



The East Carolinian has handed out its annual sports awards. Turn to the sports section to see who captured what award.....B1



What do you think were the top five sports moments of the school year? The sports staff weighed in on the topic, check out the results.....B1



Today marks the annual Barefoot on the Mall, an event where students can kick off their shoes and relax in the afternoon sun, listen to good music and learn more about student organizations.....C1

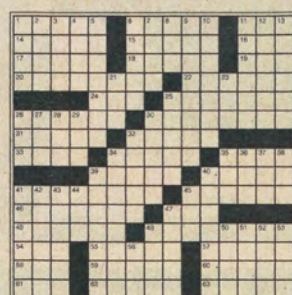
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Taking a look back at 2007-2008

August

WEEKS OF
WELCOME
INTRODUCES
FRESHMEN
TO ECU

During the Weeks of Welcome freshmen and transfer students got the opportunity to become acquainted with the campus and extra-curricular opportunities that are available. The eight-week program ran through October and kicked off with the annual Pirate Palooza in August.



Staff photo

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September

STUDENTS RALLY IN
ORDER TO "FREE JENA
SIX"

Students across the country including those here at ECU took a stand by signing petitions in support of the six teenagers who were charged with attempted murder for beating a white classmate in Jena, LA.



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October

On October 17 Cokie Roberts, a senior news analyst for National Public Radio and a political commentator for ABC News, spoke at "A Legacy of Leadership: 100 Years of ECU Women."



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as part of the centennial celebration. The event honored 100 ECU women that were recognized for their leadership in 10 different categories.

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November

PIRATE BATTALION
BEATS OUT 19 OTHER
UNIVERSITIES AT RANGER
CHALLENGE

The ECU Pirate Battalion won first place at the Ranger Challenge that took place on Oct. 26-28 in Fort Pickett, VA. This was the first time that the ECU got first place at the annual challenge between cadets from colleges in NC and VA. The cadets competed in events ranging from physical fitness test to a hand grenade assault course. Richard Brennis, ECU sophomore cadet, also received individual recognition for scoring the highest on the Army physical fitness test among 200 other cadets. ECU's involvement in the challenge spans for over 20 years.



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January

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
REMEMBERED

On January 21 a day of events were held to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The day consisted of a number of events including the annual MLK Day Challenge with 142 participating students.



Photo by Liz Wells

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February

BLACK STUDENT
UNION CELEBRATES
A DECADE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On February 23 ECU's Black Student Union hosted two events to celebrate its 10 years of existence. The event also reflected upon past accomplishments made by BSU.



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March

ECU
HOSTS
BIRTHDAY
PARTY

On March 26 ECU celebrated its 101st birthday. Members of the ECU community reflected on ECU's past and also looked toward its future.



Photo by Liz Wells

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April

SECOND ANNUAL PIRATEFEST
BRING MORE ART AND REASONS
TO SAY ARGH

The second annual PirateFest was held from April 9-12 with events stretching from Charles Blvd. to First Street at different times and days. A wide variety of fun and activities were offered such as the Uptown Art Festival, Blackbeard's Marketplace, Alumni 5k-One Mile Fun Run, among other events. The International Festival and the Annual Pigskin Pigout was held in collaboration with PirateFest this year.



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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barefoot on the Mall
Thursday, April 24
Noon-6 p.m.
Campus Mall
The Student Union Program Board will host the annual Barefoot on the Mall. The event will include student organizations, novelties, give-aways, and inflatables. This year's musical performers will be: The Jealousy Game, The Urban Sophisticates, Wrong Way, and Mae. The event will also include step team demonstrations and the winner of "Who's Got Talent?"

Spring Sidewalk Sale
Thursday, April 24
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wright Plaza
Annual Barefoot Spring Sidewalk Sale features great discount prices on ECU imprinted apparel, including Nike! The all-you-can-carry old edition textbook sale is always a hit! Stop by to shop, outside on the Wright Plaza near the entrance to the Student Store and Wright Place. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside the store.

AfricaNight '08
Saturday, April 26
7-10 p.m.
Hendrix Theater
Showcase the African culture and history through dance, drama, poetry, step, fashion shows etc. Goals of this year's event include to demonstrate that we all have some ties, in one way or another to Africa, emphasize that Africa is in need of individuals who are passionate about ending its current crises and learn ways in which we can get directly involved in relief projects for Africa as students of ECU. Tickets are on sale at the Mendenhall ticket office. ECU students (w/Idcard): \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. General Public: \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door.

Lab for Queen Anne's Revenge open shipwreck
Saturday, April 26
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
West Research Campus
Conservators who work on recovering artifacts from the probable Queen Anne's Revenge shipwreck will open their lab to the public. Canons, wine bottles, ceramics, and ship timbers will be on display.

24Thu

Barefoot on the Mall
Noon-6 p.m.
Campus Mall

Billy Taylor Jazz
Bones Concert
8-10 p.m.
Greenville Hilton

International
Association of Jazz
Educators Jam
Session
10-11 p.m.
Greenville Hilton

25Fri

Four Seasons
Concert: Season
Finale
8-10 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital
Hall

Lab for Queen
Anne's Revenge
open shipwreck
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
West Research
Campus

26Sat

AfricaNight '08
7-10 p.m.
Hendrix Theater

Chambers Singer
Concert
9-11 p.m.
St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

27Sun

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

28Mon

Live Music: Assembly
Required
10 p.m.
Boli's

29Tue

Live Music: 728b
10:30 p.m.
The Corner

30Wed

Live Music: Audibel
8 p.m.
The Spazzatorium
Galleria

FEATURED EVENT:



Barefoot on the Mall
Noon-6 p.m.
Campus Mall

Pirates reflect on the past year

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OR EVENT OVER THE PAST YEAR AT ECU?



Los Horne, Sophomore Exercise major and Breyon Williams, junior Accounting major "Omega Psi Phi pro-bate, Spring 2008."



Jill Blackwell, sophomore Anthropology major "I enjoyed the various events at Hendrix Theater."



Ashley Bailey, Sophomore Psychology major "Going to see Barack Obama."



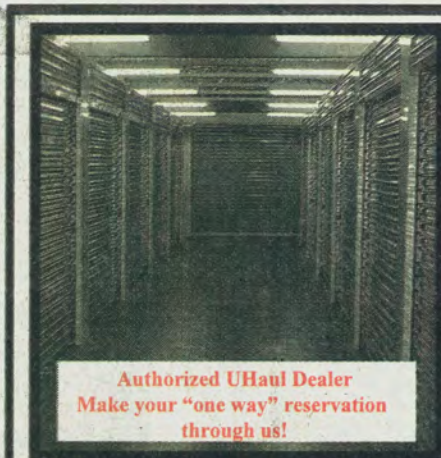
Ben Anderson, Junior Chemistry major "Beating Carolina in football."



David Rucker, Junior Business Management major "Being honored for the breakfast of champions and that was for the highest GPA on my athletic team."



T.J. Hartley, Sophomore Construction Management major "ECU beating N.C. State in basketball."



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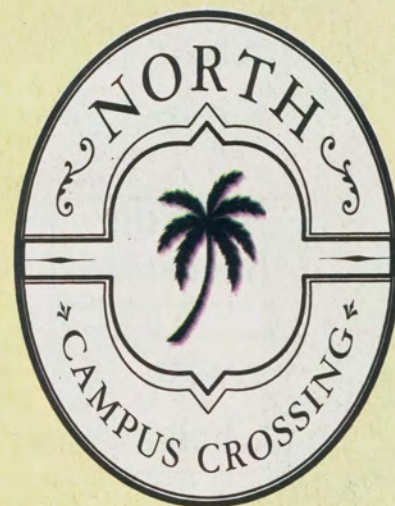
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Intercultural Student Council sponsors 'A Night in Living Color' Ball

4TH ANNUAL BALL IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

ROB BREINER
STAFF WRITER

The Intercultural Student Council, a group within the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are sponsoring the "A Night in Living Color" Ball on Saturday, April 26.

The ball had been previously known as the Minority Ball, but this year, under the guidance of Lathan Turner, assistant vice chancellor for Intercultural Student Affairs, the Intercultural Student Council decided to give it a new name.

"A lot of people have the misconception that the ball is just for minorities," said Ashley Glover, president of the Intercultural Student Council.

"This year, we wanted to make the ball more inclusive."

After tossing around a few ideas, the Council decided on the "Night in Living Color" theme, an idea which started out as a joke, but eventually stuck, according to Glover.

The event is meant to be a "feel-good ball" and Glover says that it's a great chance for the student body "to come out and enjoy themselves before exams."

This 4th Annual Ball has only been in the works since the beginning of the spring semester which is impressive for the Council, as past balls have taken almost a year to put together.

"We're more powerful when we're all together as a council," Glover said.

The ball is also an opportunity for the Council to "promote [themselves as] an organization

that's coming back," Glover said.

The event will take place in the Mendenhall Great Rooms and will feature a live jazz band with a vocalist, as well as food and drink, all covered under the \$5 ticket.

In addition to the dance, the ball is also partially a banquet. The Intercultural Student Council will be giving out an award to the best organization of the year within the Intercultural Student Affairs department of the Cultural Center.

Organizations such as the Black Student Union, S.A.L.S.A., the Latino-Spanish Organization, and the African Students Organization, among others, are all eligible to win the award.

With its new theme, the ball has attracted many new students from all different areas of campus to attend.

"I'm really excited to be going to this ball," said Brittany Holmes, freshman nursing major.

"I've never been to an event like this before."

The ball is on April 26 and will be held in all 3 of Mendenhall's Great Rooms from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

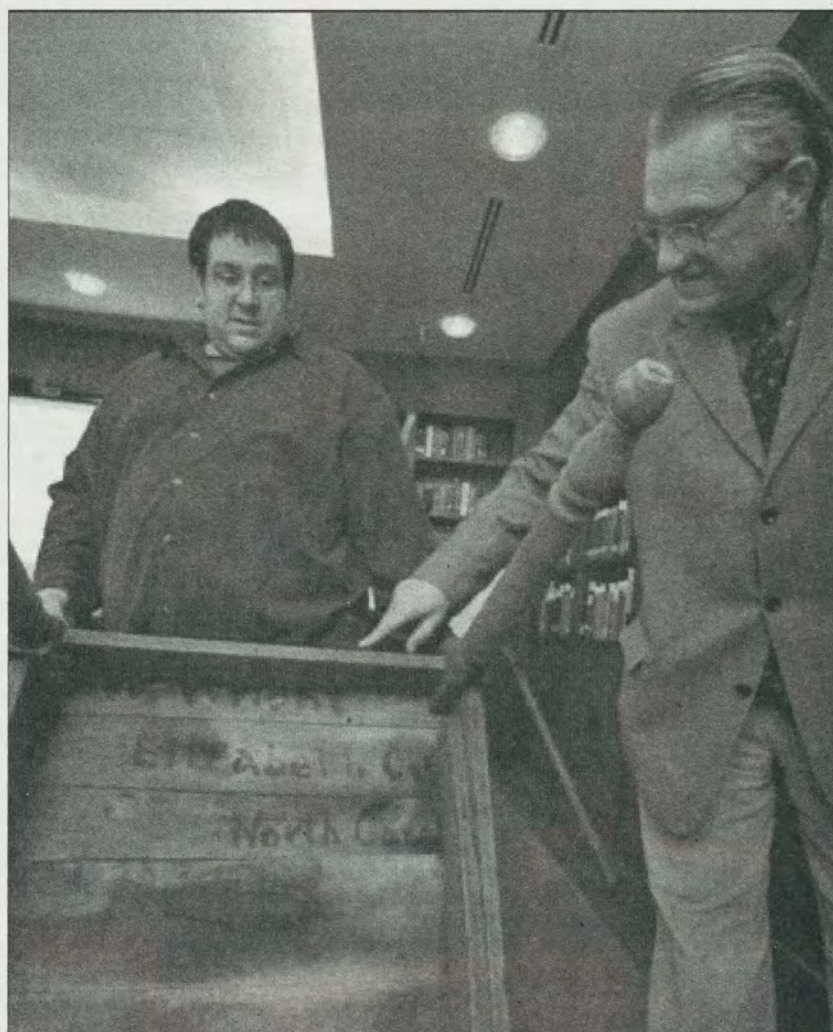
Tickets for the event are \$5 for singles and \$12 for couples and can be purchased at the Cultural Center.

The money will go toward funding similar events sponsored by the Council and the Cultural Center.

All students are encouraged to come out and enjoy themselves before the end of the year.

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New exhibit to open at Wright Brothers National Memorial today



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Tise and his students will have their findings on display at the Wright Bros. exhibit.

ECU professor and graduate students to share findings

DAVID WILDER

STAFF WRITER

In an effort to celebrate the centennial of the Wright brothers' flights during 1903-1908, seven graduate students and their professor will share their findings with the public today. This semester, Larry Tise, Wilbur & Orville Wright distinguished professor of history, has focused his documentary editing and public history course on studying the Wright brothers' 1908 flights.

"The Wright brothers are fairly important to North Carolina; they've been on the license plate and they went onto the quarter for North Carolina. Everyone knows the 1903 story, but hardly anyone knows the 1908 story," Tise said.

"Even though the Wright brothers weren't from North Carolina, I'm glad they chose our state to be first in flight," said Cierra Craig, a junior who expressed interest in visiting the exhibit.

The information that Tise and his students gathered will be featured in a "Know Your Park" program that will open for public viewing at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills today.

The exhibit, "Seven Days in May: The Secret Flights of the Wright Brothers," will begin with a presentation at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion of the Wright Memorial Visitor Center Museum. The exhibit displays 22 photomurals portraying 18 flights that the Wright brothers took in 1908 and is expected to run through December.

"We studied a map of the 1908 flights, which had never been deciphered. It was just like a

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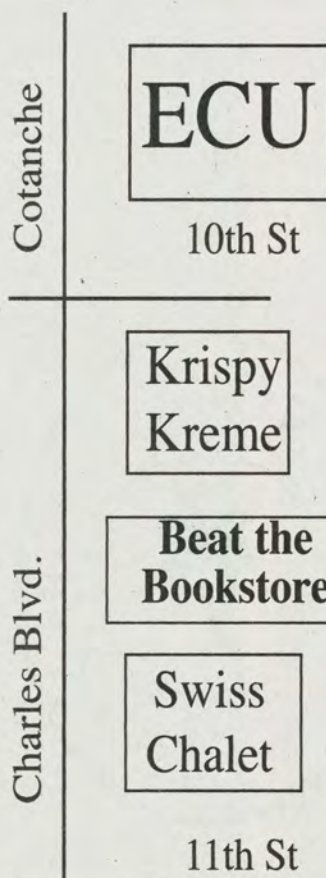


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First annual ECU Rotaract Etiquette dinner held

Networking opportunities available to attendees

NESREN ELHERTANI

STAFF WRITER

The first Rotaract Etiquette dinner, which included a gourmet, three-course meal, was held at Ironwood Country Club on Thursday, April 18.

This particular spot was chosen because it "provided an immaculate venue and made the event more significant as it was unique," said James Wagner, Rotaract Club president.

The purpose of the dinner was to provide an opportunity for ECU students to network and interact with area businesses and community leaders in a social, dinner setting.

The Rotaract Club felt it was important for students to learn these abilities as job competition increases; it would give an advantage over someone who has not experienced competition at all.

"This is a really great help to all of us who are not good with the whole business dinner etiquette thing," said Anna Mitchell, graduate student.

Community and business leaders in Pitt County, as well as ECU administration, attended in order to provide networking opportunities for the event.

Guests were asked to wear business casual or business professional clothing.

In order to make the first year of this event worthy and to set the precedent, the club hired the only certified etiquette and professional trainer in Pitt County, Su-Su Corbitt, to facilitate the evening.

"We could have truly not asked for a better person to do this for us. She went table to table as we ate to check in and see if we were utilizing proper etiquette and to answer any questions we had," Wagner said.

"There was a perfect mix of instruction and enjoying the meal, and for the 50 or so people who attended the event, not one negative com-

ment was made about her instruction."

The Greenville Evening Rotary Club was the primary sponsor of the dinner. Rather than the presence of large businesses, representatives were sent, many of which were lawyers and pharmaceutical representatives with their doctorates or professional degrees.

There was also strong attendance from the college of business, such as the Associate Dean, Stanley Eakins. Other attendees included James Westmoreland, associate dean of external affairs, Len Rhodes, assistant dean of graduate studies, Miranda Williams, assistant director for the college of business career services, as well as several academic advisors.

The Rotaract Club's goal is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to develop the knowledge and skills to assist them in personal development, address the physical and social needs of their communities and promote better relations between all people worldwide.

Students that attended the etiquette dinner feel that the event was beneficial and offered valuable tips.

"The dinner seemed very professional and a setting that I'm not really used to. It was a great learning experience for the future," said freshman, Sarah Wilson.

James Wagner chartered the club at ECU during the summer, and for the first semester worked on membership recruitment and retention.

Last semester, the Rotaract Club also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for families. There are plans to hold the event annually and to expand it to cover a wider range of topics.

"We will definitely be making this an annual event, with some slight modifications to ensure that each ... [student] ... has a different etiquette situation that's vital for students to learn," Wagner said.

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The etiquette dinner offered students networking opportunities with business professionals

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doodle sketch map by Orville Wright, and the students deciphered the map so that we could do an overlay of the numbers and angles of that map," Tise said.

Tise and his students took a field trip to the site of the 1908 flights to make sense of major points on the map, which was written in a code created by the Wright brothers.

"I feel like this is a map that I've seen a thousand times and always said, 'Someday I'll figure that map out,' and fortunately the students took the time and interest to figure it out," Tise said.

"The second thing we studied was a table that has just been discovered at Kitty Hawk that is from the Wright brothers' 1902-

1903 camp," Tise said.

"This class is about documentary editing, but in this class we consider three-dimensional objects as documents. The brothers clearly made it on site, which is what is so interesting."

Tise's students were required to complete four main tasks this semester. They learned how to decipher and interpret documents, helped to construct a Web site (worldaloft.org, which went online yesterday and houses the students projects and research), gave presentations on components of the Wright brothers' story and prepared for the Wright Brothers National Memorial exhibit.

The class filled in many components on the Web site and en-

hanced it to improve its ease of use, Tise said.

"I feel it represents North Carolina as a state where the unthinkable becomes reality, where if you believe that you can do something, it can be accomplished," said Nastassia Julian, apparel merchandising major.

"This seems to have been one of the most interesting exploratory courses my students have taken," Tise said.

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SGA HITS A ROUGH PATCH

After SGA secretary Dena Mazie and SGA vice president Phillip Kendall resigned in August SGA president Keri Brockett had to make a tough decision when deciding who would fill their shoes.

Andrew Griffin was appointed as the interim vice president and James Wagner was selected as the interim secretary. The executive branch also worked on platform goals that included student welfare, safety and security, university community relations and student government reform.



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WZMB DISC JOCKEYS RETURN TO AIR

For the first time in nearly a year, WZMB hit airwaves live from their Mendenhall locale beginning 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24. After a rocky year filled with abrupt shifts in leadership and FCC violations, the station has managed to persevere. WZMB can be heard on frequency 91.3 FM throughout Pitt County at all times. New Mediatouch technology allows the station to stay on-air 24 hours by selecting songs at random from the station's database.



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CAMPUS BECOMES SMOKE FREE

The campus became smoke free beginning in August, which meant that smokers cannot light up on campus within 25 feet of any university-building due.

SEPTEMBER continued from A1**FIRST VIDEO GAME NIGHT HELD AT JOYNER LIBRARY**

On Friday, Sept. 22 Joyner Library held the first Video Game Night from 8-11 p.m. Two Xbox 360s, two Playstation 2s and one Nintendo Wii were



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set up throughout the first floor and run on high-resolution projectors and plasma screen televisions. Students had the opportunity to play Halo 2, Madden NFL 2007, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero II and Wii Sports.



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TEXT MESSAGING OFFERS ENHANCED SECURITY

After the Virginia Tech shooting last year, campus officials decided that new safety precautions were necessary to ensure that all students could be notified in case of an emergency. A text message alert system was put into place. Registration for the service is free to students and community members.

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could opt out of the plan if they already had an insurance plan. After forums, which allowed students to express their concerns and with consideration from the administration, the plan was postponed for implementation until 2009. Doctoral students receive the option of the health insurance, which is paid for by ECU as an recruiting method.

HARD WAIVER INSURANCE OPTION PROPOSED

Hard Waiver Insurance was proposed which gave students the option of getting an insurance plan through the university for about \$349 per semester or opting out of the plan. Students

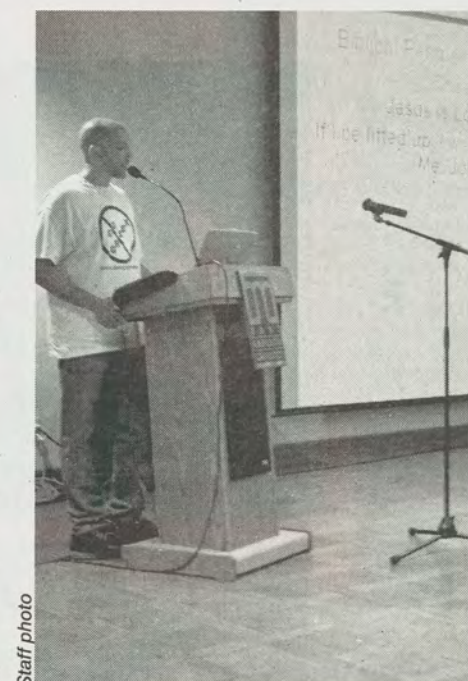


PLAY WITH A DARK-SIDE, SWEENEY TODD, DEBUTS

The play with a dark plot and challenging music to correspond with it, Sweeney Todd, opened on Nov. 1 in the A.J. Fletcher Music Center. The play is about Todd, who seeks revenge on victims for the death of his wife and his daughter's relationship with

a crooked judge. The victims end up being ingredients in meat pies. The music strayed from the opera style and forced singers to keep up with the orchestra.

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STUDENTS DISCOURAGED FROM GOING GREEK

On October 25 Breakthrough Campus Ministries hosted a "Don't Go Greek" meeting. Minister Fred Hatchett, a born again Christian addressed fraternities and sororities from a Biblical standpoint.



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NOOSE INVESTIGATIONS PROVE INCONCLUSIVE

Two alleged nooses were found on ECU's campus. The first was found in the basement of Belk Hall on September 22. After 100 hours of investigative work by the ECU Police, no decision was made pertaining to the noose. On January 11 a second noose was found in a vehicle on campus.

There wasn't enough evidence to bring criminal charges on this issue either. A forum was later held to improve diversity on campus.

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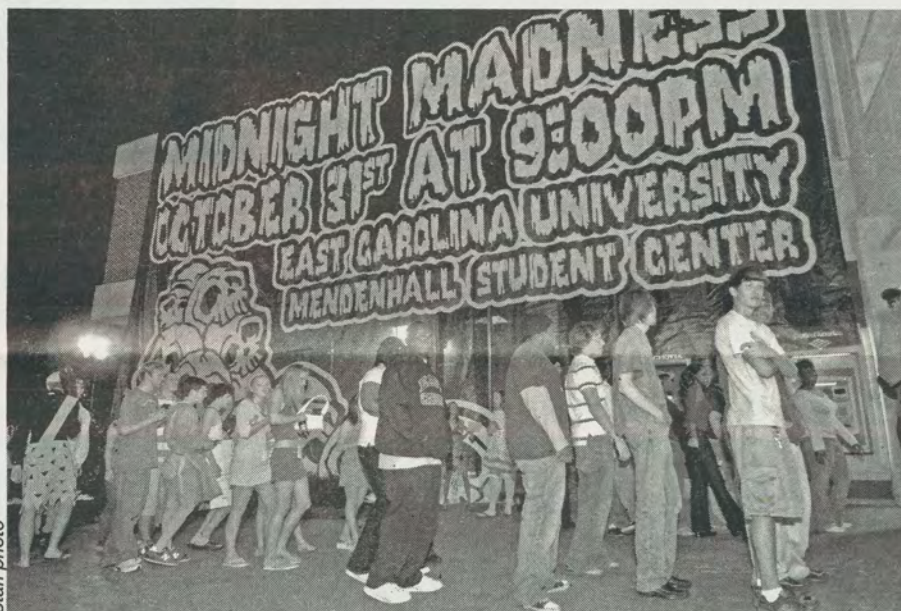
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ALTERNATIVE FOR HALLOWEEN OFFERED

Mendenhall Student Center and the Student Recreation Center held Midnight Madness this Halloween to offer students an alternative to the downtown scene. Activities were held from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. for guests 18 and older.

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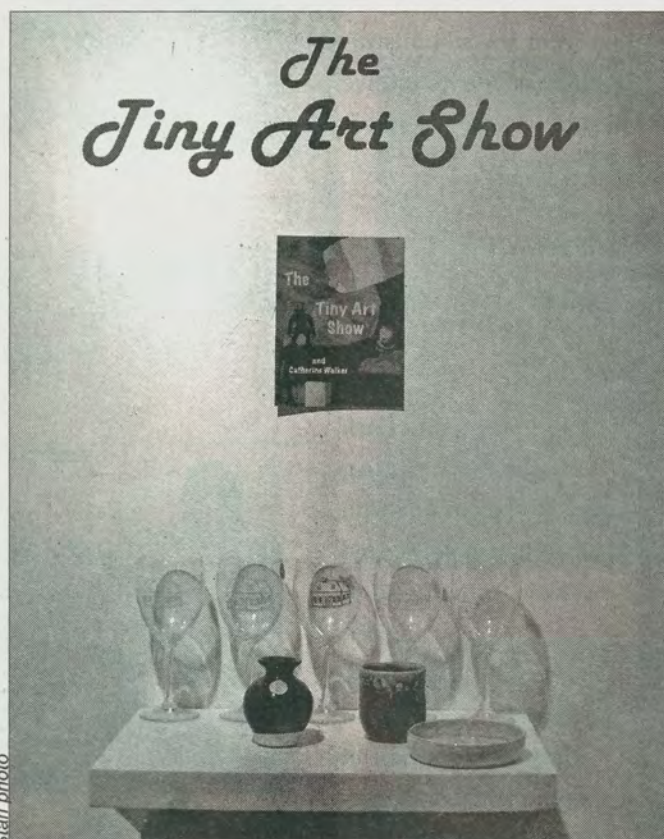
On January 29 a record number of 502 ECU students took the plunge into the icy 39-degree waters at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center in this year's 12th annual Polar Bear Plunge.

**MENDENHALL RENOVATIONS DISCUSSED**

On January 28, the ECU Student Government Association held its first ever "House of Organizations" meeting where the upcoming renovations of Mendenhall Student Center were discussed.

FEBRUARY continued from A1**SCHOOL OF MUSIC HOSTS CONCERT**

On February 23 ECU's School of Music hosted its 12th annual Tribute to Motown concert. A variety of performers crowded the stage and some audience members even got involved.

**TINY ART SHOW HELD**

On February 8, Emerge Art Gallery opened its 7th Tiny Art show. A variety of works sized at five by seven or smaller were submitted by members of the community ranging from children to professors.

**TLC SHOW STAR SPEAKS AT ECU**

On February 21 ECU hosted TLC show "Little People, Big World's" Matt Roloff. Roloff addressed a crowd of more than 1,300 about his incredible journey.

**STUDENT BUS DRIVER LOSES CONTROL OF WHEEL**

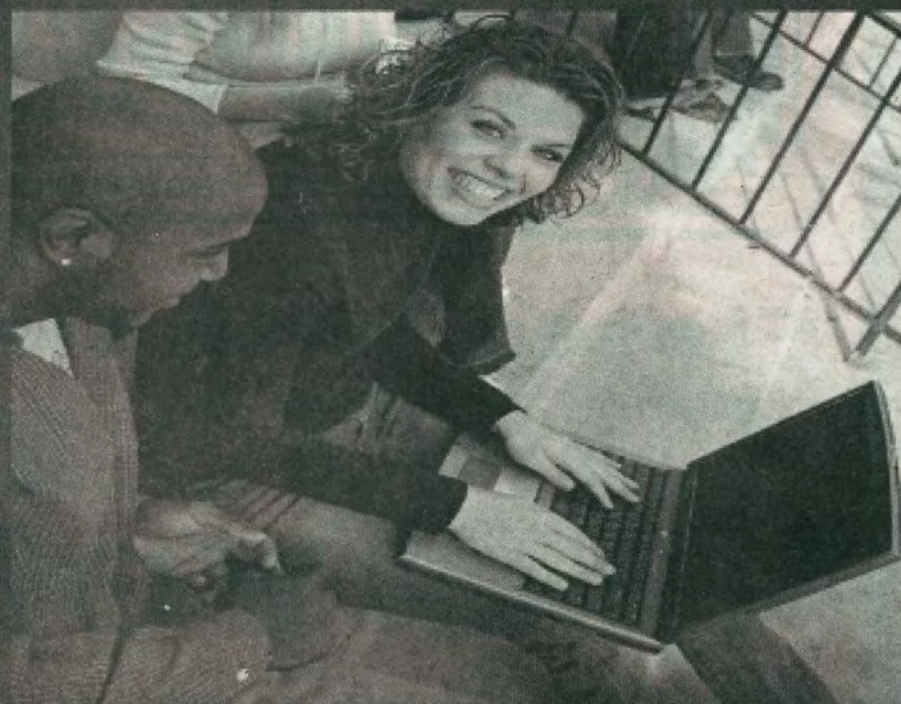
On February 7 an ECU student driver lost consciousness at the wheel and crashed into multiple cars causing serious damage and sending three to Pitt County Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

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**CAMPUS ISSUES
DISCUSSED WITH
ECU'S CHANCELLOR**

On March 5 students gathered for a "Chat with the Chancellor" with ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard. A number of campus issues were addressed and discussed.



Staff photo

16TH ANNUAL POWWOW HELD

On March 29 the ECU Native American Organization held its 16th annual Powwow. Over 100 people gathered to participate in the events.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

**SENATOR BARACK OBAMA
SEEKS THE VOTE OF ECU
STUDENTS**

Democratic Presidential Candidate, Senator Barack Obama, was welcomed by the Pirates, Greenville residents and supporters from surrounding areas on April 17 in Mingos Coliseum. Obama spoke on topics

such as ending the war in Iraq, providing tax cuts, education, and health insurance.



Staff photo

**GOSPEL CHOIR
COMMEMORATES 30
YEARS WITH ANNUAL
CONCERT**

Current and past choir members presented their annual anniversary concert on April 6 to celebrate their longevity on campus. The concert featured

songs such as, "All the Glory," "The Light," and "God is In Control," in which members believe honored past members and reflected the theme of the event. Johnice Johnson originally founded the choir in 1978. The group was originally known as the ECU Gospel Ensemble.



Staff photo

**TODD DINING HALL WILL
HAVE A NEW LOOK AND NEW
MENU IN FALL 2009**

Todd Dining Hall closed its doors for renovations on April 14 for renovations but will reopen in Fall 2009 with a new menu. The Fresh Food Company will offer a selection that will be personalized for each diner. Other

dining facilities such as the Galley located on College Hill and West End Dining Hall extended their hours to accommodate the void that Todd will leave during its closing.



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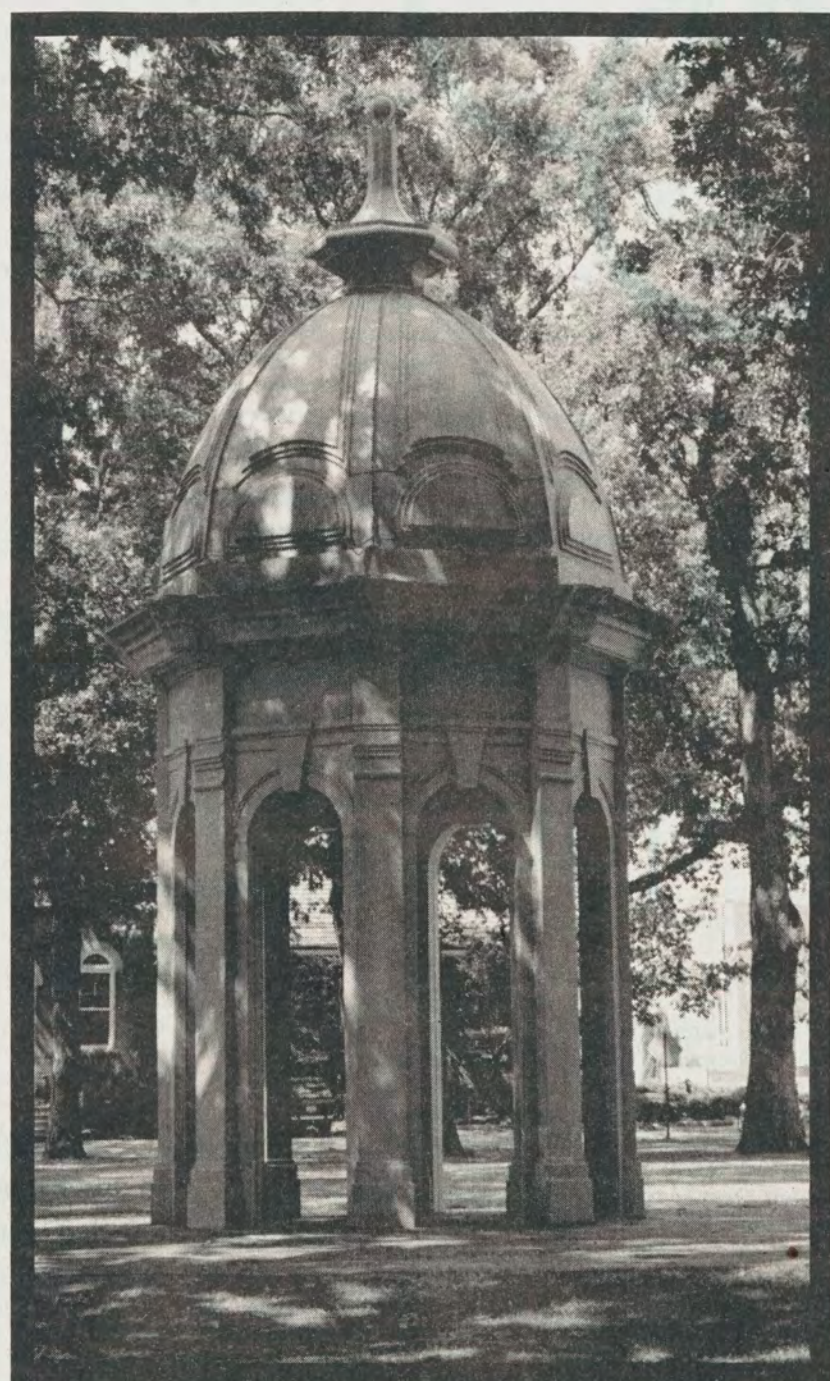
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ECU quarterback, Rob Kass, was arrested on August 25 under suspicion of drunk driving. Kass, 20, was stopped at a routine checkpoint at the intersection of East Fifth St. and Green Springs Parkway. At the time of the arrest Kass had a blood alcohol content of .19, twice the legal limit of .08, according to the police report. Kass was suspended from

the season-opener at Virginia Tech. He pleaded guilty in Pitt County District Court on Monday, March 31 to driving while impaired. Kass' license will be revoked for one year and he will serve 12 months unsupervised probation and 24 hours community service.

Running back, Jonathan Williams, 19, was charged with driving while impaired and driving after consuming by a person under 21 after being stopped at the intersection of 14th Street and East Rock Springs Road on April 5. He will appear in court on May 9.

IN MEMORY OF....



The Office of the Dean of Students in conjunction with the ECU Parents Council, wishes to recognize, in Memoriam, the following students who have passed away this past year:

Jeff Linde

Jessica Banning

John D. Bjorkman II

Katie Ball

Rebecca Lee Lewis

Regan Bailey

Robert Brown

Samuel Paul Flinn

Taft Noland

Tammy DuVal

There will be an ECU Memorial Service honoring these students on: Saturday, April 26, 2008 @ 11:00 a.m. on the Jarvis Courtyard facing the Cupola. *All are invited.*

RANT OF THE DAY

Why does it cost a billion dollars to eat in the dining halls? Might as well go to Chilis.

Letter to the Editor

The Audacity of Hype

PETER KALOGERINIS
ECU STUDENT

As I walk around ECU's campus, sit in class and talk to my friends, I hear an uncommon topic that is being brought up by our peers: politics. This election cycle has been one of the most electrifying and exciting ones of our time, and for the first time in 20 or so years, the North Carolina Democratic primary will have relevance in picking the nominee.

After researching both Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, I have decided that I will vote for Sen. Clinton. Mr. Obama's appeal with many Democrats is unquestionable. He is the "rock star" of this election; some supporters have literally fainted at his rallies. However, this status should not determine why one should vote for him.

In terms of policy, there are relatively little differences, but they do exist. Sen. Clinton has repeatedly talked about going after shady student loan lenders and expanding several financial aid opportunities to students and families. Clinton is committed to increasing access to federal-based aid like Pell grants and increasing the amount of federal aid available to individual students. Sen. Obama has also offered a plan, but it is not very strong on substance or as far-reaching as Sen. Clinton's. This is an issue at which our student body should take a close look.

The Iraq war is an issue that concerns everyone, and it should. This war sends an important and critical message to our foreign allies, and it's not a good one. Sen. Clinton recognizes that the message we send to the world is important when it comes to foreign policy. She has stated a commitment to bringing our troops home as soon as possible, while preserving all the work our soldiers have done the last few years. Whoever the president is will have a difficult job of cleaning up this war. You may have heard Sen. Obama say "that he was vehemently against the war before it was popular," however Obama's foreign policy had little material relevance at the time, because he was only a state-level politician. It is comparatively easy to be against the war when the consequences of going against the intelligence at the time had no adverse impact on your political aspirations.

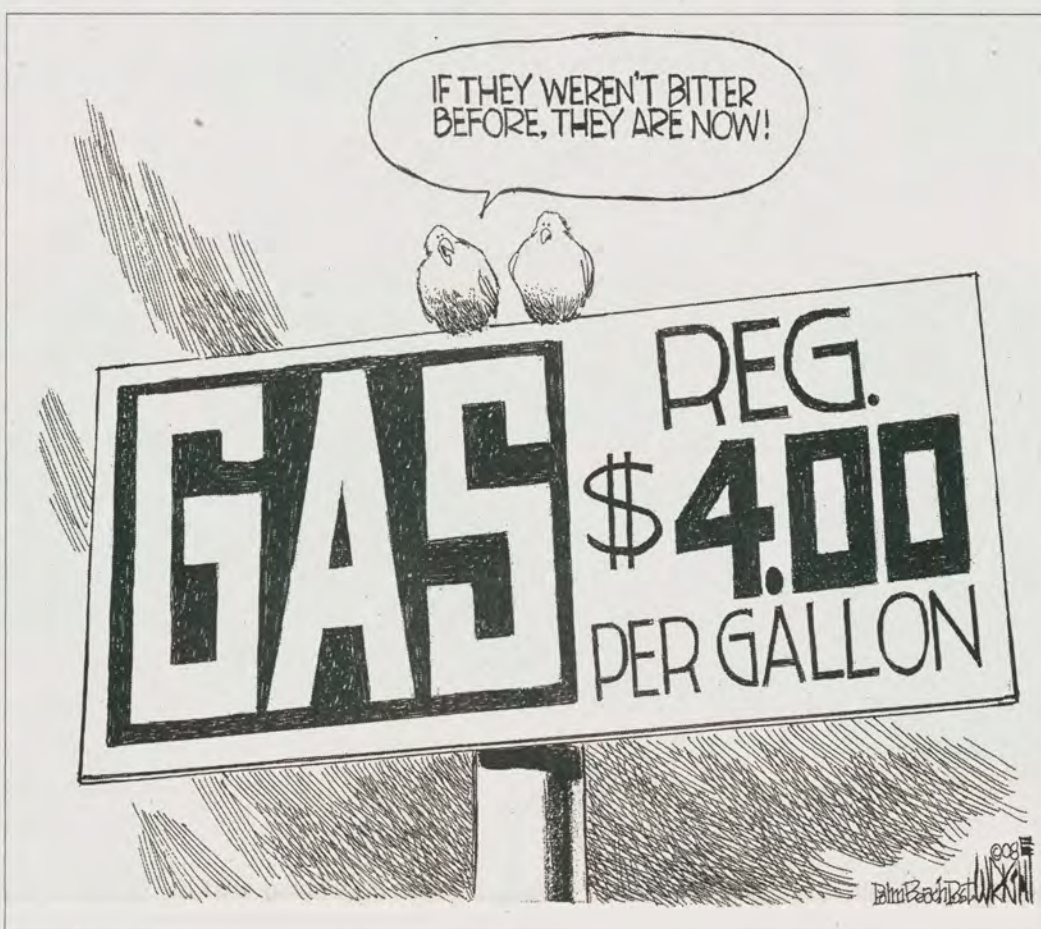
I will admit that determining how they differ is not always easy since Obama is long on elevated expression, yet clearly short on record. He has spent just three years in the U.S. Senate. Before that, he spent just eight years as a state legislator in Illinois. Before that, he was a university lecturer, a community organizer and a civil-rights lawyer. For all his platitudes, Obama doesn't have a strong resume to be the President of the United States, quite simply the office of the world's most powerful leader. The office of President at this point in time is no place for on-the-job training. Especially not when our nation is at war, the economy is less than stellar, and when the whole world is looking to America for guidance.

With this newfound political interest and energy, the American people have had a severe problem in voting on issues rather than feelings. Just by talking to some of my friends and co-workers, I've realized that some are deciding who to vote for, not based on issues, but rather trivial things such as how the person makes them feel or basing their vote on the fact that the candidate's volunteers were the only ones to talk to them. Voters have become enthralled with rhetoric. This saddens me. We as a people should vote on the issues and the stances the candidates have taken, and their records, not on their ability to give a good speech, sex or color of their skin.

It is important to point out that Obama is eloquent and excellent at giving speeches, but interesting anomalies occur when his speeches are analyzed over time. Sen. Obama's campaign has been quick to remind us all that words have meaning and are not empty gestures, and yet, paradoxically, as a nation we have sat and watched scandal after scandal erupt over Obama's words, after which the Obama campaign was quick to tell us that we really didn't understand what he really meant. So which is it? Are they just words, or are they riddles veiled in political meaning that only the Obama campaign can understand? You decide.

My simple request to ECU students is this: Whoever you vote for, read up on their policies, before you vote. Vote on who you think is best aligned with what you believe policy wise, not who makes you feel the best or can give the best speech. Think for yourselves, not what you are being told to think. The media also has an agenda, and the campaigns exploit that to their advantage. Don't fall for it. Indeed, we are the ones we have been waiting for. Our time is now, a time to choose not based on irreverent campaign slogans and vapid speeches. Are you worried about the country now? Then vote carefully, because yes, we can mess this up.

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The status quo

As far as Facebook is concerned

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

Move over, away messages and instant messaging, there's a new personal update system in town. Of course I am referring to status updates on Facebook, a sensation taking college students by storm!

Facebook, since beginning its status updates feature, has increased our desire to know what friends are doing every minute.

Choosing the right status update is tough. What are you doing right now? The status has to be something interesting-- we can't look like we are living a dull life. Then again, it can't look like we are looking for too much attention ... but after all, isn't that the point?

Sometimes I find myself thinking in Facebook status mode: "Margot needs to do laundry." "Margot is leaving the house." "Margot is ... trying to finish this article" ... and so on. Sometimes several minutes can go by with my preced-

ing every thought with, "Margot is..."

Margot is going to try to stop thinking in Facebook status update mode.

People change their Facebook statuses so the audience (other Facebook stalkers) can know something about what is going on in the person's life. If someone has had a terrible day, they may put this in their status to forewarn people of their lousy mood. Or if something great happened, it can be used to bring about congratulations.

Some Facebook statuses are put up just to be funny. The best one I have read was, "Justin is changing his Facebook status." Clever. This also shows the weight given to Facebook statuses, as he mocks those of us checking in for every new event.

"Someone" is excited! "Someone" is tired of working on school. "Someone" is at the beach.

Those were taken from actual Facebook statuses I noticed today, but the winner is, "Someone is shootin' noodles if they hiccup." Not sure about that one; funny though.

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Fear of death entering Congress

A different approach to Kevorkian

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With the primary season coming to a close and the November election right around the corner, I am reminded of the controversy surrounding Michigan's ninth congressional district. Jack Kevorkian, commonly known as "Dr. Death," announced this year that he would be running for that seat in Congress. I have to ask myself, is it really necessary to fear the idea of such a man entering Congress?

Kevorkian, who claims to have assisted approximately 130 individuals to commit suicide, feels that he was helping, not hurting, these people. Every person he helped to end his or her life requested his services. He provided the means necessary to die, but he left it up to the individual to administer the death-inducing medication (except in the case of Thomas Hyde).

A little unconvinced of Kevorkian's ethics as a medical doctor, I decided to review the Hippocratic Oath. Nowhere in this document -- the modern Hippocratic Oath, that is -- does it state that a physician cannot assist a patient in committing suicide. Acknowledging this, I realized that Kevorkian did not break his oath, nor did he do something considered unethical; he helped his patients achieve a goal.

The piece of evidence that prevents me from completely disregarding the stigmas against Kevorkian is the case of Thomas Hyde. Kevorkian, who at the time was not licensed to practice medicine, personally injected Hyde with a lethal amount of medication. Although Hyde was cognitively aware of what he had requested Kevorkian to do and provided written consent, Kevorkian was no longer a practicing physician. Because of this case, Kevorkian was prosecuted. A Michigan court sentenced Kevorkian to 10-25 years in prison on the conviction of second-degree murder. He served eight years.

Still, I cannot condemn this man or think that he could provide much threat to Congress. I don't think he would want to harm anyone. Kevorkian feels "we need some honesty and sincerity instead of corrupt government in Washington." Perhaps he only wants what is best for his community. Perhaps by assisting those individuals to commit suicide, he felt he was allowing those people a more peaceful way to go rather than suffering with a disease for their remaining days.

As long as Kevorkian can get the needed 3,000 signatures to get on the ballot, he will run for Congress as an independent. This 79-year-old man, who based his medical career on bettering the lives of others and preventing others from suffering, is viewed by many as a threat. However, how can one contort Dr. Kevorkian's actions into horrific murder? He cared for the well-being of his patients; he wanted for them the same thing they wanted for themselves -- to suffer no more. Is this man truly dangerous or just a person who genuinely cares and wishes to provide comfort to others? Is Dr. Kevorkian going to be a menace to our Congress or a politician who will actually help his constituency? With such controversy, this election season is sure to have some interesting results.

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Letter from the Editor

Saying goodbye

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Four years. Three years of donning red and khaki for a part-time job at Target that has led me to meet some pretty amazing people. Two years of Mondays and Wednesday spent in the newsroom working at *The East Carolinian* brainstorming ideas, perfecting layout and falling deeper in love with my passion for writing. Countless all-nighters. Dozens of pizza and movie nights with friends. A few nights of reckless abandonment in which I had to enlist the help from the loves of my life to pick me up because I was too weak to carry myself home.

When I reminisce about my college experience, these are the things I cherish the most.

When I look back on my time at ECU, I barely remember the times when I bombed a quiz that I forgot to do the reading for or the days when the rain beat down so relentlessly on my body that not only were my clothes left drenched, but my spirits were dampened as well.

These times don't make me bat an eye or skip a beat; they meant nothing in the grand scheme of my life. But the nights I spent in the newsroom preparing this paper for the student body to read, critique and eventually throw away are the ones that I treasure most. For the past year I have taken over as Editor-in-Chief of *The East Carolinian*, and let me tell you—the journey hasn't been easy. My days have been filled with phone calls addressing problems, story ideas flooding my inbox and racking my mind to find solutions when everything seems to be falling apart.

Every Monday and Wednesday for the past year I have spent nearly 12 hours in the newsroom with a group of people who have not only become my close friends, but family who have been there to support me when times got rough—both in my personal and professional life.

As I sit writing my final letter from the Editor, a wave of relief does wipe over me—but also, a sense of sadness. It will be wonderful to go to bed every night and not worry about what will run in the newspaper or how the pages will be laid out. It also breaks my heart to know that I am closing this chapter in my life and bidding farewell to friends that I can't imagine living a day without.

I'll miss strolling through campus while the squirrels scamper past my feet and the wind blows through my hair, or at least that's how I'll remember it.

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Where did the year go?

Wrapping up my thoughts

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OPINION WRITER

The year is winding down, papers and exams are thrown at us at the last minute and people are celebrating the awesome weather. Some students are staying here in Pirate town for summer classes, some are packing up cars for the ride home, and some are graduating and moving on to the next chapter of life. Saying goodbyes and sealing off yet another year is an exciting, yet sad, experience, and everyone goes his or her own way.

Thank goodness this semester is almost over, because I am so ready to be done with it. I'm ready to take that last exam scheduled and sell back those books to get such little cash back. Although ending classes sounds fabulous right now, leaving all my friends doesn't sound so great. I came to ECU this year as a transfer student and I feel like I just got started. I have met so many people and have had many amazing experiences. I remember setting up my room, meeting my roommates, and exploring good ol' Greenville like it was just yesterday. It's not time to pack up my stuff and move back home yet... is it?

Sadly, it is, and I wouldn't be so sad to leave—four months away is not going to change much—but I will be studying abroad next semester in Paris. Although I will be sad not to be a part of ECU's campus for a semester, I can't let that hold me back from living my dream. Living in a foreign country for a whole semester will be extremely difficult, but so thrilling at the same time. Europe is such a fascinating place, and the thought that I will be a part of that culture for four months is amazing... but quite challenging at the same time. Speaking French 24 hours a day, seven days a week and living in such different conditions from what I am used to, being a spoiled American, seems quite intimidating. Millions of questions are running through my head. Where will I go in a grand city like Paris? Will I scream American if people just look at me? What to do if I get homesick?

These questions and many more have been consuming my thoughts ever since I received that acceptance letter in the mail. How am I going to survive in a country like France? I know I will be consumed with anxiety about what I am going to pack, how much money I will spend, and how I will survive in a foreign country. I cannot let my fears and anxiety prevent me from having the time of my life.

I feel blessed to study abroad because I'm able to live in a country I'm in love with, to speak the language I have been learning, and to experience things I have never experienced before. Studying abroad, as I have heard, changes a person completely and opens a new door to many new and exciting opportunities. You can engage in different cultures, learn about people's habits, and see unreal places.

So, now that my thoughts are scattered on this paper and I go about my own way to the land of Paris, I wish you all the best with your plans for the next few months and next semester. Whether it is working at a restaurant all summer or making big lifestyle changes, make the best out of everything that you do and never take any day for granted!

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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.

I'm not going to call you a whore but your actions and attitude are very whorish.

I know what an "omoplate" is, and I'm a girl.

I'm having a baby!!!!

DID YOU KNOW that Mr. Rogers was NOT a sniper in Vietnam?

Don't judge me for the naps I take.

Come to Barefoot on the Mall TODAY!!!

Why in the last week of school, does every professor decide to throw on an enormous pile of work? We have other classes besides yours. Please don't try to make my last week the most miserable one.

R.I.P. Professor James Rees. You will be missed.

I think there was a drunk guy in the library tonight.

I have heard nothing but wonderful things about the Special Population Prom that the ECU Ambassadors held this weekend. Thank you for serving our community and representing ECU in such a positive way!

I think the Pirate Rant chooser knows I don't go to ECU and won't pick any of my rants! I want one published too!

I don't see the point in "trayless" days at the Dining Hall. The water they save by not using trays is just wasted on cleaning the floor because I can't balance 10 plates and walk down two flights of stairs.

I, too, had pondered a career as a university professor, but I don't want to be that one-dimensional.

Sadly, this will be my last Pirate Rant!

I'm going to miss being a Pirate, but I can't wait to be a Demon Deacon!

My heart is purple and gold!

I love being able to fail final exams and still get A's in the class!

Anybody else want to drop out and become a groupie?

To the blonde girl in the Delta Zeta T-shirt: I saw you pick your nose and wipe it on your pants. Try to be a little more discrete next time.

I have never looked so forward to exams before. SUMMER '08, HERE WE COME!!

I am starting to think that the Pirate Rant chooser has better sex than anyone else on campus.

What does it mean when people say, "Whoa, Nelly?" Who the hell is Nelly?

If you're just going to leave class after ten minutes, why bother to show up at all? Just because our professor sounds a little like a cartoon character doesn't mean you can be that incredibly disrespectful.

To the old guy in my philosophy class: Please stop debating with the teacher. He's right, and that's why he's teaching you. If you were so smart, you would be out of college by now!

To all the bars that have free beer and penny liquor nights: Try having enough of it to last the whole night, so I will continue to go to your bar. Thanks.

Facebook is the reason I'm getting C's in my classes.

Six was afraid of seven because seven eight nine.

To the student who wants to be a professor because it's a "cake job with great pay, benefits and hours," ... all you need is a Ph.D. to join the club. It's only another five or six years of school. It's a piece of "cake." You'll be rich and have to do nothing!

I've just switched from being a theatre major to a psychology major. Now I sound much smarter.

My roommate just came out of the closet. I'm now tempted to do the same.

I named my cat Penny Lane, and I don't even like the Beatles.

My boyfriend is a tall, pale, freckly, redhead. Sounds yummy, right?

I like to jiggle my breasts. It makes my roommate very uncomfortable.

Nothing's better than BETTER CHEDDARS!

I steal food from West End Dining Hall every single day ... and it just makes it taste so much better.

Yes, Casper, you are the only girl who hasn't been tanning.

Hmm ... would an all-white fraternity or sorority be racist?

Is it bad that I slept with my teacher just to get a C?

My goal for this weekend: Have hook-up with as many boys as possible. It's good luck for exams.

Is it bad that my roommate screams a different boys name every night?

To the boy who blew our softball game: Thanks a bunch!

Kissing is like holding hands.

Everything really DOES taste better with a dollop of Daisy.

Brunettes are SO much hotter than blondes.

Why must the elevator in White be broken all of the time?!!?

There's something about seeing an orange girl with white hair giving evil glares to other people at the library that really makes me chuckle.

The fact that I couldn't attend the Obama rally will be the biggest regret I have for college.

With all the Obama fanatics who blindly believe every word that comes from his mouth, it's easy to see how someone like Hitler came to power. How's that for a change?

Listening to excessive amounts of David Bowie is helping me maintain my sanity.

I think Hillary Clinton is a MILF.

The summer is upon us, and people are breaking out the flip-flops and sandals. Ladies and gentlemen, remember one thing: Clean your hoofs before you let those dogs out of their cage!

I need a guy who doesn't mind a girl with a little junk in the trunk.

Damn you, Bank of America!!!! I spit at your \$35 overdraft fee!!!

North Carolina IS a right-to-work state.

The last day of class is also my birthday, BUT I have no exams till the next week. So, basically, I have a week off to celebrate my birthday!

\$3.59 a gallon for gas? SERIOUSLY???

Goodbye, crazy preachers, and I don't hope to see you next year. Yours truly, Hell-bound Lusty Hussy.

I want to be a library security guard!

I'm ready for the Marching Pirates to take the field again!

All I need is a one-night scandal!

Why does every middle school in the world think they can tour ECU and come eat at the cafeteria when I am at my most hungry and most stressed about school?

To the person who wanted to help out the threesome: I so called your rant getting into the paper last week!!!!

Is it bad if I absolutely HATE Barack Obama? I would be making straight A's this semester were it not for YOGA!

To the girl complaining about Jarvis girls not flushing: I'm embarrassed that you thought I pooped like a girl.

Why do I have a really big fear of people?

My scented markers are giving me a headache.

Pirate Rants are lame.

I need groceries, but I have to put gas in my car to get to the grocery store, and gas is now \$3.55!

I will be a senior in the fall, and I'm having second thoughts about my major.

I don't understand guys who make their lives all about sex, and once a girl tries to commit to the lifestyle, you're not there enough to have sex with her.

I'm beginning to dislike my roommate.

I miss all the "I love you" rants. Shame on you, whiners!

It's bad when sales associates start to know you by name.

My goal is to get at least one Pirate Rant published per year!

I always want to just drop out of school this time of year.

We don't want Obama or Chelsea's Mama.

You're probably mad that I took your shirt out before it was dry, but when all of the dryers are filled, I'm on a tight schedule, and you're only drying a single shirt ... your stuff is dry enough.

I may be graduating in two weeks, but I will always be a PIRATE!!!!

I hate listening to some idiot whine about their Pirate Rant not being chosen. Why do you take it personally? They don't have a clue who you are. Get a life.

I'm glad your class is almost over and I will never have to see you again.

I really wish the people in the MWF 12-1 Comparative Government class would shut the hell up once the professor starts talking.

WARNING TO ALL SKATEBOARDERS: The next one of you that flies past me in arms reach is going to be clotheslined!

This weather makes me wish I were in Mexico drinking margaritas on the beach instead of in class taking exams.

To the wonderful person who folded my laundry in Jarvis: THANK YOU!!! The people who work for Campus Dining really need to get a clue. Being rude is not cool.

Is it bad that I'm ready for the library to be open 24 hrs?

I only want what I can't have.

Why is it that I always want to give up at the end of the semester?

Whatever happened to Myspace?

Myspace is way better than Facebook.

Brand new building + same crappy service= ECU Financial Aid Department

To the bus driver who dropped us off at 5th & Student: You're the best!

I just got a Dear John text. How the hell pathetic is that?

UNC has a ram, State has a wolf ... shouldn't ECU have a parrot that says, "Arrrrgh!" for PeeDee?

I hate it when people say "bless you" after I sneeze. What exactly do I need to be blessed for?

I fully plan on one day becoming Mrs. Dr. Frasier Crane.

I call the white stuff under my toes my "smelly toe cheese."

I WILL gain back my Pirate Rant fame.

Flaxseed oil pills make you skinny.

If I could turn in a paper full of Pirate Rants, I would probably not procrastinate and get an A!

Need a satisfying study break? Meet me in the Joyner library bathroom.

Dear Pirate Rant Chooser, I'm glad you have such a passion for reading.

So, whatever happened to a new fountain being built in Wright Circle?

My roommate has had sexual relations with a canine.

My roommate likes to watch little girls pee in the shower.

I just realized that I hate all of my classes. Why did I take 18 hours?

The best part of my morning is getting on the campus shuttle bus and falling out of my seat every time the bus takes a turn. For some reason, that just makes my day..

Did anyone else catch that G.K. Butterfield gave Obama the black power sign at the rally? It was awesome.

Is it just me or do the modeling troupes on or campus SUCK?

Happiness is a bag of Cheetos.

Change can be oh so bittersweet

It's my turn to say hello

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

This time of year is always bittersweet for me. The semester comes to an end, friends leave for the summer, campus is filled with students struggling to pack up all of their belongings and move out of the dorms, the weather changes and life becomes different.

It's that time when you're emotions are in an oxymoron-like knot of both happy and sad at the same time.

Life changes, and with it comes new friends, new classes, new teachers, new beginnings.

This year, a big change is coming for me: I'm taking over *The East Carolinian* as the new Editor-in-Chief for the 2008-09 school year,

and I'm caught up in those end-of-the-semester crazy emotions.

Although working for this fine newspaper is hard work (most nights are spent guzzling some type of caffeine and stressing over every little detail), I have made some of my best friends working here. Over furiously typing articles at 11 p.m. on a production night and downing fast food meals, *The East Carolinian* office has become like my family away from family. And my taking over signals that others are leaving. But as the old adage says, "the news stops for no one." And I am no exception.

Being the Features editor for the last year has only confirmed my passion for journalism and how it really can change people's lives.

Every issue that we put out I feel proud of and work relentlessly to make it great. Some of my favorite stories that I have written about this year are about those things that really touch me

as a college student, and I hope that our readers feel the same way.

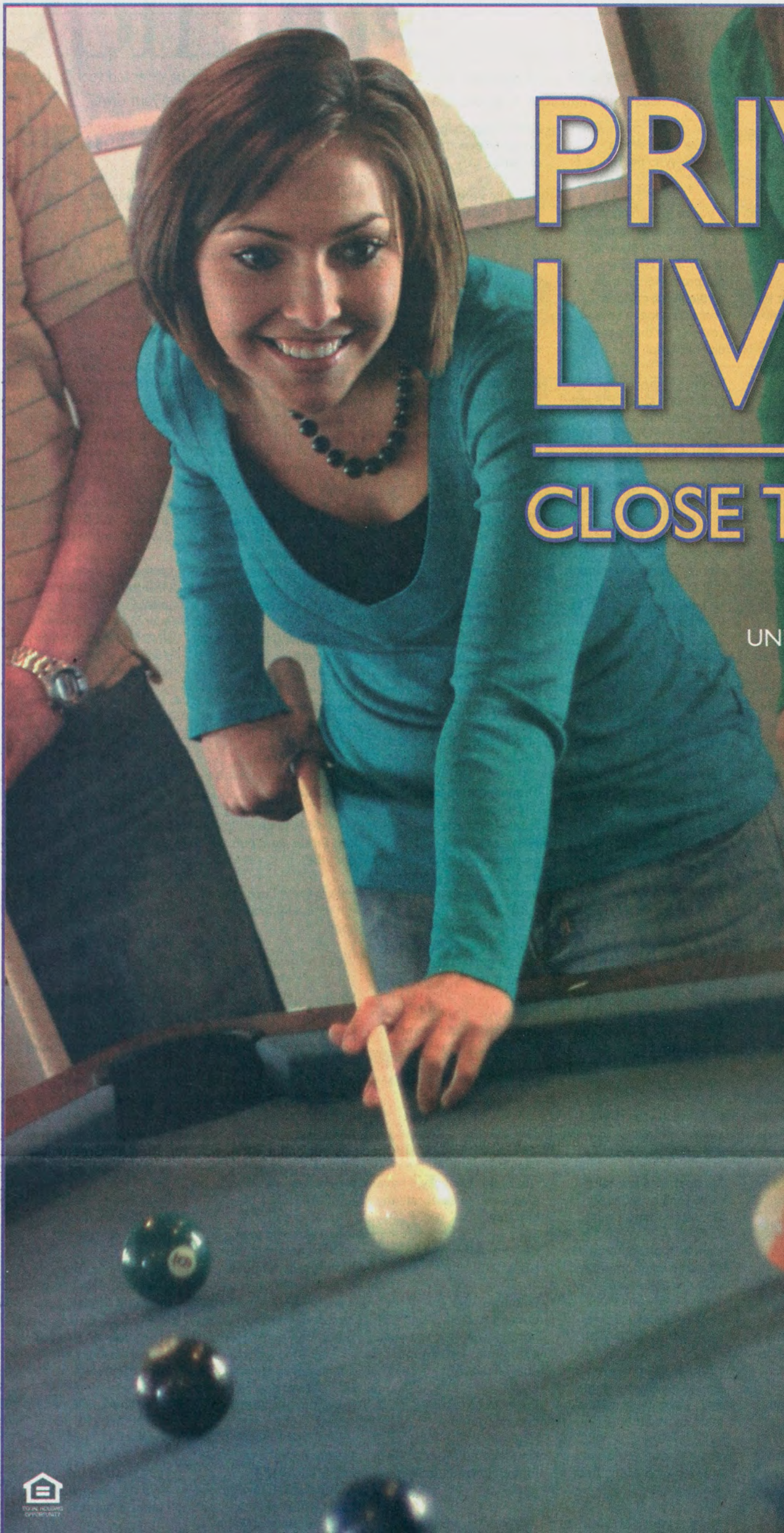
I want our school paper to reach new heights this year, and I have big plans for it. Next year might not cover the same things as this past year, but I hope that I can take *The East Carolinian* up a notch so that my predecessors will be proud.

So as I take up this new post as editor, I will miss the ones that are graduating and going into the real world, but I will work my hardest to make our school's newspaper interesting, real and readable for all students who attend ECU.

Change is always hard, but I know what I'm getting into, and I'm ready for it.

As all of the graduating seniors say 'goodbye,' it's my turn to say 'hello.'

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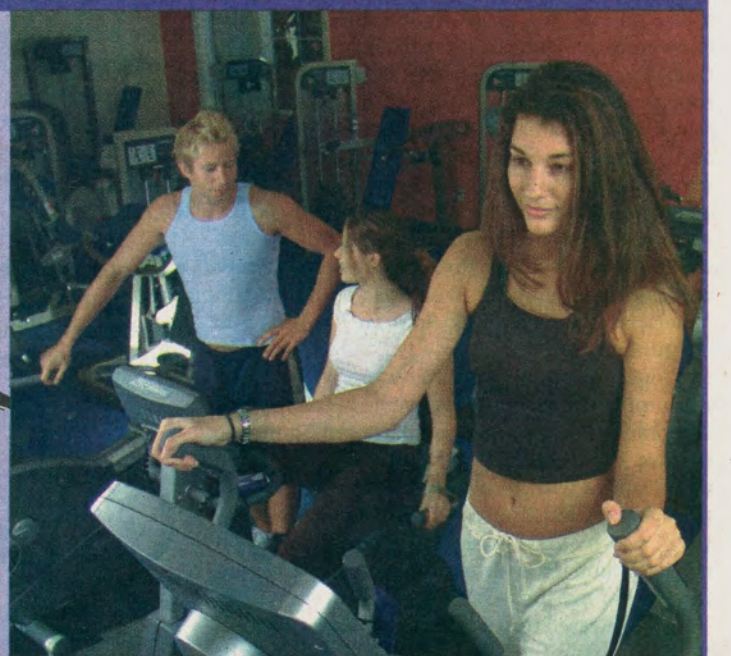
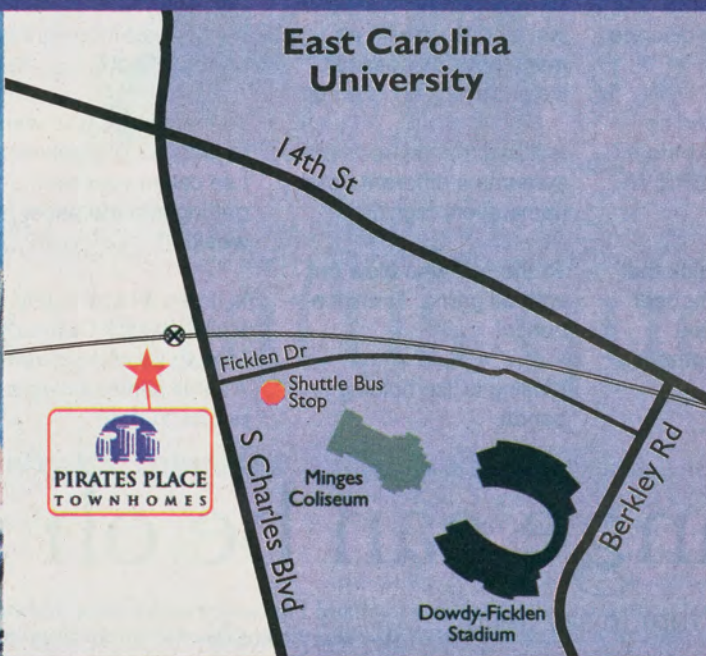
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A look at what's coming up in Sports...

Baseball

Friday
vs. Presbyterian
7:00 p.m.

Saturday
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April 29
At UNC Wilmington

May 2-4
vs. UAB

May 9-11
vs. Tulane

Softball

Saturday
at Memphis
2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Sunday
at Memphis
1:00 p.m.

April 29
at Virginia Tech
3 p.m.

May 3-4
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Team of the year



The 2007-08 Pirate football team in many ways exceeded expectations this past season and in the end picked up an impressive win over Boise State, 41-38, in the Hawaii Bowl.

Things didn't start out great for Skip Holtz and crew as ECU struggled to a 1-3 start, but the one win was a memorable one as the Pirates defeated bitter in-state rival UNC 34-31 in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. After the rough start, ECU

was able to win six of its last eight to earn bowl eligibility and also compete for a possible Conference USA title up until the final weeks. While that goal wasn't accomplished, ECU had a successful season capping it off with the Hawaii bowl win for the program's first bowl victory since the 2000 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl.

In the end, ECU finished 8-5 overall, which was its highest win total since 2000, and a 6-2 mark in C-USA.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mack McCarthy



It's not too often that team can go 11-19 in a season and their coach can win a coach of the year award, much less be in consideration.

However, the job Mack McCarthy did during his first season as head coach of the Pirates' basketball team was tremendous. Five of the Pirates wins came in Conference USA, which matches the highest total ever for the program since joining the conference in basketball in the 2001-02 season. ECU also had a

three-game C-USA winning streak for the first time in four years.

The biggest win of the season however came against ACC member NC State. The win marked the first time an ECU squad has ever beaten an ACC foe. With the strides the program took in 2007-08, McCarthy was given a five-year contract to remove the interim tag from his name and hopefully help build the basketball program to a level of respect.

FEMALE ATHLETE



Kelly Wernert

ECU volleyball player Kelly Wernert ended her career with an exceptional season. In a display of her skills, Wernert had a 31-kill performance against UNCW early in the season. The performance set the record for most single-match kills in ECU history. On the a season, the left-hander also set the ECU record for single-season kills with 627, which is 100 more than the previous record holder, Wendy Schultz, who set the previous record in 1992. In honor of her outstanding season, C-USA named Wernert to their postseason first team. She also received all-tournament honors at Duke, N.C. State and George Washington while also being named the MVP in the latter.

MALE ATHLETE



Chris Johnson

ECU senior running back Chris Johnson had one of the best seasons in the history of ECU football this Fall. Johnson was the backbone of the team all season and led ECU to many victories. He led the nation in all-purpose yards, averaging around 227 per game. On the ground, Johnson ran for 1,468 yards and 17 touchdowns. The versatile running back also caught 37 passes for 528 yards and six touchdowns. He also returned kickoffs, averaging 28 yards per return and took one back for a touchdown on the year. Against Boise State, the senior set an NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purpose yards. He ran for 223 yards, 181 of which came in the opening half, caught three passes for 32 yards and returned six kickoffs for 153 yards in the bowl victory.

MOST IMPROVED



Corey Kemp

ECU baseball infielder Corey Kemp is certainly having an outstanding season for the Pirates so far. As of April 23, Kemp leads the Diamond Bucs, and Conference USA, in homers with 12, and also has driven in an exceptional 46 runs so far while hitting .340. In the 2006-07 campaign, Kemp ended the season with five homers and 41 RBI, numbers the senior has already demolished with 15 games left in the regular season. Kemp has gone from being one of the better players on the Pirate roster to perhaps the best in the span of one season.

FRESHMAN



Seth Maness

Seth Maness, the Pirates' freshmen right-handed pitcher, has had a stellar start to his career at ECU. Maness, as of April 23, displays a 6-0 record in nine appearances with a 3.12 ERA. Maness also leads the pitching staff in strikeouts with 52. In his high school career, Maness had a 49-19 overall record in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Coming out of high school, he was rated in the top 40 overall baseball players in North Carolina by Impact Baseball.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Ben Hartman (30) kicked a 34-yard game-winning field goal as time expired in ECU's monumental 41-38 victory over Boise State in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl this past December.

Bowl win tops the list

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As the school year winds down, we look back at the top five ECU athletic moments over the past school year.

1. Pirates defeat No. 24 Boise State in Hawaii Bowl

The 2008 Hawaii bowl will forever be known as the Chris Johnson show to ECU fans. The Pirates were able to ride Johnson all the way to a stunning 41-38 victory over Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl. In the victory, Johnson ran for 223 yards and 1 touchdown. Remarkably, 181 yards of Johnson's final total came in the first half alone, which set a NCAA record. For the game, Johnson had 408 all-purpose yards, yet another NCAA record. While the Pirates lead 38-14 at one time, the Broncos roared back to tie the game until Ben Hartman kicked a time expiring 34-yard field goal to give ECU the victory. The win marked the first ECU bowl victory since the 2000 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl.

2. Men's basketball beats NC State

The ECU men's basketball team's December victory over arch-rival N.C. State was arguably the biggest win in the program's history. The Pirates had never beaten an ACC team and the game marked N.C. State's first-ever trip to Minges Coliseum. Sam Hinnant exploded for 30 points, solidifying himself as the team's new go-to scorer. The Wolf Pack cut the ECU lead to three late but the Pirates held on for a 75-69 shocker. The Minges Maniacs responded promptly by spilling onto the floor to celebrate one of the biggest wins in school history. The game's intensity was unmatched in any other Pirate home game throughout the season. Head coach Mack McCarthy later remarked that at times Minges Coliseum was "deafening."

3. ECU football defeats UNC 34-31 at Dowdy-Ficklen

For the first time since 1975, ECU defeated North Carolina in football 34-31 on a 39-yard field goal by Ben Hartman as time expired. The win marked only the second victory against the Tar Heels in the Pirates last 11 tries. Junior quarterback Patrick Pinkney threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns in his first start while completing 31-of-41 passes. His performance ranks as the second best passing performance in school history. To add to the drama, Hartman had missed kicks of 30, 32 and 37 yards before nailing the game winner.

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The ECU basketball team provided the Pirate Nation with a memorable win over NC State.

4. Pirate baseball sweeps Clark-LeClair Tournament

In just its 5th year, The Keith LeClair Classic has quickly become a favorite tradition among ECU baseball fans. The 2008 edition proved to be another one to remember as the Pirates went a perfect 3-0 to capture the title. This year's competitors included Georgia Southern, Pittsburgh, and then No. 15 ranked Michigan. The Pirates doubled up Pittsburgh, 10-5, before holding off Michigan, 6-5, in a Saturday doubleheader. ECU closed out the weekend with a 9-3 victory over Georgia Southern to claim its eighth win of the season. One of the highlights of the tournament was freshman Trent Whitehead's game-tying home run against Michigan. The blast marked Whitehead's first home run as a Pirate.

5. ECU Women's Basketball defeats No. 24 N.C. State 89-82 in Minges

Behind the outstanding play of junior point guard Jasmine Young the Pirates were able to defeat the Wolfpack 89-82 in Minges Coliseum. Young had 22 points and two assists on the day to be among one of the three Pirates that scored in double figures. LaCoya Terry added 19 points and 10 assists while Nicole Days had 13 points, six rebounds. The win marked the first time in program history that the Pirates defeated a ranked opponent and was the first win over N.C. State since Feb. 2, 1982.

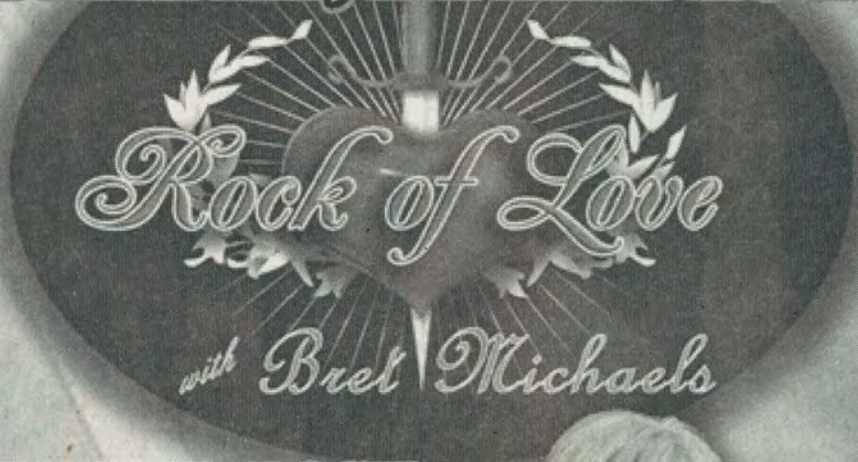
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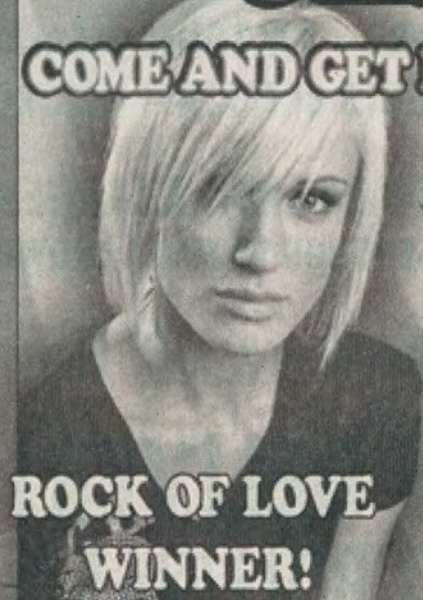
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ECU fans have plenty to look forward to

Many sports programs are on the rise

RONNIE WOODWARD
SPORTS EDITOR

Classes end on Monday.
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But sports will not be ending anytime soon.

As students mourn in summertime blues, figure out post-graduation plans or move away from Greenville for the summer, they all have one thing to look forward to—sports.

And that optimism should start with the ECU baseball team.

The baseball team has been in and out of the Top-25 all season, has looked great at times and not-so-great at times, but overall, this team has the most postseason potential of any ECU baseball team in recent years.

Despite being recently swept by Conference USA powerhouse Rice, which is currently one of the hottest teams in the entire nation and has been a thorn in ECU's side for years, the Pirates are in the thick of the conference race and, with a strong end to the regular season, could position itself for a legitimate postseason run.

ECU is at or near the top of almost every offensive category in C-USA, most notably, home runs. The Pirates have hit 53 home runs this season, which tops C-USA, and is 15 more than the two teams tied for second.

Led by breakout seasons by senior Corey Kemp and infielder Ryan Wood, ECU's offense has been as explosive as ever in the Billy Godwin era.

Kemp, who had five home runs and 41 RBIs all last season, is leading C-USA with 12 home runs and has drove in a team-high 46 runs. As gaudy as those numbers seem, what's even more impressive is Kemp's consistency at the plate, as he has come through in clutch situations multiple times for the Pirates so far this year.

Wood is first on the team in batting average, second on the

team in RBIs and has scored more runs than any other player in C-USA.

Junior Brandon Henderson has also come into his own at the plate, having his most productive and consistent season of his career.

These players' stellar offensive seasons coupled with the usual offensive suspects like Harrison Eldridge, Kyle Roller and Stephen Batts having productive years has made ECU a very dangerous baseball team.

But what is even more dangerous, and usually more valuable as the postseason approaches, is the pitching depth.

Coming into the season, many people thought the Pirates would struggle on the mound because of the lack of experience behind senior No. 1 pitcher T.J. Hose.

But it's been two freshmen and a transfer who have carried the pitching staff this spring, providing ECU with a very valuable weapon—starting pitching depth.

True freshman Seth Maness has yet to lose a start (6-0) in his young career, and leads the team in strikeouts with 52.

Maness' true freshman sidekick, Stihl Sowers, has settled in as ECU's No. 4 starter—which can be huge during the post-season.

Sowers threw a complete game against UNCW on Tuesday and has had multiple solid outings after a somewhat rough start to the season.

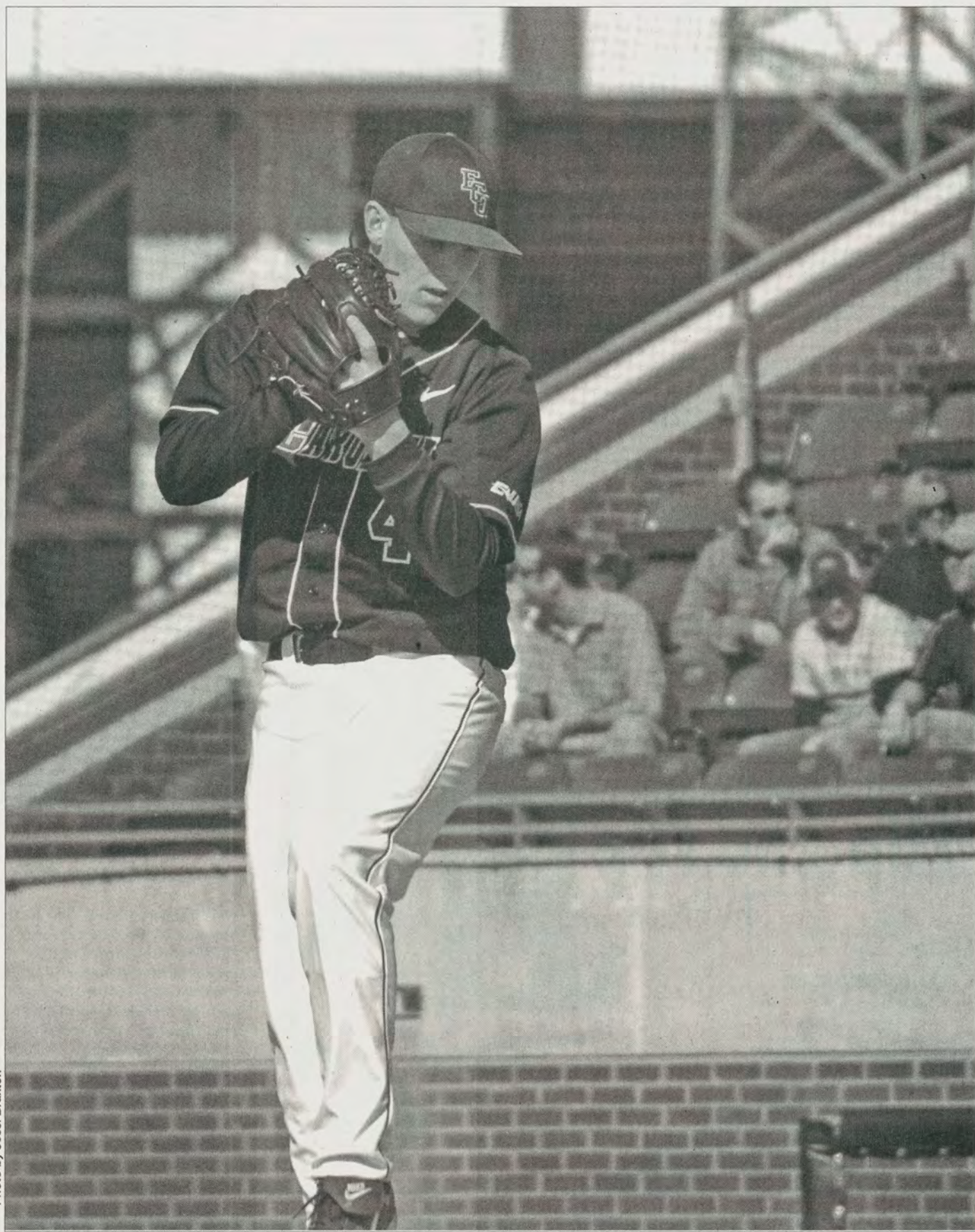
Auburn transfer Justin Bristow has been very impressive in his role as the Pirates' Sunday pitcher, boasting a 3.15 ERA and 5-2 record in a team-high 60 innings.

Hose has had a bit of a down year after a stellar three years at ECU, but the gritty pitcher has always shown the ability to step up in clutch situations, and that hasn't seemed to wear off.

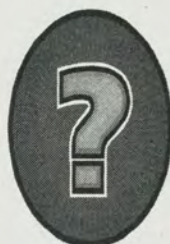
What does all of this mean?

It means that ECU will have multiple pitching options as we approach summer college

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Freshman Seth Maness (above) has been one of the pleasant surprises on the ECU baseball team, as he has yet to lose a start.



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Sowers grounds Seahawks in Pirates' victory

Freshman pitcher
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game

JARED JACKSON
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates found the perfect remedy Tuesday night after a tough weekend series against Rice.

ECU [28-13] rolled to a 6-1 victory over in-state rivals UNC Wilmington [29-9-1] behind the arm of right-handed pitcher Sthil Sowers, and a Pirates' offense that produced 11 hits from seven different batters.

"They're [UNCW] having an outstanding year," said ECU coach Billy Godwin, whose Pirates have now won three-straight against the Seahawks. "For us to come out, especially after a disappointing weekend [swept at Rice] and for Sowers to do what he did tonight — check across the country and you don't see too many complete games in the middle of the week."

Sowers' performance could arguably be considered the best of his young career at ECU, as the true freshman held the Seahawks scoreless through the first 8 2/3 innings before giving up a home run to Seahawks clean-up hitter Mark Carver, only one strike away from a complete game shutout.

After the home run, Pirates infielder Corey Kemp had a few words with Sowers to keep his head up.

"I said, 'you made one mistake all night and you give up one run--so what. Go get this next guy,'" said Kemp, who was 1-for-4 on the night with 2 RBIs. "You kind of have to keep him up."

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Ryan Wood (16), Brandon Henderson (21), Corey Kemp (35) and Stephen Batts (25) provided Sowers with more than enough run support against UNCW on Tuesday.

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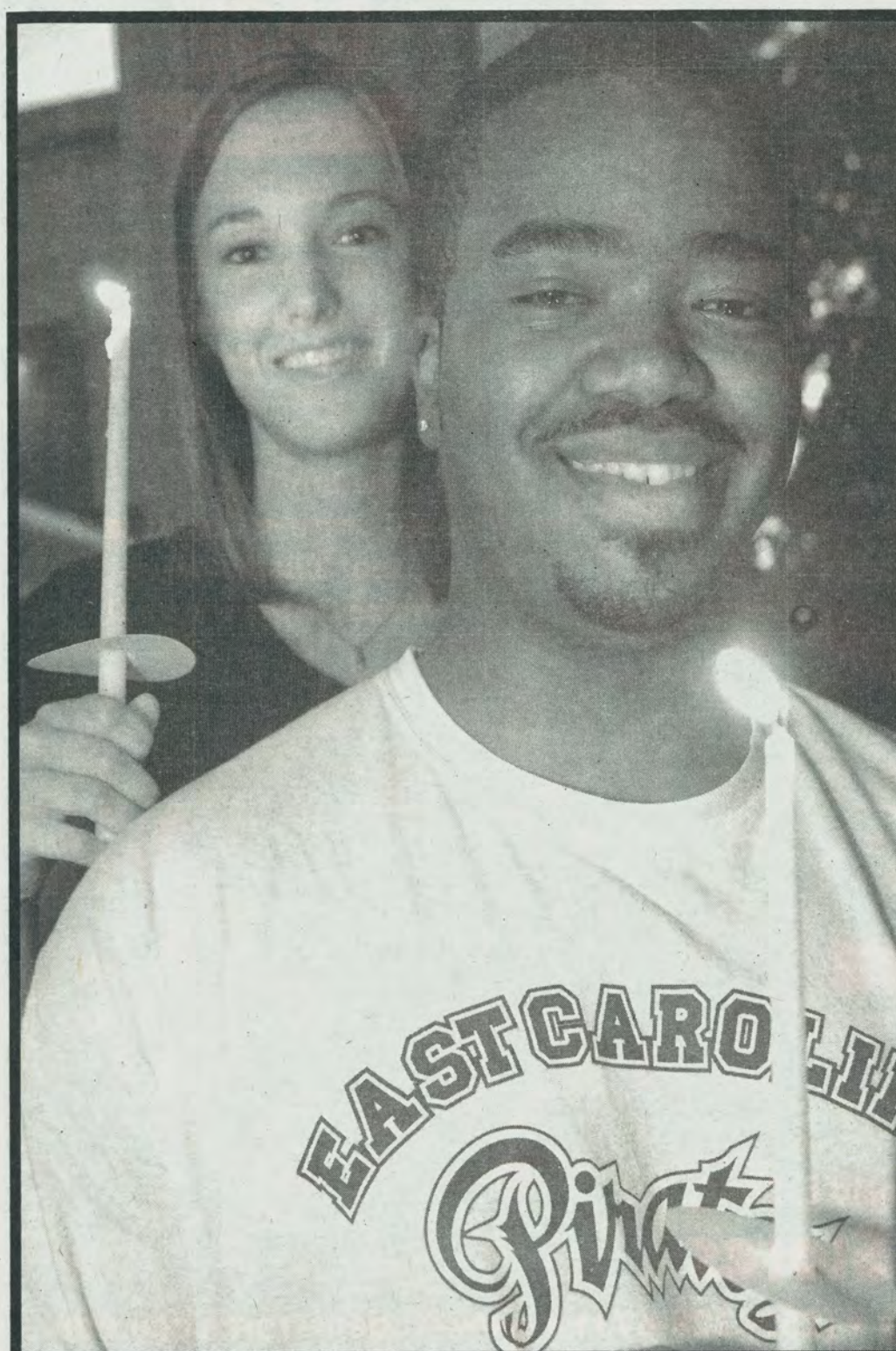


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baseball. And in the postseason, most college baseballs team's shelf-life comes down to how many productive pitchers it has, and right now ECU is strong in that category.

But even with four strong starting pitchers and an explosive offense, ECU's postseason fortune could very well depend on the bullpen.

The Pirates have only recorded two saves all season, which ranks last in C-USA.

Projected closer Bailey Daniels has been used sparingly due to a preseason injury, and Godwin has been forced to use a closer-by-committee approach with left-handed senior Josh Ruhlman and true freshman Brad Mincey leading the way. Neither has fully embraced the role or shown the ability to dominate late in games, which is a characteristic that you will usually find when watching teams that make it to the College World Series.

In years past, including last year, ECU has lost postseason games and has seen its season end because of the inability to win the close games in the final innings.

This year's bullpen has shows flashes of potential, and if the Pirates can find some consistency from the back end of its pitching staff, pitching depth can be a valuable asset in the coming months—something that ECU hasn't recently had during the postseason.

Whenever the baseball team's season ends, all students will have one other huge sport to look forward to, and that's football.

Last year, the ECU football team went 8-5, its highest win total since 2000. The successful season, which was

capped by a Hawaii Bowl victory over nationally-respected Boise State, also marked the first time the Pirates have recorded back-to-back winning campaigns for the first time since 1999-2000.

With one of the brightest young coaches in college football in its arsenal, and now a couple of winning season to build on, the sky is currently the limit for ECU football.

Next year's schedule includes games with NC State, Virginia, West Virginia and a season-opening matchup with Virginia Tech in Charlotte. Matchups like these and the success under Skip Holtz gives students a lot to look forward to next fall—and it will be here sooner than you think.

Also, both ECU basketball programs are as stable as they've been in years, thanks to coaching stability.

The women's program has a very knowledgeable, hard-working coach in Sharon Baldwin-Tener, and will only lose one senior from this year's team when they hit the hardwood next semester.

With the recent contract extension Mack McCarthy, the men's program also has coaching stability for the first time in a long time, and will also have key scorers returning, led by senior Sam Hinant and James Legan.

So as you sell your books back, finish up exams and forget about school for awhile, don't forget this school's sports—because you just never know what you could miss.

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2008 ECU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Team
Aug. 30	vs. Virginia Tech
Sept. 6	vs. West Virginia
Sept. 13	at Tulane
Sept. 20	at NC State
Sept. 27	vs. Houston
Oct. 11	at Virginia
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ECU golfers compete in conference tournament

Bools receives top player award

ECU SID—The ECU women's golf team carded a final round 314 this past weekend to finish in second place at the 2008 Texas Roadhouse Conference USA Women's Golf Championships. The tournament was played at the par-72, 6,294-yard Butterfield Trail Golf Club.

The University of Tulsa took home the tournament title after shooting the low round of the day, a 15-over par 3-3, to compile a 54-hole total of 904 (304-297-303) and edge out runner-up East Carolina (303-305-314=922).

Runner-up ECU was led by sophomore standout Abby Bools, who tied for fourth place (73-74-80=227). Amber Littman (tied for seventh, 75-78-77=230) and Emelie Lind (10th, 79-73-81=233) also garnered top-10 individual finishes for the Pirates.

SMU finished third (308-310-314=932), with UCF fourth (303-314-328=945), Memphis fifth (309-318-324=951), UTEP sixth (303-321-329=953), Southern Miss seventh (301-331-322=954), UAB eighth (306-321-334=961) and Marshall ninth (316-338-339=993).

Tulsa, which captured its first C-USA title, earned the

league's automatic bid to NCAA Regionals. Three Golden Hurricane players landed in the top-10 of the individual standings including medalist Woori Shin, who carded a four-over-par 220 (76-71-73). Tulsa's Leisl Hasbrouck tied for second place (72-77-77=226), Michaela Cavener tied for fourth place (75-77-75=227), Tara Goedeken tied for 11th place (81-72-81=234) and Kelly Fuchik tied for 29th place (81-83-78=242).

Memphis' Alexa Porter tied for second place (73-78-75=226), SMU's Lacy Jones (74-78-77=229) took sixth place, and SMU's Paige Martin (78-79-73=230) and UAB's Jaime Brabb (72-76-82=230) tied for seventh place to round out the top-10 of the individual standings.

SMU's Martin matched Tulsa's Shin with Wednesday's low round of 73.

Host UTEP was led by Liz Sobczak, who tied for 19th place (76-79-83=238).

The All-Tournament team was Shin, Porter, Hasbrouck, Cavener and Bools.

Following the C-USA Tournament, the conference announced its annual end of the season awards, and ECU was well represented.

conference USA announced its 2007 All-Conference first, second and third teams along with postseason award winners

for women's golf, as selected by the conference's head coaches.

Pirates' sophomore Abby Bools earned C-USA Player of the Year and All-Conference USA first-team recognition. Bools finished tied for fourth place at the 2008 C-USA Women's Golf Championship. ECU head coach Kevin Williams was named Coach of the Year after leading his team to wins in six of its seven tournaments and a second-place finish at the C-USA Championship.

Bools entered the C-USA Championship with a 74.67 stroke average (down from 77.96 in 2007) and captured two wins and four top-five finishes this spring. She was named C-USA Golfer of the Week two times in 2007-08 and was one of three Pirate golfers to record two medalist honors in the same season. She carded a personal-best round of 68 at the Myrtle Beach Classic earlier this year, which was the third-lowest round in school history.

Williams, who started the women's program at East Carolina in 2000, and coached the men and women at ECU before taking a club-pro job in 2006, returned this year to lead his team to wins in six of its first seven tournaments—more than any other Division I women's program. In the process, he led the Pirates to a school-record

victory streak of five.

Pirate Amber Littman was named the C-USA Freshman of the Year. Littman had a stroke average of 74.39 entering the C-USA Championship and finished tied for seventh in the individual standings. Littman was a two-time C-USA Golfer of the Week selection in 2007-08. She closed out the fall season by claiming individual medalist honors at the UAB Beach Bash. The Stoney Creek, N.C. native recorded her third top three finish and fourth top 20 placement in five tournaments at the event.

Both Bools and Littman are the first Pirates to receive C-USA Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors on the links.

Tulsa junior Woori Shin, the 2008 C-USA Women's Golf Individual Champion, claimed the league's Newcomer of the Year honors. Shin fired one of the championships two rounds of under par golf with a 71 in round two and carded a four-over-par 220 to claim medalist honors. Her efforts helped the Golden Hurricane to the 2008 team title. Shin entered the C-USA Championship as the reigning C-USA Golfer of the Week and claimed the honor twice in 2007-08. Shin



Bools was named C-USA Player of the Year after a stellar season.

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Track and Field speeds by the competition

Pirates set numerous records

ECU SID—The ECU Track and Field team came home with ten victories and two school records this past weekend, as they participated in the Blue and Silver Challenge hosted by Christopher Newport University.

"Both programs really stepped up again this past weekend," head coach Curt Kraft said. "I cannot remember the last time we had as many

season and lifetime personal records in a long time as we did this weekend.

"We came away with another regional qualifier and two school records, and anytime you do that I am not sure we can ask for a whole lot more. As I have said before, we are continuing to move in the right direction in a lot of different ways, now we have to turn our focus to the Penn Relays, and do well there."

Chalonda Silver won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.21, while Tanisha Glover

came in 3rd with a time of 12.63. Amy Hart's time of 58.89 earned her 2nd in the 400 meter dash. Hollie Brooks won the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:16.59, while Samantha Lichtner came in 3rd (2:20.95). Meghan Glassmacher was 4th (2:21.34), Claire MacAuley was 5th (2:24.06), and Ericka Charles came in 6th (2:24.71). In the 1,500 meter run, Lisa Delorenzo's time of 5:03.63 was good for 4th, while Tayleigh Davis's time of 5:11.20 earned her 6th. Clare Frasur took home 7th with a time of 5:49.95.

Lindsay Dolan won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 14.45 while Tara Bright came in 6th with a time of 15.54. In the 400 meter hurdles, India Gonzalez came in 2nd (1:08.23) while Bright was 3rd (1:08.99). The 4x100 relay team won with a time of 4:09.10.

In the high jump, Lindsay Dolan won with a mark of 1.60m while Taylor Connor came in 2nd with a mark of 1.50m. Amy Hart won the pole vault with a mark of 3.80m, tying the school record and qualifying for the NCAA regionals. Stephanie

McDougal took home 2nd in the event with a mark of 3.50m. Tanisha Glover came in 3rd in the long jump with a mark of 5.31m, while Naomi Lewis came in 7th, at 4.52m. Camelia Morman broke the school record in the triple jump with a mark of 12.80m, winning the event. Danielle Eiler came in 2nd in the shot put (13.01m), and won the discus throw (45.58) and the javelin throw (34.42m). Vickie Mitchell finished 2nd in the discus with a mark of 39.20m. In the hammer throw, Charlene Grady

won with a mark of 46.69m, while Kim Woodson came in 5th (41.37), Ashleigh Lee was 6th (41.10), and Meagan Lewis came in 7th (40.44).

On the men's side, LePatrick Currie came in 2nd in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.21 while Anthony Green was 3rd (11.25), and Andre Jackson came in 4th (11.29). Currie continued his success with a 3rd place finish in the 200 meter dash (22:65), while

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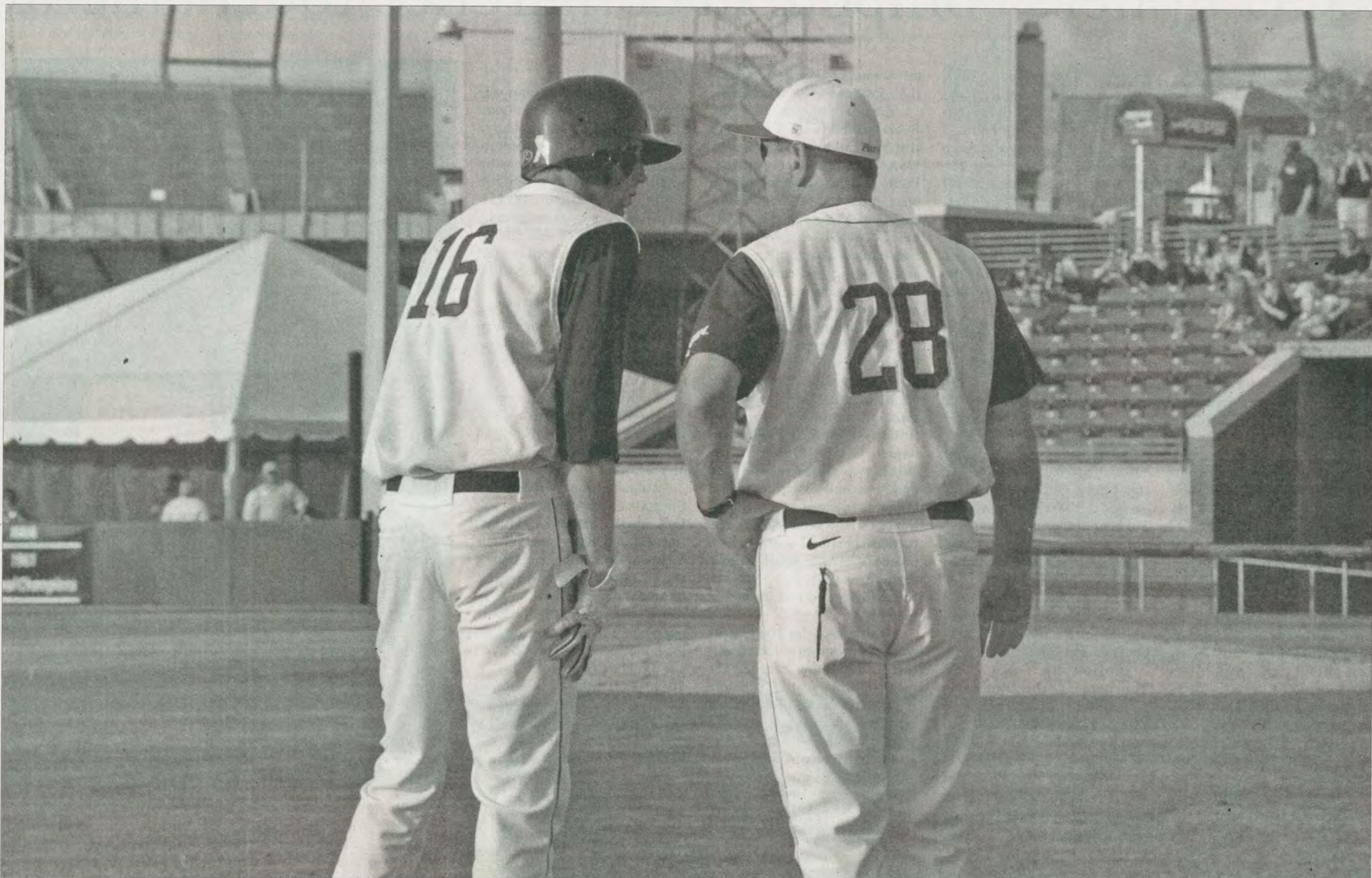
BASEBALL continued from B5

Photo by Jessi Braxton

ECU coach Billy Godwin (28) talks with his second baseman Ryan Wood (16) at Clark-LeClair Stadium. Wood continued his offensive surge Tuesday, going 2-for-3 with two runs scored against the Seahawks.

"A complete-game shutout is tough to do in any level of baseball; you kind of have to erase it and go to the next hitter."

Nonetheless, Sowers' first complete game of his entire high school through college career was impressive.

In the Tuesday game, the North Lenoir High School product struck out five and gave up six hits while walking none.

The win improves Sowers to 4-3 on the season. To put things in perspective on just how well he played, a Seahawks player never touched third base until Carver's home run.

"I've had some tough outings, like last week against NC State, they really jumped on me and scored a bunch of runs," Sowers said of his short 2-inning performance against the Wolfpack last Tuesday, in which he allowed four runs on five hits. "This is something I needed myself for a little confidence booster. It just feels great that I came out and helped out tonight."

It didn't take long for the Pirates' offense to generate some noise, coming out in the bottom of the first and scoring the opening run on a Corey

Kemp RBI groundout that scored Ryan Wood.

The Pirates led 1-0 after the first and never looked back.

In the fifth inning, the ECU offense gave Sowers plenty of run insurance to work with for the rest of the game by increasing the lead to 5-0. Three straight run-scoring singles by Kemp, Brandon Henderson and Jamie Ray all came with two outs on the scoreboard and a balk on behalf of Seahawks' starting pitcher Kyle Lewis gave ECU a free run in allowing Henderson to score.

In the sixth, the Pirates

added another run after Kemp scored on infield error to make the margin 6-0.

While the 6-1 win is certainly a hefty defeat by the hand of the Pirates, it could have been worse. With no outs in the eighth and bases loaded, ECU squandered away a chance to put further distance between itself and UNCW with three straight outs.

The Pirates' offense displayed their full arsenal against the Seahawks, however.

Eleven ECU hits were collected, with Harrison Eldridge, Henderson, Ray and Wood all

having multi-hit games. Stephen Batts also extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a double in the first.

ECU now travels to Buies Creek Wednesday to face Campbell at 7 p.m. before returning home for anon-conference series against Presbyterian College this weekend.

After the game, Godwin amusingly likened the last 16 games (including UNCW) to that of the NFL regular season.

"If you finish strong you'll probably get a bye (in NCAA regional play) and do some good

things at the end," he said. "If you go 8-8, then it could be iffy, and that's not what you want to do."

With the win over UNCW, the Pirates are now 1-0 in their so-called 16 game season.

With 15 left to play and the schedule that lay ahead, Godwin must now like the Pirates chances of making the "playoffs."

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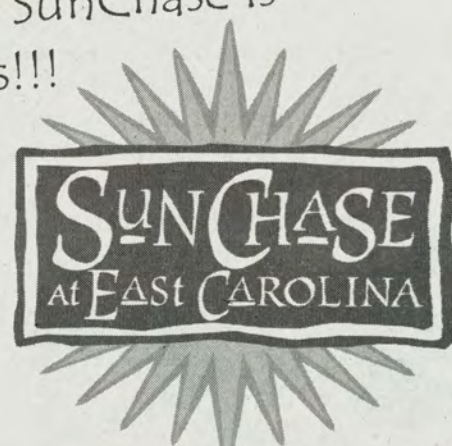
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TRACK AND FIELD REMAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 24	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Penn.
April 25	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Penn.
April 26	Penn Relays	Philadeplhia, Penn.
May 4	at Duke	Durham, NC
May 15	C-USA Championships	El Paso, Texas
May 16	C-USA Championships	El Paso, Texas
May 17	C-USA Championships	El Past, Texas
May 30	NCAA Regionals	Tallahassee, Fla.
May 31	NCAA Regionals	Tallahassee, Fla.

Jackson came in 4th (22.66). Corin Lindsay finished 5th with a time of 22.79 and Steven Heneson came in 6th (23.46). Lindsay took home 3rd in the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.25 while Heneson was 6th (51.55). Richard Armstrong took home 2nd in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:57.31, while Michael Barnett came in 4th with a time of 1:58.35. In the 1,500 meter run, Harvinder Singh came in 2nd with a time of 4:17.19 while Nick Boerio finished 6th with a time of 4:29.29. Michael Hardy's time of 4:29.89 was good enough for 8th.

A.J. Malicdem took home 2nd in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.36, while taking home 4th in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 56.15. Sean Bowen finished 6th in the 400 meter hurdles (58.41), while Graham Warren finished 7th (58.92). In the

4x100 meter relay, the 'A' team took home 2nd with a time of 41.87, and the 'A' team also took home 2nd in the 4x400 with a time of 3:23.60. Aaron Ransom finished 6th in the long jump with a mark of 4.16m. Michael McGilvary's mark of 13.01m earned him 3rd in the triple jump. Daniel Varela's mark of 42.55m earned him 3rd in the discus throw, while his mark of 44.71 was good for 2nd in the high jump. Ahmad Garrison came in 4th in the discus (42.22) and 3rd in the high jump (44.67). Taurian Houston came in 8th in the high jump, with a mark of 38.11m.

The ECU track and field teams return to action on April 24th as they participate in the Penn Relays.

GOLF continued from B7

registered four top-five finishes this spring.

Seven league teams were represented on the All-Conference USA teams. UCF led all C-USA teams with four all-league selections, while East Carolina had three all-conference selections and claimed three of the four specialty awards. Tulsa also had three all-conference selections to go along with one specialty award. SMU was next with two all-league honors. Championship host UTEP, along with Memphis and Southern Miss each had one honoree.

The ECU men's golf team also wrapped up its season this past weekend, playing in the C-USA Tournament.

ECU fired a 15-over-par 879 and finished seventh at the 2008 C-USA Championship at the par 72, 6,935-yard Texarkana Country Club Tuesday. Junior Andre Thorsen was the Pirates' top finisher as he tied for sixth place with a 54-hole total of even-par 216.

Pirate sophomore Tanner Briele finished the tournament tied for 14th at three-over-par, while freshman Warren Straub finished tied for 17th at four-over-par. Junior Markus Leandersson finished the championship at 10-over, while senior Anthony Reale was 14-over.

Straub was one of four players to be named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team.

The UAB Blazers earned their first Conference USA Men's Golf Championship after firing a five-under-par 283, team total in today's final round to move from third place after 36 holes to claim the title. Junior Zach Sucher earned medalist honors, while teammate Brad Smith tied Sucher's low round of 66 on the final 18 to spark the championship run. UAB finished with a 54-hole total of 857 (-7), led by Sucher and Smith's all-tournament performances.

Senior Kyle Sapp also came up big today with a 70 in today's final round. Southern Miss, who entered the day tied with UAB for third place, finished second on the strength of a 70 from senior Kyle Ramey and a third-place finish from sophomore Paul Apyan, who also earned all-tournament honors.

After leading the first two rounds, Memphis slipped to third place in the final standings, while SMU made the climb from ninth place following the first round to a fourth-place finish overall for the tournament as the Mustangs placed four individuals in the Top 20.

Defending champion Tulsa and Houston finished fifth and sixth, respectively, with scores of 876 (+12) and 877 (+13), while ECU, UTEP, UCF, Marshall and Rice rounded out the field, respectively.

The men's team will conclude the season this weekend at the Cavalier Classic in Charlottesville, Va.

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Horoscopes

Aries

Your job doesn't exactly match your passions yet, but don't despair. Do what you love as a hobby, if necessary. It'll help keep you sane.

Taurus

You have something that another person wants. Just knowing that should make you feel more confident. You don't have to sell it or give it away. Keep it somewhere safe.

Gemini

Once you and your partner figure out who's in charge of what, you'll start to increase productivity exponentially. Work toward that happy day.

Cancer

OK, you can get back to work. You can even go shopping. The congestion should have cleared by now, so you'll be able to make good choices.

Leo

A lover's dream could actually come true, against all odds. You're such a natural romantic, the game is bound to turn out in your favor.

Virgo

The answer you've been seeking comes in a quiet moment. You may not even realize you have it, but the problem just fades away. It could be a change in your attitude.

Libra

There are hassles to deal with, but you can overcome them. Set up a romantic evening as your reward for a challenging day.

Scorpio

It's another good shopping day for household items. Check out the latest entertainment technology. Odds are good you'll find the perfect thing.

Sagittarius

Your suppositions have been proven correct, much to your delight. An area that was obscure has become clear. The fog has lifted, or it soon will.

Capricorn

Finishing an old project brings in a welcome bonus. Use it to get a special treat for the people you love.

Aquarius

You can overcome feelings of repressed hostility. Don't let a co-worker's rude remark cause a nasty reaction. Think about a person you love and you'll forget all about it.

Pisces

You're gaining status and respect. You may not know what you did. You were just following through and keeping your word.

Did you know?

The 1960's Chatty Cathy's had three hair colors: blonde, brunette and redhead.

Saturday mail delivery in Canada was eliminated by Canada Post on February 1, 1969.

In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes.

Should there be a crash, Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane as a precaution.

Your body is creating and killing 15 million red blood cells per second.

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache on a standard playing card.

There is one slot machine in Las Vegas for every eight inhabitants.

Every day 20 banks are robbed. The average take is \$2,500.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to shave them off.

Tablecloths were originally meant to be served as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces after eating.

One car out of every 230 made was stolen last year.

The names of Popeye's four nephews are Pipeye, Peepye, Pupeye, and Poopeye.

Until the nineteenth century, solid blocks of tea were used as money in Siberia.

A lightning bolt generates temperatures five times hotter than those found at the sun's surface.

A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood!

It is estimated that 4 million "junk" telephone calls, phone solicitations by persons or programmed machine are made every day in the United States.

Kick off your shoes ECU

Barefoot on the Mall signifies the end of classes

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For 29 years ECU students have been able to kick off their shoes, leave their stress at home and head out to the mall to enjoy an afternoon crammed with food, music and games during the annual Barefoot on the Mall celebration.

This year's event will be held today from noon-6 p.m. Traditionally Barefoot is held either the last day of class or on the reading day before exams begin, giving students the opportunity to catch spring fever before the gloom that comes with exam season begins to loom over their heads.

Each year nearly 6,000 students trade in their sneakers for flip-flops, swap out jeans for shorts and shed long sleeves for tank tops and head out to participate in a tradition that truly embodies the Pirate spirit.

This year students can expect the tradition to continue as the Student Union offers a variety of entertainment, ranging from musical performances to inflatable obstacle courses.

Music, food, a step show, bull riding, bouncy boxing and an inflatable obstacle course will be available for students to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

Those attending Barefoot this year can via for their chance to win a free T-shirt along with numerous other prizes.

This year for the first time Barefoot will be raising money for Pitt County's Children's Miracle Network. Donations can be made throughout the day, and a drawing for an Apple iPhone will be held. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.

Musical Timeline:

12:30pm-The Jealousy Game (Battle of the Band Winner)
1-1:30- Side Stage performances and DJ J Lee
1:30-The Urban Sophisticates
2:15-2:45- Side stage performances and DJ J Lee
2:45- Wrong Way (Sublime Tribute Band)
3:45-Side stage performances and DJ J Lee
4:30- Mae (Headliner)

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Two students venture their hand at the rock climbing wall last year.



ECU students relax and pose for a photo opportunity during last year's Barefoot on the Mall festivities.



One student tries her luck at the National Guard booth. Organizations set up various booths on the Mall.



A myriad of activities greet students upon arrival at Barefoot, this photo shows just an example of one.

Bands of Barefoot

Groups display their talents

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

Barefoot on the Mall is one of ECU's largest annual entertainment functions and is looked forward to by many students each year.

Many would agree that one of the best perks of Barefoot on the Mall are the free, live musical performances booked by bands that have really made a name for themselves in the music industry.

This year's Barefoot is no different, as it promises live performances from three talented bands known as Mae, Wrong Way, and The Urban Sophisticates.

If you haven't heard of them make sure to check them out at Barefoot on the Mall this afternoon and check out their music online before the event!

Until then get to know the bands here and check out their MySpace pages and/or official Web sites for more information.

Band: Mae
Origin: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Genre: Rock
Label: Capitol Records
Members: Dave Elkins (singer/guitar), Jacob Marshall (drums), Zach Gehring (guitar), Mark Padgett (bass) and Rob Sweitzer (keyboard)

Similar Artists: Pearl Jam, U2 and the Smashing Pumpkins

Songs you may have heard: Just Let Go, Brink of Disaster, Sometime I Can't

Make it Alone and Crazy 8s

More information: whatismae.com and myspace.com/mae

Band: Wrong Way
Origin: Athens/Atlanta, Georgia
Genre: Reggae/Ska/Punk (Sublime Cover Band)

Members: Joel (Guitar/Vocals), Mikey (Vocalist), Brady (Drums), Doug (Bass), Geoff (Keyboards)

Musical Influences: Sublime, Long Beach Dub Allstars, KRS One, Bob Marley

Songs you may have heard: Santeria, 40 Ounces to Freedom, Doin Time, Garden Grove

More information: myspace.com/wrongwaysublime

Band: The Urban Sophisticates

Origin: Greensboro, N.C.

Genre: Hip Hop/Alternative/Soul

Label: Right Hook Records

Members: Benton James (MC), Aaron James (Vocals), Jeremy Denman (Trumpet), Sal Mascali (Trombone), Ben Perkins (Guitar), Ricky Nxumalo (Bass), Romondo Jessup (Drums)

Influences: Hip-Hop, Rock, Jazz, Funk, R&B, Blues

Songs you may have heard: Say Goodbye, Breakups, Chapel Hill, Coward's Anthem

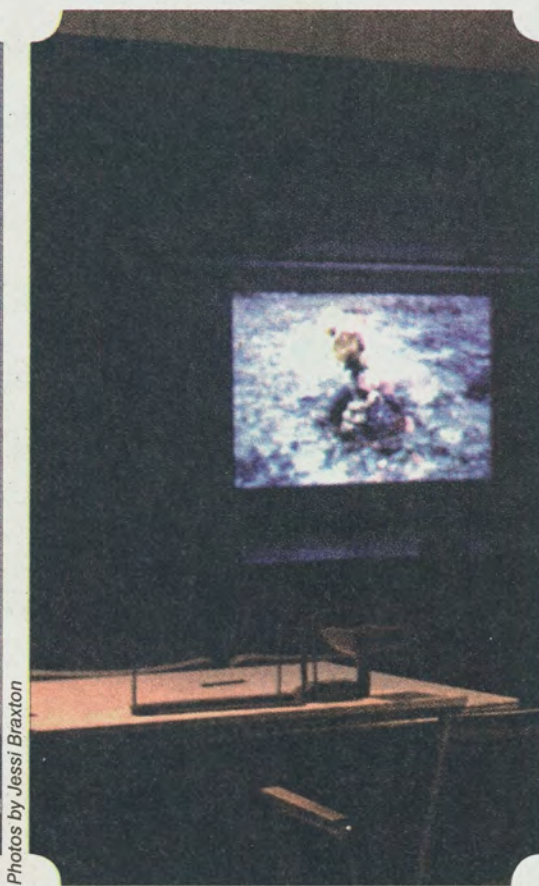
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Author, professor, activist and photographer visits ECU



Slavick's lecture focused on just a few pieces of many collections.

This is one of the artist's works shown to students Slavick gave a lecture in Speight Auditorium to a group of students interested in her work.

Elin O'Hara Slavick presents lecture to students

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Yesterday, ECU was honored with the visit of a woman of many talents, Elin O'Hara Slavick. Slavick, a professor of art at UNC-Chapel Hill, feminist, author, activist, photographer and world traveler, she visited ECU to present a lecture as a part of Visiting Artists Week.

"She's a photography professor by trade and an activist by

life — her work is a social statement, which I feel is a trait all visual communicators should strive for," said Adam Jacono, an ECU photography graduate student and president of the ECU Photography Guild, who invited Slavick to come share her art. "Her work speaks less about a traditional 'fine art' [to] what I would call socially irresponsible artwork, and more about social/cultural issues that matter in the real world."

At 5:30 p.m., Slavick presented a range of her photographic collections in Speight Auditorium, from "Workers Dreaming," a series portraying underpaid, underprivileged workers closing their eyes as if to

escape from real life, to "Travel Posters," a collection designed to show that pictures are not always "worth a thousand words," as the old cliché says.

Slavick began the night showing artwork that she had drawn in fourth grade. The piece, which Slavick said she loves to show, featured her mother. What is interesting about this piece is that she is the only child in the picture and, as Slavick laughingly said, "I am the youngest of seven."

She also presented work that she designed from a feminist point of view, with pieces such as "Mistress," and a piece from a project she designed on the idea that "being a woman is putting

on a masquerade."

"To Elin, art is a tool for change, not a commodity," said Frank Stasio on North Carolina Public Radio in a March 2008 interview with Slavick. "She uses art to get her students to think in a new way."

Slavick told the audience in Speight Auditorium that she thinks art can change things.

"As an artist, I believe in the power of art to change the world," she said. "I believe art has enormous power. [It] can change the way we look at, think about and act in this world."

Slavick grew up in a household where her activist Catholic father gave her a camera at a young age, and her German mother who encouraged her to

draw. According to Slavick, her upbringing is what pushed her into the art arena.

"Art was a big part of [my] life," she said. "[I] wasn't allowed to have coloring books, I had to use white paper. My parents had a huge influence on my life."

Before the lecture, ECU art students had a chance to present their portfolios to Slavick for critique.

From these beginnings, Slavick now parades her art around the world. She has had exhibits in Hong Kong, Canada, France, Italy, Scotland, England, Cuba, the Netherlands and across the United States.

Jacono hoped that the lecture would push students to understand and do something to

change the political and social landscape in the U.S.

"I'm hoping people are concerned enough with the problems in [our] culture [to] find inspiration in Elin's lecture about what can be done to change," he said. "I think that her visit is a great follow up to the politically motivated work up currently in Mendenhall, and crucial to issues concerning this election right around the corner."

This was Slavick's first visit to ECU.

To see her artwork, visit <http://www.unc.edu/~eoslavic/>.

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School of Music to present Jazz Fest 2008

Festival will include workshops, performances and more

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

The School of Music will sponsor the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival, a three-day collaboration of performances, clinics and workshops this Thursday, April 24, Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. The theme of the festival is "The Music of Dr. Billy Taylor," who will be attending the event.

"The festival started out as just the ECU Jazz Ensemble [but] has grown into this three-day event. The festival was renamed, with his permission, in honor of [Billy Taylor] in 2003," said Carroll Dashiell, director of jazz studies and professor of bass in ECU's School of Music.

The name was changed to the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival after the Greenville native with an impressive resume. Taylor is a music composer, arranger, historian, educator and jazz pianist. He was also the first African-American musical director on an American national television show with his appearance on "The David Frost Show."

He is the artistic director of jazz at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and the music and arts director for the CBS Sunday morning TV show, among other things. He will be making a special appearance at the jazz festival.

The event will include a concert on Thursday night by Jazz Bones, directed by ECU's own faculty member George Broussard at the Greenville Hilton Hotel. The next day, clinics will be held in the A.J. Fletcher Music Building at 9:15, 10, and 11:30 a.m. Friday night at 8 p.m. will signal the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival start at the Greenville Convention Center.



Members of the Jazz Ensemble practice for last year's performance.

On Saturday morning, there will be performances by area high schools followed by an 8 p.m. concert at the convention center. Special guest Geri Allen, pianist, composer and arranger will be performing at the event along with members of the ECU jazz faculty and students in the award-winning ECU Jazz Ensemble A, a select group of students in the School of Music Jazz studies program that tour under Dashiell's directorship.

Dashiell hopes that as many ECU students as possible can attend the festival.

"I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship while listening to some great

music," he said. "Support your fellow students as your attendance is encouragement to them for their hard work plus you can get to see and hear them now for minimal cost. Very soon you will have to pay top dollar to hear these wonderful musicians. Our students are that good!"

Tickets for the event can be purchased by visiting the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Tickets are \$10 for students with ID.

For more information about the festival, visit ecu.edu/music.

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Carroll Dashiell, professor/director of jazz studies at ECU, shares a moment with one of the performers.

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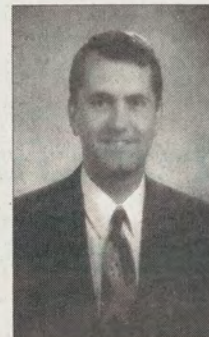
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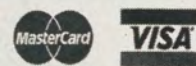
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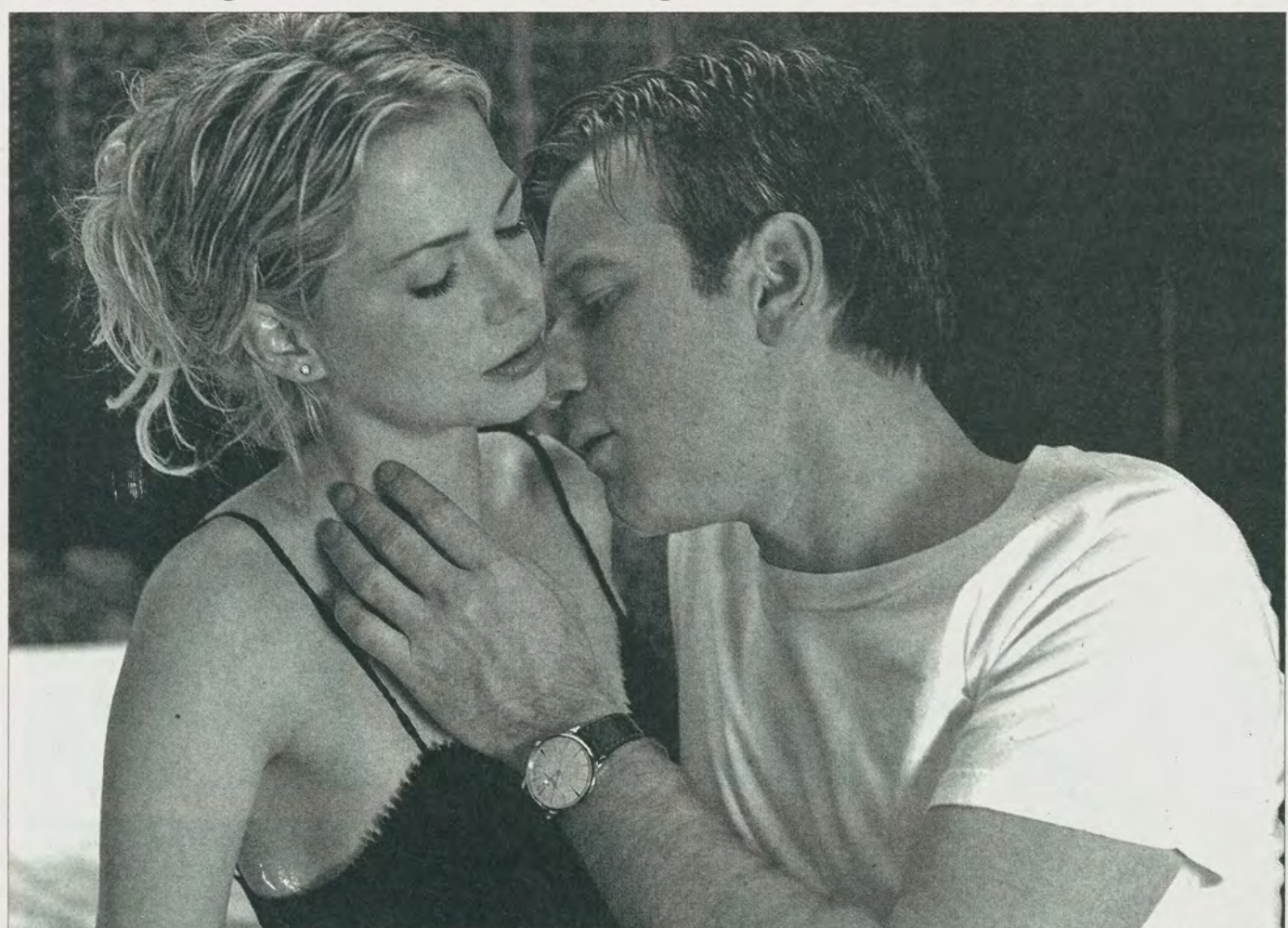
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Sexy, steamy, deceptive



One scene from the upcoming release of *Deception*. The sexy, steamy film stars Ewan McGregor, Michelle Williams and Hugh Jackman.

Deception is a must-see (MCT)

It isn't the deceit that sells *Deception*, an intriguing new thriller that abandons that intrigue for a messy and unsatisfying finale. It's watching Hugh Jackman turn some of that lethal charm of his loose on a villain, a smooth, sexy, seductive and dangerous guy who wears a suit a little too well to be trusted.

Ewan McGregor stars as Jonathan, a shy, lonely accountant, a guy who can't even "meet somebody" at work because he's an auditor, the person who drops in on businesses, goes over their books and makes the few people he meets there uncomfortable by the very

nature of the job.

And you're not picking anybody up in a bar by telling them how much you love numbers, "the order of it, their symmetry."

Which is why he blurts an awful lot of personal angst when the slick, backslapping Wyatt (Jackman) reaches out just a bit. Well, that and the pot they share after-hours.

Next thing Jonathan knows, he has a friend, somebody he can hit the bars with, meet on the tennis court. Next thing we know Jonathan and Wyatt have mixed up phones, and "no game" Jonathan finds himself caught up in "the List," a casual sex club for the rich, the confident, the well-connected.

"No names, no rough stuff, no talking business,"

just a phone call from another member, an "Are you free tonight?" and a no-consequences roll in the four-star-hotel hay with the likes of nameless women with healthy sexual appetites, women played by Natasha Henstridge (*Eli Stone*, *Species*) and Charlotte Rampling (*The Verdict*), whose character tells him "it's the intimacy without the intricacy."

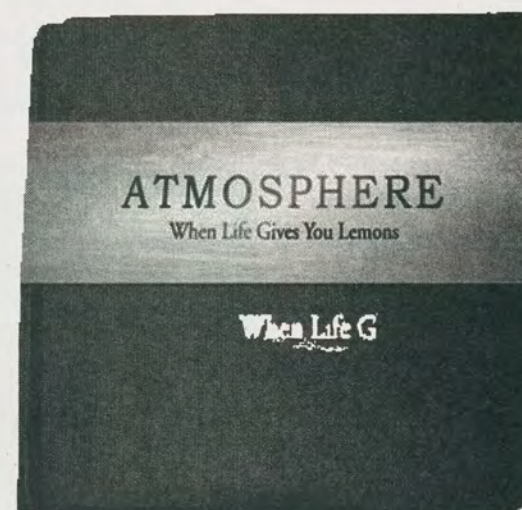
But when Jonathan meets up with this pretty young thing he saw on the subway (Michelle Williams), the casual turns complicated. He's smitten. He wants to break the rules. He wants to date her. Of course that's the very moment she disappears and he's sure some harm has come to her and wonders how Wyatt may be involved.

Director Marcel Langenegger comes from the world of TV commercials, so the film has the sheen of a magazine cover. The offices are sterile, empty--white, black and blue voids.

The strip joint Wyatt and Jonathan check out is music-video perfect. But *Deception's* sound, music and image conjure up a feeling of isolation, desperation and dread.

McGregor plays this guy with the stooped posture of a loser, and a convincing American accent. His face gives away Jonathan's despair. Jackman, on the other hand, is the very picture of a guy who isn't a salesman, but sure is selling you something. The charisma just oozes from the

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New album offers something for all

Atmosphere looks to change the face of hip-hop

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Atmosphere is an underground hip-hop duo made up of a rapper and a producer from Minneapolis, with a knack for musical ingenuity and soulful lyrics that explore every facade of life.

Commonly known for intricate storytelling type raps, along with a classic underground assortment of beats, Atmosphere offers something for every fan of hip-hop on their new release, *When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold*.

After five full-length albums and a slew of mixed tapes, collaborations, LPs and EPs, rapper Slug has a newfound level of maturity in his lyrical content and delivery. The profoundly curious beats of producer Ant that lace every track on the album maintain a simplistic and creative sound with a new commercialism not present on previous Atmosphere releases.

The depression, rejection and cynicism that other Atmosphere albums have been so entrenched by were replaced with an older, more well-rounded style of rapping in this album.

The rhymes of Slug are no longer so saturated with sob stories about ex-girlfriends and spite for the commercialism of hip-hop, but life lessons along with some all-too-human stories of failures and triumphs. The poetic nature of the raps on the album, combined with content most anyone can

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Shown here left to right: Carla Olive, Marie Watkins Reese, Paige Wagoner, and Michael Harris.

Most promising young woman entrepreneur of 2008

ECU senior Marie Watkins Reese chosen

STAFF REPORT

ECU senior Marie Watkins Reese was chosen by the Business and Professional Women's Network (BPWN) Awards Committee as the winner of the Most Promising Young Woman Entrepreneur of 2008 award at their April meeting this month. Reese, a member of various honors organizations at ECU, is a mentor and tutor to student athletes. She was chosen because of her managerial traits, financial responsibility and an overall strong business sense.

The committee included Lisa Wagner, regional sales manager for the Greenville Convention Center and BPWN's vice president, Tracy Dematteis, owner of Easy Living Blinds and Shutters and BPWN's secretary, and Sheila

Pridgen, publisher of the Pitt County Women's Journal and BPWN's publicity person.

The recognition of the most promising young entrepreneur is a tradition that began in 1989 by the Women Business Owners (WBO). It is for ECU students who show exceptional promise, and was carried on by the BPWN. Michael Harris, director of the Small Business Institute at ECU and assistant professor in the department of management, selected three talented candidates before choosing a winner.

A cash award of \$500 and plaque were issued to Reese. The runner-ups, Carla Olive and Paige Wagoner, received a cash award of \$250. A separate plaque with the addition of the winner's name and noting all previous winners will be displayed in the Bate Building at ECU.

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Don't be afraid to be geeky



The Web site has something for all inner geeks, from apparel to computing devices, think Thinkgeek.

Thinkgeek.com helps users embrace the geek in them

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

According to every high school-inspired movie about cliques and clichés, everyone has a geek inside of them. And the makers of Thinkgeek.com picked up on this phenomenon and now have an entire Web site devoted to satisfying the geek in everyone.

From the latest in USB technology to stuff for your iPod, Thinkgeek has it all.

According to the Web site, Thinkgeek started as an idea "to create and sell stuff that would appeal to the thousands of people out there who were on the front line and in the trenches as the Internet was forged. From programmers, engineers, students, lovers of open source, to the masses that helped create the behind-the-scenes Internet culture, Thinkgeek started as a way to serve a market that was passionate about technology."

Now, the site offers users what they call "geek toys,"

which include things from light-up globes that show the world's constellations to Rubik's Cubes.

Love popping plastic Bubble Wrap? Thinkgeek has a keychain just for you. The chain includes eight electronic buttons that you can pop whenever, wherever, as a part of the "geek toys" feature.

Besides the toys, Thinkgeek has gadgets for your geeky pleasure, which include watches, stuff for cell phones, travel devices and more. One interesting gadget: the Body-Gard Self Powered Emergency Tool. This cool device is a 12-in-1 gadget that is great for camping or traveling. It has a hand crank to generate power wherever you are, a panic button with a piercing tone, an MP3/cell phone charger output, a storage area for pills, etc., a flashlight and more.

Thinkgeek also features products for your home or office, which includes anything from a personal air-conditioning system to a takeout menu organizer. The site contains other cool stuff that makes a long day at the office go by faster—like PacMan magnet sets and CD wallpaper—Think-

geek is a geek's dream.

For computers and computing devices, Thinkgeek has it all. Powerful Vibe headphones, all-in-one chargers, iPod goggles (where you can watch all the videos on your iPod through the goggles), USB Webcams, encrypted thumb drives and speaker sets are some of the interesting and eccentric gadgets found on Thinkgeek.com.

While toys and devices can be found on the site, apparel is another big seller on Thinkgeek. Geeky T-shirts, hoodies, hats and ties are available for purchase for those who are brave enough to wear them. One T-shirt proclaims, "Geek Inside," a play off the Intel logo.

Thinkgeek.com will have any user browsing for hours, with even more geeky gadgets, devices and toys.

Accounts at Thinkgeek.com are free and give users the option to receive newsletters about all the geeky stuff offered on the site.

So, embrace the geek in you. Visit Thinkgeek.com.

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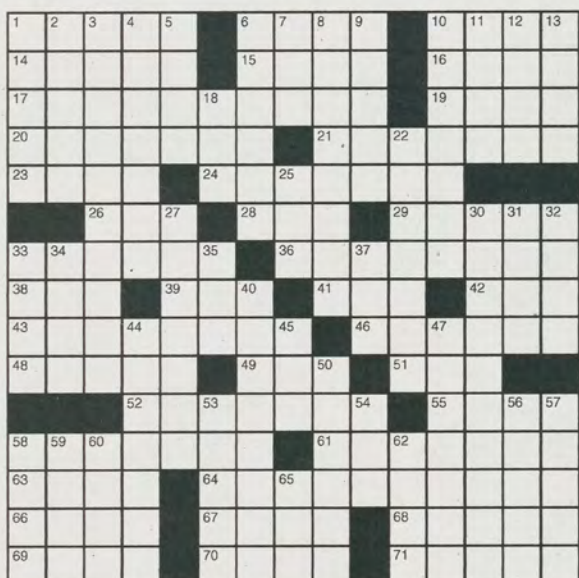
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 - 6 Pitfall
 - 10 Tickled pink
 - 14 Freeze
 - 15 Bronte heroine
 - 16 Capital of Togo
 - 17 Moonshiners' kin
 - 19 Ms. Bombeck
 - 20 Pop's pop
 - 21 Peru's neighbor
 - 23 Jug handles
 - 24 Alarm bells
 - 26 Relatives
 - 28 Believe it or not
 - 29 One mushroom
 - 33 Country Twain
 - 36 Apache leader
 - 38 Sci. room
 - 39 Building wing
 - 41 Twosome
 - 42 Rifle or revolver
 - 43 Danger-has-passed signal
 - 46 Animal fat
 - 48 Walk-the-dog toys
 - 49 Actor Kilmer
 - 51 Totality
 - 52 Storyteller
 - 55 Infield protector, shortly
 - 58 Wool cloth
 - 61 Prancer
 - 63 Traditional wisdom
 - 64 Simone Signoret film
 - 66 Fix text
 - 67 Track shape
 - 68 Tough spare to convert
 - 69 Makes one
 - 70 Those opposed
 - 71 Soon-to-be adults
- DOWN**
- 1 Mournful lament
 - 2 Legend automaker
 - 3 Difficult as it may be to believe
 - 4 Retires
 - 5 Tater
 - 6 Muscle connection
 - 7 Deli bread
 - 8 Checked
 - 9 Joe of "GoodFellas"
 - 10 Kramden's portrayer
 - 11 English title
 - 12 Rounds and clips
 - 13 Honey
 - 18 NBC element
 - 22 Prepares to set sail
 - 25 Sprocket
 - 27 "The Naked Gun" star
 - 30 Complex procedure
 - 31 Outback birds
 - 32 Isolated
 - 33 Knock off
 - 34 Angelic aura
 - 35 Tavern order
 - 37 Obvious toupee
 - 40 Polynesian garb
 - 44 Brass wind instruments
 - 45 Squealer
 - 47 Muse of music
 - 50 Townies
 - 53 Roadway dud
 - 54 Flock leader
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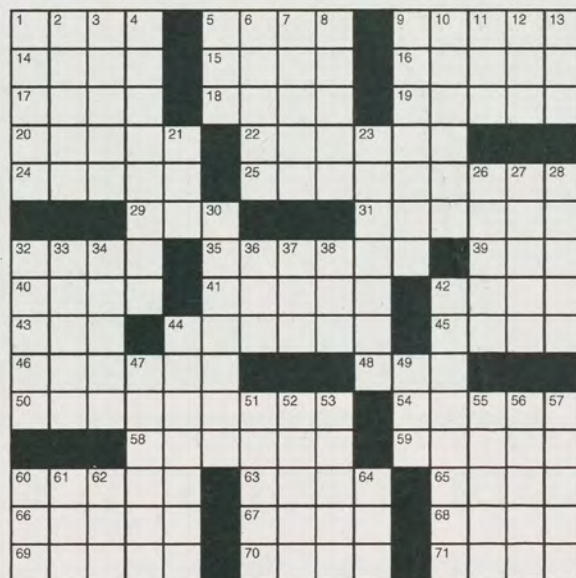
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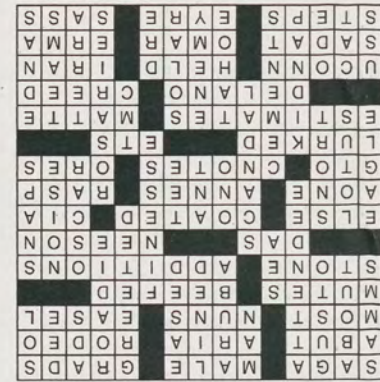
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 - 5 Drake or bull
 - 9 Alums
 - 14 Border upon
 - 15 Opera song
 - 16 Cowboy show
 - 17 Lion's share
 - 18 Convent crowd
 - 19 Studio stand
 - 20 Muffles
 - 22 Complained
 - 24 Boulder
 - 25 New wings
 - 29 German article
 - 31 "Schindler's List" star
 - 32 "Do it or not"
 - 35 Covered with a thin layer
 - 39 Hush-hush org.
 - 40 Top-drawer
 - 41 Bancroft and Baxter
 - 42 Hoarse sound
 - 43 Classic Pontiac
 - 44 \$100 bills
 - 45 Lode yields
 - 46 Moved furtively
 - 48 Aliens, briefly
 - 50 Guesses
 - 54 Photo finish
 - 58 FDR center
 - 59 Doctrine
 - 60 Huskies in Storrs
 - 63 Embraced
 - 65 Iraq neighbor
 - 66 Begin's peace partner
 - 67 Bradley or Sharif
 - 68 "Maggie" creator
 - 69 Dance components
 - 70 Australia's largest lake, sometimes
 - 71 Give guff to
- DOWN**
- 1 Emma of "Dynasty"
 - 2 Circa
 - 3 Hearty enjoyment
 - 4 Audience member
 - 5 Playing piece
 - 6 Antilles island
 - 7 Formed a row
 - 8 Relaxed
 - 9 Saluted
 - 10 Rock-tour employee
 - 11 Want
 - 12 Ruby or Kiki
 - 13 Our star
 - 21 Caspian, e.g.
 - 23 Subtlety
 - 26 Film award
 - 27 Hot air
 - 28 Breaks
 - 30 Cause of public outrage
 - 32 Bald raptor
 - 33 Water lily
 - 34 Audible expression of contempt
 - 36 Lennon's Yoko
 - 37 Aardvark's snack
 - 38 Golfer's gadget
 - 42 Prayer beads
 - 44 Affixes firmly
 - 47 Seize for ransom
 - 49 Alternative to HBO
 - 51 Lake near Reno
 - 52 Foe
 - 53 Battery type
 - 55 Earth
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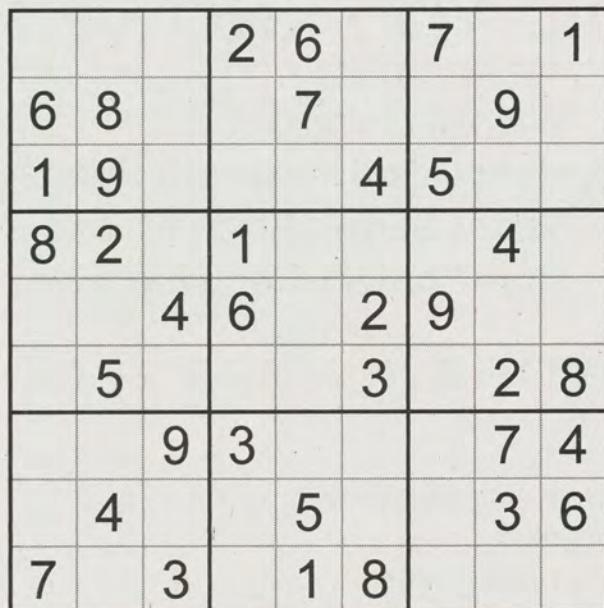
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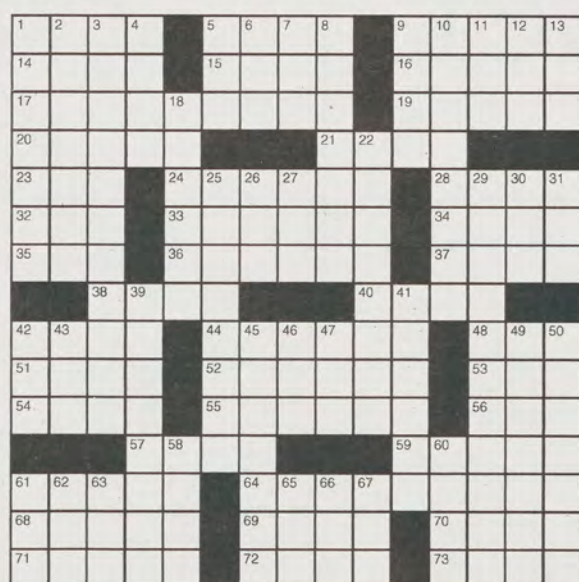
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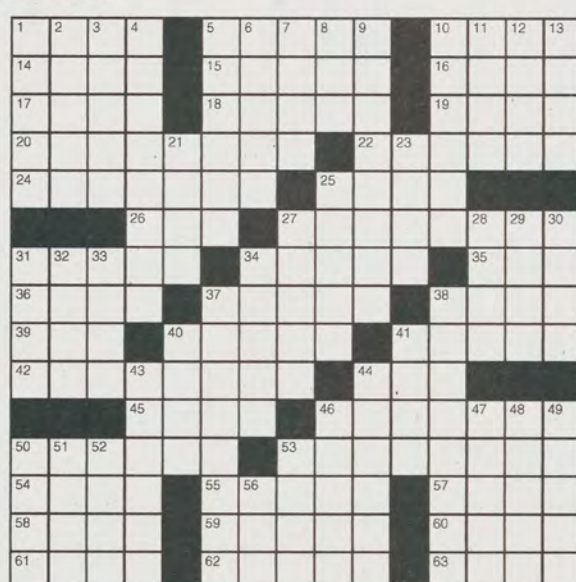
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1 Part-time athlete
2 Lymphoid tissue
3 Minor crime
4 Deneb or Vega
5 Golfer's need
6 Go wrong
7 Eliminate
8 Winter craft
9 Broad smile
10 C-notes
11 Single entity
12 Superior salutation?
13 High explosive
18 Human face
22 One conferring royal status
25 Maryland player
26 Star quality
27 Touch tenderly
29 EVA astronaut
30 Old hand
31 Shade of green
39 Certainly sour
41 Danish seaport
42 Comic Conway
43 Mineral vein
45 Dubs anew
46 After-tax amount
47 Be indebted to
49 Philadelphia university

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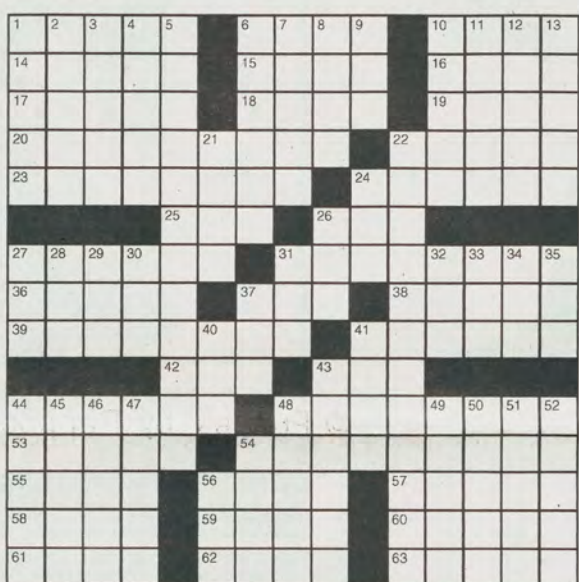
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1 Bit of parsley
2 Climbing vine
3 College credits
4 Enjoyed
5 Asparagus pieces
6 After-bath powders
7 Shiftlessly
8 Before in a poem
9 Judge's pronouncement
10 Surfing
11 Mouth part
12 Bad to the bone
13 Rational
21 Anthropologist Margaret
23 Merit
25 College mixer
27 Some change
28 Cassowary kin
29 Nary a one
30 Match components
31 Comic Johnson
32 Maugham story
33 Shoot wide
34 Galas
37 Badgers
38 Railing
40 Trade center
41 Unconscious state
43 Pester
44 Scarab
46 Censor's insertion
47 Russian bread?
48 Rub out
49 Actress Bo

Crossword

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15 Actor Gross
16 Not at home
17 Actor Sal
18 Baseball team
19 Rolls of dough
20 Invasion
22 Condor's digs
23 Cairo man
24 Make lovable
25 LPs, updated
26 Catch some rays
27 Develop a bite?
31 City south of Tampa
36 Calcutta country
37 Drunkard
38 Actress Black
39 Gave the green light
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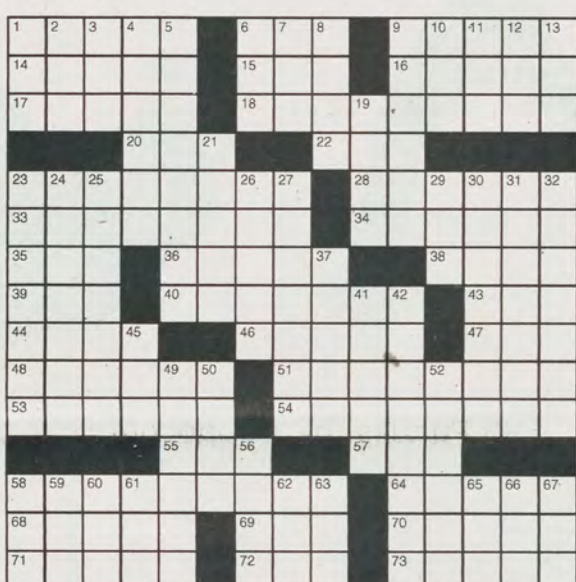
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2 Patrick of basketball
3 City in NE France
4 Deplete financially
5 Cheated
6 Craze
7 Hunter of stars
8 Swann or Redgrave
9 Scottish river
10 Made logs
11 On the alert
12 Gymnast Comaneci
13 Band leader Kay
21 Big cut of beef
22 Tolstoy novel
24 "Over There" cont.
26 Used a chair
27 Aragon aunt
28 Anne's twins?
29 Newspaper honchos, briefly
30 Dead heat
31 Turf
32 "My Gal"
33 Raw mineral
34 Bo's number
35 Barbecue buttinsky
37 Harden
40 Roofer's gunk
41 Editor Brown
43 Sherwood
44 Constrained
45 Restricted

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1 Dryly funny
2 Weeder's tool
3 Part of MYOB
4 "___ Weapon"
5 Some circles
6 Long-eared beast
7 Bridle part
8 Baby's bed
9 Noted auto racer
10 Abel to Adam
11 Author Grafton
12 Molinaro and Michaels
13 Affirmative
19 Obscuring hazes
21 Something to talk about
23 Southern metropolis
24 Trojan Horse whistle-blower
25 Tank
26 Dusk to dawn
27 Foes
29 Touch tenderly
30 Sweet liqueur
31 Cry like a mourner
32 Monroe of Hollywood
37 Calf catcher
41 \$ dept.
42 Hanging back
45 Spike or Peggy
49 Cottontail
50 Spicy stew
52 Indian antelope
56 Bird of peace
58 Porker's pad
59 Sock end
60 Ms. Thurman
61 ___ Moines, IA
62 Vocal pitch
63 Bishop's purview
65 Women's
66 Bullring call
67 Forerunner of the CIA

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Get fit for summer

Follow these exercises for the body of your dreams

(MCT)

If you've hit an exercise slump, you might need some motivation to get you moving. Here's a bit: Summer is upon us.

There's no need to panic. It's still possible to slim down in time for the beach, but it will take a heavy-duty commitment. That translates into eating healthful low-cal meals, doing cardio five days a week along with strength training for three days, and staying focused, said Cynthia Knapen, an Arlington, Texas, personal trainer accredited with the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Her advice: Find a workout you really enjoy and just do it. Running burns mega calories for those who regularly hit the road or treadmill. But it doesn't help much if you can't bring yourself to lace up your running shoes.

To jump-start an exercise routine, Knapen has come up with two of her favorite moves. They might stir up images of your high school gym class, but the addition of weights for one of them should speed up results. By the time summer arrives, you just might be able to fit into your bikini.

PUSH-UPS

What it works: Entire body. A Knapen favorite.

What to remember: Suck in your stomach and don't arch your back. Do as many as you can.

There are three ways to do this exercise, depending on how strong you are. Beginners should start on their knees. More advanced folks can go to their toes. Showoffs can use a chair to hold their feet.

1. Position yourself face-down with palms flat on the ground and a bit more than shoulder width apart. Arms should be extended.

2. Lower upper body slowly, bending your arms, until your nose touches the ground. Keep your body straight.

3. Push back up to the start-

ing position.

ARM SWINGS

What it works: Biceps

What you need: Weights

What to remember: Start by inhaling

1. With feet spread apart, lower yourself into a squat, holding weight with both hands in front of you. Arms are extended but relaxed at the elbow.

2. Squat down as low as possible, lowering your weight almost to the floor.

3. Swing arms forward and then up over your head while squeezing your glutes, sucking in your stomach and rising to a standing position.

4. Return to starting position. Repeat 8-12 times. Do 2-3 sets.

ONLINE HELP

Fitness.com is packed with free exercises to get you in shape by summer.

Just plug in the body part you want to target, then add where you want to exercise (the gym versus at home) and what kind of activity you prefer (cardio versus weight training). One more click, and suddenly your computer screen turns into a kind of mini-

gym, with a fitness pro showing you exercises that work.

There are also low-cal recipes, fitness tips and a body-mass calculator.

BURNING CALORIES

To peel off the pounds, running is your best bet. But to get lasting results, it's better to pick something you'll stick with. To lose one pound, you must burn 3,500 more calories than you take in as food.

Here's a sampling of activities and the number of calories burned for a 135-pound person working out for 30 minutes:

Activity ...	Calories burned
Walking 2 mph ...	85
Bowling ...	93
Water aerobics ...	122
Calisthenics (moderate) ...	138
Skateboarding ...	154
Swimming (moderate) ...	186
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relate to, creates apt opportunity for each track to hit a nerve with the listener.

A new sense of perseverance and confidence is apparent in the raps of Slug, as he tackles more serious topics such as deadbeat dads, teenage pregnancy, alcoholism, and an ever-growing admiration and love for hip-hop.

Atmosphere's beatmaker, Ant, also strays far from the expected Atmosphere sound on this album. Rather than delivering any sort of rehearsed beats, Ant offers a hypnotically new edge to this album. Although the beats on *When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold* feel a bit more mainstream, they still hold the same intrigue and underground styling that is present on Atmosphere's underground classic *God Love's Ugly*.

The introduction to the album features a tame and soft-spoken Slug rapping over what sounds similar to some nightmarish, ballroom-style elevator music. The modesty of the album doesn't last long, as it breaks into the second track on the album, titled "Puppets," a proclamation of self-reliance and realization featuring haunting pianos along with a teeth-

chattering bass.

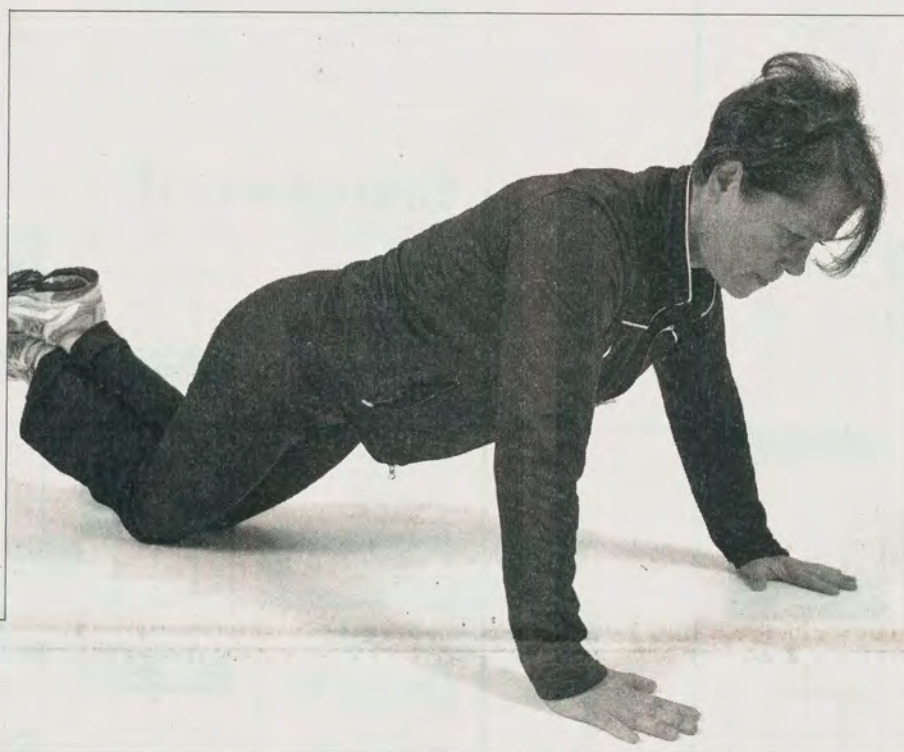
Standout track "Dreamer" tells the invigorating story of a single mother's triumph to the backdrop of an epic beat that sounds like it was made for a self-help audiocassette. A similar storytelling style is displayed flawlessly on the track, "Your Glass House," but with a more cynical look at those tortuous, almost shameful hangovers.

Other tracks, such as "Yesterday," take on a more personal perspective, with Slug appearing awkwardly vulnerable in a poetic eulogy to his recently deceased father.

This is clearly Atmosphere's most progressive and dynamic album to date. When *Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold* is a 15-track reinvention of hip-hop with a firmer grasp on the music's roots than the majority of rap featured in the mainstream today.

Even with a bold new foot forward for Atmosphere, they remain loyal to their love for the sounds of underground and independent hip-hop.

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8 p.m.
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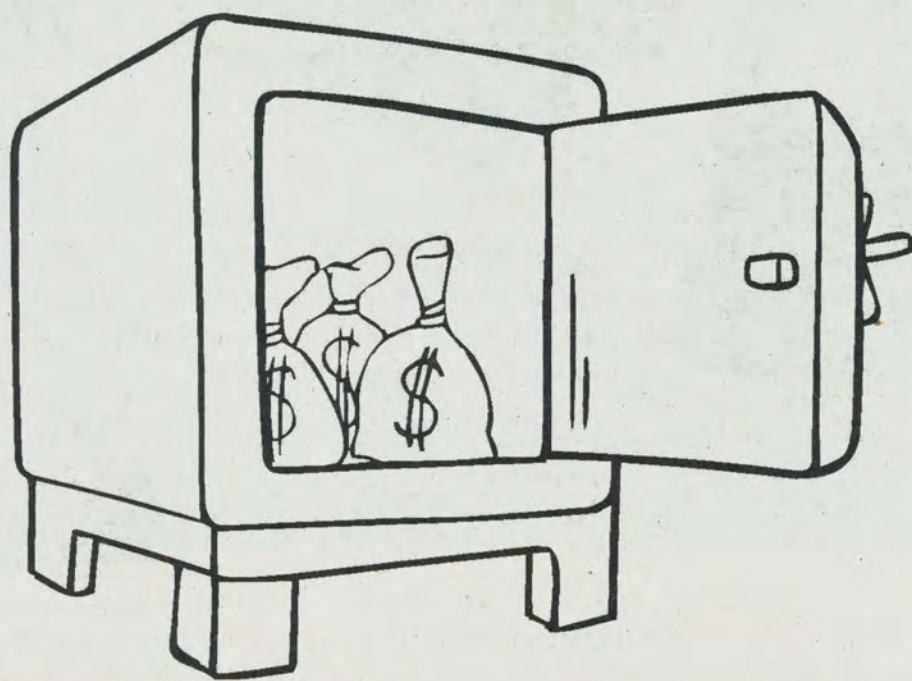
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man in this performance.

Williams is almost as surprising, letting us inside a woman who is first a lonely flirt, then a sexpot. She lets us watch her melt just a little in the presence of this man she met the wrong way and for reasons her mom wouldn't approve of.

It's a pity the movie kind of goes off the rails in a chatty, explain-it-all (long after we've guessed it all), drawn-out finale.

Screenwriter Mark Bomback did the last *Die Hard* movie, which wasn't nearly as witty as this, but had similar third-act issues.

But that sneaky Pete, Jackman, the once-and-future Wolverine, makes this never less than watchable. And Williams (*Brokeback Mountain*), in her biggest screen role ever, shows us dimensions that suggest a career to come, someone perfectly suited to that professional deception we call good acting.

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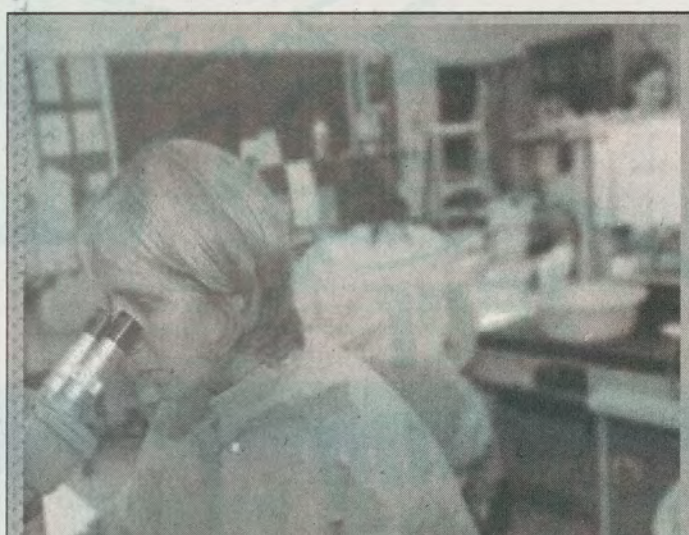
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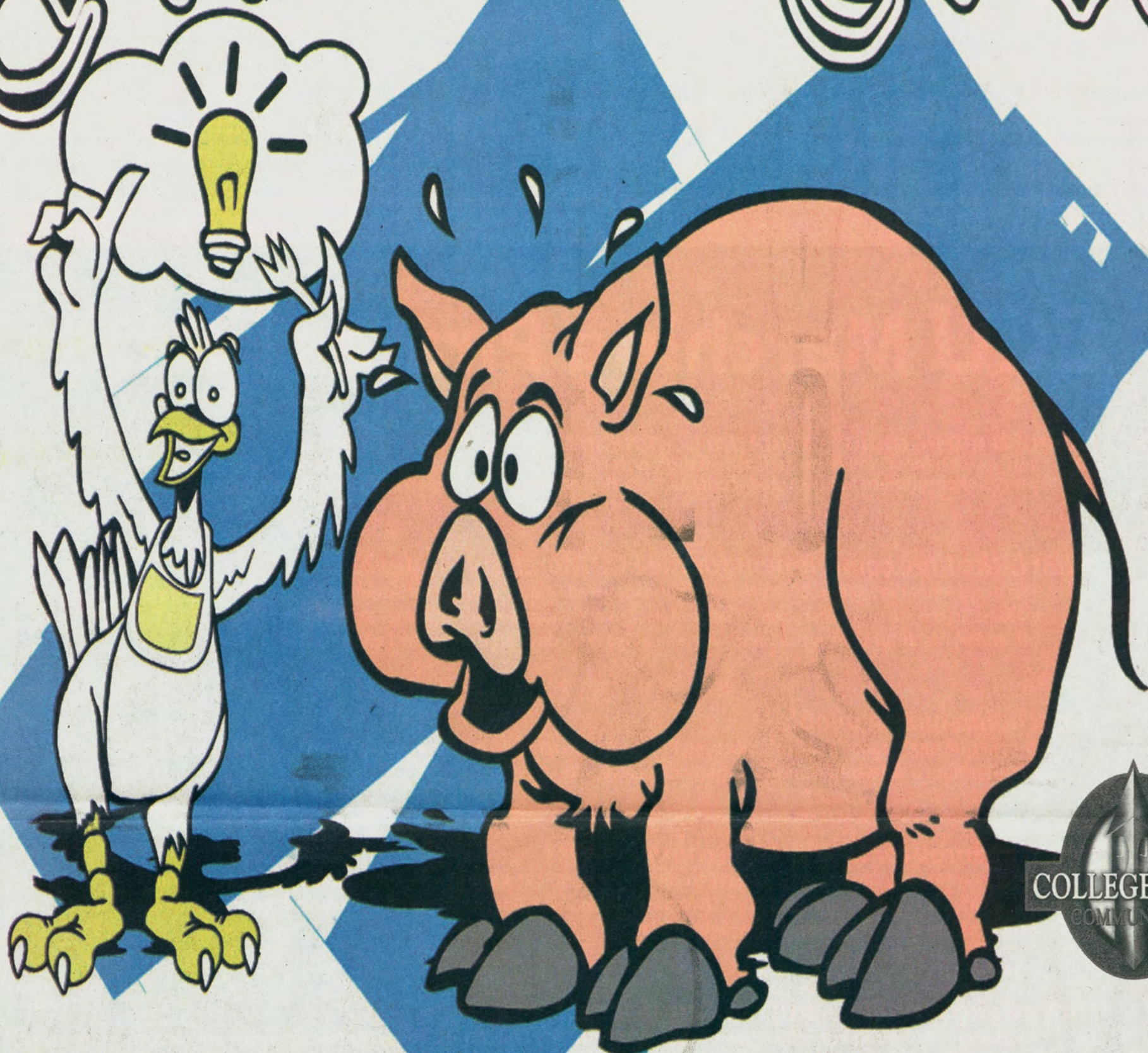
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- ***What is the time commitment for the ECU Marching Pirates?***
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- ***Are scholarships available?***
Yes. In the 2007 season the ECU Marching Pirates Scholarship Program provided more than \$30,000 of financial aid to band students. All Seniors and Tuba players receive \$400.00 each.
- ***How do I enroll for the ECU Marching Pirates?***
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- ***Do I have to audition to be in the band?***
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