



SGA candidates discuss platform goals

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR WRITER

Candidates got the chance to voice their goals for the upcoming year and express where they stood on issues and concerns addressed by students at the SGA debate on Monday. The debate was held in the Mendenhall Student Center in the Social Room from 7-9 p.m. Candidates from five different tickets make up the possible leadership that could represent the student body. Some of the topics discussed at the debate include diversity, safety and keeping the student body informed.



Students gather in Mendenhall social room to listen to SGA student body candidates debate and answer questions prior to today's elections.



Support the troops this week by donating a variety of items ranging from gum to face cleanser for the care packages that will be sent overseas by PRSSA. Find out what you can give...**Page A4**



Students can benefit from two upcoming events that are being hosted by Japan Center East, read more...**Page A4**



The ECU baseball team has been on a tear and is achieving national prominence. See if the Pirates could keep their winning streak intact and open league play in dominating fashion...**Page A6**



The Pirates have ridden the arms of star pitchers Kelj Harrell and Toni Paisley. Find out if the ECU softball team could continue their strong league play against Marshall...**Page A6**

Ticket 1
James Wagoner is running independently on ticket one for the secretary position.

Wagoner is a freshman but he has a background with working with SGA in different leadership positions. The importance of getting students involved was stressed by Wagoner, while presenting his platform. "Being secretary should be more than keeping minutes but empowering students to be more involved," said Wagoner.

Offering students incentives for participating in events and programs was a way that Wagoner said he would attempt to promote involvement.

Wagoner said that he would have no problem with delegating some of his tasks to others if he needs help carrying out his duties as secretary, if elected.

"A leader that thinks they can

do it all by themselves isn't a true leader," said Wagoner.

To increase safety on campus, Wagoner suggested extending the hours that Safe Ride operates and increasing lighting on campus.

Ticket 2
Keri Brockett is running for president. Brockett worked with Michelle Lieberman on getting distance education students involved and implementing the Talk-It-Tuesday event.

To increase awareness for commuter students, Brockett suggested SGA bring events to the students at different apartment complexes.

Phillip Kendall is the vice-presidential candidate.

To increase diversity, Kendall has a plan to increase awareness about new organizations to the university. "I want to tell more people about

these organization and what they do," Kendall said.

Using the student media outlets such as the *East Carolinian* and *Expression* magazine would be a way to increase awareness about SGA according to Kendall.

Establishing a high school leadership program within Pitt County is one of the goals that Kendall wants to accomplish, if elected.

The treasurer candidate is Guillaume Bagal who mentioned his experience in funding in other organizations.

Expressions magazine and The Legacy Foundation are two of the organizations that Bagal said he has had positions that involved dealing with funding.

Bagal admitted the best way he thinks that funds will be used effectively

in SGA is to discuss the relevance of allotting the funds and checking the balance of available money.

Joel Banjo Johnson is running for the position as secretary.

Some of Johnson's major platform goals include branching the Talk-It-Tuesday events out to other locations such as Wright Place, recording the minutes using video and audio and continuing the SGA scrapbook.

Ticket 3

Joe Gill is running as an independent candidate for the presidency position. Some of the goals Gill is focusing on include equal representation for all organizations, conducting more surveys for student input, and creating focus groups.

Gill believes that his input and participation in SGA could redirect the track in which current policies

and procedures are moving towards.

"I think this could provide a fresh start by looking at what we're doing now and how we can improve it," Gill said.

Ticket 4
Jonathan Massachi is running for president, Timothy Darden for vice-president, Michaelina Antahades for treasurer and Dena Mazie for secretary.

Massachi is currently the speaker of the congress and he believes that switching positions wouldn't be difficult.

"The lateral transition will be easy since I've worked with past and current presidents," Massachi said.

Students at the debate were concerned that Massachi wouldn't be

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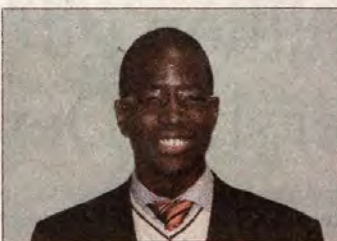
Ticket 2



Keri Brockett
Position: President
Class: Junior
Major/Minor: Child Life
Affiliated Organizations: Student Body Secretary, 2006 Homecoming Queen, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Campus Girl Scout, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Fraternity, Ronald McDonald House Volunteer



Phillip Kendall
Position: Vice-President
Class: Junior
Major/Minor: Construction Management/Business Administration
Affiliated Organizations: Intra-Fraternity Council President, Kappa Sigma Fraternity President and SGA Community Outreach Liaison



Guillaume R. Bagal
Position: Treasurer
Class: Junior
Affiliated Organizations: General Manager for Expressions Magazine, ECU Media Head, Biology Research Assistant, Treasurer- Legacy Foundation (March of Dimes), Financial Manager (MOD), Emerge Gallery and Art Center and SGA Elite Leadership Team



Joel B. Johnson
Position: Secretary
Class: Sophomore
Affiliated Organizations: Air Force, Chief of Staff/ Governmental Affairs Liaison (SGA), Corresponding Secretary for UNCASG, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Delta Epsilon Phi, Campus Girl Scouts, Legacy Foundation, March of Dimes

Ticket 4



Jon Massachi
Position: President
Class: Senior
Major/Minor: Business- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Affiliated organizations: Hillel-- the foundation for Jewish campus life, Financial Management Association, Omicron Delta Kappa, SGA and Elite Pirates.



Timothy Darden
Position: Vice-President
Class: Senior
Major/Minor: Finance/ Communication Studies
Affiliated Organizations: Student Government Association, Junior Class Vice President, Congressmen, Screening and Appointments, Student Pirate Club Board Member and ECU SCUBA Club.



Michaelina Antahades
Position: Treasurer
Class: Junior
Major/ Minor: Communication for Public Relations with a multidisciplinary minor in political science, sociology and urban and regional planning
Affiliated Organizations: Student Body Treasurer, President- Golden Key International Honor Society, Student Union Board of Directors, Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority, Food Service Advisory Committee and Shipmate mentor.



Dena Mazie
Position: Secretary
Major/Minor: Communications
Affiliated Organizations: Student Union-Spectrum Committee, Emerging Leaders Program, Hillel--the foundation for Jewish campus life, Alpha Phi Sorority, Homecoming Candidate, Freshman Class Candidate, Panhellenic Pi Chi, Order of Omega-- Vice President of Membership, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Association of Student Government.

Ticket 1



James Wagner
Position: Secretary
Class: Freshman
Major/Minor: Marketing and Political Science Major
Affiliated Organizations: Student Government Association's Director of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs for the Executive Cabinet and Phi Sigma Theta President

Ticket 3



Joseph Gill
Position: President
Class: Sophomore
Major/Minor: Nursing/ Pre-Med
Affiliated Organizations: Residence Hall Association, American Assembly of Men in Nursing, National Residency Hall Honorary, Black Student Union and the Asian Student Association.

Ticket 5



Ernest Wayne Sampson
Position: Vice-President
Class: Junior
Major/Minor: Communications
Affiliated Organizations: Chi Phi Fraternity, East Carolina Native American Organization, Student Government Association-Cabinet and University Committees

To find out more about the tickets and read about candidate goals, log on to ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/sga/.

Students register successfully

Banner system begins

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Banner registration began March 22, as 514 students registered within the first ten minutes.

Training sessions were held for students in weeks prior to registration to familiarize them with the system.

According to Don Sweet, associate chief information officer and director of IT software development services, between 1,500 and 2,000 students attended the training and information sessions.

"We have worked hard to prepare the campus through innovative marketing, extensive training and providing resources to students all over campus," said Elizabeth Hand, director for aca-

demical administration. As of 11:30 a.m. last Thursday, 1,368 students had registered for a total of 6,344 courses.

"I am personally elated that the system is responding and working as well as it is thus far. There have been no major bugs reported," said Sweet.

There are several computer labs on campus with lab advisers to help students register. These lab advisers have all been through the Banner training sessions and are equipped to take students through the initial process.

"The University help desk is only open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and a lot of students don't register until after those hours. Those students have been coming in to the lab's help desk," said lab operator and junior finance major Andrew Callahan.

The labs available for Banner assistance are Learn-

ing Resource Center, Laupus Library Lab, Aycock Hall Lab, White Hall Lab, Mendenhall Lab Basement, Anthropology Lab, Austin Lab, TECS Computer Lab, Kim Lab, Joynes Library, CHE Lab, Sports Medicine Lab, Rehabilitation Studies Lab and the Student PC Lab.

These labs are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through March 29.

"Banner is pretty self explanatory, it doesn't take a brain surgeon," said senior Andrew Moss while registering for classes in the Austin Lab.

There is also personal help available over the phone. Students can contact the ITCS Student Help Desk at 328-9866 or Whichard Building Help Desk at 328-6524.

All students are using the

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ECU celebrates Family Fun Day

Ninth annual event

ADELINE TRENTO
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday, the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center along with the Center for Off-Campus and Community Living sponsored the ninth annual Family Fun Day at ECU.

Family Fun Day, which took place in the CRWC, gave families a chance to play games and participate in several exciting activities together.

"This program was designed to bring a family element into our recreation center," said David Gaskins, associate director of programs for Campus Recreation and Wellness. "Family Fun Day gives faculty and students who have children an opportunity to do a ton of activities within a short period

of time. The unique thing is that they get to take part in all of these activities together, as a family."

The event offered a variety of activities including cart races, an obstacle course, a home run derby, basketball, putt-putt, rock climbing, face painting and a three-legged race.

This year, educational games were added to the Family Fun Day celebrations as well.

Several activities were set up at the event to educate participants about nutrition and healthy living.

The families were able to sample healthy food and play games that educated participants about healthy nutrition.

"We wanted to incorporate an educational component into

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CORRECTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22 – March 29

Fall 2007 Registration Banner is the new method of class registration at ECU. Visit thisbanner.com to find information about the new Banner system. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Scholarships being offered by NC National Guard

The North Carolina National Guard is currently offering two, two and a half and three year scholarships. Those interested can see SFC Jimmy Smith in Room 344-A Rawl Building to pick up an application packet. Information can also be obtained by calling (252) 916-9073 344-A Rawl Building

March 26 – April 23

Intro to Ballroom Dancing
Learn the basic steps of ballroom dance with this weekly hour-long class. SRC 239 7 – 8 p.m.

March 27 – April 4

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
Earn American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. Topics include water rescue skills, CPR/PR and First Aid. All books and pocket masks are provided. This certification lasts for three years. Minimum age is 15. \$150 Members; \$170 Non-members. Registration deadline is March 26 (Must attend all classes). SRC 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

March 24 – 31

Service North Carolina: Supporting the Pirate Nation
This event brings together students from 16 North Carolina colleges and universities for a week of giving back. Help prove how much ECU cares about the community; log on to ecu.edu/volunteer for more information.

Fat Metabolism Study

– Volunteers Needed
This study tries to determine why individuals differ in the ability to gain and lose weight. Human Performance Lab & The Brody School of Medicine ECU Human Performance Laboratory Please call: 737-4681 e-mail: hplw@ecu.edu or visit: <http://performance.hpl.ecu.edu/research>

Volunteer Opportunities Friday, March 30

Book Sale Set-up - Humane Society of Eastern Carolina (morning -TBA, Greenville) Male or very strong female volunteers needed to assist in loading at the Humane Society and unloading at the Colonial Mall boxes of books. Volunteers also needed to assist with book sale. Contact Vicki Luttrell at 252-353-8833.

Saturday, March 31

KidsFest – all day, Greenville Convention Center
Volunteers needed to assist with games, booths, rides and clean-up. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, contact: Melissa Adamson at 756-1567. mppfc.org.

Parents' Night Out – 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., Student Recreation Center Sports Forum

10-15 volunteers needed. Each volunteer will be responsible for a group of children (5 – 12 years) as they participate in bowling, swimming, climbing and other activities. Contact David Gaskins at 328-6387 or gaskinsd@ecu.edu.

27 Tue

SGA ELECTIONS
To learn more about the candidates, visit the SGA Web site at ecu.edu/sga. A polling site will be located in Wright Plaza. You may vote from any computer by logging onto Onestop between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Women's Resource Fair
The Women's Resource Fair will center on the needs and well-being of women. Various local organizations and businesses will share information and enlighten women on the services they provide. These groups include health care providers, retailers and various other businesses that offer an array of services. Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Front Yard 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Golf Registration
Singles, doubles & mixed doubles Student Recreation Center, room 207 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Roots of Creation
Student Union Popular Entertainment presents a night of reggae music with the band Roots of Creation Mendenhall Brickyard 7 – 11 p.m.

ECU hosts the Thomas Harriot Voyages of Discovery lecture
Hendrix Theater 7:30 p.m.

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Centennial Open House
The Student Rec Center is celebrating their 10-year anniversary with the grand opening of the Wellness Center, a "Food Fight for your Health" and a Membership Appreciation Luncheon. Free, all-day event.

Support Our Troops Day
Wright Plaza 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Challenge of Building the National Museum of African American History and Culture
In the Brody Medical Sciences Building auditorium, there will be a lecture on the challenge of building a national museum of African-American history and culture. Free event, 1:30 p.m.

Baseball game
vs. UNC Wilmington Clark-LeClair Stadium 7 p.m.

29 Thur

American Proliferation/ Anti-Terror and Jihad Day
Wright Plaza 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The 2007 Dixie Koldjeski Lecture
"Culturally Competent Care: A Research and Action Agenda" Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center, 2000 Venture Tower Drive 2 p.m.

4-on-4 Flag Football Team Registration Meeting
Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room 5 p.m.

ECU hosts reading for Roger Sharpe
Roger Sharpe, ECU alumnus and former state senator, will read from his memoir, "Ceremony of Innocence." Bate 1032 7:30 p.m.

Lessons from the Lab: An African-American Woman's Journey from Manure to DNA
By Alison Williams, Chemistry Dept., Princeton U., Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer Hendrix Theater 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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Anti-Affirmative Action Day
Wright Plaza 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lecture: Time Resolved UV Resonance Raman Studies of Nucleic Acid
Mendenhall Student Center Room 244 12 p.m.

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Alpha Xi Delta Car Wash
All proceeds benefit The Little Willie Center Campus Store corner 10th and Charles 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ECU Youth Arts Festival
More than 100 visual and performing artists from both ECU and across the region will share their creative talents with children and their families. Family-friendly activities such as wheel-thrown ceramics, watercolor painting, weaving, felting, paper-making. ECU campus mall (rain site Jenkins Fine Art Center) 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Softball
vs. Tulsa ECU Softball Field 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis
vs. Campbell ECU Tennis Complex 1 p.m.

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able to serve his term to its entirety due to graduation in May.

Massachi explained that he will graduate in May but he has reapplied for a second undergraduate degree here, which alleviates the issue.

Darden displayed his competence for holding the position by expressing his past experience with SGA.

"I feel that I can hit the ground running with my past experience in SGA," Antahades said.

Making sure that the funds allotted to organizations are being used to promote a positive image for the university is something she is passionate about, according to Antahades.

Promoting awareness and increasing campus safety is two of Mazie's goal for her platform.

Mazie suggested using Talk-It-Tuesday in addition to What's up Wednesdays as an avenue to increase awareness about SGA and her student concerns.

A pilot program that involves GPS tracking on key chains to locate students in the case of emergency was a goal that Mazie has for campus safety.

Ticket 5

Ernest Wayne Sampson is running independently for vice-president with goals of changing the Shipmate program so that the members will live and take classes together.

Sampson wants the student body to feel that he is own there said and working for them.

"I want to go to organizational meetings and let them know I am here for them," Sampson said.

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the event," Gaskins said. "We want to get the healthy living message out there and we tried to do it in a fun way."

After the morning activities, the families were given a free lunch at the West End Dining Hall followed by a choice of bowling or the movie *Shrek*.

"The kids really get a kick out of coming to a college campus, eating where the college students eat and bowling or watching a

movie in the student center," Gaskins said. "They think it's really exciting."

Along with the SRC staff, more than 17 volunteers helped run the games and organize the activities at Family Fun Day.

Many of the volunteers participated in the event as part of a service-learning class, but others volunteered just to work with children in a fun setting.

"I think it's important to help

out with this event because it gives us a chance to give back to the community and be a positive role model for someone," said Rachel Moser, senior recreation management major. "Family Fun Day has tons of positive activities and it gives us a chance to interact with the kids. It's definitely a great thing to be involved with."

This year's event was a huge success at ECU and many families came out to spend the

day together.

Lorenzo Lee, senior education major, and 12-year-old Kiana Lee, whose favorite activity was the cart races, both agreed that Family Fun Day was an enjoyable event.

"We came to get out of the house for the day and support the activities that are going on," said Lee. "It's important for us to stay active and spend time together as a family. This event has helped us

to do both of those things."

Campus Recreation and Wellness will also sponsor Parents Night Out on March 31. This event will allow parents to enjoy a night out together while their children play games, swim, bowl and eat pizza at the SRC. For more information, visit ecu.edu/studentlife/crw/.

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web-based system for registration since the elimination of telephone registration.

"The registrations are screaming through the system. If all continues to go as well, we will be looking at shortening the registration process, which is currently at eight days, to something less like perhaps four or five days as we all get to understand Banner better," Sweet said.

By 4 p.m. on the first day of registration, 2,473 students had registered.

"The system didn't even break a sweat processing as the main database server peaked at nearly 30 percent and the web server at about 3 percent," said Sweet.

For more information on Banner and registration, visit thisbanner.com.

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ECU alumni gives \$1 million gift to the BB&T Center for Leadership Development

Money used in the College of Business

KIMBERLY BELLAMY SENIOR WRITER

Tom Arthur, MBA graduate student alumni, donated \$1 million to the BB&T Center for Leadership Development to strengthen leadership at ECU on March 8.

"I envision an enlarged BB&T Center with each college and school having a funded leadership position, working with and through the center to further the study and practice of leadership," said Arthur, member of the board of directors for the BB&T Center for Leadership Development since its establishment, in his speech at the Centennial celebration.

"This will be used to fund a professorship in leadership," said

Rick Niswander, dean of the College of Business.

The person chosen for the professorship will help prepare students for leadership roles they may have after graduation.

"The candidate chosen will teach classes, help with leadership presentations and help with experimental learning, which lets the students go outside the classroom and participate in situations and concepts they've learned in the classroom," said Niswander.

The gift that Arthur gave makes the university eligible to receive a \$500,000 match from the UNC system through a program called The Distinguished Professorship Endowed Trust Fund according to James Bearden, director of the BB&T Center for Leadership Development. Bearden has worked with

Arthur for a long time and knows about his connection with the university and leadership.

"He's been involved with our BB&T center since it was founded in 1983, so he's been involved in what we've been trying to do with leadership for years," said Bearden.

"Arthur has been planning on making a sizeable contribution to the university for years," Bearden said. "The thing I think made him make the contribution now is because of the emphasis the university is putting on leadership," continued Bearden.

"The university hopes to receive more contributions like this one so that a professorship can be put in every college," said Niswander.

"We are very pleased that Tom is demonstrating his leadership by giving the first gift of what the university expects to be

many distinguished leadership professorships," said Niswander.

Niswander encourages others to contribute to produce growth in leadership at the university.

"I am hopeful that my gift to the College of Business will be a model for each of the nine other colleges and schools of the university to start a system wide leadership initiative," Arthur said in his Centennial speech.

Arthur's family also impacted the university in major ways during the establishment of the university.

Louis C. Arthur was one of the men who made recommendations about the location of the East Carolina Teachers Training School to the Board of Directors on June 5, 1907. For more information, you can contact the College of Business at 328-6966.

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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY

I think Chuck Norris should be our commencement speaker.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

SGA elections begin today on Onestop and in Wright Plaza, and although the *East Carolinian* has not opted to endorse any single candidate or ticket, we do encourage every student to exercise his or her right to freely express support of whichever ticket(s) he or she chooses.

After reviewing the candidates' term goals and varying levels of experience, most of our editorial board agreed one ticket was worthy of endorsement and an obvious choice, but preferred to remain, at least professionally, politically neutral.

We understand our right as an independent newspaper to freely endorse candidates, and hope that you, as independent students, are aware of your rights to freedom of expression as well.

Recently, a member of our editorial staff chose to privately support a SGA ticket on Facebook. She was told the group needed to be removed because it was against campaign rules. According to the SGA constitution, "all campaigning via a third party-owned Web site is prohibited."

The student was asked to remove the group, however as an independent student unaffiliated with the various tickets and SGA, she asserted her right to freely express her opinion online.

As yet, the incident has not been followed up, but we at the *East Carolinian* hope it was merely a misunderstanding, and that no other unaffiliated students have been asked to censor themselves with regards to elections.

So today, seize the opportunity to freely express your opinion of SGA candidates and exercise your right to vote—whether online or in the middle of Wright Plaza.

Sarah Bell
Editor in Chief

Do I look fat?

Eating disorder cause for concern

MARGOT ROGERSON
OPINION WRITER

"Does this make me look fat?" Every girl is guilty of saying it, and every guy is tired of hearing it. So why has this phrase become such a common piece of our daily jargon? I recently had to give a speech for a communication class, of which I could choose any topic.

I knew right away that I would write about the increasing numbers of college students with anorexia. I decided to research about student anorexia because, as a female student, I have seen and felt the pressures to stay thin.

While researching, I came across an amazing statistic. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness.

Obviously, this disease is something that should be taken extremely seriously, so why do so many girls think starving themselves is the only way to gain acceptance?

The most common answer to this question is that it is the fault of the mass media. It is true; the looks of the modeling and acting industries have changed. Celebrity body images have changed, and the desire to achieve their status has increased. But, surprisingly, this is not always the main driving force behind student anorexia.

The media is given the influential power it has because girls feel peer-pressured. A spokesperson for the NEDA says that the media is not the underlying cause of anorexia. Jessica Weiner is an eating disorder survivor. She says, "No show taught me how to have an eating disorder. I learned from friends." So why is the peer-pressure, especially among so many females, so demanding?

Psychologists are beginning to back up Weiner's point of view. According to Andrew B. Geier, a university researcher, "what we know about weight and eating disorders is, indeed, that kids tend to be influenced by their peers." The old cliché, "everyone is doing it," plays into effect here. Some cases of anorexia begin not because everyone around the person has an eating disorder, but rather because that person perceives that everyone else does.

So what will it take for the trend to change? How far will students go before they realize the danger they are getting themselves into?

Starving oneself may seem like the only way to lose weight, but there are healthy and effective ways to stay fit. There are also people that can guide weight loss and make sure that you stay healthy.

Unfortunately, there will always be individuals who will have eating disorders. But I hope the ones that are only influenced by today's society will realize the danger involved.

Eating disorders can be as addictive as nicotine and equally as difficult to quit. What may start as a way to lose a couple of pounds before bikini season can become a deadly disease.

Anorexia and other eating disorders are a continually increasing problem that should be addressed. It is time to take a stand against eating disorders.



PIRATE RANTS

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If I had a daughter, man, I'd be so happy...

The meal plans here suck. Stop ripping us off!

My girlfriend's roommate is a complete joke. How do we get rid of her as the third wheel?

My teacher's voice is giving me cancer.

I love her smile, it makes me melt inside.

I refuse to run across a crosswalk. Stay behind your white line that was so nicely painted for you on the road, and wait the extra five seconds it takes me to get across the road. Don't drive up so your bumper is a foot away from me to make me walk faster, it's not going to work.

If the rumors are true, I'm also sorry about your STD.

Girl, you're lucky I believe in karma because otherwise I would take matters into my own hands.

To whoever put Easter eggs around campus, you're awesome!

I may burp like a sailor or a football player, but I can take anyone who wants to challenge me in a contest!

I just wanted to say that the people at ACE made my day when they fixed my computer. You all are geniuses and I am not. I bow down to thee.

This is for the girl who lied about being pregnant for abortion money. That is probably the sickest thing I have heard in a long time.

I'll totally be your friend.

Does he love you more than he loves his pot?

After watching 300, am I the only girl that wants to find a Spartan and marry him?

Just because I am a Christian, does not mean that I am a loser.

I promise I will never drink again if things could just go back to normal between us.

My best friend and her boyfriend came to visit me last weekend. While my best friend was in the shower, I slept with her boyfriend.

I love the iPod display outside of Dowdy Student Stores. "Feeling Naked?" Hahaha.

Something has to be done about the cops. Greenville is seriously reminding me of Nazi Germany lately. I'm afraid that the ones that they've imported from Bethel, 20-25 minutes away, are going to steal me in my sleep.

I was normal once... I didn't like it.

Anybody know how I can lose 20 pounds really fast?

Talk like Yoda I can.

My suite mates are jealous of me and I love it!

Just how many girls do you have to kiss to become a lesbian, and how often?

I believe I am one of the very few that

get TEC to actually read what's going on around the school and not just the Rants.

To all the people complaining about the cops being on the drunk bus, stop complaining. You're underage. You shouldn't be drinking anyways. What are you, stupid?

If you want peace, prepare for war.

My tears do not compromise my strength.

I believe I can fly. Wanna watch?

I'm about to lose my mind! I went to the store and there's still no Peter Pan Peanut Butter on the shelves! What am I going to do?

I almost kicked my dog. I need help.

I've been with my boyfriend for years... and he still doesn't trust me.

I am sorry friend, but it was I who stole your pain killers.

To anyone I disrupt in class I apologize, next time I'll seriously try to stop and have the courtesy to let you go first.

To the person who burned my cat... why?

Girls, I know the weather is getting nicer but please don't hold illusions about your body and wear appropriate clothing.

To the person complaining about the hockey team—I'm sorry this school doesn't have a WWE Raw club, perhaps you could start one. Show some school pride and support your fellow Pirates!

I kissed my girlfriend while she was laughing and she blew a snot rocket on my face.

I can bash Bush, support the troops and still be an American.

Actually, being a virgin is not so bad. There are so many stressful things you don't have to worry about. Best of all, I have the security of knowing my boyfriend is with me because he adores me, not just because I'm a convenient piece of ass.

Girls like you are the reason you can't find a "good guy." Guys behave the way girls want them to. If you didn't fawn all over these tough guy jerk types, they'd start singing a different tune.

I know what kind of body type you are looking for in a girl... and trust me, I'm working on it!

I tend to find myself staring at pretty girls. Not because they are pretty, because it's when they become uncomfortable.

Is it just me or do we do just about anything to get a free t-shirt? I was on the yard this week and I ate a pancake with mustard on it just to get a free t-shirt, and I hate mustard!

One of my friends said that a platypus looks like a beaver and a duck had sex. Think about it, makes sense.

I know you're still in love with her, but when I'm lying in your bed at night it is not the time to bring her up.

I secretly hope you still love me. To tell you the truth I have my doubts.

To the guy who is a 70-year-old trapped in a 20-year-old body, I'm a girl who feels the exact same way. We should meet up sometime, I'll bring my knitting.

Crowning achievement of my life—graduation, finally after six years... and I have to wear purple? Ugh!

Tonight I went skating through my dorm halls in a hot pink construction hat. It was so much fun. Well, until I fell... still fun.

I love people who call me when they're drunk! Totally makes my night.

I'm really thinking I won't ever find the right guy. Maybe I should put out a personal ad to get at least some guy's attention.

Tonight I finally found something fun to do while sober. Throw water balloons out your dorm window at all the people who walk by. It's so much fun. We must have gone through at least 100 balloons. We got a kick out of all the people who we scared and got wet.

To the guy who asked where all the nice girls were... I'm here. It's just your species has scared us off. We'd like it if you would at least try and find us. My question is, where are all the good guys?

I'm so glad I'm cooler than 90 percent of the dudes here...

Well, if you drunken idiots would be more responsible on the bus we wouldn't have cops on it. And you don't need to drive, drunken moron, give Safe Ride something to do, they seem bored every night.

Have a great day, ECU.

To my friend who just got accepted into nursing school—We're all super excited for you. Now prepare yourself to not have a life anymore!

Conservatives are destroying America... in all seriousness.

To the guy who sits beside me in math class—could you please stop staring! You're really starting to scare me now.

I really don't want to die. I'm scared every time I think of it.

Terrorists don't care if you are liberal or conservative. They want all Americans the same way. Dead!

I splurge and purge.

Banner is the worst thing that's happened in a long time. With all the hype you go on there expecting a nice Web site that looks as though somebody cared about quality.

I love how I have to leave 30 minutes in advance just to fight for a parking space at the gym.

80 percent of the final exam will be based on the one lecture you missed and the one book you didn't read.

Economists report that a college education adds many thousands of dollars to a man's lifetime income, which he then spends sending his son to college.

An encyclopedia is a system for collecting dust in alphabetical order.

I'm not from Rolling Stone

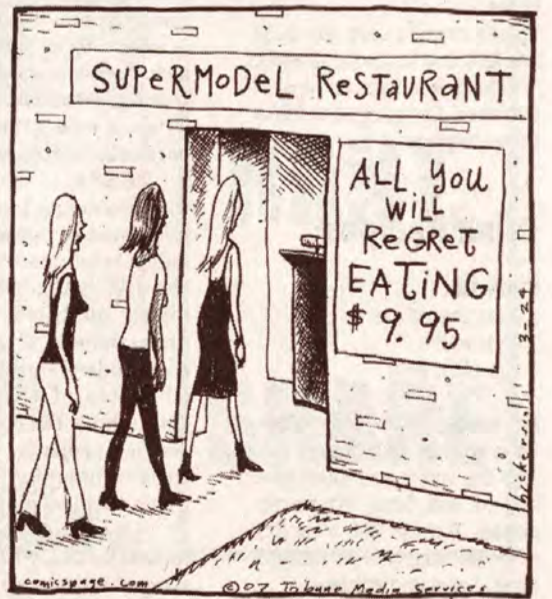
And I don't mind one bit

BRIDGET TODD
OPINION WRITER

I wanted to like "I'm From Rolling Stone." I really did. As someone who loves both indie music and writing about indie music, I was sure this would be the show for me. While other girls were busy discussing what Audrina did to whoever on "The Hills," I was sure that I'd be girlishly gushing over who used what clever metaphor to describe a Blonde Redhead album. Admittedly, I was hoping to see kids like myself—bookish, neurotic and well, "writerly." Sure not all writers are obsessive kooks, but I'd be willing to bet that a lot of the good ones are. And still, at very least I expected that the kids on "I'm From Rolling Stone" would, um, actually care about writing. So you can imagine my surprise when six telegenic twenty-somethings who would rather party and mug for the cameras than hone their writing skills sauntered into the *Rolling Stone* headquarters in designer jeans. What gives?

That's when I remembered that this wasn't Hunter S. Thompson's *Rolling Stone*. This was the new *Rolling Stone*, the one with Christina Aguilera humping a guitar on the cover (has anyone ever seen her play a guitar?) So of course it would be painfully obvious that the finalists were chosen not for their work ethic or flair for writing, but for their particular look. Boy, was it painful—dangling modifiers, syntax problems and comma splices like there was some kind of two-for-one sale at the bad grammar flea market. This was the best *Rolling Stone* could scrounge up? A blonde hottie who blows off assignments to party with Paris Hilton and insists on calling herself "Krystal Jagger." A college jock who admits to his editor that he writes all his stories while drunk. ("It shows," responds the editor.) I found myself thinking, "If I were good looking enough to get on that show..." just before trailing off, saddened because I knew I wasn't and irritated because I knew it mattered.

And if by some headshot mix-up, I did wind up as an intern on "I'm From Rolling Stone," I certainly wouldn't fumble responsibilities and complain half as much as those kids did. Russell, who actually has a good amount of raw talent, is completely incapable of doing anything on time. When Christina, the eventual winner, is asked to rewrite her first piece, she is furious. Being asked to turn in usable writing at a magazine? As if! These kids obviously think working at *Rolling Stone* will be an endless haze of cold kegs, cool parties and hot celebrities. They seem to be offended at the implication that they get real work done. Which is strange anyway, considering they aren't being asked to do that much work. After all, everyone knows interns get coffee, make copies and push papers. On what planet does this show unfold where interns get flown to Chicago to hang out with Lupe Fiasco and get their own byline on a story the very next day? Oh, planet MTV. The planet where "music television" means very little music and a show about music journalism that has very little to do with writing.



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JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I'm 19 and have been going out with my boyfriend for about three years. Lately, I've been getting attention from his older brother who's single and looks great. He's always teasing me and passing nice comments whenever we're around others. Sometimes he takes a long stare at me which makes me feel like he wants to tell me something but it also makes me very confused. By his behavior I found myself thinking of him constantly and wanting to look sexier whenever we're all going out together and whenever I go to their house—always refreshing my make-up and try to look and sound sexy. I suspect his brother (my boyfriend) is aware of this because sometimes he makes comments like "you two get on really well with each other" and so on. Can this behavior lead to ruining my relationship with his brother? Could it be he fancies me or am I just fantasizing? If so, how do I stop this? I love my boyfriend and do not wish to lose him.

Sincerely,
Just Wondering

Dear Wondering,

It sounds like you're doing a little more than wondering. You yourself claim to "fantasize" about the possibility that this hot older brother may be interested in you, so what it is that you really wonder about? It seems to me that you want to have your cake and eat it, too, but I assure you, it won't pay for you to go lusting after your boyfriend's bro. I know it seems innocent enough (not to mention convenient... can you say "keepin' it in the family?"), but if anything ever went too far, the fact that you might stray somehow (the lines people draw around the idea of fidelity vary, mind you), will crush him. They as brothers would probably never be the same again. Since you've been with this guy for so long I doubt that you can break it off with him and then date the brother. You may have to consider letting it all go. That choice will not be easy. Wait it out. The problem with love is that each of your lives are always changing, and sometimes that love doesn't change with it.

Good luck,
Jane

Pulse

{ Campus Scene }

Horoscopes:

Aries
The secret is revealed to you. Don't go blabbing it all over town. Use this slight advantage to get to the objective first.

Taurus
Your studies lead you past the scary stuff to a great discovery. Keep going, even after you really want to close the book.

Gemini
Be careful with the money you receive. Spend it on your own education. The more you learn, the more you impress the people you want to know.

Cancer
You've had almost too much work. Unfortunately, that was matched with not enough money. The latter is about to change.

Leo
Just because you're not saying much doesn't mean you're out of the game. You're figuring out the money and how to get everything you'll need. This is time well spent.

Virgo
Use your own family as motivation to finish a difficult task. Once it's done, you can all relax in the lap of luxury.

Libra
You can be either passive or assertive, as the situation warrants. Looks like passive works the best in these circumstances.

Scorpio
Important people are impressed by the quality of your work. Continue to provide what's needed quickly, and you will be richly rewarded.

Sagittarius
Your enthusiasm is boundless, and why not? You have superhuman charm and charisma. So, what are you going to be, do or have?

Capricorn
Might as well review your wins and losses now, while you're in the mood. It's always nice to know what you have, and what you don't.

Aquarius
It's OK to let somebody else solve some of your problems. You work on the big stuff, like global warming. Let somebody else do the laundry.

Pisces
There's more time to keep you busy and less time for contemplation. This trend is in force for most of this week. Get going, and make things happen.

Drink Recipes:

Plum-tini
2 cups shaved ice
2 cups vodka
1 cup plum wine

Frozen raspberries, for garnish
Fill a pitcher with shaved ice. Add the vodka and plum wine and stir well. Strain into martini glasses. Garnish with a handful of frozen raspberries in each glass. Serve immediately.

Teachino
2 herbal tea bags
1 cup milk
Bring one quart of cold water to a boil. Remove from the heat and add the tea bags. Steep until the whole pot is flavored, about three to five minutes.

While the tea is steeping, steam your milk. You can use the steam attachment on an espresso maker, a foamer, immersion blender, or a press. If using a foamer, immersion blender, or a press, the milk should be 100 degrees to properly foam. Pour a cup of tea, add the foamed milk on top, and serve.

Sen Saketini
4 ounces sake (recommended: Kaori)
2 ounces triple sec
Splash sour mix
Splash cranberry juice
Splash lime juice
Cucumber slice, for garnish

Pour all the ingredients into a shaker with ice. Shake it vigorously and pour into a chilled martini glass. Serve with a slice of cucumber. This drink is best for hot summer days at the sushi bar or poolside.

Please drink responsibly.

Savor a taste of the Orient



Students take time to learn steps in the traditional Japanese dance, Bon Odori, during last year's event.

Students, faculty are invited to learn about Japan's rich culture

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STAFF WRITER

We often get so caught up in our own culture that we forget the global community outside of the periphery that is just brimming with culture.

On Wednesday, April 4, ECU students and faculty will have an opportunity to learn about one of

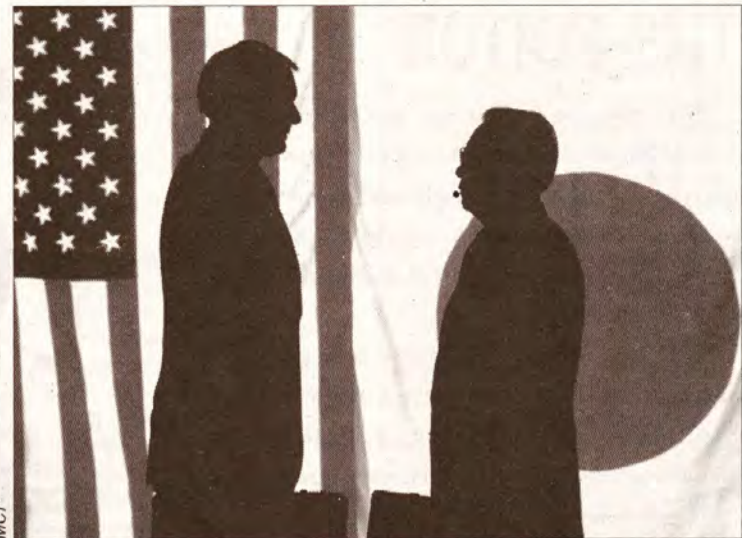
the most advanced cultures in the world, when the Japan Center East hosts the seminar titled "Work in Japan," which will be followed by a performance of the traditional Japanese dance, Bon Odori. This evening-long event will give the ECU community the ability to experience the traditions of a relatively unknown culture.

"Work in Japan," which will be held from 3:30 - 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Murphy Center, will provide information on both work opportunities in Japan and with Japanese companies in east-

ern North Carolina. The seminar will be followed by a light Japanese meal for all who attend.

The event will feature Scott Ralls, the president of Craven Community College, who spent several years in Japan following his graduation, and who has been instrumental in bringing Japanese companies into the professional landscape of eastern North Carolina.

Some may wonder why it is so important to build such strong professional and personal ties with the Japanese culture. Chikako Massey, director of the



Japan serves as a growing leader in the global business economy.

Japan Center East, explained the main reason for the growing link between America and Japan.

"Japan's economic impact on the United States is substantial," she said. "Japan is a major U.S. trade partner, with American companies exporting 11 billion dollars worth of goods to Japan each year," said Massey.

Furthermore, North Carolina is responsible for exporting 1.56 billion dollars worth, more than 10 percent of the total amount of goods. These facts clearly show why our economies are becoming increasingly connected, and why further business dealings are essential.

Beyond the economic reasons for working in Japan, those who participate have the opportunity to gain invaluable insights into one of the richest cultures in the world, and into the greater global community as a whole. Global awareness is such an

important mainstay in America, and it is important to begin to gain a greater understanding even as students. Julie Freeman, sophomore biology major, spoke of why global awareness is so relevant today.

"It is important to have a different perspective on issues than what is comfortable to us," she said. "That will allow us to be open-minded and be able to think more critically about what we hear on the news," said Freeman.

Massey spoke of the Japan Center East's mission in nurturing a greater awareness. "Our goal is to assist the students to grow into a more globally competent workforce."

Following the seminar will be the third annual Bon Odori, which is a traditional Japanese festival dance. The dance will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Everyone who

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PRSSA hosts care package drive

Giving for a cause

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

What could be better than gaining experience for future professions while donating to a great cause? That's exactly what the Public Relations Student Society of America here at ECU is planning to do both this week while collecting donations for their spring community service project.

The organization will be collaborating with the North Carolina chapter of Give2TheTroops in order to create packages that include essentials such as toiletries, snacks, recreation items, cards and letters of support and any items that particular troop requests or needs.

PRSSA is an organization that was created to assist students interested in pursuing the field of public relations. Formed in 1968, the PRSSA hopes to "develop highly qualified, well-prepared professionals," through enhancing their understanding of their major. Chapters of the organization throughout the country also plan service projects, giving back to their community that has already given them so much.

"North Carolina is a large military state, with bases like Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune," said Kristy Kennedy, secretary of the PRSSA and public relations major, "and we felt this would help touch all of the students at ECU."

Everything from dental floss to hand lotion and Pop Tarts to

Ramen noodles, will be gladly accepted. Students should not, however, bring anything packaged in glass or that can melt, such as chocolate. Flammable objects such as aerosol cans and lighters should be left at home.

There will also be a contest for the student who donates the most beef jerky.

"Beef jerky is one of the sought after things the soldiers enjoy having over seas. They can't really gamble with real money and instead substitute beef jerky," Kennedy said.

The items donated help the troops with many of the most basic necessities that some students take for granted. As such, students should not be discouraged and should give what they can. Monetary donations are also accepted, as each package costs \$12 - 18 in shipping.

"The troops in many deployed areas do not have access to a store and cannot purchase items [they need]," said Barbara Whitehead, a representative of Give2TheTroops, "care packages are the only way to get toiletries and snacks."

Two booths will be in place tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both the Joyner Breezeway and Wright Place, collecting donations. Those who are unsure whether or not something can be donated can e-mail Kennedy at kak0217@ecu.edu.

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PRSSA members volunteer during the American Heart Association Gala this past weekend.

Items that can be donated:

Q tips
Dental floss
Individual packs of tissues
Magazines (less than four months old, new/used)
Lip balm
Baby powder
Pop tarts
Ramen noodles
Comic book
Eye drops

Cross word puzzles or any other puzzles
Travel size games (uno, etc.)
Playing cards
Tuna/chicken in pouches
Bag of gum or hard candy
Sunflower seeds/pumpkin seeds
Trail Mix/ Raisins
Box of plastic utensils
Package of plastic plates
Bottle of vitamins (any kind)
Batteries "AA" and "C"
Box of feminine hygiene products

Box of granola bars
Paper back books (new or used)
Box of fruit roll-ups/gushers, etc
Box of combo small, individual cereals
Box of dryer fabric sheets
DVDs (new or used)
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X Box, PS2 games
Disposable cameras
Board game

Do NOT bring: Glass, Aerosol Cans/Sprays, Lighters, Chocolate, Hotel Samples, Hardback Books

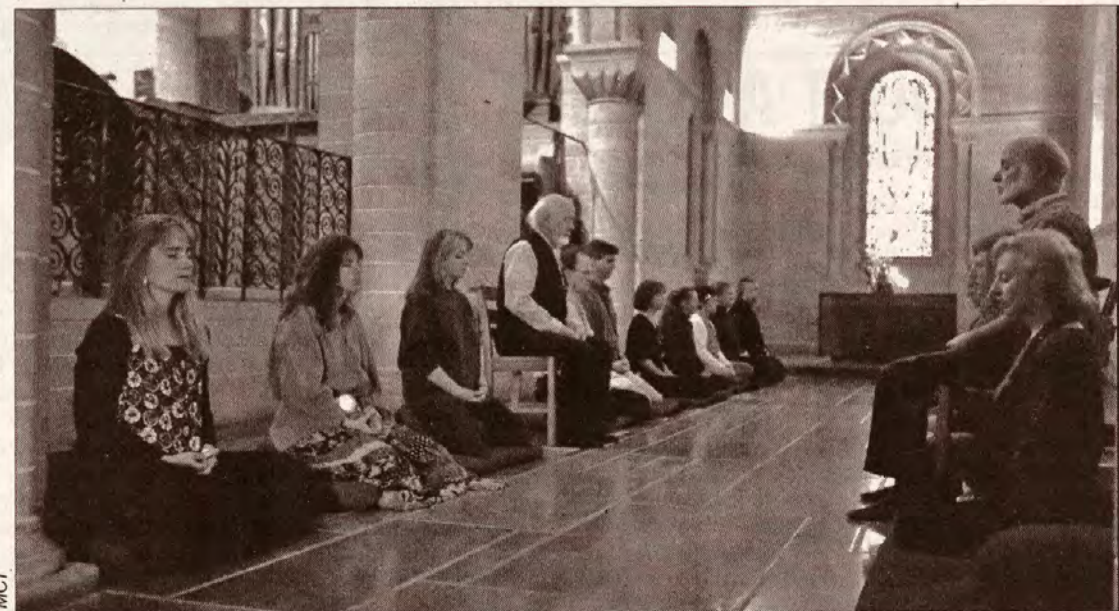
Embark on the path of enlightenment

A look at modern Buddhism

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

It is intrinsically obvious that a majority of the world is currently engaged in some form of brutal conflict or another. While some are fueled by sophomoric personal differences, most are deeply rooted in vast theological disparities. While many religions preach messages of intolerance and hate, Buddhism has for thousands of years taught a message of compassion and love, of oneness and knowledge and of an ideal that humans so seldom realize: Peace.

Buddhism, one of the world's oldest religions and also one of the very few godless religions, was started 2,400 - 2,500 years ago by Buddha. Buddha was a prince who would have lived an opulent life of privilege but instead chose to pursue a life of what he considered to have aesthetic meaning. Buddha renounced his nobility



Zen meditation is practiced by a variety of Buddhists around the world as a form of disciplined prayer.

and traveled throughout India living among forest dwellers, called aesthetes, where he shared his experiences.

Today, Buddhism is the unifying religion of eastern Asia and

worldwide there are an estimated 300 - 400 million Buddhists.

According to Dr. Derek Maher, professor of religious studies, Buddhism is comprised of four central ideals known as the "Four Noble

Truths," which were central teachings of Buddha.

The first noble truth is that "all is suffering." To Buddhists there are three types of suffering, suffering of change which

is best described as the feeling of buying a new car and then kicking yourself after thinking about how much money you spent, suffering of suffering which is physical pain, and suffering of pervasive conditioning in which a person does evil things in their present life, in their next life they will come back as something they would definitely prefer not to be.

The second noble truth is that "desire causes suffering," such as lusting after another person and ultimately being caught when you are already in a wonderful relationship.

The third noble truth is called "true cessations." This has to do with bringing suffering to an end and reaching Nirvana. Nirvana is described as the end of all suffering and the achievement of oneness with Buddha, essentially ending reincarnation. The final noble truth deals with the "true paths" of Buddhism. The true paths are designed to end craving by way of

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attends the dance will be invited to learn the simple steps, so as to join in with the festivities.

Not only will the participants be able to experience the culture through the dance, but the will also be exposed to both the traditional and contemporary Japanese music which will accompany it.

"The Bon Odori is backed by 500 years of history, but we are still able to make it enjoyable for everyone and anyone," Massey said. "It is truly a hands-on cultural experience. Everyone who has come before has enjoyed it."

The cost of attending just the

seminar is \$15 (which will include dinner), and the cost of attending just the Bon Odori is \$8. The cost for both of the events is \$20. The registration deadline for "Work in Japan" is Thursday, March 29. To register, go online to ecu.edu/japancentereast and click on "Upcoming Events."

Treat yourself to a cultural experience unlike any others that have been offered, and begin the steps toward a greater global awareness.

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the "eight-fold noble path."

Translated, the path deals with positive speech, no drugs or violence, a decent and honest job, focus, mindfulness as Buddhists believe people misunderstand the world because of selfishness, effort, good intentions and wisdom.

To truly consider oneself a Buddhist, Dr. Maher said that, "one must truly believe and live by the Four Noble Truths and practice fervent meditation and prayer."

Meditation is essentially very focused and disciplined prayer. It has often confounded medical scientists and psychologists about the power that meditation has. It has been documented that Buddhist monks can use meditation to slow their heartbeat down to one beat a minute and slow their breathing to extraordinarily low levels.

Like Christianity, Buddhism comes in many diverse forms both regionally and idealistically. Japanese Buddhism and Tibetan Buddhism, to which the majority of the world is familiar with, are very different even though the regions aren't geographically far away.

Ideologically there are two main schools of Buddhism, Mahayana and Theravada. Mahayana preaches compassion and wisdom whereas Theravada has less concern for compassion and instead focuses on the betterment of life through the betterment of oneself.

Other smaller schools include Karmapa and Geluk. Buddhism, like Christianity, Judaism and Islam, has holy sites to which millions of followers make a pilgrimage to each year. Bodhjaya is the most important of the holy sites, Buddha's birthplace is Nepal,

Sarnath is where Buddha first taught the Four Noble Truths, and his death place in Kushinagar, India.

Followers also visit monasteries around the world as Buddhism is a monastic religion. Buddhism has no central leader. Many people are familiar with the Dalai Lama, the leader of the Tibetan Buddhist region. However, he is only a quasi-leader of Tibetan Buddhism and has no authority anywhere else. An interesting fact about the Dalai Lama is that he is believed to be reincarnated from 13 other Dalai Lamas that all were reincarnated from a single man 600 years ago.

Students interested in Buddhism are welcome to visit Greenville's Buddhist group. The group, ran by Greenville resident Bonnie Snyder, was founded in 1983 and meets weekly on Wednesdays for prayer and meditation and sometimes on Sundays for special sessions. The group is committed to helping the inexperienced become practicing Buddhists and ultimately through an official declaration ceremony.

According to Snyder, the group "teaches compassionate action towards others and the fundamental principles of love and kindness." The group follows the Karmapa school of Buddhism which focuses on prayer, meditation and yoga. Meetings are open to anyone interested. More information can be found at the group's Web site, kagyulineage/centers/usa/usa-gr.php.

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Wins in a row for the ECU baseball team, which is the longest current winning streak in the entire nation; ECU had the second-longest streak after its sweep of Memphis this past weekend but the Missouri Tigers lost to the Nebraska Cornhuskers 16-1 on Sunday, snapping its winning streak of 14 and giving the Pirates the longest current streak in the nation; the ECU school record for consecutive wins is 19, set by the 2004 team that also holds the school record for wins in a season with 51

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No-hitters for ECU softball pitcher Toni Paisley in the month of March; Paisley recorded her second career no-hitter last Thursday as she over UNC Greensboro, striking out 11 while allowing no hits in seven innings; the freshman from Lakewood, California also pitched a perfect game on March 3 against Binghamton; Paisley currently has a 9-3 record and has given up just 18 earned runs in 85 innings pitched this season

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The Memphis baseball team's national RPI ranking prior to this past weekend; after ECU swept Memphis decisively, the Tigers dropped to No. 28 while the Pirates jumped from No. 33 to No. 22; since the NCAA doesn't release official RPI rankings throughout the season, these rankings are according to boydsworld.com, which produces the most respectable pseudo-RPI rankings in college baseball

Pirate offense explodes in first conference series

ECU has the longest current winning streak in the nation

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The last time an ECU baseball team was 19-6 after 25 games, its season ended one step away from Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series.

After a dominating sweep of Conference USA foe Memphis this past weekend, the 2007 Pirates have a 19-6 record and are ranked 19th in the nation.

"Our guys are playing really well," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin. "I can't say anything that would even come close to how good I feel about how we are playing right now."

The 2004 Pirates were the closest an ECU baseball team has ever gotten the College World Series as they lost in the Super Regional round of the NCAA tournament. That team also holds the school record winning streak of 19 games. This year's Pirates now have the nation's longest current winning streak, at 13.

"We're really clicking on all cylinders right now and it's important for us to continue this," Godwin said. "It will be tough to do that but it's really important because right now we have a lot of confidence and are playing well."

The Pirates trailed 10-4 heading into the bottom of the sixth of Friday's game against Memphis, but scored eight runs in the final three innings to win the game 12-10. Sophomore Drew Schieber and Junior Dale Mollenhauer led the charge as they combined for three home runs and seven of the eight RBIs in the comeback. Schieber collected his first multi-home run game of his career as he blasted a three-run homer in the sixth and a solo shot in the eighth.

"I'm not really a home run hitter but I got a good pitch to hit on the first one [home run] and on the second one I was just trying to

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The ECU baseball team is catching all the right breaks during its 13-game winning streak, but against Memphis the Pirates didn't need any help.

Baseball America Top 25

Rank	Team	W-L	Last Week	Previous
1.	South Carolina	21-4	4-1	2
2.	Florida State	26-1	3-1	3
3.	Vanderbilt	23-3	2-2	1
4.	Oregon State	22-3	2-0	4
5.	Virginia	22-5	3-1	5
6.	North Carolina	22-4	4-1	7
7.	Arkansas	19-7	3-1	9
8.	Rice	22-9	2-2	8
9.	Texas	19-8	3-1	10
10.	Wichita State	21-5	5-0	11
11.	Clemson	15-7	1-3	6
12.	Pepperdine	19-8	2-1	12
13.	Cal St. Fullerton	15-10	2-1	13
14.	Oklahoma State	19-6	2-1	14
15.	Coastal Carolina	23-3	4-0	15
16.	Arizona State	21-8	2-1	17
17.	Oklahoma	20-7	3-1	20
18.	Texas A&M	22-5	2-2	16
19.	East Carolina	19-6	4-0	22
20.	San Diego	21-10	2-1	21
21.	Mississippi	18-8	3-1	23
22.	Kentucky	23-2	3-0	25
23.	Long Beach St.	13-9	1-2	18
24.	UC Irvine	19-5	0-0	24
25.	USC	17-12	1-3	19

C-USA Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
East Carolina	3	0	19	6
Tulane	3	0	19	7
Houston	3	0	14	12
Rice	2	1	19	9
Southern Miss	1	2	17	8
UAB	0	0	12	13
Marshall	0	3	14	8
Memphis	0	3	14	9
UCF	0	3	14	13

Pirates continue climb in national polls

(SID)—Fresh off a sweep of Conference USA foe Memphis, the ECU baseball team cracked the top 20 in the latest Baseball America poll at No. 19 and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll at No. 20.

The Pirates, who are 19-6 and winners of their last 13 games, moved up three spots this week in the Baseball America poll, three

places in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll and one spot in the Collegiate Baseball Poll (No. 21) and Rivals.com poll (No. 23).

No. 19 ECU will host in-state rival UNC Wilmington Wednesday night at 7 p.m. before hitting the road for the first time since Feb. 16, when it travels to Tulane for a three-game C-USA series.

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Home games in a row for the ECU men's tennis team after it plays at Richmond this Thursday; the Pirates will start the home stand this Saturday when they host Campbell and will enjoy three more home games until their final away match, April 11 at Elon

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Strokes for the ECU men's golf team after two rounds of play at the Furman Intercollegiate this past weekend, which put them in first place heading into the final round on Sunday; the Pirates couldn't maintain the lead as they shot a 303 on Sunday, giving them a fifth place finish of 884; Virginia Tech won the event as they finished with a final score of 873

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That the ECU baseball team outscored Memphis this past weekend after trailing 10-4 going into the bottom of the sixth of Friday's game; The Pirates scored eight runs to win Friday's game 12-10, blew out the Tigers 12-0 on Saturday and dominated Memphis again on Sunday, winning 11-1; ECU also shut-out Memphis for 17 straight innings after allowing eight runs in the sixth inning of Friday's game

THEY SAID IT

"Memphis is a team that was picked to finish right above us [in C-USA] so we talked about coming into this series and putting them behind us. You do that by winning the series and sweeping them, so to do that against a good club is very important."
-ECU head baseball coach Billy Godwin

Pirates sweep doubleheader against the Spartans

Winning streak extends to four

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The ECU softball team played in a doubleheader against in-state rival UNC Greensboro on March 22, sweeping both games. ECU (24-8) took a 2-1 win from behind in the first game over UNC Greensboro.

Pitcher and senior captain Keli Harrell (13-4) gave up three in the first inning, which led to the Spartans only run of the game. Freshman Charina Summer tied the game in the fourth with a homerun sent into right field.

ECU went ahead for good in the sixth when Christina Merrida led the inning off with a pinch-hit single. Merrida advanced to second with a sacrifice bunt by Kaii Tom. Summer moved Merrida to third with a single sent to center field. Jessica Johnson's sacrifice fly scored Merrida from third.

While not walking a single batter, Harrell added eight strikeouts to her record in the first game, as she continues to be the Conference USA all-time strikeout leader. She now has an astounding 886 strikeouts in her career and looks to set a mark never to be



The ECU softball team used some stellar defense to beat in-state rival UNCG in a double header sweep.

matched. In the second game, pitcher Toni Paisley tossed a no-hitter against the Spartans. Joyce Rodenburg gave the Pirates their first run of the game with a solo shot in the fifth inning. It was her second homer of this season.

ECU provided some insurance runs with an effective sixth inning.

Paige Baggett started the inning by getting on base. Baggett then was brought home on an Erin St. Ledger double.

Keeping the inning alive, Vanessa Moreno brought home pinch

runner Tiffany Shaw with a shot to center field.

The runs sealed the victory for the Pirates, as ECU won in solid fashion, 3-0.

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ECU men's tennis loses to College of Charleston

Pirates fall to ranked opponent

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

On Sunday afternoon, the Pirates (6-10) got a lesson in Charleston from 74th ranked College of Charleston (12-1). The Cougars suffered only one loss to ECU, which took place during the No. 6 slot, as the final score for the day was 6-1. Sam McSpadden of ECU defeated Steven Meyers of CoC 6-7 (8), 6-2, 1-0 (1) in a very long and heated match.

"They're just a really solid team," said ECU Head Coach Shawn Heinchon. "We didn't play poorly today, but we have to do a better job in tighter or more crucial times. We have to play better and raise our level if we're ever going to be closer or beat teams like this."

The Cougars put forth a sweep of ECU in doubles play. The tandem of Omer Abramovich and Perry Allen opened up doubles with a defeat of freshmen Sam McSpadden and Bryan Oakley 8-4. CoC won the doubles point when Justin Malina and Jimmy Petit won a similar match 8-4 against ECU's Matt Peeler and Brian Walters at the No. 3 position.

Pirate sophomore Aleksey Kuchetov and freshman Stephen Whitwell battled against the Cougar's No. 1 pairing of Dekel and Marcos DiGliodo, but lost 8-5, allowing CoC to sweep doubles play.

ECU didn't fair any better in the singles matches, as it lost all but one match. The Cougars jumped out to an early lead, 3-0, by Malina beating Peeler at the No. 4 slot (6-2, 6-1) and Dekel winning against Kuchetov at the No. 1 (6-4, 6-1).

CoC won the team event. DiGliodo won 6-3, 6-3 in his defeat of Oakley at the No. 2 slot. At the No. 3 position Abramovich got the best of Whitwell (6-4, 6-4), before Allen defeated Walters (6-4, 6-4) at the No. 5 match.

"Consistently we're in matches, we're just not winning the close points when it's four all or five all," Heinchon said. "Part of the education process of our new guys is that they just have to get a little bit tougher at some crucial times and win a set and put the pressure on the other guy."

The Pirates hit the road Thursday when they travel to Richmond, Va. to play against the Richmond Spiders, but return home soon afterwards to play five of their remaining six games in the comfort of the ECU Tennis Complex.

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Schieber led the Pirates to a 12-10 comeback victory over Memphis Friday night as he recorded his first multi-home run game of his career.

Schieber hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and a solo home run in the eighth, accounting for half of the team RBIs after they fell behind 10-4.

The utility-infielder from Blue Springs, Mo. went 5-for-10 on the weekend with four RBIs and four runs scored.

He now leads the Pirates in batting average (.389), slugging percentage (.611), on-base percentage (.459) and stolen bases (7)

"We're on a good roll right now and we have a lot of confidence so we told ourselves not to quit and the game is never over, that's the game of baseball."
- Drew Schieber after Friday's win

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Moreno has been in a severe slump all season but seems to be breaking out as of late. She provided a key leadoff triple in the second game of a double-header sweep of Akron last week.

"The past two weeks I've just been working on my pitches. I've been trying to make them more tempting to batters, so that if I miss a pitch, I miss it in a good place," said Pais-

ley in regards to her no-hitter. "I'm happy we won and I'm happy we're still winning," said Rodenburg.

Head Coach Tracey Kee stressed the importance of winning games against in-state foes. The Pirates travel to Raleigh on Wednesday to play N.C. State, with this double header serving as a good warm up for a formidable Wolfpack team.

"Both of these wins against in-state rivals are very important. You want to have the bragging rights, and now we do," said head coach Tracey Kee. The Pirates, 17-3 at home, return to Greenville on Saturday for a doubleheader against Tulsa beginning at 1 p.m.


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The Pirates got some clutch hits from up and down the batting lineup in the sweep.

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battle and get something started, and it just happened to go over [the wall]," Schieber said after Friday's thrilling win.

Mollenhauer's home run came in the bottom of the eighth as he belted a three-run game-winning shot that capped the Pirates' comeback.

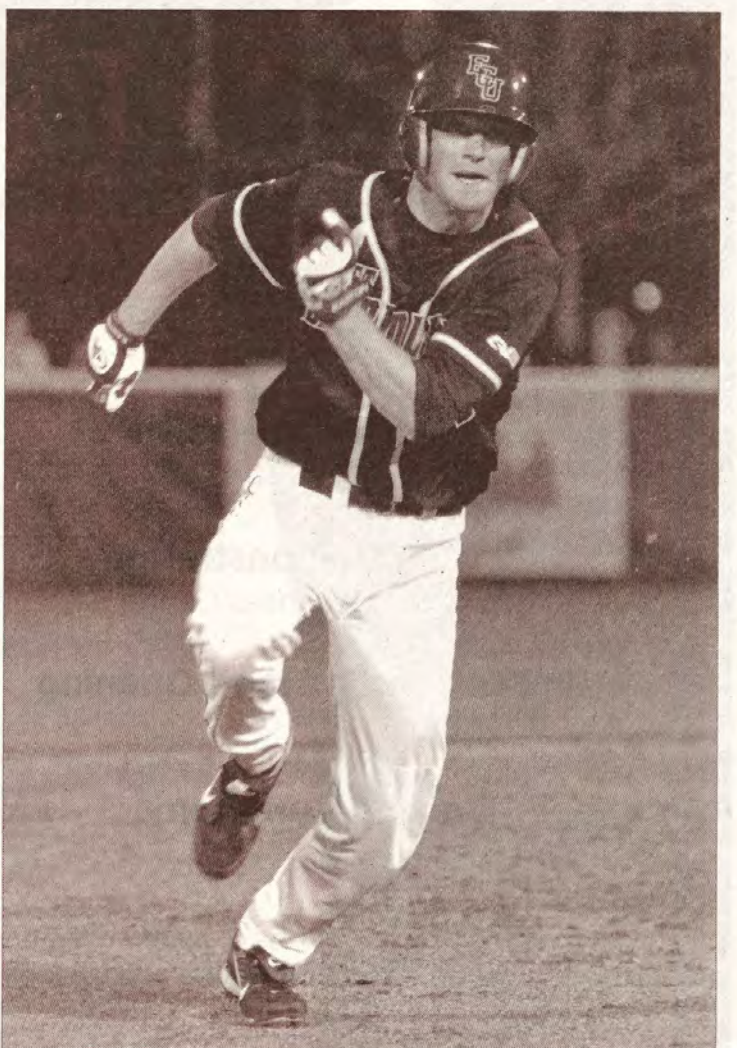
"The most important thing is that our players didn't quit," said Godwin. "If our character was exposed tonight you saw what our character is about. To be down 10-4 and come from behind against a club like Memphis is a great win and gives us a lot of momentum."

The Pirates used that momentum the rest of the weekend as they dominated the Tigers, beating them 12-0 on Saturday and 11-1 on Sunday.

"Baseball is such a game of momentum and we talked about seizing it and not giving it back to them," Godwin said after Sunday's win. "I think we did a good job of that and they never recaptured any momentum after Friday night once we seized it."

ECU got another strong performance from sophomore Josh Dowdy as he continues to flourish as the Pirates' Sunday starting pitcher. Dowdy has stepped into the role since projected starter Jeff Ostrander went down with an elbow injury. The Pirates haven't lost a game on Sunday with Dowdy as the starting pitcher, as he has only allowed a total of five runs in his three Sunday starts.

"I was going to be the mid-week starter but I've slid into the Sunday role since Jeff [Ostrander] has gone down and I'm just trying to go out and perform and pitch deep into games," said Dowdy. "The offense is doing really well and it makes everybody look good when the



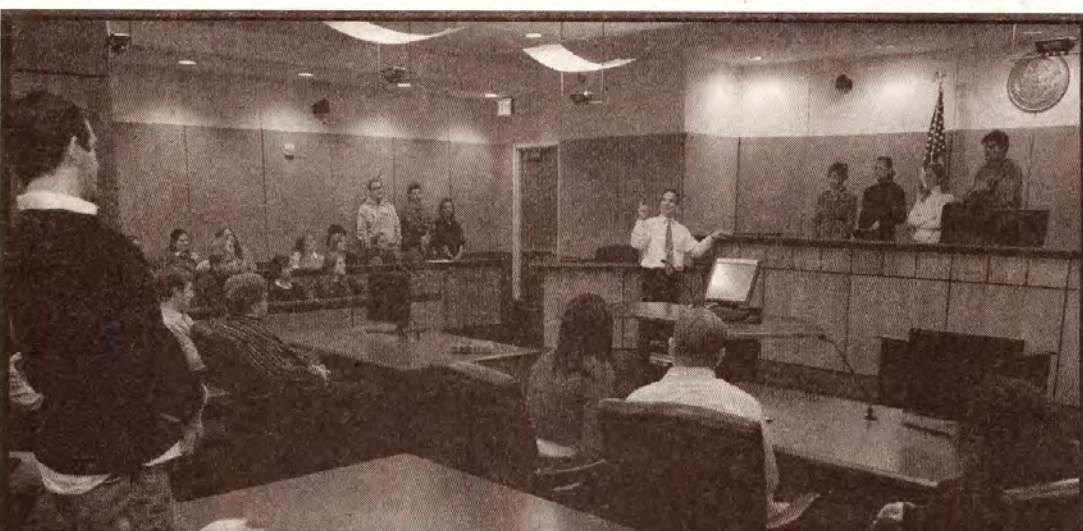
Harrison Eldridge and the Pirates were running all over the Tigers.

offense is doing that, so it's just a different day and a little different preparation but it's still just going out there and pitching."

The ECU offense has been doing well, as it has scored 47 runs in its last four games. The Pirates will look to continue their offensive success and extend their nation-long winning streak as they host in-state rival UNC Wilmington tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

"You can tell we're a special team because every game somebody else steps up," said the Pirates home run and RBI leader Ryan Tousley. "That's a sign of a good team and as long we keep doing that we're going to be fine."

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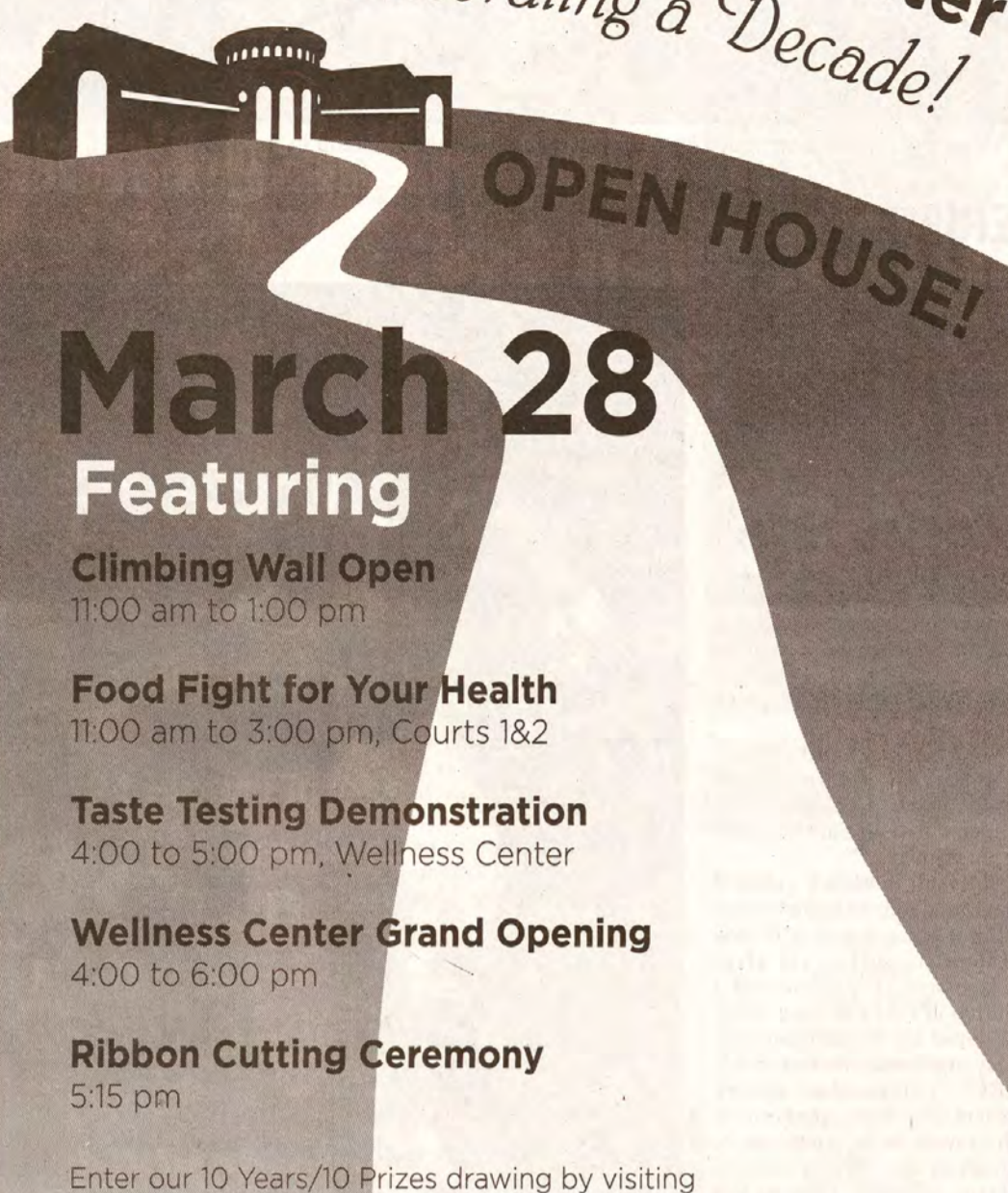


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to take part in this opportunity or to learn more about the survey.

ECU CLIMATE SURVEY HOTLINE - Your call will be confidential and anonymous. Trained operators are available to give help completing the survey and answering questions Monday through Friday 11am-3pm.

Call 328-5738 or 328- 5739 or 328-5740



Fall 2007 Registration Using Banner

10 Steps to Registration with Banner (more tutorials available on www.thisisbanner.com)

Step 1: Log into OneStop with PirateID and Passphrase and select the Banner link from Tools page.

Step 2: Select the Student and Financial Aid link then select the Registration link.

Step 3: Select the Add or Drop Classes link. Enter your Registration PIN from your advisor and select correct term and at the bottom, select the Class Search link for courses. (Graduate Students have no Registration PIN Number)
(For Undergraduate Students: Add a "0" in front of your 5-digit summer registration code for your Banner Registration Pin)

Step 4: Choose the subject for which you are looking. You can choose to enter a course number, choose instructional method, instructor, time and/or day.

Step 5: Once you have entered your information, select the Class Search link at the bottom. This returns a list of all courses meeting the criterion you entered. Select the section you want by checking the box next to that section.

Step 6: After checking the appropriate section, scroll to the bottom and select the Register link.

Step 7: You will be taken back to your schedule to view it with the new class added. If there were any errors (pre-requisite, co-requisite, other restrictions) the error would display with your schedule and the course will not be added.

Step 8: Repeat steps 3-7 to add additional classes.

Step 9: To Drop classes, from your Schedule Page pull the drop-down menu beside the course you wish to drop and select ****Web Dropped****.

Step 10: At the bottom, select the Submit Changes link and the course will be removed from your schedule.

When registration is completed, be sure to completely exit out of the Banner system in order to prevent others from accessing your Banner account.

Fall 2007 Registration Days

	8:00	9:30	11:00	2:00	3:30
Thursday, March 22	Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students; Teaching Fellows, Nurse Scholars, Honors Students Students with 140+ hours	Students with 128-139+ hours	Students with 121-127+ hours	Students with 116-120+ hours	Students with 112-115+ hours
Friday, March 23	Students with 108-111+ hours	Students with 103-107+ hours	Students with 98-102+ hours	Students with 93-97+ hours	Students with 88-92+ hours
Monday, March 26	Students with 83-87+ hours	Students with 79-82+ hours	Students with 75-78+ hours	Students with 71-74+ hours	Students with 67-70+ hours
Tuesday, March 27	Students with 62-66+ hours	Students with 56-61+ hours	Students with 51-55+ hours	Students with 47-50+ hours	Students with 45-46+ hours
Wednesday, March 28	Students with 42-44+ hours	Students with 38-41+ hours	Students with 30-37+ hours	Students with 20-29+ hours	Students with 17-19+ hours
Thursday, March 29	Students with 16+ hours	Students with 15+ hours	Students with 13-14+ hours	Students with 10-12+ hours	Students with 0+ hours

Banner Help

Whichard Bldg. Welcome Desk: 328-6524

Student Help Desk: 328-9866

DE Courses: Continuing Studies at 328-9206

From March 22– 29 find help in the following locations:

Learning Resource Center, 2160 Health Sciences Building

Laupus Library Lab, 2502 Health Sciences Building

Aycock Hall Lab

White Hall Lab

Mendenhall Lab, Basement

Anthropology Lab, 214 Flanagan Building

Austin Lab, 104 Austin Building

TECS Computer Lab, 107 Rawl Building

Kim Lab, D213 Brewster Building

Joyner Library

CHE Lab, 139 Rivers Building

Student PC Lab, 241 Speight Building

Sports Medicine Lab, 244 Ward Building

Rehabilitation Studies, 4425Q Health Sciences Building

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