



Law proposed to improve campus safety

Freshman could be required to give fingerprints

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As summer orientation sessions begin, many students have been visiting ECU's campus to take various course placement tests, register for classes and be photographed for their OneCard after completing the admissions process. A recently proposed bill, however, might create one more hurdle for next year's new students to jump before being accepted to ECU.

State Sen. Neal Hunt has proposed legislation that would require criminal background checks for all students admitted into the UNC System.

Hunt's proposal was motivated by the deaths of Jessica Faulkner, 18, and Christen Naujoks, 22, two UNC Wilmington students whose

accused killers were students who concealed their criminal histories from the university.

If passed during this session of the General Assembly, the new law would take effect this fall.

Each background check would cost around \$20, to be paid for by the applicant. If admissions staff found a potential problem, the student could be required to submit fingerprints as well.

Supporters of the bill hope that it will help keep students safer by preventing predatory criminals from being admitted to UNC System schools.

Requiring background checks on all new potential students might be easier said than done, however.

Leslie Winner, UNC system vice president and general counsel, said performing criminal background checks on all incoming UNC System students would be difficult to implement and "not the most likely way to improve campus safety."

Because juvenile records are



Photo by Zach Sirkin

Applications are received and processed in the Whichard building.

sealed, inquiries into an 18-year-old college applicant's criminal history could yield at most only two years worth of information regarding their behavior.

Also, requiring criminal background checks might overload the State Bureau of Investigation with an additional 80,000 fingerprint

checks from April to August each year, according to Winner.

Sergeant Jermaine Cherry of ECU Crime Prevention thinks background checks would be beneficial to campus security, and could help protect students and faculty.

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SGA works on second goal for the summer

SGA begins to review funding manual

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The legislative branch of SGA has started working on their second goal for the summer: redefining or providing more clarity to the funding manual.

The funding manual includes the rules and guidelines that SGA follows when deciding how much money to allot an organization. It also includes task that organizations have to complete upon receiving funding.

The main objective for this goal is find out why there were some complications relating to funding last year and how much the funding manual played a role in this.

After determining the reasons for the problems with funding allotments, the SGA will brainstorm for possible improvements to be made to the manual.

A few congressmen already have some suggestions that may improve the process of funding student organizations.

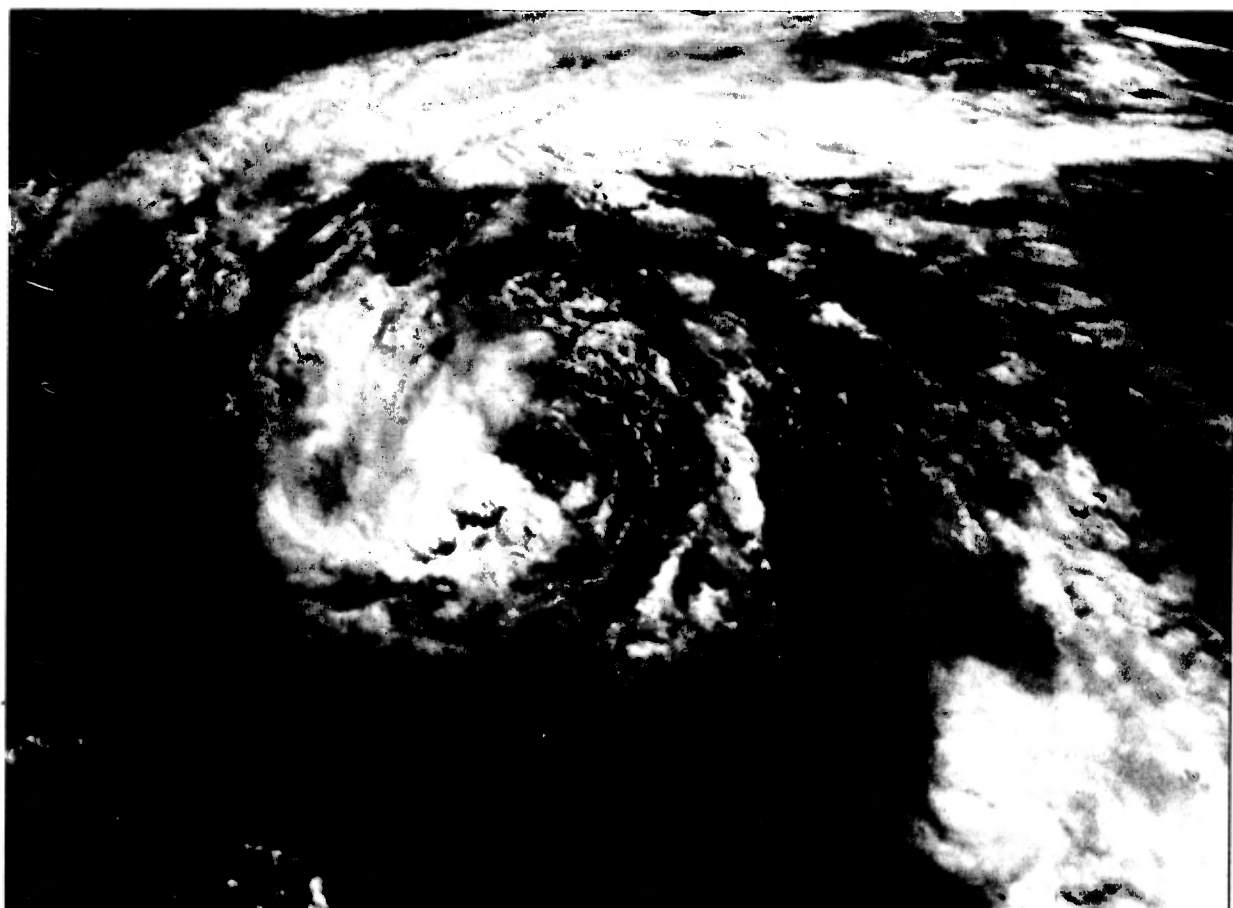
Jon Massachi, congressman, suggested more communication between the SGA and student organizations is needed.

Many organizations do not check their e-mail as frequently as they need to, which delays the process for getting funding to these organizations, according to Massachi.

Improving communication between the two groups would increase the awareness of dates that organizations must have paperwork or tasks completed to receive their funding.

Nadia Payne, congresswoman, suggested enforcing stricter deadlines for organizations to submit documents in to SGA.

Experts predict above average hurricane season



Tropical Storm Alberto made landfall yesterday in Florida, kicking off the 2006 hurricane season.

Storms to be numerous, but not as bad as last year

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Right now NHL fans in North Carolina are hoping the Carolina Hurricanes blow away the competition in the Stanley Cup Finals, but in the months ahead a hurricane of a different nature could be blowing away their houses or flooding their streets.

Last week in the Features section of *The East Carolinian*, readers were informed on how to prepare survival kits. This week we'll examine the possibility of a serious storm.

Since the hurricane season officially began on June 1, the top hurricane experts have said this year could be an above average hurricane season.

Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, doesn't think this

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Wisconsin's eight House members are divided along party lines on the issue, as they were when the House voted in 2004. All four Republicans support it. All four Democrats oppose it.

"This is a wedge issue that divides Americans and enlivens the conservative electoral base," House Democrat Tammy Baldwin of Madison said in an interview Wednesday, contending as have other Democrats that GOP leaders

are trying to use the issue to energize conservative voters demoralized over other issues.

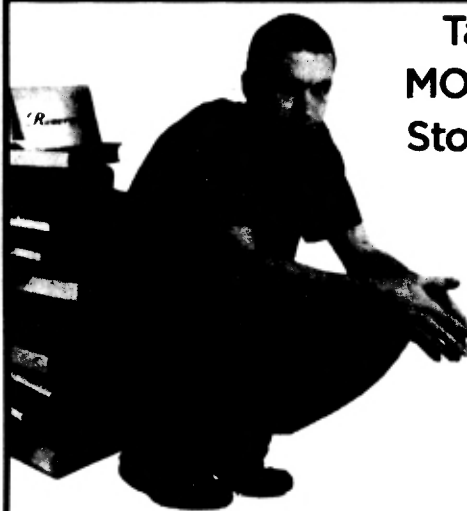
Baldwin, the first open lesbian elected to Congress, supports same-sex marriage, but she said she accepted the right of states to legislate in their own way on the issue. She said a federal constitutional amendment would pre-empt the states.

"The states have always had the authority to define and regulate marriage," Baldwin said. "I might note it's a conservative tradition in this country to support states rights."

This week, supporters of the gay marriage ban argued that a federal amendment was needed to protect state laws from court decisions "redefining" marriage.

President Bush, who backed the amendment, said in a statement that he was disappointed with Wednesday's vote.

"Our nation's founders set a high bar for amending our Constitution and history has shown us that it can take several tries before an amendment builds the two-thirds support it needs in both houses of Congress," Bush said.



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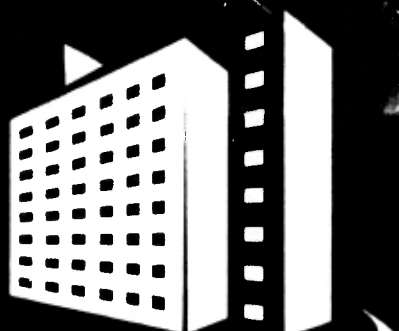
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In My Opinion

Other issues trump gay marriage

Congress should concentrate on more important matters

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Now calm down my Conservative friends, I haven't gone soft on you, in no way do I support the idea of gay marriage, I just believe it should stay away from the Constitution. I think it's more important for Congress to spend their time solidifying the nation's position on other issues rather than trying to score points with ultra-Conservatives like myself, no matter how much they need any points they can get.

The United States Constitution is a sacred document, changed only 27 times in its more than 200-year history, and it shouldn't change again for a ban on gay marriage. Any mention of gay marriage in the Constitution would do only serve to weaken the document which is the paramount law of this great nation. Our Congress has many other options it can exercise to address this problem.

Conservative thinkers who disagree with me on this issue say that a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage is the only way that we can keep it out of the hands of our court system, but I say there's another way: limit the jurisdiction of the court. This is a power of Congress which has seldom, if ever, been used, but it is a power nonetheless. If we limit the Court's ability to hear cases related to these issues, they will not have the opportunity to write law, plain and simple.

Activist judges have forever changed the laws of our nation by legislating from the bench and a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage will only serve to fix

this one problem. I, for one, think it is more important for us to exercise the power of the plenty against our activist judges and prevent them from doing as they wish with the laws of our nation. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is widely known, and sometimes praised, as being the most activist of our nation's court system. Our Congress created it, and they should dissolve it. By restructuring the Court system, Congress could remove from office, the legal way, the entire Ninth Circuit and replace them with judges appointed by President George W. Bush, who despite his many flaws as a Conservative, has done a wonderful job in appointing strong traditionalists to the bench. By removing the Ninth Circuit and courts like it, Congress could reshape the system so that we will not have to worry about activist judges changing laws, because traditionalists would hold the benches.

But instead of doing what would be difficult and, for some, politically blackening, those we elected to office decided that they would try and pull the wool over our eyes by attempting to ban gay marriage using the Constitution so we might praise them as great Conservatives and vote for them in the fall. I'm not fooled. Congress could have done more, but they were scared that it would upset a few. It still remains true that a majority of Americans believe gay marriage is wrong, and regardless of your position on the issue, you must recognize one thing: America is a majority rule society regardless of whether or not what the majority of Americans believe is moral or immoral; it is the belief of the majority. We have a responsibility to protect the minority on any issue, but we can't let that minority guide policy.

A majority of Americans voted for a Republican president and

voted more Republicans into the Congress than they did Democrats, because they believe that it was the Republican Party which could better guide the future of America, and nothing could be truer. The Republican Party can bring success to America, but they have to remember the principles for which they stand. We didn't elect Republicans to office so they could increase the size of government and increase interest rates every few months. We elected Republicans to strengthen America by allowing it to grow in the free market.

As this was a source of major debate over the past week I've had a lot of time to think about how I really feel about gay marriage, and I've realized I really don't care.

At a time when our nation is at war, attempting to provide the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan with the very freedoms we forget we have, I don't care about gay marriage. At a time when the average college student is racking up more than \$18,000 in debt while interest rates continue to increase, I don't care. At a time when the price of oil has shot over \$73 a barrel and the price of gas is inching closer to \$3 a gallon every day, I don't care. And at a time when our nation is finally awakening from the oil rich slumber we've had for way too long, and our citizens are begging the government to help us rid ourselves of a dependence on oil, I don't care about gay marriage. Our Congress should get to work on the issues that matter, and I'm talking to the Republicans and the Democrats. Some politicians, on both sides of the isle, have become way too cozy in the job that they have and it's due time we give them a shock. If they're going to waste time talking about an issue of no real importance to America, vote them out of office.

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I wear my pink 519 wristband to class the day after like a badge of honor. Don't hate.

Why is it that when you are home for the summer, your parents want to take family trips everywhere. Including Home Depot and the grocery store... can't I just stay home and not be dragged along?

Oh please, the only message that swearing gets across is that you are in desperate need of a thesaurus.

Is anyone else ready for Lil Jon to just go away?

I'm an 18-year-old with an earring and people basically expect that by being jerks they'll entice me to talk back to them. When I'm just as courteous and civil as always, even empathizing with them ("I understand why you feel that way, Sir") they'll quickly get embarrassed as they realize they're being out-matured by an 18-year-old with an earring.

Does anyone else miss the sounds of the clock tower and the trains to tell the time all over Greenville when we are gone for the summer?

Retail sucks. That should be reason enough for anyone to want to go to college.

You think the drivers in Greenville can't drive... try California.

6-6-06... came and went and the world didn't stop spinning. What hoax are we going to look forward to next?

Rain, rain, go away come again some other day... 'Cause I am sick and tired of these thunderstorms!

Why is it that after three years, when you finally find out that she is interested, and you pursue it, she just jerks you around and never calls

you back? Doesn't the phone have numbers on it for a reason?

If this random kid asks me one more time if he can get on the computer I am going to slug him!

I really really hate when I am hungry and I hit a restaurant and the food sucks! I'm left still freakin' hungry (my blood sugar dropping) and out 20 bucks... again... it just sucks!

When the girl you are dating drinks more than you, it is quite possible that she is a man. I probably shouldn't date him/her anymore.

It may be a problem when Friday night is your night off from drinking.

OK why is it the City of Greenville is so concerned about grass height but not the dumpy houses that I wish were hidden by tall grass so I wouldn't have to look at them! Perhaps the Greenville PD should be spotting criminals instead of weeds over 12 inches high!

I believe in miracles. Where did you come from? You sexy thing, you.

Why is it that I see an ECU police car parked in the Chancellor's driveway each and every night?! Don't the ECU cops have something better to do than to provide the Chancellor with a private security guard? Seriously though, ECU Police, why not patrol the whole campus area like you're supposed to do?

I hate when my employers refuse to give me work to do... at work!

If you have more than 500 pictures on Facebook.com, you should think about seeking professional help.

Why do some of the people I enjoy most have to run away to California?

Life is a circus, don't be a clown.

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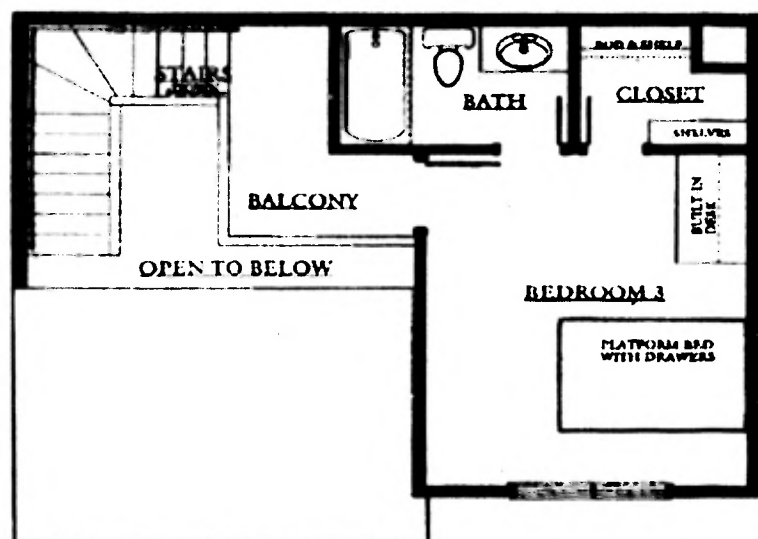
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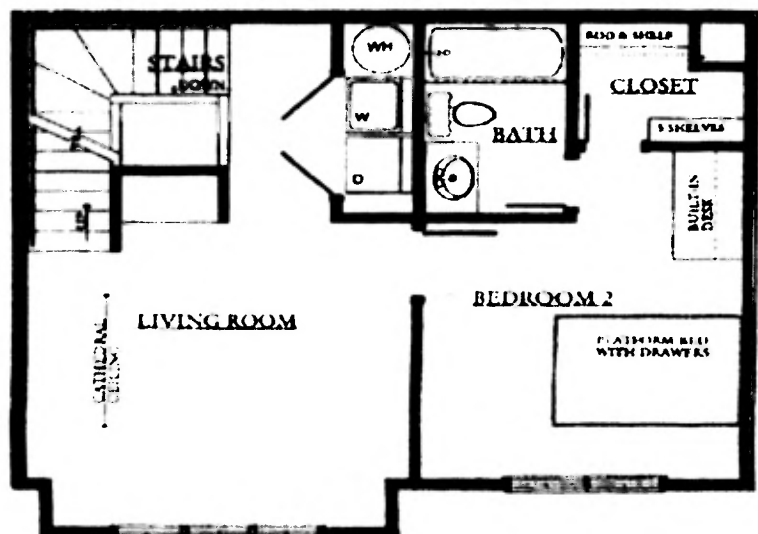
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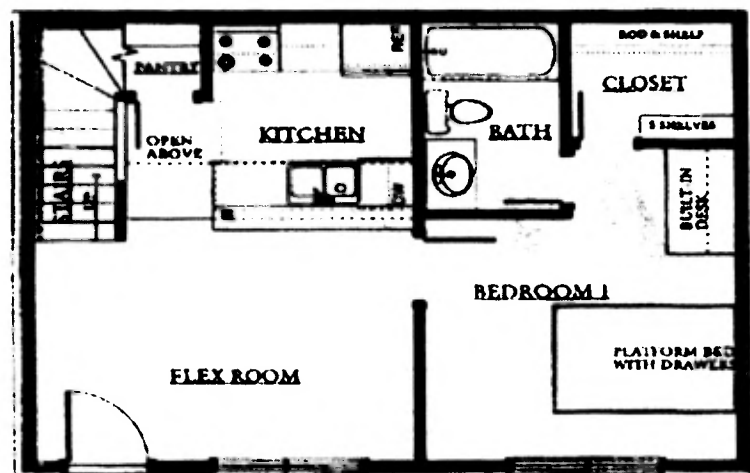
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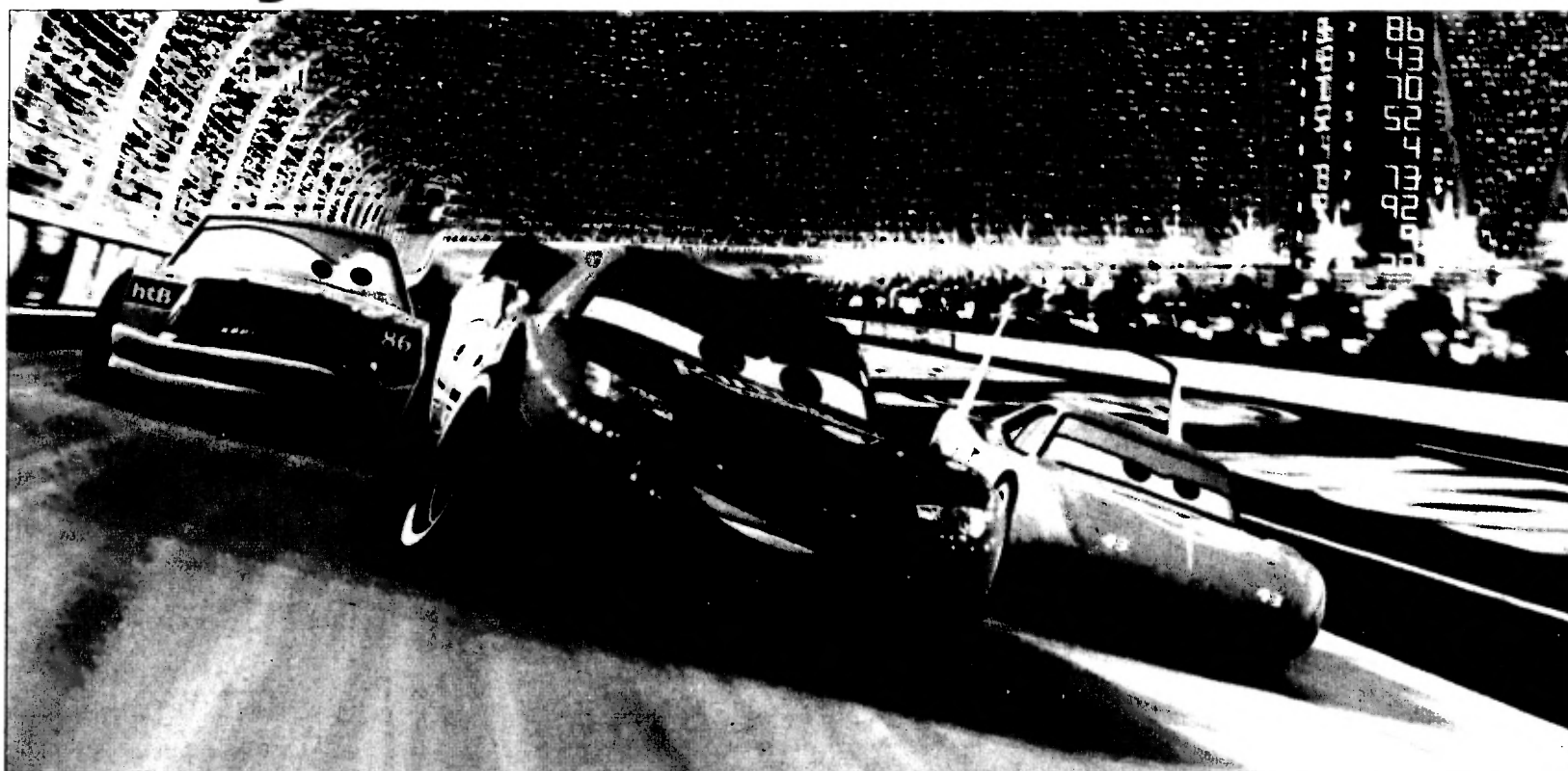
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Disney-Pixar successful with 'Cars'



"Lightning McQueen" played by Owen Wilson, "The King" played by Richard Petty and "Chick Hicks" played by Michael Keaton race above.

Nothing less than
entertainment from this
summer release

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

Summer is meant to be a time of rest and relaxation but most ECU students find themselves plagued by school and work this Summer. Taking some time out of your hectic schedule this summer is a must, even if it is only to take a trip to the local theater to see the new Disney-Pixar film, *Cars*.

I have always been a sucker for Pixar films. I can watch *Toy Story* over and over and still be entertained by some of the incredible hidden animation or those quirky little lines that you didn't notice the first 37 times you watched it. The same can be said for *A Bug's Life*, *Toy Story 2*, *Monsters, Inc.* and *The Incredibles*. All of these movies have supplied entertainment to children, both big and small, since their releases. I never would have thought that Pixar could top *Finding Nemo*, which is my favorite movie in the world ... until now.

Any movie that can keep me entertained and laughing my head off after working two 12-hour shifts, has got to be a great one. Without giving away why this film was so heart warming, let's run through what actually happened.

After the 30 minutes of pre-views, it was time for the custom-



"Tow Mater" with the voice of Larry the Cable Guy and "Lightning McQueen" enjoying their time together.

ary, no talking, Pixar short film before the feature. Before *Cars*, the film was called *One Man Band*, which was a great beginning to a great movie. The animation was crisp and clear and the story was probably the best yet.

Cars begins in a NASCAR race of some sort, where the three main contenders are "Lightning McQueen" the young hot-shot rookie who is played by Owen Wilson, "The King" who is played by none other than The King himself, Richard Petty and "Chick Hicks" who is played by Michael Keaton. The three cars are racing for the Piston Cup and amazingly all tie for first place. A tiebreaker race is set in California and the cars are all anxious to get there first.

Lightning McQueen, who is embarrassed by his sponsor, Rust-

Eze, wants to become the new racer for Dynoco after The King retires. Dynoco has helicopters, beautiful big rigs and a pit crew anyone would die for. Lightning is willing to do anything to be at the top. Here is where the problems start.

Lightning and his personal big rig, Mack, voiced by John Ratzenberger, who has been in just about every other Pixar movie ever made, head for California in an attempt to be the first team to the race. Long story short, Lightning gets lost in a town called Radiator Springs in the famous Carburetor County along Route 66. While in town, Lightning meets a great group of locals after completely destroying their town and being sentenced to fix it. Some of these locals include Tow Mater played by Larry the Cable Guy, Sally the Porsche played

by Bonnie Hunt and Doc Hudson played by Paul Newman.

At this point, it would be unfair to say anything more about the story, the characters or the events in the movie because I would much rather everyone go out and see for themselves. This is quite possibly one of the best, most entertaining movies I have seen since *Finding Nemo*, which is a lot coming from the girl who had the *Finding Nemo* DVD Collectors Edition at midnight the day it was released.

The animation in the film made you feel like you were there with all of the cars and the music was stimulating and appropriate for each scene. This laugh out loud film had quite a bit of adult humor that the typical six-year-old would

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Celebrity profile: Hulk Hogan

*He just keeps coming
back for more*

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

Terrence "Terry" Gene Bollea, otherwise known as Hulk Hogan, has been proclaimed to be the biggest attraction wrestling has ever seen. Growing up, Hogan played bass guitar in several Florida-based rock bands, including Ruckus and Infinity's End.

He played in local bars, where wrestlers would go to hang out, and caught the attention of former top drawing wrestler Jack Brisco and his brother Gerald who convinced Hogan to give wrestling a shot. He trained for almost two years and finally had his first wrestling match in Tallahassee, Fla., on August 19, 1977.

In 1979 Hogan made his debut in the World Wrestling Federation, and was given the name "The Incredible Hulk Hogan." He wrestled three matches and won them all. One month later, he made his debut in Madison Square Garden and in only 11 minutes and 12 seconds, he defeated Ted DiBiase.

He continued to wow his fans and began drawing crowds of all ages. In 1981, Sylvester Stallone personally asked him to be in *Rocky III*. It was against the rules of the World Wide Wrestling Federation, but Hogan took the offer anyway and was fired.

He began to wrestle with the American Wrestling Association and later went on to wrestle on the Japan Pro Wrestling teams. He became so famous in Japan that he even recorded an album there.

Fans could not seem to get enough of Hulk Hogan and by 1983 he made a dramatic return to the WWF. As his fans, referred to as "Hulkamaniacs," carried him through the hard times (a steroid scandal) and cheered him through the great ones, Hogan went on to win 15 world heavyweight championships.

The 1980s and early 1990s were his prime days as "Hulk Hogan." He was the highest drawing, most popular wrestler in the history of the business. He was the

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not understand but that will keep any adult laughing through the whole movie. With a cast list like this and the story's moral: Slowing down to enjoy life and appreciate your family, no matter what form they come in, this movie cannot help but please.

Cars was actually the first movie directed by John Lasseter (who directed both *Toy Story* and *A Bug's Life*) since *Toy Story 2*. The fact that he was a part of this movie should make any Pixar lover stop reading right now and get to the theater. *Cars* raced to first place at

the box office this weekend with a \$62.8 million debut, maintaining Disney-Pixar's undefeated record with a seventh straight hit.

I recommend that if you have any free time at all and an extra \$7.50 sitting around that you go out and see what all the hype is about. Enjoy some of your summer and start by seeing this movie, you will not be disappointed.

Grade: A+

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ECU graduate in the Middle East

Contributed photo

Heather Crisco and four child residents of a Palestine refugee camp.

"Voices need to be heard and not only the voice of Israel"

CHRISTOPHER STEVENSON
STAFF WRITER

The Middle East is a place of history and conflict filled with a richness of religion that has impacted nearly the entire planet. Heather Crisco, who graduated from ECU in 2004 with a double BA in anthropology and religious studies, is currently a MA student at the American University in Cairo, Egypt in the sociology-anthropology department.

Crisco went on a student abroad trip with ECU to the Middle East area. Crisco was so impacted by her student abroad trip to the Middle East that she decided to stay. Crisco spent a great deal of time on her trip in the Palestinian and Israeli areas.

Americans are not completely alien to the Middle East environment. Americans hear mainly negative things about the Middle East through filtered news stations like CNN. Americans hear about other

Americans being taken hostage by extremists and terrorist. Americans hear about the suicide bomb attacks on a weekly basis. It is not a warm, fuzzy feeling that comes to mind.

Crisco wrote by e-mail about this very situation but shared a stark contrast to what the media mainly filters to Americans concerning the Middle East.

"Before coming to Egypt, I was faced with many concerns (especially from family and friends) about being the target of hatred and violence because I am an American and a female. I've found that this is a huge stereotype among many Americans that is just that... a stereotype. I've not once during any of my travels throughout the Middle East, experienced negativity, hostility or threats of danger because of my nationality. If anything, I have been welcomed to the point that it almost becomes irritating," wrote Crisco.

Crisco conversed to both Israeli and Palestine soldiers and to a variety of people in each region. During her trip, Crisco did spend a great deal of time with

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spokesperson for the "Legends of Wrestling" video game, appeared on the cover of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* magazine 81 times and was on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in 1985, which, next to the swimsuit issues, was the year's best seller. Needless to say, he's accomplished many things during his lifetime, but has yet to put a period at the end of his life's goals and ambitions.

During his long career he appeared and starred in several movies and television shows. In 1991 he played in *Suburban Commando*, starred in the 1993 comedy

Mr. Nanny and appeared on the hit show "Walker Texas Ranger" in 2001. Today Terry has his own reality show on VH1 called "Hogan Knows Best." Hogan and his wife of 22 years, Linda, openly share their life on national television as they struggle to raise their two teenagers.

Brooke, 16, wants to date guys, become a singer and have a semi-normal life but her brother Nick, 15, is currently struggling to become a professional wrestler just like his dad, but of course his mother has to throw in her input. This reality

show lets people see what Hollywood Hulk Hogan is getting into since his wrestling days are over.

Be sure to check out the show now playing new episodes on VH1 and get the latest scoop on the classic wrestling champion who captured many and continues to exceed the expectations of any pro wrestler. For more information about the show, visit vh1.com to read about upcoming Hulk events and episode topics.

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Palestinians. Crisco emphasized that the Palestinian people are in favor of promoting peace and democracy. Crisco wrote that though the political group Hamas, who is thought of as a terrorist organization by much of the world, officially has not committed any acts of violence since being elected and are actually calling for the violence to stop.

Crisco has been influenced greatly by her trip abroad.

"Because of my Palestine/Israel trip specifically, I have definitely changed. I have changed in that, after meeting with government officials, university officials and peace-keepers from both sides; it has become clear to me that something has to be done. Voices need to be heard and not only the voice of Israel," Crisco wrote.

It's no secret that the United States' government favors Israel over Palestine. Our government gives Israel millions of dollars and military equipment on a continual basis, which is one reason why Israel has the third most powerful air force in the world. Even American residents, for the most part, seem to favor Israel over Palestine. The United States has a huge Christian population, and the Christian belief is that the people of Israel are God's chosen people. The question to ask is does this religious connection with Israel blind Americans from seeing the conflict situation between Israel and Palestine clearly

and in a non-biased manner?

Crisco does think that there is a huge misconception some Americans tend to share about the Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

"Americans are unfortunately only exposed to a censored media which does not always portray the conflict in a fair manner, thus many Americans tend to think that the Palestinians are nothing but a group of militant, fundamentalist Muslims who are attacking Israel non-stop. This is absolutely not true, and if anything, it is Israel doing most of the attacking," Crisco wrote.

After finishing school, Crisco hopes to eventually have a job that at least keeps her coming back to the Middle East. Many students like Crisco go on student abroad trips every year for the feeling of adventure and for the educational aspects that contribute to an unforgettable experience.

Calvin Mercer, who is the co-director of the religious study program at ECU, is the one who got Crisco interested in taking the trip abroad to the Middle East.

"I know students often sign up for study abroad because of the sights and adventure, but most students find out that the physical travel is really about expanding the internal journey of the mind and heart," wrote Mercer.

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50 (silly, practical, funny, useful, thought-provoking or absolutely ridiculous) ways to beat the heat

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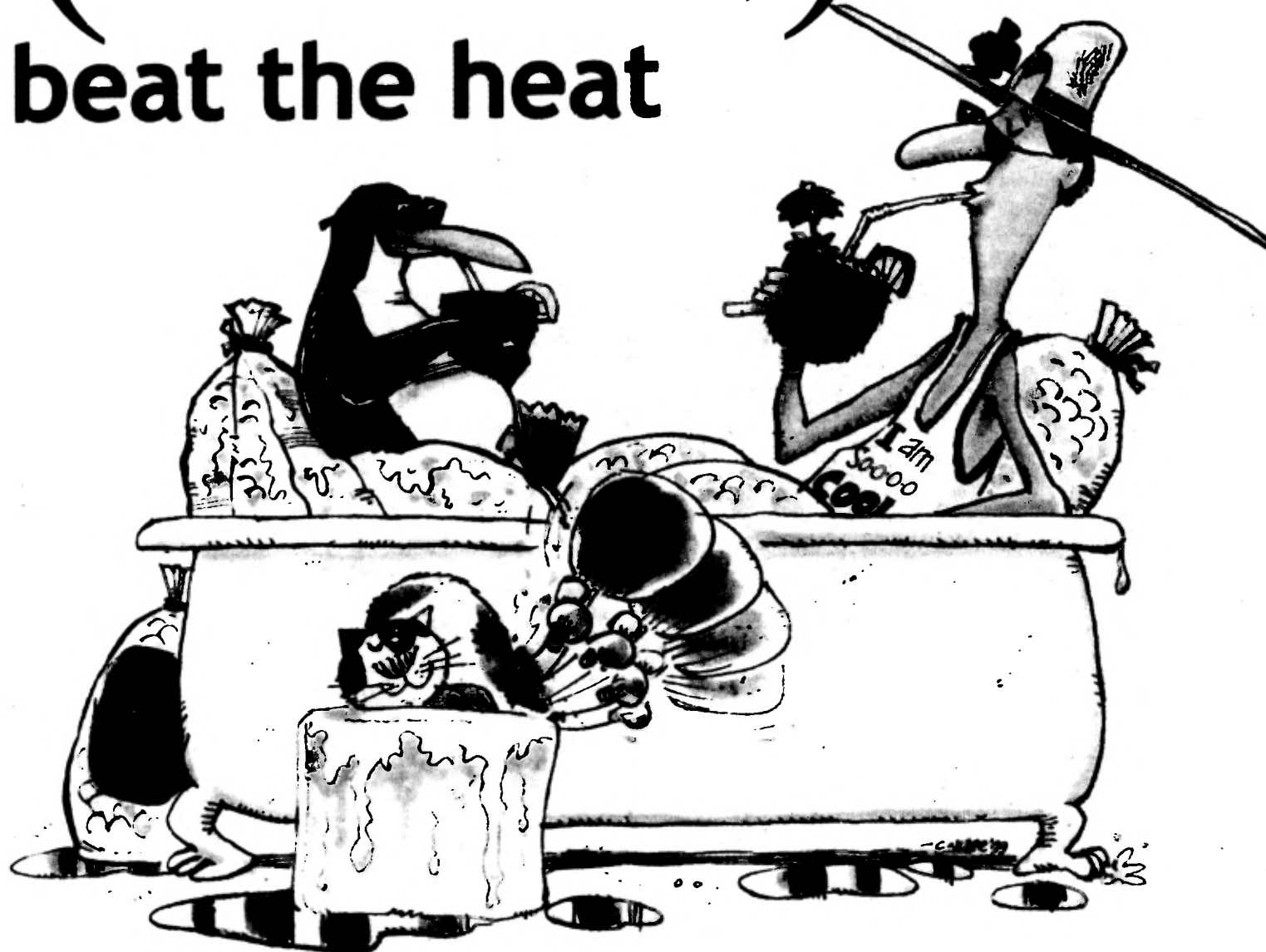
It's the kind of forecast that elicits gasps. Groans. Triple digits and bright yellow suns march in a line across your television screen. The weather guy chuckles, then swears it's not his fault.

Whatever.

It's hot and miserable. Time to think of some ways to keep cool.

Here are 50 ideas, from useful to wacky, to beat that smmer heat. Look out for more useful tips to come throughout the summer.

Illustrations by Chris Ware/KRT



1. Run in the sprinkler.
2. Freeze your sheets. Just before bedtime, make your bed, jump in and ... ahhhhh.
3. See a movie.
4. Go ice skating.
5. Head to a swimming pool.
6. Wash the car.
7. Turn off the stove. Opt for salads or gazpacho.
8. Freeze a damp washcloth or bandanna and wear it around your neck.
9. Carry a parasol or light-colored umbrella so you'll have shade wherever you go.
10. Have a water balloon fight and be sure to win.
11. Take a walk through the mall with the great A/C.
12. Use your hot tub as a cool pool. Turn off the heat in the summer and take a cool dip.
13. Drink lots of water.

14. Spray water on your body. Stand in front of fan blowing at the highest setting. Repeat.
15. Think cool. Mind over matter does help.
16. Go barefoot.
17. Fill a kiddie pool — or your bathtub — with water. Throw in a bunch of ice cubes. Try to pick them up with your feet.



18. Move slowly.
19. Close blinds or curtains on windows that let in midday sun.
20. Sounds cruel, but keep your sweaty little kid(s) at arm's length.
21. Play Christmas music.
22. Bob for apples.
23. Splash in a public fountain (at your own risk, of course).
24. Eat spicy food. It makes you sweat and cools you down.
25. Stick your head in the freezer case at a local grocery or convenience store.
26. Take a drive — a looonng drive — to somewhere you've always meant to go. The air conditioning will make it worth your while.
27. Make homemade ice cream in all of your favorite flavors.
28. Put a frozen cabbage

leaf under your cap (unless you play professional baseball in South Korea, where this has been banned).

29. Drink coffee. Your body will respond by cooling itself.
30. Make Kool-Aid Popsicles.
31. Play catch with water balloons.
32. Dress in breathable, cotton fabrics.
33. Crank up the Beach Boys.
34. Chase down the ice cream man for that well-deserved ice cream.
35. Dip your hat or socks in water before heading outdoors. The water will evaporate in no time but will leave you feeling cooler.
36. Embrace an indoor hobby, like scrapbooking or quilting.
37. "Test" the city's nudity laws — at your own risk.

38. Find the coolest beauty salon in town. Make an appointment. Ask for the works. Be very picky.

39. Hang out in the basement.
40. Visit a hypnotist for a session, and request to be on a trek in Alaska.
41. Watch a guilty-pleasure TV show. In fact, watch many.
42. Sleep on the roof.
43. Make lemonade.
44. Carve a watermelon.
45. Watch a documentary about polar bears or penguins.
46. Soak in your tub — cool water, please — with a melon facial and cool aromatic suds or salts.
47. Browse a bookstore.
48. Freeze grapes and eat 'em.
49. Pull your hair up.
50. One word: Frappuccino.

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ECU, ISP Sports announce new flagship radio stations for FM, AM

ERIC GILMORE
SPORTS EDITOR

ECU fans will be adjusting their dials to a new radio frequency come football season. ECU and ISP Sports announced a five-year agreement with Classic Rock 106.5 (WSFL-FM) which will enable the 100,000-watt station to become the football FM flagship for the Pirate ISP Radio Network.

ISP Sports, a marketing firm based out of Winston-Salem, recently inked a deal with ECU to operate the marketing arm of the athletic department, which includes multi-media broadcast rights. Thus, ISP Sports and athletic director Terry Holland wanted to find a station with the largest possible coverage area.

WSFL's will emerge as the lone flagship FM signal, which reaches

Wake County to the west and nearly the entire North Carolina coastline to the south and east, will allow Pirate fans to receive a new extended level of coverage.

However, the drama falls on the AM dial. Talk 1070 (WNCT-AM) will serve as the AM flagship for the network and provide exclusive coverage of ECU men's basketball and baseball. After a long period of anticipation, Talk 1070 recently amped their wattage up to 50,000 during the day, but powers down to 10,000-watts at night. According to their Web site, they also operate on an HD signal.

Talk 1070 is managed by Hinton Media Group and more specifically Henry Hinton. Hinton, a large Pirate Club contributor, previously owned New East Communications, which included the former flagship station 98.3 (WCZI-FM). Talk 1070 and Classic Rock 106.5 are both owned by Beasley Broadcasting Group, a large media conglomer-

ate.

"Having always had a strong presence in the eastern Carolina market, we are delighted that Classic Rock 106.5 and Talk 1070 will be the home to Pirates' football," George G. Beasley, Chairman and CEO said in a press release.

"Under the leadership of Terry Holland and his team, ECU is poised for a great future and we want to be a part of it."

Confused? In essence, Pirate Radio 1250 (WGHF-AM) and 930 (WDLX-AM) (think T-shirts) was carved out of the deal and will no longer be permitted to cover any network games, programming or coaches' shows. Pirate Radio, who has carried games for the past three years, sports two 5,000-watt stations that span from Wilson to the Outer Banks.

"Although ISP Sports and ECU

made the decision to end our partnership, it does not mean we will pack up our bags or turn our backs on ECU," stated an open letter reaction co-authored by Troy Dreyfus and Jonathan Ellerbe, both managing partners of the Pirate Media Group, which owns Pirate Radio.

"Are we disappointed? Yes. Are we devastated? No."

Because of a deep divide between ECU's fans regarding the AM split between Talk 1070 and Pirate Radio's two stations, Holland felt the need to issue an open letter released on the ECU athletic Web site.

"I do not pretend to understand all the 'history' involved with the various radio entities who have carried Pirate athletic events," Holland said in his opening paragraph. "Neither am I burdened with ties to any of these entities that would make me respond emotionally instead of attempting to do what

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TERRY HOLLAND

Hockey fans bred not born



Mark Recchi and Eric Staal hope to clinch the Stanley Cup in Raleigh.

'Canes one win from Cup

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

Tonight the Carolina Hurricanes go for their first Stanley Cup Trophy in franchise history. It took me awhile to become part of the "Caniac Nation," but my enthusiasm had to develop from something.

Growing up in Wisconsin, I was a one-team fan depending on the sport. The Milwaukee Brewers for baseball, the Milwaukee Bucks for basketball and, of course, the Green Bay Packers for football. There is no NHL team in Wisconsin, so I had no real loyalties. I pulled for the Minnesota North Stars during their Stanley Cup Finals run in 1991, but not passionately.

Two years later I was living in Southern California and pulled for the Wayne Gretzky-led Los Angeles Kings to win the Cup, only to see them fall in five games to the Montreal Canadiens and the evil Patrick

Roy. It was then that I took a real interest in hockey, at the age of 19. The Kings became my team.

When 1996 rolled around, I found myself cheering for Patrick Roy and his new team, the Colorado Avalanche. It was the first season in Colorado for the former Quebec Nordiques and they swept Florida to bring Lord Stanley's Cup to Denver. I just happened to be in Denver for the decisive triple-overtime Game 4 and I can still picture Uwe Krupp's shot from the blue line getting by John Vanbiesbrouck for the game's only goal. It was one of the best games I have ever watched, with a combined 125 shots on goal, and the Avalanche became my team number two.

I went to my first NHL game in 1997 in L.A. It was Gretzky's first game back in Los Angeles, as he was a member of the New York Rangers. The Rangers won the game, which disappointed most of the fans inside the Great Western Forum that night, but it was a memorable experience

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is right for ECU while trying to be fair to everyone involved."

Holland went on to cite reasons behind the five-year agreement. He included that "the Pirate radio network had of recent years has had, at best, pitiful night-time coverage of Pitt County." Jeff Charles, the play-by-play voice for football and basketball, used to be the director of electronic media before ISP Sports came on board in January.

Holland wrote that ECU has had a one-year game broadcast agreement with 1250 for the past three years and 1070 the last two years with everyone's understanding that at some point ECU needed a large FM flagship station for its network.

According to Holland, N.C. State stepped in and took the opportunity instead. When ECU got word that the Wolfpack had taken the opportunity, the unnamed 25,000-watt FM was in serious negotiations with 1250-AM for an agreement that would have eliminated 1070-

AM from all Pirate broadcasts.

"ECU has been loyal to both partners and has demonstrated a willingness to do everything reasonable (except to compromise ECU's future) to keep both included for game broadcasts," Holland included.

Holland also added that the athletic department would assist both radio stations with their daily programming. However, fans have now questioned the Holland's lack of loyalty to Pirate Radio, who bailed them out during troubled times three short years ago.

"As we have said many times on our airwaves, 'It's tough to be a Pirate,'" Dreyfus and Ellerbe's letter read. "But as true Pirates who bleed purple and gold, we vow to finish what we started and will not let adversity slow us down or divert us from accomplishing our goals."

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Hockey paving way on Tobacco Road

AP Rod Brind'Amour's hat choice highlights deeply rooted college loyalties.

(AP) — Among the raucous crowd of Carolina Hurricanes fans, some wild cheers turned to boos whenever North Carolina basketball coach Roy Williams showed up on the scoreboard. Ditto for new North Carolina State coach Sidney Lowe.

In North Carolina, such hard-

wood loyalties are passed down in families like heirlooms.

But with the Hurricanes one win away from bringing the first major professional team championship to North Carolina, the rabid 'Canes that fill the RBC Center, and the ticketless fans who party outside as the game goes on, have

embraced hockey as they might a NASCAR champion or ACC MVP.

Argue they might and do about everything else, fans here are proving a Tar Heel can love a game played on the ice. So can a Demon Deacon, a Blue Devil, those running with a Wolfpack or sailing with the Pirates.

"Everybody for the longest time would argue that North Carolina was all about basketball," said East Carolina football coach Skip Holtz, who took time off from preparing the Pirates for next season to attend Game 2 of the finals against the Edmonton Oilers in Raleigh.

"I think this is a great sports state," he said. "They follow it, they're rabid, they're animated. They're great sports fans, and they're going to follow a winner."

Fans on Tobacco Road have had plenty of practice. Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State have combined to win nine NCAA basketball championships and create fiercely loyal fan bases, as have fellow ACC member Wake Forest and chip-on-the-shoulder East Carolina.

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for me and my affinity for the sport grew exponentially. Just a few months later, I relocated to Jacksonville, North Carolina and I was again living in a state without hockey.

Thankfully that lasted just a few months. In an awkward and sudden move, the Hartford Whalers left their home in Connecticut and moved to Greensboro. I hated this move initially and cursed the new Carolina Hurricanes. They had just become another northern team to migrate south, following the Winnipeg Jets (Phoenix Coyotes) and Minnesota North Stars (Dallas Stars) to name just a couple. I felt bad for the fans in Hartford and the move was poorly executed, reminding me of the Baltimore Colts' mid-night move to Indianapolis.

The new Hurricanes had no real home, playing in the small Greensboro Coliseum to minimal and hockey-ignorant fans in its first season. Then a funny thing happened. In Carolina's second season, they made the playoffs and the fans showed up. The Hurricanes created "Hockey U" to educate their new southern fan base on the rules and terminology of the game. What they should have done prior to the

move, they did during the playoff run and it worked.

The Hurricanes sold out the Coliseum while winning, but lost to the Boston Bruins in the first round of the playoffs. I was fortunate enough to attend two of those playoff games and, I'll admit, I was pulling for Boston, due in large part to their goalie - former L.A. King, Byron Dafoe. What I saw in the Coliseum, with these Carolina fans embracing the game that I grew to love, made me respect the team and its fan base.

The next season the 'Canes found a new home in Raleigh and I went to another game, against the Rangers. I grew fonder of the Hurricanes with each season and really jumped on their bandwagon in 2002 when Carolina reached the Stanley Cup Finals. Even former Whaler fans wanted the 'Canes to win, if for no other reason than the fact that they were playing the league's most-hated team, the Detroit Red Wings. I have always despised the Red Wings (Blackhawks, too) - blame it on the NFL's NFC North.

Carolina lost those Stanley Cup Finals, but just four years later, the Hurricanes find themselves just one game away from hoisting Lord

Stanley's Cup. Like Ron Francis four years ago, it is the veteran leadership of Rod Brind'Amour that has led the 'Canes to Lord Stanley's doorstep.

Brind'Amour and Head Coach Peter Laviolette have kept the Hurricanes calm, patient and focused. The unflappable Hurricanes rebounded from their Game 3 loss in Edmonton to win Game 4 Monday night despite being out-hit by the Oilers, 32-19 and hounded by the raucous Rexall Place crowd.

While second-year point machine Eric Staal has become a star and threaded a perfect pass to Mark Recchi for the game-winning goal Monday night, the Conn Smythe front-runner for Carolina is rookie netminder Cam Ward. Ward has made brilliant save after brilliant save while posting three shutouts in his first Stanley Cup playoffs.

My NHL passion grew from watching a Wayne Gretzky-led team lose in the Stanley Cup Finals. Tonight that passion will grow stronger as I watch the team that Gretzky built lose in the Stanley Cup Finals to my Carolina Hurricanes.

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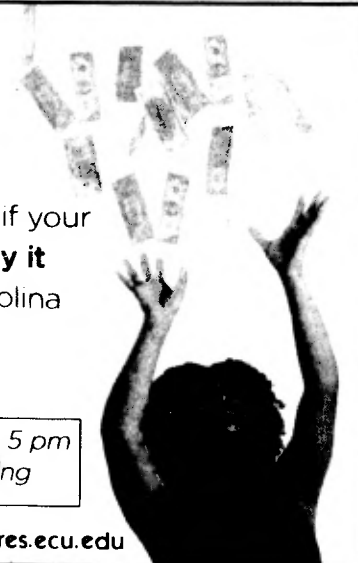


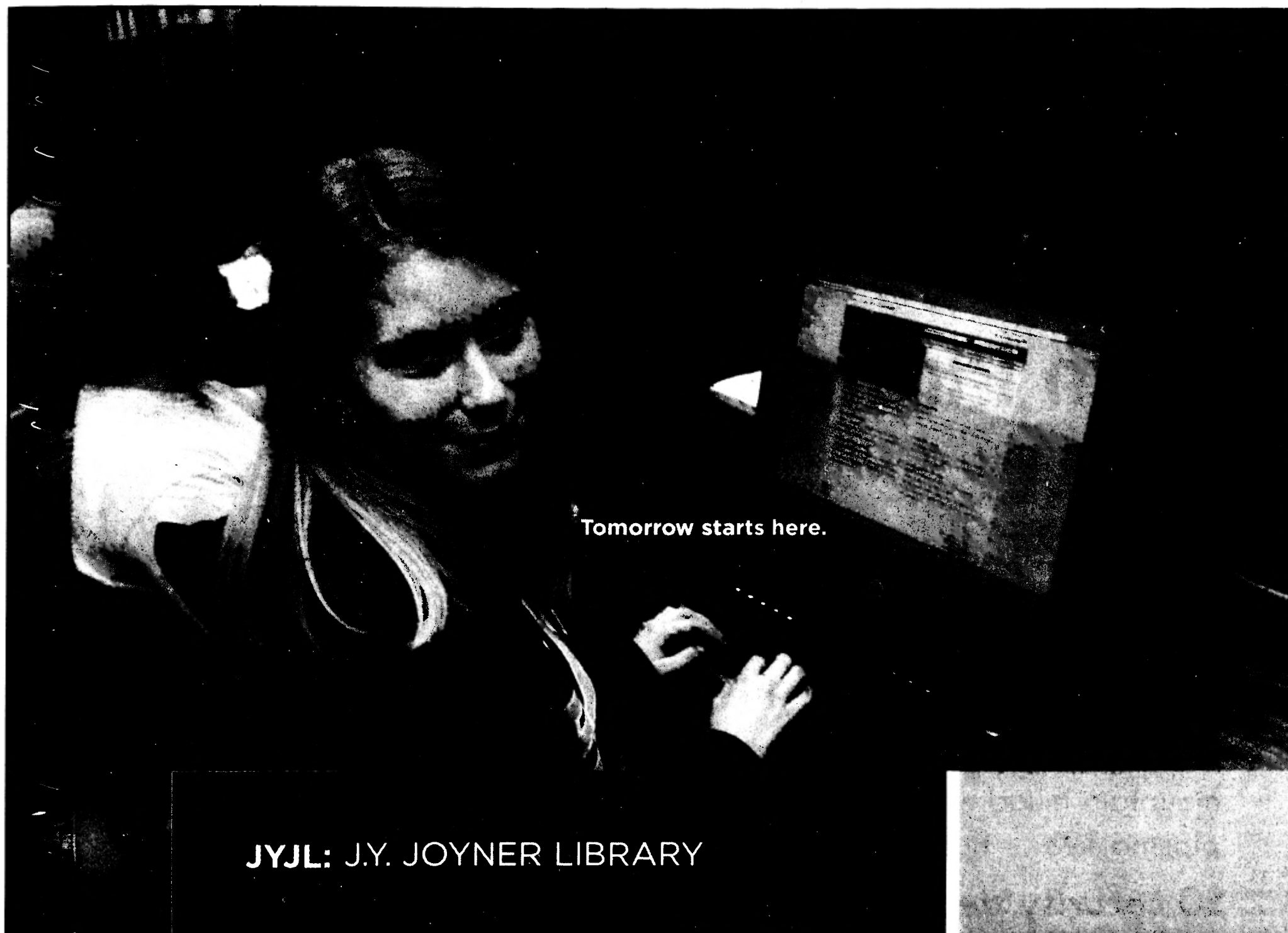
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