



Students learn about sexually transmitted infections

Month full of activities offered

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Student Health Services and Campus Recreation and Wellness are bringing home awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) by making them the focal topic of April.

"It's one of the most talked about topics," said Shawnte McMillan, health educator at the student health center.

Campus organizations and professors frequently ask to be educated about STIs, according to McMillan.

Campus Recreation and Wellness is prepared to carry out educational activities and presentations on separate dates during the month of April.

"It will be interactive. We're

trying to avoid lecturing students," McMillan said.

Instead, students will have the opportunity to engage in discussions, hands-on activities and games.

Adib El-Amin, health and nutrition education intern, is hosting at least two of the presentations.

The first presentation will feature, *Girl Positive*, the Lifetime movie that will be shown on Monday, April 16 at Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m.

They will "show a movie and a discussion afterwards about HIV awareness," El-Amin said.

Another presentation, "Talking Dirty after Dark," will take place April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Health Service multipurpose room. Both programs are Passport-approved events.

Two national speakers will be on campus on April 22. Shawn Decker and Gwenn are scheduled



to talk to students during the in the Bedroom presentation.

On April 24, Student Health Services is giving students the opportunity to get STI screenings for free. That will mark the day for Barefoot on the Mall.

According to McMillan, stu-

dent pass provide glucose and cholesterol screenings.

McMillan stressed the

health will out condoms, free blood pressure,

importance of regular testing for STIs, emphasizing

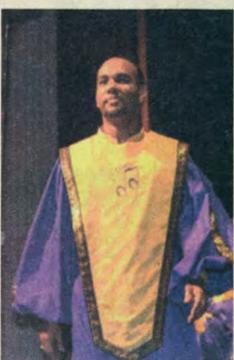
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The ECU baseball team played another important series away from home this past weekend. See how the Pirates did at C-USA rival Southern Miss..... B1



Weather altered the softball series between ECU and Marshall, played in Greenville. The two teams were forced to play a doubleheader on Sunday after the weekend rain was cleared..... B1



The ECU Gospel Choir presented the first anniversary concert to include alumni from past choirs on Sunday night. The event attracted a large turnout and was a lively night of gospel music..... A6

Sue Coe, famous artist, author and activist, speaks at Another Voice



Another Voice art exhibit showcases work that expresses political messages and speakers have also offered commentary on political issues relating to the exhibit.

Discusses passion for animal rights

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Famous artist, Sue Coe, spoke in Speight Auditorium at the Jenkins Fine Arts Building on Friday, April 4.

The event was part of the Another Voice exhibition, a program curated by artist Patrick Flynn that focuses on conveying political messages through artwork.

After a brief introduction by Kate LaMere, associate professor of graphic design, Coe presented her works in a PowerPoint presentation.

Most of her drawings discussed controversial issues such as war, fundamentalism and her largest concern, ethical treatment of animals.

Coe related a story to the audience about how she

lived next to a slaughterhouse when she was a young girl and how she once saw a pig escape. She explained how she wanted the pig to live and how the event has shaped her beliefs on animal rights since.

"I've always felt that I should save that pig. It's been my mission," Coe said.

Her drawings showed a variety of animals—chickens, cows, sheep, dogs—being mistreated and her explanations of her art showed how passionate she was about the issue.

Coe also revealed information about a new book she's working on which she intends to title "The Elephant We Will Never Forget."

The book will catalog mistreatment of elephants over the years within circuses and more specifically, a heavily mistreated elephant named Topsy.

Coe's overall message on the animal treatment issue

was "don't participate." She advocates the vegan lifestyle and has immersed herself in research about animals of all kinds.

Among the many issues showcased through her art, Coe has also researched women in the prison system and growing HIV rates in the world. Coe believes many Americans ignore problems such as these.

"Denial is not healthy, but seeing it and witnessing it is traumatizing too," Coe said.

This discussion was only a small part of the entire exhibition. On Thursday night, a panel discussion took place in Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall with Coe and Flynn as well as another visiting artist, David McLimans.

The panel discussed the strong relationship between politics and art.

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Todd Dining Hall undergoes renovations

Alternative options presented for students

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Todd Dining Hall will close its doors to students following its regularly scheduled dinner on April 13 for renovations.

The project's timetable causes the dining hall to close two weeks before the end of classes, but at the same time allows it to reopen for the upcoming fall semester.

Todd Johnson, associate vice chancellor for housing and dining, spoke of some of the sacrifices involved in planning a project such as this and weighing the options for both students and staff.

"There is a sacrifice in the two-week inconvenience. Most schools cannot renovate a dining hall in three months, as most must take them offline for the entire year," Johnson said.

The marketing and awareness campaign to better inform students of changes in operating hours and what to expect began almost three weeks ago. Campus dining wanted to begin a month before the project came

underway.

"We've been using display windows, e-mail blasts, and we're going to be putting up banners and posters as well as updating the Web site," said Allison Metcalf, district marketing manager for Aramark.

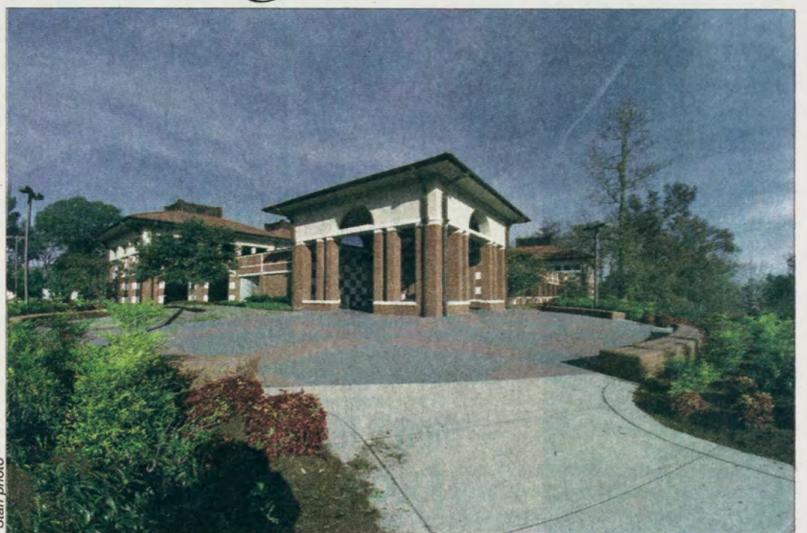
"Even if students miss all of this, we are still engaging and speaking with them as they come into Todd Dining Hall," Johnson said.

Johnson also described a table and video that will be playing until April 13, manned by both students and staff.

Among the additions and changes to Todd Dining Hall will be the Fresh Food Company, a style of serving that breaks away from the military dining halls and is directed towards more of a "European Marketplace."

As such, the seating in Todd will not be touched; however, the service area will be adapted for their booths to fit this new style, and an additional takeout section will be added for students on the go.

The Fresh Food Company hopes to emphasize an element of interaction with the service attendants and the students to



Todd Dining Hall will undergo renovations that will revamp the menu into choices that will aim to please all under the direction of the Fresh Food Company.

better provide for their tastes or

dietary needs.

"Fresh Food does food in a way that we cannot currently do at Todd," said Michael Lysaght, resident district manager for Aramark.

"Their style is sort of a kitch-

enless kitchen."

The style works to prepare food fresh in front of students, tailored differently for each individual.

Johnson also spoke of a meeting held on March 31, which invited students of different

religious, cultural and dietary backgrounds to present their opinions and ideas for better serving "non-traditional" students that attend ECU.

"We understand that the

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CBS National Correspondent Lecture
Tuesday, April 8
2 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre
CBS National Correspondent Byron Pitts will present "Leading the Way to Social Justice: The High Cost of Failure" for the annual Carolyn Freeze Baynes lecture. Free. Byron Pitts, a former Greenville newscaster, believes the U.S. is experiencing a crisis in leadership. He will discuss leadership in the context of social justice and challenges set before American leaders today. Sponsored by: Carolyn Freeze Baynes Institute for Social Justice in the College of Human Ecology and the Division of Student Life, East Carolina University.

Tibet 'Teach-in'
Wednesday, April 9
7 p.m.
Science and Technology Building, Room C-209
Derek Maher, co-director of ECU's Religious Studies program will discuss the recent violence in Tibet, the Dalai Lama, human rights in China, and the Olympics in Beijing.

Unto Every Person is a Name.
6 a.m.-8 p.m.
A public recitation of the names of victims and the death camps at which they were murdered

Ecosystem of rivers topic of ECU lecture
Thursday, April 10
Noon
C-309 Science and Technology Building
Biologist Mary E. Power, from the University of California Berkeley, will present "Food Webs in River Networks: Towards Predictive Mapping." Free. This lecture is part of the "World of Networks Series" co-sponsored by Robert R. Christian, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Biology, and the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

ECU hosts Holocaust awareness week
Thursday, April 10
6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Reading of the names of those who died in the Holocaust will be read on the steps of Joyner Library, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Holocaust survivor Giselle Abramson will speak at 4 p.m. in the Student Health Center multipurpose room. Reader's Theatre: The Sholem Asch Radio Hour at 8 p.m. in the Hendrix Theatre at Mendenhall. Sponsored by East Carolina University's Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, Campus Recreation and Wellness, School of Theatre and Dance, and ECU Hillel.

Queen Elizabeth in Love
Friday, April 11
6 p.m.
Joyner Library
Carole Levin, from the University of Nebraska, will present "Queen Elizabeth in Love," as part of the "Raleigh and the Atlantic World" symposium at ECU. Free.

Piratesfest/Pigskin Pigout
Saturday, April 12
11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Uptown Greenville, Minges Coliseum, Town Commons
The annual PirateFest will feature events from the Pirates Pigskin Pig-Out to the International Festival on the Greenville town commons. A street fair and arts festival will take place uptown, with live musical performances beginning at 11 a.m.

Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run
Saturday, April 12
9 a.m.
Reade Circle parking lot
The East Carolina Alumni Association presents the Pirate Alumni 5K Road Race and mile Fun Run. Join fellow alumni and friends as we race for ECU student scholarships. Runners of all ages will enjoy the 5K road race or 1 mile fun run. All proceeds from the Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run benefit East Carolina Alumni Association scholarships. The Alumni Association annually awards deserving ECU undergraduate students with \$1,000 scholarships to be used in the following academic year. To date, the Alumni Association has awarded 58 scholarships. The entry fee for the 5K Road Race or 1 Mile Fun Run is \$15 until March 31 and \$25 thereafter. Race day registration will be held from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

8Tue
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Hendrix Theatre

Baseball
Old Dominion
6 p.m.

9Wed
Tibet 'Teach-in'
7 p.m.
Science and Technology Building, Room C-209

Barefoot on the Mall
Listening Party
6-9 p.m.
Mendenhall
Brickyard

Softball
UNC-Wilmington
6 p.m.

10Thu
Ecosystem of rivers topic of ECU lecture
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C-309 Science and Technology Building

FEATURED EVENT:

Tibet 'Teach-in'
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13Sun
14th Annual Hamstring Hustle 5K Run/Walk
2 p.m.
Town Commons

14Mon
Student Oratorical Exhibition
6:30-8 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Scholars to speak at Thomas Harriot Lecture Series



Two lectures in the 2008 Thomas Harriot Lecture series will be offered this week. Dr. Mark Nicholls, president of St. John's College at Cambridge University will enlighten the audience with a lecture called, "Sir Walter Raleigh and the Elizabethan World of Thomas Harriot," on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in OC-307 of the Science and Technology Building.

The lecture will be followed by an interdisciplinary symposium on April 11 called, "Sir Walter Raleigh and the Atlantic World." Dr. Carol Levin will be speaking on "Queen Elizabeth in Love." Presenters at the symposium will give other facts about the life of Raleigh in the form of papers.

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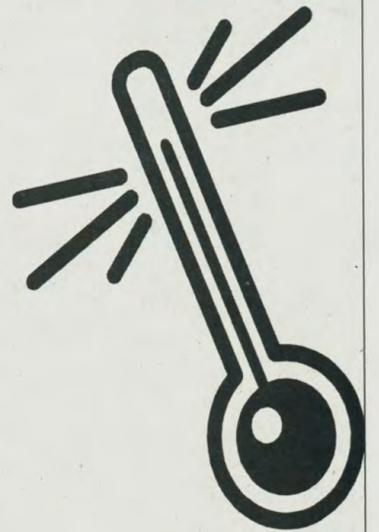
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HPV infection

The first broad U.S. estimate finds that 24.9 million females aged 14 to 59 are infected with human papillomavirus.

How it compares

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HPV 6.2 million

Chlamydia 2.8 million

Genital herpes 1.6 million

Gonorrhea 718,000

Hepatitis B 81,000

HIV 40,000

*Latest data available

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that HIV tests are free to all full-time students.

"It's better to know now than later. If you don't find out now, it can cause some serious issues, especially for women. It can make it harder for them to get pregnant or not get pregnant at all because of not knowing their status," McMillan said.

Students can learn the ropes of guarding against STIs by getting educated, according to

McMillan.

"We have brochures and models, we have books, videos and CDs to check out, or you can make an appointment with me for consultation," McMillan said.

Inquiries can be sent to gotquestions@ecu.edu.

"We aim to answer your questions, without diagnosing students, during normal business hours and it's anticipated to take 48-72 hours before

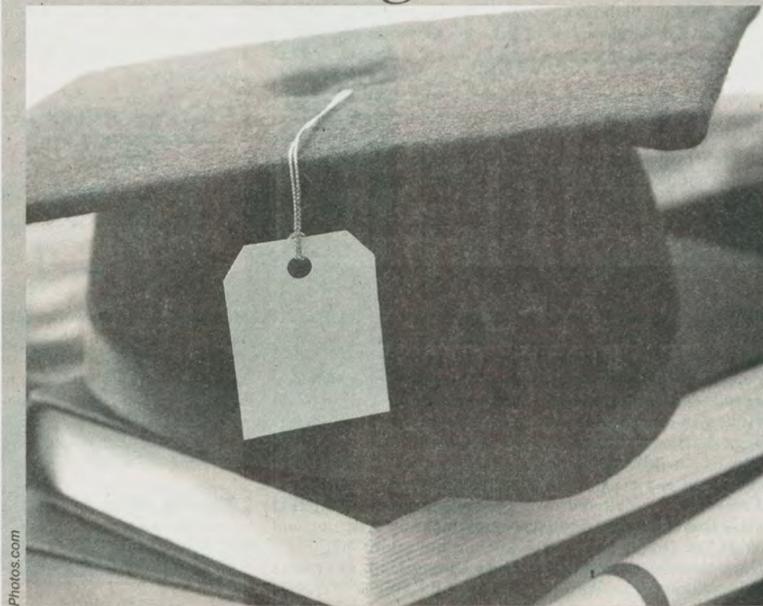
giving out responses," McMillan said.

Students should not fear that the discussion of such situations would be exposed to others through Student Health Services.

"We can't release any information out, [not] even for parents," McMillan said.

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Alumni Association to host life after college seminar



Life after college brings on challenges that students didn't have to think about prior to graduation.

Program encourages students to plan ahead

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The ECU Alumni Association will host Real Life 101: Life After College Seminar, April 9 in 1026 of the Bate Building from 6-8 p.m.

Speakers will offer advice on salary negotiation, resume building, insurance options, buying a first home and planning for retirement.

"Life definitely changes once you graduate and get into the real world," said Kendra Alexander, assistant director of alumni programs.

Some students feel that the transition to life after college will not pose a big challenge.

"I wouldn't imagine life after graduation would be too different than life at school. Priorities just change from school to trying to find and maintain a career," said Mark Preslar, sophomore German major.

A speaker from the ECU Career Center, Jim McAtee, will lead the Salary Negotiating and Resume Building classes.

"He will talk about building a resume, how to negotiate a salary that you deserve and how to present yourself in the best way that you can," Alexander said.

Catherine Creech of Duffus Realty and Mary Vincent of Countrywide will speak at the Buying Your First Home class. The class will focus on how graduates can afford buying a house after graduation.

Representatives from Liberty Mutual will speak at the Insurance 101 class. This will focus on the choices that graduates must make when selecting and purchasing insurance plans.

David Damm of Carolina Wealth Management will speak at the Planning for Your Retirement class, touching on planning early so graduates can retire when they feel ready. "The sooner you can put money away, the sooner you can retire," Alexander said.

Most students haven't started to think long term about their life after college.

"The only thing I have really done is start thinking of summer jobs or internships dealing with my field. Hopefully I'll know what I want to do internship-wise next year or next summer,"

said Leanna Grondy, sophomore psychology major.

The seminar's primary targets are upcoming graduates and recent graduates, but anyone who is interested is welcome, according to Alexander.

Graduates who wish to join the ECU Alumni Association can do so for a \$35 membership fee.

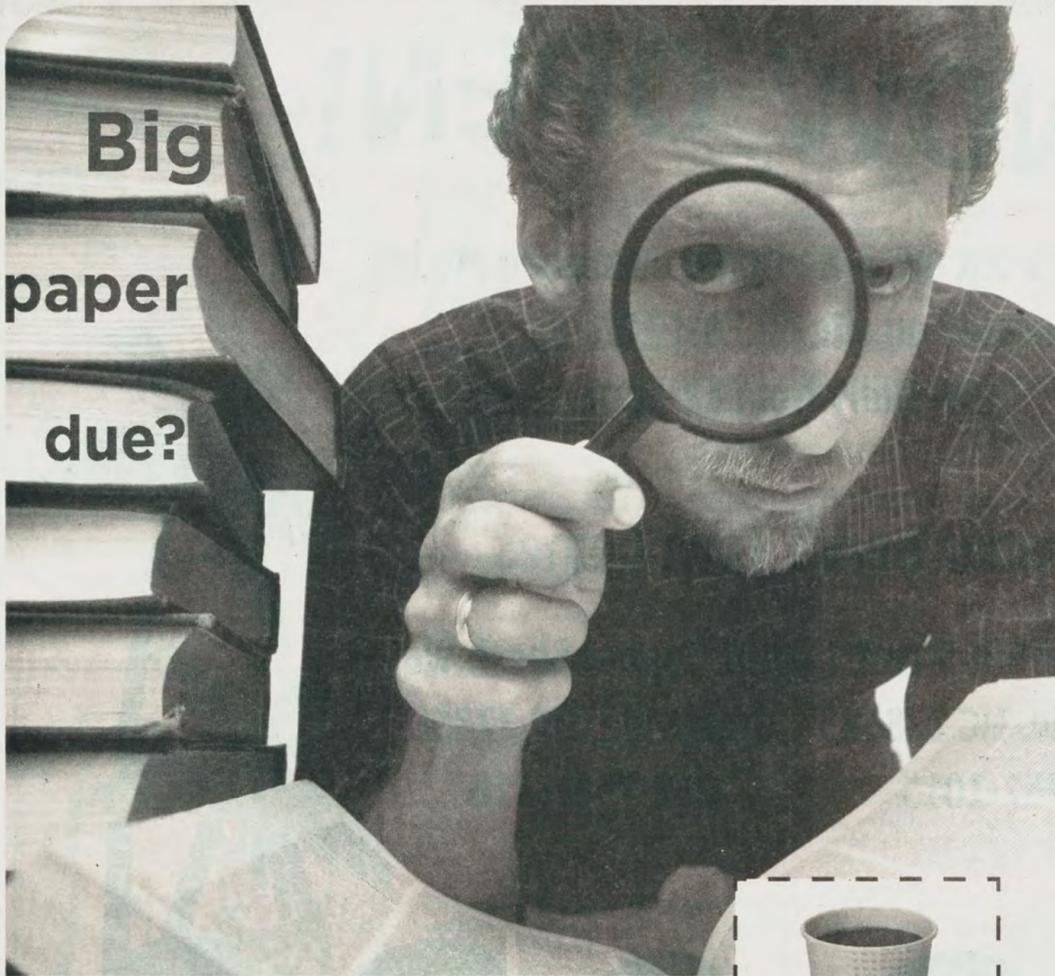
"Wherever you move across the country, we most likely have an alumni chapter within that state," Alexander said.

The East Carolina Alumni Association keeps ECU alumni informed about ECU events and what other alumni are doing, as well as getting alumni involved with service projects, such as watching ballgames, Alexander said.

Each session will last one hour and the speakers will give two presentations, so attendees can choose to listen to two different lectures or stay in one session for both hours.

Those interested may register for the free event on piratealumni.com or by calling 252-328-6072. Registration is not required but is encouraged.

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"The reason I wanted to bring [Another Voice] here was because there's a perception that students are disengaged from politics," said Lisa Beth Robinson, coordinator for the event. "One way to engage people is through art."

Robinson sees the event as an opportunity to show students that they can make a difference in the world by getting them to think, ask questions, and allow

them to hear voices that aren't normally heard in the mainstream media.

Posters for the event had an illustration by artist Henrik Drescher as well as a quote that said, "There will come a time when one silence will be more peaceful [sic] than the voices you strangle today."

"I want people to know that art has the power to bring positive change," Robinson said.

"And I think that quote on the poster sums up the entire event."

One hundred and fifty works of art conveying various political visions in different media will be on display in the gallery at Mendenhall Student Center until April 25.

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dining on campus is not a one-size shoe fits all," Johnson said. "So we are going to continue to offer options, including extended hours and additional locations."

Hours in the Galley on College Hill will be modified to fit an "all-you-care-to-eat" until 8 p.m. and the food served will be altered to resemble that of the dining hall.

West End Dining Hall will also have their hours modified, with the addition of break from

9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. and a late afternoon lunch from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

"We really are working to accommodate all students when it comes to what we serve," Metacalf said.

"If you want something served differently, just ask."

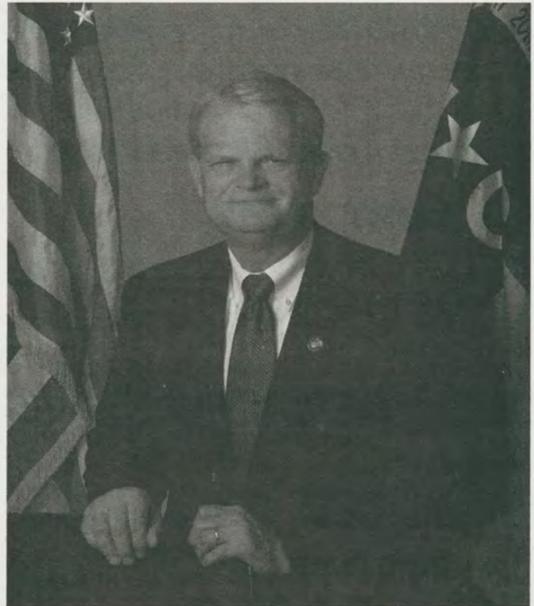
Johnson pointed out that communication will not end when renovations begin on Todd Dining Hall, as campus dining will continue to change

and adapt for what works best for the students.

For more information in regards to either the change in hours of operation or the renovations of Todd Dining Hall, you may visit ecu.edu/dining for a complete list.

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RANT OF THE DAY

I think if you can go to war at 18, you can legally drink at 18. It's only fair.

Nihilism-chic

The danger of apathy

LARA OLIVER
OPINION WRITER

It's 2008, and that means we're gearing up for another presidential election. On TV, we're bombarded with images of candidates at their worst and pundits trying to manipulate our opinions. In the real world, you can't walk twenty feet without seeing Obama, McCain or Clinton stickers on the backs of a Prius, a Suburban or a Mini Cooper, respectively.

This election season is being lauded as one of the most important elections to be held in our nation since Nixon, and with good reason. Young people are registering to vote in record numbers, and the primaries alone are showing just how important these elections are to the general populace.

People who felt left out, by previous all-white male candidates, are finding themselves the focus of campaigning interest in the first election in which both a woman and a black man each have an extremely good chance of being our next president ... not to mention this is the election that will decide our future in Iraq.

Yet, there's one group of people completely uninterested in the importance of the election or, well, pretty much anything. The young, jaded-beyond-their-years nihilists are out in full force this year, and they don't want you to forget just how much they don't care what's going on in the world.

Take, for example, infamous musician DMX. When asked about Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton in a recent *XXL* interview, DMX said he had absolutely no interest in following the election because "No one person is directly affected by which president, you know, so what does it matter?" He also went on to make fun of Obama's name, asking if he was African and if that was the name his mother gave him ... apparently never having heard it before.

But, it isn't just the rich and famous who want you to know how much they don't care about the world; we're lucky enough to have our own groups of enlightened young people on campus. While you may think it's important to vote in the election, recycle, protect gun rights, go to church, keep church and state separate or protect human rights, these fine folks love to remind you how much it "really doesn't matter." We're all going to hell in a hand basket anyway! Why bother?

What seems to be really messed up about this whole nihilism-chic is that the people who want you to know how completely uninterested they are in the world (to quote *The Big Lebowski*, "Vee believe in nuzzing.") go to such great lengths to remind everyone of their apathy.

From frequently piping up in class about how nothing matters because we're all going to die anyway, to reminding random people at parties about how stupid it is to get involved in politics because everyone works for "the Man." These kids have seen it all, it seems, and they've never even left North Carolina.

It's not that I have anything against people who don't want to get involved. If you don't want your vote counted, that's your prerogative, but it is really necessary to be such a snob about it? I can understand the guys who stand outside Joyner trying to get people to think like them. I mean, they seem to honestly think if we don't follow their beliefs, we'll go to hell.

So, by their logic, they're trying to save us. What does a nihilist gain by making another person apathetic? Is there a nihilism heaven where you can sit around smoking cloves and making fun of people in other heavens for being nerds? Does your apathy karma increase so you might get reborn as a rock star in the next life and you can make even more people apathetic through your coolness?

Sure, we may seem insignificant in the grand scheme of things and the world can be scary sometimes, but I don't think we're so far gone that things can't improve. Nihilism is just another form of giving up, and I can't imagine what our world would be like if everyone assumed that nothing can ever change and there's no goodness left.

Sure, if we assume the world is rotten it won't hurt so much when bad things happen, and that can make life easier to stomach, but isn't it the outrage that pushes us to make things better?

Or maybe that's just like, my opinion, man.

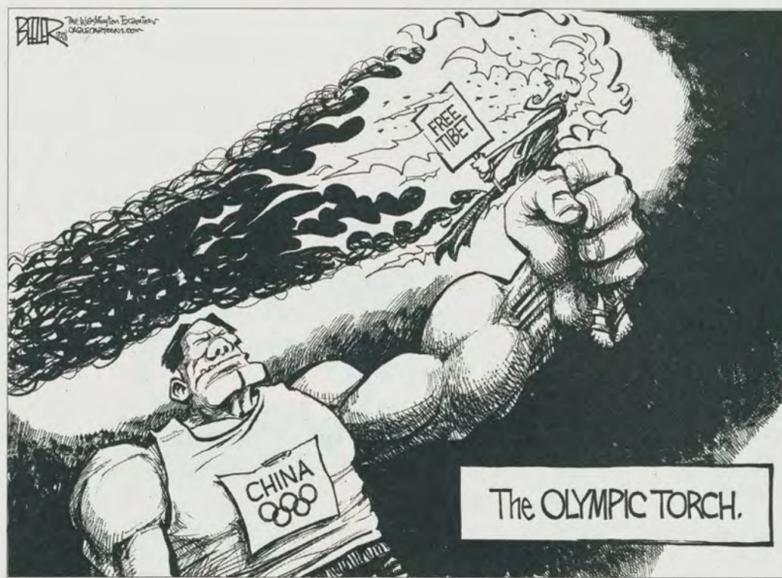
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What's the deal with all these people hating on skateboarders all of a sudden? It's faster than walking.

How disrespectful can students be? If you are attending Relay for Life, you should at least have the decency to shut up during the moments of silence or when someone is speaking. You were obviously there for the wrong reasons so why don't you just stay home next year?

The names of political parties should be capitalized. It's Republican and Democrat, not republican and democrat.

I think if you can go to war at 18, you can legally drink at 18. It's only fair.

Philosophy should not be a major or profession.

I know we need the rain, but why does it only downpour when I have to walk out in it?

So, how many students are going home on the 12th to avoid the "Open House" crowd?

To the person that loves Harry Potter: Have you even read the last book???

Thank you for being so drunk that you couldn't even flush your own vomit. I mean, COME ON!!!

I hate the "new" Safe Ride.

I hate the rain.

Go, Pirates! I love you!

Why are the Jarvis RA's so two-faced? I'm a freshman and I'm more mature than you are. Grow up.

Nice way to choke, Tarheels.

I get lost in the Joyner stacks regularly.

Are there any good comedy clubs in Greenville?

Does anyone else think Ace Ventura is the best cinema character ever created?

Our three major presidential candidates for 2008: the Devil, the Beast and the False Prophet. Ah, democracy! I'm voting for Optimus Prime.

I think that the only reason we die is because we accept it as

inevitability. HAH!

If I could be a girl for just one day, I think the first thing I'd do is complain about my hair.

My mind is like an 8-track player — old school.

I spilled a soda on my computer and took it to tech support. Sadly, there was nothing that could be done. RIP, Dell Inspiron.

Crayons don't taste as good as they used to.

I'm a girl, and I am proud to say that I love HANNAH MONTANA!!

I just spent two hours with two Duke freshmen, and let me tell you ... WEIRD!

Can someone please tell me where all the good, single Christian men are around here?

The guy who runs the fire and rice station at West End at lunch is not a pleasant individual. Is it really such an inconvenience to give someone food without being totally rude?

I am totally straight, but I have to admit that there are some very attractive lesbians around here.

I know I'm an official Pirate now; this is my first Pirate Rant, and I promise it won't be the last!

I'm against protesting, but I don't know how to show it.

May 6 is around the corner, and it could be the final show on the road for the Democratic primary. ECU needs Obama on this campus. I'm not saying he'll be the next president, but he is a better choice to be leader of our country than Hillary.

Seeing all the ants alongside the window inside Wright Place today really grossed me out.

April showers bring May flowers!

The thing I'm not looking forward to after graduation is my Pirate Mail disappearing.

To the decent men: Ya'll could look a little harder for us too!

Jesus could be the Democratic candidate, and Texas would STILL be a red state.

"Mom, Dad, I'm gay." See, it's so easy! Why can't I do it in real life?

Why are you jealous of the kids in Umstead?

My roommate and I broke out in a rendition of "The Bear Went over the Mountain" the other day for no good reason.

My roommate's phone conversations with her boyfriend make me want to vomit.

Either quit complaining about being here or leave.

Pirate Rants are cheaper than therapy.

Submit this one.

And this one.

Okay, last one, I swear.

I should be writing a ridiculous paper about a fictional movie right now.

I spy an anthropology professor who is beyond crazy.

I'm thinking about driving to another town and stripping for money ... seriously.

Were you potty trained? Honestly?

If you want to have a gastric explosion, drink the low-cal smoothies at the Rec.

I feel like I'm going to die every time I get on an ECU bus.

God didn't make you fat, Little Debbie did.

It sucks that there are five of us using one car, especially when it practically falls apart all in one week.

I pay almost \$3,000 a year to eat at Todd Dining Hall. Please do not tell me where I can and cannot sit.

There's no reason to be a jerk. That's it.

It's been two years since I've had a boyfriend. I'm so ready.

To all the school of music students: Don't worry, we're almost done.

Dear Todd Dining Hall: The chairs won't keep me out.

Six out of five people don't understand fractions.

Of mice and men

Confessions of a musophile

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I am a musophile. I've just recently discovered this. It turns out I've been one my entire life; I just wasn't aware there was a label for it. Everyone else has a label; why shouldn't I?

Musophobia, I have discovered, is the clinical term for the fear of mice. Yes, I'll admit it. I'm five-eleven, weigh 2-something-7 pounds, and I am terrified of something a couple of inches long that weighs a couple of ounces at most.

Apparently I inherited my musophobia from my mama. She is more terrified of rodents than I am ... if that's possible. But, of all the wonderful characteristics she could have and did pass on to me, why did I have to be the one offspring cursed with a fear that is so stereotypically feminine? I have a sister, but she isn't afraid of them. Neither is my wife. My nephew laughs at me.

I had a mouse in the house this weekend. I don't know why they decide to pick on me, but it is the goal of at least one per year. We're clean. We don't leave food lying about the house. I know it's gotten colder outside the past few days, but we ran the air conditioner this weekend. It wasn't that much warmer inside.

So much for those Black & Decker ultrasonic pest-control devices I have plugged into every room. Anyone else would have grounds for a lawsuit ... And I hope that cat that's been hanging around my yard for days runs out in front of a dump truck. Rest in peace. Thanks for nothing.

I was going down the hall when I saw the intruder scurry across the floor. My heart lodged in my throat. After not seeing it again for an hour, I climbed down off the piano to find a trap.

The trap set, it was just a matter of waiting for that fateful SNAP! But I can't stand the sight of mice, even in traps, so that preyed on my mind. I tried to assure myself the mouse couldn't hurt me, alive or dead, but when it managed to steal the cheese twice without setting off the trap, I began looking up the number to Dial-A-Prayer.

My best friend called me, and I told him about my unwanted visitor. "Why don't you grow up?" he snapped at me, making me feel the size of the mouse. "You're a grown man, so act like one. It can't hurt you. You're 500 times bigger than a mouse, so just step on it! It's more scared of you than you are of it!" And then he asked me to come over and kill a spider in his bathtub.

My buddy did have a point. I'm a man, not a mouse. I almost died when my car was swept off the road by Hurricane Floyd's floodwaters, but I survived. I've always thought that if I could beat that, I can beat anything. I have a yellow belt in karate and even won a trophy in a martial arts tournament. My opponent was only seven years old, but he was a green belt. I have a Bible on my nightstand, and a .44 Magnum in the drawer beneath it that would make Clint Eastwood drool. I'm ready to take on anything human or inhuman that might come my way ... but mice aren't religious, to the best of my knowledge, and, despite the drunk down the street Saturday night, there's an ordinance against discharging a firearm in the city limits.

So, why am I a musophile? I guess there's that whole "startle response" factor. They move so fast, and I always see them for the first time out the corner of my eye. Startle responses include changes to blood pressure, respiration and breathing. In other words, a panic attack. I don't like feeling helpless, especially at the paws of such an insignificant creature.

I also don't like the fact that they're just plain nasty. I'll never understand what the point of pooping every two steps is, and God only knows what other germs are clinging to them as they move over and around my stuff.

The mouse is dead now, and there have been no signs of any playmates. I just thank God that I'm married a woman who isn't a musophile.

No doubt some smart aleck is laughing his or her rear end off right about now at the big man afraid of a little mouse. Have your laugh; I don't care. I'm a musophile, and I'm not ashamed of it. There are a lot worse things I could be.

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Facebook: life saver or ruiner?

The craze that has taken over our lives

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It is midnight on a Sunday and I am supposed to be writing an English paper that is due tomorrow ... but I'm not exactly doing that when it should be at the top of my list. Instead, I am searching on Facebook, wasting my time away because I simply do not feel like writing my paper.

Let's face it, everybody takes a break from their work, but it's how we take a break that might be different. Yeah, most of us go chat with our roommates, get a bite to eat and then sit down and get back to work, but almost half of us probably check Facebook just one more time before we get back to studying. We need to see if that one person wrote us back a comment on our wall or to check if we were invited to any more events for the weekend. Facebook, basically, has just become an ultimate procrastination tool that has taken over most of our lives.

It's so easy just to log in and get wrapped up in what's going on in your own little world. You may find yourself looking at profiles of people you haven't spoken to since high school, but yet you still know their life story. News feed informs you that the most popular high school sweethearts just ended their relationship. Oh, my! And that girl who sat next to you in math class? Yes, she is pregnant, along with 10 more girls who have become mothers in the past years and have posted dozens of pictures of their new, exciting additions.

Or, you can just procrastinate even more and look at pictures from your best friend from home, and see what events took place during her crazy weekend. Better yet, you need to see if there are any awful, newly-tagged pictures of you that need to be untagged immediately before any other Facebook stalkers catch your embarrassments in action.

Then, of course, you can waste time by changing your profile, searching the new bumper stickers, or looking at any other annoying application provided for you on Facebook. And, quite frankly, I find these new Facebook applications rather annoying, but I do know that people are browsing through these, because I get a new notification almost every week telling me that I have now become more popular by being a top friend on someone's profile. Weird!

So, bottom line, Facebook is a created mini-world inside your own world that provides you with information and trivia about the most random people on your friend list. Most of you out there are guilty of Facebook-stalking these people when you are bored or are avoiding the next assignment that you just don't want to begin. I also know that most of you are Facebook fiends because I walk through the computer lab and see half of the computer users browsing their profiles instead of doing their school work. But this is okay because it's part of being a college student. We need to procrastinate for just five more minutes, and then we will begin that assignment we should have started that one week before!

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Horoscopes

Aries
You may have to just say no to an appealing but expensive offer. You can't afford to waste either time or money at this point in the game.

Taurus
Hold out for what you want, even in the face of resistance. You don't have to come up with a lot of reasons. Just do it because it's right.

Gemini
Don't get stuck on the specifics of your vision for the future. A couple of details will need to be changed to get from here to here. Heed an older person's warning.

Cancer
Figure out what your group needs to achieve its objective. It may seem like a horrendous amount, at first. If it really is, suggest changing goals.

Leo
A person who advises you to relax is steering you wrong. You don't have time to relax right now, but you can be cool. Don't let them see you sweat.

Virgo
The more ambiguity you can get rid of, the more secure you'll feel. That's not possible in everything, but do your best. Wherever you can, make your foundation solid.

Libra
Harsh reality doesn't have to obliterate your dreams. Don't give up; do look for another alternative. Creativity is recommended.

Scorpio
You may not have really wanted a critic on your team. Make the best of it. Somebody else's experience can save you grief, even if he or she is a jerk.

Sagittarius
The money keeps coming in, and that's a wonderful thing. Don't get distracted by what might have been. Do the best you can with what is.

Capricorn
Your plans are somewhat inhibited by an unfortunate lack of cash. You have lots of confidence, though, and a talent for sales. You'll get by.

Aquarius
All the reasons why your scheme won't work are foremost in your thoughts. This is good. It'll help you figure out which option is viable.

Pisces
Your curiosity has been aroused. Find the answers to questions that have puzzled you for years. They're not all what you expected.

Did you know?

City with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong.

Average number of days a West German goes without washing his underwear: 7

Percentage of American men who say they would marry the same woman if they had it to do all over again: 80%

Percentage of American women who say they'd marry the same man if they had it to do all over again: 50%

Cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

Percentage of Americans who have visited Disneyland/Disney World: 70%

State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

The youngest pope was 11 years old.

Iceland consumes more Coca-Cola per capita than any other nation.

First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

There are coffee flavored PEZ.

The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

No NFL team which played its home games in a domed stadium ever won a Superbowl.

Today in history...

1879



Milk was sold in glass bottles for first time.

1979



The 204th and final episode of "All in the Family" airs.

1994



Smoking banned in Pentagon and all U.S. military bases.

Gospel choir marks 30 years of song

Concert draws crowds from all over the country

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After grueling practices and a long semester of learning songs, the ECU Gospel Choir strutted their stuff and sang their hearts out to an almost-packed Wright Auditorium Sunday night. The Gospel Choir presents an "anniversary" concert annually, but this year was different. They included choir members from past choirs into a night of collaboration of alumni and current students that celebrated the 30 years that the gospel choir has been on ECU's campus.

The night began when the members of the current choir "marched" into the auditorium and down the aisles to their opening song of "All The Glory" by gospel great Richard Smallwood.

Once they hit the stage, the choir pumped up the crowd with cheers and dancing that was contagious throughout Wright. The first half of the concert included songs by gospel artists Mary Murray, Youthful Praise, T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir and Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers.

Director Arturo Cummings said he chose the songs for the concert in an attempt to coincide



Contributed Photo

Director and student Arturo Cummings led the ECU Gospel Choir in lively renditions of gospel songs on Sunday night in Wright Auditorium.

with the theme of the event, "Celebrating 30 Years of Gospel."

"I tried to bring a collaboration of old and new back from 30 years up until the present day," said Cummings.

"We did our best to cover the 30-year span of the ECU Gospel Choir's existence, and with the series of songs that we presented, I believe that we exemplified the current and past members that were there."

Instead of a "half time" presentation like the choir usually does during their anniversary concert, this year alumni from the past 30 years made up an "alumni choir" who sang 2 songs

for the audience. Past presidents and directors of the Gospel Choir came and supported the event, including long-time director Greg Horton.

Current ECU Gospel Choir president Braxton Mercer asked everyone in the auditorium to take a moment of silence to remember members of past choirs "who had gone on before [them]" before the alumni choir belted out their selections of "God Is In Control" and "The Light."

ECU student and current choir member Natasha Spencer says that having the alumni at the concert added a special

dynamic to the night.

"I must say that our 30th year anniversary would not have been the same without the [alumni]," she said.

"They added that 'vintage' feel to the concert. It was like 'wow, standing before us is 30 years of gospel.' It was a great success."

Cummings says he felt honored to be the first director to present a night like the one on Sunday.

"I counted it as a privilege to be the first of hopefully many events that incorporate bringing the generations together. This concert was an extreme

landmark in the gospel choir," he said.

For the second half of the concert, the Gospel Choir ditched their purple and gold choir robes for coordinating purple and black outfits and presented songs by Bishop Paul S. Morton, Kirk Franklin and Hezekiah Walker.

The end of the event was marked when the alumni and current choir came together to form a mass choir, singing "Anthem of Praise" by Richard Smallwood.

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Alumni Association to host two runs



The East Carolina University Alumni Association is located in the Taylor-Slaughter building on 5th St.

Funds will go to aid scholarships for students

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The East Carolina Alumni Association is booming with activities to keep the Pirate community involved. The center is set to host the first Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run on April 12, starting at Chico's Mexican Restaurant and looping back around to U.B.E.

The 5K road race begins at 9 a.m., and the mile-long "fun run" begins immediately after the start of the road race. This is a USATF-certified race-course, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Buffalo Wild Wings and Chico's Mexican Restaurant. The entry fee for the 5K road race or 1-mile fun run is \$25.

The idea for this race came

from the staff of the alumni association, because they noticed how popular outdoor activities are to the Greenville community.

"On any given day you see 15 or more individuals jogging by the alumni house," said Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center.

"This is also a new idea to engage the alumni and raise money for scholarships and stay active while giving for a good cause."

The road race and fun run is open to everyone that would like to come out and take part in the event. The alumni association expects at least 200 runners to participate, and the center wants to raise \$4,000, which will help to fund scholarships for ECU students.

The academic scholarship awards undergraduate students with \$1,000 to be used the following school year. To date, the alumni association

has awarded 58 scholarships.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to "inform, involve and serve members of the ECU family throughout their life-long relationship with the university," according to its Web site.

The two runs are included in the many events that will kickoff Piratefest Weekend.

Piratefest is a large outdoor event that will offer food, fun and activities for all. Activities include a carnival located next to the ECU baseball stadium and the 25th annual Pirates Pigout located at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. For more information on Piratefest, visit piratefestnc.com.

For more information about the alumni association, visit their Web site at piratealumni.com.

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Cancer walks the plank during Relay for Life

Hundreds of people gathered to walk and remember

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Cancer claims the lives of over half a million Americans each year, and many students are, or know someone who is affected by this ravaging disease.

Fortunately, there is an event that occurs every year in many places all over the U.S. to raise money for cancer research: Relay for Life. All funds go to the American Cancer Society to further the fight against the disease.

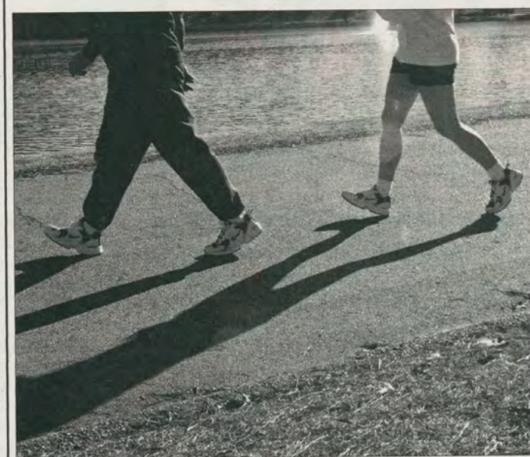
In Greenville this year, Relay for Life took place at

ECU's Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on April 4. It was ECU's first time hosting the event, which drew hundreds of people from all over the community.

"Today is ECU's first Relay for Life [and] we set our goal for \$40,000. We made over that before we started, so we set a new goal of \$60,000," said Alexis Terrell, psychology major at ECU.

Though the weather did not cooperate with the event, there were stampedes of people who came out to show their support for the cause. Hundreds of people walked around on teams to upbeat music surrounded by a joyous crowd raising money and spirits.

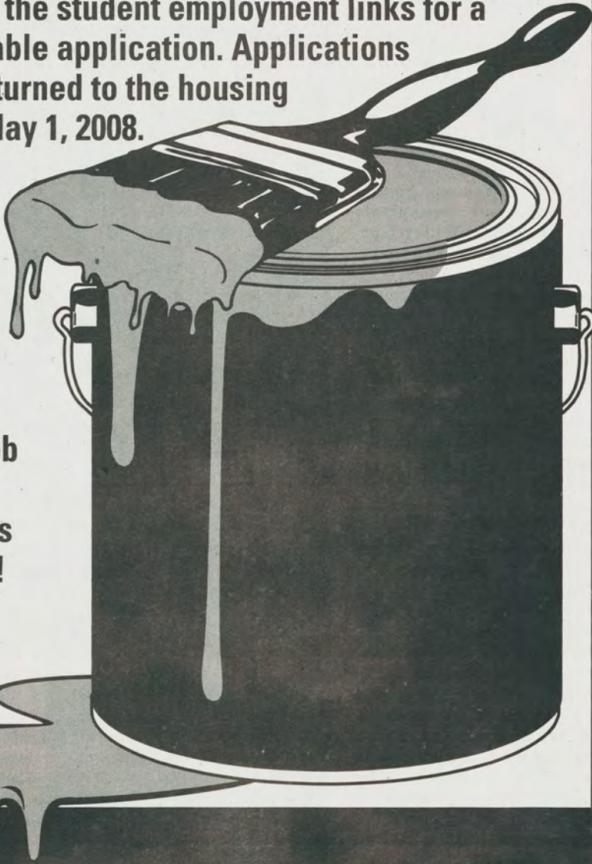
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Relay for Life came to ECU on Friday, raising awareness for cancer.

NEED A JOB THIS Summer

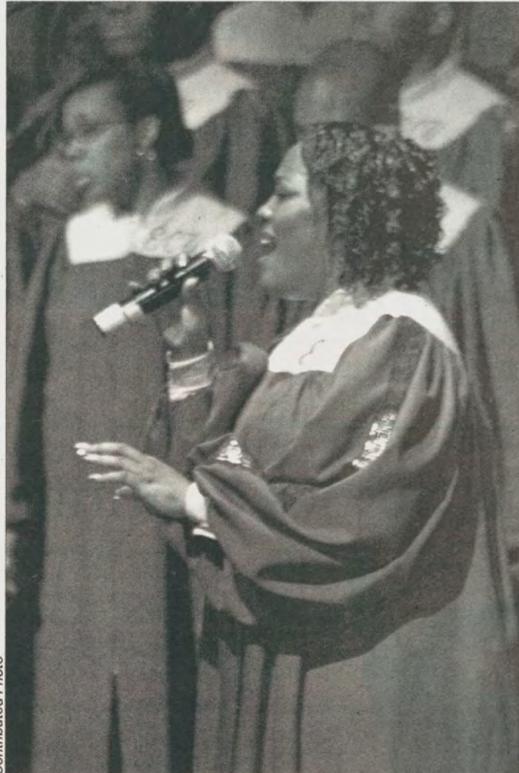
Like to paint? Campus Living will be hiring student painters for full time only, at \$7.00 per hour, for the paint crew this summer. If you are interested in applying, please stop by Office Suite 100, Jones Hall or visit us online at www.ecu.edu/campusliving and follow the student employment links for a downloadable application. Applications must be returned to the housing office by May 1, 2008.



It's a fun job but somebody's got to do it!

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Yolanda Henderson belts out a solo at the anniversary concert.

"The concert was truly a blessing," Spencer said.

"There were a few bumps in the road, but the purpose of ministering through music was still fulfilled."

The purpose of the gospel choir is to "expose interested students to gospel music and its various styles as an art form, while promoting the university throughout the state and region," according to the organization's Web site.

The choir is currently looking for singers and musicians for the 2008-9 school year.

"We want anyone who has a passion and talent for music to come out and participate next year," Cummings said.

"I would highly recommend becoming a part of the gospel choir because it is the experience of a lifetime."

Membership in the ECU Gospel Choir is open to all students, regardless of age, race, creed, sex, disability or religious affiliation.

For more information about the ECU Gospel Choir, visit ecugospelchoir.com.

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The ECU Gospel Choir surprised the crowd on Sunday with a wardrobe change for their second half.



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21 fails to live up to expectations

Proves to be just another box office bomb

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STAFF WRITER

The year 2007 saw its fair share of impressive movie releases, with some of the best being released in the latter part of the year.

With such notable and praise-worthy films kicking off the new year, it would be a fair assumption that 2008 would also have a few "must

see" cinematic films.

Granted the year is not over by any means, but I personally have yet to find a movie that I wanted to spend nearly \$10 to see in theaters.

Unfortunately, Columbia Picture's March 28 release of *21* did not impress me the way that I hoped that it would and did not help this year's reputation for excellent films.

21 features the acting talents of Kevin Spacey (*American Beauty*), Jim Sturgess (*Across the Universe*) and Kate Bosworth (*Blue Crush*), and was inspired by the experiences

of a real MIT student and his gambling habits.

The student, Ben Campbell (Sturgess), is a young mathematical whiz who is encouraged to partake in a card-counting scheme in Las Vegas by professor Micky Rosa.

Tempted by the need for financial support, he eventually accepts and the story begins.

21 introduces Ben as a brainy character and eventually makes him evolve into this other personality, which is highly affected by the glam of casino life and big winnings.

A part of this glamorous lifestyle is where costar Kate Bosworth comes in as the movie's sexy teammate, Jill Taylor.

There is a chemistry between Jill and Ben that is alluring, however, parts of the movie (possibly including this certain connection) seem somewhat predictable.

Predictability can be used to describe the conflict in the movie as well. Certainly, characters participating in a "gam-

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Fashion watch 2008



What's in for springtime fashion?

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Spring 2008 fashion is full of fresh, flirty and light fashion in vivid colors, as well as gorgeous patterns and prints. With these new vivacious colors and cupreous fashion awakenings, you too can bloom this spring.

Fashion colors this spring are cheerful without being gaudy, and quirky accessories are still in to jazz up any outfit. Lemon yellow and gold are color trends that bring a blush of intense drama to every outfit, and they are especially striking in bags and footwear. The latest trends for the spring come at a time when a woman wants to feel like the most stunning girl in the room without the muss and fuss of overdressing. A printed floral pattern is expansive in its fashion application and appears on clothes and footwear.

This spring shows a strong footwear trend for bright colors and lively patterns. Vintage-style dolly prints flow across fabrics, creating borders evocative of uncultivated bungalows. Conceptual prints with a global feel, using ikat fabric, earthy African tribal representation and Americana, all look remarkably modern.

So many accessories this spring can be imitated easily,

and bring a different feel than from earlier seasons. Think of patterned or printed footwear, cute clutches and skinny belts on your waist.

Lastly, no girl will be complete this season without a few cuffs or bangles and a pair of chandelier earrings; with these key items, you are sure to sail into the spring 2008 fashion season.

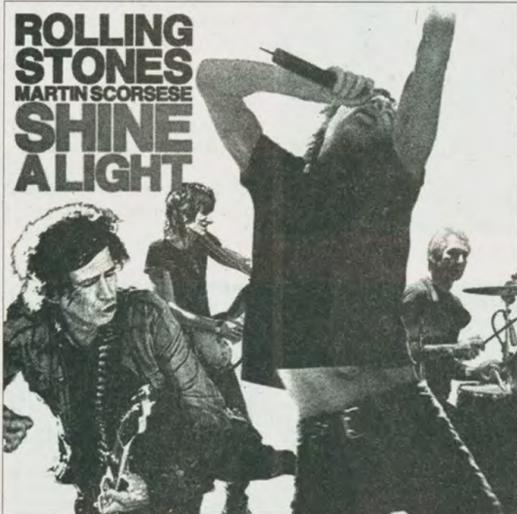
The following trends can be seen on a runway or a college campus near you.

TOP 10 FASHION TRENDS:

1. Short, full swishing skirts; fluid dhoti pants, cropped or long.
2. Retro, floral, 70s flower-print blouses.
3. Citrus colors—orange, tangerine, mandarin, peach, yellow, gold, lemon, yellow and citrus green.
4. "Celebrity" accessories—clutches, small handbags, cuffs, bangles, chandelier earrings, huge sunglasses, scarves, skinny belts.
5. High-waist flare-leg jeans—colored skinny jeans, sailor jeans, Bermuda shorts.
6. "Frills" folklore-inspired embroidery, laser cutting, beads and embellished fringe.
7. Polka dots.
8. Cropped jackets.
9. Corsets.
10. Chic shorts.

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The Rolling Stones continue to 'Shine'



Third concert album offers an upbeat twist

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The Rolling Stones, well into their third decade of popularity, have continued to remain relevant, while producing a new sound that listeners still feel has the same timbre as the band's initial songs from their self-titled 1965 debut.

Following the success of their 2005 tour for *A Bigger Bang* (one of the highest grossing CDs in U.S. history), the Stones have decided to capitalize on that success by releasing a third double concert album which has coincided with a third documentary, this time by veteran American filmmaker Martin Scorsese, called *Shine a Light*. The title of the album (of course) comes from the song off the band's 1972 album *Exile on Main St.*

The Stones have already produced two double albums featuring concert performances, 1977's tumultuous *Love You Live* and 2004's retrospective album *Live Licks*, based on the adjunct *Forty Licks*. Scorsese has made no secret of his admiration for the band, featuring their music in his films such as *Raging Bull*, *Goodfellas*, *Casino* and the most recent work, *The Departed*.

Shine a Light features the Stones collaborating with a number of both contemporary and less-known artists on a variety of tracks. "Loving Cup," (also from *Exile*) is a newer take on one of their older songs with Jack White of The White Stripes doing secondary vocals over Keith Richards' part, though it is not as evident from the album that there is a unique collaboration occurring.

White and Richards sound very much like the Mick Jagger duet on "Live With Me" from 1969's *Let it Bleed* with pop artist Christina Aguilera, a number the listener can clearly hear the crowd expressing their appreciation of.

Given the fact that the Rolling Stones were originally a cover band for American rock 'n' roll songs in the early 1960s, it is both edifying and surprising to see the Stones cover Muddy Water's blues staple, "Champagne and Reefer" with famed, Grammy-win-

ning American rock guitarist, singer and consummate blues showman, Buddy Guy.

Guy is cited as an inspiration to Jimmy Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck; of course Jagger includes himself as a fan. It is evident from the film that Jagger and his band mates are genuinely enjoying this collaboration on a far more personal level as artists, and not necessarily as performers as on their other collaborations.

Shine a Light, the album, is a nice mix of The Rolling Stones' standards and enjoyable rarities such as the cover of "Champagne" and excellent renditions of "Shattered" and "Start Me Up," if viewed as yet another career retrospective (there have been at least three such retrospectives since 1994). As a film, *Shine* treads no new territory, but this is unsurprising. The Stones are all in their 60's, and most of the songs in the concert and album are older than the average reader by a decade. Still, if the album makes no significant strides, it is enjoyable as a live album featuring celebrity collaborations, with a film of the concerts by one of the great American directors of the last 50 years.

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Besides the walk around Dowdy, a few of the activities that took place at Relay for Life were bake sales, face painting, a kissing booth and a cactus toss.

"I relay for those who don't get a chance to relay. No one close to me has ever died of cancer, [but] I do it because it's a positive thing and it gives me a chance to walk and help others celebrate, remember and fight back," Terrell said, who participated in the event. Even ECU Alumni came to participate in Relay for Life. Wearing an elaborate sash that stated "caregiver," Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp, 2006 graduate of ECU, came to walk on Friday afternoon.

"I think it's a really good thing that ECU has started their own Relay for Life, and I think they've done a really great job of putting it together. I hope they continue it on for the future," said Parker-Helmkamp.

Relay for Life was an overnight event that raised money for the American Cancer Society and awareness among the community. It brought students, teens, kids, parents and survivors together for a great cause.

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Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey and Jim Sturgess star in the recent film "21" about the lives of gamblers.

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This film includes many of the elements of a good movie. It has an intriguing story, big-named actors and enough action to keep any viewer interested.

It just seemed to have the potential to be much more than it was.

Perhaps one of the smartest decisions in the making of the film was the casting of actors and the way they executed their alter egos on set.

As for actors Jim Sturgess and Kevin Spacey, their past films largely overshadow a movie like 21.

Oscar winner Kevin Spacey's 1999 performance in *American Beauty* has personally made me want to see every performance

of his since.

As for Jim Sturgess, he made his way onto the big screen in his breakout performance in *Across the Universe* in October 2007. Though the movie received mixed reviews from some, it did significantly well for a modern-day musical.

Sturgess has a unique talent that shines through in the characters he has chosen and in the films he has starred in.

As for Bosworth, 21 is a step up from films such as *Blue Crush*, though I am sure that would be debatable by a select few.

As a whole, 21 is a movie that I would most likely not see again, but did not mind seeing the first time.

Even so, at the moment it appears to be one of the only current movie releases somewhat worth seeing, so if you find yourself stuck inside on a rainy day, head out to the Greenville Grande or Carmike and give it a chance.

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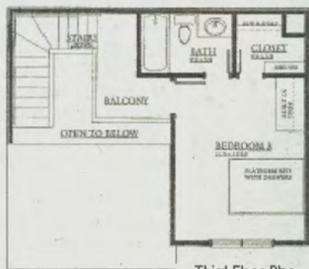
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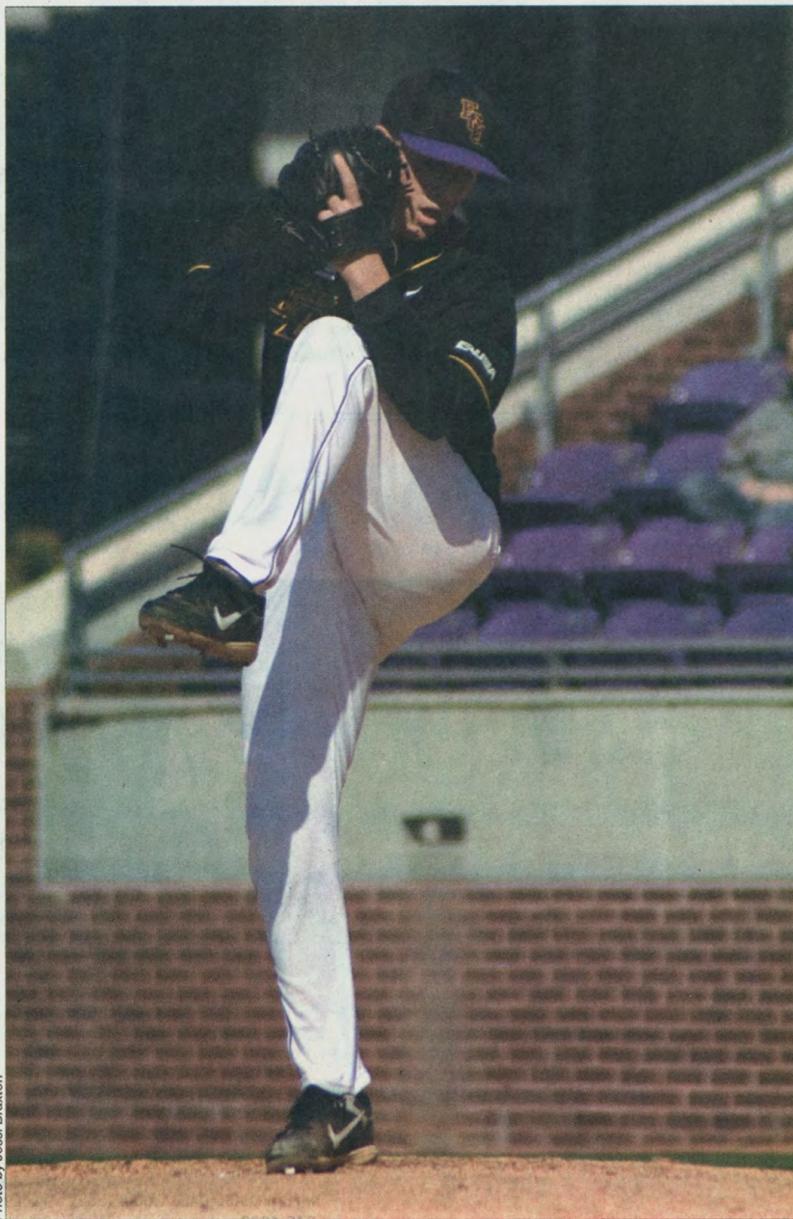
COREY KEMP

ECU senior catcher Corey Kemp is this week's most valuable pirate after batting a team best .450 (9-for-20) for the Pirates last week. On the week, Kemp also lead the team in hits with nine, on-base percentage (.522), slugging (.750) and tied the team-best with two home runs. Kemp's stellar week could not have come at a better time as ECU (21-9, 5-4) went 3-2 on the week with a win over Campbell and two victories over conference rival Southern Miss.

Conference USA also named Kemp the Hitter-of-the-Week. With the award, Kemp becomes the second Pirate of the season to earn a weekly honor following

Ryan Wood earlier last month. On the season, Kemp has hit .382 with eight home runs and 33 RBIs.

Pirates win crucial C-USA series



Last weekend, freshman Seth Maness became the second player in ECU history to start his career 6-0.

ECU moves up in standings

ECU SID—ECU baseball continued its winning ways on the road this past weekend by winning the series with C-USA rival Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Pirates and Golden Eagles each came into the weekend nationally ranked, with ECU at No. 24 and Southern Miss at No. 20. After the weekend, Southern Miss fell behind ECU in the rankings at No. 29 with ECU checking in at No. 28.

After the two teams split Saturday's doubleheader, the Pirates came out strong in Sunday's rubber match, led by junior pitcher Justin Bristow.

Bristow worked eight innings, allowing three runs with seven strikeouts, while freshman Trent Whitehead drove in four runs as ECU took the rubber match against Southern Miss, 11-3, at Pete Taylor Park Sunday afternoon.

Bristow improved to 5-1 on the season for the Pirates (21-9, 5-4) where he allowed 11 hits on the day. Seth Simmons worked the ninth allowing one hit with one strikeout to seal the win for ECU.

Southern Miss (20-10, 5-4) starter David Clark allowed eight runs (seven earned) on 10 hits in four innings of work before being relieved by Jonathan Johnston in the fourth frame. Johnston worked 1.2 innings allowing three runs on two hits with one walk and one strikeout. Houston Brown closed out the game going 3.1 innings allowing just two hits with three strikeouts.

Offensively the Pirates pounded out 14 hits with five players collecting multiple hits on the afternoon with Harrison Eldridge and Kyle Roller each recording three base knocks, while Stephen Batts, Corey Kemp and Whitehead each had two hits.

ECU jumped all over Clark in the first inning and took an early 5-0 lead on five hits. Harrison Eldridge led off the game with a single to center which was followed by a Ryan Wood single to left and a Stephen Batts single to center field to load the bases for Corey Kemp, who drove in the first run when he reached on a fielder's choice. Kyle Roller roped a 2 RBI single through the right side and with one out Trent Whitehead blooped a single to left plating Kemp and Roller to cap the scoring.

After Southern Miss pushed a pair of runs across in the second to cut into the Pirates lead to 5-2, Whitehead delivered once again for the Pirates.

The true freshman from Washington, NC pushed the Pirates lead back to five, 7-2, with his third home run of the season, a two-run shot to right field. With one out in the third, Roller singled to right field and after stealing his third base of the season, trotted home on Whitehead's homer.

The scoring slowed down after the two teams exploded offensively during the first couple of innings. ECU added one run in the fifth and three more in the sixth, while the Golden Eagles plated their final run of the game in the bottom of the sixth.

The series started Saturday afternoon in unusual fashion, as Southern Miss beat ECU, 6-5, but needed 13 innings to do so.

A bases loaded wild pitch in the bottom of the 13th scored Keith Winstead to give the Golden Eagles the victory.

With the game tied at five in the bottom of the 13th, Southern Miss' Winstead reached on a throwing error advancing to scoring position with Carson at the plate. Carson laid down a perfect bunt between the pitcher's mound and third base for a single and moving Winstead over to third. Adam Doleac received a free pass to load the

see **BASEBALL** page B3

C-USA BASEBALL STANDINGS

| TEAM | C-USA |
|---------------|-------|
| Houston | 5-1 |
| Rice | 7-2 |
| Tulane | 3-2 |
| ECU | 5-4 |
| Southern Miss | 5-4 |
| Marshall | 4-4 |
| Memphis | 3-6 |
| UCF | 2-7 |
| UAB | 1-5 |

| TEAM | OVERALL |
|---------------|---------|
| Houston | 19-10 |
| Rice | 23-10 |
| Tulane | 21-9 |
| ECU | 21-9 |
| Southern Miss | 21-10 |
| Marshall | 14-14 |
| Memphis | 11-19 |
| UCF | 22-11 |
| UAB | 12-1 |



Softball team defeated in doubleheader

Late rallies fall shot

HART HOLLOMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader this past Sunday against conference foe Marshall.

After the weather rained out their doubleheader Saturday, one game was canceled and the other rescheduled for Sunday.

Game one started out as a pitchers duel with Pirates' starter Brooke Swann keeping a clean score sheet into the fifth inning. But ECU had its own troubles at the plate and failed to produce any run support for Swann. Marshall finally broke the deadlock in the top of the sixth when it put three runs across with two outs. The Pirates failed to answer in the bottom half of the frame, and after the Herd put three more runs on the board in the top of the seventh, ECU went to bat for last time, trailing 6-0.

ECU finally got on the scoreboard in the final inning, but it was not enough.

The Pirates scored three runs before the rally fizzled out and Marshall took the opening game by a 6-3 margin.

Brooke Swann did not pitch badly, going all seven innings and striking out eight with only a pair of walks. Angel Barrella led the way at the plate, going 3-for-4 with an RBI, but the Pirates left 13 runners on base and failed to take advantage of their numerous scoring opportunities.

After a half hour lay-off, the two teams took the field again to wrap up the day. Freshman Suzanne Riggs took the mound for the Pirates as they came out hoping to get a win and split the weekend.

Marshall jumped out to early lead and put three across in the top of the first inning on three hits and an error by the Pirates'



Senior Erin St. Ledger prepares to field a groundball at ECU's Softball Complex. ECU will try to bounce back Wednesday against UNCW.

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Calipari remembers his Kansas connections

Memphis coach faced former team

AP—When he sees that Jayhawk logo or hears the rock-chalk chant, John Calipari thinks back to his good ol' days at Kansas.

Watering Larry Brown's flowers. Walking his dog. Picking up the laundry. Stuffing envelopes.

"You know what?" the Memphis coach said Sunday. "It was the greatest time of my life."

Calipari has done well since, leading the Tigers into a date with Kansas on Monday night in the NCAA championship game.

Yet he fondly recalled starting out his college coaching career in 1982, working for free as a volunteer assistant at Kansas.

One of his main jobs was handling a big spoon at the athletic training table.

"I would serve peas or corn. 'What would you like? I'll be there early for practice if you want to do some extra shooting. What would you like, peas or corn?' That's what I did," he said.

Along with a free meal, those long hours provided food for thought.

"It was tough for a 25-year-old because you're not going to hang around the students. You didn't have any money to go to the country club," he said. "But what it made me do, I just got into basketball."

He also gained a great appreciation for the school's hardwood heritage. Pretty rich tradition, too, from Wilt Chamberlain back to James Naismith—the Jayhawks' first

coach was the man who invented the game.

"I remember the first time in Allen Fieldhouse, the old locker room. I went in, and it was old. I'm thinking, Phog Allen showered in this shower. I mean, it was old," he said. "The storied history of Kansas."

Calipari worked under coach Ted Owens, helping run his summer basketball camp. Brown took over when Owens was fired, and the new coach asked Calipari to stick around.

Calipari stayed at Kansas for two more years and met his future wife, Ellen, who worked in the school's business office. Later, Calipari's path took him to Pitt as an assistant, the NBA and now the NCAA title game with Memphis, which has domi-



AP Memphis coach John Calipari (left) and Kansas coach Bill Self (right) faced each other Monday night.

see CALIPARI page B4

ECU tennis loses two tough matches

Doubles point costs the Pirates

ECU SID—The ECU Men's Tennis team lost two matches over the weekend, each by one point.

Sunday afternoon, Davidson and ECU split six singles matches, but the Wildcats swept doubles play by capturing all three pro-sets to hand the Pirates a 4-3 non-conference setback at the ECU Tennis Complex.

ECU, which also dropped a 4-3 decision to South Carolina State Friday, falls to 13-9 on the year while the Wildcats improved their dual match record to 14-5.

Davidson set the tone early as Phillip Compeau and Eric Noble teamed up for an 8-3 triumph over Aleksey Kochetov and Henrik Skalmerud at the No. 2 position. The Wildcats



The Pirates will play at Elon at UNC Wilmington before heading to Dallas for the C-USA Championships.

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BASEBALL continued from B1



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ECU Designated Hitter Kyle Roller stands at the plate during of the Pirates' earlier home games of the season. ECU has now won two straight conference series away from Clark-LeClair Stadium.

bases for Josh Fields, who struck out swinging, but Winstead was able to come home on a Brett Butts wild pitch for the game-winning run.

ECU took a 5-2 lead into the bottom of the 12th frame and was two outs away from taking a 1-0 lead in the series before Southern Miss scored three unanswered runs in the 12th.

Drew Carson reached on a throwing error, one of six on the afternoon for the Pirates, and advanced to second starting the rally. Adam Doleac singled to left-center pushing Carson to third. After Anthony Doss reached on a fielder's choice, Bo Davis drew a one-out walk to load the bases for James Ewing, who roped a single to right-center plating Carson and Doss and pulling the Golden Eagles

within one, 5-4.

Brian Dozier, who stepped up to bat with one-out and runners on first and third, hit a grounder to Broc Sutton who flipped it over to Ryan Wood at short for what should have been a routine double play. But, Wood was unable to successfully transfer the ball from his glove to his throwing hand and was charged with his fifth error of the game, scoring the game-tying run in Davis.

JR Ballinger (2-0) picked up the win after working two innings, where he gave up two runs (unearned) on three hits with two walks and two strikeouts. Starter Todd McInnis went seven innings, scattering six hits, surrendering two runs (one earned) with two walks and eight punch outs.

Brett Butts suffered the loss for the Pirates and fell to 1-1 on the year. He worked one inning giving up one run (unearned) on one hit with one walk and two strikeouts.

ECU starter T.J. Hose fanned a season-high seven batters in 5.1 innings allowing one run (earned) on four hits with three walks before giving way to Josh Ruhlman in the sixth.

The Pirates quickly rebounded in the nightcap of the doubleheader however, winning 4-2 to even the series.

Freshman Seth Maness worked a career-high 8.1 innings, allowed two runs and fanned seven batters with no walks in the victory.

Maness (6-0) became the second ECU freshman to start a season 6-0 after holding

the Southern Miss to just two runs (both earned) on 11 hits and lowered his ERA to 2.91. Maness retired 10 of the first 11 batters and 14 of the first 18 he faced with four punch outs.

Josh Ruhlman made his 16th appearance of the season working the final two-thirds of the ninth inning and recorded the Pirates first save of the season and the first of his career. Ruhlman allowed one hit and fanned two.

Southern Miss starter Barry Bowden dropped to 5-2 on the year and lasted just two innings before leaving the game with an apparent shoulder injury. He gave three runs (two earned) on six hits with one walk and three strikeouts. Brian Leach replaced Bowden in the third and had the best outing of his career, throw-

ing 6.1 innings scattering three this and allowing only one run. Jonathan Johnston worked the final two-thirds of the game with one punch out.

ECU wasted little time in getting on the board as it took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. Harrison Eldridge, who collected four hits on the day, doubled to left-center on the games first pitch and moved to third on a wild pitch. Ryan Wood drove home Eldridge with an infield single. Stephen Batts followed with a double down the left field line putting runners at second and third with no outs. After Corey Kemp struck out, Brandon Henderson reached on a fielding error which plated Wood. Dustin Harrington capped the scoring in the first frame with

a sac bunt.

The Golden Eagles drew within one, 3-2, in the eighth on Keith Winstead's sac fly to right field that scored Dozier, who lead off the frame with a single to right. Corey Stevens advanced Dozier to third on his single setting up the lone run of the inning.

The series win puts the Pirates above .500 in conference play, surpassing Southern Miss, among others.

The Pirates will be back in action on Tuesday, April 8 when they play host to ODU at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

ECU's next conference series is scheduled for this weekend, when it hosts Marshall for a three-game series.

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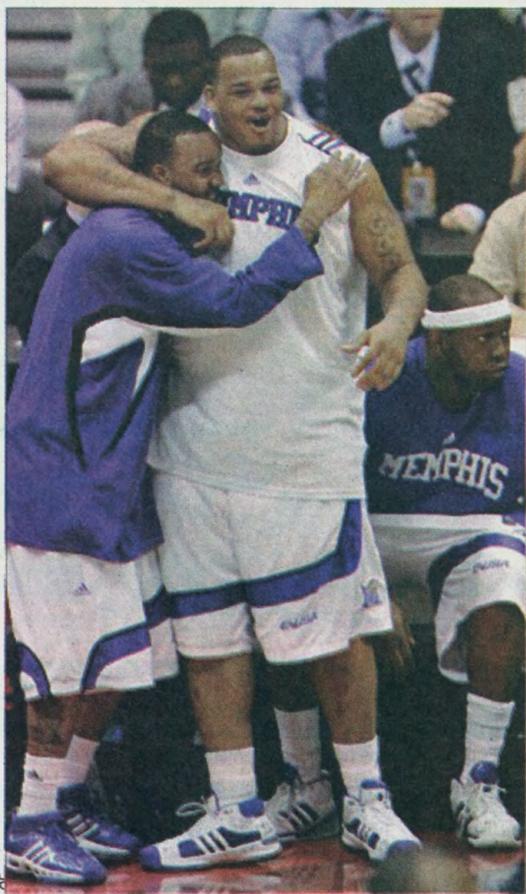
"I went out there with two pair of shoes, three pairs of slacks, a blue blazer, three shirts and two ties, happy as hell," he said.

Jayhawks' coach Bill Self also apprenticed at Kansas, arriving as a graduate assistant after Calipari left. The two coaches are friends, and Self chuckled at the thought of Calipari working the food line.

"I think my jobs were much more meaningful than serving the peas and the corns," Self said. "I was in charge of making sure we rented out the correct bowling alley on game days and numerous things like that. Because if you know coach Brown, he's very, very superstitious, because if you bowl and you play well, you probably played well because you bowled on that lane."

Even though the two coaches had different responsibilities while they were low at the totem pole at Kansas, they both know how fun it was.

"So I had many responsibilities like that," he said. "Cal is right in this regard: Making \$4,500 a year, being a grad student, all that stuff, I don't know if I could have had more fun than what I had that grad assistant year in Lawrence."



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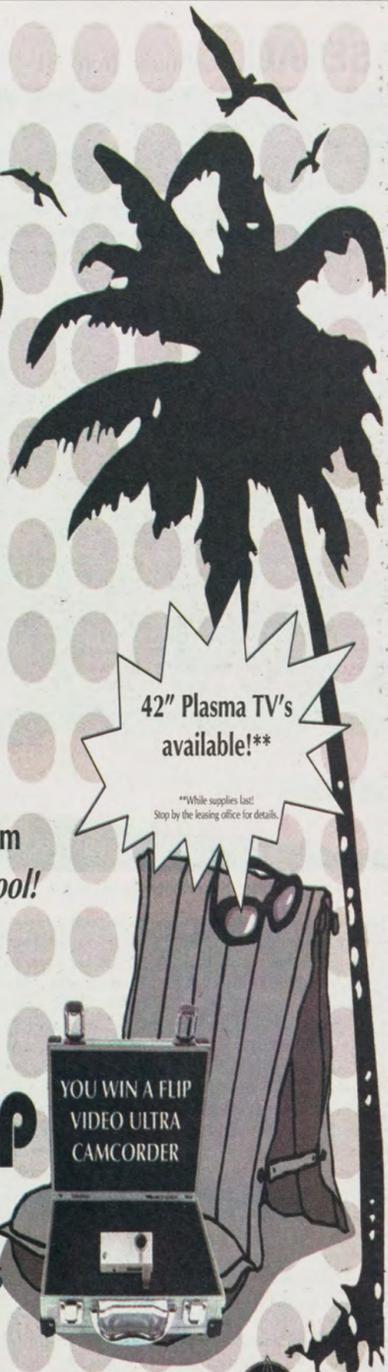
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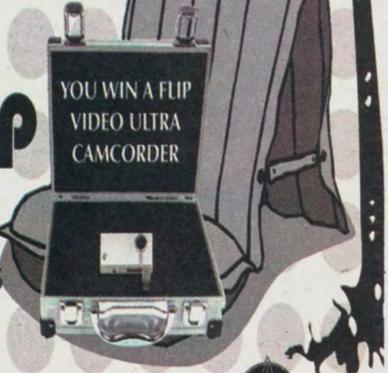
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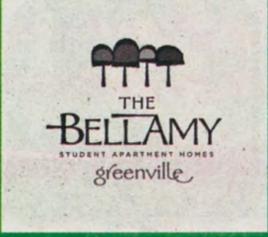
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defense. ECU tried to answer in the bottom half of the frame, junior Jessica Johnson put one run across with a single through the hole to left, but they couldn't quite keep the rally going and they had to settle for a two-run deficit.

After struggling a little through the first, Riggs settled into the game and shut out the potent Marshall lineup for the next three innings.

The Pirates managed to tie the score in the bottom of the third when Johnson again knocked in a run and another scored after a pick off attempt by the catcher down to third went into left field. The next two batters were put out to end the inning, but the Pirates had tied the score at 3.

In the top of the fifth Marshall again took the lead through a two run homer to center off Riggs. ECU failed

to answer in its final three trips to the plate and the game ended 5-3 in favor of the Herd.

Johnson led the team at the plate with two hits and two RBI's. Christina Merrida and Christen Aona each had two hits as well. Riggs went five innings and gave up five runs on six hits while striking out two and giving three free passes. Swann entered the game in the sixth and faced the final seven batters, allowing no runs or hits while striking out one and walking one.

The Pirates will be back in action Wednesday at home against UNC Wilmington. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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Stacey Andrews takes off from second base at the ECU softball complex. Andrews went 1-for-1 during Game 2 against Marshall.

Photo by Jessi Braxton

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followed by adding 8-6 and 8-7 (4) wins by Ethan Jaffee/Flaviu Simihaian and Sam Burns/Walker Lyons over Jaroslav Horvath/Henrique Viana and Bryan Oakley/Stephen Whitwell at No. 1 and No. 3, respectively, to take a 1-0 lead.

In singles play, ECU picked up victories at the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 6 slots.

Viana rolled past Noble (6-3, 6-1), Whitwell disposed of Jaffee (6-0, 6-1) and Oakley rallied past Scott Myers (4-6, 6-3, 7-5).

The Wildcats used a 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3) win by Simihaian over Horvath at No. 1 to clinch the match after Lyons defeated Kochetov (7-5, 1-6, 6-2) at No. 4 and Burns dispatched Skalmerud in straight sets (6-3, 6-3) at the No. 5 position.

Friday's match was much of the same, as ECU lost by one point to South Carolina State.

South Carolina State rallied back after dropping the doubles point to win four of six singles matches and post a 4-3 non-conference victory over ECU Friday afternoon at the ECU Tennis Complex.

The Pirates used 8-4 and 8-1 wins by duos Aleksey Kochetov and Henrik Skalmerud at No. 2 and Bryan Oakley and Stephen Whitwell at No. 3, respectively, to jump out to an early 1-0 lead.

Henrique Viana and Whitwell turned in ECU's only singles wins by defeating Dimitry Lomakin (6-0, retired) at the No. 2 slot and Gabriel Meana (6-2, 4-0, retired) at the No. 4 position but the Bulldogs (12-2) quickly took control of the match by rolling off four straight victories.

After South Carolina State's Radek Pivonka and Tomas Dobrotka scored straight-set wins in the No. 3 and 6 singles matchups, the Bulldogs' Ivan Milivojevic overcame a first-set loss to Jaroslav Horvath to hand the ECU freshman a 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 setback at No. 1 to tie the match.

David Grund followed by outlasting Skalmerud 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 in a No. 5 matchup to clinch the victory for SCSU.

Earlier, Pivonka knocked off Kochetov (7-5, 7-6) and Dobrotka cruised past Oakley (6-3, 6-1).

The Pirates will return to action Wednesday when they travel to Elon to face a nationally-ranked Phoenix squad in a non-conference meeting beginning at 3 p.m.

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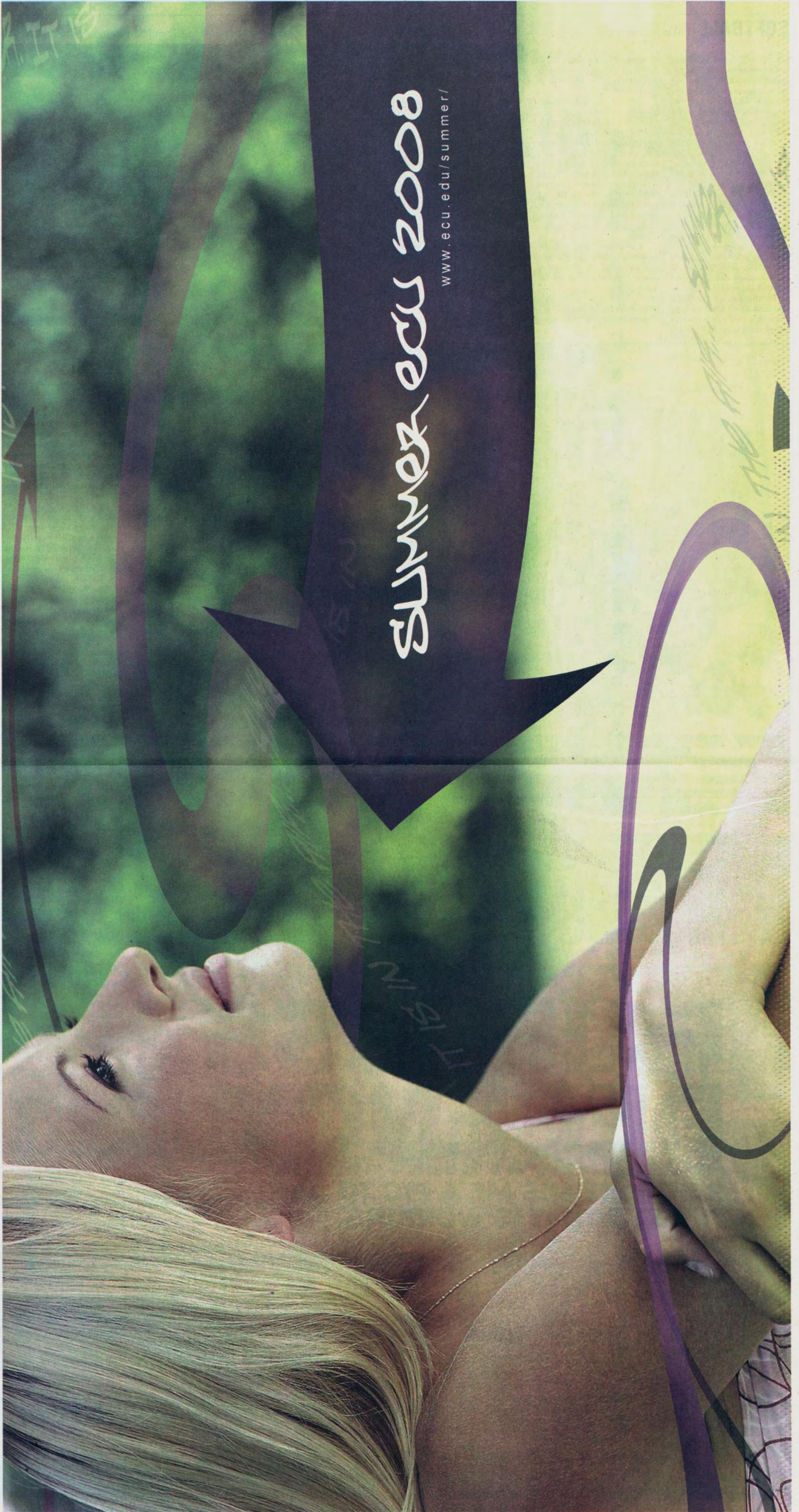


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