



'Pirates Do It Barefoot' on the Mall

28th annual Barefoot on the Mall takes place today

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Today, the ECU Student Union is hosting the 28th annual Barefoot on the Mall. Beginning at noon, Barefoot on the Mall will offer a variety of activities to students.

"This year's Barefoot will have a ton of awesome events for students to participate in," said Brittany Hartman, Barefoot on the Mall chair. "They will be able to do a lot of exciting things for free."

At the event, students will be able to race their friends on an

inflatable obstacle course, box in an inflatable boxing ring, participate in a bungee run and create wax hands.

There will also be a charity dunking-booth to raise money for the United Way, with the proceeds going to help Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita victims.

"Students will have the opportunity to dunk ECU faculty, staff, athletes and coaches," Hartman said. "It is a new event and it's going to be really fun."

Along with participating in several activities, students will receive tons of giveaways at the event.

Students will be able to take home free photo key chains, t-shirts, cups and leis. "We will be giving away leis

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Students enjoy a past Barefoot on the Mall. This year's celebration is expected to be even bigger.



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ECU student creates national grassroots movement

"Rock with Barack" began at home

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Facebook has become more than fun social network for one ECU student, who used the Web site as an enterprising tool to help launch a national grassroots campaign for presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama.

Nathan Lean, a senior music major, formed the student-led grassroots movement "Rock with Barack," before the senator even announced his candidacy.

"Rock with Barack" was initially a group on Facebook. We started [it] before he announced his candidacy and once he announced it [the group] started to grow and it got to the point where I was receiving such an overwhelming response," said Lean. "I felt like the concept had enough push behind it to form something other than a Facebook group and actually turn the interest we had into activism, instead of just members on the Internet."

Lean then teamed up with political activists all across the country to create a board of directors to organize and manage the movement.

"We're strategically located all across the United States," Lean said. "We're pretty spread out, so it's a big advantage."

Together, the board has put together voter registration drives, helped establish high school, college and community



Nathan and Katherine Lean with Sen. (D-Ill.) Obama in South Carolina.

chapters and organized petitions to be sent to congressmen asking them to endorse Obama.

"We are not affiliated with Obama for America, but we are syncing up some of our grassroots activity with them. So while we're not an official part of the campaign, we have been in contact with the campaign and they know about us and are working

with us," said Lean.

The group continues to grow and works to spread the support for Obama, and currently has over 3,000 members nationally.

For more information about the movement, visit rockwithbarack.com.

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Perry speaks of hope to ECU students

Minority health week event

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Tuesday night, speaker Jonathan Perry shared his words and life experiences with students gathered in Mendenhall's Hendrix Theater. Originally from Goldsboro, N.C., he returned to his home state in order to spread a message of hope among students at ECU. Perry was diagnosed with HIV in 2001, and feels it is necessary to help others see that life can change

in an instant. A large portion of his discussion dealt with issues of acceptance and how he believes people must choose to take responsibility for their own actions.

Perry has spoken of his experiences for years, and in April 2004, landed a spot with who he calls, "the queen of media herself," television icon Oprah Winfrey. By traveling around the country, he wishes to instill the message that this disease is not all that he is as a person.

"As a health educator it was good to see someone come in and not just talk about the disease of AIDS. Jonathan spoke about hope,

and that you can change your life, and that you can do it tomorrow if you choose," said ECU health educator Sherra McMillan. Jonathan's message was one of hope and it seemed to truly impact those who heard his words. When asked which part of Jonathan's speech impacted her the most, associate director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, LaQuessa Foster said, "It was his message about hope - that no matter how hopeless a situation may seem that you have to find hope and cling to it."

This event was hosted by The Office of Institutional Diversity, Student Health Services, The

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, PICASO, Student Union, Campus Recreation and Wellness, SGA, and the Center for Counseling & Student Development. In conjunction with Minority Health Week, HIV and AIDS awareness information was available for all who attended.

Jonathan has also started an online blog Web site where access to all parts of his life and wisdom can be shared. He supplies videos of past media experiences, a journal of messages, event postings for cities around the country, and the message he feels should be spoken to all who will listen.

"The one thing I try and instill in people is what Nelson Mandela said, 'as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.' That is how I live my life," said Perry. "You must walk in the truth of who you are and where you are right now."

For more information on Jonathan Perry or any of the information seen above, visit justthat.com.

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ECU students re-discover legendary frogs



ECU students re-discovered Dendrobates captivus in Peruvian rainforest.

Finding published in National Geographic

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Flip through the pages of National Geographic this month and you will come across two ECU students and their re-discovery of a rare frog native to Peru.

Last documented in 1924, the frog, Dendrobates captivus, was discovered again by graduate students Evan Twomey and Jason Brown, deep within the Peruvian rainforest last summer.

Their photos and findings appear in the April 2007 magazine. For the past three years, Twomey and Brown have been assisting ECU biology professor Kyle Summers in the Cainarachi Valley in northern Peru.

Having received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study frogs in the region, Summers and his students heard about the rare frog and arranged an expedition to find the species.

Attempting to find a poisonous frog that had last been seen as a specimen in a museum 77 years ago was quite the task, according to the researchers.

The frogs' location, an

extremely remote area of Peru, is accessible only by boat, and only after making it through the Pongo de Manseriche rapids.

"It took three full days in a boat. On the third day, there's a big rapid that's fairly infamous in Peru. It takes someone very experienced to get through it, but more than anything the trip is time consuming," said Twomey.

The trip's difficulty did not stop on the river, as the Aguarunas tribe inhabits the site that the group needed to get to.

Known best for shrinking

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2007 Buccaneer cover announced

Cover one, depicting the number 100 with interlocked zeros, was the decided favorite, garnering 1,657 votes on Onestop. Cover three, which included a photograph, received 886 votes and cover two, which had a photograph but omitted the "100," came in third with 685 votes.

Yearbooks can be purchased online at yearbookupdates.com/ecu or by calling 1(888) 298-3323, and will be mailed out in the fall.

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CORRECTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking during exams

All parking regulations are in effect and being enforced during reading days and the exam period April 24 - May 4. The Parking and Traffic Regulations do not change because classes have ended. Thirty-minute loading permits will be available to freshmen from the Neighborhood Service Offices beginning April 30. A loading permit authorizes parking in A2 and B2 spaces while loading the vehicle. They are not authorized in zones A1, B1, reserved, handicap, fire zones, no parking or metered spaces. If utilizing a meter space, the meter must be activated for the period of time in which the vehicle is in the space. Loading Zones will be on the south side of the residence halls: Garrett, Greene, Cotten and Fleming. The dumpster area must remain accessible for the trash trucks to empty their contents, and any personal vehicle blocking the dumpsters will be towed at the request of Facilities Services. Unregistered vehicles parking in any space other than the 30-minute loading area must display a One-day permit from the department of Parking and Transportation Services.

Safety Survey

A team made up of administrators and students, members of Campus Living, campus safety, SGA, student legal services and Neighborhood Relations have put together a pilot survey to assess how students' opinions of safety at ECU. Access the survey online at <http://student-voice.com/ecu/safety-surveyspring2007>.

Casey's Race rescheduled

Casey's Race was cancelled Sunday due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled. The event will now take place Sunday, April 29. Visit casesyrace.com for more updates.

Scholarships offered by N.C. National Guard

The North Carolina National Guard is currently offering two, two and one-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 916-9073. 344-A Rawl Building

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19 Thu

Project Stretch

This day is designated to promote physical activity among the students of ECU. The Campus Recreation and Wellness Center is encouraging students to come out and try a class in yoga and aerobics free with a coupon. Students will also have a chance to participate in a swing and salsa dance class, plus a walk around campus. Student Recreation Center

Black Student Union ICON Modeling Group Informational

The Black Student Union will be presenting to ECU, a fresh, new modeling group, better known as ICON. If you are interested in what ICON is all about and what we have in store for next year. Bate 1019 6:30 p.m.

28th Barefoot on the Mall: Pirates Do it Better

Come out to the 28th Barefoot on the mall and enjoy free t-shirts, giveaways, inflatables, and live music. ECU Mall 2 - 6 p.m.

20 Fri

Build A Plate

This healthy food program will allow students to build their own plate of food while receiving advice from the Campus Nutritionist Janie Eubanks on healthy eating choices. Mendenhall Student Center, room 15 2 - 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. Savannah State Clark-LeClair Stadium 7 p.m.

21 Sat

Storybook Theatre presents "Runaway Bear"

Part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Family Fare Series Wright Auditorium

Blu Moon Film Festival

A celebration of film, filmmakers and the community of creativity that encompasses us all. There is a \$1.00 admission to the festival, with all proceeds going to the Magnolia Arts Center, a local non-profit organization supporting independent film. Hendrix Theater 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Latinos Unidos Leadership Conference

Individuals who attend will be given valuable and inspiring lectures, ideas, and information that will strengthen their leadership skills, when reaching out to their Latino community. Hendrix Theater 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Gardners for Hope holds plant sale for Jenkins Cancer Center

The funds raised are dispersed by the nurses at the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center to buy wigs, prostheses, dressings and health products for patients. McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge, 930 Wellness Drive (off Stantonsburg) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

22 Sun

Baseball vs. Savannah State Clark-LeClair Stadium 1 p.m.

Treasures of the East

The Asian Student Association will be showcasing their talents and different cultures through dances, songs, and acts. Wright Auditorium 1:30 - 4 p.m.

23 Mon

Classes End

Student Union's Student Appreciation Day

Influential hip-hop band from Raleigh will be performing at Student Union's Student Appreciation Day. Free Food, Prizes, Games and much much more. Mendenhall Brickyard 2 - 6 p.m.

24 Tue

Reading Day No Classes

25 Wed

Want to see your event pictured here? Log on to theeastcarolinian.com/calendar to submit an event listing.



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Two-ply toilet paper a priority

Resolution proposed by SGA

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The type of toilet paper the campus is using is an issue that SGA felt should be addressed and implement change.

The Student Welfare Committee introduced a resolution in congress on April 2 to switch from one-ply toilet paper being used at the university to two-ply

toilet paper.

The reasons stated in the resolution for addressing this includes the toilet paper being softer, more comfortable and the standard type used in most homes.

The resolution also states that one-ply toilet paper encourages students to double up on the amount they use.

The price difference between the two types is an argument stated in the resolution because the committee believes it wouldn't put the university in a financial strain if they put this in the budget.

"I compared the cost of one-ply to two-ply while grocery shopping and it was only a slight difference," said Regina Twine, chair of the student welfare committee.

More research will be done to find the exact cost it will take to implement this change according to Todd Johnson, associate vice chancellor of housing and dining.

Congress approved the resolution at the meeting after hearing the arguments mentioned to change from the current toilet paper to two-ply.

The committee did research to see how students in the dorms felt about making a switch in the types of toilet paper.

"I talked to people in the dormitory and they all said they wanted two-ply," Twine said.

"Most of the research I did was with females because they seem to be more concerned about toilet paper," Twine said.

Additional research will be completed by the administration that oversees the changes that occur relating to campus living.

"Since housing is a self serving auxiliary, meaning the money comes from student fees, we need to make sure that the resolution is representative of the student body," Johnson said.

This is one of the steps the committee is making to ensure that campus living will be considered a home away from home.

"We've been talking to campus living and we're trying to see what things they have planned," Twine said.

The Student Welfare Committee plans to continue to make efforts to make students feel more comfortable living on campus next year.

"My vice chair lives in dorms and he's been discussing setting up meeting with the Residence Hall Association," Twine said.

There isn't a set date for when this change will take effect because it still needs to go to others for approval.

According to Johnson, the SGA president and Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences, must approve the resolution before it comes to him.

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

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BRIEFS

Virginia Tech students, supporters hold vigil to remember 32 people killed by campus gunman

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP)—Virginia Tech students and supporters lifted thousands of candles to a sapphire sky to remember the 32 people killed by a campus gunman. The vigil Tuesday evening testified to the unity on which the mountain campus prides itself. But in the hours after Cho Seung-Hui's rampage, it was obvious the close-knit school was a community of which he never felt a part.

The gunman, who turned his gun on himself after carrying out the worst shooting massacre in modern U.S. history, was a sullen loner who left a rambling note raging against women and rich kids. News reports said that Cho, a 23-year-old senior majoring in English, may have been taking medication for depression and that he was becoming increasingly violent and erratic.

Professors and classmates were alarmed by his class writings. In screenplays he wrote for a class last fall, characters throw hammers and attack with chainsaws, said a student who attended Virginia Tech last fall. In another, Cho concocted a tale of students who fantasize about stalking and killing a teacher who sexually molested them.

Massacre confronts presidential candidates with gun-control issues they've dodged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gun control has been treated with a mix of silence and discomfort in the presidential campaign, a stance that may become insupportable once the nation finds its voice in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech mass murder.

Democrats have been deliberately muted for months on an issue that, by their own reckoning, contributed to and perhaps sealed their defeat in the 2000 presidential election. That's when Al Gore's call for gun registration cost him votes in rural America and dulled the party's appetite for taking on the gun lobby.

Two-ply or one?



CHRISTIAN DARIUS
Junior
Community Health

"Double, I can use it on my nose and my tush."



NATASSIA NEGRÓN
Junior
Communication

"Single, it's cheaper and I'm a poor college student.."



ANN MELNN
Junior
English Education

"Double, makes you clean and it's less rough.."



FARRAH FORNEY
Sophomore
Biology

"Double, it's softer."



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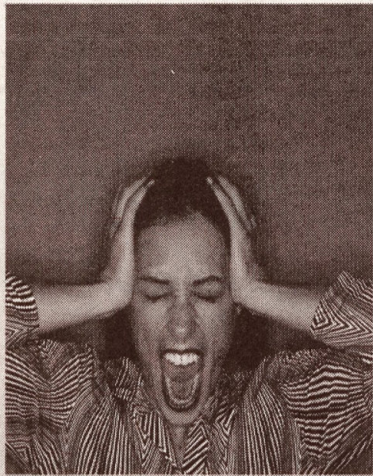
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the heads of their enemies, this somewhat hostile tribe had to be coaxed to let the researchers on their lands.

"We've established a workable rapport to an extent... We started with the caveat that if we return, or anyone returns that we know, that they would like [to receive] a CB radio... so we have to continue to appease them, as they like supplies," Twomey said. "They're difficult to work with. They're a proud tribe that doesn't take anything with their land lightly."

Once they got on location, they found the frogs in abundance. The frog is approximately one-half an inch long. It is black with red, orange and yellow spots.

While it is a poisonous dart frog, it is only poisonous to its predators, not humans.

In the frogs' natural habitat, they were able to observe and record their calls, courting behavior and tadpole transport, as well as their color and pattern variation.

They are currently in the process of obtaining permits from the Peruvian government to take tissue samples of the frogs in order to do more extensive lab research in hopes of publishing their findings.

"[The permit] is making progress. It's just not there yet," Twomey said.

Twomey leaves today to return to Peru, to rejoin Brown, to con-

tinue to learn more about the frog, and other rare or unknown species.

"We have quite a few other frogs in Peru that we still would like to find... there are a lot of areas in Peru that are unexplored, especially for frogs.

We would like to go to these places and be the first herpetologists to ever make an assessment or make any sort of survey there," said Twomey.

For a detailed account of their journey in the rainforest, you can check out dendrobates.org/captivus.html.

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because this year we are having an ocean, old pirate theme," Hartman said. "This year's theme is 'pirates do it barefoot,' so we wanted to give it an old pirate feel and make it beachy."

Barefoot on the Mall will offer music by several popular bands as well.

This year's Battle of the Bands winner Lonnie Walker and The Baby Angels will open for Epic Hero, Spare Change and The Plain White T's.

"Barefoot on the Mall has a ton of great bands playing this year," said Farah Hussain,

Barefoot on the Mall committee member. "It's great to have some new, fresh bands and we are all excited to have them at ECU."

The event will also give students the opportunity to learn about the different organizations that are available on campus.

Several clubs will have booths set up with food, giveaways and information about the organization.

"Barefoot on the Mall is just a great event and I am excited about going to it this year," said Corey Miller, junior parks management major. "It gives us a chance to just hangout with friends, eat and

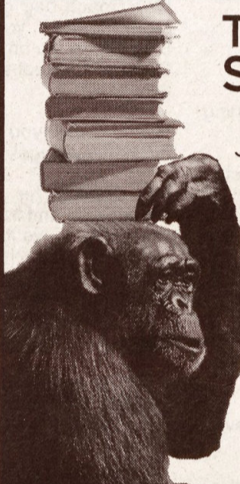
have a good time."

More than 4,000 people are expected to come out to this year's event and Hartman encourages students to come out to Barefoot on the Mall and have fun before finals start.

"Exams are coming up and it's just a good place to relax and not worry about school," Hartman said. "It gives the students a chance to meet people, make friends and participate in fun activities. Best of all, it's free."

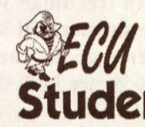
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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY
I walk around with my iPod... and all of you are a part of my choreography.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I've heard that a successful college career depends largely on the amount of work one puts into it, and is determined by what one takes away from it as a result—much like life.

College, although partly about achieving success (both current and future), is more about an experience, and our time here is an opportunity. We all work hard to make our way, but doing so wouldn't be possible without the environment we're in. ECU, in service and relative selflessness, gives every student the chance to create their own unique experience to last a lifetime, more detailed and customizable than any graduate program or diploma.

Everyone's experience is different, and university life presents a vast array of events, challenges and chances. Some memorable aspects for me were simple, like watching students sprint to their 8 a.m. classes while strolling next door to art class in pajamas as the sun came up (I lived in Garrett freshman year), or sitting for hours in the tailgating fields as the sun set.

Other memories stem from events orchestrated down to the last detail, like spending all day at Barefoot on the Mall or the Centennial Celebration—events that bring together the entire community and never fail to highlight how wonderfully diverse and spirited that community is.

University life offers the chance to be involved with countless organizations, to explore our own interests while meeting new people who share the same enthusiasm but different perspectives. It offers the chance to learn skills outside of the classroom, through leadership and service, and ways to express ideas and opinions that might otherwise go unheard.

Perhaps even more impressive than the university's ability to provide us with an environment so conducive to individuality is its ability to produce a common thread between all members of its community, past and present.

Pirate pride runs deep, whether it's witnessed as a riotous display of fans during a football game or on a single license plate a thousand miles from home, there's no doubt it reminds us that we are part of something greater than a graduating class, something that spans generations.

Years from now, if I see a gray haired alumni with an ECU sweatshirt or a freshman whose key chain sports an ECU bottle opener, I'll smile, and perhaps we'll share memories about the time we spent here and the experiences we had, one Pirate to another.

That's the beauty of this institution—the distinct experiences it allows every student to have are also timeless. We take away our degrees and diplomas, life lessons and long-time friends, but we are given so much more.

Long after Mendenhall is renovated and utterly unrecognizable or Rumors morphs into yet another new club, the spirit and sense of community fostered at ECU will remain for all who seek it.

Each one of us has the opportunity to join that community as we create memories that define us and bind us together simply with the common phrase "When I was in college..."

How you finish that phrase may still be uncertain, waiting for memories not yet made. As for me, I know I will always be grateful for the opportunity, for the memories and for the experience.

The party's over and I had to leave sometime

This is Liz Lauten signing-off

ELIZABETH LAUTEN
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

With this being our final paper of the semester, I welcomed the opportunity to write the last masthead. I had my suspicions before this week even began, that I would be at a loss of words in writing this—I was right.

Now, as we sit in the wake of a horrific tragedy, none of the silly anecdotes I had imagined would fill the column seem appropriate.

Our country is presently in a state of shock and mourning, and with that in mind, I'd like to take this chance to reflect on the past and offer a few words of encouragement to the future of those who will continue in their journey at ECU.

When I re-joined the *East Carolinian* in the fall, my first piece of advice to you was to embrace change, risk being a fool and to do what makes you happy, even if that means changing your major five times.

It only seems like only yesterday when I was writing my first column of the school year about the newly added Facebook newsfeed. I remember clearly, how you, along with college communities across the country were outraged over what since has become one of the most loved features of the site

Since then, I've requested a smoke-free downtown, asked you to disband the SGA and written many a political diatribe.

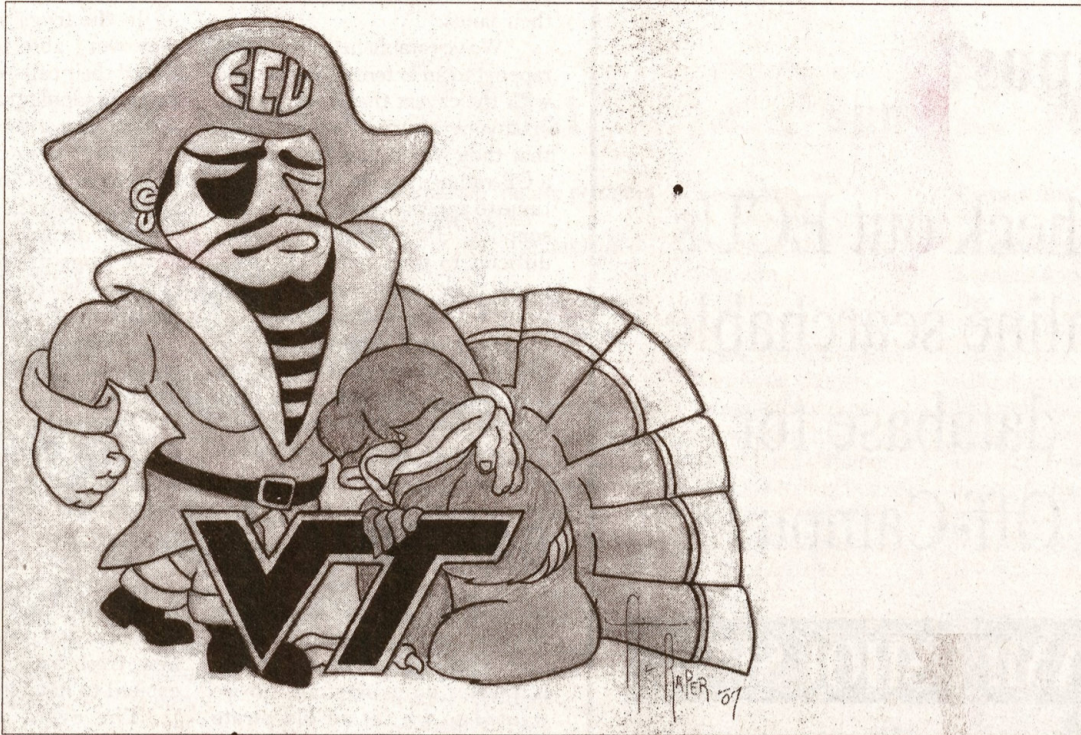
Yet now, all of these things seem trivial. It is amazing how tragedy can put everything into perspective.

Which brings me to my closing thoughts—it's easy to be consumed by all of the insignificant things in life, but they're just that, insignificant. Despite all the crazy things that life will throw at you, don't lose focus of what's really important.

Remember that your relationships with other people are what make this world worthwhile, so make them your priority.

Your legacy at ECU should be about more than just your accomplishments in clubs and in the classroom. It should be about the kind of person you were to those around you. Make yours great. It's never too late.

ECU, you have left a lasting impression on the person I have become and I thank you tremendously for that.



Tragedy at Virginia Tech hits home

A reflection on what could've been

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

Over the weekend I had the pleasure of taking my last road trip of the year with the lacrosse team to Blacksburg, Virginia; home of the Hokies and Virginia Tech. It is a trip I will not soon forget given the situation that unfolded less than 24 hours after our departure.

We arrived in Blacksburg with our usual road team, short on players and even shorter on moral. The game commenced and we were defeated 17-10, outscored and outran in the second half. We were all pretty down after the game but our sentiments cannot be compared with the sorrows felt by the students and faculty now, after what has occurred.

It is hard for me to believe something so terrible could happen in a small mountain town like Blacksburg. Driving through campus it was picturesque with mountains on all sides and clouds covering up what little sun there was.

The buildings on campus are built with "hokie stone" and I recall how they looked like old castles. Standing on the lacrosse fields overlooking the stadium and the rest of campus I remember thinking how cool it would have been if my younger sister had accepted her invitation to attend the university.

Oh how things change. After watching the news and hearing the details about the grizzly scene that unfolded on campus, I am so grateful my sister declined the invitation. The mountains and castle-like buildings that once seemed so safe now are just the opposite, forever tainted with the blood of the dead students and faculty that lost their lives Monday.

It makes me think, what has happened to this country that things like this continue to happen year after year? People lined up and murdered at schools in perceivably safe, small towns like Blacksburg.

After the Columbine tragedy that transpired eight years ago this week we were offered many answers. We were told these were bad seeds neglected by society who turned to violence to exact their revenge on all those who made them outcasts within the school. Marilyn Manson and violent video games were blamed. Some people blamed gun-control laws.

Personally I think if someone was not able to get their hands on semi-automatic pistols some of these deaths could be avoided. Others would say just the opposite and suggest if gun-control laws were not so strict, one of the students or faculty may have had a gun and been able to take out the killer personally.

Whatever causes these young men to lash out and kill their fellow students is beyond comprehension. What is left to think about is what we can do in the future to avoid more of these tragedies.

Each and every one of us is different and in college things can seem overwhelming. Boyfriends, girlfriends, family problems; whatever it may be, we all have stressors. The thing is, everyone must find a way to get past these things in a positive manner.

Whether you have to go out running, confide in your friends or just drink a beer, you must get over things without harming others. If there is any lesson to be learned from this terrible tragedy in Blacksburg, it is that life is fragile and we should all do what we can to respect and treat each other right because you never know when something like this can happen.

Sarah Bell
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- Don't you know that President Bush has more important things to do than comment on every issue in our world that offends someone?
- ECU is behind you VT!
- Quit chasin' me... you don't know me like that!
- I'm not gonna lie... I miss spending time with you as well.
- My boyfriend's not in love with you... he just thinks you're funny looking!
- I'm actually a dude... don't know how you didn't figure that out.
- My stomach hurts when I'm with my friends, because I laugh so hard.
- Say anything, but say what you mean.
- I think I would have missed you, even if we never met.
- I hope you don't find out how imperfect I am.
- To the VA Tech shooting vs. "empty headed" commentator. I believe the deaths of 33 individuals is a little bit more important than some opinionated, irrelevant radio guy's comment about "nappy headed hoes".
- I had an affair with the roaming gnome. We backpacked around Europe. He's so dreamy.
- It is not the president's job to comment on Don Imus or any other offensive radio jockey. Get over it!
- You know those numbers on the milk carton toward the top? You know, the ones that correspond to a month, day and year? That's the expiration date. Just glance at it next time before you take a gulp.
- It's OK that you lied to your fraternity brothers about losing your virginity on formal night. They did the same thing back in high school after prom night.
- I've always dreamed of getting stuck in the elevator with the doors open just a little bit and people could feed me peanuts through the opening until maintenance arrives.
- Why didn't my boyfriend tell me he was sick? Now I'm stuck with a nasty cold right before finals. Ugh.
- To all the people pointing fingers and trying to blame the administration at VT for not shutting down the campus. Newsflash—they only had a couple hours to work with. You wouldn't be able to shut down ECU in two hours.
- You call your parents for every little problem that arises. It's time to grow up and learn how to fix things yourself.
- I came to college to find a mature girl who would make a good wife someday, and all I've found are high school daddy's girls.
- Giving someone Head & Shoulders for their birthday is all about the
- packaging. If it's in a HS bottle then you're a meanie, but if you put it in a Pantene bottle then you should be good.
- Hey Coach bag girl. I bet you have more money in your fake Coach bag than those dumb asses who spent \$300 on the real thing. Rock on, you little saver!
- Hey man, if you don't get caught, everything's legal.
- My clothing for class consists of my sweatpants and free shirts I've gotten from ECU. I love it.
- To the guy who brought my umbrella back to my apartment, thanks. Now I will never have to hear from you again!
- If I'm gonna skip class I do it on Monday or Friday; at least the other days I know I'll have a newspaper to entertain me!
- It sucks when you meet the man of your dreams and then get introduced to his beautiful girlfriend five minutes later!
- I love my poochie!
- How could someone do what was done at VT? He must have no soul, no feelings. People like that need to be locked up.
- My hair gets nappy sometimes and I'm white...
- I'm pregnant and I have seven potential fathers.
- Good luck to the baseball team this weekend!
- It is really pathetic that you actually care whether or not someone is carrying a fake coach bag! Are you seriously that materialist? FYI... There is more to life!
- It's official. Three Duke lacrosse players were raped by a stripper and the Durham district attorney.
- You know you're a mooch when your own boyfriend is begging you to get a job.
- I was helping my boyfriend clean out his drawers today and we threw out all the pictures of him and his crazy ex-girlfriend and put pictures of us in the frames she gave him.
- I am vain and I do think this song is about me.
- You may think you are a pushover, and it makes me want to literally push you over.
- No, it's not because you're black.
- I hope you enjoyed your ride home as much as I did.
- I walked into the library and saw some random guy looking at my pictures on Facebook... so creepy!
- To the boy on MySpace that keeps asking me out—dude! You have a
- girlfriend... gosh no, I won't date you!
- I support Imus.
- There's a fine line between not listening and not caring; I like to think I walk that line everyday of my life.
- Buying a warranty for something kinda makes you want it to break.
- To the guy on the bike that I almost ran over when I was leaving the parking lot on College Hill Saturday—I am so sorry and thank you for being such a good sport!
- I'd like to thank the NRA for pointing out, in their opinion, that the events at VT Monday could have been prevented if students were allowed to carry concealed weapons on campus.
- Walking away was not your obligation. It was your obligation to take me in your arms, tell me how you love me, and that you never want us to end.
- To the curvy redhead who plays video games and loves horror movies, I'm all for that!
- I support my soldier.
- I think drugs are the biggest turn off ever. Do you think it makes you cool?
- Hey guess what... there is a gym on campus maybe you should go to it before your heart gives up.
- You were right when you said the worst thing you ever did was introduce her to me. Now she's my best friend because I'm actually a good friend to her unlike you were.
- I live for boxed wine.
- Is anyone else avoiding the TV, radio and newspaper because the reports of the VA tragedy are too unbearable to see anymore? It's going to push me into a depression. I get goose bumps and teary when people just talk about it in class.
- It's getting to be the end of the semester when all the dummies start sending out e-mails asking questions about the finals but neglect to mention which class they're asking about. Already got one... super!
- It would be a great idea to have TV set up around campus (in the dining halls, in the hallways of classroom buildings, in Mendenhall, etc.) that show a listing of campus events. Especially in light of what happened at VT, if we had this feature in place everyone is bound to look up and read what is going on as they pass the TV screen.
- Who's excited for Africa Night? I am!
- So what exactly is the mystery flavor Airhead... it's been a mystery since the mid 1990s. Someone needs to figure this out!
- To the guy who did not lose his V-card the night of his frat formal... Good job. This girl finds that very respectable.
- Yes, I will marry you.

Has America become desensitized to violence?

Why we must change the outcome for our children

LISA URAM
OPINION WRITER

In the past 10 years, school shootings have become a norm in our society. All across the U.S., children, teenagers and college students have been showing up at schools with the innate desire to kill. Although these cases have been studied over and over again, experts cannot seem to put any one of these killers into a simple profile. It's obvious that these young murderers are disturbed, depressed and angered, but why do they have such an easy time killing such innocent victims?

I am not in any way a psychologist or a specialist on murderers and troubled teens, but I do believe that the increase in violent video games, television shows, movies and the internet are to blame. Back in May of 1999, Harvard's Media Research Laboratory conducted a study on the desensitization of Americans. The study found that less than three percent of Americans retain the ability to be upset, panicked or dismayed by inhuman cruelty, dismemberment or displays of sadistic nature. At the time of the

study, Harvard researchers predicted that America would be completely desensitized by the year 2001. It should be no surprise then that today more than ever before, scenes of violence are becoming thrilling instead of horrifying. The production of video games such as "Mortal Combat," "Grand Theft Auto," "Thrill Kill" and "Manhunt" are prime examples. The object of these games is to brutally kill the opponent, which ultimately translates into a full out blood bath on the television screen. Movies and television programs prove to be no different when it comes to violence. According to the Against Violence Project, young adults spend close to 35 hours per week watching TV and playing video games. From what I've read, most psychologists agree that children who are exposed to acts of violence at a young age are more likely to choose violence as a means to resolve conflict when they become adults. It is quite obvious that this has been an ongoing issue in America that doesn't seem to be changing any time soon. As many of us prepare to graduate and eventually start families of our own, we should keep close to our hearts the recent tragedies we've had to watch unfold in our schools. It is up to us, as future parents, to become committed to raising children in an environment where violence isn't a game or a resolution.

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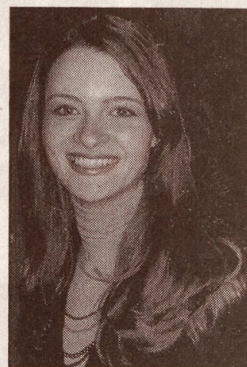
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Make sure you know how to cross the finish line

STAFF REPORT

The semester is almost over and the time has come for seniors to start thinking about graduation. The University Commencement Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on May 5 in Ficklen Stadium, and other departmental, college and school ceremonies are scheduled to take place that weekend as well.

Colonel Hodges of the Marine Corps. base at Camp Lejeune, will give the commencement address during the ceremony at the stadium to approximately 3,774 degree candidates and their guests.

Liz Johnston, director for the Department of Disability Support Services is in charge of the Commencement planning and says she is excited about the ceremony, in part because of the new purple robes.

"We are very excited because this is the first year undergraduates will wear purple gowns," Johnston said. "It will create quite a visual display."

Johnston said that students planning to attend the ceremony should check the ECU alert system online regarding the weather.

Rain or shine, however, students who have fulfilled graduation requirements can expect to walk—if they make a reservation, wear the appropriate attire, arrive on time and behave themselves, that is.

Reservations can be made via Onestop; the link to the reservation page can be found in the 'Tools' section after logging in.

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The ceremony will open with a band concert at 9:20 a.m., but degree candidates should arrive early to check in at Gate 2 under the South Side of stadium. Candi-

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Although graduation is certainly cause for celebration, save the festivities for another location—fireworks and alcohol are not permitted at the ceremony and any personal items brought to public events at ECU are subject to inspection. Candidates whose behavior is impaired will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Participant cooperation and "preferable conduct" is necessary "to ensure that commencement will be dignified and memorable, a proud event in the degree candidate's life, and a credit to ECU," according to the commencement Web site.

Following these steps will help ensure students do not receive any unpleasant surprises during graduation—unless it's the news that the diploma is still to come. Diplomas are actually mailed to graduates once completion of degree requirements has been certified at the end of the semester.

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Friday, May 4

Minges Coliseum/Williams Arena
9 a.m. - H & HP
12 p.m. - Business
3:30 p.m. - Human Ecology
7 p.m. - Education

Wright

9 a.m. - Brody School of Medicine
12 p.m. - Nursing
3:30 p.m. - Psychology
7 p.m. - Communication

Hendrix

9 a.m. - English
12 p.m. - Econ
3:30 p.m. - Pol Sci
7 p.m. - Art

McGinnis

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International House

5 p.m. - International Studies

Brewster D-313

2 p.m. - Philosophy
3 p.m. - Religious Studies

Saturday, May 5

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10 a.m. - University Commencement, outside

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2 p.m. - Allied Health

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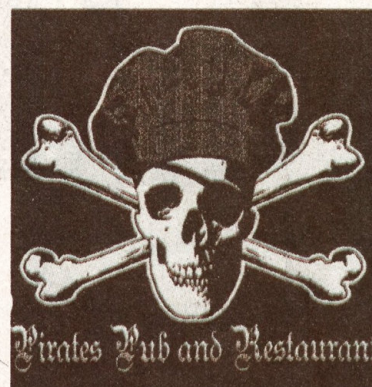
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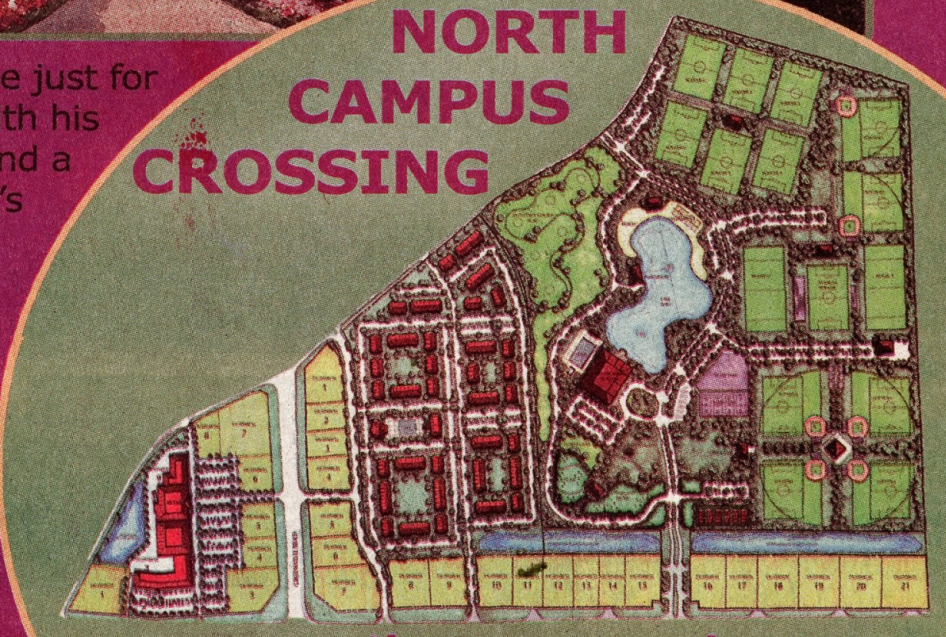


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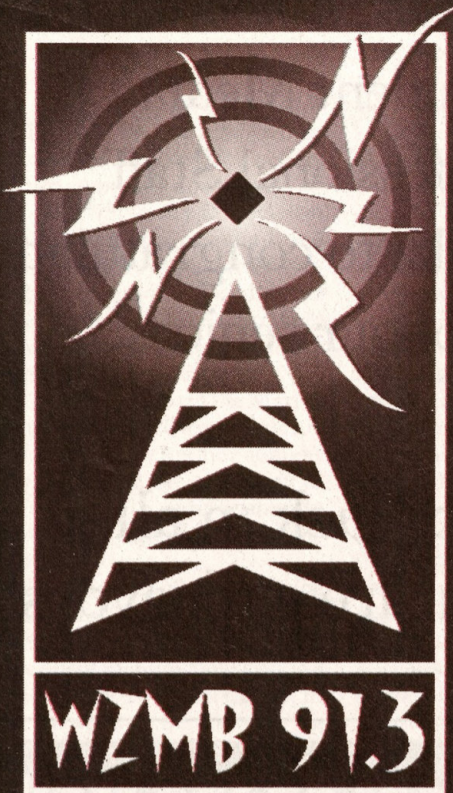


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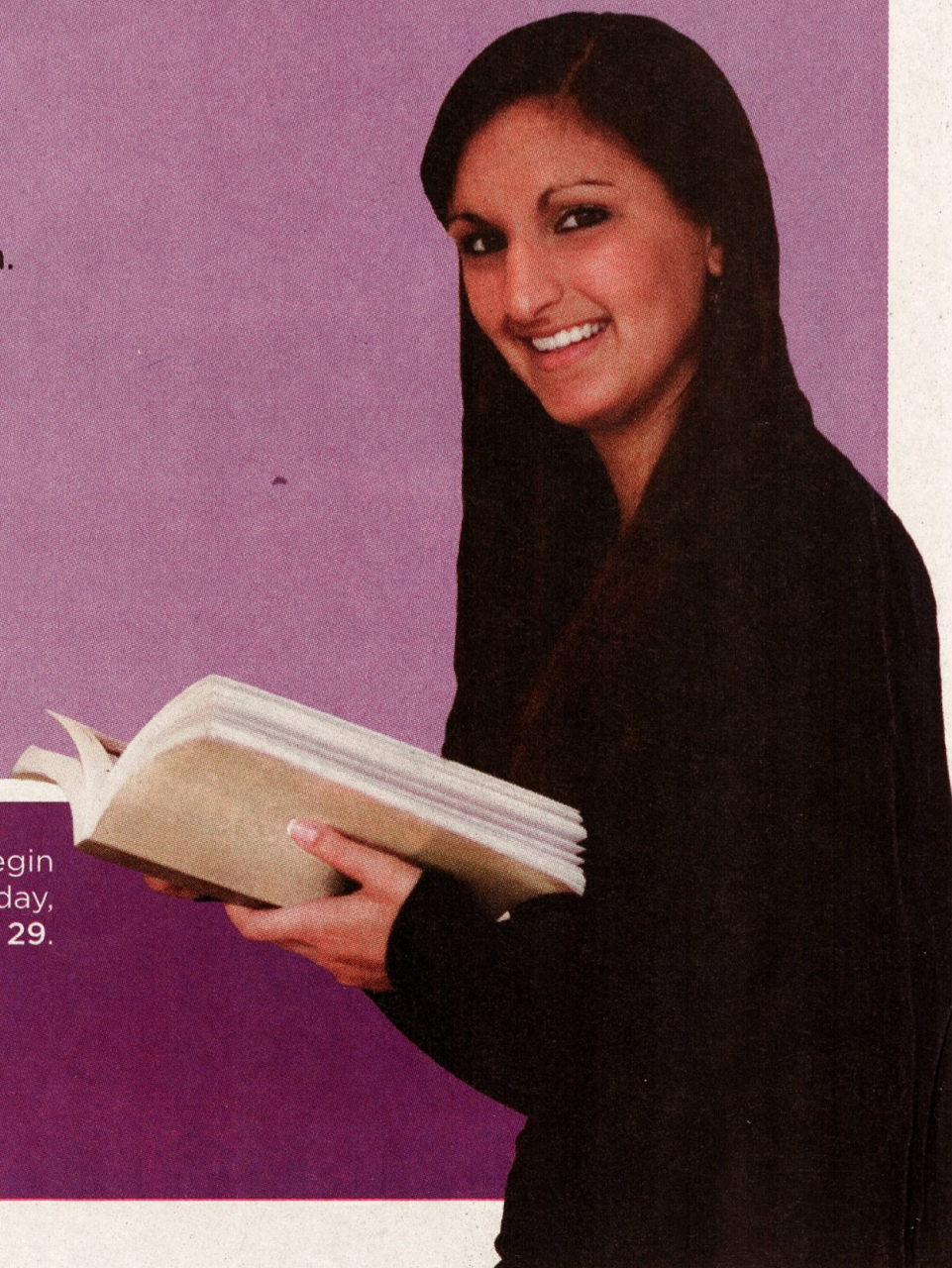
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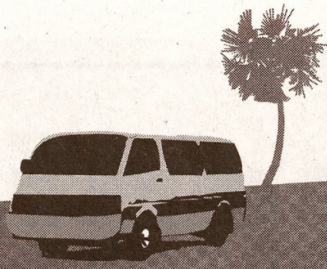


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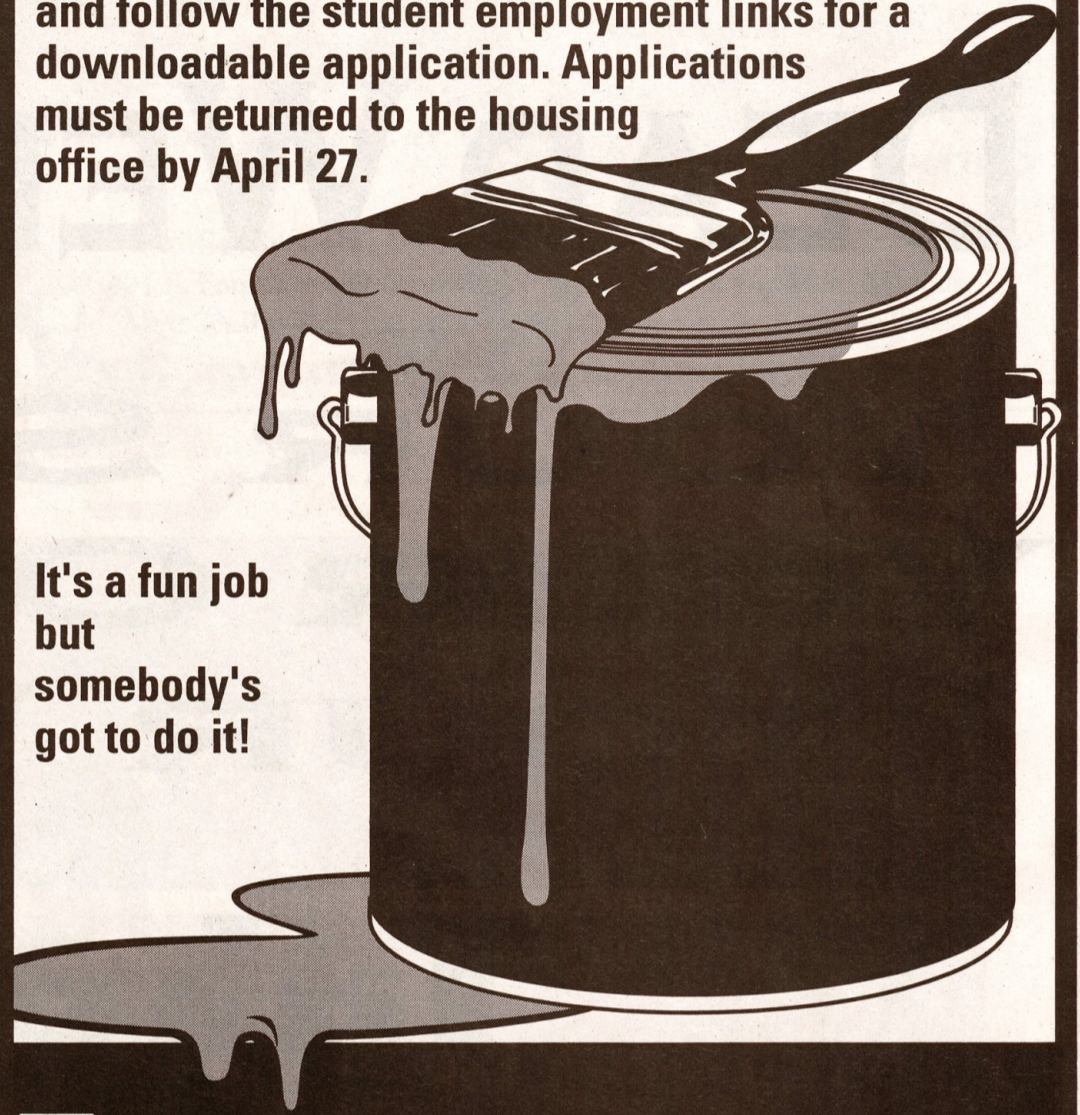
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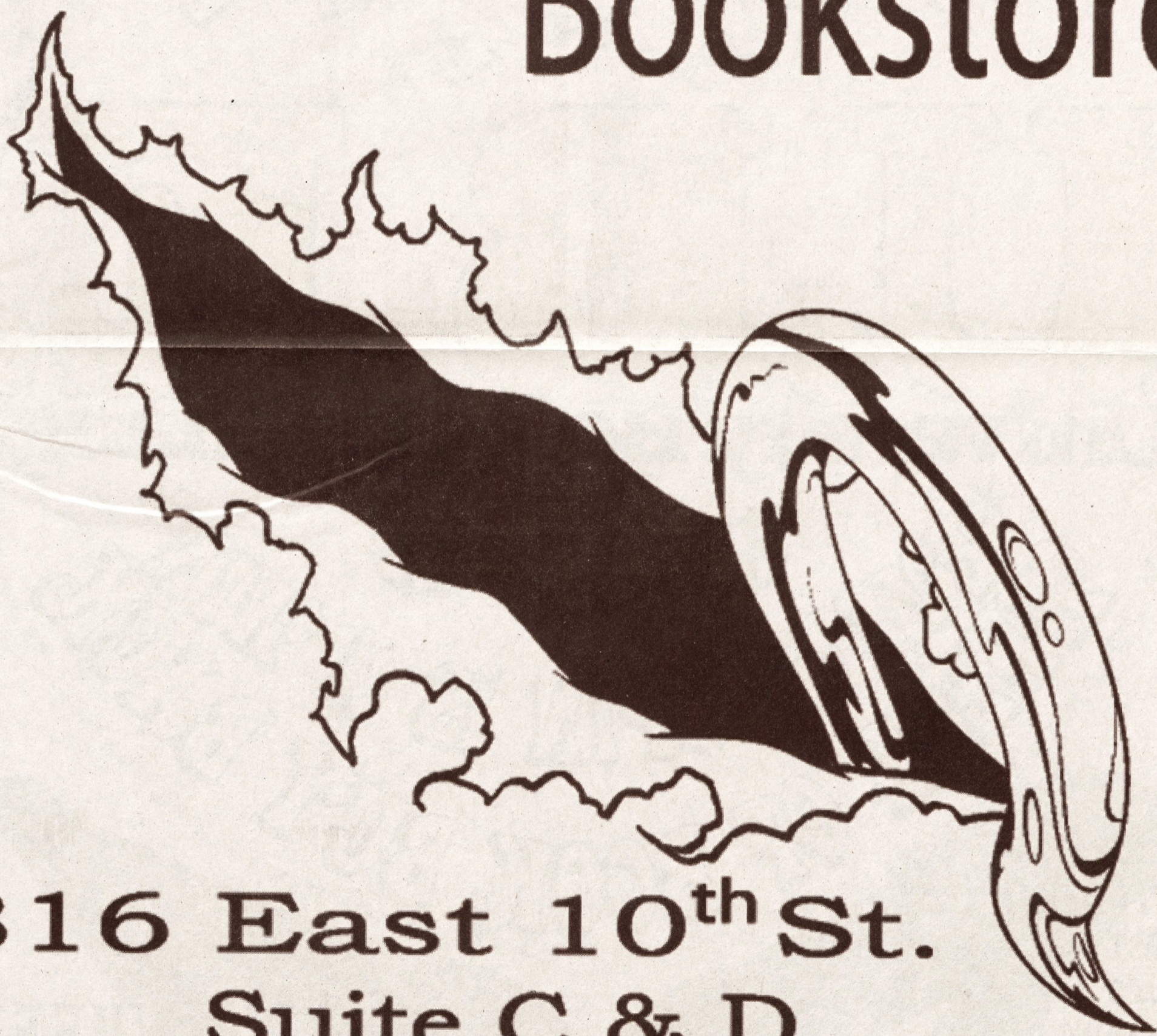
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Taurus
Introduce a practical point of view to the conversation. The others are getting excited about an unlikely supposition.

Gemini
By now you should be starting to see which direction you want to go. By later today or tomorrow, you'll be sure. Then you can add the course correction.

Cancer
Follow through with promises made. Tidy up loose ends. Wrap it up neatly before the weekend, if at all possible. You can relax later.

Leo
The best way to increase your earning potential is to show you can handle money. Provide a plan for funding. Don't side with unrealistic dreamers.

Virgo
It should be relatively easy for you to follow the money. You already know where most of it is. This puts you in a good position.

Libra
Listen very carefully; it's pointless to argue. Besides, if you really get what's being said, the other guy may change his mind.

Scorpio
After initial difficulties, a new challenge is encountered. Show you have self-discipline by saving more than you spend.

Sagittarius
Your relationship with a talkative person is good for both of you. Some others may think you're arguing, but you're actually teaching each other.

Capricorn
It makes a big difference how much effort you put in. Luckily, you're getting into the mood to get the job done.

Aquarius
Share your concerns, including the nebulous ones, with your next of kin. A person who loves you can help you sort through the spin and find the truth.

Pisces
A difficult workplace situation is about to fade away without any more input or worry from you. Let it happen, don't argue.

Drink Recipes:

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- 1 quart milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vodka
- 8 egg yolks
- 1 vanilla pod

Boil milk and let cool; add sugar and vanilla. Reheat and boil for 20 minutes. Let cool once more. Beat the egg yolks until they string from a spoon and combine very slowly with the milk, adding the vodka still more slowly. Cover until the bubbles have collapsed. Strain and bottle. Keep in a cool spot it will keep for months.

Maggie's Energy Drink

- 4 small ginkgo or ginseng tea bags
- 2 quarts water
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 cups sugar or sugar substitute
- 1 large or 2 small herbal tea bags

In a medium pitcher, brew all the tea bags in one quart of water. Add the lemon juice to a large pitcher. Add the sugar and the remaining water and mix well. Pour the tea into the lemonade mix and stir. Refrigerate and serve chilled.

This recipe was provided by professional chefs and has been scaled down from a bulk recipe provided by a restaurant. The Food Network Kitchens chefs have not tested this recipe, in the proportions indicated, and therefore, we cannot make any representation as to the results.

Please drink responsibly.

Plain White T's front man chats it up

Q & A session with Tom Higgenson

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

Plain White T's will be the headliners for today's Barefoot on the Mall and the lead vocalist/guitarist Tom Higgenson took a few minutes to answer some questions for us.

EC: Now that you're on a major record label with a good deal of airtime, how has life changed?

TH: "Basically the things you said, being on the radio and television. Stuff like that we could have never done on an indie label. We could only do so much and they could only push us so much, but I think that's the biggest difference."

EC: How does it feel to go from opening for Hawthorne Heights and Panic! at the Disco to headlining your own tour?

TH: "Both ways are awesome. With those bands it was cool because the shows were really big and we got a lot of new fans, we got exposed to a lot of people. Now that it's our show it's also cool because everybody there is there to see us and they know the songs and they're all singing along. We can be a little bit more confident because we know they're



Catch a performance by headliner band, The Plain White T's, during the 28th Annual Barefoot on the Mall.

there for us, we don't have to win people over. We can just put on our show and know they're going to have a good time."

EC: Do you prefer playing large, arena shows or more intimate club venues?

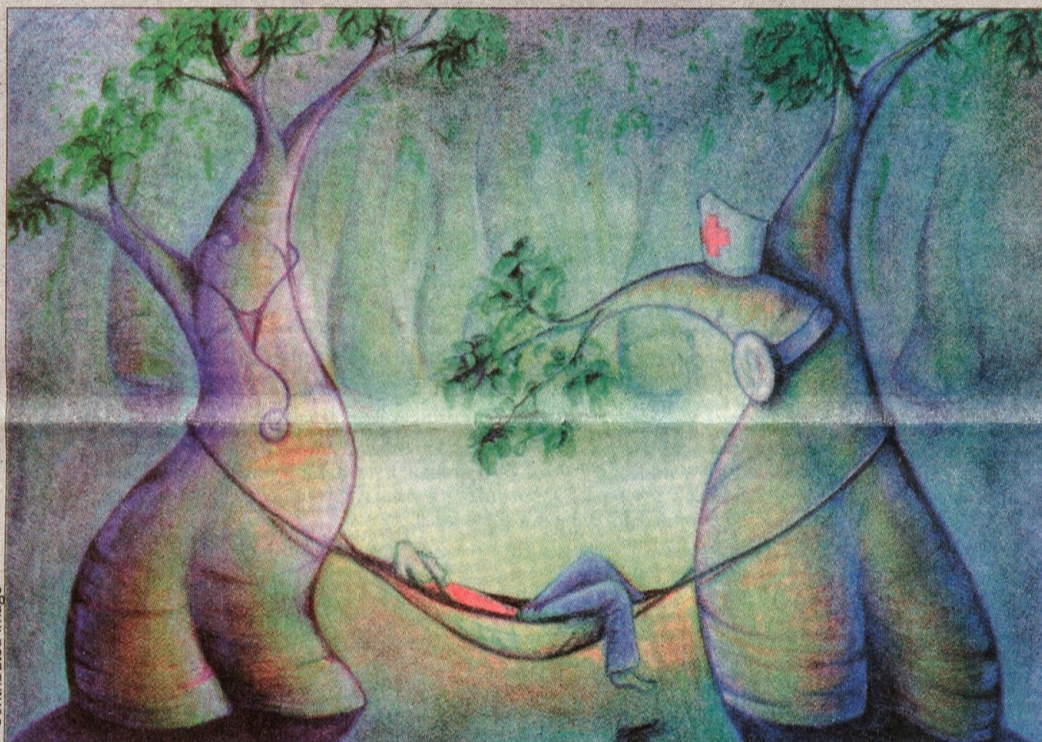
TH: "Both are cool. For our shows, we're not big enough to do arena yet, but the club shows are awesome. Arena shows were definitely cool and it was great exposure. As long as we're playing music, that's what counts."

EC: It's obvious that romance (or the lack thereof) is the basis for most of your music. What other experiences have made their way into your songs?

TH: "Sometimes I try to see things from a different perspective. There is a song called 'Tearing Us Apart' and the point of view of the song is about me screwing up. A lot of songs are like 'Oh this girl screwed me over' but this is about me screwing up. So I mean, just little stupid things will inspire me and I'll get my idea. We have a song called 'Radios in Heaven' and for that I just thought of that one line when I was driving around or something. That idea came into my head that was enough for me to write my whole song around. So just little things, little experiences in life."

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Student media released at Barefoot



Expressions and Rebel release new issues

ELISE PHILLIPS
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

JESSICA DUNLOW
STAFF WRITER

Today marks the release of two independent campus publications' new issues. *Expressions* and *Rebel* both have interesting stories of how they were established, and they have provided sneak previews of these special edition issues.

Guillaume Bagal, the general manager of *Expressions* magazine supplied a brief history of the publication. Established in 1980 by a group of African American students, *Expressions* was intended to bring the voice of minorities to ECU's campus.

Eventually, the definition of minority expanded beyond racial lines, and as stated on the magazine's Web site, to "any group of students that feels outside the norm or mainstream." In addition, it is their prerogative to cater to the public all the stories and issues that are not being addressed by other publications.

"With the passing years, an adjustment to the mission became necessary not only due to a need for diversity on campus, but also to stress the fact that minority is more than the color of one's skin. We all have different backgrounds, cultures, ideals and passions," said Bagal.

Bagal released information regarding the upcoming issue, stating, "the next issue will be distributed at Barefoot on the mall, along with posters and T-shirts. The theme is Identity, and the magazine, having four different cover pages plays with the idea of identity crisis."

The issue showcases work from ECU English professor Dana Hay, four newcomers, Sara Stebnicki, Ashley Glover, Leslie Cecil a.k.a. POETRI, Melanie Gnau and former *Expressions* staff writer, LeeFredrick Bowen.

Since college always ends up being one big identity crisis for most students, this issue should provide an outlook from within our own age population.

Rebel magazine will also be present at Barefoot, ready to distribute anywhere from 500 to 1000 copies of their new magazine.

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The bands of Barefoot



A number of bands will take the stage today during Barefoot on the Mall.

A preview of what you can expect to hear

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

The four bands selected to perform at this year's Barefoot on the Mall will have all the basic genres covered, which means music for everyone. Lonnie Walker and the Baby Angels, Epic Hero, Spare Change and Plain White T's will all hit the stage for your listening pleasure.

The first half of the show will be a nice warm up with bands that are more low key and laid back. Lonnie Walker and the Baby Angels won this year's Battle of the Bands which was sponsored by the Student Union.

Based out of Greenville, these guys describe themselves as a combination of folk and indie rock with a hint of country. Frank lyrics,

acoustic guitars and mellow vocals all combine to present a smooth sound that is worthy of the cash prize and spot at Barefoot that the guys were awarded.

Following the folksy Lonnie Walker is Epic Hero, an alternative band from Minneapolis, Minn. Poppy, rocky and happy, these virtually unheard of guys were picked up by the Student Union at an annual festival.

"Student Union goes to a college festival every year where bands and comedians showcase themselves and that's where we found Epic Hero," said Brit-tany Hartman, chair of Barefoot on the Mall.

They have a sound much like the popular alternative bands of yesterday with an indie rock twist. Basically, you can expect a fun rock band with less emphasis on the rock. Epic Hero is indeed catchy

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The Billy Taylor Jazz Festival returns to ECU

Jazz Department offers weekend of unforgettable music

LAURA HUHN
STAFF WRITER

Interested in hearing some good music? Looking for a new musical and cultural experience that might differ from the norm?

Just love some good jazz? Then the upcoming Billy Taylor Jazz Festival is for you.

This annual festival returns to ECU once again, with the festivities beginning today through Saturday, April 21.

The Billy Taylor Jazz Festival provides the community of ECU and Greenville with a great opportunity to learn about and appreciate one of the finest forms of American music. Each year, different guest performers are

brought in from the national level, and the ECU faculty ensemble and Jazz Ensemble A are able to show their campus just how talented they are.

Events during the festival will include three concerts, a jam session, as well as opportunities for middle school and high school bands to have their performances critiqued.

The three concerts will feature performances by Sherrie Maricle and the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, who specialize in powerful, contemporary big band jazz and Marlena Shaw, a jazz vocalist with more than 40 years experience under her belt. Also performing over the weekend will be the ECU Jazz Ensemble A, the ECU Jazz 'Bones and the ECU Jazz Faculty.

Thursday night will kick off the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival with a free performance by the ECU Jazz 'Bones at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Then,

see JAZZ page B3



Beginning tonight students can catch a variety of performances offered during the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival.

Swash Improv offers laughs to ECU



The Swash Improv Troupe takes time out for a quick photo after yet another crowd pleasing performance.



In order to promote their last performance, Swash performed at Wright.

Comedy with a twist

SHANNON DAVIS
SENIOR WRITER

The Swash Improv Group once again took the Blazin' Wing Challenge in Wright Plaza on Tuesday, April 18 from 12-2 p.m. The Swash players entertained students by eating 200 blazin wings as a source for promoting their final show, which will be held on Friday, April 20 8 p.m. at Mudslinger's Coffee Shop uptown. Swash performed random skits throughout the Blazin' Wing Challenge on the Wright Plaza bricks. "This event is to inform students that there is an improvisational comedy group performing locally and to prove that we would go to extremes to entertain our audience. Last year, The Swash ate only 100 Blazin' wings and within a half hour. This year, we decided to spice things even more by adding another set of 100 wings and teams. This is a competition that anyone on or around the campus will not want to miss," said Katlyn Wyllie, senior communication major and Swash president. During performances, The Swash players perform two to three minute games like seen on "Whose Line is it Anyways?" They receive suggestions for scenes and

short skits from the audience and encourage audience participation. "I started college as an intended Theater Major. I had heard about an Improv Troupe and wanted to get involved, but I had missed auditions. However, at the end of my freshman year, just as I had decided to become a communication major, I auditioned for Swash and got in with my good friends Joe Minnich and Richard Palmer," Wyllie said. She went on to say, "Finding a niche is important and these players have made my experience with Swash and East Carolina University stellar." Audience members are vital for a successful show. Their involvement is important for the troupe to be entertaining. Before each show Swash explains all of the rules for each particular game so that the audience feels like they can participate rather than just watch. "Improv is an entertainment that requires the outside voice of an audience; without this voice, improv would be weak. "The Swash practices the rules of each game so we may entertain the audience by completing a completely original scene by mastering the rules to which apply to those games," Wyllie said.

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EC: This past fall you won the highly coveted "Breaking Woodie" emergent artist Woodie award from mtvU, which is voted on by college students. Up against artists like Imogean Heap and the Arctic Monkeys, was this a surprising win?
TH: "Yeah, that was crazy. Just going to the Woodies and being nominated was awesome. We'd never been to a show like that or nominated. It was the first award of the night and we won so it was very surreal. I love the Arctic Monkeys but I guess our video did really well on MTV and it was all about the college kids, it was pretty awesome."
EC: Have you done many shows on college campuses before? How is the vibe different from other shows?
TH: "Every once in a while we'll do a show like that. Sometimes it's with the tour or sometimes it's just a random one-off. We like playing college shows because they always take care of us, but it's not really that different. When we first started doing college shows it wasn't as cool because no one knew us as much as they do now, and college kids don't buy merch because, well, they're poor college kids. But the latest college shows we've played have really felt like regular shows."
EC: What's a band that you'd like to tour with but haven't yet?
TH: "I love the Strokes, I'd love to play with them, they're one of my favorite bands. Panic!

At the Disco is also one of my favorite bands, but obviously we just toured with them."
EC: After its appearance on All That We Needed, "Hey There Delilah" was an automatic hit with the underground music scene. How did the decision to make it your next single and add it to this album come about?
TH: "It was an obvious choice because it'd become this hit without getting any radio play or anything like that. 'Hate...' was our first single and it did pretty well across the country and on the radio and everything, so it's time for the label to do a second single. They came out to see us and we played 'Delilah' and every single person was singing along. It was kind of an obvious choice; the song is connecting with people on a crazy level. The song being on an indie label never got the chance to be anything more than this underground thing. I thought, 'Why not give it the chance it deserves?'"
EC: As Chicago natives, what comes to mind when you think of the South?
TH: "Hospitality. I could say rednecks, but that's offensive."
EC: Lastly but importantly, have you ever had a plain white t-shirt contest?
TH: "I don't think we have, no. But a plain white t-shirt contest is a great idea. Maybe we'll have to do that sometime."

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JAZZ continued from B1



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A number of performances are set for this weekend, including some by students as well as guest performers.

at 10 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton, there will be a jam session including all of the ECU Jazz combos.

On Friday night, the ECU Jazz Ensemble A, with Sherrie Maricle and the ECU Jazz Faculty, will be performing at 8 p.m., and on Saturday night Sherrie Maricle and the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, with guest vocal-

ist Marlena Shaw, will be performing at 8 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the Greenville Convention Center.

If you have never really listened to jazz before, do yourself a favor and experience an amazing and passion-filled weekend. If you are already a lover of jazz, then you need to make sure to experience the true talent and

excitement for jazz that is found right here at ECU. Either way, you won't regret it.

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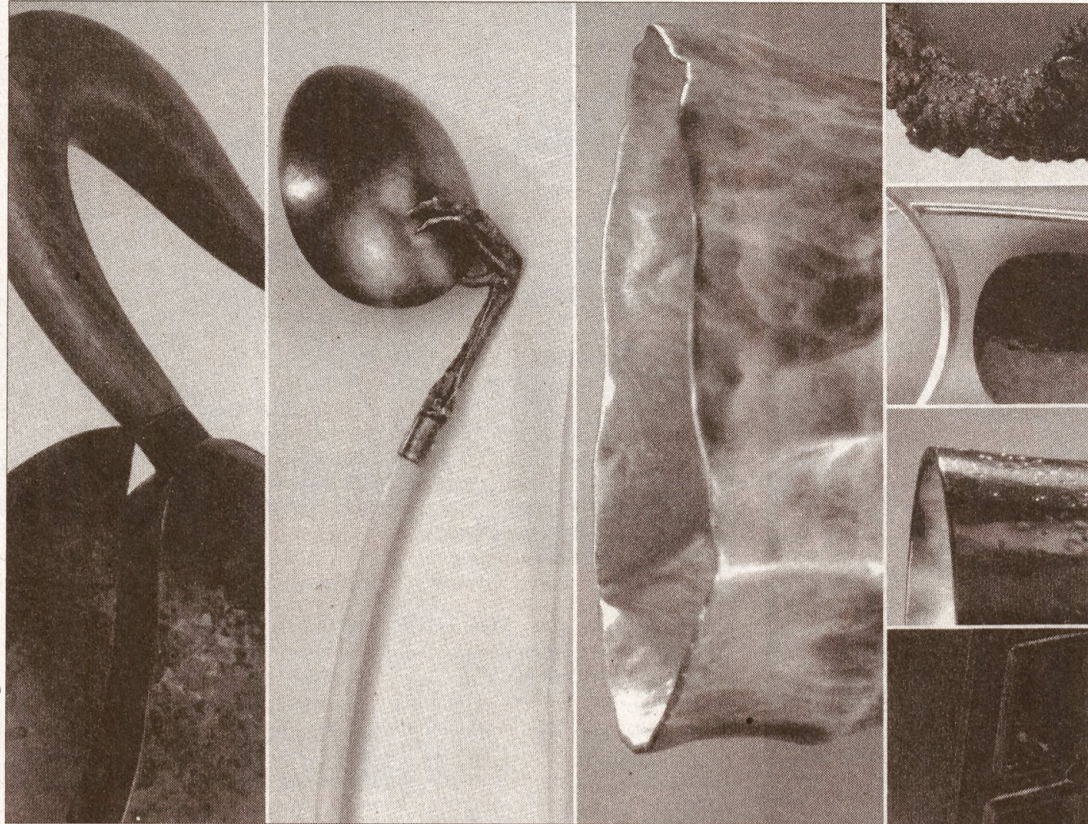
The goal of Rebel magazine is to showcase the work of those students who are in the art, music, literature and other fine arts departments at ECU.

Edward McKim, editor of Rebel, said that Rebel is solely in existence to show off the talents of ECU students.

"We care strongly about our work and what we do, which is serving the students in the most magnificent and unselfish way by celebrating the work they do, not the work that we do for the magazine."

"This has been our mantra for the entire process. We hope it is evident that we decided early on to get rid of all the bells and whistles and make a book that just works for what it is supposed to do, which is come out on time and showcase the talents of ECU students," said McKim.

Both Expressions and Rebel magazines will demonstrate the gifts and abilities that ECU students have to offer. These publications have taken a unique stance in student media, and students are encouraged to come out to Bare-



An image from the newest edition of Rebel magazine, which will be handed out today during Barefoot.

foot on the Mall for a chance to see these magazines in action.

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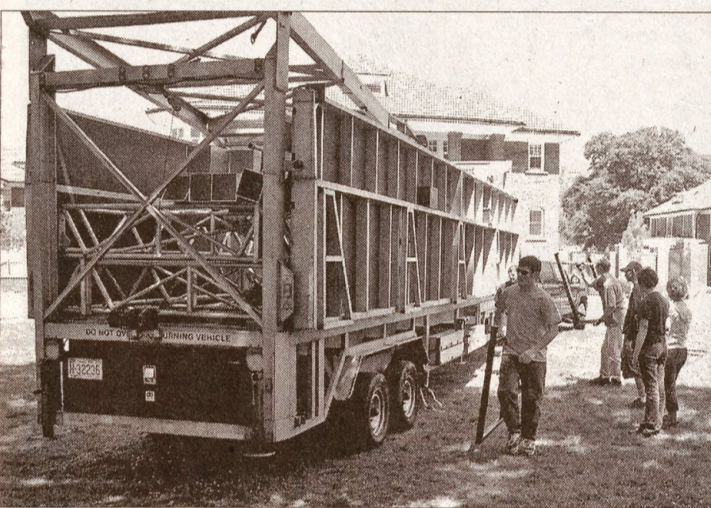
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BAREFOOT continued from B1



The stage will be step up tomorrow to accommodate the performers.

and worth a listen, so don't wait until 4 p.m. to show up on the mall.

Following the two opening acts, we have the midliners and headliners who were voted on by ECU students back in October.

"All Student Union money is from student fees so that's why we polled the students to see exactly who they wanted to come play," Hartman said.

Spare Change, a band based

out of Kinston, are known as a party band that's a cross between rock, country and pop. For the most part they play covers of popular songs from yesterday and today, but they have a few of their own songs up their sleeves as well. Always a hit with Greenville night life, these guys are bound to put on a good show with music that everyone can appreciate. Expect classics like

"You Give Love a Bad Name," "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Jack and Diane."

Lastly we have our headliners, the quintet from Chicago, Ill. known as Plain White T's. Together since 1997, this indie/rock/pop band is finally getting its time to shine with two singles off their latest album having recently received regular radio and television airtime.

You may have heard "Hate (I Really Don't Like You)" and "Hey There Delilah" on any one of the local radio stations or seen the videos on MTV or mtvU. The band won a Woodie award from mtvU this past fall for best emergent artist as voted by college students across America and they recently toured with Hawthorne Heights and Panic! at the Disco before beginning their own headlining U.S. tour.

"We had a list of six bands and it came down to Plain White T's and Gym Class Heroes. Gym Class Heroes could not come so Plain White T's ended up taking the spot," said Hartman, explaining how Plain White T's ended up on the lineup.

Poppy, fun and energetic, the Plain White T's always put on a great show and are known for winning over their audiences.

Students around campus talked about why they were going to be at Barefoot and who they hoped to see.

"The band I'm most interested in seeing is Plain White T's because I've heard them on the radio, but I'd also like to see Spare Change," said Jennifer Bartels, a senior communication major.

Equally eager senior elementary education major, Cu'Tris Kimble said, "I'm interested in hearing what all these bands have to offer being that it's going to be my last Barefoot on the Mall."

Whatever your musical preferences, don't miss the variety that is going to be at Barefoot on the Mall tomorrow. Your tuition is funding the festivities, so don't miss out on the free music and goods. The first band will hit the stage at 12:30 p.m. and the music won't stop until 6 p.m.

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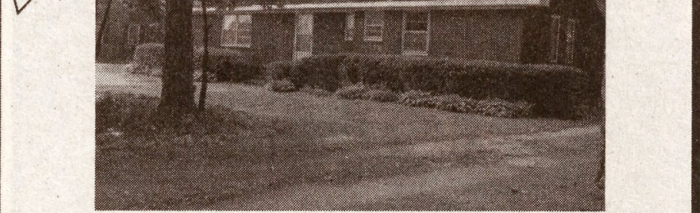
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The Swash Improv troupe practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There are about six to eight shows a semester.

They have performed at the Willis Building on campus, the Pirates Underground, downtown

and at the R.A. Fountain in Fountain, N.C.

For more information about the Swash Improv troupe, visit their Web site at swashimprov.com.

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QUOTES FROM THE YEAR

"I can't be more proud of these seniors... I'm so excited to go bowling. They did such a great job and I'm so proud of all of them."

-Football Head Coach Skip Holtz

"I'm just really proud of this basketball team. The way they've responded in the past couple of months and the way they've played and come together has been really exciting."

-Women's basketball Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener after ECU won its first ever C-USA Tournament

"The crowd was awesome. There were times in the second half where it was loud enough and it was like a home crowd for us."

-Holtz on the atmosphere in Raleigh in the Pirates 21-16 win over the Wolfpack

"Every year our goal is to play in a regional, a super regional and ultimately make it to Omaha. That is where Coach LeClair wanted to this program to be, and where I want it to be."

-Baseball Head Coach Billy Godwin

"It felt pretty good, it was really exciting. It's been a long four years, and to hit the milestone was definitely pretty exciting because my teammates were all there for me."

-Softball pitcher Keli Harrell after becoming C-USA's all-time leader in strikeouts

"We've been underdogs all year and we've played a tough schedule but we're not going to let that get us down. We have a bunch of older guys leading this team and it just shows the kind of fight we have."

-Baseball player Ryan Tousley after ECU swept seventh ranked Cal State Fullerton

"There were so many positives about the N.C. State game and getting that seventh win means so much to this program."

-Skip Holtz

"They look to me to be a leader. I'm just going to do my best and do the same thing I've been doing all year, just trying to be a leader on the court."

-Women's basketball point guard Jasmine Young

"I can't say how proud I am to be up here today accepting this incredible honor. I just feel very humble and proud to carry on the legacy that a great father of ECU baseball created."

-Baseball player Chris Powell on wearing jersey No. 23 in honor of ECU legend Keith LeClair

"It's been a long time since we were able to go bowling and now we're doing it and it's exciting."

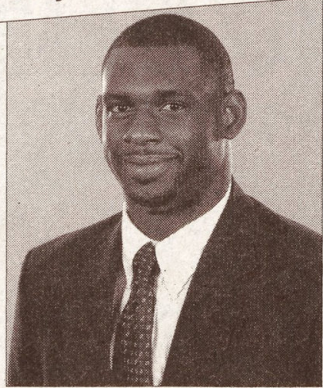
-Running back Brandon Fracintosh

Team of the Year



The ECU women's basketball team will share the honor of Team of the Year with the ECU football team.

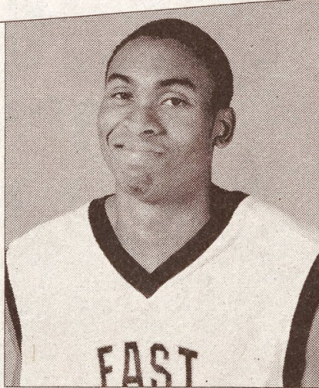
Player of the Year



James Pinkney

Pinkney quarterbacked the 2006 ECU football team to its first bowl appearance since 2001 this fall. The 6-foot-3, 220-pounder from Delray Beach, Fla. ended his career as the Pirates' second-leading passer with 8,173 career passing yards. Pinkney threw for 2,783 yards and 12 touchdowns in his senior season. The 2,783 yards rank second on the ECU all-time passing and overall individual offensive performances in a season charts. Pinkney led the Pirates to a 7-6 record last season, their highest win total since 2000. The durable quarterback also started a school record 38 straight games, dating back to the 2003 season.

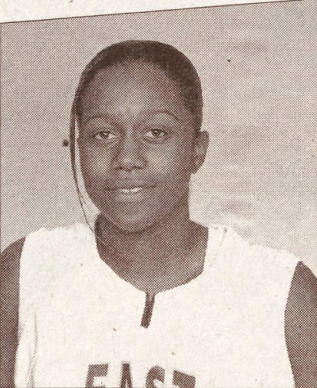
Freshman of the Year



John Fields

John Fields, a member of the C-USA All-Freshman Team, became the first freshman to lead Conference USA in field goal percentage. He completed his rookie season shooting 62.4 percent from the floor (88-of-141). He also ranked 51st in the final NCAA statistics in blocked shots per game with 1.9

Most Improved Pirate of the Year



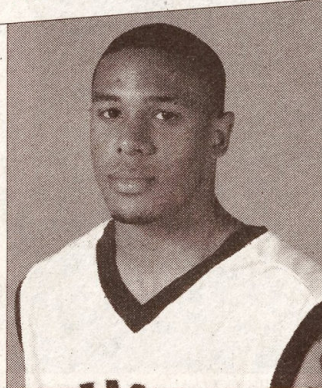
LaCoya Terry

Terry, who was named MVP of this year's C-USA Women's Basketball Tournament, led the Pirates to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since the 1981-1982 season last month. She increased her averages across the board in her second season wearing purple and gold, improving her scoring average from 7.5 to 12.9 points per game and doubling her assist average from 1.7 to 3.5 per game.

Terry averaged 20 points per game in the conference tournament, including a career high 30 points against UAB in the semifinals. Terry's role in the Pirates history making run to the team's highest regular season C-USA finish, first C-USA tournament title and first NCAA tournament appearance since 1982 can not be understated. Terry, point guard Jasmine Young and three other sophomore's will be returning along with lone junior Nicole Days to form the core of the Pirates team next season, as they seek to defend their C-USA crown.



Newcomer of the Year



Darrell Jenkins

Darrell Jenkins led Conference USA with 5.53 assists per game. He became the first Pirate to lead any conference in assists. He finished his first season as a Pirate with a single-season record 166 assists, the most by any C-USA student athlete during the season. He also finished the year ranked 23rd nationally in assists per game.



Teammates of the Year



Jasmine Young and Cherie Mills

After leading the women's basketball program to their first NCAA tournament as well as first Conference USA tournament title, the dynamic duo of sophomore point guard Jasmine Young and senior center Cherie Mills take the Teammates of the Year award.

Fresh off her C-USA Freshman of the Year campaign, Young proved that there was no such thing as a sophomore slump as she tallied 13.4 ppg, 16.4 assists and 7.9 steals during her second season as a Pirate.

Mills, a transfer from Louisburg Junior College, only enjoyed two years as a member of the ECU squad. Averaging 14.8 ppg, 7.3 rpg, and also blocking 33 shots made sure that the Pirates endured one of the most successful seasons in program history.

A glance at the big money business that is sports

ECU makes big, spends big

ROBERT MATTHEW PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As I sat in my comfy, cushioned seat in the ECU press box overlooking 35,541 fans packed into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium to watch ECU defeat Virginia on Oct. 7, 2006, I sat back, drew a breath, and took it all in.

The stadium held 35,541 people at the time, quite a few. Granted, it is not quite what you would run into on an autumn Saturday in Columbus, Ohio to watch the Ohio State Buckeyes destroy Michigan again. (Sorry, but I am an Ohio native and after consecutive losses to Florida in two National Championship games of two different sports, this is my little way of regaining some sort of pride.) And no, it is not the over 80,000 strong that routinely cram into Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Ind. to watch the Fighting Irish play underneath the perpetual guidance of Touchdown Jesus, but 35,000 is a good amount of people no matter how you slice it.



The 2006 ECU football team poses with the Papajohns.com Bowl logo. Bowl games are an opportunity for universities to generate additional revenue.

I'm not an economics major, but I can figure out that that many people should mean some decent amount of money was generated. So where does the money come from and where is it sent?

The single biggest individual source of money that the ECU athletic department anticipated

to receive in the 2005 - 2006 academic year came in the form of student fees. With fees set at \$386 per student, approximately \$7.3 million was projected to go to the athletics department.

Without question, football is the biggest money maker when it comes to ECU athletics. In the

2005 - 2006 academic year ECU projected to make \$450,000 dollars from the gates of five home games against Duke, Southern Miss, Rice, Central Florida, and UAB. This is a number that seems low when compared to the straight attendance figures, but when one considers the number of free tickets

given to ECU students it is put in perspective.

Being that football is the biggest money generator, it is also the biggest sport when it comes to expenditures. Over \$4.3 million was expected to be allocated to the

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Charity event for ex-ECU football player raises thousands

Puddin' Palooza gives hope to a true Pirate

BENJAMIN LLOYD
SENIOR WRITER

Many young athletes injure themselves and those without health insurance are left to pay the medical bills. Medical procedures can cost thousands of dollars if insurance is not used.

Adam Lambert played football for the ECU Pirates during the 1998 - 1999 season as a redshirt freshman on the offensive tackle and defensive end positions. He grew up playing football right here in Greenville at D.H. Conley High School. During

his tenure with ECU, Lambert started to complain about knee pains and decided to take a visit to the doctor. The doctor informed him that nothing was wrong with his knee but that they would like to run some tests on his back.

Lambert soon learned that his training and heavy lifting had caused him to develop Spinal Stenosis, a degenerative disease. In people with Spinal Stenosis the spine is narrowed in one or more of three parts—the space at the center of the spine, the canals where nerves branch out from the spine and the space between vertebrae (the bones of the spine). This narrowing puts pressure on the spinal cord and nerves and can cause pain.

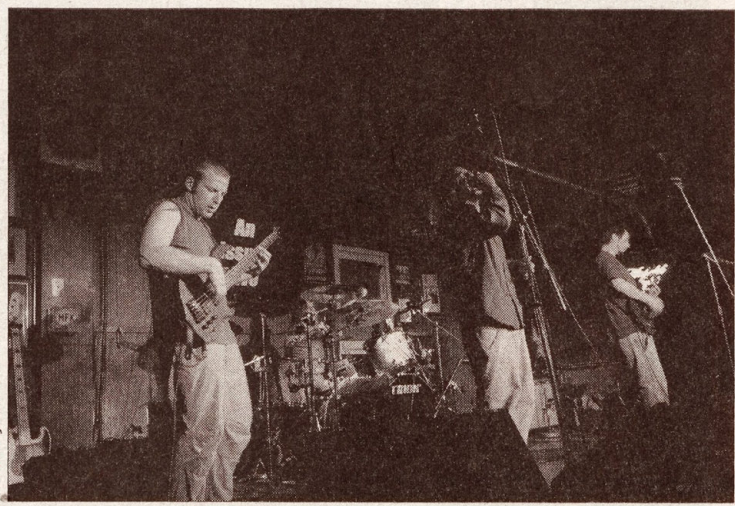
Lambert's injuries are extensive and when watching him, you can see the pain in his eyes with every movement.

"If you can imagine your leg constantly hurting," said Lambert of his pain. "It's not my back that hurts the most, it's my leg. The nerve that runs all the way down the back of my leg."

There are two options for Lambert to become healed. He can either get a Laminectomy or a fusion. Both procedures are very expensive and very necessary to rid Lambert of his pain.

To even begin the process of surgery, Lambert must pay his doctor half of the full cost. Lambert's friends, family and the ECU service sorority Gamma Sigma MSA came up with

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Live With Biggie perform a set in support of Adam Puddin' Lambert.

OPINION

Playoff preview: A lesson in the ways of the NBA

Reconsider the league before you change the channel

STEPHANIE FU
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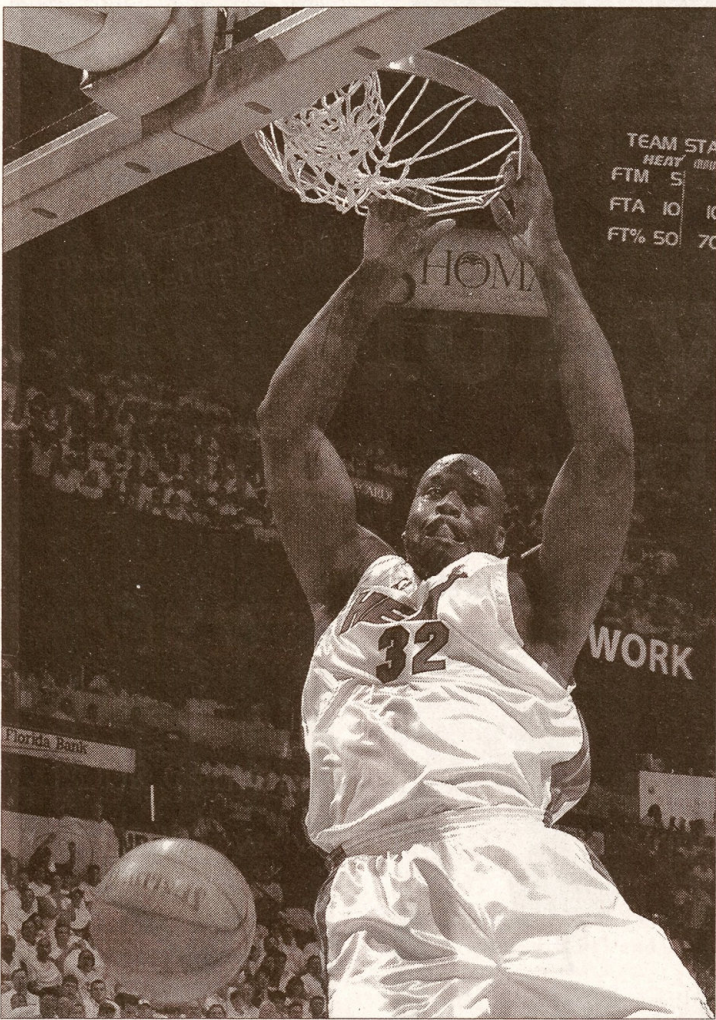
Controversy swarms around the legacy known as the NBA about whether or not to accept it as a credible athletic organization. Arguments against the NBA include that the players are unfairly paid a great deal more than athletes in other professional sports and that showboating has become a major issue.

Players in the NBA sign a contract and are paid that set amount even in the case of injury. The players in the NFL are not paid if they get injured but are still paid a substantial amount. In 2002, Donovan McNabb was paid a total compensation of more than \$15 million a year. This total compensation included signing, roster and workout bonuses. Three years later, the highest paid quarterback was Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons receiving more than \$23 million a year.

The highest paid NBA player of the 2006-2007 season is Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timber Wolves and is paid \$21 million a year, which is less than Vick. Garnett is followed by Shaquille O'Neal, \$20 million, and Kobe Bryant, \$18 million.

Baseball players are also some of the highest paid athletes. The three highest paid players in the MLB are Alex Rodriguez, Jason Giambi and Derek Jeter making \$27.7 million, \$23.4 millions and \$21.6 million respectively.

Players on the PGA tour are paid in a different way. They do not have a base salary, but rather are paid by endorsements that they create with sponsors. The other part of their salaries come from how many rounds they survive in certain tournaments. The U.S. Open, the U.S. Masters and the Players Championship among other tournaments offer prize money ranging from \$5 to \$7 million. Nevertheless, it should



Shaquille O'Neal is considered by many experts to be the most dominant center in the game, and more importantly a friendly, positive role model.

not be mistaken that professional golf players are paid too little. Tiger Woods is paid \$100 million a year and only about \$20 million of this is from prize money.

Endorsements exist for every single professional sport. Popular NBA players like Shaquille O'Neal and Dwayne Wade sign for various endorsements.

Individual players like Clinton Portis and Peyton Manning of the NFL receive several million dollars for endorsing products like Coca-Cola, MasterCard and Campbell's Soup. Golf players get paid anywhere from 20 million dollars to more than 50 million dollars. Tiger Woods gets paid a substantial amount of money every time he dons a

Nike hat. Maria Sharapova and Anna Kournikova are becoming the queens of endorsements in the tennis world following other tennis players like Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras. Sharapova receives more than 20 million dollars in endorsements and Sampras's endorsement money has reached up to \$80 million.

As for showboating, this is apparent in almost every sport. What rich and famous athlete does not have a million dollar mansion and luxury sports cars? Even still, many people do not like the NBA because they say that the players are arrogant and are only "in it for the money." It is true that

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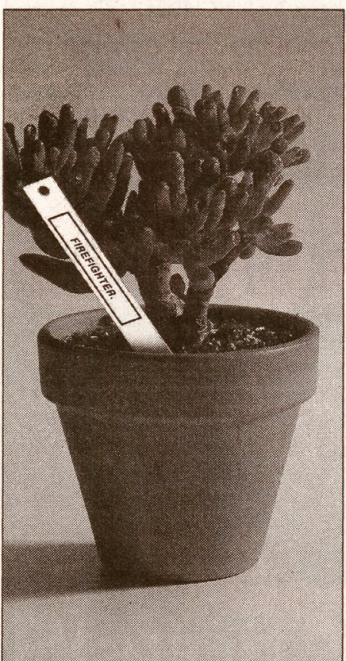
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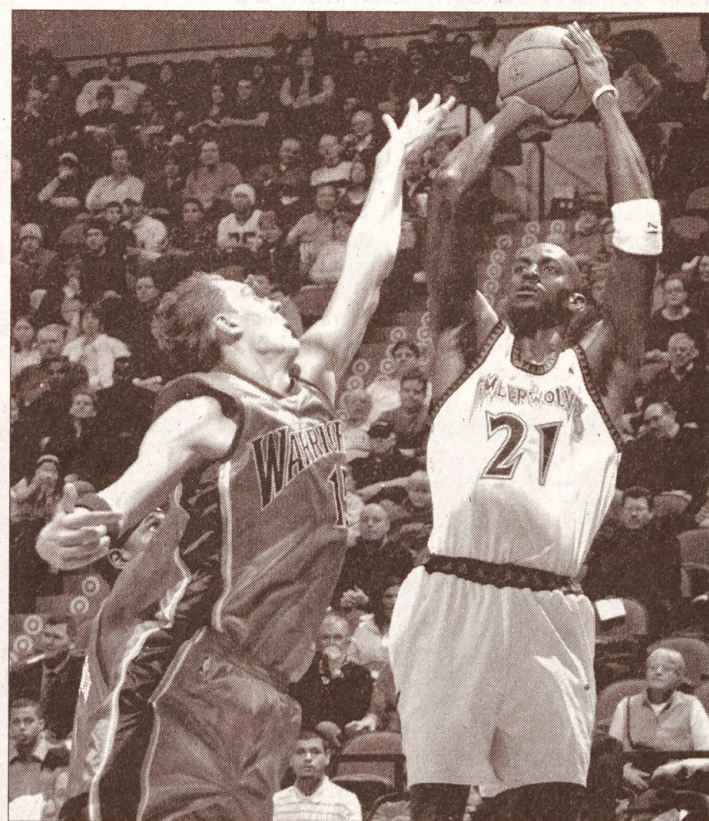
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Kevin Garnett, who is the highest paid player in the NBA, is always among the league leaders in numerous offensive categories.

a good number of players have gone straight from high school to the NBA, like LeBron James. Most people believe James went straight to the NBA for the money but similar to Kevin Durant, his skill level was far above other college players. Others leave college basketball early to go pro like many players from the 2005 National Championship UNC Tarheels team, like Rashad McCants and Marvin Williams.

However, all athletes in the professional world are "in it for the money" to some degree. Certain athletes are known to contribute more of their salary to charity than others and spectators could argue that professional players in sports like golf and tennis earn at least some of their salary in contrast to a fixed contract.

There is no denying that there are some less than decent players in the NBA, but what about the players that everyone has admired since their college basketball days and to this day remain fans of them like Shane Battier, Dwayne Wade, Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing just to name a few?

Some still would argue

against the NBA and claim that it is not a credible league and that is completely up to the spectator, but for those who watch for the love of basketball, the playoffs this year are just around the corner.

For the Eastern Conference, the Detroit Pistons who made it to the 2005 finals are the number one seed followed by the Chicago Bulls. The Cleveland Cavaliers and the champions of 2006, the Miami Heat, are also in the top five seeds for this conference.

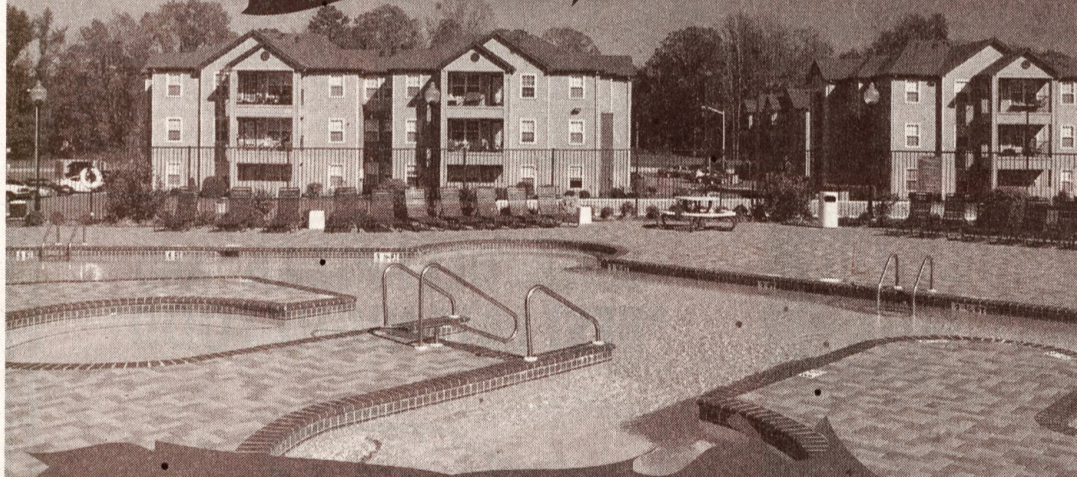
Last year's runner up, the Dallas Mavericks are the number one seed for the Western Conference. The 2005 champion San Antonio Spurs are close behind as the number three seed.

Teams like the New York Knicks, the Boston Celtics and the Memphis Grizzlies have already been eliminated from the playoffs this year.

So those that oppose the NBA change the channel and turn away but for those who are still fans, get ready for an interesting year of playoffs.

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football program last year. The closest program to that number was men's basketball, which was projected an allocation of \$1.1 million. Baseball was expected to have \$720,000 in expenses last year while expected to make \$220,000 from season ticket sales and \$80,000 from the gates. What about women's sports? Women's basketball actually came in third, expected to receive more money than ECU baseball, with approximately \$806,000 being spent on the program last year.

Softball was projected to be given just over \$420,000 and volleyball almost \$344,000. It is also interesting to compare the projected expenses/profits of sports like swimming, tennis, track/cross country and golf which have both men's and women's teams. In the cases of these teams, the women's teams were expected to be given more money than the men's teams. Men's swimming was calculated to receive about \$233,000 compared to the women's \$374,000.

Men's tennis was slated to receive \$134,750 against the women's \$151,400. The women's track/cross country team was placed at \$379,300 to the men's \$294,200. Men's golf trailed women's at \$120,400 to \$143,750. None of these teams were slated in the university's athletic budget as money generators in the 2005 - 2006 academic year. It is free of charge for anyone to attend these sports, including softball and volleyball among others, so they do not have the added funds

from that source. And what would any game be without the cheerleaders? Cheerleading came in with an expected \$30,850 in expenses on the 2005 - 2006 budget. With the success of ECU programs like women's basketball, football and baseball the final figures for the 2006 - 2007 academic year are sure to surpass those of 2005 - 2006. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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Romeo and An Issue Alive. The bands rocked out all night long and a special rendition of Marvin Gaye's hit "Let's get it on" was played so that Adam and his girlfriend Nicole could enjoy a dance together. "The only way I can accept this [money] is for them to accept my thanks," said Adam about the event. "It's very humbling and I'm very fortunate." Money was raised by donations, since there was no cover charge, and Dr. Unk's Oasis donated 10 percent of their night's earnings toward his surgery. Nicole said of the event, "Thanks for everyone that came out last night. It was wicked fun and we raised \$1,780." Adam is a real inspiration. The next night he was back to work, sitting at his normal booth right in front of the Dr. Unk's entrance. Right now Adam is holding down two jobs to save money for his surgery. He is a bouncer at Dr. Unk's Oasis and a cook at Carolina Pizza & Pasta Works, better known as CPW's. If you missed the event and still want to donate to Adam's cause then contact Gamma Sigma as they were in charge of financials for the event.

Girlfriend Nicole poses with boyfriend and bouncer Lambert. idea to throw a benefit for Lambert to raise money for his surgery. Lambert's boss and best friend Scott Lupton, manager at Dr. Unk's Oasis and his girlfriend Nicole spearheaded a charity event for Lambert. His unusual nickname, Puddin', became the center piece for the event, which took place this past Monday, April 16 at Dr. Unk's Oasis. "We needed to raise the money for his surgery. What ever we could do to help," said Scott Lupton, general manager for Dr. Unk's Oasis, about the reason for the event. Puddin' Palooza featured five bands that were recruited because of their friendship with Adam; Live With Biggie, Dragon Seeks Path, Assembly Required, Back Seat

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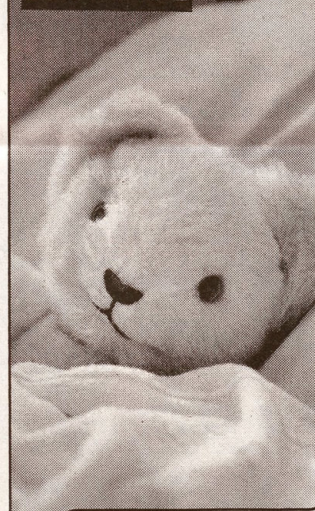
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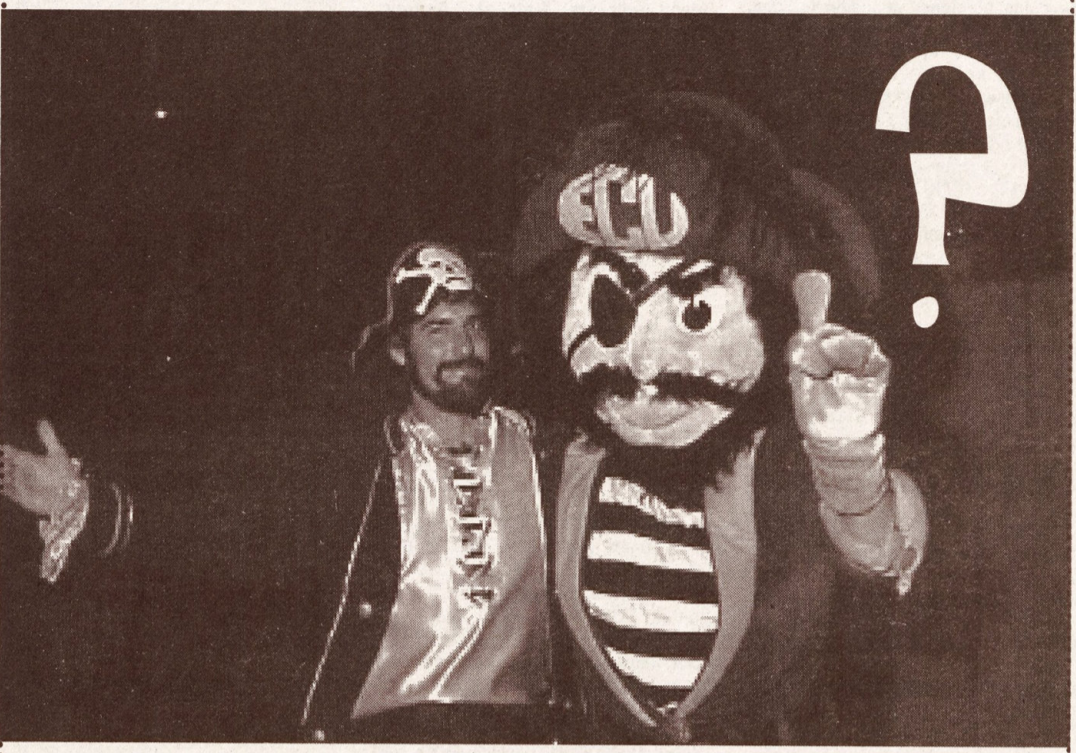
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