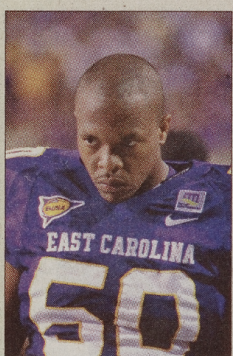




Centennial Convocation for students welcomed the Class of 2011



Healthy alternatives are available on campus at many of the dining areas to students who follow a vegetarian lifestyle.....Page A5

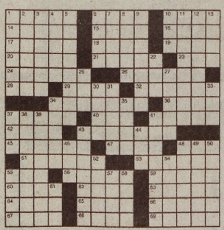


Standout linebacker Quentin Cotton and the Pirates are determined to bounce back after losing to Southern Miss, but face a daunting task in upending the No. 5 West Virginia Mountaineers. Turn to the sports section for an in-depth preview of the match-up and information on a special presentation featuring ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz.....Page A8



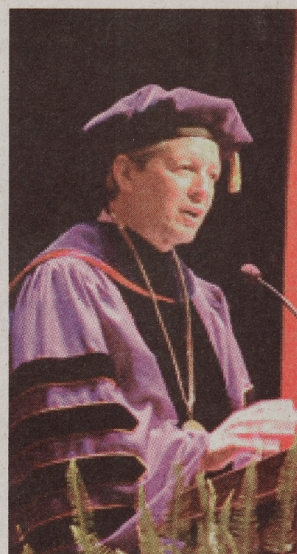
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University officials, faculty and staff were present to represent different departments on campus at convocation.

ALMA MATER
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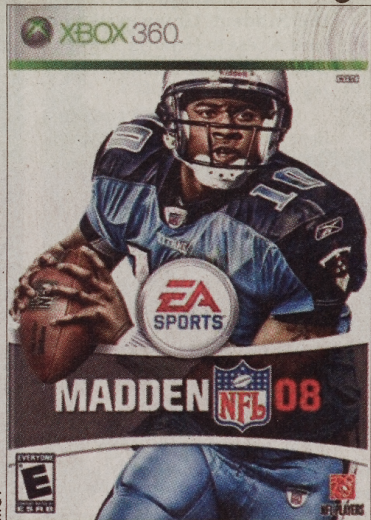
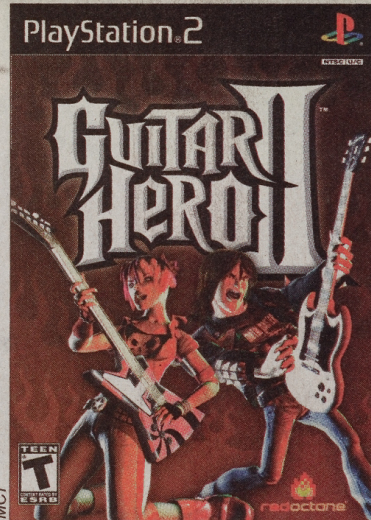
Faculty offers advice on being an active Pirate
KIMBERLY BELLAMY
 NEWS EDITOR
 The Centennial Convocation for students was held on Wednesday in Wright Auditorium at 5 p.m. The event invited incoming freshman, transfer students and the rest of the student body to learn about the university.
 The purpose of the event was to give an overview of the responsibilities that university officials fulfill and give students advice on how to make the most of their academic experience at ECU.
 One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the ECU Student Creed by Lynn Roeder, associate vice chancellor and dean of students, to SGA President Keri Brockett.
 The alma mater, "Hail to Thy Name So Fair,"

was also sang by members of the audience, faculty and staff and led by Pat Tutino, executive assistant for the dean of students.
 The event started with the introduction of faculty and staff that represent different programs and departments offered at the university.
 After the processional of faculty and staff, Air Force ROTC presented the colors, followed by a video presentation.
 The video portion included audio of a speech from one of the first leaders at ECU and images of students interacting on campus.
 Several university officials had the opportunity to speak during the convocation and were introduced by Michael Brown, professor of psychology.
 Faculty members that spoke included Mark Taggart, chair of the faculty senate, Marilyn Sheerer, interim provost and vice chancellor for

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First video game night to be held in Joyner Library on Friday evening



Guitar Hero, Madden NFL, and Dance Dance Revolution are some of the games that will be available to students at Video Game Night.

Event to showcase the library as a cultural center
WILLIAM HALL
 STAFF WRITER
 Joyner Library will hold its first Video Game Night this Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The library normally closes at 8 p.m. on Friday nights, but the hours have extended so students can participate in this event without interfering with normal library hours or disturbing students that want to study.
 Five game stations will be set up throughout the first floor

and will be running on high-resolution projectors and plasma screen televisions.
 Some of the video systems that will be available for students to play are two Xbox 360s, two Playstation 2s and one Wii console.
 The games for the event will be Halo 2, Madden NFL 2007, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero II and Wii Sports.
 Top scorers will receive prizes, which will

range from laptop bags to items from UBE. Pizza and drinks will be provided.
 No registration is required. Students must show their OneCard at the library's entrance to get in.
 "We're inviting students to just come on by," said Mark Sanders, the Interim Assistant Head of Reference at Joyner Library.
 The Video Game Night will aim to show that students

can come to the library to gain educational information in non-traditional ways.
 "We're doing it to highlight the library as not only the academic heart of ECU, but the cultural heart as well," Sanders said.
 "It's not just books anymore," said Matt Reynolds, public service librarian for the NC Collection.
 Recently, various colleges, such as Ohio State University and The University of Melbourne, have done research on how video games can impact students.
 "Students learn through trial and error when playing video games," Reynolds said.

"It changes the way they learn since it's about problem solving, not just listening and absorbing."
 Video Game Night will be strictly console-based and online play will not be available.
 There will not be an option for students to bring in their own consoles or games, but that is being considered for the future.
 "If this is successful then we'd like to have at least one more event in the spring," Sanders said.
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Climate Survey Town Hall meetings held this week

Results reveal diversity and behavior issues
WHITNEY JENKINS
 STAFF WRITER
 An assessment of ECU's campus climate was conducted this past spring semester concerning the current attitudes, behaviors and standards of students, faculty and staff.
 The level of respect for diverse individuals, organizations and groups on campus were addressed in the survey and participation was voluntary and anonymous.
 The climate survey was administered and analyzed by Rankin and Associates

Consulting. The purpose of the survey was to evaluate ways to create and maintain positive diversity on campus, therefore making ECU comfortable and welcoming for everyone.
 "The survey was designed for respondents to provide information about their personal experiences with regard to climate issues," said Virginia Hardy, interim chief diversity officer.
 The survey was able to identify the number of students that voted as well as what social and racial group they represented.
 The total number of students, faculty and staff that actually completed the survey

was 3,237. Student responses alone were 1,747.
 Most of the respondents were from honor societies and religious or spiritual organizations.
 "Graduate students were less responsive," said Susan Rankin of Rankin and Associates Consulting.
 Out of the 3,237 participants, 2,378 were white and 749 were minorities.
 The participants with a physical or learning disability also represent a large number of the participants.
 Comprised of 76 questions and two open-ended questions, the survey covered information ranging from personal

experiences and perceptions of climate to institutional action and administrative policies.
 According to the climate survey results, 21 percent of the respondents had personally experienced offensive, hostile or intimidating conduct that interfered unreasonably with their ability to work or learn on campus.
 However, most respondents indicated that they were "comfortable" or "very comfortable" with the overall climate at ECU.
 The survey also revealed feelings that faculty and staff have about their teaching environment.
 University staff often

reported feeling devalued and underappreciated.
 Student and faculty perceptions of administrative policies were also recorded from the survey.
 According to the results, 30 percent of respondents reported that they had observed discriminatory hiring.
 To decrease the amount of discrimination, some respondents of the survey said that ECU should include diversity-related activities as a requirement for employment.
 To further improve the climate at ECU, some staff

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PIRATE HAPPENINGS

20 Thur 21 Fri 22 Sat 23 Sun 24 Mon 25 Tues 26 Wed

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 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.

Code of Conduct Awareness Week
Sept. 25-27
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wright Plaza
Code of Conduct Awareness Week is a Student Government Association initiative supported by the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The purpose of this initiative is to educate the general student body about the student Code of Conduct and the purpose it serves to our East Carolina Community.

ACHIVE: How to Eat Your Way to a Buffer Body
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Greene Hall Lobby
7-8 p.m.
Being fit means more than working out. If you are eating the wrong foods or drinking the wrong beverages, you may be canceling out all your hard work in the gym. Come find out how important eating the right foods is to being fit.

Night on the Prowl
Tuesday, Sept. 25
6 p.m.
LWCC Gallery
The focus of this program is to teach students about safety at ECU and downtown, and to make them knowledgeable about date rape drugs. The students will also participate in making t-shirts for Take Back the Night and watch the movie The Accused, starring Jodie Foster.

So, You Want To Be A Dentist
Wednesday, Sept. 26
6-7 p.m.
Bate 2021
This program is designed for any student who is considering a career in dentistry. By attending you will learn about the profession of dentistry as well as the path to help you achieve this goal. We will share in detail the prerequisite courses that are required, admissions information and information about area dental schools. Preparation is Key and this program will give you the tools necessary to prepare well!
For more information on this and other activities, visit the Academic Enrichment Center website at www.ecu.edu/aec or call 252-328-2645.

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Hendrix Theatre-MS

Salsa Dance
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Willis Building

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

Women's Soccer
Campbell
4:00 p.m.
Bunting Field

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

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.

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

Women's Soccer
UNC-Wilmington
2:00 p.m.
Bunting Field

"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

Sexual Assault Display of T-shirts for Domestic Violence
6-8 p.m.
MSC

Code of Conduct Awareness Week Kick-off
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wright Plaza

ACHIVE: How to Eat Your Way to a Buffer Body
7-8 p.m.
Greene Hall Lobby

Night on the Prowl
6 p.m.
LWCC Gallery

Breakthrough Film/Discussion Series
Do the Right Thing
7 p.m.
Hendrix

Resume Blitz
9 a.m.-12 noon
Rivers Lobby

ACHIEVE: Make a Difference in Eastern North Carolina
7-8 p.m.
Jarvis Hall Lobby

So You Want to Be A Dentist
6-7 p.m.
Bate 2021

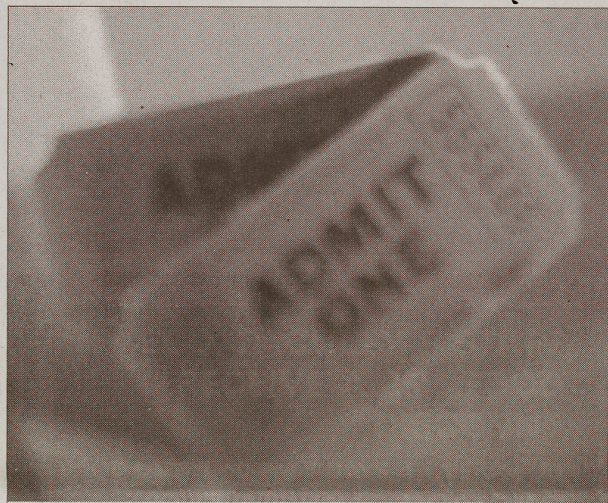
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College Hill



Free movie tickets available



New Student Union initiative set to begin

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Free tickets for the Greenville Grande movie theater will soon be available to faculty and students on Wednesdays by the Student Union.

Students will receive the free movie ticket after presenting their OneCard.

The movie tickets will be paid by the Student Union Film Committee's budget.

"We hope that these tickets will show students that we do care about them and are always looking for new ways to get them to enjoy events with their friends," said Stephen Mason, Film Committee Chair.

The Student Union Film Committee purchased 250 tickets. These tickets will be dispersed throughout the semester.

The tickets are not valid for all movie viewing. The tickets cannot be used within the first two weeks of a new release.

There may be more restrictions on getting free tickets at the discretion of the producer.

"Normally, our focus is to offer our services on campus. This prevents our students and patrons from having to travel away from the core campus facilities," said Jacob Tidwell, assistant director of Student Activities and Major Events.

The idea for offering these free movie tickets at Greenville Grande was thought of since

the Student Union will not have access to Hendrix Theater because of construction, according to Tidwell.

"This means that the student body may have to travel off-campus or to other campus sites in order to enjoy our programs and events," Tidwell said.

The process for these free tickets took brainstorming and then figuring out which local movie complex to use, according to Tidwell.

"The students involvement on this committee is absolutely essential, as it is their ultimate decision on what programs to offer and where to spend their student fee dollars," Tidwell said.

The budget for the committee starts with around \$60,000 at the beginning of the school year. The tickets were purchased with a discount, so it didn't cut into a large amount of the budget.

"The Student Union is proud to be associated with this initiative and the opportunity of how this benefits our student body. This is one small token of the many programs and events that the student body can expect from the Student Union this year," said Michael Caple, Student Union president.

The Student Union wants anyone who participates in any events to provide feedback.

"We depend on your involvement and creativity, so every student is encouraged to join the Student Union committees," Tidwell said.

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academic and student affairs, Steve Ballard, chancellor, Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student affairs and associate vice chancellor for campus dining and transit and Roeder.

Brockett also spoke during the convocation. Members of the executive branch, class officers, class council and shipmates were also there to represent SGA.

Brockett expressed thoughts about what she felt the students in the audience could achieve.

"I see you as leaders of the future," Brockett said.

Each speaker articulated their expectations of the student body to leave the university better than they came.

Some speakers expressed that it is up to the students alone to define the outcome of their academic careers.

"Each one of you are the architects of your college experience here," Sheerer said.

Surrounding oneself with diversity is another subject that Sheerer addressed to the audience.

"Please move away from your look alike groups. Find ways to meet and converse with those that are different from you," Sheerer said.

Tips were given on ways to succeed by Ballard who presented "Ballard's four rules for success."

The rules were go to class, come back for the second semester and fall, get your degree and learn how to be a leader.

"Find out what matters to you and where you want to go," Ballard said.

Ballard also addressed the topic of failure. He reminded the audience that they may fail at some leadership opportunities, but the experience can be an incident in which to learn and grow.

The event concluded with the audience members receiving a Weeks of Welcome commemorative T-shirt and a picture being taken of the Class of 2011. Students also got the chance to sign the Student Creed.

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SURVEY continued from A1

members at the ECU Climate Survey Town Hall meeting suggested including diversity initiatives in the curriculum and making it a requirement of students.

"Just mentioning it (diversity initiatives) at freshman orientation; the students will forget," said Jesse Battle, Mendenhall Student Center staff member.

"If we have it put in the curriculum, it will stay."

The results provided by the climate survey will aid the chancellor's diversity council and the Office of Institutional Diversity in addressing various areas of concerns mentioned by students, faculty and staff.

"I am glad that we were able to administer the survey and get some useful feedback from students and employees at ECU," Hardy said.

"It shows that the chancellor and the university are committed to diversity and to improving the climate where necessary."

Members of the chancellor's diversity council will meet later in the semester with various units and organizations on campus to discuss the survey results and necessary steps to begin addressing specific climate concerns.

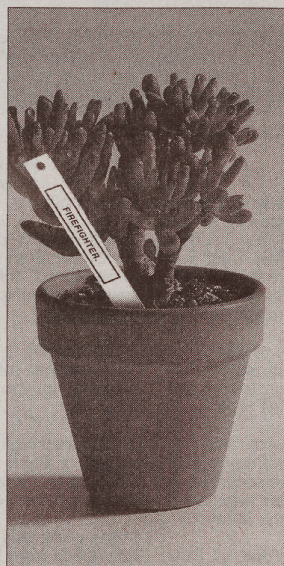
Students, faculty, staff and members of the campus community are encouraged to attend one of the four town hall meetings Thursday, Sept. 20 to review and further discuss the climate survey results. Questions, concerns or current issues are also welcomed.

"I strongly encourage everyone to please attend the town hall meetings on Thursday," Hardy said.

"Students and employees may attend any or all of the meetings that they want."

For information concerning the times and locations of the town hall meetings contact the Office of Institutional Diversity.

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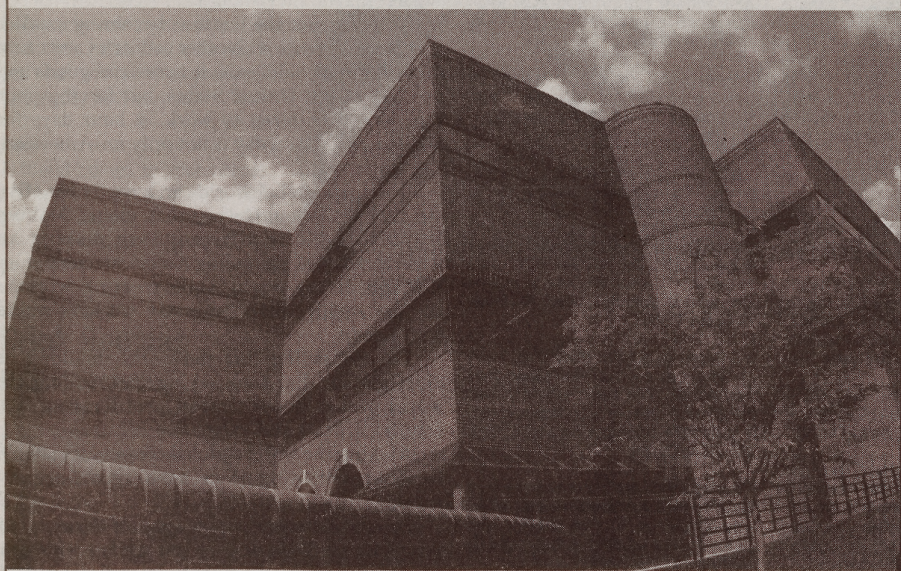
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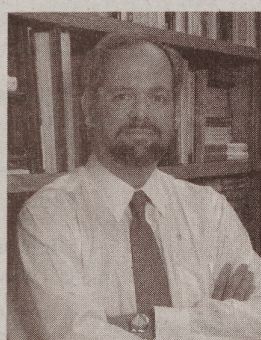
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Opinion

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The homeless vs. unrelated roommates

Attempting to understand the three unrelated-roommate law

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

I think my ultimate dream (save being famous and rich) would be to live with my best friends for a year. We would throw the best parties, become closer than we are and just have a great time. Unfortunately, for me, I have like eight near and dears that I would love to live with, and the city tells me I cannot.

Greenville is built around ECU and a majority of students are interested or live in houses near and surrounding campus. Alas, most of the houses near campus have either exactly three bedrooms or more.

The freshmen, who probably have not dealt with this law before, should understand. According to the City of Greenville, no more than three unrelated persons may reside in a home together.

This is an odd thing to think about when we have dozens of sorority and fraternity houses with way more than three people in a home. How are their circumstances any different from those who just want to live with a group of friends? Why does the city seem to want to punish us for this desire?

I can understand that they do not want us to live in brothels and live in squalor. Honestly, I am positive we are all going to take better care of a house than that.

A source, whom is going to remain nameless to protect their living situation, is living with four of their friends and they claim that the city is just trying to "protect their property value" with the law, but it is really hurting their reputation in the end.

Apparently, the difference between a normal house and a Greek house is that they are zoned as a "multi-family home" whereas most normal houses are not. Therefore, for those of you who live in those houses that are more than three bedrooms, you have the right to get it re-zoned since it is so big. It is unfair to live in fear of breaking your lease just because your house is not zoned correctly.

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A homeless college student?

The ongoing debate concerning housing laws in Greenville

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When I decided to attend ECU, I understood that I was about to set off on an adventure that would be rewarding, but also tough and sometimes frustrating. However, I was not aware that I would have to worry about my classmates and myself being thrown out into the street by the City of Greenville.

As you know, there is a housing ordinance, which states that no more than 3 unrelated persons are allowed to live in a house together. This does not apply to dorms, fraternity houses or apartments. The residential areas surrounding campus are composed largely of students, and the houses in that area are three to six bedrooms with multiple bathrooms. This is surely a better living arrangement than sharing a room with bunk beds and a hall with 50 other guys.

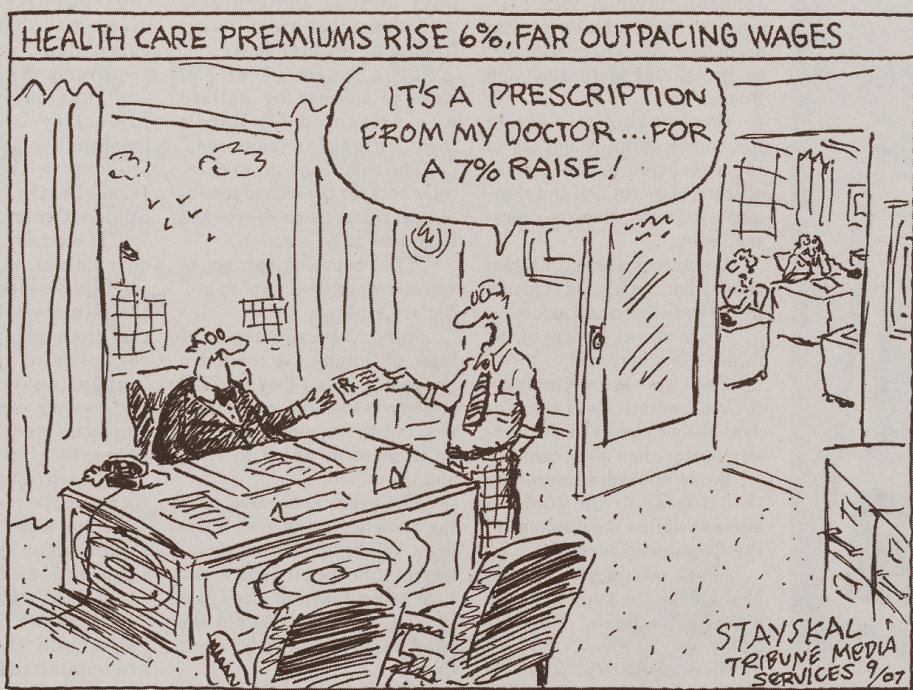
Nonetheless, the city takes it upon itself to fine students breaking this ordinance and threatens to kick them on the streets. How is this fair? Why can't my friends enjoy their five-bedroom or three-bathroom home and pursue their education? There doesn't seem to be a problem with the sorority house next door. This is bad policy, and it is putting college students on the street. I know of three separate groups of students facing homelessness at the hands of the city. Drug dealers and illegal immigrants have more representation than the average ECU Pirate, and I think it's time someone stood up for us.

So I'm asking you to help me, and to help the students that put Greenville on the map. Stand up for those being taken advantage of, and help us college students fight homelessness.

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I would really love to meet the person who wishes his or her life were a musical... because I feel the same way!!!

College Hill Suites is a nice place to live, minus the 2 a.m. wake-up calls from wasted students stumbling off the 'drunk bus.'

Last year I got pneumonia before the Southern Miss. game and this year I got bronchitis before this game...it's a conspiracy.

I struggled through the crossword in Thursday's paper... then I realized the answers were right below the puzzle.

Are my friend and I the only ones who play 'spot the slut' while having lunch at Wright Plaza? It's entertaining and it's very easy to play.

I'm an RA, and I really can't believe how stupid my residents are after seeing some of the stuff that they've tried to pull off so far.

For as much as I pay and will be paying this university, you'd think I could get a football ticket with a little less hassle.

I don't eat anymore because you won't pay attention to me anymore. If you're going to wear a dress out, please wear some underwear so I don't see your goodies!

My drunken battle wounds hurt so badly!!!

Why am I attracted to all the wrong guys?

My Thursday nights equal your weekend.

Is it bad that I want you to want me, but I don't want you?

I wanna make out with a guy in the library really bad...

Redheads make up a whopping 2% of the population in this world. Yay for minorities!

The apartment buses are way too packed this year...bring back the double buses!

Facebook stalking isn't fun anymore since everyone is set to private!

Whoever gave the go ahead for the construction crews to work at night on the Joyner roof is an idiot. I mean really, we come here to study, not hear hammers and machines over our head!

I wish I could just stop talking about people. I know it would make my life so much easier.

To the person that wanted another wave to go around the stadium at the football game this weekend...you're

welcome.

Yesterday I saw a battle going on between the guy dressed up as the Arby's oven mitt and the Wendy's girl out on Tenth Street. Just one question though: where the hell was Ronald McDonald? I feel like that clown could have taken them both.

I don't understand why people come to class and act like a jacka**. I'm there to learn and get out of here and if you aren't then stay AT HOME.

To the person who wrote the rant about Joyner, I cannot agree with you more! Maybe if the security guy up front did more than twiddle his thumbs, it might help the situation.

It broke my heart at the UNC vs. ECU game when some redneck Pirate fans were instigating a fight with two rather overweight UNC fans. They just came to support their team like you did. You're a disgrace.

She is so into you, give her a chance. Don't worry about what other people would think. Just make sure that you are happy. She is a WONDERFUL person!

There are so many things that people want in life, but just can't have... I hope you have realized that. Leave him alone!

To the guy I saw on 5th Street with a snake around his neck: That is a dangerous accessory.

Please walk on the right side of the sidewalk. I am not going to yield to your ignorance of the unwritten rule. Why is it the new fad to announce your relationship on Facebook?

I hate the awkward "almost trip" on uneven ground.

Am I the only one who feels fat when the chimes at Joyner ding twice?

First let me say that I am not a racist. I greatly respect people like Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Condoleezza Rice, and Barack Obama. That being said, I have no respect for the people fighting for the Jena Six.

To the girl who wore that skirt in Wright Plaza, if you have to hold it to keep it from flying up, it's too short.

I really don't understand the fuss about those six black guys being in prison. If you have a problem with the verdict, you're saying you don't trust our judicial system to function correctly, so get out of America.

I wear a size 9 in jeans, but I'm being called anorexic? Somebody clearly doesn't know the definition!

Dear professor that I can't understand, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU!! Take speech lessons, then come back

and try the teaching thing again... until then, can we take the rest of the year off?

To little miss I'm Upset My Boyfriend Went Downtown, don't yell at him via Pirate Rant. Confront him in person 'cause communication is key in any relationship.

If you're going to wear a dress to a football game, make sure it's purple or gold, not the opposing team's color.

If you are stupid enough to wear a UNC or State shirt on the EAST CAROLINA campus, expect me to slap you in the face.

I hate when girls allow their crappy boyfriends from home dictate their every move.

I can't believe Joyner Library is having a 'Video Game Night' Friday. If anyone wants to challenge my unparalleled Halo2 and Guitar Hero skills, bring it.

I wish the guys here would see me for more than just my body. Just because I look like I do doesn't mean I want to get with anyone, I mean, I'm still a virgin!

To people who think it's okay to talk throughout an entire class... please stop. It's rude, disrespectful, obnoxious and not to mention very distracting. Either stop talking or leave so other people can pay attention. Thanks.

Where does the money spent on parking passes go, because it sure isn't being used to make parking at ECU any better. UGH!

Earth you're a wonderful, wonderful planet and I'm going to be a better boyfriend to you.

It might be Pirate Nation, but I can still support other teams I like. YOU need to get over it when you see someone on campus wearing a UNC, NC State or Duke T-shirt.

All these girls who think they have to have sex so they don't lose their boyfriends...I've been with my man for 2 years and we aren't having sex! I guess it's because he loves me... BE JEALOUS!!

Why would you adopt from somewhere that doesn't kill the animals, when you could go to the shelter and actually save an animal that might be euthanized that night?!

My weekend at ECU starts on Wednesdays.

A whole year of being single, and now not one, but three girls like me. Is there some kind of god of love up there, playing tricks on me?

Globalization: problem or solution?

How a global world can affect your life

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FEATURES EDITOR

Everyday, Americans use products that were not made in the United States. When you get up in the morning, you could be brushing your teeth with toothpaste manufactured in Taiwan with a toothbrush made in China. Then you put on tennis shoes, whose leather could have been harvested in Brazil, sent to Hong Kong to be stitched together with thread made in Africa, then sent to Dallas to be shipped all over the country.

There's no doubt about it: our world is becoming increasingly more global, making the old adage of "it's a small world after all" even more accurate.

But is this globalization of the world a problem or a solution?

In 1999, hundreds of protestors in Seattle bombarded the place where the World Trade Organization (WTO) would be meeting. They blockaded the entrance of the building, adamantly refusing to let WTO representatives through to the meeting.

They were all protesting the spread of big corporations throughout the world, which many times use sweatshops and slave labor to get their products made and shipped to places like the United States. They held signs like one with an arrow labeled "democracy" pointing one way and "WTO" pointing the other way.

The WTO meeting was consequently cancelled, due to the amount and extremes that these protestors were willing to go through.

Big organizations defend their actions with the premise that they provide jobs to otherwise jobless areas, and that they give a better life that people living in third world countries could have ever had. Or, they just lie.

It's funny how large Americans corporations like Nike and Wal-Mart pay poor laborers pennies a day to make T-shirts and tennis shoes while the same companies lobby for raising the minimum wage regulations here in the U.S., or claim to pay third world workers more than minimum wage.

Human rights groups have been fighting for the rights of the ones who make toys and food in sub par conditions for practically nothing, and we all agree that the situation is wrong. Then we consume these same products.

Many people can agree that bringing jobs to poor people in underdeveloped countries is good, but what about the conditions that these laborers work in?

I think that few Americans really stop to analyze the products that they use everyday. I mean, they don't look at the box that their cereal comes in and say, "I'm not eating this because this cardboard was made in a sweat shop in Indonesia."

But maybe they should.

The fact that the world is becoming smaller may increase trade with other countries and cause alliances that could provide beneficial goods and services to the United States, but forcing poor women and children to work 12 hour days for less than a dollar a day is not only un-American, but inhumane.

Making a global world has its benefits, but the world should be just that: global. Making a global world is different than making an American world, spreading American companies throughout the world while treating workers far less equally than American workers would be treated.

I'm not saying that the world shouldn't be more global. But I am saying that making the world global doesn't mean proliferating one country's ideals and values.

Making the world a global community should be about promoting peace, equality and organization.

So next time you put on a pair of Nikes, buy a box of Raisin Bran or even use your toothbrush, you are experiencing globalization firsthand.

It's not just a problem for politicians anymore.

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JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I recently took a trip with my fiance and his family. It wasn't the first trip to visit his grandparents (which I love), but it was the first time I took the trip with his parents.

I was miserable the entire weekend. I sat in the back of the truck with his mom and the dog. His mom babies the dog terribly. I asked her to bring a blanket since I forgot mine, and she put it under the dog so that "Baby Bella" could be comfortable. She made rude comments to me all weekend and complained that we never come to see her since my fiance moved out.

On top of that, she asks every five minutes when are we going to get married? How do I break the news to my fiance that I really can't stand his mother, and would rather not visit her at all, ever?

Sincerely,
Mother-in-Law Mayhem

Dear Mayhem,

You should probably consider moving far, far away...just kidding...

Well, if that's not very likely or it seems a bit rude to you, perhaps you might consider having a talk with her, woman-to-woman, about how she made you feel during the trip. If you use only

examples from the trip, you can still get your point across while, hopefully, not making her feel like a witch. After all, you can't make an enemy of the second-most important woman in you man's life, post-wedding.

If you're not the type to go to an issue like a bull to a red cape, then you might try dropping subtle hints or steering the conversation in a favorable way toward yourself. How the heck did that blanket come to be under the dog instead of around your freezing shoulders? Think about asserting yourself.

Also, talk to you fiance about how his mother makes you feel. He's on your side and her side, so I know it can be a hard line to walk for him, but if you're not comfortable talking to her about it and you put it to him in a non-threatening way, perhaps he might intercede for you to smooth things over.

If you're not willing to do any of these things or don't think they'd be appropriate for your situation, you may have to learn to grin and bear it.

Not liking your mother-in-law is a story as old as marriage, but it doesn't have to be your reality. Besides, what's going to happen when (if) she becomes grandmother to your children? Now is the time to put your foot down and let her know how her actions and words make you feel.

Good luck,
Jane

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Horoscopes

Aries
Do a very good job for a very demanding boss. Interestingly, it looks like the worker and boss are the same. Or at least you have a lot in common.

Taurus
Everything seems to fall into place, and not a moment too soon. You'd just about reached the end of your rope when reinforcements arrived.

Gemini
You can find the money to get what you need, not everything you want. You should be used to this by now. Don't make a big fuss about it.

Cancer
You've been praying for the perfect person to come along. Be a little bit more specific. You could even run an ad.

Leo
By tonight you could be exhausted. It's always wise to collect the goodies while you can, however. Do an excellent job and gather great rewards.

Virgo
Conditions are good for romance and many other games. This could get expensive, though. To really enjoy yourself, you should know it's not all about the money.

Libra
Fixing up your place doesn't have to be expensive. Use those valuable "antiques" you've been saving up in your attic or basement or down at the storage facility.

Scorpio
You're getting smarter, partially due to mistakes you've already made. You don't always have to do it like that, however. Read the manual.

Sagittarius
Abundance is yours, as well it should be, after all your effort. You made it look easy, but deep inside you had a few tense moments. Stay cool while gathering your loot.

Capricorn
Your luck has just changed for the better. The road before you is clear. No stinking monsters will block your path. Well, maybe a few, but you'll quickly dispatch them. Charge!

Aquarius
Behind-the-scenes manipulation isn't exactly your style, but you can do it if you must. That's the way to get what you want now, without further silly hassles.

Pisces
A friend comes to your rescue, and just in the nick of time. With this assistance, you can finally reach your goal. After that, it's party time.

Drink Recipes

Polish Milkshake

Ingredients:
1 lb Frozen strawberries;
1 lb Frozen blueberries
1 lb Frozen pitted cherries
4 Egg yolks;
3 tbs Powdered sugar;
1 pt Milk; (2 cups)
Ice cubes
1 tsp Lemon peel; grated
1 tsp Orange peel grated

Directions:
Place frozen fruit in food processor until pureed. Place egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl; beat until fluffy. Add milk, beating until smooth. Add pureed fruit, beat until fluffy. Place 2 ice cubes in each of 4 to 6 serving glasses. Pour fruit drink into glasses. Garnish with lemon or orange peel. Serve immediately.

Gator Juice

Ingredients:
4 ea Peeled kiwi
9 oz Unsweetened pineapple Juice
¼ cup Granulated sugar
½ cup Lime juice
2 cups Sparkling water

Directions:
Place all ingredients into blender with crushed ice. Blend for 1 minute. Makes 4 servings.

Honey Lemonade

Ingredients:
1 cup Honey
1 cup Hot water
¾ cup Lemon juice
8 cups Cold water

Directions:
Stir honey and hot water over low heat until blended. Let cool; add lemon juice and cold water. Pour into iced glasses. The honey/water syrup may be refrigerated and used to make lemonade a glass at a time. To serve, mix 4 T syrup to 1 1/2 T lemon juice and 1 cup water per person. Pour into iced glasses.

Nothing to eat on campus?

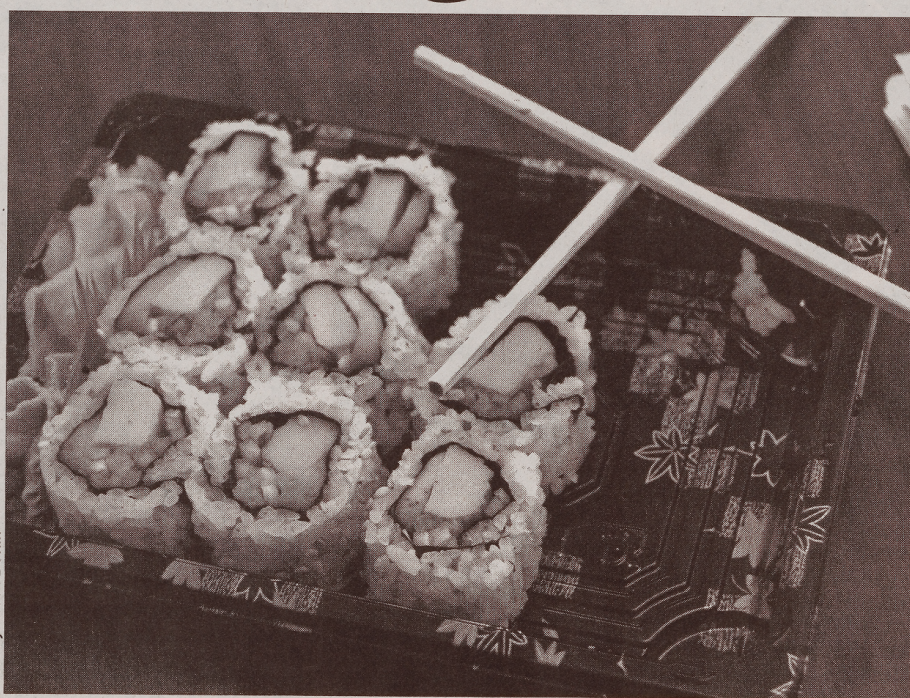


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Healthy options are available to students to meet their dietary needs, like sushi or all-natural Naked Juice.



Photo by Aileen Devlin

Students can find healthier options at many dining areas on campus.

What is Campus Living doing to Help?

ERIN EDWARDS
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Todd and West End Dining Halls, Reade Street, Destination 560, Wright Plaza and The Galley all provide students living on campus with a solution to their hunger. Whether you are looking

for a well-balanced meal, a light snack, or even something for your sweet tooth, dining halls and markets on campus are sure to have what you need.

However, students have different dietary needs, and while Campus Dining attempts to accommodate these needs, many students still struggle with actually finding something to eat.

In recent years, the dining services on ECU's campus have

attempted to satisfy all the needs of students who are vegetarians. By definition, a vegetarian is a person who does not eat meat or fish, and in some cases, any food solely derived from some animals, including eggs and cheese. Instead, a vegetarian's diet consists of vegetables, fruits, nuts and grains.

In order to provide adequate choices for students who may be vegetarians, ECU Dining

seeks to promote programs and options for those who choose this lifestyle. One program offered to students with alternative eating lifestyles is Just4U!

The "food that fits your life" program aims to promote the varying options for students and make it easier for customers to identify, select and enjoy meals that fit their individual dining style.

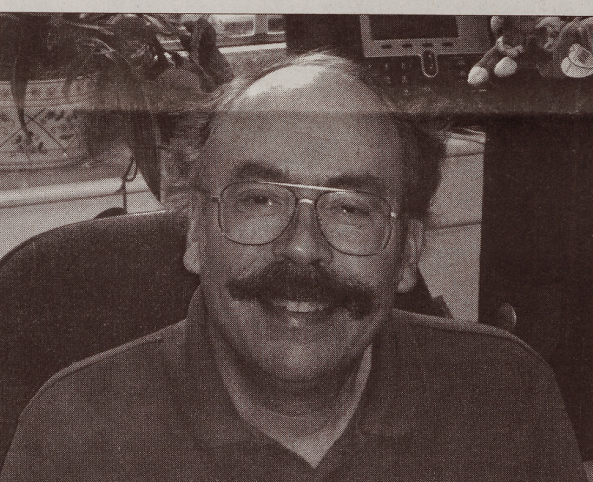
ECU Dining nutritionist

Janine Eubanks helps implement these programs for students, and provides a resource for the concerns, opinions and ideas that many have for campus eating.

"Vegetarian options have always been available on campus in addition to options that suit a variety of other eating styles whether due to medical reason or personal choice," said Eubanks.

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Professor offers students new outlook



Contributed Photo

Dr. Bunger gives students a glimpse into the worlds of far-away lands.

Dr. Bunger's classes excite students

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STAFF WRITER

If you are an Anthropology major, odds are you have had him as a professor. If you have been fortunate enough to have taken one of his classes you have most likely heard his enthralling stories from his travels all over the world.

This professor is Dr. Robert L. Bunger in the Anthropology department at ECU.

Dr. Bunger has taught anthropology courses at ECU for 37 years but claims he has loved the study of anthropology his entire life.

"I've always been interested in other cultures, religions, and parts of the world. I can't remember a time I wasn't interested in those things. I was interested in them before I ever heard the word anthropology," said Bunger.

Dr. Bunger spent his childhood in Portsmouth, Virginia and continued to live there while attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he went on to attend Northwestern University in Illinois where he eventually attained his PhD.

Today, he is a valued professor by his colleagues and students. English major Sarah Stebnicki took Bunger's "Societies Around The World" course and feels that it was very beneficial to her understanding of different cultures.

"I learned many interesting things in his class that I still think about now. It really opened my eyes to exploring different cultures and learning

about them. Dr Bunger's teaching and knowledge about the topics helped, especially when learning about tribes that he'd actually spent time with. It was beneficial to have a teacher with first hand experience in what he taught in class," said Stebnicki.

Dr. Bunger has experienced many different cultures over the years as he has traveled to eight different countries including the United States, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Austria, Italy, Kenya, and Taiwan.

Bunger feels that traveling is most interesting because he gets to meet people with differing religious and cultural viewpoints than his own.

"It's interesting encountering people who are devout believers in religions other than what I grew up with," Bunger said.

Courses taught by Dr. Bunger include Societies around the World, Anthropology of Religion, Motherhood of God in Eastern Traditions, and sometimes Asian Studies.

Dr. Bunger has devoted much of his life to studying anthropology and feels that it is helpful when relating to others.

"Wherever one lives, you're going to be in a situation that is multicultural and diverse. [Anthropology] helps you relate to cultural diversity," Bunger said.

If you have the opportunity, sign up for one of Dr. Bunger's classes. You are guaranteed much more than a lecture.

You will leave with insight into the lives of people you have never met and cultures you have never heard of, from a professor that devotes day after day to sharing these experiences with the world.

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Followers of the growing Paganism religion perform a spiritual ritual.

A glance at Paganism

A Broad Faith of Spiritual Exploration

CHELSEA CAMPEN
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When most people are presented with the word "religion" or "spirituality," it's usually a reflexive response to think of them within the context of Christianity, or maybe Islam. Since we are in the "Bible Belt," this is only to be expected; Christianity is part of the heritage of eastern North Carolina.

Alternative religions and spirituality are actually quite prevalent in this area, though those who hold these beliefs may not be as open, because many people misunderstand or have simply never even heard of them.

Paganism, sometimes referred to as Neo-Paganism, is one of those beliefs systems that usually raise a few eyebrows when mentioned. Paganism is, however, a popular belief system

to many who see it as an integral part of their lives.

Historically, the term "pagan" meant "country-dweller," and was used to describe people who lived in the country. Followers of Paganism have a deep respect for nature and the condition of planet Earth.

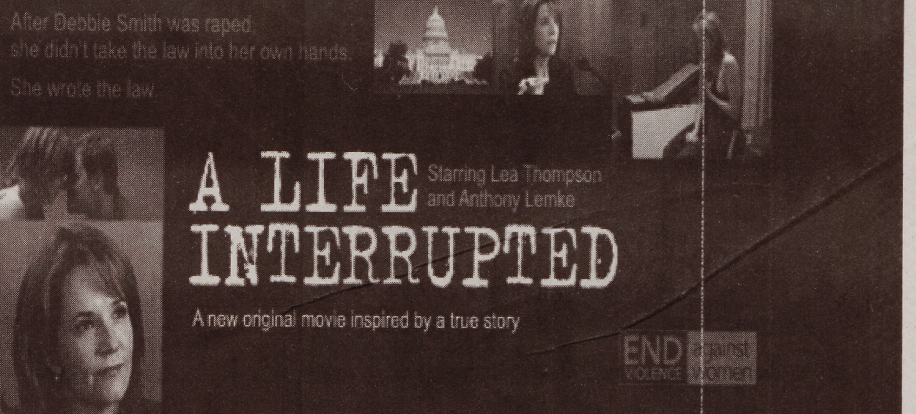
Some Pagans call themselves witches, while others do not practice magic or witchcraft. Most Pagans share similar holidays, which are basically celebrations of nature-centered events such as the change in season, planting or harvest, and the metaphorical meanings of these events, and/or the divine part in these events.

Not all Pagans have the same religious or spiritual philosophy, though they consider themselves to be part of the same family because of basic similarities and respect for varying views.

"Most Pagans also believe in some sort of afterlife, although it is not as structured as the

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Victim advocacy events



Debbie Smith, whose story was depicted in Lifetime movie *A Life Interrupted*, will be appearing with her husband on Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Sigma Sigma Sigma House on the corner of Biltmore and Fifth Street at 7 p.m.

Also on Friday, Sept. 21, Smith will be at Hendrix Theatre for a showing of the movie based on her life, and available for questions afterward.

These events are sponsored by Victim's Advocate at ECU. For more information about the event, contact Sue Molhan at 252-737-1466.

Cell phone plans for students



With the conglomeration of cell plans out there, students have many choices to meet their cell phone needs.

Taking a look at what works for students

VIRGINIA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It seems that today everyone has a cell phone, from teachers, students, parents or pre-schoolers. For every different person who has a cell phone, there's a different company, a different model, and a different plan. The bills never stop coming and every once in a while, it's worth taking a quick look at all the different options and making sure you've got what's right for you.

Most of the basic cell phone plans are remarkably similar. Most span from about forty

dollars a month to two hundred dollars a month (approximately), with essentially the same number of minutes.

"What makes cell phone companies and plans distinct are the customer service and additional features," said Sumer Jones, a Sprint/Nextel wireless consultant working in Greenville.

Jones is also a student at ECU and recognizes how hard it can be for students to deal with bills.

Most companies have student discounts in college towns that for the most part go unnoticed by student customers.

"It's worth asking about," Jones said. "The standard discount is about fifteen percent."

Other features change the

value of your cell phone plan as well. With U.S. Cellular, text messaging can be free for incoming messaging, but will cost you twenty cents for every outgoing message or, for \$15 a month you can have unlimited incoming and outgoing messages on your plan. U.S. Cellular also has terrific coverage in this part of eastern North Carolina, which means fewer roaming charges and dropped calls.

In comparison, with Verizon, for \$15 a month customers receive unlimited incoming messages and 5,000 outgoing messages (which averages out to over 150 messages a day).

AT&T, on the other hand, offers rollover minutes from

month to month.

Of course, everyone has different needs.

"I don't use text messaging," admitted Jennifer Powell, a senior Elementary Education major. "I feel like it would be a waste, so I didn't spend money on it."

If it comes down to technicalities, go to the stores and check them out firsthand — all have locations in and around Greenville. Their websites are very informative and helpful (and easy to navigate!).

Check out your contract and see how it works for you and how it doesn't, and if it doesn't — change it!

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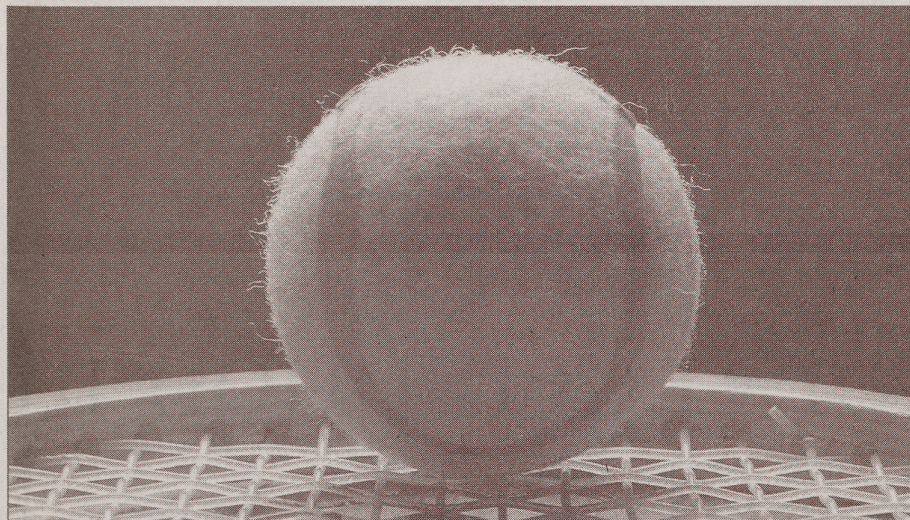
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Tennis Anyone?

Are you a tennis player looking for some court time?

Here are some options:

ECU Club Tennis

Tryout for the Men's & Ladies ECU Club Tennis Teams. A great opportunity to play other university tennis teams. Tryouts will be at the Minges tennis courts on Monday, Sept. 24th at 5:30pm. Interested players need to contact Wilson Sawyer at (860) 248-0100.

Tennis Ladder

Participate in a semester long tennis ladder. The program is run totally on-line and there will be 3 different tennis ladders to separate the different skill levels. Trophies will be given at the end of the semester. Ladder will start Friday, Sept. 28th and the fee is \$10 per semester. Interested players can e-mail dcta@downeasteta.org.

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"Campus Dining is always striving to promote healthy dining options that meet the needs and preferences of all our customers."

According to Eubanks, Campus Dining works hard to meet the individualized needs of students, whether they are looking for low fat or vegetarian meals. Any of these options are available to anyone with locations on campus, accepting meals plans, Pirate Bucks, cash, Visa and MasterCard.

However, some students are not convinced that healthy options are available on campus.

ECU student Ashley Arens believes that the dining services at ECU do not provide adequate options for students

who are vegetarians, and that much more can and should be offered.

"A lot of times they could alter a selection, like having certain types of sauce without the meat. If they just offered the same food, only slightly altered, it would accommodate me more, such as tofu or beans instead of meat, and maybe Silk [soy milk] instead of milk or dairy," Arens said. "Also, I have been trying to cut out dairy and lean more towards a vegan diet, but it seems almost impossible if I plan on eating on campus and not spending an arm and a leg to purchase separate food at the Pirate Market."

Students with alternative eating habits have an option

on campus, but according to Eubanks, comments and suggestions are always open. Surveys, comment cards, focus groups and contact by email and phone are always available options for students and faculty to tell Campus Dining directly what their needs are and what they would like to see change. Using this will enable the dining services to better serve the students and meet the needs and preferences of the customer.

To make a comment or suggestion, you can send an email to Campus Dining at dining@ecu.edu.

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Christian belief of heaven. Like many other religions, various different kinds of pagan belief systems have rituals and traditional ceremonies. Also, many pagans (especially Wiccans) may wear jewelry representing their faith, often a pentagram, much like Christians wear a cross to symbolize their faith," said Alison Williams, an ECU student who considers herself to be Pagan.

Williams stated that she believes in "spiritual being without the confines and contradictions of organized religion."

"I am drawn to nature. I believe that there are energies that exist within nature and between humans. I also really identify with Buddhist philosophy and beliefs," she said.

There are different branches of Paganism, like the Asatru, a belief system based on old Norse religion, Native American spirituality and Hellenic polytheists who follow the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece. Wicca is also a branch of Paganism followed by some, established in the 1970s and based on a goddess and god.

Some Pagans are true polytheists, believing in many separate gods and goddesses. Then there are some who believe that the gods and goddesses found in religions across the globe are just different faces of one supreme divine entity.

There is no book of set morals instated by a divinity within Paganism.

"One of the things I took with me when I moved on from that patriarchal dogmatic religious tradition is that Jesus Christ stated that humans are created in the image and likeness of God. This means that we all have within us a spark of divinity that, if we are still and listen to that divine spark, provides us with the wisdom, strength and courage to make the best decisions for ourselves, each other, and our world," said Lynn Caverly, Marketing Manager in the Division of Student Life at ECU. "Personally I follow a Gnostic spiritual path that is grounded in honoring the Divine Feminine."

A few common misconceptions about Paganism are that Pagans worship Satan,

put spells on people and are cultists.

However, Pagans do not worship Satan; a pagan who believes in Satan, or an evil force in the universe of Satanic proportions, is virtually unheard of.

"I feel that organized religions have created conditions that separate humans from [one] another. This is not our true state. We are all one. Unfortunately, we are living with the 'my god is better than your god' statements that are fracturing our world today. What the followers of major religious traditions need to realize is that the basic tenets of their individual gods, prophets and spiritual leaders all state the same basic principles—know yourself, forgiveness, do to others as you would have done to you, and above all else—live in love," Caverly said.

Although Paganism may be different than Christianity or Islam, it is a religious system that is respected and revered by many.

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CVU.Com names Wernert National Player-Of-The-Week

SID- After she earned Conference USA Co-Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors on Monday, ECU senior Kelley Wernert was selected as the CVU.com National Player of the Week for Sept. 10 through Sept. 16. This marks the first-ever national weekly award for an ECU volleyball player.

A 6-0 outside hitter from Hoffman Estates, Ill., Wernert led the Pirates to a 4-0 week and the George Washington Invitational championship, their first tournament title since 2005. Wernert started off her week on Tuesday, notching a school-record 31 kills in a 3-1 win over UNC Wilmington. She also added 10 digs, four aces and three blocks.

Then, in tournament play at the George Washington Invitational, the senior just missed a double-double against host George Washington, tallying 16 kills, nine digs and three more aces in the sweep. She followed that performance with 14 kills, nine digs, four blocks and three aces in a sweep of Howard before she closed the week with 18 kills, seven digs and two more blocks in a 3-0 win over Hartford. Wernert earned tournament MVP honors for her efforts.

On the week, Wernert averaged 6.08 kills per game while hitting .325. She also averaged 0.85 blocks, 0.85 aces and 2.69 digs per game. She is tied for first in C-USA with 5.09 kills per game average.

Skip Holtz to be featured on ABC/ESPN sports series

SID- ECU Head Football Coach Skip Holtz will be featured in a profile this Saturday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. (EDT) on a special ABC/ESPN sports series titled "Road to the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year," Liberty Mutual officials announced this week.

The Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award is unique in that it is driven by the fans. Fans can cast their vote at www.coachoftheyear.com starting September 6 through November 27. On December 5, finalists will be announced and fans can go online again until Dec. 15 to vote for a winner in each of four divisions. On December 29, winners will be announced on ABC/ESPN at 5:30 p.m. (EDT), 6:30 p.m. (PDT).

The annual Coach-of-the-Year is awarded to the college football coach who best demonstrates responsibility, integrity, and excellence on and off the field. Team records, player statistics and community involvement are just a few of the criteria reviewed during the selection process.

Well-known TV personalities, Kirk Herbstreit (popular ESPN College Football Analyst) and Keith Jackson (retired broadcaster, ABC Sports) will host the six half-hour "Road to the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year" specials on ABC (2:00 p.m. EDT, 4:00 p.m. PDT).

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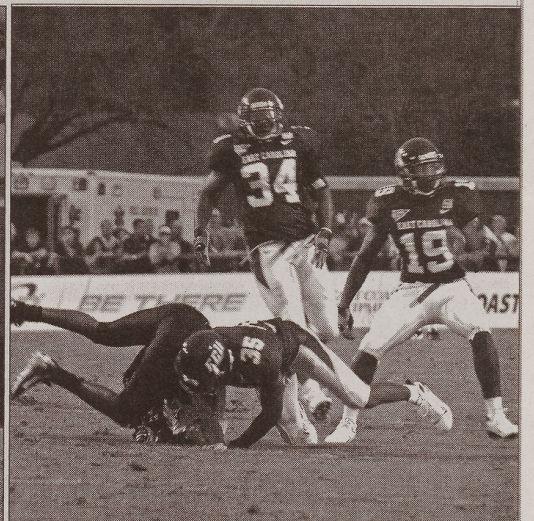
What area does the ECU football team need the most improvement in?

- A. the secondary
- B. the running game
- C. the amount of penalties

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

ECU looks for redemption in Morgantown



KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Don't let ECU hang around

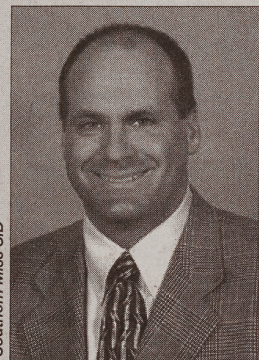
Under Skip Holtz, the Pirates have played West Virginia very well, despite being heavy underdogs. When the two teams met in Morgantown two years ago, ECU had the ball at midfield down only five points when time expired. Last season in Greenville, the game was within one possession until WVU receiver Darius Reynaud put the game out of reach with a 60-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter. The Mountaineers need to put the game away early and not let ECU have a chance of an upset like it has in years past.

2. Avoid the 'trap game' scenario

The Mountaineers are coming off an impressive Thursday night ESPN win over Maryland, and have a huge game at South Florida next week. The only problem is, they have a game in-between that is a classic scenario for an emotional letdown. Next week's WVU-USF game should feature two top-20 undefeated teams competing for a Big East and possible national championship, but in order for that to happen, WVU needs to focus on ECU this week and take care of business.

3. Use the speed advantage

WVU is one of the fastest teams in the nation. The Mountaineers have two Heisman Trophy candidates in quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton, an extremely explosive freshman running back in Noel Devine and a playmaker at receiver in Darius Reynaud. Head Coach Rich Rodriguez needs to use his plethora of speedy, explosive playmakers on offense, exploiting ECU's inability to stop the big play.



RODRIGUEZ

"They're very, very active and they pose a lot of problems. We've had a hard time running the football against them the last two years."

Pirates have long-standing history with West Virginia

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the third time will be the charm for ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz and his Pirates. ECU (1-2) heads back on the road to play No. 5 West Virginia (9-0) this Saturday at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown, W. Va., broadcasted on ESPN2. The Pirates have come agonizingly close to knocking off the Mountaineers since Holtz' arrival, suffering a 20-15 loss two years ago in Morgantown and a 27-10 setback last year in Greenville that was closer than the score indicates.

In last year's contest, ECU held WVU to nearly 200 yards under its season rushing average, and in 2005 the Pirates only allowed 127 yards on the ground. Holtz knows that stopping the Mountaineers rushing attack a third time will be tough.

"This is a game that has been hard-fought the last two years, as we lost 20-15 up there two years ago and played them very close here last season," Holtz said. "I know it's going to be a tall order trying to slow down their running game for a third consecutive year."

The dynamic duo of junior quarterback Pat White and halfback Steve Slaton has provided the Mountaineers with one of the best one-two punches in college football over the last two years. However, it has been halfback freshman sensation Noel Devine that has put the WVU offense in overdrive.

Devine, a Florida native, has provided the perfect compliment to the Heisman Trophy hopeful Slaton. Last week against Maryland, Devine displayed his full arsenal of skills as he racked up 136 rushing yards on just five carries. In comparison, Slaton amassed 137 yards on 26 carries.

"I have had the opportunity to coach our team against White and Slaton for the past two years" said Holtz. "I think they have great talent, speed and athleticism. If you add Devine to the mix, he may be better than Slaton, as he is averaging 15 yards-per-carry."

It's no secret that the Mountaineers like to run the ball and have great talent in Devine and Slaton. However, perhaps the most overlooked player in the country and also a Heisman Trophy candidate is White. He has thrown for four touchdowns and 436 yards, while rushing for 244 and adding four more touchdowns.

"Everyone tries to do things schematically against their running game," Holtz said. "What we have done the past two years is stick with what we know. We will have to play fast, run to the ball and tackle in the open field. More than anything, if you have a mistake in the secondary, it ends up being a long day."

"They have the breakaway speed that not many people can catch because they make you defend the whole field due to the option. We have challenged our players to play base defense but our secondary is not as experienced as it has been in years past, so our guys will have to step to the challenge."

In order to beat the Mountaineers, ECU will undoubtedly have to shut down the trio of White, Slaton and Devine. Until last week the Pirates seemed capable of handling such a tall order, but after a 28-21 loss at home to Southern Miss in which ECU surrendered 146 rushing yards, beating the Mountaineers can be compared to climbing Mount Everest.

"It's time to start holding people accountable" Holtz said sternly. "We are in the midst of discussing some changes right now at a couple of positions. If we can't create a winner three weeks in a row it's time to ask if we are playing with the right people."

Holtz believes his player's efforts do match the Pirates' record. "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," he said. "We have to keep pushing forward in our attempt to get better."

Even though ECU is coming off a C-USA loss last week, it doesn't change WVU head coach Rich Rodriguez' perception of the Pirates.

"They will play for the Conference USA championship, mark it down," Rodriguez told Scout.com. "This is a good football team, and one that will win a lot of games...they have the best group of athletes we have played all year. The way they played us the last couple years, it will probably be in the same vein."

ECU kicker Ben Hartman has had a rough start to the season, going 2-for-6 in field goal attempts. Hartman's misses have all come in the less than 40-yard range. Punter Matt Dodge has also had his share of difficulties. While Dodge is averaging almost 42 yards a punt, he has lacked the consistency that Holtz would like to see.

"I think we need to get more consistent on both sides because two out of six field goals is not acceptable," said Holtz. "Especially when all but one of the kicks have been inside the 20...both [Murphy] Paderick and Dodge will compete with Hartman for the kicking duties...we need to put that competition into our practice so that we can find out who will be ready to play against West Virginia."

Don't be surprised if a lot of new faces pop up in the game on Saturday. Holtz is dedicated to doing what it takes to win and if changes have to be made then they will be. The Pirates were looking at a 2-1 start to the season late in the third quarter last Saturday, but are now starting at 1-3 start for the second consecutive year.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, especially when it comes to winning.

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KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Contain the Mountaineers rushing attack

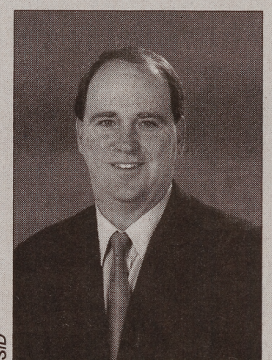
West Virginia is known for one thing, and that is running the football. Pat White, Steve Slaton and Noel Devine have combined for over 800 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns in three games this season. WVU is averaging almost 344 yards a game on the ground in comparison to only 157 through the air. The Pirates have limited the WVU rushing attack the last two years and a third is a must if ECU hopes to pull off the upset.

2. Improve the secondary play

ECU has struggled defending the pass this season. Last week against Southern Miss, the Pirates gave up 237 passing yards, including passes of 41, 38 and 28 yards. ECU currently ranks 100th in the nation in pass defense, allowing 275 yards per game through the air. The Pirates have to limit yardage though the air or like in the '06 game against WVU, it could be a long pass that ultimately seals their fate.

3. Special teams

ECU kicker Ben Hartman has only made two of his six field goal attempts this year. Most shockingly is that all of his attempts have been less than 40 yards in length. Punter Matt Dodge has averaged almost 42 yards a punt this year, but has been rather inconsistent. The Pirates will have to make most of their red zone opportunities this weekend and that could mean multiple field goals. Also, field position is always of most importance when playing a heavily ranked team such as West Virginia, so punting the ball deep into opponents' territory will also be important.

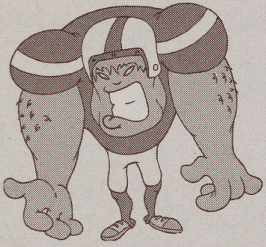


HOLTZ

"We will find out how we handle adversity and whether or not we are emotionally tough enough to deal with the caliber of our schedule."

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Chris Johnson breaks records, as well as ankles

Running back now in elite standing

GREG KATSKI
SPORTS EDITOR

Running back Chris Johnson has been making plays with his crafty footwork and electrifying speed for over three full seasons at ECU. Since starting in seven games at running back and logging significant playing time as a true freshman in 2004, Johnson has made his presence felt.

Johnson wasn't eased into playing time like most true freshmen, but rather started at running back in the second game of the 2004 season against in-state foe Wake Forest. Johnson made a huge first impression on then ECU football Head Coach John Thompson, running for 96 yards on six carries against the Demon Deacons,

including an 86-yard scamper. Johnson also caught the attention of current ECU running backs coach Wardell "Junior" Smith, an ECU alum who was the running backs coach at Louisiana-Monroe during the 2004 season.

"His first year here I was at Louisiana-Monroe, so being an East Carolina alum I used to just read the articles to see how the game went and I used to see a couple notes about a true freshman there," said Smith.

Thompson was released following the 2004 season, and Skip Holtz was hired as the ECU football team's new head coach. Smith was invited back to ECU as part of Holtz' coaching staff, getting the chance to mentor the gifted Johnson.

"At the time I didn't know I was going to be the next run-

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JOHNSON continued from A9

Running back Chris Johnson (5) finds a seam against S. Miss. In open space Johnson can be explosive.

ning backs coach here at ECU," Smith said. "I didn't really look into it [at Louisiana-Monroe], but getting here and working with him that spring [during practices], I was impressed with his speed and ability to learn the game. He's a kid that learns fast. You tell him something one time and he picks it up immediately. He's a very intelligent kid."

Johnson's versatility and football IQ has enabled him to be an integral part of the Pirate offense and special teams since arriving in 2004, and has led to conference accolades and some well-earned spots in the ECU football record books.

The most prestigious of records that Johnson now holds is ECU's all-time leader in all-purpose yards. Although Johnson broke the record in a crushing loss to conference rival Southern Miss, Holtz is still proud of the veteran running back. "I'm just really proud of him and happy for him, he's earned it," said Holtz.

Johnson views it as an honor to break the record of a legendary Pirate like Anthony Collins. Collins was a scholarship athlete with ECU from 1977-1980 and still holds numerous Pirate football records, including the most career kickoff return yards by an ECU player (1,939), yards per play in a season (7.34 average in 1980) and longest kickoff return (100 yards).

"It always feels good to set an all-time record. I just know Anthony Collins was a good player here and to break his record it feels real good," said Johnson.

Johnson almost broke another of Collins' records when he returned a kickoff 96 yards against Southern Miss last season, falling four yards short of the record.

"It just shows another thing to the people on the next level, to the NFL, that I can be versatile and I can do everything," said Johnson.

Johnson broke the record with 120 all-purpose yards in the game, but had a career game the week before against hated rival UNC. Johnson scored three touchdowns against the Tar Heels, with one coming on a 78-yard screen pass.

Big plays like this have become routine for Johnson. Smith, his coach and mentor, attributes this to the type of skills he possesses.

"He's more of a speed guy; slasher type guy," said Smith.

"He likes to compare himself to a Marshall Faulk or Reggie Bush, those types of players that you can line up in different positions and use their speed as an asset and make big plays...He's more of a third down back; throw it to him out of the backfield and let him make plays."

Johnson's accomplishments have not come without hard work in the film room and on the field.

"He's really made a conscientious effort of doing all the small things right and paying attention to detail," said Smith. "Whether it's coming over to watch extra film or being in the meeting rooms prepared with all of his supplies, taking good notes, being a leader on the field. Preparation has allowed him to do some good things to help the offense."

Johnson, listed at 5-foot-11, 195 pounds, has also made great strides physically as a running back since starting as a true freshman.

"He's a guy that loves to work out. He loves the game of football and understands that to be able to play the position

you have to be able to take the punishment, so he made a commitment in the off-season to stay up here [in Greenville] both sessions of summer school and work out two times a day to get himself prepared to have a good year," said Smith. "He's really made a conscientious effort of eating right and working out and trying to handle it like a business."

Johnson recalls his small stature as a true freshman, and believes that the game-day experience helped him to become a more versatile back.

"I think it helped a lot, because even with me coming in [to ECU], I was real small, so I had to be able to catch the ball out of the backfield and contribute on special teams, so I think that helped me big my freshman year," said Johnson.

Johnson currently holds the record for receiving yards by a running back, totaling 96 catches for 933 yards.

With his place firmly cemented among legendary Pirates, Johnson has set some even loftier standards.

"While it is Johnson's dream to play in the NFL, his mind will be focused on the task at hand with ECU. Even with the tough loss to Southern Miss, Johnson believes that the goals the team set out for this year are still intact.

"We're going for the 'state championship'. We've already beat North Carolina, so beating N.C. State will help us accomplish that goal; and then we're going for a conference championship. We lost a hard one this week, but it's still a long season and we've got a chance of being conference champs."

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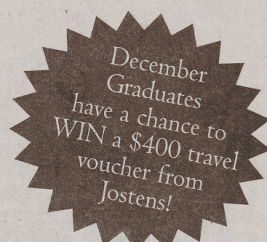
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- ACROSS**
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4 Galoshes
9 Tex-Mex order
14 A. Godfrey's instrument
15 Part of WASP
16 Puccini work
17 Yow, it's cold!
18 Action site
19 Performs an electrician's job
20 Umpire's signal
22 Catch a whiff of
24 Morays and congers
25 Braggart's excess
27 Traveler's tote
29 New enlistee
33 Staggered
34 Crossed
37 H.S. jr.'s exam
38 Designer Ashley
39 Temperate
43 Niagara's outflow
45 Easily attached accessory
49 Say again
50 Datebook
53 Bo Derek's number
54 Spheres
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58 Sort through
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- 8 Military muddle
9 Pull behind
10 For each one
11 Breakfast food
12 Threat ender
13 Mouthed off
21 Well-plumed bird
23 Biting insect
26 "___ Town"
28 Tycoon Turner
29 Rough tear
30 USNA grad
31 Aleutians or Grenadines
32 Shipbuilding wood
35 Dramatic signal
36 "Star Trek: TNG" character
39 Stable females
40 Teheran populace
41 Set aflame
42 John's last name?
43 Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
44 Hanoi holiday

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- 45 Nasty looks
46 Constricted
47 Moby Dick, maybe?
48 Annoy
51 Book of maps
52 Dufy or Walsh
56 Took the bus
57 Low wooden platform
59 Dud
60 Minuscule
62 Before, in poetry
64 Distress signal

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