



Into the Wild fashion show to be held at Rehab

Event to help children with cancer

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NEW EDITOR

A fashion show is being held tonight to not only display fashion designs, but to also help children with cancer.

The first "Into the Wild" fashion show will be on April 17 at 7 p.m. at Rehab Lounge in downtown Greenville.

Two ECU senior apparel merchandising majors, Sarah Jacobelli and Billy Hahn, will showcase over 30 original designs to raise money for a local charity committed to helping children with this type of illness.

The funds raised from the fashion show will go toward Camp Rainbow, which aims to give children an outlet to connect with other children that have similar conditions and to improve their self-confidence through camp activities.

Camp Rainbow is also dedicated to working with children with hemophilia and other blood disorders.

The idea for the event came about as a long time goal of one of the designers for the show.

"I had originally set a personal goal to have a fashion show before I graduated because I had never done one before," Jacobelli said.

By chance, Jacobelli's fashion show ambitions and Camp Rainbow offered each other ways to help these children.

"While researching local foundations, I came across Camp Rainbow and read about their goal to increase the enrollment capacity at the camp. I learned that they would need an increase in funds to do this, so that's when I decided that this show could be used to hopefully make a huge donation," Jacobelli said.

The event allows Jacobelli to fulfill her passion for fashion and her passion to help children.

"My major at ECU was originally in Elementary



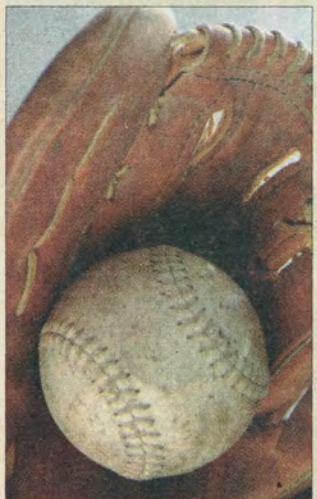
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Fifteen different designs for males will be modeled by students at the fashion show tomorrow night at the Rehab Lounge

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The ECU rugby team made history this season by making Nationals for the first time in the program's short history. The sports section has a recap of their season and where they are headed to now.....A8



The baseball team has a huge Conference USA series at national-powerhouse Rice this weekend. Turn to the sports section to see how the Pirates fared in their midweek games leading up to this weekend's pivotal series.....A8

Democratic Presidential candidate to speak on campus

Senator Barack Obama set to address economic issues at Minges Coliseum

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On Thursday April 17, ECU will have the unique experience of hosting Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama.

Obama will speak in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

This event is free and open to the public, no ticket required, however, it is recommended to RSVP at mybarackobama.com/page/s/bogreenville.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and guests are encouraged to arrive early because the event is on a first come, first serve basis.

According to mybarackobama.com, "I'm proud that Senator Obama is the first candidate to hold a major event in eastern North Carolina this year," said Congressman G.K. Butterfield.

"It shows Obama's commitment to the eastern part of the state and to addressing the unique challenges that hardworking families in the region face. He is proving once again that he's a unifying leader who will speak for all of us, from the mountains to the coast."

A number of factors influenced Obama's trip to Greenville.

"The fact that ECU is the 3rd largest student body in North Carolina with a thriving student group in his support was one of the main reasons," said Nathan Lean, director of ECU Students for Barack Obama.

The trip stems from the recent release of Senator Obama's economic plan for North Carolina, an in-depth, 47-page book.

According to mybarackobama.com, the book includes proposals to eliminate unfair tax loopholes for companies that move North Carolina jobs overseas, relief for homeowners hit by the housing crisis and a middle class tax cut.

The economy is one of the main issues Obama will be addressing on Thursday. There is also hope that he will address issues as they relate to students.

On Tuesday April 15, an economic forum was held at Greenville's Obama for America Headquarters.

Attendees were able to read a copy of Senator Obama's plan, discuss it with others and listen to a briefing via conference call from one of Obama's senior economic advisors about his plan and how it will affect North Carolina.

The event was held on Tax Day to emphasize Obama's commitment to tax fairness for the middle class.

April 17 also kicks off one-stop early voting. For those not able to vote in the primary on May 6, this is the perfect alternative.

Unregistered, eligible voters can register at early voting sites with identification showing their name and current address.

This alternative is available until May 3.

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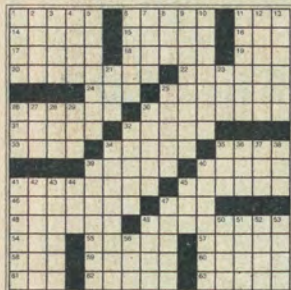


Senator Obama will address economic issues affecting North Carolinians.



Emerge Gallery in Greenville is sponsoring the MFA Thesis Exhibition until May 24, featuring pieces by ECU graduate students Adam Egenolf and Susan McMurray.....B1

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"From Osler to Insulin:
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be presented by Michael
Bliss, professor emeritus of
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her work

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"Into the Wild"
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7-10 p.m.
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Ensemble
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Wright Auditorium

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8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher
Recital Hall

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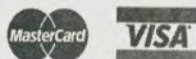


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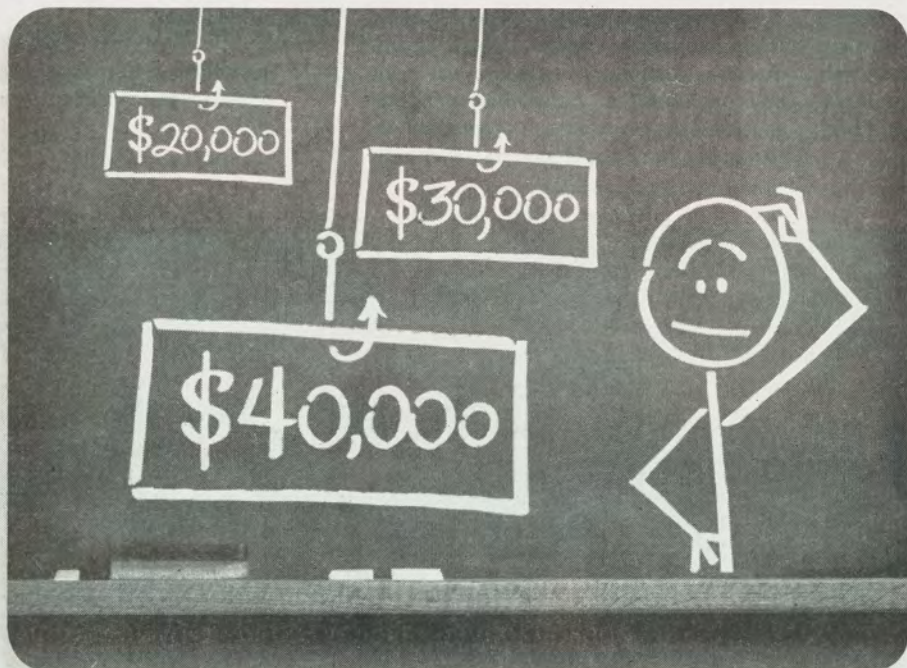
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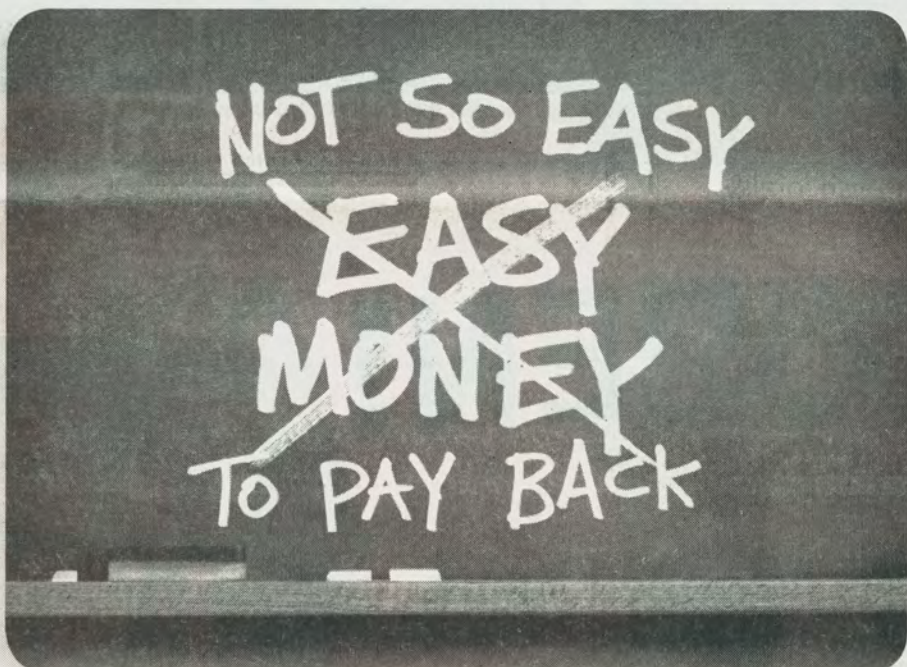
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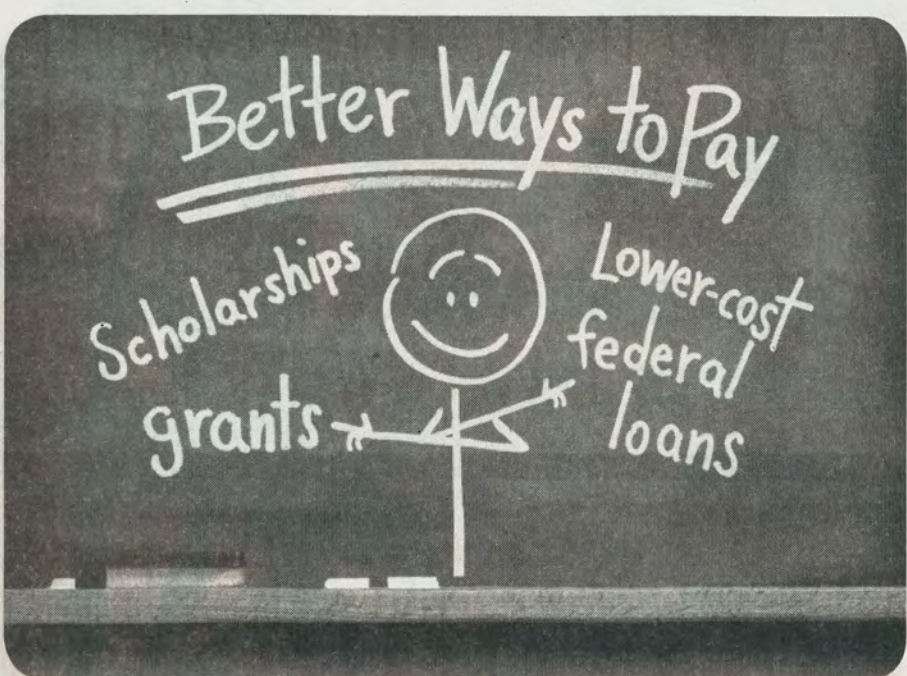
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Annual History Day competition hosted on campus

Event allows middle and high school students to showcase their work

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On Thursday, April 10, the District I History Day competition was held at Mendenhall Student Center.

This year's theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History." Themes were chosen by the National History Day coordinating committee, they seek to find themes that are relevant and interesting for participants and students.

Chad Ross, visiting assistant professor of history, served his first year as the History Day coordinator.

"History Day has long been a part of the mission of the Department of History, and our relationship with History Day goes back a goodly number of years," Ross said.

The competition is held each spring on the campus of ECU.

The Pitt County Historical Society provides plaques in recognition of the winning schools in each of the categories.

Middle grade and high school contestants from a variety of schools in North Carolina compete in eight contests: history papers, individual and group documentaries, performances, exhibits and websites. Contestants are chosen through their own school's competitions.

District winners advance to the State History Day competition to be held at the North Carolina Museum of History on April 26.

State winners later go to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland at College Parke in June.

"I was very happy about the result of this

event. I'm a history buff and when I found out that ECU was hosting a History Day, I had to come," said David Mendez, freshman.

Many of this year's first place winners from District I came from St. Peter's School.

Marie Payne's, "Civil Rights Act" won first place for the historical papers competition.

St. Peter's School also brought home the winner for best individual and group performance. Annalise Bath won for individual and Mia Dietrich and Grayson Gibson won for group.

Alex Deans from Greene County Middle School won first place in the individual documentary for the "Greensboro 4."

The group documentary first prize went to Blake and Zach Aldridge for their work in "Brown vs. Board of Education" documentary.

As for the winners in the exhibits, Mingo Rodriguez-Cue took first place for her exhibit on the Cuban Missile Crisis. First place in group exhibit went to the duo A.J. and Britany Parker.

Erin and Katie Naziri's Web site on the Cuban Missile Crisis took first place in the group Web site competition while John Bell's "El Salvador Civil War" also won first prize for individual Web site.

National History Day is the nation's leading program for history education in schools. The program draws more than half a million participants from grades 6 through 12 each year.

"I've been to this competition every year for the past three years, and it's always so exciting to watch. I never get bored of seeing the winners' happy faces," said Jennifer Beltro, mother of two middle school children.

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College of Business announces scholarships

More than \$100,000 given to help fund students' education

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David and Pamela Bond have donated more than \$100,000 to the College of Business, which will be used for student scholarships.

The David and Pamela Bond Access Scholarships are targeted towards undergraduates and incoming freshmen in the College of Business.

Access scholarships are part of a university-wide effort to help families with little money fund their child's education. "The scholarships will allow us to attract some good quality students that need some financial assistance to get through school," said Frederick Niswander, dean

of the College of Business. David Bond is an alumnus of ECU, a retired businessman and a guest speaker in business classes on campus.

He also participates with the ECU Educational Foundation, more often known as the Pirate Club. "These scholarships are a small way to give back to an institution I care so much about," said David Bond. "Unfortunately, many qualified students cannot advance their education because of financial constraints; hopefully these scholarships will be an entry point for some of those students."

Each scholarship will fund a full academic year and will be announced every year in January or February, according to Niswander.

There are more than 20 new scholarships, each totaling \$5,000, which is expected to cover the cost of in-state tuition, fees and books.

The application for the David and Pamela Bond Access Scholarships can be found on the College of Business Web site. A scholarship ceremony will be held April 29 to announce the first seven recipients of the scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The recipients were chosen through a process involving the ECU Office of Financial Aid and College of Business Scholarship Committee. "I think the new scholarships are a great idea. It would have been good to have them available to me when I was an undergraduate here," said Bill Maton, graduate student in the College of Business. While the scholarships are mostly geared toward undergraduate students, it is possible that some graduate students may win them, Niswander said.

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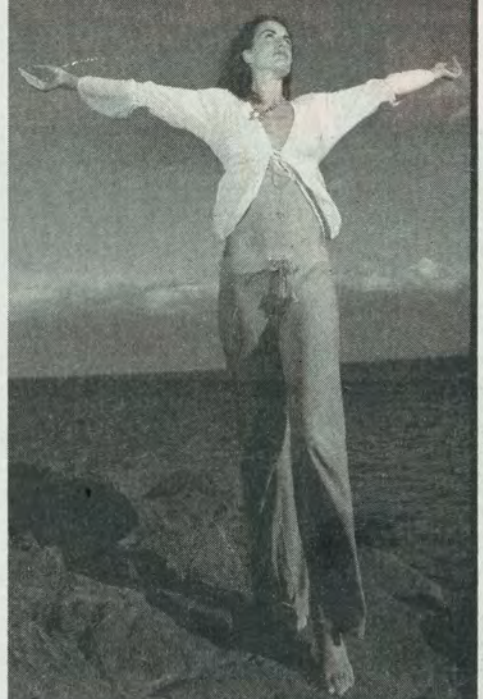
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Individual banquets combined into Student Leadership Awards Banquet



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Students pose with their awards after the SGA Banquet.

Event to unify student organizations

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This year, rather than having their own individual end-of-the-year banquets, student organizations have been invited to attend the Student Leadership Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

In the interest of instilling a sense of unity among student organizations, the Center made the decision to combine the banquets into one.

The change is just "one of a couple different steps we're taking toward unifying student organizations," said Charles Brown, director of the center.

Brown, Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for Student Experiences, and the heads of student organizations decided together to bring all of the campus organizations together under one roof on one night, according to Brown.

They feel that the combination will "add to [their] goal of establishing a more unified atmosphere to all of [the] student organizations."

Groups such as SGA, Media Board, and Student Union, among others, have all been invited to the new Student Leadership Awards Banquet that will be held near the end of the month.

According to Brown, at the individual banquets, leaders distribute awards to individual members and recognize the "Best of the Best" within their respective organizations. This year, however, the combined banquet will keep many of the same awards, but will focus more on the most outstanding in each organization rather than multiple individual awards.

"All student leaders can see other leaders being recognized and can see what other students are accomplishing outside of their own organizations," Brown said.

"Hopefully, it will spawn some future collaboration."

In addition to the goal of unification, combining the banquets into one large one is a cost-effective strategy, according to King.

Brown, King, and the student leaders from many of the campus organizations discussed making the change last year and concluded that, rather than spending at least \$15,000 to \$24,000 per year on banquets, they could put together one

large one for \$6000—about one-third of the original price.

The combination of the banquets also gives Chancellor Steve Ballard the opportunity to interact with student leaders all on one night, according to Brown.

"There may be four or five [banquets] on one night," Brown said about the individual banquets. The change will make it easier for Ballard to sit down with all organization leaders in the room at one time.

The Center plans to have a Student Leadership training retreat on the Saturday before the event, April 26, to discuss student leadership and what it means, as well as work toward unification among the different organizations.

"While each of these organizations do their own jobs and have their own responsibilities, there's an underlying principle that they're all student leaders first," Brown said.

The Student Leadership Awards Banquet will be held on April 27 at the Greenville Hilton.

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Members of SGA and their guest enjoy dinner at the SGA banquet.



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Members of The East Carolinian pose together after the Media Board Banquet last year.

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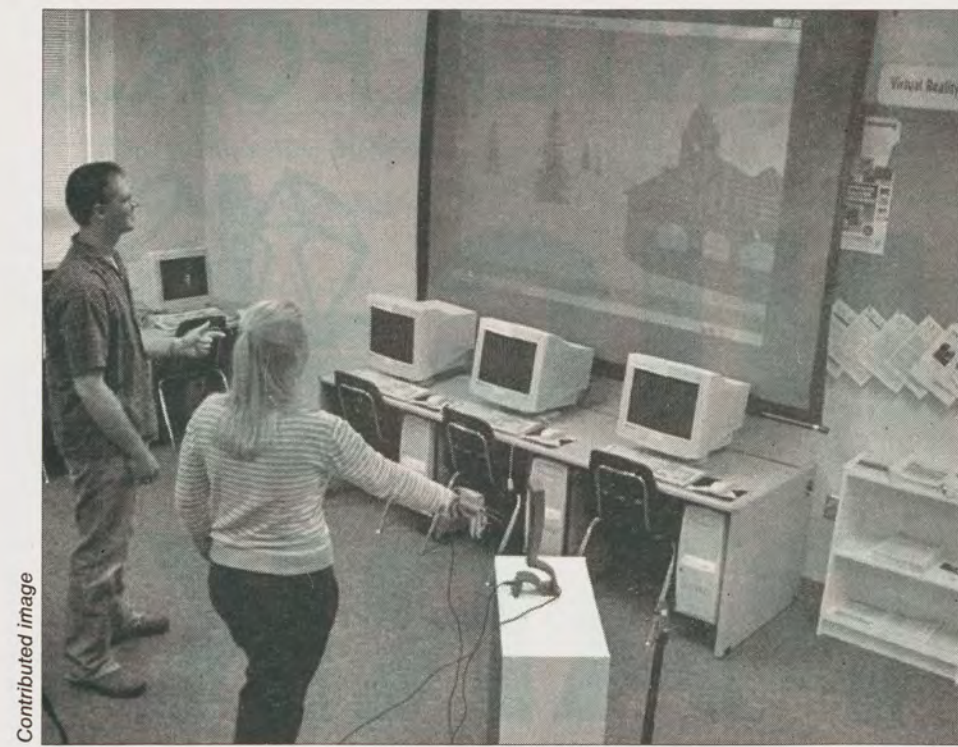
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The technologies in lab are similar to game components such as the Nintendo Wii.

VR in the Schools focuses on virtual reality and education

JIMMY GALLOWAY
STAFF WRITER

VR in the Schools, published by the Virtual Reality and Education Laboratory in the College of Education, celebrated 11 years online with its latest issue.

The journal began in 1995 in print, but two years later began being distributed via e-mail. Today it is only available online.

Its articles are reviewed by professionals at such institutions as Kent State University, the University of Ioannina in Greece and Temple University, as well as community colleges and high schools.

VR in the Schools' main focus is on the incorporation of virtual reality technologies in the field of education.

Working with the Virtual Reality and Education Lab (VREL) located in Joyner Library, Co-Directors, Veronica Pantelidis and David Vinciguerra, illustrate how VR can be incorporated into a variety of curricula, with a focus on low-cost VR technologies.

The lab has a variety of equipment, some of which would be immediately recognizable to students, such as a PlayStation 2, Dance Dance Revolution mats, and an EyeToy motion-sensing camera.

Vinciguerra demonstrated how the PlayStation and EyeToy could be used for

education with a game where he had to sort falling objects into bins based on their color. It also could be used for lessons on physics, as the objects reacted differently if he gently nudged them or quickly swatted them away.

This also has use for the disabled, since it can be accessible with just using the hands or arms. Games requiring motion are also good as an alternative to traditional methods of physical therapy and rehabilitation.

"Virtual reality is really becoming commonplace, so people don't really think of these things as VR," Vinciguerra said.

"The [Nintendo] Wii is the same principle as what we're using."

"Maybe we should get one," Pantelidis said.

Many of the technologies in Nintendo's Wii are similar to what is in use in the lab.

Vinciguerra demonstrated motion sensing

with the EyeToy, as well as using a USB "Data Glove" to manipulate objects on the screen with an IR sensor much like what Nintendo's Wii remotes do.

Another application of VR to school systems is the popular game Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), where players play by dancing on a mat.

Some schools are using DDR as a way for students to be more physically active, as well as increasing self-confidence.

"Some schools are actually getting grants to purchase DDR [but] you're limited to what games come out," Vinciguerra said.

Students in the VREL create, shape and texturize their own environments and objects. They can then manipulate them in 3D, to see their creations from all angles.

A demonstration with the software showed that it takes only minutes to create something in 3D, with additional time for refinements based on how detailed the final object had to be.

Among all the computers and equipment, there were three computers running Windows 95.

"The software we use will run on Windows 95, so even schools with outdated computer labs can take advantage of VR and use this software," Vinciguerra said.

For interested students, the Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology under the College of Education offers graduate and undergraduate courses in virtual reality.

The Virtual Reality and Education Laboratory and its co-directors can be contacted from its homepage at coe.ecu.edu/vr/vrel.htm.

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Students can control the images so they can view them from many different angles.

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Education so working with children holds a place in my heart," Jacobelli said.

After finding a good cause to donate the money from the show to, Jacobelli sought help from fellow apparel merchandising major, Hahn. "Sarah asked me to make the men's clothes and I agreed to do that," Hahn said.

Those who decide to attend don't have to worry about seeing clothing similar to that displayed in the mall and department stores. "Everything is unique designs for the event," Hahn said.

Tickets have been on sale since Monday for regular and VIP seating. The only tickets available now are regular seating. "We had 40 VIP seats but they're already sold out," said Rhiannon Rosenthal, one of the coordinators for the show.

VIP seating secured the attendees a seat at the show while regular seating actually ask attendees to stand, according to Rosenthal.

Regular seating can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Although the event starts at 7 p.m., the doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

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Designs for females will also be modeled at the show.

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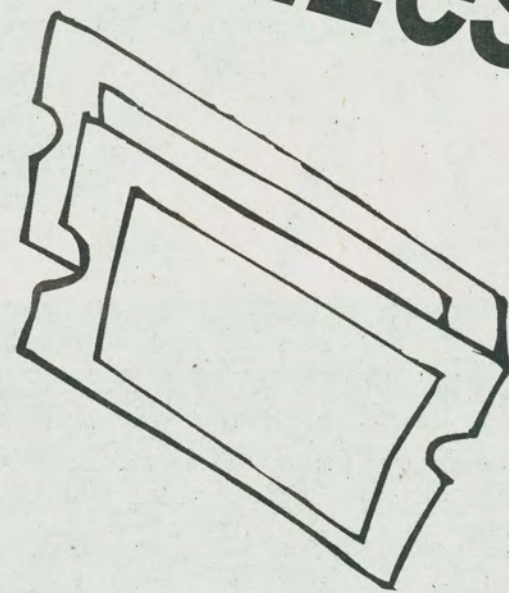
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Rugby team ready for the national stage



The ECU rugby team plays in a fierce battle against in-state rival NC State earlier this season in Greenville. The Pirates defeated the Wolfpack 43-32 in that game.

Pirates make national tournament for first time

HART HOLLOMAN
STAFF WRITER

The rugby team will travel to Albuquerque, NM this weekend to compete in the Division II national tournament for the first time in school history, and try to earn a spot in the

national championship game on May 2.

They qualified for the tournament by beating the University of South Florida and Wake Forest to capture the South Regional tournament two weeks ago.

It is the culmination of a long, tough season in which the Pirates compiled a 7-1 record and won their second in a row, regular season conference crown.

The season started with a tough loss to Division I powerhouse UNC, but the Pirates rebounded well, and with a core of seniors leading the charge, they went on to win their next seven matches in convincing fashion.

First they took down conference rival NC State at home, 43-32, and then pummeled UNCW 44-0 the following weekend. Then conference foe Wake put up a good fight with

a late charge, but the Pirates pulled out a win, 18-11.

Their final conference match proved to be their closest of the season when they welcomed Appalachian State to Greenville.

Missing four starters due to ROTC commitments, it took a clutch kicking performance by Robert Lee, former ECU football place kicker, to get the win against the in-state rival.

"The regular season was tough with the level of competi-

tion we faced and the weather we had to deal with," said junior Drew Griffin. "A few games got rained out that really would have helped us prepare for the playoffs, but we still felt confident going into the regional tournament."

That confidence was exemplified when they destroyed Western Kentucky in the quar-

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ECU wins extra inning battle with The Citadel

Pirates win in 10
innings

RONNIE WOODWARD
SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's pitcher-by-committee worked well enough for a 4-3, extra-inning win over The Citadel Wednesday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

The Pirates' head coach Billy Godwin used four pitchers, who gave up a total of two earned runs, in the midweek victory.

"We have to win every game, and that's just the way I approach it," Godwin said. "I couldn't be any more pleased with our bullpen and those guys coming in and doing a great job against a good Citadel team."

Dustin Harrington knocked in the game-winning run with a RBI single in the bottom of the tenth, scoring Brandon Henderson, who led off the inning with a single of his own.

"I was just trying to relax and put the ball in play," Harrington, a true freshman, said of his at-bat. "In that situation [with the bases loaded] pretty much anywhere you hit the ball, a run is going to score. It just felt great to come through."

The Pirates lost a heartbreaker to archrival NC State Tuesday night in Raleigh, 7-6, which was the fifth-straight one-run loss to the Wolfpack. ECU had the bases loaded in the ninth down by one, but NC State closer Jimmy Gill-heeny struckout freshman Trent Whitehead to end the game.

ECU fared much better in the one-run game against The Citadel.

"We had a tough loss last night against NC State, so this was a big win for us," Harrington said.

Seth Simmons, ECU's final pitcher, picked up his second win of the season after throwing a score-less 10th inning.

But Simmons didn't enter the game in an easy situation to say the least. After the Bulldogs got a single and a double to put runners on second and third to start the top of the 10th, Simmons came on to relieve senior Josh Ruhlman.

The Pirates' true freshman pitcher stayed composed however, striking out two of the four batters he faced in the 10th. Simmons struck out Matt Reifsnider



Left fielder Stephen Batts went 2-for-4 with one run scored and one walk against The Citadel Wednesday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

and then intentionally walked Chris McGuinness to load the bases. With the bases juiced, Simmons struck out the next batter and then got Kyle Jordan to flyout, ending the Bulldogs' threat.

"I just tried to relax and stay ahead in the count," Simmons said. "I know I needed a couple strikeouts to get out of the inning so I just tried to relax and make good pitches."

Ruhlman pitched four shutout innings, which was a career-high, while striking out four and allowing only three hits.

The left-handed senior faced 11 batters before allowing a hit, a single by pitch-hitter Trey Thomas in the ninth.

"Josh Ruhlman did a great job and so did Seth Simmons," said Godwin. "Simmons getting out of that bases-loaded jam gave

us some adrenaline and a shot of life."

ECU started junior walk-on pitcher Britton Cole, who was making his first collegiate start.

The seldom-used Cole only lasted 1 1/3 innings, allowing one run (unearned) on four hits. He was only making his third appearance of the season after walking on to the team from Pitt Community College.

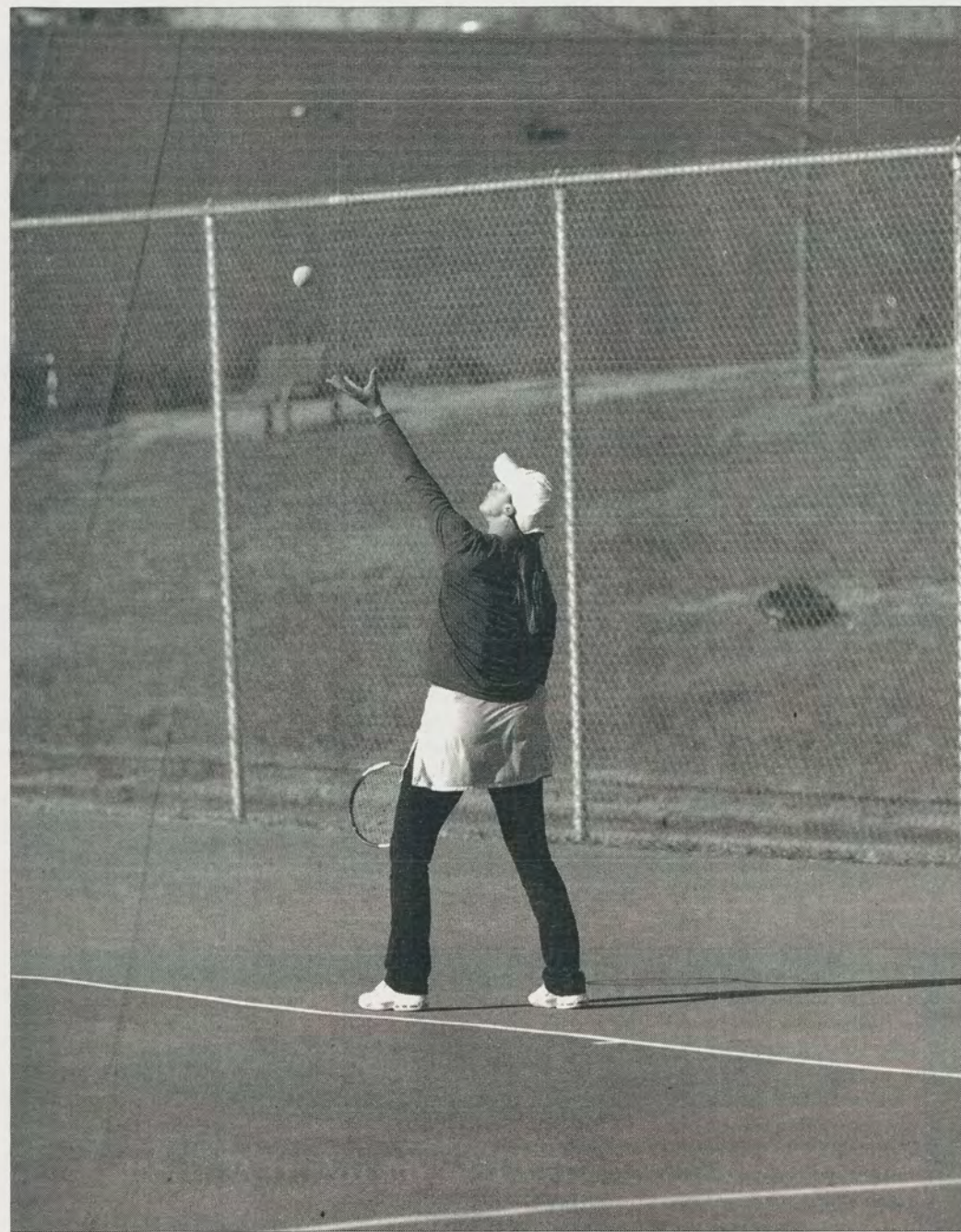
Daniel Holder, a fellow transfer, relieved Cole in the second inning and pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing two runs while striking four.

The Citadel also utilized the pitcher-by-committee approach, using four pitchers on the night.

Reifsnider, who started

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Lady Pirate tennis heading to C-USA Tournament



The Lady Pirates will play in this weekend's Conference USA Tournament in Houston.

ECU will be the No. 8 seed

HART HOLLOWAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's tennis team will travel to Houston this weekend for the annual Conference USA Tournament.

The Lady Pirates will enter the tournament as the No. 8 seed carrying an overall record of 16-5 and a 1-0 mark in the conference.

The Pirates, whose season finale against South Carolina State was cancelled this past weekend due to rain, are riding a three match win streak, all of them shutouts. Though the rain caused the match to be abandoned shortly after it began, a senior day ceremony was held for Luiza Borges, Mireia Gol, Zandy Overcash, Hannah Priest and Alex Smith before the action began.

The season began for them with a ten match win-streak when they welcomed ACC powerhouse Virginia Tech to town and suffered their first loss of the season.

After that they hit a rough patch and lost four of their next seven, but their strong finish

to the season has coach Tom Morris liking what he sees going into the tournament.

"We lost some tough matches but won some good ones as well," said Morris. "The weather was tough on us this year and some of those matches would have been good preparation, but overall we played well this season."

The success of the team has a lot to do with their consistency throughout the squad, according to Morris.

"Our strength is in the

middle of our lineup," he said. "We are really solid in the three, four and five positions and depending on the day they tend to win us a lot of points."

"But if they are struggling, it's usually going to be a pretty long day. Usually we are able to pick up wins in those three positions and then pick up one or two points in other matches as well."

He also added that the play and leadership of the seniors is something the team has relied

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Tiger has knee surgery following Masters loss

Woods should miss 4-6 weeks

AP—Tiger Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday to repair cartilage damage, his second operation in five years on the same knee. He is expected to miss at least a month while he recovers.

The surgery, announced on his Web site, came two days after Woods finished three shots behind Trevor Immelman in the Masters. He most likely will miss The Players Championship, but should return in time to play the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines on June 12.

"I made the decision to deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and know how to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002, per-

formed the surgery in Park City, Utah. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

Swing coach Hank Haney told the AP in a phone interview he knew Woods' knee was bothering him, but was not aware of the surgery until Woods called him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," Haney said. "He doesn't talk about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit. He hit 14 greens in regulation on Sunday. Hard to say it was the knee."

Woods gave no indication his knee was bothering him the first three months of the season, when he won his first four tournaments to extend a winning streak that dated to September.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent

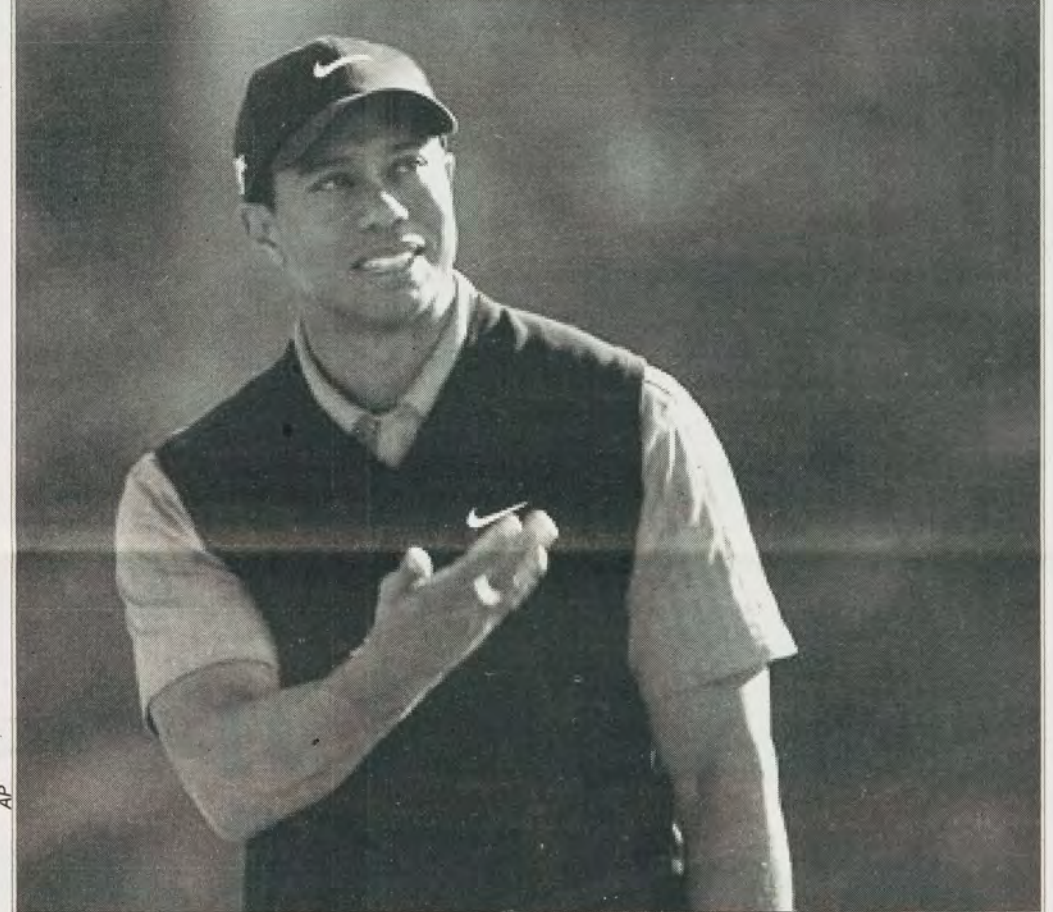
at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as possible."

Steinberg said the surgery repaired cartilage damage. The 2002 surgery drained fluid from around the anterior cruciate ligament and removed a benign cyst.

Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship in consecutive weeks in August, the latter his 13th career major. After tying for second at the Deutsche Bank Championship to Phil Mickelson, he won the final two events to capture the FedEx Cup, won his unofficial Target World Challenge in December, and won his first four events until tying for fifth at Doral last month.

During the final two events of the PGA Tour season — the BMW Championship in Chicago and the Tour Championship — Woods occasionally would press his foot against a cooler on the tee box and

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Tiger Woods reacts to a missed putt at The Masters this past weekend. Woods finished second.

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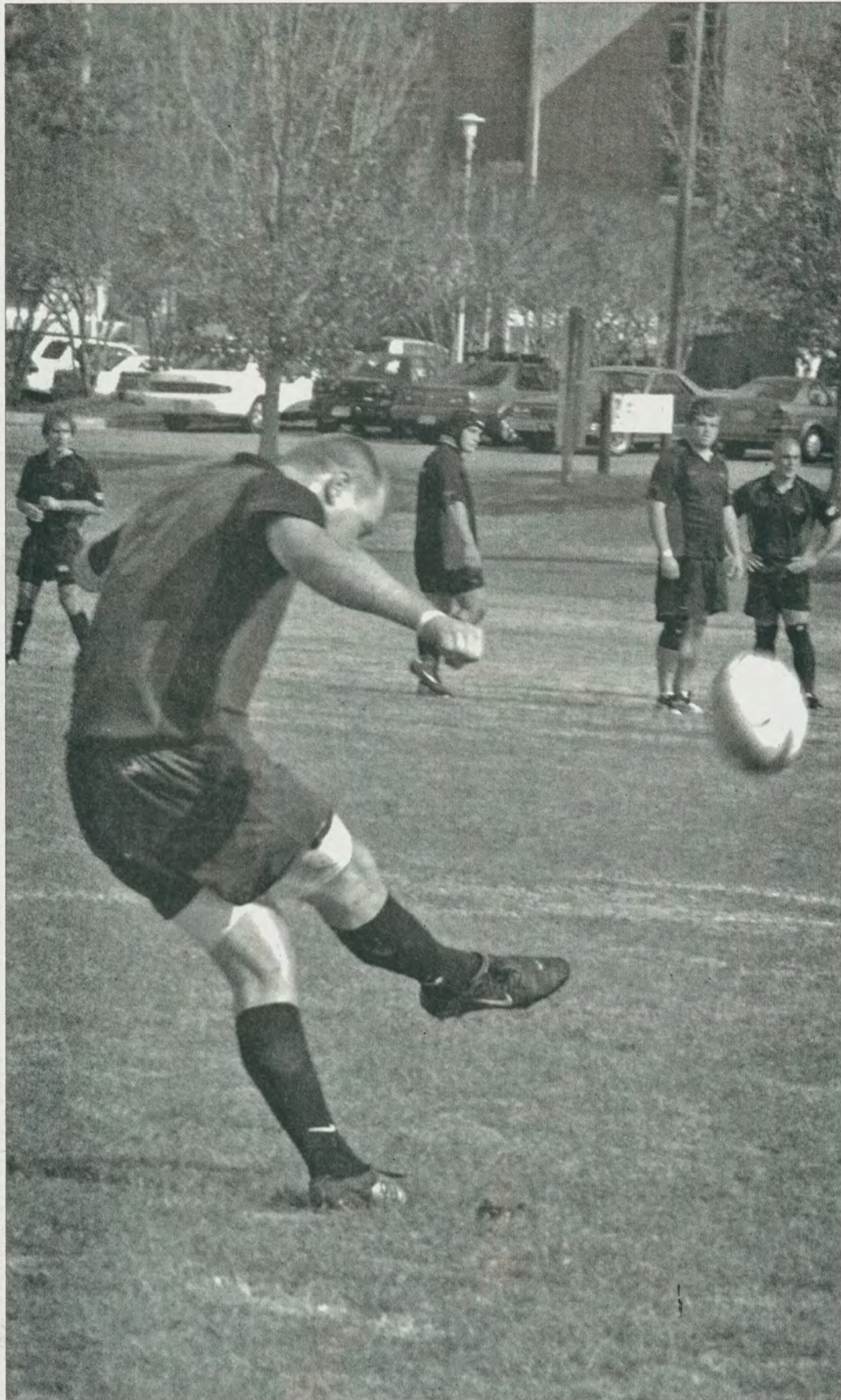


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Robert Lee (above) has been a big reason for the ECU rugby's team success this season.

**ECU RUGBY
SEASON RESULTS**

Jan. 26	vs. UNC	L, 16-7
Feb. 2	vs. NC State	W, 43-32
Feb. 9	at UNCW	W, 44-0
Feb. 16	at Wake Forest	W, 18-11
March 1	vs. App. State	W, 16-14
March 22	vs. W. Kentucky	W, 80-3
March 29	vs. USF	W, 38-33
March 20	vs. Wake Forest	W, 19-10

terfinals, 80-3, and momentum was in their favor entering the final four of the South Region. When the draw was announced for the final four of the region, the Pirates seemingly caught a tough break when they were matched against highly ranked USF. But, this squad was not to be denied and they emerged victorious, 38-33, on another strong kicking performance by Lee. Griffin admitted that drawing the Bulls in the first round probably gave them the best chance to advance.

"USF was much bigger than us so we had to rely on our speed," he said. "It was probably better we got them the first game while our legs were still fresh and we could use our speed to our advantage."

In the finals, the Pirates saw Wake for the second time this season. They slugged out another hard fought win, 19-10, to book their ticket to nationals.

Griffin attributes their success this season to a strong senior class and the example their leadership sets.

"Most of the seniors were here a few years ago when we were not very good, so they push everyone so we don't fall back into that," Griffin said. "We have some great seniors and everyone wants to do this for them."

Griffin also pointed out some of the standout performers of the season.

"Tom [Francisco] has been great for us, his speed has been tough for teams to handle and

Connor [Duke] has been solid on the other wing too," said Griffin. "Justin [Bourgeois] has been great too."

But, he admits that the expert kicking of Lee has made the difference in many matches.

"Having Robert gives us a huge advantage over a lot of teams. His kicking has made us a complete team and gives us something a lot of other teams don't have," Griffin said.

The Pirates will face Utah Valley State in their first match of the weekend on Saturday, and if they advance, will either face Northern Colorado, or defending DII champion Middlebury on Sunday.

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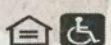
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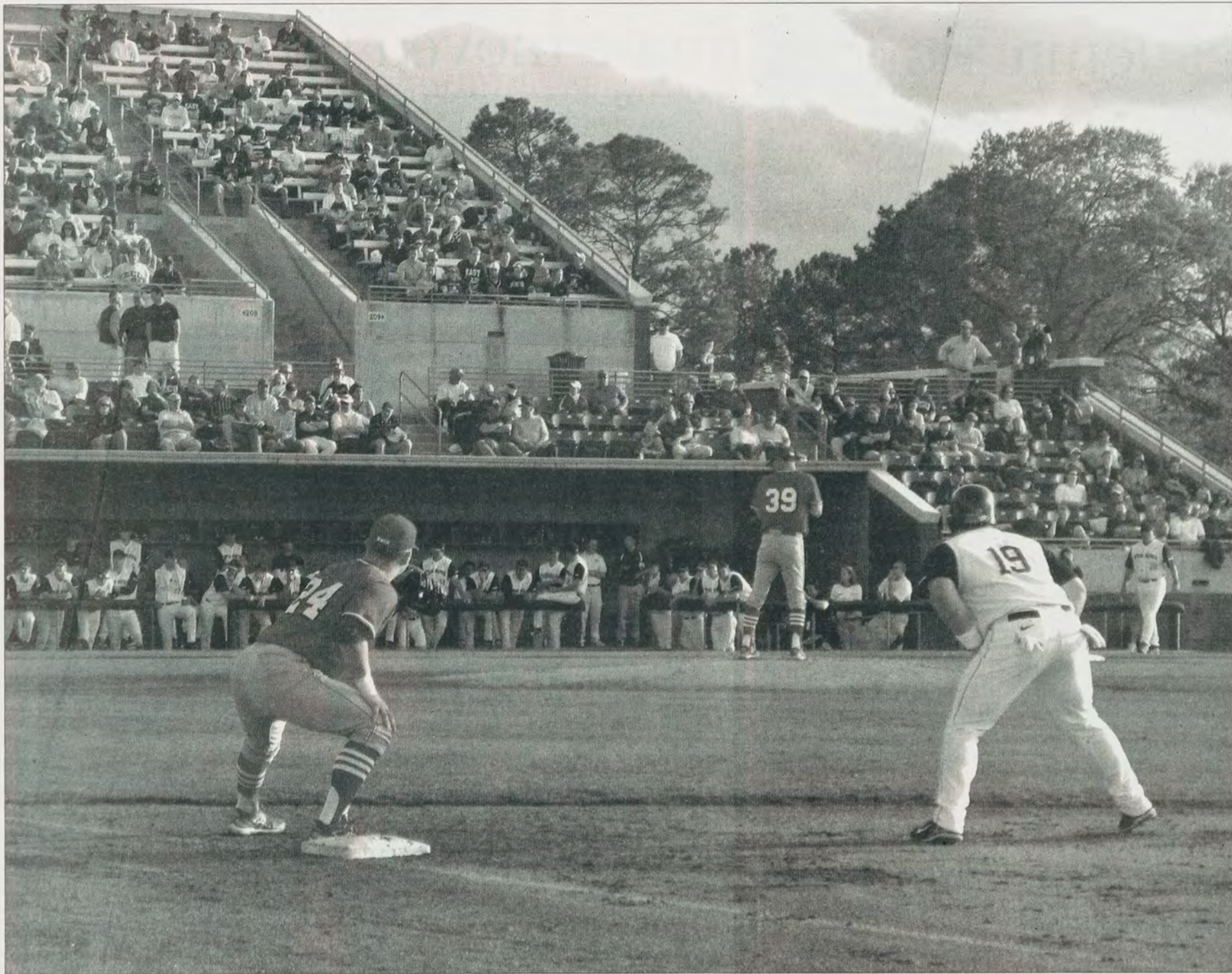


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the game at first base, suffered the loss after the entering the game at the start of the bottom of the ninth.

Behind 3-1, ECU tied the game at 3 by manufacturing two runs in the bottom of the sixth, despite only recording one hit in the inning—a leadoff single by Batts. Batts scored later on a failed pickoff attempt by Bulldog's pitcher Raymond Copenhagen. Kemp scored the tying run on a fielders choice off the bat of Dustin Harrington.

After two midweek games, one of which went to extra innings, the Pirates will head to Houston to play No. 11 Rice this weekend in a very important conference series.

"These guys are pretty resilient and they trained in the off-season for this," Godwin said of the schedule.

Rice is first in the conference with a 10-2 record while ECU is in third place, at 8-4. Houston is sandwiched between the two at 7-2.

"This is a huge series and a series that a lot of people were talking about in the preseason," Godwin said. "They are a good club and are playing well right now. We have to go in there and put on all of our battle gear and go after them because it will be a great challenge for our team."

First pitch Friday night between No. 11 Rice and No. 23 ECU is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with a 8 p.m. start Saturday night and 2 p.m. for the series finale on Sunday.

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The Pirates avenged their heartbreaking loss to NC State by defeating The Citadel by one run in 10 innings Wednesday night.

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on for results this year.

"We rely on our seniors obviously," said Morris. "Luiza Borges has had a great four-year career here and the only [career] I've seen better here has been Mireia Gol, and both of them had a great spring this year."

Morris also adds that the play of underclassmen has been a huge part of their success as well.

"Tamara [Sachs] was 14-5, which is great for a freshman," Morris said. "Brooke [Walter] was 11-6, had a great year. And everyone else too so it was a good season for us."

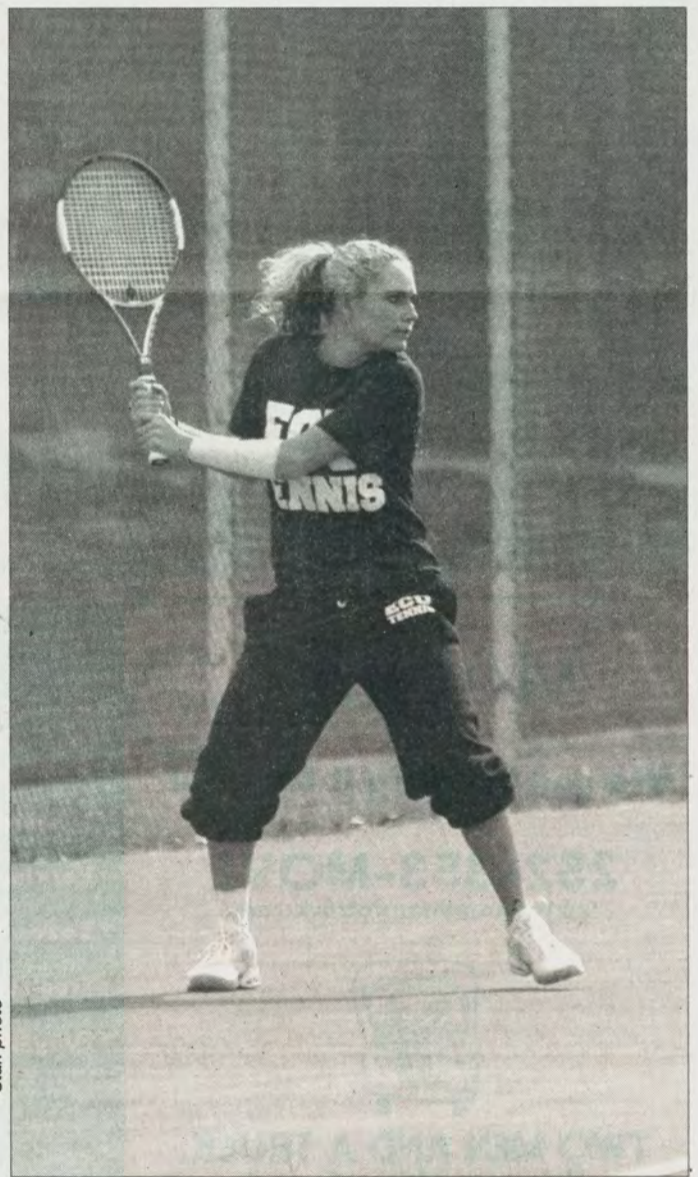
In fact, of all the players who saw action in singles this year, none of them finished with a losing record. The team as a whole finished with a .714 winning percentage in singles for the season.

In doubles they were even more dominant, posting a .750 winning percentage as a team.

The Pirates will face UAB, their lone conference opponent in the regular season, in their first match of the weekend.

But if they advance they will likely get the No.1 seed Tulsa, whom Morris described as very, very good team.

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Senior Mireia Gol attempts a backhand at ECU's Tennis Complex.

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ECU tennis players receive academic honors

Pirates take up two of the five slots

ECU SID—Three seniors, a junior and two sophomores make up the 2008 Conference USA All-Academic Women's Tennis team. All six members have at least a 3.60 GPA for the second year in a row.

ECU had two members on the team, while Rice, SMU, Tulsa and UCF each placed one representative on the squad.

ECU teammates Hannah Priest and Brooke Walter were named to the all-academic team after leading the Lady Pirates to a 16-5 record. Priest, a senior, carries a 3.98 GPA in physical education and is one of three repeat selections to the C-USA All-Academic Team. Priest also earned a spot on the Dean's List and the ECU Athletics Director's Honor Roll. She currently serves as the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative and has posted an impressive 9-2 singles mark.

Walter has a perfect 4.00 GPA as an English major with a psychology minor. The sophomore was selected to the ECU Athletics Director's Honor Roll, the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and received the academic medal from Conference USA.

This spring she is 11-6 in singles matches and 10-6 in doubles.

SMU's Natalia Bubien is another repeat selection and the lone junior on the All-Academic Team. With a 3.85 GPA in psychology, Bubien is a three-time C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal honoree and is currently ranked No. 88 in singles and No. 41 in doubles by the ITA. The junior is 9-6 in the No. 1 singles spot this spring and 11-4 at No. 1 doubles, including a victory over the nation's top doubles team from Notre Dame.

Tulsa's Agostino Santoro garnered her second All-Academic recognition with her 3.66 GPA in biochemistry. Santoro is also a three-time C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member and six-time member of the Dean's List. The senior is 13-4 during the spring season at the No. 4, 5, and 6 singles slots and will be key to the Golden Hurricane's defense of the 2007 conference championship title.

Rice sophomore Julie Chao, the reigning C-USA Freshman of the Year, is an economics major with a 3.60 GPA. As the Owls' primary No. 1 singles and doubles player, Chao has posted a 20-9 singles record and a 17-9 mark in doubles. She was a recipient of the

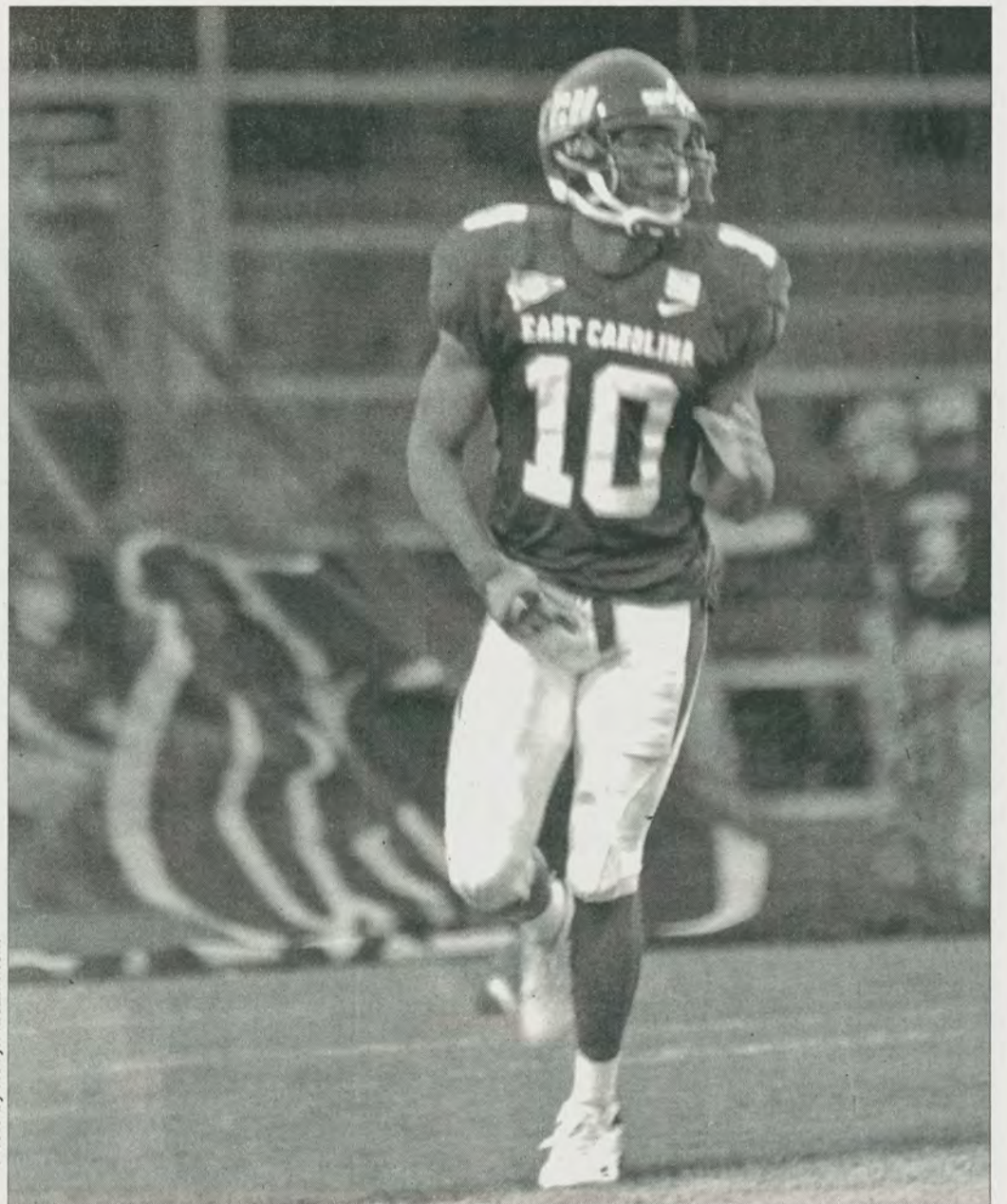
2007 ITA Women's Scholar Athlete Division I-A Award in 2007 and is a two-time selection to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. Chao was also named the C-USA Player of the Month in September 2007 after making the championship match of the top flight of the 27th Annual Rice Classic.

UCF senior Anna Yakimchenkova rounds out the 2008 squad. Yakimchenkova is 16-9 on the doubles court this season, which already ties a career-high for most doubles victories in a season. The three-time C-USA Academic Honor Roll selection, with a 3.72 GPA in accounting, was also tabbed as an ITA Scholar Athlete in 2006.

The 2008 Conference USA Women's Tennis Championship gets underway this Thursday with three first-round matches at the John E. Hoff Courts on the campus of the University of Houston. The quarterfinals are slated for Friday, beginning at 11 a.m. ET, while the semifinals are Saturday, followed by the championship match on Sunday.

East Carolina, seeded eighth for this year's event, will open tourney play Thursday by facing No. 9 UAB beginning at 11 a.m.

Pirates' regular season finale moved up one day



Wide receiver Jamar Bryant (above) caught a touchdown pass in last year's win over UTEP in El Paso.

Game will be the day after Thanksgiving

ECU SID—ECU's 2008 regular season finale against UTEP, originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 29 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, has been moved up to a Friday afternoon kickoff in order to accommodate a live CBS College Sports national television broadcast according to an announcement from Conference USA.

ECU, network and league officials have established a 1:00 p.m. (ET) kickoff time in order to work cooperatively with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's playoff schedule during the Thanksgiving Weekend.

"We are very appreciative of East Carolina University keeping us informed every step of the way as discussions about its football scheduling continued," Charlie Adams, NCHSA Executive Director, said. "This

in no way will conflict with any of our state football playoff games, which will be played in their traditional Friday night time slots.

"As a result, sports fans across the state should have an opportunity to watch the Pirates in the afternoon and then go and support their local high school football program later that night. Again, we are grateful for the relationship we have with ECU and its concern for our programs."

The ECU-UTEP contest is one of three CBS College Sports broadcasts that will feature the Pirates at home this season, joining the Houston (Sept. 27/3:30 p.m.) and Marshall (Nov. 8/3:30 p.m.) games. East Carolina's complete television schedule, including regional and local coverage, will be released at a later date when finalized.

"We appreciate and certainly value our relationship with the high school programs

in the state, especially with Charlie Adams and his leadership to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association," said ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland. "If last season's thrilling game with UTEP is any indication, I'd like to think that this year's matchup has the potential to be equally as attractive and exciting, if not more."

ECU beat UTEP in an overtime thriller last season in El Paso, Texas.

The Pirates turned in their highest win total since 2000 last season with an 8-5 record and have now posted back-to-back winning campaigns for the first time since 1999-2000. East Carolina capped the year with a 41-38 triumph over No. 22 Boise State at the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl on Dec. 23 - the program's first bowl victory in seven years.

C-USA WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Player	School	G P A	Major
Hannah Priest	ECU	3.98	Physical Education
Brooke Walter	ECU	4.00	English
Julie Chao	Rice	3.60	Economics
Natalie Buben	SMU	3.85	Psychology
Agostina Santoro	Tulsa	3.66	Biochemistry
Anna Takimchekova	UCF	3.72	Accounting

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South African Trevor Immelman (right) waves to the crowd after his Masters victory on Sunday.

the eighth green at Southern Hills during the final round of the PGA Championship, right after he chipped in for birdie and was backing up to throw a fist pump.

Otherwise, there were no other outward signs he was hurting.

"He's been cautious with it working out," Haney said. "He just needed to go in there and clean it out."

The recovery is expected to be four to six weeks, meaning Woods will not be able to defend his title May 1 in the Wachovia Championship. He likely will miss The Players Championship, one of three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. "Of course, we're disap-

pointed when Tiger is unable to compete in a PGA Tour event," commissioner Tim Finchem said on the tour's Web site. "There is really never a good time for an athlete — especially one of Tiger's caliber — to take weeks off from competition during the season. But, his health concerns have to come first."

Woods missed two months the last time he had surgery, but most of that was around the holiday and he only missed one tournament. This will be the second time in two years that he has sat out more than a month between the Masters and the U.S. Open. He missed nine weeks when his father died of cancer in 2006,

returned to the U.S. Open at Winged Foot and missed the cut.

Assuming the recovery goes as planned, Woods probably will return at the Memorial two weeks before the U.S. Open. Despite his runner-up finish at the Masters, he will be a heavy favorite at the second major. Woods has won six times at Torrey Pines, including the last four years.

The last time Woods had knee surgery; he won three of his first four tournaments, starting with the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines.

"This is something he's already used to," Haney said. "He deals with stuff incredibly, like you would expect him to."

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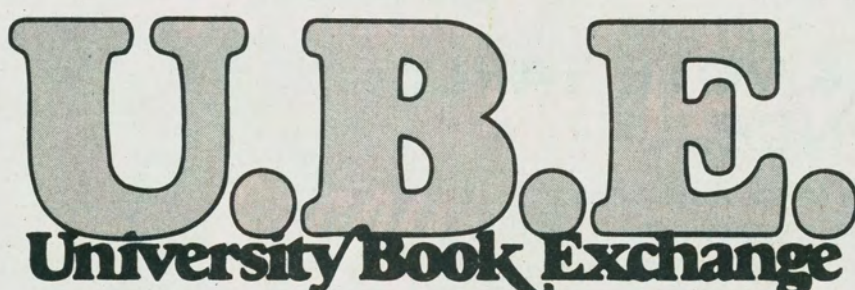
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Taurus
It's getting easier to see the path you want to take. Sketch out a rough map while you're in the mood. It'll come in handy later. Lists are helpful, too.

Gemini
Doing a domestic job saves you a good chunk of change. Building a business from home could be profitable, too. Can you make anything you can sell?

Cancer
Make sure the people who work for you know what you want them to do. They're providing the service, but you have to provide the directions.

Leo
Abundance is yours, through your own efforts. Nobody gave you a thing you didn't earn, including a lot of respect. You've got it; take care of it.

Virgo
Love is the most powerful energy on earth. It's also the most valuable resource you can have. Count your blessings and thank those who are making you so wealthy.

Libra
You want a new home office, or maybe a studio? There should be a way to rearrange your stuff to make this possible. Sell some of it too, and get new equipment.

Scorpio
An older friend knows a couple of tricks you can put to good use. Don't be shy about asking for advice. It's valuable and, in this case, it's free.

Sagittarius
More work is required for the next few weeks. The pay should be good, and the job's not too hard. You're the right person for the task.

Capricorn
For the next few weeks, you'll have an exceptional way with words. Use this opportunity to get all your messages across.

Aquarius
Turns out you have more than you thought. Didn't you know? Keep inventorying your supplies and other resources. You're actually doing quite well.

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Students will rally to "Barack the Vote"



Presidential candidate Barack Obama will visit campus today, and tomorrow students and student interns will sponsor a rally at the bottom of the Hill to support his campaign.

Event organized to raise support

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

ECU students will gather together tomorrow at the bottom of College Hill for a rally to support Barack Obama. The event will take place directly after Obama visits campus to talk about the economic plan he has outlined for North Carolina today. The rally, titled "Barack the Vote," will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is being organized entirely by students and student interns working for the Obama campaign.

"I've supported Obama from the beginning," said senior communication major Ryan Cobey, intern for the Obama campaign. "I think he has a good chance to take the primaries and ultimately the presidency.

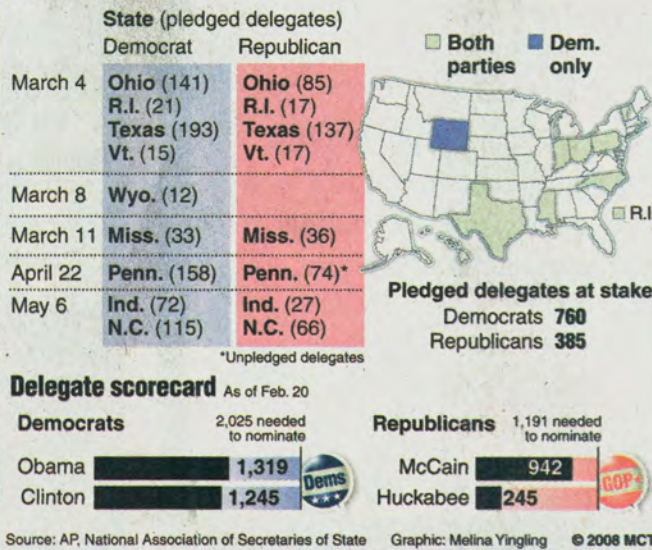
He's definitely bringing change, a good change."

The students have been using Facebook to advertise for the rally. The main purpose for the event is to push students to early vote, and transportation will be provided for students to polling places across the city in order to early vote.

"[We're doing this] before exams get crazy," said senior communication major Stephanie Lee, intern coordinator for the Obama campaign in Greenville. "The whole reason we're doing this event is to get

What's ahead

The next nine states to hold presidential primaries and caucuses:



people to early vote." Polling places are located at a myriad of locations across Greenville: the Community

Schools building on County Home Road, the Center for Arts and Crafts at Jaycee Park on Cedar Lane and at the Pitt County Agriculture Extension building near downtown.

When early voting, students must bring ID with their name and address printed on it. This includes an NC driver's license, a utility bill, a passport, government-issued ID, a paycheck, a bank statement, etc.

Besides a chance to early

vote, students will be able to enjoy free food, music and booths set up by various student organizations.

"There will be a great range of people from different majors [at the rally]," Lee said. "The campaign brings people from different backgrounds to support a common goal, which is Barack Obama."

The event is open and free to the public.

Obama headquarters are now located in downtown Greenville on Evans Street.

For more information about the Obama presidential campaign and to learn how you can get involved, visit nc.barackobama.com.

For more information about early voting, call 1-888-NC-EARLY or text EARLY to 62262.

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Thesis exhibitions draw appreciative crowd



A ceramic piece by Adam Egenolf hangs in Emerge Gallery this month during the MFA Thesis Exhibition.

Artists showcase superb craftsmanship

VERONICA CARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

April showers may bring Mayflowers, but it also brings eye-catching masterpieces in metal and ceramic. Emerge Gallery and Art Center is currently hosting the ECU MFA

Thesis Exhibition featuring the art of Adam Egenolf and Susan McMurray, ceramic and metal works respectively.

Adam Egenolf is an ECU graduate student working toward an MFA in Ceramics, and plans to become a professor and artist after graduating. Susan McMurray is an ECU graduate student completing her MFA in Metal Design.

Although The Don Edwards

Gallery at Emerge just opened the show on April 11, the pieces have already touched a broad array of art viewers.

"The works are brilliant, they show so much movement and yet they are crafted tediously and in some cases delicately. [They] stop time," said Candeed Kensington, a Greenville resident

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Local community arts council performs *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Production of Broadway hit is a worthy effort

VERONICA CARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Many avid fans of Broadway Theater know *Jesus Christ Superstar* as a Tony award-winning rock opera that has run since the early 1970s. The story has been reenacted numerous times both on stage and in film, and Farmville's Community Arts Council took the extraordinary opera to the Paramount Theater stage in Farmville last week.

Emerge Gallery and the Grassroots Program of the North Carolina Arts Council sponsored the show. The production starred several ECU students and faculty members.

"There is so much theater happening in Pitt County from the Farmville Arts Council to the Magnolia Arts Council to Ayden community theatre... all of these are looking for experienced ECU students to

help participate," said Jason Myers, an ECU faculty member and director of the show.

The Farmville Paramount Theatre's production brought home the Broadway classic that chronicles Jesus' last week on earth before he is crucified. However, the story is told from the perspective of Judas-- the very man who betrays Jesus with a literal "kiss of death."

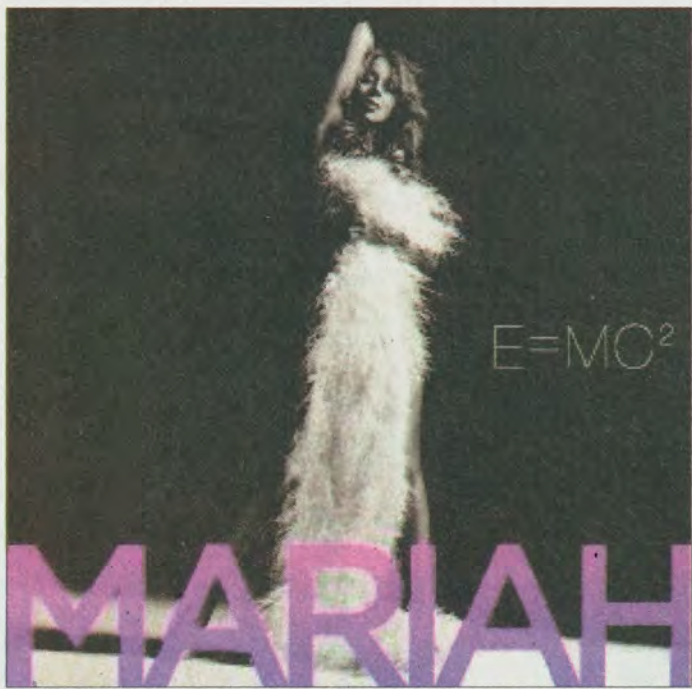
The stage is set with two movable crosses and a large platform that covers the orchestra who keep the show going with an aggressive rock score. The music characteristic of Andrew Lloyd Webber however, is not archetypal in this show and the entire score is fraught with rock, pop and lyrical ballad beats.

The music was well executed in Farmville by the orchestra ensemble, and with such a monumental opera to execute the effort was quite impressive.

Myers took a basic approach to the show leaving the set and costumes simplistic.

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Be prepared for the madness



Carey's CD hit stores April 15 with No. 1 single "Touch My Body."

Mariah's Carey's new album reverberates lots of hype

MCT- In case you've missed Mariah Carey on MTV's premiere party for "The Hills" or on the "American Idol" charity event "Idol Gives Back" or "Saturday Night Live" or on the new heavy-rotation Macy's ad, the singer would like you to know she has a new album, *E=MC²* (Island Def Jam), in stores last Tuesday. She was on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" Monday

and back on "Idol" Wednesday to remind you, in case the countless airings of her new No. 1 single, "Touch My Body," on radio and the video channels somehow doesn't.

What a difference a hit makes.

When Carey rolled out *The Emancipation of Mimi* in 2005 after a run of underperforming albums, everyone was far more cautious, with high-profile gatekeepers all taking a wait-and-see attitude. That album became a multi-platinum smash, though, and now it seems everyone is

jumping on the Mimi bandwagon faster than you can say "We Belong Together."

It's the kind of launch that hasn't been seen in the music industry in years, one that makes the recent campaign for Carey's label mate Janet Jackson or for Madonna's upcoming *Hard Candy* album later this month seem tiny by comparison.

"She is saying, 'No, really, I am back,' that 'Mimi' was no fluke," said Ann Donahue, the Billboard senior editor who interviewed Carey for the trade magazine's current cover story. "Mimi" was the biggest-selling album of the year when it came out, and she and her people anticipate that this album could be in the running for this year. They're willing to do whatever it takes."

Island Def Jam Music Group chairman Antonio "L.A." Reid says Carey is driven by her "will to be the greatest."

"I love her commitment to her career," Reid said. "She really works hard, day and night. She writes and records songs day in and day out. I really love that about Mariah."

It's a whole lot of serious business for an album that the Long Island native says is about having a good time.

"This is a fun record, probably the most fun record I've ever had, and that's tough to say after *The Emancipation of Mimi*," Carey says, with a smile, "but in

my opinion, it really is."

It's a vibe that definitely comes across on the light-hearted video for "Touch My Body," which features Jack McBrayer from "30 Rock" as a geeky, fantasizing cable-modem repairman. Carey says she worked with numerous co-writers, performers and producers from the Dirty South's T-Pain ("Migrate") to reggae royalty Damian Marley ("Cruise Control") to her longtime pal Da Brat ("O.O.C.") to make sure the album reflected her life.

"This is such an extension of me," Carey said. "I put so much into it."

The results have been well received so far.

"This is her doing what she does best, her fitting into fashion," said Bill Crandall, AOL Music editor-in-chief. "She has always been able to get on the latest pop trend and do it capably."

"Touch My Body" hit No. 1 after less than two months on radio and one week of availability in Internet stores, setting a record for most download sales in a week. That success moved Carey into second place in music history for the most No. 1 singles with 18, passing Elvis Presley and putting her within striking distance of The Beatles.

It's a record that has left

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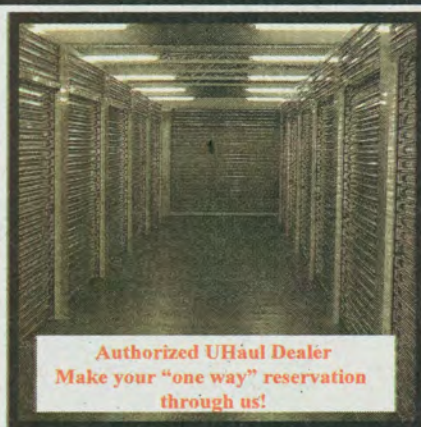
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New film leaves you wanting to forget



Jason Segel and Kristen Bell star in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" delivers unoriginal plot

MCT-Jason Segel constructs a funny line of dialogue and, as shown by the opening moments of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, he is perfectly willing to bear all for the sake of comedy.

However, he still has a lot to learn about character development and fashioning a satisfying narrative.

Segel wrote and stars in *Sarah Marshall*, this month is offering from the Judd Apatow comedy machine. You may remember him as the least geeky of Seth Rogan's roomies in *Knocked Up*.

Here he plays Peter Bretter, a big and soft (in both the physical and emotional sense) homebody who writes music for television shows and has for the last five years been the boyfriend of hottie actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), star of a "C.S.I."-type show called "Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime."

Early in the film, Sarah who announces she is breaking up with him visits Peter, fresh

from the shower. Segel plays the scene in the nude. Like totally. Talk about vulnerability.

He mopes. He cries. He scores with a girl he meets in a bar, but instead of a post-coital cuddle he bawls into his pillow. The guy's a mess.

Finally he decides to get away from his woes by vacationing at a posh Hawaiian resort only to find that Sarah and her new boyfriend, pompous British rock star Aldous Snow (Russell Brand), are checked into the same hotel.

Peter is so clearly humiliated, so obviously squirming on the hook of unrequited love, that a cute hotel clerk named Rachel (Mila Kunis) takes pity. She comps him a lavish suite well out of Peter's price range, and then allows him to tag along as she parties with other hotel employees on the beach.

Indeed, the entire resort staff seems to adopt the sad sack Peter.

That's about it. "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" has a workable, if unoriginal setup, but as a story, it's like one of those hotel guests sitting in an inflated inner tube and drifting in lazy circles. It

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More works of art by Egenolf at Emerge feature the artists talent with ceramics. Susan McMurray also has pieces on display at the gallery.

who brought her children to the exhibit when it first opened and returned a second time to glimpse the display.

McMurray's work was inspired by the concept of fences and how they protect, preserve and control the areas they surround. The divergent elements of color, texture and unique form, create a truly brilliant balance. The constant juxtaposition of intentional and unintentional boundaries sets the

tone for McMurray's work.

"Priceless works of art with a breathless touch that reaches ones soul mind body and spirit," said exhibit viewer Beth Porter of McMurray's work.

Egenolf's works are all done in semi-porcelain or ceramic. Some of them are crystalline glazed, a special glazing method that is attained through a specific chemical reaction. Crystalline glazing gives the piece

it covers a pattern within the glaze in the shape of hundreds of tiny starbursts. Many potter pieces or ceramic pieces are glazed to look smooth. This special technique gives the piece dimension and depth.

"I am a huge fan of Egenolf's crystalline glazes. I'm so excited to see ceramic wall pieces done so well," said Ashley Wrenni, a student intern at the gallery.

One of Egenolf's pieces, "Over-Seeding," is done in

a gorgeous green with the crystalline glaze. This piece is especially moving because it plays on different levels of the viewer's perception.

The exhibit will run until May 24.

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many casual music fans scratching their heads, though even Carey takes it in stride.

"I really can never put myself in the category of people who have not only revolutionized music, but also changed the world," Carey told *The Associated Press*. "That's a completely different era and time. ... I'm just feeling really happy and grateful."

AOL's Crandall says longevity may be what puts Carey, still only 38 after 17 years in the business, in such rarefied company and what may ultimately get her the record.

"It is hard to put her in the same category with the Beatles and Elvis," he said. "She never defined a generation. Mariah has not had that impact on the culture. You can't necessarily run off a bunch of her songs. Does she have a great voice? Yes."

Crandall says music's all-time records are a bit like baseball's Hall of Fame, where players who have long careers get in alongside players who dominated the game for a short time.

"The Beatles are Sandy Koufax, they were the best musical entity on the face of the

Earth at their time," Crandall said. "Carey is 20 times the singer of most people on the charts, but she is not a cultural force. Don't mix up greatness with longevity."

However, for many, it is Carey's longevity, not necessarily her current career resurgence and her ability to battle adversity that has made her so inspiring.

"She's incredible," said singer Leona Lewis, a chart-topper herself who is being described by many as the next Mariah Carey. "I listened to a lot of her stuff when I was younger. She's such a great artist. I think it's so great that she's still successful and had such a long-standing career."

Billboard's Donahue says neither Carey nor Island Def Jam execs spoke about the looming Beatles record, but that *E=MC²* could offer a serious challenge.

"You hear it and you're like, 'This is a single, oh, that's a single, too,'" Donahue says. "They may not say they're going for the Beatles' record with this album, but it sounds like they're going for it."

And this time out, they will have plenty of help.

BOOKS continued from B2

Week, DailyLit is changing the way that people read.

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FILM continued from B3

doesn't really go anywhere.

Which is a problem with a romantic comedy, because if nothing else you want to feel like you're part of the romance. What we get mostly from this film is ambivalence.

The essence of drama is conflict and change, and nobody changes much here; and certainly not our leading man, a sort of human marshmallow who is as bland at the end as he was at the beginning.

Nor can director Nicholas Stoller (who had a better script for "Blades of Glory") give much shape to this material.

There are some pretty funny lines delivered by a host of familiar faces: Jonah Hill (of *Superbad*) as an unctuous hotel waiter, Paul Rudd (*40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Knocked Up*) as the resort's stoned surfing instructor, Bill Hader (*Superbad*) as Peter's exasperated brother, Jack McBrayer (*Walk Hard* and TV's "30 Rock") as a honeymooning groom unmanned by his bride's sexual demands.

The real find here is Brit actor Brand as a rock idol that has lived the high life for so long he has forgotten what normal life is like.

PLAY continued from B1

Von Cleve Lewis played Jesus; committed to his character on a human level the way Jesus was depicted in the show as "just a man." Though Lewis doesn't agree with this depiction of Jesus off-stage, he still made an attempt to round his character fully.

"In most of the productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the actor

playing Jesus does not play the part biblically correct," said Lewis. "I plan and pray that I will be able to do so. The show itself is told mainly from Judas' point of view and some of the writing or lyrics of the show go against the image of a loving, pure Christ."

The dynamic between Judas, played by ECU student Bruce

Young, and Jesus, was depicted as a truly epic battle between the good and evils of camaraderie. Though Lewis was able to connect and fill his character, Young was not far behind. Young's dramatic flair for the anguish and inner turmoil of Judas's character was surprising.

The story of Jesus' life in the Paramount Theatre's produc-

tion of *Jesus Christ Superstar* is painted well for a community theater show. Mary Magdalene, played by Rachel Dennis, was a true bonfire in the production. Dennis's voice carried like a dove over the audience and almost mystified the crowd.

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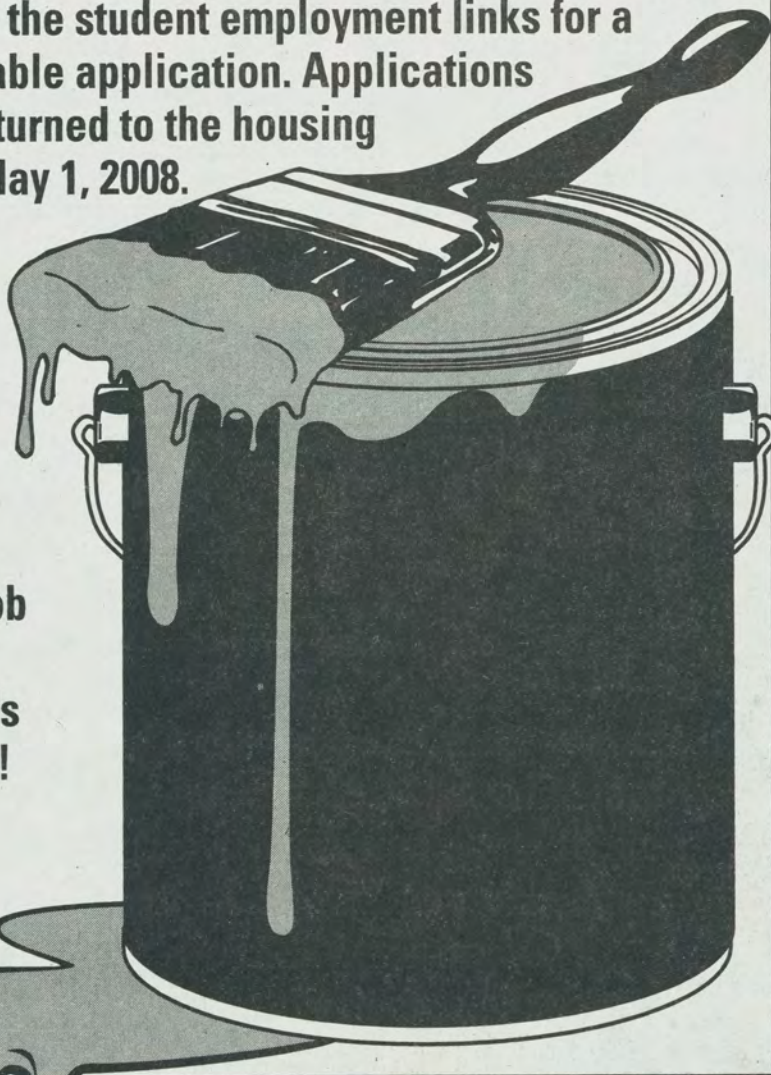
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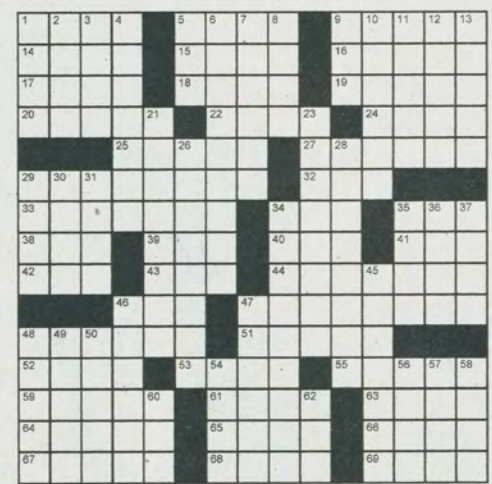
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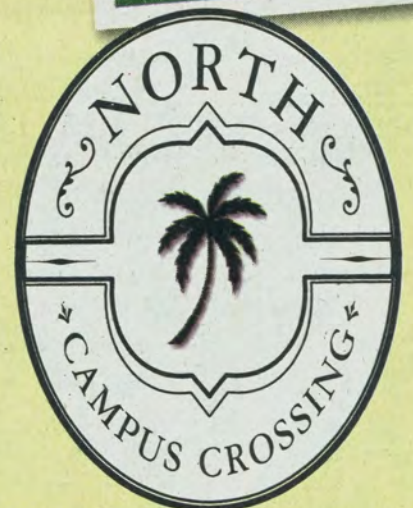
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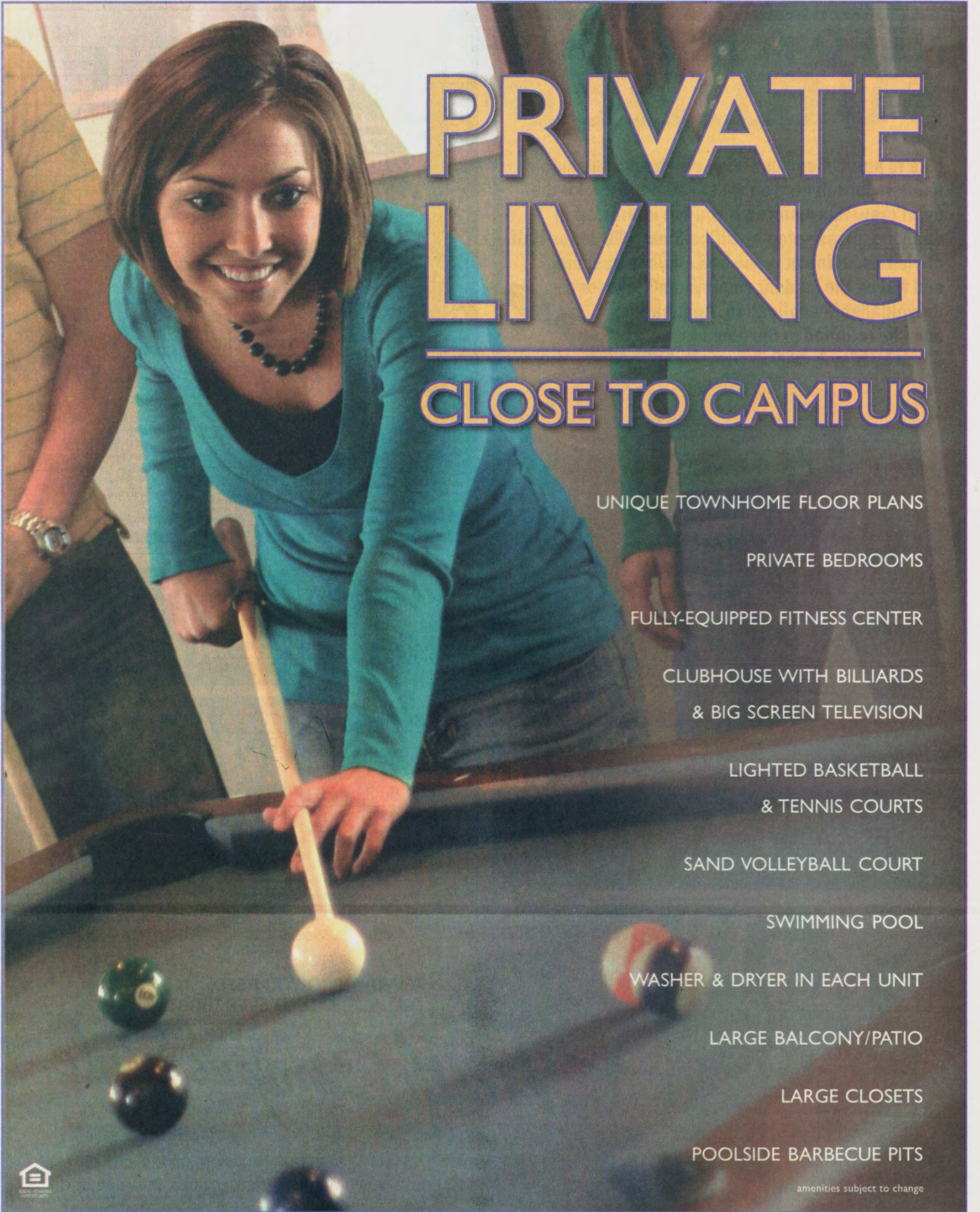
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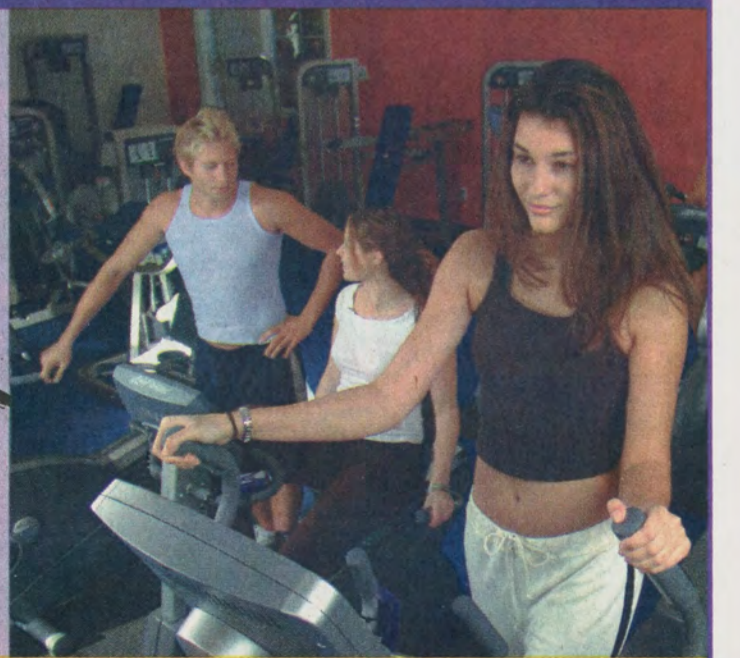
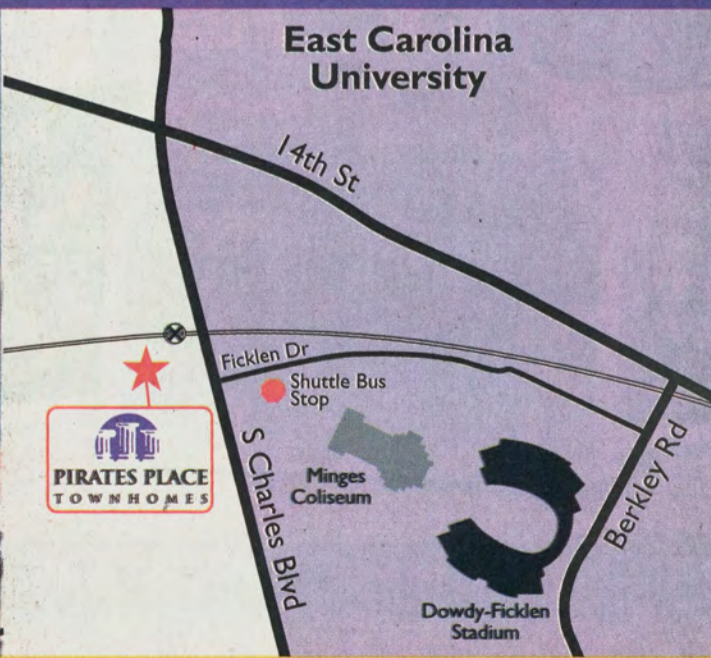
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