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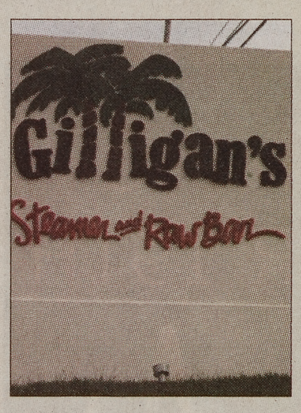

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Students spread awareness about terrorism

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The annual 9/11 memorial, sponsored by The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and SGA, will be held today in remembrance of the fallen towers & lives lost.

9/11 ceremony to be held at Brickyard

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A remembrance ceremony to honor the lives lost during the Sept. 11 attacks will be held tonight at Mendenhall Student Center at 6 p.m.

The event is sponsored by The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies [FDD] and SGA.

FDD is a non-profit organization that raises awareness of terrorism to students.

The organizers made it clear that this is not going to be a political event.

"It's really more about the loss of American life," said Joel Carter, member of FDD.

"The last thing that troops want to come home to is an anti-war protest."

The ceremony is part of a year-long fellowship to have a number of awareness campaigns on campus.

The first memorial ceremony was held last year and had a turnout of over 100 students and community members.

The organizers hope that the number will increase this year.

"We're expecting a bigger crowd because we've linked up with SGA," said Chris Federici, vice president of the local chapter of the FDD.

"We want as much participation from the student body as possible."

Major Kevin Smeltzer of the Greenville Police Department will be one of the memorial's guest speakers.

Representatives from the fire department and the National Guard are also expected to speak.

Members of the ECU ROTC will present the color guard and Phi Mu Sinfonia will perform the National Anthem.

Carter was a member of the 82nd Airborne when the attacks occurred six years ago.

He was in a Fort Bragg chow hall when he heard the news and spent the rest of the day as a member of a 24-hour watch team, according to Carter. A few months later Carter was sent to Afghanistan.

Federici had an uncle in the second tower of the World Trade Center who managed to escape without harm.

Unfortunately, Federici lost some of his high school friends in the attack.

Both organizers will be graduating soon, but they hope that the memorial will continue and become an annual event.

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Weeks of Kindness starts with hugs for everyone

Staff Photo

Hug It Out Day kicks off the program

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
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The Weeks of Kindness program kicked off yesterday with Hug It Out Day, which was co-sponsored by the Center for Counseling and Student Development and SGA.

Students in SGA, Peer Health, and Healthy Pirates were in Wright Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to offer hugs to their fellow Pirates as an act of kindness and unity.

"I think there were three SGA students and one Peer Health student out there today," said Renita Moore, education program specialist for the Center of Counseling and Student Development.

National Suicide Prevention Week and Stop a Suicide Today! Day also began on September 10.

Each program and event is related to one another by attempting to create positive relationships among students and to let them know that assistance is available if they need counseling or help.

"The purpose of Hug It Out Day is to raise awareness and observance of this day and to hand out suicide prevention material," Moore said.

Hug passes were given out by students in Wright Place that acted as a tool to continue the pattern of giving hugs throughout the day.

The individual that gave out the Hug Pass was entitled to a hug from the receiver of the pass.

The receiver then became a giver of the pass, which created a network of hugging.

Other materials passed out during this time period included suicide prevention information that gave statistics about the percentage of suicides committed by college students, tips for recognizing suicidal individuals and how to treat this condition.

These materials acted as a tool to inform the ECU community about the prevalence of suicide in this area.

"The main thing was to raise awareness about these mental health issues that aren't normally talked about in big group settings," Moore said.

SGA and the Counseling Center are in the planning stages for other events to include in the Weeks of Kindness.

"There are two events that are currently being worked on in collaboration with SGA and the Center for Counseling and Student Development," said James Wagoner, chief of staff for SGA.

Definite events planned for this program include Random Acts of Kindness Day and World Mental Health Day.

SGA has been working on making the idea of Weeks of Kindness come to life prior to the beginning of the semester.

"We've been planning all summer for the Weeks of Kindness and we're hoping to make it a tradition," said Guillaume Bagal, secretary of SGA.

The program will end on October 10 with the World Mental Health Day.

Students are encouraged to attend the National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 11. and the upcoming Weeks of Kindness events.

The next event sponsored by the Counseling Center will be their open house on September 27.

The Counseling Center is located in 316 of the Wright Building. You can reach the Counseling Center at 328-6661.

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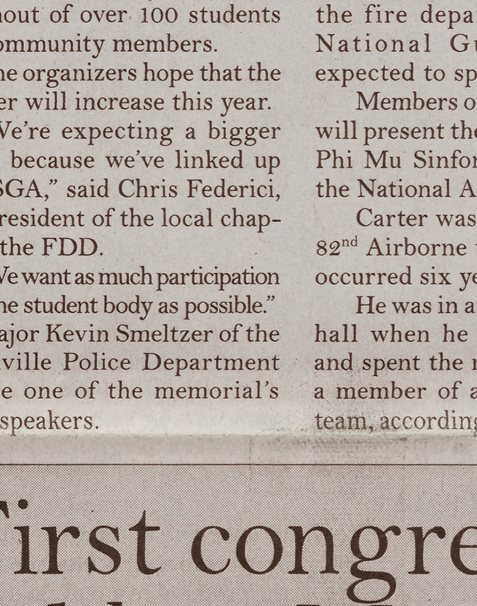
First congress meeting held on Monday



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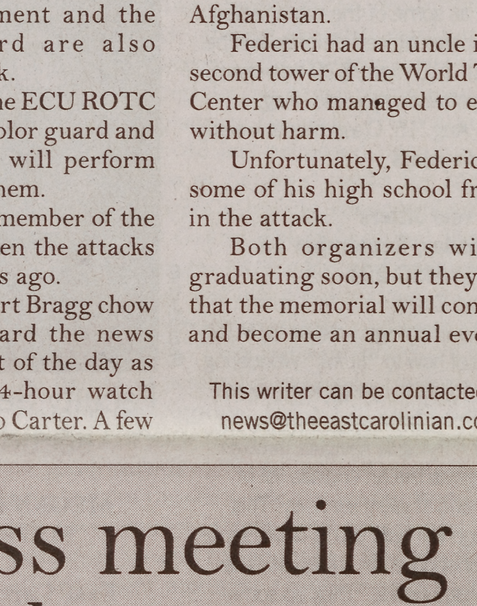
Andrew Griffin
SGA Vice President



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Brittany Adams
SGA Secretary

Executive branch positions filled

JENNIFER SOARES
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, September 10, Andrew Griffin and Brittany Adams were elected to the executive branch of the SGA.

Griffin was reelected as vice president ,while Adams was voted to fill the secretary position.

Both members of the executive branch spoke strongly about their aspirations for their role within SGA.

I want to be a part of something that succeeds or fails rather than be the individual who sits and waits for others to show up, according to Griffin.

Griffin would like to continue his work with the Shipmates program during his term.

"I want to renew Shipmate values to SGA. It is my number one priority," Griffin said.

Adam's explained that she will focus on the needs of the student body as a whole.

"I want to be an important outlet for the student body," Adams said.

James Wagner, former interim secretary, will relinquish his position to Adams however he will continue to assume his duties as SGA chief of staff.

The other candidates were Preston Stanford a member of the Appropriations Committee and Reshma Patel, who was not present at the meeting.

Each candidate that attended the meeting got the opportunity to discuss his or her goals and past experience pertaining to the position.

In lieu of Patel's absence, Stanford spoke on behalf of her and briefly informed congress about her background and leadership experience.

Other things discussed in the meeting were upcoming events such as "Get A Clue" which will be held on Wednesday, September 12.

The representation from SGA at this event will allow students to become more familiar with the members of the SGA and learn about the opportunities to become involved.

Another event discussed during the meeting was the Relay for Life event. This will be the first time that Rely for Life will be at ECU.

This is an event dedicated to raising money for the American Cancer Society by holding an overnight event for individuals in the community.

Students are encouraged to come to future SGA meeting to voice their opinions and learn more about the organization.

SGA meetings are held every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. For more information please visit the SGA website at ecu.edu/sga.

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News

{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE HAPPENINGS

9/11 Memorial
Tuesday, Sept. 11
6 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard
A day of remembrance for heroism and those we lost. Speakers will include a representative from a military branch, the Greenville Police Department and the Greenville Fire Department. Sponsored by Students for Defense of Democracies and SGA.

Massage Clinic provided by the Physical Therapy students.
Tuesday, Sept. 11
5-9 p.m. Allied Health Science Building (enter by Laupus Library)
The ECU Physical Therapy Students will be conducting a Massage Clinic on Tuesday, September 11th from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Health Science Building (Laupus Library entrance). Please remember the Department of Physical Therapy has MOVED!! We are now located in the Health Science Building near the hospital on highway 43 (5th street). Prices are $10.00 for 10 minutes; $15.00 for 20 minutes; $20.00 for 30 minutes; $40.00 for 60 minutes. For an appointment contact Danielle Bogner at 919-522-1151 or email her at dmb0707@mail.ecu.edu

Self Defense
Wednesday, Sept. 12
8-9 p.m. SRC 240
Instructor T. D. Gribble, 5th degree black belt, will teach you self-defense techniques in a progressive training system that allows you to avoid confrontation and defend yourself as the situation dictates. Basic personal protection theories as well as some of the more recent philosophies on self-defense will be covered. $10 mem/$20 non-mem, pre-registration required. Reg. Begins Aug. 15. Class meets weekly on Wednesdays

"First Year Jitters"
Wednesday, September 12
6-7 PM MSC 221
Passport Event
So you're in college....NOW WHAT!?! Unsure of how to "fit in?" Wondering how to adjust to college level course work? Never been away from home before? Trying to navigate through what seems like an endless list of offices and student services? This workshop will help you to make sense of the phenomenon known as "the college experience." Pick up some helpful tips to make your first year as an ECU student a positive one! Topics of discussion will include: homesickness and adjustment, time and stress management, helpful student services on campus, study skills, and student involvement and leadership on campus. All upperclassmen started out as first year students...here's a chance to find out what they already know.
For more information on this and other activities, visit the Center for Counseling and Student Development Web site at ecu.edu/studentlife/counselingcenter/ or call 252-328-4846.

Multicultural Book Club
Wednesday, September 12
7 p.m. LWCC Gallery
The Multicultural Book Club (MBC) is a group for the women of ECU, students, staff and faculty alike, to come together to discuss, listen, reflect, renew, shout, and yes, eat while conferring about some of the most popular books currently on the literary scene. Participants will be given the opportunity to share titles for future meetings and help expose one another to wide scope of new titles and authors. Please contact the center for additional information.

"Money on my Mind"
Thursday, September 13
6 p.m. Bate 3006
Sponsored by the Theta Alpha chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. & the Eta Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. An event focused on helping college students budget their money.

11 Tues

9/11 Memorial
6 p.m.
Mendenhall Brickyard

So, You Want To Be A Doctor
6-7p.m.
Bate 2021

Massage Clinic provided by the Physical Therapy students.
5-9 p.m.
Allied Health Science Building (enter by Laupus Library)

Breakthrough Film/ Discussion Series)
Buddy
7 p.m. Hendrix

12 Wed

Self Defense
8-9 p.m.
SRC 240

Commuter Lunch
11:30-1 p.m.
Multipurpose room, MSC

So, You Want To Be A Lawyer
6-7 p.m.
Bate 2021

"First Year Jitters"
6-7p.m.
MSC 221

Multicultural Book Club
7pm LWCC Gallery

Get A Clue
1-4p.m.
MSC Brickyard

13 Thurs

King and Queen of the Halls
4p.m.
College Hill

"Money on my Mind"
6 p.m. Bate 3006

14 Fri

Volunteer Friday
3-5p.m.
Give2TheTroops

Family Weekend
3-5p.m
MSC Brickyard

All That Jazz
7 p.m.
Cynthia Lounge
Mendenhall

Freeboot Friday
5 p.m.
Uptown Greenville, Evans Street

15 Sat

Family Weekend Pregame Pirate Buffet
3 p.m.
College Hill

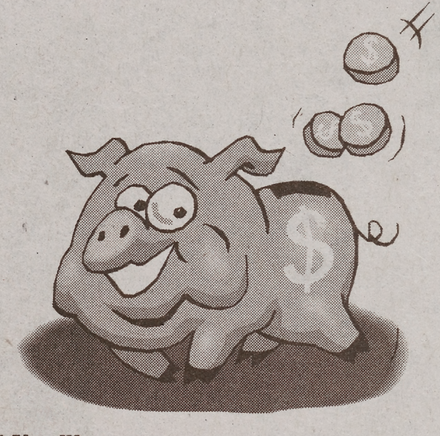
Football
Southern Miss
6 p.m.
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

16 Sun

Family Weekend Pirate Brunch
10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Todd & West End Dining Halls
($5 per guest)

17 Mon

Men's Self Defense Classes
6-9p.m.
Willis Building



*** Featured Event**

"Money on my Mind"
6p.m. Bate 3006

Criminal background checks may become a requirement

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Faculty Senate follows security trend

MEGAN BUCHAUER
STAFF WRITER

East Carolina University may soon follow a security trend set by several other University of North Carolina public institutions and begin to require criminal background checks on all prospective faculty.

There are currently no background checks done on new faculty at ECU, according to the human resources department.

"It is traditional for most universities across the country to not do background checks on faculty," said John Durham, ECU Chief Public Affairs Officer.

There is no requirement by the state of North Carolina for public universities to do criminal background checks on faculty, according to Durham.

At ECU, the Faculty Senate creates the policy of whether or not criminal background checks are mandatory.

"Background checks have been a very important issue, especially with what has been going on, on some campuses," said Mark Taggart, Faculty Senate Chair.

Later this semester, the Faculty Welfare Committee will give a report to the Faculty Senate on the proposal of a reevaluation of the Faculty Applicant Verification Guidelines.

The proposal includes that prospective faculty candidates be given a criminal background check as part of the application process.

The proposal, which was suggested last year, will be up for debate by the Faculty Senate. "One of the goals this year is to have the approval by the Faculty Senate," Taggart said. "With any piece of legislature or proposal of reevaluation, there's a lengthy process involved."

There are faculty members that oppose the proposal and believe it to be unnecessary according to Taggart.

"We have always been very careful as a part of the application process," Taggart said. "When you check references, you usually get a good idea about the character of the applicant."

Some organizations such as the American Association of University Professors [AAUP] are against faculty criminal background checks.

According to aaup.org, criminal background checks infringe upon the privacy of the candidate and should only be done to ensure that the candidate is qualified for specified obligations.

"We have faculty that are members of AAUP. It's just like politics. You have people with very strongly held views. You have to let them express the views and after the views have been expressed you have to move on from there," Taggart said.

Many students hope that the faculty criminal background check proposal is approved for safety issues.

"I would feel better knowing that my teacher wasn't convicted of a crime that could possibly affect the quality of my education. You just never know about anyone these days," said Amanda Whitley, junior biochemistry major.

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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY
No, I am NOT a southern belle...so quit asking!

{ That's what he said... }

Our last years

Why you'll die or how you'll survive

ALEX LAROCCA
OPINION WRITER

Since the beginnings of civilization the end has been near. Today, tomorrow, or 20 years from now, someone is bound to get it right eventually. The biggest problems with predicting the end, I think, involve where we look.

Many people have been looking in the Christian Bible for clues for centuries. But before Jesus was even born, another race and creed had not only correctly predicted doomsday, but also put scientific backing to it.

December 21, 2012, will signify the completion of the thirteenth B'ak'tun cycle in the Long Count of the Maya calendar. According to the Mayans, this shall usher in a great change, which they recognize, basically, as the end of the world.

Laugh all you want, but on this day of Solstice, some modern-day scientists also believe that the entire polarity of the Earth will shift. Volcanoes erupting, hurricanes forming in seconds, mountains crumble and fall in mere seconds...Everything that really sucks will happen in one day.

Well even if all of this does happen, odds are that not everyone will die. And into this scenario I place myself. I am not going to die on December 21, 2012. Not only because I recognize that I am not going to die, but also because I have a plan. Now, we all have our zombie invasion plans and/or World War III plans, but in the hell that will be 2012 you need to start from scratch.

The big things to consider here are how not to die, and if so, how not to die miserably. Anything past the Mississippi is going to be absolutely annihilated when the super-volcano in Yellowstone blows. The Southeast will more than likely flood completely when hurricanes begin forming every hour. Going north is no better.

Not only will the North Pole melt, but also Canada, and the ensuing flood will have no mercy, especially when it meets the southern floods. I couldn't possibly imagine going to Mexico for anything more than a vacation, so there is no possibility of escape there, either. South America would be a great place for salvation if an asteroid wasn't hitting it in 2036, so I won't bother getting comfortable.

The safest place will be the Middle-East. It is an obvious choice: It is our original Eden, there are TONS of guns to battle the roaming streets gangs of the future, and due to the massive climate change it probably won't be that hot.

Unfortunately, it is thousands of miles away and flying is the best way to go. I am not sure when I am leaving, but for anyone following my plans fly BEFORE Dec. 21, not on.

If you have a fear of flying, then steal a boat, and if you have a fear of both then keep a tab of cyanide in your teeth.

So now I have made it and, as stated, I am alive. Mission accomplished, but I and all the other survivors must rebuild civilization. Some may think that in the scary, ravaged and poor aftermath of Dec. 22 living in the Middle-East sounds like a death sentence. These people are not thinking.

This area already has lived in mass poverty, been exploited and subjugated for centuries. Needless to say, they have been expecting the Apocalypse.

Not to mention that Islam (obviously being the dominant religion of the future) has perfect rules with perfect penalties for such a dangerous future.

The gangs of the future, either attempting to spread their doctrine, steal gas or pillage, will have a hell of a time contending with post-apocalyptic Islamic Law.

In fact, after the initial defense against these roving gangs, Muslims will more than likely go on the offensive, reclaiming most of the old Islamic Kingdom.

By this time, though, I think things will have really gotten out of hand and I will attempt to leave. If I can make it out, and survive the miles of barren land, then I will attempt to head somewhere in Europe.

The future jungles of Europe will more than likely be infested with zombies and you are making a life choice to live among them. But there is little leeway in the future and your choices are two: zombies or Neo-Islam.

If you do manage to survive and go through with my plan, or your own, then I suggest a balance of these two. In what order I am not sure, though. I think starting with Neo-Islam will make it easier to live with zombies, but perhaps you will need divine light after dealings with the zombie population.

Either order isn't so bad, though, as all the negatives of the past, racism and money, will be demolished and life will not only be happier but violently simplistic.

Sources for this column include greatdreams.com/2012 and Wikipedia.

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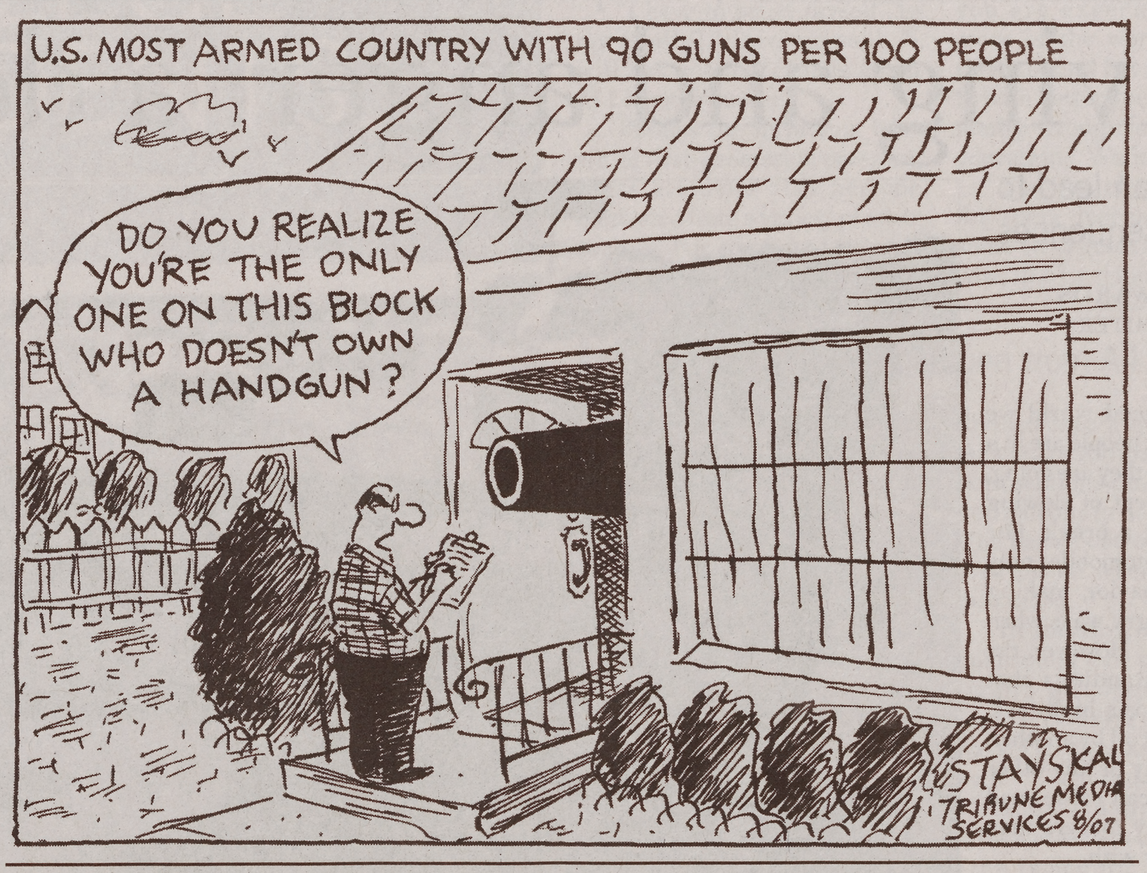
"It's our son, doctor ... He's lost the will to leave."



PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Rachel King, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

I love the new additions that were made to the games this year: the videos, the Jolly Roger and no quarter flags,even a dude dressed almost like Captain Jack, to name a few. It was awesome!

Drinking and driving causes you to miss out on many opportunities, say, for example, being the starting quarterback.

I wrote a Rant about you once. I'm sorry.

Is it too much to ask that I wake up and there not be vomit on the floor? For real kids, let's learn something called self-control and maybe what a trash can is.

Is there a 12-step program for caffeine addiction and if so, where can I sign up?

The VMAs sucked! what is wrong with the music scene today?!

The Flanagan building almost made me cry...and I still don't know how I found my class.

How can we have tests this week? I haven't learned anything yet...

What was up with parking at the game this past weekend? We tried to get in at Belk and were told it was by ticket only?! How many of those UNC fans had tickets?

Finally, my Pirate Rants paid off! They built a pirate ship in the stadium!

To the girl in my class, we ALL know you want him, but we also know he's not interested, so give up and pull up your shirt!

I enjoyed the wave that went around and around the stadium this weekend. Let's do it again!

Here's a quick common sense lesson for the One Card office! If I had a receipt for the current semester last week when you issued me a temp card, I am probably still a student now, so why do you insist on making me stand in the never-ending Cashier's Office Line to get another?

Please stop smoking right before you come to class and sit near me. I want to die every time I inhale.

Have you thanked a Janitor or Facilities/Maintenance staff member lately?! We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff to maintain our beautiful campus!! Thanks to all "Pirate Janitors and Maintenance staff members!"

I'm sick of hearing my teachers complain about the copy limit. Can't the university see that the teachers can't do their jobs without being able to make copies?

I'm into 80's music. 1880's.

ECU is the best place in the world. The football game against UNC proved it. GO PIRATES!!!

Grow some morals!

Once again the Student Film Committee shows its incompetence. My friends and I went out to Mendenhall on Friday to go see Grindhouse, but it turns out that they had switched the viewing of Grindhouse to 7 p.m. on a whim and without mentioning anything to anyone else. This is on top of the horrendous fumbling of the 300 sneak preview. Needless to say, we were all pretty upset, considering we had planned our whole day around that one movie.

Since you were so drunk, you lost your $300 phone. I found it, and you would think that you would at least say thank you to me for returning it to you, but no. I could have sold that sucker.

The construction between Joyner and the Old Cafeteria Building is killing me! Who knew that one little section of sidewalk could cause so much stress!

Why don't people wear purple on Fridays anymore? Where is your Pirate pride?

I don't understand why people are so rude to transit drivers. The transportation provided is a privilege. How would you like walking across campus to class all the time? Please students, don't abuse it. Be respectful of your drivers.

Why is it that there are like a million parties going on right outside of campus and my roommate claims that she cannot find ONE to go to?

I'm glad you have new friends to impress and hang out with...but once they find out the "real" you, don't come crying to me--I'll be too busy laughing to be of any help.

To the drunk guys from last semester... I STILL have your pen and I think it's happier here with me.

Sometimes I have dreams that I am stuck in an oven. Then I wake up and I'm in Belk. Same difference.

I like how we have to type in those fuzzy letters after submitting a Pirate Rant. It makes me feel like I'm feeding information to a government agency.

If anyone was stupid enough to pay $600 for an iPhone, then they don't deserve their $100 "oops, I'm an idiot," rebate after Apple reduced the price. And by the way, $400 is still too much for a cell phone.

It's bad when we start hoping for a hurricane just so we can get some rain around here.

Seeing some guy's stomach and underwear on the poster in the Croatan every morning really isn't all that appetizing.

I feel invisible with my sunglasses on.

I really wish I'd never met you. You've become my personal stalker and it makes me uncomfortable everytime I am with you.

To the person who said about people who do not break a 1000 on a SAT are stupid, well you are wrong, I know many people who did not break a 1000 and they are smart and top of the class. I didn't and I have a 4.0. It's a test, does not make you smarter.

I've already fallen out of my chair twice now. This is going to be a long school year.

If you publish this Rant, I'll walk down the street naked!

To the person who said he doesn't tip servers because their employers pay them? Yeah, most servers make way below the minimum wage, jerk. A lot of waiters and waitresses are completely dependent on getting tips to make a living.

When did it become socially acceptable to throw your child's soiled diaper in the middle of the parking lot?

Every time I drive by a cute boy on the sidewalk, I am going to honk and yell out the window. Why not give them a bit of their own medicine?

You're the reason I show up to my history class three times a week and you have no idea.

Tailgating begins at 2 p.m. Saturday. You are expected to be there and drunk by 2:30.

Whichard is the worst building on campus.

Let's give everyone a firearm

And put the anger back in danger

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

Safety on any university campus is an issue of tremendous importance. As mentioned previously in a TEC article, East Carolina employs numerous means of keeping its students out of harm's way, like our accredited police force and every system that falls under the umbrella of Campus Safety. With nearly five thousand freshmen and the largest student body in ECU's history, though, these systems are sure to be spread thin at times.

With the release of the latest reports detailing the standards of university safety on campuses such as Virginia Tech, one account caught my eye. My surprise did not have to do with the endless game of point-the-finger that shamelessly follows tragedy. It does however, stem from the ideas that some lawmakers and even students were bringing to the table to prevent future shootings at any college.

The pitch: Allow students and teachers to carry concealed weapons with a license on campus. Surprisingly enough, this is not that hard of a feat. Virginia law states that every university campus is entitled to their opinion in terms of concealed weapon policies. Currently, Virginia Tech is not the only school weighing their options in this field – students from Virginia's George Mason are also voicing interest in the idea.

For the sake of attention spans of those crying this proposal will breed more violence; I will limit gun laws to two scenarios: Japan and Israel. The former bans nearly its entire citizen population from owning a firearm. The only weapons one may purchase in Japan range from air rifles to shotguns and may only be used in sporting and hunting events. Japan is so strict that it requires all owners of registered weapons to check them in for inspection once a year. With this in mind, Japan experiences roughly two hundred gun related attacks a year in comparison to the United States, whom over 50,000 reports annually.

Israel, on the flipside, is a country that openly gives firearm licenses freely away to its of age citizens. Here's the catch: citizens of Israel are required to serve in the Israeli Defense Force for three years, and, upon leaving, become reservists. Does this deterrent work for the country when nearly all of its people may be carrying a loaded firearm? Facts seem to say so, as Israel ranks lowest on nearly all available statistics concerning firearm related attacks and murders.

What does this have to do with colleges? The point is, anyone who wants to commit violent acts will, regardless of whether concealed weapons are legal or not. Most gun related deaths and attacks are from the barrels of unregistered and stolen firearms to begin with. Furthermore, guns are not needed to commit a violent act. Africa alone can attest to this, with nearly one million deaths from the sharp end of a machete. Will students persuade legislators and schools in Virginia to test this extreme method of self-defense? Most likely not, but the improbability may not stop students from going out of their way to protect their lives...

It should be noted that of nearly one hundred students polled at East Carolina University, the majority of those asked strongly oppose the idea of allowing licensed firearms on campus in the hands of students.

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Republicans versus the environment

What happened to the conservative *conservationist?*

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OPINION WRITER

You would think, by definition, that conservatives would inherently align themselves with conservation. While most conservatives will agree on conserving the right to marriage between a man and a woman, preserving a small government and Christian morals, one conservative principle that seems to have been forgotten over the past 20 years is the conservation of the environment. Nowadays it seems that republican pundits and politicians love nothing more than to take a cheap shot at environmentalists and green policies in order to appease their base. Whether it is denying the importance of global warming, the role humans have on our earth or simple apathy towards environmental issues, the new wave of republicans are truly setting a new low standard for the environment. My question is, what happened to the Republican Party?

Once upon a time there were republicans in office who cared about the environment. Teddy Roosevelt, a leader of the Republican Party and progressive movements, established the system of National Parks and wildlife refuges in the United States. While he did enjoy hunting big game in Africa and killed his share of white Rhinos, at least he expressed *some* concern for the environment. Another good example is Barry Goldwater, the "father of conservatism." Quite possibly the most famous republican conservationist is Richard Nixon.

Nixon not only signed federal laws such as the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, he also established the Environmental Protection Agency (2). So it is obvious that republicans were once keen to environmental issues, but now it seems they are backpedaling. Since Nixon, conservatives in the Whitehouse and on the Hill rarely make an effort to be "green," and are now even chiseling away at the legislation their republican brethren put into place in the past. For instance, the Bush Whitehouse has proposed opening several thousand acres of national parks for industrial purposes and even allowing snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks (1).

Also they have succeeded at dismantling the EPA library (1) and other environmental organizations that provide oversight and regulation on industry abuses. They have purposefully allowed the denial of scientific evidence towards global warming and ignored the scientific bodies most informed of such topics. The list goes on and on.

Even outside of Washington it seems as though people from the dark side are scared to talk about the environment. From high school and college campuses around the country, I feel like the overall sentiment amongst republicans is disinterest and denial of environmental problems. Whenever discussion arises, it seems people immediately start on Al Gore and his movie. Please note, Al Gore is not the sole face of environmentalism in America and we could care less about how big his house is and its affect on the environment. The fact of the matter is, everyone has to do their part to clean up, and if we are not willing to do so in fear of looking like a "tree-hugging hippie," then we do not deserve all that the earth provides for us. We have politicized environmentalism to a point where it does no one any good, and in order to make progress we must look beyond all the trivialities and do something positive.

Luckily one group is dedicated to doing just that and it may surprise you when you hear the name. REP, or Republicans for Environmental Protection, is a national organization dedicated to environmentalism in the GOP and supports candidates who share their beliefs. So there is after all a small but growing beacon of hope for the environmentalist hidden away in the majority of conservatives; the question is, are you big enough to expose it?

(1) http://cooperativeresearch.org/project.jsp?project=bush_enviro_record
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Slow and easy does it, whether you want it that way or not. There's no point in trying to hurry, when you're slogging through mud.

Taurus
The problem you're most likely to encounter is financial. Either you ruin something expensive, or things cost more than you thought. Be very careful now.

Gemini
You're getting an earful, and this is good. Try not to argue. That won't be possible sometimes, but generally it's a good method. Do demand respect, and get it.

Cancer
You will encounter obstacles in your quest for perfection. One of those is scheduled to turn up just about now. Watch where you're going.

Leo
It's especially difficult to exercise restraint when you think you can afford to buy everything you want. This is an illusion. Don't fall for the trick.

Virgo
You can be very strict when you get your mindset, as you well know. This is nothing to be ashamed about. Insist on the best others have to give.

Libra
Just when you think you have the whole story, something else comes up. Isn't that just the way it is? Don't act too soon, things will change.

Scorpio
It's wonderful to be honored by your peers, but be aware. This particular gesture could cost more than you expected. Only offer to pick up the tab if you want to don't have it foisted upon you.

Sagittarius
If you don't already know everything, at least know where you can find it. This will not be as difficult as it might appear, at first. And it sure will be interesting.

Capricorn
Technical difficulties interfere with long-distance communications. It's a temporary thing. You will get through, but it might not be until tomorrow. Don't worry about it.

Aquarius
The irritating truth sinks in. You can't have whatever you want. Don't feel bad, this happens to everyone. It's just part of life. Find something you can have, and be happy.

Pisces
Keep watching and waiting for your opportunity. Don't take action yet. The guy who's making all the noise is about to make a mistake.

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10:00 p.m. (Spider-Man 2)
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Sunday, 09/16 @ 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Drink Recipes

Beat the Heat Lemonade

Juice of 1 Lemon
2 tablespoons maple syrup
Dash of cayenne pepper
Ice Water

Add lemon juice, syrup and cayenne pepper into a collins glass. Fill with ice water. Stir.

Caboose Cooler

1.00 qt. Orange juice
2.00 c. Pineapple juice
28.00 oz. Ginger ale

Combine juice and ginger ale right before serving. Pour over ice cubes and garnish with lemon and or orange slices.

Almond Iced Tea

2 cups almond-flavored herb tea
1 cup milk
2 tsp. sugar
Ice cubes

Combine tea, milk, and sugar. Pour over ice.

Driving and anger: a deadly mix

Road rage can lead to serious consequences

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STAFF WRITER

In the fast-paced world we live in today, many people are in a hurry to get where they are going, ignoring the concept of slowing down and taking a break. For many, the use of automobiles only increases this behavior, making some act out in angry ways when behind the wheel. However, the simple misunderstandings that occur on our nation's highways, including being cut off by another, followed too closely or any other traffic violations, can cause road rage, a term many drivers may already be familiar with.

Road rage is the violent behavior by a driver in an automobile. While it is a form of aggressive driving, the degree of extremity between the two is widely disputed.

But road rage is not just flipping someone the middle finger or murmuring incoherent insults under your breath. It entails serious consequences for anyone who operates a car. Road rage leads to endangerment of others and, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA), results in the death of at least 1500 men, women and children each year in the United States. This issue is a serious problem among Americans, especially in heavily populated metropolitan areas.

"I think that the typical driver doesn't pay attention, causing me to get angry. Many drive slow or can't follow simple traffic patterns," said ECU Senior Carlye Guthrie. "It is frustrating and I would think most drivers would know what they are doing."

Licensed professional Counselor Derrance Hughes, a counselor at the Center for Counseling and Student Development at ECU for over eight years, says that road rage can be thought of as an extreme case of aggressive driving with behaviors sparked from the emotion of anger.

"There is a difference between anger and aggression, which can be seen in road rage," he said. "Typically when we are driving and a situation occurs, we have automatic thoughts which effect our emotions and behavior, so if a person is driving and has irrational thoughts, it could affect their level of anger and behavior causing possible aggression."

There are numerous triggers that can set off a driver to experience illogical hostility, including encounters with slow drivers, tailgating between cars, another driver cutting in, and competition for parking spaces.

In circumstances where a driver encounters irritation, Hughes recommends different types of ways to deal with the experience.

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Some ECU students admit to having road rage while driving in Greenville, but acting on this anger could have serious, even deadly outcomes.

•Finding alternative routes to drive, especially if your normal commute leaves you in a fit of rage.

•Thinking before reacting and remembering the consequences of your actions.

•Challenging irrational beliefs and developing rational self talk.

•Practicing relaxation techniques and deep breathing.

Junior Richard Kristeller admits to getting irritated with irresponsible drivers, believing that their actions can cause accidents.

"I've gotten better at handling my frustration in those kinds of situations when I'm driving. I bite my tongue now, but I admit that I used to raise that one finger traffic signal," Kristeller said.

While anger may take over emotions at times, especially on the road, it is imperative to remember that driving is a privilege. Small mishaps and misunderstandings have the potential to turn into deadly problems.

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Students learn ways to deal with stress

Services offered to help students cope with stress

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STAFF WRITER

Between exams, relationships, classes and being away from family, students can get overwhelmed. It's easy to feel as though they are all alone in an intimidating world, but there are places on and near campus where students can go for help.

Seeking help means that you recognize the need for a support system, which can come from many different sources.

For some people, having a strong network of friends is enough to get them through the hard times. Joining clubs and organizations provides an instant group of support as well. Being able to spend time with friends can help one unwind from the stresses of school.

But what about students who feel like they need more?

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The Center for Counseling and Student Development at ECU can help students who need help with coping with the everyday stress of attending a university.

"The Center for Counseling and Student Development is here to support students with their academics and personal goals," said Dr. Melissa Rideout, a counselor with the center.

Rideout said that students of all different ages and backgrounds can find help.

"At the beginning of the year we have a lot of freshmen, but later on in the school year it's a pretty even mix," she said.

The Counseling Center can help with most problems, no matter how large or small they may seem to the student at the time.

"I felt weird complaining about my roommate," admitted Sarah Keater, a freshman who felt better after just one walk-in session at the Counseling Center. "It really helped."

The Counseling Center is free for students and offers sessions by appointment and also walk-in sessions for students who need immediate support.

Scheduled appointments last an hour and walk-in sessions are usually about 45 minutes. Most of the counseling is short-term (about one semester), but if problems persist, students can be referred to a more long-term establishment, that works in conjunction with Student Health Services.

Renita Moore, the outreach specialist, can set up interactive programs and workshops by request for student organizations that can target a specific group of students with specific problems.

The Counseling Center is located in 316 Wright Building.

For more information check out their Web site at ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/counselingcenter or call at (252)328-6661.

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Experiencing college for the first time

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First generation students are those who are the first in their family to attend a college.

Life for a first generation student

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For the majority of incoming students, college is a new, vastly unique, undoubtedly frightening experience. Many of these students have been forewarned profusely by alumni relatives about eternal financial aid lines, bookstores that make money disappear, and mass-produced dining hall food. These students have been guided through nearly every portion of the application and settlement phases of the first year of college and stand a good chance of acclimating well to their new environment.

But what about the students who are the first in their family to go to college?

After all, college is not only a brand-new experience for them, but for their family also. These students, commonly called "first-generation students," face several difficult challenges that many students who come from a long line of college graduates will not have to contend with. Some first-generation students, like ECU sophomore and Psychology major Dorian Luviano, had to complete the entire process of obtaining college admission and financial aid on their own.

"My family didn't agree with my decision to come to college because they felt that since they didn't go to college and still led stable lives I didn't need too either," said Luviano. "I had to explain to them that things are different today."

It is precisely that difference that has led many parents to push their children to become the first in the family to attend college. Andy Watkins, senior English and Anthropology major, said that his parents were very happy that he was attending college because it gave him the chance to better himself; a chance they might not necessarily have had growing up. As difficult and as stressful as the process of admission may be for a first-generation student, it pales in comparison to the seemingly gargantuan task of actually succeeding in college. The pressure to succeed from family members is a constant stressor and can sometimes get overwhelming.

According to Luviano, family members have such high expectations of a first-generation student because "it is the first real test to see if someone in the family can succeed" in the new, experienced based world economy.

The current economy has put tremendous emphasis on attending and succeeding at college in order to get the treasured jobs that are constantly glorified in the career handbooks. The pressure of being a first-generation student also has an unlikely benefit that will certainly help the student in succeeding and getting those coveted five-day-a-week jobs. The pressure actually

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Seafood restaurant opens near campus

Bringing a variety of food to the table

DAVID PUCKETT
STAFF WRITER

Gilligan's Steamer and Raw Bar opened its doors on July 23, giving Greenville residents a taste of fresh seafood and low-country cuisine.

The Charleston, S.C. based restaurant opened in its first location 17 years ago. Since then, Gilligan's has expanded, opening stores in eight different locations. Greenville contains the only one located outside of South Carolina.

The restaurant's menu mainly consists of low-country seafood platters, in which the seafood is served fried, steamed and grilled.

"We try to get the freshest seafood around," said Toney Otero, Gilligan's General Manager. "It just depends on where we can get it as quick and fresh as possible."

In addition to the wide variety of fresh seafood on the menu, Gilligan's also serves steak, grilled chicken and burgers.

Dinner entrees range from $8.95 for an 8-ounce burger to $22.95 for a rib-eye steak with choice of shrimp or crab legs.

The lunch menu consists of sandwiches and burgers. It also gives customers the option to order smaller portions. Therefore, customers can order small entrees such as the "Lowcountry Stir-Fry" for $6.50, or large for $12.50.

Entrees are served with three side dishes, except for small lunch entrees, which only come with two. Side dishes include red rice, baked potatoes, French fries, coleslaw, fried okra, corn on the cob and green beans.

The raw bar menu, which is only available in the Greenville, N.C., and Mount Pleasant, S.C., locations, offers one-half a pound of "Peel-N-Eat Shrimp" ($7.95), six large peeled shrimp cocktail ($5.95), 6 ounces of crab legs ($7.95), "Garlic-N-Butter Steamed Clams" ($8.95) and

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gives students more incentive to succeed in order to prevent the disastrous letdown of hopeful relatives.

"I have to prove myself [to my family]," Luviano said. "I will not get this chance again so I have to succeed."

Besides the surprising benefit of first-generation pressure, these students also become motivated from a variety of other sources. For some students it is the realities of the betterment of both the self and the family that make being a first-generation student so special.

"The biggest benefit is that you are experiencing much more of the world than your relatives and having the ability to both better yourself and your family through furthering your education," Watkins said.

The idea of a better future for their descendants drives some first-generation students who, like Luviano and Watkins, want to become the cornerstone for their family's prospective education hopes. While beginning college is hard for anyone, it is especially complicated for first-generation students. These students are guided not by the attempt to fulfill a hollow legacy, but by the determination of the betterment of both themselves and their proud families.

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"Oysters-On-The-Half-Shell" ($8.95).

Full renovations were made on the building, which was formally Capt. Bobs, in order to give Gilligan's a fresh new look.

Such renovations include the installation of two large aquariums and vivid murals painted by Charleston artist Rick Alexander. The murals consist of aquatic images that create an island-like environment throughout the restaurant.

The interior of Gilligan's is divided into a general dining area and a full bar. Combined, both sections can occupy about 240 patrons in booths or tables. The bar sits 50 and is the only area inside where smoking is permitted.

In addition to fine dining, customers can purchase Gilligan's gift items. The gift items consist of t-shirts, hats, flying discs, key chains and "Captian Bookatee's Famous Hushpuppy Mix," which is self-proclaimed to be "the recipe for these famous hushpuppies [that] has been protected for more than a century."

Gilligan's operation hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. However, Otero says that they will stay open later in the event of evening ECU football games.

Gilligan's Steamer and Raw Bar is located on Tenth Street.

For more information, visit gilligans.net.

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- Meet other student leaders
- Discover other groups on campus
- Learn about student services
- Have Fun!!

Clue #3 The Crime Scene

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Place: The Mall
Organization Check-In: 12:00pm. (at the information tent near the Student Health Center)

* **Rain Date:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 (same time, same place)

{ECU's Inside Source}

Pirates finally get redemption against long-time rival Heels

Crucial field goals decide the outcome

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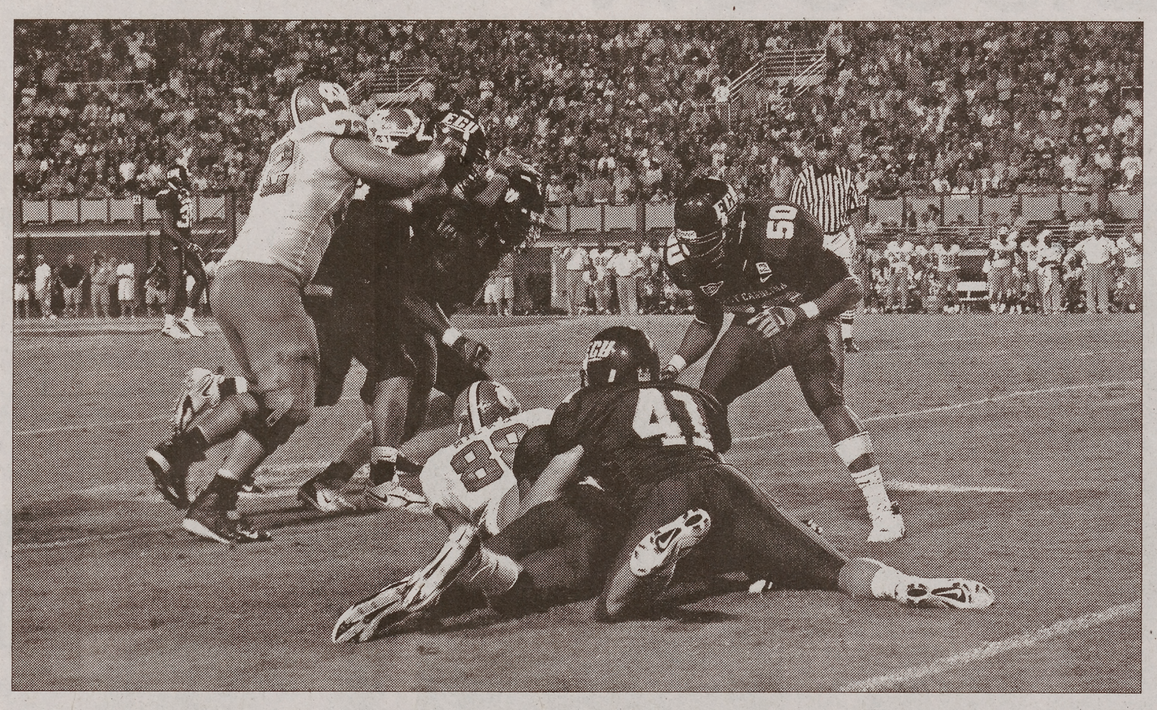
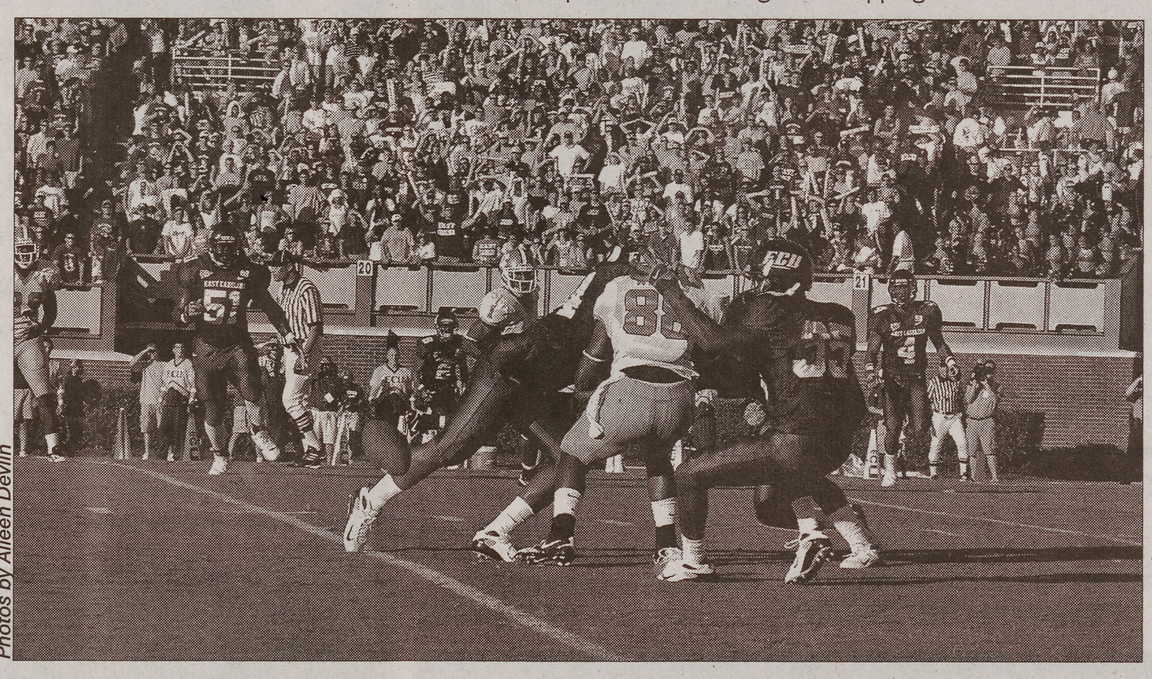


Quentin Cotton (50) and Zack Slate (41) both had quiet but effective games stopping UNC QB T.J. Yates.



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Junior cornerback Jerek Hewett (35) got his first career interception and forced a fumble against UNC.

The third time was the charm for Ben Hartman and ECU Saturday night.

After missing two fourth quarter field goals with the game tied at 31, Hartman kicked the game-winner as time expired, giving ECU a 34-31 win over North Carolina, its first win over the Tar Heels since 1975.

"You just have to block out everything that has gone bad," said the Pirates' kicker. "I knew it was going to come down to me and I just said, 'forget about the other three and make this one; this one counts."

Hartman's first attempt to break the 31-31 tie sailed wide right early in the fourth quarter, and his second attempt hit the left upright. He also missed another field goal halfway through the second quarter and finished the game 2-for-5 on field goal attempts.

But with 2 seconds on the game clock and after exchanging jokes with ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz, Hartman slipped a 39-yarder just inside of the left upright, sending the ECU sideline and the 43,387 in attendance into instant jubilation and providing redemption for Hartman.

"My teammates just told me to keep my head up and follow through," Hartman said of the game-winning kick, which was also a career-long for him.

The Tar Heels missed a would-be game-winning field goal of their own, but theirs never even got in the air.

UNC drove to the ECU 35-yard-line and lined up for a field goal on fourth-and-four with 55 seconds left in the game, but the UNC holder bobbled the snap and never allowed kicker Connor Barth, who has made his last 13 field goal attempts, a chance to give UNC the lead.

"It would have clearly been in his range," said UNC coach Butch Davis, who now has a 0-3 record against the Pirates. "We just hate that he didn't get the opportunity to kick it because I think our football team has so much faith and so much confidence in him."

Patrick Pinkney, who was making his first collegiate start, made the most of the UNC miscue as he completed two clutch passes which put the Pirates at the UNC 22-yard-line and set up the game-winning field goal.

Pinkney finished the game with the second best passing performance in ECU history, as he went 31-of-41 for 406 yards and three touchdowns, and also led the Pirates in rushing with 22 yards.

"He's a competitor," Holtz said of Pinkney. "I've seen a side of him I hadn't seen [before]... his poise in the pocket, the way he keeps his eyes downfield, the way he sees things, he just does a heck of a job running this offense and I'm really proud of him."

Pinkey's favorite target Saturday night wasn't even a wide receiver; it was running back Chris Johnson.

Johnson had 258 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns against UNC, with 136 of those yards and two of the touchdowns coming on passes from Pinkney.

Johnson now has six career touchdown receptions, which ties an ECU record for running backs, and his 78-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was the longest ECU touchdown since he caught an 81-yard pass from James Pinkney against Rice in 2005.

Holtz is now 3-1 against ACC opponents as coach of the Pirates', something that he said is a testament to the ECU players just as much as him.

"We're growing, we're moving in the right direction," said Holtz. "We still have a long way to go but I couldn't be more pleased with the attitude, the way these players are working and the commitment level that they have.

"We want to play big-time football in Greenville and I told them after the Virginia Tech game, 'that was a big time environment and they belonged in it, we want to play big-time football and we got in that arena and that environment tonight and we played it; I couldn't be more proud of these players, I haven't made a pass or thrown a block or made a tackle, these guys deserve the credit for the way that they go out there and let it all out on the field."

UNC had beat ECU eight of the last 10 meetings in the series, and Saturday's win for the Pirates could have signaled a sign of the future.

"It feels great, it's an in-state rivalry and they were talking very downward towards us," said Khalif Mitchell, who transferred to ECU from UNC in 2006. "This is a good win for this whole area; this whole Greenville and Eastern North Carolina area."

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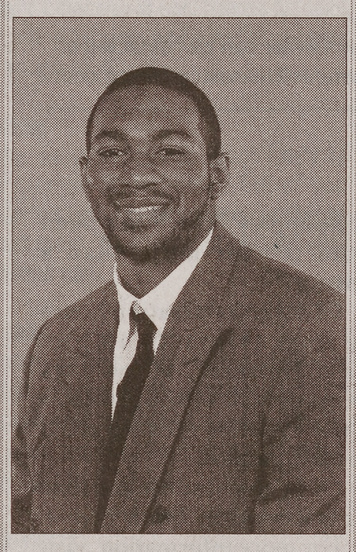
Pinkney named C-USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week



Quarterback guided ECU to a 34-31 win over UNC

SID--- Following a career-best day in leading the Pirates to a thrilling win over North Carolina, ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney has been named C-USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week, the league office announced today.

Pinkney threw for career-high 406 yards and a personal best of three touchdowns to guide ECU to a 34-31 non-league win over ACC member North Carolina. He completed 31-of-41 passes without an interception in his first collegiate start (and second overall game, both against BCS members).

The junior's 406 passing yards ranks second on ECU's all-time single-game list, only standing behind David Garrard's mark of 414 set against Memphis on Nov. 21, 1998. He tossed TD passes of 78, 15 and 24 (Johnson) yards and also directed the Pirates on a 31-yard game-winning march in just 49 seconds to set up deciding field goal. Pinkney also led all Pirate rushers with 22 yards on 10 carries.

He earned national recognition on Saturday, earning an ESPN Game Day Final Helmet Sticker.

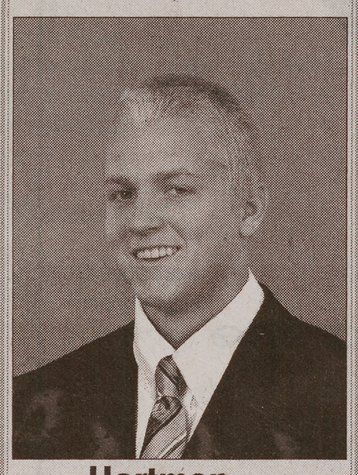
C-USA defensive honors were given to UAB senior S Will Dunbar, while Special Teams recognition went to SMU junior P/K Thomas Morstead.

The Pirates (1-1) will open league play this Saturday, Sept. 15 when they play host to Southern Miss (1-1) inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium with a 6 p.m. kickoff scheduled.

They Said It:

" It [the win] means a lot to our players, fans and alumni who work with graduates of [UNC].... I tell our players all the time that we are trying to build a program that is big-time college football and it was evidenced by the events that transpired Saturday with the television, tailgating and enthusiasm of the student body. It was great seeing the student section filling up two hours before kickoff because two years ago, they would all tailgate but never make it into the stadium."- ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz

"They [the players] want to win and if we miss that kick at the end of the game, we sit here 0-2 and feel completely different. Losing doesn't change their commitment or talent but it does alter our mental approach. I said before the season that we have a better football team this year, but it probably wouldn't show because of the toughness of our schedule. There is a reason Rivals ranked our schedule the fourth-hardest in the nation. So, to get a win like we did Saturday gives us a little more confidence. This schedule will give us a chance to see how mentally tough we are as a football team."- ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz



Hartman

"I just try to stay calm and relaxed and do what I know how to do. Keep my head down and watch the ball."- ECU place kicker Ben Hartman on what's going through his head with :01 left on the clock and the game on the line, in an article titled "What do you mean they're just kickers?" which ran 4/18/07 in The East Carolinian

Pirates sweep weekend in thrilling fashion

Photo by Aileen Devlin

Defender Kat Norris saved a sure goal against Furman University.

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Defender Nicole Moore (21) got an assist off of a goal by Amy Szilard.

Campbell shines in overtime

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's soccer team notched its second and third wins of the season over the weekend. The Pirates outlasted Old Dominion on Friday afternoon, stealing a victory in overtime, 1-0, then finished out the weekend with a rain-soaked win over Furman on Sun day afternoon, 3-0.

In ECU's biggest win of the season so far, the Pirates were outplayed on offense but were tough and steadfast on defense.

The Pirates were out shot by ODU, 13-7, and held to zero shots on goal in the second half but were able to withstand the persistent assault of the Lady Monarchs.

Junior goalie Amber Campbell was the player of the game, posting five crucial saves in her twelfth career shutout.

Regulation ended with both teams knotted up 0-0 in a defensive struggle.

ECU Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth attributed the low-scoring affair to two squads with strong defensive units.

"We had two teams working extremely hard defensively; [and] the defensive pressure [didn't allow] a lot of time on the ball," said Donnenwirth.

The Pirates got the only goal they needed with about two minutes remaining in the first overtime period to defeat the Lady Monarchs 1-0, and improve their record to 2-1.

The goal was scored by Amy Szilard off of a Nicole Moore free kick.

"It is good to win an overtime game. It shows them what they are capable of and gives them incentive to keep working hard at fitness. More than anything it shows if you keep working hard, even when things aren't clicking, good things will come," said Donnenwirth.

The Pirates were excited to get the win against a polished ODU team, but Donnenwirth challenged his team to improve in all phases of the game.

"We need to be better with the ball when under pressure and show a little more composure with the ball so we make better decisions," said Donnenwirth in response to his team's weaknesses.

ECU heard its head coach's rally cry and responded in a big way in the second game of the weekend.

The Pirates started out sluggish, partly due to the rough weather conditions, but eventually stepped up their game.

The first half of the game was delayed by rain from Tropical Storm Gabrielle and an unfortunate injury to midfielder Sarah Kirkley.

Then with 10:39 left to play in the first half, Madison Keller awoke ECU's slumbering offense with the first of her two goals on a header off a corner kick from Tricia Tufts.

At the half ECU led Furman, 1-0, and had out shot its opponent, 7-1.

ECU pressured very well defensively, which opened things up for the Pirates in the second half.

Szilard had a great shot at the start of the second half, just missing the goal.

With about 27 minutes left to play, Kat Norris saved the potential game-tying goal for Furman and in turn kept the momentum on the Pirate's side.

Keller scored her second goal of the contest with 16 minutes remaining off a penalty kick to give the Pirates a 2-0 lead.

The Pirate's third goal of the afternoon came from Blair Hefner on a pass from freshman Amanda Broz with just under five minutes left in regulation.

The goal was Hefner's third of the season.

ECU goalkeeper Campbell's strong play on Friday carried over, as she recorded her second straight shutout and 13th of her career.

The Pirates will head to New York this weekend to face Syracuse Friday at 7 p.m. and Stony Brook Sunday at 12 p.m.

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Pirate-Mountaineer matchup to be televised by ESPN or ESPN2

ECU-West Virginia kickoff moved up to 12 Noon

SID--- The kickoff time for ECU's non-conference contest against West Virginia, originally scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown, has been moved up to 12 noon (EDT) to accommodate a live national television broadcast on ESPN or ESPN2 according to an announcement from the network Monday afternoon.

The decision on which network will carry the game will be made by Sunday, Sept. 16.

The national telecast will be the second this season and fourth for ECU in its last 12 games on an ESPN entity. ESPN carried the Pirates' 2007 season opener at Virginia Tech Sept. 1 while ESPN2 aired a pair of games last year, which included West Virginia's visit to Greenville on Sept. 23 and ECU's bowl clash against USF last December.

ECU has gotten off to a 1-1 start under third-year head coach Skip Holtz, bouncing back with a 34-31 win over North Carolina Saturday after suffering a 17-7 setback against the Hokies. West Virginia (2-0), ranked No. 4 in both polls this week, will travel to Maryland Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. ESPN matchup against the Terrapins.

The contest between the Pirates and Mountaineers was earlier scheduled for a regional broadcast.

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Baseball opens fall practice with youth and enthusiasm

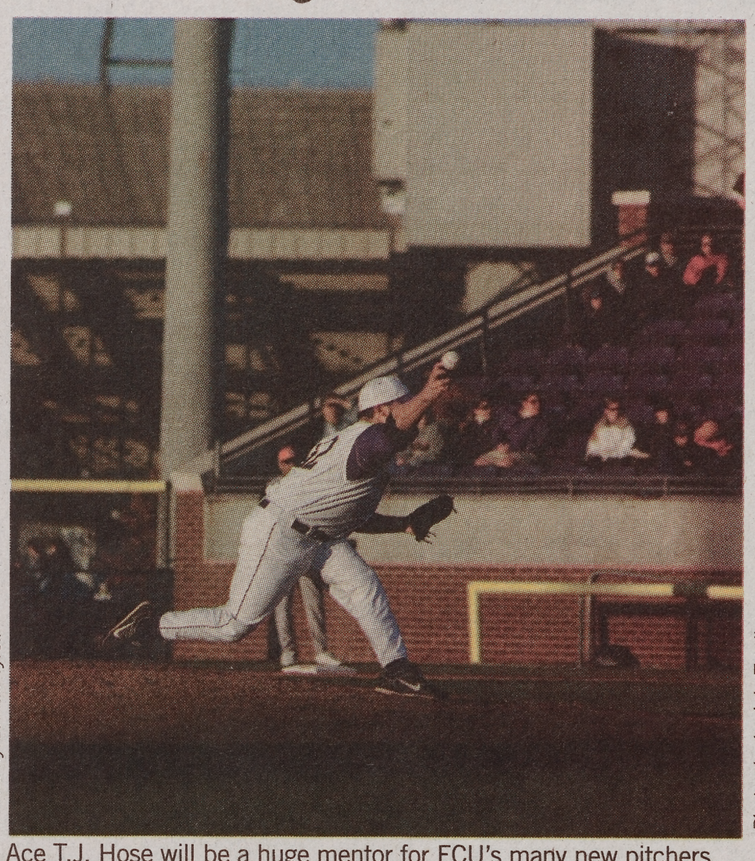

Photo by Levinia Tyrell

Ace T.J. Hose will be a huge mentor for ECU's many new pitchers.

Photos by Levinia Tyrell

Corey Kemp is one of the three already named Pirate captains.

ECU has many new faces

RONNIE WOODWARD
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While many ECU students were gearing up for the football team's home opener against in-state rival North Carolina last week, the ECU baseball players were gearing for their season opener, which is only about five months away.

The Pirates' opened fall practice last Wednesday, and coach Godwin said pace is the key to ECU's fall practice.

"It feels like we just left yesterday to be honest, it's always exciting to get out here in the fall," said Godwin after the team's first official practice. "The most important thing right now is to control the pace because we don't play until February, we don't have to get it all in today."

ECU has added nine true freshmen and two transfers to go along with its 23 returnees from last season, which has created unprecedented depth to the program.

"We're going to be very deep," said Godwin. "The Pirates are going to have depth at every position and that's good."

Some of the 11 new players have a chance to make an impact, and fall practice is important for them to get adjusted to ECU baseball.

"I still think they're getting acclimated to each other," said Godwin. "Once they kind of settle in to their own environment and get more comfortable things will pick up, but I was very pleased with the attitude and I think they were excited about being out here."

Freshman Trent Whitehead said that the college game is much faster, and the upperclassmen are doing a great job of helping the newcomers adjust.

"It was a big difference from high school," said Whitehead, who graduated from nearby Washington High School. "It's so much more intense and much faster; there is a lot of adjustments and a lot of things that I never even touched in high school."

With so many newcomers, Godwin is hoping some new leadership will develop during the fall.

"With these younger guys coming in, they're looking for us to show them the way and I take that with respect," said ECU senior T.J. Hose, who will be one of the Pirates' captains this year.

Senior Corey Kemp and Junior Drew Schieber will join Hose as team captains.

Godwin said he feels confident in those three guys, and the rest of the upperclassmen to lead this team.

"We have tri-captains and I did that earlier this year than I've ever done it," said Godwin. "They're not our only leaders, we want all of our guys to be leaders, but they're certainly three guys that have stepped up and shown some of the attributes of being a good leader."

To go along with the leadership, Godwin said that individual player evaluation and player development is high on the fall priority list.

After players are individually evaluated, specific roles will be defined especially with a pitching staff that does not return closer Shane Mathews, who led C-USA in saves last season.

"We'll give everyone an opportunity and we won't make those decisions until late in the fall," said Godwin. "Their are no starters, middle relievers or closers right now, they'll just all go out there and pitch about the same amount of time and then depending on what we see we'll start to set roles for them."

ECU finished second in C-USA last year and was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament in the Chapel Hill Regional, but the ECU goal is always to make the College World Series, and preparation for that is already beginning.

"I would just like to have a good season and get us to Omaha," said Hose.

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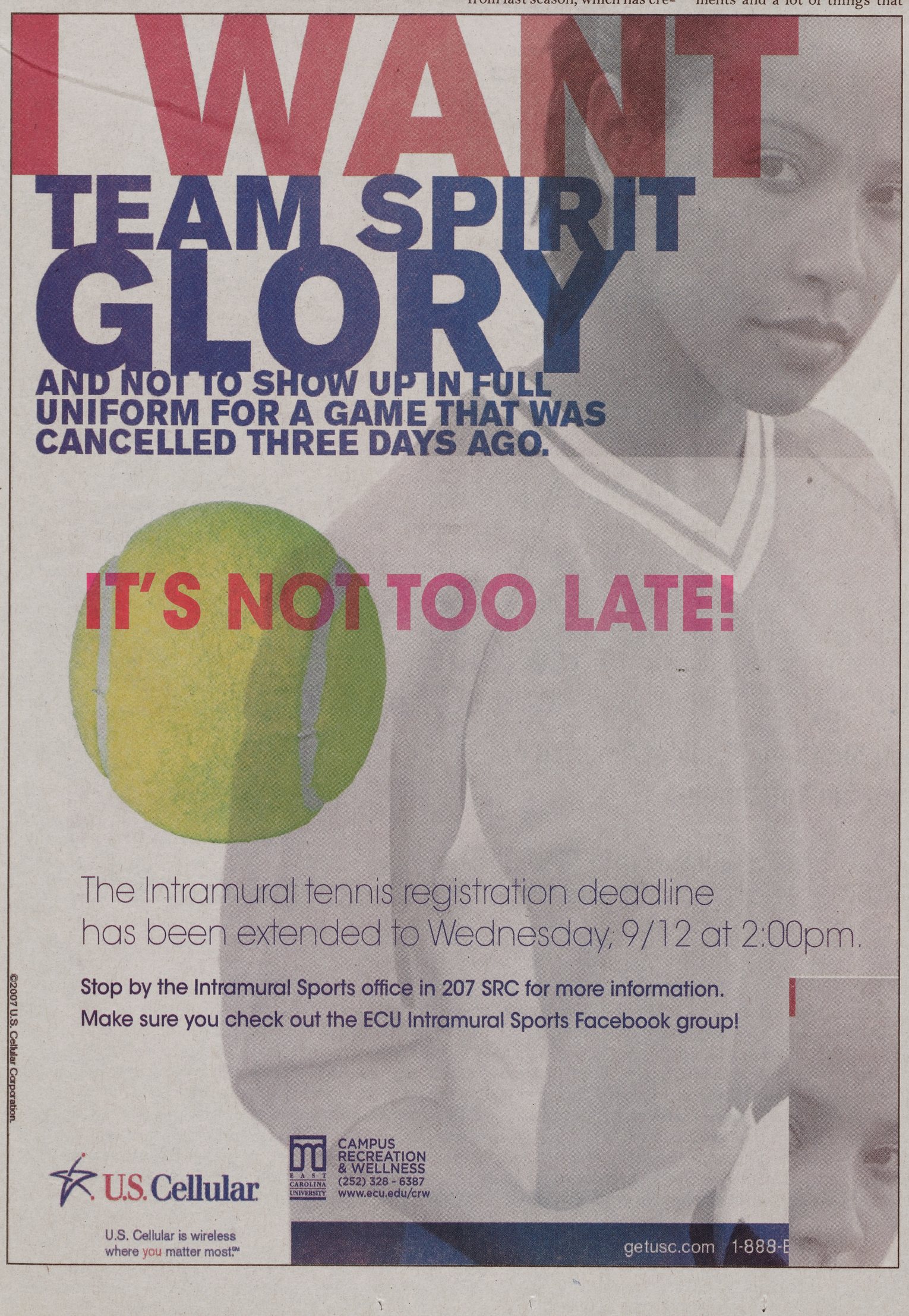

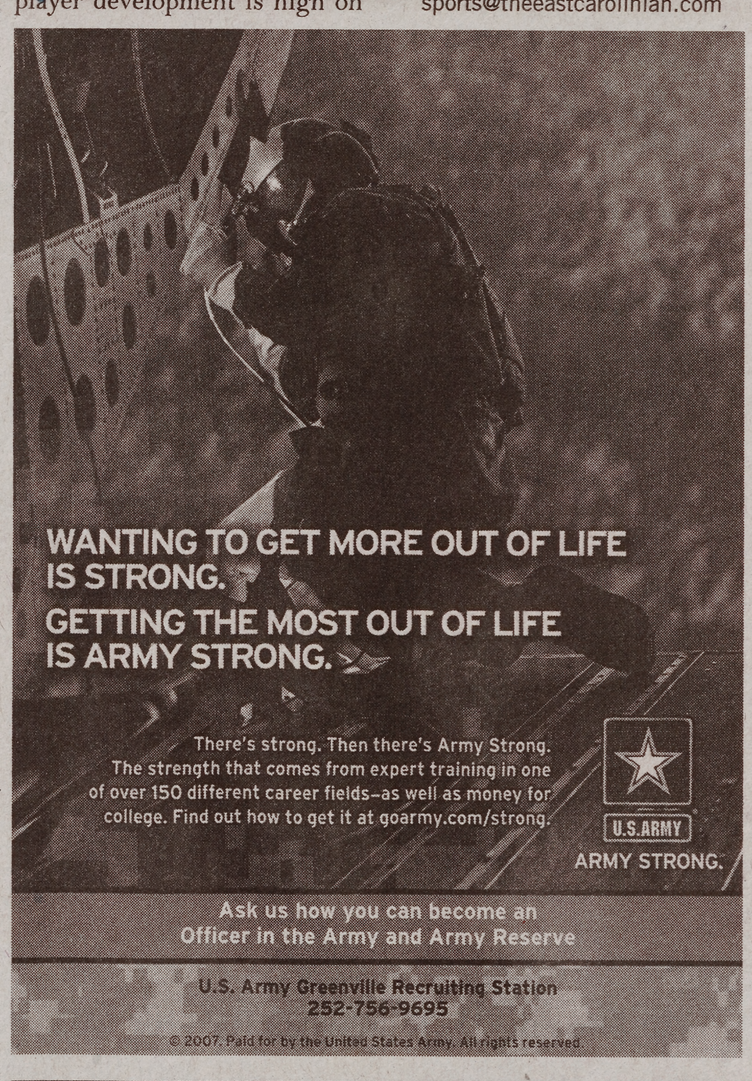

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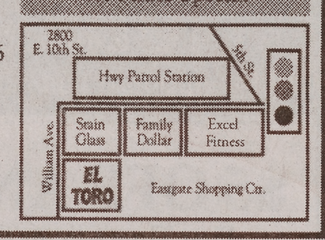

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