



The ECU football team has been working to improve in several key areas during its bye week. Turn to the sports section to find out what coach Holtz and the Pirates are doing to rebound from their poor performance against Marshall and how several glaring problems are going to be improved.....Page A10



The Pirates held their own against a tough opponent in former CAA rival Richmond on Tuesday night. Check out the sports section for a full recap of the overtime thriller and what improvements the ECU basketball team has made since last season.....Page A10



The Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross comes to campus regularly to elicit donations from healthy students. Blood donations save lives across the country and the world.....Page A7

Week of registration runs smoothly

Students rush for spring classes

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

The majority of ECU students completed their registration last week with the help of advisors and Banner.

Banner is enjoying its first full school year of use after being implemented less than one year ago.

Don Sweet, associate chief information officer, noted that during the entire week of registration, Banner itself was slow for "only .83 percent of that time."

"The reason it was slow was because a concurrent user setting (the number of requests

that it could process simultaneously) for the database that Banner runs on was reset to a lower number than the previous registration and we are looking to find out how that happened," Sweet said.

"It was immediately changed from 750 concurrent sessions up to 2,048 concurrent sessions when it was discovered and everything

worked fine."

Advisors reported little to no problems as well from their side of the registration process.

"From an advising perspective it went really smoothly," said Jayne Geissler, director of the Academic Advising and Support Center.

"We start late August, early September sending out emails and during this time

service around 4,000 students from the undecided to arts or sciences," Geissler said.

Problems, if any during the week consisted primarily of having to wait to see ones advisor.

"The advisors in our center began contacting their advisees the last week of September,

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Student Health Services announces required hard waiver insurance

Goes into effect after two more approvals

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

ECU may join many other universities within the UNC system in implementing a hard waiver insurance program.

"Hard waiver is when students are required to have health insurance to enroll in the university," said Amy Viverette, student health services administrator.

"Students would not be required to purchase the student insurance we offer, however they must show proof of having comparable coverage in order to enroll."

Student Health Services has not received final approval from Chancellor Steve Ballard and the ECU Board of Trustees for Hard Waiver Insurance, according to Viverette.

"Once insurance becomes required, the cost of the premium is driven down due to the possible market that the policy is opened up to," Viverette said.

"This makes our school insurance policy much more affordable than any comparable plan."

In the recent past, insurance companies have been offering extremely high rates, according to Viverette.

The fee that will be added to the student tuition bill is seen as an acceptable amount for the service.

The premium hard waiver insurance policy for undergraduates is estimated to be \$349 per semester.

Pearce and Pearce, the company that provides the insurance, will administer the hard waiver program.

"I think that the \$350 that students without health insurance would have to pay is neces-



DID YOU KNOW...

- One of the fastest growing groups in the U.S. population without health insurance are traditional college age students (18-29).
- More than 13 million lacked coverage in 2003, which is a 2.2 million increase from 2000.
- Uninsured students, aged 18-24, incurred 718,000 emergency visits in 2001.
- A visit to the emergency room will cost you \$800-\$1000, on average.
- The current student population has the greatest number of health care problems than any other generation

sary. The purpose of insurance is for the what-if's in life," said Evan Roberson, junior.

Students will still receive health care through ECU Student Health Services. For services not available at the health center, students can use health care providers in the MED-COST Network.

"The MEDCOST Network is a network of providers that

consists of hospitals, doctors and other health care providers organized into a network for the purpose of delivering quality healthcare at affordable rates," Viverette said.

Students who already have an insurance policy would need to supply their current insurance information, which includes the name of the insurance company, subscriber ID and group number

(if applicable).

This information will be sent online to ECUs Student Health Services and verified by Pearce and Pearce.

ECU offers an insurance policy for Study Abroad students called HTH Worldwide.

International students that come to ECU are also offered HTH Worldwide insurance, according to Viverette.

UNC SCHOOLS WITH HARD WAIVER INSURANCE

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- North Carolina A&T University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina School of the Arts
- UNC Asheville
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Greensboro
- UNC Pembroke
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University

UNC SCHOOLS WORKING TO IMPLEMENT HARD WAIVER INSURANCE

- Appalachian State University (fall 2008)
- UNC Wilmington (fall 2008)
- ECU (fall 2008)

If ECU adopted the hard waiver program, international students would be eligible to use Pearce and Pearce insurance.

Approximately 80 other institutions in the United States have implemented hard waiver programs.

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LeadersShape engages student in leadership building experiences

Application deadline quickly approaching

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The LeaderShape Institute is an intensive week-long leadership development experience that is designed to help young student leaders learn to 'lead with integrity.'

This interactive and energizing program provides the tools for students to act consistently with their core ethical values, personal values and convictions.

LeaderShape assists students in creating and enriching relationships and helps in developing the respect and contribution of all people in its participants.

"It opens opportunities and it is good for networking," said Brad Congleton, SGA external deputy chief of staff and on-site LeaderShape coordinator and participant.

"It also increases your involvement so you can pass what you've learned onto others."

At the LeaderShape Institute, everyone is a teacher and everyone is a learner. The program utilizes highly interactive program methods rather than classroom lectures.

"There is not a lot of lecturing, but more team-building and hands-on challenges and leadership skills," Congleton said.

Participants of the program create a LeaderShape Breakthrough Blueprint that they can begin to implement as soon as they leave the institute. The conference encourages participants to create their own visions.

"My vision was to inspire young children and to make them believe that no matter where you come from and who you are, you are a part of the rest of the world," Congleton said.

The objective of each participant's blueprint is to produce extraordinary results in their organization and their institution during the next nine to 12 months.

"I love kids and sports, so my goal was to join the leadership team at the YMCA. I ended up serving a management role and that was all because of LeaderShape," Congleton said.

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SGA votes in favor of student fee increases

Student fee meeting

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

SGA voted unanimously in favor of an increase in student fees for the 2008-2009 school year. The motions to increase fees were presented in Monday's SGA meeting.

The increase in fees will provide funding to four university divisions: Education and Technology, the athletic department, Campus Recreation and Wellness and SGA.

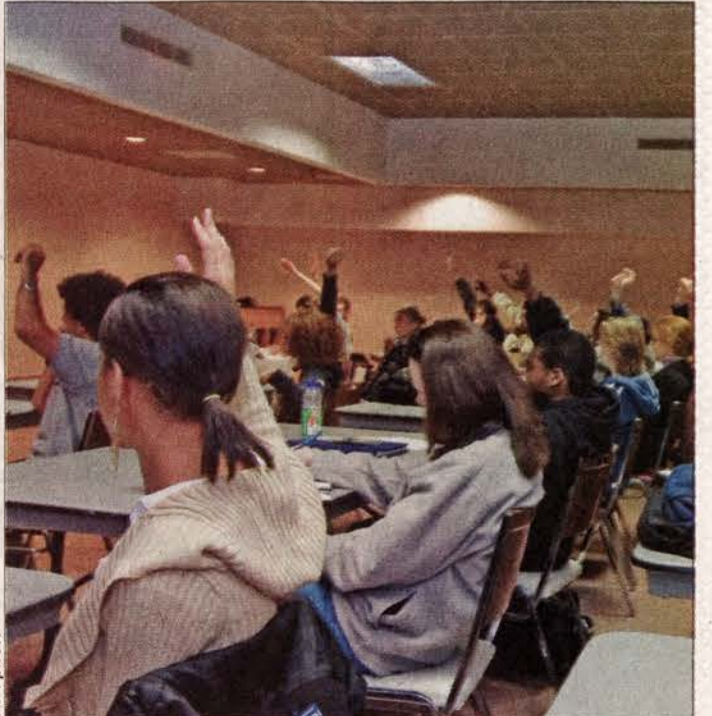
Education and Technology proposed an \$18 increase in fees for the next academic year in order to maintain computer labs, pay employee salaries and to provide new technologies to students on campus. The increase in fees will help to offset future costs.

According to SGA Chief of Staff James Wagner, without the fee increase the education and technology department will have a negative budget.

"ECU currently has the lowest technology fee of all the UNC system schools at \$144," Wagner said.

UNC Wilmington currently has the highest technology fee, with students paying \$390.75.

The athletic department



Congress voted unanimously to approved the student fee increases proposed.

motioned a deferment of the current athletics fee from the Minges Debt Service fee to cover the expenses of providing new athletic facilities for non-revenue sports such as track and field, women's soccer and softball.

Currently the Minges Debt, which covered the past reconstruction of Minges Coliseum, is in the process of

being paid off, and the athletic department proposed a need for an improvement in the playing conditions of 13 out of 19 of ECUs NCAA sports programs.

While athletic fees will not be going up, they will remain in continuation to fund these

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Joseph Goldberger and Pellegrina: His Life and Legacy: Lecture by Paul Stausbauch, M.D., Ph. D. (Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Monday, Nov. 26 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Laupus Library, Evelyn F. Laupus Gallery (4th Floor)
The final event of the fall 2007 season. Refreshments will be provided. Lectures may be audio and/or videotaped. Lectures are sponsored by the Laupus Library History Collections & the Department of Medical Humanities.

Financial Planning and Budgeting Tuesday, Nov. 27 12:30-1:30 p.m. Brody 2W50
Whether you make thousands of dollars a year or hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, a budget is the first and most important step you can take towards putting your money to work for you instead of being controlled by it and forever falling short of your financial goals.

Hunger Banquet Wednesday, Nov. 28 6 p.m. MSC Multipurpose Room
This interactive event is designed to create awareness around the issues of hunger both in the US and worldwide.

End of Semester Show Wednesday, Nov. 28 Pirate Underground
Bands: Unnamed Until Further Notice, Lonnie Walk & The Baby Angels and One Big Love

"Sometimes I Cry" Thursday, Nov. 29 7 p.m. Wright Auditorium
A complex and thought-provoking show, "Sometimes I Cry," was inspired by the real life stories of women who are infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The show creatively examines the female struggle when coping with HIV and AIDS, and offers an engaging window into the unique difficulties women face. Sheryl Lee Ralph becomes each character through word and song, with every move and simple gesture, breathing life into them and their stories. Tickets went on sale Nov. 1 at the ECU Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center. Ticket prices are \$15 general public and \$12 staff/faculty. The first 250 students receive free tickets, after which student tickets sell for \$5 each. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sells will be donated to the Pitt County Aids Service Organization (PICASO). For more information on tickets contact the ECU ticket office at (252) 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS V/TTY (252) 328-4736.

SOAD welcomes Buddhist lecturer Thursday, Nov. 29 7 to 9 p.m. Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Building
Peter Mugan Schellin, an ordained Buddhist monk, will speak on Peace from the Buddhist perspective in a presentation, "This is it!" in conjunction with the School of Art and Design's Countdown to Peace Art Exhibit.

ECU's Great Books, women's studies hosts lecture Friday, Nov. 30, 2007 4 p.m. Bate 1026, ECU Campus
Christine de Pizan's "Book of the City of Ladies" (1405) has become a feminist classic. Writing more than six centuries ago, Christine argues for women's potential as thinkers, leaders, warriors, and visionaries; more ambitious than Virginia Woolf, she offers women a whole city of their own. Her book is part utopia, part revisionist history, and all entertainment. Recent scholarship has explored the author's feminism in depth, with one notable exception its possible motivations. Christine's defense of women does not extend to actual social reform, so why did she bother to write it? Is it all a dream? To find an answer, we will take a closer look at Christine's work as well as some of her major influences, Augustine and Boethius.

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Brad Benson

Live Music: The Corner
Boulevard Park
10:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Liberty
7:00 p.m.
Minges Coliseum

18 Sun

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2 p.m.
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Hip Hop Show
7:30-10:30 p.m.
MSC Multipurpose Room

Women's Basketball
High Point
7:00 PM
Minges Coliseum

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Men's Basketball
North Carolina Wesleyan
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Women's Basketball
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7:00 PM
Minges Coliseum



PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

THURSDAY:
Hi: 65F
Low: 56F

Wind: South-West 5 - 10 mph shifting to North-West 10 - 15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 80%
General Weather: increasing cloudiness followed by afternoon rain

FRIDAY:
Hi: 53F
Low: 33F

Wind: North-West 10 - 15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 10%
General Weather: cold morning with clear and cool sunny conditions

WEEKEND:
Hi: upper 50s
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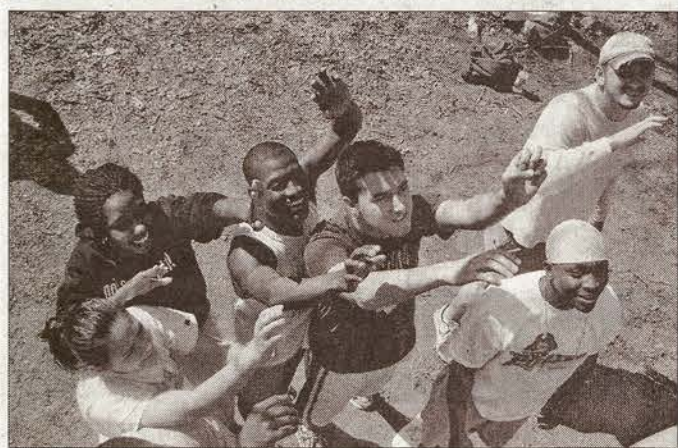
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Students engaged in leadership building activities at last year's LeaderShape.

LeaderShape is based on national and university levels.

The ECU LeaderShape Institute will take place during spring break, March 8-13, 2008 at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, N.C.

There is no cost to attend the LeaderShape Institute; however, you must be selected through an application process to become a participant.

If selected, students will be required to submit a deposit.

"There is a \$50 deposit required to hold seats and it [the deposit] is more of an incentive not to back out," said Brienne Meagher, associate director for student involvement.

After students have completed the LeaderShape Institute, all participants will receive a cash award of \$100 and the

return of their \$50 deposit.

All transportation to and from the LeaderShape Institute will be provided along with meals and lodging. Participants must be available and are expected to stay for the entire length of the institute.

Applications are available online at ecu.edu/csstudentlife/studentexperiences/LeaderShape.cfm.

The deadline to submit an application is this Friday, Nov. 16, 2007.






The LeaderShape Institute is open to students who will be returning to ECU for the 2008-2009 academic year.

LeaderShape is sponsored by student experiences.

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COMPARISON OF GENERAL FEES FOR SELECT UNC SCHOOLS

	Student Activity	Athletic	Student Health	Educational & Technology	Total
	\$587.00	\$481.00	\$220.00	\$144.00	\$1,432
	\$291.30	\$248.50	\$363.00	\$388.00	\$1,290.80
	\$363.50	\$126.50	\$221.00	\$354.00	\$1,065
	\$515.00	\$489.00	\$194.00	\$363.00	\$1,561.00
	\$382.00	\$445.00	\$159.00	\$238.00	\$1,224.00

proposals. "Right now we're working with Recreational Services to determine where to direct fees," said Charles Owens, member of the athletic appropriation committee.

Campus Recreations and Wellness (CRW) was granted a \$5 increase in fees to support student employee salaries and to fund Campus Wellness programs.

CRW employs approximately 250 students in its programs. Over 70 percent of the student body participates in the CRW programs.

SGA passed a \$1 increase in fees to improve the quality of student legal services.

Currently, Peter Romary, director of Student Legal Services, is the

sole administrator in that department.

The increase will provide an extra facilitator to provide administrative support as well as aid Romary in giving legal support to the student body.

"This is the final step in the process of funding Student Legal Services," said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student

experiences.

UNC system President Erskine Bowles granted a 6.5 percent increase in fees for the all of the UNC campuses.

ECU fees are increasing a total of \$8, which falls at .8 percent of the allotted increase.

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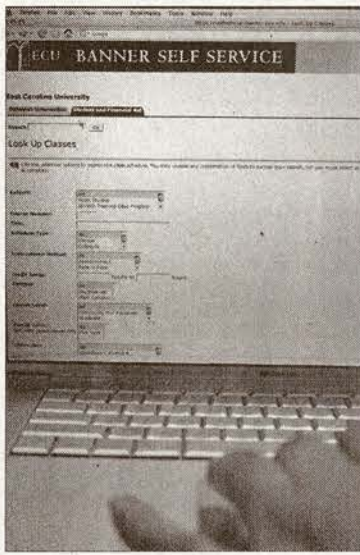


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asking them to make appointments before the November 5 registration date," said Shelly Myers, director of the Center for Academic Advising and Support Center. Students are reminded for future periods to schedule meetings with their intended advisors of their major in advance before registration begins. "We try our best to get students in early, but there are still many who, for whatever reason, do not try to make appointments until the week of registration," Myers said. "If an advisor has 500 advisees, there will be a wait to see him or her." Students who did not find a seat for a class that they wanted are advised to wait until others are dropped for nonpayment of their tuition bill.

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Opinion

{ Rant away, Pirates. }

A town of thieves

Robbed in Greenville: easy as one, two, wait...where'd my three go?

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

Have you had something stolen from you since you have been at this school? If the answer is yes, you are not the only one. It seems that amongst all of the great things about Greenville, there are a few things that plague it, one of the biggest being theft. Last week I was reminded of the abundant presence of this when I went to get my lacrosse gear out of my trunk for practice, only to notice that it was stolen. Yes, my stinky, old, beat-up lacrosse pads, cleats and helmet were, for whatever reason, desirable enough to rip off.

Now this wasn't the first time I have been robbed since I have been a student here. Ironically, the first time I was actually *playing lacrosse* when it happened. Unlike my most recent brush with burglary, that time I did the responsible thing and called the cops. They, however, did nothing to help the situation, and they actually berated me as if I had something to do with it being stolen.

Now since the police are very busy filing drinking citations and it is nearing holiday season (robbery season), I will give you some valuable information regarding the thieves in this town.

There appears to be different types of thieves in Greenville. The first and most prevalent are the ones like those who stole from me. These people are random and most likely non-students who wander around town looking to break into cars and houses. They steal bikes, things off porches, your CD players and lacrosse equipment.

The second type of thief is equally prevalent but they take a different form. These thieves are the students who steal from other students. Yes, you are the ones who steal from people in the library, in the gym, in the dorms and classrooms on campus. We read about you in emails and police reports, and you are in no way better than the thieves I first mentioned.

The final and worst type of thief is a variant of the second: a student who steals from other students, but they are not random or unknown person on campus. You are the boldest, most evil type of thief who disguises yourself as a friend, acquaintance or neighbor, and steals from those who trust you. You are the ones who are invited to a party and then steal something. Be it a tap, money, CDs, an iPod or anything else. You are, quoting my roommate, who had a pair of sunglasses stolen from him, the "SCUM OF THE EARTH!"

Those of you who are reading this article and fall into any of the aforementioned categories have something coming to you. Whether you like it or not, eventually your devious ways will catch up to you and I think I speak for anyone on campus that has had something stolen from them when I say, get bent.

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No rest for the weary

Thanksgiving break=no break at all

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It seems like everyone is proclaiming how ready they are for Thanksgiving break. I've already begun to hear the buzz around campus, read the jubilant away messages left up on AIM and even stumbled upon a few flat-out exhausted cries for help on Facebook statuses.

I'm not really sure why everyone is so excited about this particular holiday; maybe it's the thought of three whole days without setting foot on campus or the prospect of a home cooked meal. Some could even be looking forward to the time they will spend with family and friends.

Although I'll admit that I am also looking forward to basking in extra hours of sleep each night and anxiously anticipating the carving of the juicy turkey which my grandmother will prepare, I'm also dreading Thanksgiving break.

Gasps are probably breaking out all over campus right now, and you're probably wondering how anyone can dread a break.

Let me explain.

For me, Thanksgiving break inevitably means more work and less rest. I work part-time in retail, and part-time quickly becomes full-time during the holiday season.

People will be rushing into the store the day after Thanksgiving, trying to nab the best deals on gifts for their loved ones.

Meanwhile, I'll be left cleaning up the mess after the mobs have destroyed the entire store. Who knows what time I'll leave work on Friday night; I might just bring a sleeping bag and camp out that night.

Another reason that I'm not really looking forward to Thanksgiving is because it is an entire day spent with family. Of course I love spending time with my family, but an entire day together can just be so emotionally draining.

I hate being asked the same two or three questions repeatedly by multiple relatives. I hate having to spend the entire day running around helping in the kitchen. I hate cooking; I don't cook at my own home and I don't want to cook during the holidays either.

While others on campus are overjoyed with the prospect of Thanksgiving break, I'll be thankful when the holidays are over and I can once again enjoy a normal evening at work without hearing the hysterical screams of parents in search of a toy that is sold out.

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THIS IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS...

This week's photo was taken on Lake Wateree, South Carolina. The subject is slalom skiing in the sunset and the photo was taken with a FujiFilm 5.1 Megapixel digital camera.

"I wanted to capture our last sunset on the lake," says photographer Sara McClure.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Hey, so we lost to Marshall. Do you really think it's necessary to criticize the team? We're not out of the race just yet. Let's rally around Skip and the Pirates and finish the season strong! ARRRGGHHH!

Some of the people in Whichard are mean.

To our roommate who's moving out, we are having a going away party for you...as soon as you walk out the door!

Yeah, I was really upset the other day and you just walked away mid-conversation. I guess 'friend' means nothing to you.

I simply love really tall men. Any guy over 6'2" need/want a date? :-D

I miss that special hug I can only get from my mom. No one at ECU can do it right.

Sometimes I think my rants would go a lot more smoothly if I didn't have to edit out my swearing.

I have more boobs and butt than I need. I think I might start a special fund to give to those less fortunate. Any takers?

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for class being canceled - but it's much less exciting when I've actually dragged myself to campus only to find a blue note on the door saying "Oh, BTW, I don't feel like having class today. Next time check Blackboard when you roll out of bed in the morning, suckers!"

I think the fact that you write all of your notes with an orange or blue crayola marker is really cute.

No, I didn't pay to drink at your party. The best part is I stole 11 beers and smuggled them out in my purse.

I know you guys do stuff. I can see it and hear it. Just stop doing it while I'm in the room!!!

I have a Hello Kitty toaster and I am proud of it!

I was so wrong about you. I'm sorry for all of the mean Pirate Rants I wrote about you.

I don't like you. And neither does my friend Chuck. Chuck Norris. So back off.

Can't you ever do anything by

yourself?

Die Banner, die!!

I love my paycheck.

So, I'm having a fling with a girl in my sorority. And I'm really starting to get a crush on her. I just hope her boyfriend doesn't find out!! Giggity Giggity GOO!

This made my day: the most obnoxious girl finished talking about how someone else was obnoxious and never shut up and a guy at the back of his class mumbled under his breath that she never shuts up. Everyone but her heard it and it made me giggle with glee.

To the guy who was at the Croatian Tuesday morning with the iMac computer and the crab tattoo, please come back every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the same time. I think my heart melted a little when I saw you.

To the guys at the bus stop that seem to be clueless that I have a crush on one of you, please stop talking about sports and talk to me.

Why are girls so naive to think that once you have sex with a guy there's no need for you to be their girlfriend?

Dear Roommate: In case you haven't noticed, the dishes that have been in the sink for 2 weeks now are yours and I'm not washing them.

You know he likes you when he kisses you with your mouth full of Apples Dapples.

Why is it that when you leave your girlfriend for someone else, your ex-girlfriend never seems as bad as she did, and your new crush isn't as great as she seemed?

For men who say, "Why buy a cow when you can get milk for free?" How about, "Why buy an entire pig when you can get a little sausage for free?"

ECU has such a great music department...why don't we have A Capella groups? I love Grains of Time and Clefhangers, let's bring some of that sound to the Pirate Nation!

I can't read minds but I can read your away messages, sweetface.

I do in fact wear flip-flops year round.

Do you have a problem with that?

Poking on Facebook just needs to stop. Period!

My boyfriend's roommate stays up until 8 in the morning playing Halo 3 with his dorky little friends. Is it too much to ask that you get a life and realize that your parents didn't pay out of the a** for you to sit in your room and blow peoples' heads off?

I am pretty sure the guys who are saying that UGG boots are ugly are the ones wearing their little brother's shorts and boat shoes from August to October.

I thought I loved you, but now I'm not so sure anymore.

I spent all my birthday money on condoms

Once upon a time, there was an evil demon named physics...

To the hairy-chested man standing outside of Joyner today... Thank you for totally freaking me out with your outlandish stares. I WILL lock my doors before I go to bed tonight.

So, when I spend \$15,000 a year to get an education...all I ask is for some toilet paper made from trees, not the bark from the trees.

So... Britney can't raise children- but her new album is damn good- stop hating.

Is it bad that because I don't sleep, don't eat, and only consume coffee around the end of the semester I lose weight- and really enjoy it?

I'm cat-sitting and I swear this cat is the spawn of Satan. September can't come quick enough...

Stop calling me when are you drunk and want to screw, it makes for a very awkward situation when I'm about to screw someone else.

I have taken you to two of my sorority functions and I have a huge crush on you. Please call me so just me and you can hang out.

Greenville is littered with beer cans and ripped off P.B.'s bracelets.

I miss walking through the breezeways of Brewster and smelling the sweet aroma of cigarette smoke wafting through the autumn air.

RANT OF THE DAY

Hey, so we lost to Marshall. Do you really think it's necessary to criticize the team? Let's rally around Skip and the Pirates and finish the season strong! ARRRGGHHH!

You are full of it

So read something

ALEX LAROCKA
OPINION WRITER

This day and age, everyone thrills themselves with the knowledge of almost everything. We can easily find out solid facts about any subject in mere seconds with the Internet, and/or learn the days news with delightful 24-hour news stations or the age-old newspaper. Realistically though, I think people spend less and less time bothering with the actual news because they believe "It's all the same" or too overwhelming. Based off this I have come to realize that almost everyone who has an opinion about politics more than likely has no idea what they are talking about.

People nowadays love to cite vague examples about politicians or politics in general. "The war is for oil, man," "9/11 is a conspiracy, man," "Hillary sucks, dude," are all great phrases which, sadly, many people love to quote, but if you dare step outside of this box and actually use real or historical facts, you can tell right there and then these people are full of it. When these people wish to discuss the next presidential election, perhaps they should use the resources available. I can narrow it down even further though. When you want to talk about anything in the news, don't use television and don't use the Internet, read a book or the newspaper instead! Yes it may surprise you that when you need to learn something it actually involves the dedication of 30 or maybe even 40 minutes of reading and doing so can lead to an increase in knowledge that far exceeds fancy graphics or every single subject on Earth condensed to your monitor.

It may be that this newspaper or book you are reading is "biased," [editor's note: We certainly try not to be!] but let's face some facts: if we are in some sort of heated argument and you are citing several books and newspapers and I am citing Fox News and Wikipedia, I am wrong even if I am right. So in turn, when I hear people say that they would never vote for Hillary because they hate her or don't like her, I am always curious to the real answer, but it seems to avoid most who don't like her. Unfortunately it doesn't stop there because many people just decide to dislike politicians based on...I don't know what. I am not sure why they "hate" or "not like" this or that candidate or policy, but I can say that if we all would read something about it perhaps we could vote correctly, or at all.

Now by "correctly" I do not mean Democrat or Republican, I just mean the most logical candidate based on your beliefs. That means Fox News, CNN, Wikipedia, etc. had nothing to do with your thought process, and hopefully not Ann Coulter or Michael Moore. It is amazing what just a few articles in a newspaper or even just one book can influence.

Just read about this or that. Read something factual about Hillary Clinton and then realize why you hate her or read something factual about 9/11 and realize why it isn't a conspiracy. I wish I could say "read something about the Iraqi War" and then it would be that simple, but unfortunately there are many factors that are involved, and unless you at least know we supported Iraq against Iran and the Taliban were friends of ours, I would suggest not ever speaking about the subject "till you do."

I know that of the 20 people who will read this article, one person may lift their head up and nod blankly to the sky, but it really doesn't matter. The only reason it doesn't matter is because when I meet you I will know that you don't know.

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Horoscopes

Aries
Recent career demands mean you've put off a few household chores. Remember that if you're inspired to invite everybody over for dinner. Give yourself time to get ready.

Taurus
There will be a test soon. Learn from a person who has your best interests at heart. Accept the coaching and you can achieve more status and more money.

Gemini
As you gain financial security, you'll think of new things you need. This is why you need an overall plan if you want to reach big goals.

Cancer
Decide what you're going to make happen, and then start figuring out how. Together, you can find the resources you'll need to achieve the goal.

Leo
Your questions will be answered soon. Meanwhile, keep doing your job. Be patient, there's not time for a lengthy discussion now anyway.

Virgo
Naturally, taking a break is a prelude to new workplace ideas. By changing this and that you'll get even closer to perfection. You love it when this happens.

Libra
Make sure your family has everything they need. Make it all look nice, too, you'll be wanting to entertain soon. This is not just for fun, it's also to advance your career.

Scorpio
Don't worry about a domestic issue, even if it's baffling. You may be the one who brings clarity to the situation. Make a decision, and work from there.

Sagittarius
Recycling can save you a lot if you go about it wisely. For example, don't forget to take the stuff with you and cash it in. That goes for coupons, too.

Capricorn
Soon you'll be able to get down to work and start raking in the money. Fine-tune your plan and then get busy with the first item on your list.

Aquarius
You're gaining status not from what you say, though that's impressive. No, people are more interested in seeing what you do. You don't have to say a thing.

Pisces
Who would believe you'd turn out to be the spokesperson for the whole group! Your shyness disappears and you wrap up the controversy in a phrase. You're hot.

Did you know?

Albert Einstein declined the presidency of the state of Israel when it was offered to him in 1952 by state leaders.

The top five richest people in the world are: Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Lakshmi Mittal, Carlos Slim Helu and Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud.

Earth is the only planet not named after a pagan god.

Footprints of astronauts who landed on the moon should last at least 10 million years since the moon has no atmosphere.

Earthworms have five hearts.

The Himalayan gogi berry contains, weight for weight, more iron than steak, more beta carotene than carrots, more vitamin C than oranges.

Fingerprints of koalas are similar (in pattern, shape and size) to the fingerprints of humans

Sex workers in Roman times charged the equivalent price of eight glasses of red wine.

As of 2006, more than one in eight people in the United States show signs of addiction to the internet.

Watching television can act as a natural painkiller for children.

Iceland has the highest concentration of broadband users in the world.

The brain is soft and gelatinous - its consistency is something between jelly and cooked pasta.

The two most famous actors who portrayed the "Marlboro Man" in the cigarette ads died of lung cancer.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

Gospel Choir lights up Wright



Photo by Samantha Johnson

Arturo Cummings directs the ECU Gospel Choir in their 30th annual fall concert, entitled "Celebrating 30 Years of Gospel Music," on Monday night in a filled Wright Auditorium.

Concert elicited a large crowd

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Both Arturo Cummings and Yolanda Henderson, directors of the ECU Gospel choir felt like the concert on Monday night was a success.

"I do believe that the concert was a success, and I appreciate all those that were truly committed to the process," said Henderson about the event.

The choir held their 30th annual fall concert on Monday night, bringing a little bit of Gospel flavor to the almost-full Wright Auditorium. The crowd joined in with the choir as they sang a full repertoire of twelve songs by a conglomerate of Gospel artists.

The choir members, clad in black and white, entered the auditorium with an energetic

rendition of "I'm a Soldier in the Army of the Lord," with members flowing in from all sides of Wright, "marching" with the upbeat tempo of the music.

Once on stage, the choir presented the first half of the concert, themed "Celebrating 30 Years of Gospel," which included solos by choir members ECU student Braxton Mercer and Henderson.

The crowd joined in with the choir, singing, dancing and clapping their hands to the music.

During intermission, a local dance group called "Line of Fire" presented two interpretive dances to Gospel artists Tye Tribett and Kirk Franklin songs. A New York-based family singing group also entertained the audience before the ECU Gospel Choir presented the second half of the concert.

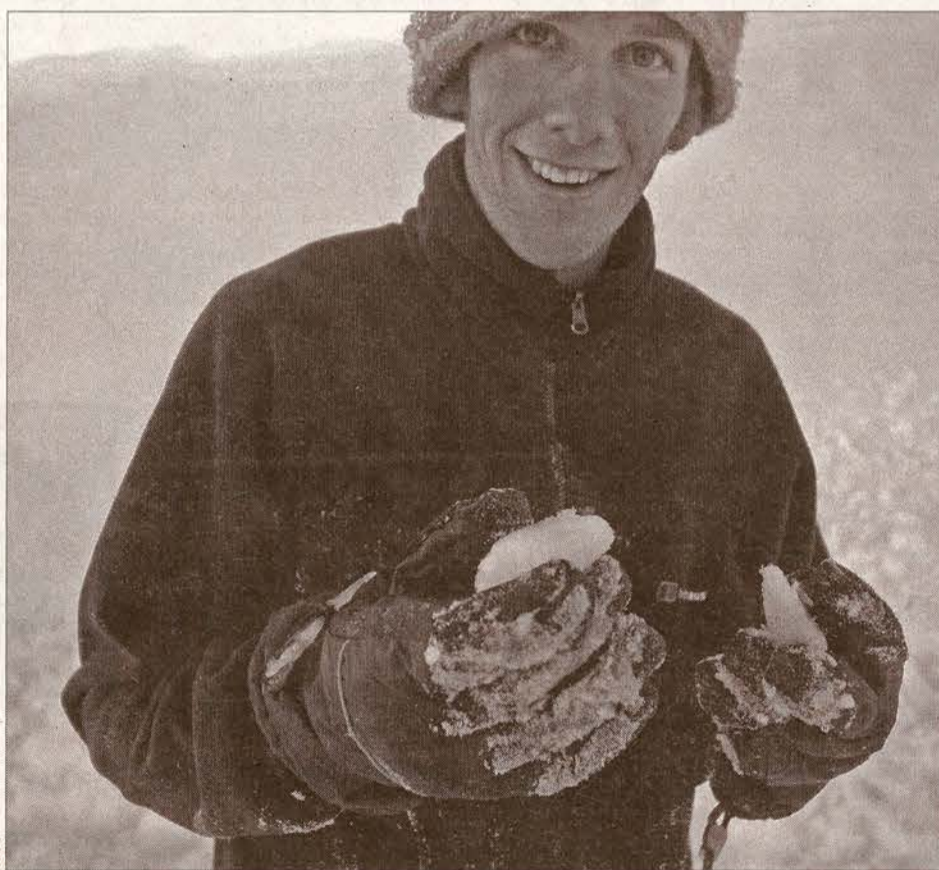
The rest of the concert included lively renditions of

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Photo by Samantha Johnson

The musicians corner of the ECU Gospel Choir backed up the choir's singers at Monday night's concert.



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Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, will affect the lives of millions of Americans this winter.

Seasonal form of depression

SAD is more than just the "winter blues"

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. The time to swap the flip-flops for snow boots and t-shirts for sweaters and heavy jackets.

However, for some people the winter months symbolize much more than a wardrobe makeover, they can mean changes in their emotional state.

The reason for this alteration is due to a psychological disorder known as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Seasonal Affective Disorder affects more than 10 million Americans each year and is becoming a widely recognizable form of depression.

The American Psychiatric Association defines SAD, as a form of depression that takes place during the fall and winter months. It can appear gradually or all at once.

Symptoms of the disorder include fatigue, irritability, sadness, anxiety, increased appetite, weight gain, lack of interest in

favored activities and social withdrawal. These symptoms tend to fade as spring arrives and go into a kind of remission in the summer months.

Though some show skepticism in the validity of SAD as an actual mental illness, others have witnessed the disease in their own friends and family.

"It does not affect me personally but I know people who have suffered from the disorder and it seems pretty serious but is easily treatable once you identify it and get help," said junior art major Sarah Gray.

Treatment for SAD is much like treatment for other psychological disorders, including depression. Some cases require psychotherapy and even a prescription for certain anti-depressant medications.

One of the most common treatments for SAD is light therapy. The treatments consists of two different forms of therapy. In the first an individual can sit at a distance away from a light bulb usually in the morning. Dawn stimulation, in which lights come on gradually before a patient wakes up, is

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Disability services enables students throughout campus

Support provided for those in need

ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

ECU is a growing campus, and current construction is expanding the campus to accommodate the increasing student population. However, while much construction seeks to provide the majority of students with more space and better features, there are many students on campus requiring special assistance in order to better serve their needs. The ECU Department of Disability Support Services intends to provide these students with services.

The overall mission of the Department of Disability Support Services (DSS) is to provide services to individuals with disabilities that will enable them to access programs, services, facilities and activities of the university. This will, in turn, enhance disability awareness among students, staff and faculty.

According to the policies and procedures of DSS, the university seeks to meet individual needs through the department by "coordinating and implementing internal policy regarding programs, services and activities for individuals with disabilities."

DSS provides a source of information along with maintaining communication between individuals with disabilities, faculty and staff, state rehabilitation agencies and the surrounding community.



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Disabled students require accessible buildings.

There are four primary elements that serve as the philosophy of DSS. First, no individual is to be discriminated against, deprived of benefits or prohibited from participating in activities exclusively because of possessing a disability. Secondly, certain barriers will be removed inasmuch as possible. Next, individuals with disabilities will have an equivalent opportunity to obtain an education and pursue their educational goals. And finally, every student is seen as unique with certain needs that are customized to the individual.

While most buildings on campus are accessible to students with disabilities, some older buildings lack the same degree of accessibility. Erwin building, Christenbury Gym and the third floor of the Geology building are just a few of the locations on campus that provide little or no accessibility to those with distinctive needs.

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"Before giving, I always look for the Humane Seal."

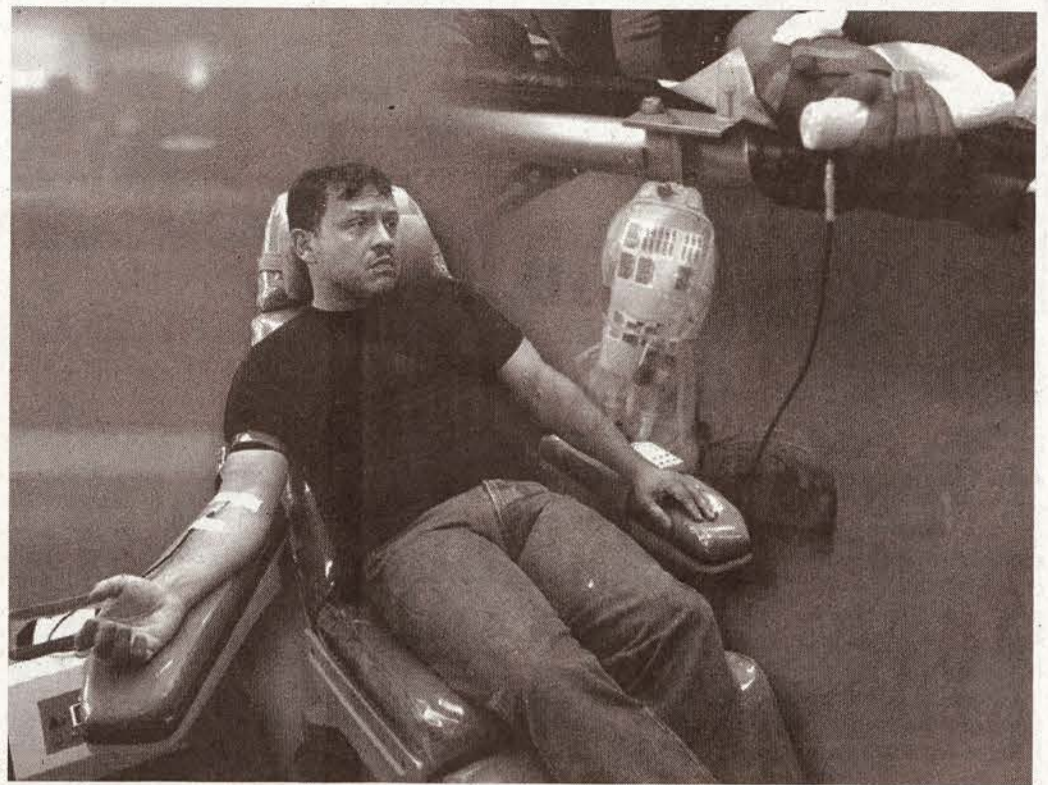
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Giving blood is an easy way to give back



The American Red Cross comes to ECU's campus to collect blood donations from students regularly.

Campus blood drives are convenient and safe

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The American Red Cross has always tried to encourage the community to reach out and give blood. Although many get the image of the Bloodmobile parked outside of Wright Plaza in their minds, the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross is doing much more around ECU's campus.

Every semester, a team of organizers, staff and donors set up drives around campus to encourage students to donate blood, and although most of the blood drives are not usually the talk of the ECU community, they are important to those in need.

The Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross comes to campus every few weeks and holds blood drives everywhere from the Bloodmobile in Wright Plaza to the Student Recreation Center. These drives help students and faculty learn about the significance of donating blood and those who are affected by it.

"Each unit that is collected can save up to three lives," said Teresa Tripp, who volunteers with the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

For many of the campus blood drives, the goal set by the American Red Cross is 80 units.

The waiting time is usually between 30 minutes to an hour depending on how busy the drive is, and once a donor is finished, they can carry with them the satisfaction that they are helping save someone's life.

The most recent blood drive on campus took place on Monday, Nov. 12 in the Mendenhall Student Center. The Pre-Pharmacy Club co-sponsored the drive with Gamma Beta Phi and the club's volunteer coordinator, Ryan Czmiel, helped handle the responsibility of putting it together.

"It actually wasn't hard at all. I just called the American Red Cross and they printed out flyers to hang up and a signup sheet," said Czmiel.

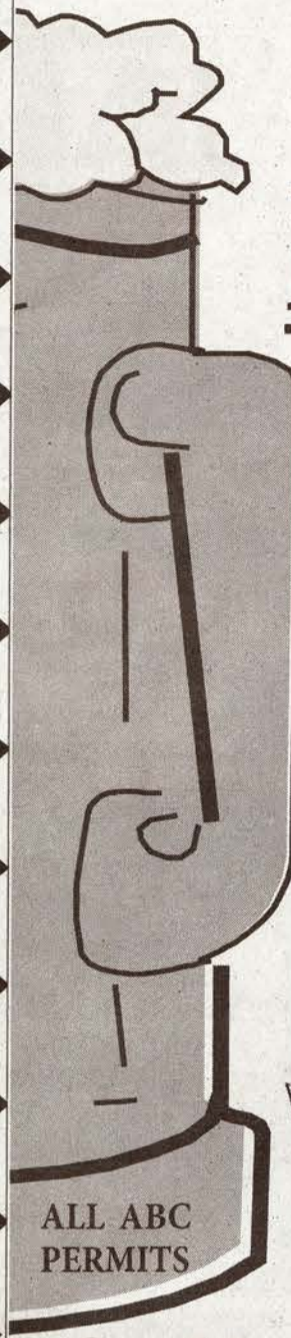
Czmiel added that the Red Cross set up the hours, the location of the drive and a reasonable goal in units to expect.

Czmiel, who is a blood donor, thought that sponsoring a blood drive would be a good idea for the Pre-Pharmacy Club because of the overwhelming blood shortage in America.

Although the American Red Cross is always looking for new and repeat donors, there are requirements to ensure that they are receiving the best possible donors. Such requirements help the Red Cross fulfill their goals, but they also ensure the safety of recipients.


These requirements include that the candidate must be 17 years old, in general good health, weigh over 100 pounds and not have received

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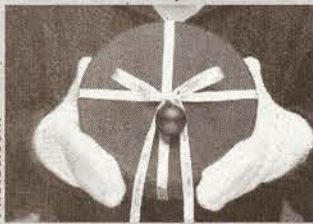
Holiday Art Sale/Exhibiton

School of Art and Design presents work to public

The Holiday Exhibition and Sale in Wellington B. Gray Gallery from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Items for sale include jewelry, wood and metal sculpture, photography, scarves, paintings, ceramics and prints. The proceeds from the sales will go directly to benefit the guilds and students of the School of Art and Design. The hours of the sale are

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 1. Students and the public are invited to attend the sale. For more information about the sale, contact Gallery Director Gil Leebrick at 328-6336, or visit ecu.edu/art.

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various Gospel songs, including a solo by Cummings that topped off the concert.

"I felt like the concert was success, not only by the amount of people who attended, but the performance of the choir...especially during this transitional time," said Cummings.

Dorothea Taylor directed the choir last school year, but Henderson and Cummings took over the choir this semester.

Throughout the concert, the choir remained full of energy, soliciting the crowds to join in with them.

The concert ended with a time of dancing and prayer by the choir members and the audience.

The purpose of the ECU Gospel Choir is "to expose interested students to gospel music and its various styles as an art form, while promoting the university throughout the state and region," according to Keshanda Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the ECU Gospel Choir.

For more information about the ECU Gospel Choir or to learn how to get involved, visit ecugospelchoir.com.

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Photo by Saranahna Johnson

A member of the ECU Gospel Choir belts out a chorus on Monday.

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also used as treatment Senior elementary education major Robert Smith has his own idea of how to cope with the SAD. "I think people are more depressed in the wintertime

because they're less active and I personally believe in an active lifestyle. The more you do, the better off you are and the better you feel," said Smith. More information on SAD

is available at healthyminds.org or by contacting the ECU Counseling Center at 328-6661.

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Light therapy

Light therapy is effective in up to 85% of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) cases.

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Light intensity:

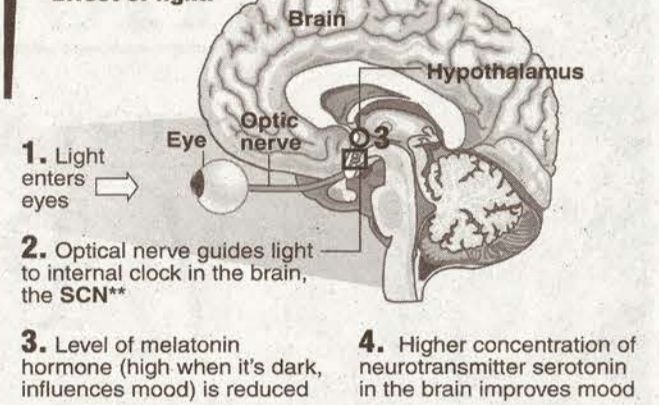
Average office lighting	200-500 lux*
Light dose for treatment	2,500-10,000 lux
Bright summer day	Up to 100,000 lux

*Lux is a measure of light intensity



- Subject sits 2-3 ft. (61-91 cm) away from specially designed light box
- Keep eyes open, but do not look at the light directly
- Treatment is usually effective within 3-4 days

Effect of light:



**SCN = Suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamus

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"If a building is not accessible, or if it causes an issue for a student, we will move events, such as classes, programs and meetings immediately. We work with class schedules to find something accessible for the student," said Majewski.

The Department of Disability Support Services is currently located in 138 Slay Building. They can be contacted through email at dss-dept@ecu.edu or by phone at 757-1016.

Any students seeking to apply and register with DSS must go online and first read the Policies and Procedures manual before applying for accommodations.

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Gaining workplace access

There are an estimated 43 million people with disabilities in the U.S. and 13 million in North Carolina. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which gives to get real electronic requirements, requires businesses to provide access for disabled customers. It is a civil law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. Federal laws that require accessibility include the Architectural Barriers Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA, and the ADA Amendments Act. Other public accommodations are also required. Only public accommodations, buildings with less than 30 units and public places are covered.

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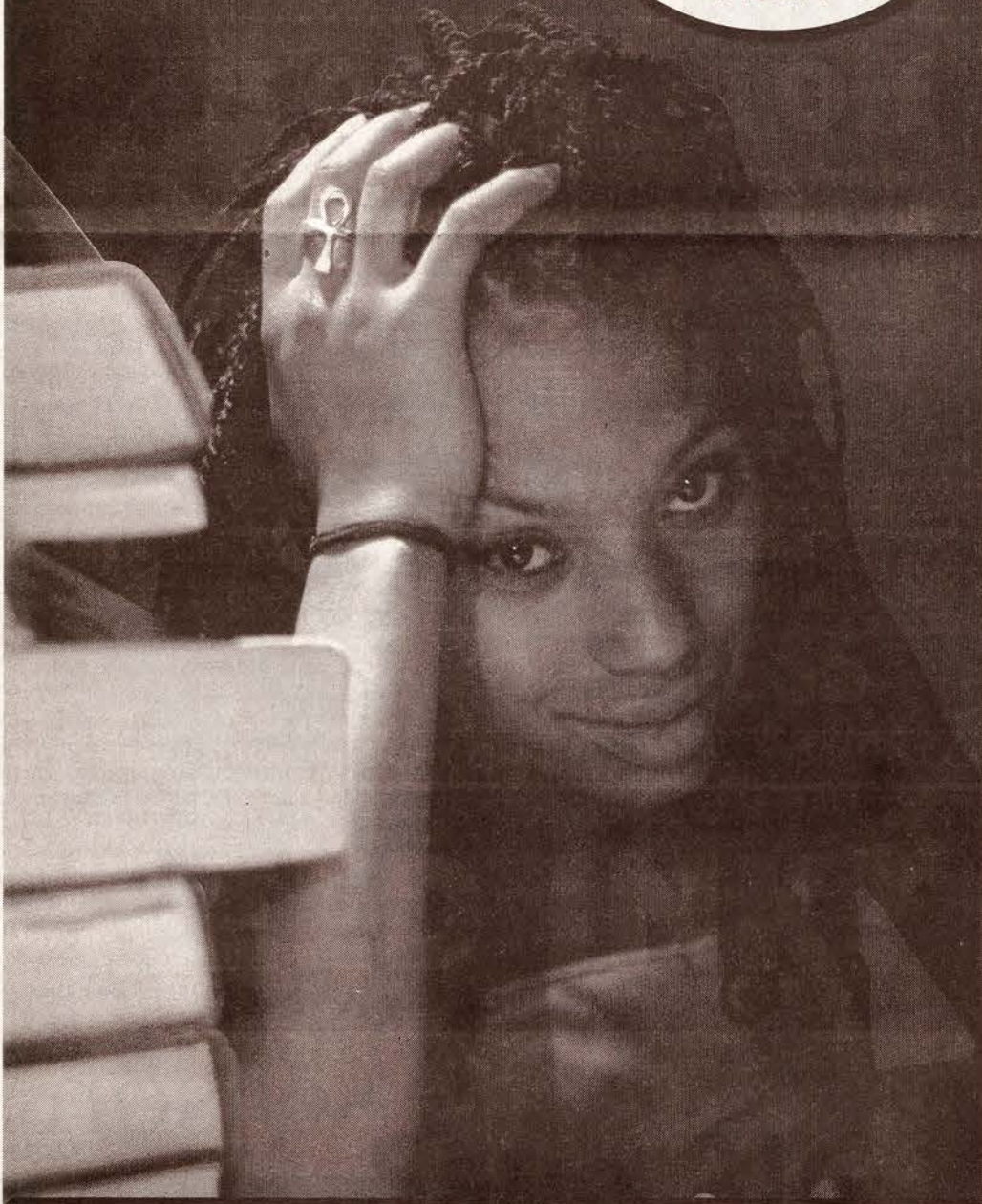
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-34% of the ECU men's basketball team's scoring has come from newcomers this season. Freshman guard Brock Young has led the six new additions as he is fourth on the team at scoring right now, averaging 8.5 points per game.

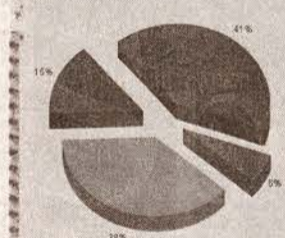
-There were 52 total turnovers in the men's basketball game between ECU and Richmond Tuesday night. Each team committed 26 turnovers, and each team turned the opposing team's 26 turnovers into 26 points.

-CBS Sports has ECU projected to go to the Hawai'i Bowl, playing WAC-member Nevada in Honolulu on Dec. 23. Collegefootballnews.com has the Pirates projected to play Rutgers in the Papajohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. on Dec. 22.

-The ECU basketball program will only make three road trips in the month of November. The men's team plays one game away from Minges Coliseum, which is at South Florida on Nov. 24. The women's team plays two games on the road. The Lady Pirates travel to New York to play Long Island Nov. 16 and Boone, N.C. on Nov. 28 to play Appalachian State.

Poll question results:

Which potential bowl game for ECU would you most enjoy traveling to?



- 41% - Autozone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.
- 15% - R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl in New Orleans, La.
- 38% - Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii
- 6% - Texas Bowl in Houston, Texas

Pirate Nation Poll Question:

What has impressed you the most about the men's basketball team so far this season?

- A. The intensity on defense
- B. Better coaching
- C. The talent level

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ECU gets much-needed bye week

Pirates shift focus to Tulane

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The bye week has finally arrived for ECU [6-5, 5-2] after suffering a devastating loss last weekend at the hands of C-USA East Division foe Marshall.

Everything was in order for the Pirates to win the East Division and make an appearance in the conference title game, but now the Pirate Nation has suddenly turned into SMU and UTEP fans, as ECU must have UCF lose one of its last two games to sneak into the title game.

The chance to host the title game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium is no longer a realistic possibility.

"I talked to them a little bit about the transition you go through when you lose a game and you have a lot of hurt," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "That hurt turns to anger and then that anger turns to determination."

"All we can do is control what we can control and that is to try to come out here and improve our weaknesses and get ready to play a one-game season against Tulane in two weeks."

Holtz hopes that determination builds over the next two weeks as the Pirates prepare for



Junior offensive lineman Fred Hicks is one of many key players on the offensive line that has been injured.

the Green Wave.

"I was really proud of the attitude and the way they practiced [Tuesday]," said Holtz. "We have to make sure that we don't come out here upset or angry about the [Marshall] loss, but determined and motivated to get done what we have

to get done.

The banged-up Pirates will try to use the bye week to get a little healthier.

"This is an open date that we need badly," Holtz said. "We have a lot of guys beat up and a lot of guys that are injured and missing practice right now. This

is very much a spring practice type of atmosphere right now."

One of the main things that the Pirates must work on during this bye week is their

terrible pass defense that currently ranks as one of the worst in the nation, giving up almost 300 yards a game. But in

"Early on it was because of youth, but now it's not youth," said defensive backs coach Rick Smith. "They have played 11 ballgames. I've said it before and I'll say it again, 'When we're real good in pass defense it's the whole team. When we're real good we get way too much credit'."

"Sometimes my guys are so afraid of giving up the deep ball in our zones that we are too soft and they catch it in front of us. So [this week] we're trying to tighten down the zone coverages where we can be closer to the wide receiver when they catch it so we can either knock it out or strip it."

While the secondary is taking a beating in the media and by fans, Smith makes it clear that every position on defense plays a critical part in pass defense.

"It all works together," he said. "My four guys have to be where they are supposed to be. The linebackers have to be where they are supposed to be and we hope the four [defensive] linemen are where they are supposed to be."

"In baseball, if you've got a Nolan Ryan, he can strike them all out. In basketball, if you've got a great rebounder and three-point shooter then those two guys can win the game. But in

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History repeats itself in loss to Richmond

Pirates fall in OT for second-straight year

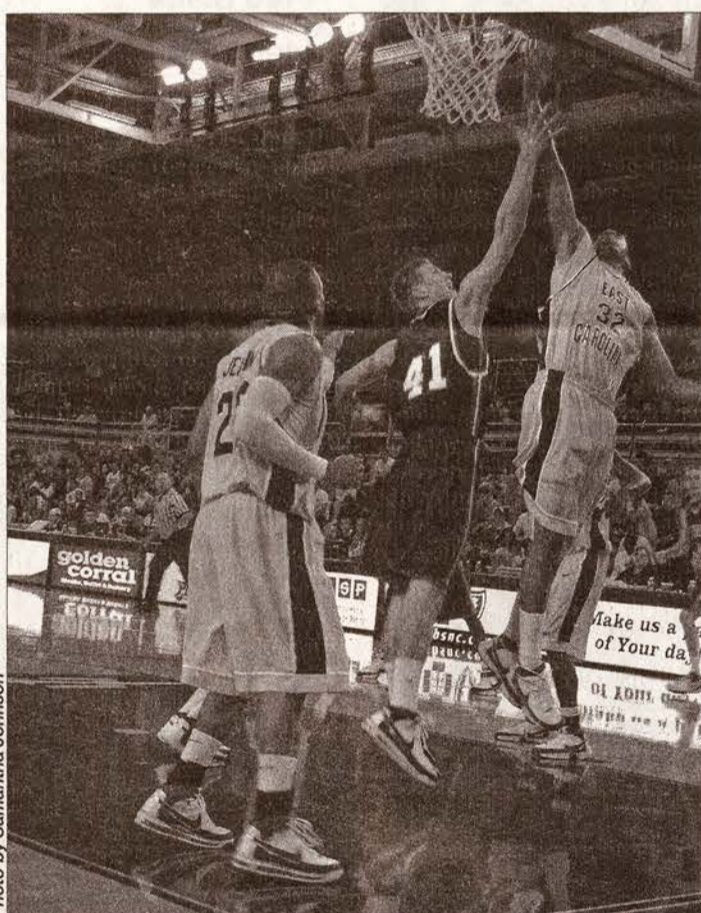
KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

ECU let victory slip out of its grasp for the second consecutive season, falling victim, yet again, to a late second half comeback from Richmond to force overtime. Like last year, the Spiders used that momentum to edge the Pirates in an extra session thriller, 67-65.

Darrell Jenkins found himself wide open at the top of the key with less than five seconds left, but back-rimmed a shot that would have clinched revenge for ECU.

"If he takes that shot 10 times, he probably makes it five times," said ECU head coach Mack McCarthy. "That wasn't a bad look at all to have as the game-winner."

The first two minutes of overtime passed without a score until ECU's Taylor Gagnon sank two free-throws to give the Pirates a 63-61 lead. Richmond's Justin Harper answered with a three-pointer with 1:26 remaining to give the Spiders their first lead since the 16:38 minute mark in the second half of regulation. ECU was forced to send Richmond to the foul-line after two missed opportunities, where the Spiders converted to make the lead 66-63. Freshman Brock Young drove the



Forward Gabe Blair, who recorded a double-double, grabs a rebound.

lane for a layup to cut the lead to one point with just 10 seconds remaining before Richmond added another free-throw with seven seconds left.

Sophomore Gabe Blair netted a career-high 19 points and added

12 rebounds for his fourth career-double-double. James Legan was the only other Pirate in double-figures with 10 points.

"Toward the end, I feel like we didn't execute and get the buckets we needed to get," said Legan,

who split time at guard with Corey Farmer. "We played hard but they executed a little better than we did."

Both ECU and Richmond struggled to control the ball throughout the game, resulting in a staggering 26 turnovers for each team.

"The key to the game was turnovers," said McCarthy. "We just turned the ball over too many times. We equalized it a little bit by playing aggressively, and making them turnover the ball some."

A Blair bank shot on the low block gave ECU a 59-56 lead with 2:30 to go in regulation before Richmond equalized with a trey from freshman Kevin Smith. Blair put the Pirates back in front with two free throws but Richmond answered again with Dan Geriot, a 6-foot-9 sophomore. Geriot, who finished with 22 points and 10 boards, calmly tied the game at 61-61 with two free throws of his own. The Pirates had a chance to win in regulation with :01 left but failed to get a shot off after the in-bounds pass was deflected in front of the ECU bench.

ECU entered the second half trailing 34-27 but the Pirates would take their first lead of the game, 38-36, at the 16:25 minute mark behind a Jenkins three-pointer.

With Jenkins and Young pushing the tempo, ECU widened the lead to 50-40 with less than ten minutes remaining. The Pirates avoided any large runs but the Spi-

ders slowly crept back in the game, benefiting from Geriot's versatility. The Springfield, Pa. native stepped outside the arch and nailed his second three-pointer of the game to trim the lead to 52-48.

As the teams traded blows, Richmond used easy baskets and free throws to make up the difference and ultimately set up the Smith three.

Any hopes of avenging last year's loss seemed bleak after ECU fell behind 24-8 in the first half.

Richmond executed a Princeton-style offense flawlessly in the early stages. First year head coach Chris Mooney brought the Princeton-style offense with him from Air Force, where the offense, filled with backdoor cuts, became a staple.

ECU adjusted to the offense and began a furious comeback started by a barrage of three-pointers from Jenkins and Legan to bring the lead to 28-19.

"They are very much a rhythm based offense," McCarthy said of Richmond. "We got them out of their rhythm by changing the defenses, pressing a little bit and playing a little bit of zone, which I thought was very successful."

Sophomores John Fields and Brandon Evans each split a pair of free throws to narrow the lead to 34-27 before halftime.

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Pirates suffer first loss of season

ECU loses to CAA champion

SETH STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Pitted in a matchup between two of last season's conference champions, the Lady Pirates fell to 1-1 as they combined for 32 turnovers in Tuesday night's loss to Old Dominion, 88-66.

Lauren Cochran shot 7-for-8 from the field with a career high 17 points, but this was not enough to offset four Lady Monarchs scoring in double figures.

The night started off well for the Lady Pirates as they jumped out to an early lead, exchanging baskets until Shuanda Ashford's three-pointer five minutes into the game put ECU up 11-9.

After T.J. Jordan's four point-play gave the Lady Monarchs the lead, ECU answered with a 9-2 run, putting them up by four just before the midway mark of the half. After consecutive baskets by the Lady Monarch's Jessica Canady, ECU responded with a 7-1 run, capped off by Impress Manning's free throws with seven minutes remaining in the half to extend the lead to four. The Lady Pirates would hold the advan-

tage until Shadasia Green's jumper took the Lady Monarchs into the locker rooms with a 39-38 lead.

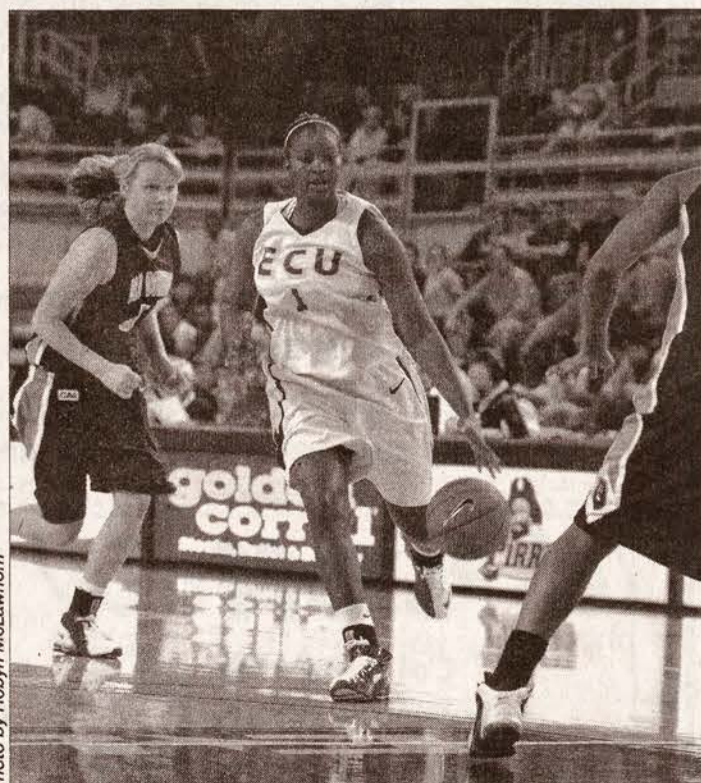
The Lady Pirates were down despite shooting 60 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arch. ODU didn't fare much worse as the Lady Monarchs shot 54 percent from the field and forced ECU to commit 19 turnovers, three more than the Lady Pirates gave up in their season opener against Presbyterian.

After a close first half that involved nine lead changes, Old Dominion assumed control as they stretched the lead to seven points on a 6-0 run to start the half. Jasmine Young's lay-up two minutes into the period cut the lead to five before T.J. Jordan's fast-break basket capped off another 6-0 run, extending the lead to 11. After trading baskets, Old Dominion's Jasmine Parker took over, draining three consecutive three-pointers to put her team up by 16. Showing some life, ECU sparked an 8-0 run off a Lecoya Terry lay-up that cut the lead down to eight, at 63-55 with 8:42 remaining. Jen Nuzzo's three-pointer ended the run and ODU put the game out of reach, scoring 12 unan-

swered points to stretch the lead to 24 points, their largest lead of the night. The final score of the game was 88-66; a score not indicative of how close and competitive the game remained until the closing minutes.

The Lady Monarchs' bench outscored ECU's 49-16, with Jasmine Parker contributing 14 and Jessica Canady adding a team-high 18 points. ECU's freshmen, who combined for 33 points off the bench in the season-opener, were held in check to a combined seven points as Allison Spivey did not dress for the game.

The Lady Monarchs shot 55 percent from the field compared to ECU's 48 percent and made seven three-pointers, five of which came late in the second half when ODU needed them most. The Lady Monarchs out-rebounded ECU 35-27, and turned the ball over 29 times in a game where neither team was able to hold onto the ball. ECU's starting guards Jasmine Young and Lecoya Terry combined for 16 turnovers and 11 assists, while Lauren Cochran contributed a team-high 17 points, but finished with only two rebounds. Rebounding and being physical in the paint remains a problem for the Lady Pirates, as



Freshman forward Kim Gay drives the ball against Old Dominion.

Terry was the lone player to crack 5 rebounds. With only six second chance points and 16 points off the fast break, ECU will have to rely on better play down low to win games.

The Lady Pirates next match

will be on the road in New York, where they face off against the Blackbirds of Long Island University Friday night at 7 p.m.

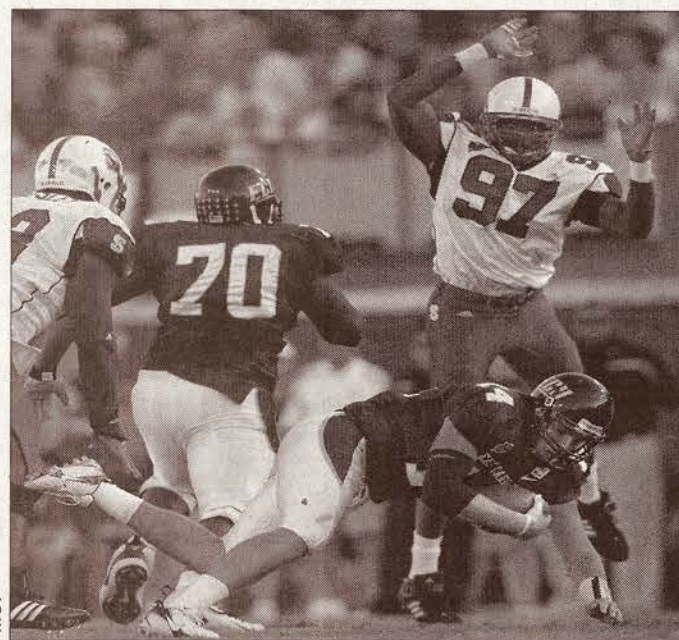
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last week against Marshall. Now this week the offensive unit is also working to take strides to become more consistent according to sophomore quarterback Rob Kass, who has thrown for over 950 yards and six touchdowns this year. "We have to work on our third down conversions," said Kass. "It has been the one thing, even in our success, that has been not as successful. We've had our opportunities. We've had throws, we've had drops, we've had broken tackles hear and there, but we need to become more consistent as an offense. While the Pirates were unable to handle to pressure against Marshall, Kass admits that it's a tough task being on top. "It's tough being on top with a bull's-eye on your chest," he said. "UCF has that opportunity now and they have to win out in order to go and play for the conference championship. That is a tough burden to bear. We really feel that as long as we go out and take care of our business that hopefully it will fall into our hands."

Quarterbacks Kass and Pinkney have been pressured all season. football, it is eleven guys doing it right every time." Junior defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has watched as a defensive unit that he is a huge part of has gone from being the toast of the town to one of the worst defenses statistically in C-USA. "I just hope we grow up and act more mature about where we are at," said Mitchell. "We were number one but we weren't playing like a number one team should play. You have to execute perfectly and shut teams down." "We didn't play like a number one team [vs. Marshall] and I think that's from a lack of growing up. I think we really just need to clamp down and be like 'this is football, this is what we do.'" While the defense has had their fair share of trouble so far this season, the offensive had been motoring along as a seemingly unstoppable unit up until

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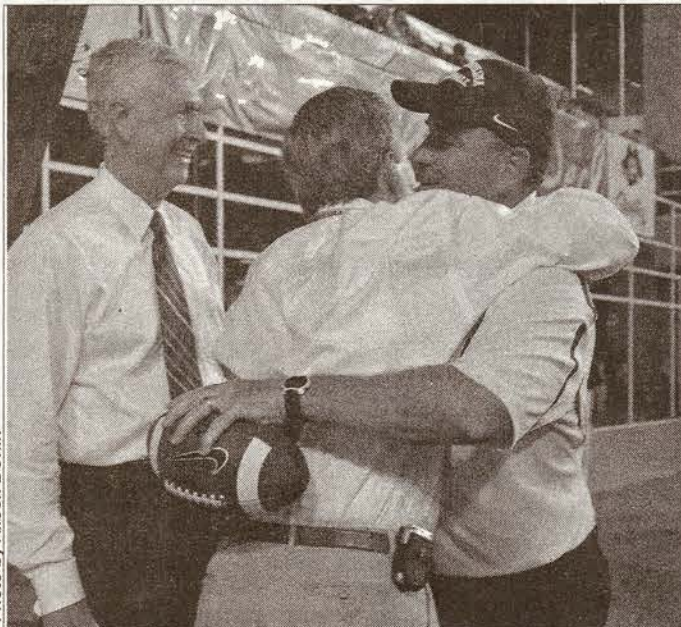
Recognized for use of sports as a means to educate

KINGSTON, R.I. --- ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland has been named one of the "100 Most Influential Sports Educators" by the Institute for International Sport, according to an announcement made by the organization.

Executive Director Dan Doyle administered a series of "coach and athlete" surveys for his forthcoming book, "The Encyclopedia of Sport Parenting," and directed the institute to come up with the list of the 100 Most Influential Sport Educators in America and 15 Most Influential Sports Education "Teams" in America. The core criterion for selection in each category was the effective use of sport as a means to educate. The project took years to complete.

"In America and in many other countries, we honor elite athletes, winning coaches, wealthy team owners and media moguls. We praise sports educators yet we really do not honor them in a manner befitting their admirable impact on society," said Doyle. "This project is aimed at honoring individuals and organizations who have creatively and effectively used sport in the very best way - as a means to educate and shape positive values," he concluded.

From the time the Institute



Holland celebrates ECU's dramatic win over UNC with coach Holtz.

announced the project in 2004, the organization received over 1500 nominations for individuals and "teams". After reducing the list to 200 individual finalists and 30 "team" finalists, the Institute appointed a final selection committee made up of coaches, athletic administrators, journalists and academicians. David Bloss, former Sports Editor of the Providence Journal, chaired the committee.

Holland has been involved with collegiate athletics for five decades dating back to his basketball playing days at Davidson College in the mid-1960s. He got his start in coaching at Davidson as an assistant coach

before being elevated to the head position. From there, he went on to guide the University of Virginia's program where he spent 16 years on the sidelines. In all, Holland completed his coaching career with a total of 418 wins in 21 seasons.

After retiring from coaching in 1990, Holland returned to Davidson to become its athletics director, but five years later, he was back at Virginia to take on the athletics director duties there. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 2001 before being introduced as athletics director at ECU in 2004.

on Saturday against Liberty, another foe from the state of Virginia with a track record of beating the Pirates. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. inside Minges Coliseum.

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ECU returns to action

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"We did battle back," said McCarthy. "We really played hard and played together. I saw a lot of good things, but I am very disappointed with the loss."

Consecutive heartbreaking losses to former CAA rival Richmond are hard to swallow but Blair doesn't believe the team's confidence is suffering.

"This game isn't going to affect the rest of our season," he said. "We're not going to take one game and have it affect us the rest of the season. We are going to push every new game. We are going to play hard and try to win every one of them."

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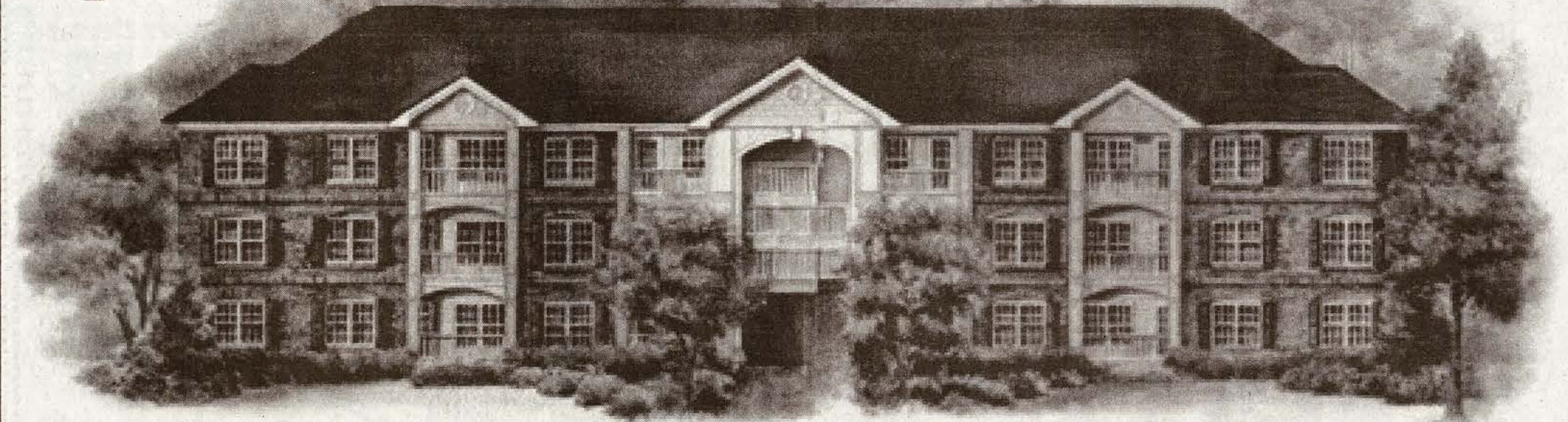
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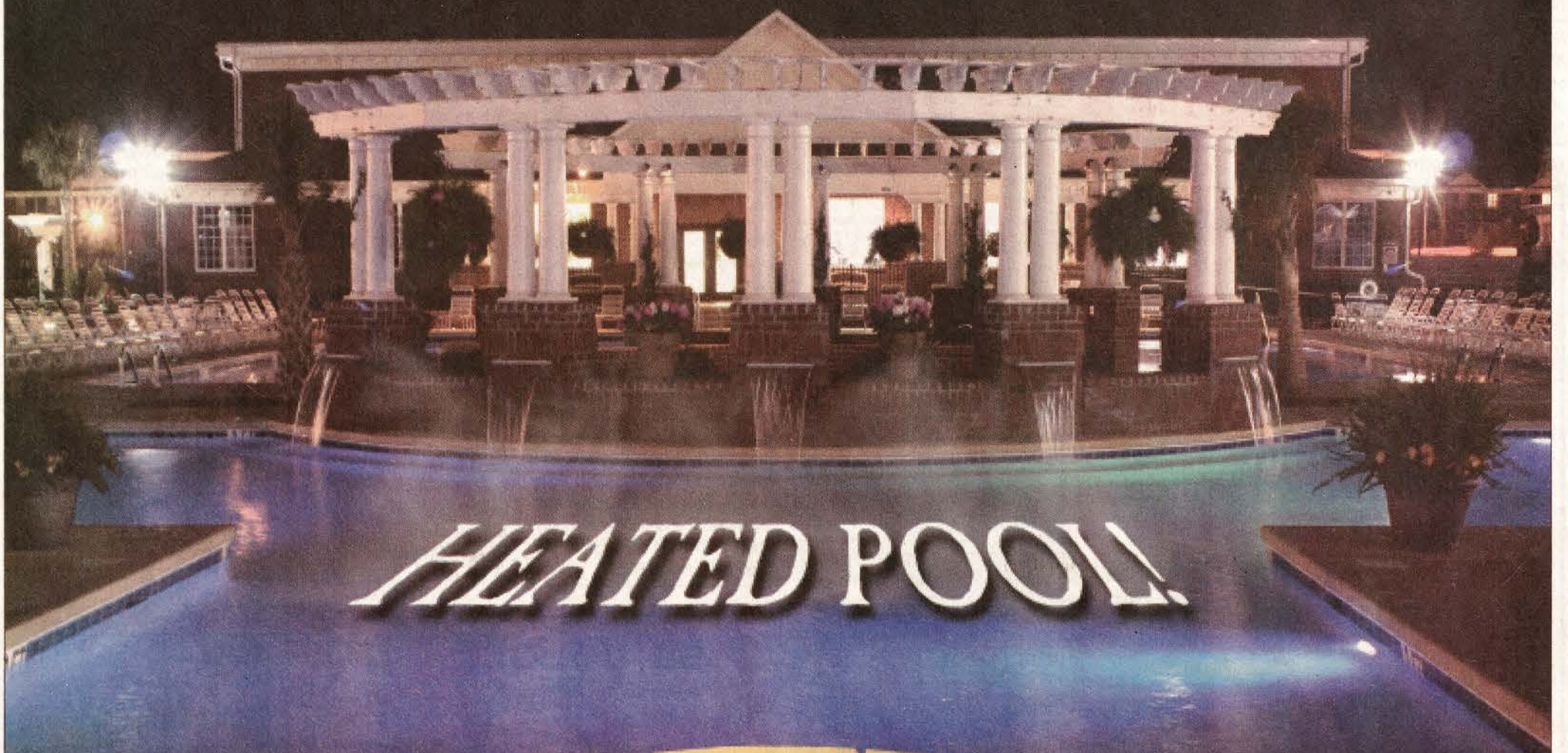
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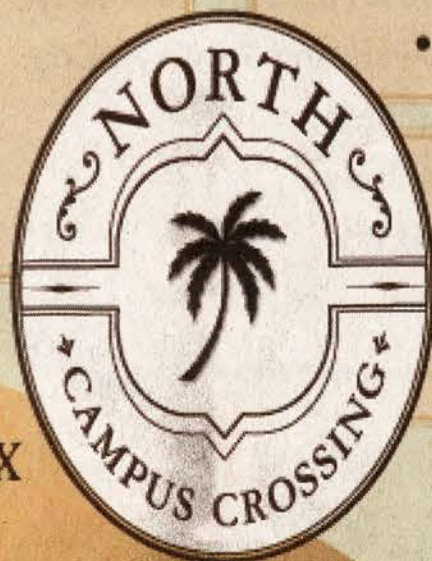
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