know it yet."

Dove was not present for last year's staff, but comes with experience in the media field from his employment in the high school level of education.

The yearbook has never been without difficulties, and this year will be no different for the team.

Their current problem lies not in the logistical aspect of the project, but in the lack of student awareness, according to Holly Garriss, the editor-in-chief.

Dove and the rest of the *Buccaneer* staff agree.

"There is almost a stigma associated with the word yearbook, but it is really created for the students. The university changes so much, so quickly that the *Buccaneer* becomes a piece of memorabilia that graduates will want to look back on five or ten years down the road."

Taking what worked from the previous two years and adapting new ideas and changes brought in with this year's staff, the *Buccaneer* will focus more on student profiles, as well as department

and organizational highlights.

Not always looking for the star athlete or the top student, the yearbook will center more on original stories, including students who may be the first in the family to attend a major college or individuals whom have impacted the campus in an unusual way.

While the staff noted awareness to be a problem for the *Buccaneer*, those who have seen the yearbook have had positive input.

"I was the editor for my high school's yearbook and was impressed when I saw ECU's most current edition," said Nusaybah Ismail, sophomore exercise physiology major.

"The attention to detail in not only the design, but the quality of pictures taken was noticeable. I would purchase their next one."

Other students voiced concern that they may not be told or aware if they were in the book even to begin with and felt that prior knowledge may increase sales.

The *Buccaneer* is regularly sold in the Dowdy Student Store. For more information about this and previous years of the yearbook, visit buccaneer.ecu.edu or email the editor-in-chief at buccaneer@ecu.edu.

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"Students can pick up their caps and gowns during those three days and then after that they can pick them up at anytime," Scarborough said.

Since the *Buccaneer* was brought back, seniors now have the option of taking their senior photos for the yearbook.

While this option is open to students, not many are knocking the doors down to sit in front of the camera because they either don't feel it's important or they are uninformed.

"We had about 150 students take their photos last year, and we're hoping for many more this year," said Terrence Dove, student media coordinator for WZMB and the *Buccaneer*.

Senior photos have been announced via *The East Carolinian*, posters around campus, the Student Announce Web site and on the alumni and the *Buccaneer* Web sites, according to Dove.

For those who still wish to get their senior pictures taken, the last dates to do so are February 19-21.

"Students can go to our-year.com, type in ECU's school code, 453, and sign up for a sitting time and date," Dove said.

Another tradition for seniors is buying a class ring. In high school, most seniors purchase one but in college, rings aren't as popular.

About 15 percent of the total graduating class decides to purchase a class ring, according to a representative of Herff Jones. Herff Jones was the former provider of the class rings at ECU. Jostens is now the official provider of class rings.

Some Pirates still get a class ring as a reminder of their time spent at the institution.

"I bought a class ring my junior year as a present to

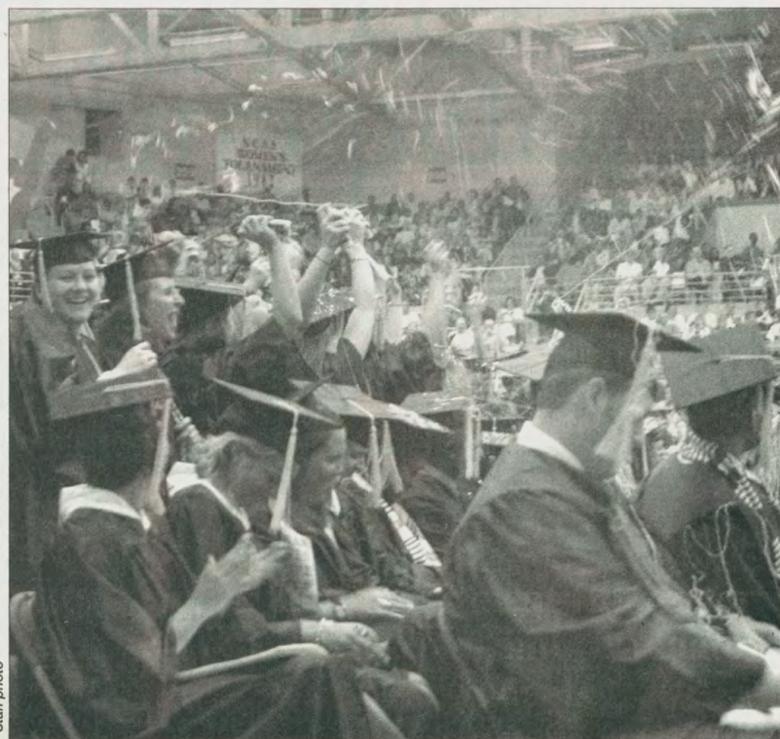
myself. I wanted one to represent my time here at ECU since I am graduating this year," Dyer said.

As graduation nears for many students, it will be a time of joy, a time of accomplishment and a time of nervousness, as many are uncertain of what their future will hold.

"My feelings of graduation were apathetic. I was excited and glad to be done but also nervous and scared of the mystery of what the future held for me after graduation," Harris said.

Those same feelings are expressed in many of those students who choose to not participate in the commencement ceremonies and activities.

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Some students attend one of the two graduation ceremonies or decide not to attend all together.

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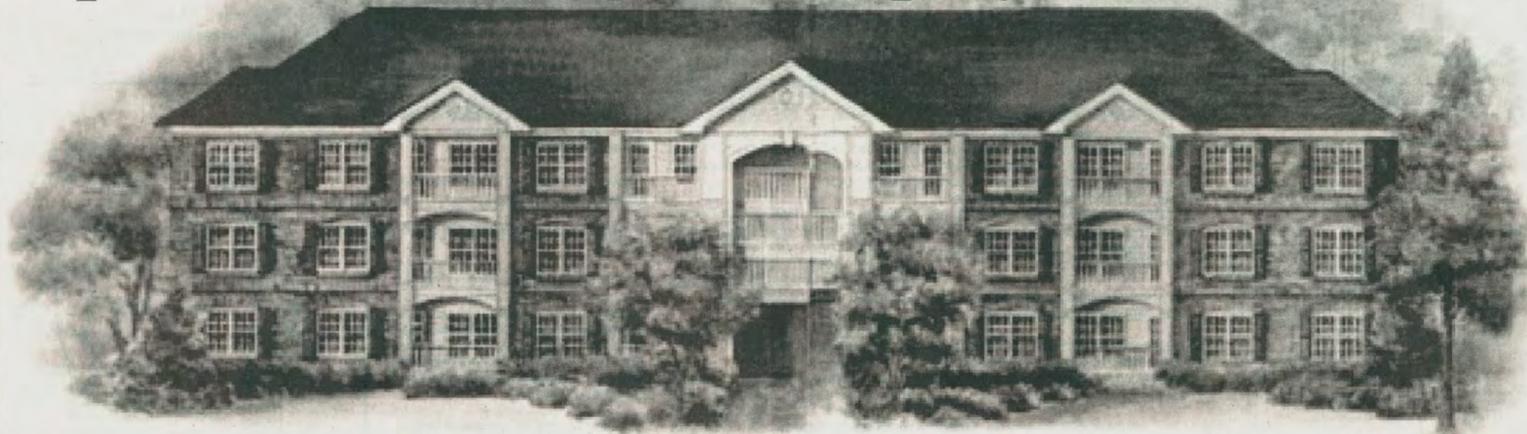
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RANT OF THE DAY

Happy Unimaginative, Consumerism-Oriented, Arbitrary, Manipulative and Shallow Interpretation of Romance Day.

Why can't I be a liberal Christian?

Or a Christian liberal?

LARA OLIVER
OPINION WRITER

So, I grew up your typical Christian kid. I went to church every Sunday — often multiple times — and I went to weekly meetings for my youth group. I prayed every night, carried a rosary, and read the Bible for fun (okay, not really, but I tried).

Yet, around the age of nine, I found my faith in question. My best friend, and fellow Catholic, had just passed away from a heart murmur. Her death left our fourth grade class shaken and her closest group of friends despondent and angry. We spent the majority of our time that month remembering her death and putting up a tree memorial for her in the schoolyard. Her other best friends and I ended up splitting up the following year.

Yet what really shook me about her death was how involved she was in the church. We were both regular attendees, involved in community work, and well-liked by the clergy for our interest in Christ. So, I thought, why would God take one of His most avid supporters from us? What about that little girl required her to leave her friends behind? At first, I was scared. Maybe she didn't pray enough. Does that mean I'm not praying enough? Did she sin by accident? Does that mean I'll sin by accident?

For about four years, I was racked by questions and doubt with my faith caused by her death. I couldn't reconcile her untimely death with our shared, almost identical, faith. I went from blaming myself to blaming God to just not believing in God anymore. I lashed out at my parents, became one of those angry teenage atheists, and thought I would never look back. But I still felt empty inside. I didn't understand it. Didn't I solve the problem? What's wrong now?

As the years went by, I reconciled my faith. It took time, stress, different denominations and many heartfelt pleas from my parents to go back to church with them to bring me back to a more open-minded view of Christianity. Yet I still had a problem with my faith. It seemed that a small minority of the American population was attempting to permanently side Jesus with the conservative right. Christ was becoming an American. Not just an American, but a Republican too. The "secular left" was being demonized for not wanting prayer in schools, not keeping the Ten Commandments outside of courthouses, and wanting to keep America away from becoming an oligarchy.

It's something that still bothers me, the fact that you can't be a liberal and a Christian as well in many people's eyes. One label denotes one thing, while the other cancels it out. I say I side liberally on political views, and people assume I want mandatory abortions, gay sex on billboards outside schools, and free Mustangs for the homeless. I say I'm a Christian, and others assume I voted for George W., keep a Jesus fish on my Chevy Tahoe, and shrink away in public places from women wearing hijabs. In reality, I'm none of those things (the homeless have enough problems without owning a Ford).

I think it's about time we stopped assuming that being a Christian means wanting everyone to be a Christian against their will (and started acting like it as well), and that it is possible to be a liberal Christian without being an oxymoron. It's time that instead of using Jesus' image to enforce rules we think he supported, that real Christians start acting like Christ instead of using his name to spread hate. Passages such as Jesus' rescue of an accused prostitute and his statement "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7) should show us that Jesus wasn't nearly as judgmental as many of his modern followers can be.

Of course, I don't think Jesus was a Democrat, a Republican, or even a member of the Green Party (although he did have the beard and sandals for it). I don't think anyone's religion should blindly direct their political views. I only think it's about time that we move away from the current stereotype of the rich, white, political man leading us with his strong "faith" in Christ. What we need to remember is a poor, Jewish man from the Middle East once said "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven," (Matthew 19:23).

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PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to J.D. Lewis, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

So, my roommate said if my Pirate Rant makes it in the paper then she will give up sex for Lent! How great is that?

None of my rants have been posted since last spring. There is a curse against me, and I'm not happy about it at all!

I've gotten so few Pirate Rants in lately, I'm starting to think the staff doesn't love me anymore!

HEY!!! It's Leap year!!! 29 days!!!

My friends and I got drunk last night and totally jumped into the freezing pool!!!

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

ARMY: Aren't Ready to be Marines Yet! HAHAHAAAA!

Now that I turned in my resumes for the real world, I have to block all of my tagged Facebook pictures. Uggghh.

What's a pirate's worst nightmare? A sunken chest with no booty!

Happy Unimaginative, Consumerism-Oriented, Arbitrary, Manipulative and Shallow Interpretation of Romance Day.

Nothing says "Happy Valentine's Day" like uprooted vegetation and fat-saturated sugar products.

So, we didn't realize the door was open until after we'd finished ... Sorry about that.

I have a total of four drinking tickets, two of which I got in one night. Can anyone top that?

I'm not going to be a happy redneck if FOX screws up during the Daytona 500, like it did during the Super Bowl!! GO DALE, JR.!!

I hate it when a girl comes over to your place, makes out with you all night, tells you how much she likes you, and then you take her home in the morning and she tells you that you better call her that night, so you do, and then she never calls you back. If you're not gonna call me back, at least go all the way so I can feel good about myself the next morning.

To whoever is going back in time: What time period are you headed to?

I just love sitting in class at 9:30 a.m. and having to hear someone in the hall yelling at someone on their cell, saying F-this and F-that!

Hey mumpkin, I love you more than a fat kid loves cake! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

To guys everywhere: Please stop

staring at me; I already know I look good.

I think you should be required to have a certain IQ in order to reproduce. There are way too many stupid people.

WHYYYYYYYY!!!!

To the volleyball player that rode the elevator with me in Jones on Wednesday around 11 a.m., after you just left TODD ... I adore you!!!!

I'm so happy that if I exploded, happiness would go everywhere!

The guy that won the lottery here in town buys me drinks all the time downtown now. I love it. \$800k, if you were wondering.

How come the bathrooms in the Bate building always smell like a turd?

I'm about to graduate, and I've never watched our basketball team win a game. Please, please beat Tulsa! GO, PIRATES!! ARRRGGGGHHH!!!

I hate how the SECU is so far away by the river.

You know you're still a kid when you love to squeak your shoes on the floor as you walk on the tile floors after coming in from the rain.

To all Naruto Fans on campus ... UNITE!!!!!!

Clinton Happens.

I don't understand why people will make love confessions when nobody knows who it's from or who it's for. So it's not really a confession. That stuff needs to be dealt with face-to-face or on Facebook.

Why can't guys think with the right head?

Trust me; you have not lived until you have had your "world" (ahem) rocked by an older man! OMG!! I'm done with college boys!

There should be TWO gyms; one for people who are actually serious about their workout and the other for people who like to socialize, get in the way of the motivated people, and check out members of the opposite sex!!

I want to give a shout out to my two study buddies in the library.

To the obnoxious girls in my environmental bio class: You are ungodly loud! Shut your mouth and show some respect to the professor as well as the students. If you're going to exude the energy to drag yourself to class, come to learn. If not, get out of the classroom and let those of us

who want to learn do so in peace!

If you're not going to come into class until the rest of us have already been there for thirty minutes, just stay at home.

I miss living in Garrett! Take me back!

Greenville sucks. I'm moving to the Caribbean.

How can you not like Bojangles' or Chick-fil-A?

To the hot guy in my English class: I know you dated my best friend, but now I want you. Can't you see that?

I am going to miss my two fabulous roommates so much next year! Don't worry; I'll be your honorary roomie! I love ya!!!

Someone take my roomie to Western!!!

Happy Valentine's Day, BOOBOO! I love u!!!

I like to go to UNCW whenever I have free time.

My favorite ECU dancer is hurt! How bad does that suck? Now I have no reason to pay attention at halftime of the basketball games!

To the guy who keeps writing rants about the dancers: I have a crush on the tall blonde! Do you think you could hook me up?

The SGA Legislative Branch has become a joke. They could start to make things better with a new advisor.

To the guy who works in the weightlifting area of the Rec Center: Why do you have to be taken?

To the girl looking for a sweet, normal guy: I live on 3rd Street. You should come by sometime.

I have the capacity. I lack the drive. I'd rather be surfing.

I should have gone to a small school.

To the Tyler resident: I live on the 3rd floor, and I've never seen a bug or rodent in Tyler. Maybe it is just you, or something you brought into Tyler from your own house. Don't make our lovely dorm seem bad because Tyler is a wonderful place to live. Sincerely, Tyler.

MAJOR kudos to whoever wrote the bus rant in Tuesday's paper, the analogy to how ECU works! It should have been Rant of the Day, HANDS DOWN!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Celebrate it anyway

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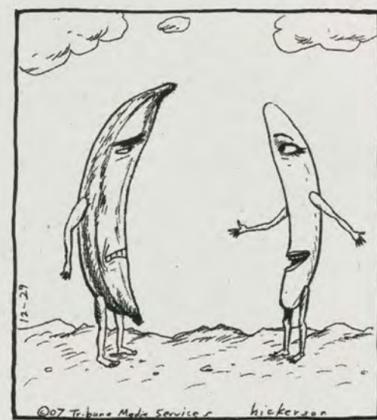
Today is Valentine's Day. So, are you in a relationship, or single? Are you dreading this day of love? Either way, single or not, you can celebrate. Now, I know it is an overrated Hallmark holiday, but it is not going to escape us anytime soon, so why not just enjoy? I know some of us become bitter or stressed on this lovey-dovey day we call Valentine's Day because it is either Single Awareness Day for the most of us, or we have to make sure we buy our significant other a perfect card and chocolate, but no matter what your status is, try to make the best of it!

Now I must admit my heart sinks into my chest at times when I see radiating hearts huddling over a madly-in-love couple, or when my friend receives a bouquet of red roses from her boyfriend. Basically, I just get a little jealous because I do not have that special someone sending me surprises (and I'm sure I am not the only one with these bitter feelings). But then I remember that not getting gifts on a random day out of the year is not that important anyway when I remember I have other relationships to be thankful for. Just because I don't have that significant other to share February 14th with, I still have my friends and family to show me love and affection.

Take, for instance, your roommates. I'm sure most of you have a close bond with the people you share close spaces with, so why not tell them that day how much you love them. Simple words could do the trick, or even treat a friend to a cup of coffee or a nice dinner instead (since mac & cheese is all we can afford, why not splurge a little?). Or actually send a friend in need of a hug, or an "I love you," even if they are a couple hundred miles away.

There is no reason for anyone to be sad, stressed, angry, or _____ (insert any other feeling associated with this holiday) on this special day when we celebrate love. It's not just for our spouses or significant others we have to share it with; it's a day to celebrate for everyone in your life that you love. So, do me a favor; instead of sulking in front of the television with a tub of ice cream because you do not have a boyfriend or girlfriend, or resenting the holiday in general, take time today to make a couple of phone calls or write a few e-mails and tell any and everybody that you love them no matter what!

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"What do you think, Bernie? I went to the spa and got me one of those chemical peels!"

Cars vs. People

The continuing struggle

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OPINION WRITER

Who is really in the right? Well by the standards of law, as we all know, pedestrians are usually always in the right. But we have to realize how the world really works. Outside of a city (New York, L.A., etc.), no one really knows. When I get behind the wheel, every single pedestrian is an inconsiderate jackass who I am trying not to hit. When I am a pedestrian, every single driver is a crazed lunatic trying to hit me. So when will the match finally end?

Most everyone knows that Greenville drivers are not the sharpest knives in the drawer. Almost every day of driving, one can see a new experience in stupidity ... or cause a new experience in stupidity. I either walk or bike to school, so I have had my fair share of scares on the road. Once, while riding my bike down 5th Street, in the legally-allocated bike lane, I was coming upon the intersection at Forest Hills. The driver of a big truck pulled past the stop sign and almost into the bike lane while keeping his head turned to the left, away from me, looking for a chance to turn. As I was coming up to the truck, my head began to discuss the future: "Well he isn't looking right. I know what he is waiting for, and he isn't looking right. He has to look right. Who wouldn't? I could get hit ... badly. Well, here I go." Just as my rear tire — not to mention my leg — was near his headlight, he went. As luck would have it, the vehicle brushed by my leg, and the only harm was a lot of cursing. Now, obviously I wasn't being

completely sane in doing this, but a simple head cocking would have avoided that.

On the other side of the spectrum, bikers and pedestrians are crazy. Riding through campus in the early afternoon is a game of Vehicular Manslaughter that you don't want to win. No one cares where they walk, and sometimes no one cares to even look at the big metal machines that have the easy ability to kill you. When I was younger, my mom always said, "Look both ways ..." Usually that involves left and right, but we all come from different places and hear different things.

For the most part, however, during the day, with the sun and all, we usually avoid any of those mishaps, and no one gets hurt or in trouble. The real stupidity of bikers and pedestrians, I feel, comes out at night.

How is it that a supposedly sane individual can dress all in black while riding a bike in the wrong direction down the street when it is pitch black out? How can a pedestrian, while crossing 10th Street from the Hill, blindly ignore the big red hand that says "Don't Walk" while a parade of tempered and annoyed drivers waits for the light to turn green?

As both a driver and a non-driver, I can see both sides pretty clearly, and I think the problem just stems from who wants to be right. Many people who are put into those situations run the phrase in their head "Hit me! Hit me! Hit me so I can drag you out of the car!" or "I wish I had hit them so I could teach them a lesson." I feel the latter isn't as common, but perhaps the answer really lies in just having some patience and realizing that, like the customer, the other person is always right ... even when they are wrong.

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Horoscopes

Aries
The answer you've just discovered leads to new questions, naturally. You never have to worry about being bored; you won't let that happen. You're interested in everything.

Taurus
Look around, while you're out there in unfamiliar territory. Odds are good you'll find a way to do business at a profit. You love it when this happens.

Gemini
Don't rush off before you've finished a task that must be done. You know what it is, or if you've forgotten you'll be reminded. It has to do with money.

Cancer
Review your holdings and you will find a leak that needs to be plugged. You're paying too much for something you don't use anymore.

Leo
You've almost had too much of a good thing in the past few days. Schedule a break to share with congenial friends. Restore your sense of humor.

Virgo
Important business decisions will have to be made soon. Things should go well, once you have misunderstandings cleared away. Ask if there are any.

Libra
Through your own intervention, your place is quite comfortable. It may not be quite finished, but it's good enough. Gather with good friends.

Scorpio
You and your partner need to discuss an upcoming purchase. You can get something that will last for years, if you pool your resources.

Sagittarius
The most difficult part of the task should almost be over by now. Soon you can hand the maintenance duties over to somebody else. Look forward to that.

Capricorn
Your reverie is broken by an urgent request. Take care of the job immediately, and get back to having fun. Keep your priorities straight.

Aquarius
Once you've made the decision about what to do at home, there'll be time to relax. Schedule an interesting evening for you and somebody you love.

Pisces
The list of things you've been meaning to do is getting pretty long. Go over it again before you start. Some have lost all justification, and can be deleted.

Did you know: Valentine's Day?

The United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France and Australia all celebrate Valentine's Day.

74 percent of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day.

Approximately 192 million cards exchanged.

Some attribute the first "Valentine's card" being sent from Charles Duc d'Orleans in 1415 to his wife, while a prisoner in the Tower of London.

"Love birds" derives from the belief that birds choose their mates on Feb. 14. Some believe this fact is one of the origins of the Valentine's Day Holiday.

Cupid was the symbol for the Roman God of Love.

About 15 percent of women in the U.S. send themselves flowers on Valentines.

Valentine's Day is fourth on the list for the holiday with the most candy sales behind Halloween, Easter and Christmas.

The first Valentine's Day box of chocolates was introduced by Richard Cadbury in 1868.

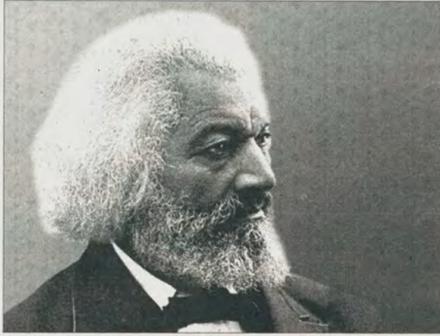
Teachers receive the most Valentine's.

About 3 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the U.S. are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.

Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy," on Valentine's Day, 1876.

Today in history....



1817
Possible birthday of Frederick Douglass, abolitionist and orator. Born into slavery as Frederick Baile, Douglass purchased his freedom in 1845 and went on to become the greatest abolitionist of his time.



1946
Entertainer and dancer Gregory Hines born.

Domestic violence is no longer a silent epidemic



Vagina Monologues depict the lives of women spoken from a variety of point of views.



The Monologues are also geared toward raising awareness about abuse and violence.

V-Day campaign raises awareness through Vagina Monologues

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eve Ensler's renowned *Vagina Monologues* will make its debut for the sixth time this year at ECU.

The Vagina Monologues was written by Ensler to convey women's sexuality and strength through humor and grace. Ensler wrote it after interviewing over 200 women. The play has been translated into 35 different languages and runs in theatres all over the world.

"This play is all about what it is to be a woman.

From the emotional aspects of womanhood all the way to the physical aspects. I believe that all women should read or see this play.

"It completely changed my life! As a member of the cast my freshman year, I became proud of being a woman for the first time. This play is so empowering," said Leia Cain, ECU V.O.I.C.E. president and director/coordinator of this year's performance.

While performing *The Vagina Monologues*, Ensler was inspired to create a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, hence the creation of V-Day.

"V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and

revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

"Through benefit performances of *The Vagina Monologues*, unique documentary film projects and innovative gatherings designed to change social attitudes toward violence, V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop worldwide violence against women and girls including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sexual slavery," according to vday.org.

V-Day strives to create a world where women can spend their lives thriving rather than surviving or recovering from terrible things that they have experienced.

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Show turns students into stars

Array of talents revealed during Apollo Night

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Musical icons Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Ella Fitzgerald and Lauryn Hill launched their careers on the stage of the Apollo Theater.

Since its construction in 1914, the theatre has been a staple in the music industry for producing talent in the African-American community.

This Friday, Feb. 15, students will have the opportunity to display their talents in the annual Apollo night sponsored by the ECU chapter of NAACP and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

"The students of NAACP initially sponsored the event and over the years it has become a collaboration with Ledonia Wright Cultural Center," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Intercultural Student Affairs, Lathan Turner.

The talent showcase will begin at 7 p.m. and will run until around 9:30 p.m. in Hen-



Last year's winner, Phaedra Johnson, smiles after receiving her prize.

drix Theatre located inside of Mendenhall Student Center.

Students are encouraged to attend the event in order to act as judges for each of the acts. Audience reaction will act as a large part of the criteria needed for participants to win.

"It is really an opportunity for students to present talent in a fun and educational way. The event brings local flavor to a national and international favorite for a lot of people," Turner said.

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TV reality star to visit ECU

Roloff to speak about overcoming obstacles

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

On Feb. 19, ECU students will get the chance to hear a remarkable speaker.

Matt Roloff, star of "Little People, Big World," the smash reality series on TLC, will be speaking at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, courtesy of the ECU Student Union. The event, titled "Being a David in a Goliath World and Overcoming the Odds," is part of the four-part lecture series that the Student Union is sponsoring this month.

"We decided to bring a diverse lecturer that everybody would know," said Kimberly Barncord, Student Union vice-president.

Roloff will be giving a lecture about the obstacles and prejudices that he has faced in his daily life, namely the work force.

"He will be talking about the differences of the day in his life [rather] than the day of the lives of students," Barncord said.

"Little People, Big World" features the day-to-day lives of the four-member Roloff family—three of whom are "little people." The family includes Matt (who is a little person), Amy (who is a little person), 15-year-old twins Jeremy (who is average-sized) and Zach (who is a little person), 12-year-old Molly (who is average-sized) and 8-year-old Jacob (who is also average-sized). The Roloffs manage their own farm near Portland, Ore., and Matt manages his own company that markets products to little people. In 1999, Roloff published his first book, titled *Against Tall Odds*.

"We're in little bodies, but we're real people out there doing real things and living real lives, making the same mistakes, loving and hurting, succeeding and failing and doing all the things that everybody else is doing," said Roloff in a self-authored article on orato.com.

The event is free to students and \$10 for non-students.

Barncord encourages all students to attend the lecture.

"It will be a great chance to

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Tiny Art show has big talent



"Tiny" art fills the walls of Emerge this week during the exhibit.

Emerge Gallery presents their 7th annual exhibit

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Emerge Gallery has been overrun by "tiny" art.

The Don Edwards Gallery of Emerge has its walls splattered with the work of children, students, professors and more all sized at five by seven of smaller.

The idea behind the Tiny Art show began in 2001 with a section of a community arts management class at ECU. The idea took off, and this is the seventh consecutive year that the gallery has put on the show.

Heather White, education and outreach coordinator for Emerge, said that anyone can enter their artwork in the show and there is no entry fee.

"There's art by 3-year-olds next to art by professors," said White.

"You'll see everything [in the show] from metal works to ceramics to photography and everything in between."

Although the show started on Feb. 8, Emerge will take submissions for the show until its end on Feb. 23.

The Tiny Art show is a fundraiser to raise money for education and outreach programs at Emerge.

"People donate proceeds of what their art brings [to Emerge] or it's split fifty-fifty," White said.

The education and outreach programs sponsor adult and

children's classes, including pottery, photography, filmmaking, painting and more throughout the year.

All art at the Tiny Art show is priced from \$5 to \$10, except for some juried work that is \$25 and up.

According to Caroline Cooper, senior art major at ECU and a student intern at Emerge, the Tiny Art show has been a success.

"A lot of people bought stuff before the show even started," said Cooper.

White says that the miniature art has been flying off the walls.

"It [the Tiny Art show] is really popular and neat community show. Everyone looks forward to it," she said.

The next show that Emerge will be offering is the Barbie show, entitled "Barbie Is Back." The show will be featuring unique twists on the classic Barbie doll, which contestants will recreate into pieces of art.

"We haven't done [the Barbie Show] in three years, but we get calls about it every week," White said.

The Barbie Show will be held Feb. 29 through Apr. 4 at the gallery.

The Tiny Art show will be open from 6-9 p.m. until Feb. 23 at Emerge Gallery, located at 404 S. Evans St.

For more information about the Tiny Art show or about Emerge Gallery, visit the gallery's Web site at emergegallery.com.

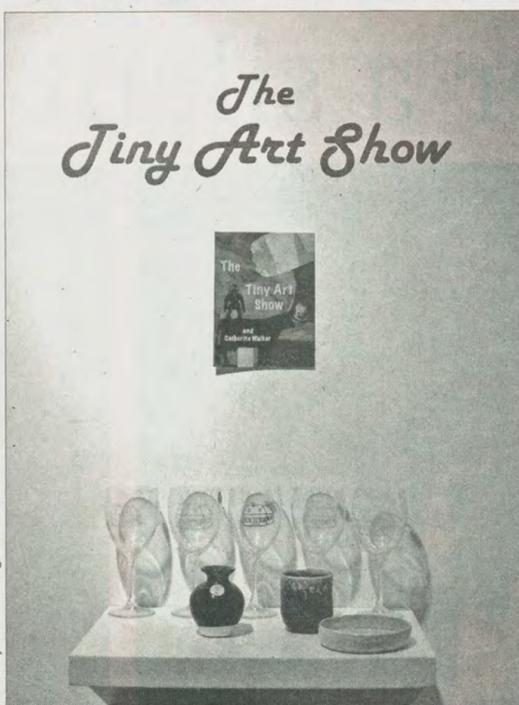
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All of the art contributed was sized to five by seven inches around.



A diverse conglomeration of pieces was collected for the art show.



Emerge will feature its seventh annual Tiny Art Show until Feb. 23.

With writers strike over, TV will still be on pause



Some television programs may not air normally until next year.

(MCT)—We now return you to your regularly scheduled programming.

Not. With striking Hollywood writers going back to work, after three months, TV fans may be expecting their favorite shows to return in a trice.

They'll be back, all right, but you'll have to wait. At least a month, more likely two, and in some cases, until fall or even 2009.

"It's messy and complicated," said Steve Battaglio, senior correspondent for *TV Guide*. "I'm sure the business affairs offices at the studios and the networks are hard at work figuring out what can be done with each show."

The strike was like a brick through a picture window in the television business. Boards, in the form of quick-fill reality shows and previously-shelved short-run series, got nailed up fast to keep out the elements, as bigwigs pondered whether to replace the glass or take the whole structure down and rebuild from scratch.

Some made provocative pronouncements that the strike would power radical change. But most observers and participants believe that technological forces long in place, and not the strike, will continue with increasing pressure to move the industry.

"The TV business has been changing significantly for the last 10 years, just the way the newspaper and record business, even the movies, have been changing," said Hal Vogel, author of the textbook "Entertainment Industry Economics: A Guide for Financial Analysis."

The seventh edition of his book, published in May, mentioned many of the structural changes in promotion, series development, production and presentation schedules that some executives have touted as the latest news in the heat of the strike.

For the writers, however, the strike was a frantic dash to grab a seat before the train got too far down the track to get paid for their shows no matter who promotes them when they're finished, or how they're delivered.

They reached an agreement that, according to a variety of reports, doubles what they are paid for movie and TV shows sold online, and for the first time addresses streaming content. In the first two years of the three-year contract, writers would get a flat fee of up to \$1,200 when their work was streamed digitally on the Internet. In the third year, the fee would move to 2 percent of a distributor's gross

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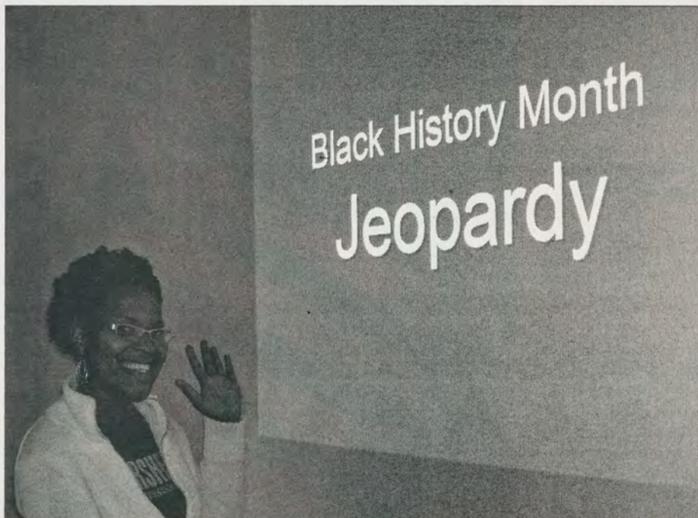
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'Black' jeopardy quizzes students



RaSheeda Waddell, graduate assistant for the LWCC, poses in front of the unique game.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center sponsors twist on the classic game

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES WRITER

The ECU Ledonia Wright Cultural Center sponsored a game of "Black Jeopardy" yesterday in an effort to increase students' knowledge about important parts of America's history.

The game was set up like the televised "Jeopardy," but included only questions about black history. The categories included alma maters of famous black Americans, important events that took place in Africa, locations of events that helped shape black history and even questions about blacks at ECU.

"The questions are about the arts, music and television," said RaSheeda Waddell, graduate assistant at LWCC and ECU graduate student.

"There are traditional black history facts, but I tried to include nontraditional facts as well. I think people will be surprised because I [also] threw in some facts about ECU."

Waddell says that she wanted the game to be fun as well as educational.

"I took great care in choosing a variety

of questions," she said.

The participants were divided into two teams in an old-fashioned battle of the sexes. Girls faced off against guys in trying to answer the sometimes tough questions.

Nikole Rampersad, a LWCC committee member and sophomore recreational therapy major attended the event.

"I think I'll do OK. I know a couple of random facts," she said.

The idea of Black Jeopardy was originated by LaQuesha Foster, associate director for the center, who had used the game at another school to educate students about women's history.

"I was just looking for one activity to learn facts about black history, [and] not just everyday facts like about Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, but little-known ones as well," said Foster.

Other events that will be sponsored by the LWCC are the Multicultural Book Club on Feb. 19, a "Rhythm and Voice" program on Feb. 20 and a dinner-and-a-movie event on Feb. 26.

The LWCC's mission is to "serve as a facility for research, educational programming and as the repository for the university's collection of African and African-American art," according to the center's Web site.

For more information about the center or to find out more about upcoming programs and events, visit ecu.edu/lwcc.

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What's your B.H.I.Q.?

(Black history intelligence quotient)

By ELI SANDERS
The Senior Times

Black History Month began with historian Carter G. Woodson, who early in the last century came up with the idea for a "Negro History Week," which he envisioned as a celebration of black history and achievement, as well as a time for education.

In 1926, with the support of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the first "Negro History Week" was held during the second week in February. The timing was meant to honor the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Lincoln. Over the years, the event grew in popularity, and in the early 1970s, the association (which later changed its name, replacing the word "Negro" with "Afro-American") expanded the celebration and renamed it "Black History Month."

Now, in keeping with Woodson's idea of focusing on black history and education, we offer this Black History Month quiz.

- The founder of the Nation of Islam was:
 - Elijah Muhammad.
 - Elijah Wood.
 - Ralph Ellison.
- Thurgood Marshall was:
 - A prominent black thinker and architect of the Marshall Plan.
 - Duke Ellington.
 - Louis Armstrong.
- Negro League pitcher Satchel Paige played with which famous band leader?
 - Benny Goodman.
 - Duke Ellington.
 - Louis Armstrong.
- Which amendment to the Constitution guaranteed black people (and all citizens) equal protection under the law?
 - The 15th.
 - The 26th.
 - The 14th.
- Black people, women and people ages 18 to 21 have all been kept from voting at some point in the history of the United States. In what order were these groups given the right to vote?
 - Black men, then women, then people 18 to 21.
 - People 18 to 21, then black men, then women.
 - Women, then black men, then people 18 to 21.
- What landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision struck down the idea of "separate but equal" schools for black people and whites?
 - Plessy v. Ferguson.
 - Brown v. The Board of Education of Topeka, Kan.
 - University of California v. Bakke.
- The incarceration rates for black people in America have long been deemed as a reflection of a biased justice system. At the end of 2000, what percentage of all black males in the United States ages 25 to 29 was in prison? (For comparison, the answer is 2.9 percent for all Hispanic males in that age group, and 1.1 percent for all white males.)
 - 5.6 percent.
 - 9.7 percent.
 - 24.3 percent.
- The holiday Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when:
 - Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, thus freeing slaves.
 - Word reached Texas that Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation.
 - Lincoln declared war with the South over the issue of slavery.
- Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the first secretary-general from sub-Saharan Africa, is from what country?
 - Ghana.
 - South Africa.
 - Nigeria.

- True or false:**
- When the United States' founding fathers wrote "all men are created equal," they meant black slaves, too.
 - In the "Tuskegee Experiment," the United States monitored 399 black men with syphilis for 40 years to see what would happen to them — even though the men never told they had syphilis and a cure for the disease was discovered decades before the experiment ended.
 - The holiday Kwanzaa was created by black activist and scholar Mwanika Karenga in 1966.
 - Participants in the Harlem Renaissance included Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston and Claude McKay.
 - The historically black college Howard University is located in Atlanta.
- 15. Match the following black Americans with their ideas:**
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| A. "It is not integration that Negroes in America want, it is human dignity." | ■ Martin Luther King Jr. |
| B. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" | ■ W.E.B. Du Bois |
| C. Encouraged black people to pick themselves up by their "bootstraps" and said: "In all things that are purely social, we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress." | ■ Malcolm X |
| D. Wanted to start a colony of black Americans in Liberia and said: "There shall be no solution to this race problem until you yourselves strike the blow for liberty." | ■ Booker T. Washington |
| E. Wrote "The Souls of Black Folk" and said of Booker T. Washington: "(When) Mr. Washington apologizes for injustice, does not rightly value the privilege and duty of voting, betrays the emasculating effects of caste distinctions, and opposes the higher training and ambitions of our brighter minds ... we must unceasingly and firmly oppose (him)." | ■ Maya Angelou |
| F. Read the poem, "On the Pulse of Morning" at President Clinton's inauguration: "You, created only a little lower than the angels, have crossed too long in the beating darkness/Have lain too long/Face down in ignorance/Your mouths spilling words/Armed for slaughter/And the Rock cries out to us today, you may stand upon me/But do not hide your face." | ■ Zora Neale Hurston |
| G. Wrote the poem, "Harlem," a passage from which reads: "What happens to a dream deferred?/Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?/Or fester like a sore — /And then run? ... Maybe it just sags like a heavy load./Or does it explode?" | ■ Langston Hughes |
| H. "I do not belong to the sobbing school of Negrohood who hold that nature somehow has given them a lowdown dirty deal and whose feelings are all hurt about it. Even in the hell-skeeter skirmish that is my life, I have seen that the world is to the strong regardless of a little pigmentation more or less. No, I do not weep at the world — I am too busy sharpening my oyster knife." | ■ Marcus Garvey |

ANSWERS: 1. A, 2. B, 3. C, 4. C, 5. A, 6. B, 7. B, 8. B, 9. A.

10. False. When this country was founded, black slaves were not considered equal. In fact, the government counted each slave as only three-fifths of a person.

11. True. Years after the experiment, medical and government records were given to members of their families. And in 1997, President Clinton issued a formal apology, saying the experiment was "racist" and "un-American, morally wrong."

12. True. Karenga named it "Kwanzaa" as a black alternative to the existing holidays. At the center of Kwanzaa are its seven principles, which are represented by seven colorful, unguilted (unselfish) ear of corn (self-determination), unity (collective work and responsibility), shared cooperative economics, and (governor), laundries (creativity) and (unity) (faith).

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14. False. Howard University is located in Washington, D.C.

15. A. Malcolm X.
B. Martin Luther King Jr.
C. Booker T. Washington.
D. Marcus Garvey.
E. W.E.B. Du Bois.
F. Maya Angelou.
G. Langston Hughes.
H. Zora Neale Hurston.

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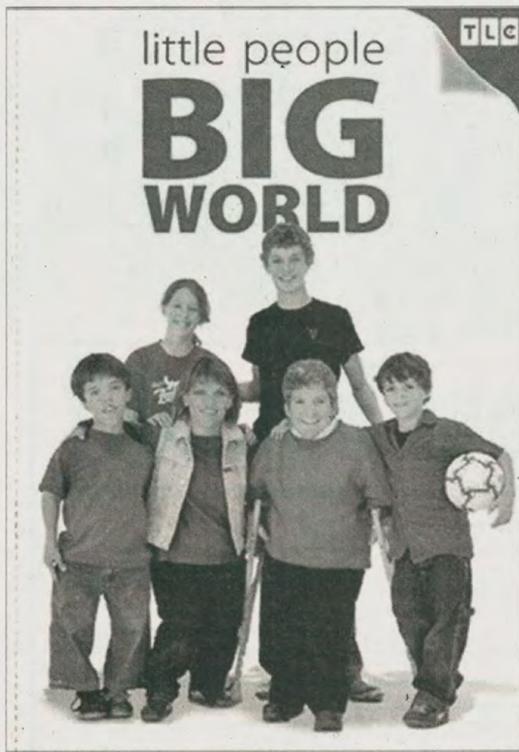
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meet a celebrity that we're all familiar with and learn about the obstacles he faced [in his life]," she said.

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For more information about this event and future events, visit the Student Union's Web site at ecu.edu/student_union.

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"By raising money and consciousness, it will unify and strengthen existing anti-violence efforts. Triggering far-reaching awareness, it will lay the groundwork for new educational, protective, and legislative endeavors throughout the world," says the mission statement at vday.org.

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For more information about *The Vagina Monologues* and the V-Day College Campaign, visit vday.org.

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receipts from advertising. The bigger the new delivery system becomes, the bigger the payment to writers. If it were to reach current television levels, it could exceed \$50,000 per episode.

"The strike was about one thing: sharing in the profits of the new media," said Marc Guggenheim, producer of ABC's

"Eli Stone." "Everyone is trying to keep up with the march of technology."

But what's happening now? Each current show has a different story, and TVGuide.com maintains a running update: <http://tinyurl.com/ytldet>.

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APOLLO continued from A7

Last year, students performed renditions of "If I Ain't Got You," by Alicia Keys and "Listen" by Beyonce. There were a number of solos, as well as group performances. Some students tapped into their most artistic side by reciting poetry and monologues.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students; they can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office in MSC. All proceeds from the event will go to the ECU NAACP.

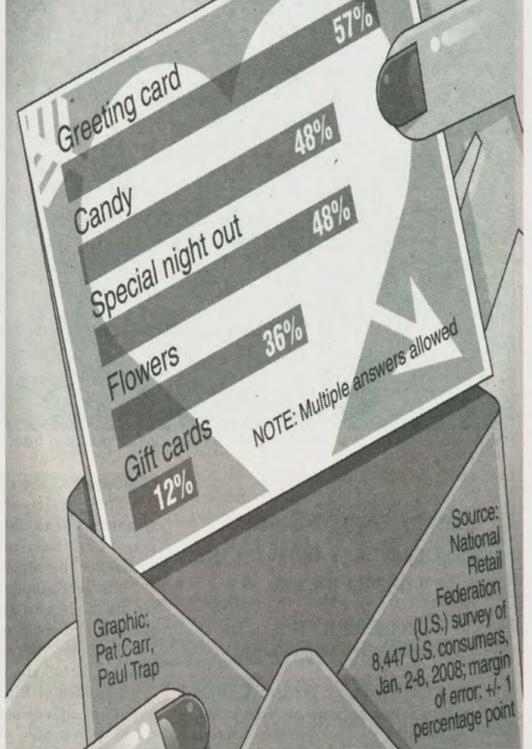
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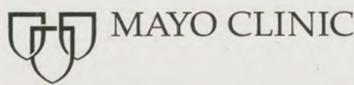
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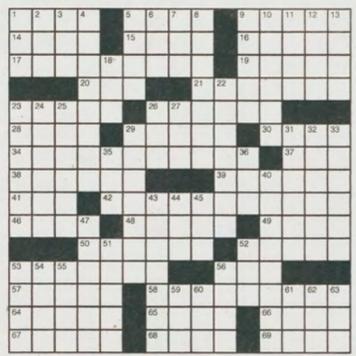
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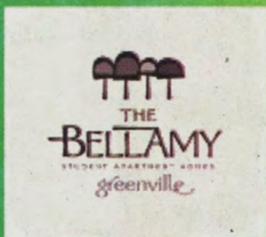
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A look ahead to the weekend in sports

Men's Basketball

Saturday
vs. Southern Miss
7:00 p.m.

ECU will be looking to pick up a win against bitter Conference USA rival Southern Miss when the two battle on the hardwood Saturday night. The game will be a test for the Pirates as the Golden Eagles rank fifth in C-USA in offense and defense. A win would go along ways in building team confidence heading into the final weeks of the regular season.

Women's Basketball

Friday
vs. Southern Miss
7:00 p.m.

Sunday
vs. UCF
2:00 p.m.

The lady Pirates will be looking to pick up a couple of wins over the weekend against Conference USA foes Southern Miss and UCF. With two victories, ECU could shoot into a better standing in C-USA standings. Doing so will be tough, especially against the Golden Eagles who have statistically the best offense in C-USA.

Softball

Friday
vs. Boston College
2:00 p.m.
Maine
4:00 p.m.

Saturday
vs. Ohio
12:00 p.m.

Fresh off a 2nd place finish last weekend in the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill, ECU returns to Greenville Friday to open its homes portion of the schedule when it hosts the Pirate Invitational. The doubleheader will feature stiff competition against Boston College and Maine. On Saturday, the Pirates will do battle with Ohio.

Men's Tennis

Saturday
at Campbell
12:30 p.m.

ECU [4-1] will travel to Campbell [4-2] on Saturday looking to keep its four-game win streak intact. The competition will be fierce as the Camel's are riding a three-game winning streak of their own.

Freshman making her presence felt

Spivey is one of ECU's leading scorers

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Lady Pirates have a number of diaper dandies anchoring this year's team, but no individual has been more vital to this team's success than freshman guard Allison Spivey.

Listed at 5-foot-10, Spivey has become a staple in ECU's perimeter strike, exploiting opposing defenses and making defenders pay when given space behind the three point arch.

This season, her freshman campaign, Spivey has already posted double-digit point totals in seven games, earning her honors as the team's third leading scorer.

"Lacoya and Jasmine do a great job of driving to the hoop and dishing it off," Spivey said. "It's my job to hit that open shot."

Taking advantage of opportunities has been instrumental to Spivey's success on the hardwood this season, and her teammates trust that she has the skills to continue and expand on her impressive outside play so far.

"Allison has come in and made a strong impact both on and off the court," said Nicole Days, ECU's senior team leader. "She brings a lot of excitement to this team, but also security when she's handling the ball. We believe in her, on her scoring abilities and defensive skills."

Spivey is averaging seven points and 4.5 rebounds a game, but her overall numbers don't show the true impact she's had on conference play this season.

Coming off the bench in the team's first 13 contests, she earned the starting nod for ECU's first conference game and has since remained there based on her imposing play.

Undaunted by her place in the starting lineup, Allison is averaging 10 points and seven



Allison Spivey has started in every one of the Lady Pirates' conference games this season. ECU is looking to end conference play strong.

SPIVEY'S FRESHMAN CAMPAIGN

Category	Stat	Team rank
Points (avg.)	6.9	3rd
3-pointers made	27	2nd
Minutes (avg.)	23.1	4th
Rebounds (avg.)	4.3	3rd
Free throw percentage	75.7	2nd
Steals	25	3rd
Games started	10	5th

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ECU soccer signs seven additions to program

Pirates recruit nationwide

SID—The ECU Women's Soccer program announced this week that seven student-athletes have signed National Letters-of-Intent, and will join the Pirates in 2008.

The class consists of Jessica Woodward (Wake Forest, NC), Stephanie Shaw (Knightdale, NC), Rachel Fuller (Coppell, TX), Leah Bagonis (Wallingford, PA), Kendall Booth (Epping, NH), Amanda Malkiewicz (Forked River, NJ) and Amanda Windsor (Temecula, CA).

Woodward was a member of the North Carolina Olympic Development Program (ODP) team in 2006 and was in the NC ODP pool from 2002-2005. She has also been team captain of her 89 CASL Spartan Elite club team for three years, winning the North Carolina State Cup Championship in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

Woodward attends Wake Forest-Rolesville High School, where she has earned a 4.38 GPA and is ranked number 17 out of 545 students.

"I chose ECU for the great educational programs, the beautiful campus, and the friendly and competitive Lady Pirate Soccer Team," Woodward said.

Shaw also plays club soccer for the 89 CASL Spartan Elite (out of Raleigh) coached by Rusty Scarborough. Shaw is also a three year captain for William G. Enloe High School. She has been named All-Conference (2005-2007), All-Region (2005 and 2007), and has received the team's Coaches Award (2006) and MVP Award (2007). Enloe HS was also the Triangle Alliance Conference Champions in 2005. Stephanie was also named to the Academic All-Conference Team in 2005 and 2006.

"Stephanie is a competitor and has a good work ethic," ECU coach Rob Donenwirth said of Shaw. "She has very good tactical awareness and is a good distrib-

uting the ball out of the back. She is a good one-on-one defender and will be looked at as a back or outside midfielder."

Fuller was a member of the North Texas Olympic Development Program Team from 2001-2003 and attended Region III camp in 2003. She is a member of the D'Feeters 90 club team coached by Hugh Bradford, which was ranked No. 1 in the country in the spring of 2006. The D'Feeters won the North Texas State Cup Championship (2005 and 2007), the USYSA Region III Premier League West Championship (2005) and the Disney Soccer Showcase Championship (2006). They were also Southern Region semi-finalists (2006 and 2007), quarter-finalists (2005) and Surf Cup Super Group semi-finalists (2004 and 2005) and quarter-finalist (2006).

"Rachel is a handful for opposing backs," said Donenwirth. "She has good speed and plays with aggression. By being constantly active, she gets herself in good scoring position and is able to wear down anyone marking her. She scores in a variety of ways whether it be using her breakaway ability or getting on the end of service in the box."

Bagonis is a member of the West Chester United Spartan's club team. Her team was Eastern Pennsylvania NCS State Cup Finalists (2007) and participated in the Super Y League North American Finals (2007).

She was named the Delaware County Player of the Year and All-State (2007). She was also named All Delaware County First Team (2006) and All Central League First team (2006 and 2007).

"Despite being eight hours away, ECU had all the characteristics I was looking for; Division I soccer, a strong nursing program, and a friendly atmosphere," Bagonis said. "I'm really excited to be playing and traveling with such a fun group of girls."

Booth has been a member of

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Sophomore Forward Amy Szilard controls the ball in a game this past season.



ECU goalie Amber Campbell is one of the many Pirates that is not from the state of North Carolina.

Pirates overtaken by Golden Hurricane



John Fields came off the bench to score 15 points and grab six rebounds against the Golden Hurricane.

ECU loses second straight game

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

James Legan's 18 points were not enough to push ECU (8-14, 2-7) past Tulsa (12-10, 4-6) on Wednesday night.

The Golden Hurricane held off a late Pirate rally to escape with a 66-61 win.

Legan put forth one of his best shooting efforts of the season but, failed to get an open look to tie the game in crunch time.

Tulsa led 64-61 with 13 seconds left to play when Corey Farmer misfired on a running jumper inside the three-point line.

"They switched the screens," Legan said of the Golden Hurri-

cane's defense. "They did a good job switching the screens at the end and I couldn't get the shot up so I passed it off."

"It hurts to lose but we came out there with effort and hopefully we'll take this effort towards Saturday and pull out a win against Southern Miss."

After an embarrassing loss to Marshall over the weekend, ECU head coach Mack McCarty was pleased with his team's effort this time around.

"Over the last couple of days, I wasn't really sure how we were going to respond," he said. "...We really played hard. We really played together and at times we played well."

The Pirates didn't play well enough to stop Tulsa's Glenn Andrews.

The freshman guard was too much for ECU to handle in the second half. The Alex-

andria, Va. Native scored 14 of his game-high 21 points in the second half, including four three-pointers.

Andrews seemed to have earned some breathing room for Tulsa late in the second half when he hit a three to up the Golden Hurricane's lead to 56-49.

But ECU responded with a jumper from Darrell Jenkins to cut Tulsa's lead to 58-54.

Sophomore John Fields came up with some huge plays down the stretch to complete the ECU comeback.

Fields scored three straight buckets including an emphatic dunk-follow on a missed Cory Farmer lay up to tie the game, 58-58, with 5:37 remaining.

"The opportunity just presented itself for me to get blocks and get in the open floor for and

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Inline hockey has successful debut weekend

Pirates defeat N.C. State, among others

CLAYTON BAUMAN
CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

The recently reformed ECU Inline Hockey team made a respectable debut in its most recent competition in Winchester, Va. this past weekend.

The club team tore through the ranks of multiple Universities ending the SECRHL tournament with a record of 3-1.

The Pirates' opening game Saturday against Virginia Tech's A-team proved a challenge for ECU, losing the match 4-2.

Motivated and eager for a win, the Pirates' took to the floor again, this time facing James Madison University. The game was fast-paced and JMU made a late surge in the final period, but ECU goaltender Wes Reese's dominance in net gave the Pirates a 5-4 win, and their first league victory of the season.

Later that night, ECU faced off against Virginia Tech's B-team. Looking for a little pay back from their earlier loss to the A-team, the Pirate's attacked immediately gaining an early lead.

Another late game surge had the Pirates playing heavy

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Despite being a relatively new program, the ECU inline hockey team went 3-1 in its opening weekend last weekend, including a win over archrival N.C. State on Sunday.

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Fields grabs an entry pass before attempting a low-post move.

do what I do with the high-energy stuff," said Fields, who finished with 15 points and six rebounds.

With the game knotted up at 60, Golden Hurricane forward Calvin Walls tapped in a rebound follow from a rare Andrews miss to give Tulsa the lead for good.

The Pirates had a chance to tie on the ensuing possession when Fields was sent to the free-throw line with 27 seconds left on the clock, but Fields only managed to hit one of two free throws.

Andrews gave Tulsa an early 15-6 lead in the first half, but ECU responded with a 16-2

run highlighted by four-straight three-pointers.

Legan caught fire during the run, knocking down three of the four treys and tying the game at 21-21.

Farmer nailed another triple, giving the Pirates a 20-17 advantage.

After Tulsa cut the Pirates' lead to 24-21, freshman Jamar Abrams forced a turnover just before the two-minute mark to give ECU some momentum heading into the locker room.

Abrams came up with a steal and a breakaway, resulting in a two-hand jam to make the lead 26-21 at halftime.

ECU's leading scorer, Sam Hinnant, only registered 10 minutes of play and failed to find the bottom of the net.

"We haven't won many games where he [Hinnant] or James [Legan] didn't shoot the ball well," McCarthy said. "Sam's not playing well. I don't know if his knee is bothering him or people are just doing an outstanding job on him but he's not played well in awhile and we need to get him back to playing well."

ECU will now shift its focus to Southern Miss, a team that

easily defeated the Pirates two weeks ago.

"I expect they will hit us right in the mouth," McCarthy said of the Golden Eagles. "That's what they do. They came in here last year and beat us by 40 points and they're expecting to do it again...but we're not going to back down; we're going to be ready to play."

ECU and Southern Miss will square off at 7 p.m. inside Minges Coliseum on Saturday.

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defense in the third period, but a hat trick coupled with an assist earlier in the game by Trey Kennedy gave ECU the edge it needed to win the contest, 6-5.

The Pirates take to the floor on Sunday in their most eagerly anticipated game of the weekend, a matchup with archrival N.C. State.

The game was fast and physical from the drop of the puck. ECU answered first, scoring two goals, one by Augustine Brown, and a spectacular short-handed goal by Nick Michaux.

The second period saw an early goal 32 seconds into play by ECU's Brandon Patel, but State answered back halfway through the period putting the score at 3-2.

State scored fast in the third, just 45 seconds in, tying the match 3-3.

But Augustine Brown put the Pirate's back into the driver's seat with another goal a few minutes later.

The Pirates—especially goalie Scott Duffee—weathered the Wolfpack' attack for the next 10 minutes, even having to contend with a late period penalty leaving the team short-handed.

In the end, the Pirates shut down the Wolfpack, emerging with a 4-3 win which wrapped up the successful weekend with a 3-1 record.

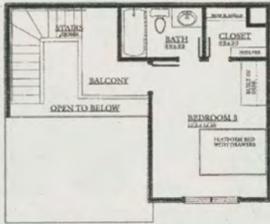
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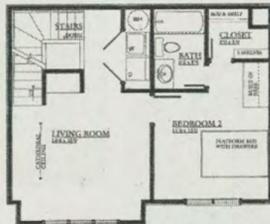
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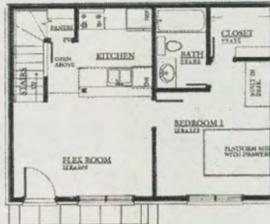
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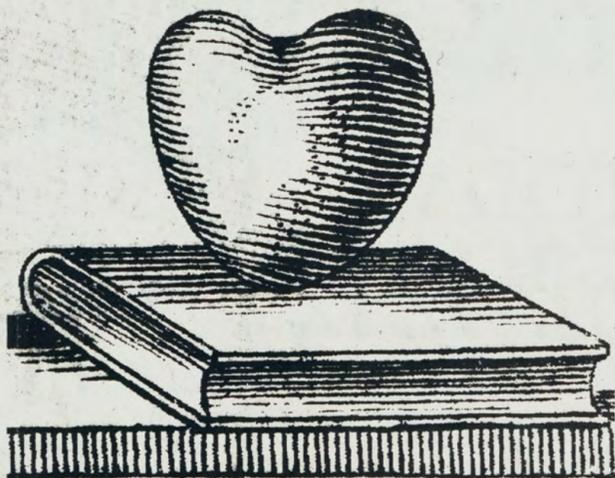
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rebounds in conference action, hitting nearly 40 percent of her three-pointers and averaging two three-pointers a game.

Spivey's experience on the floor is helping her game mature, but she still recognizes the parts of her game she needs to work on most.

"I need to work on my man to man defense, putting more pressure on the ball," the talented freshman said. "As for the team, if we can pick up our defensive intensity, we can compete with anyone."

"It always starts on the defensive end, and if we can accomplish that, our offense will fall into place."

The Lady Pirates have had trouble finding rhythm at times this year on both ends of the floor, but Spivey and her teammates are working to find the consistency this team needs to stay competitive within Conference USA.

As for Spivey, her rhythm lies in taking the game to its roots—shooting hoops with her dad.

For an hour before each home game, Allison ask her dad to rebound for her shots, "so it's just like how it used to be, one on one," she said.

This ritual gets Spivey into her game mindset.

"I get more shots in this way, and opposed to drills, this kind of practice with my dad just puts me into that game-time rhythm," Spivey said.

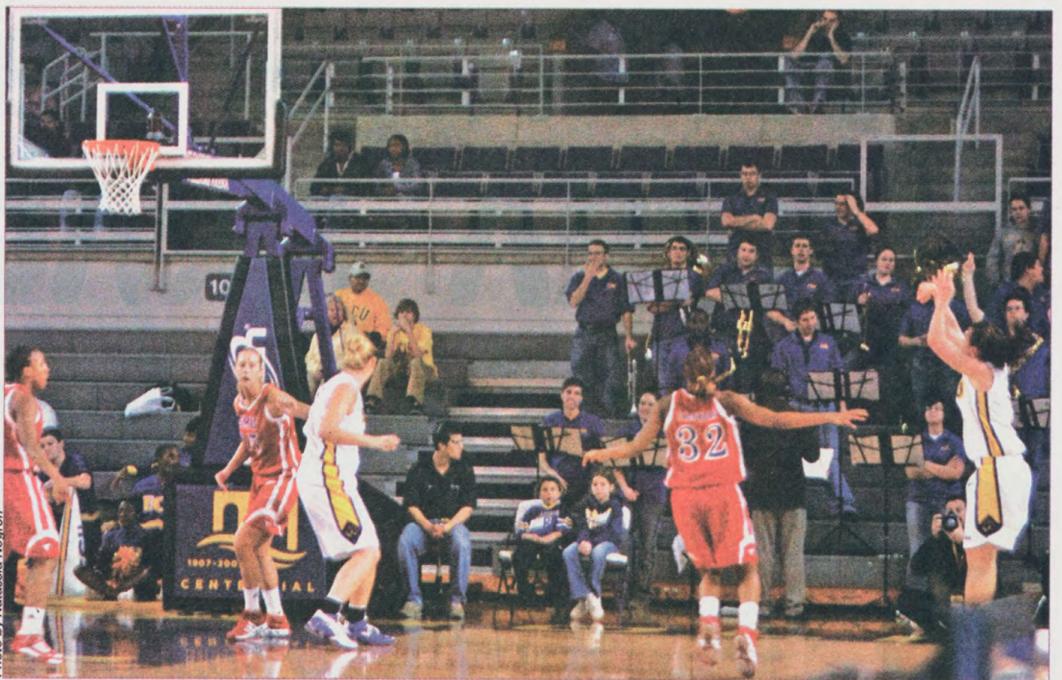
Whether shooting hoops with her dad, or fighting through defenders on the outside of the key, Allison recognizes that with practice and experience, her game will continue to elevate and bring in greater consistency for the freshman sharp-shooter.

Already a double-double threat every night, Spivey is going to have to rely on big efforts from ECU's post-players, taking pressure off ECU's guards and creating more open shots for Young, Terry and Spivey on the perimeter.

Consistent efforts from ECU's deep bench and strong starting lineup is what ECU needs to improve upon their overall 10-13 record, and conference mark of 4-6.

ECU, after Spivey shoots pregame with her dad, hopes to turn its two-game losing streak into a big win Friday night, as the Pirates face off against Southern Miss in Minges Coliseum at 7 p.m.

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Freshman Allison Spivey hits a three-pointer in a game earlier this season. Spivey is second on the team in three-pointers made.

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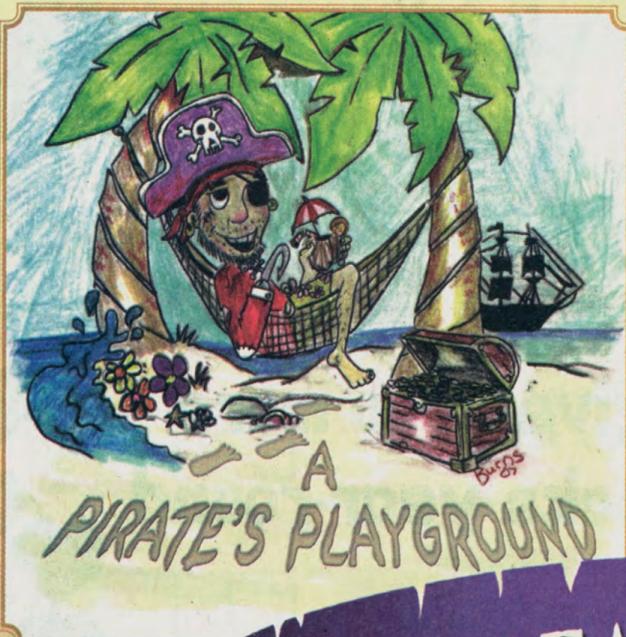
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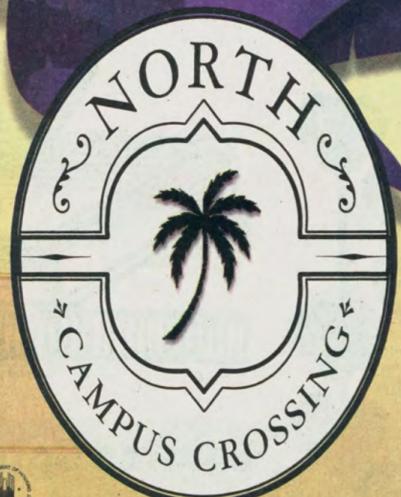
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