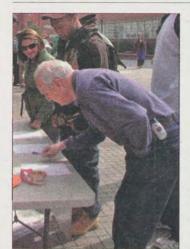
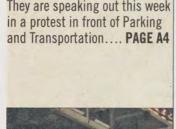


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Some students feel that the parking policies at-ECU, namely towing, should be abolished. They are speaking out this week





The Lady Pirates' basketball team had two crucial Conference USA games over the weekend. Turn to the sports section to see how they fared, and where they currently stand in the C-USA standings.



ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin announced over the weekend which player would be wearing the honorary No. 23 jersey this season. See who received the prestigious award.PAGE A9

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Former ECU professor leaks personal student information

Fear of identity theft

NATALIE JURGEN STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 3, former ECU math professor, Ken Butler, was informed by the Liberty Coalition that the temporary backup of his computer to his personal Web site contained information of 736 ECU students in more

than 60 files. Personal information, such as student e-mail addresses, grades and 412 social security numbers, became accessible to search engines across the

Butler knew that the student's information was backed up on his personal Web site, ropehouse.com; however, he was not aware that search engines would be able to access it because he did not directly link any of

The Liberty Coalition found the information after performing an advanced search on Google.

"The first file we discovered was in an online public directory with several other files which the server listed," said Aaron Titus of SSNBreach.org.

"Wefound Mr. Butler's contact

information in one of those files." SSNBreach.org is sponsored by the non-profit Liberty Coali-

tion and provides free personalized identity exposure reports. These reports allow victims of identity theft to investigate, take action or correct any harm

that has been done. Butler reported that he did not create any links to the sensitive files but there was nothing private about his Web site. Any web surfer who knew where to find the files could have accessed them at any time.

It is believed that Google's "spiders," which crawl the Web

24 hours a day and do nothing but copy what they find, found the information. Spiders were regularly crawling Butler's Web site and somehow came across some of the sensitive files.

"It is impossible to tell how Google's spiders found the information; however, many people do not realize that by installing search engine toolbars, they are turning their own computer into a spider," Titus said.

"For example, if a person installs a Google Search Toolbar into their browser, the toolbar will report to Google all of the Web sites they have visited. It

Google to the sensitive files simply by visiting the directory with the sensitive information."

The problem this situation creates is that these students can potentially fall victim to identity theft.

Information such as social security numbers does not change. Once this information falls into the wrong hands it could cause serious, long-term damage.

Damage could be done the day the information is stolen or

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Fourth Annual Jean Mills Symposium held

Health fair reaches minorities

NIA RICHARDSON STAFF WRITER

The College of Allied Health presented the fourth Annual Jean Mills Health Symposium this past weekend.

The two-day event addressed health care issues surrounding the minority population of Pitt County.

The theme of the symposium was "Rural Health in Eastern North Carolina, Meeting the Challenge."

The symposium featured several keynote speakers that presented research and solutions to health disparities among minorities in Eastern NC

The Jean Mills Symposium was established in honor of the late Jean Elaine Mills, a 1984 graduate of ECU, who passed away of breast cancer in 2000.

The symposium was started with a \$25,000 contribution from Jean Mills' brother, Amos

My sister was a highly intelligent, articulate lady. I wanted to honor her memory," Mills said.

"I knew that whatever I decided to do, that she wanted to give back to ECU.

Held in congruence with the health symposium was the second annual Community Outreach Focus Health and Wellness Fair.

Held Saturday at the Greenville Convention Center, the fair featured 40 exhibits from local health care organizations and wellness educators.

The fair was an opportunity for the ECU faculty, students and the surrounding community to come together and present a more intimate regard for the in Pitt County.

In spite of the ever-growing Pitt County health community, there are barriers that stand in ing, education on breast cancer



The second annual Community Outreach Focus Health and Wellness Fair featured exhibits to create awareness about minority health issues.

the way of minorities receiving adequate health care, mainly education and empowerment.

"My job is to stay in tune with those people who are not empowered to navigate the health system", said Brenda Simpson, health check coordina-

tor for Pitt County. "The reason that they don't feel empowered is because they are intimidated. Exhibits like health issues facing minorities this work to put the information

out there." At the fair, the public had access to free rapid HIV test-

prevention and information on health care outreach programs in the community.

"ECU tries to address how to stimulate better health and wellness approaches in the community," said Steven Thomas, dean of the school of allied health sciences.

"We want to see an equal amount of health care, but the challenge is reaching those areas that most people aren't able to

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Bridge established between Namibia and North Carolina



Peter Romary appointed as Honorary Consul

> YAZID FINN STAFF WRITER

Peter Romary, director of ECU Student Legal Services, was appointed as the honorary consul for the Republic of Namibia to NC in mid-December.

Among the roles of the honorary consul, according to Ambassador Euripides L. Evrviades, is to serve as a "vital link and liaison between the government's embassy and its citizens living abroad."

"The honorary consul is called upon to help citizens with a number of problems, including legal assistance, immigration help and even medical aid, while always helping to promote trade and investment," Evriviades said.

Evirivades is the ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S.

Romary has been decorated and recognized across the U.S. as well as aboard, including his home in the UK

where he was knighted.

The position is a great privilege, because it is the only consul to the continent of Africa based here in NC and Romary is one of only five people titled as consul for Namibia in the U.S.

"I was given a chance to decide between Barbados and Namibia," Romary said.

Romary jokingly mentioned that his wife gave him a puzzled look after he made his decision between

Romary stressed that he is looking to build investment and educational ties with Namibia, raising awareness of the country and the people who reside there.

Jeremy Tanner, a former law partner of Romary, said that the Republic made a 'wise choice" in selecting

"Peter has been recognized as one of the top humanitarians in the United States," Tanner said. "In our time together he was frequently called upon for advice and assistance by diplomats, politicians and business leaders and has provided numerous services that people

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may never know of. I am sure

Senate seeks voice of students



The SGA Senate is still working to adapt to the new structure that the organization has transitioned to.

Involvement in SGA encouraged

NATALIE JURGEN

STAFF WRITER The Undergraduate Student

Senate at ECU is making plans for the future and invites the entire student body to become involved in their transformation.

It has been agreed upon by all members of the Student Senate that there is a lack of student voice on campus.

The main goal the Senate is currently working toward is increasing the voice of all ECU

"The Student Senate needs to create a legislative body that is the voice of the students, they do not need to create a body just to say they are a body," said Corey King, advisor of SGA.

He feels that it is in SGA's best interest to have as much student involvement as possible. If the students of ECU aren't involved and concerned with issues on campus then SGA really serves no purpose. The question that stems from all of this is how exactly does SGA get students interested in what they're doing? What incentives will it take for students to really care?

It is clear that past methods

are not proving effective, and SGA is working to develop new and more efficient strategies.

Students don't realize how much say they really have on campus and how many areas their voice can have an impact on. They need to understand that SGA is the voice that can get their ideas heard.

Issues ranging anywhere from parking on campus to visitation hours in the dormitories are all handled through SGA.

The Student Senate has proposed the possibility of holding

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 vearbook. 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)!

Rhythm & Voice Wednesday, Feb. 20 6-8 p.m. **LWCC Gallery**

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and ECU-African Students' Organization presents Rhythm & Voice, a program showcasing African food, dances, and Languages. You might even learn a dance step or two! Come out and enjoy this program dedicated to educating the campus community & environs to expand your vocabulary with lessons in African languages and delight your taste buds with African dishes

Voyages of Discovery: Sallie Southall Cotten Lecture Thursday, Feb. 21 7 p.m.

Wright Auditorium

University of Minnesota historian Lisa Norling will deliver the series' Sallie Southall Cotten Lecture. 'Captain Ahab Had a Wife' and will examine gender roles in maritime men and women's work. Faculty, staff and students will be admitted free, but should request tickets through the ECU Central Ticket Office, 328-4788. Tickets for the general public are \$10.

Dialogue Training for Daring Dialogues Thursday, Feb. 21

3-5 p.m. MSC Social Room Dialogue - Learn what it is ... Learn what it isn't. Learn how to lead dialogue discussion groups. Learn how to facilitate Daring Dialogues. Meet new people. Learn new skills. Talk about making diversity work at ECU! Students, staff, and faculty

Sorority 101 "Facebook & Myspace...Is it really your Friend?" Friday, Feb. 22 7 p.m. **Brody School of Medicine** This event is open to ALL Greeks & Non-Greeks.

are all welcome.

College of Health and Human Performance Leadership Forum Friday, Feb. 22 12:30 p.m.

Hendrix Theatre The forum will begin with a ceremony recognizing Health and Human Performance Leadership Centennial Leaders, followed by a panel discussion, and collaborative sessions between these leaders, faculty, and students. The forum has been made possible due to the generosity of the ECU BB&T Center for Leadership Development, Industrial & Construction Enterprises, Inc., and University Book Exchange.

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Women's Tennis North Carolina Central 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball UAB 8 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 22 7 p.m.

Brody School of Medicine College of Health and **Human Performance**

Leadership Forum 12:30 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

Softball Syracuse 2:00 PM Greenville, N.C

Baseball South Carolina 3:00 PM Columbia, S.C.

Asian Studies presents Korean music

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8 p.m. Wright Auditorium

Sorority 101 Saturday, Feb. 23 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Nursing Building (Allied Health Sciences Complex)

College of Business hosts Beta Gamma Sigma lecture 3:30 p.m Greenville Hilton

Pirate Nation Weather

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

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years down the road, so it is necessary to keep a watchful eye.

"The best thing these students can do is keep an eye on their credit," said Peter Romary, director of ECU Student Legal Services.

Romary suggests that students check their credit report once or twice while they are in school. Checking it too often can damage their credit.

Although the student's information was available online, Romary believes that the chances of ID theft are unlikely.

The information was not cked and someone with bad intent did not find the files. Although the risk is there, it is quite low.

ECU students no longer have to worry about their academic information being insecure. As of June 25, 2007, the Banner ID replaced the social security number as a means of student identification. The elimination of the social security number as a student identifier has made things safer for students.

The Banner ID isn't used to log into anything, so if another student were to get it, there isn't anything they can do with it,"

said Darius Smith, first year engineering major and Information Technology and Computing Services employee.

, "We still have the social security number in a few systems, like the registrar's office, but it's just not needed for verification purposes," Smith said.

"Because of that, we have eliminated the SSN in as many other locations as possible, like ITCS systems.'

If any of these students suspect identification theft, the Federal Trade Commission suggests that students place a "fraud alert" on their credit reports and carefully review the reports, close any existing accounts believed to have been tampered with, file a police report and report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission.

Any victim of identity theft should also get in touch with the Social Security Administration to verify all information filed is correct.

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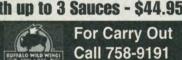
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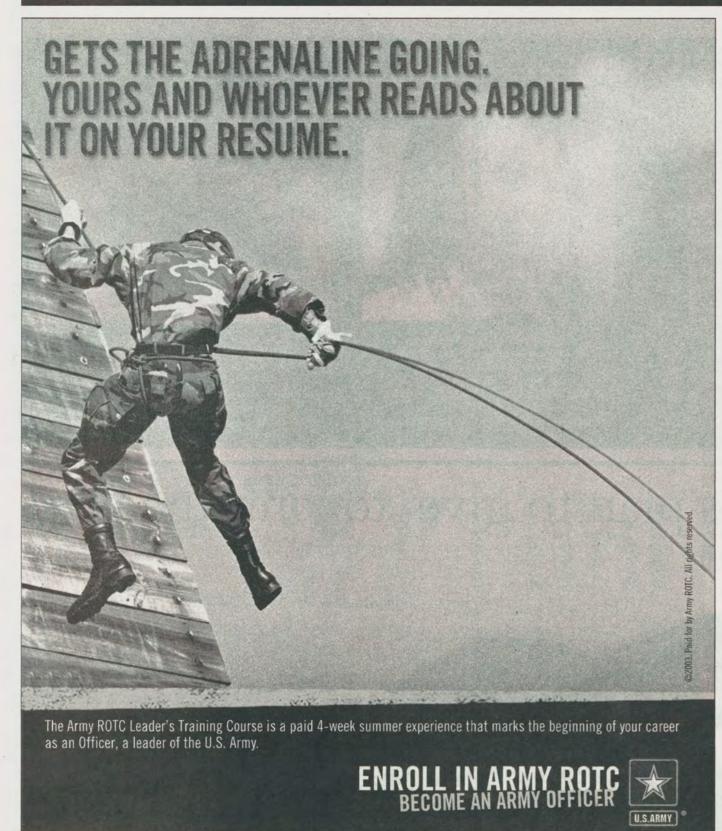


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forums in each College within ECU. In these forums students will be able to voice their concerns and Senate members will report them back to their weekly meetings.

Such a method will only be effective, however, if students take advantage of these opportunities.

"The Student Senate needs to create a process that is transparent to students," King said. "They need to be able to see right through it to a clear and consistent student government."

Students at ECU have begun to question the legitimacy that is SGA, and by developing a more defined structure, they will be able to gain their strong reputation back.

"It is our job to protect the structure," said Ashley Yopp, speaker of the Student Senate. "We need to move forward and find a plan of action."

The Student Senate is also looking for more students to join their organization. If the numbers aren't there, then they aren't as effective an organization as they have the potential to be.

The Student Senate is working to improve their committee system as well. There have been problems in the past with funding for student organizations on campus and SGA is in the process of developing a more efficient way to appropriate funds for such organizations.

organizations.

The current system that involves annual and emergency funding is being taken advantage of and needs to be re-invented.

"Organizations are currently opting out of annual funding and applying for emergency funding instead," Yopp

"These organizations are making things emergencies that really aren't."

Developing a better system will make such appropriations fair to all organizations.

The Student Senate will hold its elections in March and beginning in the fall semester will enact a new makeup based upon the number of students in each individual college. Once the Student Senate work out the technicalities, they will be voice the student body knows they are capable of being.

"We need to work together toward the betterment of the student body," said Keri Brockett, SGA president.

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he will work tirelessly to bring North Carolina and Namibia closer together."

A few of the items on Romary's agenda entail establishing a possible exchange program with Namibia, with their faculty and staff and our faculty and staff.

For students and individuals unable to travel, Romary notes the opportunity to share courses with ECU and the University of Namibia through the Global Classroom.

"Africa is sometimes forgotten or overlooked. But it has great opportunities for those willing to invest their time and effort and that is what I hope to do, changing how some may perceive the continent as a whole," Romary said.

Romary is available for legal advice and can be found in either his office on the first floor of the Mendenhall Student Center or on Arlington Road.

"I enjoy advising students and when the opportunity presented itself to do it full time, I accepted," Romary said.

"I'm their lawyer...I want them to be comfortable when they take the advice."

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Taurus

For the next several weeks, you'll be more involved in group endeavors. Your social calendar will be full. Warn the family; they'll have to do without you for a while.

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You believe you can do anything, and so do most of your friends. The next four weeks are good for finding the money to achieve those dreams.

What you hear in private must be kept confidential. Don't even tell a favorite co-worker yet. Get more verification.

Work demands more of your attention in the next four weeks. That's not really a problem, because it's so interesting.

Be polite to a strong authority figure, even if you feel otherwise. The tide is turning in your favor. You have nothing to worry about.

Ask all the questions before you start out on your adventure. The more dangers you avoid, the better. Take risks in virtual reality, not in real life.

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What do you really want to do? If you're not already doing it, what do you need to learn to achieve that life? Go one step at a time.

For the next several weeks, there'll be more money coming in. This isn't a steady income, though. With a partner's help you can manage to come out ahead.

Focus on the job at hand, but also remember this is just one step toward a much bigger goal. That'll help keep you from getting frustrated.

Mendenhall Movies

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

Harry S. McAlphin was the first African American to be accredited to attend the White House press conference.

Oprah Winfrey was the first African American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show.

Arthur Ashe was the first African American tennis player to win at Wimbledon.

On Feb. 13, 1970 the New York Stock Exchange admits its first black member, Joseph Searles.

On Feb 22, 1979 Frank E. Peterson Jr. was named the first black general in the Marine Corps.

On Feb. 24, 1864 Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an M.D. degree.

On Feb. 28, 1859 Arkansas legislature required free blacks to choose between exile and enslavement.

On Feb. 27, 1869 John W. Menard spoke in Congress in defense of his claim to a contested seat in Louisiana's Second Congressional District. Congress decided against both claimants. Congressman James A. Garfield of the examining committee said "it was too early to admit a Negro to the U.S. Congress." Menard was the first black to make a speech in

Figure skater Debi Thomas became the first African American to win a medal (bronze) at the winter Olympic

Today in history...



The Pan-African Congress, organized by W.E.B. Du Bois, met at Grand Hotel, Paris. There were 57 delegates, 16 from the United States and 14 from 16 African countries and colonies. Blaise Diagne of Senegal was elected president and Du Bois was named secretary.

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Soul singer William "Smokey Robinson born in Detroit, Michigan. Robinson's first singing group was the Miracles which he formed in 1955 while still in high school. The group's first success came in 1960 with the hit, "Shop

1942



The Army Air Corps' all African American 100th Pursuit Squadron, later designated a fighter squadron, was activated at Tuskegee Institute. The squadron served honorably in England and in other regions of the European continent during World

Students plan to give towing the boot



ECU students are annoyed by the parking policies at the university, and have decided to do something about it this week by protesting the towing procedures.

Protest challenges towing policy

CHELSEA CAMPEN STAFF WRITER

A protest against the towing policy aims to replace towing with booting illegally parked cars, a more affordable alternative. The protest will take place Feb. 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in ECU Parking and Transportation parking lot on Tenth Street.

The protest is being lead by Ashley Yopp, a senior political science major

"I began the protest after being towed myself," said Yopp.

Yopp says she picked up her car after it had been towed to an alley off Hooker Road and owed fees of \$90 to the service, a \$35 fine and a \$20 administrative fee to ECU, All because I was late to a meeting," she said

Jack Tawney, interim director of Parking and Transportation, said the purpose of the parking policies at ECU is to ensure voluntary compliance of parking rules; regulations and fees are a necessary deterrent.

"Follow the rules, and there's nothing to worry about," said Tawney.

Tawney also says the number of tows have been reduced dramatically, and policies have been relaxed recently.

"The number of tows from July 2006 to January 2007 numbered 991; from July 2007 to January 2008, tows dropped to 368. It seems like we're having better compliance," he said.

Tawney said this is due to changes in the times B and C permits can park in A1 zones. "The previous administration put the parking policy into place [but] it's time to start

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Those involved with the upcoming protest solicited signatures from ECU students.

No debate about it

The Great Debaters inspires viewers

> **ELISE PHILLIPS** FEATURES EDITOR

Countless movies and documentaries have been made that highlight the struggle that African-Americans have gone through in this country. From the story of Rosa Parks to the recent footage of Ninth Ward Blacks after Hurricane Katrina, one thing always sticks in my mind: the tenacity and integrity that African-Americans portray even in the face of

incredible odds. The 2007 release of The Great Debaters, the story about the Wiley College debate team was noexception to the rule of the great strength of blacks (even in Klan-

run Wiley, Texas). The story highlights the incred-

ible true story of Melvin Tolson (Denzel Washington), who pushes his underdog team to victory during a time of injustice.

Towson's goal was clearly stated as he preached to his hand-picked debate team, "I and every other professor on this campus are here to help you find, take back and keep your righteous mind."

The movie, directed by Washington and produced by Oprah Winfrey, Robert Eisele, Kate Forte and Todd Black, portrays the allblack debate team that makes it all the way to white Harvard University to battle their team. (The real Wiley debate team competed against the USC team).

As the debate team faces the cruel and unexpected visual of the lynching of a black man on their way to a match, the audience sees the incredible odds that these young

coeds have to face. The chilling words of the only

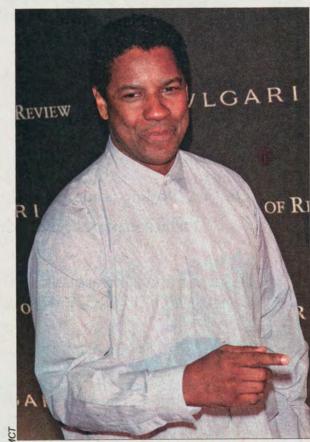
female member of the Wiley debate team when she declares to a mixed white and black audience that "the time for justice is always right now" and not later rings in the minds of viewers even now, in a more culturally-accepting America.

With relatively unknown actors Jurnee Smollett and Nate Parker, as well as prominent figures like Washington, Kimberly Elise and Forest Whitaker, The Great Debaters packs an all-star cast.

Although most students have heard about the struggles that black Americans have had to face since the beginning of slavery, The Great Debaters brings home the fact that even in the 1930s racial prejudice and hatred pervaded our society.

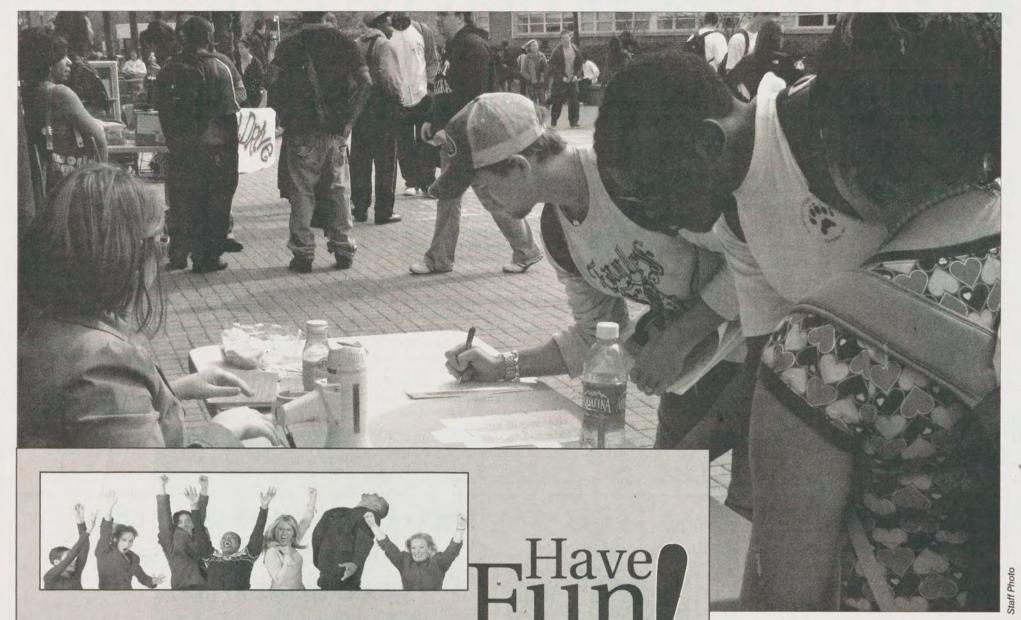
This incredible true story inspires audiences everywhere.

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Denzel Washington acted and produced the 2007 film.

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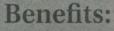
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He says that 20 percent of the fines from parking procedures are granted to ECU. The rest goes to local school systems, in accordance with state law.

Yopp feels that implementing the boot policy is a better alternative for students.

"As enforcement stands, the punishment far exceeds the severity of the crime, monetarily anyway. I hope to achieve a more fitting punishment," she said.

To remove a boot from their car would only cost students around \$50, as opposed the to almost \$150 it would take to retrieve their car

"Booting is cheaper than towing, but still costly enough for deterrence and safer for the students, because booting issues would be dealt with by ECU, at ECU, rather than any one of the eight towing companies scat-tered around West Greenville,"

Yopp said. The campain has rallied 300 supporters on Facebook and 500 students have signed the petition so far.

"I hope we can gain more support next week with our petitions in Wright Plaza," Yopp said.

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Alumni turned playwright premieres psychological thriller



Enemies envelops social themes

things that aren't right to make things

Luke Bombay, one of the grizzly characters in Joseph Horst's thrilling play Enemies, reminds the audience that a police officer's job is never done with these words.

Horst, a former ECU student, started working on Enemies in 2003 and

turned in the play as his master's thesis in a creative writing class.

Horst drew his inspiration for the play from a story by Jorge Luis Borges called "The Secret Garden.

"In that story, the main character crafts a play in his mind dealing with time and identity. That struck a chord

with me and I ended up working in police officers and their he said. lives as the main characters in

my play," said Horst. With the premiere of Enemies on Feb. 16 in Mendenhall, Horst's masterpiece comes to life with the present day police (almost Law and Orderlike) drama that depicts the day-to-day interactions of characters like police officer Luke Bombay and his partner Charles "Chuck" Maddox.

Horst went about picking actors for his masterpiece by holding auditions for interested actors.

'We have a very professional blend of ECU students, ECU professors and local actors in the Greenville community who have come together tremen-

dously to bring this play to life,"

Daniela Hart, freshman musical theatre major, played Luke Bombay's lover in Enemies. She impressed by the play when auditions began.

"My decision to act in this play wasn't my own. During the audition process, I was impressed with the director's direction and the producer's enthusiasm so I could only hope that they'd decide on me," she said.

The actors spent every weeknight in makeshift practice areas to prepare for the

"This was doable thanks to the small and intimate cast except when people walked by and were shocked by what they

saw through the windows," Hart said.

Enemies was sold out on its opening night.

"The play is a gritty psychological thriller that incorporates both the realism of police work and surrealism in theater to provide an evening of entertainment that will leave the audience wanting to come back another night to catch all of the play's twists and turns," Horst said.

The play's use of the social themes drugs, murder, abuse, sex and alcohol make Enemies a far cry from your average mild-mannered stage act.

The play's final night will take place in Mendenhall 244 tonight at 8 p.m. Cost for the show is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

"I would encourage everyone to come support the arts in Greenville and enjoy a night of adult theater that will leave them breathless and excited. Hopefully, they will tell their friends that Enemies cannot be missed and they should rush to get tickets before it closes," Horst said.

Tickets can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall.

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ELISE PHILLIPS FEATURES EDITOR

"Only cops understand cops." "Sometimes you gotta do

Cook Out comes to Greenville



From fries to barbeque, Cook Out has it all at great prices.

NC fast food chain has great food at great prices

MICHAEL MCANDREW STAFF WRITER

Are you tired of the same old "drive thru" burgers that you can get at any city in America? If "you gotta eat" and really do want to "have it your way," then why not try the new Cook Out that has just come to Greenville?

Like the name implies, Cook Out offers a variety of "cook out" style food such as grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, chicken sandwiches and good old-fashioned North Carolina barbeque. Cook Out is also known for it's wide array of milkshakes, from traditional flavors like chocolate, vanilla and Oreo, to the more fanciful banana pudding, blueberry cheesecake and many more.

Founded in 1989 in Greensboro, NC, Cook Out has proved to be a tremendous success, especially in college towns, because of its low prices and late hours. Some Cook Out locations open until 5 a.m. Cook Out boasts more than 46 franchises, with over half of them equipped with 'double drive thru' facilities. The Cook Out in Greenville usually has both of its drive thru lanes filled to capacity, as well as a parking lot for those who wish to dine in their cars. Despite this, the service is extremely speedy with a wait time rarely over five minutes, even for complicated

orders with more than three sandwiches, several sides and a number of milkshakes, which are hastily made in the middle of the night.

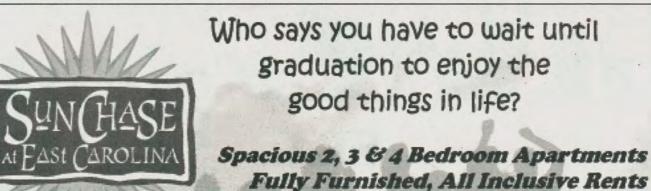
The best thing about Cook Out is] the amount of food you get for your money. It is also really quick, and customer friendly," said freshman business management major Adam Agee, a frequent customer of the restaurant.

Customers of Cook Out can expect to receive a generous, all beef, freshly-cooked burger, just the way they want it, with a huge number of accoutrements including chili, slaw, onions and bacon. Their combo menu allows patrons to select up to two sides with their meal, including French fries (with or without chili and cheese), chicken nuggets and much more. Along with the normal fountain drinks, Cook Out also has specialty drinks and over two-dozen flavors of milkshakes, some of which are seasonal such as Eggnog. Even a combo with two sides and a specialty milkshake will be no

more than \$8. "It's increased the obesity of Greenville. In a good way," said Bill Spangenberg, an undeclared freshman at ECU.

So if you're low on cash, and high on munchies, Cook Out is a great spot for those late-night cravings.

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Avant-garde rock band creates rock and roll obscurity

The Mars Volta releases new take psychedelic rock

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI STAFF WRITER

Very few bands could ever compare to the obscurity and psychedelic humdrum of The Mars Volta. On Jan. 29, The Mars Volta released their long anticipated and delayed album, The Bedlam in Goliath. It is their fourth full-length studio album and, like other Mars Volta albums, it offers 12 tracks full of cerebral assaults of musical complexity.

Like their previous albums, The Bedlam in Goliath offers listeners a risky and far from typical experimental rock album.

The band is the brainchild of former members of another avantgarde rock band, At The Drive In, that has a similar occult following and art funk aspirations

The Bedlam in Goliath is an example of musical anarchism in its finest form, a war zone of awkward vocals, indiscernible lyrics, puzzling guitars and unidentified background noises. Even though the creativity of The Mars Volta is insurmountable, it sometimes makes their music hard for the average listener to

The Bedlam in Goliath is no exception to this rule; throughout the album you find yourself entrenched in the insanity but in

nauseated from what feels like a progressive funk, metal sei-

The band makes no qualms about being the "black sheep" of progressive rock music, but relish the idea of being the musical epitome of abstract. In turn, this makes The Mars Volta less accessible to the everyday music fan but also creates a following of fans with an unmatched sense of loyalty and appreciation for the band.

Although some songs, such as "Tourniquet man," seem easier to listen to than your average The Mars Volta song, this album is laced with tracks that a person could listen to endlessly and still not be able to understand.

The Mars Volta's new effort

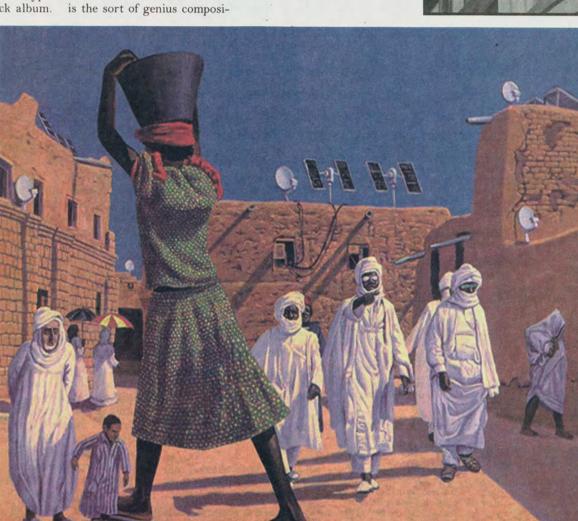
tion that most of us cannot begin to understand. If you seek to be the casual music listener and just enjoy music for its face value then this may not be the album for you.

In essence, The Bedlam in Goliath is comparable to Pink Floyd's Piper at the Gates in artistic ingenuity. Like Pink Floyd's epic album, The Bedlam in Goliath really puzzles the listener while still intriguing Seemingly, The Mars Vol-

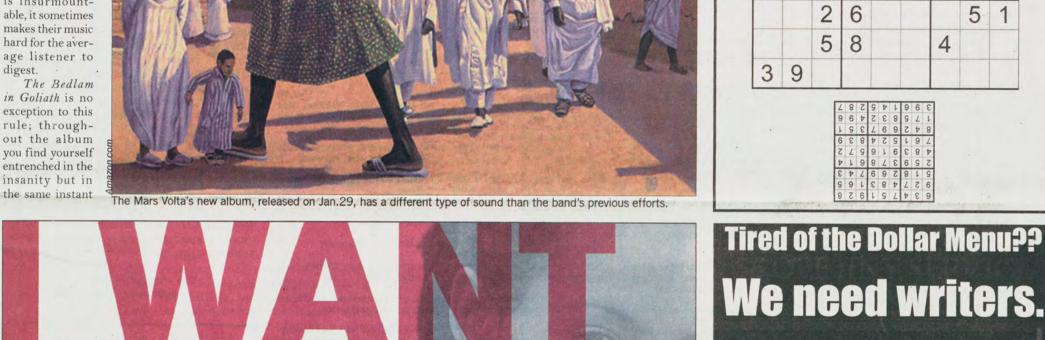
ta's new album could serve as a soundtrack to the most perplexing and frightening imaginations.

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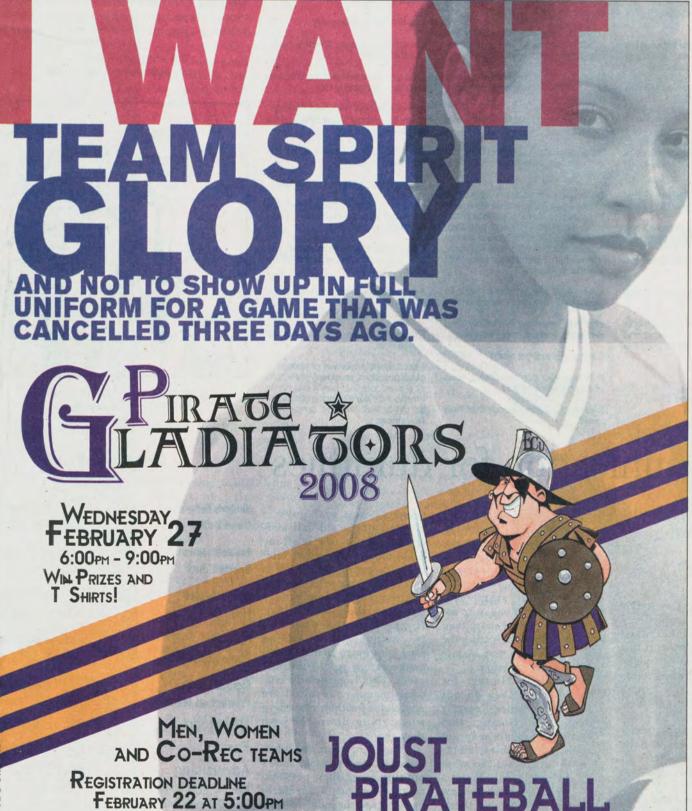








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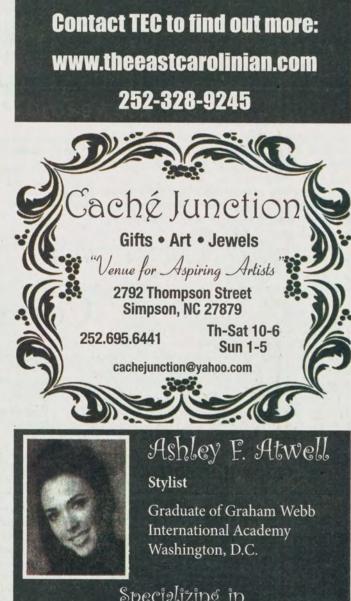


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RANT OF THE DAY

My lifelong goal is to have my own custom ping-pong paddle like Forrest Gump.

Gone but not forgotten

Remembering one of the greats

ANDREA ROBERTSON **OPINION WRITER**

Feb. 20, 2005, that foul day when Hunter S. Thompson took his life. Tomorrow is the threeyear anniversary of his death, and I feel that his accomplished life must be celebrated.

Thompson, an American journalist, is most notably recognized for his work, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. This is just one of his works in which he enjoys pointing out the depravities of our culture that he discovered on his hunt for the "American Dream."

This work was highly publicized, due to the 1998 release of the film adaptation starring Johnny Depp as Thompson's character. In addition, Thompson is the father of "Gonzo" journalism, which is writing based on experience - Thompson was often the primary role in his stories due to his amount of involvement at the scene.

His breakthrough work, Hell's Angels, recounts the nearly two years he spent with the Hell's Angels motorcycle club during the 1960s. This group was said to have been the fiercest of all motorcycle gangs, and Thompson was able to practically become a member and experience its inner workings.

The book exposes the truth about the lifestyle of this greasy, chain-wearing gang. Things went smoothly for Thompson until the gang felt that he would make a great profit from its publication, and they wanted to reap the benefits also. Eventually Thompson received a "pounding" from the Angels and was k icked out.

Thompson's career was also a reflection of his being somewhat of a political junkie. His volume, Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72, is composed of many articles he wrote about the election for Rolling Stone. Thompson dedicated practically all of his time to traveling wherever the candidates went.

After Richard Nixon won the election, Thompson soon became a vicious critic of Nixon's career. Upon Nixon's death, Thompson showed his continuing contempt for the former president by writing in an article for Rolling Stone, "He could stab you in the back and shake your hand at the same time."

Thompson also covered the 1992 elections. These articles appear in his book, Better Than Sex, the last book in a series known as The Gonzo Papers. Once again, Thompson found himself severely disgusted with the winner of the election, Bill Clinton. Mockingly, Thompson stated, "Bill Clinton does not inhale marijuana, right? You bet. Like I chew LSD, but I don't swallow it."

Thompson would often adopt another persona, one he named Raoul Duke. Duke was a crazy, drug-addled citizen who disregarded the law. While Thompson and Duke were both the same man, the two led completely different lives. Thompson once said in an interview with the BBC that he was unsure of whom to be when asked to do interviews at universities. Did they want Thompson or Duke? By taking on this other persona, Thompson founded a great following in both literary and drug circles.

It is rumored that another film, The Rum Diary, said to once again star Johnny Depp as the character meant to resemble Thompson, is to be released in 2008.

This movie, also sharing the title of the book; is the only work of fiction that Thompson ever wrote. However, the experiences of the main character, Paul Kemp, are said to be loosely based on those of Thompson while

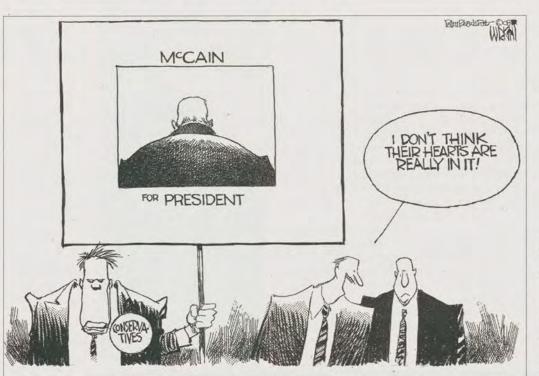
The loss of Thompson, a pioneer of American journalism, is a detrimental blow to the American culture. It is rare to find a person so willing to push the line as Thompson did. However,

Thompson would not have wanted us to mourn his death; he would want us to celebrate his life. So, here's to you, Dr. Gonzo. May your memory continue to live on through the writings of new journalists everywhere.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Those of you who think you know everything are annoying to those of us who do.

Call 911! I'm on fire with my Pirate Rants this week!

We have MLK Day off, but not President's Day?!!?

I can't even deal!

My lifelong goal is to have my own custom ping-pong paddle like Forrest

If life's a playground, I'm too tall for the monkey bars.

Having a great idea is like being constipated. It comes out in

If you were born a boy, you're still a boy, despite your choice of clothing and layers of make-up.

I hate all the one-way streets in downtown Greenville!

I'd watch the stars with you any

Six employees have left the registrar's office in a span of six months. What's

Isn't it strange how clouds that look like mountains in the sky are next to mountains anyway?

If I could marry a Pirate Rant, I

I texted God and asked Him what He thought about me giving up texting for Lent. I didn't get a response.

I thought about giving up texting for Lent, but I didn't feel like calling you to tell you, so I texted

Allowing a drag queen to sleep in your roommate's bed wasn't cool. Not telling him about it really wasn't

Anyone up for a Pirate Rant submission party?

Your e-mail address has more X's in it than a pornography film festival.

Just the thought of you gives me

You're every wish and prayer rolled

I'm tempted to delete everything in your calendar, just so I can spend as much time with you as possible before the summer

I want my mom.

Don't worry; my parents loved you,

I've submitted ten Pirate Rants about how much I love you. One is bound

Today I finally overcame trying to fit the world inside a picture frame.

Your sunrise brings me back to life each day.

I already hate the sound our goodbye will make.

My fingers are cramping from typing so many amazing rants

I'm perfect only in my imperfections.

I write Pirate Rants like it's my job.

This is my last rant of the night, and I wanted to use it just to say: love you. I saw a dead squirrel on campus. I

I can wait for forever.

I'm over getting over you. It's not going to work.

I watch romantic comedies that remind me of us, so I hold on hoping that the strings will finally enter and you'll realize you love me more than you thought.

I really wish you would dance with me on Thursday. That would make

If your plane goes down, remember I'm where your love is found.

I can play tuba better than half those people in pep band. I mean, really ... aren't you guys music majors?

I'm so sick of trying so hard and doing so poorly. It's depressing and very discouraging!

Even your imperfections are

I'm positive I've submitted over 100 rants in the past hour. Pick one,

Once upon a time, there were three moles: Papa Mole, Mama Mole, and Baby Mole. Papa Mole stuck his head out of the mole hole and said, "I smell eggs." Mama Mole stuck her head out of the mole hole and said, "I smell ham." Baby Mole said, "All I smell is molasses.

Just send my leftover rants to Letterman! He'll appreciate them!

This has been an extremely long semester, and it is only February.

Can't we all just get along?

If at first you don't succeed, then

skydiving is not for you.

Bad news doesn't seem that new

starting now

With you, I'm able to lose everything and start over without needing a wall of strength; I'm able to fight.

I'm never speaking up again ...

Come crash into me.

Thanks for going out on a limb and test-driving our friendship. I'm glad

we've "landed." There's no need to go outside. Let's

just make banana pancakes Greenville is too darn crowded!

You are my wish I made upon a star.

Dear Pirate Rant Chooser, I hope to rack up this week. Please pick my

guess he knew too much about the other squirrels' plan to take over the campus.

I love you, baby. Getting that published in TEC didn't cost me five dollars.

I'll wait as long as it takes for you to realize that I'm what you want. I hope Lawson comes back soon

I'm going to be mad in March if Duke

keeps winning. You are my favorite song.

Can my imaginary friends have

Facebook too? That girl in the admissions office is

so nice ... and pretty too. I'm not sure how I survived 18 years

of my life without West End's pizza and fries!

Did they ever put signs up in the Whichard Building?

You can't be gay! I'm in love with you.

I love the ECU tour guides who give tours at 3 p.m. on Thursdays! They brighten my day!

Dear fellow residents in Jarvis, my best friend and I will not date anytime soon. Give it a rest!

Are meter maids on commission?

I met my best friend in an elevator.

Phase 10 is the official sport of Jarvis Hall.

I don't want a woman president, a black president, an elderly president, or a president that has a last name that sounds like a cartoon character, so either way I will be unhappy in

"I'm not racist, but..."

Yes you are; stop saying that

LARA OLIVER OPINION WRITER

You know you've been there. You're at a party, standing with a couple of friends and meeting some new people when all of a sudden you meet "That Guy." "That Guy" can take on many forms.

For some people, it's the dude who shows up to a party and skims beer off everyone else. For others, it's the guy in class who breathes through his nose in a squeal-like tone that freaks everybody out.

Then there's people whose "That Guy" is the dude down the hall who tells you how he could beat up any dude on campus but just doesn't want to.

Well, it seems to me, "That Guy" (or "That Girl" in many cases) are the people who think that by adding a warning before every statement, they can say anything they want.

What kind of warning? Well, how often have you heard the phrase "Now I'm not racist, but..."? That "but" is how you know something terribly offensive and racist is going to follow. It's not even just with race that you hear this little warning. How about "I'm not sexist, but I'm pretty sure most women don't even care about politics," or "I'm not shallow, but I just can't stand fat people. They're just so stupid."

I'm sure you've heard these said in conversation before. Why don't people just come right out and say what they think? That little qualifier isn't going to make what they're saying next sound any less ignorant.

Then there's the darling "No offense, but ... "There's that "but" again! You know you're about to receive a passive-aggressive piece of mind with that little statement. Usually, it's followed by either an insult to your weight, your politics, your looks or even your friends. Sometimes it's even preceded by 'Umm..." I can't tell which I dislike more, an "Umm..." or a "No offense, but...

You see, the "Umm" at least admits there's something incredibly rude following it, whereas the "No offense, but ... " is a cop-out of being called a jerk. Either way, watch out for those two phrases (and the people that

No offense, but if you're going to say something you can tell is going to be incredibly ignorant, rude or both, then just come right out and say it. You're not making yourself seem any more benevolent by tacking either of those phrases onto the beginning. Or maybe, you know, just don't say them at all

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"First of all, thank you all for being a part of our focus group ...'

Communication for dummies

Or lack thereof and common misuse

> YAZID FINN OPINION WRITER

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Experiences, Corey King, has reminded students on a number of occasions that this is not high school, but college ... grounds for higher learning. Funny that some seem to have missed that memo and have brought with them from grade school their mastery of drama.

Remember back in like, the second grade you could tick off anyone in class by giving them the silent treatment? Or when you and someone you knew had some unsettled dispute, and you would still hang out in group settings, smiling and chatting to everyone else of course, but would pull the over-the-top effort to avoid verbal or eye contact with them? I know, I know, I miss elementary school as much as the next kid, but that is not the topic of today. Maybe next week.

This may begin to feel

like a Features piece, but I am sure Elise will allow it. To start, leave the teenage shenanigans to individuals who carry learner's permits and are too young to legally smoke. I understand that while most of us began to act like the legally recognized adults we are when hitting the age of 18, others may be late to rise to the occasion. A common blunder for

some is when they do not know their audience. Recently it came to my attention that certain individuals may not understand parables, metaphors or analogies. So what did I do? Well, duh, being a guy I transgressed the law and continued to use them, hoping that in throwing out my metaphors like Frisbees, one of them would be caught in these people's hands instead of going over their heads. I was sadly mistaken.

As mentioned previously, the silent treatment routine is not merely unoriginal, but it can become a positive enforcer if used for the wrong reasons. Sweet deal, guys .. I ticked off the old-ball-andchain, and now she is off my back about staying out late! If the target of the silence is Sports Editor embarrassingly relationshipchallenged or simply does not care, the effect is lost. If a problem arises between two individuals, not talking says a lot more than an open conversation would in most cases. This is especially true when members involved are misguided for their reasoning when going down the path they choose.

The silent treatment, when taken to the extreme, shows nothing more than personal cowardice and is normally used spur of the moment with a complete disregard for the move's effects on others. With this said, I openly apologize to a certain individual I once harmed in this manner some time ago. I understand if you do not accept. I would not take myself back either.

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Sports

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BRIEFS Lady Pirates bounce back

After picking up two critical wins over the weekend, The ECU women's basketball team moved up to fifth in Conference USA.

Withfourgamesremaining ECU is trying to break into the top four to earn a first round bye in the conference tournament...

C-USA **Standings**

UTEP	12-
SMU	9-3
Houston	8-4
UAB	8-4
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ECU	6-6
Southern Miss	6-6
Marshall	5-7
Memphis	5-7
Tulsa	5-7
Tulane	4-8
Rice	3-9
UCF	1-11

Lady Pirates' center Lauren Cochran had 10 points and three rebounds against UCF on Sunday.

ECU gets two important conference wins

KATHERINE HARRY STAFF WRITER

After two losses last week, The Lady Pirates returned home to Minges Coliseum this past weekend for two crucial conference match-ups against Southern Miss and UCF.

ECU started the weekend off right by defeating Southern Miss Friday night, 68-63.

Nicole Days led the way for the Pirates with 16 points and 10 rebounds, marking her third career double-double.

ECU jumped out to an early lead, sparked by Days' stellar play. The Lady Pirates led South-

ern Miss, 30-24, at the half. The Pirates finished the game strong, never trailing in the second half of the game, and

leading the Golden Eagles by as many as 14. Southern Miss got within five points late in the game, but excellent foul shooting to finish the game helped the Pirates seal

LaCoya Terry led the team with 18 points, while freshman Allison Spivey added 10.

UCF came to Minges Coliseum Sunday afternoon for the Lady Pirates "Think Pink"

Minges Coliseum hosted the fifth largest crowd in history, 3,227, while the Pirates defeated UCF 78-69.

"It was neat, I liked it," Spivey said of the "Think Pink" atmosphere. "I liked having fans in the stands. I enjoyed that.

The Pirates started off the game strong, but fell behind early as UCF shot 6-of-8 from behind the arc and took a 38-30 lead into halftime.

ECU came out strong after halftime, going on a 9-2 run while playing much better defensively. A Jasmine Young 3-pointer

tied up the game at 46. The Knights fought back but ECU followed with a put-back by Nicole Days and a LaCoya Terry 3-pointer to give the Pirates a 53-50 lead and their first lead since the opening minutes.

A strong basket by Lauren Cochran and a 3-point play by Spivey helped the Pirates cruise to victory.

The Pirates shot an outstanding 50 percent from the field in the second half.

"It's huge to win at any point in time, especially to have these two big wins at home," said ECU coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener. "I think it gives us confidence."

ECU improved to 12-13 overall and 6-6 in the conference. Jasmine Young scored 13

see WOMENS page A11

Pirate Nation poll question:

What will be the determining in how well the ECU baseball team does this season?

A. How they play on the road

B. The young starting pitching

C. Offensive consistency

D. The bullpen

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Results from last week's online poll question:

What spring sport event are you most looking forward to?



36% - March Madness 33% - ECU Baseball

17% - NFL Draft 9% - ECU Spring

football 5% - The Master's

stepped it up and defensively our play has always been solid, but the plays we're making now are things I've never seen before," said ECU coach Tracey Kee. "We're playing with a lot of confidence defensively, and the only adjustment we need to make is getting on the board earlier so we can take some pressure off our pitchers."

Despite finishing the tournament undefeated, ECU's offense struggled early in the home stand. ECU's first game of the tournament showcased an impressive pitcher's duel between Boston College's Allison Gage and ECU's Howell. Both teams failed to capitalize on bases-loaded situations and after and eight scoreless innings from Howell, ECU right fielder. Charina Sumner drove in the winning run from third, giving ECU the extra-inning win, 1-0.

see SOFTBALL page A11



The ECU softball team won all five of its games this past weekend, capturing the Pirate Invitational title.

Schieber receives honorary jersey

Pirates pitch their way to title

Junior infielder becomes sixth recipient

ECU wins all five

games

SETH STRINGER STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team

played host to the Pirate Invita-

tional this weekend, winning five

straight and defeating Boston

college in the championship

The weekend highlighted

game to push its record to 9-2.

ECU's strong one-two punch on

the mound, as Britt Howell and

Brooke Swann combined for a 5-

o record, pitching two shutouts

and allowing only five earned

true conference leading fashion,

as the Pirates failed to commit an

error, giving Howell and Swann

all the defensive support they

would need to secure big wins

"Howell and Swann have

ECU's defense remained in

runs for the tournament.

for ECU.

RONNIE WOODWARD SPORTS EDITOR

Coming to ECU from Blue Springs, Mo., Drew Schieber didn't know a lot about the ECU baseball program or its traditions

But by wearing the No. 23 jersey this season, Schieber will forever be a part the ECU's most prestigious tradition.

The No. 23 jersey is worn by a different player each season, in honor of former ECU baseball coach Keith LeClair, who passed away at the age of 40 in July of 2006 because of ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"When I first got the call from East Carolina, I really didn't know anything about anything," said Schieber, a junior infielder who has worn No. 2 the previous two seasons. "I looked them up and the passion that they had for the game of baseball and I came here and found out that a lot of stems from coach LeClair and his testimony, everything he's done and everything he's been through. It's just such a remarkable story and he's such a great man.

LeClair, wearing the No. 23 jersey, coached the Pirates from 1998-2002, finishing with a 212-96-1 record at ECU.

LeClair took the Pirates to

the NCAA Tournament four out of his five seasons, including ECU's first ever Super Regional appearance in 2001. He is also ECU's second winningest baseball coach ever.

More importantly, LeClair possessed the passion and leadership for ECU baseball that still drives the program today.

'Coach LeClair never had the most talented teams, but they won because they outworked and outplayed their opponents," said Brian Cavanaugh, who wore No. 23 in 2005. "He had the unique ability to get the absolute most

out of every player.
"Coach LeClair was the main reason I came to ECU and in 2001-02 I was a part of the final season by our head coach," Cavanaugh said. "I can honestly say he was the best coach I've ever had."

Cavanaugh, Jamie Paige and Ben Sanderson presented Schieber with the honorary jersey at Saturday's Meet the Pirates event.

Paige wore the jersey in 2004, while Sanderson was the first one to wear it in honor of LeClair, in 2003.

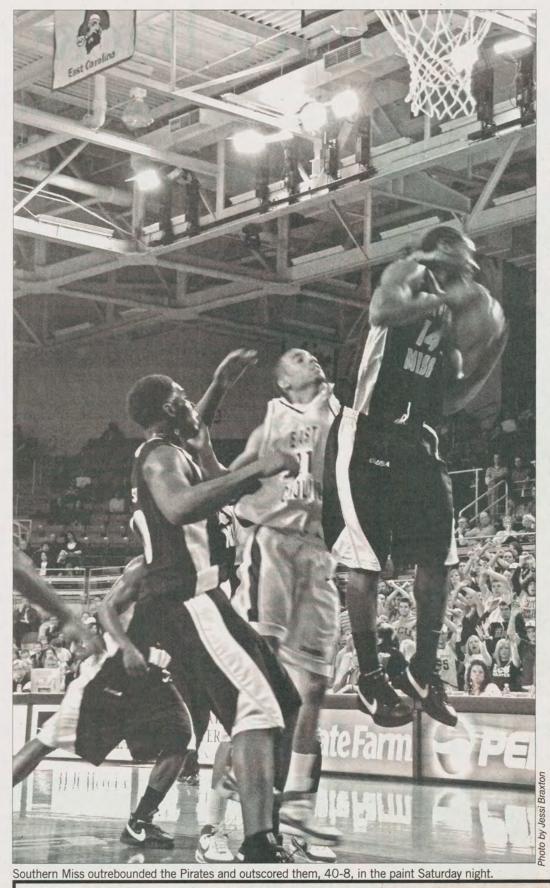
"I stand before you today, humbled and proud to be chosen by my coaches to honor a remarkable individual," Schieber said to the hundreds in attendance after accepting the jersey. "It is very special to carry on the memory & of coach LeClair by wearing his former number."

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Drew Schieber (far left) is presented the No. 23 Jersey by former recipients of the award.

Inconsistency proves to be ulitimate downfall



Pirates struggle in second half

KELLEN HOLTZMAN STAFF WRITER

ECU continues to prove it can compete at a high level, but the consistency that comes with a winning collegiate program is yet to arrive.

The Pirates (8-15, 2-8) held their own in the first half Saturday night, but were gradually worn down by a more physical Southern Miss (13-11, 5-5) team. The Golden Eagles pulled away to a 72-62 victory, their first road win of the season.

"We put together good stretches," said ECU senior
Taylor Gagnon. "We put together good halves but we can't put together a good game.

At this level, one half doesn't with 14:13 second half.

But Sout the lead at two minutes looked back.

do it, 35 minutes doesn't do it; you've got to play the whole game."

Southern Miss outscored the Pirates 40-8 in the paint, but it wasn't the Golden Eagles' big men carrying the load. Southern Miss had four perimeter players in double figures, led by Courtney Beasley with 17 and Sai'Quon Stone with 16.

"Good teams are consistent and we're not a good team," ECU coach Mack McCarthy said of his team's second half collapse. "We are capable of playing well for periods of time... we don't do anything consistently well."

A 3-pointer from Cory Farmer put ECU up 44-39 with 14:13 remaining in the second half.

But Southern Miss captured the lead at 45-44 less than two minutes later—and never looked back.

Standout guard Jeremy Wise earned some separation for the Golden Eagles when he pump faked and drove to the rim for a two-hand jam to give his team a 52-48 lead at the midway point of the half.

point of the half.

John Fields narrowed the lead to five with a free throw with 9:14 left, but ECU would

not get any closer.

Despite the Pirates' struggles this season, Southern Miss coach Larry Eustachy recognized the progress McCarthy has made at ECU.

"I think there's not a finer coach than Mack [McCarthy] in the league," said Eustachy. "...This East Carolina team really competed. I think we were just fortunate they missed some shots in the second half."

"Some" may be a bit of an understatement.

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points in the win, and Lauren Cochran added 10.

The home wins over the weekend were very crucial wins for ECU in respect to the Conference USA standings.

"We need to get our wins at home. Once when get our wins at home then we can work the road wins," said Spivey. "We need these to advance in the

"It was really important [to

win these two games] because the conference is still wide open right now" added Terry.

Terry scored 13 points in the Pirates' defeat of the Knights, which put her over the 1,000-point career mark.

"It feels good," she said. "I didn't even know I was close to 1,000. It's a big accomplishment but as long as my team wins, that's what is important."

Terry became the second

Lady Pirate to reach 1,000 career points this season.

"I think it's pretty neat ... she's just gotten better every single year," Baldwin-Tener said of Terry's accomplishment.

ECU will host UAB Thursday at 8 p.m.

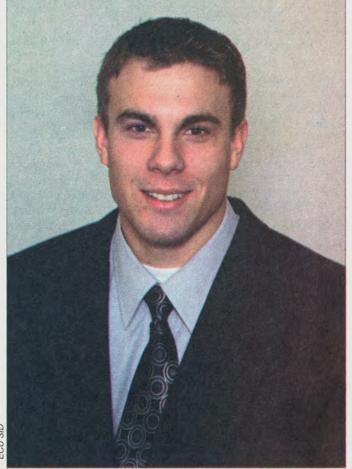
The Lady Pirates will then host Memphis on Saturday, Feb. 23 in the final home game of

the season. Senior will be honored prior to the 2

"These next two games are huge, I think anytime when you are playing in conference you've got to try to protect your home floor," said Baldwin-Tener. "We've got to step up to the challenge. Both of these teams beat us on the road at their home courts."

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Schieber will wear No. 23 this season in honor of Keith LeClair.

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ECU shot an abysmal 16 percent from the field in the second half, managing a total

of only four field foals. The Pirates did play one of their better halves of the season in the first, knocking down seven 3-pointers, compared to Southern Miss' one. Five different players registered triples

Gagnon gave the Pirates a 23-19 point lead with a three late in the first half. Sam Hinnant followed with a trey of his own to make it 26-19.

Hinnant buried another one with 41 seconds left to complete a 7-0 run and give ECU a 36-32 lead at the break.

Senior Darrell Jenkins scored 10 of his 13 points in the first half going, 2-2 from beyond the arc.

We're down but we're still together," Jenkins said of team morale. "We're not going to let this separate us. As senior captains and leaders, it's our job and duty to keep everybody together."

McCarthy believes his team's lack of execution is of greater concern than its talent

"We're not as good talent wise as some other folks," said McCarthy. "But teams that aren't as good win games everyday and that's not the issue as much as it is just playing with more consistency.'

If ECU finds McCarthy's desired consistency, it will have to come on the road, where the Pirates are just 1-5 and 0-4 in C-USA play.

ECU will travel to Orlando, Fla. to face UCF on Wednesday before making the long trip to El Paso, Texas this Saturday against UTEP.

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> Billy Godwin, ECU's current head baseball coach, continued the tradition when taking over in 2005, and is hoping that the tradition remains a vital part of the ECU baseball

program for a long time. When I became the head coach here I wanted this to be as important in the year 2020, as it is in the year 2008," Godwin said. "In our locker room, a plaque sits and it simply says that this is the highest honor that any East Carolina baseball player can receive as an individual."

'It refers to character, dedication, loyalty to the program, work ethic and leadership," Godwin said. "There are so many things that I felt like Keith LeClair brought to this program.'

Godwin said that this year's process of choosing which player would wear the No. 23 jersey was the toughest, because there were so many worthy candidates.

'My first year here, we had about three or four quality candidates and last year we had about six or seven," Godwin said. "But, I told our team this

morning that this year I had about 12-15 young men that were mentioned in the same breath of this honor.'

'To me, that means that we're getting the right type of guys to buy into what were doing, that are committed and have the dedication to what we're trying to do, in the same vision that coach LeClair did,"

LeClair battled the disease for five years, and ECU's baseball stadium is named in his honor

Schieber will honor LeClair in a different way this season, which will be obvious by the jersey number that he will be wearing at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

"It will be business as usual but in the back of my mind, I will always think about why we're here and why the Pirates are where they are," Schieber said. "That's because of a great man's testimony, the way he lived his life and what he did for the Pirates."

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Friday's doubleheader, the Pirates' offense delivered against Maine, as the team built an early four-run lead and didn't look back. First basemen Jessica Johnson provided the bulk of the offense with three RBIs, going 2-for-3 from the plate. Swann delivered the first of her three impressive outings, striking out eight batters, and allowing one run on two hits in ECU's 7-1 victory.

After sweeping the doubleheader Friday, ECU faced off against a 2-1 Ohio squad Saturday afternoon. The offense once again stumbled out of the gate but for the second time, Howell got the best of her counterpart on the mound, delivering six scoreless innings behind stellar defense before ECU's offense came to life. Faced with a bases loaded jam in the fifth inning of a tied ballgame, Christina Merrida delivered the gamechanging play of the afternoon. Ohio's designated hitter, Meli Bonner, hit what looked to be a grand slam to center but Merrida made an over the shoulder catch, stumbling into the base of the wall head first, preserving the tie, and setting the tone for the rest of the game.

ECU's offense responded with a bases-clearing double in the sixth from catcher Vanessa Moreno, capping off a six-run sixth inning that secured the game for ECU, 6-2.

In a rematch of Friday's late afternoon game, ECU defeated Maine, 3-2, behind another solid performance from Swann and ECU's defense. Down 2-1 early in the contest, Swann buckled down and held Maine scoreless in the final four innings. ECU responded by delivering key hits down the stretch, getting another clutch knock from Moreno in the sixth to give ECU the one run win going into Sunday's championship game.

Coming off a shutout victory against Ohio and two straight wins, Boston College entered the game with momen-

In ECU's next contest of tum, but was no match for ECU's inspired club, in Sunday afternoon's championship game. ECU second basemen Erin St. Ledger drove in three RBIs and Swann completed the weekend with her best outing, striking out three batters and allowing three hits in a 6-0 win. ECU capped off the tournament with the way it began, a complete game shutout from one of its

> star pitchers. ECU went into the weekend with a 4-2 mark that included two losses to ACC rival, UNC. But the losses to UNC only set the table for this weekend's strong showing at home, as the Lady Pirates outscored their opponents, 23-5, walking away

tournament champions. Charina Sumner went 6-16 during the tournament, driving in six runs, while ECU's cleanup hitter, St. Ledger, went 8-15 with four RBIs. Brooke Swann improved her record to 4-1, and team leading ERA to 1.27, while Howell's 1.45 ERA stretched her record to a

perfect 3-0. The Pirates can credit their defense and quickness on the diamond to a regimented workout program that has the team physically ready to face off

against any opponent. "The girls lift weights three days a week at 6:30 in the morning," Kee said. "They're training and their cardio is headed by a strength and conditioning coach who's a former marathon runner. The prototype of our players is that they're very fit, quick and athletic.

ECU will need to continue its strong defensive play and leadership on the mound as it remains at home next weekend to hosts Penn State, Syracuse, Purdue and Appalachian State in the 2008 Pirate Classic. ECU will face off against Syracuse in their first game of the weekend scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday at the ECU softball field.

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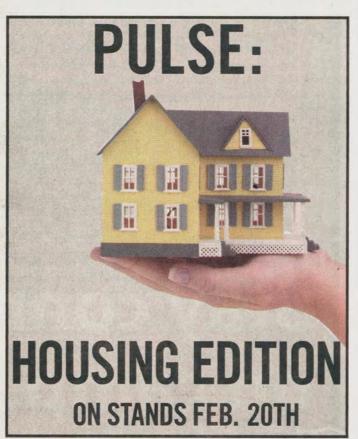
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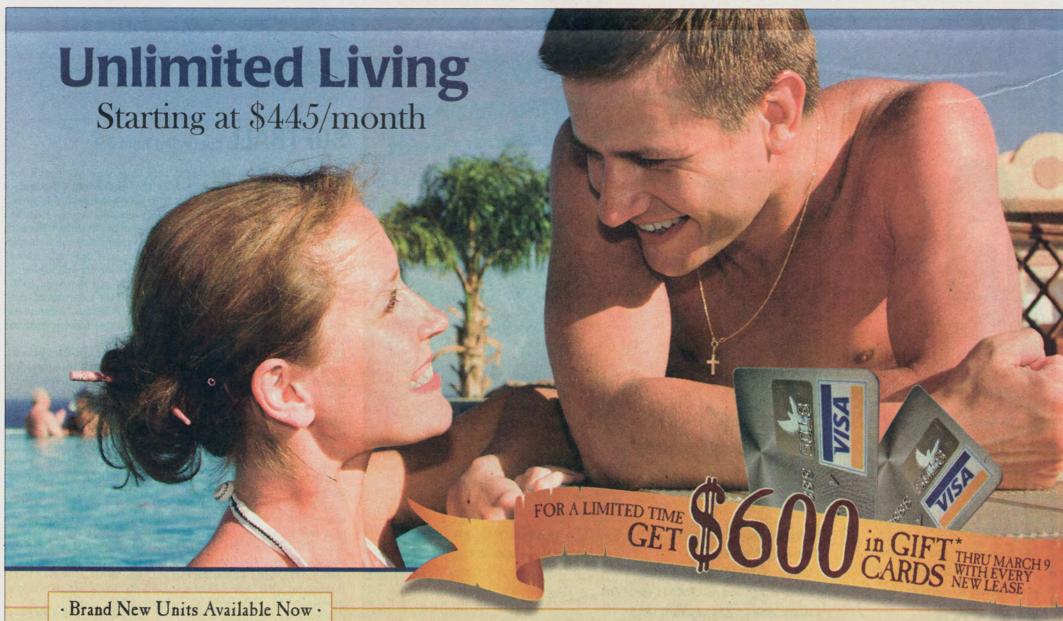
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