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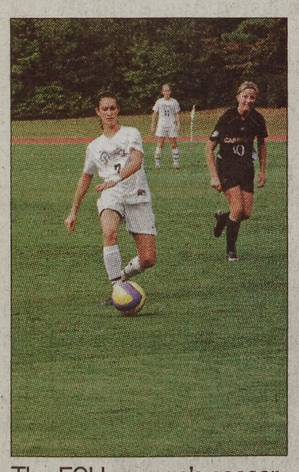
With presidential election time only a little more than a year away, students should be aware of the platforms all seventeen candidates.....**Page A5**

ECU found out first hand why, with the help of Darius Reynaud and other weapons the West Virginia Mountaineers are the No. 5 team in the nation. Turn to the sports section for ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz' take of the Mountaineers and whether there is a quarterback controversy at the helm of the Pirates.... **Page A8**



The ECU women's soccer team has always played very well at Bunting Field. Check out the sports section to find out if the Pirates could keep their strong play at home intact and sweep two formidable in-state foes this past weekend....**Page A8**

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week aims to teach

Speakers emphasize the importance of awareness

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Two new victim advocacy events highlighted Sexual Assault Awareness Week at ECU: "How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor: What Men Can Do," and "A Girl Interrupted: The Debbie Smith Story."

Hosted by the Office of Victim Services, the sexual assault awareness events are aimed at increasing violence awareness among men and women, against women.

Similar programs in the past have generally been targeted at educating women on personal safety tips and what to do if they become a victim of rape or domestic violence.

This year, men were given the unique opportunity to participate in the one-hour men's workshop, "How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor: What Men Can Do."

The program was held on Monday, Sept. 24 at Mendenhall Student Center in Hendrix Theater at 7 p.m.

The workshop is beneficial in educating men on how to help female rape victims recover from their experiences and in lowering men's likelihood of committing rape, according to Suzanne Molhan, director of the Office of Victim Services.

One-in-Four, an all-male sexual assault peer education group hosted the workshop.

The group's name stems from the national statistic that one in four college-age women report surviving rape or attempted rape since their teenage years.

"To end rape, it's extremely important to reach out to men," said Dan Mollison, One-in-Four group member.

"[To end rape] has to come from men choosing not to rape," Mollison said.

"This program is particularly good at awakening men to this issue."

Preceding the men's workshop, the annual "Take Back the Night" March was held at 6:30 p.m. at the top of College Hill, featuring One-in-Four.

"Take Back the Night" is an international march organized to unify men, women and children in the awareness of violence against women, children and families.

An important aspect of the march is the "walk a mile in her shoes" approach, where men literally walk in women's shoes, symbolizing the rape of female victims.

Some events for Sexual Assault Awareness Week began as early as last week.

The Lifetime TV movie, "A Girl Interrupted: The Debbie Smith Story," was shown on Friday, which depicts the true story of a woman who was repeatedly raped in the woods behind her house.

Debbie gave her testimony on the witness stand in court that during her rape, she began praying, according to the movie.

"My faith was greatly tested," Debbie said. "He [God] was preparing me to do exactly what I'm doing now."

Debbie began to boldly speak out against rape by telling her story to millions.

"I had to be the voice for those that were not strong enough," Debbie said.

"The movie was very powerful," said James Callaway, freshman recreational therapy major.

"Her struggle, her ability to testify and bring her life back, was the most powerful."

Despite trying circumstances, Debbie has become a crusader with intentions to help rape victims and to prevent others from becoming victims.

"If I let him destroy my life, then he will. I won't let him." Debbie said.

The movie illustrates experiences in which many rape victims have gone through that Debbie has had contact with.

"I have every hope in my heart that they [rape victims] will find their own strength,"

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Photo By Robyn McLawhorn

Sexual Assault Awareness Week included a workshop by One-in-Four, all male sexual assault peer education group, that aims to make males aware of how to prevent rape.

Campus radio hits airwaves on Monday

Staff photo

DJ Matthew Stephens spends his first afternoon live on-air during Rotay program

Disc jockeys return to WZMB

SARAH CAMPBELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For the first time in nearly a year, WZMB hit airwaves live from their Mendenhall locale beginning 8 a.m. Monday. After a rocky year filled with abrupt shifts in leadership and FCC violations, the station has managed to persevere.

The station can be heard on frequency 91.3 FM throughout Pitt County at all times. New Mediatouch technology allows the station to stay on-air 24 hours by selecting songs at random from the station's database.

The current staff is undergoing a major overhaul in restructuring the station in order to make sure FCC regulations are upheld.

One new standard includes screening the lyrics for every song for obscenities before they can become eligible to air.

"Every song in our nearly 12,000 song database has been listened to by someone here at the station," said Matthew McKnight, student assistant coordinator. "It's still a work in progress, but everything on the air should be clean."

Besides making sure that all on-air content is free of obscenities, the station has added diversity to the content by increasing the number of genres available for listening.

Metal, jazz, instrumental, indie, holiday, folk, country, techno, retro, reggae, rock, pop and punk are just a few of the multiple genres that are offered.

"We are changing our sound by adding more variety and popular music since that is what

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First Code of Conduct Awareness Week to be held

Students learn what rights thy have

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

The first Code of Conduct Awareness Week, sponsored by the judicial board of SGA, is being held this week to inform students about what rights they have at the university.

The Dean of Students Office and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities are also supporting the event.

The purpose of the event is to create awareness among the student body about the Code of Conduct and the judicial process.

Members of the judicial board feel that their organization would be the best group to present this information to the students.

"We feel it is somewhat our responsibility to educate the students about it," said Thomas Myers, SGA advocate for accused students.

Creating awareness of the rules that students must obey by will prevent students from violating the Code of Conduct and facing consequences for their actions.

The average student usually doesn't take the time to find out what the Code of Conduct states and what it means.

"The general student body doesn't know about the Code of Conduct. Most students that know are the people that get into trouble," said Abey Dessie, attorney general of the judicial board.

Students normally violate these rules because they are unaware of what rules they must adhere to.

The Code of Conduct applies to students at all times, whether they are on or off campus, because students are seen as representatives of ECU, according to Dessie.

Some of the topics stated in the Code of Conduct are covered in some classes such as libel and slander.

Other parts of the Code of Conduct should be common sense and addresses issues such as committing forgery, using illegal drugs, participating in hazing or vandalizing university property.

Most students are unaware that the Code of Conduct states that there certain procedures you must follow to sell your book to other students and that there are consequences if you fail to present you OneCard to a university official when asked.

The Code of Conduct states that not only are staff and faculty considered university officials, but residence advisors are also when acting in an official capacity.

To inform students of these rules, the judicial branch will have events throughout the week to get this information out.

A banner that states that students will uphold the responsibilities of becoming educated about the Code of Conduct and will follow the rules stated in the document will be available for student signatures.

Students will have the chance to sign the banner in Wright Place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Zeta Phi Beta sorority will show their support for the event by stepping in Wright Place on Wednesday, according to Dessie.

Flyers that give detailed information about the Code of Conduct, the Rights of an Accused Student, and the duties of the judicial board will be passed out throughout the week.

ECU's judicial board is one of the only judicial boards in the nation that is completely student-run.

The attorney general has the role of representing the university, while the advocate for accused students represents the student in judicial hearing. A panel of five board members decides on the ruling of the case.

To find out more about the judicial board, call the attorney general's office at 328-4052 or visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga.

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No food from sun-up to sun down

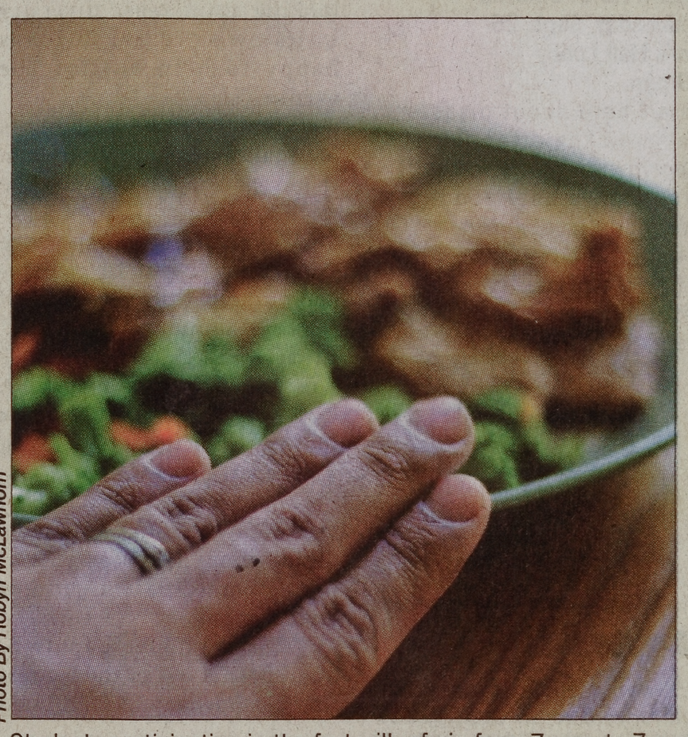

Photo By Robyn McLawhorn

Students participating in the fast will refrain from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fast-a-thon promotes diversity

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

ECU Student Union and the Muslim Student Association are looking to unify diverse groups through fasting together.

The Fast-a-thon 2007, being held Sept. 26, is an event in which students to abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset.

The event is donating over $1,000 to Islamic Relief, a charity recognized by the United Nations and American Red Cross.

"Non-Muslims can join the fasting Muslims around the world for one day during this month of Ramadan and see what it feels like," said Anem Waheed, Muslim Student Association president.

"Since Muslims fast for spiritual purposes and the non-Muslims are fasting for charity, having a personal purpose for the fast makes the day without food easier and really unifies the community," Waheed said.

The event is being sponsored largely through the Cul-

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PIRATE HAPPENINGS

25 Tue

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 328-2645.

ACHIEVE: Make a Difference in eastern North Carolina
Wednesday, Sept. 26
Jarvis Hall Lobby
7-8 p.m.
We all here about disasters that draw the attention of a worldwide audience, but rarely do we hear about the needs in our own neighborhoods. Come find out how you can make a difference right here in eastern N.C.!

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

Code of Conduct Awareness Week Kickoff
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

26 Wed

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

Sexual Assault Black and Blue
7-9 p.m.
Hendrix

27 Thu

Who Wants to be an Administrator?
12-2 p.m.
Wright (rain site: Bate)

Intro to Self Defense for Women
6-9 p.m.
SRC

Intro to Self Defense for Men
6-9 p.m.
Mendenhall

ECU's Voyages of Discovery lecture series
7 p.m.
Science and Technology: Room OC-307

28 Fri

ECU hosts Literary Homecoming
7-9:30 p.m.
Joyner

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

29 Sat

Multi-Cultural Student Leadership Conference
10 a.m.
MSC

ECU host Literary Homecoming
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Joyner

Women's Soccer Francis Marion
3:00 PM
Bunting Field

Men's Cross Country
ECU Pirate Invitational
All Day
Greenville, N.C.

Women's Cross Country
ECU Pirate Invitational
All Day
Greenville, N.C

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

30 Sun

1 Mon

The building and writing on the wall
12 noon
MSC Room 244 & LWCC

Resume Blitz
1-4 p.m.
Rivers Lobby

Taking Care of Business: Accounting
5-6:30 p.m.
Bate 1032

"I'm in the Closet, but I'm not coming out"
6 p.m.
LWCC

Featured Event

ECU's Voyages of Discovery lecture series
7 p.m.
Science and Technology: Room OC-307

Successful rush week despite Chi Phi bust

Chi Phi under indefinite suspension

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

There are 183 pledges involved this semester with the fraternities in Greek Life, a large increase from last year.

"We had about a 25 percent increase... we had a good rush," said Keith Tingley, assistant director of greek life.

ECU's Interfraternity Council (IFC) is using new Interactive Collegiate Solutions (ICS) technology to register members this year.

"We encouraged them to register on our ICS database," said Logan Johnson, treasurer of IFC. The database helps track members and allows them to post pictures and contact information.

During summer freshmen orientation, fraternities registered with Greek Life gave orientation sessions in the Mendenhall Great Rooms.

Steps like these helped produce five pledge classes with over 20 members this semester.

The fraternities also threw a band party at the bottom of College Hill with 5th Generation, a local band.

Many smaller fraternities received large pledge classes this semester. Regarding membership size, "we'd like everyone to be on a level playing field," Tingley said.

ECU's Epsilon Theta chapter of Chi Phi was involved in an incident that occurred on Aug. 20 that yielded 77 underage drinking tickets.

Michael Azarian, national executive director of Chi Phi, placed the chapter under indefinite suspension. Azarian's decision was released on Sept. 17.

Azarian's letter states, "The Chapter shall be indefinitely suspended of all activities and operations for a period of no more than four years."

Chi Phi's active charter will be taken over by the Epsilon Theta Alumni Association. They may request to be taken off suspension as soon as July 2008.

Former members are now recognized as alumni members and are prohibited from using the Chi Phi letters and symbols.

"I feel very good about the resolution, because the national organization came down and did a thorough investigation. I am confident that IFC will see the recommendations by nationals as an appropriate response to the incident." said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences.

Chi Phi was one of seven fraternities registered with Greek Life that did not own a house. The incident occurred at a house owned by one member of Chi Phi, rather than at a chapter house.

During rush week, fraternities that do not own a house were allowed to use sorority houses to perform their rush activities. This semester's rush week lasted Aug. 27 to 30.

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Debbie said.

"Her story makes me proud to be a girl," said Lauren Ray, freshman international business major. "I want to help with the walk in whatever way I can."

Debbie has also made efforts to prevent rape by contributing to the cause legally.

Debbie's name is attached to the Justice for All Act of 2004, which allows thousands of unexamined rape kits to be processed.

Resources to process rape kits were unavailable before this act. The legislation is signed by President George W. Bush.

"It took four years to pass legislation," said Rob Smith, Debbie's husband. "It was a timeless effort."

Debbie speaks without a fee at conferences all over the United States and Canada, and she is the founder and C.E.O. of H-E-A-R-T, Inc., a non-profit foundation established to aid victims of sexual assault.

"One thing I want people to learn is that one person can make a difference," Debbie said.

There are plenty of ways in which men can be the first to take a stand against offensive behavior towards women.

"When men are in a scenario with jokes or suggestive talks about women, not only do they need to get up and walk out, they need to say something," Rob said.

The issue of rape is not only a woman's concern. The issue begins with men as well. "This is a man and woman's issue that we need to work on [preventing] together," he said.

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tural Awareness Committee of the Student Union.

"I'm excited that we have administers and advisors whom are open and willing to assist with these events," said Joe Gill, Cultural Awareness committee chair.

"The Student Union is looking to increase diversity in its own events, so I was happy to help out for the evening."

Teachers and professors have taken a notable interest in the event and have spread the word to classes.

"There is so much more you can get out of experiencing something, instead of reading about it in a book," said Derek Maher, professor of religious studies.

"You see what is at stake for those who practice it, simulating it for yourself."

Some professors feel that this event will make students aware about the practices of people with different cultures and religions.

"Through participation, awareness is one of the biggest things students will gain," said Jami Leibowitz, professor of anthropology.

"Students see there are other people with these traditions."

Students learning about other cultures may strengthen their viewpoints of their own culture.

"Opening up students to anything, just to have them question their own beliefs, helps in the end to strengthen what they believe in," Leibowitz said.

The Fast-a-thon program will conclude in the Mendenhall Student Center at 6:15 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Ihab Saad, faculty advisor for the Muslim Student Organization.

Following the lecture, Muslims and non-Muslims will break their fast with a catered dinner.

Students interested in participating should email msa4ecu@yahoo.com, to let the Student Union and the MSA know they will be attending.

Sunrise on Sept. 26 will be at 7:00 a.m., with sunset at 7:01 p.m.

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Music is coming alive between ECU and Brazil universities

Study abroad available for music students

ALYCIA WENDT
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Music Alive is a new foreign exchange program at ECU involving two universities in Brazil and West Virginia University (WVU).

These four schools are working together to have students study abroad while working on their music degrees.

This program was originated with the help of music professor George Broussard and Paul Scea and Janet Robbins, representatives from WVU, who initiated the idea to Broussard.

Also helping Broussard out with the earlier stages of the program's development was Mario Rey, associate professor of ethnomusicology, who was invited to participate in the project about two years ago.

After the idea was developed, ECU received a grant to support the program. George Leies, coordinator of the Grants and Development Special Program at WVU, wrote the grant.

The grant was for $9,500 and will support the program for three years. After this time period, another grant will have to be awarded in order to keep the program running.

"Hopefully the connections we build with everyone in the program will last, and then when the grant is over we will already have connections,"

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CAMPUS 31
This semester students can look forward to an exciting new addition to the ECU's Student Media. Channel 31 will serve as the campus television station, providing students with a variety of entertainment from National Lampoon and Zilo networks. These networks provide a variety of comedy shows, interviews and spoofs on current events. The long-term goal of Channel 31 is to provide students with an outlet in which to submit work and gain experience. Students are encouraged to submit digital copies for consideration to be aired at the station's office located in Uptown Greenville on Evans St. in the Self Help Building, office 203 A. Those interested in learning more about Channel 31 can
e-mail Matthew Parker, general manager, at channel31@ecu.edu.

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listeners have indicated they want to hear in listeners' surveys," McKnight said.

Monday through Friday, sportscasts broadcast live at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., with newscasts following at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.

Also airing are a number of programs geared towards listeners' interests.

Requests Hotline 328-6913

Each morning beginning at 8 a.m. the Morning Z will be a live on-air talk show, featuring a DJ along with a variety of music.

At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Rotay offers listeners a chance to hear the latest chart-topping hits from the Billboard 100 charts, along with other popular music.

Students can take a break from the day with a soothing mix of smooth jazz, blues and easy listening at noon, during the Blue Note program.

On-Air Hotline: 328-5212

Public service announcements for non-profit organizations are aired free; students can drop by the office to submit a request.

"We are here to serve students as listeners and artists," McKnight said.

Students can participate in live broadcasts by phoning in to make requests for their favorite songs.

As the campus radio station, WZMB offers the student body a significant amount of resources.

WZMB offers students opportunities to learn more about radio broadcasting in aspects ranging from on-air material to production.

WZMB is currently hiring student disc jockeys as well as newscasters. No prior experience is required and students from any background are encouraged to apply. Interested students can contact McKnight at mtm0106@ecu.edu or call the station at 328-4751 for more information.

"I enjoy working here because it is good experience and it gives me a way to occupy my free time," said DJ Matt Stephens, sophomore communication major. " It's also a great resume-builder."

WZMB is currently located in the Mendenhall Student Center basement, but will be moving to the bottom of Fletcher Residence Hall during winter break.

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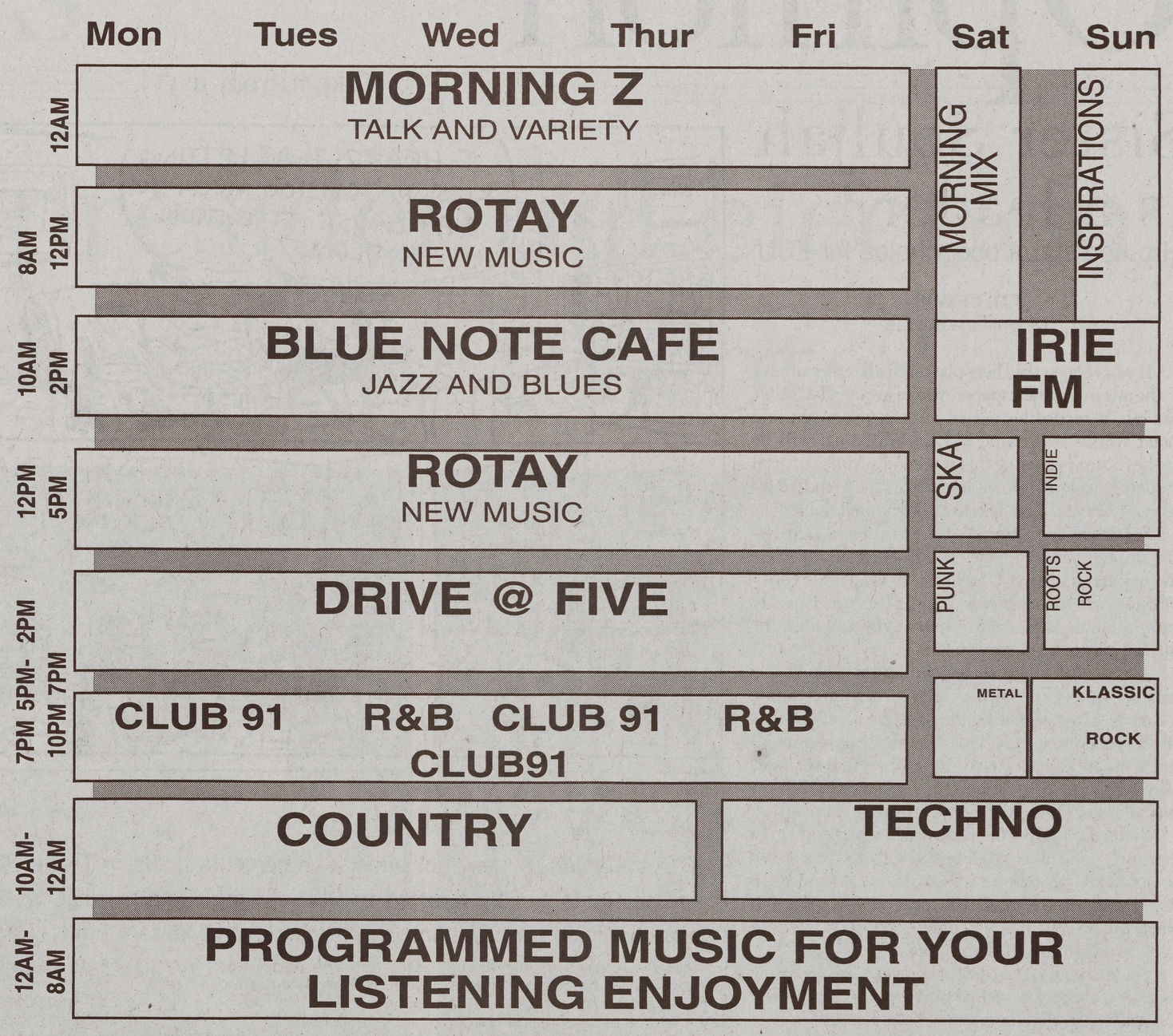

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Broussard said.

The Brazilian students will come to WVU and ECU for the fall semester and then the students will travel to Brazil for the spring semester.

Currently there is one Brazil student at ECU and three at WVU. Initially, there were two ECU students, but the other student will be joining in the spring because of a medical injury.

"These students will contribute to the learning environment by bringing their unique experiences back into the classroom," Rey said

For next semester there are three ECU students applying for the universities in Brazil: a vocalist, a percussionist and a flutist.

The two schools in Brazil are the Universidade Federal do Espirto Santo (UFES) in Vitoria, Brazil and Universidade Federal do Parnambuco (UFPE) in Recife, Brazil.

These two schools are about 300 miles apart from each other.

"I was impressed with the level of performance and musicianship attained by the Brazilian students," Rey said.

"The absolute commitment and dedication of these students to their musical development was blatant, despite the relatively modest facilities and resources available to them."

The Brazil students coming to ECU will take a full course load of classes like all ECU students.

The cost for students to go to Brazil is around the same cost for Brazilian students to come to the American universities. These cost includes tuition and housing.

Housing for foreign exchange students here at ECU is in Umstead Hall.

In Brazil, at UFES, the students will stay with families who are selected through the housing offices. At UFPE, students will stay in a dorm-type apartment with other foreign exchange students.

"In the other schools, there is so much different, but so much recognizable. There are quite different cultures, but a lot of the elements are the same," Broussard said.

There are also many of the same classes in Brazil as here at ECU. Some of these classes include theory classes or music history classes.

"It was interesting to note the diversity in educational perspectives as we recognized both the correspondences and contrasts between our music curriculums," Rey said.

The Brazil students coming here know how to speak English, and the Americans will take a foreign language class in Brazil to learn how to speak Portuguese.

According to Broussard, the foreign language classes in Brazil are very well done and students tend to catch on quickly.

Most of the faculty at both of the Brazilian schools speak English.

"This collaboration will improve learning opportunities and offer the possibility of experiencing a Latin American culture firsthand, enhancing the student's musical training and cross-cultural perspective," Rey said.

The coordinators of this program are also in the process of trying to develop a virtual classroom.

Jorge Richter, a Brazil native and Director of ECU's Symphony Orchestra, traveled to Brazil this summer with Broussard and wants to use ECU's distance education technologies to have an interactive music class with the Brazil universities.

This would also involve using the new recording studio at Fletcher Recital Hall and ECU's Global Classroom.

"We want to bring in as many students as possible and learn as much as possible," Broussard said.

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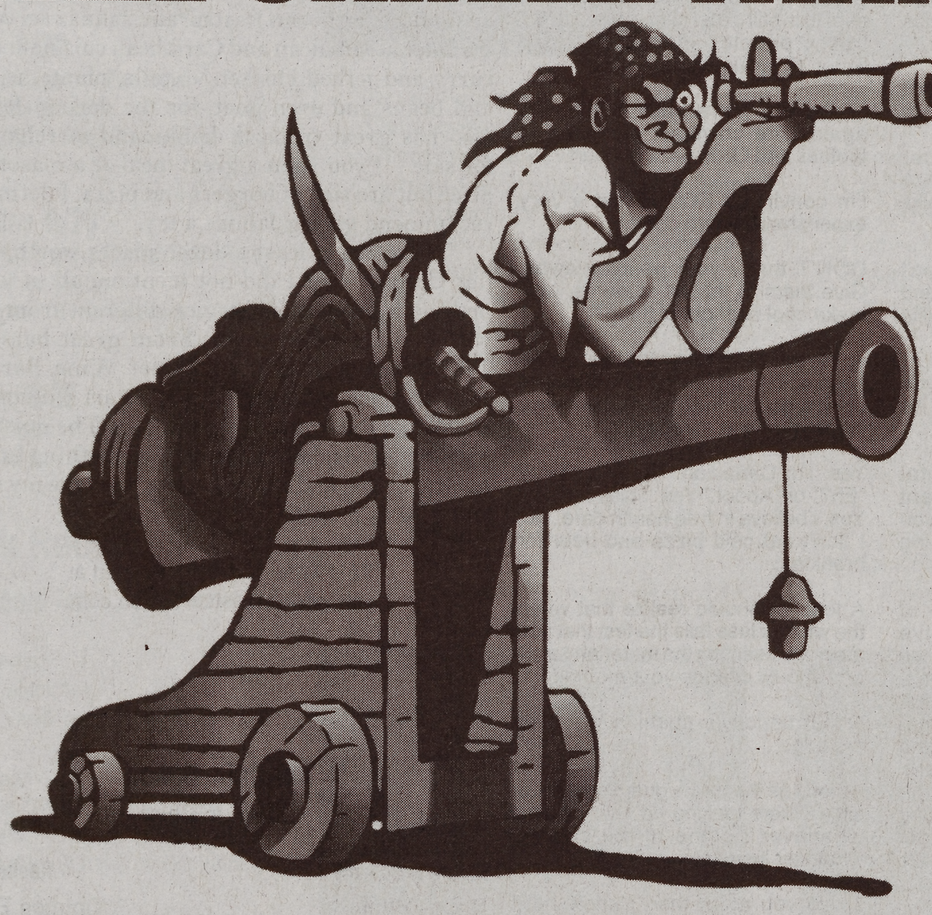

OCTOBER 4, 2007
ONE FAIR IN TWO LOCATIONS!*

Health Career Fair
10AM-2PM
Health Sciences Bldg.
ECU, West Campus, 5th Street

All Majors Fair
10AM-2PM
Greenville Convention Center
303 SW Greenville Blvd. (next to the Hilton Hotel)

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY THE CAREER CENTER
"Helping Pirates Achieve Success"

Visit www.ecu.edu/career/ for a list of employers who will be attending the fair.
*Shuttle transportation will be provided from campus throughout the duration of the fairs.
Pick up/drop off will begin at 9:45am from the following locations: MSC, Rivers & 10th Street.

Taking Care Of Business

Come learn more about the different majors and concentrations offered by the College of Business.

Socials will be held after presentations. Pizza and sodas will be provided.

Accounting:
Monday, October 1st
5 – 6:30pm
Bate 1032

Finance:
Tuesday, October 2nd
5 – 6:30pm
Bate 1032

MIS:
Monday, October 8th
5 – 6:30pm
Bate 1032

Marketing and Supply Chain Management:
Tuesday, October 9th
5 – 6:30pm
Bate 1032

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Wednesday, October 10th
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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY
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{ Take it from us... }

Sister Souljah is a leader?

Hip-hop star a poor choice for ECU

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OPINION WRITER

If you've seen the fliers plastered all over campus, or the ads in this newspaper, you're aware that Sister Souljah, a recording artist, author, producer, and racist whose real name is Lisa Williams, will be the keynote speaker at this weekend's Multicultural Student Leadership Conference in the Mendenhall Student Center. Was David Duke not available?

What's next? Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addressing the next meeting of Hillel? How about Jesse Helms headlining the next B-GLAD event? Neither one makes a whole lot of sense. Equally unfathomable is Sister Souljah keynoting a multicultural leadership conference.

Multiculturalism is defined as the idea that a society, notably one with a high rate of immigration, is enriched by celebrating the separate contributions of its component cultures. To me that means all cultures, and, for better or for worse, that includes we white folk. Yes, we have our bad apples, but for every David Duke, there's an Abraham Lincoln.

Sister Souljah came to national attention when then presidential candidate Bill Clinton criticized her remarks on race in a May 1992, Washington Post interview. Souljah was quoted as saying, "If black people kill black people every day, why not have a week and kill white people?"

Souljah has also been quoted as saying, "I'm not saying there aren't any decent white people; I've just never met one."

Are these the comments of the leader?

To her credit, Sister Souljah has done a lot of good work for homeless and other disadvantaged youth in the black community through camps and other educational programs. She has rallied against racially-motivated crimes—ironic given her remarks against the white race—and police brutality. Such activities are admirable, but is it admirable to sow the seeds of hate as well?

I don't know whose idea it was to invite Sister Souljah to ECU, but surely someone who truly embraces multiculturalism could have been found. We have many fine professors from all over the world, who are excellent role models, right here on our campus. Probably at least one of them would have been glad to speak if asked.

On her website, Souljah claims that "many people attempt to silence" her "powerful voice" because "a young influential woman who has achieved so much, yet remains down to earth, can be quite intimidating."

No, but when someone calls for a week-long killing spree of members of your race and is embraced as a leader, it can be a little unsettling.

Remember, Hitler was a leader too.

Sources include sistersouljah.com and the New York Times.

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Ever wanted your own military?

Well now you can have it, for a price

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

The idea is taken straight from a futuristic war movie: the premise is mercenaries, who work for the highest bidder. These gun-for-hires travel under the guise of security detail and work without rules, protected by those who employ them.

While the notion is unsettling, such people do exist and they are currently operating overseas. Some place the number of mercenaries working in Iraq well into the tens of thousands, while some reports list figures of at least one hundred thousand contract workers.

Do not think that Blackwater, a private security firm, is a recent coming to the war in Iraq, as they have been in action for years. Reports from the beginning of the Iraq war place the North Carolina based private security firm in the country. It is only of late that its name has made headlines again, with two notable inquiries (and counting) as you read this article.

The first to arise was a shooting that took place Sept. 16, in which numerous civilians including women and children were shot and killed. Witnesses to the shoot-out relayed that Blackwater acted unprovoked and out of cold blood, whereas Blackwater's spokesperson described the contract workers as having "heroically defended American lives in a war zone."

The incident caused a visible stir as evidenced when Iraq's Prime Minister Maliki called for a halt in Blackwater's presence in the country. Of course, this did not last long, for less than four days later, Blackwater was back on the street. It would seem the security force is more of a crutch than originally thought.

With its position in Iraq secured, all seemed well for the security firm until auditors for Blackwater's weapons caches found enough sound evidence to file smuggling charges. As if their $600-a-day pay (tax free up to their first $75,000) was not enough, some have taken it upon themselves to make a little more on the side through illegal arms deals. While I am not that up-to-date on the going rate of an M-16, I do not think the average American would like to know rifles are being sold into the hands of the enemy.

But before anyone gets the bright idea of pressing charges or suing Blackwater, let me warn you that it is not that simple. Iraq cannot prosecute them as the US flies these "professionals" out of the country after any questionable incident arises. Then, once back in the States, the US government turns down any charges against them, because the cases might reveal classified information relating to the war.

As always, while some might not support the idea of the war in Iraq, Americans are always asked to at least support those who are overseas. That is fine by me, but I will take my troops the old-fashioned way; fighting for the country and not for the pocket.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Professors, please stop making guest lectures mandatory. I was appalled at how many students left in the middle of the Cristina García lecture on Thursday. The fact that she even commented about the people 'scurrying out' was embarassing. I would rather those people not show up then be disrespectful.

I like my out-of date iPod Shuffle. It has a sense of humor. I was walking back home in the rain today and just as it started pouring, "Who'll Stop The Rain?" came on. Fancy that.

I was standing at the corner of 10th and Elm in the pouring rain today, and this guy stopped his car and let me cross, even though he had a green light and made like 15 cars behind him wait just so I could get home and out of the rain a little sooner. Something so simple and still so nice. Thank you so much!

I will wear my Duke shirt whenever and wherever I want. If you don't like that, I'm not sorry. You can transfer.

Why is MLK always the first and only influential black person mentioned or honored when someone tries to prove they're not racist?

Like it or not, a noose in a tree is an offensive form of free speech; while the beating of a student by others is a crime. We need to move on...

To the girl who feels guys just want you for your body. Yeah, I'm the guy who wants more than just a nice body.

Stop brown-nosing the teacher, it's not getting you any extra credit points, and it's really sickening to listen to.

You know you are a freshman if you walk in the chimes by Joyner Library trying to get a good beat going.

Really, who cares what team someone is supporting here!? Yes, they may go here, but that doesn't mean that their favorite team has to be ECU! If you had to attend your favorite school just to be accepted by your peers, well then, not a lot of people would be in school!

If six white students beat up one black student, do you think it would be considered racist?

I'm what you call "Man-Pretty."

It still pisses me off that the one time my Pirate Rant was used for Rant of the Day, the paper wasn't published.

Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson are suppressing black people and they don't even know it.

You keep trusting the American government, and you are going to be living in a cardboard box with a barcode slapped across the back of your neck.

Please do not smoke where I breathe. I choose to not die of cancer.

To the guy who gave his seat up on the Exchange Bus...THANK YOU, you made my day! There should be more gentlemen like you in the world!

To the person bashing the Humane Society: Everyone should get their pets from a shelter of some sort, that really goes without saying. But it's important to support no-kill shelters; they often take the dogs that other animal shelters would put down without hesitation. Plus, I know that the Humane Society of Eastern NC often fills their cages with animals from Pitt County Animal Shelter, so when you adopt from HSEC, you save two animals for the price of one.

My dog loves my boyfriend more than he loves me and it hurts my feelings.

There's something sexy about a 4.0!

I waste hours of my day walking to, waiting for, and riding on the bus. There has to be a better way.

You're fun now, but soon, you'll start getting on my nerves...sorry!

People get stabbed at North Campus Crossing. Don't be alarmed, the stabber still lives here.

Fix your own problems before you try to fix mine.

Dear BFF, your boyfriend sucks. Just thought you might like to know!

I love getting tagged!!!

I'm obsessed with the Bud Light commercials.

The biggest racist in the world: Rev. Al Sharpton.

I thought we've been through this! I'm not interested, so please, stop following me around campus!

I'm scared of my beta fish.

It's not that I don't enjoy your company, but letting you hang around is giving you the wrong idea.

I love all of the cute skateboarders that ride down Jarvis past my house every day.

You miss class because you walk past a Domino's booth that is giving away free pizza.

You know when ECU gets more money when they redo the sidewalks with bricks.

I didn't pee in your cornflakes so don't take it out on my turkey, tomato and mustard wrap. Your bad attitude ruins my sandwiches.

You know you're in college when you get your first test grade back and it's lower than the class average.

Even if you go to the hospital [because you're] dying, Student Health Services still won't give you a note excusing you from missing class.

I am sick and tired of people of "other religions" being passive and saying, "Well, we all believe in the same God." No, we don't. Furthermore, Jesus was not just a good man, He was the Son of God. He's the only way to heaven, and good works do not take you there. Believing that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and committing your life to God is the only way to get to heaven. And no, I'm not religious. I'm faithful.

To my ex-boyfriend: I know you cheated on me when we were together, but the best part about it is that you don't know that I cheated on you. I know about all the lies you told me; the ones I called you out on and the ones I didn't. Thanks for the most regrettable two and a half years of my life.

You should just break up with your girlfriend and date my roommate. Y'all are perfect together anyway, considering you're best friends. Trust me, she won't nag you 24/7 like you're used to.

I just got a zombie invite. :-(

Last time I checked, the library isn't a place for your sorority to have social hour. I realize you have mandatory study hours but maybe you should use that time to actually open a book instead of annoying everyone else in the library that actually goes to study.

I live in a crack house.

It's so rad that the student store carries Fruit Stripe gum!

I love being your friend, don't get me wrong, but you and I know we mean more to each other than that. Why torment me?

This is America. We walk on the right side of the sidewalk.

I wrote this to prove to you that I'm worth something.

If only you would give me a chance, it would be different, and you would never regret it.

I am so excited about the new Dippin' Dots!! Who needs Cold Stone when you got 'ice cream of the future?!'

It's not because of the weather down here that your nose is always runny and red. It's because you do cocaine.

The beef jerky at Destination 360 gave me food poisoning.

Thanks for the eggs on my car, it really added a little something.

Calling it 'clubbing' doesn't make it cool. It is still JUST Greenville, JUST trashy people, and JUST cheap liquor. Grow up and get a life.

Looks like we're back in the 90s again. The cowboys are good in football and OJ is back in court.

I'm convinced ECU is just a very expensive daycare center.

DON'T throw your pennies away. Give them to the art students, we'll make cool stuff out of them!!

To the people who like to stand on the edge of the curb as the bus is pulling up: it's gonna hurt when the mirror slaps your face one day.

Yes, I'm Canadian. No, I don't say "Eh?" or "Aboot." Yes, I play hockey. Yes, I believe in free health care. No, I don't eat cold pizza and beer for breakfast.

A teacher should realize that when the whole class fails the test that you are not presenting the material clearly and should change your methods.

Construction is pushing me over the edge.

As long as the library guard continues sitting there looking hot and smiling whenever I come in, he can do whatever he wants.

I love you more than I know how to say.

My puppy is getting "fixed" next week, and I'm kind of sad because she would have the cutest durn puppies EVER.

To all the rude people who use my yard as a shortcut to and from class: First of all, why do you think it's OK for you to wander all over my property? Second, both of my dogs crap all over the place and I really hope you've stepped in it.

The screen savers in the library are hilarious.

Uptown Greenville in transition

Attractions for those looking for something a little different

OPINION WRITER
JUSTIN SUMMERS

Follow the road less traveled. Many of you have heard this quote. Some of you may have even read the poem. In this article I am trying to convince you to do just that. Not in some preachy metaphorical way, I actually want to go to a road and perhaps enjoy some things you won't find elsewhere in Greenville. Evans Street is the road; Uptown Greenville is the place.

I have lived on this road in Uptown Greenville for the past year, and in that short period of time, I have seen a transition. Once the focal point of business and social activity in Greenville (in the 1950's), the area was more or less left to rot until recently.

I can remember freshman year, when the only signs of life Uptown were a few shops and a couple of bums. Funding for the area ran out and the transition began to move to Greenville Boulevard and Red Banks Road. As most of you know, Greenville Boulevard and areas west of it are now a traffic nightmare, and because of that, I think many business owners are seeing an opportunity for growth in the historic part of town. There are a wide array of businesses new and old that are worth visiting in Uptown Greenville and in this article I will tell you about a few of my favorites.

The newest establishment to pop up on Evans Street is called "Hookah Haze" and it is as far as I know the only hookah bar in town. For those of you who don't go out and drink but still want to do something fun, this is a great alternative. Far different from any other hookah bar I have seen, Haze is not as relaxed and chill as one may think. Sure the majority of the time it is laid back and mellow, but many times the atmosphere is high energy music, dancing and all around enjoyment. The inside is very clean and comfortable with a good sound system and plenty of couches to sit on while you puff on any of their choice tobaccos. Hookah Haze is already gaining in popularity on campus and if you're smart you'll give it a try.

Another great spot Uptown is called Acacias Tipsy Teapot. The Tipsy Teapot is a used bookstore that offers great deals on books and food as well as a quiet friendly atmosphere in which to study or read a book. The cuisine offered at the Teapot ranges from great salads and vegetarian items to lasagna and philly cheese steaks. My personal favorite is the vegetarian nachos, with a glass of black currant iced tea. The Tipsy Teapot like the rest of Uptown has wireless Internet connection outlets to plug in your laptop.

Not to forget my favorite neighbors, another next recommendation for lunch or dinner has to be Jahnaz Caribbean Restaurant. Jahnaz serves up traditional Jamaican and Caribbean cuisine such as curry and jerked chicken, oxtails, plantains, rice and beans and even goat, for the daring. Jahnaz also has great tropical drinks and merchandise for sale. If you want a great meal at a reasonable price but are sick of burgers and pizza, I definitely recommend giving Jahnaz a try.

There are at least a dozen places worth visiting Uptown that I did not mention, all of which provide a product or service different from anywhere else around town. From great bars like The Green Lantern, 4th Street Wine Bar and soon-to-open 5 Points Tavern; to art studios and shops like Emerge and Ripple City. The quiet and friendly atmosphere Uptown is something unique to Greenville, and I hope each of you take my word and give us a visit.

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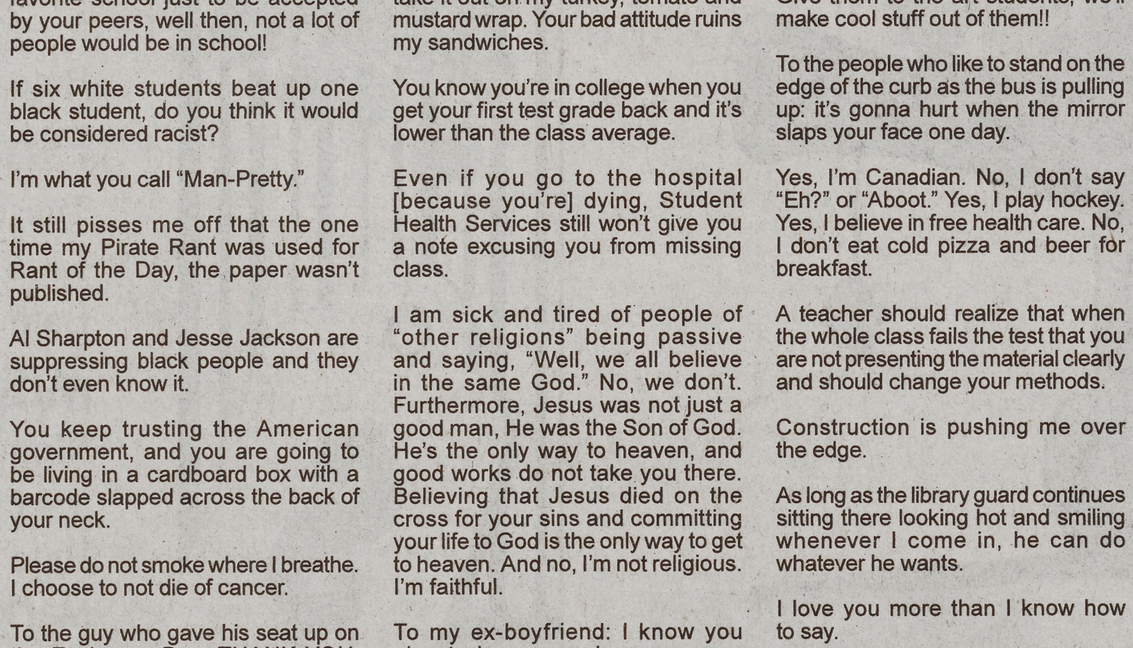


Features

{Campus Scene}

Horoscopes

Aries
There's a lot to think about. Don't rush into anything. Indications are the information you're looking at now has errors. Don't gossip, either. Wait to see what develops.

Taurus
You're pretty smart, especially when it comes to spending money. Don't ever assume that somebody else can do the job better than you can.

Gemini
Don't lose your temper, even if someone who outranks you is wrong. Stupidity happens to all of us at one time or another. Don't do anything stupid yourself.

Cancer
It's not a good day to travel but it's OK for making plans. Scratch a lot of destinations off your list before you choose.

Leo
More planning is required. Luckily, you're in the mood. Start with a list of all the barriers that are in your way. Keep your objective in mind.

Virgo
Don't expect to get much done today. There's too much chaos going on. Advise your partner not to go off on an authority figure.

Libra
Postpone an outing; don't run away from a difficult situation. You'll have to work hard and think quickly. Your participation is required.

Scorpio
As you outline your fantasies, be aware that many of them will not come true. It can be quite an eye-opener.

Sagittarius
All is not well at home. Changes need to be made. Let the others fight it out until you get all the facts. Then, come in and help them make a wise decision. You're great at this.

Capricorn
You may realize that your natural talent and your present job aren't in sync. This is a very good to know. Don't quit your job; stay in school.

Aquarius
The money's coming in, but will it be enough? Not if you flash it all over town. Postpone the big celebration.

Pisces
You're about to come up against a wall that's too high to climb over. Don't hurt yourself trying. Study the barrier and you might dissolve it.

Mendenhall Movies

Thursday, 9/27
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.: Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer

Friday, 9/28
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.: Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer
Midnight: The Silence of the Lambs

Saturday, 9/29
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.: Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer
Midnight: The Silence of the Lambs

Sunday, 9/30
4 p.m., 7 p.m., & 10 p.m.: Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer

Drink Recipes

Ice Cream Tea

Ingredients:
¾ cup black tea
1 scoop vanilla or chocolate ice cream

Directions:
Pour the tea into a cup. Add the ice cream. The ice cream melts quickly, adding flavor to this drink.

How Now Brown Cow Shake

Ingredients:
2 large ripe bananas
½ cup chocolate syrup
2 cups whole milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 scoops vanilla ice cream

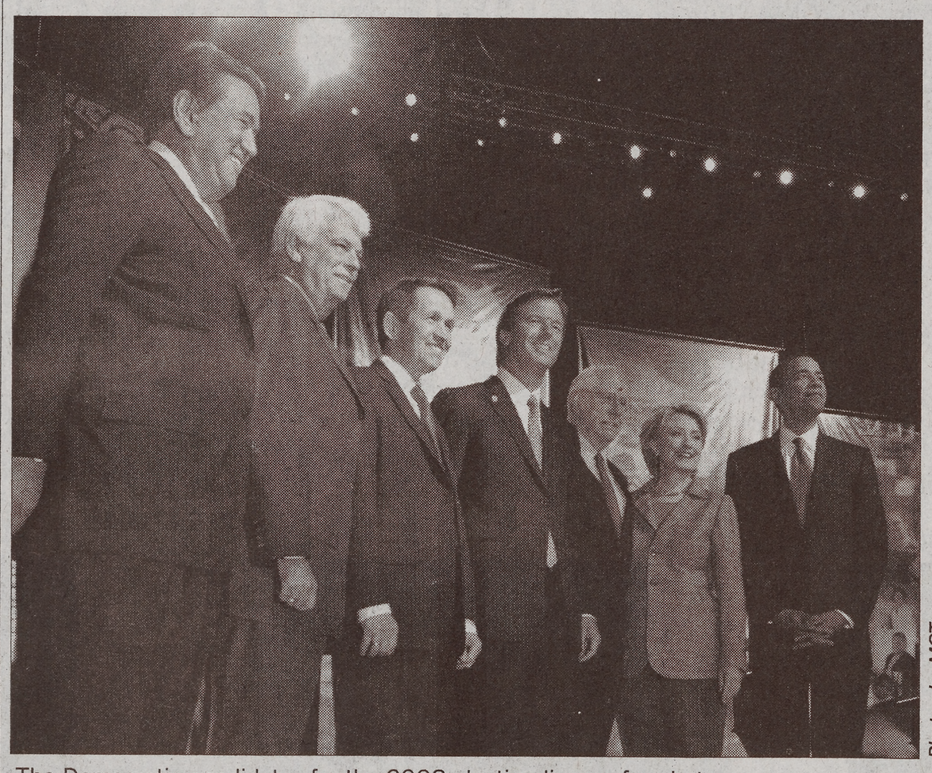
Directions:
Smash bananas in a large bowl. Stir in chocolate syrup, milk, and vanilla; mix well. Pour equal amounts of the mixture in 2 big glasses. Top each shake with 1 scoop of ice cream.

John Lennon's Beatle Cocoa

Ingredients:
1 ½ tablespoons prepared cocoa
2 tablespoons sugar
1 dash salt
2 cups boiling water
2 cups scalded milk

Directions:
Mix cocoa, sugar and salt. Dilute with 1/2 cup boiling water to make a smooth paste. Add remaining water. Boil 1 minute. Turn in scalded milk. Beat for 2 minutes with a rotary beater.

2008 presidential election: are you ready to vote?



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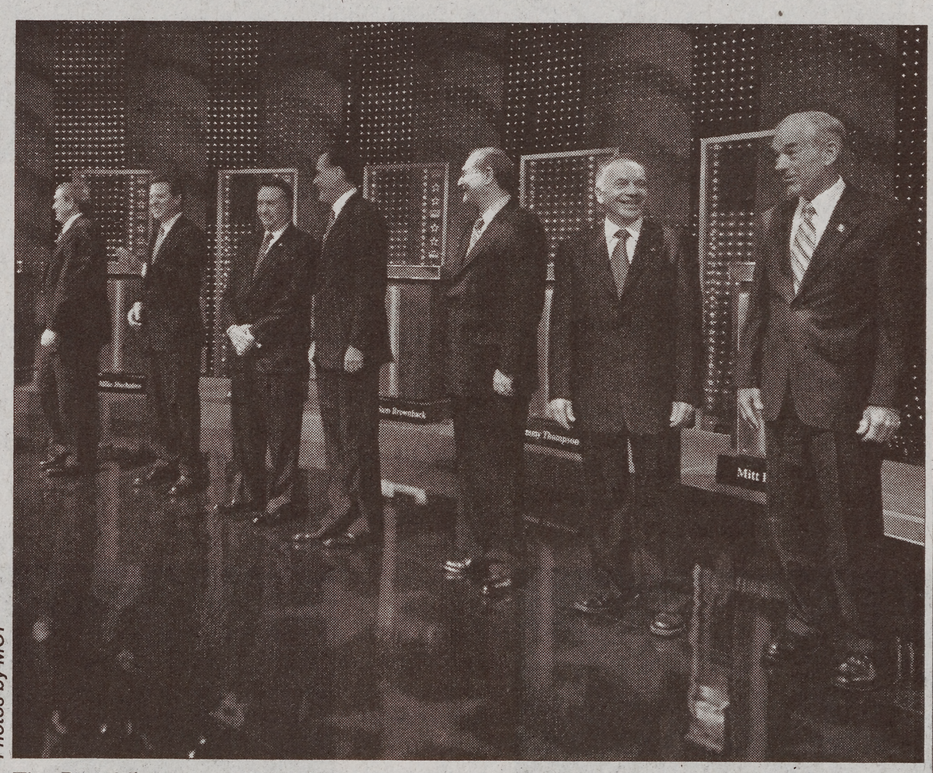
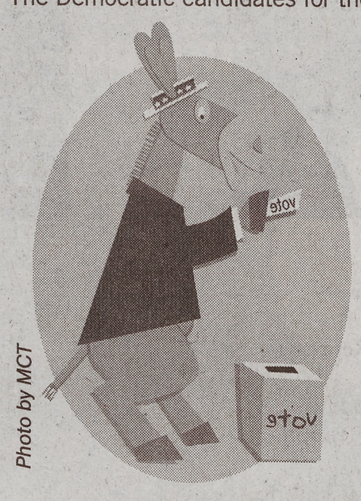
The Democratic candidates for the 2008 election line up for photos.



The Republican candidates for the upcoming election line up for a photo opportunity.



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A guide to the candidates

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The next presidential election is scheduled for Nov. 4., 2008, and according to statistics, college students are among the lowest group of Americans to show up at the polls. Maybe students are not aware of the importance of voting or of the different candidates, but showing up to vote is an American privilege and right, and should be taken seriously by everyone.

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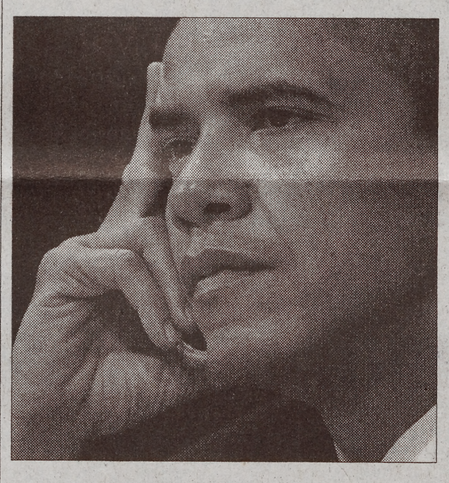

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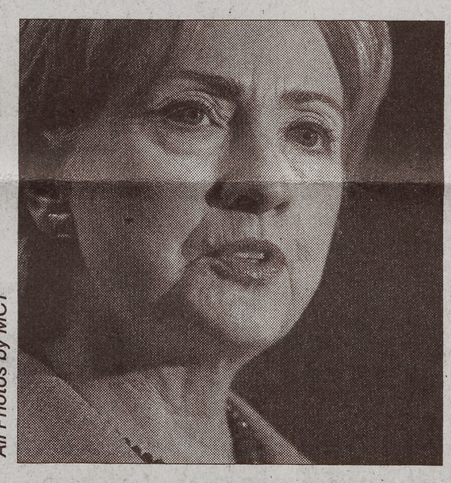
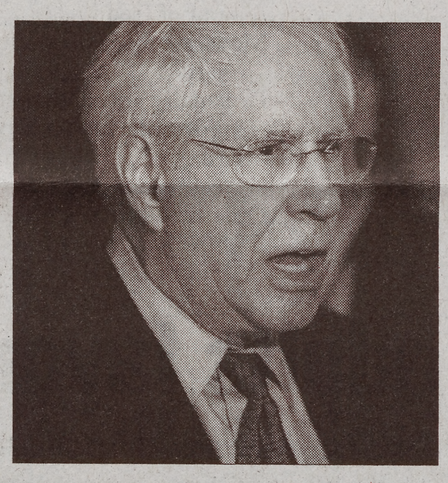
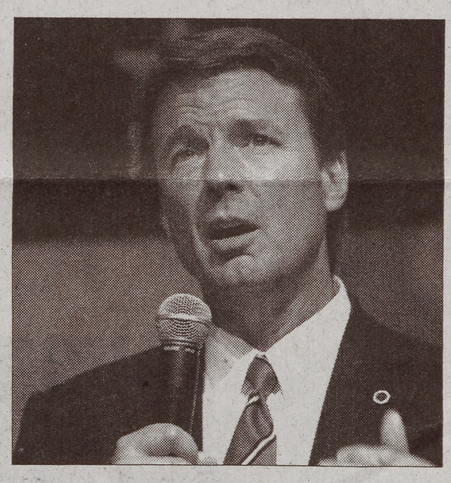
Barack Obama
Democratic
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/Position: Senator from Illinois
Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia; Honolulu, Hawaii
Religion: United Church of Christ
- Is ready to redeploy troops from Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research.
- Opposes same-sex marriage, but supports civil union and gay equality
- Public health voting record is not available



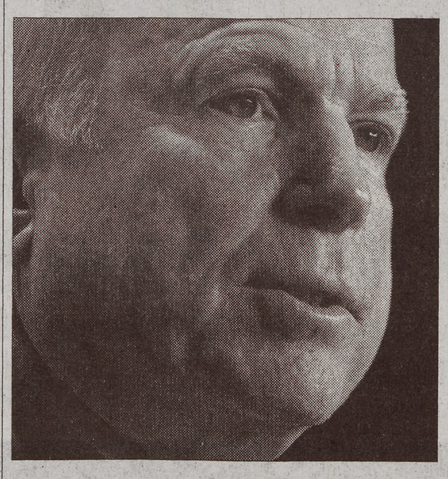
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Democratic
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Senator from New York
Hometown: Park Ridge, Ill.
Religion: United Methodist
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- High focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Voted NO on constitutional amendment ban of same-sex marriage
- Indicates a pro-public health voting record



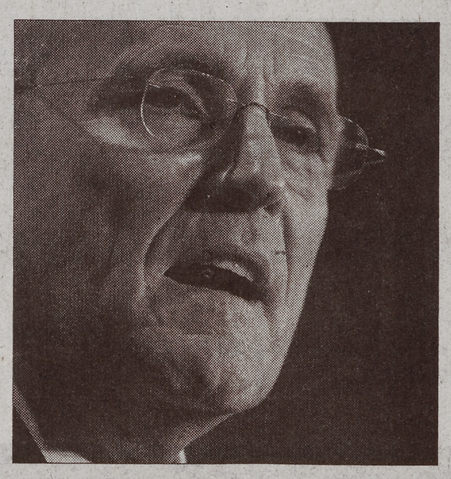
Mike Gravel
Democratic
Occupation: Politician
Current Job/ Position: Candidate
Hometown: Springfield, Mass.
Religion: Unitarian
Military Service: United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps, 1951-1955
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Okay with same-sex marriage
- Public health voting record is not available



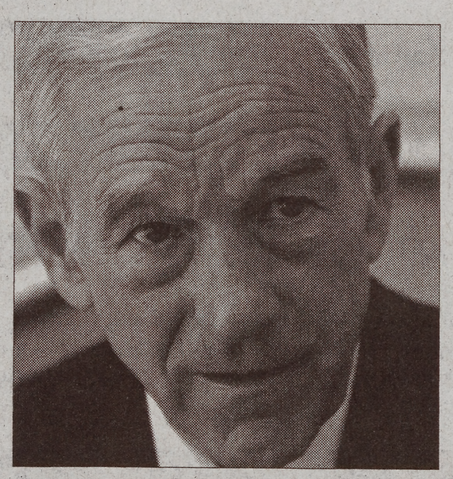
John Edwards
Democratic
Occupation: Trial Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Trial Lawyer, Director of Poverty, Work and Opportunity
Hometown: Robbins, N.C.
Religion: Methodist
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Supports equalities for same-sex couples, but opposes same-sex marriage
- Indicates a pro-public health voting record



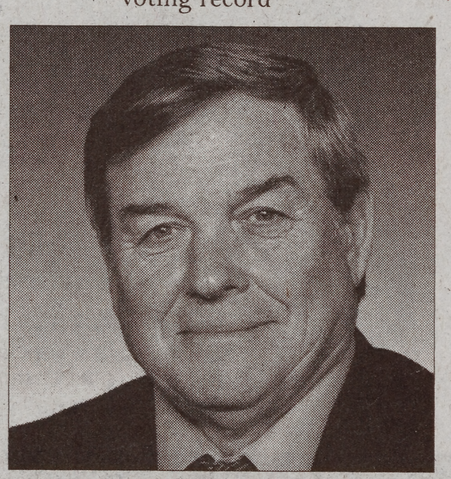
John McCain
Republican
Occupation: Military Officer, Politician
Current Job/ Position: Senator from Arizona
Hometown: Alexandria, Va.
Religion: Episcopal
Military Service: United States Navy 1958-1981 with service in Vietnam; prisoner of war in Vietnam, 1967-1973
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Voted NO on constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage
- Indicates an anti-public health voting record



Rudy Giuliani
Republican
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Lawyer
Hometown: New York, N.Y.
Religion: Roman Catholic
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Low focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights; however, encourages adoptions
- Supports limited embryonic stem cell research
- Supports equalities for same-sex couples, but opposes same-sex marriage
- Public health voting record is not available



Ron Paul
Republican
Occupation: Medical Doctor
Current Job/ Position: Representative from Texas
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Religion: Protestant
Military Service: Flight Surgeon, United States Air National Guard, 1965-1968;
Flight Surgeon, United States Air Force, 1963-1965
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Low focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Against embryonic stem cell research
- Voted NO on constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage
- Indicates a mixed record on public health issues



Duncan Hunter
Republican
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Representative from California
Hometown: Alpine, Calif.
Military Service: United States Army, 1969-1971, with service in Vietnam
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Low focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Against embryonic stem cell research
- Opposes same-sex marriage and adoption
- Indicates an anti-public health voting record

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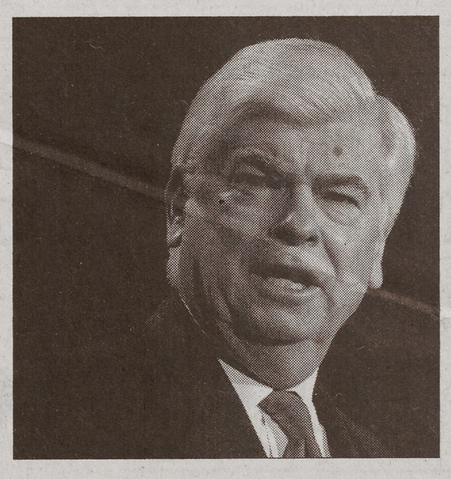
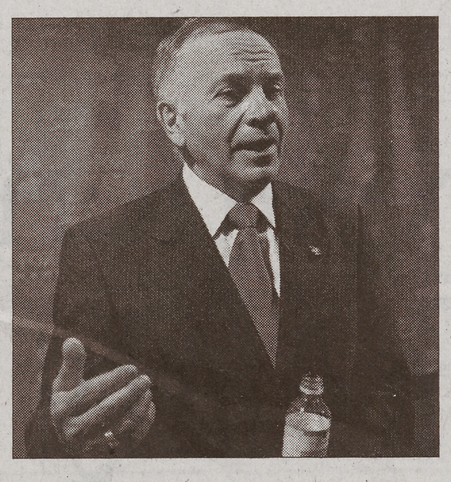
Bill Richardson
Democratic
Occupation: Politician
Current Job/ Position: Governor of New Mexico
Hometown: Pasadena, Calif.; Mexico City, Mexico
Religion: Catholic
- Ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports stem cell research
- Supports same-sex civil unions and full marriage rights
- Public health voting record is not available



Chris Dodd
Democratic
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Senator from Connecticut
Hometown: East Haddam, Conn.
Religion: Roman Catholic
Military experience: US Army/ Peace Corps Volunteer Dominican Republic
- Is ready to redeploy troops from Iraq
- High focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Opposes same-sex marriage
- Indicates a pro-public health voting record



Tom Tancredo
Republican
Occupation: Teacher
Current Job/ Position: Representative from Colorado
Hometown: Broomfield, Colo.
Religion: Evangelical Presbyterian
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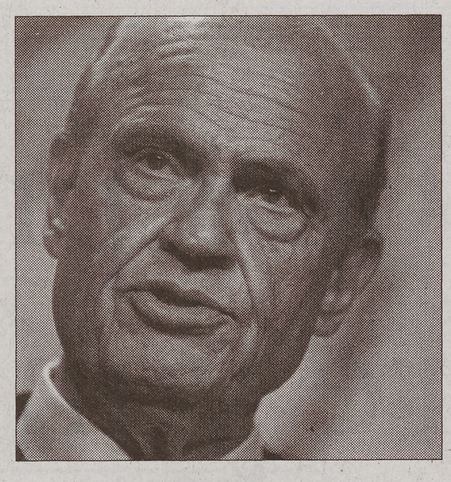
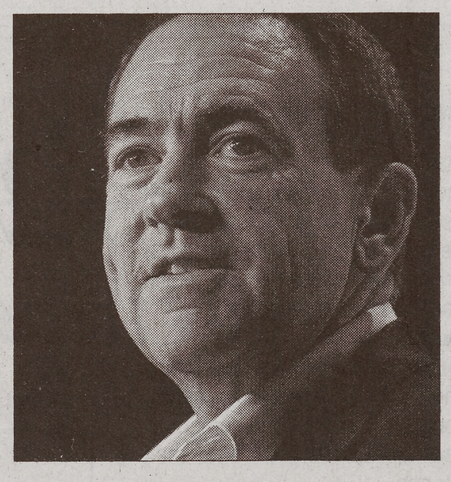
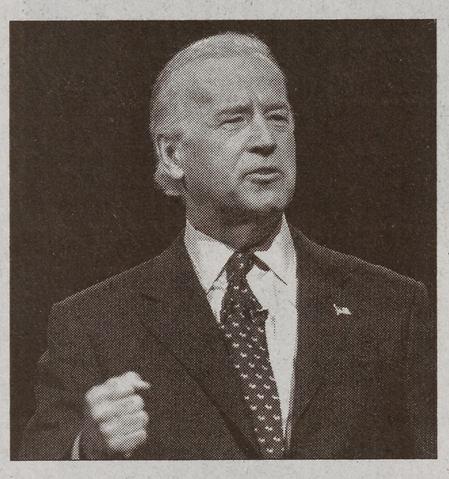


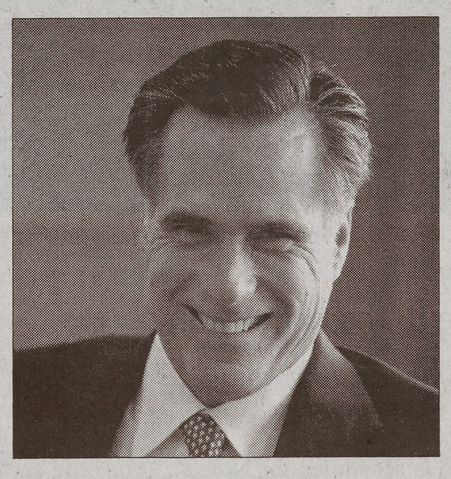
Fred Thompson
Republican
Occupation: Actor, lawyer and lobbyist
Current Job/Position: Actor on "Law and Order"
Hometown: Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
Religion: Protestant
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Against stem cell research
- Opposes same-sex marriags
- Public health voting record is not available



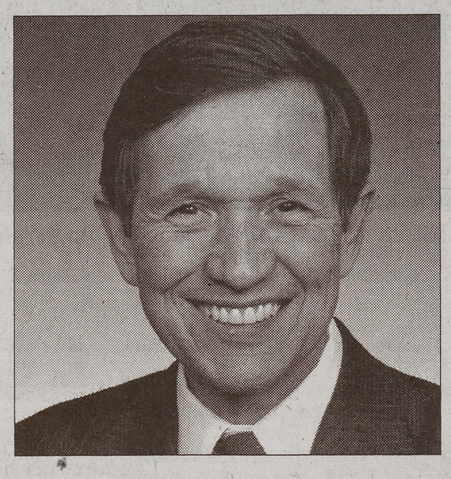
Mike Huckabee
Republican
Occupation: Businessman, Baptist Minister
Current Job/ Position: Candidate
Hometown: Hope, Ark.
Religion: Baptist
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Against embryonic stem cell research
- Opposes same-sex marriage and adoption
- No public health voting record



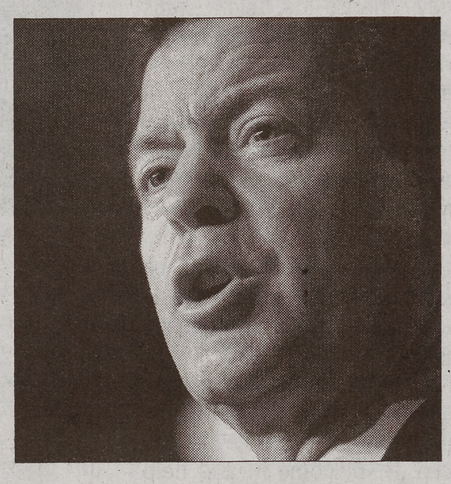
Joe Biden
Democratic
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/Position: Senator from Delaware
Hometown: New Castle, Del.
Religion: Catholic
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- High focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Voted NO on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage
- Indicates a pro-public health voting record



Mitt Romney
Republican
Occupation: Businessman
Current Job/ Position: Candidate
Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Religion: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Moderate focus on environmental issues
- Personally anti-abortion, but feels government should not intrude
- Against embryonic stem cell research
- Opposes same-sex marriage
- Public health voting record is not available



Dennis Kucinich
Democratic
Occupation: Politician
Current Job/Position: Representative from Ohio
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
- Is ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- High focus on environmental issues
- Abortion rights
- Supports embryonic stem cell research
- Voted NO on constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage
- Indicates a pro-public health record



Sam Brownback
Republican
Occupation: Lawyer
Current Job/ Position: Senator from Kansas
Hometown: Parker, Kan.
Religion: Roman Catholic
- Not ready to redeploy troops out of Iraq
- Low focus on environmental issues
- Anti-abortion
- Against stem cell research
- Voted YES on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage
- Indicates an anti-public health voting record

Young adults favor Clinton, Obama

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A New York Times/CBS News/MTV poll among 17- to 29-year-olds found that presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton had the highest favorability ratings.

Opinion of leading candidates

Among 17- to 29-year-olds

NOTE: Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding
Source: New York Times/CBS News/MTV telephone poll of 659 people ages 17-29 throughout the U.S., conducted June 15-23; margin of error: ±4 percentage points
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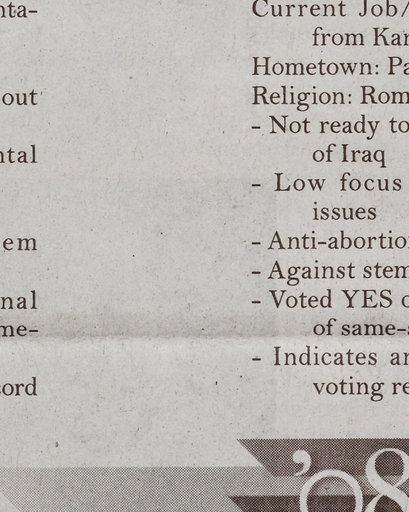
Who they feel enthusiastic about



NOTE: 45 percent were not enthusiastic about any candidate

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Confronting Mental Health States, Stereotypes and Stigmas in Film.

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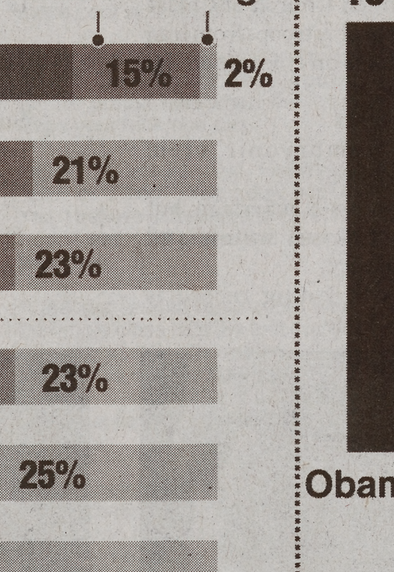

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Ledonia Wright will be hosting a Multicultural Leadership Conference open for all students on Saturday.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center hosts the Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

Overcoming cultural boundaries, one leader at a time.

BY ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

The second annual Multicultural Leadership Conference will take place at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center on Saturday, Sept. 29. The workshop focuses on teaching students how to both become leaders of change and bridge the cultural boundaries between each other.

Formerly known as the Minority Student Leadership Conference, the name has been tweaked to include all different kinds of cultures at ECU.

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., students will be guided through workshops and sessions that focus on building upon foundations that were set from last year's conference, and to help foster the legacy of minorities on campus.

Jennifer Nnamani has played a key role in creating and organizing this year's conference, beginning early in the summer to create an efficient program for students to learn from.

"The purpose of this conference is to create an atmosphere on campus where organizations can come together and network as well as collaborate. We can all learn and understand leadership and pass it on to the younger generation, creating a legacy on our campus," said Nnamani.

The keynote speaker for this year's conference will be renowned rapper, activist and lecturer Sister Souljah, author of "The Coldest Winter Ever" and "No Disrespect." She works with a branch of Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' Bad Boy Records, focusing on community welfare.

Nnamani believes her personality and spirit to educate on interesting and diverse topics will be a great asset to the conference.

Associate Director of the LWCC LaQuesha Foster has overseen the entire process of creating the event and advises students to expect new and hands-on workshops for the conference.

"One of the workshops we are featuring this year focuses on advising students on how to avoid backsliding in their spirituality when coming to college. Also, another new one will teach students how to navigate their path in general organizations," said Foster.

Danita Dudley, an emissary for the LWCC, believes that the hard work and planning over the past few months will have a positive outcome and provide a constructive learning experience for those who attend.

"We want students to learn how to take information and put it into action. We get a lot of information, but don't know how to use it. The idea is to take a theory and put it into action," said Dudley.

Students will have the opportunity to register for the conference up until Tuesday. The cost is $5, which includes breakfast and lunch, as well as conference items for those who attend.

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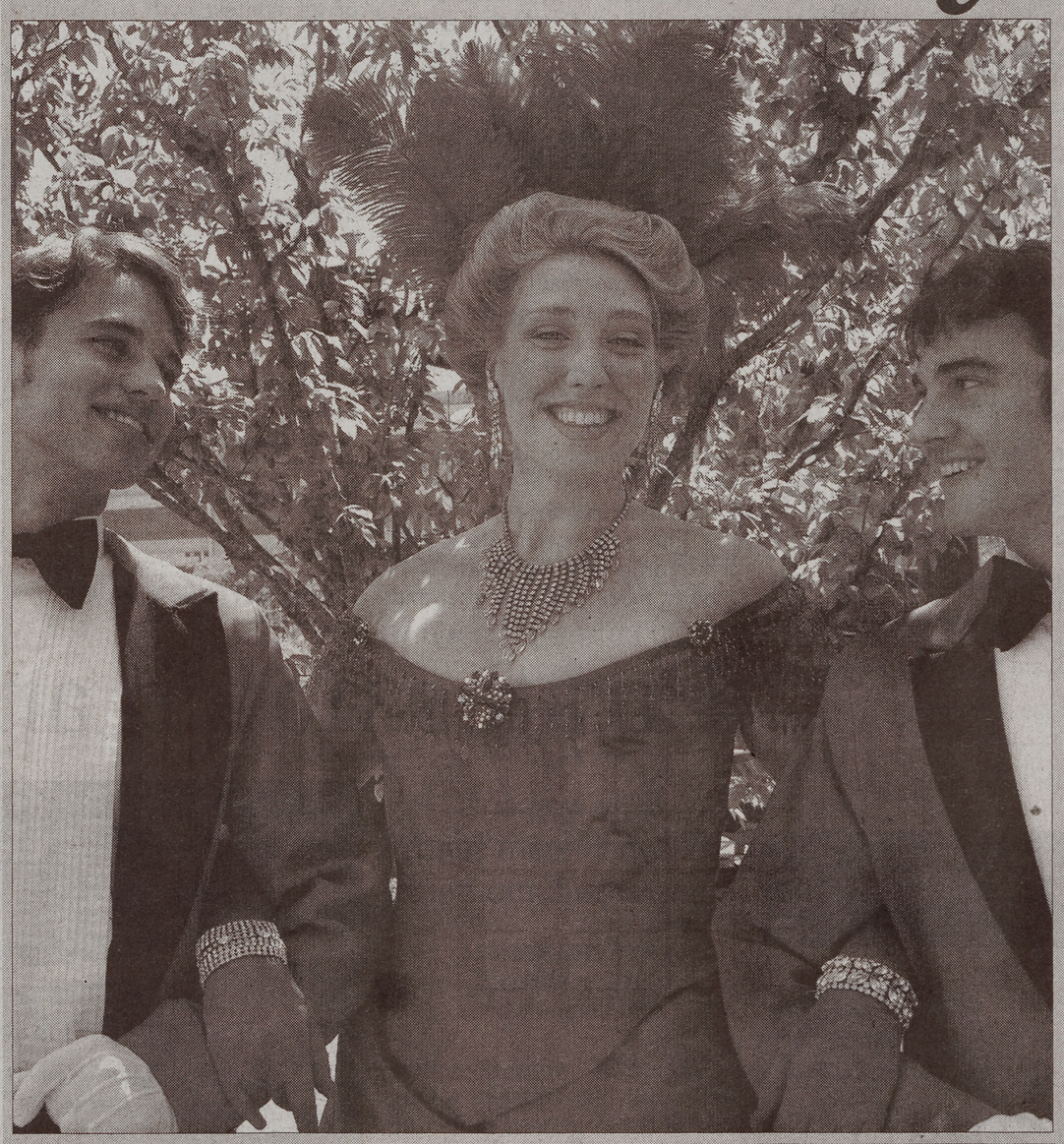
Hello Dolly



The ECU/LoessinPlayhouse will be putting on the musical *Hello Dolly!* on October 4-9 at McGinnis Theatre. Tickets will be on sale at the door or online at ecuarts.com. They may also be purchased by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS. In advance, tickets are $12.00-$17.50, and $17.50 at the door. The show will begin each night at 8 p.m., along with a 2 p.m. showing on Sunday.

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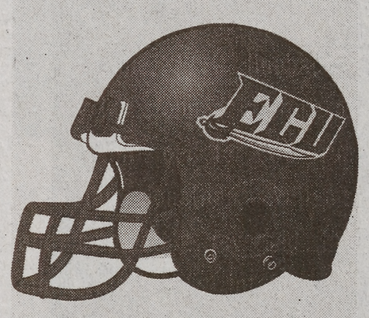
Most Valuable Pirate



Matt Dodge

The job that Dodge did punting the ball is one of the positives that the Pirates took away from Saturday's loss at West Virginia. Dodge punted the ball seven times for a total of 327 yards. His 61-yarder in the second quarter tied a career-long, and the Appalachian State transfer recorded four punts of 50 yards or longer. His 327 punting yards in the game was also a career high; his previous high was 293 in 2005, when he played for Appalachian State.

"I thought Matt Dodge did an excellent job of punting the football, he averaged about 55 yards in the first half. He did a great job of punting the ball consistently.

- ECU coach Skip Holtz

Mountaineers cruise past Pirates

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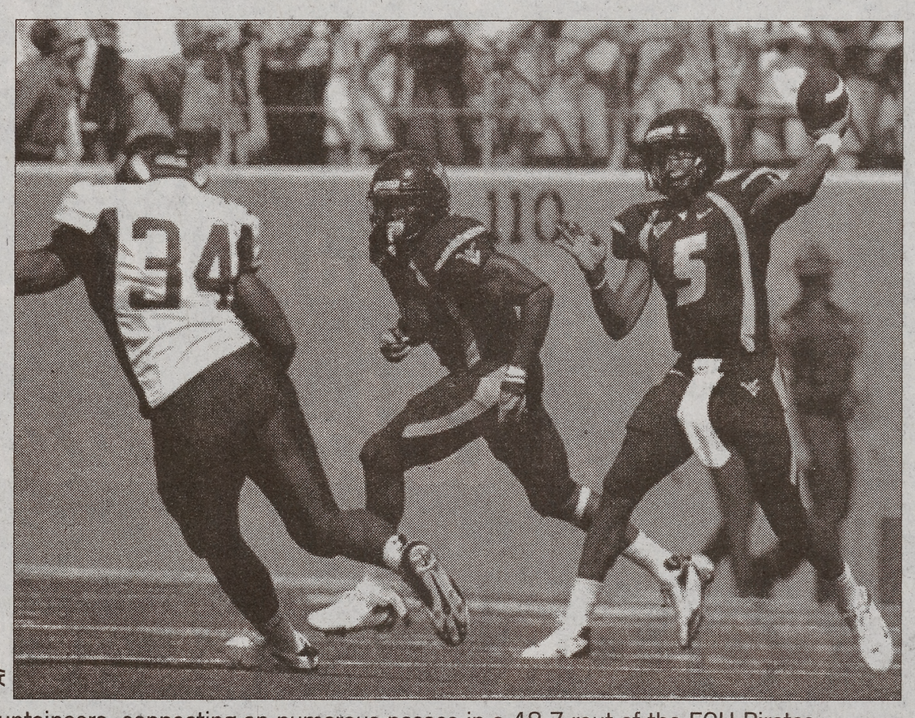

AP

Wide receiver Darius Reynaud and and quarterback Pat White had huge days for the Mountaineers, connecting on numerous passes in a 48-7 rout of the ECU Pirates.

ECU suffers blowout loss

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

West Virginia simply ran faster than ECU Saturday afternoon.

The fifth-ranked Mountaineers, led by the explosive duo of quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton, amassed 599 total yards in a 48-7 blowout win over the Pirates, the most lopsided loss since Skip Holtz was named the Pirates' head coach in 2005.

"I don't think there are five teams in the country that are going to line up and tackle those guys in space on a consistent basis," Holtz said of the Mountaineers' offense. "I think they deserve to be where they are as a top-five team, that's the best West Virginia team we've played. We played Slaton and White as freshmen and sophomores...I think they've gone through that maturing process and they are explosive, there's a reason why they're averaging over 500 yards a game.

"I'm certainly not trying to make excuses, but they are pretty impressive, we haven't played a team with that kind of speed since I've been here."

ECU's defense seemed overmatched and had trouble tackling the Mountaineers' explosive runners; WVU scored on eight of its 11 possessions in the game.

"I don't think we tackled well and I think that had a lot to do with them and the athletes they had running around," said Holtz.

The Mountaineers got the ball rolling early when wide receiver Darius Reynaud blew by numerous Pirate defenders on a 64-yard reverse play with WVU already up 3-0 early in the first quarter. Slaton scored on a 1-yard touchdown run two plays later, making the score 10-0.

Reynaud's dazzling run was set up by a costly turnover by the Pirates. ECU had the ball in Mountaineer territory down only three points, but on first-and-10 from the WVU 36-yard-line, Patrick Pinkney's pass was intercepted by WVU linebacker Mortty Ivy. Ivy's interception stopped the Pirates' momentum and began the WVU offensive surge.

Pinkney only passed for 43 yards and completed seven passes in his first career road start. The athletic quarterback, who was leading ECU in rushing prior to the WVU game, also had negative 25 yards rushing and was sacked four times.

"Patrick has had success getting on the perimeter and running around," said Holtz. "What they did a great job of, with their three-down lineman, was bringing edge pressure, getting up the field and making Patrick step up and throw out of a well, and that isn't exactly his strength."

Holtz tried to get the offense started early by electing to receive the ball after winning the coin toss, hoping that the Pirates could establish field position early in the game. But ECU was penalized on the kickoff and on its second offensive play from scrimmage, so WVU's first offensive series started from the

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THE TURNING POINT

Down 3-0 halfway through the first quarter, the Pirates were gaining momentum as they were driving down the field. On first-and-10 from the Mountaineers' 36-yard-line, WVU linebacker Mortty Ivy stepped in front of a pass intended for ECU true freshman Jonathan Williams and completely reversed the momentum. Ivy's interception was only ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney's second turnover of the season. After the turnover, the Mountaineers ran a reverse play, which explosive receiver Darius Reynaud ran 64 yards all way to the ECU 2-yard-line. Steve Slaton plunged in for a 1-yard score two plays later, and the rout was on.

Defense leads ECU in two shutout victories

Pirates remain unbeaten at home

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

Coming off two scoreless overtime games in New York last weekend, the ECU women's soccer team defeated both of its competitors this weekend to remain unbeaten at home, and extend its home winning streak to five games. ECU now has an overall record of 5-1-2.

"We're playing good teams such as Syracuse, who is a Big East team, and we're playing right with them," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "At the end, either team had a chance to win that game [against Syracuse]."

ECU defeated the Campbell Camels, 1-0, Friday afternoon at Bunting Field.

The Pirates defeated Campbell last August 5-0, and now lead the overall series 8-4-1.

The game went back and forth in the first half, with ECU having more shots on goal and several corner kicks.

"What we need to get better at is our decisions and runs around the box," said Donnenwirth. "We have some very young players out there and that will come once they get a little more experience."

Amy Szilard nearly scored with 20 minutes remaining in the first. Her efforts paid off when she tallied the only score of the contest with 35 minutes remaining on a header from Madison Keller.

ECU had several close shots in the second half.

"Maybe we're thinking too much right now around the goal instead of just going for it and ripping a shot," said Donnenwirth.

Jazmin Turcotte just missed the goal shooting over the net in the 30th minute.

Madison Keller also nearly scored off a corner kick with 18:25 remaining in the game.

Nicole Moore was also credited with an assist on the Szilard goal.

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Photo by Aileen Devlin

Jami Dickerson gets tripped up by a Campbell defender in a hard-hitting game between in-state rivals.

Pirates notch an exciting marathon win

THEY SAID IT:

"I thought we played hard but also at the same time we were tentative. I think West Virginia had something to do with that because of their offense and the schemes that they use. They put us on our heels."

-ECU coach Skip Holtz on the West Virginia offense

"I had a 45-minute talk with the juniors and seniors just to see where we are right now from an attitude standpoint. If we can use [the West Virginia game] as a wake-up call and as something to where we can hold each other accountable, it will make us better."

-ECU coach Skip Holtz on the current attitude of the Pirates

ECU women's volleyball team sends home crowd into frenzy

STEPHANIE FU
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's volleyball team just finished a long run of away games, including the Tribe Classic in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the George Washington Invitational that ECU dominated in beating both Howard and Hartford with two 3-0 wins. The Pirates returned home this past Sunday to face a formidable opponent, SMU, in Minges Coliseum for the second conference game of their season.

Both teams started strong, scoring one after the other, but eventually SMU broke out into the lead.

ECU was forced to play catch-up and almost did during the course of the game. The Pirates pulled within one point of SMU at 17-18, but this is as close as ECU would get. SMU won the first game of the match, 30-27.

During the second game, ECU wasted no time in taking the lead. They had a strong lead of 11-4 over the Mustangs. Although SMU kept persisting and trying to regain the lead, the Pirates kept them on their toes and held onto the lead. Sophomore Stephanie Turner, and senior Kelley Wernert strengthened the offense with numerous kills, giving ECU the second game with a 30-26 win.

ECU started the third game with a thirst to win. Wernert scored the first two points of the game and continued to add points for the Pirates, giving them the lead. However, SMU did not back down and came back to tie the game at 7-7. SMU gained the lead, 10-7, when ECU took their first timeout and at their second for the game, SMU was still in the lead, 15-8. After an impressive series of kills from Turner, Wernert and senior Mignon Dubenion, the Pirates gained some momentum, but not enough, as SMU won the third game 30-22.

The pressure was at a high as ECU entered their final chance to get the match in its favor. Dubenion scored the first point of the game, but SMU responded immediately. The two teams were tied at 4-4, but with kills from Turner and an ace from freshman Katie Koop the Pirates gained the lead, 8-4, causing a nervous SMU team to take their first time out of the game. Once again, the Pirate's strong offense gave them a quick win over SMU in the third game, 30-18, causing the crowd of fans to go wild knowing that a fifth tie-breaker game was to follow.

Wernert scored points for

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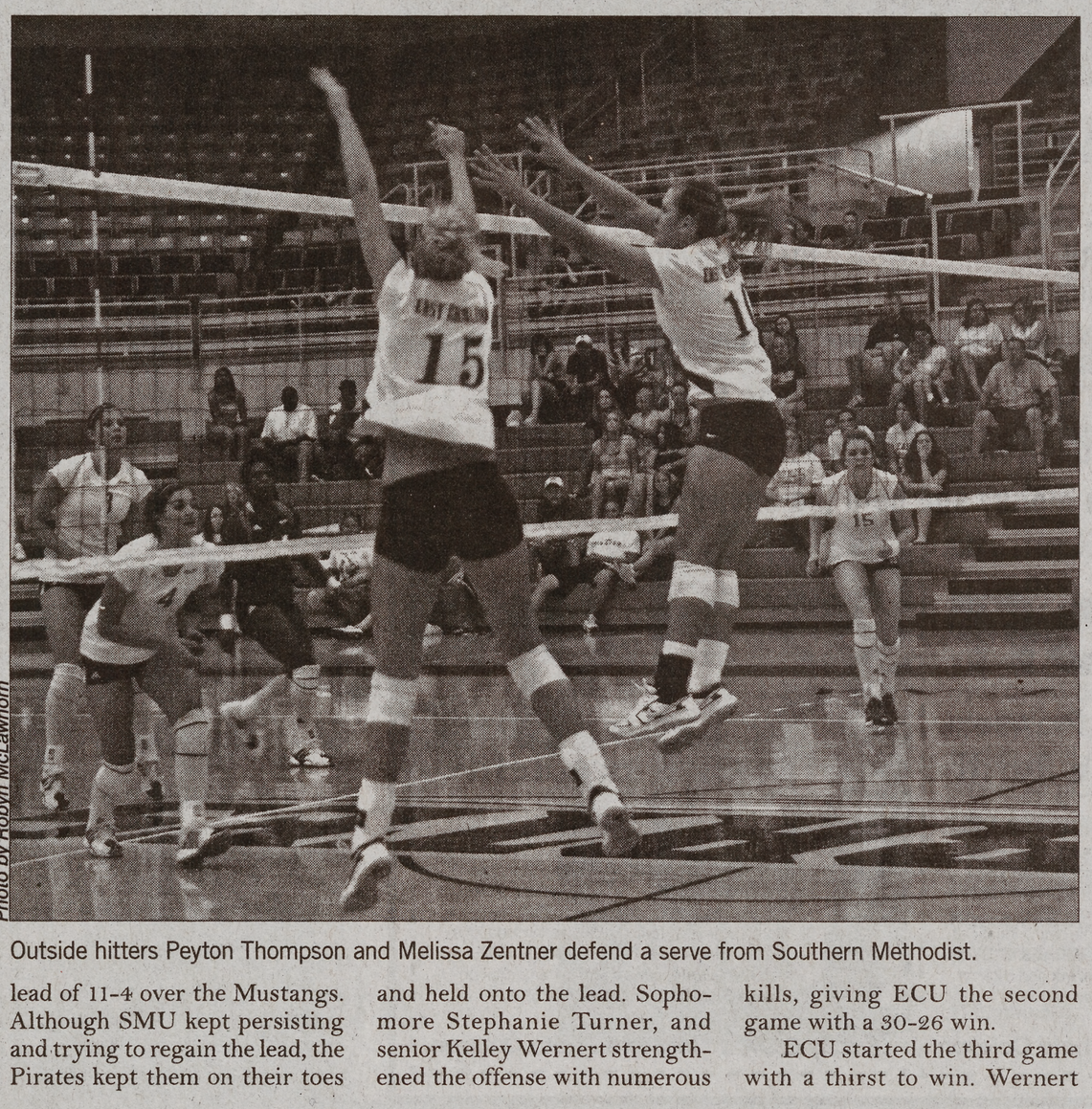

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Outside hitters Peyton Thompson and Melissa Zentner defend a serve from Southern Methodist.

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ECU 41-yard-line.

"I figured with our kickoff return if we could start on about the 30-yard-line, and even if we didn't make a first down and punted from the 40 we could flip the field to start the game," said Holtz. "We get a penalty on the opening kickoff so instead of starting on the 30, we're on the 15. On the second play from scrimmage, we jump offside so now it's third-and-15. It just really made it difficult because when we punted they started with great field position."

ECU barely avoided snapping a 116-game streak of not being shutout late in the fourth quarter. Down 48-0, Chris Johnson, who had 191 total yards in the game, scored on a 3-yard touchdown run with 59 seconds left in the game. The last time the Pirates were shutout was Oct. 4, 1997 at Syracuse.

Another positive from the lopsided loss came from ECU punter Matt Dodge. Dodge, who was forced to compete for his starting position during practice last week because of inconsistent play, punted the ball seven times for 327 yards, including a career-high 61-yarder in the second quarter.

"I thought Matt Dodge did an excellent job of punting the football," said Holtz. "He did a great job of punting it consistently."

ECU also got the opportunity to play a lot of players in the second half, including quarterback Rob Kass.

Kass, who was the Pirates starting quarterback prior to being arrested for driving while impaired the week of season opener, quarterbacked ECU's only scoring drive, completing two of his three pass attempts in his first appearance of the season.

"I said that if the situation arises when we have to turn and play a backup quarterback, we'll put Rob in," said Holtz. "I felt like where we were in the game, we needed to try something else...so that's what made us say let's go ahead and make the change, let's put in Rob and see if he can add a spark and get something moving."

Holtz was very complimentary of the Mountaineers and their high-powered offense, but believes the 48-7 final score did not indicate the Pirates' best effort.

"I think we are a better football team than what we played, or what the score indicated, but I was extremely impressed with West Virginia," he said.

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Photo by Aileen Devlin

Tricia Tufts serves up a strong kick against Campbell during a match defined by defensive pressure.

Anatasia Nikas racked up two shots on goal in addition to five other Pirates registering shots against Campbell.

ECU faced UNCW on Sunday afternoon, and came away with another strong win at home by a score of 2-0.

As many ECU games thus far, the first half was a defensive struggle.

"Our pressure on the ball is very good, we're giving ourselves opportunities to win by our defensive play," said Donnenwirth.

Sophomore Jessica Swanson scored her first goal of the season in the 54th minute from a pass from Nikas following a header from Blair Heffner.

Nikas' continued efforts proved to be worthwhile as she scored her first goal of the year on a penalty shot with less than 10 minutes left in the contest.

"We have good leadership in the back," said Donnenwirth. "I'm not even sure the last time we let in a goal...It has been probably five games."

Goalie Amber Campbell now has six shutouts on the year.

Campbell did not register a shot on goal Friday, and the Pirate defense has not allowed a goal in 626 minutes.

"The effort is there. Physically, we're a pretty fit team," said Donnenwirth. "They're tough kids; to me that has always been sort of a trademark of ECU soccer."

The Pirates' next contest is Saturday at 3 p.m. at Bunting Field against Francis Marion.

Note: Sophomore midfielder Sarah Kirkley broke her leg in the game against Furman. The doctors had to put a plate in her leg and screw it in. She will be out for the remainder of the season.

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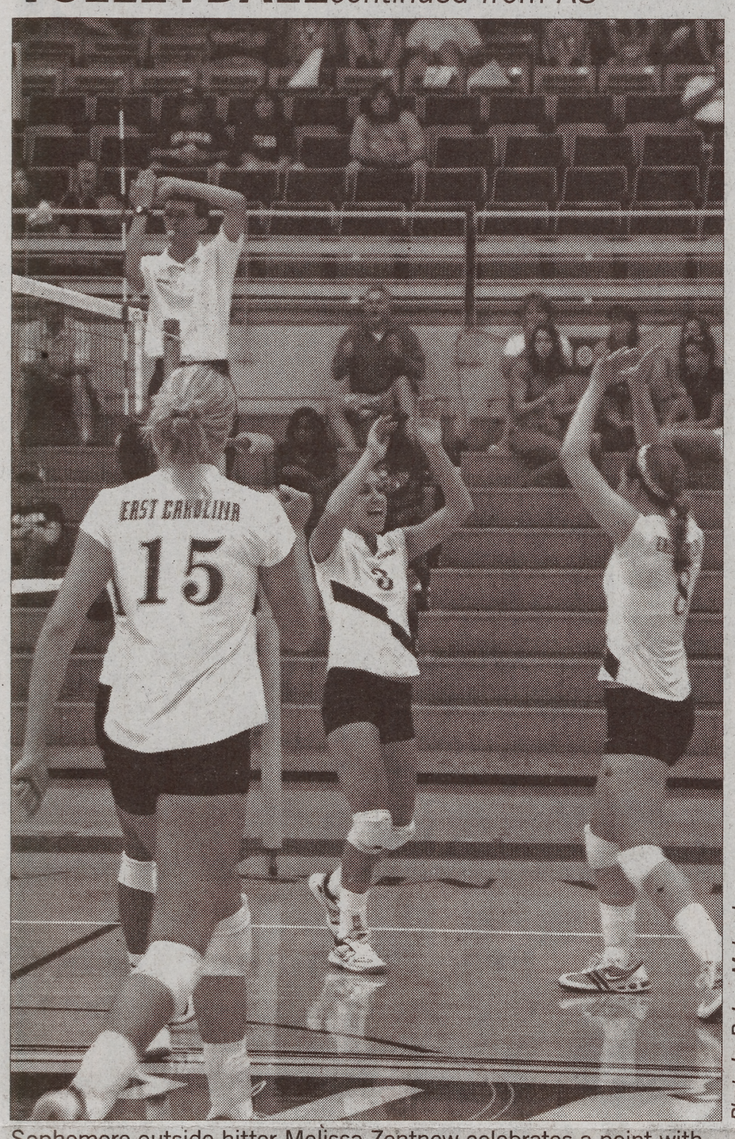

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Sophomore outside hitter Melissa Zentnew celebrates a point with her teammates against C-USA foe Southern Methodist.

ECU at the beginning of the game, but the two teams played tug-of-war with the score, letting neither edge out to a significant lead. ECU took a time out as SMU took the lead by a point, but following the break, sophomore Peyton Thompson tied the game again, 5-5. With continuous effort from the entire team, ECU pulled off an incredible win, 15-12, sending the screaming Pirate fans to their feet.

This was the second five game match that the ECU Women's Volleyball team has had to face this season. A very proud and excited Head Coach Rushing said, "We pulled out the plays when we needed to. We kept going back and forth, but what matters the most is who has the momentum to be able to do what we did."

After being on the road for the last few weeks, they returned pulling strong and giving fans at home exactly what they desired. After the amazing match, the team signed autographs for their fans and will be headed off for another two away games before they return home once again to face UTEP.

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Dowdy dismissed from baseball team

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SID--- Junior pitcher Josh Dowdy has been dismissed from the ECU baseball team for violation of team rules according to an announcement from head coach Billy Godwin on Saturday.

Dowdy, who landed a spot in the weekend rotation in 2007, posted a 5-2 record with a 3.62 ERA. In 74.2 innings pitched, he allowed 37 runs (30 earned) with 15 walks and 38 strikeouts.

The Pirates, who finished 40-23 a year ago and reached the NCAA Regionals for the eighth time in the last nine years, will continue their fall workouts leading up to the three-game Purple/Gold World Series, which starts on Oct. 9.

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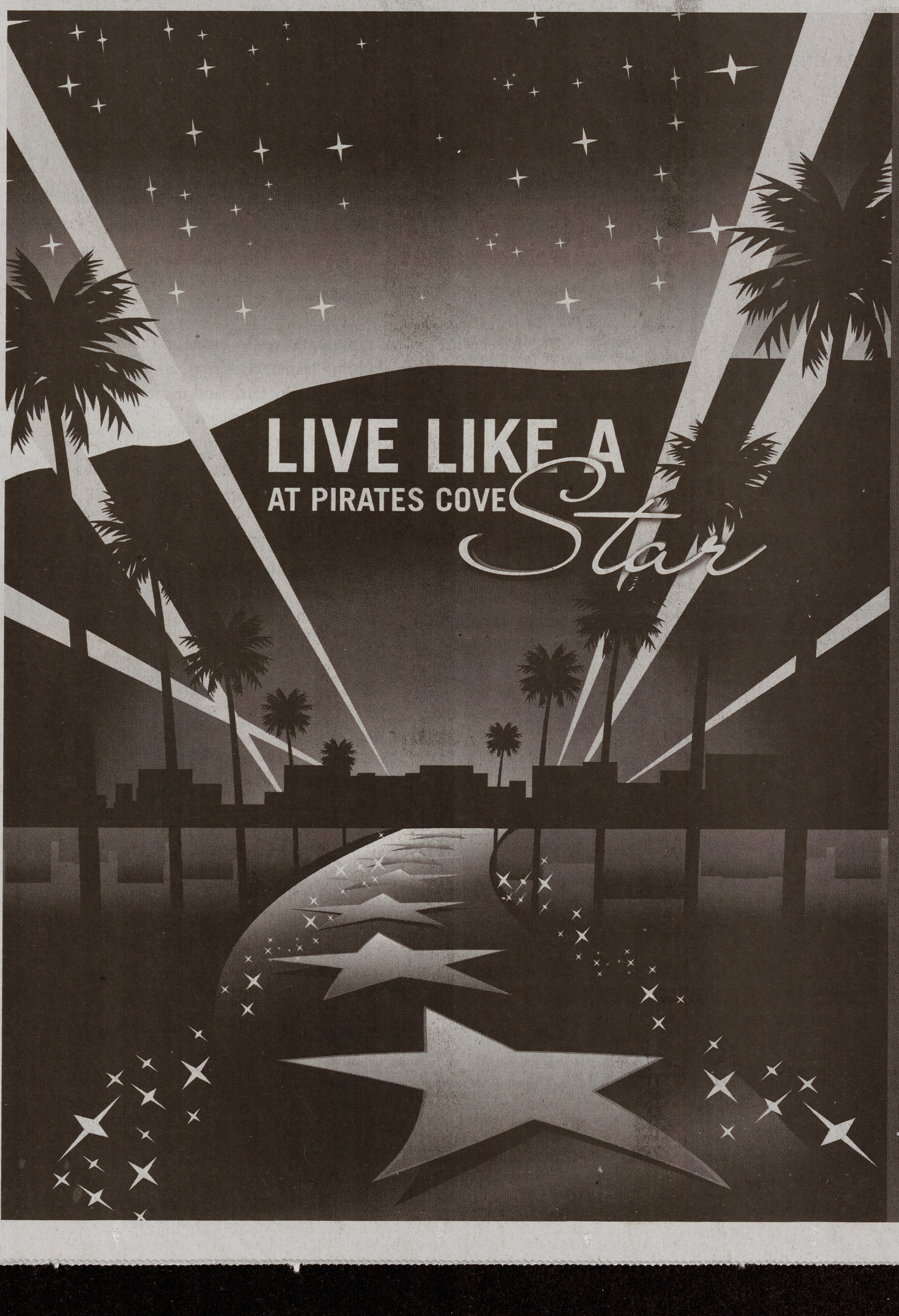

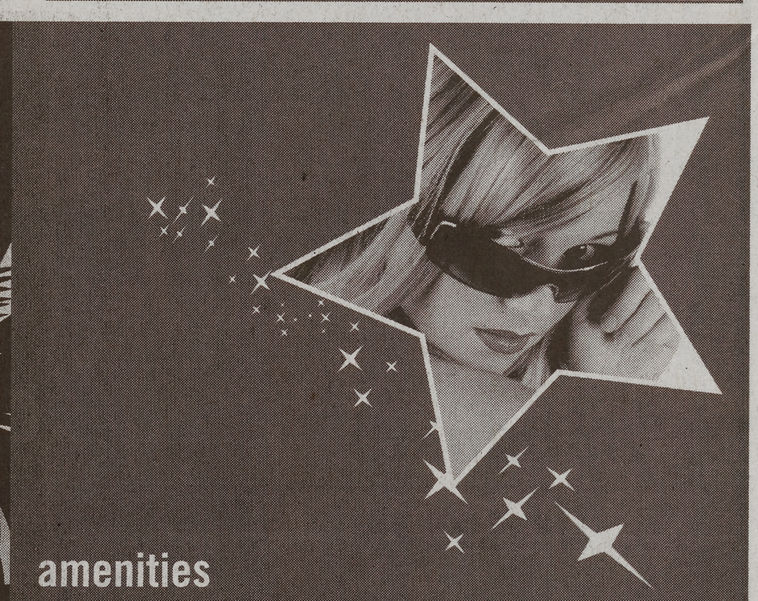

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