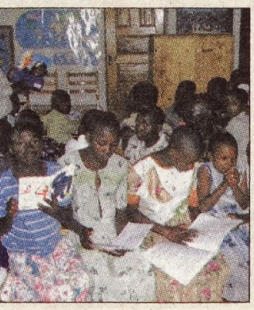
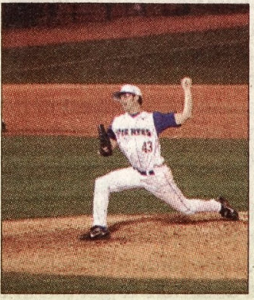


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## Impeachment process begins despite ASG nomination

### SGA president now candidate for UNCASG president

SARAH BELL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

M. Cole Jones, Student Government Association president, garnered a nomination for president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments for 2007-2008 during the associa-

tion's general assembly meeting Saturday.

Yesterday, however, ECU's SGA began proceedings to impeach Jones.

According to the impeachment document introduced yesterday by Daniel Spuller, chair of the graduate student advisory committee and Ryan Wiggins, chair of the screenings and appointments committee, and witnessed by Jon Massachi, speaker of congress, Jones is being "impeached for

violating the SGA Oath of Office, for violating the Student Code of Conduct, and for being arraigned in offenses violating the law of the state of North Carolina."

"The main reason we decided to do this is because I had students come up to me and say that I need to do something about this because the image of the school was in jeopardy," said Spuller. "I felt like I had a moral responsibility to make sure students' voices are represented."

"Any ECU student can file to impeach an officer [of SGA], and Daniel Spuller and Ryan Wiggins, two senior members of SGA, decided he [Jones] broke the oath of office," said Matthew Cohen, congress member and member of the rules and judiciary committee. "They felt he violated the section that calls to promote the highest ideals of integrity, and that prompted the hearing."

Jones was issued a resignation request by members of congress

yesterday prior to the impeachment proceedings, but declined to take action.

Jones could not be reached for additional comment prior to the publication of this article.

Although impeachment proceedings have begun, the rules and judiciary committee has temporarily postponed voting on the issue.

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## Protest ends peaceably

### College Republicans, BSU members make plans for future forum

ELIZABETH LAUTEN  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Morals Week concluded Friday with Anti-Affirmative Action Day, hosted by the College Republicans, which was protested by members of ECU's Black Student Union.

"We see [affirmative action] as one of the top issues on campus. The university tends to put a lot of emphasis on other events like Diversity Week... even so far as to sponsor a drag show... we [College Republicans] were left out... so we decided to take on a diversity issue during Morals Week," said Dustin Pittman, administrative vice chairman of the N.C. Federation of College Republicans.

Stemming from the 1950s and 1960s, affirmative action refers to the specific steps taken to eliminate discrimination in employment, education and contracting by institutions and businesses that choose to abide by its policies. To help explain affirmative action, the College Republicans hosted an on-traditional bake sale. There, they sold cookies that all appeared similar, but were priced differently based upon their labels. Cookies were labeled as follows: "under-represented minorities," \$1 "black female," \$1.50, "black male," \$2, "white female," \$2.50 and "white male," \$3.

The bake sale was used as a tool to represent how the College Republicans view affirmative action, where one's value is determined by the color of the skin.



Students gather as representatives from College Republicans and the BSU debate affirmative action.

"The bake sale idea... it's done at a number of college campuses to show students what affirmative action is," Pittman said. "We thought it would be a good idea to do here... it's something I've wanted to do for a couple of years, I just never had the opportunity."

With the event came much controversy. The Baptist Student Union, the NAACP, the Muslim Student Association and the ECU Gospel Choir all attended in protest.

"I would estimate 12 College Republicans and 60 - 75 BSU members [were present] for the

protest," said Pittman.

"We wanted to show that affirmative action is relevant in our community and it was not just based on race, that it was also geared toward helping minorities as well as females. We also felt the College Republicans' views upon affirmative action were unfair toward many of the minority students in general," said Michele McKenzie, BSU secretary. "We hoped to accomplish bringing everyone on campus knowledge about what affirmative action really is, and to bring another side to the issue so that everyone could

hear opinions from both sides."

Friday's Anti-Affirmative Action Day ended on a high note, with a handshake between the College Republicans and BSU, and plans to meet in the future to discuss the idea further.

"We're working with Patrick Dixon, BSU president and Dustin Robinson to come up with a public forum where both sides are able to present their ideas in a more formal setting. A debate type deal," Pittman said.

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## Students compete to serve

### Service North Carolina wraps up

ADELINE TRENTO  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, ECU competed with the 15 other UNC campuses in a week-long community service challenge.

Service North Carolina, which was sponsored locally by SGA and the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, kicked off on March 26 with a blood drive outside of Wright Place.

"Service North Carolina is a week long event that brings the 16 universities together to do community service," said Jennifer Montgomery, chairperson of the Service North Carolina Planning Committee. "It's a little challenge to see what university can get the most volunteer hours and have bragging rights for the rest of the year."

To help students participate and get involved, many service activities were offered throughout the week.

Students had the opportunity to work with animals at the Pitt County Humane Society, watch March Madness with residents at the Carolina House Assisted Living Center and work with children at the ECU Youth Arts Festival.

"We tried to vary the opportunities that were scheduled for the week," said Jason Denius, director of the ECU Volunteer and Service-Learning Center. "We wanted to give students the chance to participate in a variety of different volunteer activities and we wanted the activities to appeal to a lot of people."

Several events were also scheduled to get males involved with Service North Carolina.

"We tend to see more women volunteers than men," Denius said. "As a strong male volunteer myself,

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## Nominations made in congress meeting



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### Addressed topics were approved

KIMBERLY BELLAMY  
SENIOR WRITER

Congress members approved organizations, resolutions, a new judiciary board and leadership members at the meeting on Monday night.

The first topic of discussion was nominating congress members for awards that will be given out at their SGA Banquet on April 13 at Rock Springs.

Awards that will be given include congress member of the

year, committee chair or co-chair of the year and legislation of the year.

Some of the legislation considered for the award include the grading appeal policy, the resolution against plus/minus grading scale and no smoking at the River building.

There were 10 legislation resolutions listed on the ballot that could win the award.

The results of the award winners will be announced at the banquet and at the following congress meeting for members who decide not to attend the banquet, according to Jon Massachi, speaker of the congress.

Five new organizations were presented to congress as new organizations by Ashley Yopp, congress member.

These organizations were Colleges Against Cancer, Books All Around, East Carolina English Education Club, National Student Speech Organization and College of Nursing Student Graduate Organizations.

After Yopp provided the members with a brief summary of each organization's purpose, congress approved all five organizations.

Congress also approved new judicial board members and leadership nominees for the judicial board.

Two resolutions were discussed in congress and pre-

sented by Regina Twine, congress member.

The first resolution was to change the current policy of charging students for official transcripts.

The resolution proposes that the registrar should not charge for the first two transcripts.

"If you needed 10 transcripts, regardless of the circumstances, you would have to pay \$5 per transcript," Twine said.

A suggestion made by a congress member was to not charge students for any of the official transcripts.

"[We] don't want people to ask for a substantial amount of transcripts," replied Twine to that suggestion.

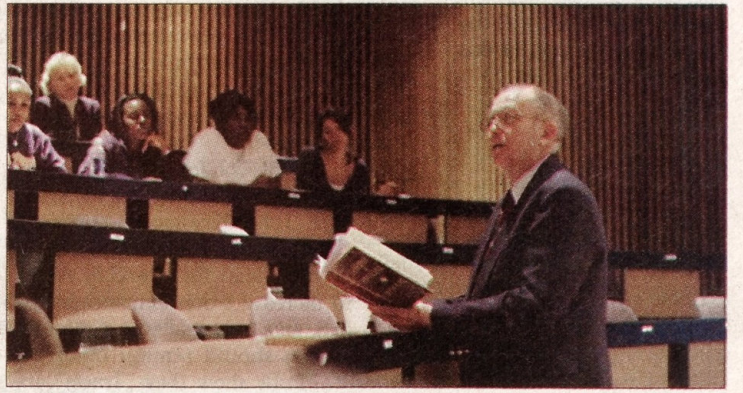
The last resolution was to change the type of toiletry that the university provides students.

The resolution was approved by congress to discontinue having one-ply toilet paper and start using two-ply toilet paper.

The reasoning presented in this resolution was to make the students feel more comfortable and that this was the standard convention of most homes.

To find out more about SGA, visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga or call the office at 328-4742.

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Former U.S. House representative Roger Sharpe talks about his memoir.

## Former House Rep talks about memoirs

### Sharpe is ECU alum

ZACK HILL  
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Former U.S. House representative Roger Sharpe came to Bate 1032 Thursday night to talk about life, politics and his new memoir, *Ceremony of Innocence*.

The book follows his early years in Sandy Springs, N.C., a small town near Winston-Salem, through his years in Washington, D.C. as the representative for North Carolina's fifth district.

Sharpe received a criminal justice degree from ECU.

"I'm glad to be back because I'm an alumnus," Sharpe said.

Sharpe said that early on in life his eyes were open to the problems of racism that were prevalent in many rural times in the South.

Sharpe said he was concerned about many of the problems facing

the country today.

"There is a great divide in American society, politically and religiously," Sharpe. "My concern is what can any of us do that can be reconciling? What would bring people together?"

Sharpe returned briefly to ECU at one point to teach creative writing and religious studies.

He had some encouraging words for the students on hand.

"Realize that within your circle of friends and family and within your resources, you too can grasp life and its gifts for yourself," Sharpe said.

Recently Sharpe has been on the road, debating the issue of origin and evolution far right leaning pastors.

Sharpe himself is a devout Christian though he says on the-

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# News

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## CORRECTIONS

The *East Carolinian* is dedicated to accurate reporting and will correct errors published in the paper.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### "Real Talk" with Jonathan Perry

April 17  
Hendrix Theatre, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
This nationally renowned speaker will discuss how HIV/AIDS has impacted his life as a college student, a man and an African-American who is openly Gay. The event is open to all students and the public.

### History Day Competition April 4

Mendenhall Student Center Middle school and senior high contestants from schools in N.C. Education District will compete in seven contest categories. The Pitt County Historical Society provides plaques in recognition of the winning schools in each of the categories. District contest winners advance to the State History Day competition to be held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh on April 28; state winners go to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland at College Park in June. All day event.

### Scholar of African history April 18

Science and Technology Building Room C-309  
A leading scholar and historian, Michael A. Gomez, of the African Diaspora will visit ECU to discuss how culture and history shapes identity. Gomez will present "Complicating the African Diaspora: Issues of Scholarship and Identity."

### PirateFest April 13-14

The first annual PirateFest will include a weekend of festivities scheduled to celebrate Town, Gown and Lore. Events to include Pirate re-enactments and Pirate-themed contests, arts and crafts, food vendors, the annual Great Pirate Purple-Gold Pigskin Pig-Out, art walk, International Festival, live music, Painted Pirate Art Project kick-off and an Alumni Weekend Awards Program.

### Barefoot on the Mall April 19

This event gathers musicians from all genres for an all day concert and features various games, rides and food vendors.

**3 Tue**

**Men's Golf**  
Bradford Creek Inter-collegiate  
Bradford Creek Golf & Country Club  
All Day

**4 Wed**

**Kick Butts Day smoking cessation**  
Wright Plaza  
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Men's Tennis**  
vs. Gardner-Webb  
ECU Tennis Complex  
2 p.m.

**Men's Tennis**  
vs. Barton  
ECU Tennis Complex  
6 p.m.

**ECU features Book Arts event**  
Jenkins Fine Arts Building auditorium  
ECU's Book Arts Guild will host international book artists and fine press dealers, Vamp & Tramp, (Bill & Vicky Stewart). Free and open to the public  
6 p.m.

**5 Thur**

**Women in Science: Strategies for Success**  
The panelists will include Ron Newton (biology), Lorrie Basnight (pediatrics), and Halley White (pediatric dentist in Wilmington). Virginia Hardy, interim chief diversity office, will moderate.  
Science & Technology Building, room C307  
5 p.m.

**6 Fri**

**State holiday. No classes.**

**7 Sat**

**Men's Tennis**  
vs. UNCW  
ECU Tennis Complex  
1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
vs. Rice  
Clark-LeClair Stadium  
6 p.m.

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## Featured Event

Japan Center East presents  
"Work in Japan" & Bon Odori  
Murphy Center, Second Floor  
April 4, 5:30 p.m.



## BRIEFS

### Senate majority leader may move to cut off war funds if White House rejects Iraq timeline

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Monday he will try to cut off funding for the Iraq war if President Bush rejects Congress' proposal to set a deadline for ending combat. The move is likely to intensify the Democrats' rift with the administration, which already contends Democrats are putting troops at risk by setting deadlines. "It's time the self-appointed strategists on Capitol Hill understood a very simple concept: You cannot win a war if you tell the enemy you're going to quit," Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday at fundraising luncheon for Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. Also Monday, President Bush conferred by secure videoconference with Iraqi Prime

Minister Nouri al-Maliki on the pace of a nearly seven-week-old security crackdown. Extra troops from both countries are aiming to calm Baghdad and troubled Anbar Province, and some initial improvement has been reported. Gordon Johndroe, spokesman for Bush's National Security Council, said the leaders agreed that the effort "must be carried out until lasting success can be achieved." Al-Maliki repeated his promise to pass legislation seen as key to moving Sunnis and Shiites from battling each other to political compromise.

### Supreme Court rebukes Bush administration on greenhouse gas emissions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court rebuked the Bush administration Monday for its inaction on global warming in a decision that could lead to more fuel-efficient cars as early as next year.

The court, in a 5-4 ruling in its first case on climate change, declared that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate those emissions from new cars and trucks under the landmark environment law, and the "laundry list" of reasons it has given for declining to do so are insufficient, the court said. "A reduction in domestic emissions would slow the pace of global emissions increases, no matter what happens elsewhere," Justice John Paul Stevens said in the majority opinion. "EPA has offered no reasoned explanation for its refusal to decide whether greenhouse gases cause or contribute to climate change." The politics of global warming have changed dramatically since the court agreed last year to hear its first case on the subject, with many Republicans

as well as Democrats now pressing for action. However, the administration has argued for a voluntary approach rather than new regulation.

### Tsunami swamps villages in Solomon Islands, killing at least 13 and leaving thousands homeless

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (AP)—Bodies floated out to sea and thousands of residents camped out overnight Tuesday on a hillside above a devastated town in the western Solomon Islands after a tsunami that struck without warning washed away coastal villages, killing at least 13 people. The death toll was expected to rise. A wall of water reportedly 30 feet high struck the island of Choiseul and swept a third of a mile inland, while smaller but still destructive waves surged ashore elsewhere in the western part of the impoverished archipelago,

causing widespread damage and leaving thousands homeless. The tsunami was triggered by a magnitude 8.0 quake that struck shortly after 7:39 a.m. Monday six miles beneath the sea floor, about 25 miles from the western island of Gizo and 215 miles northwest of the Solomons' capital, Honiara, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The quake the strongest in the Solomons in more than three decades \_ set off tsunami alarms from Tokyo to Hawaii and closed beaches along the east coast of Australia more than 1,250 miles away. Lifeguards with bullhorns yelled at surfers to get out of the water at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach. The danger passed quickly, but officials rejected suggestions they overreacted, adding that the emergency tested procedures put in place after the 2004 Indian Ocean disaster that left 230,000 dead or missing in a dozen countries.

# Military panel discusses U.S. involvement in Iraq

Event hosted by College Republicans

CARMIN BLACK  
STAFF WRITER

On March 28, at 7 p.m. in Bate 1032, the ECU College Republicans held an informational question and answer session where prominent U.S. Military personnel spoke about their time spent in Iraq.

The meeting opened with a group prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Army Col. John Reitzell, Army Lt. Col. Scott Rutter and Army Mjr. John Krenson expressed their opinions on why it would be beneficial for the U.S. Army to increase troop numbers in the U.S. and Iraq, and why American troops should remain involved.

"Polls show they [Iraqis] are not ready for our troops to leave, not just yet; there is a moral obliga-

tion to do what it takes to win, the question is how long are we going to stay? If we leave now we'll leave behind a bloodbath and a civil war," said Major John Krenson. During this informational session each of the three officers individually stood up to speak about their take on the war, and why they feel America is still involved.

Col. John Reitzell opened up the information session by illustrating his reasons for the war by showing a film of self-captured footage he shot of U.S. soldiers fighting in Iraq. Most scenes depicted U.S. soldiers firing large weapons at Iraqi buildings.

Maj. John Krenson, who now serves as an ordained deacon in the Roman Catholic Church also spoke about his personal viewpoints, but he chose to focus on the religious and theological perspectives. He said he feels anyone who practices the Christian faith must view this war as a way to justify fighting for

their country. Lastly, Lt. Col. Scott Rutter presented his opinions by jumping on top of the tables to recite a timeline of all the incidents he claims led up to this war. Rutter said that the reasons for the U.S.'s involvement in Iraq can be simply traced back to the Islamic Revolution.

After each officer spoke a question and answer session was held. Persons both for and against war spoke out regarding their opinions of America's current involvement in the Middle East.

A 19-year-old political science major, David Zeher said it was refreshing to hear the three officers come and speak. Zeher also said that these three men provided him with an un-biased account of why we are actually fighting. Zeher feels the media is to blame for the reason most Americans are not in favor of troops going to Iraq.

"NBC NEWS' and 'ABC NEWS' are a center for bias and

propaganda; they twist viewpoints and causalities. We lose more people from smoking each day than we do in the war, and do you hear about that? I feel that the news networks take a stance and they don't budge on that," said Zeher.

On the other hand, there were those present who were not in favor of the war.

27-year-old Jacek Teller, physics major and member of ECU Peace and Justice, said he has good reason for believing this war is not worth fighting for.

Teller served as a marine for five years and he believes that most Iraqis do not want American troops in their country anymore.

"There was a poll done March 2006 listed on Zogby International that shows 60 percent of all American troops would like America to pull out of the war, and over 85 percent of Iraqis want us out of Iraq by year's end," said Teller.

Teller said that when serving

as a Marine, he saw first hand how this war is a battle to keep America on the forefront of world power. He gave the example of this power struggle by talking about an incident he learned of called "Monsanto Seeds."

Monsanto Seeds is an American seed company which supplies Iraq with the seeds they need to grow their crops. Teller said that Monsanto Seeds is the only company that the U.S. military will allow Iraqis to buy their seeds from. He said that once the seeds finally arrive to Iraqi farmers they are what he called "suicide seeds," a kind of seed which will produce crops but when new seeds fall from the crops they are infertile. This forces the Iraqi people to have to buy more seeds if they want to grow more crops of that kind; an incident that Teller called "economic exploitation."

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one of my goals for the week was to get more guys to participate. My hope is that we can show more gentlemen the benefits of community service and hopefully get them to enjoy volunteering."

To encourage more male participation, Theta Chi sponsored a Men's Challenge.

The Men's Challenge, which involved a Youth Sports Fair, allowed volunteers to play sports and recreational games with children from local after school programs.

"It's important to help out the community any way we can," said Brad Congleton, sophomore sports management major. "These kids don't have a lot of positive male role models so it was important for us to volunteer and give them someone to look up to."

Students that participated in community service activities on their own were able to record their hours as well.

Students were able to submit their volunteer hours online by providing the contact information of supervisors and certifying that the information was true, based on

the ECU honor code. "A lot of people volunteer on their own and outside of the university," Montgomery said. "We wanted to give them an easy way to record their hours and participate in Service North Carolina."

Last year, ECU finished a close second to N.C. State and this year the university hopes to come in first place by completing the most volunteer hours.

"Our main goal is to make a difference in the community," Congleton said, "but beating the Wolfpack is definitely a goal as well."

The event concluded on March 31 and the winner will be announced within the next few weeks, but Denius and Montgomery encourage students to continue making a difference in the community.

"This institution has a long history of serving its community and the region," Denius said. "I think it's important for students to realize that they have the opportunity to give back."

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"The rules and judiciary committee is temporarily postponing our vote on this matter, pending a certain issue of constitutionality," said Cohen. "Once the ruling comes in, which should be no later than the next 48 hours, the committee will call an emergency meeting to take up the matter again."

According to Cohen, the committee would need to vote by a two-thirds margin to temporarily suspend Jones from office through the impeachment process.

After being passed by the committee, the issue would be presented to congress, where a three-fourths vote would be necessary to remove Jones from office after a trial during the congress meeting.

Even if Congress moves to remove Jones from office, the decision would not necessarily interfere with Jones' ability to serve UNCASG president.

According to the UNCASG constitution, presidential candidates need only be members of their university's SGA at the time

of their nomination. Cody Grasty, student body president at Western Carolina University and interim chairman of the ASG finance committee, will run alongside Jones for ASG vice president.

The UNCASG general assembly also nominated Stephen Moore, ASG vice president for government relations and a UNC Chapel Hill junior, for president of the organization. Jake Parton, ASG vice president for academic and student affairs and a UNC Chapel Hill junior, was nominated for vice president.

ASG delegates from all 16 UNC campuses will elect the next association president and vice president at their next meeting April 14 at N.C. Central University. In addition to Jones, ECU's ASG representatives include Brittany Adams, Anthony Haley, Atul Bhula and Brad Peasley.

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issue that "there is a lot to be learned."

He also discussed the nature of politics in power in Washington, D.C.

"Unquestioning power gets corrupted very quickly when there is no one to open it up to the light of day," Sharpe said. "There is a lot of corruption, greed and despotism [in Washington, D.C.]. I've never seen anything like it. It's a part of the situation we've gotten into these days."

"But we all haven't fallen off the deep end," he added.

Sharpe recalled spending hours studying various topics of interest in Joyner Library and praised its staff as one of the best around.

Sharpe doesn't get back to Greenville often and he said that he "felt like Rip Van Winkle on the campus tour," referring to the many changes that have taken place since he last visited.

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# Opinion

{ Home of the Rants }

## RANT OF THE DAY

I demand another SGA election. SGA's power is in the student body, and this student is speaking up!

## Oh Iran, what did you do?

We had such high hopes

YAZID FINN  
OPINION WRITER

My friend described the situation with Iran pretty well in a recent conversation. He said that Iran was like a little Chihuahua, nipping on the heels of the world. Now normally I would defend Ahmadinejad and the choices of Iran, however the country is not making it easy for me. Two recent events come to mind.

To begin there is the "capture" of the fifteen British sailors and marines. While the event is far too controversial for me to accept any claim as fact, I will just look at the case.

Iran seizes fifteen British marines and sailors, whom Iran believes to have illegally crossed into Iranian waters. Britain on the other hand denies this, with Tony Blair asserting that those captured were actually in waters of Iraq.

Now this is a real lose-lose situation on Iran's part. If they were doing it legitimately, their efforts will be for nothing and the country will still be pegged as the bad guy.

Let us remember that this is not the first time British marines would have accidentally stumbled into Iranian waters, nor the first time Iran has taken British marines into custody.

On the flip side, what purpose do they hope to serve by capturing the soldiers outside of Iranian water? Is Iran hoping for another Ronald Reagan? This move of "standing up" to the West would have been a bit more gutsy if they really had the nuclear weapons that Neo-Conservatives in America paint them as attempting to gain.

As if that were not enough, Iran piles more weight on their shoulders by pushing away the International Atomic Energy Agency.

While Iran reasons the exclusion of the IAEA followed UN Security Council sanctions on their country, now is not the best time to raise any more suspicion.

Iran needs all the evidence they can muster that nuclear armaments are not the focus of their uranium enrichment. Failing to inform the IAEA of Iran's plans and progress does not speak well of their current position.

While I do not believe war is imminent with Iran, the West's opinion of the country is further deteriorating. But what is Iran to do? Ahmadinejad has no interest in becoming another puppet nation like others in the Middle East.

Iran is quite content with their spot in the top five oil exporters for the world and will surely use their place if provoked.

Iran's upped the ante and with both Britain and the United States at the table, we will have to wait and see who shows their hand first.

## Deadline for war

Is that even possible?

MARGOT ROGERSON  
OPINION WRITER

Recently, the House of Representatives passed a new bill concerning plans for the war in Iraq. The bill states that operations in Iraq, at least to some degree, will cease before September 2008.

This bill has been in speculation for a while, but for some reason, I did not think it had an actual chance of passing, even in a liberal House of Representatives.

First, let me state that I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican. I try to view the issues as they are, and I believe the best solution can be made without party interruptions.

That said, this bill seems almost ludicrous, and I cannot help but feel that I am onside with the President.

The President responded to the House's decision almost immediately. President Bush stated, "Members of Congress now face a choice: Whether they will waste time and provoke an unnecessary confrontation, or whether they will join us in working to do the people's business. We have many important issues before us. So we need to put partisan politics aside and come together to enact important legislation for the American people."

I have to agree. It seems that Congress would do more good by trying to work with the executive branch. If the House will only serve to bring about bills that have an almost certain expectation of being vetoed, what is the purpose?

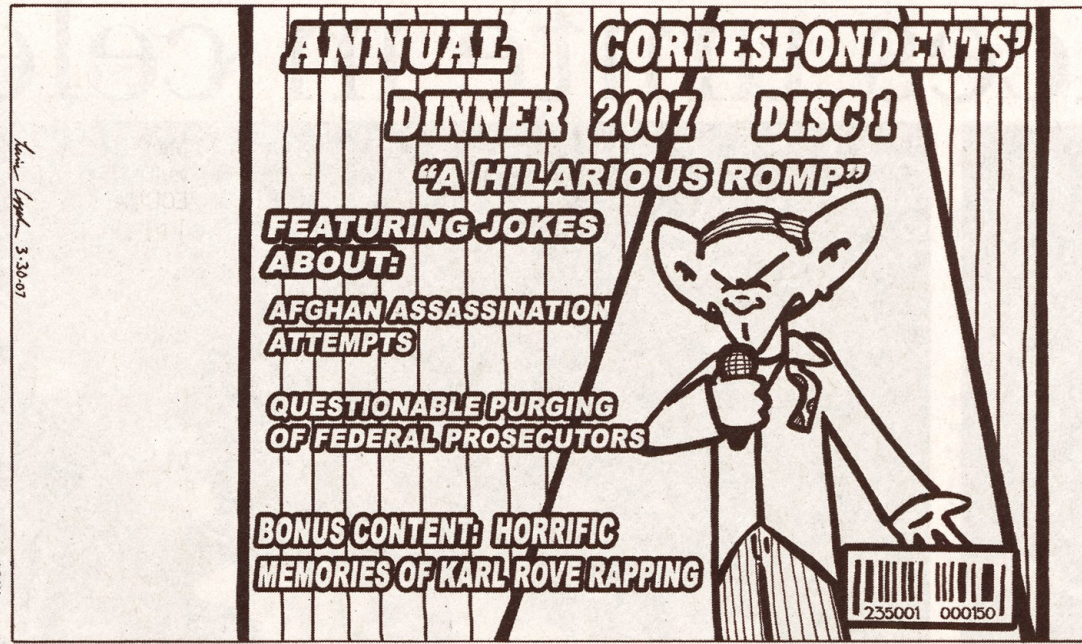
Although I may not agree with the war in Iraq, I disagree with the Democrats passing this bill. One of the large purposes of the bill is to cease involvement in Iraq and pull troops out by September 2008. I do not know what person can put a time limit on a war. I do not feel such a person exists. That idea alone should seem ludicrous to anyone.

I am not a proponent for American soldiers losing their lives, and I am not a proponent for going to war with one reason and stating another. That said, I do feel we can complete the mission in Iraq. I feel it is important to remember that most soldiers today know beforehand that the likelihood of a tour in Iraq is inevitable. But these soldiers continue to sign up because this is a cause of which they believe.

Our founding fathers created a system of checks and balances so that one element of government could not get too powerful. However, in this case, it seems as if one branch is at war with another. There are ways to show your displeasure without purposefully creating tension between Congress and the president.

It seems as if the House of Representatives is more concerned with being against the Bush administration than they are with trying to do what is right for Americans.

Wouldn't a more effective plan be established if each branch would agree to work with another for a solution?



## PIRATE RANTS

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To whoever found my wallet and returned it to NSO—you made my whole weekend, thank you for being so kind-hearted.

To the person who graciously left Chuck Norris jokes on my desk before math class—I love you! You made my day!

Did anyone almost cry after the BSU president read the speech statement at the protest on Friday? Great job! I feel inspired!

As I look at the concert lineup for Barefoot on the Mall, I see that the bands are all rock groups. Where's the diversity in that?

I wish my boyfriend would, like, acknowledge me in public. Or give me a kiss every once in a while. That would be great.

Three of my very attractive roommates have HPV and yet guys come home with them all the time and persist to not wear condoms.

While you were sleeping with my friends, I was trashing your car.

You're a compulsive liar and that's a problem for me.

I found a Mexican buffet in Greenville ... all is well in the world.

Propose to me already!

Jesus rocks my socks off!

I seriously hate my best friend.

It's totally socially acceptable to walk around without pants. Go ahead, try it.

Please don't talk to yourself in the library. It's weird.

I love having football players in my class. The teachers make everything easier so they can pass.

Why am I taking all these classes that I don't even need for my major?

Is anyone else's highlight of their week the fried chicken lunch at Todd? I know next to the weekend, it's all I look forward to.

Roommate, your taste in music sucks! If you don't know the words to the songs you play, for the sake of my sanity, please don't sing it! It is rude and obnoxious.

Isn't the pollen awful?

I love to curl up and read on rainy days, and for some reason, my friends think that's weird.

So I made out with him. I don't feel guilty right now, but I bet I'll feel miserable in a few days.

I like my beat down low, and my top let back!

To the guy who offered to buy my ice cream and milk and actually did so... thank you so much! That was very nice of you, and made my night!

I was at a film in Hendrix Theater in January that was out of focus. Two months later, I just watched another out of focus. When asked, the students running the films say nothing can be done about it; they are so sorry. Would it be too much to ask someone to figure out how to focus the projector?

Here's the truth. I just really don't like you anymore.

I tell someone not to try to drive home and they get a DUI. I tell my best friend not to go back to her boyfriend and she gets dumped on Valentine's Day. No one listens to me but I'm usually right!

As much as I love being in a long-term relationship with a man I love, I'm still a little sad that I missed out on all the casual dating/sex possibilities in college.

The smell of democracy is in the air at ECU and it smells good. Thank you Black Student Union for making that point known!

If you swish your ponytail on my laptop screen one more time I am going to pull it!

OK seriously, we've known each other for over a year, are we anything or am I just wasting my time?

Does it tick anyone else off that the surgeon general's smoking warnings are printed in a tiny font and seem so watered down? Of course cigarettes have carbon monoxide. Would you mind telling people that it could kill them?

Please forgive me for my academic shortcomings, for while others were busy learning, I was wearing my country's uniform and carrying an M16. Would you have preferred it another way?

Popped collars. Don't do them. Simple as that.

I hate taking my roommate to parties. She is so adorable and my guy friends always ask about her...

I love theme parties!

I hate how I can't have my best friend spend the night with me in the dorms. He doesn't even like girls! What are we going to do?

I know that my boyfriend loves me, even though he doesn't think I realize it.

It's going to rain on your head!

I wish I had more time to sleep!

Happiness takes time, it is earned, and it comes from within.

I will be loud after quiet hours until you stop being so mean.

Why can't I just cheer up?

Drunken girls running through the halls make me want to throw chairs at them.

When I wake up in the morning I am still drunk on my way to class.

My roommate laughs out loud while looking at her computer and eats with her mouth open... I'd pay to make her leave.

Don't get so offended when I tell you that you have a drinking problem. Remember that you are only 18.

Next year might be hard without him but it's going to be worth it in the end.

I wasn't being serious when I said that my mom would cut me off if she found out I got a tattoo, but now that she did I don't know what I'm going to do.

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You're beautiful, but you're not for me. I'm sorry.

Dearest Wright Place, don't you think it would be a good idea to teach your employees how to roll wraps before you have them work the deli counter?

The College Republicans walking around Wright Place with the American Flag on a pole remind me of a Union Color Guard. They make me want to bring my N.C. Battle flag on a pole and a Richmond musket and start fighting.

I think I might be falling for my best friend. This is very bad... but why does he have to be so perfect for me? And why the heck can't he see it, too?

My roommate is the most insecure person that I know, which kinda sucks, as she is awesome.

I'm glad that the substitute counted you absent when you walked into class 25 minutes late. I'd feel bad, except that you do it every day! Try something new and come in on time for once!

This morning I saw a squirrel cross the bridge at the bottom of College Hill. I was jealous.

Never grow a wishbone where a backbone ought to be.

Yes, I do have a problem with it. I've told you this quite a few times now. So why do you continue to harp on it? What kind of friend takes something they know really gets to you, and repeats it until you feel bad about yourself?

Has everyone in Greenville lost their flipping minds?

Give me just a little more time, and our love will surely grow.

Dirty, scruffy boys with diamond earrings give me goose bumps. And I like it.

Stop asking me to do things for you because you know I will do it. I'm not doing anything for you anymore unless it in some way affects me too.

If I ask you your opinion on a situation, don't try to turn the situation around on you and tell me a story about yourself that hardly fits my situation at all. Next time you do that I will slap you.

For once, I was finally happy and now it feels like my world is crumbling at my feet once again. Thank you.

My teacher is sexist. I copied someone else's paper word-for-word and she gave her a better grade than me.

Don't ask if you don't want to know the truth.

Greenville does have an amazing hardcore music scene.

ECU needs a PRA (Pirate Rants Anonymous) because I think I am addicted.

Is it really that hard to spit on the grass instead of spitting directly on the sidewalk where I have to walk?

The instructions couldn't have been more simple. How did you manage to mess that up so badly?

I sneezed like 30 times today. No joke.

## Finding the right 'one'

What no one can teach you about love and relationships

ELISE PHILLIPS  
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

I believe that there is only one person in the world for everybody.

I know it sounds cheesy, but I think that once you've found the right person, you know. But how easy is it to find that one special person? In my experience, it is not very easy at all.

When I got to ECU, I thought, this is a big university, there has to be that one person just waiting for me.

I thought that finding that one would not take much time, I mean, there are thousands of guys here, just waiting for that special girl. Wrong.

For starters, it seems that almost half of the guys here at ECU are gay, or they are only looking for casual sex.

I found myself getting frustrated and confused at the prospect of going through my whole college career without one meaningful relationship. Without finding the one person for me.

I started to wonder, has our society turned in the dream of a special, long-lasting relationship for just temporary, sex-driven flings? Or is there still hope that everyone will find that one person for him or her?

Has the thought of being with the one, building a relationship and family with them, gone by the wayside?

Last semester, I took a Courtship and Marriage class. In the class, we had to give a speech about our current relationship, or past relationships, or relationship experiences that we had.

I was surprised to find that almost half of the class gave a speech about how they believed that their current relationship was the right one, the one that they would be with forever.

By the end of the semester, most of these same students had broken up with their significant others and found new ones.

At that point, I thought, hey, at least they tried. I mean, that's what dating is, right, trial and error?

I see things a little differently now.

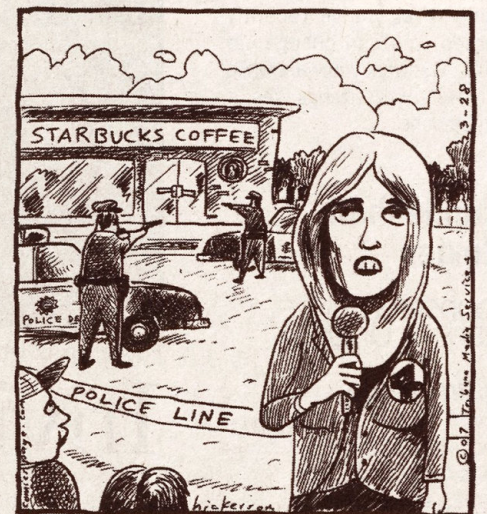
I think that people develop casual, sexual relationships with people to get experience for the person that will be the one. They do it because they feel that finding the perfect person for them is a dream, kind of like becoming a millionaire. Everybody wants to be one, but only those who go after it will be rolling around in the money.

Maybe finding the right one is the same. People feel it's attainable, but not so likely.

I think that people should see finding that one person that fits you like a glove, whose weaknesses are your strengths, and whose strengths are your weaknesses, whose touch makes you jump even after 50 years, as a necessity.

It is an attainable goal to find and be with that right one. Maybe people should stop casually dating the wrong ones and try looking for the real thing.

There might not be so many broken hearts if they did.



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## The best years of your life

Did you spend them wisely?

LISA URAM  
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So what do you want to do with your life? For most college graduates, the easy answer is to find a job that utilizes the skills you've worked towards for the past four years. Unfortunately, although a college degree is an outstanding accomplishment, it doesn't entitle you to immediate career success and a big paycheck. More than ever before, employers are looking for more than just a diploma.

As a college student, you have probably heard the term "market yourself" more than once, but it's true. Students often get caught up in grade point averages and forget to develop other valuable proficiencies. Participating in volunteer work, internships, work-study, school organizations and even holding a part-time job throughout college helps significantly broaden your chances of landing an interview when applying for a job.

So you have an interview, what do you do now? The most important aspect of nailing an interview is how you prepare before you get there. Companies

expect that you know a great deal about their company and what they want to accomplish before you get there. It is also wise to evaluate what you want in a career. Do you really want what they're offering? Are you willing to travel or relocate? What salary do you think you deserve?

Developing a strong work ethic is also important, along with verbal and written communication skills, quantitative tools (tables, spreadsheets and graphs), research skills, working well in groups and many more skills that are often overlooked while in college. Most importantly, there are tons of resources available on the Internet that can better prepare you for the "real world" of life after college. These aren't resources just for seniors; at every level of college, you should be seriously thinking about why you went to college in the first place.

Students in the 21st century are becoming increasingly consumed by the social scene that college offers. By the time you stop and realize that all your friends will one day move on, get a job, get married and have children, you'll wish you had spent more of your college years devoting your time to preparing for the future. After all, your career is your future.

{ Campus Scene }

## Horoscopes:

**Aries**  
Maybe if you put your heads together, you'll find a solution. It might help to put your money together, too.

**Taurus**  
The more you enjoy what you're doing, the more others enjoy your work. Give up the struggle and let yourself really get into the fun part.

**Gemini**  
You and your sweetheart love to imagine romantic excursions. Move from the fantasy phase by imagining what you'll do to get there.

**Cancer**  
A splash of color in a tablecloth or a bouquet of flowers, and your home wears a happy face. So, of course, do all who come through. It's magic.

**Leo**  
You may discover an error in your accounting, if you look carefully. It's not quite so obvious if this is in your favor or not, so check twice.

**Virgo**  
You'll have to keep your wits about you, and maybe a pair of scissors. Cut coupons to stretch your bounty further, and trim unnecessary expenses.

**Libra**  
The situation is not all wrapped up. The only thing that's certain is that there will be surprises. Watch what's going on around you.

**Scorpio**  
There's more to be gleaned from the rich field that you're harvesting. Do it now; this opportunity won't be around forever.

**Sagittarius**  
Your team may be enthusiastic but they don't have an easy path. Teach them to be persistent if they don't at first succeed.

**Capricorn**  
Somebody in a position of power relies heavily on you. Don't wait to be asked if you see that one struggling with a decision.

**Aquarius**  
You're frustrated by your inability to achieve your goals. Get used to it. That's a side effect of setting really big goals. Learn to use frustration as motivation.

**Pisces**  
Using what you've recently learned, you can change old habits. Get what you want while increasing your savings. Yes, it can be done.

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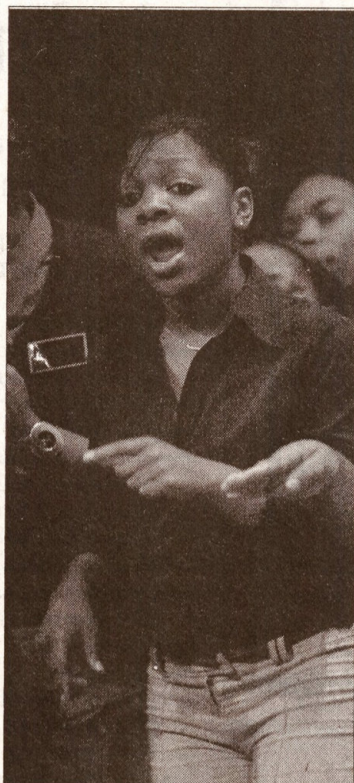
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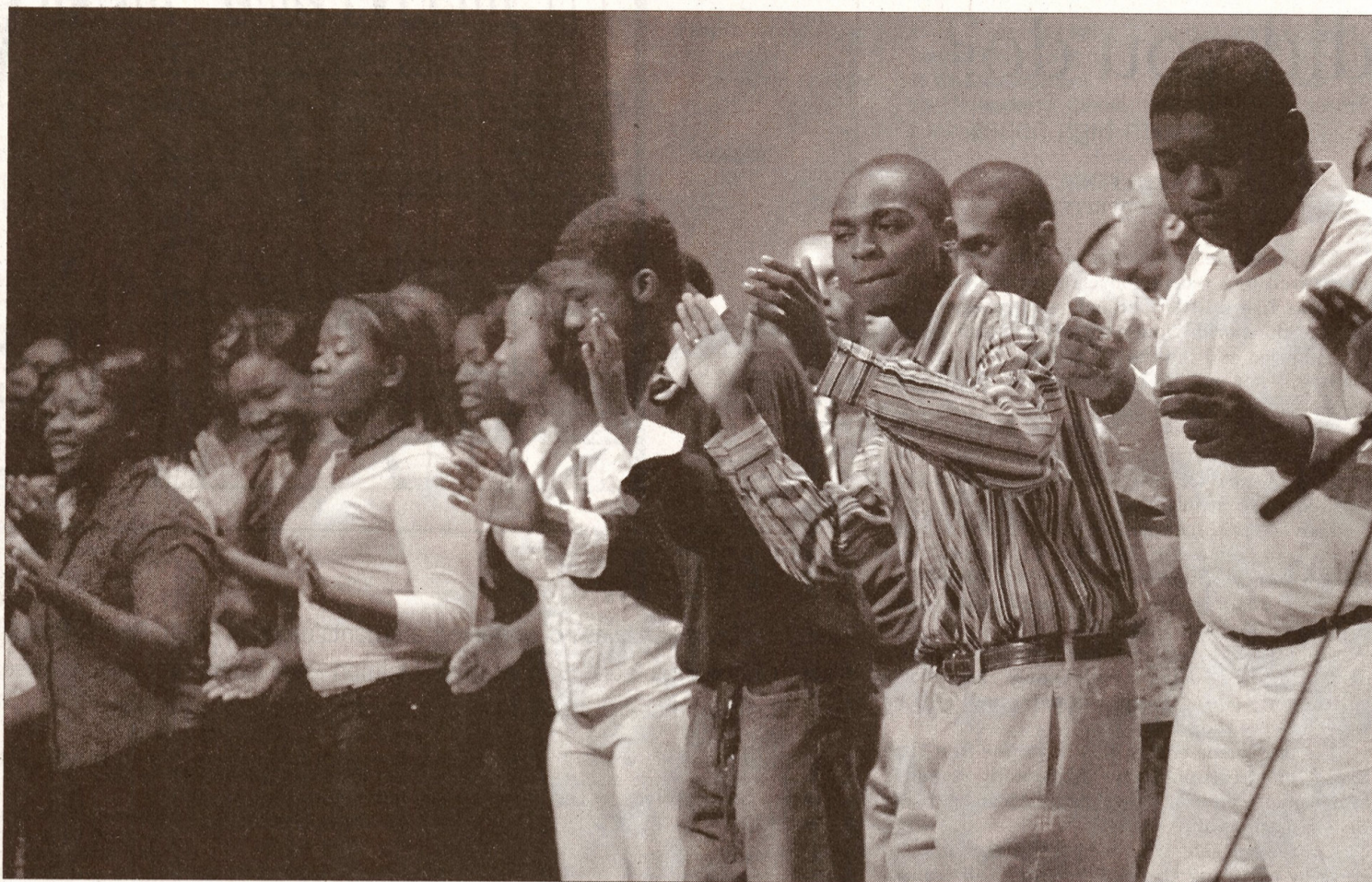
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Five Layer Bar Mix:  
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1 cup semisweet chocolate morsels  
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 jar Five Layer Bar Mix  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted  
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk  
In a decorative jar, layer pecans, butterscotch morsels, coconut, and chocolate morsels. Spoon graham cracker crumbs into a small plastic or cellophane bag and place on top of the layers. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Remove graham cracker crumbs from jar. Combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Press into bottom of a nine by 13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle remaining ingredients of mix over crumb mixture. Pour sweetened condensed milk over the layers. Bake for 30 minutes. Allow to cool and cut into bars.

# Voices unite in celebration



Photos by: Zach Siskin



## ECU Gospel Choir concert draws crowd

ELISE PHILLIPS  
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ECU's Gospel Choir delivered a night full of praise, worship and dance at their 29th annual Anniversary Concert on Sunday.

The concert was held in Wright Auditorium, where the choir sang songs from the musical stylings of Gospel greats such as Dorinda Clark-Cole, Tye Tribbett, Byron Cage, Marvin Sapp and Richard Smallwood.

The concert elicited a good number of students, faculty and family and included eleven songs, along with words of encourage-

ment, Scripture and prayer.

The choir had been working toward the program for months now, and considered it a success.

The theme of the night was "He Is... Who is he to you?" Each song that the choir performed supported the theme, using music to describe who God is to the choir members.

At the beginning of the night, a PowerPoint was shown, outlining each name of God in Hebrew, with its English translation.

Along with posters, flyers and handouts, the choir also sponsored

a commercial, which aired on a local Christian radio station.

The program took place on Palm Sunday, which is the day Christians celebrate Jesus' voyage to Jerusalem, where he was welcomed with the waving of palm branches.

The choir reenacted this event with women entering with palm leaves in their hands, waving them to the beat of the music. The men then entered the auditorium, holding swords and marching like soldiers through the

center aisles.

The dramatic entrance was strongly welcomed by the crowd, who cheered and applauded the introduction.

Arturo Cummings, a member of the Gospel Choir thought that the anniversary being held on Palm Sunday had significance.

"As Christians, we hold this time of year very dear to our hearts. It represents the death and resurrection of our Lord. Being able to share music that represents Jesus; who he was then and who he

is today on Palm Sunday was very powerful," said Cummings.

Dorthea Taylor, the director of the choir, encouraged the audience to get involved with the choir, leading them in dance steps and a well-known Gospel song, "Soldier in the Army of the Lord."

The night ended with dancing and celebration as the choir members and the audience enjoyed good music and a great atmosphere.

"This is the reason why I

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Education is an important tool that children in Uganda look forward to utilizing to ensure a brighter future.

# Invisible Children ignites passion in ECU students

New organization is working towards saving a country

Laura Huhn  
STAFF WRITER

College students are informed of certain international issues within a classroom, but only to the extent of the professor's knowledge. The issue is often not that personal to the students, but that doesn't mean that college students don't care. They are just searching for something to be passionate about.

Here on ECU's campus, a group of students have found their passion. Invisible Children United at ECU is an organization that stems from a worldwide organization called Invisible Children International. IC International is a rapidly growing organization whose goal is to raise awareness about the dire plight of children caught up in the civil war in Uganda.

The organization started when three American college students decided to take a trip to Africa to find a story. Upon exploration of Uganda, they stumbled upon a story they had never expected. They learned that the rebels, who hope to overthrow the government, take great and violent measures to recruit members to their party, including kidnapping chil-

dren from their homes and forcing them to become soldiers, never to be seen again. These students then made a film of their travels in the hopes of spreading the message of the Ugandan children's needs all around the world.

IC United at ECU is a member of the nationwide Schools for Schools initiative. Schools for Schools is a way for high schools and universities across the nation to utilize the creativity of their student body to help raise money for greater education in Uganda.

Ashley Wrenn, a textiles design major in her fourth year at ECU, founded the IC United here on campus in February. She spoke of how ECU is now part of a larger design.

"Schools all around the United States have joined together to help Ugandan schools," she said.

Each member of Schools for Schools is then partnered with a school in Uganda, ensuring that the funds raised go directly where they should. The idea is to provide the schools with a greater means to be able to educate the children.

"We are starting with the most basic needs, such as water," Wrenn said. "Then we plan to move on to help recruit teachers and overall improve the schools. You won't get past the war until there is greater education."

Laurel Truelove, a sophomore math education major, spoke of how reachable the goals are.

"Just \$10,000 will get running water in the school," she said. "I think it's incredibly important to show ECU students that even the small things can end up making a huge difference in our community and in places we've never seen before."

IC United is a perfect outlet for students who desire to put energy in a cause that will truly change lives. A great difference in IC International and other non-profit organizations is that those involved in IC know for a fact that their funds are benefiting the people directly. There is always a group of full-time workers and interns from IC International in Uganda, seeing to it that the hard work and passion of the students back in America is really worth something.

"We're trying to raise more awareness because it's something we didn't know about, and we can truly help save a country," Wrenn said.

Truelove spoke of IC United's hopes in the coming months.

"The main goal right now is to expand the group, and to get students to become more knowledgeable," she said. "No one will want to do anything unless they know something."

Wrenn mentioned an even bigger goal in the future.

"Hopefully, eventually, our

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# Women encouraged to delve into science

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AND HISTORY

### Pioneers in science quiz

Test your knowledge:

**1 Who was first female U.S. astronaut?**  
A. Rosalyn Yalow  
B. Sally Ride  
C. Eileen Collins

**2 Who was first U.S. woman to win Nobel prize in physics?**  
A. Maria Goeppert Mayer  
B. Barbara McClintock  
C. Mary Baker Eddy

**3 Who devised simple test to determine health of newborns?**  
A. Clara Barton  
B. Myra Bradwell  
C. Virginia Appgar

**4 Who was biologist who determined importance of "x" and "y" chromosomes?**  
A. Alice Paul  
B. Nettie Stevens  
C. Margaret Mead

**ANSWERS**  
1. B. In 1968, on the 7th space shuttle flight. 2. A. In 1963, for describing the nucleus of an atom. 3. C. In 1952, test results from mice, rats, and other animals. 4. B. In 1905, proved how gender was determined.

**SOURCES:**  
The National Women's Hall of Fame, 4,000 Years of Women in Science

## Undergraduates provided with professional mentors

ASHLEY WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Women have long sought after the power and prestige offered to those brave enough to enter a scientific field. Yet, more often than not, men still end up with a degree in biology or chemistry and women do not. Why do women shy away from a degree that would grant them access to successful, high-paying, job opportunities? Many people argue that women have more gender specific problems that occur both while trying to earn a degree in the sciences and in the work force.

ECU, cognizant of these problems seeks to help female students achieve success in their pursuit of scientific degrees. ECU is hosting an event entitled "Women in Science: Strategies for Success" to teach young women how to succeed in the sciences. Since ECU is known both for its nursing school and Brody School of Medicine, this event would be beneficial to many young upcom-

ing female professionals.

All four panelists are successful professionals willing to answer questions about their education, career and life. These panelists include two representatives from ECU, Lorrie Basnight, MD and associate professor of pediatrics in Brody School of Medicine and Ron Newton, PhD, a professor of biology and the associate dean of our Graduate School. The other two professionals are Christy Shaffer, PhD, president and CEO of Inspire Pharmaceuticals and Halley White who is a pediatric dentist. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Virginia Hardy, interim chief diversity officer and interim senior associate dean for Academic Affairs.

A reception will follow the question and answer session where heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. At the reception, interested students and professionals can sign up for a mentoring program.

The Department of Chemistry, the Career Center and the Office of Institutional Diversity teamed up to sponsor this event.

The event's design was based on survey results from ECU

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joined Gospel Choir. The Gospel Choir is not only a chance to represent the university and Gospel music, but also to transform lives," said President of the ECU Gospel Choir, Chelsea Eatmon during the performance.

Overall, the concert was a success for everyone involved. By the end of the night the audience

left with songs in their hearts while the choir members went home exhausted yet excited from their performance.

For more information about the ECU Gospel Choir, log on to [ecugospelchoir.com](http://ecugospelchoir.com).

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group will be able to give back to our own community."

Invisible Children United will be holding a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Umstead lobby, where the group will be making bracelets, which they intend to sell to begin raising funds to send to Uganda.

"There are no membership requirements," Wrenn said. "All you will have to give is a little time and energy. We're welcome

to all ideas; we're all on an equal platform."

IC United meets every Tuesday, but locations often vary. To keep updated with the meeting times, you can e-mail Wrenn at [adw0118@ecu.edu](mailto:adw0118@ecu.edu) or look up ECU in the Schools for School section of [invisiblechildren.com](http://invisiblechildren.com).

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students in Danell's Chemistry classes. Danell asked students what types of barriers they thought had "limited the advancement of women in science careers." Students felt that women were most limited by "career-defining training occurring during the child-bearing years."

The highest concern that students had about their futures revolved around the idea of whether or not it would be possible to balance both their career and their family. Students were also questioned as to who they would like to hear from on the topic of women and their careers.

Danell used the survey responses to create a program aimed at helping female students succeed. The mentoring portion of the program will enable students to have a connection with a professional who can help them throughout their schooling and even in their career.

"I thought it would be great to match up students with professionals in their field of interest who the students could send a quick e-mail to in the future when they have questions about interviewing, graduate programs etc.," said Danell.

This event seeks to introduce the idea of "e-mentoring" as a new option for female students. Often face-to-face interaction can be hard to maintain with both a student's and professionals hectic schedule.

Now, mentors can talk to students through e-mails, which will provide an informal way to maintain open communication between both the student and the professional. If a student has a quick question, they can send out an e-mail. Mentors are intended to help students stay focused on the goal and be there as a support system for students who need someone to ask career-oriented questions. While this event hopes to partner students and professionals together, it also seeks to draw interest to the scientific fields.

"This event is important because we need to increase the number of women entering the various science fields and to retain those who are currently in the field," said Hardy.

The event is not just for women and both women and men are welcomed to come. The event is supposed to be all inclusive, with perspectives from both men and women on the topic. Newton, a male panel member, is participating to show his support and perspective on the matter.

The event will be held on Thursday, April 5 at 5 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building, Room C307. Any questions can be directed to Allison Danell via e-mail at [danella@ecu.edu](mailto:danella@ecu.edu).

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### 233

Rushing yards to go along with three touchdowns for redshirt freshman Norman Whitley in last Friday's full intra-squad scrimmage at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium; Whitley averaged 12.9 yards per carry as he tallied 18 rush attempts on the day; Whitley has been battling for playing time at the running back position this spring with Senior Chris Johnson and Junior Dominique Lindsay; in the scrimmage, Whitley scored rushing touchdowns from seven, 53 and one yard out and also caught a nine-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Patrick Pinkney; Whitley, who redshirted last season, was a standout at Richmond County High School (Hamlet, N.C.) as he set Richmond County single-season records as a junior with 2,666 rushing yards and 39 rushing touchdowns

### 4

Strikeouts in a row for Tulane pitcher Sean Morgan after the Pirates loaded the bases in the top of the fifth inning last Friday; ECU was trailing 2-1 when Ryan Wood, Harrison Eldridge and Dale Mollenhauer all reached base to start the inning, loading the bases with no outs; Tulane's ace pitcher then struck out the side in the fifth, ending the Pirates rally and then struck out the first batter in the sixth; Morgan struck out a total of 10 and allowed only one run in 6 2/3 innings pitched; ECU lost the game 2-1 and left a total of 12 runners on base

### 0

Losses by the ECU baseball team this season with Sophomore Josh Dowdy as the starting pitcher on Sunday; the Pirates beat Tulane, 11-7, on Sunday, making it the fourth Sunday game in a row that they won when Dowdy starts; Dowdy gave up two runs in 3 1/3 innings against Tulane, and has now given up a total of seven runs in his four Sunday starts, as the Pirates have gone 4-0 in those games

### 8

Goals scored by the ECU women's soccer team on Saturday; the Pirates won both games of a doubleheader as they beat Barton College 5-0 and Wingate University 3-1; ECU has a 7-1 record this spring as its only loss came to national powerhouse South Carolina; the Pirates will wrap-up their spring season on April 14 when they play at UNC-Wilmington in a 7-a-side tournament

### 12

First place finishes for the ECU track and field team at the Western Carolina Invitational on Sunday; senior Chelsea Salisbury won the javelin throw (38.94) and the hammer throw (54.90) for the women; Camelia Morman, a sophomore from Durham, won the long jump event with a mark of 5.59; for the men, Spencer Barrick won the javelin throw while ECU posted the top two distances in the hammer throw event, as Terrence Myers (57.04) won the event and Eric Frasure (58.81) finished second

### 3

Straight-set singles wins for the ECU women's tennis team against Charlotte University on Sunday; the single victories by Varina Soler, Mireia Gol and Luiza Borges helped give ECU the 4-3 win over Charlotte; the Pirates also won the doubles point as the No. 3 ECU tandem of Alex Smith and Brooke Walter beat Charlotte's Candace Cunningham and Kathy Robey, 8-6, in the decisive victory of the match

# Pirates fight through the Green Wave

ECU scores comeback

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Down 7-2, the ECU baseball team was close to being swept for the second consecutive road series on Sunday against Tulane.

But with two outs in the seventh inning, the bats came alive and the Pirates were able to score six runs, picking up their first road victory of the season.

"They don't quit and I think that's a great characteristic to have," said ECU Head Coach Billy Godwin after the Pirates got a similar victory over UNC Wilmington.

Senior Ryan Tousley led the charge on Sunday after the Pirates suffered two losses to open the series. Tousley went 5-for-5 on Sunday and had a clutch hit to give the Pirates the lead in the seventh as he hit a two-run homer off Tulane's stud closer, Daniel Latham. Tousley's home run gave the Pirates an 8-7 lead, which they would later add three runs to, and finished the game with four RBIs. Tousley has now pushed his home run total to seven and RBI total to 33 on the year.

"Everybody is picking each other up," said Pirate short-

stop Dale Mollenhauer. "Everybody is just coming together to do their job and in the key situation everybody did it."

Although the series ended well for the 22nd ranked Pirates, Friday's 2-1 loss to Tulane was a heartbreaker and broke ECU's nation-long winning streak of 14.

Despite a strong pitching performance from starter T.J. Hose, who allowed only two runs and six hits in six innings, the Pirates didn't make the most of their opportunities to pick up the win. ECU loaded the bases twice but Tulane starting pitcher Sean Morgan shut the door on two separate rallies, securing the win for the Green Wave.

ECU loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth inning after Ryan Wood, Harrison Eldridge and Dale Mollenhauer all reached safely.

Morgan then struck out the next three batters, keeping the score at 2-1 and ending ECU's best chance for a comeback.

Two innings later, the Pirates loaded the bases again, this time with two outs, and Morgan again recorded a strike out to end the Pirate's rally.

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Photo by Terrell Gordy

Senior relief pitcher Jason Neitz improved to 3-0 on the year after holding off the Green Wave in Sunday's win.

## BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

Rk.	Team	W-L	Last Week	Prev.
1.	Vanderbilt	26-4	3-1	3
2.	Florida State	29-2	3-1	2
3.	Virginia	27-5	5-0	5
4.	North Carolina	25-5	3-1	6
5.	South Carolina	23-6	2-2	1
6.	Arkansas	22-8	3-1	7
7.	Texas	25-9	3-1	9
8.	Rice	22-10	3-1	8
9.	Oregon State	23-6	1-3	4
10.	Wichita State	24-6	3-1	10
11.	Pepperdine	23-8	4-0	12
12.	Cal State Fullerton	18-10	3-0	13
13.	Oklahoma State	22-6	3-0	14
14.	Coastal Carolina	27-3	4-0	15
15.	Arizona State	23-10	2-2	16
16.	Texas A&M	25-6	3-1	18
17.	Arizona	25-6	4-0	NR
18.	Clemson	18-9	3-2	11
19.	Oklahoma	21-9	1-2	17
20.	Mississippi	21-8	3-	21
21.	Tulane	22-8	3-1	NR
22.	East Carolina	21-8	2-2	19
23.	UC Irvine	21-7	2-2	24
24.	Kentucky	24-4	1-2	22
25.	Southern California	18-12	1-0	25

## C-USA STANDINGS

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Houston	3	0	15	12
UAB	3	0	15	15
Tulane	5	1	22	8
Rice	5	1	22	10
ECU	4	2	21	8
Memphis	4	3	18	11
Southern Miss	1	6	17	13
Marshall	0	6	14	11
UCF	0	6	16	16

THROUGH GAMES OF APRIL 1

## ECU Drops To No. 22 In Baseball America Poll

(SID)—Despite a 2-2 week that saw the ECU baseball teams 14-game winning streak snapped at the hands of Tulane, the Pirates still find themselves ranked in the top 25 in three of the four major polls that were released Monday afternoon.

The Pirates, who are 21-8 overall and 4-2 in C-USA play, dropped four spots this week in the *Baseball America* poll (No. 22) and *ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll* (No. 24), while falling two places in the *Rivals.com* poll (No. 25) and five in the *Collegiate Baseball Poll* (No. 26). The *National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association* poll will be released late Monday evening.

No. 22 ECU will travel to in-state rival N.C. State Wednesday night with a 6 p.m. first pitch scheduled before hosting No. 8 Rice in a three-game C-USA series inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

# Pirates sweep doubleheader with style

ECU scores victories over Barton and Wingate

STEPHANIE FU  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's soccer team made the Pirate Nation proud this weekend, bringing in two victories against Barton College and Wingate University at Bunting Field.

ECU got off to a great start in the first game. Before halftime, the Pirates were already up by two against Barton College.

Patty Pierce scored the first goal of the second half three minutes into play. She headed the ball into the goal after a corner kick from the right side.

Shortly after the goal by Pierce, Jessica Swanson connected on a breakaway shot with 24 minutes left in regulation.

ECU kept the offensive pressure on Barton. With 12 minutes left in the game, freshman Alexis Foltz made a strong kick at the goal, but the Barton goalie made a spectacular diving save.

However, Foltz would continue to pursue. Two minutes later, she came back strong and got the ball by the Barton goalie.

This capped off the Pirates barrage of goals.

Seven seconds remained as Barton tried to prevent a shutout game, but was unsuccessful as Jen Kurowicki saved a goal. Continuous offensive pressure from the Pirates brought the final score to 5-0, giving ECU its first victory of the day.

The second game of the day was against Wingate University. ECU opened up the second half leading Wingate, 1-0.

Six minutes into the second half, Jami Dickerson corner

kicked the ball from the right. It was deflected to Madison Keller, who headed the ball for ECU's second goal.

Three minutes later, Nicole Moore ran after the ball and tried to gain control of it when she collided with the Wingate goalie. The Wingate goalie was down for about a minute after taking a strong blow to the head from Moore. Wingate was rewarded with an indirect penalty kick for the foul.

In the 21 minutes left in the second half, Wingate scored on a long goal from the left side, to bring the score to 2-1.

Four minutes later, ECU responded when Sarah Kirkley made a spin move and dished the ball to Caylin Sandke for another Pirate goal.

With a little more than eight minutes left in the game, another Wingate player went down after an attempted goal.

Kurowicki, tried to stop the breakaway goal and kicked the Wingate player in the stomach. The clock was stopped and a substitute was put in for the hurt Wingate player.

The Pirates finished off the game defeating Wingate University, 3-1.

"Wins and losses don't really matter as much," said ECU Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "The main thing is that we develop all of our players individually. During the spring, we have a different mindset where we try players in different positions. Today was a good day and I think they played well."

Donnenwirth added, "I thought today was a good break-out day for freshman. Foltz and Swanson had very good days today. Now they already have a season under their belt. I treat the spring as a preseason for the fall



Photo by Liz Wells

The ECU women's soccer team held both Barton and Wingate in check on the offensive side of the ball, with minimal shots taken on goal.

to make these players improve, recruit new players and hopefully be ready come fall."

ECU's only loss of the spring season came against the University of South Carolina about a month ago.

"I think we played some good teams this spring like Old Dominion, where it was a 0-0 tie, and South Carolina which was our only loss this spring. I think we learned a lot," said Donnenwirth.

The Pirates hope that their successful spring will give them some momentum heading into next fall.

"A lot of what we do in the spring leads into the summer and we try to leave a good taste in our mouths for the fall," said Keller.

In the fall, the ECU women's soccer team will once again face some of the more challenging teams in the country.

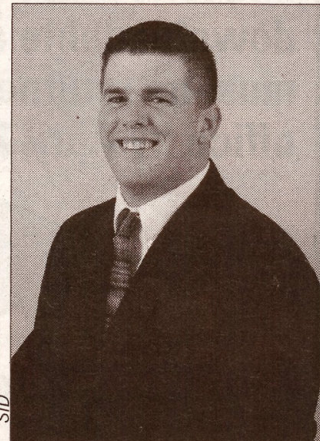
With this weekend's victories, a good taste in their mouths will certainly be on the menu with improving tactics and team effort.

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## Most Valuable Pirate

## Weekly Baseball Award

Ryan Tousley



## TOUSLEY

Tousley helped lead the Pirates to a comeback victory over in-state rival UNC Wilmington last Wednesday night and to an 11-7 win on Sunday over C-USA foe Tulane. Tousley had his first five-hit game of his career as he went 5-for-5 on Sunday with four RBIs and one run scored. Tousley's two-run home run in the seventh inning of Sunday's game gave the Pirates an 8-7 lead and was ultimately the game-winning hit in the game. Last Wednesday, Tousley went 2-for-4 with three RBIs and one run scored in ECU's 11-10 win over UNCW. Tousley leads the Pirates in home runs and RBIs with seven and 33 respectively.

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**BASEBALL**

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The Pirates road woes continued on Saturday as they lost to the Green Wave 8-2.

ECU now has a 1-5 record on the road compared to a 20-7 record at home. The Pirates also sit in fifth place in C-USA with a 4-2 record.

"You get a little out of your comfort level when you go on the road," Godwin said. "You're not at home and playing in front of your home fans so we talk about making plays that can create positive energy for our club, and on the road you have to do that to quiet the fans that are there."

ECU will look for revenge tomorrow night as it travels to Raleigh to play its biggest rival, N.C. State. The Wolfpack beat the Pirates 5-4, in 10 innings on March 3.

"There's no quit and we have faith in everybody on our team," said Sophomore Stephen Batts. "I think the guys get a little excited [about playing on the road], we have such a great atmosphere here at home so it's not going to be any different."

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**Whitley highlights second scrimmage**



Junior QB Patrick Pinkney drops back to make a pass. Pinkney completed 75 percent of his attempts.

(SID)—Redshirt freshman tailback Norman Whitley rushed for 233 yards and three touchdowns while junior quarterback Patrick Pinkney threw for three scores to highlight ECU's second full intra-squad scrimmage Friday afternoon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Whitley, who picked up 73 yards on the first of his 18 carries, scored from seven, 53 and one yard out while splitting time on the Pirates No. 2 and 3 offensive units. Pinkney, who finished the contest completing 12-of-16 passes for 96 yards, connected with Whitley, Davon Drew and Steven Rogers on nine, four and seven-yard scoring tosses, respectively.

In the opening half, each No. 1 unit faced off against the No. 2 squad across the line of scrimmage while the second period featured a more traditional match up of equal levels of the depth chart.

"Well, scrimmage No. 2 is in the books, and at first-glance for a physical afternoon, I think we finished today relatively healthy," head coach Skip Holtz said. "We went 130-140 plays and I think we are getting to a point where we are running the ball better than we have in the past."

While the second and third offensive units accounted for seven of the game's eight touchdowns, the No. 1 defense surrendered just one score during the game. After sophomore Brett Clay hooked up with sophomore Jamar Bryant on

a 45-yard TD strike during the No. 2 unit's first possession, the top-rated defense bounced back to hold the No. 2 unit scoreless during its remaining four series' of the first half before shutting out the No. 1 offense on all four of its second half possessions.

With sophomore Rob Kass engineering ECU's top unit, the offense opened the game with a long sustaining drive which was capped by a one-yard TD run by senior Chris Johnson. Clay and Pinkney both took turns guiding the No. 2 unit, which scored on five of its 10 possessions. Combined, the Pirates finished the scrimmage with 746 yards of total offense on 140 plays - an average of 5.3 yards per snap.

"We can only get better from each practice and scrimmage," Holtz added. "We've been so geared toward team work lately, keying on down and distance awareness and situational plays."

In all, ECU completed 37-of-62 passes for 367 yards while suffering a pair of interceptions and contributed 379 rushing yards on 78 carries, an average of 4.9 yards per attempt.

Kass finished the contest completing 13-of-26 passes for 111 yards while Clay topped all quarterbacks with 140 yards on nine-of-14 passing, which included the TD strike to Bryant to open the action.

In addition to Whitley's game-high numbers, Johnson contributed 72 yards on 18 carries, junior Dominique Lindsay added 36

yards on 11 attempts and junior Brandon Simmons chipped in 35 yards on eight rushes. Bryant led all receivers with five catches for 78 yards while redshirt freshman Dwayne Harris netted 66 yards on four receptions. Drew, a junior tight end, logged a trio of grabs for 24 yards while converted wide receiver Michael Hickman also registered three catches for 24 yards.

Defensively, sophomore linebacker Nick Johnson was credited with 10 stops while sophomore linebacker Lorenzo Osborne and redshirt freshman safety Melvin Patterson each tallied eight stops.

The Pirates' defense did enjoy several highlights, using a pair of interceptions to thwart possible scoring drives. Junior walk-on defensive back Kurtis von Barga picked off a Clay pass before sophomore linebacker Jeremy Chambliss stepped in front of a Kass attempt and returned it 22 yards. Chambliss, who also made five tackles, recorded the game's only fumble recovery and produced a sack.

"As a staff, we are starting to feel good about some things," Holtz concluded. "I can't say we're consistently playing well, but we're certainly making progress and have been very physical on both sides of the ball."

The Pirates have practice Wednesday at the Cliff Moore Practice Complex before taking a long weekend off in observance of Good Friday and Easter.



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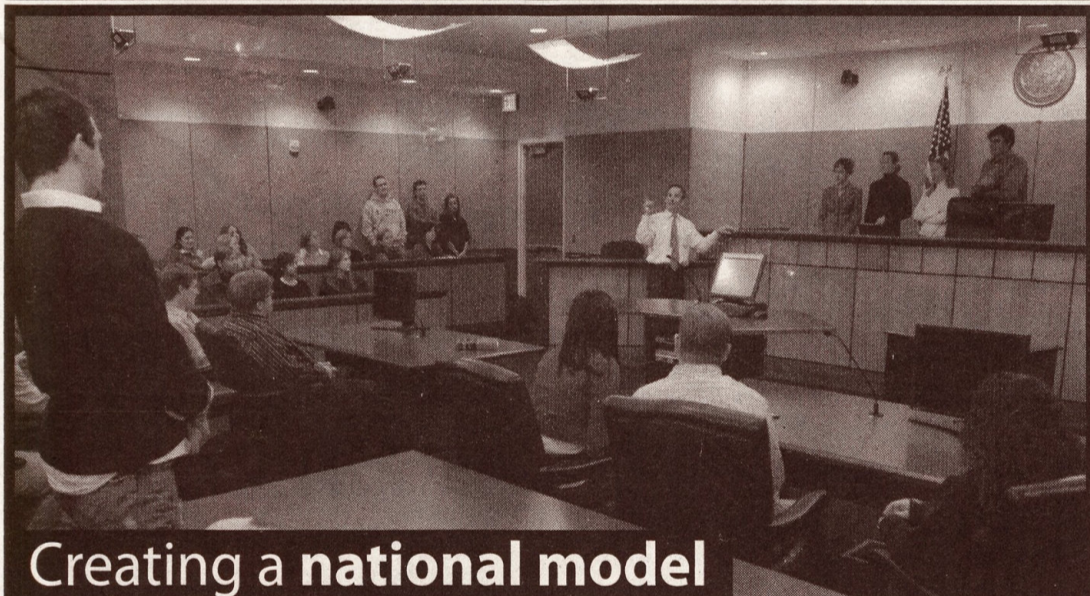
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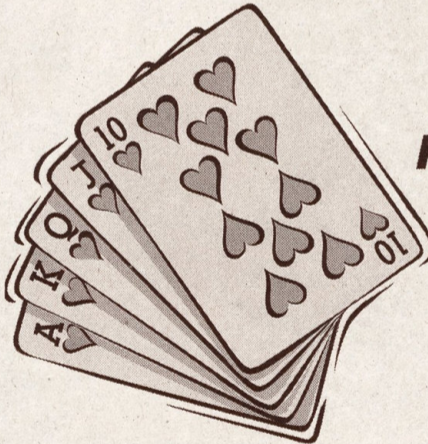
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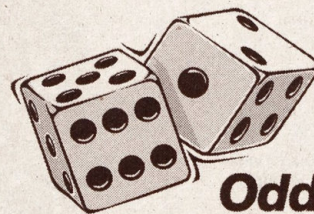
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Panera Bread is now seeking motivated, energetic, and hardworking individuals to join our team. FT/PT positions are available. Applicants must have some weekend availability to be considered. We offer competitive pay, flexible schedules and benefits for FT employees. Please apply in person at 516 Greenville Blvd. No phone calls please.

Greenville Recreation & Parks Department is recruiting part-time youth baseball coaches / site attendants for the spring t-ball program for ages 3-8. Applicants must possess a good knowledge of baseball skills and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Duties include but are not limited to: score keeping, umpiring, coaching, setting up for practices and games and ensuring proper care of program / facility. Hours are from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Monday

- Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons. Flexible hours according to class schedules. This program will run from April 23 - mid June. Salary starts at \$6.25 per hour. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 329-4550, Monday through Friday, 10 am until 7 pm

Primrose School - Raleigh N.C. is looking to hire qualified Child Development graduates. Excellent benefits and compensation pkg. available with possible signing bonus. Fax resumes to North Raleigh at 919-329-2930 or email to PSNR@bellsouth.net. EOE

### OTHER

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