



CBS national correspondent focuses on the power of words

Byron Pitts tells students literacy is the key to knowledge

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A speech covered in appreciation to religious faith about the lessons of literacy was addressed to students, faculty and Greenville residents on Tuesday, April 8.

Byron Pitts, a former Greenville newscaster with a heart for minimizing poverty and volunteerism, captured the audience with his words of encouragement. "I am a witness to the powerlessness of poverty..." Pitts said.

Pitts was chosen to speak at Hendrix Theatre by the Carolyn Freeze Baynes Institute (CFBI) for Social Justice Advisory Committee.

The committee includes faculty and staff from the College of Human Ecology.

According to Mary Jackson, interim director of the CFBI for Social Justice, the committee spent long hours discussing whom the next CFBI lecturer would be.

"Mr. Pitts has seen the high cost of when social justice fails," Jackson said.

With Pitts' background and his personal battle with illiteracy, the committee recognized he was the right choice.

"A number of names were considered, however, the committee unanimously agreed on Byron Pitts," Jackson said.

The CBS national correspondent has focused on a number of news stories relative to social justice problems both nationally and internationally.

He has worked as a CBS national correspondent covering the war in Iraq, including the collapse of the Saddam Hussein statue.

He has also covered the September 11 terrorist attacks, the war in Afghanistan and the story of Elian Gonzalez; a young boy caught in the middle of illegal immigration policies.

In his speech to a crowded theatre, he described his emotions from overcoming the challenge of reading disabilities that later led to stuttering.

He is appreciative of his journeys although he did not

always find it easy.

Throughout his life he trusted in his faith and kind help from strangers, referencing many times to biblical quotes and inspirational statements.

"I believe in two things, the power of God's grace, and the power of words," Pitts said.

From growing up in a single parent home in East Baltimore to almost quitting college due to discouragement from an English professor, a lot of Pitts' achievements are owed to himself.

Students were encouraged to study national news and events instead of spending time engaged in activities of minimal concern.

Male students and minorities received a special message to focus on the literacy

and dropout rates of many neighborhoods including those outside of Pitt County.

Pitts repeated his belief that the nation needs the students of today and how everyone has a role to play no matter the degree or career.

The event opened with a welcome from Virginia Hardy, senior associate dean for academic affairs and a gift from Mayor of Greenville Patricia C. Dunn.

"I would like to welcome you back on behalf of the City of Greenville," Dunn said.

Pitts was given the "key to the city," the perfect statement to commend Pitts for trying to make a difference.

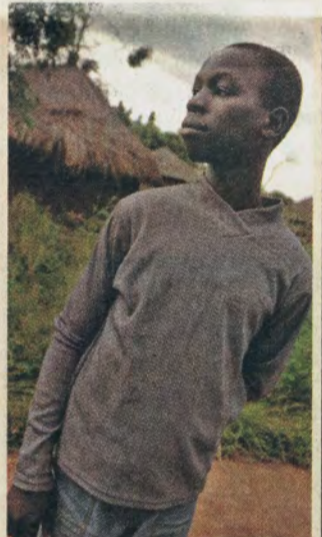
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ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin made a gutsy substitution Tuesday night against Old Dominion halfway through the game. Turn to the sports section to see how it panned out.....PAGE B1

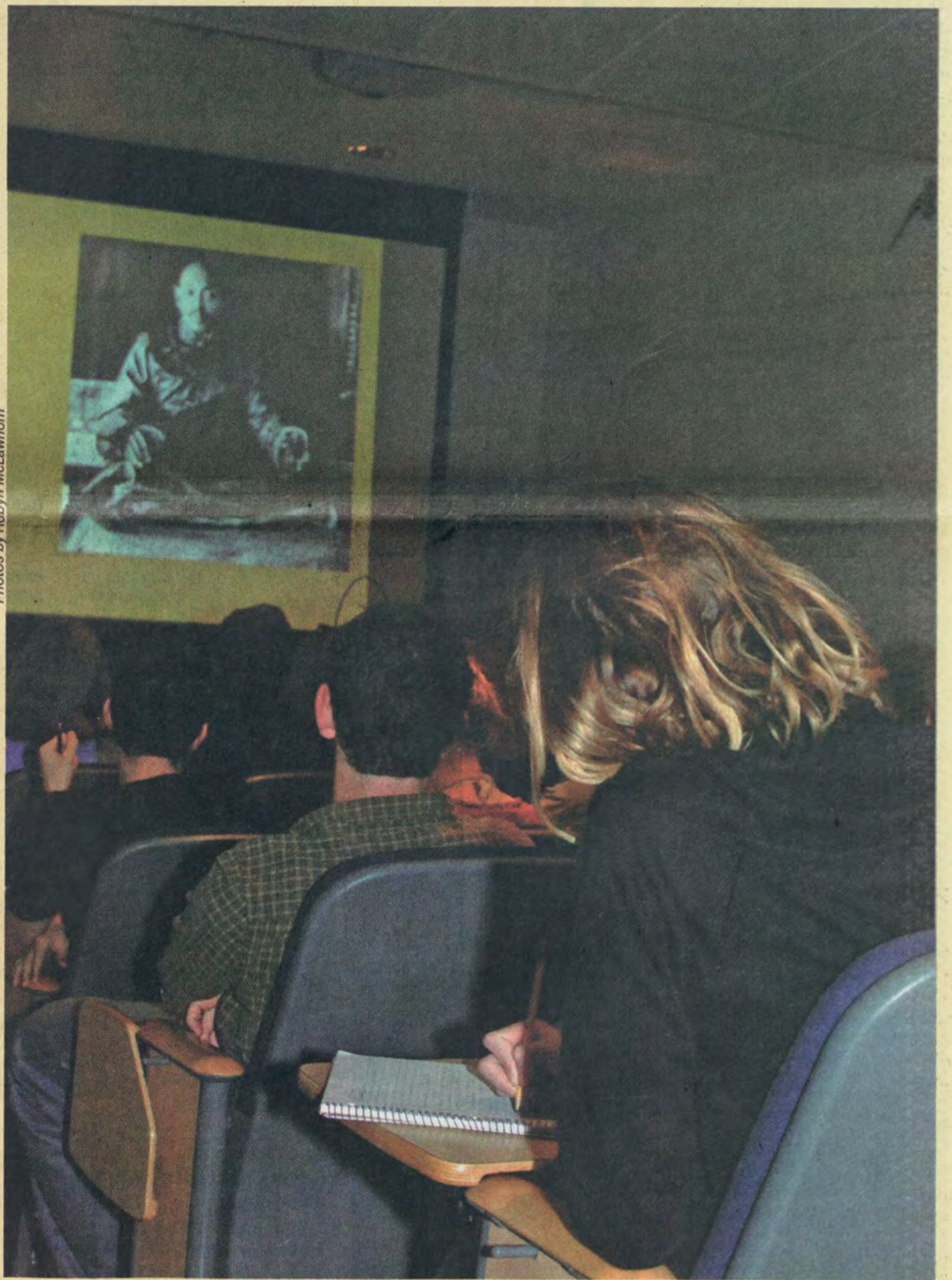


Saturday's annual Purple-Gold game will mark the end of the spring football season for the ECU football team. Sports has a preview of this weekend's event.....PAGE B1



The Invisible Children organization presented a shocking documentary about the atrocities in Northern Uganda to a group of students in Speight last night.....PAGE A7

Religious Studies department holds Tibet Teach-In: "What happened and why?"



Presentation informs students of the history of the conflict

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Derek Maher, co-director of ECU's Religious Studies program, presented "Tibet Teach-In: What happened and why?"

The event was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 in room C209 of the Science and Technology Building.

Maher began the presentation by telling the nearly full lecture hall that he was happy so many people came to become more informed.

He continued by explaining the history of interactions between Tibet and China before discussing the protests occurring worldwide as China prepares to host the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

According to the presentation, the violence and Chinese 'clampdown' on Tibet came after protests on March 10 by Tibetan monks were violently suppressed by security forces of the Chinese government.

Shortly thereafter, foreign journalists were expelled from Tibet, and restrictions on movement within the country imposed. Furthermore, access to Internet and cellular networks has been heavily suppressed.

In addition to protests and unrest within Tibet itself, there have been numerous protests and demonstrations worldwide, particularly following the path of the Olympic Torch as it makes its way around the world to Beijing.

During the Torch's stop in Paris on April 7 it had to be extinguished three times, and when it stopped in San Francisco on April 8 the route was drastically changed at the last minute due to

fears of violence.

"The eyes of the world are focused on China [because of the Olympics]," Maher said to emphasize why these protests are garnering so much attention.

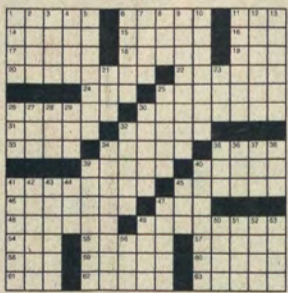
As one Chinese dissenter wrote, "Please consider whether the Olympic Games should coexist with religious persecution, labor camps, modern slavery, identity discrimination, secret police and crimes against humanity."

After Maher's presentation, he opened the floor to questions. Many of the questions asked were about China's perspective, and whether we in the West are getting the full story from either side.

"I'm disturbed with the dominant narrative—that the Chinese government is all wrong and the Tibetan government is all right. It's a more nuanced story, and I don't think people are getting it," said Jody

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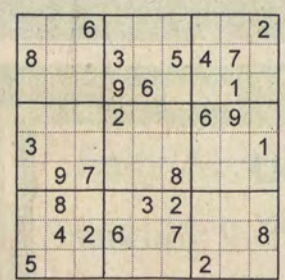
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Violations filed regarding recent SGA election

Forum being held to address the issues

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On March 25 and 26, SGA held its 2008 spring elections for executive positions and undergraduate student senate representatives.

A record number of 3,431 student voters, which is 500 more than the last student election, turned out to vote for their favorite candidates.

"This says a lot about the students of ECU wanting to get their voices heard," said Keri Brockett, current student body president.

At 6 p.m. on March 26 in the Mendenhall Social Room, the winners were announced.

Andrew Griffin won as president, Bradley Conleton as vice president, Guillaume Bagal as treasurer and Beth Anne Koury as secretary. Three out of the four winners were from ticket one and already held executive positions within SGA.

Unfortunately, since the results have been announced, violations regarding the executive positions have been filed against the elections committee and the results from the election are no longer official.

Candidates running on another ticket have filed a total of six violations. At this point in time, information

regarding these violations cannot be released until the matter has been discussed more in-depth by the appropriate boards.

"We plan to follow all guidelines and procedures regarding this matter and the next step is to have a hearing," said Abey Dessie, SGA attorney general.

A hearing will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Mendenhall Social Room to discuss if these six violations do in fact have merit, and proceed from there.

If the violations are considered legitimate, a decision will be made to either change the elections process for next year, or to hold a new election before the spring semester ends.

Members of SGA were contacted regarding this matter, but were unable

to comment on the issue until the official hearing was held.

Student government officials from NC State sent a letter to the ECU Student Congress regarding their alleged fraud claims. All of the 16 universities within the UNC system collectively work under the Association of Student Governments (ASG).

NC State felt the need to address these violations out of fear of making their system look corrupt.

However, NC State's student government system operates entirely different from ECU's, thus making any claims illegitimate.

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

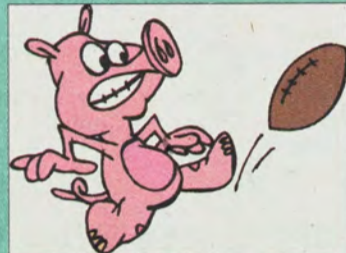
14th Annual Hamstring Hustle 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, April 13
2 p.m.
Town Commons
The 14th Annual Hamstring Hustle 5K Run/Walk will be held 2 p.m. April 13, beginning at the Greenville Town Common. The race is sponsored by the Brody School of Medicine's Medical Student Council.

Student Oratorical Exhibition
Monday, April 14
6:30-8 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre
The best student speakers from ECU Communications department's public speaking classes will present 5-7 minute speeches on the theme "Where I Stand."

Whichard lecture features Anne Goodwyn Jones
Wednesday, April 16
5:30 p.m.
Bate 1028
Anne Goodwyn Jones, a professor of Southern literature and one of two Whichard chairs, will present "The Burden of Southern History: Southerners Rewrite the Civil War." Jones's publications and presentations number over a hundred, and her books include Tomorrow Is Another Day: The Woman Writer in the South and, co-edited with Susan Donaldson, Haunted Bodies: Gender and Southern Texts. She has held faculty appointments across the country, including visiting fellow at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Jones has received awards and fellowships from many organizations, including the Jesse Ball Dupont Fund; the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

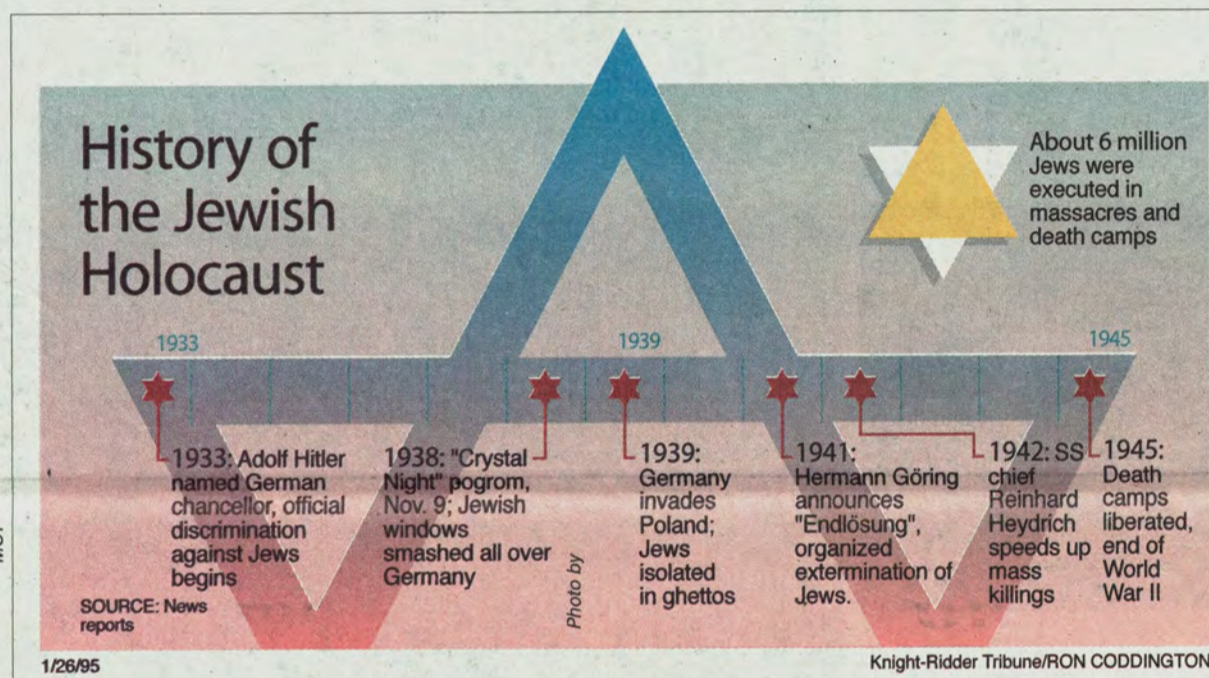
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ECU Percussion Ensemble and Players 8-10 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall		Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run 9 a.m. Reade Circle parking lot	String Chamber Music Spring Concert 5-7 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall	Nutrition Expo 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Recreation Center Concourse		Baseball The Citadel 6 p.m.

FEATURED EVENT:



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Holocaust Awareness Day



Thursday, April 10th

Unto Every person Is A Name
6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Joyner Library Steps
A public recitation of the names of those who perished during the Holocaust.

A Survivor Speaks
4- 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room Student Health Center
Giselle Abramson, death camp survivor, talks about her life in Poland before, during and after the Holocaust. Q and A and reception to follow.

Luminary Memorial
6- 10 p.m.
ECU's main campus will be filled with the glow of memorial luminaries. Each candle will honor a man, woman or child who died during the Holocaust.

Reader's Theatre: The Sholem Asch Radio Hour
8 p.m. Hendrix Theatre
Two stories of courage and faith against the backdrop of the terrors of the Holocaust. Refreshments to follow. (Wellness Passport approved event)

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STAFF WRITER

Only four miles from the ECU campus, the North Recreational Complex is putting their finishing touches on the first phase of their construction.

Approximately \$8.5 million was set aside for the project, with \$2.5 million appropriated for the purchase of the land and the remaining six million for construction.

The current landowner of North Campus Crossing apartments held the land sold for the project.

The money for the purchase came from student fees.

The project includes eight multipurpose fields, which can be sized accordingly to accommodate sports ranging from soccer to flag football to rugby.

Additionally, over six acres of water have been plotted and set, some with their very own beaches, complete with boat-houses and canoes for students.

Club sports director, Gray Hodges, spoke on the necessity of this purchase, stating the availability and location.

"We have run out of space to practice for our intramural and club sports,"

Hodges said. "The opportunity arose and land was available to change that."

The project will be completed and open for general use on June 1, whereas the fields will not be open until the fall semester.

"Our only real worry is losing teams as we move farther away," said Todd Riddick, assistant director of intramurals.

"With our growth and numbers of students it should even out."

Just about every sport except for softball will be making the transition to the North Recreational Complex following the completion of the first phase of construction.

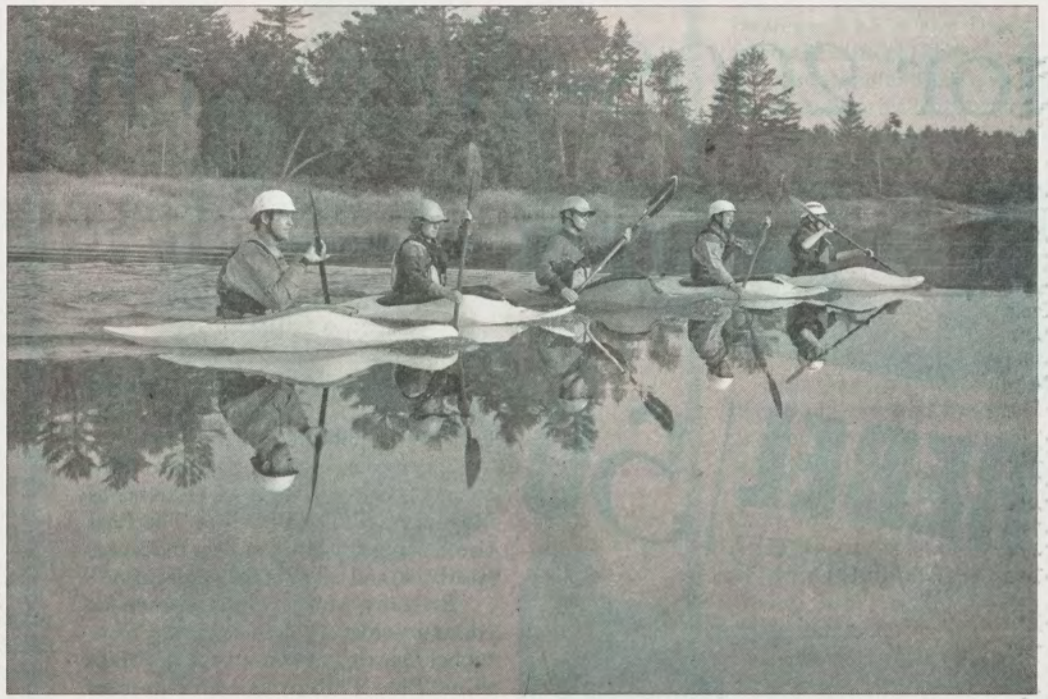
Riddick noted that while softball would not be joining the other teams, students now have additional options not previously presented.

"With the addition of the water, we now have a spot of kayaking and boating," Riddick said.

A representative from North Campus Crossing was not available for questioning.

For more information regarding the North Recreational Complex, please visit the ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness Web site at ecu.edu/crw/.

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The water areas at the complex will allow students to kayak and boat.



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The fields will allow more space to practice club and intramural sports such as soccer.

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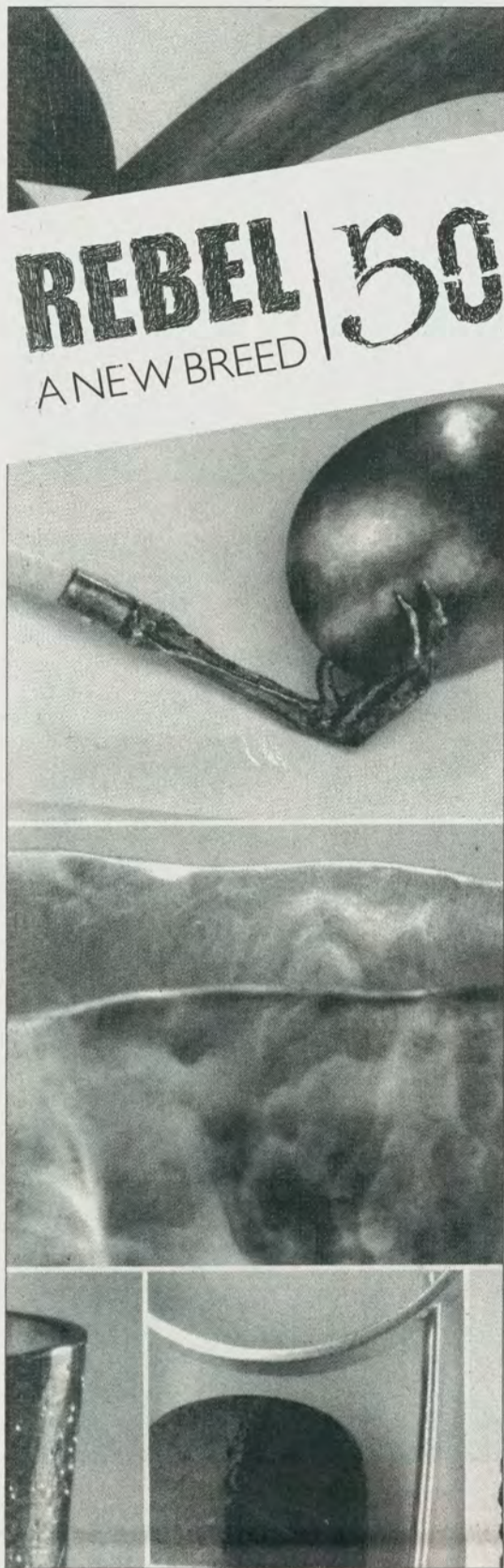
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New media heads chosen for 2008-2009 school year



Final list confirmed this week

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NEWS EDITOR

The ECU Media Board has finalized who will occupy the leadership roles for ECU media publications this week.

The media positions that were filled include general manager of Expressions Magazine, editor-in-chief of The East Carolinian, editor-in-chief of the Buccaneer (yearbook) and editor of Rebel Magazine.

Brittany Marrow was chosen as editor-in-chief of the Buccaneer, Christopher Schwing as editor of Rebel Magazine, Elise Phillips as editor-in-chief of The East Carolinian and Chaunte' Rucker as general manager of Expressions Magazine.

All of the students' chosen possess qualities that demonstrate that they can lead the publications effectively.

A factor in why these students were chosen were the positions that they currently hold at the publications or past experience that is equal to the positions they applied for, according to Geneva Hill, interim associate director of student media.

Most of the applicants met this criterion. Phillips is currently the features editor at The East Carolinian, Rucker is a staff writer for news at The East Carolinian and Marrow was the editor of her high school yearbook.

All of the candidates went through an application process and were then called in for an interview with members of the Media Board.

The Media Board consists of 13 members: 11 students, one faculty representative and one administrative

representative.

The initial deadline for the applications was on March 7 and interviews were held on March 20.

All of the positions were filled after the March 20 interviews except the general manager of Expressions Magazine.

"We wanted to reopen the application process for the general manager," said Yvonne Moye, administrative support associate.

A second application deadline was set for April 4 and the general manager was chosen on April 7.

"The Media Board was looking for someone with a passion for writing, leadership qualities, pick-up where the current editor left off and let students know what Expressions is all about," Hill said.

The Media Board was looking for someone to "still keep the focus and mission of Expressions," Hill said.

Increasing the readership of these publications seems to be a main focus for the new editors and manager.

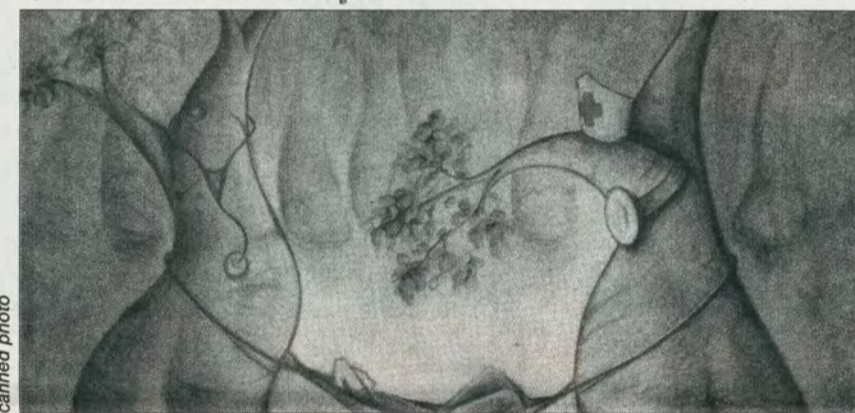
"One of the main things is allowing more students to become more involved with it and advertise not only on campus but off campus as well," Rucker said.

"My vision is that more students will pick up our paper and read it not only for the Pirate Rants but for the material that we work so hard on each week," Phillips said.

The new editors and general manager will take on these new positions at the end of the semester.

"The positions run from April to April," Moye said.

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A misprint was included in the April 8 article titled, "Students learn about Sexually Transmitted Infections." The article stated that the Student Health Services (SHS) would give STI screening for free on April 24. SHS will only offer HIV screening for free on April 24. The price lists of other types of STI screenings are below. The East Carolinian strives to report clear, accurate information. If you discover inaccurate material in The East Carolinian, please email Sarah Campbell, editor-in-chief at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Baumgartner of the Department of Political Science.

Many students asked what they, as college students, could do.

"Learn more about it. And help other people learn more about the injustices going on," Maher said.


Although some students attended for credit in classes, many students and faculty came out of personal interest in the subject.

"I'm here out of interest. I'm also Buddhist, and I'm studying Buddhism and the Vietnam War. I'm also here as a human being interested in what I can do for the world," said Brandon Ambrose, president of the Buddhist Meditation and Study Group, when asked why he chose to attend.

Anyone wanting to know more about Tibet was encouraged to visit tibet.net or tibetinfonet.net, the websites of the Tibetan Government in Exile and Tibetan Information Network, respectively. ECU also offers a course on Tibetan Religion and Culture, PHIL 3592.

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Problems with the fairness in voting occurred in the election last year when a small percentage of faculty were allowed to vote, according to Ashley Fish, elections committee chair.

Due to the small percentage of faculty votes, no decision was made to hold another election, and the results from the initial election stood.

The hearing Thursday night is open to all students interested in attending.

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ECU Campus Dining

Hours of Operation: April 14 - May 8

Todd Dining Hall closes after dinner on Sun., April 13th for renovations (reopens Fall 08)

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RANT OF THE DAY

I wish it would rain all day so I can be so non-productive. I hate the sun!

The lost art of music

Bring back the sounds of yesteryear

ANDREA ROBERTSON
OPINION WRITER

What has happened to music? It saddens me to know that when I'm a grandparent, my grandchildren will come across an oldies station and hear the musical content that is now popular. I was fortunate enough to grow up in a musical household, and to be exposed to many different musical genres, my favorite being the rock 'n roll of the late '60s and early '70s.

It isn't so much the different styles that I find the most appalling; I enjoy everything from death metal to rap. I find the lyrics to be horrific for the most part. The majority of popular songs that we find ourselves singing in the car are blatantly about sex, drugs, and violence. Very few lyricists seem to write songs that have any true meaning behind them, and it seems that those who do are overlooked. Bands such as Norma Jean, known primarily for their hard music and heavy screaming, are not recognized for what they are when first listened to — a Christian band. Most people will hear the screaming and automatically assume that this band is Satanic or singing about something evil. Even rappers like Kanye West probably don't get the true amount of consideration they deserve for the quality and meaning of their lyrics.

The best time for music was in the late 1960s and early 1970s. During this time, music was in a very experimental stage. Heavily influenced by the Vietnam War and the emergence of the drug culture, music was changing considerably from that of the 1950s. The changes, however, were definitely advancement for music. Lyrics went from being easy-going and carefree to politically spurred works of art. Neil Young was writing songs like "Ohio," a song about the Kent State shooting, instead of songs like "This Magic Moment," as performed by the Drifters.

I'm fully aware that music from this time period was, like popular music is now, mostly about violence and drug usage, however, the time and consideration that went into writing the lyrics was considerably different in the past. Unlike lyricists today, those writing the songs back then didn't come out and say that they were going to do drugs; they stated it in a more poetic way. For example, the song "Horse with No Name" by America, released in 1972, was about heroin. America, however, didn't feel it necessary to spell it out. You can hardly listen to a song today without hearing obscene phrases.

Music doesn't seem to be as much of an art form as it was years ago. Songs such as "Touch My Body" by Mariah Carey or "She Wants It" by 50 Cent don't compare lyrically to "Strawberry Fields Forever" by the Beatles, or "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd. Even though we are in a time of political unrest, a time surrounded in controversy, lyricists don't seem to want to take the time to write lyrics that might be a little deeper than sex [no pun intended]. It's an unfortunate turn that popular music has taken, and I am fearful that we might not find our way back.

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Fairytale love

Wishing your life was a movie

LISA ENSMINGER
OPINION WRITER

Do you ever wish your life consisted of a dream-come-true fairytale? A Prince Charming catches you when you tumble and instantly falls in love with you the minute he lays his eyes on you, and then you live (I'm sure you can fill in the rest) happily ever after! Yes, that's a fantasy and truly not part of the real world ... but a girl can dream, can't she?

I watched *Enchanted* last night. It's a fairytale love story with a little twist, and I couldn't help but think about everyone's desire for a perfect lover in his or her life. Who wouldn't want Patrick Dempsey falling in love with you and wooing you with his McDreamy hair and eyes? Scrubs or not, he would still have me speechless. But, that of course, is me dreaming, just like every other girl who watches any perfect love story on film. We wish that this one handsome boy would take us for who we are and never let go.

Lately people have been talking about their desires for a perfect fairytale love story in their lives. They're just not satisfied with the one they're dating or with anyone at all. These films portraying an ideal relationship can fool us for quite some time. You think your Prince Charming will come running after you in good times or bad, yet, in reality, you may be running solo.

Maybe I'm not just speaking to the ladies out there, because I know there are some men who want the perfect relationship too. A girl with Jessica Biel's body and Angelina Jolie's face wouldn't be a bad package, but is this really going to happen? Is Hollywood setting too high of a standard for us average, normal-looking people? Are we expecting too much out of each other just because a silly fairytale or romantic comedy tells us it's possible?

If you look at a romantic film, the basic structure includes boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl. The couple suffers downfalls in the middle of the plot and they find out their differences during hard times. Then, magically, they reunite at the end of the story and live happily ever after. This seems like it could happen in an ordinary relationship. When you put that ring on your finger and it's off to the honeymoon, everything will be perfect after that. But, what if the relationship fails or suffers after that great expectation of perfection? Then there is room for major disappointment and confusion as to why it did not work out like in your favorite movie.

Love isn't just a fairytale or some kind of game; it's hard work that no couple should compare to any other. We can't expect a writer to create a script for our relationship so we can live happily ever after. We need to create our own plot and make it work for the best. So, what if you run into a few bumps along the way? The thrilling rollercoaster ride is well worth more than a boring kiddie ride that never encounters any excitement. The next time you find yourself comparing yourself to any Hollywood films and wishing you were in the characters' shoes, remember that their love came from a script and your love is the real deal.

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Can we still be friends?

Breaking up doesn't have to mean parting ways

MARGOT ROGERSON
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That nervous, empty-pit-of-your-stomach feeling; you are going to introduce your new boyfriend or girlfriend to your friends. The worry if your Love will be accepted, overwhelms you. Will they be as perfect in your friends' eyes as they are in yours?

A by-product of dating someone new is the ability to meet a lot of new people. You will probably get equally as attached to your new group of friends as to the new person you are dating. This new, inter-mingling of friends should be a positive aspect of dating someone, but what happens when the relationship is over?

How easy is it to maintain friendships with friends of your ex? This was the topic of conversation between a couple of friends and me the other night. For two of us, it was a very relevant topic.

I think the first thing to do is evaluate how much these new friends really mean to you, or does the need to keep them in your life only serve your intrinsic motives to remain closer to your ex?

If they are genuine friends that you would like to keep in your life, it may be more complicated. If the latter part of the question is true, realize that you can let those false senses of hope and security go. I think it's possible that too many people secretly guard this motive, but advocate the other.

On the other hand, if you and your ex dated for a significant period of time, it may be very hard to know how to handle those friendships. Few relationships end perfectly amicable; a lot leave residue of tension and frustration. It might be hard to separate those feelings from the relationships you have developed with the mutual friends. It will also be hard for them to be objective and not "pick sides."

However, with a great deal of maturity, I think it's possible to maintain friendships with your ex's friends. Certain boundaries would have to be set, and of course, the approval of the ex would make things a lot easier. Try to understand if that doesn't happen right away; it's only natural to have the feeling of "they were my friends first." After the immediate effects of the break up are gone, finding a happy medium will not be as hard. One day, you might even find that your ex can still be your friend.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Is anyone else confused about the whole Tibet situation?

To the girls living below me: if you wouldn't complain about the noise so often, I wouldn't jump on the floor when I get wasted.

The crust in pizza Lunchables keep getting smaller and smaller!

The other day, for the first time in the three years I have been here, I saw a dead squirrel on campus. It was depressing.

Drunken girls parade the halls of my freshman dorm at 1 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday night. Just thought I'd put that out there.

If Jesus was even running for president, he wouldn't dare run as a Democrat.

Dear Destination 360: please fire the awkward cook who flirts with the girls and has to ask people their order five times and still messes them up. Sincerely, annoyed and hungry students.

To the athletic department: you should recognize the softball team. It might not be the most popular sport, but they are the most talented athletes at ECU.

I love honey wheat pretzel twists!

So, I take it there aren't any good comedy clubs in Greenville.

I was standing in the park, wondering why Frisbees get bigger as they get closer, and then it hit me.

What's the deal with girls not washing their hands with soap?

Why did winter feel more like spring than spring does?

I love women.

I like how a straight girl can see all the hot lesbians on campus. Why can't I?

If you don't stand behind our troops, please feel free to stand in front of them.

Can we just get better service from 360? Almost all grillers have attitudes!

Everyone complains about food servers on campus, but the big bald guy at the Pirate Grill is always friendly, and he always gets your order right.

I like finding random Cheerios in my bed.

I'm ready for gas not to be so expensive.

When I go to UNCW, I like to take TEC and leave it in random bathrooms on campus. I think I was born 10 years too late.

It's almost SUMMER!

Why does the new Arby's sandwich look just like the Chick-Fil-A sandwich?

I really, really, REALLY hate all of these group projects right about now!!! My group is driving me crazy!

Your music is clearly too loud when I can hear the song coming out of your headphones.

Rain boots aren't ugly, they are so hot! But, if you wear them and don't walk through puddles, you are sooooo missing the point!

Coming to the end of my second semester in nursing school, I have finally figured out one thing: nursing school really is a form of torture!

Has anyone else noticed we haven't seen the sun in about a week? I'm beginning to think it doesn't exist anymore.

You know, when you make your server angry, we just spit on your food.

I think that all the professors secretly meet and plan to make everything due at the same time.

Communism confuses me.

I am better than you at everything, especially when it comes to being humble.

I have just as much right to smoke as you do to complain about it.

I'm a history major, and I somehow manage to maintain a social life.

My parents still watch "American Idol," and I can't help but smile.

To the 27 guys I've slept with: I have herpes.

What's the point in e-mailing a teacher if they never read it or respond back?

Is it creepy to search for your professors' kids on Facebook?

Why is it that some teachers just don't understand that their class isn't the only one you're taking?

I have so many teachers who must think I have tons of time on my hands because I have an inordinate amount of work to finish before the semester ends. Ugh.

I steal water from Dowdy every time I eat there for lunch. I'm already paying \$20,000 a year; why pay for a water?

Thank you, Rec Center, for holding my registration until I pay a DOLLAR for a late fee.

Why are there so many faculty studies in the library and only a couple of rooms for students? It's not like they really come in and use them!!!

If people were allowed to drink at the age of 18, they'd be too brain damaged to do anything.

Quite a library conundrum

Joyner Library's problems

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During my time here at ECU, I have seen the library in many different lights. Originally, as a freshman, I saw the library as a big building that I probably would never study in. This was especially true since I lived 5-10 minutes away in a dorm. The year after, though, I moved off campus and began to see the library in a different light. If I stayed on campus and studied in the library, then I could get all of my academic work done in one place and, when I returned home, I could do whatever I pleased. Today, I mainly see it as a slave shop where students go to be tortured by the work they should have done a month earlier. Surrounding all of these opinions, however, lay the subtle facts of Joyner.

My first Joyner fact refers to the other residents of the library. In my many journeys there, I have noticed that not just students are on the scene. I realized this a year or so ago when I walked into the library and saw one particular individual was always there, but never with any books or such. One day I made sure to actually look at his monitor and was puzzled to see "World of Warcraft." I have since seen him numerous times, and he is still leveling up. This doesn't take into consideration the players of "Halo" or "Runescape." Obvious questions arise, such as how can the computers in the library handle "WoW," and also why are these people in the library playing "WoW" in the first place?

My second fact of Joyner includes the individuals who install and play these games. I guess overall I don't mind some of these people — mainly that guy who plays "WoW" all the time — but isn't this disruptive at all? I notice that a lot of the computers on the first floor are broken a lot or are just really slow. If only students are using them, then obviously only Microsoft Word, Mozilla, IE, and some other school programs are being used. If you go beyond the realm of simplistic programs, then maybe you can begin

to see why some computers are broken or slow as hell.

Now let's take into consideration the decibel level of some of the "intruders," as I call them, and students. One time, this semester, I was in the library, and right across from me were two "ladies" who were definitely not students. They were loud whenever they intermediately spoke, but even some students are. The real shocker came when one answered her cell phone. What then ensued was 15 minutes of awe from everyone in the library as she spoke as if to someone who was trapped in a trash can underwater. Laughing, yelling and anger were all emotions and sounds which came from this she-beast until someone from the library staff asked her to keep it down. She didn't, but eventually left.

I noticed some time ago that the first floor of Joyner is not a library, but a forum and a public study. An array of students — mostly girls — will answer their cell phones or make a call without the slightest regard to their surroundings. I made the girl reference because, although, obviously, guys are sometimes loud too, a guy's conversation is always shorter; there isn't as much time for aggravation to arise. There's also the problem of groups in the library. Groups can range from three to 15 people and in these groups there are unspoken rights — "group rights." I personally challenge these "group rights," as I don't see why, when three or more people get together, they automatically have to speak louder than anyone else, don't do any work, and talk about anything that has nothing to do with work.

If we were to do a math equation of the library it could go something like this: homeless people + white trash + bored non-students + students = Joyner population. I understand it's probably some point of a pride for a public university to have its library as a public one, but I also don't attend this university for free. The library wasn't just grown out of goodwill, and it isn't maintained by a "healthy" attendance.

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Horoscopes

Aries
Something you try doesn't work. Don't lose patience; try something else. By finding out what not to do you'll narrow down your options.

Taurus
Take care of the paperwork first. Postpone your celebration until later. Make sure everything is in order before the activities begin.

Gemini
You're enormously successful. There's only one little complaint. Costs can go up quickly. Pay attention to what you're paying.

Cancer
Gather up what people owe you. Retrieve what they've borrowed, from money to eggs and the garden hose. Settle old accounts.

Leo
If you're looking for a special person, get friends you trust to help. Anyone from a new doctor or lawyer to a mate ought to come with a recommendation.

Virgo
Postpone a romantic interlude until there's a little more time. Work-related pressures should ease up by tomorrow night.

Libra
Your investigation reveals many important answers. Make the decision and achieve a long-held objective more quickly than you thought possible.

Scorpio
It should be possible for you to get what you've been wanting for your place. Run the numbers again, and start shopping for the best deal.

Sagittarius
Soak up the information from a knowledgeable person. Your hunch proves to be accurate. You're headed in the right direction.

Capricorn
You can make a good living now, selling ideas. Think of all the questions a buyer would ask, so you'll have all the answers.

Aquarius
Best not to gossip about your good fortune. That's a tough assignment, since you're eager to share. Push your luck with a straight face and you'll get farther.

Pisces
Don't spend more on your friends or favorite charities right now. Take care of your home and family first. The Lord helps those who help themselves.

Mendenhall Movies

Sweeney Todd
Friday 4/11 @ 9:30 p.m. and midnight
Saturday 4/12 @ 7 p.m. and midnight

Did you know?

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

US tops the world in plastic surgery procedures. Next comes Mexico.

Members of the armed forces and the police cannot vote in the Dominican Republic.

Rats destroy an estimated 1/3 of the world's food supply each year.

72% of people in Mali earn less than \$1 per day.

Two-thirds of the world's executions occur in China.

Sex is the safest tranquilizer in the world. It is 10 times more effective than valium!

Acorns were used as a coffee substitute during the American Civil War.

Chocolate was used as medicine during the 18th century. It was believed that chocolate could cure a stomach ache.

Consuming chocolate was once considered a sin during the 16th and 17th century.

The top 8 most developed countries all speak Germanic languages.

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

A group of unicorns is called a blessing. Twelve or more cows are known as a "flink." A group of frogs is called an army. A group of rhinos is called a crash. A group of kangaroos is called a mob. A group of whales is called a pod. A group of ravens is called a murder. A group of officers is called a mess. A group of larks is called an exaltation. A group of owls is called a parliament.

Today in history...

1825



The first hotel in Hawaii opens.

1923



Hitler demands "hatred & more hatred" in Berlin.

1947



Jackie Robinson becomes 1st black in major league baseball.

Campaign to end suffering in Uganda

"Invisible Children" sheds light on current conditions

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

"They should know more about our suffering so that they can contribute and solve this problem," he said. "I just want to invite the Americans to join us in the fight so that we can retain peace."

This is what 15-year old Sunday, the subject of one of Invisible Children's sobering documentaries said in the 2003 film, *Black is for Sunday*. A screening of the film was shown last night at Speight Auditorium, where students gathered to hear of the plight of hundreds of thousands of displaced persons like Sunday in Uganda. The film, which started out as an adventure by three filmmakers from Southern California, has now turned into a worldwide movement to end the suffering in Africa.

The people of Northern Uganda have been facing a 22-year long war between their government and the LRA (the Lord's Resistance Army), a rebel group that has been the source of rape, torture, murder and production of child soldiers.

When the fighting began in 1987, Ugandans were forced from their homes in massive numbers, and those who were not killed or abducted were placed in Internal Displacement Camps (IDPs) throughout the country.

This is where Sunday, an orphan, lives. Filmmakers placed themselves in the camp where Sunday lives for 10 days to experience what he experiences everyday. And what they caught is both mind-blowing and heart-warming.

The Americans at the camp are instructed on what not to bring including toilet paper, toothpaste, a toothbrush and more than one pair of clothes. They are also told that each family at that IDP only subsists off of 1,000 shillings per

week, which is about three U.S. dollars. Most days, the refugees spend their entire time preparing their next meal.

Only motivated children like Sunday, who wants to be a doctor, can attend school. Some children do not get an education because they can't afford the paltry \$20 a month fee.

Sunday is filmed as saying that both of his parents died in the IDP camp, and that his dream of becoming a doctor would hopefully help the extreme suffering of the Northern Ugandan people. Of the children at the camp, one of the filmmakers states, "They want to be visible, but are still kind of invisible."

This conflict in Uganda that has spanned the last two decades is the longest lasting in Africa to date.

"This is a war that has been going on for my entire life," said Ashley Wrenn, president and founder of the ECU Invisible Children chapter. "I can't imagine my entire lifetime being caught up in a war."

The war has already claimed 200,000 lives, with 1,000 casualties occurring every week.

Invisible Children's mission is to shed light on the current situation and "to educate and inspire individuals in the Western world to use their unique voice for change," according to the organization's Web site.

"This is a YouTube generation and we want these kids [at ECU] to hold on to and visually see that a student in Africa acts and learns the same as they do," said Shannon-Osbourne Episcopal, who travels with one of Invisible Children's 10 region-specific teams.

Episcopal said that they decided to come to ECU after spending time in the state and visiting other colleges like UNC-Chapel Hill.

"We love all of the North Carolina schools. They have done huge things for Invisible Children and are totally on fire for the cause," she said.

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Children in Uganda have been the targets of atrocities in the war-ravaged country for the past 22 years.



Members from Invisible Children, a group trying to end suffering in Uganda, came to campus last night.

Future Islands draws large crowd to The Corner

Band returns to Greenville and releases new album

DAVID PUCKETT
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Fans packed The Corner March 29 to see the Future Islands perform, a band that originated in Greenville in 2003 under the name Art Lord & The Self Portraits. Their unique sound, which consists of vocals from Sam Herring, synthesizers played by Gerrit Welmers, bass guitar played by William Cashion with an electronic beat, attracted listeners throughout Greenville and the surrounding areas. The band broke up for a brief spell, but reformed as Future Islands in 2006 with the addition of a live drummer and new songs.

"We had some friends from up North coming down here [to Greenville] to play, and they always helped us out when we went up there. We were like, 'wow, we aren't doing anything, we have got to get started on a new project.' So we got a friend



The newest album from Future Islands, titled *Wave Like Home*.

to join the band, and started writing songs," said lead vocalist Sam Herring.

Herring refers to their sound as "post-wave, dance music," with influences from bands

such as Kraftwerk and Joy Division. However, he said that their style of music changed between Art Lord & The Self

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Poetry readings about life, love at local eatery

Tipsy Teapot will host poetry night

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI
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The Tipsy Teapot will sponsor a poetry reading on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The reading, hosted by the English Graduate School Organization, will feature their spring poetry reading. The event has been dubbed "The Birds, Bees, and Bitterness Poetry Reading," and will highlight poetry by contemporary American poets as well as pieces about love, read by English graduate students and faculty.

"Readers" will read original poetry or poetry written by people a lot more famous than they are on love, sex, its foibles, regret and a little bitterness thrown in," said Lisa Devries,



Staff Photo

a member of the organization who helped organize the event. The poetry reading is one of the English Graduate School Organization's two annual readings.

"[These readings] allow grad students and English faculty to meet and to further appreciate literature outside the classroom," Devries said. "[They] also allow creative writing students to try out their work on a live audience."

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Web site gives readers the power to write and learn

Guerilla News Network is new way to stay informed

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Take Wikipedia and cross-breed it with The New York Times or The Washington Post and you've got the Guerilla News Network. Named one of PC Magazine's Top 100 undiscovered Web sites, guerrillanews.com gives users the power to publish articles of their own. Unlike Wikipedia however, sources and information in articles posted on guerrillanews.com must be substantiated. The Web site does not publish "inappropriate" or "plagiarized" information.

Guerilla News is an independent news organization based in New York which seeks to expose people to important global issues through cross-platform guerrilla programming," according to the Web site. The site contains articles, headlines, videos, links and

blogs about current events. Anyone can publish stories, although they must follow rules placed on articles by the creators of Guerilla News.

The Web site uses what the founders call "GNN" style, similar to AP style. On the site, there rules that users follow when publishing an article, blog or movie. To post something on the site, the user must create a username and password, which is free. However, those who contribute articles to Guerilla News do not get paid.

Guerilla News began in 2000 by Josh Shore and Stephen Marshall, two MTV employees who realized that their radical take on news and entertainment would never be published in primetime television or conventional news Web sites.

Marshall and Shore's Web site now receives an average of 25,000 hits per day, although they have had as many as 300,000—a far cry from their initial 300 visitors per day.

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Marshall is a writer, award-winning director and creator of Channel Zero, the world's first global VHS newsmagazine. Shore is a film and television producer who prior to starting Guerilla News produced films for USA network, Fuse, Showtime and MTV.

For every article on the site, users can read a summary about the article and view a video about it, instead of just looking at pictures like most conventional news sites. Articles are not "headlines," which contain republished information, but are totally written by GNN users or contributors. Most of the headlines on the site are reworked from mainstream news outlets, like the Atlanta



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Journal-Constitution or The New York Times, but are attributed correctly on the site.

The site allows users to add friends in the "myNetwork" features, which lets them view blogs that the user has written easily.

Additionally, Guerilla News even has an online store that showcases books (including the recent book by Stephen Marshall), DVDs, T-shirts, postcards and posters. If you're looking for some-

thing more than Wikipedia, but different than mainstream news sites, check out the Guerilla News Network at www.gnn.tv.

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According to Devries, the organization also puts on social events, fundraisers and community activities.

All ECU students and faculty are invited to attend the reading, which should last about an hour and feature 10 to 12 different readers.

The English Graduate School organization is open to all students in the graduate program in the department of English. Its purpose is to provide "a recognized organization for department of English graduate students to interact with ECU and surrounding

communities," according to the organization's Web site.

"The Birds, Bees, and Bitterness Poetry Reading" will take place at the Topsy Teapot, a small and welcoming eatery/teashop that is conveniently conjoined with a bookstore.

The Topsy Teapot is located on 409 S. Evans St.

For more information about the English Graduate School Organization or the poetry reading, visit www.ecu.edu/org/egso.

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Staff Photo

Topsy Teapot includes bookshop.

ISLANDS continued from A7

Portraits to Future Islands. "The style changed in the aggressiveness of the music. In Art Lord, I wore all white and spoke with a German accent, and the band wore all black. It was more of a concept and Future Islands is more of a stripped down, straight-up band," he said.

Over the past four months, Herring and Cashion have moved to Baltimore, Md., adding to the progressive music and arts scene of "Wham City."

"Wham City is an arts collective impulse that involves a lot of different artists, musicians and writers. It's basically a gigantic group of friends, but the term 'Wham City' is a space where a lot of these people lived," Herring said.

Herring says that keyboard player Gerrit Welmers has plans to move from Greenville to Baltimore soon, and although the members will no longer be living in Greenville, he still refers to them as a Greenville band.

"I found that it [Greenville] gave us a birth for playing music because it made us feel like rock stars; that we could do it. When we were kids, playing in Greenville made us feel like we could play in Raleigh or Chapel

Hill, Winston Salem and Asheville, and then we were like 'we can go out of the state.' So it has all been a learning experience from all starting in Greenville," Herring said.

By returning to perform at The Corner for the second time in 2008, Future Islands, however, has not forgotten about their Greenville fans. The Greenville fans seemed to have not forgotten about them either, filling the venue to the maximum limit.

"They are the only rock band that has come here [to The Corner] that has made me turn people away at the door [due to maximum capacity limits]," said Rob Shadoan, owner of the live music club.

After the opening bands performed, Future Islands treated the crowd for more than an hour with songs from their new album titled *Wave Like Home*, and older-fan favorites.

The nine-track, 30-minute album encompasses a wide variety of sounds, including the electronic ambience of the opening track "Pangea 1," the synth-pop tune "Old Friend," the energy-fueled "Flicker & Flutter," "Seize a Shark," and the tender-love ballads "Heart Grows Old" and "Little Dreamer."

During three days in July 2007, the four-piece band, along with producer Chester Endersby Gwazda, recorded *Wave Like Home* in the upstairs of Backdoor Skateshop located in downtown Greenville. Herring says that Gwazda, who has also worked with Wham City musician Dan Deacon, often travels to locations with his recording equipment because he is "really into the atmosphere of the music."

"He is a great producer. He has great ideas and is really patient, which is important. He is also into trying out weird things," Herring said.

The album was mastered by Algernon Quashie in January, and officially released Feb. 29 of this year. The band is currently searching for a U.S. label, but in the meantime, they are releasing the album themselves through their MySpace page (myspace.com/futureislands). However, in June, the band plans to release the album in the U.K. under the label Upset the Rhythm, coinciding with a U.K. tour with the Baltimore band Videohippos.

Album cover art done by Kymbia Nawabi.

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Challenger Baseball seeks volunteers for Little League teams in Greenville

Students asked to help

SARAH BRADLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Calling all Pirates! As a division of Greenville Little Leagues, Challenger Baseball offers all children with a disability the opportunity to enjoy one of America's favorite pastimes. Challenger Baseball began in 1989 in Williamsport, PA. However, it has only been active in Greenville since 2005. It began when John Harer moved to Greenville with his wife and four children, one of whom is autistic.

Challenger Baseball, unlike Special Olympics, includes children that have physical and/or developmental disabilities between the ages of five and 18. At Challenger games, is the score is never kept and all players get a chance to bat and play the field.

"Challenger Little League is a great way for [my son] to play baseball with diverse individuals, while having very patient and understanding coaches and relaxed

game rules that allow [him] to show off his sports abilities while having fun in the process," said Karen Voytecki, mother of one of the Challenger players.

As Greenville's Challenger Division is growing, more volunteers are needed. Volunteers, also known as buddies, assist the children, for moral or physical support. The local Challenger division began with 24 players in its first season, and this year the league is in its fourth season with over 80 players.

"Last semester I worked with TOPSoccer and I loved it," Jennifer Lemke, an ECU sophomore. "It was such an eye opening experience." (TOPSoccer is a part of the Greenville Challenger Division offered in the Fall.)

Because the Challenger Division of Greenville Little Leagues offers such a wonderful opportunity to kids, many touching memories are made. John Harer's most memorable experience "... was when a young girl player had to run all the bases. She was a cerebral palsy child who needed to use a walker

to get around. In one game, she was the last batter, which meant she had to run all four bases" he said.

The games are played at the Elm Street Park on the Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams. The Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams is an adaptive field making it wheelchair accessible for players. The registration fee is \$10 per child and covers required insurance costs. Each player receives a team shirt and hat, with a pro team logo, which is theirs to keep. The next set of games is being held on April 19 at 9:30 am. Games are played every Saturday from the end of April to mid-June. There is also an exhibition game with the ECU baseball team on April 27 at the Clarke LeClair baseball stadium.

Come out and show your support for ECU and Challenger Baseball! Are you up to the challenge?

For more information, contact John Harer at (252) 328-4389 or email at harerj@ecu.edu.

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A documentary screening of another child from Uganda, "Innocent," will be held at the Baptist Campus Ministry building next to Wendy's on 10th St. on April 19 at 6 p.m. The event is open to all interested students, faculty and members of the community.

The ECU chapter of Invisible Children meets every first and third Tuesday in Bate. Their next meeting is on April 15 and is open to all students. The chapter will have a table set up at Barefoot on the Mall with literature and materials for interested students.

Invisible Children is a non-profit organization with bases in Gulu, Uganda and San Diego, California.

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Uganda

The United Nations is urging an end to the war in northern Uganda, where thousands of children are caught up in the fighting.

18 years of civil war

- ? 100,000 deaths
- ? 20,000 children abducted, used as fighters and sex slaves
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REBELS: Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)

- ? Have fought government forces, civil militia since
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1:30pm Cooking Site open for Pig Cookers
6:00pm Baseball vs. Marshall; Adults \$6, Youth \$3
Carnival Rides open until 11:00pm
6:00pm Cooking Site open to general public
7:00pm Crooked Smile Band on Daily Reflector Stage
9:00pm Fireworks Display
9:15pm Parade of Pigs

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
8:00am Pig Cookin' Contest judging begins
10:00am Pig Cookin' Contest Award Ceremony
Carnival Rides open until 11:00pm
Local Entertainment on Daily Reflector Stage

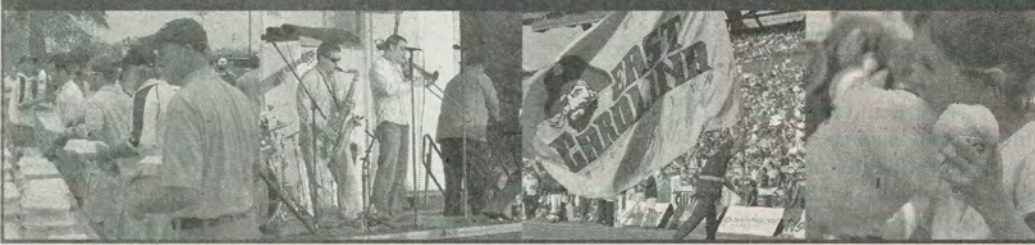
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14 Domain
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20 Avatar of Vishnu
21 Tightwads
22 Nile nation
25 Glasgow gent
27 Tel. -Jaffa
28 Land and aquatic
34 Cosmonaut Gagnan
35 Pasternak heroine
36 Head of costume design
37 Zeno's home
38 Answering machine button
40 Sailor's saint
41 Bel. Jamaican
43 Succotash bean
44 "Typee" sequel
45 Opposed to
47 Rear position
48 Wins at rummy
49 Prohibited activities
50 Team back up again
54 Fake token
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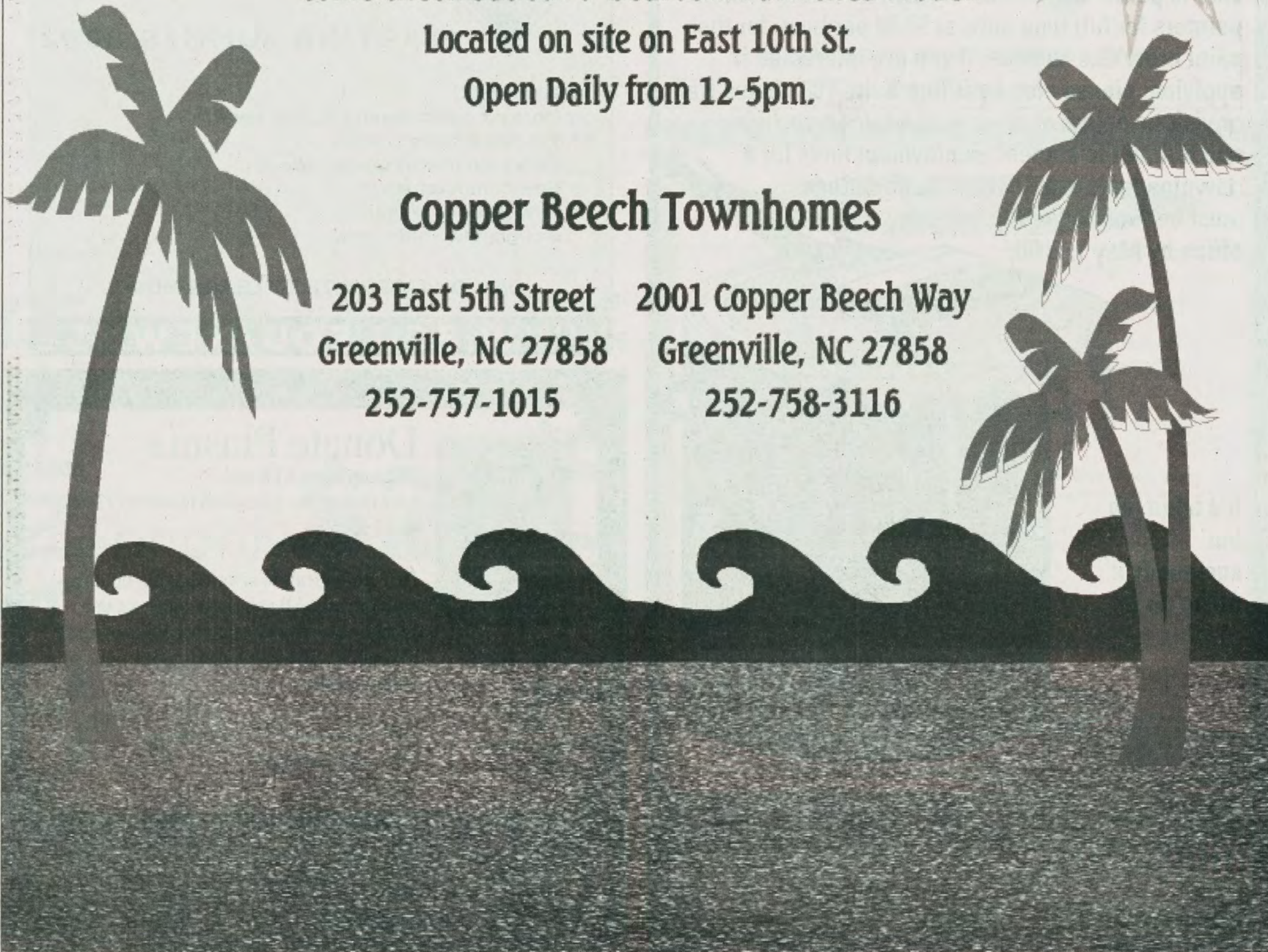
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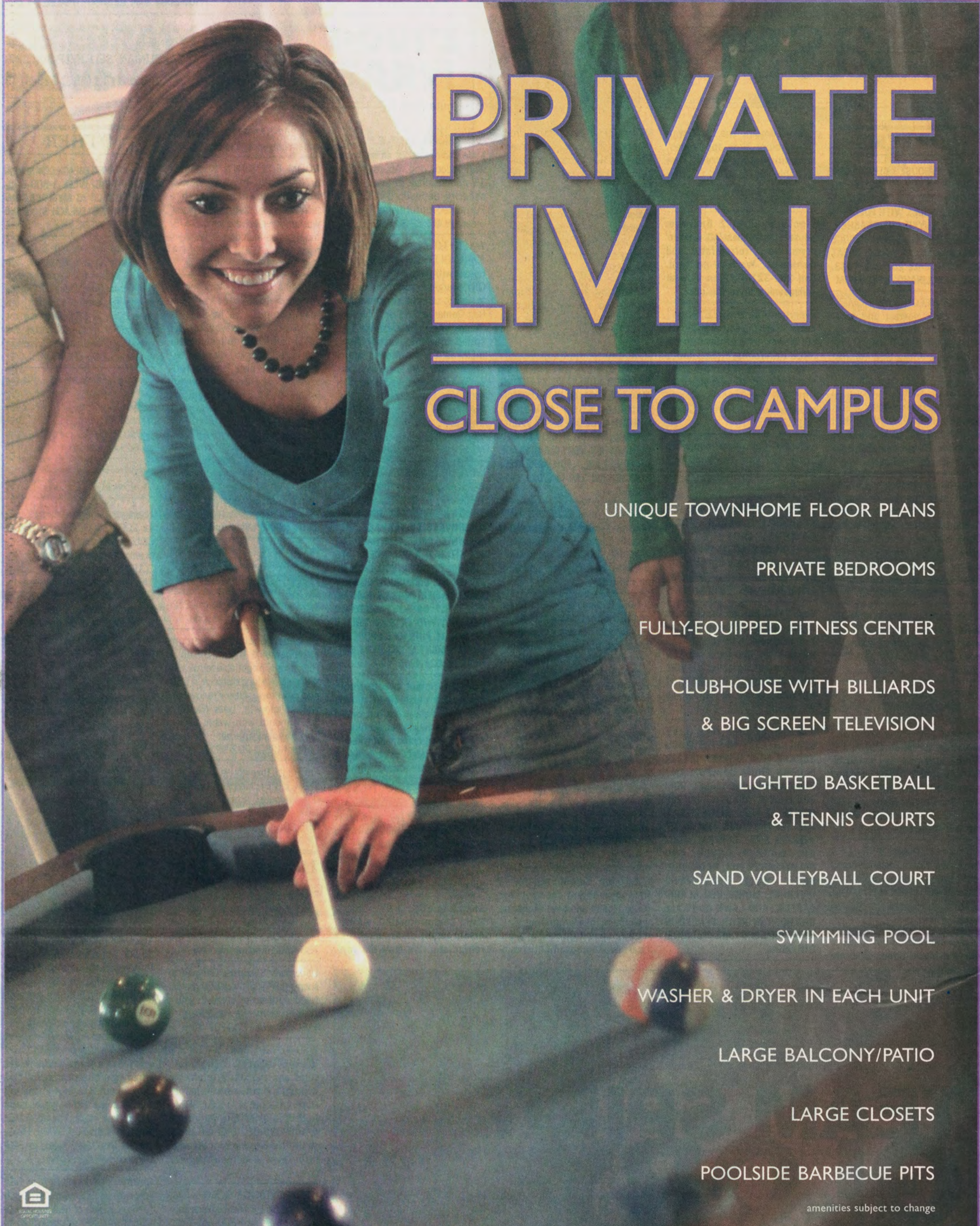
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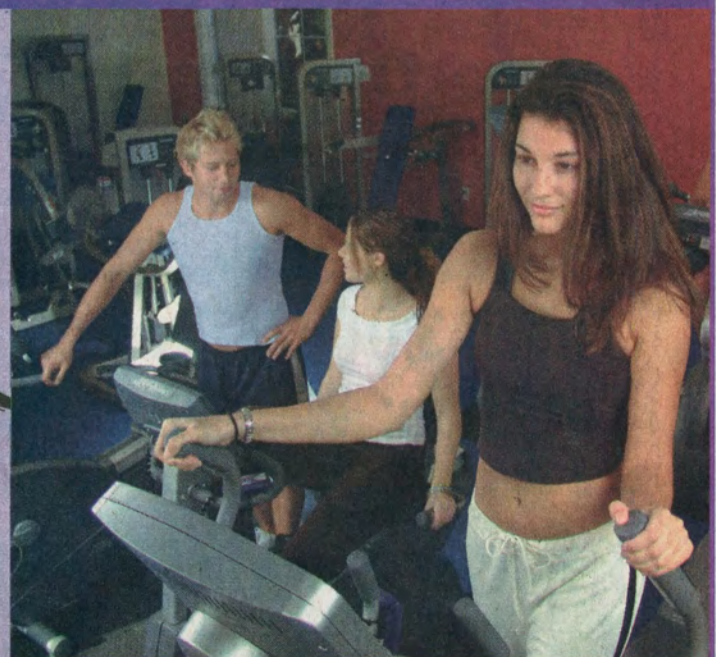
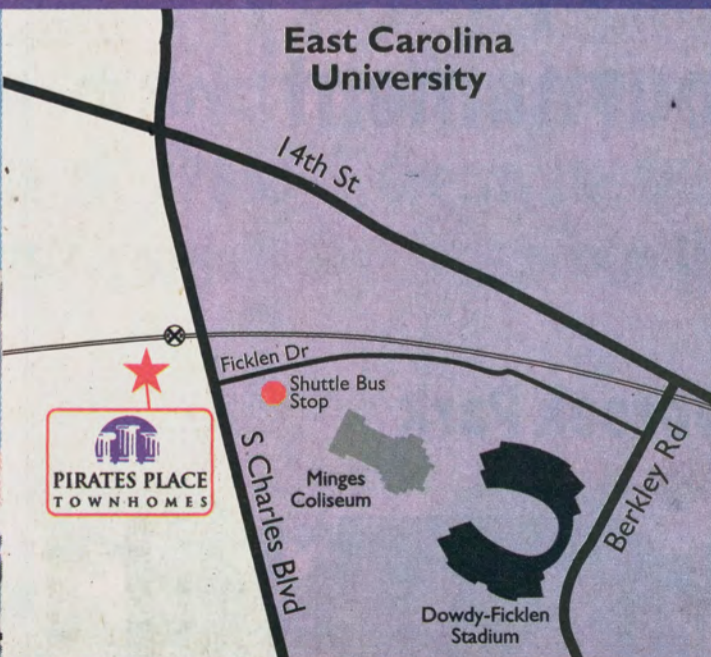
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Ray sparks Pirates in time of need



Senior outfielder Jamie Ray came off the bench and blasted a three-run homer Tuesday night, which proved to be the difference in the Pirates' victory over Old Dominion.

Godwin's decision pays off in win

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's sixth inning versus Old Dominion played out like a chess match for ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin, in the Pirates' 4-2 win over the Monarchs. ODU pitcher Ryan Bergh, who had given up just three hits and no runs through 5 1/3 innings, was replaced by lefty Kyle Hald after two Pirates reached base. Godwin countered by pinch hitting Jamie Ray in the Designated Hitter's spot for power-hitting Kyle Roller.

Ray answered the call with a three-run shot over the left field fence to give ECU a 3-2 lead.

ECU added an insurance run in the seventh to earn the victory. "He [Ray] swung the ball so well in batting practice," Godwin said of the decision. "I just had a hunch that he was going to go up there and do something well against that left-hander. It was just great to see our senior leadership go up there and step up like that on the field and do something positive."

The game-winner was Ray's first long ball since May 5 of last year, when he dialed up a grand slam against Houston.

It was also Ray's fourth career home run as a pinch hitter. "It's pretty tough," the Casar, NC native said of his reserve role. "You just have to make sure you stay in the game. I go in there and take 20 after every inning to make sure I'm loose just in case, whenever coach needs me."

Junior Stephen Batts started the deciding inning with a one-out walk before Corey Kemp advanced Batts to third base by smacking a deep fly ball to the right, which eluded the outstretched glove of the ODU right fielder.

After a disappointing start against NC State last week, freshman Stihl Sowers

bounced back with the longest outing of his career. In his third winning effort of the season, Sowers made it through 6 1/3 innings and allowed just two runs on six hits.

"I'm starting to settle down a little bit," said Sowers. "... The fifth inning has always been a tough one for me to get through. I feel like I've settled down a lot more now and being able to get through that fifth is something to take advantage of."

After the career-long outing against the Monarchs, Sowers now owns a 3-2 record and seems to have solidified his spot as ECU's top midweek starter.

"I'm his own worst critic, but I was really pleased with the effort he gave me to get us through six [innings] right there," Godwin said of the 6-foot-2 North Lenior High School product. "It was really good on his behalf to go out there and do that. We've got to give him some confidence."

ODU opened the scoring with an RBI groundout off the bat of Chris Keenan in the second inning. The Monarchs added another run in the third when first baseman Bryan Cipolla singled to center field, plating Max Most, who had walked and stole second.

ODU also gave ECU a little more than it bargained for in the top of the ninth. Pirates' reliever Josh Ruhlman had already given up two walks when Godwin brought on freshman Brad Mincey, who inherited two outs and a 2-0 count. Mincey gave up another walk to load the bases but battled back with a strikeout to end the game and earn his first career save.

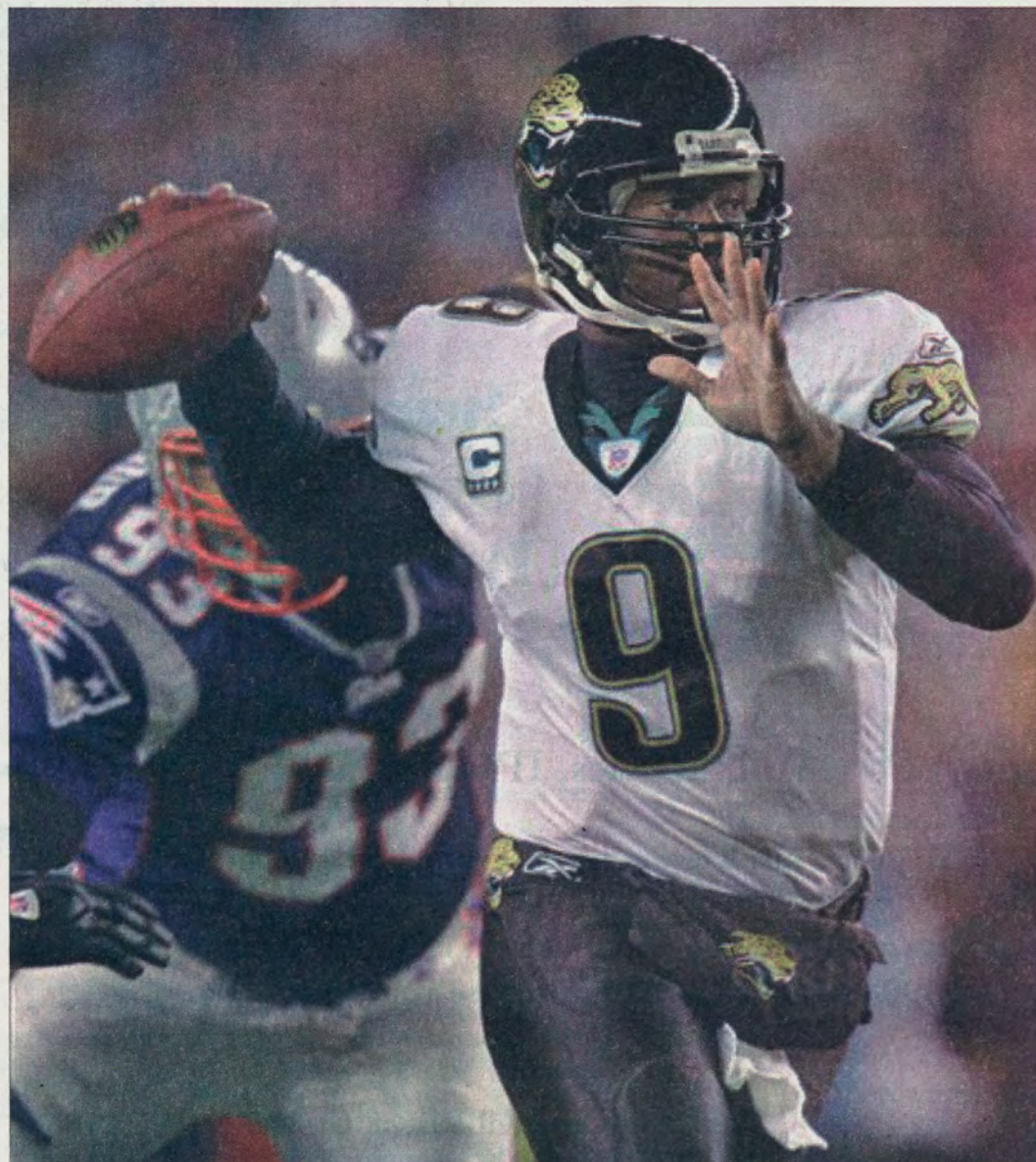
Corey Kemp, who started the game playing third base before eventually moving to catcher, offered the freshman some encouragement on a trip to the mound.

"He's a young guy and he's done pretty well for us this year," said Kemp. "That's a pressure situation to come in right there. I just told him to settle down and throw his game; do the things that he's done all year."

Godwin felt fortunate to get the win after March's date with the Monarchs yielded

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Ex-Pirate signs richest contract in Jags history



David Garrard attempts a pass in last year's playoff game against the New England Patriots.

Garrard has solidified starting spot

AP—Quarterback David Garrard probably could have gotten the Jacksonville Jaguars to pay him more money.

But, he was tired of negotiating. Therefore, Garrard, a former ECU great, ended the contract process Monday, signing a seven-year, \$60 million contract that is the richest in franchise history.

"I pretty much had to say, 'Let's go ahead and wrap it up. I'm done,'" Garrard said. "It's too much stress on me and my family. My wife was done five weeks ago. She's already been on board with everything."

"We just kept working on it and I finally just said, 'You know what, I'd rather be happy now, have the city happy now, have the team, the organization, the owner happy now than trying to string something out, having everybody on edge.'"

The Jaguars have had only three QBs start 10 or more games in a season in its history: Mark Brunell, David Garrard and Byron Leftwich. Garrard's 2007 season compares favorably with the other two's best years.

Garrard and his agent, Albert Irby, had been seeking something similar to the six-year, \$67.5 million contract, Dallas quarterback Tony Romo signed last season.

However, Garrard settled for the latest offer because "he felt like it was time."

"I've just seen it too many times," he said. "I just didn't want to go through it myself. There's way too many things that can happen to you between here and now and when you're trying to get this done and that done. Is it really worth it? I just said, 'It's time to make everybody happy' because I was already happy."

At ECU, Garrard broke 28 school passing and total offense records from 1998-2001.

He still stands as ECU's all-time leading passer with 9,029 career-passing yards and 60 career touchdown passes.

He is also No. 1 in total offense as he compiled 10,238 total offensive yards in his four-year career with the Pirates.

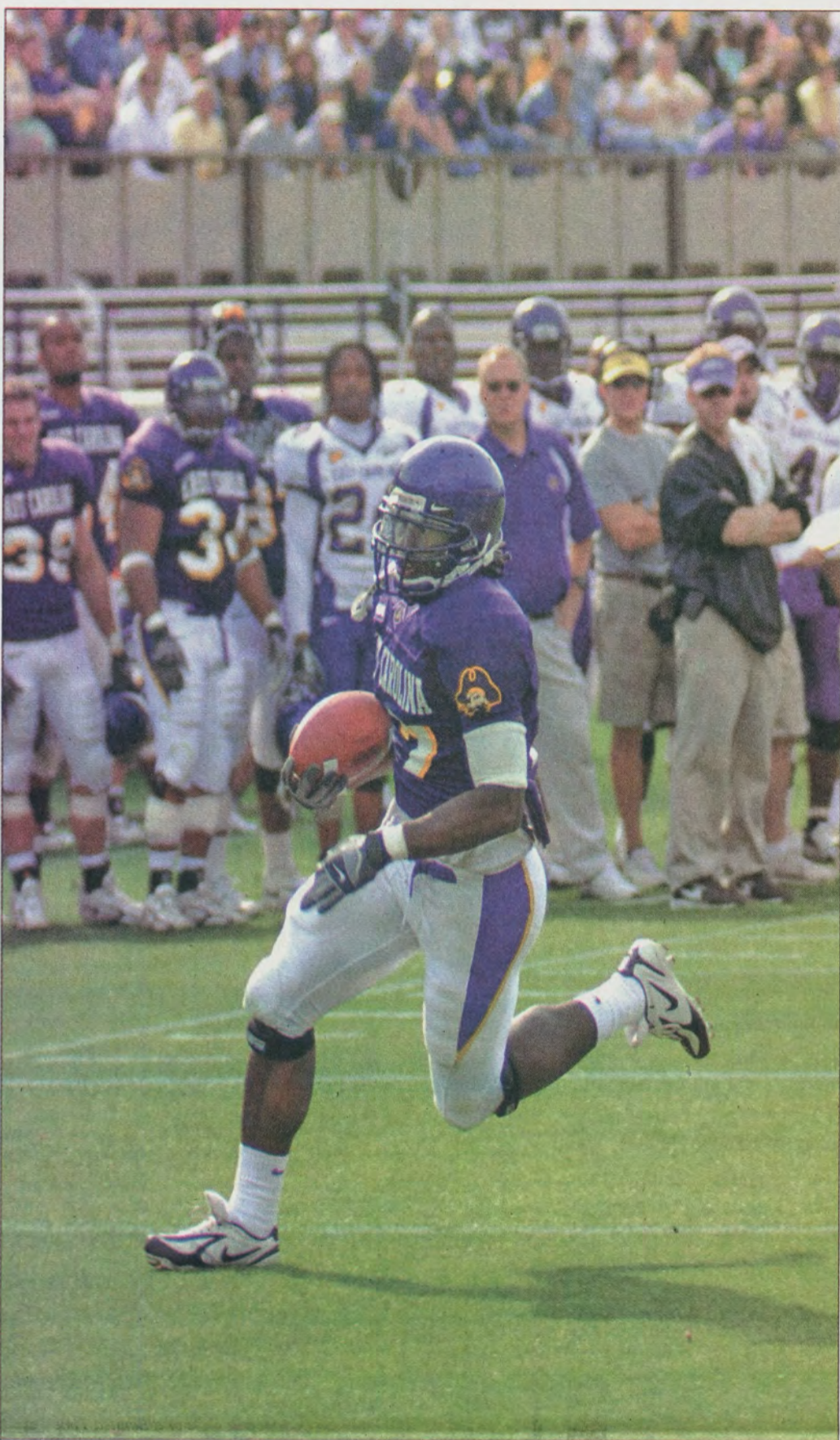
A career backup who beat out Byron Leftwich last preseason, Garrard was entering the final year of a four-year deal that paid about \$2 million annually.

The Jaguars were eager to get him under contract after his first season as a full-time starter.

The 30-year-old Garrard completed 64 percent of his passes for

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Annual scrimmage set to wrap up spring



Playmaker Dwayne Harris approaches the goaline during last year's Purple-Gold game.

Holtz excited about competition

Staff/SID reports—The ECU football team will complete spring practice this Saturday afternoon, April 12, with the annual Purple-Gold game.

Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Students will be admitted into the contest free of charge, as long as they present a valid ECU OneCard at the gate. Non-student tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at www.ecu.edu, by calling 328-2300 or at the ticket gate the day of the game.

ECU began its sixth and final week of spring workouts under the guidance of fourth-year Head Coach Skip Holtz and staff, with a brisk two-hour session Monday afternoon on Hight Field inside the Cliff Moore Practice Complex.

The Pirates returned to action in shorts and helmets after conducting their second intra-squad scrimmage of the season last Friday afternoon. After turning in its 13th practice of the spring period Monday, ECU had just one more workout scheduled for Wednesday before closing camp with the Purple-Gold game.

Holtz opted to put the Pirates in shorts after Friday's physical contest for light correction work before returning

to pads Wednesday.

"There have been a lot of positives this spring," Holtz said after having the chance to review film of the scrimmage.

"There are still a lot of battles out there as the underclassmen are trying to prove which level they belong on. It's certainly been enjoyable to see the younger guys develop and grow during this process."

Holtz cited the play of sophomore cornerbacks Darryl Reynolds and Travis Simmons in particular as an example of the progress, a development that has enabled the Pirates to get a look at senior Leon Best at a safety position. Best started six of 13 games at corner in 2007, standing among the unit's top 10 tacklers with 41 stops while ranking second in interceptions.

After Wednesday's full-gear practice, ECU's coaching staff conducted a player draft to select roster positions for the Purple-Gold Game.

The offense shined in ECU's last scrimmage, which took place last Friday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Senior running back Dominique Lindsay rushed for a game-high 73 yards while senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney threw for 180 yards, 42 coming on a late first half touchdown strike to Jamar Bryant, to highlight the scrimmage.

Lindsay, who also recorded one reception for 22 yards and came just five yards shy of racking up 100 yards of total offense, shared time with sophomore Jonathan Williams in the backfield for the Pirates' No. 1 offensive unit during the contest. Pinkney, who finished the game completing 12-of-23 passes, found Bryant in the back of the endzone on the last play prior to halftime to account for one of two touchdowns that the No. 1 unit tallied during the afternoon. In addition to the 42-yarder to Bryant, Pinkney also connected with sophomore wide receiver Dwayne Harris (26) and Lindsay (22) on big aerial gainers.

"There were some good things out there today," Holtz said after the scrimmage. "The offense put together some long drives where they were methodical in moving the ball down the field. Although I thought the hitting was decent, we seem a little tired. ... We have been beating on each other for 12 days and I think our guys are ready to move on to the season the opening half, each No. 1 unit faced off against the No. 2 squad across the line of scrimmage while the second period featured a more traditional match-up of equal levels of the depth chart."

The top unit opened the

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a combined 33 runs.
 "Old Dominion has a great club," said Godwin. "It's a good win to come out and get. Our guys are still a little road weary from getting back at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning [from Hattiesburg, Miss]. It was really a good win against a quality club, no doubt."

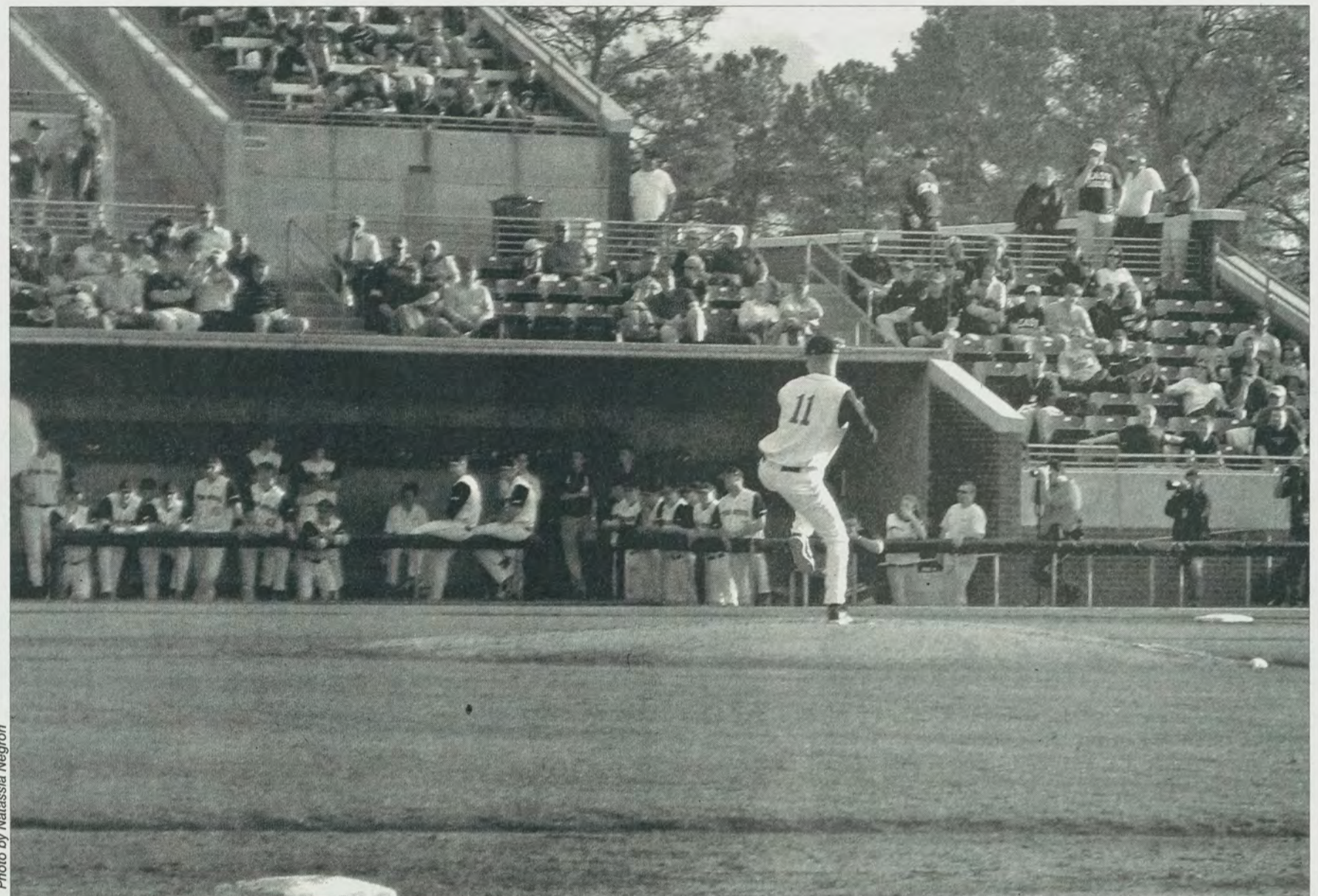
ECU loaded the bases in the seventh courtesy of a single from freshman Trent Whitehead and back-to-back bunts from Bobby Fowler and Harrison Eldridge. Kemp drew a two-out walk to add the insurance that made the score 4-2.

The Pirates combined for just seven hits on the night, all by different players.

ECU will now look ahead to this weekend's upcoming series against Marshall. The Thundering Herd have had a less than impressive season this far but are holding strong at 4-4-1 in the ever competitive Conference USA.

"We're just glad to be back at home," said Godwin. "It's just another weekend; we've got a good opponent so we're going to have to be sharp when we come out. It's going to be a big weekend for us. We need to get back and have a great weekend and try and get back in the hunt again for the conference championship."

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True freshman Sthil Sowers earned his third career victory Wednesday night against Old Dominion after he pitched a career-high 6 1/3 innings pitched.

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play on a driving layup. The Cardinal would get no closer than eight feet from the basket.

With the game in hand and a minute left, Parker went to the Tennessee bench for the final time, holding up four fingers on each hand to signify the eight titles the Lady Vols have won.

The Lady Vols advanced to the championship game by beating LSU 47-46 on Sunday night on Alexis Hornbuckle's putback with seven-tenths of a second remaining. The Cardinal shocked UConn 82-73 in the other semifinal. The victory redeemed the Lady Vols' 73-69 overtime loss to the Cardinal when the teams met Dec. 22 at Stanford.

Tennessee is 8-5 in championship games after barely making it to No. 13. The Lady Vols ended a nine-year drought with their championship last season. They won their other titles in 1987, '89, '91, '96, '97, and '98.

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2,509 yards and 18 touchdowns despite missing three games because of an ankle injury. He threw just three interceptions and finished with the NFL's third-highest passer rating (102.2), proving Head Coach Jack Del Rio made the right move when he announced his quarterback decision a week before the season opener.

"When you look at what transpired and how David responded, I think that's what's most impressive," Del Rio said. "A lot of people may have gotten down on themselves; gotten bitter at me for the decision. Any number of things could have taken place that would have led to a different outcome."

"What you see is a young man that persevered, ultimately a coach that saw something, took a shot with him, and now we're together here for the foreseeable future here in Jacksonville, and tied together and hungry for more."

Garrard led the Jaguars to

the playoffs last year, beating the Pittsburgh Steelers on the road in the Wildcard round before losing in the Division round to the New England Patriots.

Garrard threw for 140 yards and one touchdown against the Steelers, while also leading Jacksonville in rushing with 58 yards in the playoff victory.

He also threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-20 loss to the then-undefeated Patriots.

The Jaguars expect Garrard to be even better this season, with the addition of receivers Jerry Porter and Troy Williamson, and another year in offensive coordinator's Dirk Koetter's system.

"To have David [Garrard] lead this team for the next seven years, it really gives us the stability and the continuity that we need to compete at the highest level and bring a championship to Jacksonville and hopefully multiple championships," Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver said. "David has earned this."

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