



## Missouri-Kansas City provost awarded chancellor position

Steve Ballard will begin leading ECU in June

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NEWS EDITOR

Steve Ballard, 55-year-old provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City was announced ECU's new chancellor at the Board of Governors meeting Friday.

"On behalf of the search committee and the Board of Trustees, we are elated with President Board's selection ... Ballard has

an outstanding record of leadership and accomplishments which will translate into broader and more rapid success for ECU," said Jim Talton, chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

Ballard will succeed Interim Chancellor William Shelton, who filled the chancellor position after William Muse resigned in September. Ballard is scheduled to take over for Shelton and start receiving his \$215,000 salary on June 1, but he will make his move to Greenville sometime in May.

"This is a career aspiration for me," said Ballard.



Steve Ballard was introduced as ECU's chancellor Friday.

Though the 22,000 students enrolled at ECU and the 14,000 at UMKC differ, Ballard said the larger enrollment size brings great opportunity for university advancement.

Ballard said he plans to use his understanding of the complexity of higher education to fill vacant upper-level leadership positions at ECU.

He said he would work to quickly fill the vacant athletics director position.

Nick Floyd, interim director of athletics, was appointed to temporarily fill the position when former director, Mike Hamrick accepted

the athletics director position at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Ballard said he would also start a national search to fill the vacant provost position, after ECU's former provost, William Swart, was reassigned to a faculty position in September.

Before taking his position at UMKC in 2001, Ballard served as the vice provost for research and dean of the graduate college from 1998-2001 at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Ballard has authored more

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## ECU police, housing react to early semester violence

New security measures include increased patrols, dorm alarms

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The College Hill area has been the focus of violent crimes, but officials have vowed to make the campus safer after recent crime incidents.

The most recent crimes include an armed robbery that occurred at Belk Hall on March 10 in which two assailants robbed two students, who were not injured, at gunpoint. The next day a student in Scott hall reported a man wearing a ski mask came into his room at 4 a.m., pointed a gun at his head and then vanished without taking anything.

ECU police said there are no leads to the suspect in the robbery case, but the gun has been traced to a Greenville residency.

"The owner reported the stolen firearm to the Greenville Police Department. We are investigating further in an attempt to identify a suspect," said Robert C. Stroud, ECU police chief.

Stroud said he could not advise as to whether the two incidents were related.

There were also two dorm rapes within less than a month of each other, an armed robbery and a stolen handgun found on a shower stall floor.

Stroud said patrols have been increased, but since students have been away on Spring Break, they haven't been readily available to offer any new information.

Aaron F. Lucier, interim associate director of technology for Campus Living, said special alarms costing \$350 have been ordered that will notify ECU police of dorm doors being held open for too long and will produce an audible alarm. The alarm is called the "Monitor."

At press time, Lucier said an order of Monitors had been received and were being installed on College Hill, but he could not specify which dorms have received them.

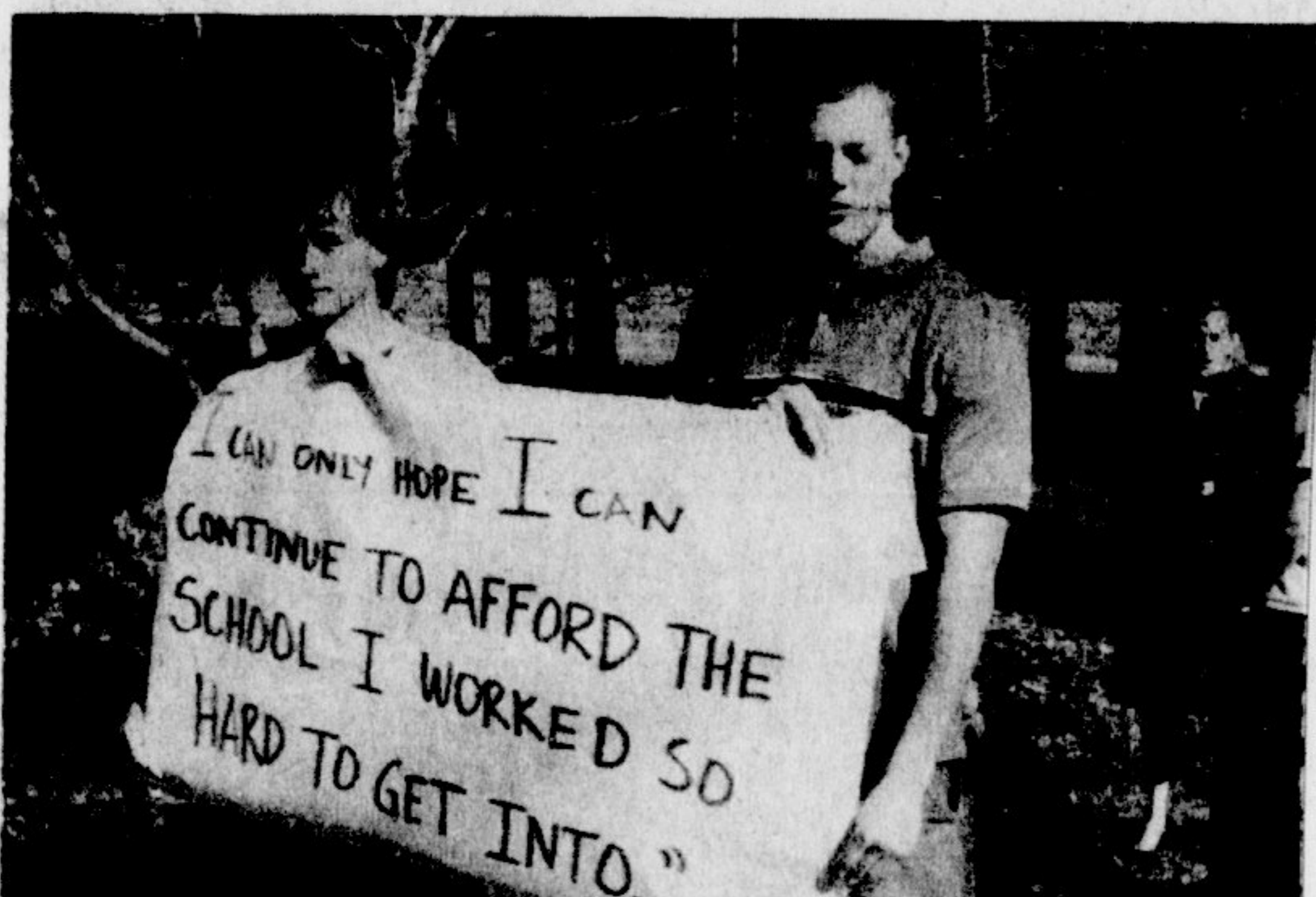
Lucier said the Monitor device will be put near the bottom of the door under the advisement of a locksmith and then have its reaction time calibrated.

"The alarm is quite loud,"

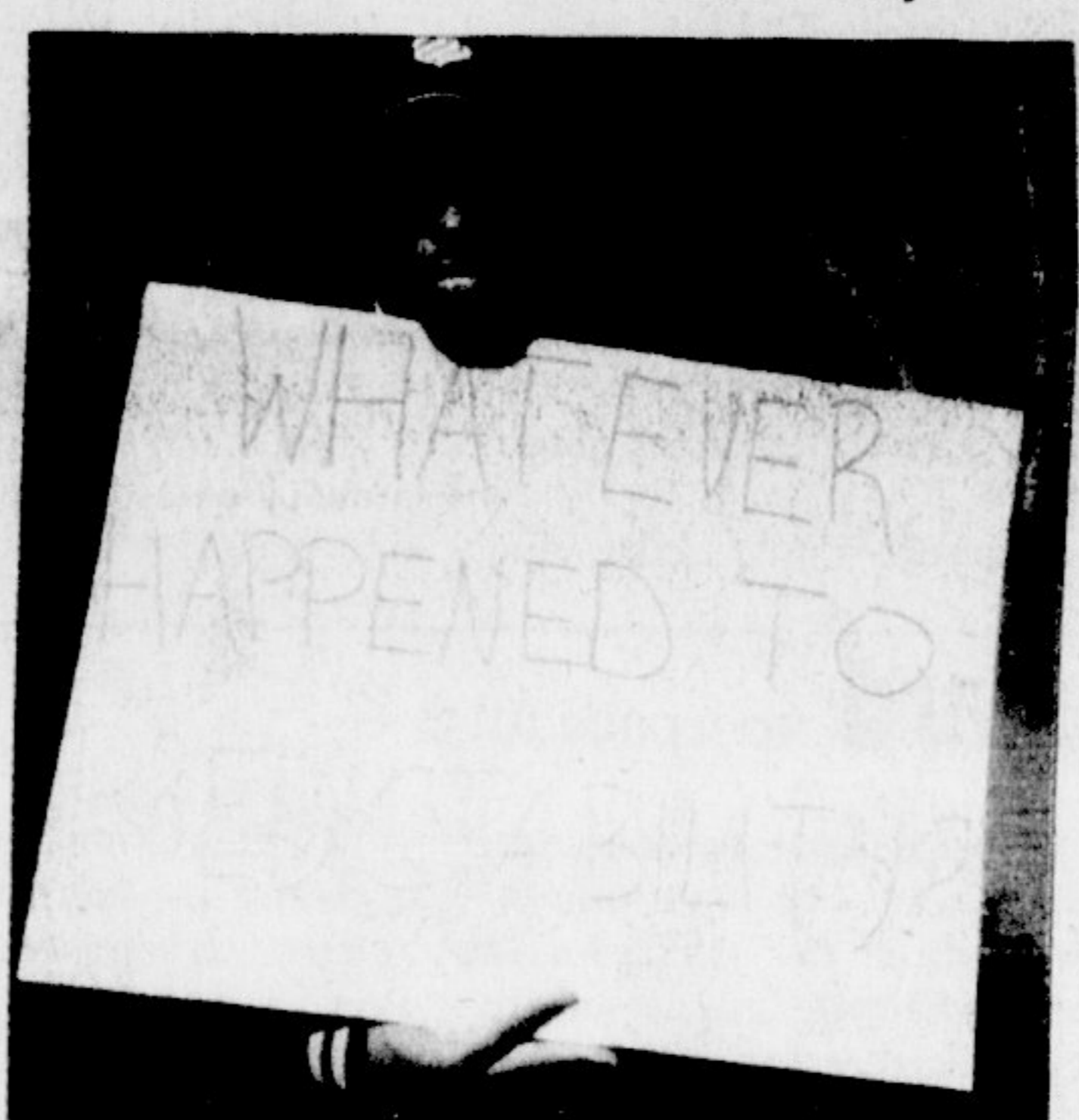
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Appalachian State University students Emily McDermott and Dorothy Andrews oppose the tuition increase Friday.



NC State students David Woolard and Adam Olejarczyk question how they will afford the rising cost of their educations.



Unique slogans, like Michael Pinnix's from Winston Salem State University, abounded.

## Student protests fail, tuition increase approved

BOG members pass amended fee hike

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Nearly 200 students from all 16 UNC-system schools gathered in front of the doors of the UNC General Administration Building in Chapel Hill Friday to protest the \$300 campus-based tuition increase at the Board of Governors meeting, but board members voted to amend and pass tuition increases for the 2004-05 academic year.

ECU and 12 other schools will be affected by an in-state increase of \$225 in the 2004-05 academic year, while in-state tuition will rise \$250 a year at the UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State. The NC School of Arts will be affected by a \$450 in-state increase.

Out-of-state tuition will climb an additional \$300 at all schools with the exception of UNC-Chapel Hill, where it will increase \$1,500 and the

NC School of Arts, where it will increase \$600.

"I believe everyone in this room wants tuition to be as low as it can be, but we do not want to sacrifice quality," said BOG member Charles Mercer.

Board members said the increase compensates for state budget reductions and improves classroom quality in all 16 schools.

The board also passed a student fee increase for ECU of \$48 in addition to the \$50 SCT Banner fee increase, raising fees by 8 percent.

The staggered tuition increase planned for ECU's Brody School of Medicine was passed at the meeting.

A \$1,425 increase will affect first year medical students attending Brody during the 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years.

The increase requires second, third and fourth year medical students attending Brody in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to pay a fee increase of \$925.

Revenue collected from ECU's tuition increase will be

used in the university's high-need areas. The funds will expand the academic advising system to accommodate more students, attract and retain faculty members and contribute to need-based financial aid.

Despite countless signs and captivating chants from students at all 16 UNC-system universities, the 800 private struggles captured in "Personal Stories" are destined to come true.

"Personal Stories" is book detailing how tuition increases have and would affect students and their families.

Each member of the BOG was presented with the finished book in February, which was associated with the help of Student Government Association representatives and the UNC Association of Student Governments.

Many students, like Emily McDermott from Appalachian State University, attended the protest and waved signs detailing the pages they were featured on in the book.

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## Fee Breakdown

Student Fees  
-Student fees will increase by 8 percent for a total of \$98.

In-state campus-based tuition  
-A campus-based tuition increase of \$225 will affect all in-state students during the 2004-05 academic year, raising tuition from \$1,910 to \$2,135.

Out-of-state campus-based tuition  
-A campus-based tuition increase of \$300 will affect all out-of-state students during the 2004-05 academic year, raising tuition from \$12,049 to \$12,349.

\* The Board of Governors voted not to impose a system-wide tuition increase in addition to the campus-based increase.

Brody School of Medicine  
-First year medical students attending Brody during the 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years will have a \$1,425 increase. -Second, third and fourth year medical students attending Brody in 2004-05 will pay a fee increase of \$925.

## Fair offers graduation materials, information

Career help, ordering for ceremony on hand

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Graduation can be a stressful time as students prepare for the ceremony and their future. Dowdy Student Stores will hold a Graduation Fair today and Thursday to help ease graduates' apprehension.

The event is for all graduating seniors who need to collect commencement materials like cap and gown, announcements, rings and frames for diplomas.

"I am excited about my accomplishments but apprehensive about the future," said David Molinatto, senior communication art major.

Information about student loan repayment, career searches and alumni benefits will be available at the event along with Herff Jones and Jostens for class ring information.

Frances McDaniel, who oversees graduation materials at Dowdy Student Stores, said graduation is a milestone for students, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

"I am glad that the school put this event on," said Justin Williford, senior computer science major.

"It helps me at this stressful time."

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 8 in Minges Coli-



## Event Info

The Graduation Fair will be at Dowdy Student Stores Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Commencement information  
<http://www.ecu.edu/commencement>

There will be two ceremonies - the first will begin at 10 a.m. and the second will begin at 2 p.m.

Students and faculty who will participate in the institutional exercise must register for attendance through Onestop.

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## Nutrition Awareness throughout March

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School of Nursing Assistant Professor Elizabeth Jesse, Ph.D. works to link race, preterm birth in three-year study.

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The softball team raked in their first conference wins of the season, improving their record to 32-6-1.

**EYE**  
Spring registration for fall and summer semesters begins March 29. Make sure to meet with your adviser.

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## Announcements

### Graduation Fair

The Dowdy Student Stores hosts a fair for May graduates on Wednesday, March 24 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Graduates will be able to pick up their cap and gown and obtain information about commencement, alumni benefits, careers and student loan repayment.

### Biology and Physics Lecture

The Department of Biology and Physics presents a lecture, titled "Structural changes in Nephila edulis silk proteins in solution," by Cedric Dicko, Ph.D., from Oxford University Wednesday at 2 p.m. in N-109 Howell.

### Undergraduates Symposium

The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Committee hosts the second annual undergraduate symposium Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the second floor of Mendenhall Student Center. Research from different academic fields will be presented. Refreshments will be served.

### Board of Trustees

The ECU Board of Trustees will meet Friday in 2W 38-40-50 Brody at 8 a.m.

### Summer and Fall Registration

Registration for summer sessions and fall 2004 semester begins Monday, March 29.

### Sophomore Survey

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, 30 from ECU, must take the Sophomore Survey before pre-registering for summer or fall 2004 semesters. The survey is available online at OneStop.

### Women Inventors Presentation

Ethlie Ann Vare, co-author of PatentlyFemale: From AZT to TV Dinners, Stories of Women Inventors, and Their Breakthrough Ideas will present a free account of the women behind familiar products, discoveries and innovations Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

### Co-ops and Internships Workshop

Career Services offers a co-op and internship workshop Tuesday, March 30 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in 1012 Bate.

### File Sharing Discussion

School officials and students will participate in a discussion about the positive and negative aspects of peer-to-peer file sharing Tuesday, March 30, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in 221 MSC.

### Whichard Lecture

Whichard Distinguished Professor of Humanities David Armstrong, Ph.D., will give a lecture on "The Scope and Limits of Human Knowledge" on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate. A reception will follow the lecture.

### Habitat for Humanity Run

The Home Run 5K Road Race and One Mile Fun Run to benefit Pitt County Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, March 27 from 7 a.m. - noon at the City Hotel and Bistro. Participants can register the day of the race beginning at 7 a.m. or in advance at [www.habitathome.com](http://www.habitathome.com). Volunteers are also needed. Call 758-2947 for more information.

### Cash for Cats

Volunteers are needed to collect donations to provide medical care for cats on Saturday, March 27 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at local Food Lions. Contact Greg Smith at 717-6339 for more information.

### Parents Council Nominations

The Office of Advancement for Student Life and the Parents Council Nominations Committee are seeking nominations of parents for the 2004-05 Parents Council. Call Cheryl Kite at 328-9585 for more information.

### Commencement Registration

Degree candidates who wish to participate in the May 8 ceremony must make a reservation through Onestop.

### Deadline

Monday, April 5 is the last day to remove incompletes given during fall semester 2003.

### Stroke Clinic

Volunteers are needed to perform various tasks including registration, health assessment, cholesterol and glucose labs, blood pressure and counseling at five community stroke clinics. Contact Terry Congleton at 847-0162 for more information.

### Community Service Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Greenville is accepting applications for a \$500 community service scholarship. Applicants should be Pitt County residents, female, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and are currently or planning to attend Pitt County Community College or ECU. The application deadline is April 16. Contact Shelly Townsend at 341-0363 for more information.

### ECU Child of Faculty Scholarship

Current or accepted ECU students who are children of active or retired faculty qualify for the \$1,600 ECU Retired Faculty Association Undergraduate Scholarship. Applicants must have a projected or actual collegiate GPA of 3.0 and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Applications are due by April 9. Contact Vicky Morris at 328-9573 for more information.

### Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is TJ Turner, senior psychology major.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Defense: Twisted childhood merits lesser conviction in murder

NASHVILLE (AP) - Prosecution and defense lawyers agreed Monday that Andre Edwards abducted, raped and killed a Virginia woman nearly three years ago, and each side told jurors they should focus on why the tragedy occurred.

Closing arguments from the defense focused on Edwards' wretched childhood. Prosecutors said the defendant's background had no bearing on his ability to plan and commit the crime against the young mother and her 11-month-old son on June 30, 2001. When he was 6 years old, Edwards was given by his mother to pedophiles for their pleasure in return for money to buy liquor and drugs, according to evidence. He also was intoxicated from alcohol and cocaine used eight hours before the kidnapping and lacked mental capacity to plan the crime, the defense said.

#### GOP candidates offer differing views on N.C. lottery

RALEIGH (AP) - Republicans competing for the GOP gubernatorial nomination are showing more flexibility on the issue of a lottery than they did four years ago, but few seem to view the issue as a lynchpin in this year's campaign.

Four of six major GOP candidates make similar arguments against a numbers game.

Democratic Gov. Mike Easley has made an "education lottery" one of his leading policy initiatives, but has failed to get authorization for a voter referendum through the

Legislature during his first three years in office.

Despite polls showing a majority of voters supporting a vote, prospects for one in 2004 appear dim. House members continue to strongly oppose a referendum, which they voted down in 2002, and legislative leaders want to finish this year's session before the July 20 primary.

### National

#### Prosecutors open trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator with attempt to link him to blast

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) - Prosecutors in Terry Nichols' state murder trial began their attempt to put the Oklahoma City bombing conspirator on death row by linking him to the blast - even though he was more than 200 miles away.

FBI lawyer Mary Jasnowski testified Monday that agents searching Nichols' Kansas home three days after the 1995 bombing found a receipt for 2,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, a main ingredient of the Oklahoma City bomb.

Agents also found four 55-gallon drums of the type prosecutors say were used to make the bomb, and traces of the bomb ingredient outside Nichols' home. Prosecutors allege Nichols also stole blasting caps to set off the explosion that killed 168 people.

The testimony came after prosecutor Lou Keel opened his case by arguing that Nichols hated the U.S. government and worked hand-in-hand with Timothy McVeigh in assembling and detonating the "huge, monstrous bomb."

#### Restricting calories increases life span in mice, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) - A study in mice suggests that a low-calorie diet could help extend life even if the dietary change doesn't start until old age. The study, appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, showed that mice at the relatively advanced age of 19 months that were placed on a restricted calorie diet lived 42 percent longer than litter mates who continued to eat a standard diet.

Other studies have shown that young mice put on a low-calorie diet live much longer than mice fed the standard fare. But the new research suggests that it is never too late to enjoy a life-extension benefit by reducing calories.

Stephen R. Spindler of the University of California, Riverside, leader of a team conducting the research, said there is little evidence yet that dietary restrictions will extend human life, but in mice, at least, sensible eating even at older ages clearly has a longevity benefit. He said a 19-month-old mouse is the age equivalent of 60 to 65 years in humans.

### World

#### Taiwan's president calls for a vote recount, says he'll accept new results

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Looking weak and tired just days after he was shot, Taiwan's leader appeared in public Tuesday for the first time since his disputed re-election victory and he called for a vote recount that he promised to

accept "100 percent."

As President Chen Shui-bian gave his televised address, the shouts and chants of thousands of protesters could be heard in the background. The crowd has been camping out in front of the Presidential Office since Saturday's tight vote, demanding a recount.

Chen's challenger, Lien Chan, insists that the election was marred by numerous irregularities, though he has provided little evidence to prove this. Lien has also suggested that the mysterious shooting that lightly wounded Chen one day before the polls may have been staged to gain sympathy votes.

#### Militants attack military convoy hunting al-Qaida in Pakistan, killing 12

WANA, Pakistan (AP) - Attackers ambushed a Pakistani army convoy as it moved to join a counterterrorism offensive against al-Qaida militants near the Afghan border, killing at least 12 soldiers and wounding 15, officials said Tuesday.

The attackers fired rockets that hit at least six army trucks in the ambush near Sarwakai, about 30 miles east of Wana, the main town of the South Waziristan tribal region.

Some of the trucks were carrying fuel and were destroyed by fire in the attack Monday, a government official in Sarwakai said on condition of anonymity. He said 12 soldiers were killed and 15 were wounded.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan confirmed the attack and said army troops cordoned off the area to search for the assailants, but he declined to give more details.

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said Lucier. "[You] leave the door open for more than x-y-z seconds, then the alarm goes off."

Lucier said because the doors are hydraulic and close slowly, the alarm would have to be calibrated for the safest duration.

"We have gotten a small order of them [Monitors], and they are being installed - we are moving as fast as we can," Lucier said.

In a Feb. 19 press conference Garrie Moore, Ph.D., vice chancellor for Student Life said, "We will close off open areas at designated times within the residence halls, such as wash areas, and will assess adding panic buttons throughout residence halls in designated areas."

Lucier said it might take some

time before panic buttons in the dorms become a reality. He said the decision might rest on whether other universities decided to use them extensively.

Moore also said that new fencing would be added to the wooded area behind Jones Hall to restrict the use of the area as access to ECU grounds. Construction has yet to begin.

"The bid is out with the contractor, and we expect construction to begin over the next month," Lucier said.

Lucier said although Campus Living will be paying for part of the project, Facilities Services would be backing the construction.

Plans for adding 35 surveillance cameras in the College Hill area was also announced at the

press conference.

"It's a good idea, but [we are not] aware of any schools that do that extensively," Lucier said.

"Campus Living, in consultation with the ECU police, feels there are better ways to address the security concerns. We are working to add even more security staff. We are moving on adding cameras as a more permanent solution," Lucier said.

After the rape that occurred at Belk Hall, ECU Housing Services sent out memos to all residents in the dorms. Lucier said similar memos were sent out after the two robberies.

"We sent a flyer out to students in Belk and Scott the day after the last incident, since they were the halls in which the incidents

occurred. We feel that the information students need to know was covered in the first letters," Lucier said.

Still, some students' parents feel safer having their children living in a dorm rather than an apartment.

"[Even if] she lives in an apartment with one roommate, nobody would know if anything happened," said Sima Hope, mother of Belk resident and freshman undecided major Jamie Hope.

Jamie said having eight people live in her suite makes a safer living arrangement.

The only time Jamie said she ever feels scared is when she walks back to Belk Hall after a night class.

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## Ballard from page A1

than 100 articles and manuscripts on such topics as environmental regulation, the evaluation of systems for child mental health and public reactions to defense initiatives and arms control policies.

Ballard was selected from a list of candidates recommended to UNC-system President Molly Broad by ECU's 13-member Chancellor Search Committee.

Talton would not comment on the number of candidates or the names on the updated list recommended to Broad, but Roderick McDa-

vis, Virginia Commonwealth provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was considered for the position.

Janie Fouke, dean of the College of Engineering at Michigan State University, was on the original list of ECU chancellor finalists until her name was leaked to the media and featured in a March 5 article in the Raleigh News and Observer causing her to remove herself as a finalist.

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## Ballard's Experience

- 1970 - BA with distinction in history from the University of Arizona
- 1976 - Ph.D. in political science from Ohio State University
- 1978 - Associate director of the Science and Public Policy Program at the University of Oklahoma
- 1987 - Promoted to Director of the Science and Public Policy Program at the University of Oklahoma
- 1989-98 - Founded and served as the director of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy in Maine
- 1990-92 - Director of the University of Maine System-State Government Partnership Program
- 1991-94 - Chair of the Department of Public Administration in Maine
- 1998-2001 - Vice provost for research and dean of the graduate college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio
- 2001-Present - Provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City

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# SGA senators informed of new campus safety initiatives

Officials say changes include residence hall alarms, identity checks

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The SGA Senate reconvened Monday, and senators listened to presentations concerning safety, careers and scholarships from three ECU officials.

Garrie Moore, Ph.D., vice chancellor for Student Life, spoke to the Senate about safety concerns sparked by recent sexual assaults and robberies.

Moore said effective immediately, all residence halls will have a central entrance location and all other doors will be pinned so keys will not open them.

"This is being put in place to get a handle on traffic," said Moore.

Moore said additional security will be placed in and outside residence halls, including random identification checks and an alarm system for residence halls to detect doors that are propped open.

Moore said these security measures will be functional for the remainder of the school year but will be modified when necessary, such as during semester closing.

Sue Martin, assistant vice chancellor for Student Professional Development, spoke to senators about the services SPD provides for resume development, interviewing and networking.

Martin said the office helps students find jobs before gradu-



SGA senators came back from Spring Break refreshed and ready to tackle campus safety issues Monday.

ating. Cathy Howell, the third official representative from the Black Alumni association, spoke to the Senate about applying for the Ledonia Wright scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$500 and all applicants

must have 32 hours, a 2.5 GPA, two endorsement letters and be committed to service. The deadline is March 31.

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## Our View

**We encourage students to get involved in their own safety as well, and resident students are the first line of defense.**

In the last few months, two rapes, a fire and an unidentified handgun in a shower stall have left the campus community questioning the safety of residence halls and university grounds.

Also, before ECU students traveled to their respective 'Spring Break' destinations, two students were held at gunpoint at Belk residence hall.

In a Feb. 19 press conference in response to safety concerns, university officials promised cameras, letters to parents, fences, additional police presence and residence hall safety programs.

But when *TEC* recently checked the progress of administration's safety promises, many of the promises were behind schedule.

And although administration did respond to the recent robbery with another press conference, we believe officials need to stop the delay and take real action before we add another incident to this semester's long list of crime.

We encourage students to get involved in their own safety as well, and resident students are the first line of defense.

Every day, residents face the violation called "piggy-backing," - following or propping residence hall doors for resident and non-resident students.

We are asking students not to allow people to follow you into your residence hall. This may be one of the most beneficial steps you take in protecting yourself and your neighbors.

And for all students, just be aware. Be alert to your surroundings. Take note of suspicious activity and report it to the police.

For administrators, we're happy to see you have sent letters to parents and some residence halls are receiving audible alarms, but what about everything else you promised our campus community?

We appreciate your efforts, but as the list of crime continues to grow, we would like to see you work a little harder to fulfill those promises to our campus - before anymore innocent students become victims.

The purpose of *TEC*'s opinion pages is to invoke conversation in ECU's community. To respond to an opinion on this page, please send your letter, with your contact information for verification, to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.



## Opinion Columnist

It's your choice

Majority of young America chooses against voting

**ANTHONY MCKEE**  
STAFF WRITER

I would like to share the following numbers with you:  
(1) 45.4; (2) 59.6; (3) 71.2; (4) 76.2; (5) 76.1

And their coinciding numbers:

(1) 32.3; (2) 49.8; (3) 64.1; (4) 69.9; (5) 64.9

Anybody recognize them? They do seem innocent enough, don't they?

They are just a bunch of numbers on one sheet of a college newspaper. Maybe even another set of insignificant statistics nobody cares about. They are nothing that concerns you, right?

Wrong. These innocuous looking numbers represent an immense amount of power. These numbers control or influence a large portion of your life.

These are voter statistics from the November 2000 election broken down by age group. The first line is the percentage of eligible people who registered to vote. The second line is the percentage of registered voters who got off their lazy butts and actually voted. The age groups break down as follows:

(1) 18-24; (2) 25-44; (3) 45-64; (4) 65-74; and (5) 75+.

Only 45.2 percent of the eligible 18 to 24-year-olds in this country bothered to register to vote in the 2000 elections. Only a paltry 32.3 percent of those who did register could take time out of their self-centered lives to vote. To put this simply, of the over 26.7 million eligible 18 to 24-year-olds, just more than 8.6 million voted. Talk about pathetic.

I know that the majority of current students were not old enough to vote in the 2000 elections, but simple statistics (and historical data) indicates that some of our juniors and seniors are part of the majority of young people who couldn't be bothered with voting. Why? Ask them. They shouldn't be that hard to run down. I usually find that they're the ones complaining the loudest about how "bad" things are in this country. Go figure.

So, what about the rest of you? There is another presidential election this year. Are you going to vote? Are you registered? Do you even care? If not, why?

## Opinions in Brief

The morning-after pill

(KRT)—There's every indication that the Food and Drug Administration is struggling over whether to allow the so-called morning-after pill to be sold over the counter. After an advisory panel overwhelmingly recommended that move in December, the FDA, under intense pressure from conservative and religious groups, recently announced that it would delay the decision for 90 days to gather more information on the pill.

Last month an Illinois House committee approved a proposal that would allow such pills, which prevent pregnancy in the first hours and days after intercourse, to be sold without a doctor's prescription by pharmacists. Unlike the broad FDA plan that would allow the pills to be stocked on drugstore shelves, under the proposed Illinois law the pills



Look at the numbers at the beginning of this article again. Do you know what they really represent? They represent a bunch of uninterested, lazy people who are abrogating control of their futures to dinosaurs (fossils, fogies, old farts, whatever) like me of the older generations. We are the ones deciding how you will live for the next 20 to 50 years (that's how long it will take most of us to shuffle off this mortal plain). The young people who did not vote in 2000 essentially decided to let Mommy and Daddy keep making their decisions for them. Is that what you plan to do this year, too?

Registering to vote is one of the most important things you can possibly do. It's so easy, too, whether you live in North Carolina or not. You can register at any post office. You can walk into your local election board and register. If you live outside North Carolina, you can request and mail in registrations or register the next time you go home. But if you are unable to do that, certain campus groups can help you register, too.

The Campus Democrats have been out several times this semester doing voter registration drives. The Campus Republicans will be doing the same as soon as they get organized. What could be easier than registering to vote between classes?

Not a Democrat or Republican? No excuse. You don't have to vote for the candidates of the party you are registered with. You never have. So, you Green Party people, Libertarians, Independents, Constitutionalists or whatever party you care to align yourself with, register with either group the next time they are out. Then vote for whoever you want.

There is absolutely no excuse for you not to register and vote in the upcoming elections if you are eligible. Unless you enjoy having other people control your life, that is. The choice, or not, is up to you.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My letter is in regards to the fact that Mr. Jim Dishaw of the Hospitality Management department won't be returning to this university.

Mr. Dishaw has brought so much to the Hospitality department over the years.

I am the third person from our family to be interested in this major, and it was because of Mr. Dishaw's wealth of information and experience that I became interested.

Our two daughters graduated in the hospitality program, and through them, I would hear about Mr. Dishaw's teachings. I am so thankful I joined the program last fall and could have the pleasure of being in at least one of Mr. Dishaw's classes.

He has traveled throughout the world and has hospitality contacts in every place he's been.

He's so great to share those contacts with students in helping them find just the right internships and the perfect jobs. He has passion for his teaching and he gives 100 percent to every student.

I knew he had passion when I walked into his class the first day of the semester.

He personally went to every student in the classroom, shook their hand, introduced himself, handed them a copy of his syllabus and welcomed them to his

class. (his syllabus is the most thorough one I have ever seen.)

Mr. Dishaw has been very influential in the hospitality industry in getting scholarships donated to the Hospitality department.

Many of the students who benefited from those scholarships wouldn't have been able to stay in school had not it been for those scholarships. Rumor has it many of those contributors will no longer contribute to the program due to Mr. Dishaw's future absence at ECU.

Mr. Dishaw has served as the HMA advisor for many years. How many other professors would be up attending the HMA officers' meeting at 6 a.m. every Tuesday? Not many, I'm sure! His dedication to that organization will live forever in the minds of those who served with him as an HMA officer.

Sure, the hospitality program will continue, but it will never be the same.

How sad for the Hospitality department at ECU, but most of all how sad for the students in that program.

What's that old saying? Our loss is someone else's gain. Rock n' Roll, Mr. Dishaw, and carry on.

Marsha Fleenor  
ECU Student



"African-hyphen-American belongs to Blacks.

I'm African American."

Teresa Heinz Kerry

Wife of democratic presidential candidate John Kerry

that even with the lopsided advisory committee vote, the FDA will reject the recommendation.

That would be a shame. The morning-after pill, first approved in 1998, is essentially safe and effective with minimal side effects, the FDA has said. The "Plan B" brand pill, which is under FDA scrutiny, contains a higher dose of the same hormones found in regular birth-control pills. The pill is most effective if taken within 24 hours of intercourse, although it's still largely effective up to 72 hours. In some instances, it delays ovulation and prevents fertilization of an egg. In other instances, it prevents the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus.

Some argue that since a doctor's prescription is required for birth-control pills, it should also be

required for morning-after pills. But the nature of emergency contraception suggests that a doctor might not be readily available to write a prescription.

What also worries many opponents is that the morning-after pill would be more available to teenagers, without parental consent or a prescription. That's a real concern. The availability of the morning-after pill will not, and should not, change the messages to teens from parents, mentors and other adults: Do not engage in sex until you are mature enough to assess and to handle the physical, emotional and moral ramifications of that. Do not engage in unsafe sex. The morning-after pill is not a routine substitute for birth control; it does not protect you from sexually transmitted diseases.

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| SUMMER AND FALL 2004 REGISTRATION SCHEDULE |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
|  | 7:30 a.m.  | 9:00 a.m.   | 10:30 a.m.                               | 1:00 p.m.                                    | 2:30 p.m.                                    | 4:00 p.m.                                    |
| <b>Monday<br/>March 29</b>                 | Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students, Honor Students & Teaching Fellows with 60+ semester hours credit | Honors Students & Teaching Fellows with 0-59+ semester hours credit | Students with 121+ semester hours credit | Students with 108-120+ semester hours credit | Students with 104-107+ semester hours credit | Students with 101-103+ semester hours credit |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>March 30</b>                | Students with 98-100+  | Students with 95-97+  | Students with 92-94+                     | Students with 89-91+                         | Students with 86-88+                         | Students with 83-85+                         |
| <b>Wed.<br/>March 31</b>                   | Students with 81-82+   | Students with 79-80+  | Students with 77-78+                     | Students with 75-76+                         | Students with 72-74+                         | Students with 70-71+                         |
| <b>Thursday<br/>April 1</b>                | Students with 67-69+   | Students with 64-66+  | Students with 61-63+                     | Students with 57-60+                         | Students with 54-56+ se-                     | Students with 51-53+                         |
| <b>Friday<br/>April 2</b>                  | Students with 49-50+   | Students with 47-48+  | Students with 46+                        | Students with 45+                            | Students with 43-44+                         | Students with 41-42+                         |
| <b>Monday<br/>April 5</b>                  | Students with 39-40+   | Students with 37-38+  | Students with 34-36+                     | Students with 29-33+                         | Students with 23-28+                         | Students with 19-22+                         |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 6</b>                 | Students with 17-18+   | Students with 16+   |  |  | Students with 15+                            |  |
| <b>Wed<br/>April 7</b>                     | Students with 14+  | Students with 13+   | Students with 12+                        | Students with 10-11+                         | Students with 6-9+                           | Students with 0-5+                           |

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## ECU professor's work links race, preterm birth

Three-year study aims to determine cause

TABATHA JAMES  
STAFF WRITER

Preterm birth is currently the most urgent problem in maternal-child health in the United States and in North Carolina, but an ECU professor's work may help reduce harmful outcomes.

School of Nursing assistant professor Elizabeth Jesse, Ph.D., is working to understand more about preterm births. The knowledge she discovers will be used to develop strategies to combat the situation and help find preventative measures tailored to different ethnic groups.

Preterm births occur prior to 37 weeks of completed gestation. Jesse said preterm infants have increased risk for neonatal morbidity, neurodevelopmental and respiratory problems, along with other long-term disabilities and death.

Jesse said preterm birth is the predominant cause of infant mortality, and North Carolina has one of the highest preterm birth rates in the United States. She said the infant mortality rate here is higher than the national average.

"African-Americans suffer from this problem even more," Jesse said.

"They have the highest

incidence of preterm birth, low birth weight infants and infant mortality. We are also planning a focus group where we ask pregnant women what they think would help them if they were at high psychosocial risk in pregnancy."

Jesse said psychological needs in pregnancy are probably more important for low-income women because they are more likely to suffer from mental health problems, adverse lifestyle choices, postpartum depression and subsequent tragedy.

These factors influence health risk behaviors like smoking, alcohol and drug use, which increase the incidence of low birth weight infants and preterm birth.

"Cigarette smoking during pregnancy is considered the most modifiable cause of adverse birth outcomes in the United States," Jesse said.

Early and consistent prenatal care is important to detect and prevent preterm labor and birth.

"Quitting smoking and using drugs and alcohol, along with eating well and gaining weight during pregnancy can reduce the likelihood of delivering a baby early," Jesse said.

However, even if an expectant mother does everything correctly, there is still a chance of delivering a preterm infant.

"Ultimately there are no



guarantees for a perfect outcome in pregnancy, but she [a pregnant woman] can increase her odds of a healthy pregnancy by reducing her risks," Jesse said.

The study's duration is scheduled to last three years, and The National March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation donated \$160,535 to assist with the study.

"The grant received from the March of Dimes will help provide different supplies, such as the questionnaires that will be used in the focus groups, and to help pay for student salaries," said Martha Engelke, Ph.D., associate dean for research and scholarship at ECU's School of Nursing.

This writer can be contacted at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Tuition from page A1

North Carolina Governor Mike Easley inspired students protesting the increase in a letter to the BOG that stated, "If the tuition increases are adopted, tuition will more than double at several of our campuses since 1999-2000. This trend cannot continue without jeopardizing access."

Many of the students attending the protest were juniors and seniors. The majority claimed they were fighting for incoming students and current freshmen and sophomores who still have time left at their respective universities.

"I am worried about people

that are younger than me," said Stephanie Swaney, director of external affairs for ECU's Student Government Association.

"I have trouble paying tuition as it is."

This writer can be contacted at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com).

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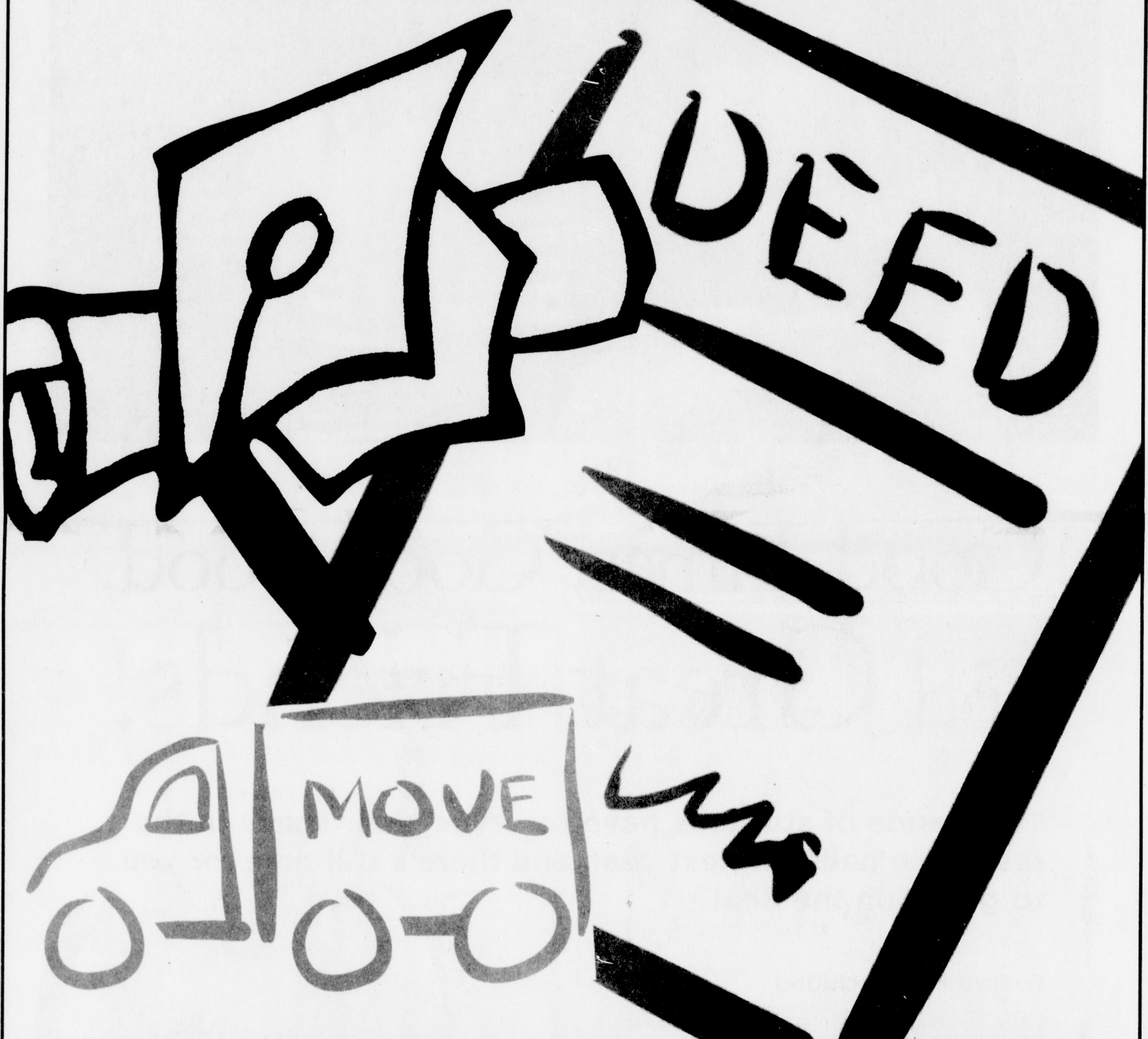
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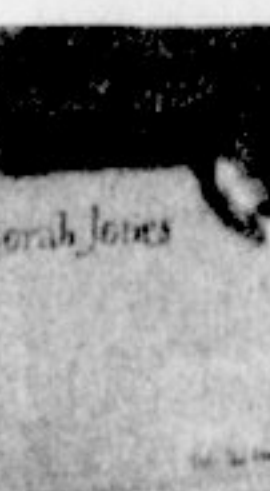
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## Did You Know?

- Singer Patti Labelle (1944), TV hostess Star Jones (1962) and actress Lara Flynn Boyle (1970) all call today their birthday.
- This month is National Umbrella Month.
- This week is RV Lifestyle Week.
- On this day in 1958, Elvis Presley joined the Army.

## Announcements

### Founders' Day Concert

The ECU Jazz Ensemble will perform at 5 p.m. today at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheatre. This event is free.

### Afro-Cuban Dance Group

Experience the passion of the Tango Afro-Cuban Dance Group at 7 p.m. today in Hendrix Theatre. This event is sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Tickets are \$3 for ECU students and \$5 for general admission. For more information, call 328-6495.

### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *House of Sand and Fog* today at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Big Fish* is showing today at 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information, call 328-4700.

### New Music Festival Concert

The New Music Festival at ECU presents Concertante at 8 p.m. today in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. The concert will feature contemporary works for strings, including works by Osvaldo Golijov and more. Tickets range from \$5-\$10 and can be purchased at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

### Bingo

The Student Union presents Bingo at 9:30 p.m. today in Mendenhall Dining Hall.

### New Music Festival Class

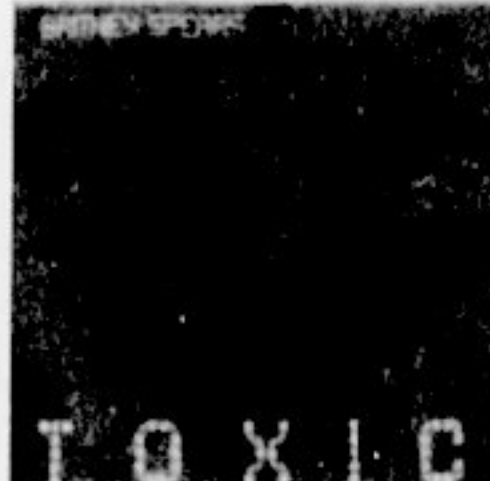
The New Music Festival at ECU presents Master Class I with Mario Davidovsky at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

### New Music Festival Concert

The New Music Festival at ECU presents contemporary works for clarinet and piano at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Performers include Christopher Grymes on clarinet and Peter Henderson on piano. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

## Top Fives

### Top five singles



1. "Toxic," Britney Spears
2. "My Immortal," Evanescence
3. "With You," Jessica Simpson
4. "Yeah!" Usher featuring Ludacris & Lil Jon
5. "This Love," Maroon 5

### Top five albums



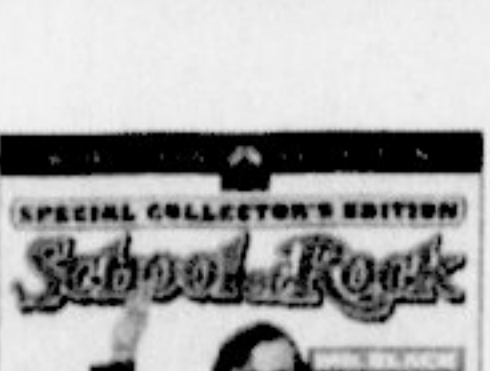
1. Norah Jones, *Feels Like Home*
2. Various Artists, *Bad Boy's 10th Anniversary ... The Hits*
3. Jessica Simpson, *In This Skin*
4. Evanescence, *Fallen*
5. Kenny Chesney, *When The Sun Goes Down*

### Top five movies



1. *Dawn of the Dead*
2. *The Passion of The Christ*
3. *Taking Lives*
4. *Starsky & Hutch*
5. *Secret Window*

### Top five DVDs



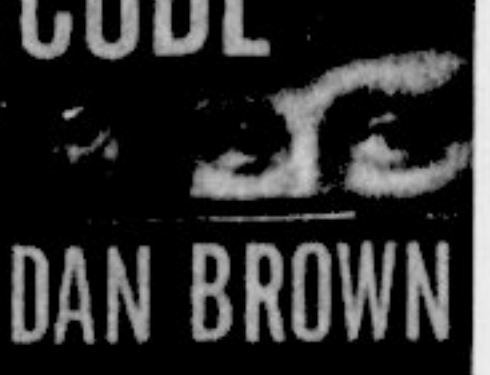
1. *School of Rock*
2. *The Missing*
3. *Runaway Jury*
4. *Cold Creek Manor*
5. *Matchstick Men*

### Top five books

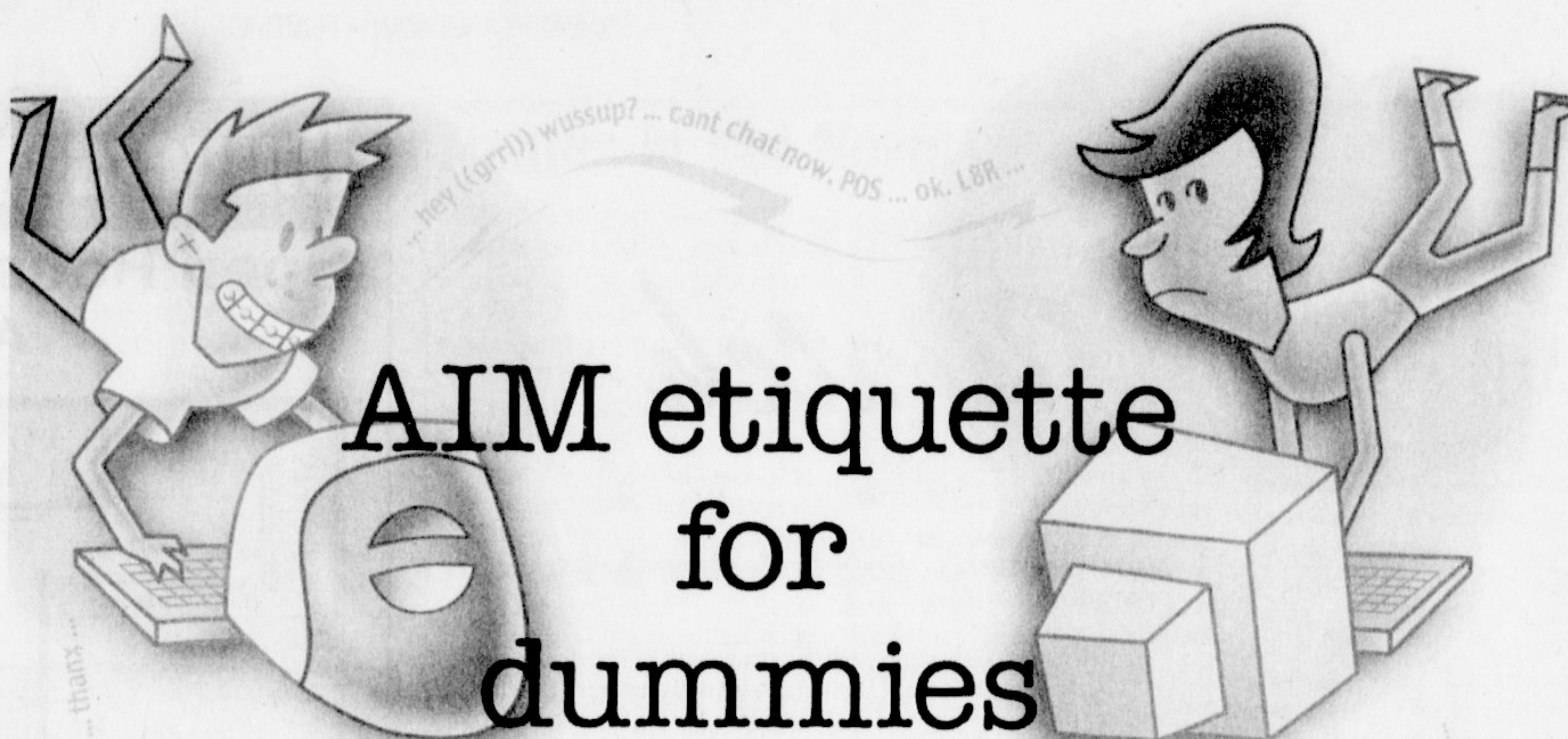


1. *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown
2. *The South Beach Diet*, Arthur Rodale
3. *Angels & Demons*, Dan Brown
4. *3rd Degree*, James Patterson and Andrew Gross
5. *The Sexy Years*, Suzanne Somers

### Top five TV shows



1. "C.S.I.," CBS
2. "American Idol," - Tuesday, FOX
3. "American Idol," - Wednesday, FOX
4. "Without A Trace," CBS
5. "Survivor: All-stars," CBS



## AIM etiquette for dummies

### How to have good message manners

**TOMEKA STEELE**  
STAFF WRITER

Just about every college student has heard of America Online's Instant Messenger, a unique Internet communication tool that has become almost as common as cell phones. It is helpful to know how to use AIM properly and what options you have to enhance your AIM experience.

You can download AIM for free from the AOL Web site. When deciding on a screen name, choose something original. Using your full name is often considered cliché.

When selecting a password, use something that can be remembered but not easily guessed such as your name, birthday, pet's name or a boyfriend/girlfriend's name.

When conversing with someone who messages you, you should try to be as short and abbreviated as possible.

No one wants to read a long paragraph in a small text box. If it seems like too much text, you should call the person instead.

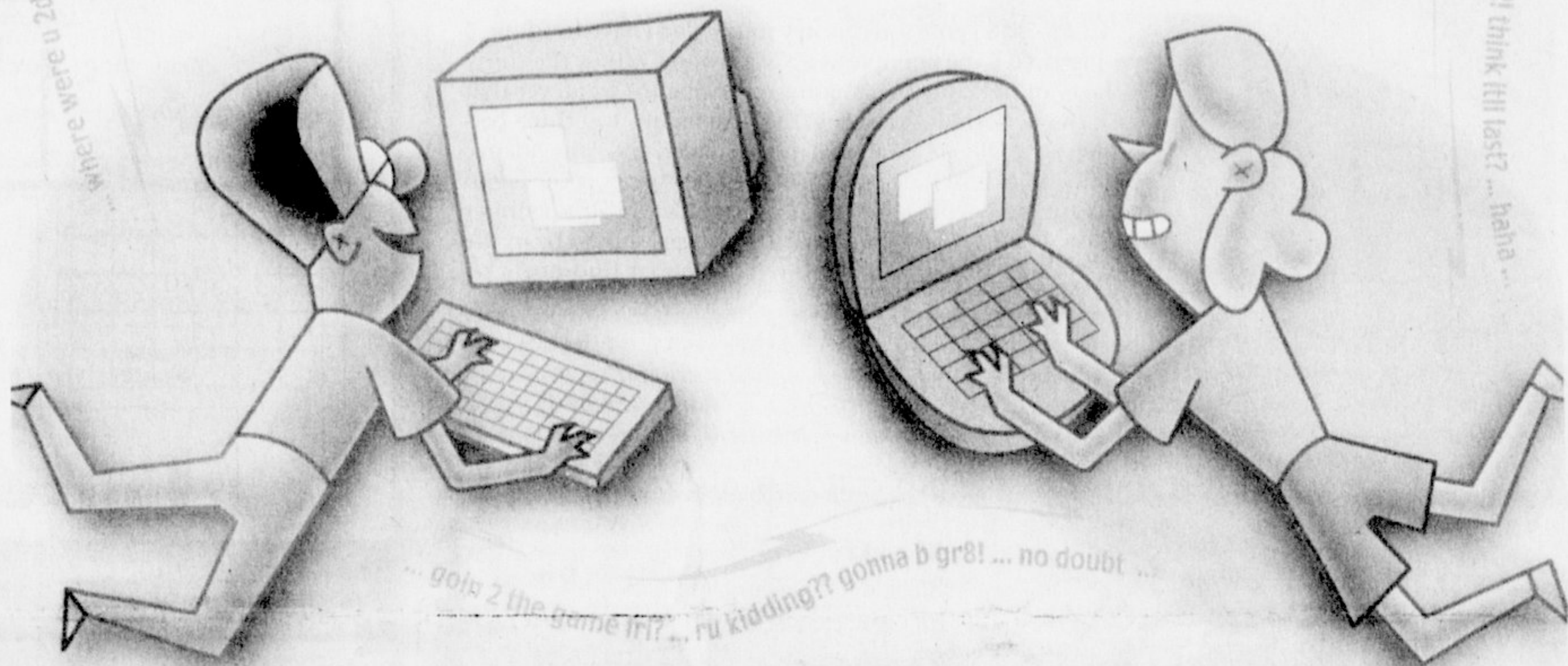
Never discuss personal business in chat rooms. You never know who's in the room reading your instant messages. There is also an option in AIM preferences that allows you to save all your text conversations, and, you don't want an AIM conversation to come back to haunt you.

see AIM page B3

### Popular Acronyms

- ATM - at the moment
- BC - because
- BRB - be right back
- CUL8R - see you later
- JK - just kidding
- OTP - on the phone
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## Annual New Music Festival arrives at ECU



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**STEPHANIE BRINCEFIELD**  
STAFF WRITER

Symphony sounds will be ringing in the ears of an increasingly large fan base on campus this week. The fourth annual New Music Festival is going on now through Saturday, March 23 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

The New Music Festival is unlike any other event held at ECU. Artists and composers

from around the world have joined in the festivities along with 21 world premieres, which has made the New Music Festival a place where music is created.

Types of music vary from calm and heartfelt to humorous and challenging.

"Our audiences always hear performances that are meticulously prepared, imaginatively interpreted and breathtaking in their virtuosic execution," said Edward Jacobs, associate professor of composition.

The five days of performance

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### New Music Concert Schedule

**Tuesday, March 23**  
Concert 1: Concertante, 8 p.m.  
\$5 students \$10 general public

**Wednesday, March 24**  
Concert 2: Concertante, 8 p.m.  
\$5 students, \$10 general public

**Thursday, March 25**  
Master Class I: Mario Davidovsky, 2 p.m.  
Concert III: Contemporary works for clarinet and piano, 8 p.m.

**Friday, March 26**  
Master Class II: Triple Helix, 12 p.m.  
Seminar I: Rehearsal and Recording of Choral Composition Competition Winners, 1 p.m.  
Concert IV: New Music for Mixed Ensembles, 3 p.m.  
\$5  
Concert V: PRISM Unplugged  
New American Saxophone Quartet, 8 p.m.  
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**Saturday, March 27**  
Master Class III: Readings of student compositions by Prism Quartet, 12 p.m.  
Concert IV: New Music for Large Ensembles, 3 p.m.  
Concert VII: Triple Helix, A Sense of Time and Place, 8 p.m.  
\$5 students, \$10 general public

\*All events will be held in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office.

## ECU dancers win spot at national competition

### Students attend regional festival

**LAURA KEELING**  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the ECU dance department left Greenville headed for Fairfax, Va. for the Mid-Atlantic Regional American College Dance Festival sponsored by The American College Dance Festival Association on March 10-13.

At the festival they were given the opportunity to attend workshops and a competition that could give them an opportunity for a spot in the 11th National Dance Competition at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Three dance groups from ECU performed in the competition. One group performed "Just Another Evening at the Bakery," a piece choreographed by ECU Contemporary Dance instructor Patti Weeks. David Ives wrote the script, and Phillip Glass composed the music. This performance was also part of the *Dance 2004* performance in February.

"Being new to the dance world, it was enlightening to see dancers in the prime of their craft. It was a really amazing trip," said Clay Nelms, junior musical theatre major and dancer.

The second group performed "Behind Closed Minds," choreographed by ECU alumna Vickie Bartels. This piece was an informal showing and was not judged.

The third group performed a piece called "Onomatopoeia," choreographed by ECU alumna Lindsay Sheppard. "Onomatopoeia" not only won a spot at the national competition, but Sheppard was nominated for *Dance* magazine's Choreographer of the Year and dancer Mica Geyer was nominated for *Dance* magazine's Performer of the Year.

The dancers were up against many other schools in the division, including William and Mary, James Madison, University of Richmond, National Taiwan University of Arts, Meredith College, George Mason, Old Dominion and Wake Forest.

"It was really amazing to see what the other universities were doing and how everyone's style

was different. It was also great to see the sense of community throughout all of the dancers," said Elizabeth Crisp, junior dance major and performer.

The competition was only a small portion of the festival. The workshops included instruction for modern, ballet, jazz, salsa, composition, swing dance, line dance, African, tap and yoga for dancers. Almost any type of dance that interested the dancers was available. In these workshops, dancers could learn new movements and routines.

Also offered were Masters classes by David Dofman, who taught an advanced modern class. His class included dances called "The Light Bulb Theory" and "Impending Joy."

The 11th National Dance Competition will be held June 1-3 in Washington, D.C. The ECU



A piece from *Dance 2004* was performed at the regional competition.

dance department and dancers are looking forward to showing the nation what ECU Pirate pride is all about.

For more information about the national competition, call (301) 770-4443 or e-mail questions to ACDFA@BellAtlantic.net

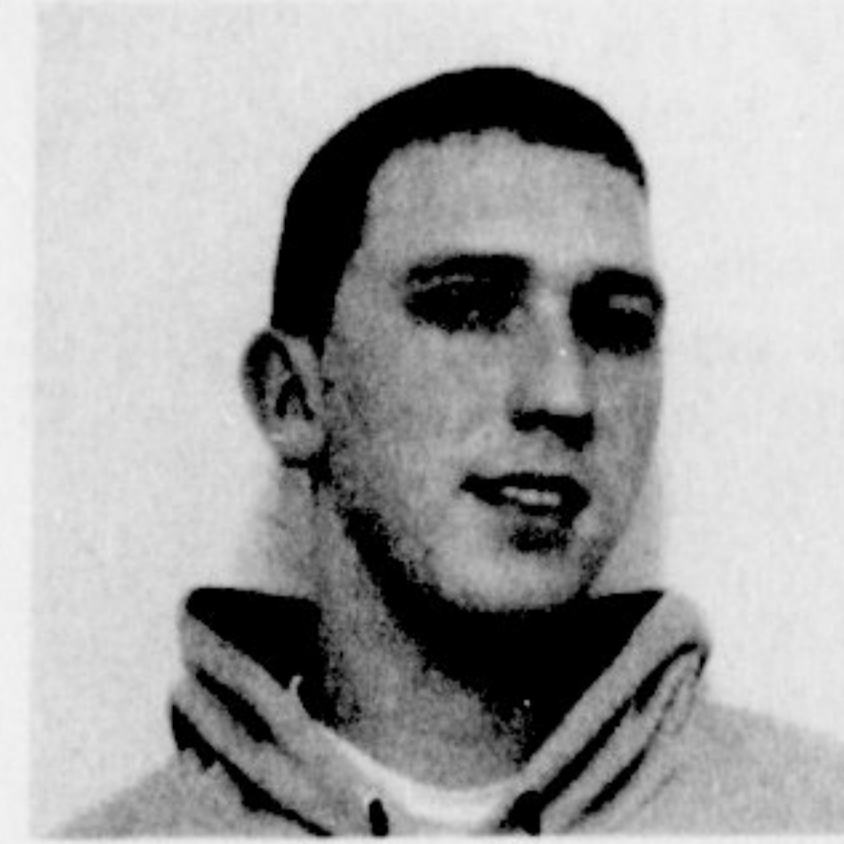
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# American Idol Watch



**AMANDA LINGERFELT** ★★★★★★  
FEATURES EDITOR

Little Diana DeGarmo stole the show with her performance of "With a Broken Wing." Her voice and delivery were flawless and at the tender age of 16, she is already singing like a pro. John Steven's performance of "King of the Road" was awful. I don't know what Simon is thinking - that kid is painfully boring to watch. I really love Camille Velasco's voice, but she has yet to pick a song that showcases her unique sound. Based on her poor rendition of "Desperado," she will be the finalist cut tonight.



**JOHN BREAM** ★★★★★★  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It is really easy to predict the singers who will be around for a while: Fantasia Barrino, George Huff, Jasmine Trias (unfortunately, minus this week) and La Toya London have proven to be the top performers. Amy Adams (again, minus this week), Matthew Rogers and Jennifer Hudson have consistently been in the bottom group. Even though John Stevens forgot the words to his song tonight, "King of the Road," he's safe tonight. Look for Matt Rogers, Camille Velasco and perhaps Jasmine Trias (only because of her off-performance tonight) to be in the bottom three tonight and for Matt Rogers to go home.



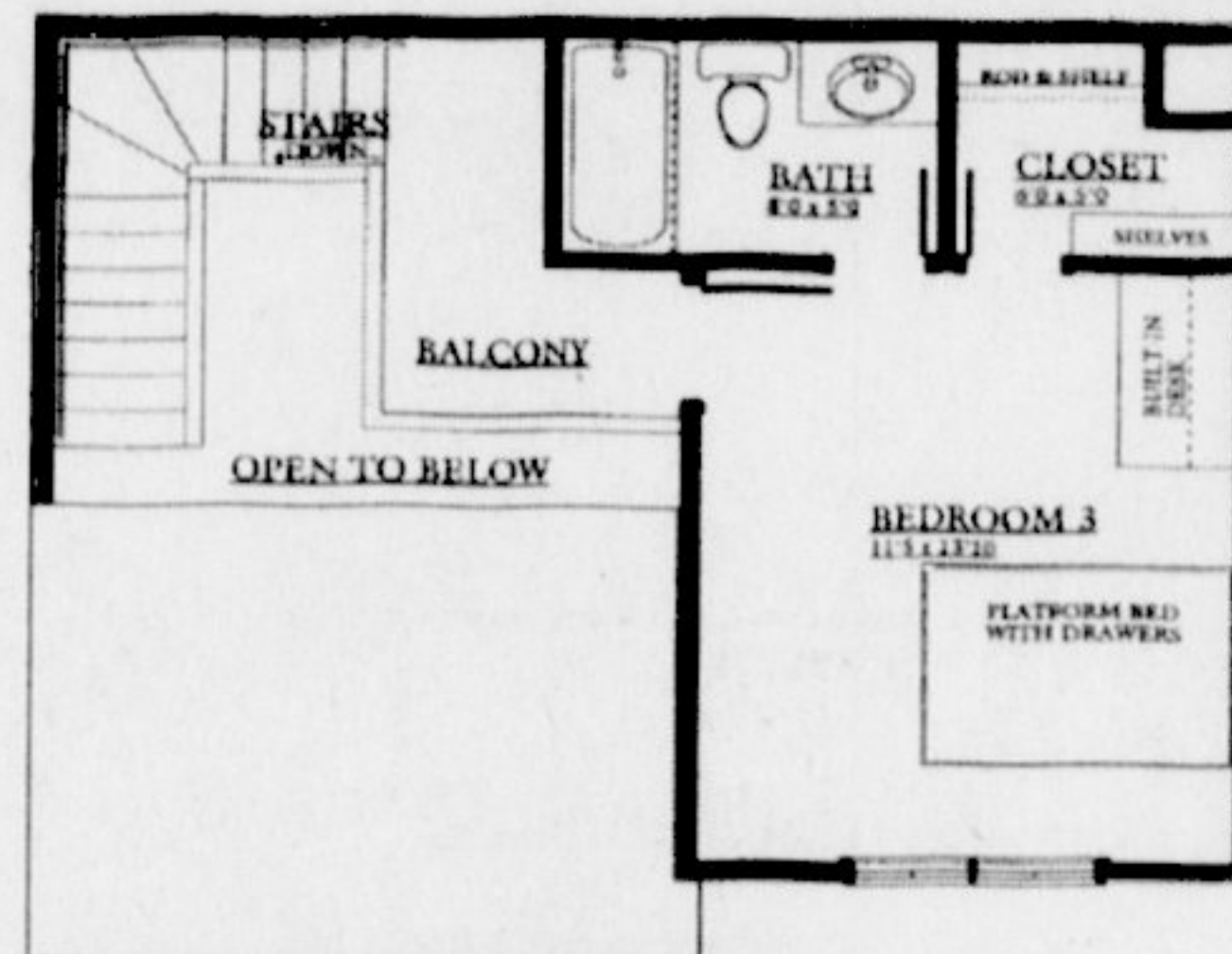
**MICHELLE MCLEOD** ★★★★★★  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last night's genre was country music, and I have to admit, I was prepared to be unimpressed. I was wrong. Minus the corny outtakes of the contestants' square dancing (or whatever that was), the performances were great. The night's top three performers were Diana DeGarmo, Latoya London and Amy Adams. America is fickle in their picks, and the worst singer of the previous night rarely goes home. Having said that, I think Jennifer Hudson, Jon Peter Lewis and Matthew Rogers should be in the bottom three. Expect to bid farewell to Jennifer Hudson.

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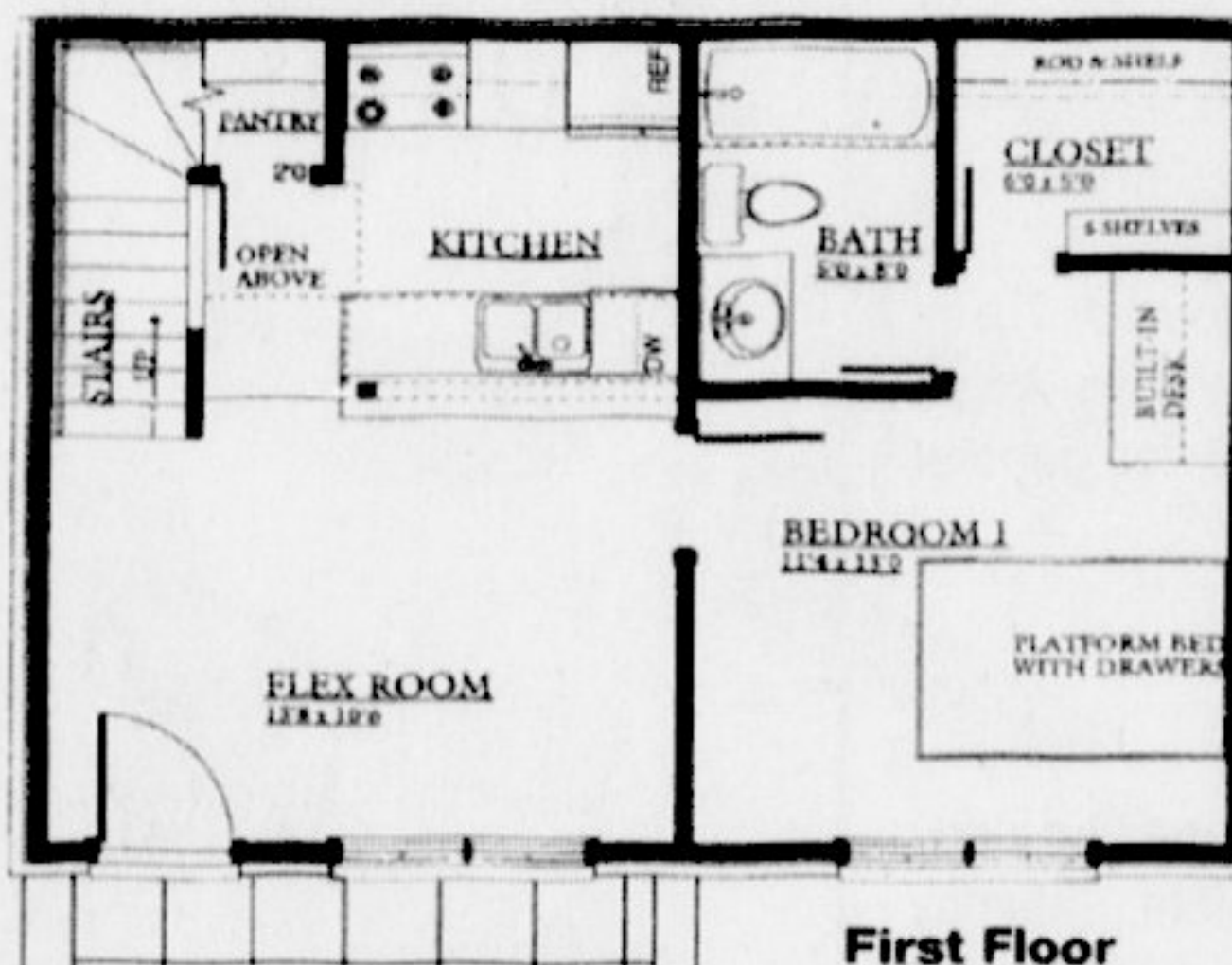
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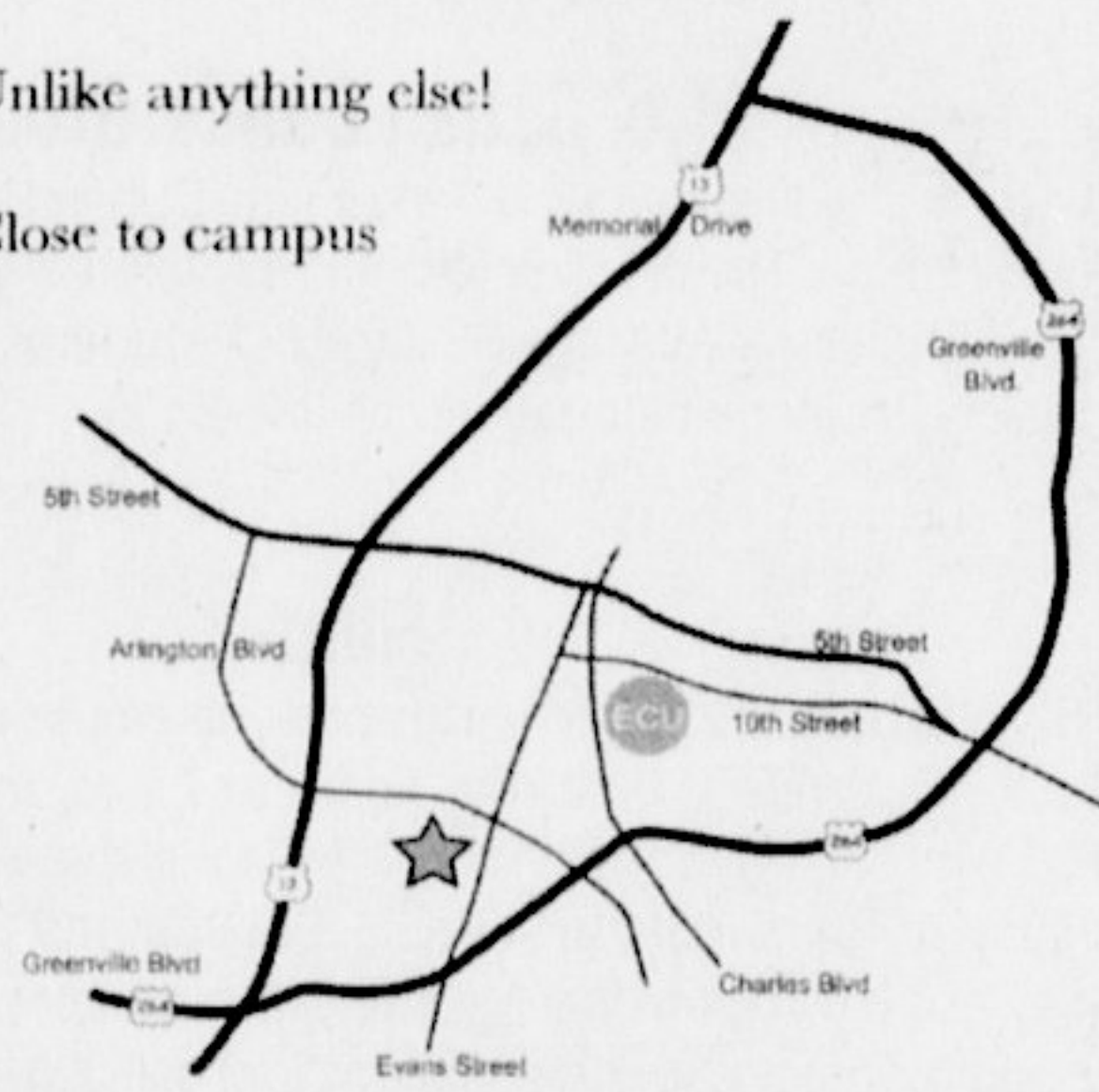
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### Music from page B1

ances will include appearances from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, Mario Davidovsky, and the nationally acclaimed piano trio, Triple Helix. Audiences will attend concerts featuring Concertante and the Prism Saxophone Quartet.

Performers will also engage in a composition competition, which will solicit works for choir. The win-

ning works will be rehearsed and recorded under the direction of Daniel Bara, director of ECU choirs.

This five-day concert is rare because few places in the world host new music festivals. Not only is the concert amazing, but it is enviable because of its location in Eastern North Carolina, home to national-class talent.

If this festival is one that

peaks your interest, there are more to come. Next year, Robert L. Jones, a distinguished visiting professor of music, is in a group called the Meridian Arts Ensemble. They are known for their uncanny ability to perform flawless and compelling Baroque trumpet work.

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### Names in the News

(KRT)—Tammy Faye Messner has been the butt of jokes most of her professional life, especially when she served as wife of disgraced televangelist Jim Bakker. But now the author of the self-help tome *Will Survive ... And You Will, Too!* has some very serious news to share. Messner, 62, told CNN's Larry King on Thursday that she has inoperable lung cancer. "God knows I'm scared," she said. "But it's not wrong to be scared."

But she also struck an upbeat note, telling one caller that she "believes in miracles" and another that she is considering holistic medicine in addition to chemotherapy to treat her illness.



dance routine while singing "Boom Boom" toward the end of her concert in Moline, Ill. Minutes later, Spears, 22, appeared back on stage in a white bathrobe and apologized to the audience for not being able to finish the show. Spears' record label, Jive Records, said in a statement that ticket holders for Friday night's show should hold on to their tickets. Our heart and prayers go out to her.

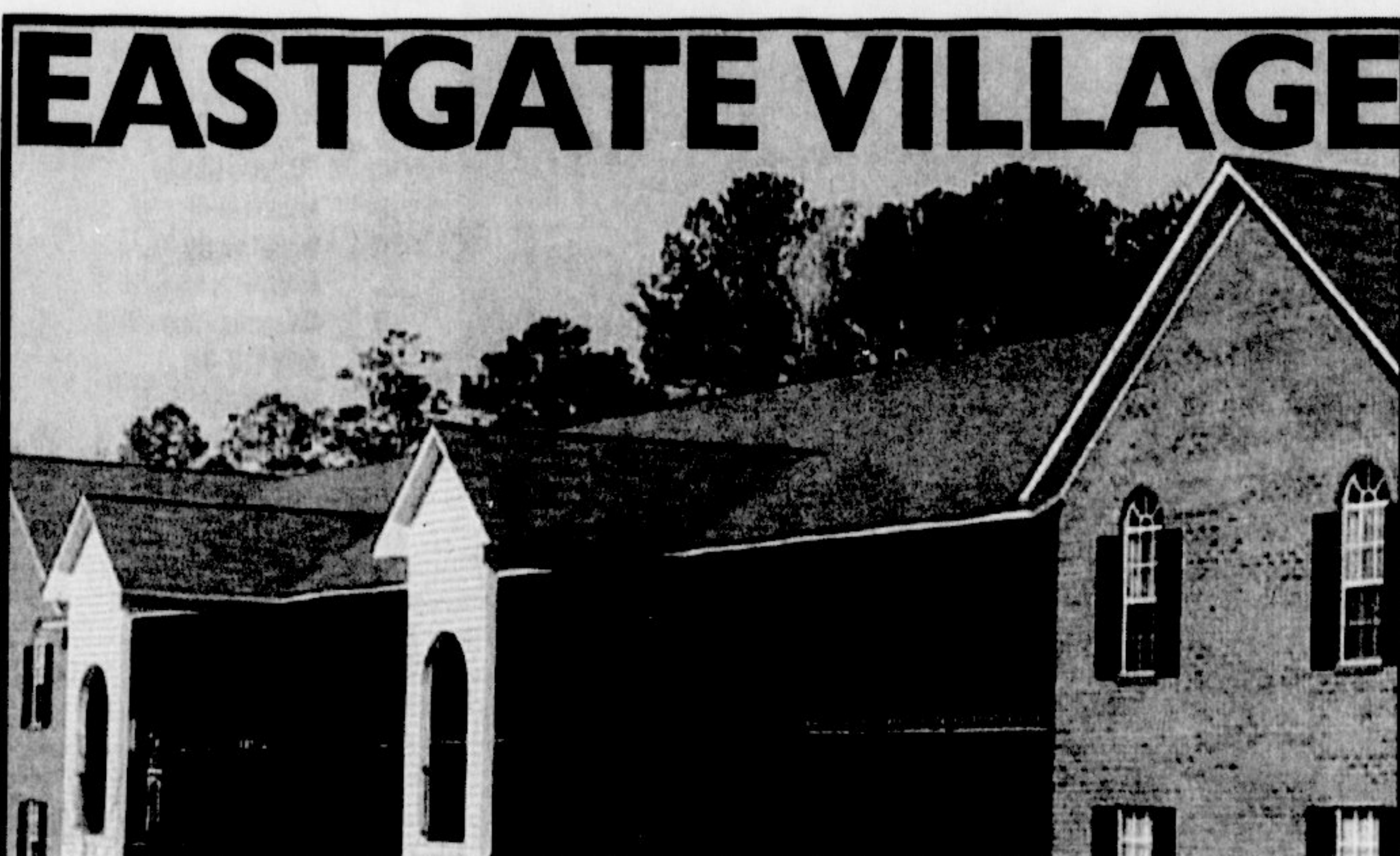
#### 'CSI' EXPANDS, AGAIN

As with NBC's "Law & Order" franchise, CBS will expand its crime drama, "CSI," to a third show, announcing that it has signed big-screen staple Gary Sinise to star in "CSI: New York." According to *TV Guide*, Sinise, who turned 49 Wednesday, will be paid a tidy \$150,000 per episode for his first foray onto the boob tube. Before his debut in the fall, you'll get

to see Sinise in a May episode of "CSI: Miami."

#### PEE-WEE'S LEGAL BREAK

Paul Reubens, the former star of children's TV show "Pee-wee's Playhouse," got a break Friday as L.A. prosecutors dropped a child-porn charge against him two years after he was charged with possessing what he said was a collection of vintage art photography. In a plea deal that saves him from a possible year in jail and a \$2,500 fine, Reubens pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor obscenity charge. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and sentenced to three years of informal probation that requires him to stay away from children. Reubens first made tabloid headlines in '99, when he was arrested in a Florida porn theater publicly indulging in the sin of Onan.



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### AIM from page B1

To avoid confusion, it is important to become familiar with the AIM lingo. Common abbreviations every user should know are TTYL or "talk to you later," BRB or "be right back," OIC or "oh, I see" and LOL or "laugh out loud." Also, typing a message in all caps indicates you are yelling at that person.

"Instant messenger is my connection to friends, family and acquaintances that live anywhere in the world," said Matt Smith, sophomore chemistry and biology major.

AIM is also an avenue for expressing your creativity. You can use different colored fonts and backgrounds to express your personality. Black and white is boring and strains the eyes. If you are a funny person, then Comic Sans is a good font to use.

Create new and original away messages. When users are not messaging, they tend to scan away messages on their buddy list. Don't be that user who is skipped because of the same boring "I am away from my computer right now" default away message.

When creating away messages, use your own personal sayings and jokes. Everyone enjoys a great away message. Mean or disgusting away messages are

unnecessary — no user wants to feel bad after reading an away message. If you are having a bad day, it's best to sign off.

You shouldn't include personal information in your away messages either — no one really wants to know if you have gone to the bathroom. It's also not a wonderful idea to include exactly where you are going in case you have an AIM stalker.

The number one rule with away messages is to never use them to fight with someone or let someone know you are mad at them. This is childish and stupid.

One thing many users overlook is their buddy profile. Every user should have a buddy profile. The profile is just a little extra space for users to write what's on their mind. Many people use famous quotes, life experiences, song choruses and jokes in their profiles. Don't get sucked into putting your personal information in a profile, though, it's unsafe to list your cell phone number and home number. You don't want an AIM stalker to become a phone stalker.

AIM users are never sure of whose buddy lists they are on, so limit personal information. If someone hasn't given you his or

her screen name but you know it, don't put it on your buddy list without permission. It's an invasion of privacy.

On a brighter note, take advantage of many different smiley faces. Insert smiley faces when you need to convey an emotion that can't be put into words.

Be sure to include a buddy icon as well. A buddy icon is a picture always included on your text box when instant messaging. A great place to download buddy icons is the AIM Web site. Many different buddy icons switch every month or so, so be sure and stay updated.

Another great thing to have included in a buddy profile is a special link. A special link could be anything from a friend quiz to a favorite Web site. Take advantage of that space to include something entertaining for your friends.

Be aware of what links consist of because some may contain Trojans or viruses that will harm your software. To ensure that this doesn't happen, always have a program that will scan your software for viruses such as Norton AntiVirus software.

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## Sports Briefs

### Flag Football

A registration meeting for 4-on-4 spring flag football will be held Monday, March 29 at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's Great Room. Men's, women's and co-recreational leagues will be offered.

### Softball Hitting Challenge

A softball hitting challenge will take place Wednesday, March 31 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Blount Fields. Registration will be available on site.

### Self Defense Fitness Class

Self Defense fitness classes will be held March 24 - April 14 from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. The program offers students a chance to learn self-defense techniques in a progressive training system that allows you to avoid confrontation and defend yourself as the situation dictates. The program will also cover basic personal protection theories as well as some of the more recent philosophies on self-defense.

### Quick Start Canoe, Kayak

The adventure program is organizing an April 3 trip to the Cape Fear River for canoeing and kayaking. Interested parties must register by Friday, March 26. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31.

### Sea Kayaking

The Adventure program will be going to Bear Island April 2 - 4 for sea kayaking. Those who want to participate must register by Friday, March 26. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31.

### Relaxation Yoga - Beginner

Session III Relaxation Yoga for beginners will run March 23 - April 27 on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Program dates for Session IV will run March 24 - April 28 on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

### Relaxation Yoga - Advanced Beginner

Relaxation Yoga for advanced beginners will run March 22 - April 26 on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. in 238 SRC.

### Hatha Yoga: Body, Breath & Spirit: Fitness

Hatha Yoga will run March 10 - April 21 on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. in SRC 239. Hatha yoga postures improve strength, flexibility and balance in the body and promotes a sense of well-being. Instruction is tailored to the needs and abilities of individual students, focusing on safety and alignment. Registration begins March 1.

### Power Flow Yoga

Power Flow Yoga will run March 25 - April 22 on Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. in 239 SRC. Work at your own pace while seeking out that place where you feel challenged yet successful.

### Tai Chi: Fitness

Tai Chi fitness will run from March 23 - April 22 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Tai Chi is the art of maintaining the body and mind through relaxation and self-defense. This class strengthens the heart and increases muscle tone. It improves circulation, concentration, peace of mind, balance, promotes weight loss and coordination. For more information on any of these programs, call 328-6387.

## Sports Briefs

### Change at top of Media Relations Department

Media Relations Director Craig Wells stepped down Friday, March 12. Wells left ECU to take a job with the state of New Mexico. Interim director Jody Jones took over the following Monday and will oversee the position until a permanent replacement is named.

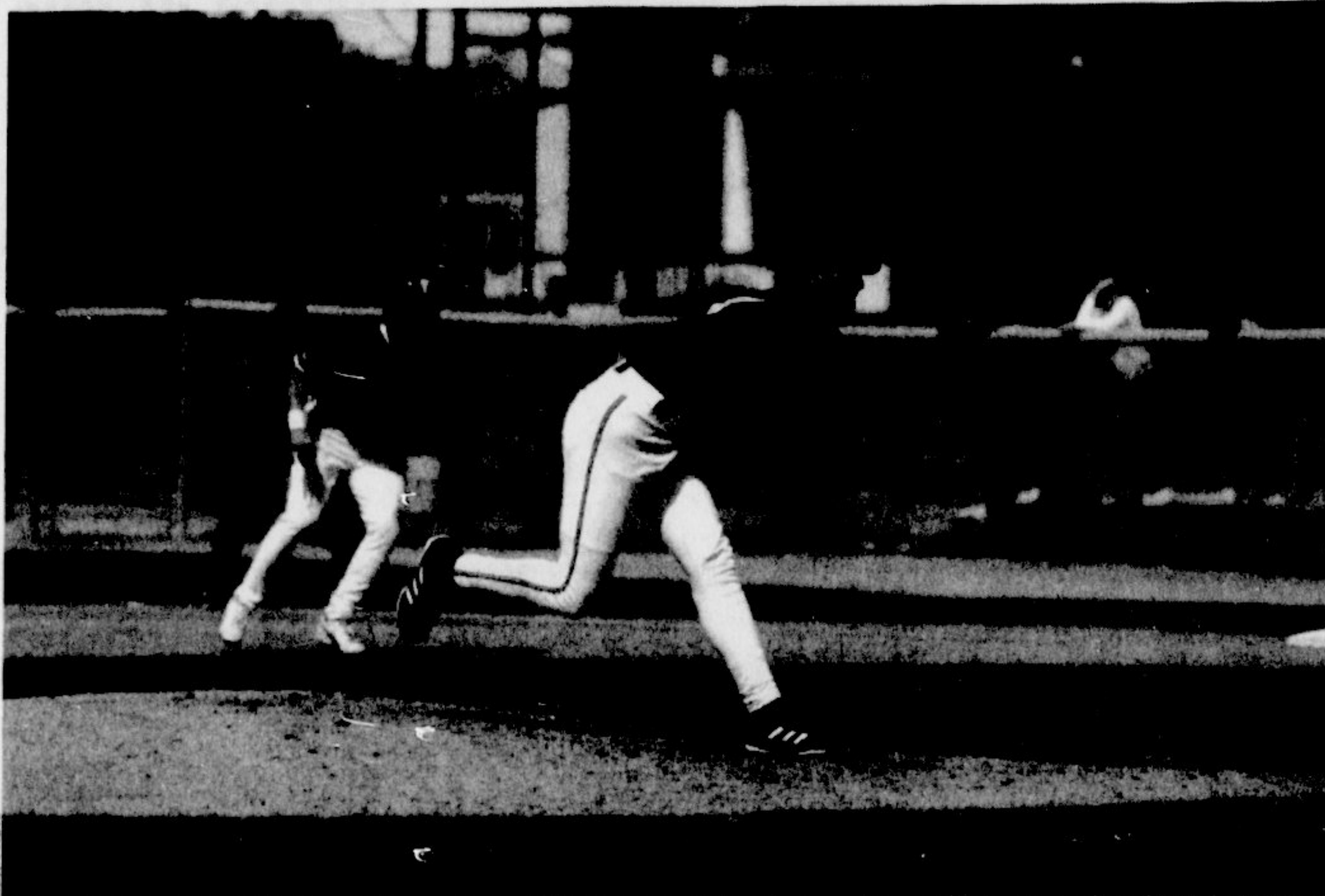
### Okafor, & Nelson lead All-America selections

There's no debate when it comes to Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson. They are unanimous All-Americans. The stars at Connecticut and Saint Joseph's led the Associated Press men's college basketball All-America team Tuesday, the first time since 1995 more than one player was chosen by every voter. Okafor, a 6-foot-10 junior center, and Nelson, a 5-11 senior guard, earned a perfect 360 points by being picked on all 72 first-team ballots by the same media panel that votes on the weekly poll. Each member selected three All-America teams, with players receiving points on a 5-3-1 basis. Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State was third with 308 points, while Josh Childress of Stanford had 235, and Ryan Gomes of Providence completed the first team with 208. In 1985, four players were unanimous choices: Patrick Ewing of Georgetown, Chris Mullin of St. John's, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma, and Keith Lee of Memphis State. But only 10 people voted then.

### Yankees, Rivera agree to two-year, \$21M extension

Mariano Rivera has no desire to leave the New York Yankees. That's why it took little time to negotiate a \$21 million, two-year contract extension through 2006. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner looked on as the deal was announced Tuesday and gave the pitcher a hug. Rivera, MVP of the 1999 World Series and last year's AL Championship Series, helped the Yankees win four Series titles and six AL pennants. He was 5-2 with a career-low 1.66 ERA last year and had 40 saves in 46 chances, increasing his career total to 283. Rivera will make \$8.89 million in 2004, the final season of a four-year contract. He is baseball's second-highest paid closer behind Atlanta's John Smoltz, who will make \$11 million this year. Rivera's extension calls for \$10.5 million salaries in 2005 and 2006. New York has a \$10.5 million option for 2007 that would become guaranteed if he has 60 games finished in 2006 or a combined 114 games finished in 2005 and 2006.

# Pirates drop two of three



The Pirates' shut-out loss at home was the first of its type since a loss to Louisville in 2002.

## ECU falls in first conference series

**BRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

After the baseball team took three games from Charleston Southern and pounded Marshall in a weekday affair, the 18th-ranked Pirates were on fire over Spring Break and headed into last weekend's showdown with number 14 Tulane.

The Green Wave stumbled in game one but doused the Pirates with heavy hitting to take games two and three from ECU to win

the series.

Behind the bat of Trevor Lawhorn, the Pirates squeaked out a 6-3 victory in the series opener.

The talented second baseman was zero for his last 18 heading into the series with Tulane. Needless to say, he broke out in a big way.

Lawhorn belted two home runs, the most significant one coming in the bottom of the sixth to give the Pirates their first lead. The sixth inning shot was never in doubt to Lawhorn.

"I kind of celebrated early, but I knew it was gone," said Lawhorn.

The two homers off the bat of Lawhorn marked his seventh and eighth blasts of the season.

Jamie Paige also went deep

for the first time and Ryan Jones continued his offensive explosion, tallying his seventh bomb of the season.

Brody Taylor held the Green Wave in check, allowing only three runs through seven innings of work and striking out five to pick up the win.

With the win, the Pirates ran their undefeated home record to an incredible 18-0.

The celebration was short-lived, however, as Tulane struck back on Saturday, taking a 14-10 11th inning thriller from the Pirates to even the series.

Greg Dini hit a solo home run in the top of the 11th, which proved to be the game-winner as the Pirates failed to score in the

home half of the inning.

The Pirates squandered a chance in the bottom of the 10th as Brett Lindgren singled to open the inning only to get picked off of first base. The Pirates followed with back-to-back singles, but the inning was cut short when Lawhorn struck out and twin brother, Darryl, popped up to end the threat.

Head Coach Randy Mazey was not pleased with his team's performance.

"We really set the game of baseball back about 10 years with some of the plays we made out there. It was just one of our worst efforts of the year," said

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# ECU basketball fan asks, 'What if?'

## A summary of the season of despair

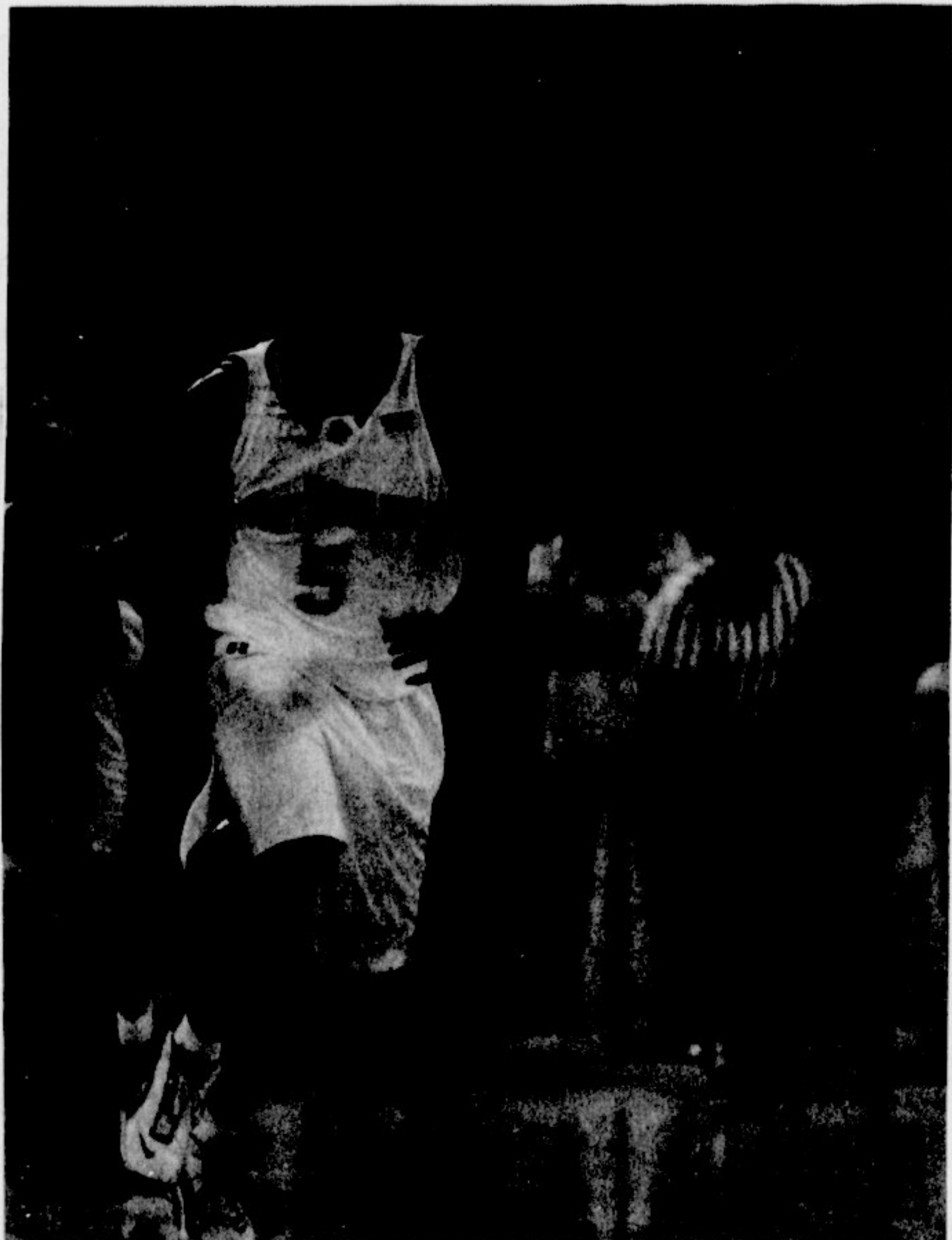
**ROBERT LEONARD**  
STAFF WRITER

As I sit and reflect on this past season of ECU basketball, I experience a mix of emotions. I feel excitement about where this program has come from but more importantly where it's going. I feel disappointment because it could have been a magical season. Most importantly, I feel sadness due to one of the most frustrating seasons I have ever seen a team go through.

Sitting on a plane for two hours over break, I reflected about this past season. No matter what angle I looked at, I always kept asking myself a question that simply started with, "What if?"

The season started with great expectations. Senior leadership, an athletic freshman class, and a man named Moussa guarding the basket highlighted the team's strengths. The Pirates entered Conference USA play at 8-2, which included wins against a good Coastal Carolina team and a soon-to-be ACC member Virginia Tech.

The first conference game matched us up with UAB in Greenville. This game would prove to be a microcosm of conference games for the Pirates, as they lost by three. Later on in the season, ECU would lose to the same Blazer team by three in Birmingham. Let's not forget that this is the same UAB team that just knocked off Kentucky in the NCAA tournament and is two wins away from the Final Four. What if we would have won



ECU's season was marked with injuries and heartbreakers.

those games? Would UAB have received an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament still? I doubt it. They finished 12-4 in the conference and had those two games gone the way of the Pirates, they are 10-6. Instead of tied for first, they finish fifth. This would have also dramatically dropped their RPI.

After a blow out loss at Charlotte, ECU was getting ready for Louisville. This game brought an almost sellout crowd to play one of the hottest teams in the

nation at the time and to have a chance to be seen on national television. In practice the day before the game, Gabriel Mikulas broke his arm and did not set foot on the hardwood for the rest of the year. What if this never happens? Does ECU win some of their nine losses by less than 10 after his injury?

A late season surge that gave the Pirates four wins in five games placed them in 11th in the conference and matched them up with Louisville in the

conference tournament, which they lost. Would you believe that this loss was by less than 10?

It's hard to describe this season. At 13-14, ECU was one game short of qualifying for the NIT. They lost to Houston by two. They had those two three point losses to UAB. They lost the biggest heartbreaking game I've ever witnessed in person to Charlotte, where a dunk follow at the buzzer sent the game into overtime. What if this team made the NIT? Even if they go "one and done," the experience that younger players, especially those in the backcourt, could have gained cannot be taught. It can only be acquired.

So I sit here just as I did last year after Spring Break, looking forward to next season. If this team can win those close games, NIT will be a lock.

I feel Moussa is going to have a breakout season. His offense improved dramatically this season to add to his incredible defensive timing to block shots. Mike Cook will take over games and will be a free throw shooter to seal close games, something our team missed this year. Belton Rivers is becoming a smarter player and he should have a good season from behind the arc.

No matter what happens next season, no player needs to step up more than Corey Rouse. With both starting forwards graduating this season, his role will dramatically increase. He needs to be a scorer, but more importantly, a rebounder.

What if these things happen? It's simple - post season play.

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# ECU softball red hot during Spring Break

## Lady Pirates' record 21-1 in last 22 games

**DAVID WASKIEWICZ**  
STAFF WRITER

After coming off a strong performance at the Pirate Clash Tournament on March 7, the softball team had the chance to improve their 17-5-1 record. They participated in two tournaments and faced UAB for the chance to win their first conference games of the year during Spring Break.

ECU did not disappoint as the Lady Pirates won both tournaments and swept UAB for their first conference wins this season, ultimately improving their season record to 32-6-1 and 3-3 in conference play.

The Lady Pirates kicked off Spring Break in Charleston, SC by winning the Cougar Classic Tournament and defeating UAB in the finals. The team inflicted further punishment to UAB just

two days later at home, sweeping them in all three games.

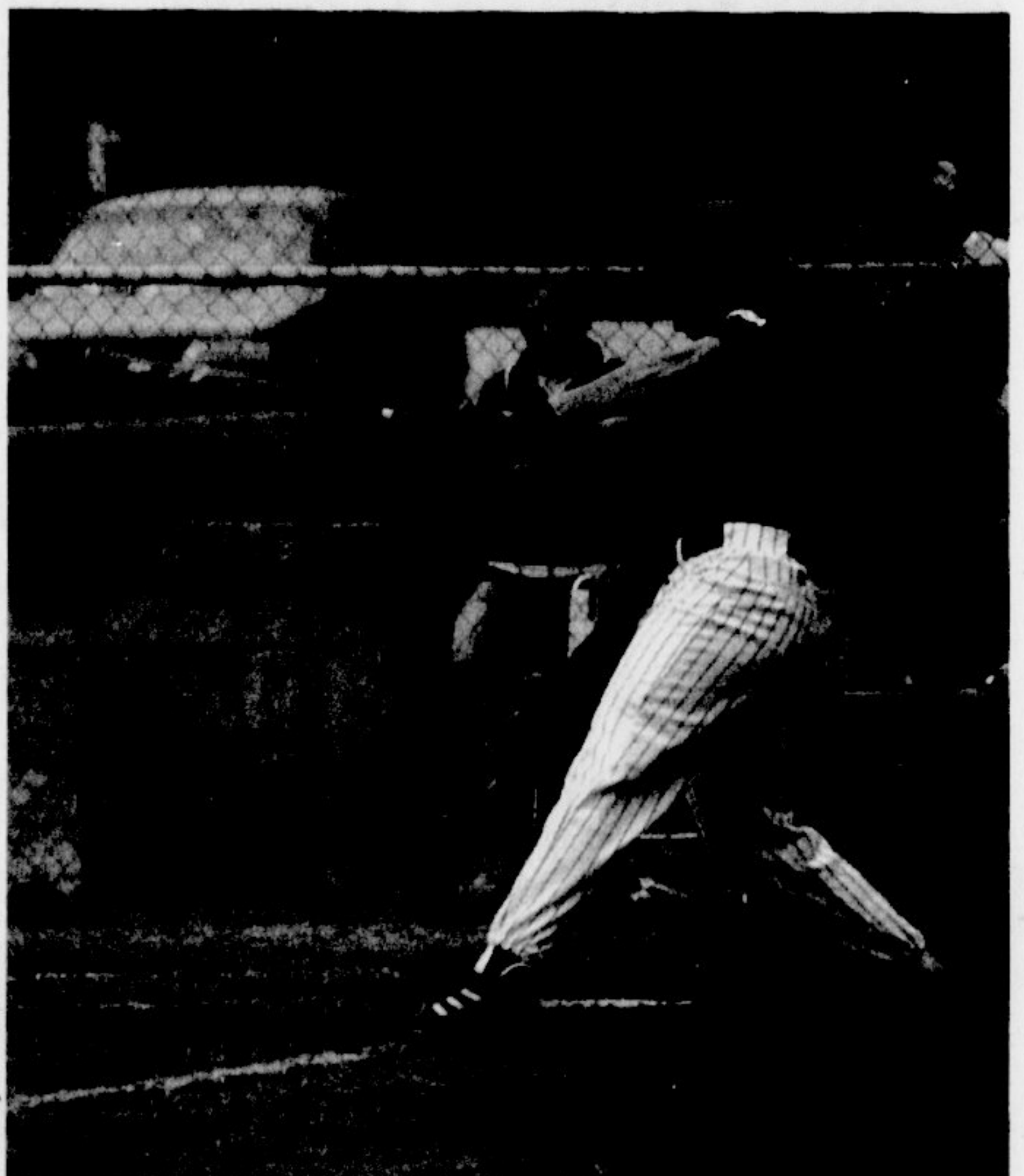
The winning didn't stop there as the Pirates dominated the GMU Patriot Classic the following weekend, outscoring its opponents 71-7 and defeating host George Mason 6-3 in the championship game.

Junior infielder Kate Manuse gave a spectacular performance during Spring Break, averaging .625 with two homeruns and 13 RBIs.

For her performance, officials named Manuse Conference USA Hitter of the Week last Monday. Manuse was also named the GMU Patriot Classic MVP for her accomplishments during the tournament, which included her first grand slam of the year in the Lady Pirates' 21-0 route of St. Francis.

This week, the Lady Pirates look to extend their 12-game winning streak as they play UNC-Wilmington in a double-header.

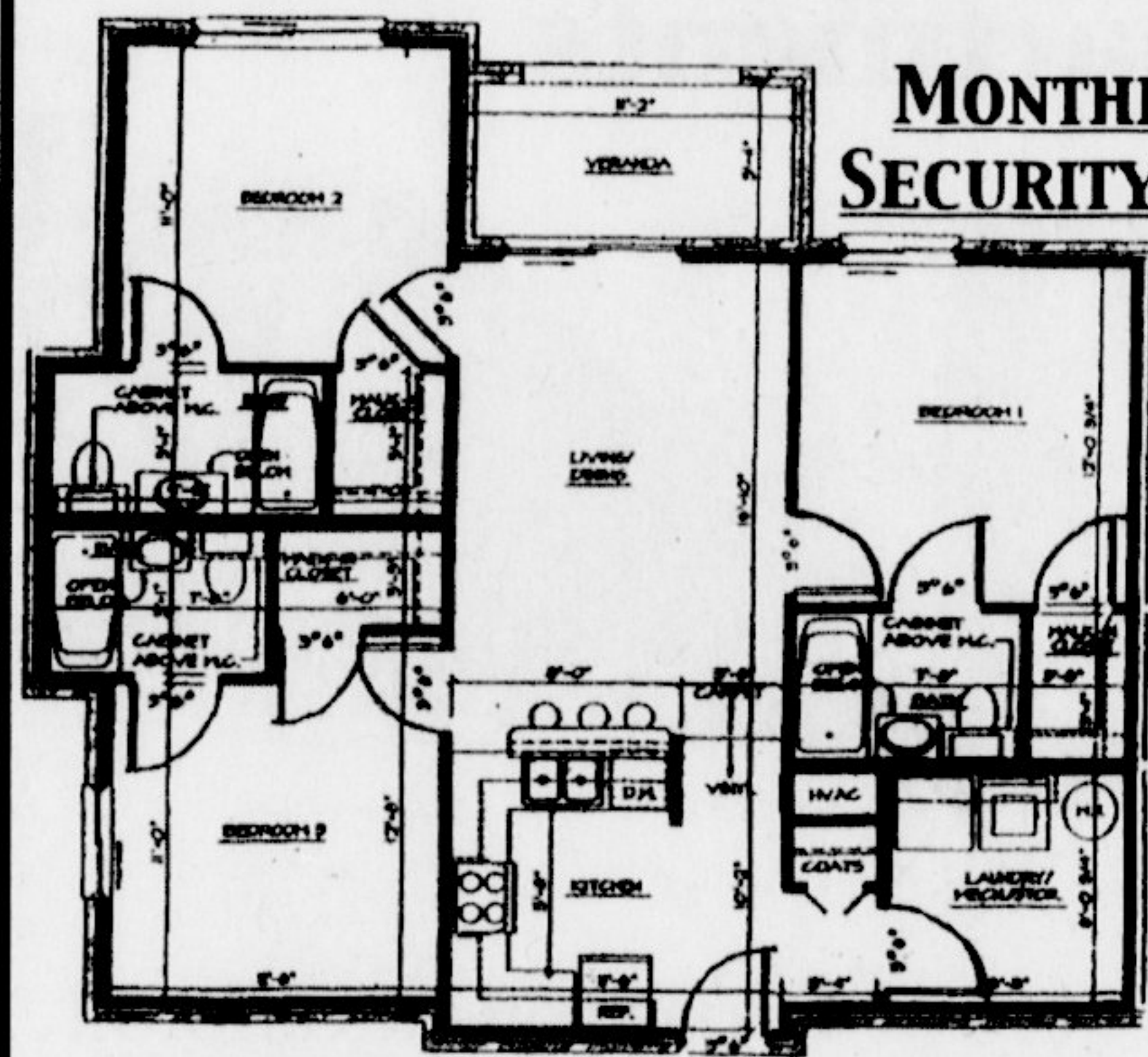
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The Pirates put up big numbers during Spring Break action.

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## ECU vs ACC Challenge upcoming

Jimmy V. Foundation to benefit from event

RYAN DOWNEY  
SPORTS EDITOR

Planning is kicking into full gear for the ACC Seniors vs ECU Seniors Roundball Challenge. More than half the proceeds from the event, sponsored by KP Sports entertainment, will go to the Jimmy V. Foundation, an organization promoting cancer research.

"We hope to have a good turnout so this can be an annual event," said Keith Peten, an ECU

graduate student organizing the event.

"Grass roots events such as this one make up the driving force of revenue for the Jimmy V. Foundation."

This is Peten's fourth game involving ACC seniors and his first involving ECU players.

According to Peten, the game should be very competitive because the ECU players are used to playing together as a team. The team will also include ECU basketball alumni. Last year a group of ACC seniors, including Josh Howard, lost to a team made up of seniors from Johnston C. Smith.

Previously Peten gave the Jimmy V. Foundation a donation, but this year he wanted to plan an event specifically for them.

"I hope to get support from student organizations such as the SGA and the Student Union," Peten said.

"This event is for the students, faculty and the community of Greenville, and it has been organized by students from ECU."

The event is also sponsored by am 1250 and Bob 93.3

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Mazey.

ECU built a 7-4 lead against the visitors, but saw the Green Wave put up five runs in the top of the seventh to regain the lead 9-7.

Ryan Jones' eighth home run of the season, a two-run shot in the bottom of the eighth, knotted the score at nine. Tulane scored on a wild pitch in the top of the ninth to take a 10-9 lead, but the Pirates quickly struck back in the bottom of the inning with a run produced by an RBI single from Mike Grace to score Brian Cavanaugh.

Jones and Grace were both 3-6 from the plate on the night.

Game three was all Green Wave as they rolled to a 9-0

victory over the Pirates. Cory Hahn, the talented Tulane senior, went the distance for the Green Wave.

The shutout marked the first time ECU has lost a home series since 2002 against Louisville. The Louisville game was also the last time a Pirate team was shutout at home.

Hahn allowed only one runner past second base and Tulane as a squad benefited from four Pirate errors to produce runs throughout the contest.

"I think that if any of these guys have pride in the purple and gold, this one's going to hurt a little bit. And it should hurt because I think we're a good team

that just didn't play that well this weekend," Mazey said.

"I hope that they play the rest of this conference season with this in the back of their minds, knowing that to win this league we're going to have to play better than this."

The Pirates dropped to 18-5 overall and 1-2 in Conference USA play. They will hit the road for a nine game trip that stops first at Campbell for a Wednesday night affair.

ECU will make their way to Memphis where they will play in their first C-USA road series of the season this weekend.

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## Pirates' Manuse named C-USA hitter of the week

League officials announced Monday that ECU junior Kate Manuse had been named Conference USA Hitter of the Week.

Manuse helped ECU claim the GMU Patriot Classic title with a 6-0 record last weekend. The junior was named tournament MVP and hit a grand slam against St. Francis (NY) on Saturday. Manuse hit .625 for the week, while collecting six doubles, two homers and 13 RBIs.

She also scored nine runs for the Pirates. In the tournament opener against host George Mason, she went 4-for-4, posting three doubles and a two-run homer.

Through 39 games this season, Manuse leads ECU in hitting with a .394 batting average. She also leads the Pirates in hits (43), doubles (18), home runs (4) and RBIs (33). Manuse stands just four doubles shy of tying the ECU single season record for two-base hits.

Manuse and her teammates return to the diamond Tuesday against UNC-Wilmington. The

first game of the doubleheader is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the ECU Softball Field.

**Simms signs with Richmond Kickers**

The USLA-league Richmond Kickers head office announced that former ECU midfielder Clyde Simms has signed a professional contract with them. Simms joins Joshua (Caleb) Norkus as a recent Kicker signee. Both were selected from the Kickers' annual tryout that took place in February.

"We are all very happy for Clyde and think he will have an outstanding professional career," ECU head men's soccer coach Michael Benn said.

"He's playing for a great organization in the Richmond Kickers and they certainly have a great player in Clyde."

Simms finished an impressive college career at East Carolina. Serving as captain for the Pirates for three straight seasons, Simms ended his career at ECU tied for fifth all-time in games played (72).

He was recently named third-

team All C-USA and earned his second consecutive All C-USA selection, the first being in 2002-03. In his senior year, he started all 17 games, tallying four points with one goal and two assists.

Simms has PDL experience after playing with the Raleigh CASL Elite for two seasons (2002-2003). In 2003, he was the only player from Raleigh to be chosen to the PDL All Conference Team (Eastern). He totaled 15 points with four goals and three assists over 30 games and 2,356 minutes.

"Caleb and Clyde are two players that we have had our sights on," said Richmond Kickers General Manager Paul Sterbenz.

"Caleb is a versatile, hard working, attacking player that is proven on many different levels, and Clyde might be one of the most underrated rookies to come out of college this year. We believe that these two players have a great deal of potential and are excited to have them in our organization."

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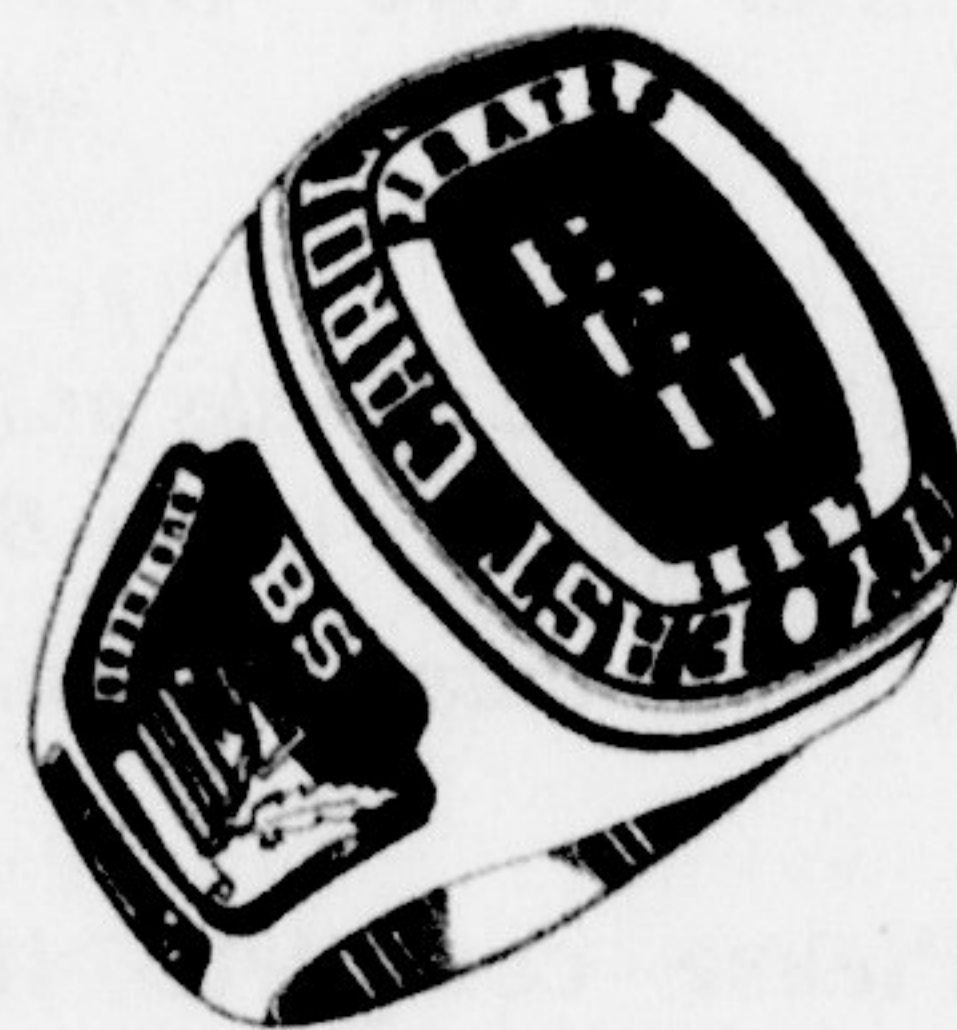
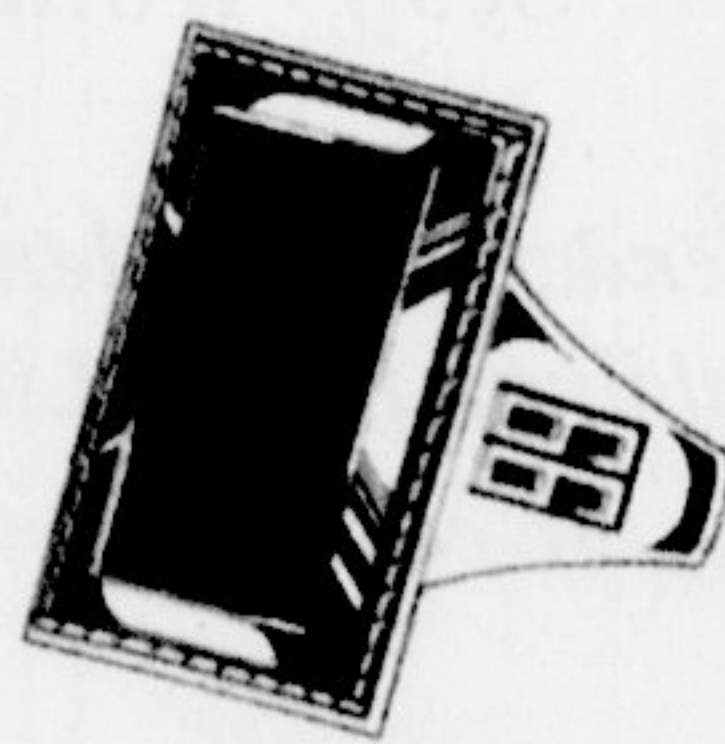
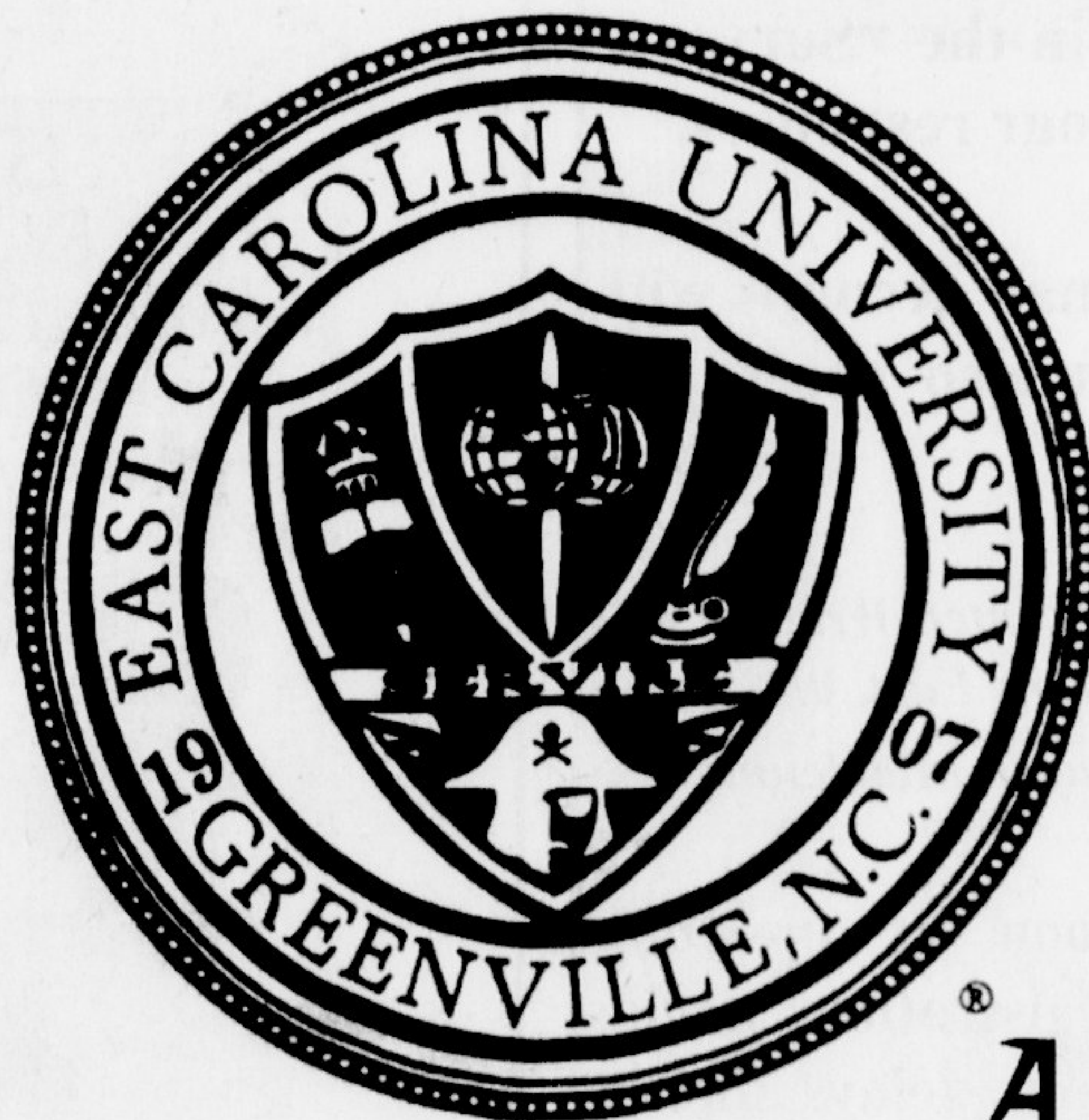


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# Deacons' fan in tough position

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) — As the thrilling NCAA tourney game neared its conclusion on Saturday, Kenneth C. Herbst could no longer contain himself.

"I got so excited, I stood up and started doing defensive slides," the assistant professor of food marketing at St. Joseph's said Monday, his voice still crackling with enthusiasm. "I'm sitting there yelling at the TV, sweating it out."

When the game ended, Herbst felt a deep sense of pride and joy. His school had won and advanced to the Sweet 16.

His school is Wake Forest. A few hours after Wake Forest knocked off Manhattan, 84-80, St. Joseph's defeated Texas Tech to also move into the Sweet 16, setting up Thursday night's NCAA East Rutherford Regional matchup between the Hawks and Demon Deacons at Continental Airlines Arena. The winner will be one victory away from advancing to college basketball's grandest stage — the Final Four.

"My two worlds are colliding," Herbst, 29, said from his home in Plymouth Meeting. "No way in hell did I ever imagine the two schools I love would be playing each other in such a big game."

Who could have ever imagined that a Wake Forest grad and former player, born and raised in Winston-Salem, N.C., site of the Demon Deacons' campus, would end up teaching at St. Joe's, where he would develop a fondness for the Hawks and their coach, Phil Martelli?

"This is tough," Herbst said. "Really tough."

Fess up, Kenny, where does your allegiance lie?

After taking a deep breath, he answered with a nervous laugh, "My entire life has been Wake Forest, Wake Forest. My heart is with the Deacs. But put it this way, if Wake has to lose, I'd rather it be to St. Joe's than any other school. And if St. Joe's wins, I'll be with them the rest of the way."

Before his colleagues or students take up torches and descend on his office at St. Joe's Haub School of Business, Herbst, who joined the faculty in the fall



Wake Forest's Trent Strickland slips through the VCU defense.

of 2002, would like to get a few matters straight:

He is no fan of Billy Packer, the CBS-TV hoops analyst and Wake Forest alum who trashed St. Joe's on Selection Sunday when the Hawks were slotted as a No. 1 seed.

Herbst said he long ago sensed a considerable number of Wake Forest followers share his feelings about Packer, who, by the way, will be calling Thursday's game.

"1/8 Packer 3/8 listed every possible team he could think of, all big-time programs with brand-name equity," Herbst said. "It was a special moment in St. Joe's history, and he's downplaying their accomplishments, embarrassing himself."

"I mean, St. Joe's saw the bride coming down the aisle and they say stand up or forever hold your peace. Within five seconds, Billy Packer decided to be the person to stand up."

Herbst believes Packer has a large share of detractors from Wake Forest, where Packer played guard on the Deacons' 1962 Final Four team that defeated the Hawks in the tourney. The prior season, St. Joe's beat Wake Forest in the tourney.

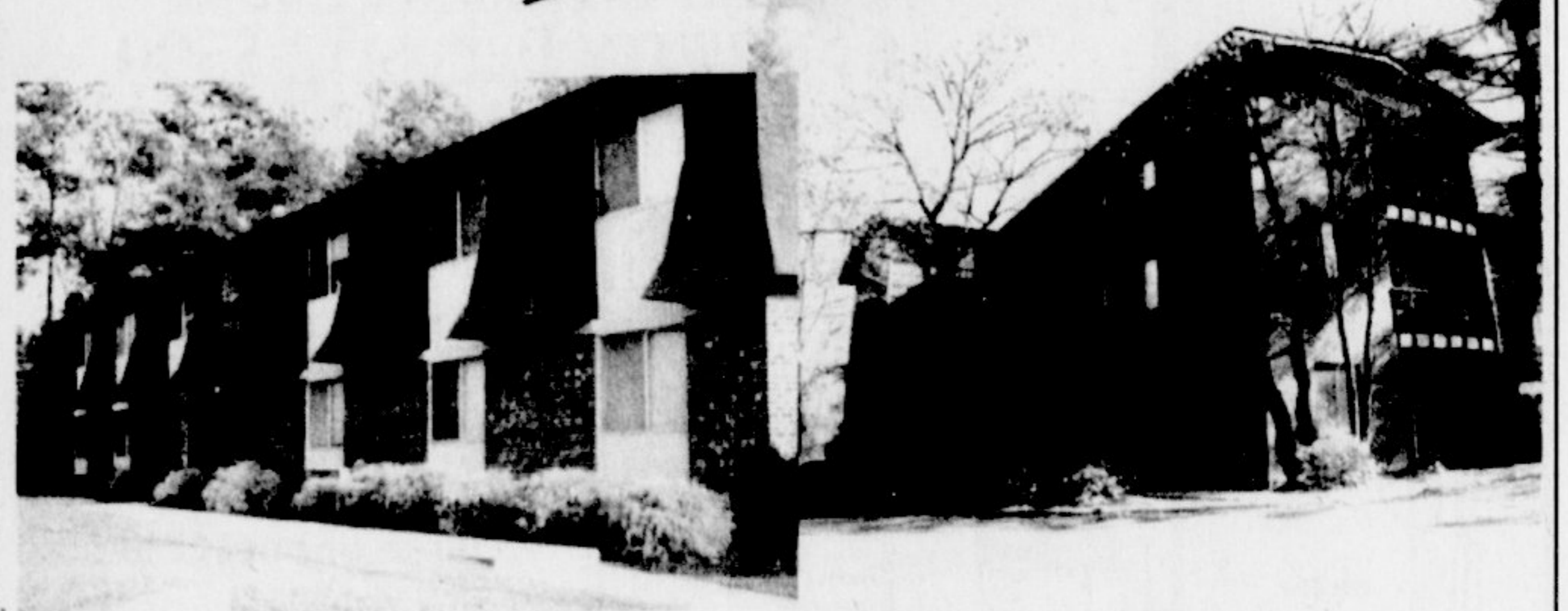
"I've listened to him do Wake games, and to me he even seems to be anti-Wake," Herbst said. "Maybe it's because they never retired his number."

Martelli has brought recruits to meet Herbst.

"They often bring recruits to my office because I love St. Joe's and I can tell them why St. Joe's is such a great place to come because it's small and there's a family atmosphere. You get to know the faculty. You're taken care of. I really enjoy it," he said.

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MONKEYS.  
SNORKELING.  
INDIGENOUS CREATURES.  
WENT AWAY ON VACATION... PASSED AWAY ON VACATION.

# East Carolina University

## FOUNDERS WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Join the entire East Carolina community as we celebrate the ninety-seventh anniversary of the founding of the university.

### COMMUNITY DAY Monday, March 22

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| 7:30 a.m.  | Community Leaders Breakfast*   | Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church |
| 10:00 a.m. | Chancellor's Forum on Health Care—Raising One Healthy Generation           | Brody SOM Auditorium                    |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch—Celebration of the Country Doctor Museum Acquisition (by invitation) | 2W-40 Brody                             |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Opening of the Historic Collections Facility                               | Laupus Health Sciences Library          |

### STUDENT DAY Tuesday, March 23

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| 3:00 p.m.      | College of Education Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception | Willis Building                                |
| 3:30 p.m.      | Student Celebration of ECU's Birthday                          | Brickyard                                      |
| 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Iron Pouring   | Rear Courtyard behind Jenkins Fine Arts Center |
| 8:00 p.m.      | Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival*                           | Fletcher Music Recital Hall                    |

### STUDENT DAY Wednesday, March 24

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| 11:00 a.m. | Military Service Celebration              | Victory Bell by Christenbury Gymnasium       |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Debnam Hunt Early Reading Room Dedication | Joyner Library                               |
| 5:30 p.m.  | ECU Arts at the Amphitheater              | Greenville Toyota Amphitheater, Town Commons |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival*      | Fletcher Music Recital Hall                  |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Student Comedy Show*                      | Hendrix Theater                              |

### UNIVERSITY DAY Thursday, March 25

|            |  |                      |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Founders Week Convocation and Awarding of the Jarvis Medal | Wright Auditorium    |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch on the Mall*   |                      |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Brody Lecture on Health Care                               | Brody SOM Auditorium |
| All day    | Health Sciences Photo Retrospective                        | Brody SOM Lobby      |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Dixie Koldjeski Lecture on Nursing                         | Monroe Center        |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Founders Awards Dinner*                                    | Murphy Center        |

### ALUMNI AND PATRONS DAY Friday, March 26

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Board of Trustees Meeting  | 2W-40AD Brody                |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Seeing the Future Display and Pre-Groundbreaking Reception, School of Allied Health Sciences | Brody First Floor            |
| 11:30 a.m. | Groundbreaking for Learning Village  | N. Emergency Drive           |
| All day    | Health Sciences Photo Retrospective  | Brody SOM Lobby              |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Founders Week Celebration (by invitation)  | Science and Technology Plaza |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Moscow Festival Ballet*  | Wright Auditorium            |

### ALUMNI AND PATRONS DAY Saturday, March 27

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| 10:00 a.m. | Bus Tour of Campus for Alumni Reunion Participants |                               |
| 6:00 p.m.  | College of Human Ecology Alumni Awards Dinner      | Sweethearts, Todd Dining Hall |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Alumni Reunion Social*                             | Minges Coliseum               |

\* Ticket Required

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