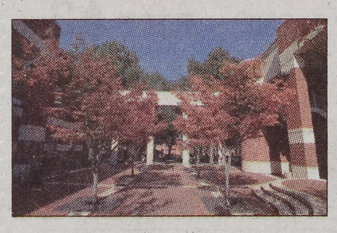

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Fourth Literary Homecoming held at Joyner over the weekend

Various authors participate in event

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

The fourth Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming took place this weekend at ECU's Joyner Library.

The event was focused around "Creating Story out of Family and History" and featured eight authors from different parts of eastern North Carolina.

Friday evening featured authors Alice McGill and Phillip Gerard.

McGill, a professional storyteller, entertained the audience first with stories about growing up in the rural, small southern town of Scotland Neck, N.C.

McGill told the audience of her large family and how she attended school at a four-room schoolhouse, as well as her realization of her ability to read naturally without knowing the order of the letters.

McGill also told the audience about how hard it was for her during college.

She recalled coming home once and hearing her mother say, "If you aren't gone back to school in the morning, you won't wake up."

McGill spoke about encouragement from her father who made her realize if she did not finish college, she would have to pick cotton the rest of her life.

Throughout her speech, she dispersed humor and the importance of history. McGill also made the point that in her small community of Scotland Neck, the people were always generous, giving and real and those are all values she admires.

While McGill focused on experiences related to her community and literacy,

Gerard focused on his book, *Cape Fear Rising*, which focuses on the Wilmington Race Riots of 1898.

Gerard explained the significance of the killing of at least 22 African-Americans and how he felt moved to find out what really happened that November of 1898.

Gerard shared excerpts from his book as well as explained the intensive research process that took place in order to write his book.

Gerard also entertained the guests with music after he spoke.

Following Gerard, the Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration was given to three recipients, Alex Albright, W. Keats Sparrow and Eva Roberts.

Albright is the founding editor for the *North Carolina Literary Review*.

Sparrow brought the idea of the *North Carolina Literary Review* to the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association.

Roberts is the original art director of the *North Carolina Literary Review*.

Authors Lu Ann Jones, a former professor at ECU, and Dorothy Spruill Redford spoke Saturday morning.

In regards to the theme of homecoming, Redford said, "I am home. Home is 10 miles from Columbia, North Carolina where I grew up."

Most of the other authors at the homecoming now live in different areas of the United States.

In reference to North Carolina Literature, Redford said, "I'm not sure NC literature is different from other literature. We're all connected, all human beings, so that depending on the region and where you're from and your background, your history is not that different."

McGill spoke again Saturday morning followed by Kat Meads. Meads talked about her hometown Shawboro, N.C.

In Shawboro, there are no stoplights, one grocery store and one post office. It is a close,

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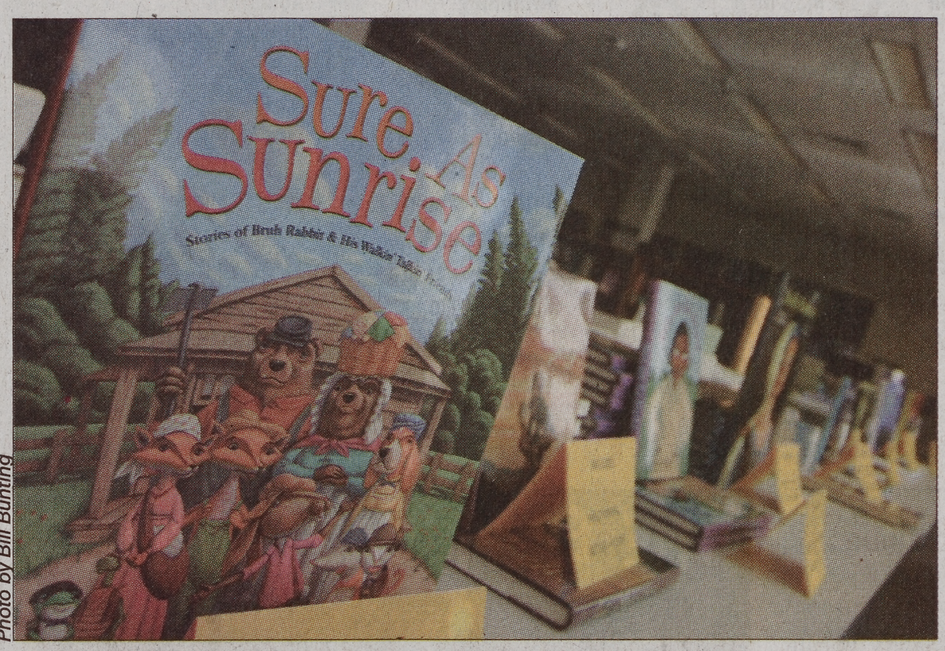

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A wide selection of books were made available to attendees of the event.

Evaluation of campus safety

Campus walked in an effort to survey safety

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, administrators, SGA officers and members of the ECU Police Department participated in the annual SGA Safety Walk last night at 6:45 p.m.

Participants gathered at Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) to begin the walk.

The walk coincided with the ongoing Weeks of Kindness and Safety Month sponsored by SGA and the Center for Off-Campus and Community Living.

The walk targeted areas that need improvement in safety, according to Keri Brockett, SGA president.

During the walk, the participants looked for signals, which suggest that improvements need to be made to lighting on campus, pedestrian crosswalks, police patrolling and entrance ways to campus building.

Other things that were examined were overgrown shrubs, construction zones, sidewalks, emergency blue lights, traffic violations, facility service vehicles and any areas that could change to accommodate those with disabilities.

Participants were divided into groups that would look at these aspects of safety at the Brody School of Medicine, Central Campus, College Hill, the areas surrounding (MSC), Joyner Library, and the Student Recreation Center and areas surrounding West End.

"We're going to look for any places were someone dangerous could hide," said Krista Wilhelm, assistant director of student involvement of SGA.

Administrators, faculty and staff that went on the safety walk include Marilyn Sheerer, Todd Johnson, Lynn Roeder, Suzanne Mohan, Nancy Mize, David Travis, Bill Koch, Brianna Meagher, Alex Davis, Liz Johnston and Wilhelm.

The results of the walk along with the results of the Campus Safety Survey will be evaluated and presented by the Student Safety Committee

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

SGA members discuss the Safety Walk at the congress meeting.

College of Business begins leadership series

First session on Wednesday

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

ECU's College of Business has invited best-selling author and businessman Juan Enriquez to speak for the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series this Wednesday.

The presentation will be held at the Hilton Hotel at 3:30 p.m. It will be free of charge and open to the public.

"We believe distinguished leaders such as Juan Enriquez will inspire attendees to think beyond their own experiences, recognizing the impact that a single person may have on the members of his or her local, national or global community in both the public and private sectors," said Frederick Niswander, dean of the College of Business.

Enriquez is a leading authority on the economic and political effects of life sciences.

He is the author of *The Untied States of America*, which explores the future possibility of the separation of the United States and the various ways technology has shaped our world.

ECU's College of Business announced the creation of the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series in July 2007, which was funded by Steve and Ellen Cunanan of Richboro, Pa. The Johnson & Johnson Foundation also provided matching funds.

The series was created to encourage leaders to Greenville and will feature speeches relating to leadership, professional development, ethics and the role of business in society.

The speech is expected to last approximately one hour. After Enriquez's speech, there will be a reception and an opportunity for participants to ask questions.

Several hundred attendees are expected to come to the speech, which will be held in one of the Hilton's large meeting rooms.

The next speaker in the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series will be Cynthia Cooper on January 17, 2008. She is known for exposing World-

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ECU women participate in BRIDGES XV

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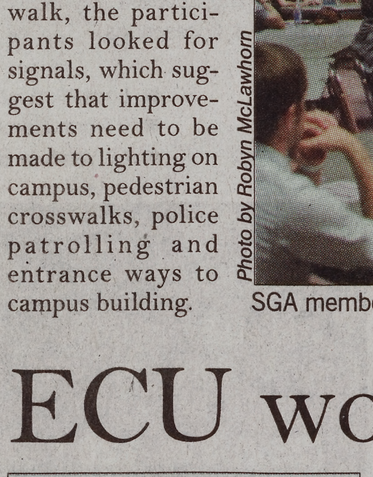
Pictured above: Terry Atkinson



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Pictured above: Gloria Frelix

Programs focuses on leadership

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Five faculty and staff members from ECU will participate in BRIDGES XV, an annual program for North Carolina women in higher education who seek to strengthen and exercise their academic leadership capabilities.

The ECU representatives are Terry Atkinson, assistant professor of reading education, Brenda Eastman, assistant professor of social work, Gloria Frelix, clinical assistant professor of radiation oncology, Shanan Gibson, professor of marketing and Michelle Lieberman, director of ECU center for off-campus and community living in student life.

The theme for the program is "The Personal and Professional Journey of Transformational Leadership."

The women will consider ways to create necessary and innovative changes at their institution by constructing an individual professional plan and an action plan. "It is important to encourage all members of the ECU community to develop their full leadership potential," said Chancellor Steve Ballard.

"By representing East Carolina in this distinguished program, these women send a clear message of their intent to prepare for current and future leadership positions.

"The insights they gain will prove invaluable," Ballard said.

The intensive professional development program focuses on developing insights into leadership, acquiring an understanding of the many aspects of colleges and universities and refining cross-cultural communication skills.

"It's a very prestigious program. My mentors told me I would enjoy it," Lieberman said.

The program is also designed to help women evaluate themselves and what is required of them to create new relationships with colleagues and allies.

"I'm looking forward to networking and meeting with other women leaders from various universities," said Lieberman.

BRIDGES, sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is held for four weekends from Sept. 14 to Nov. 17.

Since its establishment in 1993, more than 450 women have completed the program from public and private universities across North Carolina.

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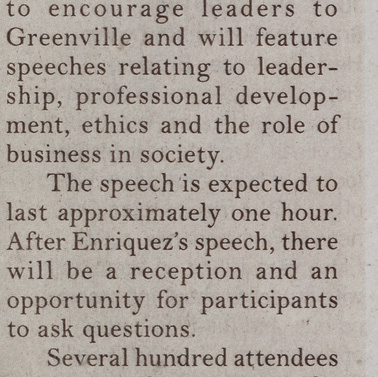
Pictured above: Brenda Eastman



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Pictured above: Michele Lieberman.

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PIRATE HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Breakdowns and Breakthroughs: American History X
Hendrix Theater
7 p.m.
A film and discussion series that examines the role of film in portraying mental illness and mental health. Issues including depression, social anxiety, prejudice, cultural and ethnic conflict, and various phobias, will be discussed. Students interested in health and wellness along with counselors, therapists, clients, and mental health advocates in the health community are especially encouraged to attend and participate. Honors students enrolled in an interdisciplinary course related to the series will prepare materials for showings and facilitate discussions. Mental health professionals from the university and the community will deliver brief after the films. A reception will follow.

Tunnel of Oppression
Wednesday, Oct. 3
MSC
6 p.m.
The program is designed to create an awareness of different types of oppression, and its effects, within society and the campus community. The primary goal of the project is to create an experiential program for ECU students, staff and faculty. The program challenges participants in a safe environment. After going through the experience, participants process what they see and feel with trained counselors. Though the program is targeted to the ECU campus community, the program is open to anyone. Participants will be taken through a variety of experiences to expose them to different kinds of oppression, including racism, homophobia, sexism, able-bodism, classism and anti-semitism. The program also incorporated issues of body image, domestic violence, and hate speech. The Tunnel is laid out to increase level of sensory images as participants progressed through the experience.

2007 Fall Career Fair
Thursday, Oct. 4
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Greenville Convention Center
Health Sciences Building
Here is your chance to attend one of the largest career events in the Carolinas. Update your resume, look your best, and join hundreds of your ECU friends there. You need work experience, right? Employers will be on site to talk with students about internships, co-ops, and full-time career opportunities. The 2007 Fall Career Fair is open to all students and all majors. Do yourself a favor and make plans to attend this HUGE career fair in two locations. For more information on this and other activities, visit the Career Center Web site at ecu.edu/e3careers/forstudents.careerfairs.asp or call 252-328-6850.

"Values Auction"
Thursday, Oct. 4
Sunday, Oct. 14
5 p.m.
The values auction is a fun and interactive exercise designed to help you determine what you want out of your school experience and a future career. Bidding on different life/career values helps you figure out what's important and what isn't. Discussion will follow on how to apply what was learned during the seminar in picking a major or occupation. Get you started on your journey into the person you've always wanted to be!
Facilitated by: Dr. Christopher Scott. For more information on this and other activities, visit the Center for Counseling and Student Development Web site at ecu.edu/studentlife/counselingcenter/ or call 252-328-4846.

Rehabilitation Services Application Deadline
Monday, Oct. 15
Application deadline for persons interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services. Applications can be obtained on line at ecu.edu/rehb/ or from the Department of Rehabilitation Studies, 4425 Health Sciences Building. If you have questions regarding the degree, please contact Dr. Martha Chapin at 744-6291.

2 Tue

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

Hate Out Week: "Who you calling a Hoe?"
LWCC
6 p.m.

Panhellenic & NPHC Sororities "Road to Riches on $12.50 a Week"
Wright Auditorium
12 p.m.

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

Breakthrough Film/ Discussion Series
American History X
Hendrix Theater 7 p.m.

3 Wed

Breast & Testicular Cancer Awareness
Wright Plaza
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

"Party Smart"
MSC MPR
6 p.m.

Hate Out Week: Tunnelof Oppression
MSC
6 p.m.

4 Thur

2007 Fall Career Fair
Greenville Convention Center & Health Sciences Building
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

"Values Auction"
MSC 15
5 p.m.

Women's Swimming
Purple-Gold
Minges Aquatic Center
3:00 p.m.

Hate Out Week Immigration
Lecture w/Peralta
MSC MPR 7 p.m.

5 Fri

Hate Out Week Tearing Down the Wall of Hate
MSC Room 244 & LWCC Yard
1 p.m.

Multicultural Potluck
LWCC
2 p.m.

Freeboot Friday: Ten Toes Up Acid Park
Uptown Greenville
5-8 p.m.

Multicultural Book Club
LWCC Gallery
7 p.m.

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

6 Sat

Football UCF
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
7:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Run for Respiration Omega Sports,
Greenville
8:30a.m.
registration

7 Sun

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

8 Mon

Taking Care of Business
Management Information Systems
Bate 1032
5-6:30 p.m.

* Featured Event

Freeboot Friday: Ten Toes Up Acid Park
Uptown Greenville
5-8 p.m.

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at the ECUnity Safety Forum on Oct.22 in MSC, room 244.

The forum will be held between 5:30-6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception from 6:30-7 p.m.

The reception will be in MSC, great room three.

Students are encouraged to attend the forum to find what measures the university will take to improve safety on campus.

To find out more about SGA, call the office at 328-4742 or visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga.

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Com's accounting fraud in 2002.

ECU's College of Business has more than 2500 undergraduate students, 710 graduate students and 110 faculty members. The college was founded in 1936 and has been accredited since 1967.

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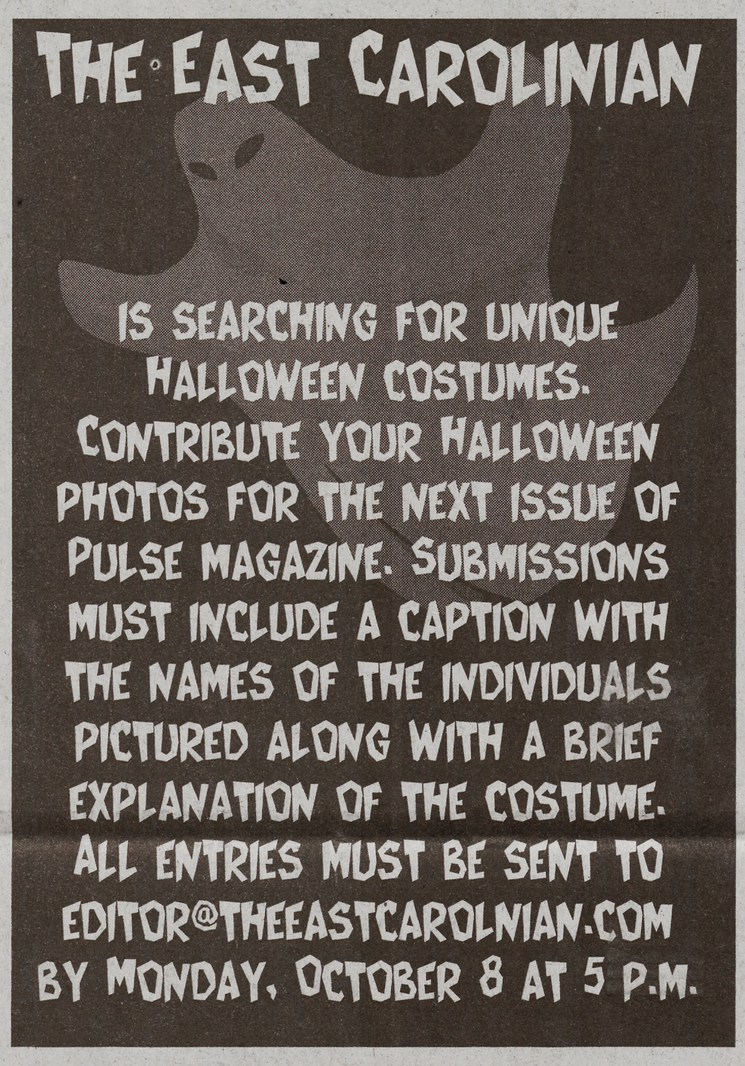

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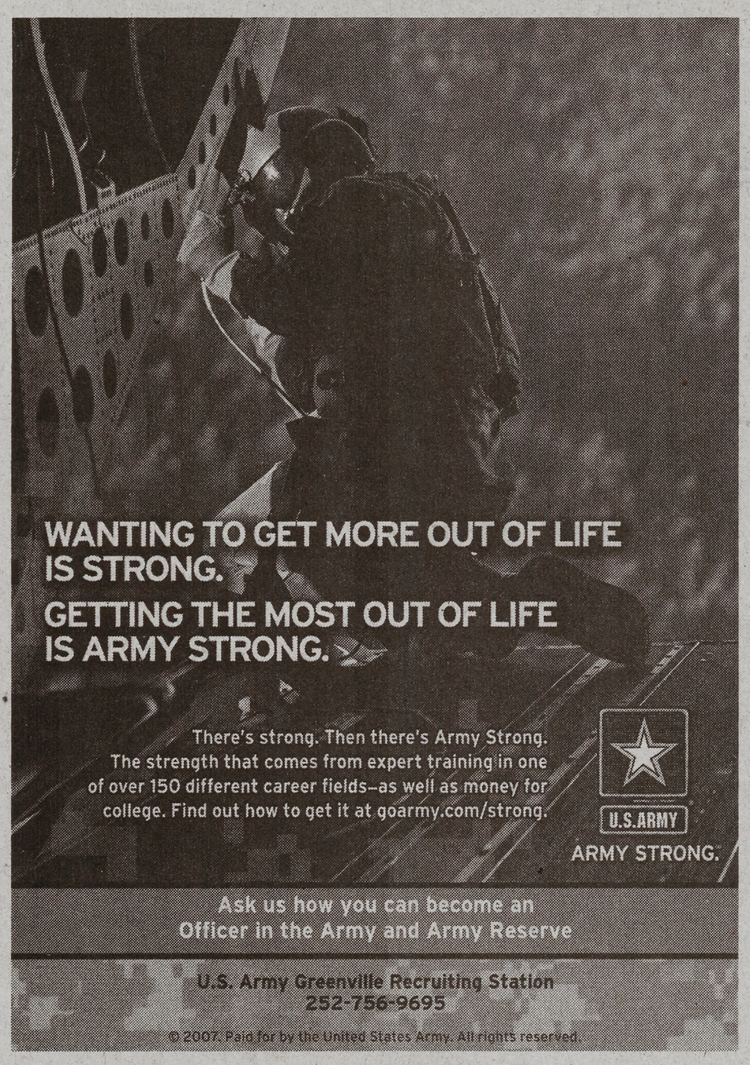

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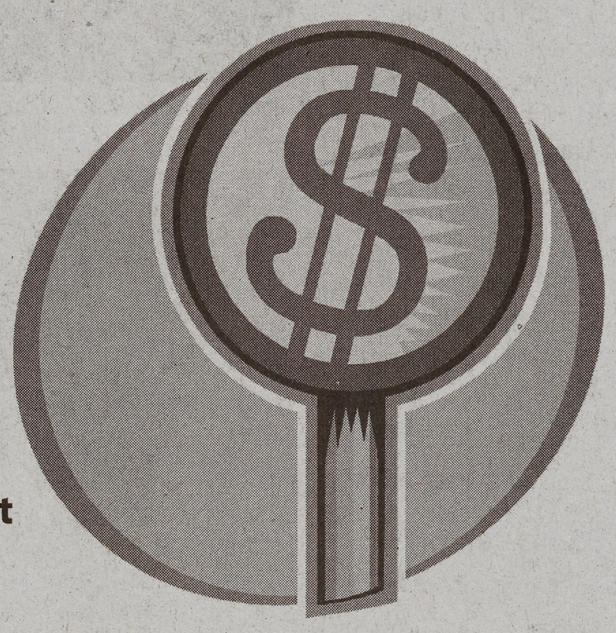

Tuesday, October 2nd at 6p.m.
in Wright Auditorium

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small community where everyone knows everyone else's story, according to Meads.

"I escaped to California, now I am recognizing the value of how I grew up and where I grew up and how that feeds into my work…the distance helped me see things I wouldn't have seen if I would have stayed in my hometown and gave me perspective I didn't have before" Meads said.

Poets Jeff Franklin, another former professor of ECU, and Susan Meyers spoke Saturday afternoon followed by keynote speaker Samm-Art Williams.

Williams, who resides in Burgaw, N.C., is known for his Broadway play *Home*, which is about returning home to North Carolina from New York City.

Williams also has written episodes for shows such as *Miami Vice, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* and *Martin* among others.

A sense of family and history was evident throughout all of the authors' speeches.

"Everyone has a story to share, a family story, a personal story…they help us connect from one generation to another and teach us about how similar we really are," Redford said.

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Photo by Bill Bunting

Individuals got the opportunity to read as well as listen to the authors and poets at the event.

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Attendees of the Literary Homecoming engage in conversation.

ECU professor finds link between schizophrenia and evolution

Natural selection cause for thriving genetic disorder

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

ECU biology professor Kyle Summers, participated in a research study that resulted in breakthrough findings of the genetic evolution of the genes that cause schizophrenia.

Summers, along with Bernard Crespi, biologist at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Colombia, and Steve Dorus of the University of Bath in Bath, United Kingdom, discovered that the genes that cause schizophrenia in present cases are most likely a result of natural selection.

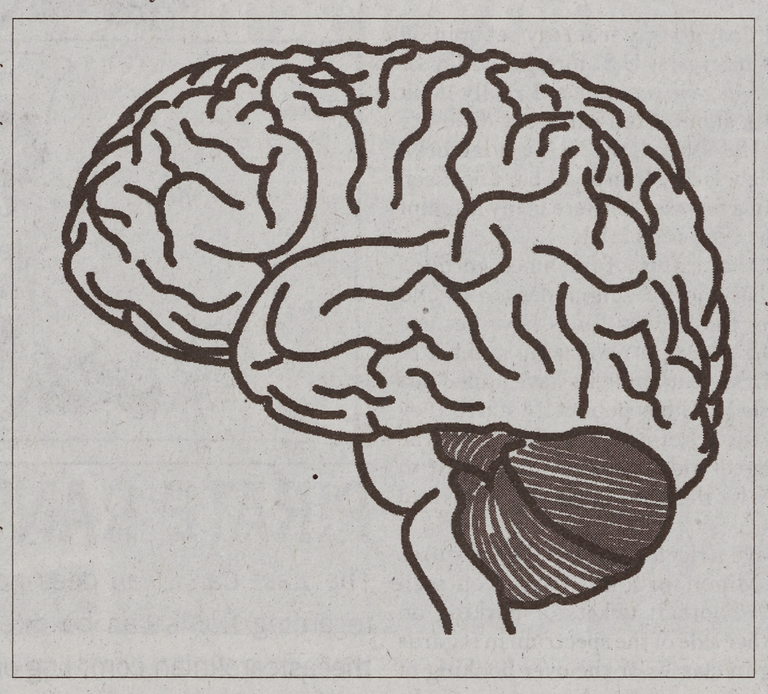
According to Summers, people who live with schizophrenia have a genetic alignment that has survived over time and passed hereditarily from carrier to carrier.

Schizophrenia occurs in one percent of the human population and has a high effect on health and behavior.

"Although schizophrenia is a debilitating disease, there is some evidence that mild versions of schizophrenia (e.g. schizotypy) are associated with enhanced cognitive abilities such as creativity and divergent thinking," Summers said.

Summers was invited to participate in a study by Crespi.

Summers compares the research process to an assembly line, starting with Dorus researching genetic databases for related genes related to schizophrenia.



"Schizophrenia is affected by many different genes," Summers said.

"In this study, we analyzed 76 genes that have a statistical association with schizophrenia."

The role of Summers was to analyze the research findings.

"I would take the alignment and do the analysis in attempt to detect signals of natural selection," he said.

Summers' research findings are to be published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, which is one of the top tier scholarly journals for science.

The research had to be reviewed by fellow scientists, reanalyzed by the biologists and resubmitted before it could be published.

"One of the goals that scientists have is to be published in top tier journals," Summers said. "Anytime someone does something that brings positive attention to the university is wonderful," said Jason L. Brown, biology grad student.

According to Brown, Summers' expertise stretches beyond molecular analysis; he is an expert in the study of poison darts frogs of Central and South America.

"The fact that he can step back and specialize in two topics and be renowned is amazing," Brown said.

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Opinion

{ Think for yourself. }

RANT OF THE DAY

Ever since I turned 21 last week, I feel like when I walk on campus everyone is staring at me and knows what I did.

Where did all of you come from?

My take on admissions

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

Normally I do not stray from my set opinion topics: religious interests, U.S. foreign policy or diversity on campus, as sometimes, I really don't know what to talk about. Well currently diversity is thriving with Hate Week, the CIA is a terrorist organization as labeled by Iran and I have not seen Brother Micah in a few weeks. Here is my attempt at a more campus centered article.

How about that influx of freshmen enrolled at ECU? If you have been living under a rock and still wonder why the Subway lines have become longer, here is the answer. An amazing number of just over 4,000 first-year students have joined our school, even while ECU has publically stated they did not change the admission standards. Maybe times have changed and kids these days want to attend our classes for the prestigious degree instead of alcoholism!

Problems have arisen with our new figures in all respects. Minor instances have been seen in cases of ECU Football tickets or parking on campus, to the other side of the spectrum in regards to overcrowding in classes or the over booking of freshmen to live on campus. I am by no means faulting Campus Living in regards to the problems they have faced this year, as I realize they are doing their best to work with the resources they have.

I am not inclined to believe ECU's statement in regards to our growing numbers as simply a chance happening. Last year I had the chance to sit down with a high ranking facility member of this university, and our conversation turned to enrollment. NCSU ranks first in the state with about 30,000 students, UNC Chapel Hill a close second with 27,000 students. East Carolina at the time had figures listing roughly 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students. These numbers of course are pretty impressive for those with investments in the college.

UNC Charlotte however, threatened our third place holdings, with their 22,000 students last year and a projected increase that would shift East Carolina to fourth place. If I were a member of this university's Board of Trustees, this would not be a pleasing thought. That is why when I hear ECU boasting of its "largest enrollment yet," I begin to wonder.

Whose interests did the university have in mind during admissions this year: The 25,000 students now attending our school or twelve members of a council we never see?

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Getting involved

The importance of participation on campus

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

There is a large population of students on campus that came to ECU without knowing more than two people here. Granted, there are many who are from Greenville, and may have joined dozens of their former classmates here in Pirate Country. No matter how many people you know coming into college, you are going to leave knowing so many more and you are going to have so many experiences that will influence who you are and who you become.

This is probably the most overly used cliché in the history of college books, movies and stories. However, it is an important thing to remember. There are so many ways to become part of ECU and not just attend college here. For instance, if you are living on campus, this is the best way to meet new people. Even just saying "hey" in the bathroom is a great way to start.

Stephen Shaheen, an ECU Ambassador, EC Scholar, and pre-med senior thinks that, "On campus involvement, through clubs and other university-related activities, is essential to creating a well balanced personality and resume. In addition, it gives great opportunities to make new friends, pick up new hobbies, and expand your horizons, both academically and socially."

I know how corny this all sounds, but there are so many ways to get involved. The ECU Greek system is amazing; there are even Greek organizations within specific majors! You can get involved through Healthy Pirates; an organization geared toward health and nutrition majors, but is open for everyone. Club sports are a great way to share a love for soccer, softball, basketball, lacrosse and many more.

There are university organizations like the Student Government Association that can cultivate leadership skills and business savvy. The ECU Ambassadors offer chances to work within the football program and alumni programs. ECU Admissions offer tour guide positions, so if you want a chance to grow in your school spirit, take the opportunity to introduce interested high schoolers to the Pirate Nation.

Graduate programs and employers look at extra-curricular activities and since we all have to head out into the big bad world in the somewhat near future; it is never too early or late to start.

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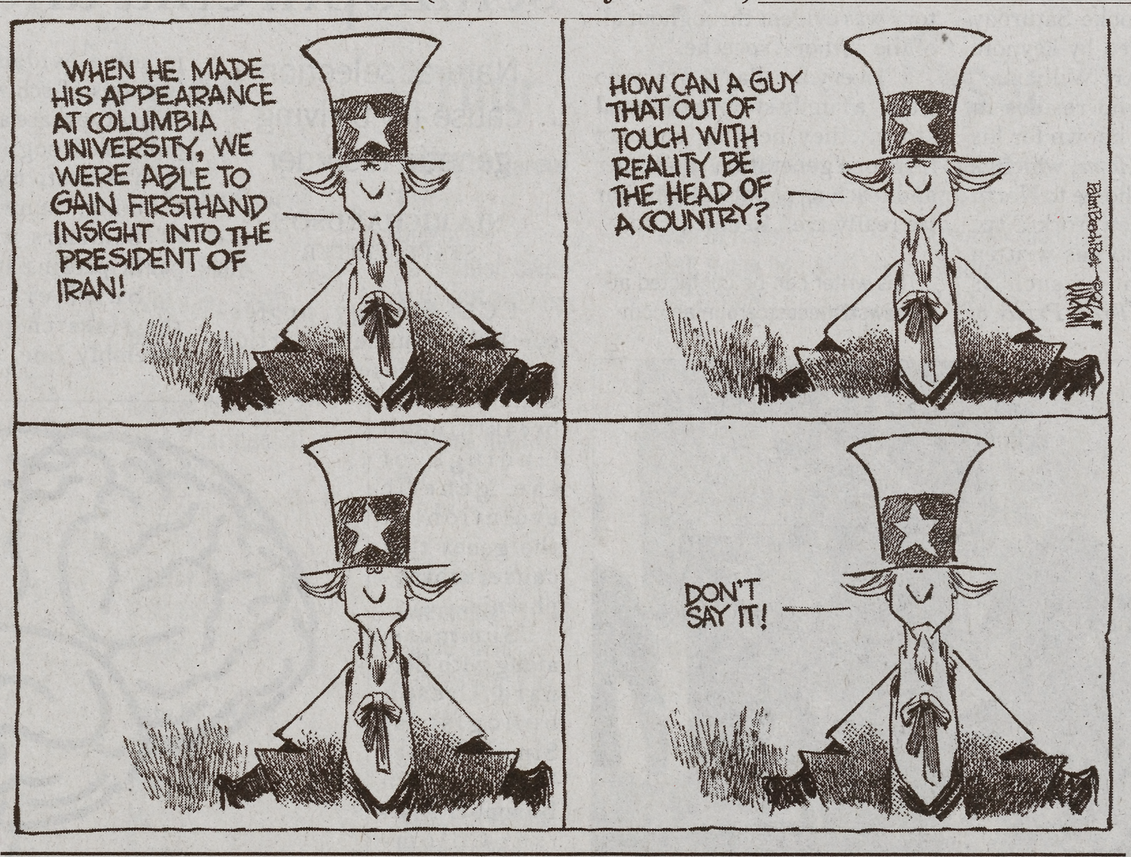

PIRATE RANTS

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I know my sore throat isn't an emergency, but do I really have to get an STD to see a doctor at the health center?

Ever since I turned 21 last week, I feel like when I walk on campus everyone is staring at me and knows what I did.

How can Brian, clearly a dog, get with the cartoon version of Drew Barrymore and I can't even get a decent conversation with a girl?

If you want, I'll get closer to you.

I think it's funny when your roommate locks all the channels on the TV. That'll teach ya!

Our drunk texts to each other are risky...but I like it.

I'm in an abusive relationship...and I'm the abuser. Help.

The art department's human-shaped statue outside my window gives me the creeps, especially at night.

To the people who come into class 20 minutes late, why do you come to class at all?

To the guy who always flirts with me and hugs me, please stop flirting and hugging me. I don't like you!!

The Pirates rocked that Houston game, ARRRGH!!

I've decided to transfer to the South Harmon Institute of Technology. That way, my tuition money will actually go to something worthwhile.

21 is the legal drinking age. So many people here don't abide by it anyway, so why does it matter making under 21 legal?

Jaws is the Chuck Norris of sharks.

You have not silenced me, Whichard. You need bigger signs.

After a bad break up, I go on MySpace and reconstruct my MySpace. It makes me feel better that I can trash him....

I love college.

I have a confession. When I get drunk I make out with really ugly guys...but really ugly guys need loving, too.

I got my freak on at the All-Greek Cookout.

Did I sign up for your SPAM when I enrolled at ECU? NO! So quit filling up my inbox with your departmental junk emails!

I skip class to play Halo 3!

I'm pretty sure my best friend is sleeping with my girlfriend. I just wish I could catch them in the act.

Some people should just shut their mouths because the more they talk the dumber they make themselves look. Especially you, Ms. California Valley Girl, who was complaining about the DUI you just got.

The meter maids are out of control.

To the person or persons who left two grape-flavored Aquafina bottles on the desk in the Austin lab--Thank you...you are the reason they don't allow drinks or food in the labs...

Just because Halloween is on its way doesn't mean you have to act like a total witch!

To the kid who almost dumped his peanut butter bagel on me in Aycock last Tuesday. Sorry, again.

It's almost mid-term and I haven't received my financial aid.

Every time I ponder my future I can never imagine what life will be like by myself; you're always in it. It's scary for me to think otherwise. It's been a year and four months and if God is willing, it'll be a lifetime.

I love my thick, luscious, beautiful girlfriend and I'm not afraid to say it.

I don't see how people complain about professors having accents when half the professors at ECU have one. Either deal with it or go someplace else.

I can feel my roommate's and my friendship dwindling away and I think I'm the only one who cares.

Will someone please define the meaning of SUMMER fling to this girl?!

If I step on the cracks on sidewalks, I freak out.

If the professors at ECU stayed drunk, lecture and the learning environment in general would be more enlightening.

She has you wrapped around her finger, doesn't she?

So I'm just 'cute' and not HOT? That's so annoying.

The same day I read the Rant about the person who got out of class early and then got into a wreck with two other cars, the same thing happened to me.

You have the right to say what you think!

We're both with other people but...I have a crush on you and I honestly can't help it.

You know you're a freshman when you bring different colored solo cups to a keg party. Those were the days.

My roommate lives for finding out if her Pirate Rants are worthy enough of making it or not.

Yeah, go ahead and ride your ROADMASTER ground assault.

Why is that people are already talking about Halloween at ECU. As I learned from my own experience, its really not all its cracked up to be. I feel bad for those will travel from so far to learn what I already know

I hate when I get outbidded on ebay.

I want you to want me. I need you to need me. I'd love you to love me. Even when I'm sober

"Scrappy!"

Thanks for a thankless job

Facilities Services keeps ECU running

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION WRITER

I've read a lot of Rants in this newspaper about the amount of noise, clutter and general inconvenience from all the construction going on around campus. I too have muttered under my breath about having to walk out of my way to get around a construction barrier...but I wonder how many of us, when we're sitting in our nice air-conditioned classrooms and complaining about all the noise the guys working on the roof are making, even give a thought to how those guys feels up there in 90-plus degree heat, just working hard, trying to keep that roof from crashing in on our heads someday. Probably not that many.

From changing light bulbs, emptying trashcans and unstopping toilets to digging ditches, laying pipe and putting new roofs on buildings, the men and women of Facilities Services keep this school running and we just take them for granted.

There isn't a fellow on this campus, myself included, who hasn't experienced poor aim in the bathroom from time to time (I hope this isn't an issue for the ladies). We don't have the wherewithal to wrap a wad of toilet paper around our hand and wipe it up, and thanks to those too lazy to even consider that to begin with, it's probably because there's evidence another lousy shot was there before us. We just correctly assume someone is going to come along behind us and clean up our filth.

In the wintertime after a freezing rain, it's not the salt fairies that come along to clean off the sidewalks and steps so we don't bruise our buns... or worse. A human being was out there in the freezing cold, breaking his back to keep us from breaking ours.

We need to think about these things the next time we're griping.

The men and women of Facilities Services provide a clean environment for us around our campus and in our buildings; they keep us cool when it's hot out and warm when it's cold; they keep us safe from faulty wiring, busted pipes and falling plaster.

Is it too much to ask to say thanks? I'm sure they don't expect it, but I bet they'd appreciate hearing it once in a while instead of a lot of complaining.

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One nation, under debt

Living on credit: The American way

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

For the first time in almost a year, I made sizable payments toward my credit card bill, and it's an experience I'd like to share. You see it all began last year around the beginning of the semester. Like you I was a poor college student trying to pay for books, and like every other college student who has a name and a social security number, I was offered a line of credit. "Wow," I thought, "Someone wants to give me free money, and all I have to do is pay them back." Sure, I thought I'd try this novel thing; after all this is America and everyone is living off credit.

My credit card experience was going great; I was spending money erratically, making the minimum payments and buying things I never would have if I had used cash. However, it wasn't long before I realized what I had gotten myself into. You see, about four payment periods in, I defaulted on my 0% agreed interest rate due to a late payment, and Bank of America slapped me with an impossibly high 33% interest rate. Needless to say, after this I was paying far too much a month in interest, and honesty it was getting hard to sleep. By simply knocking off the minimum each month and never really making any substantial difference on the bottom line, I managed to stay in debt for over a year. This year though, I finally had the will and the way to just pay it all off. My friends, it was a quasi-liberating experience.

After leaving the bank with much lighter pockets, my conscience felt a little lighter as well; however, the taste in my mouth was still unpleasant. Who could feel good about giving their hard-earned money to a bank that charges $30 for overcharging 50 cents, or defaults to 33% interest for paying a bill a day late? My relatively short time in debt has made me think: how many other people were in my shoes? How many Americans are paying off the minimum and missing sleep because of it?

After looking into it a little, the numbers I found were quite shocking. According to some estimates, the average American is $8000 in debt. 78% of college students have at least one credit card and 32% of them have four or more. Now, it is also stated that the majority of college students use their cards responsibly and make payments on time and often carry no balance. However, I think it is safe to say that there is a pretty substantial percentage of college students who aren't doing so and are probably majoring in credit card debt.

Now a lot of people say that bad credit is better than no credit at all, and this may be true. I think that in this day and age establishing some credit is a necessary thing, just do so carefully and know the consequences. I'm not much for giving advice on topics I admittedly could use help on myself, so I'll let someone else do it. I saw a bumper sticker somewhere that said it quite right, and I think it would be a suitable line to go out on; "Debt is normal, be weird."

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Horoscopes

Aries

Extra chores at home eat up most of your spare time. Don't complain; do what you always do. Get the family to help.

Taurus

Don't feel sad if somebody you counted upon cannot come through. Turn to another person or vendor and get what you need from them. It's a big world out there.

Gemini

You're running into opposition, but that's to be expected. That's one of the reasons you're not supposed to tell anybody yet. Make it easier on yourself.

Cancer

Changes are under way, and quick action must be taken. If you don't know what you're going to do, start with a family plan.

Leo

Something you forgot all about is overdue, and worse, everybody's waiting for it. They did not forget. Show you can work well under pressure.

Virgo

With your newly broadened perspective, you see new career options. Don't take action yet, but do take copious notes.

Libra

If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. Later, when relaxing with friends, don't make a big deal of the conflict. The person you found so annoying could turn out to be a good friend.

Scorpio

If you really have to go, proceed with caution. The trip will be plagued by vagaries and people who can't make decisions. Drive your own car, and watch out for ditzes in traffic.

Sagittarius

Figure out how much you've got and what you can afford to spend. Money's burning a hole in your pocket. Don't let it get out of control.

Capricorn

A friend who's in school can help you decide on your next course of action. A very obnoxious competitor helps you get moving on it.

Aquarius

Turn down an invitation from friends. You won't have the time. Your workload is about to increase quite dramatically. Don't schedule anything else.

Pisces

There is one person who understands pretty well. Maybe more than one. At any rate, these are the folks you want to be with tonight. Even a phone call will work.

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It's against the law in Chicago to eat in a place that is on fire.

Where to get your ink done

Tattoo parlors feature experienced artists

MIKE GEIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Greenville may not have a wide variety of tattoo parlors, but it does have three parlors with more-than-qualified artists.

One that many students know about is Cape Fear Tattoo, which is located next to Omar's on Fifth Street.

Cape Fear is home to accomplished tattoo artist Morgan Broadfoot. Broadfoot has been featured in an article in *Tattoo* magazine and has even graced its cover. She will also appear in an episode of *Miami Ink* on the network TV station TLC in the upcoming season.

Another tattoo parlor in Greenville is Garry's Skin Grafix, located next to Bob Barbour Honda on Memorial Drive. There is also a Skin Grafix located on Evans Street downtown.

Caroline Hedgepeth, a tattoo artist at Garry's Skin Grafix, has won many tattoo competitions all over the country over the past five years or so.

"I guess I started tattooing in 1995," said Hedgepeth. "I had been going to art school at ECU for two and a half years, and I decided to take a semester off. I started tattooing and I've been doing it ever since."

Students can be assured that the artists at Garry's Skin Grafix are well qualified.

"I screen all of the artists that come in to interview for a job," said Garry Nobles, owner of Garry's Skin Grafix. "You must be an artist and have a strong drawing portfolio, if you don't have a strong drawing portfolio I won't even interview you. You must also have a passion for the art.

Some ECU students have tattoos, while others are skeptical

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Photo by Samantha Johnson

The Cape Fear Tattoo parlor downtown offers students an array of tattoos, piercings and clothing choices.

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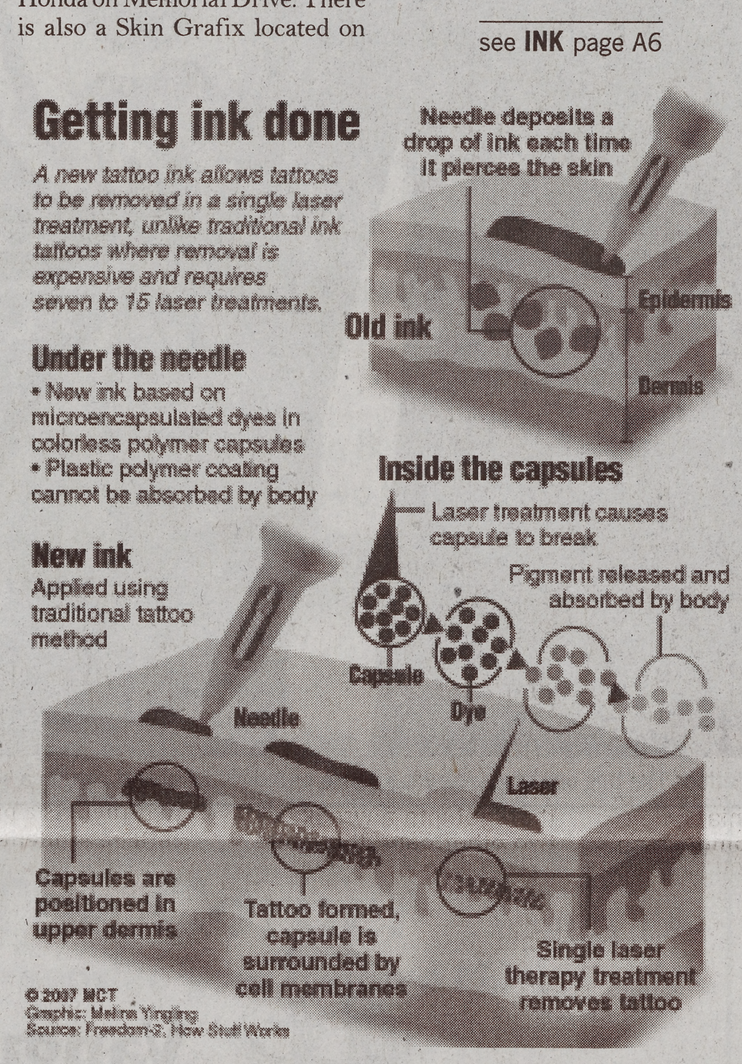
Matt Kerley, tattoo artist at Garry's Skin Grafix tattoo parlor on Evans St., gives a customer a new tattoo.



Hookah Haze Café and Bar comes to Greenville

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

The new Hookah Haze Cafe and Bar offers students a place to relax after a long, hard day of class.

New cafe provides relaxed atmosphere

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a place to relax with friends or maybe a dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth, look no further than Greenville's newest downtown attraction, Hookah Haze.

The Hookah Haze Café and Bar opened its doors Sept. 8 and currently stands alone as Greenville's only hookah smoking facility.

Though the establishment has been open for only three weeks many students have already designated it as one of their favorite places to hang out.

Senior exercise physiology major Mary Casacalenda heard about the café from a friend.

"I went the first week it opened and had a good time. It's something different and it was good to just be able to hang out in a chill environment," said Casacalenda.

Sophomore biochemistry major Timothy Shrader works at the café and feels the calm atmosphere is one of its most appealing qualities.

"I love being here. It's a relaxed atmosphere with great music," said Shrader.

For those visiting the bar to smoke, Hookah Haze offers a variety of regular and premium tobacco flavors for an affordable price.

Popular tobacco flavors to the bar include mango, orange, grape, strawberry, peach, mandarin, apricot, banana, lemon, triple apple and more.

Regular flavors are $8, premium flavors are $10 and the "Hookah Haze exclusive triple apple" premium tobacco flavor is $12.

Co-owner Hishar "Hash" Akhal is proud to offer the best tobacco at his establishment.

"All of our products are from Egypt, the best country to get them from. Our tobacco is mixed with fruit, honey and glycerine - no nicotine or tar," said Akhal.

Akhal and co-owner Rob MacLeod aspired to bring a hookah bar to Greenville after the success of the Ali Baba Café

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Photo by MCT

The Rec Center's belly dancing classes gave students a fun workout.

Belly dancing class offered at ECU

Class shows a different side of exercise

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

For the first time ever, ECU introduced a belly dancing class which was offered at the Mendenhall Student Recreation Center.

The belly dancing class was brought to ECU as a collaborative effort by senior psychology and religious studies major Danielle Bryan and Donna Whitley, a private belly dancing teacher in Greenville.

Whitley had been trying to bring the class to ECU for quite some time; it was Bryan's interest in belly dancing after a trip to India eventually led to its arrival.

"I saw traditional belly dancers in India. We had no running water or electricity, but we saw belly dancers...and I thought belly dancing was really awesome to get involved in," said Bryan.

Bryan eventually took up classes with Whitley, and was under her direction for a year and a half. When Whitley's request to get a belly dancing class started at ECU was granted, she asked Bryan to teach the class herself.

Whitley, who has been teaching belly dancing for 36 years, is very passionate not only about the dance, but about the tradition behind the dance.

Whitley got her start by dancing in a nightclub in Casablanca, and then lived in a traditional Moroccan village for a year, where she learned the history of belling dancing (or "raks").

An interesting part of the

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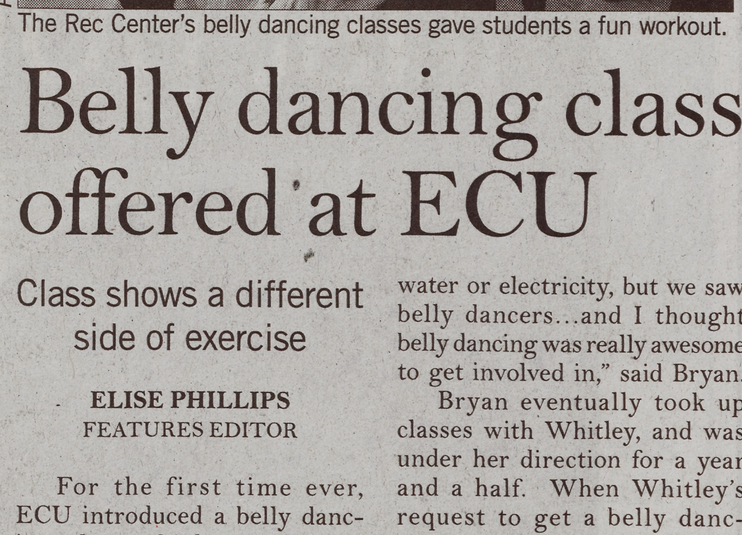

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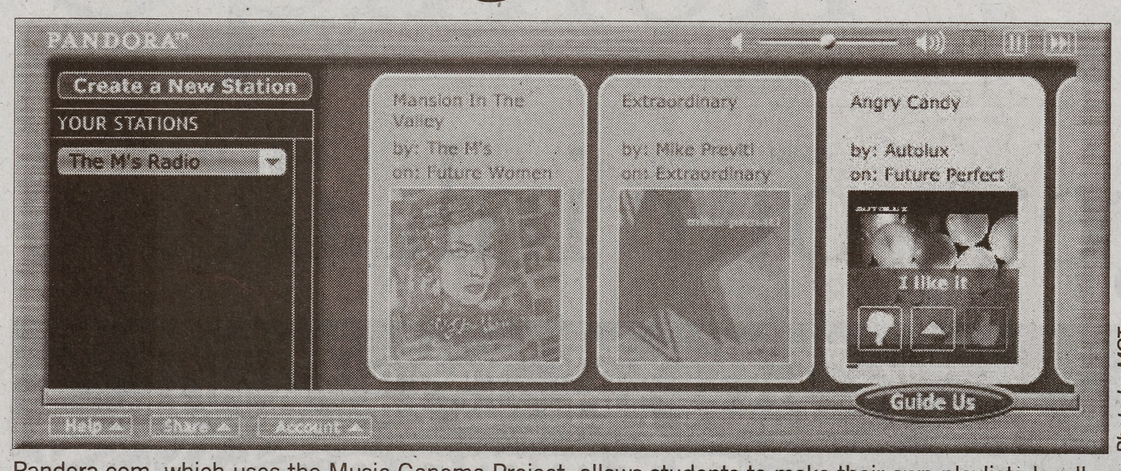
Belly dancing helps to boost self-confidence as well as tones muscles.

Discovering Pandora.com



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Pandora.com, which uses the Music Genome Project, allows students to make their own playlists legally.

Find great new music – for free!

VIRGINIA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

One of the hardest ruts to get out of is a musical rut: finding new music for your iPod or a new CD for your car. How can you find great new music without illegally downloading tunes off the Internet?

Visit Pandora.com and find new music to love. Pandora.com is a Web site that uses the Music Genome Project – a database created by Tim Westergren, Will Glaser and John Kraft in 2000. The three Stanford graduates identified more than 400 "genes" that combine in different ways to create the distinct qualities that make music so amazing.

The Web site searches the database to find music that every listener will love – it even ask you to rate music as you listen so that the search evolves as you go.

Pandora is incredibly easy to use – you simply create an account (it's free and you don't get a bunch of emails) and start looking for music. Searching is effective because the website uses artists you already like. Type in "The Rolling Stones" and Pandora will generate a list of similar artists (such as The Beatles or Fleetwood Mac) that you may not have listened to before.

You can save as many "stations" as you like, and the Web site is updated constantly to include new releases. Pandora.com plays songs that you can go back and listen to again and again. It's a great way to find music that you're almost guaranteed to love, and the best part is it's actually legal.

According to the Web site, Pandora was created "to put the Music Genome Project directly in your hands…it's a new kind of radio…stations that play only music you like."

Many online searches are not reliable and don't give credit to the artists; Pandora does, so listening to the music is guilt-free.

Amazingly, Pandora is relatively unknown at this point.

"A friend of mine told me about Pandora a year ago," said James Porter, a senior majoring in graphic design. "At first I was skeptical because it's free, but after doing some research I found that it's a safe site dedicated to The Music Genome Project. It's a fun site with a huge amount of music."

Don't get stuck listening to the same songs on the radio ten times a day – check out Pandora.com and broaden your musical horizons.

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about the pain, where to put the tattoo or the cost of the tattoo.

"Every person has an individual reason why they get tattoos," Nobles said. "But I think it ultimately comes down to three different reasons: they have a need to change themselves and their body, as a memorial to a loved one, or it's just the cool factor of having a tattoo."

The tattooing process begins with a thorough cleaning of the area that will be tattooed. Then, the artist typically uses a stencil to draw the tattoo on the skin in pen. After that, the tattoo artist opens the needles in front of the customer to show that they are unused, sterile needles. The ink is then mixed and poured and the tattooing begins.

When the artist is done with the tattoo, they will bandage the area so that it does not become infected. The artist then throws away the needles in front of the customer to show that the needles will not be reused.

Tattoo prices vary from parlor to parlor.

Garry's Skin Grafix charges between $100 and $150 per hour, while Cape Fear Tattoo charges based on the size of the tattoo, the amount of time it takes to do it and the experience level of the artist.

Cape Fear Tattoo is open seven days a week from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Garry's Skin Grafix on Memorial Drive is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Skin Grafix on Evans Street is open Monday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information about either of these tattoo parlors, visit skingrafix.com or capefeartattoo.net.

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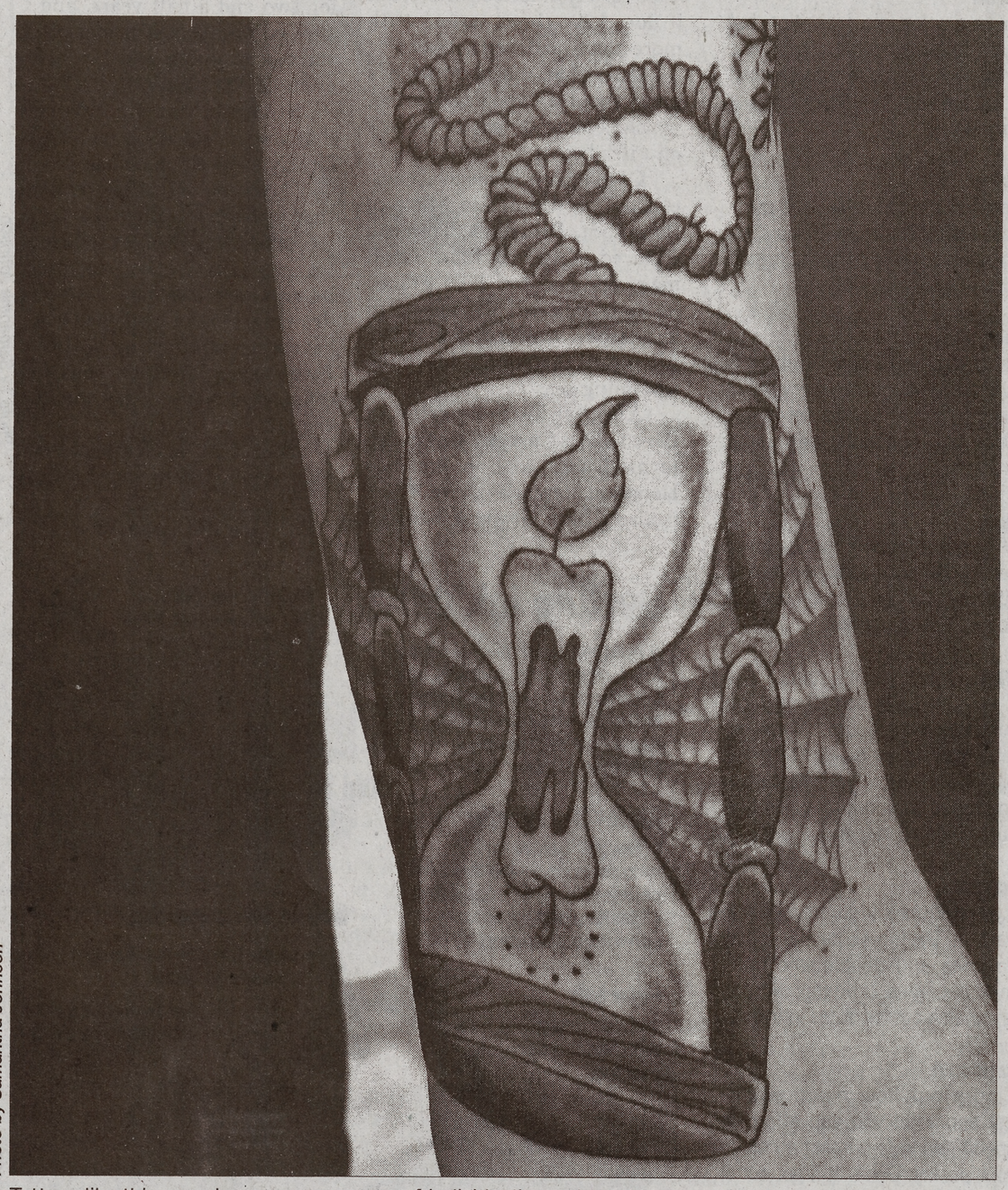

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Tattoos like this one give wearers a sense of individuality and can be a source for conversation starters.

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and Hookah Bar in Raleigh, N.C.

"We're so proud to be in downtown Greenville. We're in a great location that's easy to find and near campus," Akhal said.

Though the bar is mainly centered around smoking the hookah and sampling various exotic tobacco blends, it has much more to offer.

Hookah Haze carries many tasty treats including American, Turkish, and Arabic coffees, as well as tea and Baklavah pastries.

Another perk to the café is its free wireless Internet access.

Also adding to the bar's intrigue is its visual appeal.

Dimly lit, the walls are lined with comfortable couches and hookahs at each table.

Each visit is sure to provide guests with a new experience, as the café plays music from all over the world and features artwork from many different contributing artists in the area.

Upcoming bar attractions include various contests in which hookahs will be given away as prizes.

There is also talk of expanding the facility in the future to include alcoholic beverages for guests over 21.

For more information on the Hookah Haze Café and Bar, visit 408 S. Evans St. or hookahhaze.net.

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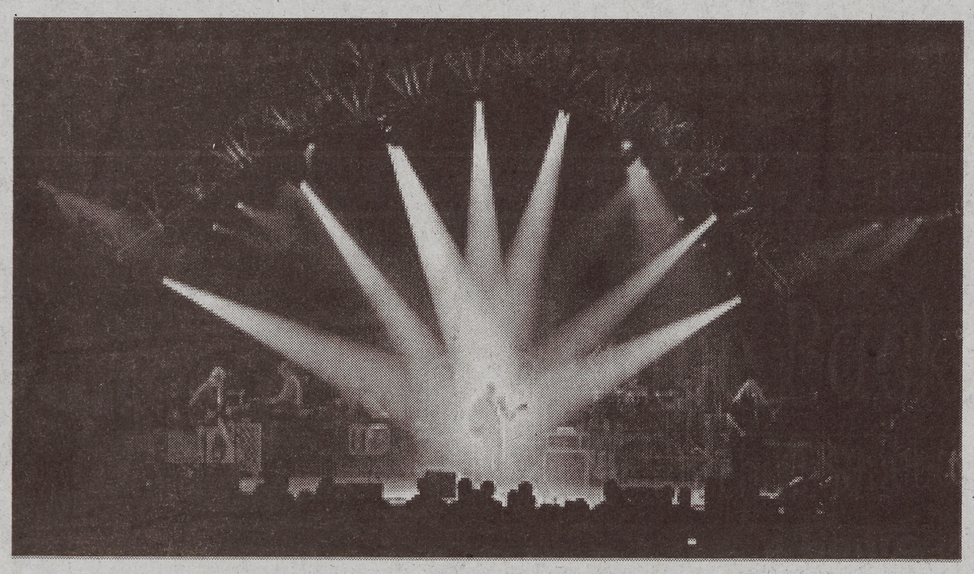

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Belly dancing, although considered sensual by many, traditionally began as a ritual to celebrate family.

dance's history is that men use the dance to dance for men, and women use the dance to dance for women.

"[Belly dancing] is not a dance of seduction, but was originally thought of as a celebration of life and of women. Its roots come from the tradition of dancing for weddings and for the naming of babies," said Whitley.

Whitley's passion for belly dancing derives from the fact that many people have a misconception about belly dancing in general.

"The traditional attire [for belly dancers] is very demure. Movements may be sensual and provocative to us, but belly dancing involves the entire body, not just the pelvic area or abdomen," Whitley said.

The class, which taught students a different and exotic way to exercise, was also about empowering the individual (especially women) of which Whitley is a proponent.

"Whitley is all about empowering women and being comfortable in your own skin. I was very shy [at first]," Bryan said. "[But] then I got involved in belly dancing and I couldn't be shy."

The four- week belly dancing class was offered to students every Tuesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., but the outcome was not what Bryan expected.

"We only had about eight people show up to the class and we were wondering why the attendance was so low. We're hoping to publicize more, [and] we're hoping to have another class," Bryan said.

Whitley and Bryan both say that belly dancing has changed their lives.

"I'm very passionate about belly dancing because it has completely changed my life. It opened up a whole new world [to me]," Whitley said.

Bryan encourages anyone who is interested to come out and try the class.

"If you can look at yourself in the mirror and like what you see, then you can do it. You just have to jump in there and do it," Bryan said.

The belly dancing class will begin its second round soon.

For more information about the class and to learn how to get involved, contact Danielle Bryan at (252) 315-9974.

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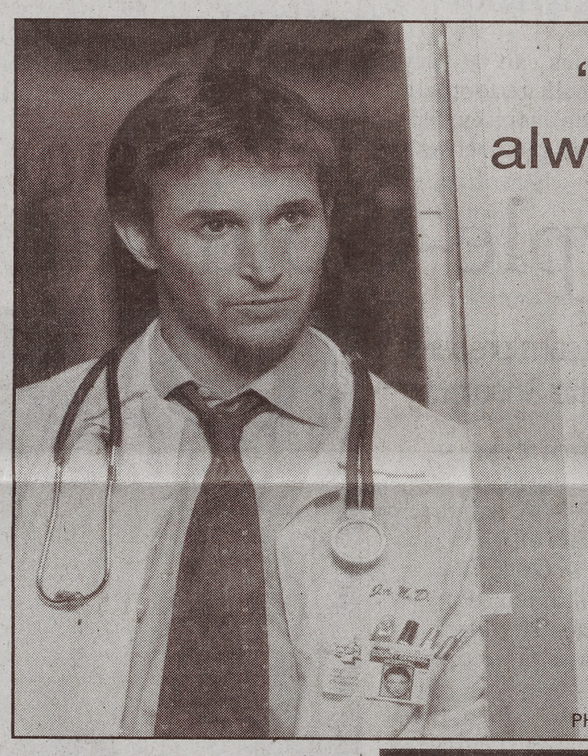

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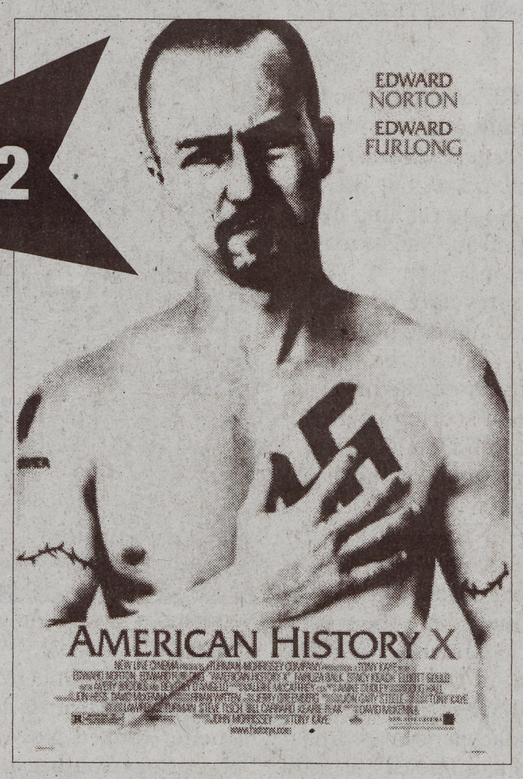

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Sports

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Most Valuable Pirate

CHRIS JOHNSON

The Pirates' speedy senior running back totaled 221 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns in ECU's 37-35 victory at Houston Saturday night. Johnson, who is ECU's all-time leader in all-purpose yards, recorded his fifth-career 100-yard rushing game with 147 yards on the ground. His 43-yard touchdown run halfway through the third quarter was ECU's longest run of the season and longest since Nov. 18, 2006. Johnson also added 24 receiving yards and 50 kick-return yards in the win.

"I was really pleased with the way we got the rushing game going. I thought Chris Johnson had an excellent game; he ran hard, ran physical and really did a nice job with it."

-ECU coach Skip Holtz

THE TURNING POINT

Clinging to a one-touchdown lead halfway through the third quarter, ECU's Chris Johnson broke free for a 43-yard touchdown run that put the Pirates ahead 34-21. The Pirates' 13-point lead was the biggest lead of the game for either team, and proved to be crucial as Houston's comeback fell just short in the 37-35 shootout. Johnson tallied all 49 of ECU's yards in the two-play drive, and recorded the Pirates' first 100-yard rushing performance of the season with 147 yards on the ground.

They Said It:

"This game was a statement game for us because all of a sudden, the whole league is talking about East Carolina beating Houston. I was so proud of the way our players went out there, competed and believed."- ECU football coach Skip Holtz on the impact of beating Houston

"Solid teams have solid special teams. For example, Coach Beamer at Virginia Tech has won a lot of games with special teams. A lot of people don't cross the T's or dot the I's on special teams and I think Coach Hargreaves has done an excellent job in developing what we like to call our 'dirty dozen.'"- Holtz on the difference that special teams can make

'Special' Pirates outlast Cougars

Photo by Stephen Pinchback SID

Senior running back Chris Johnson got the Pirates offense rolling against Houston, posting the first 100-yard rushing performance of the season for running game starved ECU.

ECU picks up first conference win

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Special teams can be very important in college football, and that was no more evident than in Saturday's game between ECU and Houston.

The Cougars missed all three of their field goal attempts, while ECU (2-3, 1-1) connected on its only attempt in the Pirates' 37-35 victory.

Houston (2-2, 1-1) kicker T.J. Lawrence missed two field goals with less than two minutes left in the game and the Pirates leading 37-35. Lawrence's first potential game-winning kick sailed wide left with 1:55 left to play, and his next attempt missed to the right with only :03 left on the game clock, seemingly ending the game.

"When you get in close games, special teams really does make a difference," said ECU coach Skip Holtz.

Lawrence's other field goal try was blocked by ECU defensive lineman C.J. Wilson in the second quarter.

"Our special teams gets about 40-45 minutes a day between meeting time and practice time, and some of those guys have really stepped up," said Holtz. "I think anybody can beat anybody on a given Saturday; if you get in a close game and miss a field goal or an extra point, or have a turnover and they return it for a touchdown, it's real easy to lose

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Purple-Gold game offers glimpse of future

Ice hockey team prepares for Charlotte Shootout

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Aileen Devlin

Freshman forward Joe Sonatore (21) and senior forward Corey Fleitz (19) fight for the puck during the second-annual Purple-Gold game.

Blue lines, face offs, and zambonis are back in Greenville.

The second annual Purple-Gold game this past weekend officially marked the return of ECU club ice hockey.

The "Purple" team, who sported black jerseys, outlasted the "Gold" squad in a closely contested battle, 5-3.

The long offseason likely contributed to sluggish starts for each side but both went out firing at the end of the first period. The teams combined for four goals in the last five minutes of play.

The highlight goal of the game came in the second period courtesy of senior Mark Linzer, as he snuck in behind the net and finished off a wrap around shot for the "Purple" team.

After the "Gold" team equalized, Linzer's side added two more goals in the third period to seal the game for "Purple."

Although the match was competitive, the result was not the most important thing to take away from the game.

"It's a fun game, to let the fans come out and get a sneak peek before we actually play a real game," said senior Brent Falcon. "It's good to get the lines going a little bit and actually play in some sort of a game, not just drills and practice."

Freshman forward Nick Dinardo, who is likely to play a key role in this year's offense, was especially appreciative of being able to skate in an ECU jersey for the first time.

"It's a great feeling, seeing the fans...it's a lot different than playing hockey up north," said Dinardo of the Bladez on Ice faithful. "We've got fan support,

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Pirates warm up for conference play

Women's soccer enjoys national recognition

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Sophomore forward Amy Szilard has been stellar this season, adding another goal to her season total against Francis Marion over the weekend.

The ECU women's soccer team shutout non-conference opponent Francis Marion Saturday afternoon, 2-0, but the real story is its No. 13 ranking in the Southeast poll and stellar play so far this season.

The Pirates have not lost in seven games and extended their record to 6-1-2 with the win.

"We possessed the ball well and had good scoring chances," said Coach Rob Donnenwirth.

The first goal of the game was scored with 14 seconds remaining in the first half by freshman Amanda Broz. It was her first goal of the season.

Two minutes into the second half Amy Szilard scored the second goal of the contest, tapping the ball right over the Patriot goalkeeper's head. Anastasia Nikas and Jessica Swanson assisted on the goal.

ECU goalie Amber Campbell thinks that the team is deserving of being ranked No. 13 in the Soccer Buzz Southeast Poll.

"It was nice to be recognized, I think we should be ranked higher," she said.

"We haven't been ranked this high since 1999 and we are second in the conference now," said Jami Dickerson, who was credited with the assist on the goal by Broz.

Despite the accolades, Donnenworth is focused on the conference play ahead.

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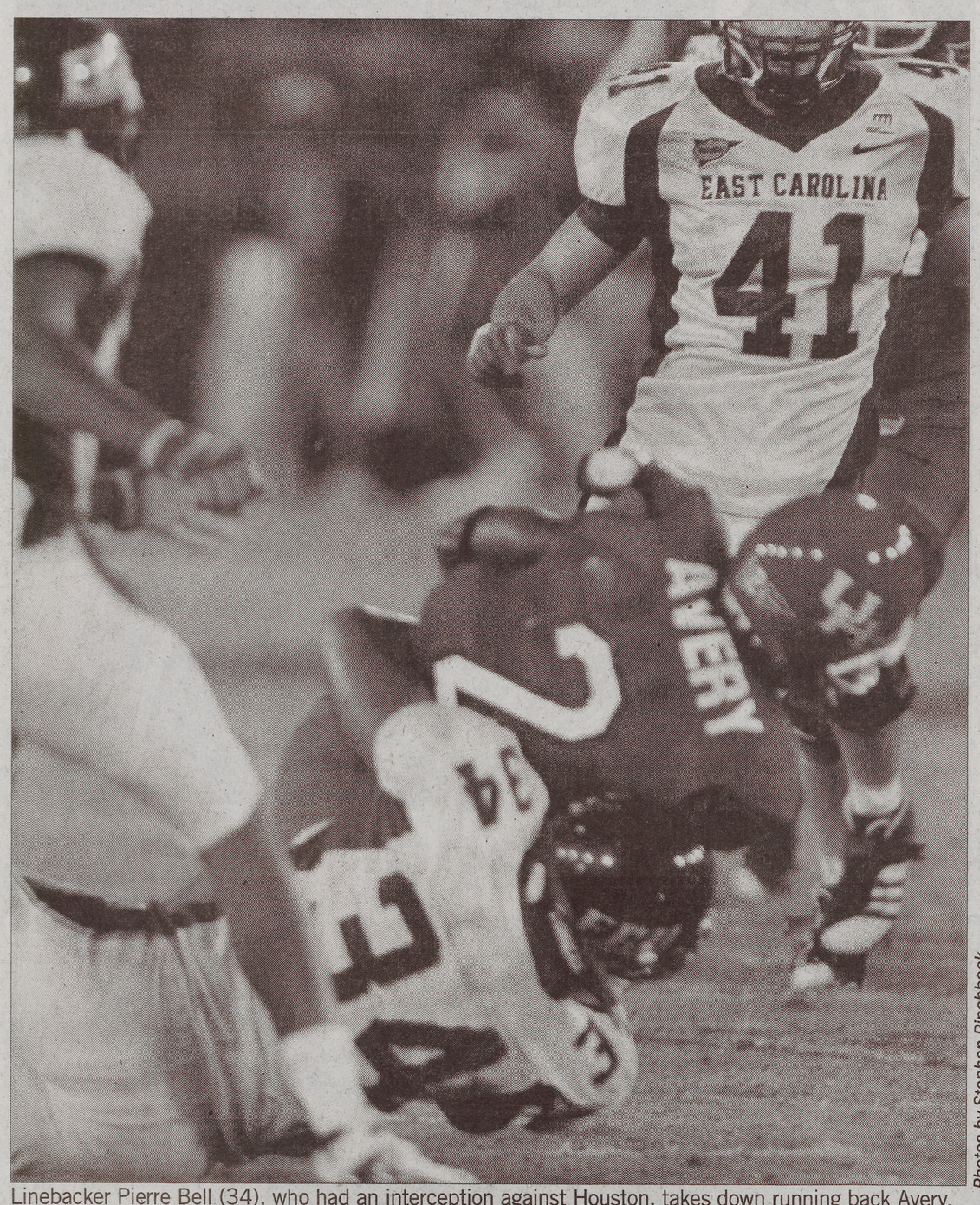
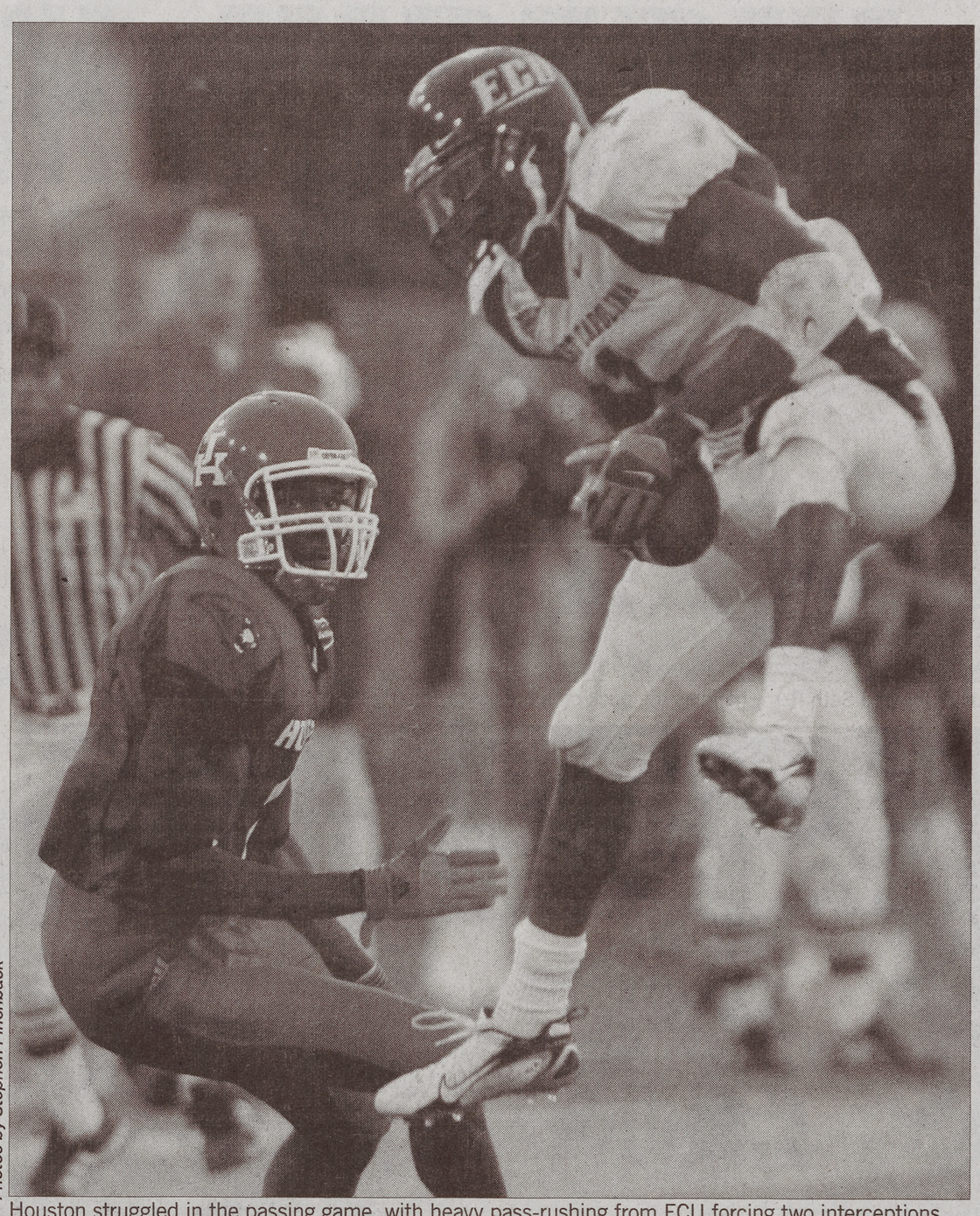


Linebacker Pierre Bell (34), who had an interception against Houston, takes down running back Avery.



Houston struggled in the passing game, with heavy pass-rushing from ECU forcing two interceptions.

Photos by Stephen Pinchback

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Ben Hartman's 33-yard field goal late in the third quarter gave the Pirates a 37-28 lead, ECU botched an extra point attempt, Houston returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown and the Cougars only averaged 31.1 yards per punt in a contest defined by erratic special teams play.

"It was a game that had a lot of emotional turns," Holtz said. "It was a game where you kick a field goal and go up two scores...and three minutes later you watch a guy run by you on the sideline for a touchdown going the other way. As excited as you were on one end it kind of deflates you on the other.

"There were a lot of emotional highs and lows in this game and I was really proud of our players and the way they continued to compete, continued to fight, kick, scratch, claw and do whatever they had to do to get the win."

The Pirates saddled Chris Johnson, who had 221 all-purpose yards, and Houston saddled Donnie Avery, who had 350 all-purpose yards, in the Midwestern shootout which featured 813 total yards of offense, three offensive plays of 50 yards or more, four different quarterbacks, 17 penalties and five lead changes.

"This was a great win for the program and a much needed win for the morale of the program," said Holtz.

147 of Johnson's 221 yards came on the ground, as the Pirates' senior running back recorded ECU's first 100-yard rushing game of the season, something that Holtz has been waiting on for awhile now.

"We got the rushing game going," Holtz said of the Pirates' first C-USA victory. "I thought Chris Johnson had an excellent game; he ran hard, ran physical and really did a nice job with it."

The Pirates also got production from the passing game, especially in the second half. Rob Kass, who played the entire second half after ECU faced a 21-20 halftime deficit, threw for 110 yards and one touchdown.

Kass' 34-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Lee was the first career touchdown for both players, and gave ECU a 27-21 lead early in the second half.

"We went with Rob Kass in the second half and I thought he did a really nice job," said Holtz. "He threw two really nice deep balls...for a guy that hasn't played a whole lot in the first four games of the season, I thought he went in and really did a nice job of executing the offense and moving the ball down the field."

ECU was without numerous starters coming into the game and lost even more players due to injury throughout the course of the game.

Defense lineman C.J. Wilson recorded a career-high three sacks and nine tackles in the victory.

Holtz credited Wilson, along with Zack Slate, Jay Ross, Stanley Bryant and Delvon Mack for performing well in extended roles against Houston in absence of some the Pirates' normal starters.

"We have some guys who are having the opportunity to step up because of the injuries that are there," said Holtz. "That's why we talk so much about creating depth on this football team, and why we've tried to play so many players is create some depth, because nobody is going to stay healthy the entire year; injuries are part of this game."

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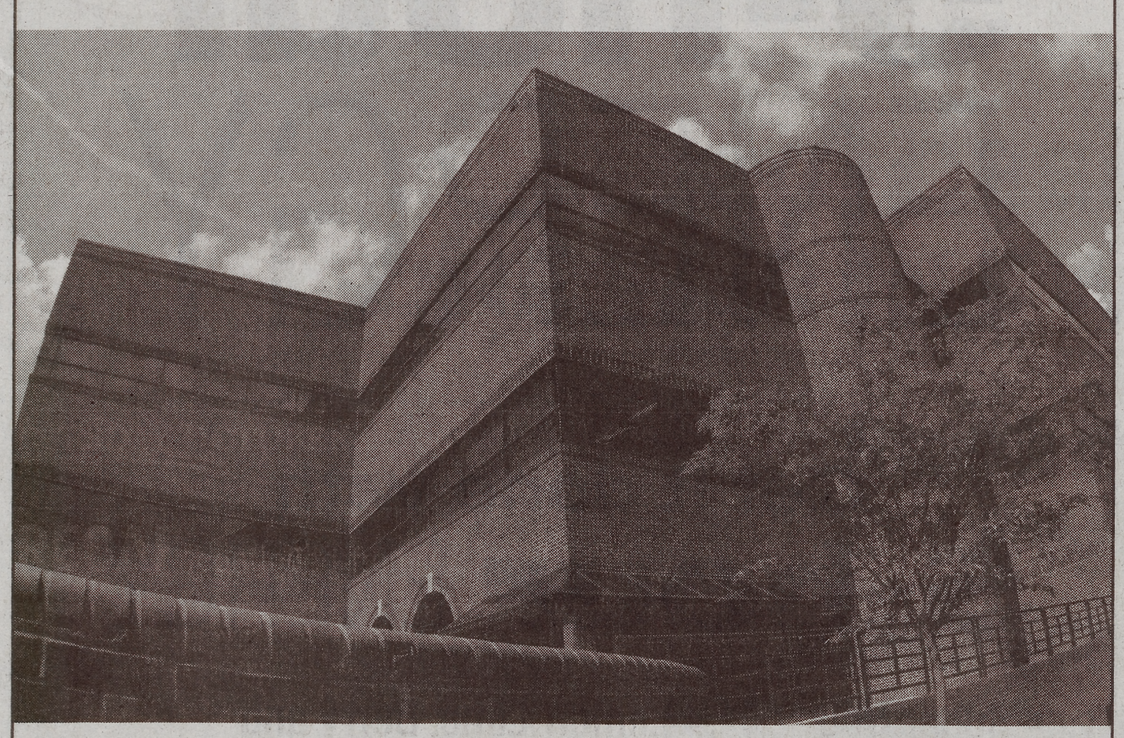

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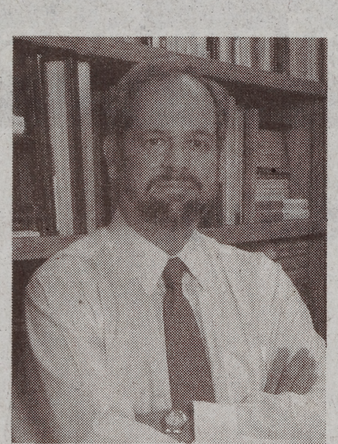

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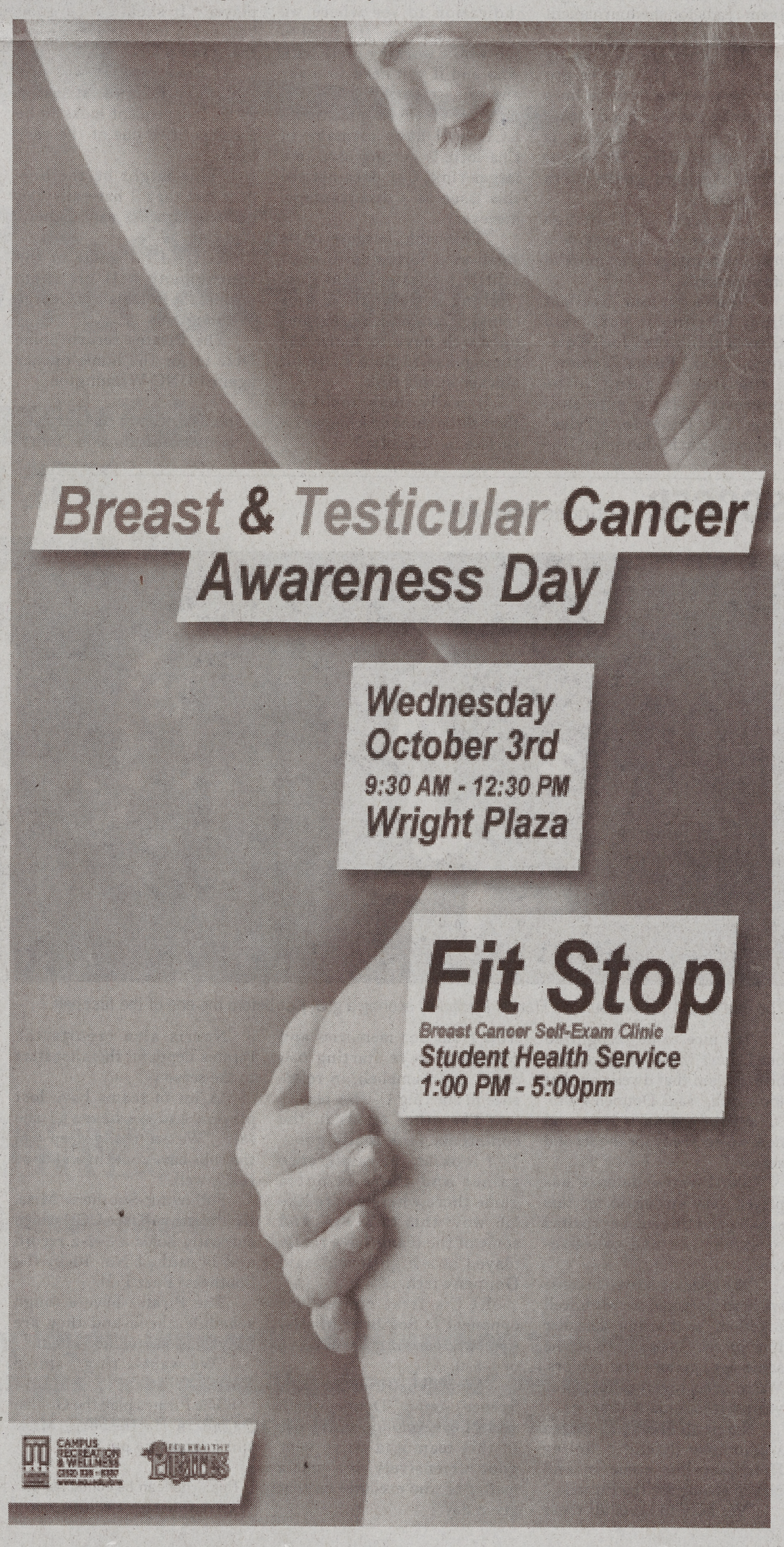

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Junior forward Seth Percy handles the puck on a breakaway during the Purple-Gold scrimmage.

Photos by Aileen Devlin

Sam Duehring (22) gets tangled up with another Pirate as Mark Linzer (10) and Tyler Falcon (24) look on.

community support; it's great playing here."

The game also served as a crucial measuring stick to gauge where the team is with the regular season looming.

"The team looks good," said Coach Wayne Cox. "They're showing a lot of speed. We'd like to fine tune just a little bit over the next week to get them ready for the tournament coming up in Charlotte."

"The lines are all clicking well. I think that we've got four very strong forward lines and we've got four good rookie defensemen. Goaltending is very competitive. We've got three excellent goaltenders this year."

The depth ECU brings at the lines should provide a major advantage over most of its opponents.

"You've got four excellent lines battling it out," said Cox. "I think the [Joe] Colatuno, [Sean] Burns, [Jeremy] Lang line is going to be interesting. It's a pure skill line. The Dinardo, [Tyler] Falcon, [Zach] Johnston line is smart, extremely quick and they move the puck well together."

With two more skilled lines waiting to jump over the boards, offense may be the least of Cox's concerns.

As Cox alluded to, preparation for this weekend's Charlotte Shootout was also a focal point.

"This is definitely a good indication to see where we are," said Falcon. "It's good to see who's working well with who and if you need to make any adjustments."

One of the adjustments ECU will have to make in Charlotte is getting used to a larger rink. Cox does not see this issue as a disadvantage, however.

"This rink, because of its small size, forces us to react a little bit faster," said Cox. "I think some of these kids coming from junior programs up north have to learn the timing has to be a little bit quicker in this rink.

"I really think you'll see their skills shine on a bigger ice surface in Charlotte."

Awaiting the Pirates in Charlotte are George Washington, Georgia Tech and Appalachian State, a team ECU knows all too well.

Even transfer Sean Burns understands the significance of playing the old Blue Ridge rivals.

"App. State should be fun since the guys lost to them last year," said the former N.C. State player. "It should be a good battle. I'm looking forward to that game a lot."

If Friday night was any indication, ECU's first season as an Independent looks to be a competitive one at the very least.

"This might be the biggest test they'll have all year, playing against each other," said Cox.

ECU's first game of the tournament will pit them against the Colonials of George Washington.

The Pirates return home Oct. 12 for the home opener against UNC-Wilmington.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

The Pirates put the pressure on Francis Marion by scoring a goal just before the end of the first half.

"It's nice to be recognized but I don't think we have ever been a team that dwells on that too much," said Donnenworth. "The first season is over and now we get ready for the second season."

The Pirates' defense has played very strong so far this season, and this can be credited to experience and cohesiveness.

"We're doing so well because we're so close and we work well together," said senior defender Kat Norris. "We're all about the same age, juniors and seniors. We've been together for three years without many changes."

Norris also pointed out that sophomore defender Kelley Hennessy has come in and played strong for the Pirates.

"We have to erase all these wins from our memories and remember we're starting 0-0 now," said Campbell, in reference to starting C-USA play.

"The other teams in the conference look really good. You look at the conference games and there is not a game there where you're like 'oh wow this is a win' and some of the teams have really played at a high level," said Donnenwirth.

ECU's first conference opponent is Southern Mississippi, who currently has a record of 4-5-0.

"We will battle every [conference] game," Donnenworth said. "I have a lot of confidence in this team and we're very good defensively, it's just a matter of who executes on that given day."

Norris also credits the Pirates' depth for their hot start to the season.

"A lot of teams have lost players and we haven't," she said. "We are really deep and the subs have come in and done really well."

Following Southern Miss, the Pirates will face UCF, which currently holds a 5-2-2 record and is ranked No. 10 in the Southeast Buzz Poll.

The Pirates have a tough schedule ahead and they are fully focused and motivated.

"We want a ring," stated Norris.

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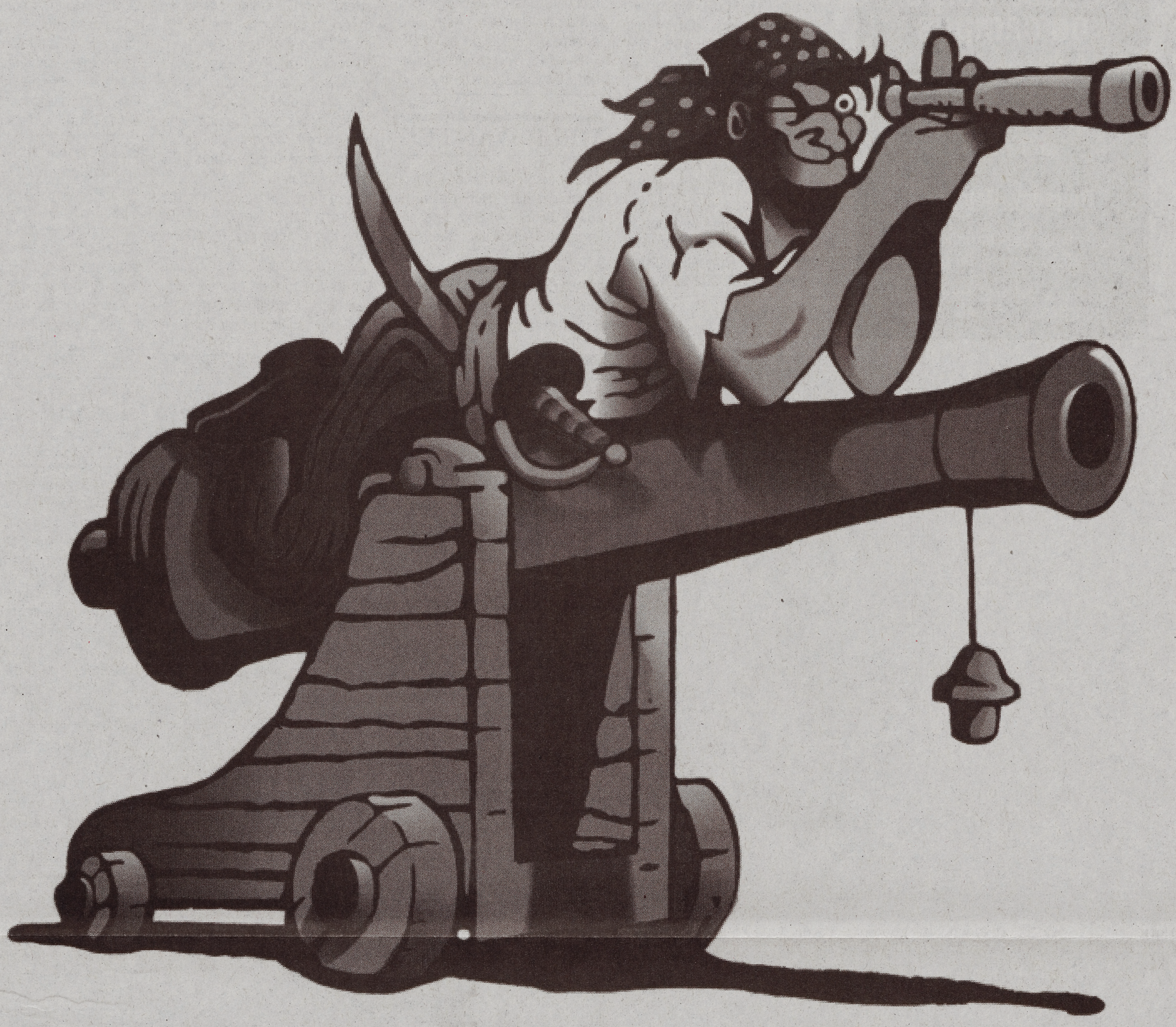

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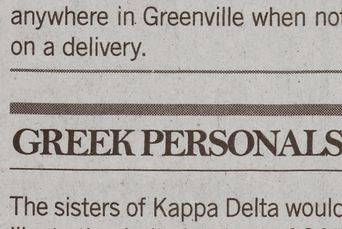
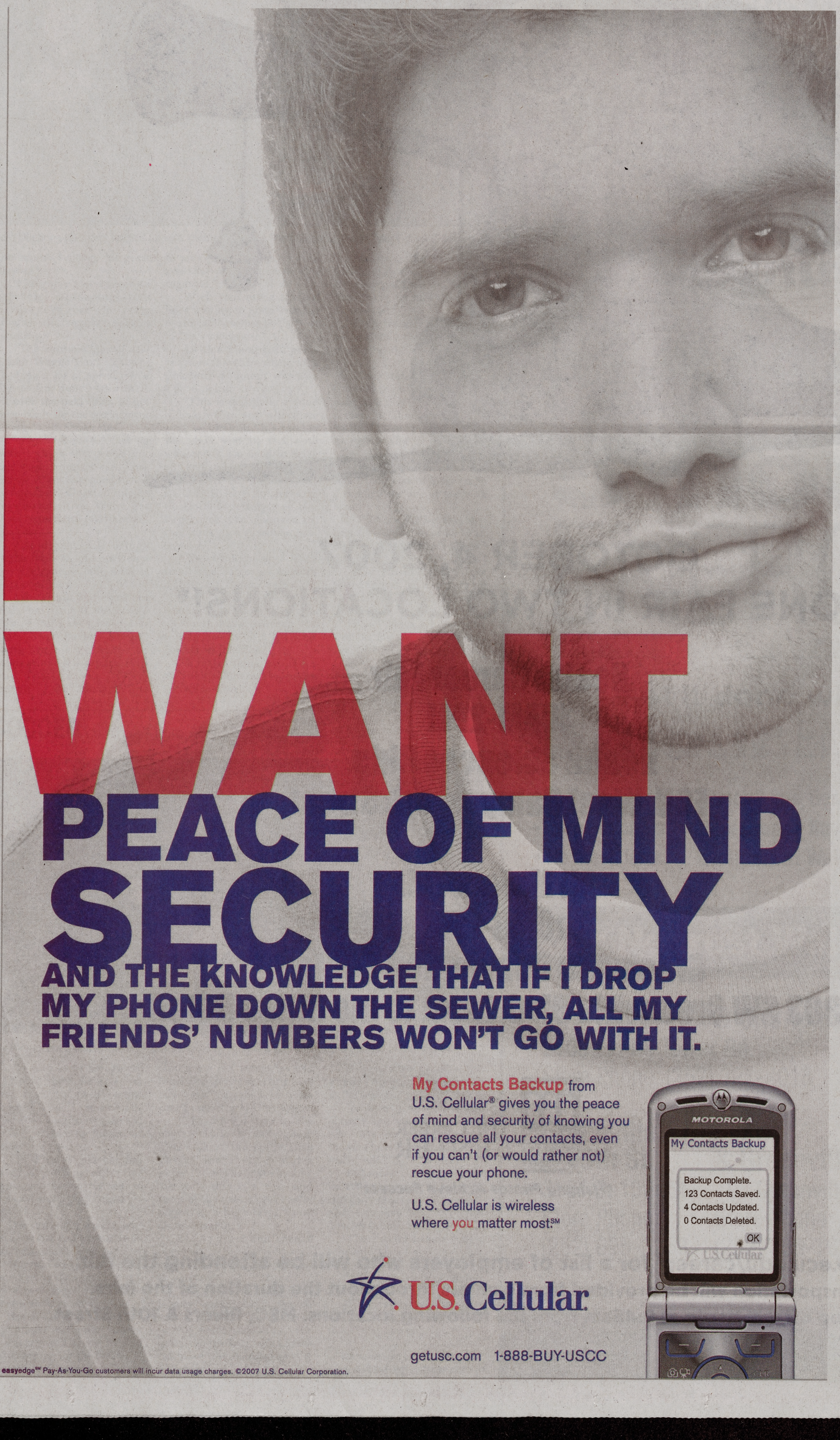
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