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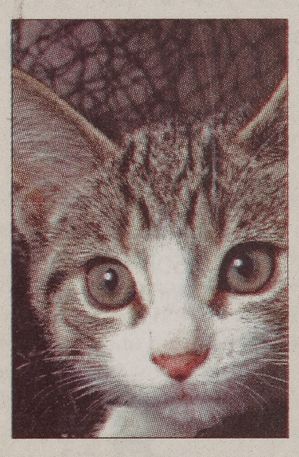

Students can visit the Human Society of Eastern Carolina in order to adopt a dog or cat that is searching for a home.....**Page A4**

When did the sport of ice hockey become relevant in the South? ECU ice hockey captain and starting goalie Brent Falcon doesn't have a specific answer, but just look to Falcon for the reason why it's a prominent sport at ECU. Turn to the sports section for a feature on the man behind ECU ice hockey.....**Page A6**

Some fans say, "Football is a game of inches". This adage rang true for the Pirates this past weekend, as untimely mental mistakes and a few blown plays cost ECU in a huge home loss to conference foe Southern Miss. Check out the sports section for an in-depth recap of the game, and coach Holtz' take on the loss.....**Page A6**

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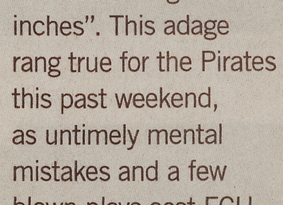

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Educational events offered during Constitution Day

Aimed to educate students about U.S. history

ADELINE TRENTO
STAFF WRITER

ECU celebrated the Third Annual Constitution Day with a birthday party, guest speaker and several exhibits on campus.

Constitution Day is a program required by the U.S. government for all educational institutions that receive federal funding. Recognition of the day began at ECU in 2005.

Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia proposed this legislation after he learned in a national poll that people in the U.S. knew more about American Idol than the Constitution.

"Constitution Day was set up to educate people about the Constitution and the rights that it gives them," said Laura Amerson, graduate assistant in the office of co-curricular programs and cultural outreach.

"Everything in the Constitution affects students daily whether they realize it or not. It's important for students to learn about their government and how it functions because one day they will be the leaders of the U.S."

To celebrate Constitution Day, ECU Student Affairs hosted a birthday party in the Mendenhall Student Center (MSC).

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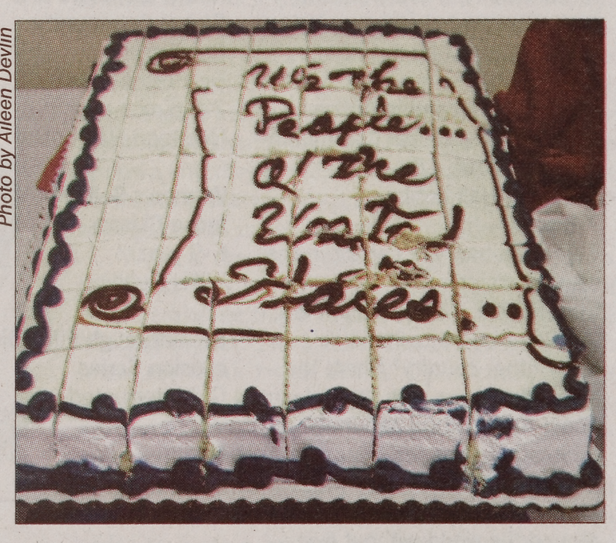

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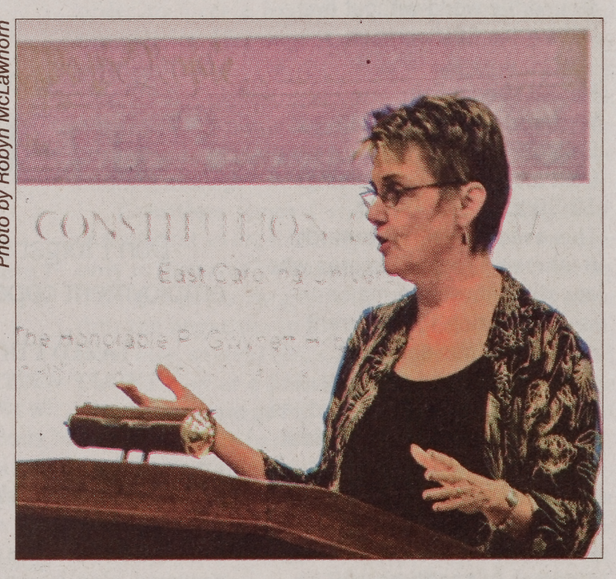

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Ashley Yopp, speaker of the congress, and Keri Brockett, SGA president, speak about the Constitution Day event. A cake was made to celebrate the day. Honorable P. Gwynett Hilburn, speaks audience about her responsibilities as a judge.

The party was held in the Multipurpose Room and offered cake, drinks and party favors to students.

As part of America Reads, a program that encourages people to read the Constitution, party-goers were given the opportunity to hear readings from the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

At 2 p.m., students attending the party joined Colin Powell in the annual nationwide broadcast of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Students were also given a chance to show their support and sign a constitution at the event.

"By signing the constitution, it gives students a chance to publically say that they support the goals set forth by our forefathers," Amerson said.

"I think its part of being an American to learn about your country and the framework of your country. If you are going to enjoy the rights that are granted to you by the Constitution, you need to educate yourself about exactly what those rights are."

In honor of Constitution Day, Joyner Library hosted three exhibits to recognize the history of the U.S.

"Amendment VI: Trial by Jury," which was presented by the Special Collections Department, began yesterday and will be up in MSC through September 23.

The reproductions of historical materials from the Manuscript Collection in the exhibit were assembled together by graduate student Adrienne Rae and faculty advisor Jonathan Dembo.

The items in this exhibit will educate students about how the right to trial by jury works in the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution.

"The items in this exhibit were chosen from the Manuscript Collection and illustrate the workings of the constitution here in Eastern North Carolina," Dembo said.

"There's no better way to learn then doing, seeing and participating, so we hope to leave a few basic facts on people's minds. It provides students with a chance to see how the Constitution relates to the history of Eastern North Carolina."

Two other exhibits, "The Politics of Constitutional Change: the Temperance and Suffrage Movements in North Carolina," presented by the

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Free Jena Six committee formed to battle racial tensions

Photo by Aileen Devlin

Members of the Free Jena Six committee collect donations and spread awareness about racial tension in Jena, LA.

Group works to stop racial discrimination

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

Students at ECU have joined the grassroots movement that is sweeping the nation in support of a group of six black high school students, who after beating a white classmate are facing charges that many have deemed unjust.

The young men, Mychal Bell, 17, Theodore Shaw, 17, Carwin Jones, 18, Robert Bailey, 17, Bryant Pervis, 17 and an unidentified juvenile, have been dubbed the "Jena Six."

Many schools, churches and organizations have gathered in support of the Jena Six including a group of students representing the NAACP, Black Student Union and Cultural Awareness.

All of these groups have combined to create the Free Jena Six Committee (FJ6) at ECU.

The committee has organized a full campaign in support of the Jena 6 to raise awareness in the local community about what is happening in Jena, La.

The Free Jena Six Campaign kicked off with ordering t-shirts at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center on Sept. 11 and will end with a rally Thursday Sept. 20, the same day that Bell will face sentencing for his conviction.

The peaceful rally will be held on Mendenhall Student Center's Brickyard from 8:45-10: 30 a.m..

Students that attend are asked to wear black along with other protesters across the country because the NAACP has designated the day as National Protest Day.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, the FJ6 held a public forum to inform the student body on the Jena Six case and to encourage everyone to get involved.

The case is a breaking point caused by a profusion of racially charged acts of violence amongst black and white students of Jena high school and citizens in Jena, La.

In the fall of 2007, two black students sat beneath a shade tree that was a popular hangout for white students.

The next day, nooses were hung in the tree. The act was dismissed by the school superintendent as a prank, which resulted in protest by the students and their community.

The District Attorney did nothing about the acts of violence that white citizens committed against black citizens following the end of the protests.

However, when six black students in the schoolyard beat a white student, the DA charged them with second-degree attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder, despite the fact that the white student's injuries were not serious.

The story of the Jena 6 has sparked outrage across the country, as it has been compared to the blatant unjust treatment of blacks in the judicial system during the days of Jim Crow laws.

The civil rights movement is not over, according to David Dennard, professor of African-American studies and main speaker at the forum.

"It's harder to identify racism and sexism today as it was in the 1950s and 1960s," said Dennard. "If you see a problem, roll up your sleeves and see what you can do."

Gathering support from the community is the primary focus of the FJ6 Committee.

"It is unbelievable on this campus how many people do not know about the Jena Six," said Kyndall Peele, FJ6 Committee member. "The greatest way to get the word out is word of mouth."

Over the course of the campaign, the FJ6 Committee will distribute information about the Jena Six, hold a town hall meeting to discuss the problems of racism in the judicial system and collect donations to aid the Free Jena Six Defense fund.

"This committee is about action. We can do anything," said Jessica Ledbetter, founder of the FJ6 Committee.

"We have to show in numbers that we will not stand for what's happening in Jena."

Another objective of the FJ6 Committee is to turn the focus of the Jena Six away from being solely a black-versus-white issue and shed light on how it impacts citizens of all backgrounds.

"It's about fairness," said Jennifer Nnamani, FJ6 Committee member. "If they are successful in locking them up it will cause a domino effect [for other racially related issues]."

"If injustice comes to the Jena Six, it will come to me. It will come to you. That's why it is so important for us to come together to help those who are in trouble," Dennard told forum attendees.

"It impacts children. The government quickly locks up youth without any information." Peele said.

Members of the Free Jena Six Committee include: Jessica Ledbetter, Joseph Gill, Jennifer Nnamani, Kyndall Peele, Linnea Rush and Danita Dudley.

For more information about the Jena Six and the Free Jena Six Committee contact the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

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SGA discussed upcoming events

Code of Conduct week in the works

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

SGA opened their second congress meeting yesterday by reminding congress members of their history.

Ashley Yopp, speaker of the congress, spoke briefly on the significance of Constitution Day.

Abey Dessie, attorney general, announced that the judicial branch would be hosting a Code of Conduct week at the end of this month.

The event is meant to help raise awareness for students attending ECU, according to Dessie. Throughout the Code of Conduct week, the judicial branch will be outside of the Dowdy Student Store from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. to answer questions and concerns of students.

Preston Standford, newly elected chair of the rules and judiciary committee, introduced all new organizations to congress.

This week, six new organizations registered and were announced in the meeting. Some of those organizations were Secular Humanist on Campus and the East Carolina Physical Fitness Association.

Lynn Roeder, associate vice chancellor of the Dean of Students, joined congress to clarify a few issues that have been occurring.

Dr. Roeder explained some recent trouble students have been dealing with regarding financial aid.

The Dean of Students office has been assisting students with this problem.

Since school began, nearly 1,300 students have visited the Dean of Students office, according to Roeder.

"My role is to be an advocate for you," Roeder said, as she addressed congress.

Ashley Fish, elections chair, followed Roeder by

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News

{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE HAPPENINGS

18 Tues

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!

ACHIEVE: Becoming Active Members of a Global Community
Tuesday, Sept. 18
Umstead Hall Lobby
7-8 p.m.
Come see how you can sit in the same classroom with students from Russia, China, India, Peru, the Gambia, Switzerland or some other country? Share the same classroom with them, learn about their culture and make international friends. Find out how you can sit in class with students studying in classrooms around the world without ever leaving the ECU campus.

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.

ECU Relay for Life Kickoff
Thursday, Sept. 20
MSC Brickyard
5-7 p.m.
Open to all students, faculty and staff, Relay For Life is coming to ECU's campus for the first time ever! Relay for Life is an all-night event where teams take to the track in support of the American Cancer Society's efforts to find a cure with research and to improve the lives of cancer patients through their programs and educational materials. Supported by ECU College's Against Cancer and ECU Student Government Association.

Hispanic Heritage Month Presents: Cristina Garcia
Speaker: Cristina Garcia
Thursday, Sept. 20
MSC Hendrix Theatre
7 p.m.
Latinos are now the majority minority in the United States. Why and how have various Hispanics come to this nation? For Latinos--those Hispanics who were born here--what is life like as a bicultural American? What happens when several cultures are blended in one nation, community, or person? These are the questions Ms. Garcia's explores in her powerful novels, short stories and essays.

Salsa Dance
Friday, Sept. 21
Willis Building,
Instruction: 7:30
Dance: 8:30-11 p.m.
Admission charged. A non-alcohol/non-smoking event. First salsa dance of the semester! Sponsored by ECU Folk and Country Dancers. For more information, call 252-752-7350.

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

ACHIVE: Becoming Active Members of a Global Community
Speaker:
Dr. Rosina Chia
7-8 p.m.
Umstead Hall Lobby

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

20 Thurs

ECU Relay for Life Kickoff
5-7 p.m.
MSC Brickyard

Author Cristina Garcia to speak at ECU
7 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre-MSC

21 Fri

Salsa Dance
Instruction: 7:30 p.m.
Dance: 8:30-11 p.m.
Willis Building

Debbie Smith "A Life Interrupted"
7 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre

Women's Soccer
Campbell
4:00 PM
Bunting Field

Late Night at MSC
7 p.m.-2 a.m.

22 Sat

Butt-Numb-A-Thon
24-hour Movie Marathon
Starting at noon
Hendrix Theatre-MSC

Late Night at MSC
featuring the Late Night Art Institute
7 p.m.-2 a.m.

23 Sun

Women's Volleyball
SMU
1:00 PM
Greenville, N.C.

Women's Soccer
UNC-Wilmington
2:00 PM
Bunting Field

24 Mon

"Take Back the Night"
March and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
6:30-7:30 p.m.
College Hill

"One in Four"
7:30-9:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theater

*** Featured Event**
Butt-Numb-A-Thon
24-hour Movie Marathon
Starting at noon
Hendrix Theatre-MSC

Part-time jobs on campus available to students

Don't forget these employment opportunities

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

A source of income ranks among the most important factors in a college student's life. While some may be blessed with an endless reserve, also known as their parents, others are beginning to look for their own means of support.

Luckily, ECU offers many opportunities for students, most of which never require one to step foot off campus.

For those looking to fully immerse themselves while enrolled in school, East Carolina offers two options: becoming a resident advisor or applying for a Work Study/Self-Help position.

For those living in dorms, the job of a resident advisor seems obvious, while the perks may not.

In addition to a free single room and Pirate Nine meal plan (together valued at nearly $3,000), RAs are given a monthly check ranging between $50-1100 as extra spending money.

"Being an RA really helps students develop leadership skills and creates a transition to their future job, not to mention all of the different ethnicities and backgrounds of students you get to work with," said Michael McMorris Jr., Garrett Hall RA.

Work Studies and Self-Help are flexible long-term job positions. Students applying for these positions are allotted a budget per year ranging between $2,000 and $2,500.

While Work Studies are paid through the federal government and can be applied for at nearly anytime, Self-Help is a bit more selective.

"To land a Self-Help position, students who are interested need to apply before the school year begins," said Laura Hensley, library assistant in charge of payroll for Work Study and Self-Help circulation students.

"After we submit our budget, everyone looking for a Self-Help job will be turned away."

Work Study and Self-Help positions cover nearly every job aspect on campus, ranging from campus computer labs to office and lab assistants.

If students are looking for something different, personal experience and a strong foundation in certain subjects are required.

The School of Art and Design is offering between $10-12 for models, assisting faculty in over nine classes of portrait and figure painting.

If students feel strongly rooted in certain challenging subjects offered at ECU, they may offer their services as a tutor.

Many math and science departments are paying tutors $10 an hour for their time.

If these job descriptions don't intrigue you, Campus Safety or Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) also hire student workers.

"The Rec. (Student Recreation Center) is a great part-time job," said Michael Easton, CRW assistant.

"In addition to our pay, we can attend many of the programs offered in the Rec. for free."

CRW will also hold your position on the staff when returning to school after summer vacation, according to Easton.

Students need to remember to look at all angles of any job they apply for. While off campus jobs may pay better, their scheduling hours best serve the company.

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Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection and "Let's Read About the Constitution," presented by the Teaching Resource Center, are also available for students to view at the library.

As part of the celebration, the Honorable P. Gwynett Hilburn, 3A District Court Judge, gave a lecture on campus.

Hilburn began the speech with her oath of office and spoke to students about the responsibilities of a district court judge.

"As District Court Judges, we have jurisdiction over misdemeanors and some felonies, but the important work we do is in family law and juvenile law," said Hilburn.

"We have exclusive jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency matters, the abuse and neglect of children, termination of parental rights, divorce, custody and domestic violence matters. It's a lot of work but we love it because we feel like we make a difference."

She also educated students about the challenges faced by the courts and other branches of the U.S. government.

She spoke about issues involving mental health, juvenile violence, school safety and community safety.

"From these Constitution Day events, we hope that students learn something about their government and the rights that they have to enjoy," Amerson said.

"We hope it helps people appreciate the rights that we have and what makes us a model for democracy."

Students that wish to learn more about the Constitution and test their current knowledge are encouraged to take the Constitutional knowledge quiz online at by September 21. Two winners will be drawn from perfect score entries and winners will receive $25.

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giving a brief report of the fall class officer elections.

Fish described the only hurdle that appeared during voting, which was related to how students were allowed to vote.

"One complication arose during the voting and was fixed within ten minutes," Fish said,

"During those ten minutes only seven students voted. These votes did not affect the outcome by any means."

Final speakers for that evening included Jennifer Nnamani and Kyndall Peele, of the Jena Six committee and NAACP.

Nnamani and Peele spoke about this year's upcoming Multicultural Student Leadership Conference.

The conference is slated to take place September 29th, with keynote speaker, Sister Souljah.

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Multicultural Student Leadership Conference
Saturday, September 29, 2007
10:00am - 3:00pm
Mendenhall Student Center
with Keynote Speaker
Sister Souljah

You are invited to attend the second annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference!
Join us as we celebrate, empower, and learn more about leadership. There will be several workshop sessions for students to choose from and lunch will be provided.

Registration is $5 until Monday, September 25th.
More Information? Contact the Leon's Webb Cultural Center at 328-6495.

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Opinion

{ Rant on, my friends. }

RANT OF THE DAY

Why do we have to take a swimming test? You would think that if you were college-educated and couldn't swim, that you would be smart enough to stay out of the deep end.

Bill Richardson for President

New Mexico Governor has the right stuff

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION WRITER

I'll probably vote Republican for President next year. No big deal. I've done it for the past three, and the so-called "top tier" Democratic candidates haven't done a thing to convince me to do otherwise.

We've got Hillary Clinton, the former first lady who rode her husband's coattails to a Senate seat. If eight years on the sidelines in the White House qualifies you for the U.S. Senate, that elevator operator who was there for 40 years should be King of the World.

Then there's Barack Obama. Many of the very people who claimed George W. Bush wasn't qualified to be President after only six years as governor of the second largest state in the nation think this guy is the second coming of George Washington after only three years as one of 100 senators.

And don't forget John Edwards. He did so much for North Carolina, after all, he surely deserves a shot to screw up the whole country. He gets $400 haircuts and claims to relate to the poor. I had to roll up some pennies to pay for my last $12 haircut. That's relating to the poor.

There is, however, one Democrat who has been shut out by the national media's fascination with the aforementioned three stooges. The more I learn about him, the more I like him. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson is the one Democrat I could support, and I'm beginning to think he, more than any other candidate of either party, has the right stuff to go all the way.

Richardson has 15 years of experience in Congress, something the Big Three, particularly Obama, cannot boast. Before his election to the House in 1980, he worked at the State Department, and then was a staff member for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

As a congressman, he met one-on-one with Saddam Hussein in 1995 to secure the release of two American civilian aerospace workers held prisoner in Iraq after accidentally crossing the border from Kuwait.

In addition to Iraq, Richardson has also negotiated the release of hostages, American service members and political prisoners from North Korea and Cuba. Earlier this year, he traveled to Sudan and brokered a cease-fire between President Omar al-Bashir and various rebel factions in Darfur. While that effort was to prove unsuccessful — through no fault of Gov. Richardson's — I can't help but think that a man who has earned the respect of even rogue dictators can surely restore the world's faith in America as an international leader.

In 1997, Richardson was able to capitalize on his foreign policy experience when President Clinton appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, where he served for a year before becoming Secretary of Energy.

As secretary, he implemented tough efficiency standards that saved consumers billions of dollars in energy costs. As governor, he has required energy companies to produce 10 percent of all energy from renewable resources, while reducing carbon emissions; and the state is moving toward 20 percent by providing incentives for solar, wind and biofuels. He has promised to do the same as president.

Since being elected governor of one of the poorest states in the nation in 2002, Richardson has cut taxes, balanced the budget and created 84,000 new jobs ... all without the benefit of a $400 hairdo. His efforts have led right-of-center and libertarian groups to praise him for reforming New Mexico's economy.

The libertarian Cato Institute calls Richardson "one of the most fiscally responsible Democratic governors in the nation."

Governor Richardson has worked to provide affordable healthcare to all people in his state, and has cracked down on illegal immigration across the New Mexico border.

It is noteworthy that while Democratic frontrunner Hillary is as polarizing a figure as the current President Bush, Gov. Richardson commands respect on both sides of the aisle. He was reelected in 2006, with 40 percent of the Republican vote. He had a good track record of getting things done in a bipartisan fashion while in Congress and he's worked with both parties in the New Mexico legislature to improve their state. His is the kind of leadership we desperately need in Washington.

It's been said that Hillary and Obama are riding high because people want to say they made history by electing the first woman or the first black president. Okay … if you're so shallow that that's the only reason you'll vote for somebody, issues be damned, vote to elect the first president of Hispanic descent.

You not only will have made history, you'll have voted for someone who knows what he's doing, isn't on an ego trip and has the experience and leadership to restore pride at home and respect around the world.

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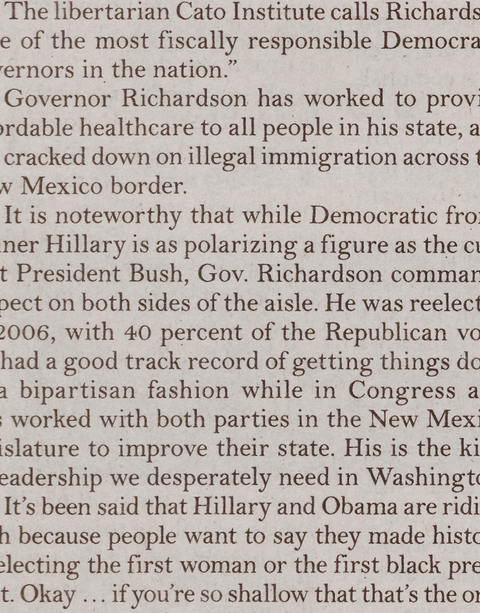
Sources include richardsonforpresident.com and Wikipedia.



"I object, your honor! I request that the sight of opposing counsel in his tightie-whities be stricken from my memory!"

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.

Halloween did come early this year and it was awesome.

If I get one more zombie, pirate, or ninja invite I'm going to flip [sic] out.

I am sick and tired of having to walk across campus and dodge all the construction zones.

I smoke, and yes I know it's bad for me. Please just let me alone to blacken my lungs with no comments from you! And also, if campus wants us to not smoke w/in 25 feet of buildings, then move the butt bins somewhere else! I'm going to smoke where I can responsibly put my cigarette out and I can't do that where there is not an ash tray.

Please don't believe what the preacher (if you can even call him that) was telling you all. God loves you and He cares for you.

To that fraternity that sang on WITN at the 9/11 Memorial, thanks so much. Can't wait to hear you at the basketball games. It makes my day!

I was a little disturbed when I was in the Mendenhall restroom and a Bleeker Street employee comes walking out of the stall and exits without even washing her hands!

French horns rule.

To the guy running the Student Health check-in desk, thank you so much for being so friendly; it made my day!

Why are all the tickets sold out so soon?! It makes me sad...but yay for tailgaiting!

You are too good to be true, like, seriously.

Today in music history we learned about music in an opera in which a girl was contemplating whether she should kill the man or have sex with him. I thought that kind of thing only happened at ECU.

Everyone is starting to realize what you really are.

The cops are concerned about underage drinking because they or the general public, for that matter, do not want some bone-headed idiot killing us or themselves!

So what if my religion is not the same as yours. GET OVER IT! I'm tired of putting up with all your religious-inspired art only to do my own and have everyone stare accusingly or slip into awkward silence. I AM NOT A FREAK!

A drinking ticket is like a jaywalking ticket... pointless.

So many people write Rants about sleeping around. Meanwhile, I can't even get a date. Heck, I can't even get a good conversation started.

If people aren't supposed to smoke within 25 feet of the buildings anymore, why are there still ashtrays in the Brewster walkways?

What's the deal with sorority girls wearing dresses to the football games? Is it really more important to impress the frat boys with your cute little sundress than it is to support the team?

When I'm trying to study in the "study rooms" in the library, I don't want to hear your conversation from next door.

Everybody hates your boyfriend.

Did someone cut down the number of Student Tickets available this year? It just seems like ECU is forcing people to join the Pirate Club by not offering enough tickets to the games.

It's no wonder Wikipedia is not considered a legitimate source. Greenville's population is listed as, "69 Biotch."

ECU, have you not figured out that Wright Place can no longer handle the growing pains of enrollment? DO SOMETHING! I'm not spending money to be late again because there is too much demand and not enough supply.

People have not forgotten about 11 Sept. I am ashamed you would ever accuse them of such an act. Remembering is not always a physical act.

This is to those students who insist on wearing UNC and NC State shirts here on campus. "This is PIRATE NATION," accept it or transfer.

To the young man who was kind enough to share his culture with me: Thank you for the honor. I appreciated participating in your prayer to Allah.

Dear Boyfriend: Really. You went downtown by yourself? Really? Because last time I checked, you didn't like downtown, so why would you expect me to believe you just decided one night that you liked it enough to go by yourself? Seriously? Not entirely sure what you're trying to do by lying to me, but that's a really, really bad plan. Really.

My friend put a spell on my computer.

I have tons of schoolwork and it's difficult but I work hard and earn awesome grades. So I think I have the right to complain if I want to.

I like watching people.

I don't work at the university now. I hope you're all happy.

What are you talking about? There aren't any signs up in the Whichard Building.

9/11 was an inside job.

We need a Facebook group for all of the proud Southern Belles.

The guy on The Exchange bus with all the cool stories makes my MWFs better.

I realized recently that I know more about football than my major, and I don't care about getting a job in that field any more. Does that mean I wasted the past 3 years?

Someone forgot to tell the freshman girls that they're supposed to wear clothes to the gym.

Why do we have to take a swimming test? You would think that if you were college-educated and couldn't swim, that you would be smart enough to stay out of the deep end.

I donate plasma to buy clothes to go clubbing in!

Recently, I have been sitting in class taking note of when people talk, counting how many times they say "like" in a sentence. To be quite frank...hearing people say it is getting annoying...I am petitioning for our society to get back to being able to talk with more intelligence. That would be nice.

I got drunk. I made a mistake. It's over. I wish you guys would stop talking about it. It's upsetting.

Joyner became the homeless shelter of Greenville when they started making Mendenhall off-limits.

If you feel that ECU is not CHALLENGING then go to your top 10 school...no one will care.

Just wanted to let you all know that my body was the mold for all the guys in the movie 300!!!

Where will you walk naked down the street now that your Rant was published? More importantly, are you hot enough to even watch?

Oh McDonald's...Why must you dip my burger in oil before you give it to me?

Get me a chicken sandwich and some waffle fries...for free!

Note: Breezeways echo. I heard every bit of your conversation this weekend. Sorry, I had no choice but to eavesdrop since you were keeping me awake!

You should probably get tested... he's not as clean as you think.

Ramadan Mubarak!

It is fine if you are stumped

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Ten points to you if you knew what the first word in this column's title means – minus five if you had to use Google.

While it may not be that apparent on this campus as compared with North Carolina State or Chapel Hill, followers of certain monotheistic faiths have begun a week (or month) of spiritual revitalization. If you are still without a clue, allow me the next three minutes to support Chancellor Ballard in his unsung quest to diversify ECU.

This past Thursday (or Wednesday evening) was a unique twenty-four hours as it marked the beginning of two different religious holiday periods of time. A pretty interesting coincidence if I do say so myself as both Islam and Judaism are set to lunar calendars used from the beginning of their respective religion.

"Well that's cool?" I hear you say in a sleepish, lackadaisical tone as you continue to read, but yes, it is cool. Why? Because, instead of letting students sit on the sidelines of these culturally-filled days for some, ECU is giving everyone a chance to jump in and try it out for themselves.

Let me say that it could not be any easier to try something new these coming weeks. Why, you would not have to do anything at all – except maybe not eating.

Before I lose your attention completely, there is food involved, just not in the sense you may be used to. This experiment in your life involves putting off all food and drink from sun-up to sundown.

After the sun has drifted from sight you can help yourself to whatever meal you please, and trust me, after twelve hours, just about anything you choose to snack on will look like a feast to your stomach's eyes.

How about ECU, this is for theist and atheist alike. When millions around the world go without knowing the time of their next meal, I am simply asking you to put it off 'till seven-thirty on one night. Oh, just think! I have already provided you with great dinner conversation topic for that evening.

"What did you do today?" Someone might ask.

"Joined a billion people around the globe and gave fasting a try."

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My two cents

Why pennies are retarded and taxes don't make sense

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Every single time I clean my room or scrounge around the couch there is always one consistency: pennies. In cars, on floors, under everything. Pennies infest our lives at every corner and, besides throwing them at things or away, are mostly never used. Yet we still have them. The gift of the penny lies in its uselessness. It saves us from rounding up or down and they prevent us from just including tax in the price, leaving my poor-self attempting to do multiplication in the line at Harris Teeter.

What is the point of a penny? When I find a penny on the street there is nothing on Earth that would make me think to pick up some stinky little circle of copper. The absurd idea of its luck doesn't make me think twice, either. Upon coming on a penny on my desk or the floor I either stare at it, knowing it could be there for months, or do the right thing and toss it in the trash.

In fact I find it every American's duty to just throw away pennies. It is the right thing to do in order to force a logical solution to our retarded tax policies. If enough Americans just tossed away pennies maybe advertisements would stop thinking that "19.99" is fooling anyone. 19.99, 1.99, 2799.99, who in God's name is falling for this? Just include the friggin' tax so everyone can know if they have enough money.

Countless times I will stare at DVDs, food, clothes and so on, foolishly thinking I have enough only to discover I went one or two dollars over my intended price range. In fact, twice I have gone into the negatives in my bank account because of, what else, several cents. If pennies didn't exist and I could look at a price knowing "Hey, this is the exact price I am going to pay," maybe I could avoid ever owing the bank money.

Maybe I am missing the point of pennies. Perhaps the whole point of a penny is to screw everyone over and so it will never go away. If you just look at what I have written in another light you can see how companies can get more money. When I think something is not so much because it is 19.99 then, beyond being an idiot, I help the company advertising. If tax would be included maybe everyone would have too much freewill. Knowing how much you are paying for something might be too much for the average American. I can understand this since people in this country still have the sense to pay for a "Bullet Blender" or "Listen Up" because it says it is only two payments of 9.99. More zeroes, bad. Less zeroes, good.

What I really don't understand is why, at movie theaters, tax is included? Everything at a theater is logically based on quarters, nickels and dimes. How did the movie industry get the go-ahead on abolishing pennies? It is almost as if I am paying tax when I see a movie so I continue to throw away pennies. Here is another thought to include tax: What if gas didn't have tax included? Oh wait that would be "autastic" considering how much tax goes into gas, so based on that system why isn't tax included in everything else? If I went to buy gas and it only cost me four dollars for ten gallons until it included tax after pumping, I would be royally screwed. All the same, considering if I only have $21 and I go to the grocery store, see my price is $20.35, and then see the price including tax I would become screwed for gas and food. What is the point of excluding it?

American businesses can easily ease out of the penny so easily too. At a coffee shop back in Apex, "The Coffeehouse," the owner set all of his prices in an odd arrangement so that when tax was included, everything would come out with a five or a zero, knocking all pennies out of the equation. Here is a true American Patriot who is taking the right steps towards sticking it to the American Mints.

I am not sure if this problem will ever end, short answer no, but steps can be taken. If anyone reading this is a future entrepreneur just remember that coffee shop owner and do the math right. However, until the day where these people run their own businesses and we can all live in this utopia we must put a stop to all of it. Throw away your pennies, ECU students. Throw away your pennies for America.

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Horoscopes

Aries
You're sorting fact from fiction, always an interesting exercise. There will be a few unpleasant surprises, so pay close attention.

Taurus
You have a natural talent for making purses out of old sows' ears. If you don't think you can, keep practicing and you will.

Gemini
Keep a close eye on the people to whom you've delegated tasks. Listen to changes they suggest. This is still a work in progress.

Cancer
You'll make an amazing breakthrough in productivity soon. It's not so much due to planning as it is due to necessity.

Leo
Everything would be perfect except for that pesky warning. If you can just not think about shopping, the day should go very well. Don't do it, either.

Virgo
The more you rake through the muck, the more valuables you uncover. It makes the whole thing more like an adventure than a horrid chore. This is good.

Libra
Continue to put your chores on hold while you track down the lead. This is time well spent. Keep snooping and you'll find what you're after.

Scorpio
They seem to want more of your time, attention and money. This is one of the crosses you bear for being so successful. Don't let them overwhelm you.

Sagittarius
Your advantage is your excellent communication skills. You'll easily get the crowd on your side. They'll help you complete the grand slam.

Capricorn
The complication level has increased, so be careful. It's not a good time to travel, start college or try to get your novel published. Wait until Thursday.

Aquarius
Everybody's enthusiastic to take on big challenges. The idealistic part's easy now. The tough part is being real. You can all make a difference, but it won't happen overnight.

Pisces
This is a test, to see how much perseverance you can muster. You also get to prove you can pay attention and stay out of the way.

Mendenhall Movies

Butt-Numb-A-Thon
9/22- 9/23: 24-hour movie marathons starting at 12 p.m.

Drink Recipes

Lemon Daisy

Ingredients:
1/2 cup Grenadine syrup
1/3 cup Fresh lemon juice
2 cups Club soda
2 cups Lemon-flavored soda
Lemon peel for garnish

Directions:
Mix grenadine and lemon juice in a glass measure. Pour into ice-filled wine goblets. Top each with 1/2 cup of each soda. Garnish with peel.

Maple Coffee

Ingredients:
1 cup Half-and-half
¼ cup Maple syrup
1 cup Hot brewed coffee
Sweetened whipped cream

Directions:
Cook half-and-half and maple syrup in a saucepan over medium heat, stiffing constantly, until thoroughly heated (do not boil). Stir in coffee and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Mint Tea Float

Ingredients:
3/4 cup Mint-flavored herb tea
2 tablespoons Chocolate syrup
2 scoops Vanilla ice cream
1/4 cup Heavy cream, whipped
Sweetened chocolate powder

Directions:
Pour the tea into a tall glass. Stir the chocolate syrup into the tea, add the ice cream and top with the whipped cream and chocolate powder. Variation: substitute 2 scoops of chocolate ice cream for the vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup. Proceed as above.

Animal shelter helps animals in need

Ways to give animals a better life

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The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina (HSEC) is a nonprofit "no kill" animal shelter that works in effort to find neglected animals good homes and educate the public on animal-related issues.

"We are here to take in animals that people can no longer keep or can't find a home for, and we try our hardest to get them adopted into good quality homes," said HSEC Assistant Director Lauren Early.

The animal shelter's "no kill" policy includes that they do not euthanize the animals unless they show incurable health problems or overly aggressive behavior. However, the need to euthanize rarely occurs because the shelter evaluates every dog and cat that is brought in. If the animal shows signs of overly aggressive behavior, they will not be accepted because the facility cannot adopt the animal out.

The facility can house approximately 70 dogs and 40 cats. Adopting an animal that cannot be adopted would take up space for animals capable of adoption.

"The hardest part of the job is saying 'no we can't take in your animal.' That's why we have to be picky so we can have the room to take in more animals," Early said.

People interested in adopting must first go to the shelter, located at 3520 Tupper Road, and pick out the cat or dog of their choice. Afterwards, one must fill out a pre-adoption form and go through an interview to determine if the dog or cat is going to the right home.

Assuming the screening process is successful, "they pay the adoption fee and can pick their pet up that day," Early said.

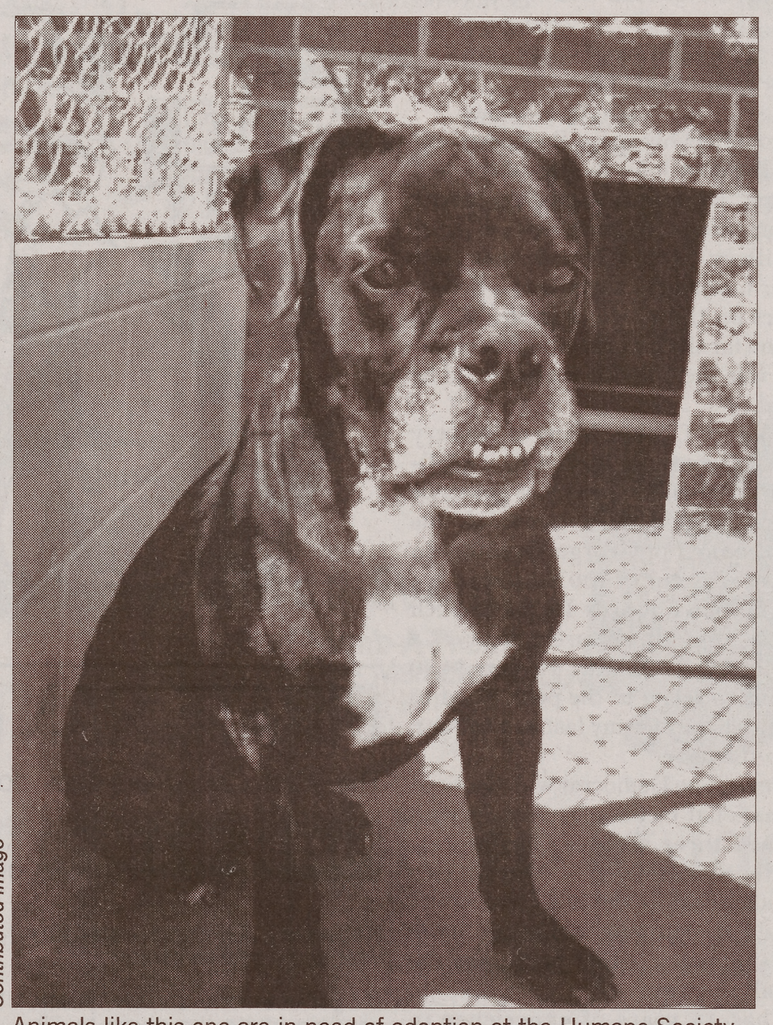
The adoption fee is important because the shelter is funded by donations. Fees range from $65 for kittens and cats to $150 for small (under 20 pounds) and purebred dogs. All animals are spayed and neutered unless they are less than 8 weeks old. If so, a voucher will be included with the adoption fee that every vet in Pitt County accepts to spay or neuter the animal.

HSEC Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Kyger understands that adopting an animal is a difficult commitment and recommends fostering an animal as an alternative.

"Fostering is a great way for you to bring an animal into your life, have them for a couple of months, give them love and care, and when you're done, you can bring them back to the shelter," said Kyger.

The HSEC aims to educate the public about issues pertaining to animals. Such issues include the importance of animals being spayed and neutered in order to eliminate over breeding and ways to be responsible pet owners.

The shelter is always looking for volunteers to help with tasks onsite, as well as away, from the facility. Such volunteer work includes socializing and exercising the animals, as well as helping with the events hosted by the HSEC.



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Animals like this one are in need of adoption at the Humane Society.

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Today's hottest jobs in America

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Students like these study hard to achieve success in the future, all vying for jobs after college graduation.

How to get the job you want

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With the American economy growing at a modest pace, job markets continue to open up, giving way to lowering the unemployment rate.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market for recent graduates is the best in years, with surveyed employers reporting a 19.2 percent increase in hiring college graduates than last year. The Bureau of Labor Statistics also reports that healthcare, biosciences and technology industries are expecting the most new jobs in the upcoming year, along with customer service and sales associates.

Money Magazine recently published a research compilation of the "Top 10 Careers in the USA." This list was thoroughly researched through hundreds of jobs, with consideration to many factors including pay, growth and stress level of the job. The list includes careers of a psychologist, pharmacist, real estate appraiser, computer IT analyst, market research analyst, physician assistant, human resources manager, financial advisor, college professor and software engineer.

These careers rank high in the United States, but no matter what career one decides to choose, it is important to have a plan and prepare well for the right job that you want. In order to do this, potential job seekers must know exactly what it is that companies want and the means of how to get it.

After graduation, fresh faces begin their exploration into the "real world," scouting for jobs and putting their degree to use. However, with any job application, there comes the interviewing process. A job interview gives the potential employer and employee a chance to learn more about each other. It is crucial for job seekers to be adequately prepared for the interviewing process.

On average, it takes a new graduate six to eight months to find a job. Recent graduate Maggie Robertson knows this all too well, saying that she is still in the midst of a job search.

"I just finished an internship, but I have been almost non-stop at putting in my resume at different companies around the US and doing interviews," said Robertson.

Although she says she does not desire a certain place to work at, Robertson says the entire process can be stressful and scary, but it is exciting to be handling such a big responsibility.

Catrina Davis, Assistant Director/Liaison for the College of Education at the ECU Career Center, works closely with students seeking internships and helps with obtaining jobs with their new degrees. Davis is part of a team that provides resources to students and teaches them the right way to the job that they desire.

"After narrowing down what one wants to do, there are three steps that one must accomplish soon after," said Davis, naming what she refers to as "The Trilogy," a three-step breakdown of what many do in order to obtain a job.

"It is important for students to develop a resume and cover letter, take on a certain strategy for a job search by concentrating on what drives them and what they seek an emphasis in, and also the interviewing process with companies."

Davis believes that challenges can hold this "trilogy" back, including a lack of preparation and fore planning, along

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Clash of the titans

Kanye and 50 Cent battle for the top spot

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OPINION WRITER

I'm not especially excited to do a music review, but there seems to be a lot of interest on campus regarding Kanye and 50, so I'll take a shot at it.

Last Tuesday the two biggest names in hip-hop dropped new albums, so like every other college student in America, I went to Wal-Mart and bought both of them.

When I say we all went out to Wal-mart and bought them, I hope it is mutually understood that I downloaded them just like you. I won't tell Kanye if you don't.

Kanye doesn't have to worry that much however, because 750,000 people who apparently don't have the internet bought the album. With first week sales figures like that, Kanye officially toppled 50 Cents' meager 600,000 and took the top spot.

Kanye's album *Graduation* is his third and in my opinion his worst. I was very excited to hear the album when his first few singles dropped earlier this summer, but the final product leaves something to be desired. The bangin' beat of "Stronger" would not be reproduced and the lyricism on "Can't tell me nothing" was replaced with raps about Luis Vuitton and sunglasses on every other track.

For those of you who thought that Kanye would receive some help from his guest appearances, prepare to be disappointed. While he normally has good backup on his tracks, he sold out on this one.

While I would have liked to see Lupe Fiasco, Common, Mos Def, or some other talented artists, Kanye went with the two most annoying voices in hip hop: T-pain and Lil' Wayne.

Now that I'm through with the negatives, I can add to Kanye's already-bursting ego with some praise. My favorite thing about *Graduation* is that it is something different. In a year full of dirty south rappers making songs with repetitive hooks and simple beats, *Graduation* has some lyrical content and like always, Kanye produced some great beats.

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Students explore unique invitations

Couples send out invites via facebook

JESSICA DUNLOW
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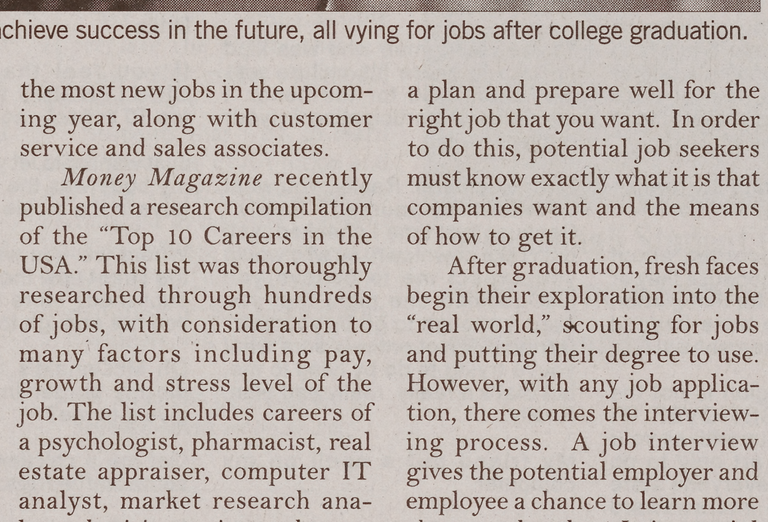
Facebook the immensely popular Internet site primarily for students has begun to allow members and amateur Internet designers to add applications such as Pirates vs. Ninjas, iLike, Horoscopes and much more. Although these applications seem pointless to some, it is an older feature that is changing the social landscape of Facebook.

Most Facebook users are familiar with the Events section of Facebook, where party invitations go out thousands of times daily. However, invitations to weddings are now becoming popular on the Web site.



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Facebook couples are now using the site to send wedding invitations.

Weddings are considered a romantic joining of two hearts, and the tradition of sending out beautifully designed invitations with the adorable little RSVP cards seems to be being replaced by the Facebook phenomenon.

The growing Facebook obsession could be the cause of the disappearing mail. However, it seems that the invitation is being sent via Facebook because the wedding party knows for sure how to reach their friends and family.

It is much cheaper to use the personal site to invite guests, but the convenience is undeniable. People move and it is difficult to keep up with various addresses, whereas Facebook keeps friends just a click away.

In addition, licking envelopes and stamps seems obsolete to being able to type a quick description of the ceremony and the location. Instead of writing addresses, a list of all the couple's friends pop up and all the wedding party has to do is click on a name and an invitation will be sent immediately.

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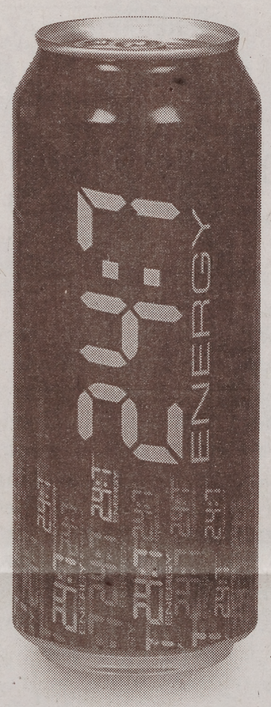

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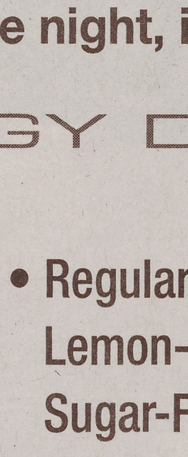

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Sarcastic view of life by Klosterman

A cynical outlook of pop culture

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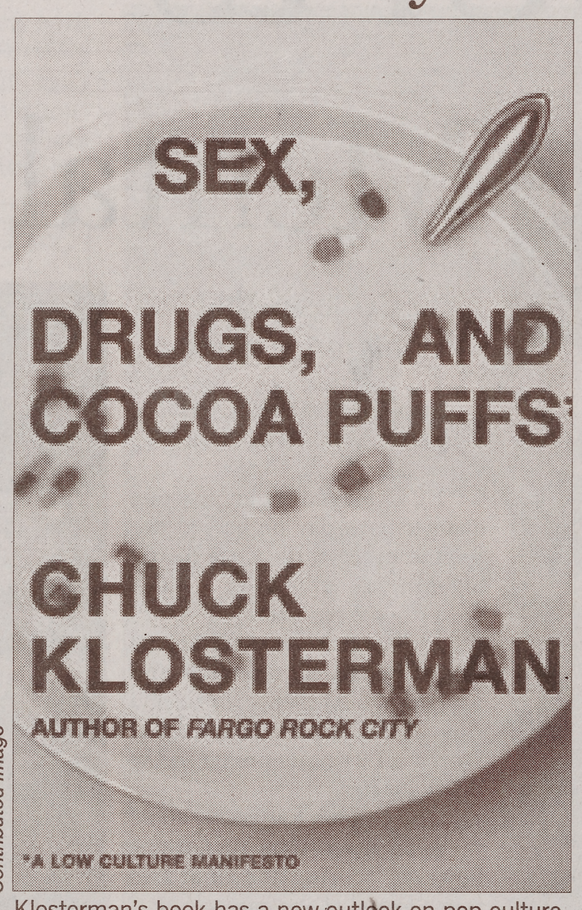
The nineties were a time of slackers, grunge, horribly acted television shows and the well-known and criticized "Generation X."

Out of this era came Chuck Klosterman, who is a current senior writer at *Spin Magazine*. Klosterman has published a few "low-culture manifestos," as he calls them, since *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs*, but none of them seems as inherently interesting.



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Klosterman's book has a new outlook on pop culture.

Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs is somewhat misleading as a title, because it is nothing like the sexual adventures of Tucker Max in *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* and there is definitely not as many drugs as fellow journalist Hunter S. Thompson mentions in the acclaimed *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. However, Klosterman has a dorky and sincere view of his life and the lives of others through pop culture.

The book begins with a "track listing" of the eighteen chapters, which include titles like "Being Zack Morris," "The Awe Inspiring Beauty of Tom Cruise's Shattered, Troll-like Face," and "Porn." Within these chapters, Klosterman breaks down things that helped to mold Generation X and created Generation Y.

For instance, the creation of MTV's *The Real World*, *Saved by the Bell* and *Beverly Hills, 90210* changed the way a generation acted and perceived adults and rules. Klosterman also spends 13 pages praising Billy Joel for being so un-cool and ridiculing critics for calling soccer the next big thing, and both seem utterly random but are equally hilarious.

Again, misleading as the title is, there is a slight mention of hook-ups and the occasional bong experience, but the most stimulating parts of the book are inserts between the chapters.

Each of these inserts are only about 5 paragraphs long and the topics range from math to virginity to "adult" parties with screaming children, but it is his opinions of these that grab readers' attention.

Since Klosterman is a magazine writer, it is easy for him to throw together a group of essays that sort-of has the same theme and tone for a book, which is what this is. It seems a little A.D.D. at times, but the message is the same: a cynical slacker trying to make sense of the world around him.

The book is a perfect fit for college students to get a whiff of what Klosterman feels the world is around them when they graduate and have "real" jobs.

Some professors have even started using this book for instruction on pop culture.

In addition, everyone remembers perfectly prim Kelly Kapowski, annoying Brenda Walsh and Puck, so it is easy to be completely entertained by Klosterman's sarcastic view on pop culture. Read after flipping through an *US Weekly* and you will get the picture.

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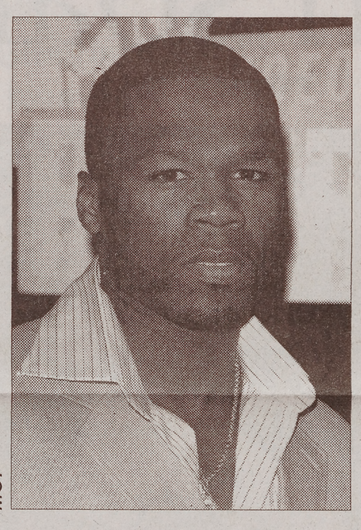

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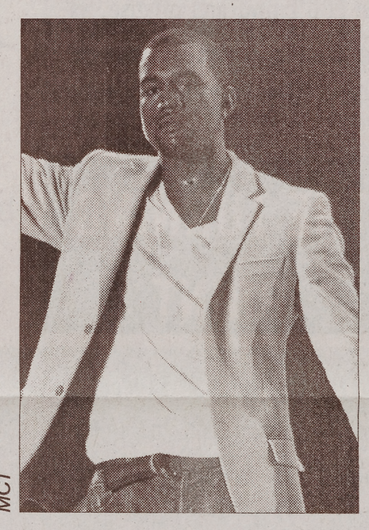

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The appearance from Coldplay's Chris Martin on the song "Homecoming" was a move only Kanye could make and it turned out to be a great song.

Also, the lyrical content on songs like "Big Brother," "Good Morning" and "The Glory" delivers something you will never hear from 50.

Speaking of 50, it is his turn to face the music. His newest release, *Curtis*, is also a disappointment. Like Mr. West, 50 Cent has two crucial singles on the CD and a lot of filler. The street banger "I Get Money" is one of the best songs of the year and certainly the best on the album. While the album itself is not very impressive, 50's ability to recruit hot talent is remarkable. With guest appearances from Dr. Dre., Justin Timberlake, Mary J. Blige, Robin Thicke, Eminem and production from Timbaland, I think it is safe to say 50 cent works with the best.

While his guest appearances on the album are good, the main problem is his lyrics. Foolishly I expected a little more from 50 on the album as far as lyrics, but the rhymes on this one are a step above nursery. Candy shop and lollipop are not working in 2007. The savior of this album is that it will get some radio play. The songs "I Still Kill" and "Follow My Lead" are good and will undoubtedly be popular.

If I had to pick a favorite of the two I guess the Luis Vuitton Don gets my vote. While it was a close second, *Curtis* just doesn't bring new flavor to the fridge. Save your money on the album, spend it on his vitamin water. You'll be more satisfied.

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with unrealistic goals and a lack of actual goal clarification. Davis also urges that new and expected graduates explore options with the degree that they have to be more successful.

In any case, it is important for students to be aware of steps to be taken in order to adequately prepare for their post-graduation plan.

The Career Center is a valuable resource for students looking for internship and job options, as well as help with resume building and interviewing skills. Every potential job seeker should be aware of what career it is that they desire and exact the means to get it.

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Other ways to contribute to the Humane Society is to participate in upcoming fundraising events. These events include a used book sale on Sept. 28 and 29 at Colonial Mall and a wine tasting and auction on Oct. 12.

The wine tasting and auction will be held at Emerge Gallery on Evans St. Tickets cost $30 per person and $50 per couple. All proceeds will go to benefit the Humane Society of East Carolina.

For information on the events and detailed profiles of the animals, visit hsecarolina.org/

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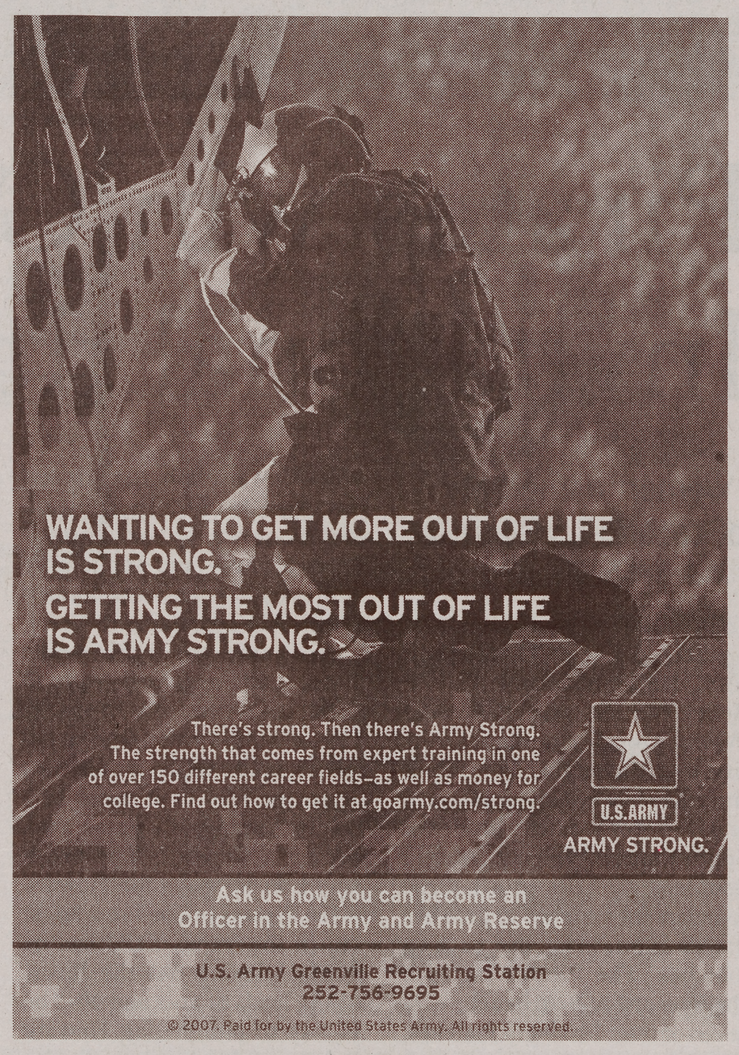

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Then the invitee just has to click "Attending" and the couple receives word within seconds that one of their friends will be there for their special day.

Unless something dire happens to the site, it is conceivable that invitations will continue to be replaced by Events on Facebook. Especially since many older people are now joining the Facebook community, making it easy for older siblings, parents and even grandparents to be receive invitations to their family member's wedding.

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Mental mistakes cost Pirates

Most Valuable Pirate

QUENTIN COTTON

Cotton

Cotton was in the Southern Miss backfield all night with 10 total tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles for loss; but it was a play that the talented linebacker made in the passing game that had the most impact. Halfway through the third quarter, Cotton made an interception and returned it to the USM 1-yard-line, setting up a Dominique Lindsay touchdown run that tied the game at 14. Cotton's play ignited the ECU crowd and offense, as the Pirates scored 14 straight points after his interception.

THE TURNING POINT

The Pirates had a 21-14 lead, all the momentum and the Golden Eagles backed up late in the third quarter. On third-and-fifteen from its own 25-yard-line, USM quarterback Jeremy Young found Damion Fletcher sneaking out of the backfield for what looked to be a short pass. Fletcher had other ideas as he made numerous Pirate defenders miss and scampered down the sideline for a crucial 48-yard gain. USM tied the game two plays later and never looked back in the 28-21 victory.

"He did a great job, he caught it, a couple guys overran it, we missed a couple tackles and Fletcher is a tremendous back."

-ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz on the turning point of the game

They Said It:

"It's time to start holding people accountable. We are in the midst of discussing some changes right now at a couple of positions....They have worked harder than they ever have before and we are closer than we have ever been, but when you look at the record we are still 1-2."- ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz on the turning point of the season.

"It was such a sick feeling walking off the field because we wanted to go sing that fight song and celebrate. We wanted to see everyone who has been so supportive walk out with a smile on their faces. Playing at home is definitely a huge advantage for us."- ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz on playing at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

ECU loses first conference game

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

ECU played great for one quarter Saturday night, but not for the other three, in a heartbreaking 28-21 loss to C-USA power Southern Miss.

After a frustrating first half full of penalties, mistakes and being shut out for only the second time in the Skip Holtz era, ECU scored all 21 of its points in the third quarter.

The Golden Eagles regained the momentum in the final frame however, scoring the final two touchdowns of the game.

The Pirates (1-2, 0-1) committed nine penalties, while the Golden Eagles were only flagged twice.

"It was a heck of a football game and it went all the way down to the wire, we just [had] way too many mistakes," said ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz.

USM (2-1, 1-0) quarterback Jeremy Young scored the final touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 0:32 left in the game. Young's decisive touchdown capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive which took up about half of the fourth quarter.

ECU missed its only field goal attempt of the game on its opening drive, threw an interception in the beginning of the second quarter and was out-gained by 121 yards in the first half.

"We had a lot of opportunities to put points on the board in the first half but it seemed like every time we got down there, something crazy happened," said ECU senior Chris Johnson. "It was either somebody jumped offside, a missed field goal, an interception or something. Then for us to fight back so hard in the second half and just come up short, it really hurts."

Seven of the Pirates' nine penalties occurred in the first half. USM took a 14-0 lead into halftime as a result.

The Pirates exploded in the third quarter however, scoring 21 points and totaling 134 yards.

ECU took its only lead of the game when Johnson hauled in a 6-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter, giving the Pirates a 21-14 lead.

"Everybody was doing their job and we were just executing," ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney said of the third quarter surge. "We never gave up and everybody just started to believe, it was a positive and made everybody play harder."

After the go-ahead touchdown by Johnson, the Pirates had all the momentum until USM running back Damion Fletcher made a great individual play.

Facing a third-and-fifteen from its own 25-yard-line, Young found Fletcher sneaking out of the backfield; Fletcher caught the short pass, broke a couple of tackles and scampered down the sideline for a back-breaking 48-yard gain. The Golden Eagles scored two plays later and tied the game.

Fletcher, who was a Freshman All-American last season, ended the game with 168 all-purpose yards and one touchdown.

"We had plenty of opportunities on both sides of the

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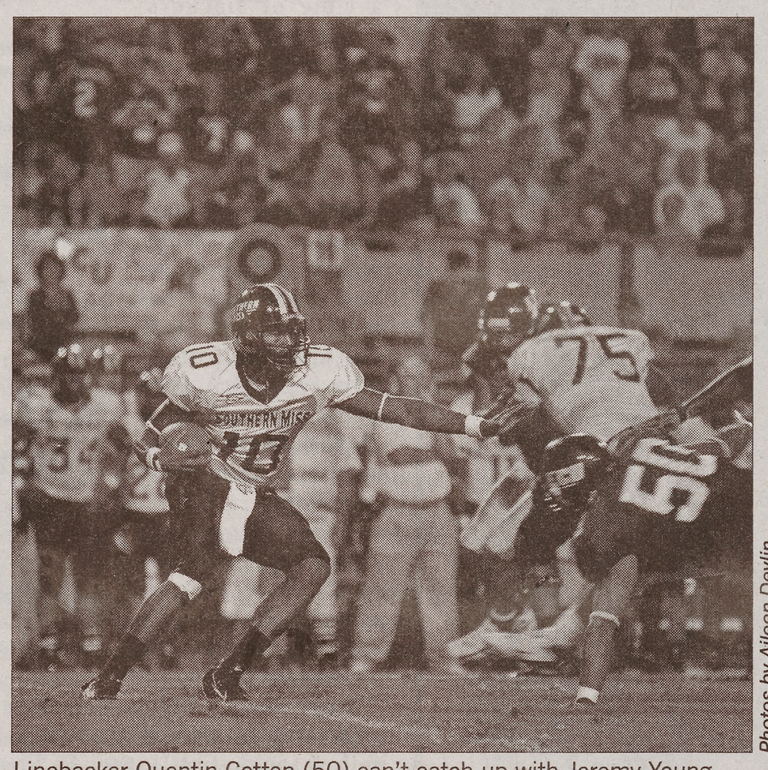
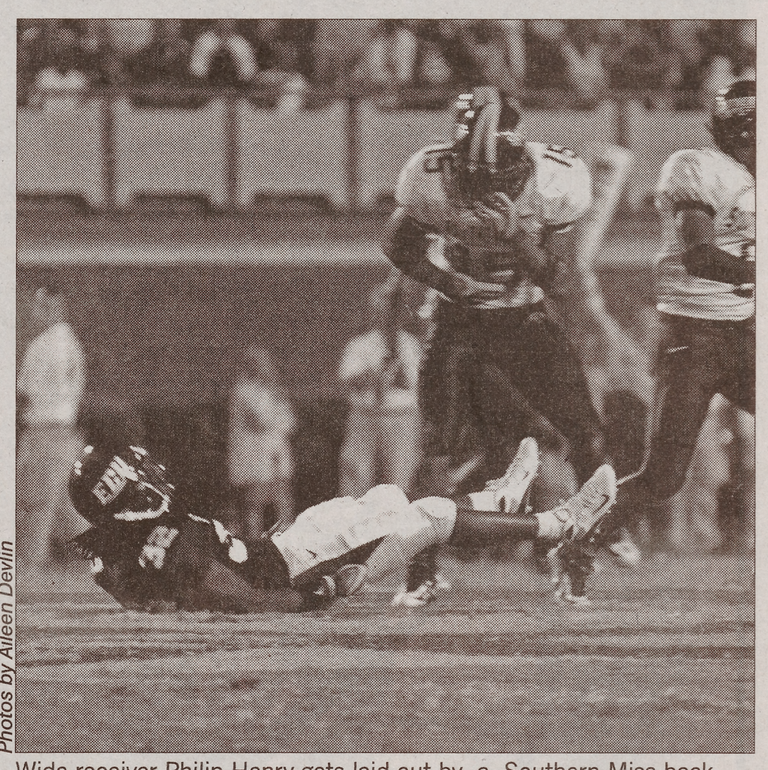


Linebacker Quentin Cotton (50) can't catch up with Jeremy Young.



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Wide receiver Philip Henry gets laid out by a Southern Miss back.

Falcon soars above the rest

Goaltender helped build ECU club hockey

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Few athletes have the impact on their respective teams and programs that Brent Falcon has on ECU Ice Hockey.

Imagine Patrick Pinkney putting in extra hours trying to finalize a sponsorship package before practice starts, or Harrison Eldridge being credited as a founder of ECU Baseball.

These notions sound far-fetched for most Division I athletes, but are reality for Falcon.

Due to efforts of Falcon, Club Hockey has earned the respect of its Division I counterparts.

Falcon's duties range from being a captain on the ice to handling administrative tasks, such as organizing schedules, off the ice.

Falcon didn't inherit any kind of established role, nor did he have any formula to model his dream after.

Joined by senior Corey Fleitz and former player Jordan Meyers, Falcon helped create the club from scratch after the trio received word an ice rink was being built in Greenville.

"We met with Gray Hodges in the club sports office and he told us what we needed to do," said Falcon. "Really, from there on it was just trying to get funding and trying to get the word out. I think in a matter of two months we had about 15 kids that had played hockey so it picked up pretty quickly."

Just one year later, the club became official and the team hit the ice.

Falcon was born in Scotia, N.Y. and moved to Massachusetts at the age of nine. Oddly enough, Brent didn't start playing hockey until he moved to Raleigh.

After living in two hockey-crazed states, this wasn't the easiest sport to pick up in the South.

"I think there were probably about two [rinks] when I came to Raleigh," said the Green Hope High School graduate. "It's just really blown up. The [Carolina] Hurricanes coming down has helped a lot. You're starting to see a lot more kids that were born in North Carolina start to play hockey as the sport is growing in Raleigh."

Falcon hopes hockey in Eastern North Carolina will grow like it has in the state capital.

"You can't make it to a Hurricanes game every day, but for five bucks [you can] come out to an ECU Ice Hockey game," he said. "I think it appeals to a lot of people."

Conventional wisdom states that taller players make better goaltenders. Standing 5'10, Brent Falcon may be a bit undersized, but fans and opponents would probably never guess it by watching him play.

"I think what I lack in my size, I make up for in my quickness and ability to recover quickly from the first shot and get to the rebound," said Falcon.

Clearly, hockey is the sport of choice in the Falcon household.

Brent wasn't the first goaltender in the family though; his older brother played in goal at N.C. State.

Falcon credits ECU's 'big time' enrollment and athletic scene, yet small school atmosphere, as motivation for coming to Greenville.

While Brent holds down the fort on defense at ECU his younger twin brothers, Tyler and Ian, help supply the offense.

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Photo by Lizz Wells

Starting goalie Brent Falcon warms up for the season defending shots from his teammates in practice.

Pirates win George Washington Invitational title with pair of sweeps

Wernert named MVP of second-consecutive tourney

SID--- The ECU volleyball team, led by tournament MVP Kelley Wernert, won the George Washington Invitational for its first tournament championship of the season by sweeping Howard and Hartford Saturday inside the Smith Center. Wernert notched double-digit kills in all three tournament matches to give her double-digits in her last 42 of 46 matches. The Pirates improve their record to 9-6, having won seven of their last eight matches, while Howard falls to 0-10 and Hartford to 6-7. In addition to Wernert's honors, junior Trish Monroe and sophomore Melissa Zentner were named to the All-Tournament Team.

In game one against the Bison, ECU assumed leads of 11-4, 19-10 and 23-13 on its way to a 30-14 win and a 1-0 match lead. ECU would not sit on the lead as it raced to a 12-1 advantage in game two, forcing a timeout. The break would do no good for Howard as the Pirates cruised to a 30-17 win in the frame. ECU had no trouble closing out the Bison, taking leads of 11-3 and 20-7 on its way to pummeling Howard 30-10 to close the contest.

Wernert and Zentner both put down double-digit kills for the second-consecutive match while Wernert also led the defense, digging up nine balls. Freshman Katie Koop handed out 35 assists and the Pirates held the Bison to just 21 kills for the match. ECU also won the battle at the net, recording eight and a half blocks to four for Howard. Additionally, Howard was held to a negative hitting percentage of -.048.

Looking for the tournament title, the Pirates jumped out to a 13-7 lead in game one against the Hawks. A timeout by Hartford with ECU leading 13-7 proved ineffective as the Pirates out-scored the Hawks 17-6 to take the frame 30-13. ECU again blitzed Hartford to begin the second game, racking up a 19-11 advantage and inducing a Hawk timeout. However, Hartford would fight back, cutting the deficit to 23-22. With the Pirates leading 29-26, the Hawks fought off three game points to tie the frame at 29 but ECU would use a Hartford attack error and a Zentner kill to end the game 31-29. The Hawks put up no fight in the final frame, falling behind the Pirates 14-8 and 22-9 before eventually falling 30-14.

Wernert led the offense, slapping 18 kills while senior Mignon Dubenion hit a blazing .636 with seven kills on 11 attempts with no errors. Koop notched her fourth double-double of her freshman campaign, dishing out 40 helpers and adding 12 digs. ECU out-hit Hartford .355 to .043 while recording 10 blocks to the Hawks' two.

The Pirates will play the final contest of their 12-game road stretch Friday as they travel to Tulsa to open conference play. The match is scheduled for 2 p.m. inside the Reynolds Center. ECU finally returns to Minges Coliseum on Sunday as it faces off against SMU at 1 p.m.

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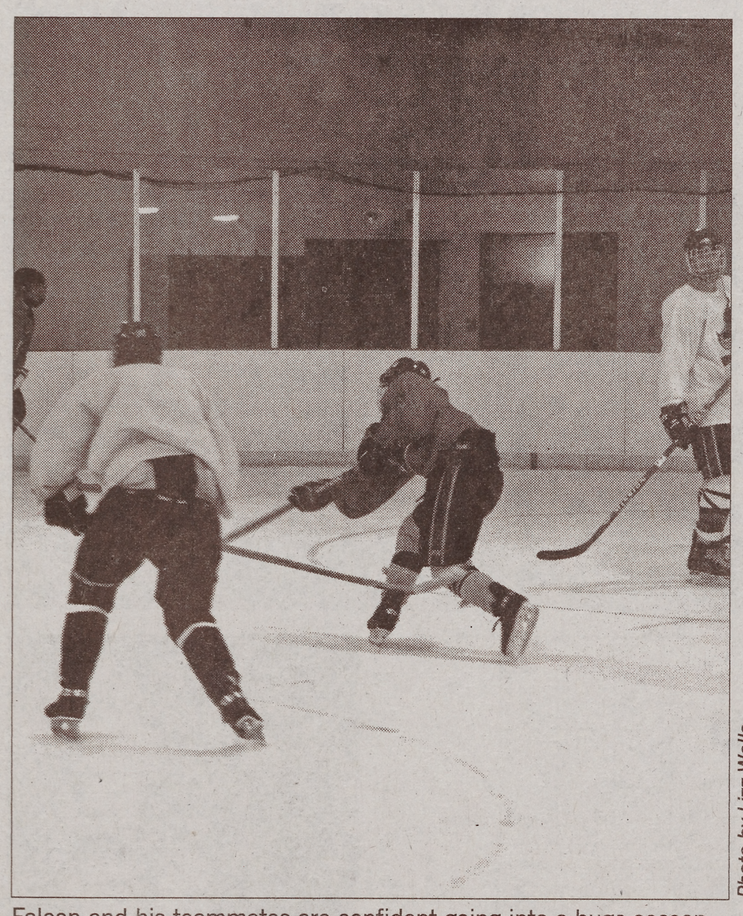

Photo by Lizz Wells

Falcon and his teammates are confident going into a huge season.

Separated by two years, the brothers never got the chance to share the same ice until the younger Falcons joined the squad in 2005.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Brent. "I never played with them before so I didn't really know what to expect but I can't see myself playing without them now. Sometimes you have to calm them down a little bit, but all in all it's been good."

> *"I'd like to see us in Division II (ACHA) in the next three years if we can continue to grow like we are."*

Tyler, a junior, is quick to point out Brent's importance to the club.

"He means a lot to the team," said Tyler. "He started it all. We wouldn't be here without him."

Although his time as a Pirate is nearing an end, the marketing major has no plans of abandoning ship. Falcon plans to land a job somewhere nearby and help the club in some capacity.

For so much hype to surround one club sport, Brent Falcon remains grounded and has set realistic goals for the future.

"I'd like to see us in Division II (ACHA) in the next three years if we can continue to grow like we are," said Falcon. "If the community continues to rally behind us and we keep growing, who knows, in 15 years this could be a varsity sport."

Falcon's ambitions are pretty impressive for a club about to embark on just its third season.

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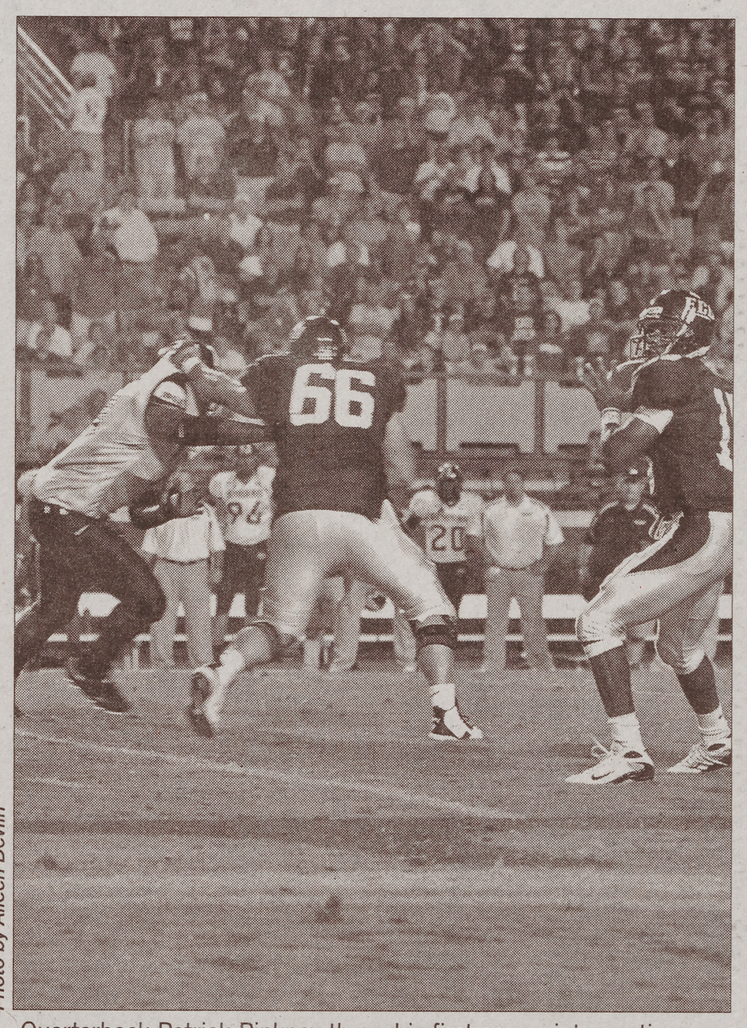

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Quarterback Patrick Pinkney threw his first career interception against Southern Miss, and also had two illegal forward passes.

ball," Holtz said. "I'm frustrated because I think this team is working extremely hard. We just make one mistake after another to beat ourselves, and that's what young football teams do.

"I think we have too many people that are excited about playing and aren't excited about what we have to do to win. We have to sit down, we have to look at this film and we have to correct it and go from here," said Holtz.

43,041 fans watched the exciting game Saturday night, which was a record for an ECU conference game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Holtz was very appreciative of the fan support and the effort of his players, but said the Pirates did not do the little things in order to win the crucial C-USA matchup.

"It was a hard fought game and a difficult game to accept because I think this team went out and put everything on the table," he said. "I am not questioning their effort in any shape or form and I don't question if they want to be good. The thing that we are continuously questioning our team about is are we willing to do the little things that it's going to take to be great.

"I think there [were] some really strong individual performances, but I don't know how many really played for four straight quarters."

The Golden Eagles now own a record of 15-2 in Greenville and lead the overall series 25-8.

After three games, ECU has been called for 31 penalties. The Pirates only committed 59 total penalties in 13 games last season.

"It's hurting us every single week," Johnson said of the penalties. "Being in close games like this and making these mental mistakes, we're not going to come out on the winning end."

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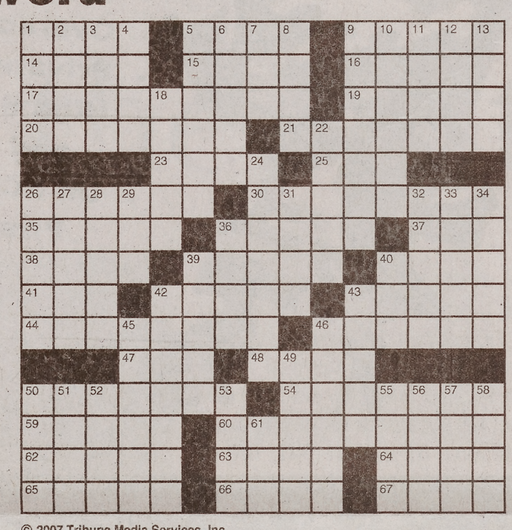

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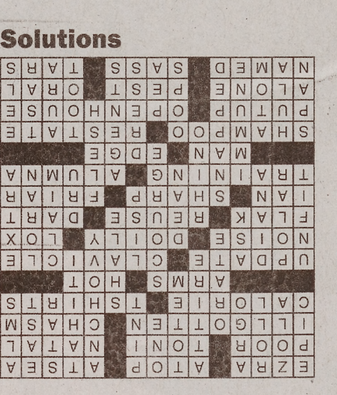

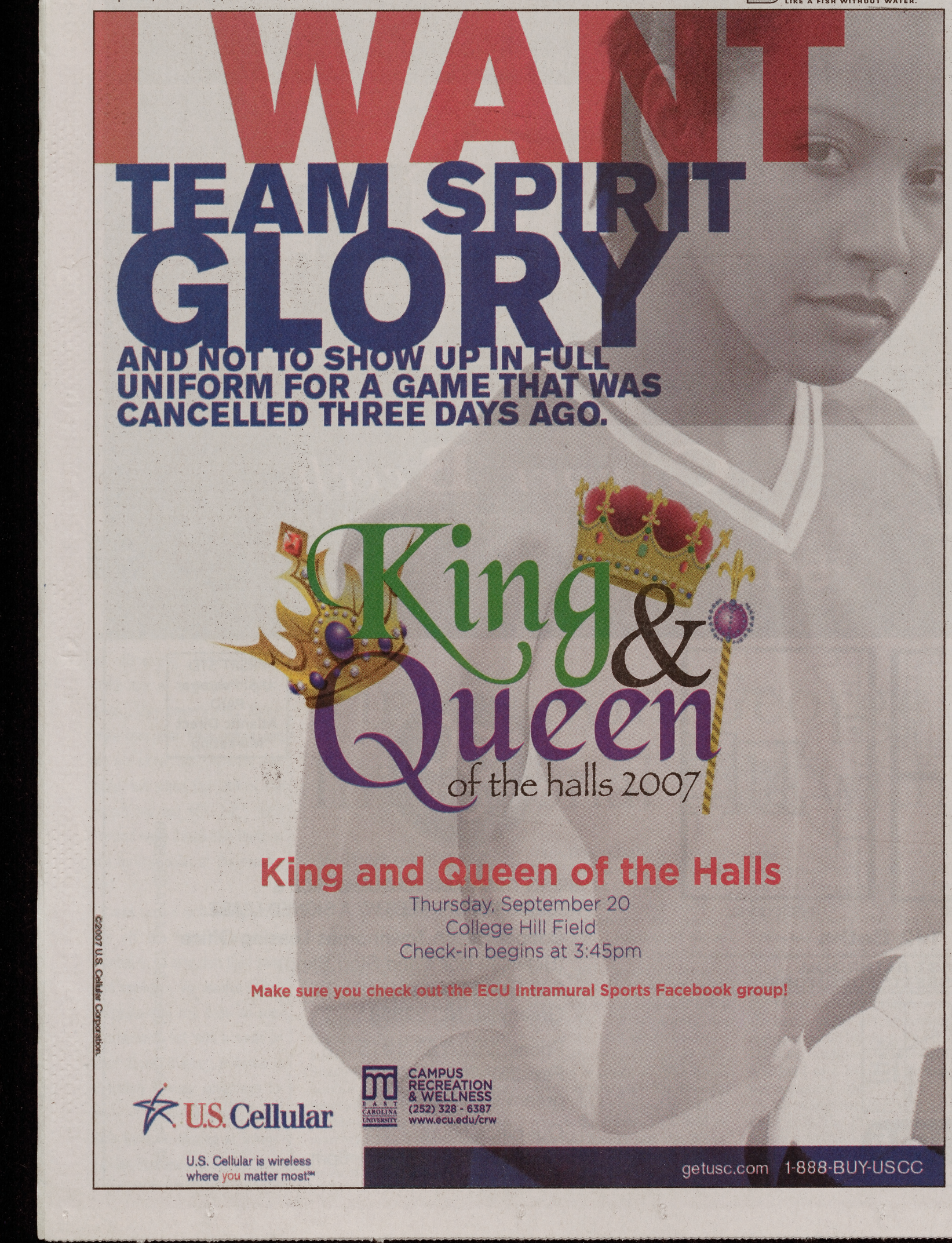

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