



The ECU football team begins spring practice Friday afternoon. See what players will have to step up and fill the void left from last year's Hawaii Bowl championship team..... **PAGE B1**

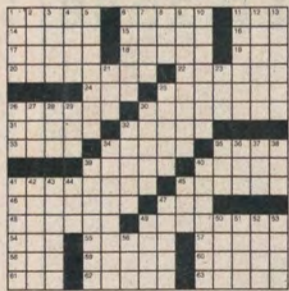


ECU's complete 2008 football schedule has been released. Turn to the sports section to see what teams will be coming to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium next fall.....**PAGE B1**



On Tuesday night, GLBT formally known as ECU PRISM had a panel discussing gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender issues that affect the lives of students. The discussion was followed by a drag show.....**PAGE A7**

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Magdalen Hsu-Li shares music and personal experiences

Speaker tells her story of diversity

NADIAH SARSOOR
STAFF WRITER

One of the first Asian-American female performers to surface as a star in U.S. pop and rock genres performed at ECU and told her life story.

There was banging on the drums, plucking of guitar strings and the voice of Magdalen Hsu-Li all coming out of Mendenhall on Tuesday, a defining event for diversity week.

Hsu-Li wears many hats. She is Asian-American, bisexual,

a painter, a musician and a cultural activist.

The musical performance Hsu-Li gave was followed by a lecture where she shared her struggles against racism, illness and the sense of belonging.

The Virginia native never knew she had a card up her sleeve. She grew up in a small town, where at the time, "there was an exceeding racial tension," according to Hsu-Li.

She said she was discriminated against for her color even though she said she was "colorblind" to her own color and others.

Teasing was so high

that at times that she said I "really hated myself for being Asian."

She also suffered from Tourettes Syndrome, in which she was incapable of controlling many of her physical movements and random outbursts.

She said she "never had a break except at night." And her parents were "very upset about it and embarrassed," according to Hsu-Li.

Thinking she was seeking attention, her parents did not take her health condition seriously. After this syndrome

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Hsu-Li shared music from her cd, Smashing the Ceiling, with the audience.

Envisioning a world with no boundaries



Dlamini spoke about youth gaining essential leadership skills.

Prince Cedza Dlamini speaks at ECU

NATALIE JURGEN
STAFF WRITER

Prince Cedza Dlamini, grandson of former South African President Nelson Mandela, spoke at ECU on Feb. 27 on the importance of youth leadership.

The event was held in the Mendenhall Great Rooms at 7 p.m. and was hosted by the Student Union Programming Board.

"Dlamini was chosen from a pool of lecturers based on his experiences with leadership development and humanitarian efforts," said Ameena Mohyuddin, assistant director of ECU Student Activities and Organizations.

"Adding Prince Cedza to the lecture series was very important to us, because we knew we wanted to bring another diverse character

to the series that students would be able to learn extensively from," said Kimberly Barncord, Student Union vice president.

Dlamini first briefed the audience a bit on his personal and family background.

"I come from a country where the impossible became possible," Dlamini said.

Mandela was the first president in South Africa to be elected in a fully representative democratic election.

Mandela was an anti-apartheid activist and leader of the African National Congress before becoming president.

Mandela also helped spark the transition to multi-racial democracy in South Africa.

At age 12 Dlamini moved from his home, Kingdom of Swaziland to Johannesburg, where he received his high school education.

After working for nearly five years, Dlamini moved to the United States and earned

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Students plan to spend their spring break doing community service

Alternative spring break redefines the options

NATALIE JURGEN
STAFF WRITER

ECU students have an opportunity to do something different this year for spring break, thanks to the community service program designed by Alternative Spring Break and sponsored by ECU Campus Living.

On March 9, 10 ECU students and two staff members will depart for Phoenix City, Ala. to participate in the Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge.

The Collegiate Challenge is a program that provides opportunities for students to spend a week focusing on community service and outreach.

"We have worked with the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge every year since Alternative Spring Break started," said

Gretchen Brockman, Alternative Spring Break advisor. "This is our ninth year, and we have truly enjoyed working with them."

Veterans of this program have come to love certain types of Alternative Spring Break projects.

"The students love the Habitat trip and during this year's information sessions, the students requested that we do a Habitat for Humanity trip again," Brockman said.

Alternative Spring Break is a registered student organi-

zation, so students have their choice of the type and location of the trip.

The trip is being funded primarily through Campus Living and fundraising, including the LEGO brick sponsorship fundraiser and assistance from community businesses. However, students have to pay \$100 toward the trip as well.

"Alternative Spring Break gives students the unequalled opportunity to do something productive with their spring break through community

service," said April Baer, staff member for Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break is involved with other universities, and worked with eight different schools across the country last year. It is a great way to meet other students from all across the nation.

"It is a great experience in that students from various walks of life here at ECU will go as a group to meet with students from other colleges and universities nationwide," Baer said.

The Alternative Spring Break programs have been nothing but a success in past years.

"The program is really rewarding," said Abey Dessie, SGA attorney general.

"We finished a home from the ground up last year and it was great to see the final product at the end of the week," Dessie said.

Although community service projects don't necessarily fit into the traditional spring break mold, students would be amazed at the impact such a trip can have on their lives.

"Students walk away from the experience having learned more about themselves, our global community and some new skills," Brockmann said.

"It helps prepare students to enter the global workforce and promotes a greater understanding of an appreciation of diversity."

There is still one seat available for the trip and any student interested should contact Gretchen Brockmann at brockmann@ecu.edu.

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Students participating in Alternative Spring Break trips are great ways to get away from typical break plans and do a nice gestures for others.

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Broadcasting Society Meet & Greet
Thursday, Feb. 28
7-9 p.m.
Bate 1032
 NBS Annual Meet & Greet Social
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African Student Organization celebrates diversity
Friday, Feb. 29

The event will highlight African culture and food, as well as have participants learn to appreciate the diversity inherent to the world we live in. There will also be a special Africa trivia contest with prizes awarded to the winners.

Journalist to speak about domestic violence
Monday, March 3
4 p.m.

Hendrix Theatre
 Journalist Janine Latus will present "If I Am Missing or Dead: A Sister's Story of Love, Murder, and Liberation" to call attention to domestic abuse and violence in America. Latus, who wrote a memoir about abusive relationships and her own sister's murder, has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and National Public Radio, and has told her story in campuses nationwide. This free Wellness Passport event is being co-sponsored by Women's Studies, Campus Recreation and Wellness, Student Life, Student Union and Victims Services.

Rivers scholar offers lecture
Tuesday, March 4
5:30 p.m.
Bate 1032

Julian Lethbridge, distinguished visiting Rivers professor, will present "The Function of the Humanities at the Present Time," with an introduction by ECU interim provost Marilyn Sheerer. Sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of English, the Program in Great Books, the Office of International Affairs and the Office of the Provost.

28Thu 29Fri 1sat 2Sun 3Mon 4Tue 5Wed

Black Student Union AIDS Benefit Fashion Show
 7 p.m.
 Wright Auditorium

AFRO Punk Documentary
 7 p.m.
 Hendrix Theatre

National Broadcasting Society Meet & Greet
 7-9 p.m.
 Bate 1032

What in the World Do You Know?... About Africa
 4 p.m.
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ExPrEs Yourself
 6 p.m.
 MSC Billiards

The Remix: Intercultural Party
 10 p.m.
 MSC Great Rooms

Diversity Retreat: Bridging the Gap
 8 a.m.
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 3-5 p.m.
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Men's Tennis
 1 p.m.
 Tennis Complex behind Minges

Baseball
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 1 p.m.

"If I Am Missing or Dead" with Janine Latus
 4 p.m.
 Hendrix Theatre

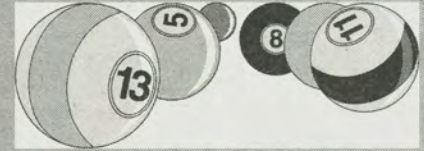
Rivers scholar offers lecture
 5:30 p.m.
 Bate 1032

Guest Recital: Lynn Rice
 8-10 p.m.
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ECU historian holds book signing
 7 p.m.
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FEATURED EVENT:

ExPrEs Yourself
 6 p.m.
 MSC Billiards



PIRATE NATION WEATHER

THURSDAY FEB. 28

Hi: 45F
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 Wind: NW 5-10 mph
 Precipitation Probability: 0%
 General Weather: sunny and cool

FRIDAY FEB. 29:

LEAP DAY
 Hi: 55F
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 Wind: southerly 5-10 mph
 Precipitation Probability: 5%
 General Weather: partly cloudy

WEEKEND MAR. 1-2:

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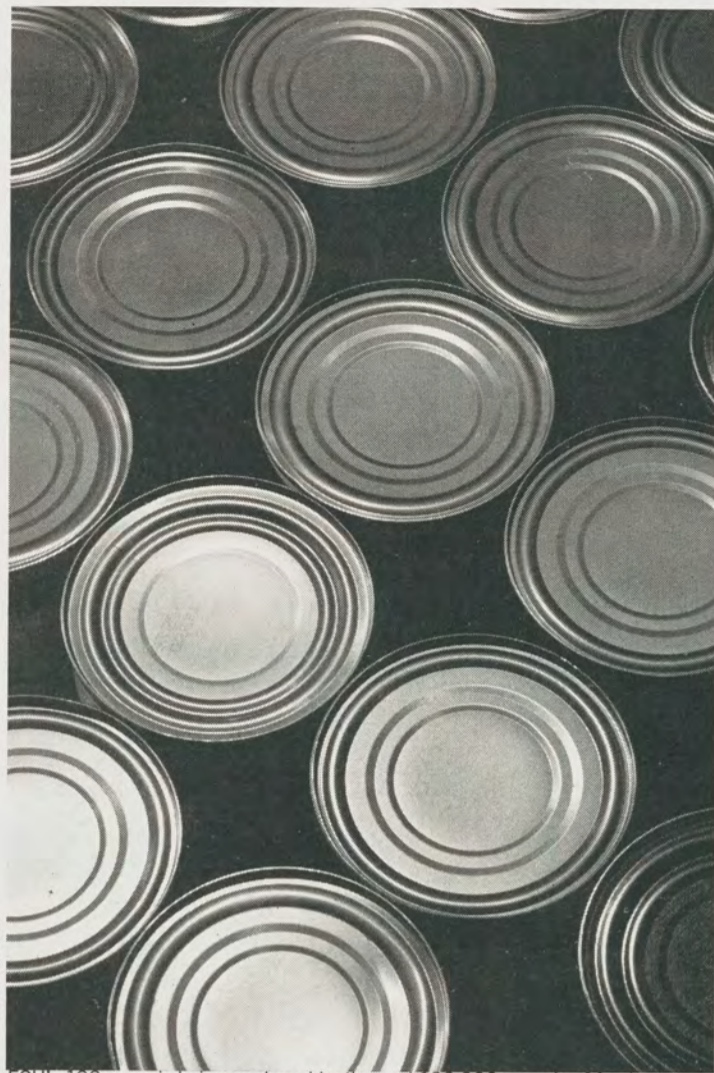
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Fans get the chance to cheer for the Pirates and decrease hunger



ECU's 100 years is being rembered by the goal 100,000 pounds of food..

Hoops 4 Hunger held at basketball game

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NEWS EDITOR

Students and fans came out to Minges last night to not only watch the Mens' Basketball game against SMU but to also slam dunk hunger in Eastern NC.

ECU participated in Hoops 4 Hunger Food Drive, which encouraged individuals to drop off their perishables as they purchased their tickets.

A discount of \$5 admission was offered to those who donated at least one can of food.

The cans that were collected were contributed to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (FBCENC).

The event was co-sponsored by ECU Athletics and the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center (VSLC). ECU athletes directly participated in the effort

by giving a helping hand. "We have athletes that will collect as well as donate tonight," said Jamie Quinn, special projects coordinator for Student Development.

The VSLC chose to get involved in this event to help with their food drive initiatives that they have throughout the year.

Food drives are sponsored by the VSLC frequently but the poundage wasn't being recorded as items were being donated, according to Shawn Moore, community partner coordinator for VSLC.

Hoops 4 Hunger allowed VSLC to keep track of how much food they were receiving.

The amount of cans being collected is also important because different universities are going head-to-head in trying to be the number one school to get the most donations.

NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Duke, ECU, and NC Wesleyan are all competing against one another in the Hoops 4 Hunger.

UNC-Chapel Hill is the lead, NC Wesleyan is second, Duke is third, NC State is fourth and ECU and Wake Forest are tied in last place, according to the FBCENC website.

The event is aiding VSLC in accomplishing their goal of collecting 100,000 pounds of food by 2009, which is one of the ways they decided to participate in the Centennial Celebration.

VSLC also decided to participate in Hoops 4 Hunger to conquer to the inevitable reality of lack of resources to survive in this area.

"Hunger, homelessness and poverty are big things in NC. We decided to address that," Moore said.

ECU Athletics were also very willing to be apart of the philanthropic effort.

"This is our first time doing this [Hoops 4 Hunger] and we're always happy to help and this is a great way to do it," Quinn said.

The next food drive that VSLC will be sponsoring at an athletic game will be in April when the Pirates face off against NC State in baseball.

To find out more about VSLC, you can visit the website at ecu.edu/volunteer.

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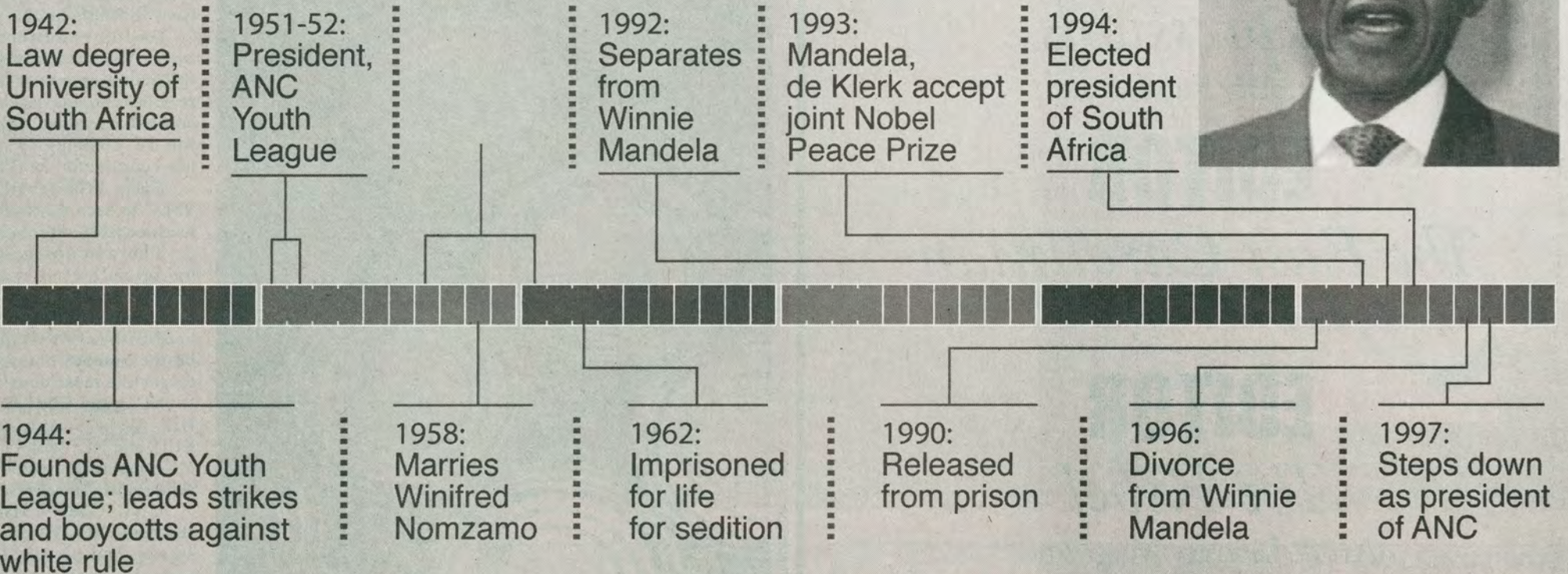
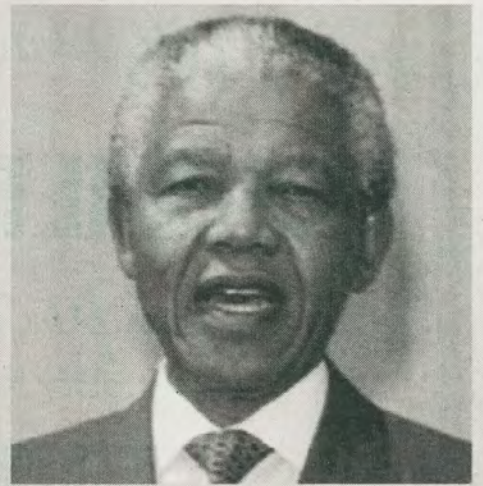
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Mandela: A lifetime struggle and triumph

Nelson Mandela steps down as African National Congress (ANC) president. A look at his remarkable life and career:



SOURCES: Current Biography, "Chained Together" by David Ottoway, news reports, KRT Photo



Photo by Natassia Negron

Dlamini talked about the current state of Africa by giving shocking statistics.

his degree in international relations and political science at Tufts University.

Dlamini went on to establish the Ubuntu Institute of Social Entrepreneurship in 2005. The institute is a 14-day exchange program for students in the U.S. and South Africa and is a source of leadership training.

Dlamini also addressed his role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. These are eight goals that were developed by world leaders in 2000 that aim to eliminate poverty, hunger and disease across the world within the next 20 years.

"We have the power to achieve these goals. We are just not tapping into it," Dlamini said.

Also introduced at this event were 10 actions the youth of this world could take to combat the

problems that exist in Africa and globally.

Dlamini suggests that youth get informed, build awareness, build partnerships, donate, volunteer, appreciate diversity, gain a global education, join a campaign to end poverty, commit to something and take service trips.

"One person can change the world," Dlamini said.

That change can start with these 10 steps.

Dlamini also shared some frightening statistics with his audience about the current state of Africa.

He informed listeners that two out of three women in Sub-Saharan Africa are illiterate, 6,000 Africans die annually due to water scarcity and nearly 40 million Sub-Saharan Africans do not complete primary

school.

Dlamini also expressed that 85 percent of youth in our world live in under-developed countries.

Dlamini's words were attempting to make youth realize that they are the heart and hope of the world, and that education and leadership training can give them the tools they need to make a difference in their current state of lives.

Dlamini closed with a few words about his family, and how encouraging and inspiring they have been for him.

"There are ordinary, poor people in Africa that wake up everyday with a smile on their face, they are not giving up on life," Dlamini said.

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Horoscopes

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Your true friends will still love you, even if you sometimes can't go along with everything they want to do. If you don't know already who they are, you will soon.

Taurus
Figure out how much you can afford before, not after, you go shopping. There may be a few items you'll want to check off your list, in the privacy of your own home.

Gemini
You have help now, but it's not exactly what you had in mind. This person has ideas that don't exactly go along with yours. Modify as necessary, to succeed.

Cancer
Pay attention to what you're doing and expect delays. Have as many alternatives ready as you have plans. Expect anything that can go wrong to do just that.

Leo
Your luck has just improved. You can help the others find a path out of the muck and onto solid ground. The trick is getting them to listen.

Virgo
Your quiet evening at home could be rudely interrupted. Somebody has a dilemma and they want to get you involved. Assign them the responsibility.

Libra
New information causes a disruption in the status quo. Nerves are on edge, so be one who makes things better instead of worse. Comfort food could help.

Scorpio
It feels good to have several coins jingling around in your pockets. You'd better not spend them, though. They're already promised to another.

Sagittarius
You're much stronger now, after all you've just been through. Be gentle with a doofus who makes a critical remark. You may not know your own strength.

Capricorn
A deadline is fast approaching and this job is complicated. Check with the people involved and find out exactly what's required. Minimize.

Aquarius
Teamwork is one of your natural strengths. You're a good manager. Exercise those skills again by quieting an argument. Use logic.

Pisces
It's going to be hard to do everything other people want you to do. You'll have to set priorities and postpone a few of the tasks. People will have to adapt.

Did you know: Black History Month?

In 1770, Crispus Attucks, whose father was African and mother was a Nantucket Indian, became the first casualty of the American Revolution when he was shot and killed in what became known as the Boston Massacre.

The largest women's organization is the National Council of Negro Women.

Alexander Lucius Twilight was the first African-American to receive a college degree. He earned a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in 1823.

Elbert Frank Cox became the first black to hold a doctorate degree in mathematics, which he received from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 1925.

In 1634, French Catholics provided education for all laborers regardless of race in Louisiana, despite the belief and laws that blacks should not be educated.

Louis Latimer was the only African-American engineer/scientist member of the elite Edison Pioneers research and development organization. Until Latimer's process for making carbon filament, Edison's light bulbs would burn only for a few minutes. Latimer's filament burned for hours.

Ernest Everett Just prepared for college at Kimball Hall Academy, New Hampshire, where he completed the four-year course of study in only three years. In the graduating Dartmouth College class of 1907, Ernest Just was the only person to be graduated magna cum laude.

Today in history...

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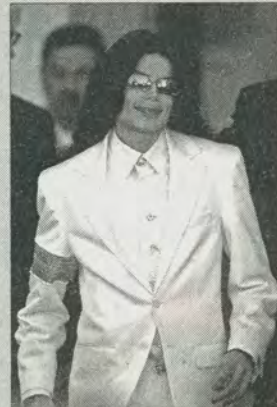
Elias Neau, a Frenchman, opened school for Blacks in New York City.

1948



Sgt. Cornelius F. Adjetey becomes the first martyr for national independence of Ghana.

1984



Musician and entertainer Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards. His album *Thriller* broke all sales records to-date, and remains one of the top-grossing albums of all time.

What it means to be divine

The 'Divine Nine' still going strong

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

At ECU, there are hundreds of Greek organizations. Some are social, some are educational and some are philanthropic, but only nine organizations are part of what is known as the "Divine Nine."

The Divine Nine is a group of historically black Greek letter organizations, made up of sororities and fraternities that are rich in culture and history. These fraternities and sororities include Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Iota Phi Theta and Phi Beta Sigma. Members of these Greek organizations go through what is known as the "intake" process, similar to other fraternities and sororities tradition of "rushing."

All of the organizations within the Divine Nine were started in 1930 at Howard University, except Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Iota Phi Theta. They are all members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which is made up of Black Greek organizations.

Ion Outterbridge, assistant dean of students at ECU and member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, says that the Divine Nine began not only because of the racial tensions and prejudicial atmosphere at the time, but because the students who formed the organizations held the same ideals.

"They [these black fraternities and sororities] realized it was important to come together because really, all of their values and principles were so much alike," said Outterbridge. "Of course at that time, the Great Depression and social justice, things of that nature were very important to these young educators [and] visionaries. They realized that they needed to make an important impact on society."

However, the segregation of the races was an important motivator in the beginnings of the Divine Nine.

"The reason we were founded in the beginning was simply because we couldn't join the white fraternities and sororities, so we wanted our own organizations. They [the founders of the organizations] were really making sure that African-Americans were being treated the same as other people. I think that was the importance at that particular time," Outterbridge said.

Unlike many fraternities and sororities at ECU, the Divine Nine was founded on the basis of community service and outreach. The organizations within the Divine Nine have a certain amount of community service hours that they must complete during their time in the organization.

"We are not as big on the social aspect [as other fraternities and sororities]," Outterbridge said.

"We are still giving back to our community, we are still trying to have that voice when it comes to being equal, we're still trying to give scholarships

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Members of the Divine Nine pound the floor at a step show, which they frequently participate in.

Look at the byline



Taking a class where the professor has written the book, article or lab manual can prove a difficult task.

Students talk about classes where professors author books

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

College professors who publish their own materials for a course have become more and more prominent in colleges across the country, and ECU is no. Many students have taken, or will take, a class that is taught by a professor who uses articles, books or lab manuals that they have published.

ECU professors do this for many different reasons, some academic and some monetary, but most seem to agree that teaching from material that they published allows students who have questions about the book to go straight to the source: the professor.

David Long, a member of the ECU's history department, teaches with material that he wrote because it is the most comprehensive book on the information pertaining to the course. Long teaches a course based on the Lincoln presidential

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ECU students learn international lessons

Model United Nations club crosses borders

MICHAEL MCANDREW
STAFF WRITER

When people think of the United Nations, they undoubtedly have preconceived notions of endless rows of seats occupied by legions of intelligent men and women from all corners of the globe who gather to make policies that will affect major issues in the world.

The ECU Model U.N. club offers its student members a chance to better understand the actions and consequences of the actual U.N. through discussion, debate, and student-led simulation.

Students participate in simulated modules describing a "crisis" or event that the U.N. Security Council, or the larger body of the U.N., must deal with. Students take on the roles of different U.N. member states, where they research a country and demonstrate its stance on particular issues. Essentially, these simulations "play out" how a specific country would react to a particular issue, and how it would interact with

different countries regarding that issue.

The ECUMUN also travels to different universities to take part in collegiate international relations conferences. At these conferences, the students of a each university act as a delegate of a country, and are accepted to participate and debate the issues with other countries in a larger simulated general assembly. Students that debate well and have high participation can win awards and recognition from the National Model United Nations body.

"The Model U.N. is a good experience, because it gives students the confidence to express themselves and improve their communication skills. It also gives students the opportunity to hone their diplomatic skills, which are useful in their day-to-day lives," said Anjali Sahay, ECUMUN faculty advisor.

Participants in the ECUMUN also have the opportunity to oversee and organize the Eastern Carolina High School Model U.N., in which the same opportunities offered to collegiate Model U.N. students at the national level are

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GBLT community invites questions

Panel discussion and drag show showcase diversity

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Tuesday, Feb. 26 the group formally known as ECU PRISM hosted a panel discussion on GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) issues titled "equality on campus" at 9 p.m. in Hendrix theatre.

ECU PRISM will be assuming the name BGLAD after a few complications in the process of changing their name. The group will remain under the name BGLAD until further notice.

The panel was comprised of eight students ranging in age, gender and race.

"The main purpose of the event is to bring in a crowd and show that there is diversity out there besides race, but also in gender and sexual orientation," said Kevin Boyette, vice president of media and events for BGLAD.

The discussion began with a question being posed about the current campus climate of GLBT. Several panel members responded with similar sentiments.

Freshman Beth Clayton said that the campus climate of GLBT was "pretty good, I haven't really had any hard times," but she noted that she had heard stories of other people dealing with prejudice.

"Overall I have had a great experience here at ECU and I've met a lot of accepting people, but there have been times when I have been faced with derogatory language," Boyette said.

A question arose from the audience about bias within the GLBT community. The responses among the panel varied from stereotypes of what lesbians look like and discrimination toward bisexuals.

"There is the stereotype that lesbians are butch, or that they are feminine lipstick lesbians," said freshman Cherish Gregory. "People make lesbian relationships out to be one being the man and the other the woman, but that's not how it is."

The dialogue ended with a lighthearted question from an audience member about the panel's feelings on the popular MTV show "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila."

The panel was in almost complete agreement when it came to the topic, deciding that the show simply perpetuated stereotypes and represented the GLBT community in a negative light.

Clayton even asked the audience for feedback when posing the question "who wanted Dani to win," thus prompting hands to raise throughout the auditorium.

"It was an open and honest discussion about sexuality, and they [the panel] weren't afraid. It was also very educa-

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Dressed in drag, participants strutted their stuff on Tuesday night.



The show was followed by a discussion panel in Hendrix Theatre.

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'Flora' debuts at ECU



Erica Tavarozzo (far left) will play Flora in the musical production of 'Flora' at ECU's debut.

There's more than one way to see red

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

After the success of *Dance 2008*, the School of Theatre and Dance, along with the ECU/Loessin Playhouse, will be debuting *Flora, the Red Menace*, a musical based on the novel "Love is Just Around the Corner," by Lester Atwell. *Flora*, which will open Feb. 28 at ECU's McGinnis Theatre, depicts a struggling designer who hopes to get a job that pays \$15 per hour.

When Flora Mezaros finally lands work at a large department store paying twice her desired wage, she falls in love with Harry Toukarian, a man whose controversial Communist ideals could cost Flora her job. She must choose between two different sets of morals, all the while dealing with conniving characters and her own self-happiness.

Tickets can be purchased by going to ecuarts.com or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$17.50 for the general public in advance, and \$17.50 at the door.

Flora, the Red Menace will be showing every night from Feb. 28 to Mar. 4 at 8 p.m., with a special matinee on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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tional," said Ashley Dickerson, sophomore exercise physiology major.

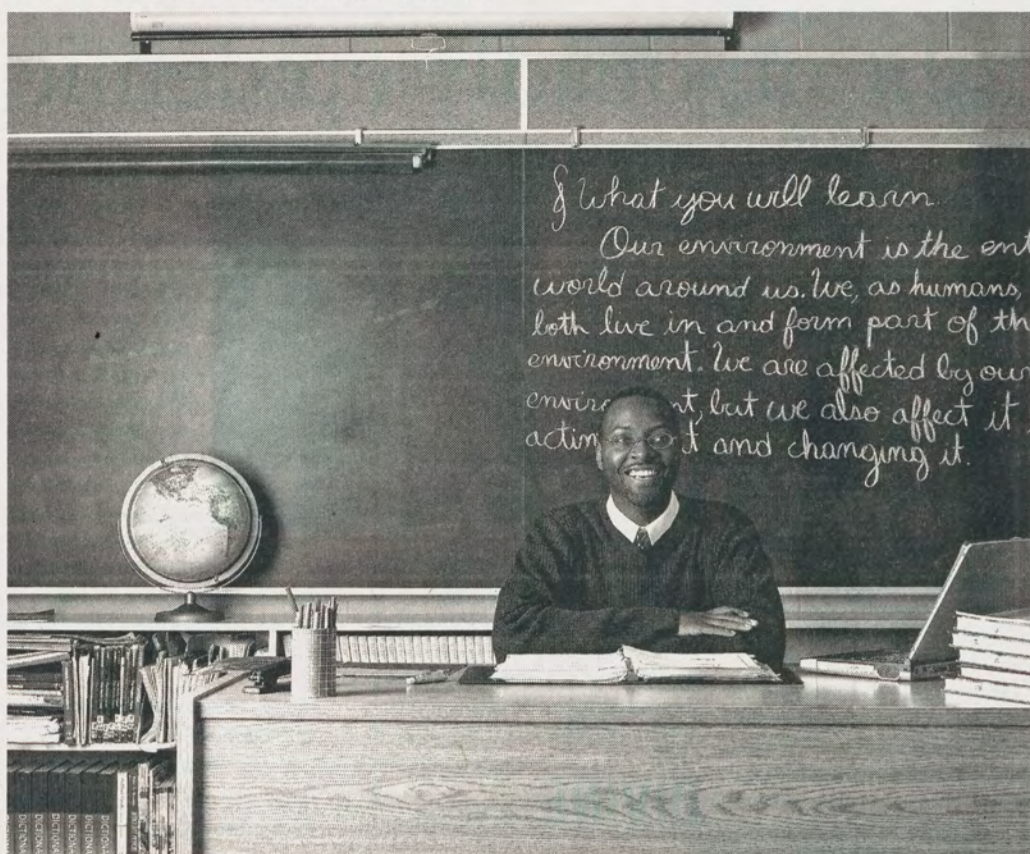
After the one-hour discussion ended, the audience was revved up when the drag queens arrived on stage to begin the drag show.

Three drag queens from the community, Nicolette Star, Jessica Blackwell and Nicole Morgan, volunteered to participate in the show. Dana St. James and Ebony Addams were brought in from out of town to perform.

BGLAD meetings are held every Friday at 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center Room 15.

"We would like to invite everyone, including students, faculty and staff to join in and show their support to our group," Boyette said.

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Professors at ECU that write their own material for their classes is becoming increasingly common.

campaign, potentially one of the most significant elections in United States history.

"My students get the benefit of hearing it right from the horse's mouth; the leading expert in the country is teaching them about arguably the most important event of the war," said Long.

"I think both the instructor and students acquire a much greater appreciation of the surpassing importance this event played in the history of the nation."

Bill Loving of the ECU School of Communication uses a newer edition of the same book he used when he was in school to teach his mass media law class.

"[The book authored by] Nelson and Teeter is the same book used when I took media law," Loving said.

"I was later invited to join the textbook when I met one of the authors when I was an undergrad. Every day, I look at multiple Internet sites and get e-mails about developments in media law in order to update the book and give the students the

most modern understanding possible."

Some students feel that a professor can teach the material more accurately when they are thoroughly familiar with the material in the book.

"I think it helps the professor in teaching the class more thoroughly, I have always learned better I think when the teacher has a complete understanding of everything that is inside of the book they are using to teach the class," said Allen Reardon, freshman biology major.

However, other students think that professors tend to be gruffer and less accessible to the student when they teach from books that they wrote. Some tend to feel overwhelmed in a class when a professor is acquainted with the required readings.

"They can be real judgmental about the answers provided and they seem to be a bit less lenient. Sometimes they have a real 'my way or the highway' attitude, but then again, at other times they can convey the book more easily," said Dirk

Cartner, senior environmental health major.

Other students feel that taking classes with a professor who wrote their own book is a conflict of interest.

"I think it's biased in a way, because they aren't being objective in their teaching and informing their students about other opinions and theories on the subject," said Ashley Williams, a junior criminal justice major.

Having a professor who publishes his or her own books, articles or manuals, definitely has both its pros and cons.

On one hand, it allows a professor to teach the required material both in depth and with a vast understanding, while on the other hand it can be more demanding on the student. While students remain divided on the issue, more and more professors seem to be teaching with books they authored or co-authored.

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Former journalist sheds light on deadly epidemic

Janine Latus to speak about domestic violence

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In 2007, an estimated 77 domestic violence-related homicides occurred in NC alone, according to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Between Jan. 1 and Feb. 16 of this year, 14 such murders have occurred.

"Today, Ron Bal and I are romantically involved, but I fear I have placed myself at risk in a variety of ways. Based on his criminal past, writing this out just seems like the smart thing to do. If I am missing or dead, this obviously has not protected me."

These chilling words were found inside the desk drawer of Janine Latus' younger sister, Amy.

Shortly after, Amy disappeared. Her body took weeks to recover and it was a number of years before her killer was convicted for her murder.

Former journalist Janine Latus will be on campus Monday March 3 at 4 p.m. in Hendrix theatre to discuss her novel, "If I am Missing or Dead: A Sister's Story of Love, Murder and Liberation."

The novel is based on Latus' own struggle with abusive relationships, and chronicles the downward spiral of abusive relationships and the toll they can have on their victims.

"Domestic violence is when two people get into an intimate relationship and one person uses a pattern of coercion and control against the other person during the relationship and/or after the relationship has terminated. It often includes physical, sexual, emotional or economic

abuse," according to the NCCADV.

Latus has appeared on National Public Radio and had several articles published in *O*, the magazine published by Oprah Winfrey.

This Wellness Passport Event is being co-sponsored by Women's Studies, Campus Recreation and Wellness, Student Life, the Student Union

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to our deserving kids, not just African-American kids, but all kids."

Many members of the Divine Nine consider it a privilege to be a part of, and most enter the organizations with the understanding that they are in it for life.

"The Divine Nine is such a privilege to be a part of because it gives you a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood. Everyone is a part of their own organizations but when we come together as a group it is a wonderful thing. You get to network with people of all walks of life," said Sheree Hawthorne, president of the NPHC at ECU and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

"This is a lifetime commitment and should not be entered into lightly."

George Washington Carver, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., all extremely famous African-Americans, were a part of the Divine Nine.

However, like most Greek organizations, the Divine Nine has to fight rumors, stereotypes and hazing practices.

Outterbridge says that hazing is a part of many fraternities and sororities on campuses throughout the country, but agrees with the strong

and Victims' Services.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the event can contact Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, director of the women's studies program, at 328-1539. To find out about other upcoming events

sponsored by the Women's Studies program, visit their Web site, ecu.edu/wost.

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offered to high school students at the local level.

"Last year was my first [conference], and I was the secretary-general, and I had to make an opening speech. We split the students into five different councils, since we had so many kids come, said Ryan Cobey, ECUMUN president.

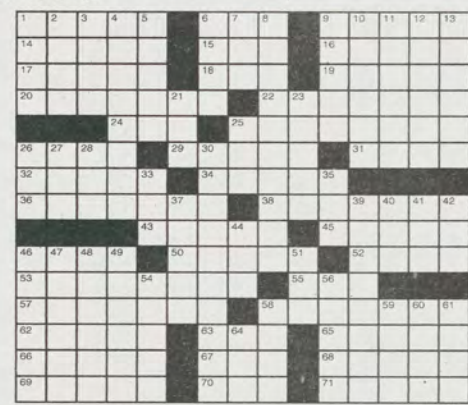
"We did a lot of explaining in the beginning, but really once we started, it didn't take long to get them to debate. We're just trying to get them to think critically about international politics and really get to know what they're talking about before they get to college."

The ECU Model United Nations meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Brewster D, room 102.

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Saturday
vs. Houston
7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Saturday
at. Rice
3:00 p.m.

Baseball

Friday
vs. Monmouth N.J.
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Softball

Friday
vs. Radford
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4:00 p.m.

Saturday
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12:00 p.m.

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Men's Tennis

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vs. Coastal Carolina
1:00 p.m.

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Pirates looking to build on bowl win this spring

Spring practice starts Friday

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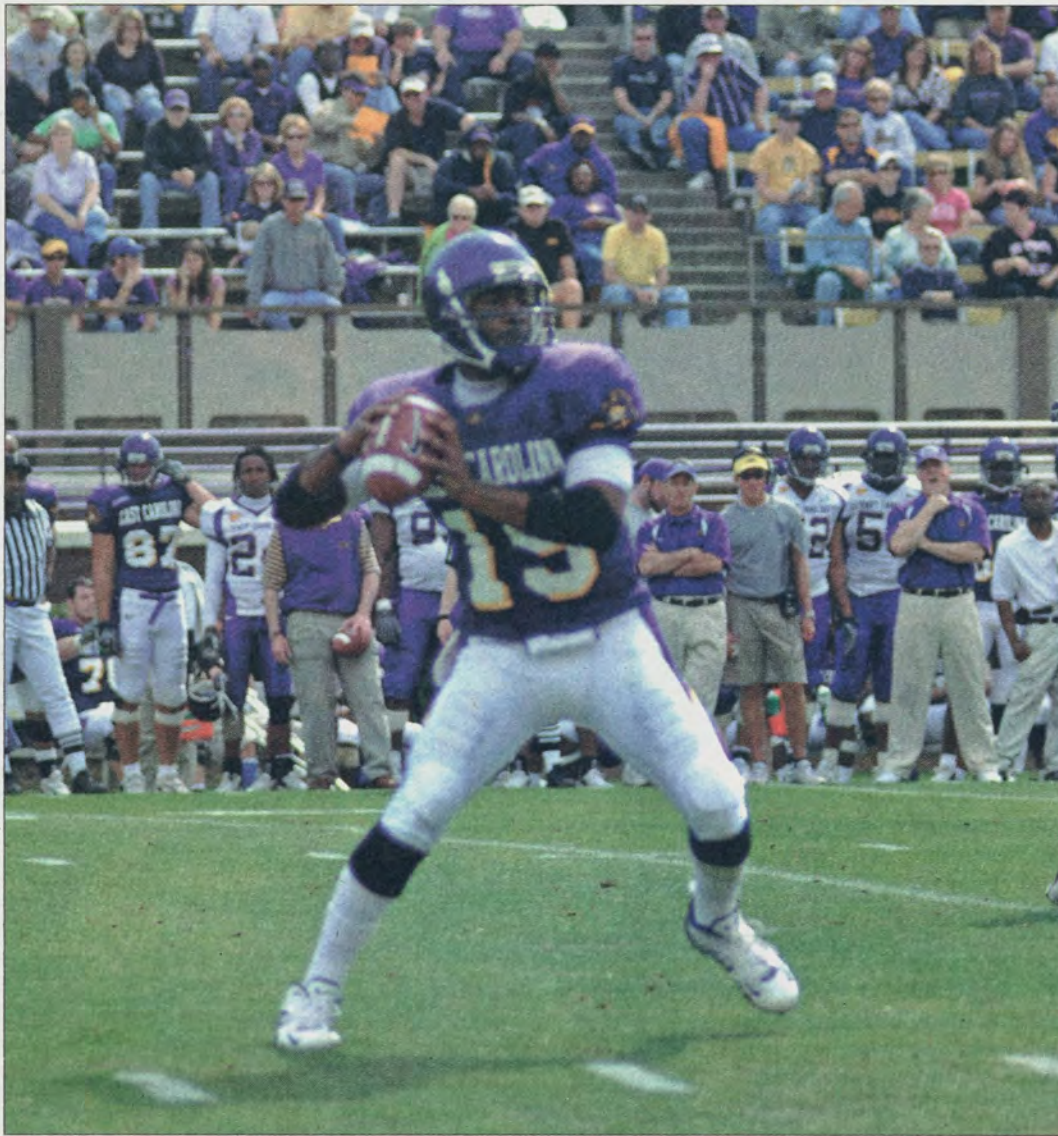
Friday afternoon will mark the first day of spring football practice, or simply stage two, according to Head Coach Skip Holtz, as the Pirates are looking to build upon their bowl victory two short months ago and get ready for the fall.

"We break the spring into stages," Holtz said at a press conference earlier this week. "As we told the team, stage one began really as soon as the bowl ended. In December and January, you really have a bigger, faster and stronger mentality in the weight room. The players are with Mike Golden four days a week trying to stay in shape. We then go through winter workout drills during the month of February and we have been doing those three days a week out on the grass."

"We don't have a ball out there so we just are focusing on conditioning," Holtz added. "It's great because you have the chance to see some of these younger players move around on the field."

Now the Pirates are entering what Holtz coins "stage two," which is his term for spring football.

"Stage two is spring ball itself," he said. "We are starting off this stage with an awful lot of excitement and enthusiasm. The first thing we are



Senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney attempts a pass during last year's spring football game.

trying to do is develop leadership. As I say all the time, each team has a life expectancy of one year."

With the loss of 17 seniors

from last year's team that went 8-5 with a Hawaii Bowl championship, building depth will be a top priority for the Pirates this spring.

"The second and most important objective that we try to accomplish is to build a depth chart," Holtz said. "We have our starters who have

played a lot of football but some of their backups are unproven. We will see how some of the guys we red-shirted a year ago have developed and how ready they are to help this football team."

What also comes with spring practice is determining just what kind of personnel you will have at your disposal come the fall.

Perhaps the most important position to fill on the offensive side of the ball will be running back after losing a superstar in Chris Johnson.

"Everyone keeps asking how we will replace Chris Johnson at the running back position," said Holtz. "There is not a 4.24 40 time in the group, but as a unit, I believe it can be the strongest since we have been here. Donique Lindsay and Brandon Simmons are both seniors on whom we will rely. Jonathan Williams and J.R. Rogers will also step in there. When Norman Whitley and DaRonte McNeil join the mix, we will have the possibility of five or six guys who can carry the ball for us."

One thing that should not be stressing Holtz too much this spring is the offensive line.

"I feel really good about our first five on the offensive line with D.J. Scott, Doug Palmer, Steven Heis, Stanley Bryant and Sean Allen," said Holtz. "We have the opportunity to have one of the best offensive lines since we have been here. The key thing is going to be whether our backups

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ECU releases 2008 football schedule

Pirates face tough non-conference slate

ECU SID—Skip Holtz and the ECU director of athletics are continuing the trend of facing a tough football schedule.

Contests against seven bowl-qualifiers, including a home match-up against Fiesta Bowl winner, West Virginia, and battles against Atlantic Coast Conference members, North Carolina State, Virginia Tech and Virginia, all highlight ECU's complete 2008 football schedule, which was released by Conference USA on Tuesday.

After the Pirates open the campaign on Aug. 30 by continuing their three-game series with Virginia Tech at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium, the Mountaineers will make their second visit in three years to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Sept. 6.

ECU will face off against North Carolina State for the third consecutive season on Sept. 20 before the Pirates head to Charlottesville for the first time since 1975, when they met Virginia on Oct. 11.

"Needless to say, we're all excited to play our out-of-conference schedule," fourth-year ECU coach Skip Holtz said in a statement. "I know all of us embrace the challenge of moving this program forward, and Terry Holland has continued

to provide us with that opportunity. Facing two teams who finished in the Top 10 a year ago in Virginia Tech and West Virginia to open the season speaks for itself."

The match-up against the Hokies, who wrapped up the 2007 season with a No. 9 national rank and an appearance in the Orange Bowl, will be ECU's fourth all-time contest in Charlotte, dating back to 1996. ECU and West Virginia, which closed out the '07 season with a No. 6 rank after a 48-28 victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, will clash for the 20th time in history, one week later in a battle which will also represent the Pirates' home opener. In addition, both games are scheduled to air in front of a national television audience on either ESPN or ESPN2.

"We have the opportunity to play in a National Football League stadium, which obviously is a first-class facility," Holtz said of the Virginia Tech game. "We also have the chance to take East Carolina over to the western part of the state."

"There are a lot of Pirate fans in Charlotte and in the Piedmont. To have the opponent be Virginia Tech is the cherry on top. Our players are very excited about the opportunity to play two Top 10 teams at the beginning of the year and we will find out a lot about our football team."

ECU's trip to Raleigh two

weeks later will extend a 25-game series with NC State that dates back to 1970.

Although the Wolfpack lead the all-time series, 15-10, ECU has captured five of the last eight meetings since 1987—including a 21-16 triumph during its last visit to Carter-Finley Stadium

in 2006. The Pirates will close out their non-conference slate against the Cavaliers hoping to extend their current winning streak in the series to three straight after earlier victories in 1975 and 2006.

In addition to playing three BCS-member programs, which

earned bowl invitations one year ago, the Pirates will face four of last season's five C-USA bowl-qualifiers on their schedule. Meetings against Houston, Memphis (New Orleans), UCF (Liberty) and Southern Miss

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2008 ECU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	VIRGINIA TECH (in Charlotte)
Sept. 6	WEST VIRGINIA
Sept. 13	at Tulane
Sept. 20	at NC State
Sept. 27	HOUSTON
Oct. 11	at Virginia
Oct. 18	MEMPHIS
Nov. 2	at UCF
Nov. 8	MARSHALL
Nov. 15	at Southern Miss
Nov. 22	at UAB
Nov. 29	UTEP

Teams capture Intramural basketball titles

Six championship games were played Tuesday

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER



Team "What" poses with their championship t-shirts after winning the Men's Purple Championship.

The Student Recreation Center played host to the 2008 Intramural Basketball Championships on Tuesday night.

A total of six championship matches were played with games taking place simultaneously on two different courts for the majority of the night. Spectators were also treated to a Slam Dunk Contest during halftime of the Men's Gold League action.

With six separate divisions, basketball has become one of the most popular and competitive events in the intramural organization.

"In basketball, which is one of our bigger sports, we have somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 teams [competing]," said Assistant Director of Campus and Recreation Todd Riddick. "Each team has 10 to 15 [players] so we're talking over 1,000 students."

The Men's Gold League final was the most anticipated matchup of the night, with I.A.P.O.T.E. squaring off against Slightly Better than Average.

The two teams' rosters made this battle slightly more intriguing

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can continue to develop and begin to play like starters."

Another key offensive position that will be focused on heavily this spring is that of the wide receiver.

"My biggest concern is at the wide receiver position," Holtz said. "We have Jamar Bryant and Dwayne Harris, who will play a huge role because they are the only two who have a significant amount of experience. We will see if Alex Taylor is ready to step up into a starting role. There are also a lot of young guys who will continue to develop."

Spring practice will also serve as the ground zero for the battle over the quarterback position.

Holtz used quarterback Patrick Pinkney and Rob Kass interchangeably over the latter part of the season, but that could change depending on how each performs during spring practice.

"I don't think there could be a better situation than the one we have at quarterback," Holtz said. "We have Patrick Pinkney and Rob Kass back, both having played a lot of football for us. I also think Brett Clay will be right back in the mix. It will be a heck of a three-man race. I think all three quarterbacks are capable of leading this team."

While Holtz would like to name one starter, he isn't ruling out using a two-quarterback system similar to last season.

"I would prefer to have one quarterback, but as I said earlier, we're in a pretty good situation," Holtz said. "A lot of whether we keep the two-quarterback system will depend on the quarterbacks themselves. Someone could step up and take the job. I think the system had a lot of merit last season as we did not have much experience."

Holtz noted that both quarterbacks have their unique strengths, and each brings a different aspect to the ECU offense.

On the defensive side of the ball, Holtz likes what he sees so far due to mainly depth at certain key positions.

"On the defensive front, you have guys like Jay Ross, Khalif Mitchell, Brandon Setzer and Linval Joseph who have played a lot of football

and that is probably our deepest position going into the spring," said Holtz. "Antonio Allison has impressed people with what he has done to his body and has a chance to contribute. ...At the defensive end position, we have three guys that have played significantly as Zack Slate, C.J. Wilson and Scotty Robinson have all contributed to our team. Willie Smith will be a sophomore and we are anxious to get him a lot of work this spring."

While the defensive line is certainly one of the strong, if not the strongest unit of the Pirates' defense, the linebacker position remains a question to Holtz. With Pierre Bell and Jeremy Chambliss both slated to miss spring practice due to shoulder surgery, answers to Holtz' questions surrounding the unit might take longer than expected.

The absence of Bell and Chambliss will give younger players time to develop on the field this spring.

While the Pirates secondary ranked statistically as one of the worst in the nation last season, Holtz believes that unit is ready to step up.

"In the secondary, we return seven of our top eight, six who saw significant playing time," said Holtz. "The only loss in the secondary was Travis Williams. J.J. Milbrook, Chris Mattocks and Van Eskridge return and hopefully we got all of our mistakes out of the way early in the season last year and we can continue to develop them."

As the spring moves along, Holtz hopes to use it to teach upperclassmen some techniques that aren't found only on the field.

"It is more of a refinement spring for our guys who have played a lot of football for us," Holtz said. "However, we also have to teach them how to navigate their new roles as leaders. The seniors have never been asked to stand up in front of the room and be leaders. They have sat in the back of the bus and enjoyed the ride. Their development as leaders is going to be critical for this team."

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This Spring, running back Dominique Lindsay (24) will be one of the players vying for the starting position vacated by Chris Johnson.

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Dear Freshman and Senior Students Selected for the NSSE Survey:

It is very important to me to receive your feedback about some of the most important aspects of your education – how well you are supported and how much you are engaged in campus life.

A sample of freshman students and a corresponding sample of senior students have received an invitation from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to participate in a 15 minute questionnaire about their experiences at ECU. Participants have the opportunity to assess such experiences as how they spend their time, what they've gained from classes, the quality of their contacts with faculty, and how supportive the campus environment is just to name a few areas in the study.

I want to thank those of you who have taken the time to respond to this important survey. This survey is being conducted at campuses around the country and is a valuable tool for making comparisons. It is one of the most widely utilized student surveys. The results let ECU determine how well we are meeting student needs and how we might improve our services. It also lets other universities know how well we are doing.

If you have been asked by NSSE, in an email, to respond to the survey and have not yet had the chance to do so, please take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to share your experiences. NSSE will be contacting you within the next week to ask for your participation. This is but one way for us to learn directly from you how best to meet your curricular and co-curricular needs.

Sincerely,

Steve Ballard
Chancellor

BASKETBALL continued from B1**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

LEAGUE	SCORE
Co-REC	Matt Damon 63 Tylaholics 52
Sorority	Chi Omega 31 Alpha Omicron Pi 24
Women's	DS II 43 Chosen Ones 37
Fraternity	Sigma Alpha Epsilon Purple 60 Pi Kappa Alpha Gold 45
Men's Purple	What 42, Greenville Rebels 21
Men's Gold	Slightly Better than Average 50 I.A.P.O.T.E. 48



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Team "Slightly better than Average" defeated I.A.P.O.T.E. 50-48 in the Men's Gold Championship.

than most intramural games. SBTAs' squad included the likes of Mike Castro and David Bell, two former members of the ECU men's basketball team.

ECU baseball Coach Billy Godwin may be pleased to know his bullpen is stocked with versatile athletes. Left-handed pitchers, Shane Small and Josh Ruhlman, as well as right-hander Seth Simmons helped make up I.A.P.O.T.E.'s roster.

Mark Gerhart cut SBTAs' lead to 24-21 by banking in a half-court prayer at the buzzer, setting the stage for the half-time dunk contest.

The contest featured six contestants with two rounds of dunks. An impressive two-handed 360 dunk in the second round, earned Small the title of "Slam Dunk Champion."

However, Smalls' high-flying act was not enough to propel his side to victory.

Castro and Bell's presence in the paint were too much for I.A.P.O.T.E. to handle as SBTAs

escaped with a 50-48 win.

Lee Brimmage tied the score at 48-48 for I.A.P.O.T.E. late in the game when he converted a four-point play after being fouled shooting from behind the arc.

Castro answered with a put-back bucket underneath the goal with just a few seconds to spare.

"It's very competitive," Castro said of the intensity of intramural hoops. "You never know what type of competition you'll run into. Any day you can win and any day you can lose. The competition is great."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Purple defeated Pi Kappa Alpha Gold 60-45, to complete an undefeated season and become back-to-back Fraternity League champions.

The game was close early on but SAE pulled away with a barrage of second half 3-pointers.

"We don't like to brag but we do like to show off the trophy when new rushes come in," said SAE junior Nate Fox. "It's definitely a good thing to

win. I look forward to playing next year."

The Men's Purple League action built an early lead and easily knocked off Greenville Rebels with a 42-21 win.

The participants may only be competing for fun or bragging rights, but the games still attract a lot of attention.

"Last year, we had a really big turnout, probably close to 500," said Riddick. "It just depends on who's playing ... we've had bigger crowds than this but it's really nice to have a good crowd."

Chi Omega defeated Alpha Omicron Pi 31-24 to capture the Sorority League title while DS II held on for a 43-37 victory over Chosen Ones in the Women's League championship.

In co-rec play, Matt Damon outlasted Tylaholics, 63-52 in a high scoring affair.

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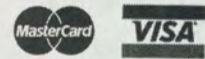
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ECU will play national-powerhouse West Virginia at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium after opening the season against Virginia Tech in Charlotte.

(Papajohns.com) will complete ECU's slate against post-season participants.

"Without question, we're certainly looking forward to continuing our renewed rivalry with NC State for a third-straight year and having the chance to see Virginia again after playing them two years ago in Greenville," Holtz said. "I think our Conference USA schedule is set up in a fair manner and although it presents familiarity with the same divisional format as a year ago, it remains as challenging as ever."

Sandwiched between the West Virginia and NC State tilts, the Pirates will travel to Tulane Sept. 13 for its C-USA opener before making a visit to defending league champion UCF for another nationally televised contest on Sunday, Nov. 2. The 2008 season will also mark the last year of play in C-USA's existing out-of-division scheduling arrangement as the Pirates will face the Green Wave, Houston and UTEP for one more year before beginning a new two-year rotation with contests against Rice, SMU and Tulsa in 2009.

After closing out the month

of September against Houston in Greenville on the 27th, ECU will enjoy a pair of October open dates that will bookend the Virginia and Memphis (Oct. 18) games before finishing out the campaign with five straight contests in the month of November.

After a road date at UCF and a home tilt against Marshall (Nov. 8), the Pirates will visit Southern Miss (Nov. 15) and UAB (Nov. 22) on consecutive weekends before wrapping up regular season play by hosting UTEP for the first time ever at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Nov. 29.

"I don't think we could have asked for a better schedule with the way things worked out," said Holtz. "When you look at the four non-conference games, coach Holland continues to challenge this program to be able to compete with some of the best programs in the country. I know it excites the players and fans to see Virginia Tech, West Virginia, North Carolina State and Virginia on the schedule. It is going to be a very challenging season for us."

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