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The ECU baseball team swept Conference USA foe Marshall over the weekend. See what this means for the team, and how far they have now moved up in the C-USA standings and national rankings.....A6



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Students showcase public speaking skills

Oratorical Exhibition allows students to use classroom concepts

NATALIE JURGEN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On April 14, The School of Communication hosted its 6th Annual Oratorical Exhibition.

The event was held at 6:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theater at Mendenhall Student Center.

The Oratorical Exhibition showcased seven student speakers who gave speeches on a variety of subject matters.

The event began with an introduction from Pamela Hopkins, speech committee chair and

faculty member of the School of Communication.

Hopkins introduced this year's speech topic, "Where I Stand," and asked the audience where they stood in their own lives.

She asked if they ask questions, speak out for the underdog and say something when we see something is wrong.

Hopkins stressed the importance of being a good public speaker and the importance of letting your voice be heard.

She stressed that students "use their public speaking skills and take a stand, you may be hesitant at first, but in time it will come."

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During the 6th Annual Oratorical Exhibition sponsored by the School of Communication students had the opportunity to apply concepts they learned in the classroom to a real-life speaking situation.

Greenville comes alive during 2nd Annual Piratefest weekend

Festival offered something for all walks of life

CHAUNTE RUCKER
STAFF WRITER

The ultimate weekend activity many will look forward to for years to come is the PirateFest right here in Greenville, NC.

The memorable day of activities, food and lots of spirit, finished its second year on Saturday, April 12, including the Uptown Arts Festival and Blackbeard's Marketplace.

You could find almost anything and anyone between Evans and First Street:

Thriving with business, shopping and eating, there was plenty to absorb.

The Uptown Arts Festival featured artists from NC and a variety of art-based organi-

zations and local restaurants.

Visitors participated in demonstrations and learned about many businesses as walking through a maze of tables and booths.

Children enjoyed artistic fun and sights while eating and strolling down the sidewalks.

Blackbeard's Marketplace seemed to be the place to see.

Students and area residents crowded around artistic, crafty merchandise, viewing everything there was to buy.

Plenty of pirates, big and small roamed the audiences with dramatic appearances.

Music played throughout the day and flavorful aromas filled the air.

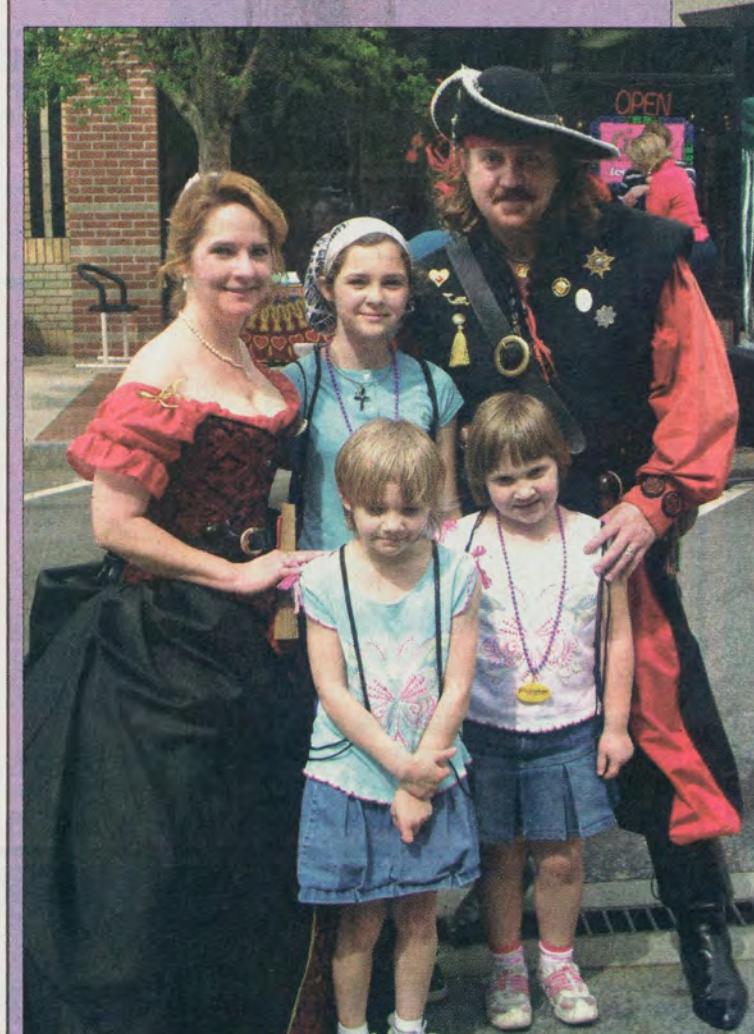
The main events began Friday, April 11 with the Uptown ArtWalk.

Participants viewed many pieces and chatted with artists about their work.

Many families and cou-



The statues from the Painted Pirate Art Project were unveiled on Saturday morning.



Pirates roamed the streets of Uptown Greenville throughout the weekend.

ples were seen enjoying the weather and the atmosphere.

"The weather was very nice at the beginning, but towards the end the rain began and it may have caused more people to change their minds about coming," said Brenda Rouse of the Domestic Violence Unified Community Resource Centre.

Sponsors for the PirateFest included U.S. Cellular, WITN, SuddenLink and Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc., to name a few.

Committee festival organizers included representatives from Uptown Greenville, Emerge Gallery and Art Center, City of Greenville, and Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn Thompson of

the ECU Alumni Association and Debbie Vargas of Greenville Convention and Visitor's Bureau, were co-chairs.

"It was a nice turnout. I was really excited to be a part of it," said Genara Smith, former owner and operator of Jahnaz Caribbean Restaurant.

"I went simple with just a few items like jerk chicken and beef patties; even though everyone was looking for plates."

This was the first year PirateFest activities took place with the 25th Annual Pirates Pigskin Pig-Out and the International Festival.

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Holocaust survivor speaks on campus

Campus organizations coordinate Holocaust Awareness Day

ROB BREINER
STAFF WRITER

Giselle Abramson, a survivor of the Holocaust, spoke in the multipurpose room in the Student Health Center on April 10.

The discussion was one of many events going on across campus as part of the 4th annual observance of Holocaust Awareness Day, sponsored by the office of co-curricular programs and cultural outreach.

Abramson shared her experiences growing up in Poland before, during and after the Holocaust with students and faculty who attended the event and spoke on a very personal level about what she has seen and lived through.

She recounted how unprepared Poland was for the invasion by the German army during World War II; the devastation of cities, and the imposition of the Nuremberg Laws on the Jewish community in Eastern Poland.

"Curfew is at 5:30, and all Jews must wear a white armband with a blue Star of David on it," said Abramson, recalling a sign posted by Nazis in her hometown.

Abramson had firsthand encounters with Gestapo, or secret police, and Hitler's private army, the SS.

While she stayed with her aunt and uncle during the possession of Poland, she watched Nazi soldiers ransack homes and take any and all things of value.

"The hatred oozes out of their eyes," Abramson said.

"Hate is one of the worst emotions that the human being being developed."

She also observed and experienced the gradual dehumanization of the Jewish community as new laws were enforced, such as yellow patches needing to be worn to signify ethnicity.

"We were no longer human beings—we were yellow patches," Abramson said.

"... Not the man, not the Jew, not the human being—the yellow patch."

The dehumanization was at its worst in Majdanek, the concentration camp where Abramson was eventually held. Prisoners were given numbers and if they failed to recall it when asked, they were killed.

"You don't have a name, you have a number, and you'd better memorize it," Abramson said. "[But] please don't ask me my number—my name is Giselle Abramson."

Carol Woodruff, director of co-curricular programs and friend of Abramson, was a coordinator for the event.

"As the World War II generation ages, we may be the last generation that has the opportunity to hear survivors tell their stories in person," Woodruff said.

"We are fortunate that Mrs. Abramson is willing and able to spend time with us."

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SGA election results stand

Judicial board ruled in favor of the elections committee

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

After weeks of discussion and controversy about the outcome of the recent elections, a decision has been made about the fate of the elected officers.

The judicial board held a hearing on Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center Social Room to discuss the violations brought against

the elections committee.

After five panel members from the judicial board heard the defense on behalf of the elections committee and members of ticket two, who filed the violations, they came to the conclusion that the violations weren't enough cause for a new election.

"The judicial board stated there wasn't a need for a new election," said Keri Brocket, current SGA president.

The panel was looking for specific things that would signify that the violations were of enough importance to disregard the outcome of the election held

on March 25 and 26.

"The five panel members were looking at whether the violations had merit or not and if they did, how big of an impact they had over the election as a whole," said Abey Dessie, attorney general for the judicial board.

Dessie presented for the elections committee and Thomas Myers, advocate for accused students, presented on behalf of ticket two.

Ashley Yopp, Joe Gill and James Wagner were the members of ticket two whom filed the violations against the elections committee.

The judicial board found that only three out of the five violations that ticket two filed had merit, according to Dessie.

Some of the violations included poll workers and election workers not being sworn in by congress, allowing ticket one campaign workers to campaign within the 25-foot perimeter and poll workers wearing Greek affiliated clothing that is related to a candidate running for office.

Other violations filed included the elections commit-

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Cultural Cuisine Night Wednesday, April 16 5:30-7 p.m. LWCC Gallery/Brickyard Come and enjoy samples of great food from local vendors and student organizations. During this event, we will highlight various customs related to how we prepare food and enjoy it as well.

Iphigenia in Aulis Thursday, April 17- Tuesday, April 22 8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. McGinnis Theatre The Greek ships are waiting at Aulis to advance to Troy. The gods have stopped the winds because Agamemnon, the Greek commander, has offended them. To pacify the gods, he must sacrifice his daughter, Iphigenia. Agamemnon sends a message to his wife telling her to bring Iphigenia to Aulis on the pretense that the girl is to be married to Achilles before he sets off to war. \$8-\$12 in advance, \$12 at the door. 252-328-6829 1-800-ECU-ARTS www.ECUARTS.com.

Commuter student 'lunch and learn' Wednesday, April 23 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. MSC Multipurpose Room ECU's Center for Off-Campus and Community Living will host a lunch and learn for ECU Commuter students.

BSOM Department of Medical Humanities Perspectives Lecture Wednesday, April 23, 2008 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Brody 2E-100 "From Osler to Insulin: The Coming of the Age of Medical Miracles" will be presented by Michael Bliss, professor emeritus of history at the University of Toronto.

Pirate Entrepreneurs Kickoff Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mendenhall 221 Pirate Entrepreneurs is a new social network for ECU students, faculty and staff from all departments. You'll be able to network with entrepreneurs, angel investors and other people interested in working in the fast-paced and highly rewarding world of start-ups. Come on out, enjoy some free food, hear our featured guest speaker and get the help you need to start your own business. Registration and meal begins at 6:30 pm Guest Speaker begins at 7:00 pm

{ Campus & Community }

15 Tue

School of Music Band Concert
8-10 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

16 Wed

Whichard lecture features Anne Goodwyn Jones
5:30 p.m.
Bate 1028

17 Thu

Zamba Yawar: ECU Afro-Andean Ensemble
8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

18 Fri

Live Music:
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9:30 p.m.
City Hotel & Bistro

19 Sat

Softball
UTEP
1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

20 Sun

Toppin/Smith Studio Scenes Presentation
3-5 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

21 Mon

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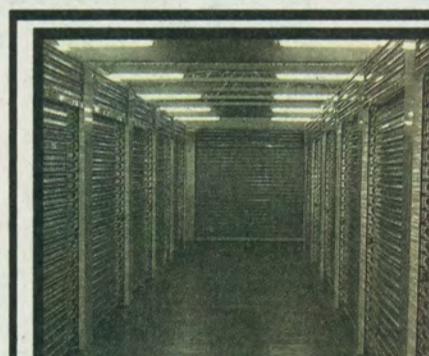
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Biologist presents “Food Webs in River Networks” lecture

Search for link between food webs and river systems

JIMMY GALLOWAY
STAFF WRITER

Mary Power, a biologist from the University of California Berkeley, presented “Food Webs in River Networks: Towards Predictive Mapping,” on April 10.

Power presented a slide-show of photos relating to her research, which aims to find the link between food web networks and river networks.

Most of her work in this field has been conducted in the Eel River in Northern California, which is the third-largest watershed in the state.

Power and her colleagues, Bill Dietrich, Miki Hondzo and Jacques Finlay, along with the National Center for Earth Surface Dynamics, are trying to

develop a system of predictive mapping, which will show how these ecosystems will respond to environmental change.

“[Hondzo]’s not afraid of technology, and I’m not afraid of bears, so we work well together,” Power said.

A predictive mapping system of this nature would have many applications such as irrigation and diverting water for human consumption.

Using a system like this, one could determine the effects downstream of a farmer using more water upstream for crop irrigation. This would help avert potentially devastating ecological responses further down the river system.

Even now, according to Power, food webs have eluded prediction. However, conditions and resources change down river in partially predictable ways. With new sensing and mapping technologies that have recently become available, it may finally be possible to track responses to environmental change with what she calls “resource shadows.”

Power gave an example of this regarding algae.

“Algae is amazing stuff,” she said.

Powers described how algal blooms, and the presence or absence of any one species of algae-consuming insect, can affect the food web of insects, fish, predators on land and even bats.

She cited research by one of her colleagues that demonstrated that water clarity and even the shape or roughness of the surface of the water can affect the feeding habits of insect-eating bats.

Power also presented her five-step plan for map-based prediction: map for process change, test hypotheses for controls, validate in new sites, predict how changes might affect thresholds, and forecast conse-

quences for local ecosystems.

Towards the end of the lecture, Power made an analogy between herself and Homer Simpson, saying she feels like Homer groping towards predictive mapping with all these new technologies.

After her slideshow presentation, the floor was open for questions.

She was also going on a field trip with some of ECU’s coastal scientists to some of Greenville’s streams later that afternoon.

The lecture was co-sponsored by Robert Christian, professor of biology and ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies, and was part of the “World of Networks” series.

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tee failing to place candidates names running for office on the elections Web site, the elections committee not keeping the ballot count secret and members of the elections committee violating the privacy of ticket two by speaking to other candidates running about violation forms submitted.

Due to the fact that ticket two filed the violations against the elections committee and not members of another ticket the judicial board was obligated to step in.

“Because it was filed against the elections committee, it goes straight to the judicial board,” Myers said.

If the violations were filed

against individuals and not the elections committee, the matter would have gone to the elections committee, according to Myers.

The panel made their decision in an executive session, which is a closed session that allows them to discuss their views on the violations filed.

“We use the means we have to give an impartial look at the situation,” Dossie said.

Debate over the outcome of elections isn’t an uncommon thing at ECU.

“There is one [a hearing] almost every year,” Myers said.

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Anthony Holsten, lecturer and faculty member of the School of Communication, introduced the speakers next.

Holsten said he "hoped that the audience find resonance with the speeches you agree with, insight on those of a different view but enjoyment in everything you hear."

The first speech came from Lisa Jordan, a first year graduate student. Jordan gave a speech entitled "Standing Up for the Arts."

Her speech addressed the importance of all art forms in everyday life and the need for people of all ages to embrace it.

The next speech came from Amber Adams, junior recreation therapy major titled "Standing with Autism."

Adams addressed the importance of autism education and just how amazing children with autism really are.

The next speech was given by Brynne Kramer, senior marketing major entitled "Voice of a Woman." Kramer spoke of women's important role in the world and how their voice can make a difference.

Kramer said she was nominated a year ago, but had been working on her speech since early March.

"I feel this exhibition shows the power of speech and where you can go with your skills," Kramer said.

The remaining speeches were made by Jonathan Boyce, Megan Sink, Jason Morton and Dania DePas.

Their speeches addressed the importance of extracurricular activities, volunteering, education in the arts and animal rights.

It was an evening filled with wonderful speeches and bright, new ideas.

Hopkins said that students were asked last semester by their communication professors to participate in the event.

The event ended with a few words from the Interim Director of the School of Communication, Linda Kean.

"These speeches forced me to think where I stand," Kean said.

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A public recitation of the name of victims and the death camps which they were murdered was part of Holocaust Awareness Day on Thursday, April 10.

Abramson, although primarily appearing to speak about her experiences, carried an important message that she shared with her audience.

"I am here because you are our future," Abramson said to the students.

"I hope that slowly, our young people will be able to

realize it is up to us to make sure we all understand and respect diversity. I am here not to tell them how awful it was—I want them to learn about diversity."

Other activities that went on in remembrance of the Holocaust were a public recitation of names of victims and the death camps at which they were murdered,

a production by the school of theatre and dance entitled "The Sholem Asch Radio Hour," and memorial luminaries on the campus mall honoring men, women and children who died during the Holocaust.

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Opinion

The art of text messaging

Creating a new language

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

Texting has become the chosen communication between college-aged students today. Calling and leaving voicemails are things of the past. New abbreviations of words, slang and short phrases are used in this somewhat complex new language.

I am personally a fan because it allows me to have a conversation while, for instance, doing homework or looking something up online. It's also the only form of communication with friends I can use while I'm at work.

Texting can also allow you to avoid the small talk. I think this may be the biggest reason my mom likes texting. She knows she is able to send me a question as a text and I will answer her without us having to spend a bunch of time catching up.

Also, texting can allow you to hold many conversations at once. If you need to find out what all of your friends are doing for the night, you can ask them all simultaneously in this way.

So, with all these benefits, this new "language" should seem great. But there is a huge downfall to texting. With written words, you cannot use voice intonation to help relay your message. I know a couple of different messages that, without someone's voice behind it, can be interpreted many different ways.

For example, "I need to talk to you." My self-conscious side has me wondering if this person is upset with something I may have done. My worrisome self makes me think that maybe this person is in trouble. Or they may just have a secret to tell me.

Someone actually sent me this text the other day, without any other phrases or hellos. All of the previous thoughts ran through my mind as I responded, "What's up?"

She needed to know the deadline for something. Phew!

As I was talking to my brother about this article topic, he relayed to me how many small tiffs or fights he had incurred because of simple misunderstanding of text messages. Who knew small phrases could start trouble? So, even though it's a fun way of communicating, it seems like sometimes a call is really the best bet.

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Campus dining and you

The more you know

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OPINION WRITER

Say hello to little Billy. Recently, Billy has been noticing some changes. The Galley has transformed into an all-you-can-eat eatery. Todd Dining Hall is undergoing renovations for the fall semester. Why, there is even talk of Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits and an Applebee's down the road! Aramark and Todd Johnson over at Campus Dining sure are having loads of fun! Come and join Billy on this swell adventure as we travel through the halls of Campus Dining.

But slow down there, little Billy. Don't go swiping that OneCard too quickly now! First, we must ask ourselves a few questions. Why do your meals count for over seven dollars whenever you use them at the dining halls, regardless of your timing, but just over three dollars at the 360 during lunch hours? Where do your meals go during spring break when servers in the British Isles cannot seem to grasp the idea of Pirate Bucks? How come they don't roll over to the following week? The following semester?

It's seven o'clock on a Monday, and Billy and his buds are hungry. Luckily, since they all live on campus, they are part of a legally binding contract that stipulates their having a meal plan. Good thinking, Billy. You and your buds have thought ahead! But where to eat, you may ask? One of you wants Subway while another is in the mood for quesadillas. Yummy, but you can't have both.

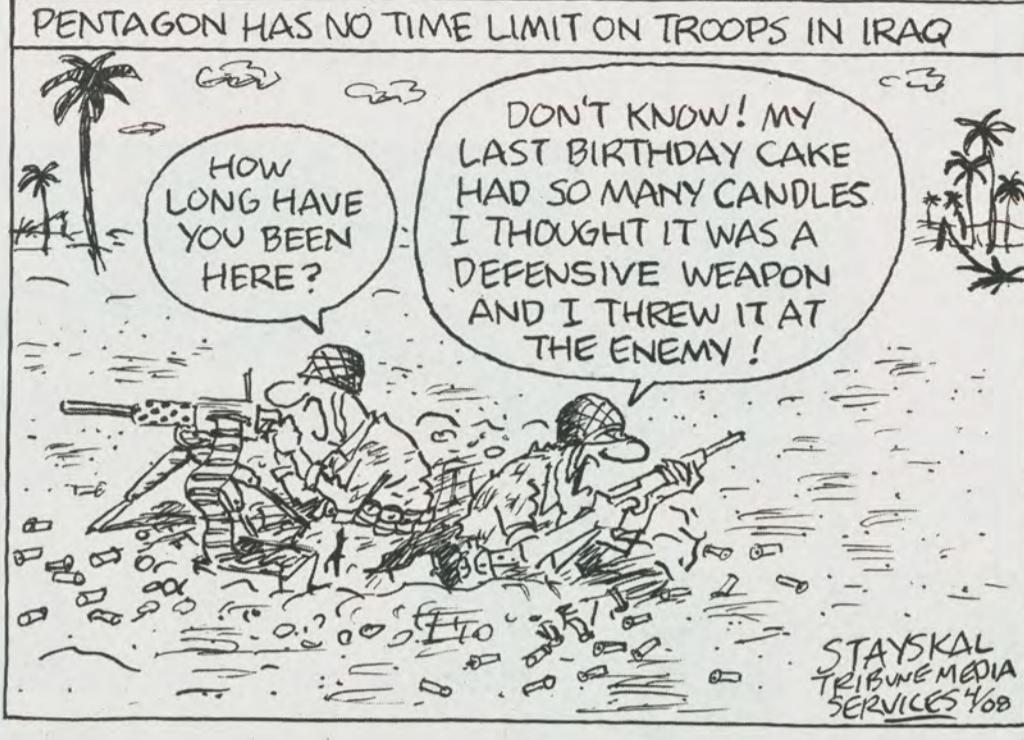
After much deliberation, the gang decides on the Destination 360, and so they set off. After choosing their meals, they make their way to the cashier and begin their transactions. To Billy's astonishment, one of the boys is allowed to use two meals at the same time! No, Billy, that's no magic; that's a commuter meal plan!

That's right, Billy, commuters are allowed meal plans that break the laws of physics! These contracts, titled "Interstate" meal plans, allow commuters a set number of meals per semester to better gauge their investment and their hunger pains. Why, with even half the left over money between an I-95 (95 meals) and a standard 14 Pirate plan devoted to Pirate Bucks, Billy still has plenty of bread for his lady friends.

Well, Billy, it looks like you are ready to start eating on campus! Just keep that OneCard ready and an eye on your Pirate Bucks. If you have a thirst of Naked fruit drinks as much as I do, Billy, your account will be drier than British humor!

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{Your procrastination destination}



PIRATE RANTS

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

Does anyone else have an AIM stalker?

I'm 26 years old, and I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up.

Is there some sort of lesbian rant quota? Enough already.

What exactly do I have to do to get a new filter for the air conditioner in my dorm? I have called like three times and nothing has been done. I think that my allergies have even gotten allergies now.

Two weeks of classes and counting down!

As soon as we get done with this semester, I am going on a diet.

If we can have mozzarella sticks everyday at West End till the end of the semester, I will shave my head and legally change my name to McLovin'.

The only thing good at the New Galley is breakfast.

WTF was ECU thinking, closing Todd early? Todd better be a five-star restaurant when I come back.

When did Joyner Library become Joyner Homeless Shelter?

In the three years I have been here, I have never gotten a drinking ticket. Let's just hope I don't get one within the next 10 days. That would suck!

ECU could easily get a national band to come here. I mean, if they charged \$10-15 a ticket and had 10-15 thousand people show up. That would cover the cost of the band or artist. That's what they need to do for next year's Barefoot.

We drove drunk because Safe Ride never showed up.

The job opportunities for college students in this city are horrendous!!! No one advertises except strip clubs.

What does it mean when I think going to see the Dark Side of Oz sober is disrespectful?

Why is it that almost all of the freshman boys still act like little boys?

My friend lost her camera in Rumors Saturday night. If anyone has it, can you please be nice and return it to Rumors? I mean, what would Jesus do?

Whenever I get my parents' praise about something, I don't want to do it anymore.

I have a crush on a TEC writer.

Playing tennis drunk at night and then betting that the loser has to walk back naked is not the best idea in the world!

The Republican Party represents change

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION EDITOR

In previous columns, I have extolled the virtues of Barack Obama and expressed my dissatisfaction with Elizabeth Dole ... but don't get the idea I'm a left-winger. Republican candidates can bring about the same change at the state level that Democrats can at the federal level.

The Democratic Party has dominated this state for decades. There hasn't been a Republican in the Governor's Mansion for 16 years (there were only two in the 20th century); there has only been one Republican lieutenant governor since 1896. Three Republicans currently sit on the Council of State, also the first since the 19th century.

I'm driving to Denver for a guy I spent a weekend with. It was certainly an amazing weekend, but am I crazy for this?

Why is it when a guy asks a girl out and they don't want to go with him, they say sure and then make excuses about why they can't go instead of saying no thanks in the first place?

My teacher just face-planted on the floor; I knew there was a reason I was on time to class this morning.

And the Pirates win again! Arrrrgh!!

I just wanted to say thanks to all the ladies who keep our dorm halls and bathrooms clean, especially Fletcher. I always wait until after you clean to go to the bathroom or take a shower. You have all been so nice this year and you have done an excellent job. Keep up the good work; we really appreciate it.

Why does the chemistry department make all the good teachers leave, but keep all of the bad ones? It makes no sense.

You know spring has arrived when you go play Frisbee on a Friday afternoon, and girls are out tanning on the mall in bikinis.

My boyfriend has an STD, but I still sleep with him because I love him.

Please take a shower. Your two weeks of B.O. does not please my nose.

Sleep at night and stop fussing about noise during the day.

I wish I were as famous as the blond guy with dreads and orange string.

What ever happened to saving the trees? Stop making and handing out flyers in front of Wright Plaza. You're using up all my oxygen!

To the guy who told me about Pirate Rants: Thanks, and I will definitely be here in the fall!!!!

I utterly despise guys who use smileys in text messages and on AIM. It's not cute.

Is it bad that my friends and I cut out all of our Pirate Rants that make it in the paper and paste them on a board?

Chuck Norris destroyed the periodic table because he only recognizes the element of surprise.

Damn, can you hear your music? I am over 10 feet away, and I can. Have fun going deaf.

I'm gonna miss TEC over the summer.

When the temperature is in the mid-70s or higher, living at the Exchange is like living on the strip at Myrtle Beach.

On Pirate Rants: So clever, your endless taunting. Still, it seems that something is wanting. Try something new, like a haiku. Or do you find verse daunting?

I paid to park at Minges and for the buses to pick me up! So, how about next time I am right at the door of the bus, DON'T PULL OFF ... especially when you're driving away and haven't even closed the front door!

The truffle shuffle is a lost art.

Paying people who are in poverty because they're in poverty keeps them in poverty.

Greenville must use trains more than any other city in America. Hello, we have planes for that kind of thing now!

I think I'd rather move to Canada than vote for anyone in the '08 election. Too bad I'm too young to run for president.

Does anyone else think that Florida is shaped like a gun?

I thought fornication was the opposite of expiration.

To the girls living above me: If you alcoholics didn't come home every night at 3 a.m. being drunk and obnoxious, we wouldn't have to complain about the noise so much.

I've been trying to think up a rant now for half an hour. I think I'm all ranted out.

There is something to be said when your fortune cookie reads "The current year will bring you much happiness" on a first date.

If this semester doesn't end soon, I'm going to be bald. The stress is making me pull my hair out!

That's epic.

I think all my friends are talking about me behind my back. None of them call me either. Oh well, I can replace them.

I snuggled in your bed while you were out of the room so your bed would smell like me when you go to sleep tonight.

I've been alone in a crowded room.

It's sad that skipping class in order to study and to write papers is far productive than actually going to class!

We don't have the usual weather here, it snows Dogwood flowers and rains purple and gold.

Why is my homework so much easier when I'm drunk?

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RANT OF THE DAY

If we can have mozzarella sticks everyday at West End till the end of the semester, I will shave my head and legally change my name to McLovin'.

Free range kids

Protecting our kids from ever gaining independence

LARA OLIVER
OPINION WRITER

When I was 10 years old, I didn't own a cell phone. I didn't use anti-bacterial soap, my parents usually weren't sure where I was until dinner time, and I didn't have a babysitter watching over me — that's what my older sister was for. There was no tracking device in my backpack, my clothes or on my bike. I was frequently at the pool with only my friends to chaperone me, and my childhood dog is now considered "highly dangerous" around children.

Amazingly, I made it out alive.

If I was being raised now, I'm sure my parents would've been locked up by the neighbors and had child services called on my family. "She cooks by herself in the kitchen! She could've burnt the kitchen down or choked on her food! Lock up her mother!" echoes in my head, reminiscent of Helen Lovejoy on "The Simpsons."

Which is why I was so relieved to hear the story of Lenore Skenazy. Skenazy's nine-year-old son had been begging her to let him figure out his way home, and, after several weeks, she relented. With only \$20, a Metrocard and some quarters, Skenazy dropped her son off at Bloomingdale's and, get this, he made it home alive. He was even ecstatic over the amount of independence she allotted to him. Her story made national news, even snagging her an appearance on morning talk shows to discuss her "crazy" decision. She has now since created a blog purely for sharing stories on the new style of "hyper parenting" that's become the norm in our society called *Free Range Kids*.

Skenazy's story was like a breath of fresh air to me. After desperately trying to convince the parents of children I babysit how dangerous it is to use anti-bacterial products on their children, seeing kids barely older than seven answer their phones in grocery stores and watching the number of children I see on bikes dwindle down to two in the neighborhood, I had almost given up hope on the defendants' style of parenting I grew up with.

Sadly, I know it was my generation that started this whole mess of implanted chips, anti-bacterial everything and Nancy Grace-style exploitation pieces on the news about all the different types of people who want to kidnap our children. I vividly remember being fingerprinted for "tracking cards" in my fourth grade class, complete with little photographs with our names that we could carry around in our (non-existent) wallets. Even at 10 years old, I couldn't help but think the only good these ID's could offer would be to identify our dead bodies. We were also the generation of children whose parents had non-stop news feeding to them. Networks like CNN, MSNBC and Fox News first came to fruition during my childhood and so did the practice of learning about every single abducted child in the entire country 24/7.

While sad and horrible, child abductions are not nearly as rampant as most news channels would have you believe. "Nancy Grace," "To Catch a Predator," and "20/20" want us to think that random strangers are eye-balling all our kids, watching out for the moment Mom (or her cell phone) is gone. Yet statistics show that children are more likely to be abducted or abused by a family member than by a stranger.

I can't help but think that the only outcome of all the over-coddling parenting I see on a daily basis will just be the increasing number of young adults still living with (or living off of) their parents. When you're planting a garden, you "harden off" seedlings by shaking them around, introducing them to uncomfortable temperatures and watering them less so they'll grow stronger and live longer. The same basic theory can be applied to kids. If we don't "harden off" today's generation of kids, what reason will they have to want to move on without Mom and Dad?

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MOST VALUABLE Pirate



Corey Kemp

For the second week in a row, ECU senior catcher Corey Kemp is this week's most valuable pirate after an amazing performance this past weekend against Marshall. In game three of the series Sunday, the Franklin, Tenn. native extended his hit streak to 12 games with a two-run, walk-off homerun over the left field fence. With the homer, Kemp has now gone deep in each of the last four games for the Pirates and has six homers in the last 10 games. His home run tally on the season now stands at 12, which is tops in Conference USA.

"I'm been trying to keep my confidence up all year. I think that's one thing that's different with me this year compared to last year. Last season I would get down and my confidence wasn't great but this year I'm doing a better job of staying confident."

Baseball America Rankings

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2. Arizona State
3. Florida State
4. North Carolina
5. UC Irvine
6. Missouri
7. Wichita State
8. California
9. Nebraska
10. Stanford
11. Rice
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17. Vanderbilt
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19. Texas A&M
20. Texas
21. Michigan
22. Coastal Carolina
23. Pepperdine
24. East Carolina
25. Kentucky

Pirates sweep the Herd out of Greenville

ECU extends winning streak

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

With the score tied at three and a man on third base in the bottom of the ninth Sunday afternoon, Corey Kemp once again provided the fireworks as he deposited a 1-2 slider over the left field fence to give ECU the walk-off victory and a weekend series sweep over conference foe Marshall.

Kemp's walk off blast was his leading 12th home run of the year and fourth-straight game with a four-bagger, helping improve ECU's record to 26-9 overall and 8-4 in C-USA, while stretching the Pirates' current win streak to seven.

"He threw a slider earlier in the at bat and I took it for a strike and he came back with the same pitch," Kemp said of the at bat. "I just waited on it and fought off to left."

The sweep moved the Pirates into third place in C-USA, behind Rice and Houston, and vaulted ECU into Baseball America's Top-25, at No. 24.

In the series opener against Marshall, T.J. Hose took the mound for the Pirates, overcoming three errors in the second inning to shut down the Thundering Herd in a 7-4 victory.

Hose gave up six hits and two walks over 6 1/3 innings, striking out four batters and failing to give up an earned run.

Kemp's three-run homer in the first gave the Pirates the early lead, but ECU had a disastrous second inning in the field, committing three errors and allowing Marshall to tie the game at three. Kyle Roller responded in the third, blasting his seventh home run of the year and putting the Pirates up for good.

ECU's bullpen shut down the Thundering Herd in the late innings to cap off the 7-4 win.

Not to be outdone by Hose, Seth Maness looked confident on the mound the following day in Saturday's nail biter. The true freshman struck out seven and allowed only two runs on two hits in eight innings.

Stephen Batts and Kemp provided back-to-back home runs in



Senior Corey Kemp (left) and Harrison Eldridge (right) led the Pirates to the sweep of Marshall. Kemp homered in all three games.

the first inning to give ECU the early advantage once again, but Marshall thundered back, keeping the game close before tying it up in the ninth with an RBI single off ECU reliever Brad Mincey.

But, with the winning run on second in the bottom of the ninth, pinch-hitter Jamie Ray followed up Friday's 2-4 performance with a walk off double down the right field line, giving ECU the hard-fought 4-3 victory.

"We're talking about different guys stepping up every day," said ECU coach Billy Godwin. "That's what I want to be talking about because then you know you have a good club. You don't just have one

guy trying to carry the team."

In Sunday's rubber match, the brooms were out as the Pirates looked to expand on their six-game winning-streak.

ECU's lineup struggled early out of the gate as Marshall pitcher Dan Straily commanded the strike zone early, stranding the bases loaded in the third and fourth on his way to a seven inning, six-hit performance, striking out four and giving up a loan run on Batts' infield single in the third.

ECU's Justin Bristow did not have electric stuff on the afternoon but kept the Pirates close, giving up nine hits and three earned runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Sikula came in to face

Faced with a two run deficit in the eighth inning, Kyle Roller chipped away at Marshall's 3-1 lead as the designated hitter belted a 0-1 offering from reliever Andrew Hancock far beyond the right field wall.

"Coach Godwin just told me to do whatever I had to do to get on base, and that's what I was trying to do," Roller said of his eighth blast of the year. "He threw me a changeup down in the zone and I just kind of golfd it out of here."

Marshall escaped the eighth inning with a one-run lead, and then brought in its closer, Arik Sikula.

Sikula came in to face

ECU's heart of the order in the ninth. After retiring pinch-hitter Austin Homan, Harrison Eldridge provided with the Pirates' offense with a clutch hit, stretching a routine double down the right field into a triple.

"I told him [Eldridge] that we don't even get in that situation if he doesn't hit the ball like that," Godwin said.

Then with the infield drawn in, Ryan Wood did what any professional hitter would do, depositing the first pitch over the glove of the Herd's second baseman, knotting the score at three.

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Annual purple and gold football game cut short due to inclement weather



Game cancelled after first half

ECU SID—ECU quarterbacks Patrick Pinkney and Rob Kass combined for 175 yards and one touchdown, while running backs Justin Brockmeyer and Jonathan Williams tallied 80 rushing yards on 10 carries as the Pirates concluded spring practice Saturday with their annual Purple-Gold game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The Pirates defeated East Carolina, 18-3, in a game that was discontinued at halftime following an issued severe weather warning.

"I hate to end the spring like this, especially when you walk outside and it looks like it is starting to clear," Pirates' coach Skip Holtz said. "You have to consider the safety of these players and our fans. We probably could not have gone back out there for at least 45 more minutes so I felt it was in the best interest of everyone to cancel the second half."

Kass completed eight-of-14 passes for 95 yards to lead East Carolina and Pinkney was seven-of-14 for 80 yards and a touchdown for the Pirates.

Williams, who looks to be the frontrunner to replace the departed Chris Johnson, led the rushing attack with 44 yards on seven carries; Brockmeyer had 36 yards on three attempts and Pinkney scrambled for 19 yards on three carries.

Five receivers caught multiple passes, including freshman Darryl Freeney who scored the

Senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney connected with freshman wide receiver Darryl Freeney for a 38-yard pass, the game's only touchdown.

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Softball comes up empty in Houston

Pirates loses three-game series

ECU SID—The ECU softball team fell victim to a shutout from Conference USA preseason Pitcher-of-the-Year Angel Shamblin and freshman Baillie Lott as No. 10 Houston took a 7-0 victory on Sunday at the Cougar softball stadium.

The Pirates fall to 27-21 on the season and 5-9 in C-USA while the Cougars improve to 37-5 overall and 13-1 in conference play.

The Cougars went ahead in the bottom of the second inning. Jennifer Klinkert singled to center to lead off the bat before Laurie Wagner drove a pitch over the left field wall to give Houston a 2-0 lead. Klinkert then recorded

her third RBI of the game in the bottom of the third via a bases loaded walk to extend the Cougar advantage to 3-0.

Houston tacked on three more runs in the bottom of the fourth off of RBI singles from Christa Raley, Katie Bush and Klinkert, making the score 6-0 in their team's favor.

Junior Brooke Swann took the loss for the Pirates in her 38th appearance of the season,

evening her record at 15-15. She also threw her 19th complete game in giving up seven runs on 14 hits and striking out one.

No. 10 Houston got the best of the ECU softball team twice on Saturday afternoon, sweeping a doubleheader at the Cougar softball stadium.

The Cougars took game one 16-0 while also capturing the second contest 6-2.

ECU had no match for the Cougars' offense in game one as Houston used five hits to score six runs in the first two innings. The Pirates received their first hit from Charina Sumner as she led off the top of the fourth with a single. However, that was after Houston put together a 10-run third

inning, highlighted by a grand slam from Amanda Grote. Stacey Andrews singled in the top of the fifth with Erin St. Ledger on first but the Pirates could not bring a run across the plate as the Cougars earned the shutout.

ECU got off to a much better start in game two, as it took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

Sumner led off the game with a single and advanced to second on a Christina Merrida groundout. Vanessa Moreno then singled and reached second on a throwing error by the left fielder that also allowed Sumner to score. The next batter, Erin St. Ledger, singled on the infield to plate Moreno. However, Houston

tied the game in the bottom of the first on a bases loaded walk and a sacrifice fly.

With one out in the bottom of the third, Pirate starter Suzanne Riggs issued a walk to Elaina Nordstrom that would come back to hurt her,

as Jennifer Klinkert sent a pitch over the left center wall to give the Cougars a 4-2 advantage. Houston tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to seal the doubleheader sweep.

The Pirates return to the field Wednesday afternoon for a doubleheader with the UNCG Spartans in Greensboro. Game one is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the UNCG softball stadium.

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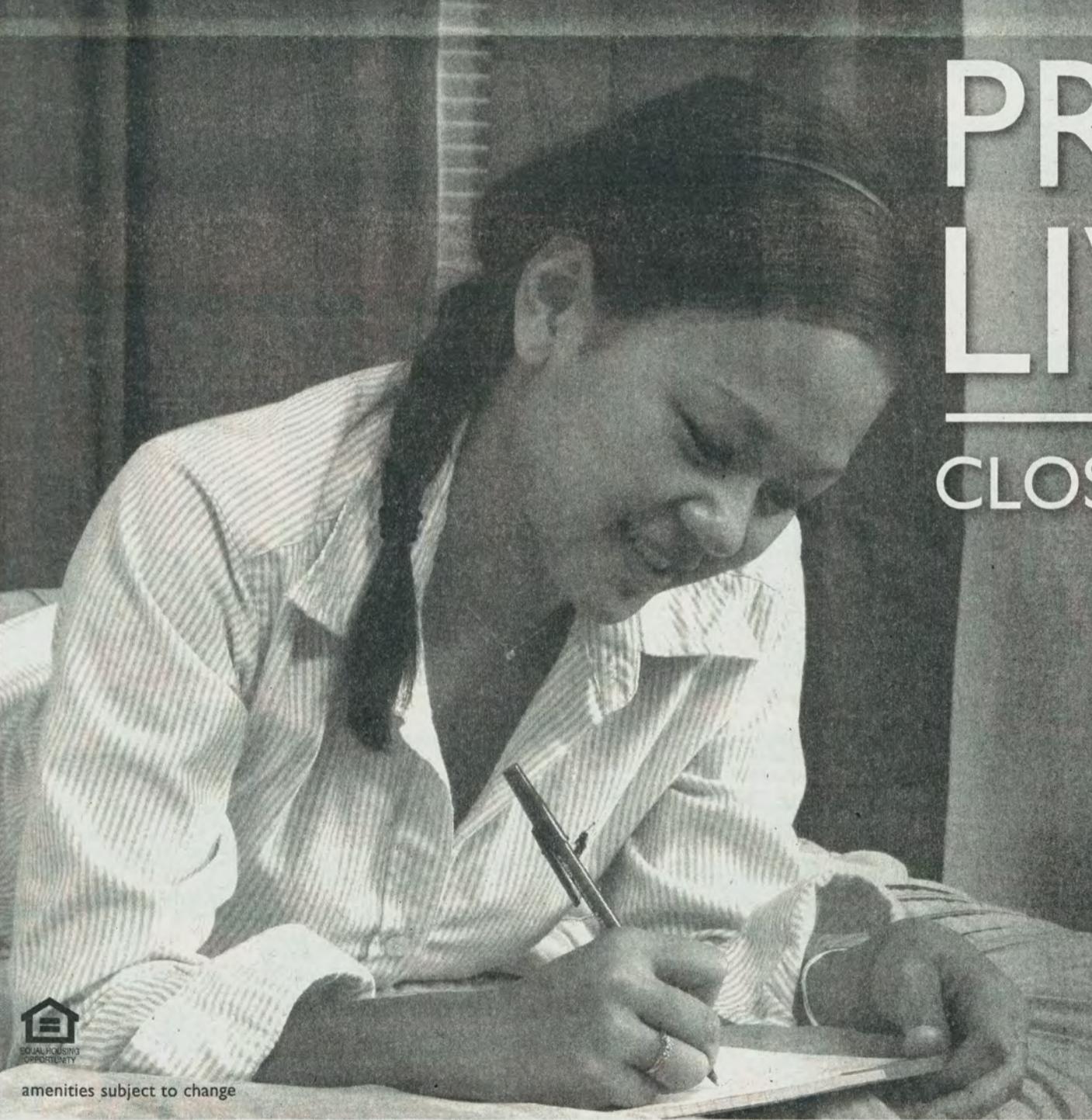
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Sophomore Charina Sumner broke up Angel Shamblin's no-hitter in the top of the sixth on Sunday.



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game's only touchdown—a 38-yard reception from Pinkney. Sophomore Dwayne Harris caught two passes from 44 yards, including a 41-yard strike from Kass.

Junior place kicker Ben Hartman was two-of-two on field goal attempts, making kicks from 47 and 28 yards out for both squads.

Defensively, freshmen Emanuel Davis and Cliff Perryman led the way with five tackles each, while junior end C.J. Wilson was credited with four tackles, including 2.5 for lost yardage.

"I have been really happy with our spring practice," Holtz said. "We tried to develop depth in our two-deep and our young players really came on strong. Our players have been upbeat and have had a great attitude this spring."

The Pirates open its 2008 season against Virginia Tech at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte on August 30.



Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Kicker Ben Hartman made both of his field goal attempts in the scrimmage. One was from 47 yards out.

2008 ECU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM
AUG. 30	VS. VIRGINIA TECH
SEPT. 6	VS. WVU
SEPT. 13	AT TULANE
SEPT. 20	AT NC STATE
SEPT. 27	VS. HOUSTON
OCT. 11	AT VIRGINIA
OCT. 18	VS. MEMPHIS
NOV. 2	AT UCF
NOV. 8	VS. MARSHALL
NOV. 15	AT SOUTHERN MISS
NOV. 22	AT UAB
NOV. 29	VS. UTEP

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After Batts grounded out to second base and Wood advanced on a wild pitch, Kemp came to the plate with a runner on third and two outs.

Despite a 0-4 day at the plate, Kemp came up looking for the right pitch.

"I just thank the Lord for giving me the strength to stick with it after having a rough day," he said. "It was a tough pitch to hit and I didn't know it was gone at first. I thought maybe it was down the line and [Ryan] Wood would score, that's all I cared about. I guess the wind helped me out again."

We don't typically call a 350 ft. rope to left field "fighting it off," but after four previous bats with no success, Kemp was thrilled to make contact and drive in the winning run, capping off a comeback win for the Pirates, 5-3.

It also marked the eighth time this season that Kemp recorded a game-winning hit.

"I thought we came out a little flat early in the game and maybe it was their pitching, but whatever it was, we hung in there and won it at the end," said Godwin. "We talked about this being separation Sunday; separating ourselves with the sweep, getting the team to 8-4 in the league and positioning ourselves for a big weekend at Rice."

Kemp drove in seven RBIs in the series, a big part of their weekend success, belting three home runs as the catalyst for ECU's explosive lineup.

Kemp now leads the team, and C-USA, with 43 RBIs and 12 home runs on the year, and his .366 batting average is second only to leadoff-hitter Eldridge.

ECU will travel to Raleigh Tuesday night to face in-state rival NC State at 6:30 p.m. The Wolfpack beat ECU 4-3 on April 1 in Greenville and have won four-straight one-run games in the series.

"We really want to beat those guys," Roller said. "They came in here to Greenville and took one from us so we're looking to get back at them."

After the NC State game, ECU will host The Citadel Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Clark-LeClair Stadium before heading to Texas for a very important C-USA series this weekend.

ECU will play at Rice, which is first in C-USA and ranked 11th in the nation, beginning Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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The Pirates will attempt to get revenge against NC State Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in Raleigh. The Wolfpack beat ECU by one run in Greenville a couple of weeks ago.

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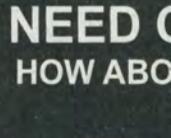
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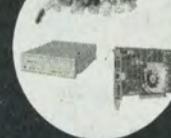
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ECU Marching Pirates FAQs

- **I'm not a music major – can I participate in the ECU Marching Pirates?**

Yes! As with most collegiate marching bands, non-music majors comprise the majority of our membership. In recent years our enrollment has included students from almost every degree plan and department on campus.

- **What is the time commitment for the ECU Marching Pirates?**

The band rehearses 4:00-6:00, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a rehearsal schedule that conflicts with very few academic classes. There are no extra required sectionals. On occasion, our performance schedule will allow us to take some time off, and in the 2008 season the band will take at least six days off during the Fall semester.

- **Are scholarships available?**

Yes. In the 2007 season the ECU Marching Pirates Scholarship Program provided more than \$30,000 of financial aid to band students. All Seniors and Tuba players receive \$400.00 each.

- **How do I enroll for the ECU Marching Pirates?**

Enrollment is very simple. All you have to do is add MUSC 1705 to your class schedule when you register for Fall classes. Music majors register for MUSC 1706. Two hours of course credit is awarded for participation, and can be applied to Fine Arts or elective requirements in any degree plan.

- **I have a class conflict – can I still participate?**

Absolutely! Although our rehearsal time conflicts with very few classes, some students have labs or classes that run into a part of the band rehearsal time. If you have a class time conflict but want to participate in band, please contact the band office and we'll work with your schedule so you can still participate in band.

- **Do I have to audition to be in the band?**

Once you have enrolled in MUSC 1705 or 1706, you are in the band. Auditions for the brass and woodwind sections are for part placement only, and auditions for the color guard and percussion sections will determine if any alternates will be used in those sections. All audition materials are mailed in June, and auditions take place at the beginning of band camp.

- **When is "band camp?"**

The 2008 band camp will begin on Wednesday, August 13 for staff and percussionists, and Thursday, August 14 for all brass and woodwind instrumentalists, color guard members and dance team members. Students will be able to move into their assigned residence hall room on August 13. There will be plenty of time during camp to get settled in your room, purchase books, take care of financial aid, etc.

- **Are there any off-campus performances scheduled next Fall?**

Yes, the band will perform at the ECU-Virginia Tech game in Charlotte, NC. As a member of the ECU Marching Pirates, all of your expenses will be paid by the university including meals, transportation and hotels. If the team is invited to a bowl game, the band will attend that game.

For more information on the ECU Marching Pirates and all of the ECU Bands, please visit our web site at www.ecu.edu/band or contact Dr. Christopher Knighten, Director of the ECU Marching Pirates, at knightenc@ecu.edu.

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Virginia Tech timeline

New information

Monday, April 16

7:15 a.m. Gunfire reported in West Ambler Johnston dorm; two found dead

9:01 a.m. Package received at Virginia post office and addressed to NBC News in New York

9:45 a.m. 911 call alerts police to gunfire at Norris Hall; police find 31 dead, including gunman

Tuesday, April 17

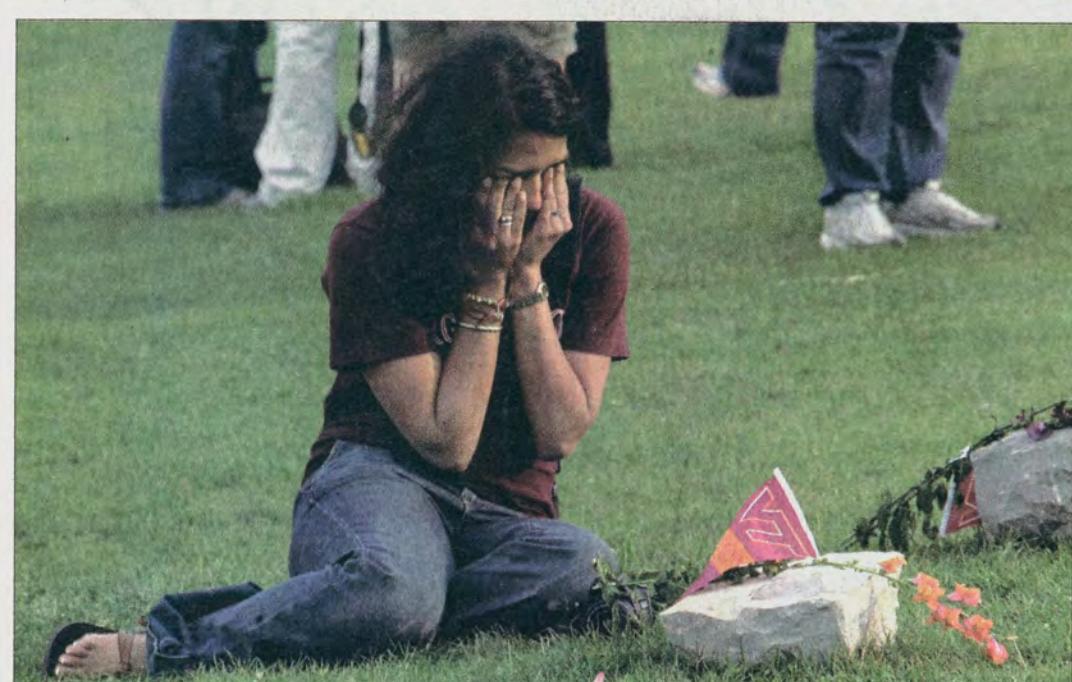
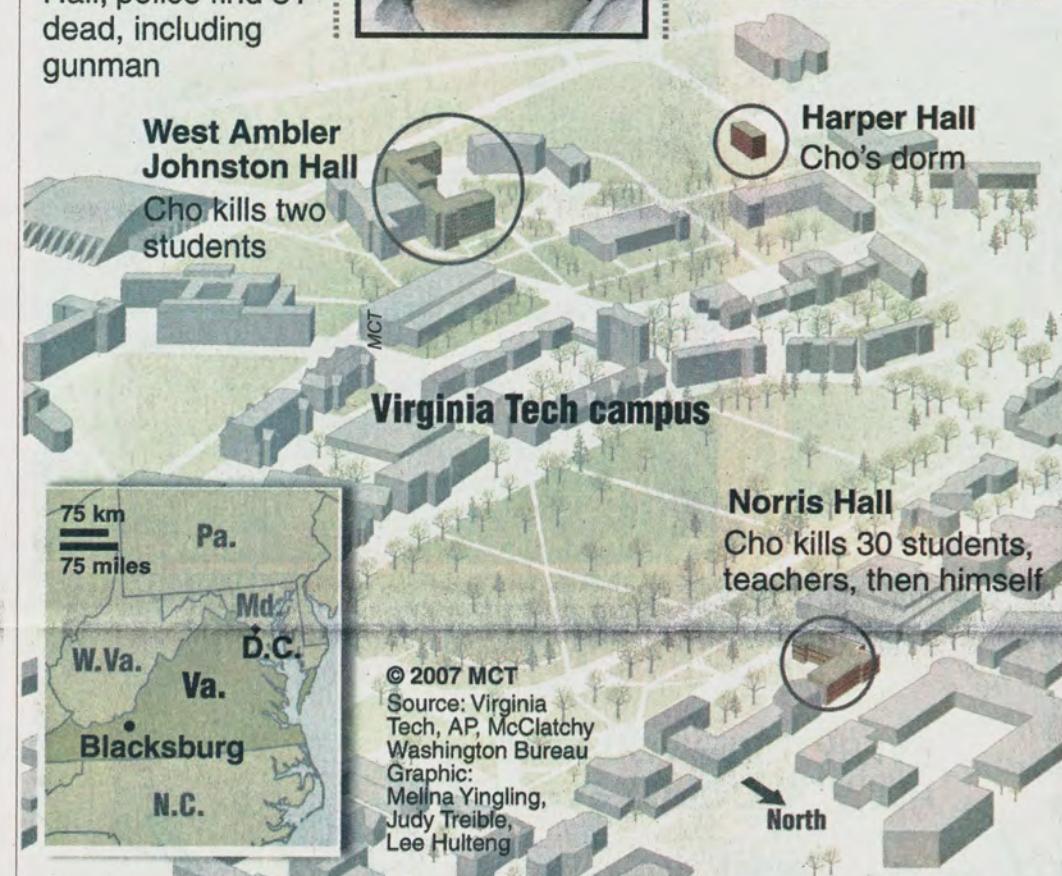
Gunman identified as Cho Sueng-Hui, senior English major and resident of Harper Hall



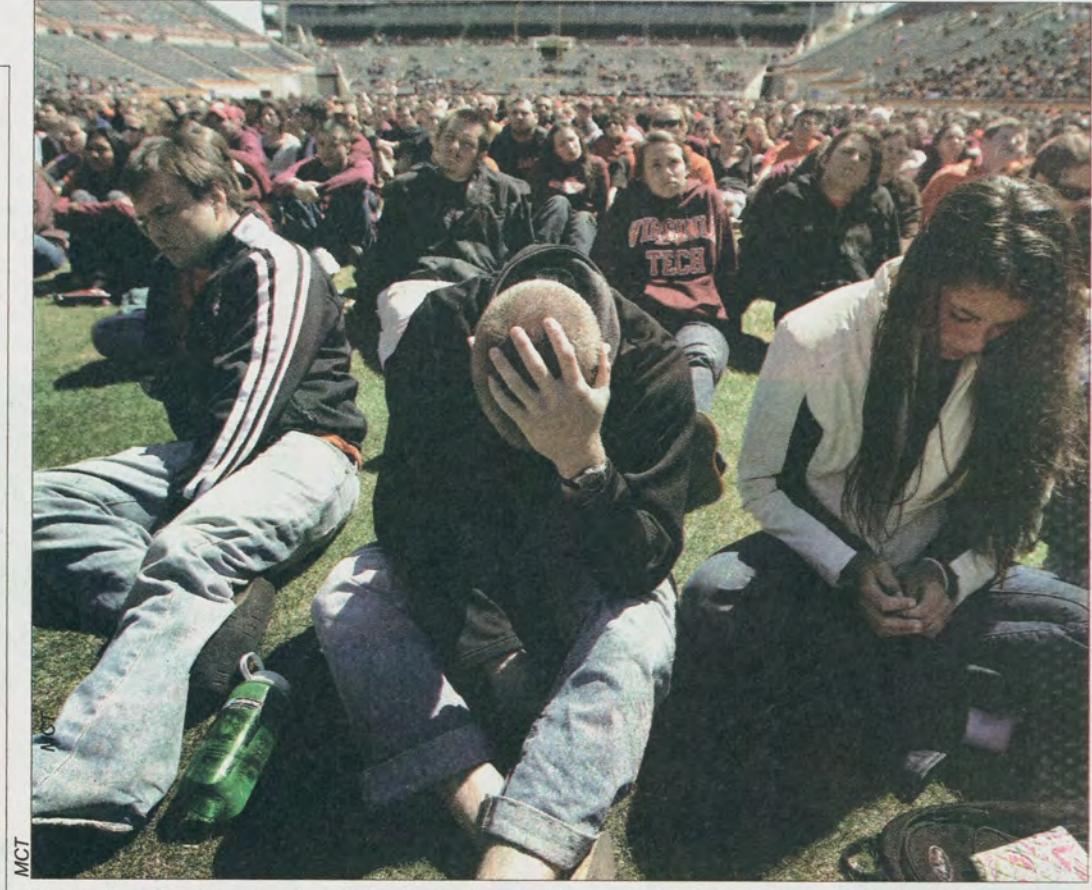
Wednesday, April 18

Authorities reveal that in 2005 Cho was confronted by police after stalking two female students and spent time in a mental facility

4:42 p.m. AP reports NBC received a package from Cho including a 1,800-word recorded manifesto, 23 video files and 29 photographs; package handed over to FBI



A Virginia Tech student mourns the death of the 32 slain. The tragedy affected the whole university.



Students gather to remember their classmates, teachers and faculty that were gunned down April 16.

A tribute to the fallen at Virginia Tech

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Tomorrow marks the year anniversary of the Virginia Tech tragedy in Blacksburg, where gunman and student Seung-Hui Cho massacred over 30 students and faculty members in the deadliest shooting in United States history. The shooting both shocked and saddened colleges and universities across the country.

Just after 7 a.m. on April 16, 2007, Cho entered Virginia Tech dormitory where he shot down a young woman and a male resident advisor before heading on a rampage throughout the campus, killing 30 more students and faculty before taking his own life.

Cho carried two guns—which had their serial numbers filed off—a 9mm semiautomatic and a .22 caliber, according to various news reports released after the shootings. One of the guns was purchased from Roanoke Firearms, a gun shop located about 90 miles from Virginia Tech's campus, while the other was obtained from an out-of-state company.

John Markell, owner of Roanoke Firearms, told *Time Magazine* that he didn't know that his business was linked to the shootings until the evening of the massacre.

"I didn't know I was involved until yesterday evening. I feel the same thing would still have happened if he'd bought it somewhere else," he told *Time*. "I don't believe I'm responsible, but at the same time I feel terrible that he used one of our guns."

The receipt from Markell's shop was found in Cho's pocket by police on the day of the shooting.

Besides the 32 that were killed at the university, 15 were reported wounded, some from leaping out of classroom buildings to escape.

Even more chilling, a post office located in Blacksburg received a 1,800 word "manifesto" written by Cho as well as 23 QuickTime videos of Cho discussing religion and his disdain for the wealthy. The package arrived at the post office at 9:01 a.m., in between the shooting at the dorm and the shooting at the classroom building.

President of Virginia Tech Charles W. Steger told *The Washington Post* the day after the shootings, "I'm really at a loss for words to explain or to understand

the carnage that has visited our campus." And still today, the effects of the events of April 16 reverberate across the country.

Before the shootings, Cho's classmates and teachers were alarmed by behavior of a student who many news outlets proclaimed a "silent killer."

Cho's troubling behavior before the shooting has caused colleges and universities across the nation to be especially wary of students who exhibit alarming characteristics. According to a recent article by The Associated Press, the University of Kentucky is equipping "threat assessment groups" to form a watch list of students that could be potentially harmful to the university.

Other colleges and universities that have added these teams are Mississippi State, the University of Utah, Boston University and of course, Virginia Tech.

"If you look back at the Virginia Tech situation, the aftermath, there were several people who knew that student had problems, but because of privacy issues, they didn't talk to others about it," University of Kentucky president Lee Todd told the Associated Press.

These teams' purpose is to prevent violence like that at Virginia Tech before it happens.

Virginia Tech will conduct a myriad of events to honor those who lost their lives on Wednesday, including a university commemoration where the Virginia Tech president will read aloud the names of the 32 victims along with special remarks about each one, various memorial events across the university's campus and a candlelit vigil that night.

"On this day, the Virginia Tech community reflects on the vibrant lives of the 32 students and faculty who were tragically taken from us a year ago. Through light, art and music we pay tribute to each and every person we lost. We gather to honor our friends, colleagues and family members. We will never forget," the university's Web site declares.

All classes at Virginia Tech will be cancelled on Wednesday.

The one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech tragedy comes just days before the anniversary of the Columbine shootings, which took place on April 20, 1999 in Littleton, Colo.

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Anti-fur protest urges students to invest in faux

Student organization educates about animal cruelty

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

Wright Plaza is campus' prime location for various organizations to bring awareness about their cause, and last week the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR) set up a booth to promote anti-fur awareness at ECU.

ECU sophomore Catherine Parker, SOAR's current secretary and active member, was at the protest giving out information to students on the unnecessary usage of fur today and its affects on the animal population.

"The protest was set up to help raise awareness about the usage of fur as a fashion statement," Parker said. "We have noticed the recent popular-

ity of fur boots and other fur-trimmed accessories and wanted to reach out to the college age group, since they are the main consumers of these products."

To date there are about 20 members involved with SOAR and new members are encouraged to join throughout the semester.

SOAR is a national organization that was formed in 1999 whose purpose is "to teach people that it is both easy and necessary to adopt a lifestyle that does not advocate the needless murder and torture of animals," according to the national Web site.

The protest on April 8 has been in the works for a few months and many members of SOAR felt that it accomplished the goals that were intended.

"There were a few students who came up and asked questions about what we were doing and why. [Others] may not have come up to take a flyer, but they were interested in the facts and that is what mattered most. We wanted something that

would be catchy but not gruesome, and I think we definitely accomplished that," Parker said.

SOAR has many other events planned and students are encouraged to attend.

"We are planning to be at Barefoot on the Mall, Pirate Petacular and Canine Crawl. At the end of the spring semester we take a trip to an animal related site. Last year we went to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center. This year we are considering going to the North Carolina Zoo," Parker said.

SOAR has meetings every Tuesday on campus in Mendenhall room 241 at 5:15 p.m. and students are always welcome to attend or join the e-mail list.

For more information about ECU's chapter of SOAR, e-mail the organization at SOAR@ecu.edu.

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Members of the Student Organization for Animal Rights, SOAR, promoted awareness about animal cruelty last week on Wright Plaza.

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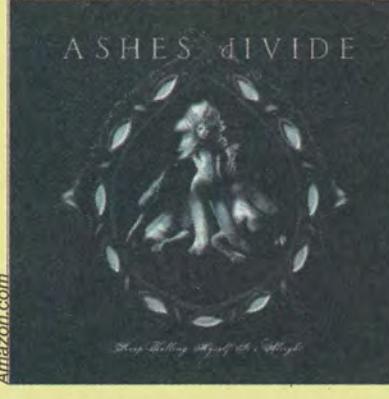
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ASHES DIVIDE delivers emotionally invigorating debut album



ASHES DIVIDE

Keep Telling Myself It's Alright

Band offers insight into life and love

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The title of ASHES DIVIDE's debut album, *Keep Telling Myself It's Alright*, led me to believe that this was just another teenage angst attack filled with mediocre musicianship and pragmatic songs of a love lost.

Although *Keep Telling Myself It's Alright* is filled with songs about heartache and disappointment, the musicianship is anything but the status quo hopeless romantic serenades that saturate mainstream radio nowadays. Rather, ASHES DIVIDE offers an almost spooky insight into songwriter Billy Howerdel's melodramatic soul.

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Day of diversity and culture at bottom of the hill



Campus Living diversity education team sponsors CultureFest

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Living diversity education team is sponsoring and hosting ECU's first annual CultureFest tomorrow at the bottom of College Hill from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to promote diversity and awareness on campus.

According to Ashley UpChurch, a resident advisor working to organize the event,

CultureFest promises a wide array of entertainment from dancers to poets, all displaying their talents and promoting diversity through their art forms. Political groups and other organizations will be attending the event as well.

"Students can find the perfect club or organization to fit into [their lifestyle] ranging from political groups to organizations. There will also be dances, bands playing, poetry readings, open mic sessions; just general good times and great vibes," UpChurch said.

Campus Living hopes that the event's location will help attract people to the festivities, a spot not too far from any location on campus.

The goal of CultureFest is to spotlight and celebrate all cultures.

There is no cost to attend the event and students are encouraged to bring a few items to help them enjoy the day.

"Bring a blanket to lounge around on,

some snacks to munch and forget about school work for an afternoon of great vibes and amazingly talented folks," UpChurch said.

If you're feeling especially talented or want to promote your cause, the team invites performers and organizations to participate in the celebration as well.

"Dances, skits, songs and much more will be performed throughout the day, so don't miss out," UpChurch said.

The Campus Living diversity education team is located within the Office of Institutional Diversity in the Spilman building on campus, whose mission is to "promote an environment that embraces, accepts and respects differences and holds each other accountable. Through programming, education, advocacy, research and partnering with the faculty, staff, students and administrators, the office leads a focused effort to integrate diversity goals and initiatives," according to their Web site.

For more information about the event or Campus Living's diversity education team, visit ecu.edu/ecudiversity.

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album is from start to finish; an ever-evolving ode to triumphs and failures of one man's life. Billy Howerdel offers listeners an eerie look into his mind and heart with ballads that rise and tumble so dramatically that at times it tends to leave one feeling somewhat crushed. This is not to say that the songs featured on the album are impersonal but quite the opposite; these songs contain the sort of omnipotent vulnerability that offer insight into yourself.

ASHES dIVIDE's debut album has an insurmountable level of complexity in every song, but the songs that are great and the songs that are good on the album are separated by leaps and bounds.

While some songs can make goose bumps boil to the surface of your skin with unparalleled fanaticism, other songs tend to make you feel that this band is truly the harbinger of depressed alternative rock masochism. The moody and sublime tone that remains prevalent throughout the album is reminiscent of bands such as gothic rock heroes, The Cure.

The surreal atmosphere that is created through the various tones and textures on the album make it brutally heart wrenching, yet beautifully human.

Keep Telling Myself it's Alright is an anything but modest look into another person that can either seem awkwardly entertaining to the listener or admittedly obscure.

The album is sort of like having that obscenely outspoken friend who has to tell you all his poetic love stories. Even though it might seem intriguing it can get a little weird at times if allowed to go unchecked. Even though Billy Howerdel's vocals lack the nail in the coffin effect that ASHES dIVIDE's music demands, the album is still beyond simply "good."

ASHES dIVIDE will be featured this year on the main stage of the Project Revolution tour headlined by Linkin Park, showcasing Chris Cornell, the Bravery and 10 Years. Project Revolution will be making a stop in Raleigh on April 13.

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