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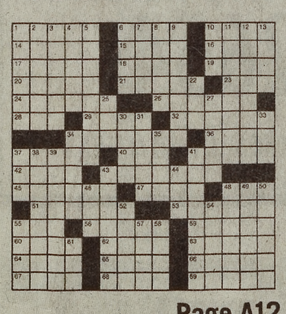

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School of Communication undergoes curriculum changes

What the changes mean for students

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STAFF WRITER

The School of Communication curriculum will no longer include some of the requirements communication alumni has had to fulfill in the past.

The curriculum has been revised for the 2007-08 academic school year and will no longer include a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Only the Bachelor of Science degree is available for new and future communication majors, according to Jennifer Cabacar, an academic advisor in the School of Communication.

"Faculty from the School of Communication got together to look at trends and changes in the communication curriculum to see what needed to be revised," Cabacar said.

"We were just trying to keep up with market trends in communication."

The revision was formulated over the past two years by the School of Communication Curriculum Committee.

The revision then had to be approved by the school, the University Curriculum Committee and the chancellor.

Up until the 2006-07 edition, the option for a Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations in public relations, communication studies and print journalism was offered.

A Bachelor of Science degree was also available with concentrations in broadcast journalism, media production and media studies.

Two of the major changes that came with the revised curriculum are the foreign language requirements and the minor requirements.

A Bachelor of Arts in communication requires 12 semester hours of a foreign language, whereas the Bachelor of Science in communication requires only six semester hours.

A minor is not required with a Bachelor of Science as it was with a Bachelor of Arts. Instead, a student is allowed to choose a curriculum of structured electives if they do not wish to have a minor.

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Student entering the School of Communication will have different degree requirements than alumni.

Some students think that the changes in the degree requirements will help them succeed in their concentration.

"Foreign languages just aren't my thing. I'd rather spend more class time in my concentration classes learning about what it is I'm going to do when I graduate," said Hart Holloman, junior communication major.

According to Cabacar, many students were shying away from public relations but are coming back now that they do not have to take the extra foreign language.

Six concentration areas will still be available but some of the programs have been renamed.

Communication studies is now called interpersonal/organizational communication.

"We reevaluated changing the name because it makes a little more sense," Cabacar said. "The concentration emphasizes the importance of communication, especially in business settings."

Media production went through many changes to keep up with the changing technology, according to Cabacar.

"We had to think about what the industry is using and new equipment. You have to be able to do more now, especially when dealing with the different aspects of editing and producing," Cabacar said.

The last curriculum revision in the School of Communication was five years ago.

"We try not to revise the curriculum too often. It probably won't be revised again for several years," Cabacar said.

Students following the older course catalog's curriculum can switch to the revised curriculum by stopping by the Academic Advising Office.

Seniors or second semester juniors are recommended to not change their course of study because they shouldn't be affected by the change.

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College of Business offers review course

Students begin preparation for the GRE

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On Tuesday, Sept. 11, the ECU College of Business began an intensive review course to help students prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

The GRE is a standardized test, similar to the SAT that is an admissions requirement for most graduate schools in the U.S.

"Students that want to go to graduate school, not in business but in most other areas, need to take the GRE because it is required for entrance into many graduate programs," said Mark McCarthy, professor of accounting.

The four-week GRE prep course, which takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, is designed to help students review materials that will be on the exam.

Students will learn test taking strategies, study tips and how to prepare for the verbal as well as math sections of the test.

"This course will help refresh students on information that they learned in high school but probably haven't seen in a while," McCarthy said.

"It's a refresher on a lot of material that they haven't done in a long time and it will give students some experience with the kind of questions that will be asked on the exam."

Students may gain other advantages from taking the GRE prep course as well, according to Elaine Seeman, assistant professor of management information systems

"One of the main aspects of being a good test taker is to have confidence in yourself and not be afraid of the exam," Seeman said.

"By taking this course students will know what to study, be familiar with the kind of questions that are on the test and hopefully will gain confidence in their abilities because they will know what to expect. I think people will do better on the exam if they aren't scared to death of it."

The prep course will be taught using a mixture of lecture, conversation, hands-on work and discussion.

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Contributed image

It has become a tradition for cancer survivors to take a walk around the track together at the beginning of the event.

Relay for Life comes to campus for the first time

Students promote cancer awareness

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Relay for Life, an event to celebrate cancer survivors and raise money for cancer research programs, will come to campus for the first time.

The event is in collaboration with the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is an overnight event that starts with an opening ceremony and is followed by a survivor lap, in which anyone who has survived any type of cancer has the opportunity to walk a lap around the track together.

"Our goal for this event is to have at least 40 teams registered and raise $40,000, but my expectation is that we exceed it," said Nicole Betschman, chair of Relay for Life and president of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC).

"Since it is our first Relay for Life sponsored by ECU, we wanted to set a reasonable goal and then be able to raise it for the next year."

For the rest of the night, participants can enjoy activities, music and games.

Students, faculty and staff can all get involved and create their own teams for these events.

"I want this to be a life-changing event; cancer is so common nowadays," said Alexis Terrell, co-chair of Relay for Life and vice president of Colleges Against Cancer.

"Realize that they need to become more aware of their individual health and do what they can to stay healthy."

There will be a Relay for Life Kickoff Event from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard. There will be free food, games and entertainment at this event.

At 7 p.m., anyone interested in registering for a team will go inside MSC to register. Students can also get involved in many different committees to help get Relay for Life up and running.

"I think there are a lot of people who want to expand their horizons and take part in activities for a good cause," said sophomore Katie Street.

Relay for Life will also be going to other campuses such as Duke University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and others.

There is a tentative date of April 4 and April 5 for the event, but the location has not been determined. The event will start at 6 p.m. on April 4 and will end early on the morning of April 5.

ECU Campus Dining has been involved with Relay for Life for the past 6 years. They have been a sponsor and have a team of 38 managers and directors. They have also sponsored the Survivors Dinner.

"ECU Campus Dining has raised over $18,000 during the past 6 years and has assisted in sponsorship with food and prize give-aways," said Dana Dawes, senior food service director.

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Student awareness of parking regulations may limit headaches

Advice to avoid tickets and towing

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Parking around campus is limited without buying a parking pass or taking a risk of getting a ticket.

ECU Parking and Transportation Services didn't start enforcing all ticketing and towing rules until after Labor Day.

"We also limited ticketing in the first two weeks of classes to only serious infractions, such as parking in handicap spaces, reserved spaces or in a fire lane," said Bill Koch of Environmental Health and Safety.

"We have not been towing during this time period either, unless the vehicle created a safety issue."

After an individual has three unpaid citations, they become eligible to be towed for receiving a fourth citation.

If they continue to not follow the parking rules, they will be given a one-year suspension that denies them the privilege of parking on campus.

Writing citations is a necessary aspect to make sure we follow the Voluntary Compli-

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{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE HAPPENINGS

13 Thurs

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

East Carolina Collegiate Jaycees Interest Meeting
7 p.m.
MSC 247

14 Fri

Volunteer Friday Give2TheTroops
3-5p.m.

Family Weekend
3-5p.m.
MSC Brickyard

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

All That Jazz
7p.m.
Cynthia Lounge Mendenhall

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.-2p.m.
Todd & Westend Dining Halls ($5 per guest)

17 Mon

Constitution Birthday Party 2007
1-3 p.m.
MSC

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

Harriot scholar to speak at ECU
Joyner Library 4 p.m.

18 Tues

ACHIEVE: Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
7-8 p.m.
Aycock Hall Basement

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

Breakthrough Film/ Discussion Series Girl Interrupted
7 p.m.
Hendrix

19 Wed

Health Majors Fair
10:30-1:30 p.m.
Wright Plaza

Identity Shock
4-5 p.m.
MSC 244

Centennial Student Convocation
5 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

Featured Event
ACHIEVE: Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
7-8 p.m.
Aycock Hall Basement

Harriot scholar to speak at ECU
Monday, Sept. 17
Joyner Library 4 p.m.
Historian Stephen Clucas will visit East Carolina University Sept. 17 to discuss 16th-century explorer Thomas Harriot. Clucas, a professor of the University of London and the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, NJ, will speak at 4 p.m. at the J. Y. Joyner Library's Teaching Resource Center (second floor). Clucas's talk will discuss the expansion of knowledge that grew from the year Harriot spent on Roanoke Island and the book he wrote about it in 1588, "Briefe and True Report." For more information contact Dr. Larry E. Tise at tisel@ecu.edu or call 252-328-6496.

Constitution Birthday Party 2007
Monday, Sept. 17
MSC 1-3 p.m.
Student Affairs will host the 2007 Constitution Birthday Party from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room with cake, drinks, party favors (pens, pencils, flags and souvenir cups), an opportunity to sign the Constitution (I Signed), Uncle Sam and 20-minute repeated segments with readings from the Constitution and Bill of Rights. At 2:00 p.m., the party will join the national broadcast of the Preamble to the Constitution led by Colin Powell. Contact Carol Woodruff, Mendenhall Student Center.

Third Annual Constitution Day Speaker
Monday, Sept. 17
Joyner Library 7 p.m.
The District Court Judge Gwynett Hilburn will speak on "The Separation of Powers: What Is the Judge to Do?" in the Joyner Library Teaching Resource Center (second floor). Judge Hilburn will begin with her oath of office and responsibilities as a District Court Judge and then discuss some of the challenges faced by the courts and other branches of government in addressing issues such as mental health, juvenile violence, and school and community safety. Contact Dorothy Muller, Center for Faculty Excellence.

ACHIEVE: Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
Tuesday, Sept. 18
Aycock Hall Basement 7-8 p.m.
Reading the newspaper is the responsibility of every citizen and can even help you get better grades. Come find out how!

Health Majors Fair
Wednesday, Sept. 19
Wright Plaza (rain location: Bate Building) 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
This event is geared towards freshmen and sophomores who are still choosing a major or re-considering their current major. Various academic departments and advising centers will be represented, as well as health-related student organizations. This event is being held in order to provide academic information to students who are considering a career in health as well as a way to provide academic information to students who are considering health fields that require graduate or professional school. For more information on this and other activities, visit the Academic Enrichment Center Web site at www.ecu.edu/aec or call 252-328-2645.

Centennial Student Convocation
Wednesday, Sept. 19
Wright Auditorium 5 p.m.
What is a chancellor? Is a dean the same as a departmental chair? What do those sashes and medallions on academic gowns represent? Is an M.A. equal to an M.S.? Who makes the decisions at the university? Your college career starts here as Dr. Ballard, members of the ECU faculty and other university officials welcome you to ECU and help you understand what it means to be part of an academic community in higher education. For more information on this and other activities, contact Liz Johnston in the Disability Support Services office at 252-737-1016.

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Photo by Aileen Devlin

There are options for parking located at two-hour lots off campus.

ance of the ECU parking rules, according to Jack Tawney, interim director of Parking and Transportation Services.

If someone parks in the A zone between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., their car can be automatically towed.

Parking in an inappropriate zone is one of the more frequent citations, according to Tawney,

"Parking [Parking and Transportation Services] has a responsibility to protect the parking privileges of their paying customers that follow the rules," Koch said.

Another more frequent citation that Tawney has noticed is the meter violations. The meter must be on and active to avoid a ticket.

Citations are given when the meter shows 00:00, which means the time has expired and the individual must reset the timer.

Parking meters are checked routinely, but not consistently. This prevents individuals from learning the schedule of when the meters are monitored.

Fines that are collected through citations go to the Parking and Transportation Services and to the Pitt County School system.

According to the North Carolina Constitution, 80 percent of fine revenues collected go to the school system and the other 20 percent is retained.

The advice that Tawney gives to anyone looking to avoid tickets and find a parking spot is to just understand the Parking and Transportation Services rules and regulations.

"The rules are very simple; park in zones that your permit allows and don't try to be sneaky," Tawney said.

"There are many faculty, staff and students that call the office to complain when individuals are noticed parking improperly."

The City of Greenville has two full time parking enforcement officers who regulate the parking laws downtown and the residential areas of Greenville.

These parking rules and laws are enforced throughout the year, even during holidays and semester breaks.

The fees for these parking regulations vary on the parking violation that occurs.

If a driver receives a ticket, they have 10 calendar days to pay for it before the price increases.

The general area of the free two-hour parking owned by the city of Greenville is north of campus, from Fifth Street to First Street and from Reade Street to Elm Street.

The city also owns 31 parking meters.

"The parking around campus is not good at all because you have to walk to find a good spot, especially in this heat," said freshmen Sierra Fountain.

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"Relay for Life will continue to be our primary public service/ community involvement activity."

Not only can students, faculty and staff become involved with Relay for Life, but they can also become involved in CAC.

This program is in strong support of the American Cancer Society and brings information and service to college communities.

CAC is involved in many activities such as Relay for Life, Great American Smoke out and Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

"There are more than 175 other CAC chapters at schools nationwide, all working towards one goal; to bring awareness to the community," Betschman said.

The ECU chapter of CAC was formed in the spring of 2006. It consists of about 10 members.

"Even though we are a small organization, I feel just the few of us can make a difference," Terrell said.

Anyone who would like to be a part of CAC can start by attending a monthly meeting that is held on the first Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting will be held in room 202 of the Student Recreation Center at 5 p.m.

"So many people have been affected some way by cancer; by either their friends, family members or even personally, that we thought that bringing this to campus would be a good way to 'fight' back," Betschman said.

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DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

The A.J. Fletcher Music Library is now offering more popular music than ever before to students.

It currently offers about 11,000 CDs and 500 DVDs to students.

Media can be checked out for one week and can be renewed up to three times.

The music library specializes in classical and jazz music, but a new course studying American popular music has resulted in an increase of available popular music.

"Now that the School of Music is branching out, we're getting more popular music," said Nara Newcomer, assistant music librarian.

Some of the more popular CDs offered at the music library are Led Zeppelin, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis and Johnny Cash.

Some staff of the music library feel that there are multiple reasons for students and faculty to use this resource.

Students should come to the music library because "music touches everything and it can be used in most courses," said Harry Frank, daytime access services supervisor.

There is no limit to how much media a student can check out, although the late fee for media is $1 per item, per day.

Students can search for media they would like to check out by using the online Joyner Library catalog or asking a reference librarian at the music library.

"We try to get as close to the new cutting-edge technology as we can," Frank said.

The music library offers audio-visual equipment for checkout, including an iPod stereo for class presentations, video cameras, two video iPods and iMics.

AV equipment can be checked out for a total of 12 hours.

Shipments are delivered at least once a month. The music library also receives gifts from ECU alumni and current students.

Students can also listen to music remotely on multiple online services. These can be found on the music library Web site.

The music library serviced about 1,800 students per week last year.

The online services specialize in classical and jazz music, but also have some ethnic and folk music. Students can log on with their Pirate ID and password.

There are five full-time staff members and 12 student staff members, including both graduate and undergraduate students.

The music library is currently looking to hire work-study students. Students can apply for the job at the Joyner Library administration.

The school of music library is located in the A.J. Fletcher Music Center.

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GRE

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On Tuesday, students began the prep course with a practice GRE to determine their strengths and weaknesses on the exam.

"The practice test will help us to focus on where students have problems and what they need to work on," Seeman said.

"At the end of the course, we will have another practice test to see how they have improved."

According to McCarthy and Seeman, the GRE prep course has been very beneficial to students who have taken it in the past.

"The feedback from students has been pretty positive," McCarthy said.

"Most of the students who have taken the course feel that it has helped them to improve their scores and do better on the GRE. However, it is what you put in that makes a difference, so it all depends on how hard they work."

For more information or to register for the GRE prep course in the spring, students can call 252-328-6377.

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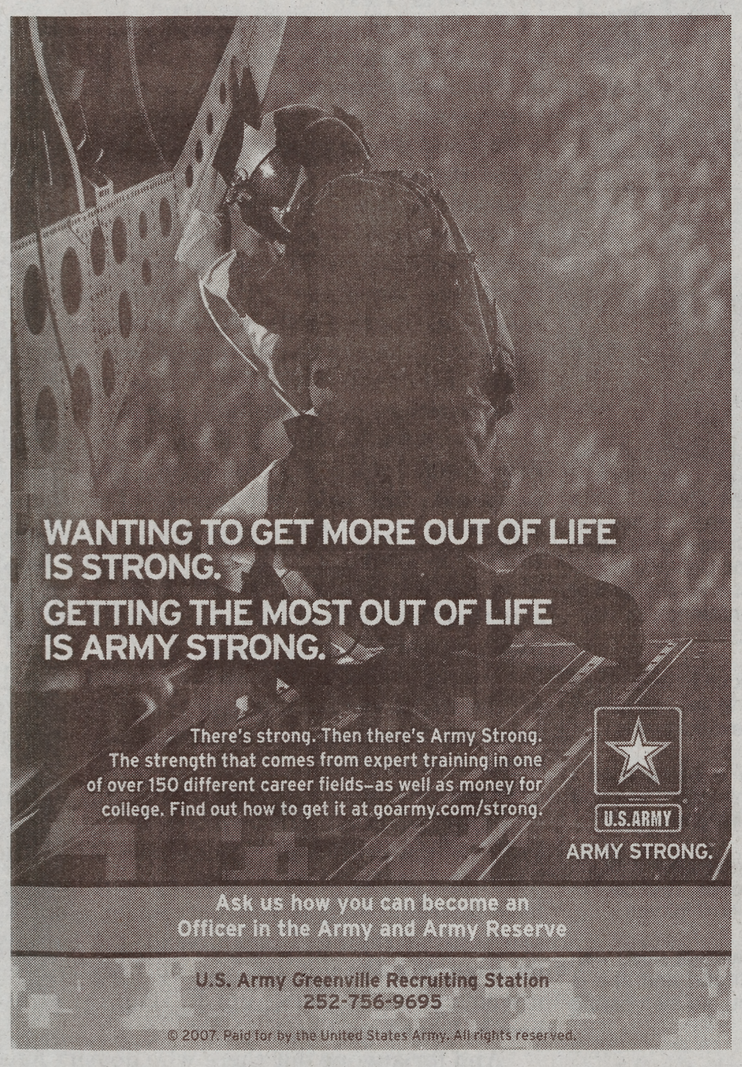

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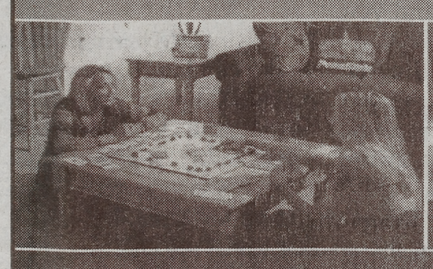

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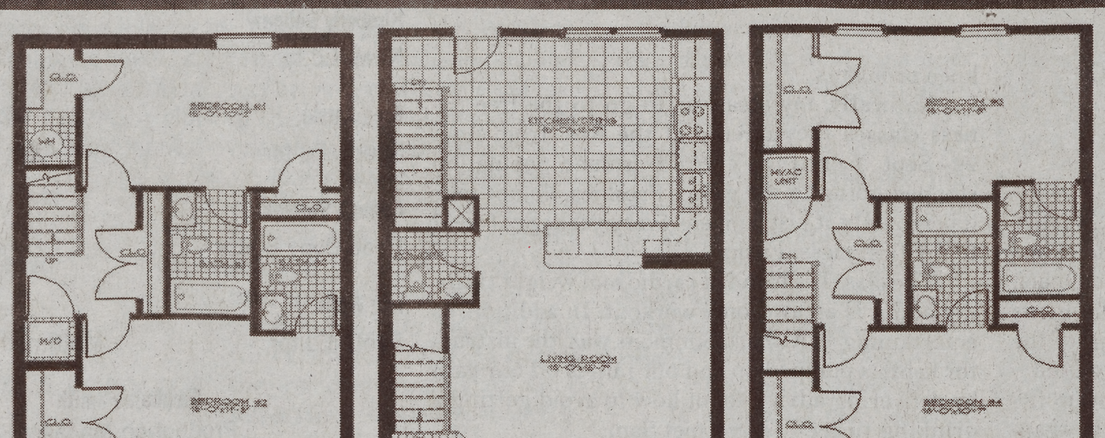

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{ Where do you stand? }

RANT OF THE DAY

Let's hear it for the Pirate Nation! Wear your purple and gold on Friday! Bring back the tradition!

Pinkney is best for the Pirates

Pinkney fits the mold of an ECU quarterback

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Jeff Blake, Marcus Crandall, David Garrard, James Pinkney...Patrick Pinkney?

About this time two weeks ago, the ECU campus thought the sky was falling when starting quarterback Rob Kass was suspended after being arrested and charged with driving while impaired.

The campus is still buzzing about the quarterback position, but now it's a positive buzz directed towards the Pirates' new starting quarterback: Patrick Pinkney.

Pinkney showed promise against Virginia Tech in the season opener, and had the best passing performance by an ECU quarterback in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium history in ECU's emotional win over North Carolina last Saturday.

The junior who was buried on the depth chart prior to Kass' suspension threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns in his first collegiate start, but it's Pinkney's ability to use his legs that makes him different from Kass and sophomore Brett Clay, who started the Pirates' season-opener against Virginia Tech.

"You put the ball in his hands back there and let him run around for awhile, he's going to find somebody," ECU coach Skip Holtz said of Pinkney.

It's that scrambling ability that makes Pinkney look like ECU's successful quarterbacks in the 1990's. Pinkney is currently ECU's leading passer, leading rusher and has yet to turn the ball over.

He also seems to have the same leadership, toughness and awareness to go along with the running ability, that ECU's most successful quarterbacks have displayed.

"He's running, stopping, throwing to a window and he's protecting the ball," said Holtz. "When he scrambles he's doing a really good job of keeping his eyes up and that's his strength right now."

Even though Pinkney has shown a great amount of potential since being vaulted from third to first on the depth chart in such a short time, he remains very humble.

"It's all about believing in one another, everybody doing their job and just executing the offense," said Pinkney. "No matter the play call, I'm just going to execute it and play it one play at a time."

ECU's victory over UNC was extremely important for the ECU program; it was the first victory over the Tar Heels since 1975 and was a game that Holtz described as a "great atmosphere" and a "great win for the ECU program." David Garrard, Jeff Blake, James Pinkney and Marcus Crandall all quarterbacked ECU to wins over arch-rival N.C. State, which is something we all know ECU fans value. Blake led ECU to a No. 9 national ranking in 1991 and Garrard, who is very physically similar to Patrick Pinkney, beat N.C. State in front of 50,000 fans at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in 1999.

Something that all of those great ECU quarterbacks didn't do: beat UNC. Now that the groundbreaking UNC victory is under Pinkney's belt, Oct. 20 is a date that all ECU fans should circle.

On Oct. 20 Patrick Pinkney will have the chance to do something no ECU quarterback has ever done: beat UNC and N.C. State in the same year, and he will get to do it in front and 40,000+ screaming Pirate fans.

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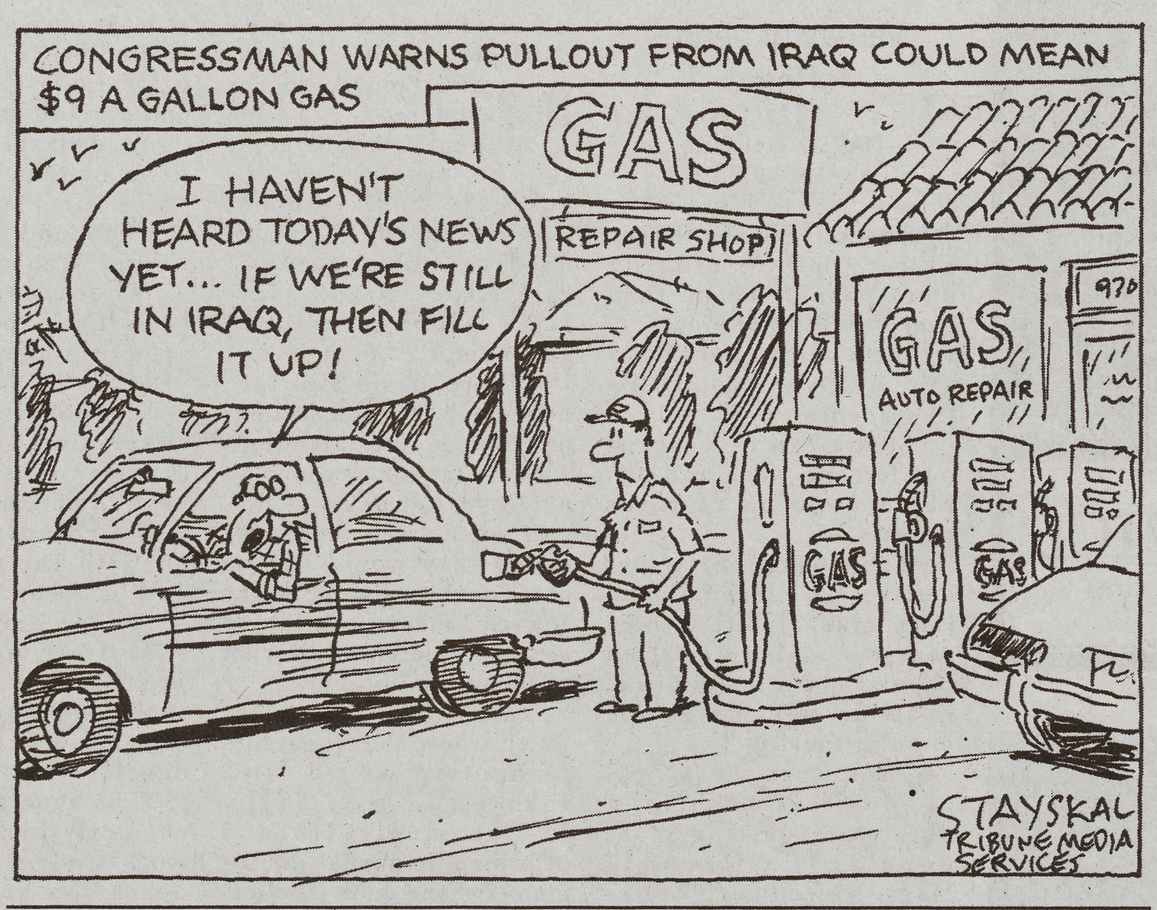

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Smoking makes you die.

I am so sick of listening to students whining about schoolwork. If you don't want to do it, WHY ARE YOU HERE?! Go shovel some crap somewhere and stop giving me headaches. Just imagine what it would be like if we were all enrolled at a CHALLENGING school in the top 10?

I have found that in uncomfortable situations just start singing the Irish drinking song and life is so much better.

I gave you my old brown coat, and you made it pretty when you put it on.

My grandma doesn't have a belly button.

Come on, doesn't anyone out there want to try to change their name to McLovin?

Poor Britney.

How about I REALLY hate deodorant stains!

Why do you insist on smacking your chewing gum in a computer lab while everyone is QUIETLY working? May I insist on SMACKING YOU in the HEAD?

To the crowd of people that insist on arguing with the evangelists stading in front of the library: I understand that you all have your own opinions regarding the subject matters that these people bring up. It seems to me, though, that the general consensus is that these preachers are not welcome. Stop arguing! You're only getting yourself worked up and you're feeding these people the fuel that they need. If we don't pay attention to them, they'll have no incentive to return. In addition, you're blocking a relatively high traffic area and disturbing the classrooms in Joyner. Next time, take the little book he threw at you, walk away, read it, and decide for yourself if you believe that masturbation makes you gay.

Thanks to all of those that attended the 9/11 ceremony. You should take pride in the fact that you set aside time to honor the American lives lost six years ago in the terrorist attacks.

Everytime I receive a new Facebook message, I'm hoping it's from you. Please talk to me again.

Was I the only one that didn't notice the pirate ship?

Turn down your iPod before you walk into a quiet classroom at 8 a.m. No one wants to hear your music blaring over your headphones, and you're going to go deaf.

I would rather live in Belk than this "luxury" apartment complex. Never in my life have I been so unhappy.

If I counted my friends by who sends me mail, my grandmother would be my only friend.

Why are all my Pirate Rants only funny in my head?

Hey, Miss "I'm not a southern belle, quit asking..." How about you not be a b**** toward people who are not as mentally fortunate as you?

I'm still waiting to see the guy run down the street naked because his Rant got printed.

When did Joyner Library become the community center/homeless shelter of Greenville?

I know my roommate is gay. I just wish he would tell me. It would make it easier for me to come out to him.

I have no idea what I'm doing in any of my classes. I have a feeling that's not a good sign.

Dear construction workers, are you almost done with the College Hill stairs? Finishing those stairs will save me an entire minute and a half walking down the Hill.

To all the cars out there driving in that intersection on 10th street: I'm sorry I sometimes run out in front of you, I'm probably late to class and the hospital would be a reasonable excuse to be late.

Attention girls: if you wear plunging necklines, I'm gonna check you out, so don't give me a dirty look for admiring your buxomness.

Hey, how about in addition to the Pirate Rant section we have a Pirate Encouragement section, like, "To the guy that sits next to me in biology: I really admire how organized your notes are."

It sucks that we're Muggles.

I shamelessly pick my nose in traffic.

I feel like every single teacher thinks that the world revolves around his or her class. Is there any way to tell them no?

I wish that more people cared about 9/11. It makes me very upset to see that hardly anyone remembered.

I wish my life was a musical! Wait, forget wishing, I'm going to burst out in song whenever I want, anyone who wants to can join in! I'm going to need some back up dancers anyway.

Movies get more ridiculous all the time.

Who thought it would be a good idea to screw students by charging $50 for guest tickets to the UNC/NC State football games? I mean other top football school such as Florida State Univerisity, Clemson University, and Virginia Tech do not even charge that much for there conference or non-conference games.

Is it really that difficult to wash your hands after you go to the bathroom? Seriously ladies, I expect better.

That GEICO flag is awesome!! I mean, who wouldn't like to see that caveman while walking to class?

In the past year I have slept with six girls that had boyfriends. Take care of your women, or I'll do it for you.

To my neighbor: I will not sleep with you. I have a girlfriend and she is way hotter than you, so stop calling me at 2 a.m.

To the early morning bus drivers, thank you so much for getting up extra early to make sure we have a way to class. But, it would be really nice to have some kind of air circulating with all of those hot bodies.

Why are the cops here so obsessed with underage drinking? All these robberies and rapes I hear about seem like what they should be concerned with!

Every time I go back to Raleigh I hook up with your ex.

To the guy who found my wallet at the UNC game you are so awesome. I'm so glad that there are good people here!

Instead of complaining about the Student Union or any other organization, why don't you contribute something and attend a meeting? Otherwise, you will need to learn to deal with changes in schedules or events at the last minute. If you ask questions, as opposed to making assumptions, you would understand why things happen.

I swear I just heard an elephant in Brewster D.

There are signs up at Whichard now. Stop b****ing!

I never want to hear about PIRATE fans being obnoxious again! Those Heels were nasty this weekend.

FYI. You have to be 25 feet away from any campus building to smoke now.

I love to eat. It's a shame my metabolism isn't as excited.

Happy one year, my lovely! It's been absolutely amazing.

Putting your best foot forward

Sage advice from the Old Guy

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One day last week, on the bus ride from Brewster to Minges, a young man approached all the young lady passengers individually in an attempt to find a lunch date. Unless he found success after I had disembarked, he ate alone.

My initial reaction was that he had a hell of a nerve, but upon reflection I had to admire his spunk. He took "if at first you don't succeed ..." to a whole new level. Perhaps if I had been as bold, I would've had my first date before I was 27 (Boy, was it awkward when her dad drove us to the movies).

I'm old fashioned I guess. I just wouldn't go up to a complete stranger and ask her to lunch. She'd probably slap me and I know my wife would.

I guess young people are more liberal than I was at their age. Take clothing, for example. I looked like a white bread dork with my plaid shirts and freshly-pressed khakis, but the other day I saw a guy in a ragged T-shirt, shabby shorts and flip-flops sitting on the floor outside a classroom. I took pity on him and stuck a dollar in the cup beside him before realizing it was full of coffee. When I found out he was a professor, I really felt like a putz.

A word on flip-flops and sandals in general. Few things look as ridiculous on a grown man as sandals. No male over the age of 10 should ever wear them. Why? Men have ugly feet. I know. I'm a man, I have ugly feet and I don't wear sandals. No one wants to look down and cast their eyes on a set of hideous toes that look like hairy Mexican sausages.

Young ladies, on the other hand, can pull off the whole sandal thing, provided they have cute toes. Ugly toes of both sexes should remain covered at all times.

Speaking of young ladies, take it from the Old Guy, girls: a little mystery is a lot more exciting than miles of skin. Those nice little nothings you're almost wearing can make it hard for some of us to concentrate on what the professor is saying. I mean, yeah, I'm happily married, but I'm not dead ... and I really need my education. If you've got it, flaunt it at the beach. I don't go there.

And for anyone out there who doesn't have it ... please don't flaunt it. 'Nuff said.

Speaking of flaunting ... to the young man with his pants pulled down past his cheeks giving everyone in the Financial Aid office a clear view of his plaid undies last Wednesday: you're in college. You should be able to dress yourself by now.

Now for a word about facial hair. What's up with all these mutton chop sideburns I'm seeing all over campus? Elvis left the building a long time ago, fellows. And if you're going to have a beard, have the wherewithal to grow a mustache to go along with it. Abraham Lincoln and C. Everett Koop are the only non-Amish who could ever pull that off, and let's face it, they looked ridiculous too.

While I'm at it, let's talk about the bathroom for a minute. Obviously I'm speaking only to the gentlemen now, but some of it may apply to the ladies.

Flush. That's all I ask. Ever hear of backsplash, guys? Think about it. Yeah, that's right. You don't want it to happen to you, and I sure don't want it to happen to me. You flush at home, so do your fellow students the courtesy of flushing at school. Soap and hot water are right behind you.

I don't mean to be critical. My intent more than anything is to make you laugh, however, I also want to make you think. I'm a firm believer in personal responsibility and in putting one's best foot forward ... preferably in a real shoe.

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JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My boyfriend is having a REALLY hard time with me coming to ECU this year. He isn't in school here, and though he isn't usually a jealous guy, he is always uncomfortable with me hanging out with other guys, and even just groups of people on campus when I could be spending time with him. We are going on two years [together] now, and I can't lose the relationship over something so silly! When I try and talk about it, we always end up fighting! Any suggestions?

Signed,
Luckless in Love

Dear Luckless,

First of all, you say that you 'can't lose the relationship over something so silly,' but I have to ask, is it silly? I know that, being in a long-term relationship, you want to spend time together, however, it is not healthy for him to be so jealous of your time. Does he pitch a fit when you have to go to class? No? Then why let it stop you from seeing your friends? The other people in your life are so important. You shouldn't have to sacrifice one aspect of your life completely because of your boyfriend. In a healthy relationship, you would both have time for your friends. Try instigating 'friend nights,' where you BOTH plan to do things with other people, separate from each other. Mine is Friday, and I love it, because it gives me a chance to miss my boyfriend. It's easy to put strain on a relationship when you see one another all the time...and we're not talking marriage, here. If something happens to your relationship, where will you two turn if you aren't keeping up with your friends? Explain that this is a deal-breaker to him...maybe he'll see the light. If not, think about whether you want to be with someone who could never understand your need to be with your friends. Can you stand that for the rest of your life?

Good luck,
Jane

Sweatin' in the 'Rec.'

A group fitness manifesto

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When I was younger, I used to do "Sweatin' to the Oldies" with my mom in the middle of our living room. I am positive it really did not do much for me except convince me that Richard Simmons had a brain lesion. Granted, I did learn all of the words to the 50's and 60's pop songs they used.

After those experiences, I thought group fitness was full of afro-sporting, short-shorts wearing, weird little men with an entourage of equally oddly-dressed females standing evenly spaced behind them. (Oh yeah, leg warmers and multi-colored sweatbands too!)

In some aspects, I am sure that these assumptions were true of the Simmons followers (and the old Mousekateer workouts), but the face of group fitness has changed.

Yoga was the first official group fitness class I attended and I felt woefully uncoordinated amongst all of the veterans. I know that it is this feeling that prevents many people from ritually attending fitness classes.

Therefore, eventually I gave up. I retreated to the weight room, elliptical machines and treadmills.

I am extremely impatient. Therefore, when I go to the Student Recreation Center I do not want to wait 45 minutes just to get a free machine. I realize that there is a track, but some of us have knee problems.

Naturally, my idea was to go to the free fitness classes they offered at the Rec. from Aug. 22- Sept. 7 until the entire freshman population stopped going to the gym. (Freshies, do not take it personally, it just happens every year.) So, I went to my first class, Fusion.

The class is a blend of cardio and weight training and it is an awesome workout. In addition, as entertaining as Richard Simmons was, the instructor kept us pumped up and our minds off our pain by delivering advice about how to avoid getting a drinking ticket. Then I met Sam.

To be honest, he scares me, but in a good way. I have been in a couple of his classes, and now it is fun to watch the faces of the obvious newbies. Because he keeps everyone pumped up, and somehow manages to make us feel like it is almost over so we just need to finish and we can get back to normal life.

ECU group fitness is an extremely well-oiled machine. All of the instructors are positive, but do not baby you. Even though the classes seem intense, it is easy to become a group fitness junkie.

Free classes have ended, but I think everyone needs to give group fitness a chance. (In addition, not just because when there are less people, the instructors can see me being all uncoordinated.) I swear it is nothing like Richard Simmons.

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Horoscopes

Aries
Does it count as a win for you if your teammate carries the ball for the winning touchdown? You bet it does. Share the glory.

Taurus
It's been said that you should never show the critics unfinished work. That's the rule for the next few days. Lock the studio door.

Gemini
Love makes the world go round, when it includes commitment. Don't freak out, this is not a scary assignment. Just make a promise and keep it.

Cancer
You'd like to be able to do everything by yourself, but that's not realistic. It's not very much fun, either. Get the family to help.

Leo
The more you read, the closer you'll get to finding the answers. And, of course, the more you do it the easier it becomes. Stick to your assigned topic, if you can.

Virgo
Collect the money that's owed to you. That includes those coupons and rebates you've been collecting. Hurry, before they expire.

Libra
Soon you'll have the evidence you need to prove your theory. Make sure you're right and then get the word out to those who need to know.

Scorpio
Another treasure is revealed. You knew it was there all along, but you didn't know how much it has increased in value. You love it when this happens.

Sagittarius
You have an excellent attitude, even in the face of calamity. You believe you can get through just about anything. Your friends are convinced you can, too. So go for it.

Capricorn
They're watching to see if you'll do what you promised. Don't even think of excuses. You get demerits for everything except producing the results. Luckily, you're good at that.

Aquarius
You've been strict with yourself, and it's paying off. That's the key right there. You've paid off enough of the bills so you can go out and play with your friends.

Pisces
With a careful investment now, you can increase your chances of achieving your long-term goal. Allot your money wisely.

Drink Recipes

Spanish Fresh Fruit Frappe

Ingredients:

1 cup watermelon, diced
1 cup cantaloupe, cubed
1 cup pineapple, diced
1 cup mangos, sliced
1 cup strawberries, halved
1 cup orange juice
¼ cup sugar

Directions:
Mix all the ingredients. Fill blender 1/2 full of mixture and fill to the top with crushed ice. Cover and blend on high speed until a uniform consistency is achieved. Repeat with remaining mixture. Serve immediately, garnishing with fresh fruit if desired. Yield: About 7 cups. This can be doubled or tripled.

Spiced Percolator Punch

Ingredients:

9 cups Unsweetened pineapple juice
8 cups Cranberry juice cocktail
4 ½ cups Water
1 cup Brown sugar
Coffee basket
4 ½ tsp. Whole cloves
4 Cinnamon sticks, broken
1/4 tsp. Salt

Directions:
In a party-size coffee pot (24-30 cups) combine the 9 cups of unsweetened pineapple juice, 9 cups cranberry juice cocktail, 4-1/2 cups water and 1 cup of brown sugar. In the basket assemble place the cloves, cinnamon sticks and salt. Assemble, plug in and perk. Serve piping hot. Makes approximately 22 servings.

Students reap benefits of volunteering

Opportunities available on campus

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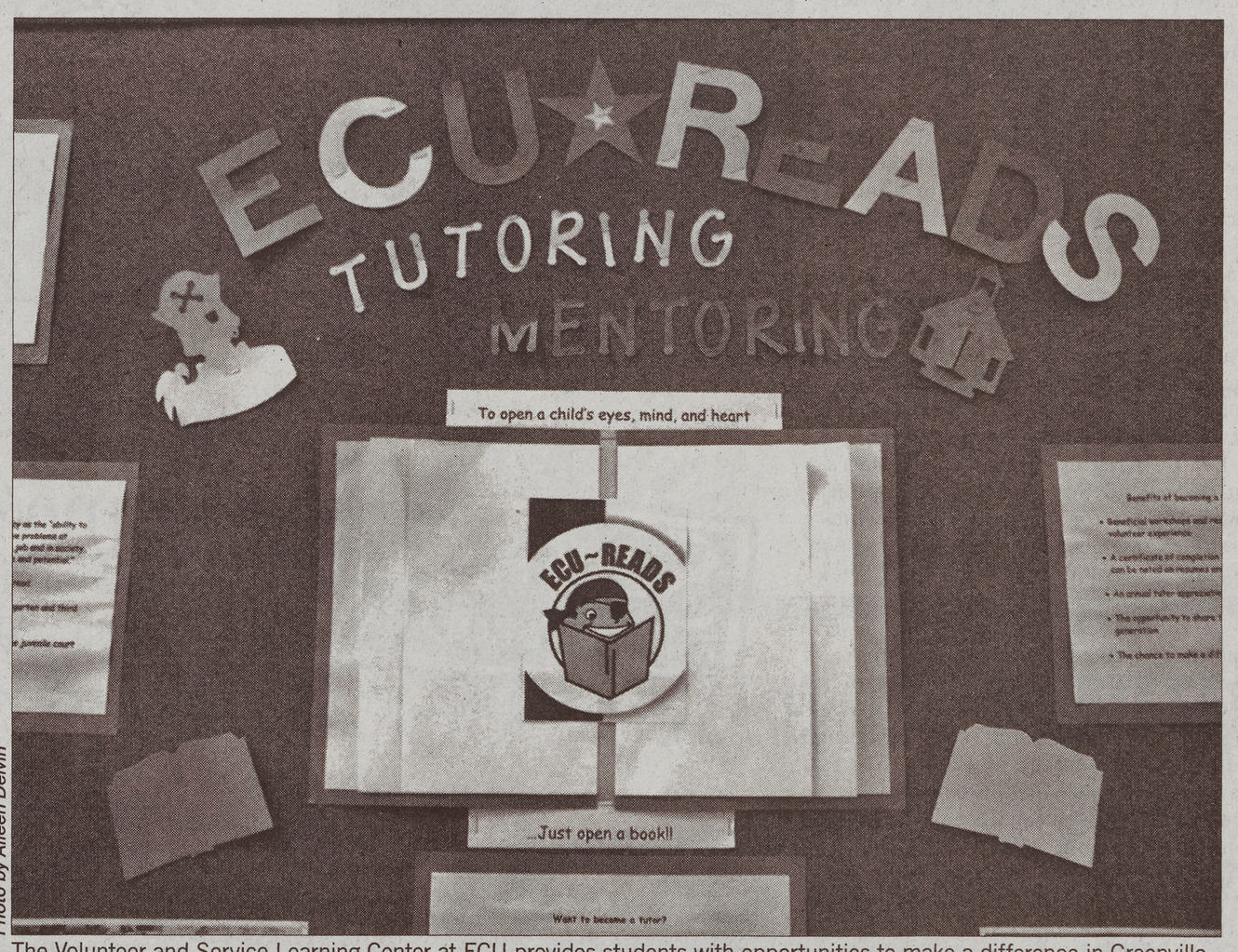

Photo by Aileen Delvin
The Volunteer and Service Learning Center at ECU provides students with opportunities to make a difference in Greenville.

The Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, located in the Old Cafeteria Complex, gives students opportunities to enhance their lives by volunteering to help others.

Students can choose to volunteer for 125 non-profit organizations though the center. The variety of organizations provides a range, from working with animals, conserving the environment, tutoring youth, caring for the elderly and promoting healthy ways to live.

Many students do not realize that volunteering can help their career, social skills and physical and mental health.

"There have been studies that show that volunteers live longer, are happier individuals, have lower blood pressures and actually have higher GPA's [when they volunteer]," said Volunteer Community Partner Coordinator Shawn Moore.

Participating gives volunteers transferable skills, called "soft skills," that they can benefit from throughout their life.

"For an example, you are learning how to deal with people, that is a soft skill," Moore said. "Conflict resolution, general problem solving, working with organizations...All of those qualities are going transfer to real world jobs."

Volunteering is also a great way to gain experience in specific fields of study. Aspiring doctors and nurses can work with Hospice, an organization that provides palliative care to people given a limited time to live.

There are many programs that deal with tutoring children, which would benefit students studying education. Also, organizations such as Habitat for Humanity provide great opportunities for construction management and interior design students to get some hands-on time in their prospective field.

Other popular organizations include the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter, and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, which provides food to people in risk of hunger in 34 counties in the region.

Along with the experience that is gained through volunteering, recorded volunteer hours look great to employers.

"Having volunteer work on your resume will help you get a great internship, which in turn will help you get a great job," Moore said.

The Volunteer and Service-Learning Center will also host two separate trips during spring break, giving students another opportunity to further their volunteer experience.

"The trips bring the opportunity to become invested in the community and work with other like-minded students, and I think that we really do build a team that week," said Student Engagement Specialist Jessica Gagne.

In past years, students that volunteered for the spring break trips have traveled to the Gulf Coast to help clean up the disaster that Hurricane Katrina left. This year, students will have the opportunity to return to the Gulf Coast or go on an international trip to the Dominican Republic. Students who volunteer for the disaster relief trips will be working 8-10 hour days and by the end of the week receive 60-80 recorded volunteer hours.

This year, the center's main goal is a blood drive on campus. Since the Red Cross is at an all-time low for blood donations, the center is encouraging ECU students to donate a minimum of 2,008 pints of blood. Students, faculty and staff will receive five volunteer hours for their donation.

If interested in volunteering, Moore encourages students to come by the center and register.

For more information, call 252-328-2735 or visit the center's Web site at ecu.edu/volunteer.

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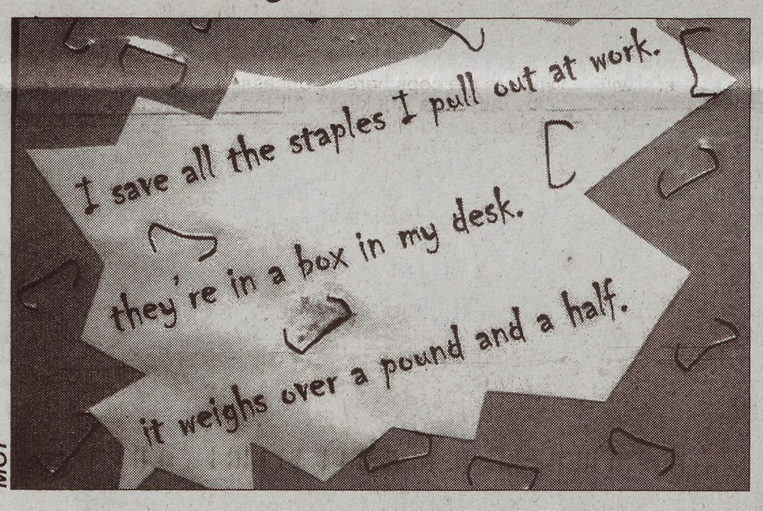
Share your secrets



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Postsecret.com offers ways to share secrets

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"When you leave the room, I read all of your text messages." "I am a college professor who worries that my students won't like me." "He's falling in love... but I've been planning to break his heart since we met."

What do all of these confessions have in common? They are the secrets of strangers all over the world posted online for thousands of viewers to read each week.

Since January 2005, postsecret.com has been posting the deepest, darkest, never-before-told secrets from contributing individuals all over the globe.

According to the Web site, "PostSecret is an ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade postcard."

Every Sunday posecret.com is updated with anywhere from 15-30 new postcards displaying artwork and secrets chosen by the Web site's creator, Frank Warren.

According to an interview with CNN.com, Warren started the project by handing out 3,000 self-addressed blank postcards to strangers and asked them to mail back a secret anonymously.

After only receiving about 100 responses he thought the idea was over.

Today, postsecret.com has received over 100,000 secrets and averages about 200 a day from all over the world.

Postsecret.com, however, is no secret to some students at ECU.

Sophomore rehabilitation studies major Caroline Boyd claims to be a frequent visitor of the Web site.

"I heard about the Web site from one of my friends," said Boyd. "She checks it every Sunday and usually points out secrets each week that she thinks I should see."

Though postsecret.com started as an online publication, there have been several book releases.

The newest postsecret.com book is entitled "The Secret Lives of Men and Women" and will be available October 9 at most book stores including Barnes and Noble, Borders and Chapters.

Postsecret.com also hosts events at college campuses across the nation.

Upcoming college campuses postsecret.com plans to visit include; Missouri State, University of Arkansas, Florida State University, Savannah College of Art and Design and others.

The Web site displays the number to the suicide hotline, and many times the creator has run messages encouraging those with especially dark secrets to get help.

After reading the silly, painful, scary and/or shocking secrets on the page, you can scroll down to find the post and picture of a young girl who claims Postsecret.com helped save her life. "Even though sharing a secret is difficult, in many cases it provides motivation to take charge in life," Warren said. Above all, he says, the release of a secret is like the release of a heavy weight: "It's the first step on a journey a person decides on themselves."

He also feels that sharing a secret online to the whole world is actually freeing. "We think we're keeping secrets, but the secrets are actually keeping us," Warren said. "With one courageous decision, you've freed a part of your life." The Web site invites anyone to submit his or her own secrets on any 4x6 "mailable" material. To submit your own secret you can send it to the following address:

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Trivia hispánico

Events designed to honor Hispanic Heritage Month

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The kickoff celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at ECU will begin Sept. 20 with the welcoming of Cristina Garcia, a former journalist and novelist who has published four novels describing the Hispanic immigrants' experience in America.

Garcia has published four novels; her most recent one describes the experiences of immigrants from Iran, El Salvador and Cuba. She will be speaking at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre.

Students can also check out Garcia's work in Joyner Library, where many of her short stories, excerpts and essays are on reserve.

ECU English Professor Dr. Ylce Irizarry organized the event, entitled "Exile and the Literary Imagination."

Irizarry said that the author "will discuss immigration from a Cuban perspective and read from each of her novels."

Following the lecture and reading, there will be a book signing and sale.

Although Dr. Irizarry organized this event, she is not the only person involved with Hispanic Heritage Month.

Other events around campus to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month will be available for students to get involved in.

On October 4, Juvencia Peralta, a local Latino immigration activist will be speaking about Hispanic immigration in N.C. This symposium will be a chance for students to learn about Hispanic culture in Greenville and the surrounding areas.

On October 5, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will be hosting Hispanic artist Christina Galagarza's artwork and will hold a reception honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.

LWCC is also throwing a large fiesta in the Mendenhall Brickyard to celebrate traditions of the Latino culture, featuring Shaggy Flores, a Yorican poet.

The Student Association Latino-Spanish Affairs (SALSA) will also be handing out information about Hispanic culture throughout the month.

For more information about these events, or about Hispanic Heritage Month, please e-mail Irizarry at irizarryy@ecu.edu or call 252-328-2832.

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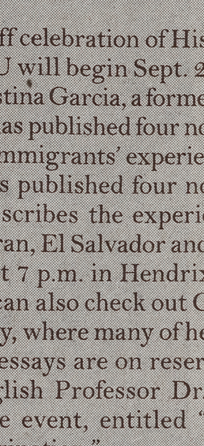
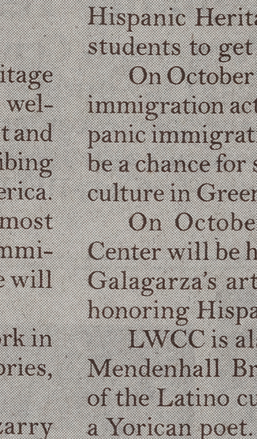
1 What do Mexican actress Salma Hayek and Colombian singer Shakira have in common?

A. They went to the same high school.
B. They started their careers as choir singers.
C. They both have Lebanese fathers.
D. They both dated Antonio Banderas.


Salma Hayek

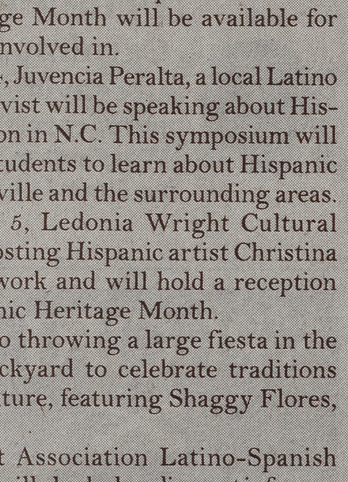
2 Who won the 1959 Nobel Prize in medicine?

A. Santiago Ramón y Cajal
B. Daniel Bovet
C. Luria
D. Ochoa


Nobel Prize medal

3 Name the first Hispanic to become a member of the U.S. Senate.

A. Cesar Chávez
B. Dennis Chávez
C. Linda Chávez
D. Manuel Chav



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Halloween comes early this year

Another remake in a long, lackluster series

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When news first broke that heavy metal musician/horror film director Rob Zombie was set to remake the 1978 movie "Halloween," I was quick to write it off. How could anyone, especially Rob Zombie, do justice to John Carpenter's classic tale of a babysitter stalked by the killer? I first saw the original when I was 15 and have never stopped watching it since. Although there have been about seven sequels, the original was the only one that mattered to me.

I have never been a fan of Rob Zombie ever since he directed House of 1,000 Corpses and The Devil's Rejects, two of my least favorite movies. But I was intrigued to find out that the new version of "Halloween" wasn't exactly a remake, rather a "reimaging," incorporating sequences of a prequel along with the original story.

The film opens, minus the famous haunting theme, with a background story of the Myers family. Mom is an exotic dancer, her boyfriend is lazy and verbally abusive, Judith is a promiscuous female teenager and Michael, appearing seemingly childish behind a clown mask, hides dark secrets.

Gone is the seemingly "middle class" Myers family in the original, and in place, an updated dysfunctional family. Michael appears to hate everyone, except his baby sister, Laurie, whom he refers to as "boo." Information absent from the original film, including a higher body count produced by Michael as a child, is presented in the new version.

The movie flashes forward only 15 years later, what would be around 1993. However, it is evident that the age of Michael has changed. In the original, he was six years old. He appears to be around 10 or 11 in the new version, possibly making way to a more advanced level of psychotic problems. His appearance is almost unreal. Obviously taller than everyone around him, his body is capable of force and destruction that no man, especially any that has sat in a hospital for 15 years, would be able to do.

The only likeable character found in this film is Malcolm McDowell, of "A Clockwork Orange" fame, whom superbly portrays Dr. Loomis, Michael's psychologist.

His role, originated by the late Donald Pleasence, remains the brilliant doctor almost to the brink of insanity from working with what he calls "pure evil," referring to Michael's personality.

While his role is done almost too perfectly, the three female targets of Michael's in the film, Laurie, Lynda and Annie (played by virtual unknowns Kristina Klebe, Danielle Harris and Scout Taylor-Compton) come across as annoying, whining teenagers who assume no comparison to the original actresses, especially the essential role of Laurie, famously depicted by Jamie Lee Curtis.

So while a back story is provided for the entire film series, there is really never an explanation for the motives as to why Michael turned.

In the absence of the information, Michael himself is described to the viewers. In general, this is what the entire movie consists of, however, not adding anything to the entire story that has been added to and reworked for almost 30 years.

The lacking concept Zombie attempts to work into the plot is only covered up with overt sexual tendencies, nudity and a feeling of disappointment for the viewer. It was almost unwise for Rob Zombie to put a face to Michael Meyers, instead of leaving him as "The Shape," a pure incarnate of evil. In this case, it might be wise for us to compile the upcoming DVD with "Jason X" for a double movie special.

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HISPANIC TRIVIA continued from A5

4 Where do potatoes come from?
A. Mexico and Guatemala
B. Ireland and Wales
C. Peru and Bolivia
D. Idaho and Wyoming

5 Which African country's official language is Spanish?
A. Equatorial Guinea
B. Gabon
C. Algeria
D. Togo

6 What is considered the national musical instrument of Guatemala:
A. Maracas
B. Marimba
C. Timbal
D. Accordion

ANSWERS

1. C. They both have Lebanese fathers.
2. D. Severo Ochoa
3. B. Dennis Chavez
4. C. Potatoes originated in Peru & Bolivia.
5. A. Equatorial Guinea
6. B. The marimba

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C-USA Final Standings Predictions

Greg Katski
Sports Editor

East	Record
S. Miss	8-4
ECU	7-5
Memphis	7-5
Marshall	5-7
UCF	4-8
UAB	2-10

West	Record
Tulsa	9-3
Houston	8-4
SMU	7-5
Rice	5-7
UTEP	4-8
Tulane	2-10

C-USA Championship:
Tulsa over Southern Miss

Ronnie Woodward
Assistant Sports Editor

East	Record
S. Miss	9-3
Memphis	10-2
East Carolina	5-7
UCF	4-8
Marshall	3-9
UAB	2-10

West	Record
UTEP	8-4
Tulsa	9-3
Houston	8-4
SMU	6-6
Rice	4-8
Tulane	2-10

C-USA Championship:
Southern Miss over UTEP

Parking changes set for Dowdy-Ficklen

SID--- In order to help alleviate game-day traffic congestion and enhance fan satisfaction, the ECU Athletics Department announced changes to some of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium's parking policies, which will be in effect prior to Saturday's C-USA opener against Southern Miss and for the remainder of the 2007 season.

In addition, the Golden Eagle-Pirate matchup was officially classified as a sellout Wednesday, which will mark ECU's second consecutive full-capacity contest.

All stadium parking lots will now open six hours prior to scheduled kickoff. However, on games starting prior to 2 p.m., the lots will not open before 8 a.m. for any kickoff (see schedule below). In order to properly manage the lots, fans will not be allowed to enter tailgating areas prior to the listed opening time. Violators, who enter the lots prior to the designated time, are subject to a loss of parking privileges and possible towing of their vehicles.

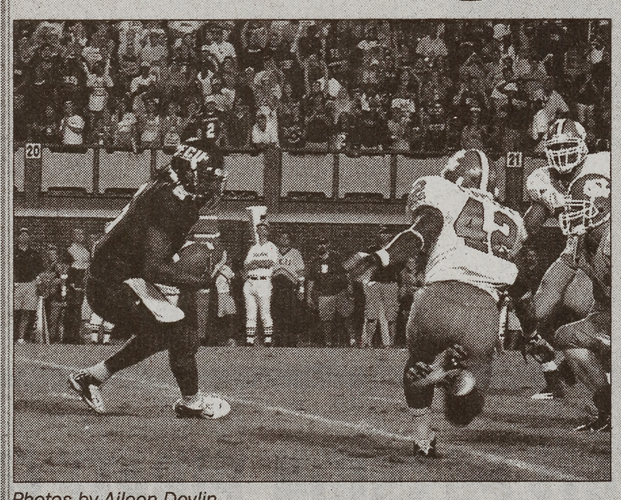
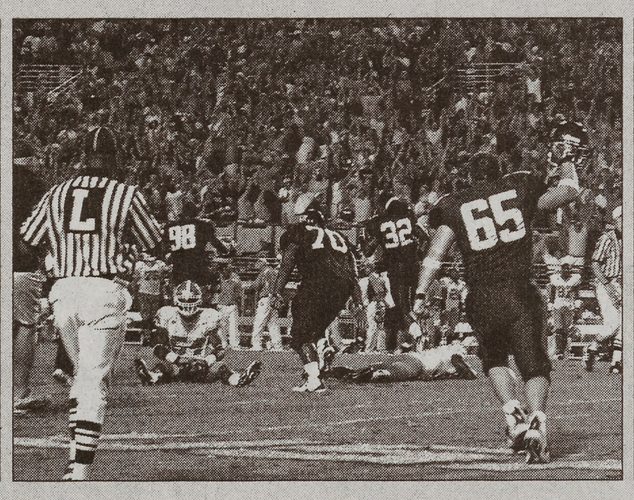
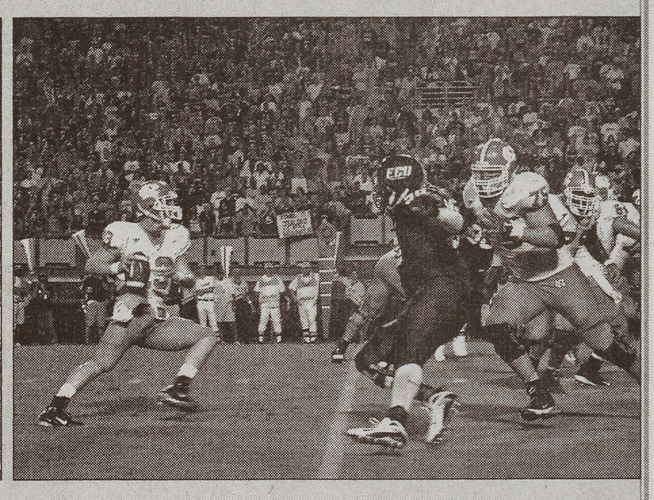
General public parking will still be available at the Allied Health Lot and College Hill Lot (bottom, near 10th Street).

PARKING LOT OPENING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Lots Open
9/15	S. Miss	12 noon
10/6	UCF	1:30 p.m.
9/20	NC State	10:30 a.m.
10/27	UAB	9:30 a.m.
11/24	Tulane	8 a.m.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Tough challenge awaits Pirates in the "golden boys" of C-USA

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KEYS TO THE GAME:

1. Make the crowd a non-factor

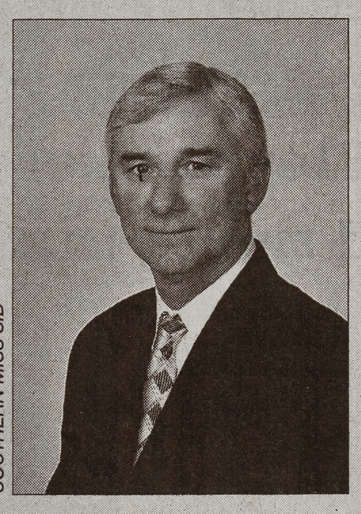
ECU's players, students and fan base are coming off an emotional victory over UNC and have a lot of positives going into this game. Southern Miss needs to make some big plays early and take the crowd out of the game. USM played in front of 106,311 people at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium last week and was winning for the majority of the first half, but couldn't hold the lead. The Golden Eagles need to keep the momentum the whole game and not let the Pirate fans affect the game, which is something they are very good at judging by their 14-2 record at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

2. Win the turnover battle

The Golden Eagles' defense returns nine starters, seven of which are seniors, and plays a very aggressive, attacking and confusing style of defense. ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney and his young offensive line will see many defensive schemes, blitzes and stunts that they have never seen before. USM needs to cause turnovers, and turn them into points.

3. Run a balanced offense

USM has arguably the best running back in C-USA, the best tight end in C-USA, the most explosive wide receiver in C-USA, and a senior quarterback to manage all of the weapons. The ECU defense has yet to face a truly balanced offense, so the Golden Eagles need to mix up the play calling with effective run and pass plays, keeping the ECU defense playing passive and on the back of its heels.



SOUTHERN MISS SID

BOWER

"There is no doubt that they are a good football team and every conference game is important especially with this being the first one. They are all equal in importance, but this is a big game."

ECU opens conference play with division champion

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

After an emotional and historic win over North Carolina last Saturday, ECU (1-1) is set to face conference-rival Southern Miss (1-1) at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in what should be one heck of a showdown to open C-USA play for both teams.

A win on Saturday would give the Pirates four straight at home, and the inside track at securing the East Division title and earning a berth in the C-USA championship game. A win over the Golden Eagles could be a monumental task as Southern Miss is 14-2 all time in Greenville, with the Pirates' last Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium win coming in 1994.

The Golden Eagles and Pirates finished first and second in the East Division last season and in the preseason were picked to finish in the same order.

"Things don't get any easier this week for us," said ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz. "We have played two quality programs to start the season in very emotional games. The celebration on Saturday ended at 10 a.m. Sunday when we put on the Southern Miss film."

"They are a talented football team with a ton of athleticism and speed. I would compare their talent very favorably with the two teams we just played."

While Southern Miss owns a 24-8 advantage in the series, ECU was able to pull out a thrilling 20-17 overtime victory at "The Rock" in Hattiesburg last season. Ben Hartman converted a 24-yard field goal on the Pirates' first drive in overtime, then cornerback Travis Williams picked off Southern Miss quarterback Jeremy Young's first down pass on the Golden Eagles first overtime possession to seal the deal for ECU.

"It was a great feeling," Williams said reflecting on his key interception against the Golden Eagles a year ago. "We already knew coming into the game that we were going to be a big underdog so we just wanted to prove everybody wrong. We kept the game close the whole game and coach came to us before Southern Miss got the ball in overtime and said, 'defense we are going to make a play.'"

"I said to myself do my key reads and sure enough I just sat over there and they threw it up and I made a play on the ball."

The Pirates only lost by 10 to Virginia Tech in their season opener, but some key secondary issues arose on defense. Those same problems, most likely due to youth and inexperience, also arose during last week's win against UNC as T.J. Yates and the Tar Heels torched the Pirates secondary for 344 yards passing and three touchdowns.

"It's a thing with corners and safeties; it's just going to happen" said Williams. "You react to it and the great corners and the great safeties when they get beat they come back and just don't let it happen again. The confidence level has to stay up; you can't let your confidence level get down because if it's Champ Bailey, Sean Taylor or Ed Reed everybody gets beat so that's just a phase of the game."

"East Carolina is a good football team," Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower said. "They played Virginia Tech really hard and played extremely well on defense. They are not giving up much at all rushing... they have a really good front seven. The linebackers are all good and all returnees from last year.

"Offensively, they are moving the football and are probably 50-50 run to pass. The quarterback (Pinkney) is a good player as they run some misdirection and some read stuff but they do a good job of moving the ball. I am impressed with this football team. They are off to a good start. It's a big ball game for both football teams."

Quarterback play will undoubtedly play a more significant role in who comes away with a victory on Saturday than perhaps in any other game this season for both teams. With two games under each of their belts, Southern Miss senior quarterback Jeremy Young and junior Pirate signal caller Patrick Pinkney have played well coming into this weekend's contest.

Against Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee, Young has completed almost 50 percent of his passes, going 30-of-62 for 369 yards and two touchdowns while also rushing for another score.

Pinkney has played lights out for the Pirates, completing 45-of-66 passes for 521 yards [including 406 against UNC] and three touchdowns.

The Southern Miss offensive attack is solidified by senior wide receiver Chris Johnson, who has racked up 183 yards to go along with two touchdowns, and leads a young but deep receiving core. The centerpiece to the Southern Miss offense is sophomore Damion Fletcher, who Holtz calls a "slasher" when describing his running style. Fletcher was a Freshman All-American last year and has rushed for 193 yards and a touchdown in the Golden Eagles first two games this season in limited action due to cramps.

The strong point of Southern Miss is defense, and no one in C-USA can compare to the success of the Golden Eagles year in and year out. For 2007, the "Nasty Bunch", as they like to call their defense, returns nine starters. All of the starting defensive line and linebackers return for the Golden Eagles, while they had to replace both cornerback positions. The Southern Miss defense ranked in the top 30 nationally in four categories, most notably total defense and pass defense last season.

While Saturday's game could set the tone for the rest of the season, Holtz believes the past is just that and come gameday the Pirates will just have to worry about that moment forward.

"I told the team last week that the 2007 version of the North Carolina Tar Heels hasn't played the 2007 version of East Carolina," Holtz said. "What has happened in the past is irrelevant. No matter what the series advantage is, it only matters what happens on that field Saturday."

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KEYS TO THE GAME:

1. Better Play from the Secondary

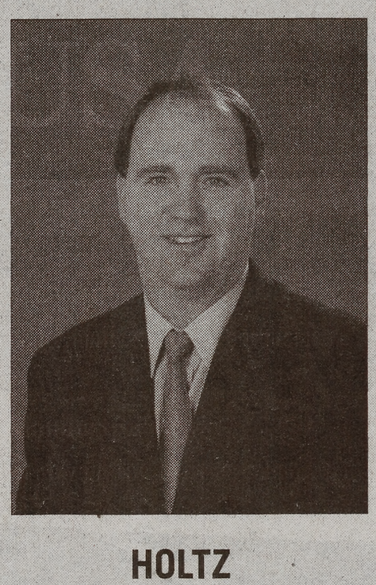
The same problem that plagued the Pirates against Virginia Tech in the secondary resurfaced against UNC as ECU allowed the Tar Heels to throw for 344 yards and touchdown passes of 37, 39 and 51 yards. If the Pirates are to be successful against Southern Miss than the holes in the secondary must be fixed or the Golden Eagles will find many "golden" opportunities in throwing the ball deep.

2. Don't have an Emotional letdown

It could be easy for the Pirates to come onto the field Saturday and get scorched after such an emotional victory against UNC. While coach Holtz believes a letdown is more prone to happen during a road game, ECU could come out flat and never recover. "It is great having the support of your fans and students," said Holtz. "It motivates the team seeing the student section full a whole two hours before the game. The players make a beeline to the students after we win because they know how much the support helps them. The students are the heartbeat of the stadium and they set the tone for motivation and enthusiasm."

3. The Running Game

ECU cannot rely on the pass as much as it did last week if it stands a chance against Southern Miss. Last season, the Golden Eagles ranked in the top 30 nationally in pass defense and return 9 starters this season from that team. Against UNC, Patrick Pinkney was the Pirates leading rusher with only 22 yards on the ground. If the Pirates are to have any success throwing the ball then the ground game will have to set that up.



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HOLTZ

"Southern Miss is the [New York] Yankees of our conference. They've dominated and held that top spot for awhile. Coach Bower has done an incredible job of building that program...they have that title right now that we've been looking for and the title that we want."

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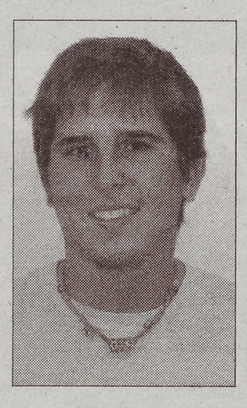

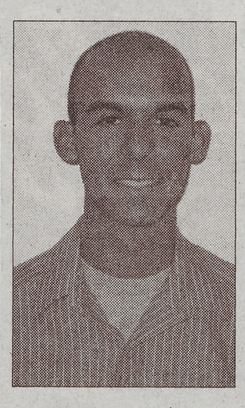

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Pirates prepared to raise the stakes in the south

ECU ice hockey team leaves old conference

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing ending to the 2006-2007 campaign, ECU is poised to begin a new chapter in the program's short but successful history.

Despite an impressive 16-7 overall record and a 14-1 conference record, the Pirates were knocked out of last year's Blue Ridge Hockey Conference Tournament by Appalachian State, a team they had defeated twice in the regular season.

"Last year we had really high expectations and came in really cocky," said senior forward Corey Fleitz.

Overconfidence is not likely to be an issue this year as ECU makes a jump from the BRHC to Independent status.

The move will allow for a more competitive schedule giving the Pirates a better opportunity to qualify for the ACHA Division III regionals and ultimately nationals.

"You have to start somewhere so being in the Blue Ridge for the first few years was something that was necessary," said goaltender Brent Falcon. "You don't want to just jump into the deep end right away.

"We've got a great schedule, obviously the toughest we've had. It's a schedule where you can't really let your guard down."

The new look schedule includes away bouts with southern powers Georgia Tech and Richmond, as well as home matches against Division II member Liberty.

The highlight of the season for most fans will likely come when rival N.C. State (DII) comes to Greenville Friday, Oct. 19 for what's being built as "rivalry weekend" with ECU and NCSU also squaring off in football on Saturday.

Another new addition for the club will be a Junior Affiliate program based in Charlotte.

Team Carolina Jr. B, as the side is known, has already become one of the best Junior programs in the South and will provide a solid recruiting base for ECU.

Along with the revamped schedule and Junior Affiliation,

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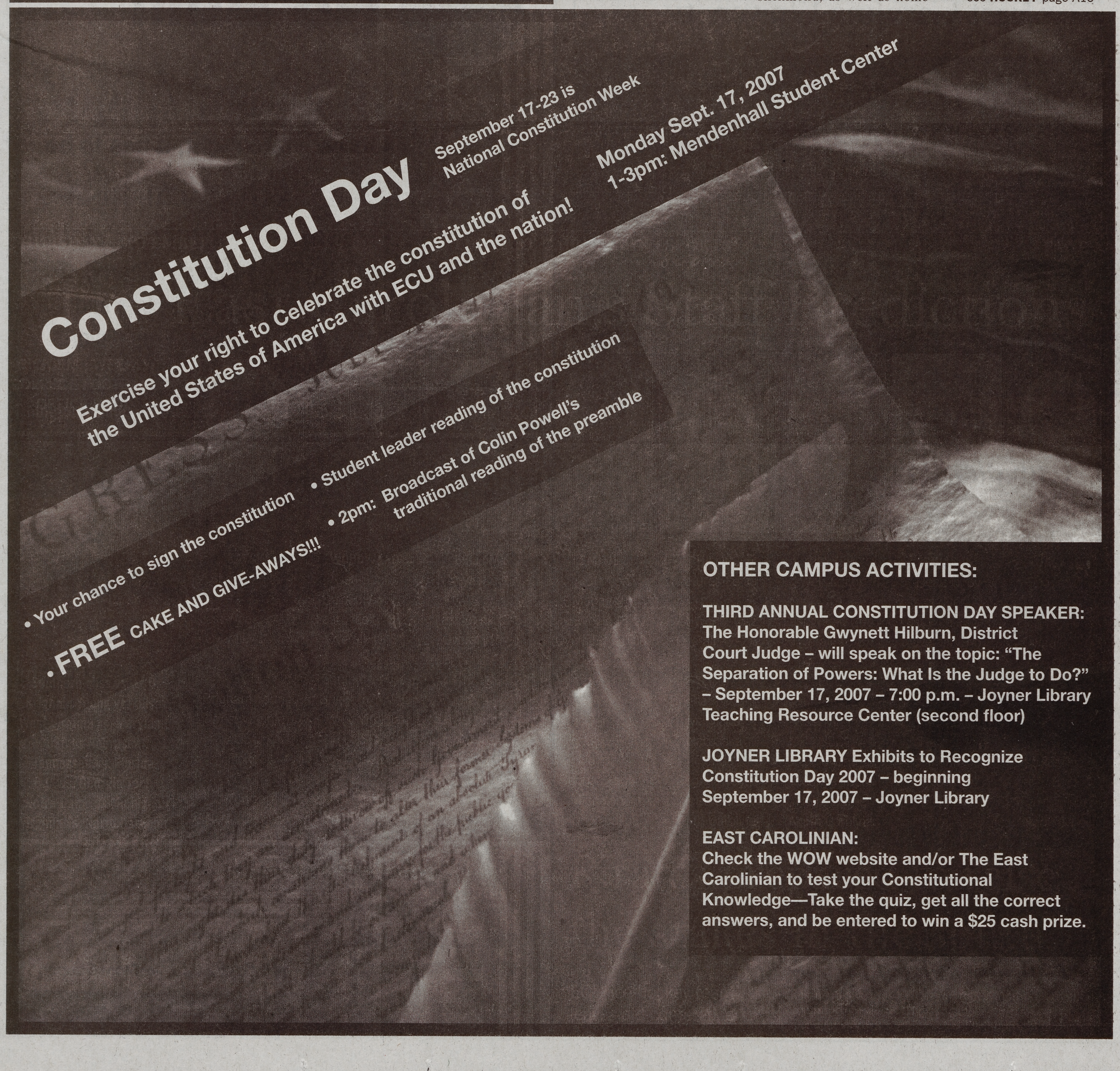

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the program will have an altered coaching format.

After two years as head coach of the team, coach Wayne Cox will step into a new role as Director of Hockey Operations.

"Because of the time demand it's going to take coaching these guys, we're going to have basically a team of us coaching," said Cox.

Cox will remain an integral part of the staff that includes Mike Ormsbee and Kelley Smith. In its first two seasons, Cox led the Pirates to an overall record of 30-14-0-1.

The Pirates lose a total of six players from last year's squad but 11 new players have been recruited to fill the gaps and create added depth.

Sammy Duehring and Donovan Dean are two new players who look likely to see plenty of time on the ice in defensive roles. Sean Burns, a transfer forward from N.C. State, is another potential impact player to keep an eye on.

Junior Tyler Falcon returns as the team's second leading goal scorer from last season and leads an offense that will come at opponents in waves.

All four of the Pirates lines should be legitimate scoring threats this season.

Senior Brent Falcon will return at net and anchor the ECU defense–if he can stay healthy. The Scotia, NY native went down with an ankle injury in mid-season last year.

"Brent's crucial to the team in a lot of different ways, both with his goaltending skills and with the work he puts into the hockey club," said Cox of his team's leader.

"This team wouldn't be together if it wasn't for Brent. He's organized the schedules; he's promoted the team, both in the community and around campus. He's the cornerstone of this team."

With a good mix of veterans and new talent on the roster, the 2007-08 season could prove to be a major turning point for ECU Hockey.

Cox believes this could be the most talented team in the program's brief history.

"I think we bring a better team to the table this year than we did last year," said Cox. "We've got more depth, more speed and more strength overall. This team just gets better year after year."

ECU will hit the road to begin the season, heading to the first annual Charlotte Shootout (Oct. 5 – 7) to face George Washington, Appalachian State and Georgia Tech.

The team's home opener will be Oct. 12 versus in-state foe UNC Wilmington.

Fans can catch a glimpse of the new look Pirates in the second annual Purple-Gold game on Friday, Sept. 28.

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Connor Brearley and Steven Allbright talk it over on defense.

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Goalie Brearley fends off Loyola in the Southern Regionals.

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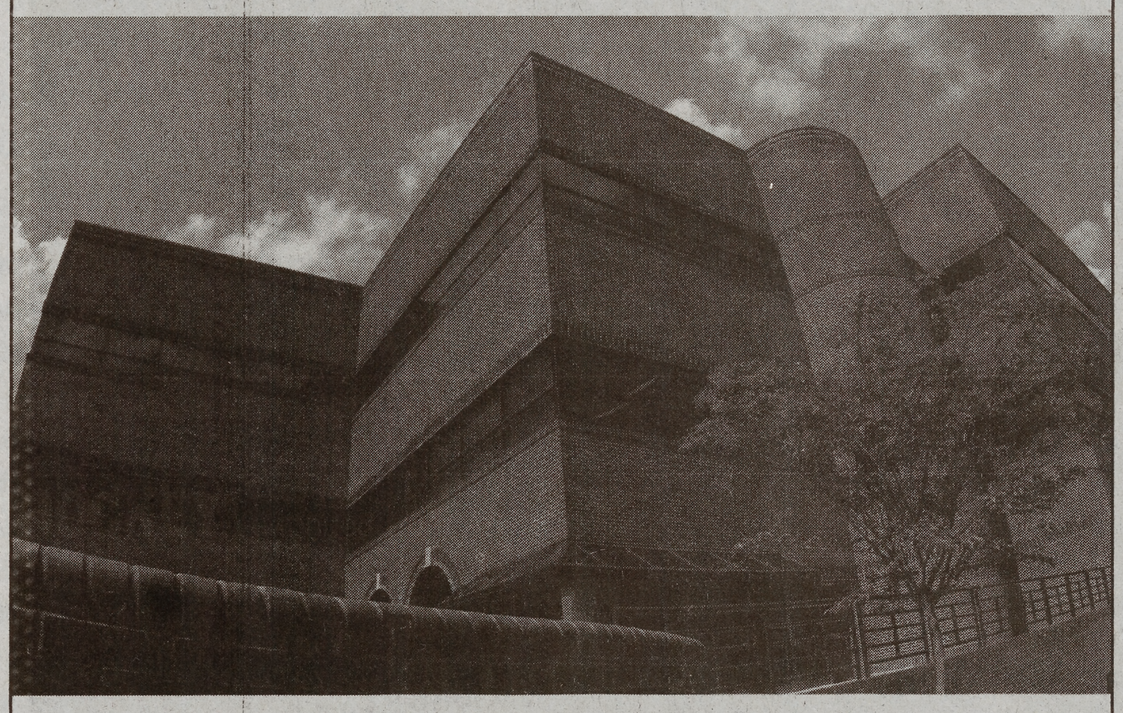

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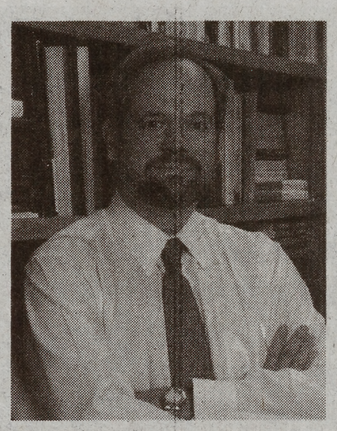

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Hilton Hotel in Greenville
3:30 pm, Wednesday, October 3, 2007

The public is invited to attend this free event.

For more information, please contact the College of Business by e-mailing allena@ecu.edu or visit online at www.business.ecu.edu.

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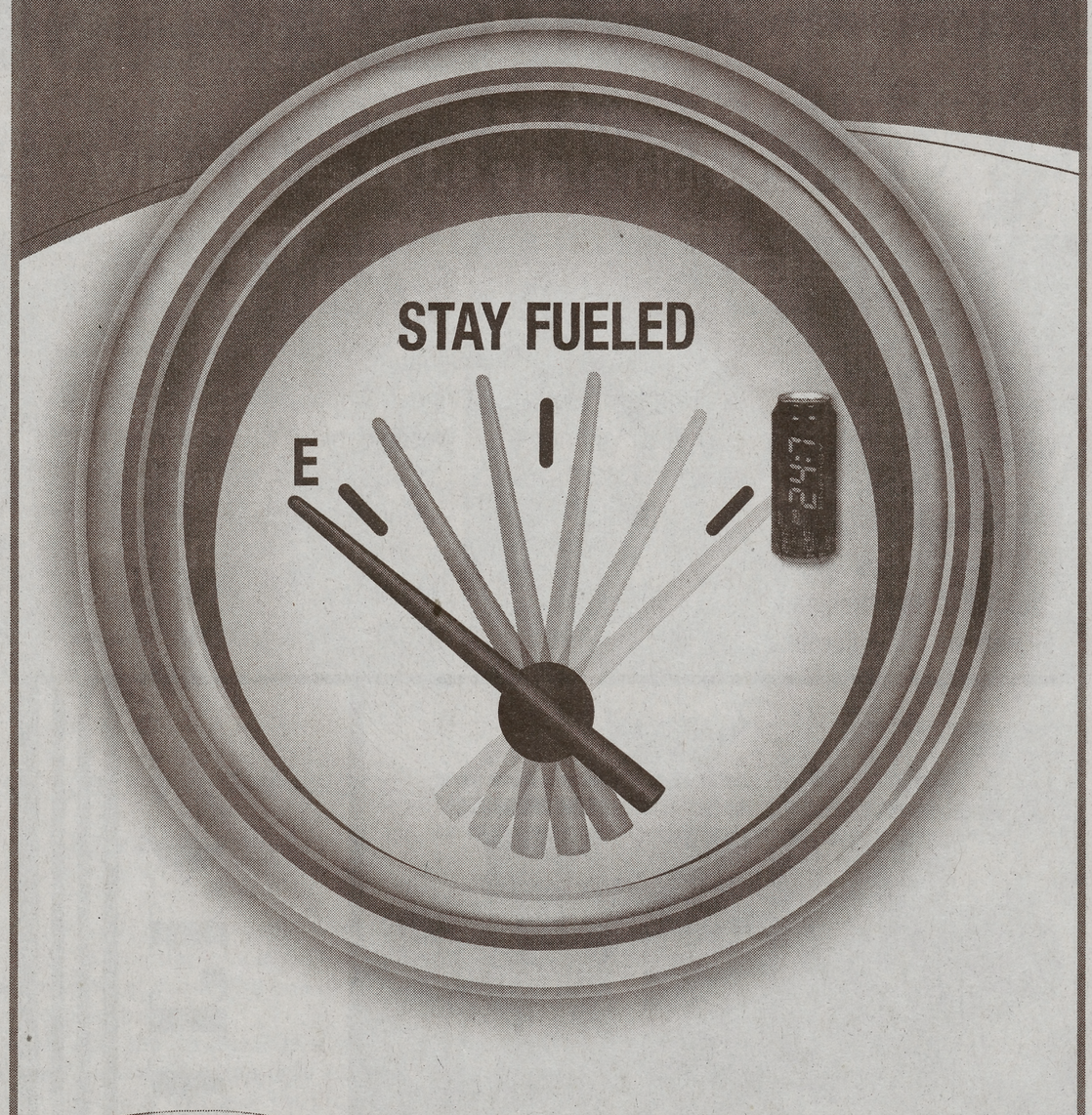

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ECU students, Test your knowledge and become eligible for a $25.00 drawing. Send your completed quiz via campus mail to Constitution Quiz, 2309 Old Cafeteria Complex. Please make your writing legible.

1. Which of the following states was NOT one of the original 13 United States? Delaware, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Rhode Island.

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2. What Supreme Court Justice retired in 2005?

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3. Who were the first four presidents?

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4. How many amendments are contained in the Bill of Rights?

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5. Freedom of speech is protected in what amendment?

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6. How long is a term in the US senate?

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7. According to Article II of the Constitution, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger cannot be president of the US for what reason?

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8. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

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9. Are there more senators or legislators in the US Congress?

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10. In 1971, Amendment XXVI changed the voting age of US citizens to what age?

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____

Constitution Day Recognition Activities
Beginning September 17, 2007

Third Annual Constitution Day Speaker – September 17, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The Honorable Gwynett Hilburn, District Court Judge will speak on "The Separation of Powers: What Is the Judge to Do?" in the Joyner Library Teaching Resource Center (second floor)
Judge Hilburn will begin with her oath of office and responsibilities as a District Court Judge and then discuss some of the challenges faced by the courts and other branches of government in addressing issues such as mental health, juvenile violence, and school and community safety. Contact Dorothy Muller, Center for Faculty Excellence.

Constitution Birthday Party – September 17, 2007
Student Affairs will host the 2007 Constitution Birthday party from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Mendenhall Student Center Multiplepurpose Room with cake, drinks, party favors (pens, pencils, flags, and souvenir cups), an opportunity to sign the Constitution (I Signed), Uncle Sam, and 20-minute repeated segments with readings from the Constitution and Bill of Rights. At 2:00 p.m., the party will join the national broadcast of the Preamble to the Constitution led by Colin Powell. Contact Carol Woodruff, Mendenhall Student Center.

Joyner Library Exhibits to Recognize Constitution Day 2007
J.Y. Joyner Library

"Amendment VI: Trial by Jury," presented by Special Collection will be located in Mendenhall Student Center Main Floor at the NW Entrance during the week of September 17. Contact Jonathan Dembo, Joyner Library.

"The Politics of Constitutional Change: the Temperance and Suffrage Movements in North Carolina," presented by the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, 3rd Floor, J.Y. Joyner Library, beginning September 17. Contact John Lawrence, Joyner Library

"Let's Read about the Constitution," presented by the Teaching Resource Center, second floor, J.Y. Joyner Library, beginning September 14 and continuing through the month of September. Contact Linda Teel, Joyner Library.

Check Your Constitution Knowledge Competition Quiz
Students can complete the quiz, posted here and on the Weeks of Welcome website, and enter a drawing to win $25.00, deadline for all entries is Friday, September 21.

Broadcasts
General Colin Powell will lead the nationwide recitation of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. EST. The broadcast can be accessed via computer at http://www.constitutionday.com/ and will also be shown in Mendenhall Multipurpose Room and Bate, second floor outside the Department of English.

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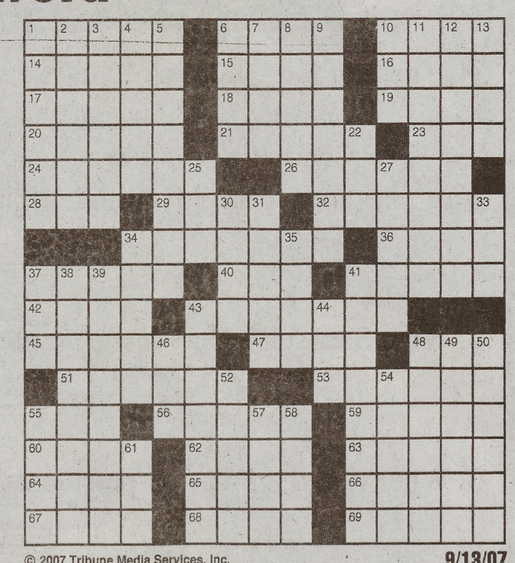

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69 "The Shadowy Waters" poet

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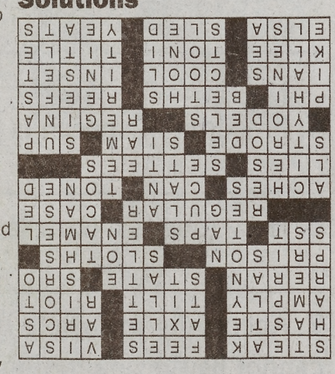

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