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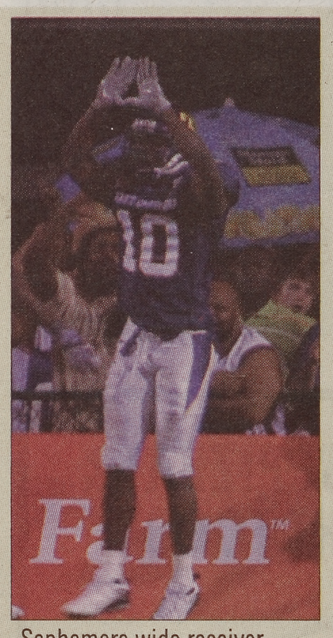
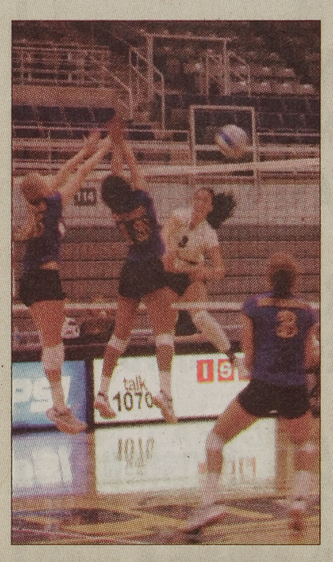
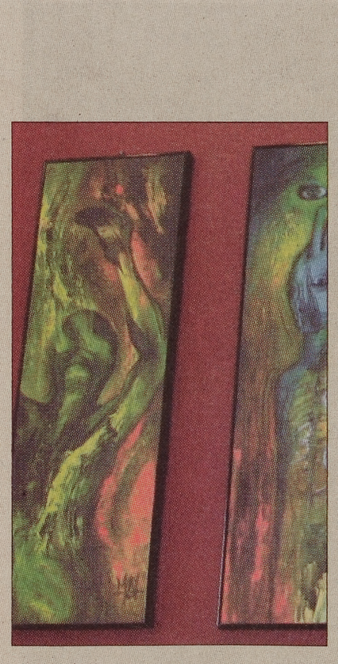


Sophomore wide receiver Jamar Bryant and the Pirates used an impressive third-quarter performance to prevail over UCF. Turn to the sports section for coach Skip Holtz' take on the second straight come-from behind conference victory for ECU and what feat explosive running back Chris Johnson achieved in the victory. ..... **Page A7**



The ECU women's volleyball team has established itself as a legitimate contender in C-USA. Check out the sports section to find out how the Pirates fared against the stiff competition of Tulane at Minges Coliseum over the weekend. .....**Page A7**



Mike Lamb, a local artist, will be showing an exhibition of his unique and unusual work at 21 Eleven Beer and Wine on Oct. 26.....**Page A5**

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ECU recognizes mental health days

Two events to educate students

ADELINE TRENTO
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow the Center for Counseling and Student Development will sponsor World Mental Health Day at ECU.

World Mental Health Day, which was observed for the first time in 1992, is a nationally recognized event that aims to educate people about different mental health issues and diseases.

"This is the first year that World Mental Health Day has been observed at ECU," said Renita Moore, a mental health outreach specialist.

"Our goal is to create awareness about mental health, but also to encourage people to pay more attention to their emotional state on a day to day basis. We want to raise awareness about the negatives and celebrate being healthy mentally as well as emotionally."

In an effort to educate students about mental health, Moore and other peer health educators will be in front of Wright Plaza playing "Catch the Facts" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Catch the Facts" is a passport event that will give students a chance to catch a ball and answer multiple-choice questions.

Students will also receive "life survival kits" that contain candy and other inspirational items.

"The 'life survival kits' will contain every day items that have a mental health twist put on it, like a Q-Tip to remind students to quit taking it personally," Moore said.

Photo by Lizz Wells

The Counseling Center is sponsoring both mental health events this week.

"It's a light hearted way to address some serious issues that could help a person from day to day."

On Thursday, the Center for Counseling and Student Development will observe National Depression Screening Day as well.

As part of National Depression Screening Day, students will be able to receive free depression screenings at the Mendenhall Student Center.

Students will have the chance to fill out a self-scoreable questionnaire and go over their answers with the counselors at the screening.

"It's not a test that will show students if they are or aren't depressed, it will just get students thinking about different aspects of their lives," Moore said.

"It's a great opportunity for students even if they are just curious or don't feel like they're depressed. It's a chance to learn something so they could recognize depression if they did see it."

Many students feel that mental health issues such as depression and eating disorders are prevalent at ECU.

"I feel like depression and other issues are common with college students," said Leah Alvare, senior math education major.

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ECU officials complete investigation on alleged noose

GREENVILLE (Oct. 5, 2007)—East Carolina University officials today announced the completion of an investigation into the report of an alleged noose found in the basement of Belk Residence Hall last month.

Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student life, said the investigation by ECU police included interviews with students who live in the hall, a review of surveillance tapes from security cameras in the area, and a thorough examination of the entire basement of the building. Police spent more than 100 hours on the case.

ECU police were unable to conclude whether a noose had been found, according to Johnson. The rope had been untied by students before investigating officers arrived on the scene minutes after a report was called in by a student on Sept. 22, Johnson said. A piece of rope was found at the scene, but pieces of similar material were found throughout the basement, he said.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said that despite the inconclusive nature of the investigation, the university takes seriously the concerns that students have expressed this week.

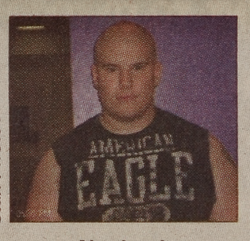
"East Carolina University has zero tolerance for intimidation or harassment in any form," Ballard said. "We intend to use this incident as a springboard for serious discussion of diversity issues throughout the campus. We remain unconditionally committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion across the university."

Johnson said that the Office of Student Affairs, along with the Office of Institutional Diversity, will launch a new program to engage students from different races and ethnic groups to talk about race relations in an academic setting. He said that the first part of this series will be offered in Belk Hall next week.

Do you think the introduction of the diversity classes will have an impact on the student body's outlook on cultural awareness?

Marquita Stringfield
Elementary Education, Junior
"I think it would for incoming freshman but I believe its too late for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are already set in their ways of ignorance towards diversity."

Christen Gillis
Pre Health Profession, Sophmore
"It depends on the amount of corporation from the student body and the willingness of the instructors."



Staff Photos

Alex Londo
Criminal Justice, Freshman
"Yes. It helped my high school with it so just from experience, I would say it would."

ASG president pulls back statement of resignation

Jones waits to implement "exit strategy"

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

UNC Association of Student Governments (ASG) president, M. Cole Jones, retracted his statement of resignation on Oct. 6.

Jones, who announced his resignation on Sept. 26, was expected to have officially stepped down by last Saturday's ASG assembly at UNC-Pembroke.

ASG is an association of all 16 UNC schools' student governments that cooperatively serve the public institutions of North Carolina as a whole.

While it was assumed by administration that Jones would be resigning, Jones' statement had not been put into formal writing.

Jones has decided to remain in position until he is able to implement an "exit strategy" that will include a plan of action to restructure ASG after he has stepped down.

According to ASG officials, Jones' retraction draws concern for the credibility of the association.

Jones initial announcement of resignation came after an ASG decision not to allow Jones to serve on the ASG Board of Governors after he was convicted on Aug 1. for assault and assault with a lethal weapon in a dispute involving the maternal aunt and grandmother of Jones' son Zion that occurred on Feb. 14, 2007.

While holding the nomination for president of ASG, Jones was facing impeachment as president of ECU Student Government Association (SGA) for violating the Oath of Office and Student Code of Conduct.

According to ASG officials, Jones' legal troubles were causing a distraction in the organization's effort to reestablish itself as an active student voice in the UNC system.

"The Board of Governors has stated that there is a lack of structure", said Keri Brockett, ECU SGA president and interim chair of the president's council for ASG.

"We started strong in the summer, but we strayed away from the agenda."

In congruence with Jones' resignation, UNC-Charlotte has removed its delegates from participation until ASG has resolved its lack of continuity.

The more prominent challenge that ASG faces is filling the student seat on the Board of Governors. The seat has been open for three months.

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Teacher Cadet Day a successful outing for Student Outreach

Event had its biggest turnout yet

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

ECU hosted Teacher Cadet Day 2007 on Oct. 2 in the Mendenhall Student Center.

The event, sponsored by the Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach, was designed to help high school students who are interested in becoming teachers better understand what it takes to reach that goal.

The first activity of the day was a lecture from featured speaker and 2007 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, James Bell Jr.

The Chowan Middle School English teacher stressed the importance of the relationship between the student and the teacher, and he also talked about the non-traditional routes to becoming an educator.

He pointed out that it is not necessary to go from high school to college then directly into a teaching position.

"He's known for having lots of energy and enthusiasm for teaching," said Dr. Diana Lys, lead coordinator for the Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach.

"He knows that there are lots of different ways to get into teaching and influencing people."

After the opening lecture, attendees went to the combined Scholarship Opportunities and Admissions panel.

There, the future teachers learned about the necessary admissions process to ECU and what scholarships are available to them.

Some of the scholarships include the Teaching Fellows Scholarship and the Prospective Teacher Scholarship.

The second panel was an overview of the ECU Teacher's Education Program, which discussed admission to the program, what getting a teaching degree entails, and what levels and practices are available to students once they become teachers.

The third panel was a student-based panel featuring members from the Student Education Council.

This provided attendees with the students' perspective on why they chose to be teachers.

The panel discussed their daily tasks and lesson planning techniques.

Teacher Cadet Day ended with the College of Education

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Celebrated activist spoke on Latino immigration in Eastern North Carolina

Lecture in collaboration with Hispanic Heritage Month

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

Local activist Juvencio Rocha-Peralta Jr. visited ECU on Oct. 4 to present his lecture, "New Latino Immigrants in Eastern North Carolina."

The event, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Mendenhall Student Center at 7 p.m.

Peralta spoke about the benefits that immigrants bring to eastern North Carolina, culturally as well as industrially.

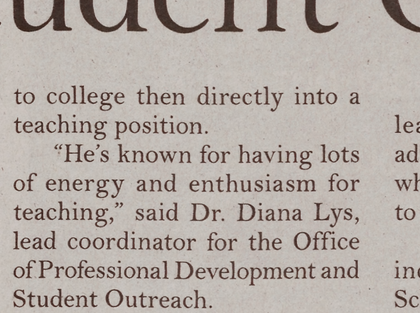
"It's an important opportunity for students to hear about the positive aspects for immigration in our area," said Chandra Cerutti, assistant director of the Ethnic Studies Program.

The Ethnic Studies Program co-funded the event along with the Department of Sociology.

Peralta was born in Veracruz, Mexico and has lived in North Carolina since 1980.

He received his degree in business administration from Pitt Community College.

Rocha-Peralta Jr. has been a community advocate and strong voice representing Latino issues for the past 15 years.



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Peralta addresses the audience at the lecture.

"He is always consistent in his willingness to connect Latinos with traditional society. He's always ready to fight for his people," said Reginald Watson, associate professor with the Department of English and colleague of Peralta.

Peralta has received numerous commitment awards over the years, including the Latino Diamante Award for his significant contributions to the Latino community, and the North Carolina Governor Award for outstanding service to the residents of North Carolina.

In 2002 he received the Ohtli Award, which is the highest award that the Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores of Mexico presents to a Mexican citizen living in the United States.

In 2003, Peralta was given a position as a board member/advisor to the Mexican government under President Vicente Fox, making him the first Latino in North Carolina to hold that honor.

Peralta is also engaged in many volunteer groups such as the Southerners for Economic Justice, the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities and the

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taking Care of Business: Marketing and Supply Chain Management
Tuesday, Oct. 9
5-6:30 p.m.
Bate 1032
"Taking Care of Business: Marketing and Supply Chain Management" is a program offered to anyone interested in the Marketing and Supply Chain Management arena. Students will have the opportunity to learn everything they want to know about Marketing and Supply Chain Management from the College of Business Chair, faculty and alumni – what is Marketing and Supply Chain Management, what types of jobs are available to students with a management information systems concentration, what are the starting salaries – anything related to the Marketing and Supply Chain Management field. The presentation is informal and allows for a great deal of questions and answers from the audience. Pizza will be served. For more information on this and other activities, visit the College of Business Advising Center Web site at ecu.edu/cs-bus/advisors.cfm or call 252-328-5571.

"First Year Jitters"
Tuesday, Oct. 9
6-7 p.m.
MSC Multipurpose Room (passport event)
So you're in college....NOW WHAT!?! Unsure of how to "fit in?" Wondering how to adjust to college-level course work? Never been away from home before? Trying to navigate through what seems like an endless list of offices and student services? This workshop will help you to make sense of the phenomenon known as "the college experience." Pick up some helpful tips to make your first year as an ECU student a positive one! Topics of discussion will include: homesickness and adjustment, time and stress management, helpful student services on campus, study skills, and student involvement and leadership on campus. All upperclassmen started out as first year students...here's a chance to find out what they already know. 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.

Women's Studies Wednesdays
Wednesday, Oct. 10
1 p.m.
Bate 1006
A new series, Women's Studies Wednesdays, is making its debut this semester. Bring your lunch and come listen to research being conducted by Women's Studies faculty members.
Holly Mathews: The Tale of La Llorona or 'The Weeping Woman': Analyzing Alternative Models of Gender in a Mexican Community

PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT
TUESDAY:
Hi: 89F
Low: 68F
Wind: westerly 0-5mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: mostly sunny

WEDNESDAY:
Hi: 86
Low: 65
Wind: westerly 0-5mph
% Precipitation Probability: 20
General Weather: mostly sunny changing to partly cloudy as front approaches from the west

Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geography Atmospheric Science Department.

9 Tues

Blood Drive
Noon
MSC

First Year Jitters
6 p.m.
MSC MPR

Fiesta
6-8 p.m.
LWCC Yard

ACHIEVE: What You Need to Know to Register for the Spring Semester
7-8 p.m.
Garrett Hall Lobby

10 Wed

ECU's Voyages of Discovery lecture: Richard Leakey
7 p.m.
Wright Auditorium

Women's Studies Wednesdays
1 p.m.
Bate 1006

ACHIVE: How to Take Notes and Study Notes Effectively
7-8 p.m.
Tyler Hall Lobby

11 Thurs

Avoiding the Freshman 15
4-5 p.m.

12 Fri

Women's Volleyball Memphis
7:00 PM

13 Sat

2007 Start Down East Heart Walk
9 a.m.
Blount Recreational Sports Complex

14 Sun

Women's Volleyball UAB
1:00 PM

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Fall Break

* **Featured Event**
Women's Volleyball
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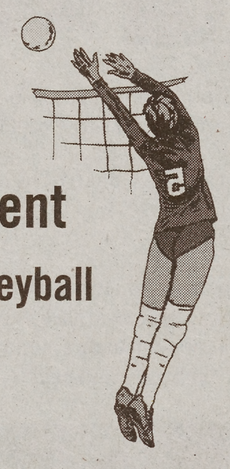
Memphis



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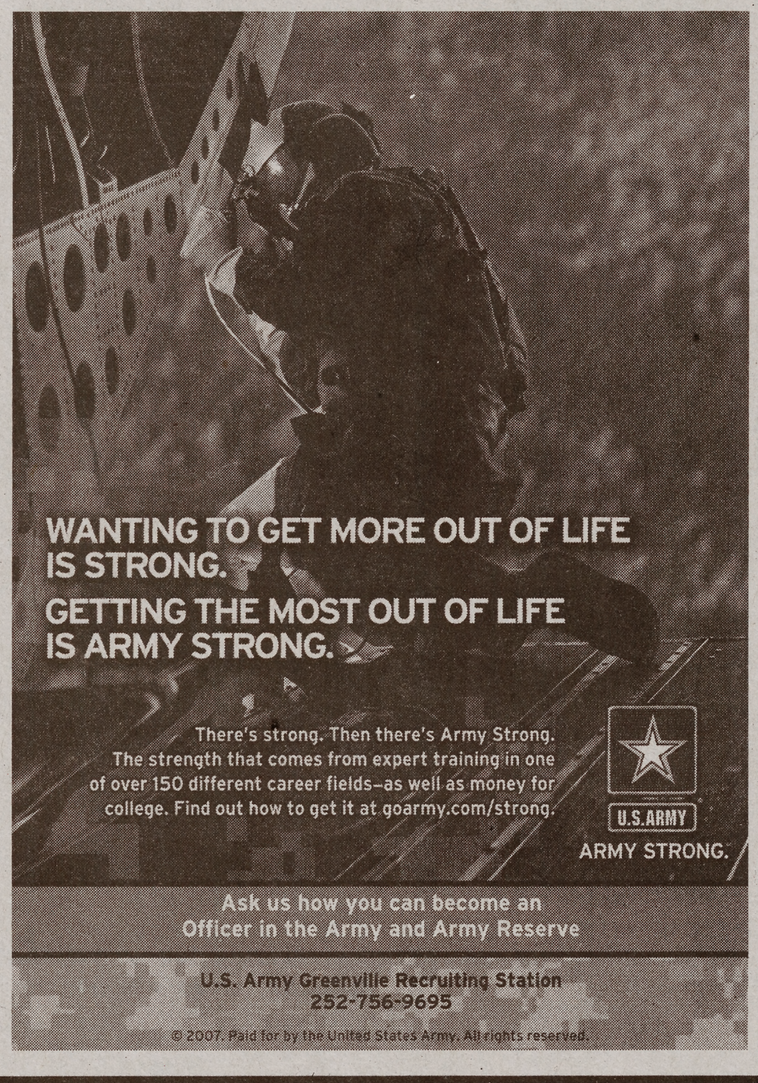
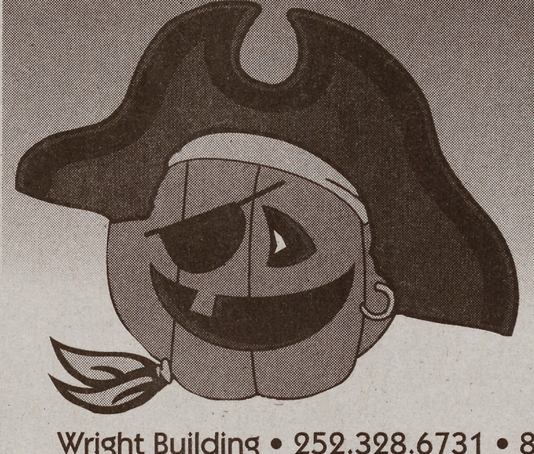


This sale is too good to miss!
Our Annual Fall Sidewalk Sale
Thursday, Oct. 11: 10am - 3pm
Student Plaza by Wright Place



Sidewalk sale is one day only. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside the store. Quantities limited. No other discounts apply.

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A film-discussion series that addresses the stigmas and disabilities that can arise from mental illness, social conflict, and forms of entrenched racism that lead to violence. Psychological topics range from depression, social anxiety, agoraphobia, and obsessive-compulsive disorders to a wide range of personality disorders. The emphasis of the series is on the pathways to recovery.

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center
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The Believer (2001)
A young Jewish man raised in an Orthodox household develops a fiercely anti-Semitic worldview. Based on the true story of a KKK member in the 1960s that was revealed to be Jewish by a New York Times reporter. He then takes a circuitous journey to understand the Jewish roots he to violently reacted against and rejected. **(Prejudice, self-loathing, anti-Semitism, portrayal of extreme post-Holocaust "Never-Again" Syndrome)**

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Admission is free. ECU, staff, and faculty must present their ECU One Card for admission. All others must present photo I.D. Co-sponsored by the Office of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, the School of Communication, and the ECU National Broadcasting Society.

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"My parents always made it a priority to encourage emotional health by giving us mental health days at home. I think it's important and hopefully days like these will help people on campus."

Moore encourages students to honor World Mental Health Day and National Depression Screening Day by coming out to the events and learning something about their emotional health.

"Some of our students are suffering in silence and not reaching out for the help that they need," Moore said.

"It's important to observe days like this to add another dimension of wellness to what students think about when they think about being healthy and well. We want students to place the same emphasis on mental health that they do on nutrition and getting enough sleep. We hope these events will get students to recognize their emotional state as part of their health."

For more information about the Center for Counseling and Student Development, students can visit http://www.ecu.edu/studentlife/counselingcenter/.

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Program Fair, where teachers from various departments, including music, math, and ecology set up and shared resources with interested attendees.

This year saw the highest turnout since their first event in 2003, with approximately 189 high school juniors and seniors from 13 different public schools from across eastern North Carolina attending the event.

"We were really excited about the turnout," said Tarrick C. Cox, coordinator for Student Outreach.

"We had about 60 to 70 people come in the first year, and we've grown considerably by way of students and partnership."

"It's great, considering the teacher's drought, to see so many students interested in teaching," Lys said.

The North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program was founded by the North Carolina Association of Educators and funded by the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children.

Although it has not been confirmed, it is possible there will be another event in the spring because of the high turnout.

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ECU Chancellor's Community Advisor Council.

In 2001, he founded the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, a non-profit organization that works for cultural outreach to the state community.

The organization assesses the needs of the Latino community and gives them access to scholarships and learning resources.

"He has dedicated his life to fight for the legitimacy of the Latino population as well the U.S. population, and he's still fighting. I'm glad to know him," Watson said.

Peralta is presently the Occupational Extension Coordinator at Lenoir Community College.

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Jones is set to propose a proxy representative to hold the seat in his place, however, with the association's apparent partition with Jones, it is unclear whether that motion will be granted.

"The by-laws state there shall only be the president sitting on that seat," Brockett said. "The seat [on the Board of Governors] has to be filled for the next meeting."

If no one is selected to fill the student seat on the Board of Governors, Senior Vice President Cody Grasty will fill the position, as well as complete the remainder of Jones' term, which ends in June 2008.

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TAI CHI CLUB

Attention ECU Students, Staff and Faculty

The ECU Tai Chi Club invites ECU Faculty, Staff and Students to attend our upcoming Workshop on Saturday October 13th from 9:30-12:30pm with Guest Instructor Kathleen Cusick.
She teaches Yang style, qigong, push-hands, san shou, and taiji staff with the Magic Tortoise School in Chapel Hill. We will be working Five Animal Frolics.

If you have never seen the Student Rec Center, please accept this invitation as a chance to look around.
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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY

I took out a student loan to buy an RV!! It's painted purple and gold... feel free to honk if you see me driving around!

Why you should go to church

Forget prayer

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

I am surprised, Christians - I did not know you were much for Local Area Network (LAN) parties. Skimming *the New York Times* the other day, an article describing how to attract today's youth to church caught my attention. A recent gimmick among pastors in boosting their turnout: Halo. Now before I ponder whether the youth's interest in their faith was so poor to begin with that video games such as Halo had to be introduced, I have to ask. Can I get in on these tourneys?

There are so many ways to spin this article; it is like churches are doing my work for me. I will start with the most obvious, which is the fact that churches are using a popular first-person shooter game to lure children and teens to religion. I mean, was Left Behind so horribly unappealing graphics-wise you had to ask old Microsoft for help? At least with Left Behind you can explain to kids that you are not killing innocent people, per say. You are simply freeing their souls from Satan!

Microsoft has stated in multiple instances that Halo is not a metaphor for real life and should not be made into a broad allusion to religion. It is simply a violent, addictive and competitive video game. So where does this leave us, except with the idea of attempting to pass off the Mature-rated shooter as religious togetherness.

I have a few years of religious teaching under my belt, and while bribing kids with Skittles might be acceptable in grade school, I am sure teachers and youth leaders can do better than Halo 3. Do not think this is a limited position of a single church. When organizations like Focus on the Family and the Institute on Religion and Democracy take interest in church practices, it means numerous groups are raising their voice.

Then again, maybe the problem does not rest solely on the shoulders of the church, but with the parents as well. I think everyone would agree that if parents themselves are religious, they should not be using youth programs as the sole means for raising their children in the faith or as a means to babysit their kids for a few hours a week.

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A letter to the Pirate Nation

Transporting the fans from the stadium to the coliseum

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

I have to admit there is nothing better than sitting in the middle of the student section during our football games surrounded by hot, sweaty, screaming fans. The purple and gold cheer, singing the fight song, "Stick It In," and my personal favorite, the staple fumble dance to Apache (a.k.a., "Jump On It!").

Although, we have to all admit it, when football season ends, the majority of our pirate nation moves on to cheer for other teams. College basketball is starting up in the coming weeks and most die-hard fans stick to the teams they pulled for before deciding to attend ECU, those with well-known and harvested basketball programs like Chapel Hill, N.C. State and Duke. Does anyone recall that our women's basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament last year?

It is understandable that football is the most supported sport at our school, because normally, we, the non-athletically active, just do not want to buy tickets to sports where we cannot tailgate or scream at the top of our lungs for hours. Although baseball season does attract a larger crowd than the winter sports, admittedly.

Let's do something about this. Let's learn to love our lesser-supported sports teams and then maybe our school will begin to as well. I find it somewhat unfair that the other varsity teams take a significantly far-back backseat to our football program (which I love, don't get me wrong). It just seems unfair to watch our basketball teams play to somewhat empty coliseum seats, the baseball stadium only filled during games against the Tarheels and the Wolfpack, and I only read or hear about our women's softball and soccer teams in this paper.

Everyone received the email from Terry Holland about our fabulous school spirit, and how loud and long we cheer and support our Pirates. I just find it hard to believe that with all this Pirate spirit we exude that we somehow lose it over the period after football ends.

Yes, I know our opinion writers harass you for wearing other schools' clothes and hats on our campus. I do not ask for that, I want everyone to support the Pirates wholeheartedly, bad seasons and all.

One small step at a time, however. Starting with basketball season, let us show the students that play our varsity sports that we can take that loud rocking student section into the coliseum and the bleachers for every sport. If we truly bleed purple and gold, we will bleed it for every sport, no matter what team we grew up cheering for.

I will see you in the stands.

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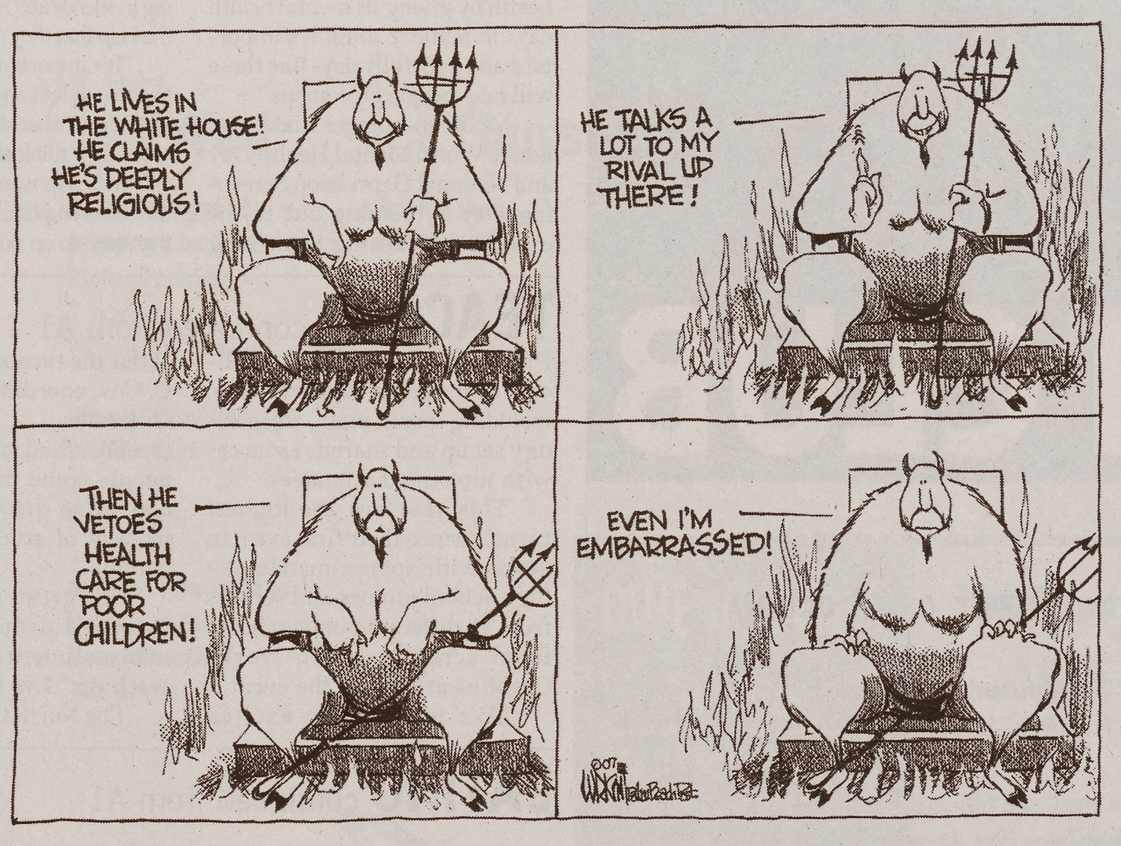

PIRATE RANTS

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I took out a student loan to buy an RV!! It's painted purple and gold... feel free to honk if you see me driving around!

Vick getting busted for smoking pot...I guess he's back to being my favorite player in the NFL...

To all music appreciation students: if you come to a concert, then you're supposed to not talk or be so rude as to disurb the people around you. Do you not have any respect for the people on stage who put so much time and energy into what they're playing?

For the dude who wants to wear his Duke shirt, here is an idea: RAISE YOUR GPA and transfer there.

I would like to convert SOMEone, ANYone, just one person, before I die. To say I pulled it off. But people are too stubborn, and that's only half their fault. The other half lies with those jerk, black-clad screaming "preachers" on the mall, damning every woman who wears short hair and pants. They judge us, utter strangers, right to our faces! You're turning everyone who's undecided thoroughly off Christianity!

Somebody's gonna have to PAY for this mustard on my pants!

The University lied like dogs to us when it said the fountain was simply being taken out and the ground repaired in order for a new fountain to be installed. That patch of grass is staying the way it is, for good and all.

Yes, I am sitting in the computer lab staring at you as you have your unnecessarily loud conversation. No, I am not enjoying myself, even if you think you are being clever by speaking another language...

You should be able to send Pirate Rants via text messaging!!

I feel like an important part of me is finished now that I beat Halo 3 campaigns. Thank Bungie for multiplayer on Xbox Live!!!!

This is a little late...but this is to the bus driver that kicked me off the bus because I was telling people where we were going after the UNC/ECU game... get off your power trip, you're only a bus driver.

To the person rantin' about the "Jesus, son of God" thing, What's your deal? You think your religion is the only and right one out of this whole GODforsaken Earth? Why don't you look for things people have in common instead of what they have different.

If I have my headphones in, I probably can't hear you talking to me.

I say we do away with all attendance policies. As a student with a low immune system I feel I pay too much money to attend ECU to have my grade lowered by 3 pts. every time I miss class. We pay the teachers to teach and if we can still make A's then what the heck is the problem with missing a few classes, especially if we're sick? Who's with me?

This is mean, but I hope he breaks your heart. You're obsessed. Haven't you ever dated anyone before?

I really hate stepping in ant farms. I blame you.

Stop stealing my friends or I will tell them the truth about you!!!

1) I think you wear so much makeup that you look like a drag queen. 2) You're mean. 3) Why did you support Jena-6 if you freakin' make racist comments all the time?

I've already asked you nicely once. Can you please stop shaking your leg? It's shaking the whole dang table!

Is it sad that my only goal in life right now is to get the Rant of the Day?

Just a little Grey's spoiler...for those of you who don't know, Burke is NOT coming back! :)

To the girl on the bus who woke me up when we finally got to NCC: THANK YOU! I would have kept on sleeping for a few more rounds!

Why are there neon lights all over the library ceilings? It isn't a club.

What's a Pirate's favorite restaurant? Arrrrrrrrbys!

O.J. just couldn't leave well enough alone. Someone forgot to tell him he isn't a cat and doesn't have nine lives.

Was the point of parking the busses at an angle now in front of Christenbury, a tactic to keep cars from being able to drive through?

Am I the only one pissed off about the lunch lines at Croatan this semester? I mean is it really necessary for Chic-fil-a to wait until everything runs out to cook more?

If your boyfriend goes to ECU and hasn't slept with you in two years, it's because he is sleeping with someone else. Hello!

Are there any girlfriends left that let their man have a life of his own? If I wanted to hang out with you, I would call you instead of your boyfriend!

Speaking of your 'sorostitute' socials in the library, there was a group of them (all in their identical Polo dresses of course) drinking in a study room last week. How lame.
At the new multi-million dollar Science and Tech building, my bike will be cut off and removed if locked to the rails at the bottoms of the stair cases. I guess I will just start using the bike racks instead - Oh wait, there AREN'T ANY!

If dorms have mandatory quiet hours why shouldn't the library?

The freshmen are so immature this semester. You are in college now, GROW UP!

Can someone please carry a copy of TEC to the Dean each week so some things can change around here?

What's wrong with "goodies" showing in Wright Place? I like goodies!

I used to really admire Kanye West but each time he pouts like a child for not winning an award, my dislike for him increases a little more.

If campus police were more concerned with our safety than if we are going 26 in a 25 mph zone, I might be able to use the crosswalk without almost getting killed.

There are so many thieves on campus - does 'thou shalt not steal' not apply to ECU?

With all the money ECU gets, why can't they make the sidewalks yellow? I wanna follow the yellow brick "sidewalks" to class.

I don't care what sport you play, if you keep trying to take my girlfriend, I will kick your a**.

If a celebrity white man had been arrested for felony dog fighting he wouldn't pull his race card out of his pocket and argue that the reason for being arrested was his race because he would know he is in the wrong, so why then is the race card pulled out so fast by Michael Vick?

I bought a box of 10 pirogues. When I opened it, there were 11 pirogues. Pretty much awesome.

The world doesn't revolve around you silly, it revolves around me.

It's easy being green

Forget Rudy Huxtable and that silly frog

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Don't get me wrong. I'm no Green Peace terrorist out to blow up whaling ships; I'm as worried about global warming as my father and grandfather were about global cooling in the '70's and '40's; and the earth is not my mother ... but it is my home. I think it is our duty to be good stewards of the earth, and there are some simple things we can do that require little time, effort, or expense, and are good for the environment at the same time.

We use energy efficient light bulbs in our house. They're rather expensive — at least by low-income student standards — but they save us money on our utility bills and last longer than incandescent bulbs.

Perhaps the easiest thing we can do for the environment is recycling. I became interested in this when I learned of the monthly fees on our utility bills whether we use our curbside recycling bins or not. The wife and I didn't even have a bin, so I called and had one delivered. It's a paltry amount, but if we're being charged at all, it's stupid not to use it.

How many plastic drink bottles and steel food cans does your household go through in a week? We eat three meals a day and have something to drink with each one. It adds up. Why send all that perfectly good refuse to the landfill when it can be used again?

We recycle our plastic grocery bags. We use some of them again for lunch bags and trashcan liners, and the rest we take to the recycling barrel outside Food Lion. Perhaps I should check to make sure they really are recycling those bags. When I worked at Harris Supermarket, a now defunct company once headquartered here in Greenville, we had a barrel that the store manager would have someone go empty into the dumpster whenever it was full.

If you're reading this, you have a newspaper to recycle. My bin contains almost as many newspapers as it does bottles. Cardboard can be recycled, as well as the reams of junk mail we all hate.

At least once a week, our mailboxes are stuffed with the same coupons, circulars, and insurance ads that are stuck in our newspapers. Those of us with P.O. boxes get triple the aggravation. Throw in the daily credit card offers, and that's a whole lot of trees dying needlessly.

Each time I check my box, I see the trashcans in the post office overflowing with junk mail, so I came up with a simple solution: requiring the U.S. Postal Service to provide recycling bins in their facilities.

I wrote to Rep. G.K. Butterfield, Sens. Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr, and Postmaster General John Potter, as well as Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL), who chair their respective chambers' subcommittees dealing with the USPS. I shared my idea with each and pointed out how this would be a good opportunity for the federal and local governments to work together since most municipalities have some sort of recycling program already.

Three months later, I have only received a response — if you could call it that — from Dole. She never once mentioned my issue, but did thank me three times for sharing my concerns. I didn't expect much from her or Burr, though any acknowledgement is better than none.

I'm really disappointed in the three Democrats, especially Butterfield. My own representative — the first line of defense, so to speak — should have the gumption to respond in a timely manner. I thought any green issue drew Democrats like an outhouse draws flies.

I voted for Dole, Burr, and Butterfield, and they can count on my remembering their shoddy constituent service when they come up for reelection. But, even without the help of the government, I can still have an impact on the environment in my own small way.

Go thou and do likewise.

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The question of 'Why?'

The burden of a three letter word

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It is hard to believe that in a world where man can travel to the moon, see the microscopic elements of an atom and dive for hours to the great depths of the sea, anything should be unknown. It is hard to believe that things happen without an answer to the question, "Why?" But these things occur, and there are instances in which one will never know "why."

One of these tragedies of life occurs when someone commits suicide. The family and friends are left with no other question. Sometimes there are guesses or hindsight of clarity, but in the end, one will never know for sure.

To me, nothing is a greater tragedy than the death of a young person, a person who has not yet experienced enough of the world and recognized the amazing opportunities there are. When these opportunities are taken away from a person by some reason of illness or accident, there is no greater loss. But when the individual takes his or her own life, it seems the reason becomes more important than the how.

I cannot even begin to imagine the weight of this question on the families. Why? Why now?

A guy I knew committed suicide recently. It was rumored, although I did not know it for sure, that he had tried to make several phone calls to friends and family before he did it. When I learned this, I could not help but feel a greater sadness for the burden I knew they were to carry. The question that will burden them for the rest of their lives is not, "Why?" but "What if?"

I think this question is quite possibly the worst burden of all life. There is no comparison to the hypothetical ifs and buts about a subject as serious as the absence of life.

But it is not their fault to have missed the calls, to have missed the signs. No one was awake and no one was ready for that phone call. How will they come to the realization that it is not their fault and they did not have control? No matter how many people tell them that the fault does not lie with them, they must determine it for themselves.

I think about how often circumstances such as this must occur. How many times does someone reach out before committing the final act of ending one's life? And then I immediately think of the lives that will ask, "Why?" and "What if?"

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Horoscopes

Aries
You're busy with work you love. Your friends want to be involved. Everybody likes to do whatever you're doing that looks like fun. The more, the merrier.

Taurus
Lucky for you, money's coming in. Now, settle down and be real. You can go shopping if you're sure your common sense is working.

Gemini
See if anyone can tell you what anybody else said. They were all too busy, listening to themselves. If you took notes, you can teach them. You're good at this.

Cancer
After a brief flurry of activity, there will be time to relax. Set up your hectic schedule so it works out that way.

Leo
Hopefully you just avoided making a foolish mistake. Your luck's improved quite a lot since then, and so has your judgment. Try the risky maneuver again.

Virgo
Study your financial situation. You'll find many ways to recycle and re-sell. You can greatly increase your profits.

Libra
Don't be slowed down by past difficulties. Try and try again. A door that was closed to you before is swinging wide open.

Scorpio
Keeping the costs under control has been your most recent challenge. You've done a pretty good job of that, so don't worry about it. Besides, you're about to find more money.

Sagittarius
The hard part will be over soon. Tonight you can play with friends and tell them all your new stories. They'll love `em.

Capricorn
You can actually gain a lot if you pass an upcoming test. You know the material, that's not the problem. Practice being respectful to jerks.

Aquarius
Friends help you understand a topic that's been foreign up to now. Accept their gentle coaching, even if it means changing your mind.

Pisces
Let the others argue. You take care of practical matters, such as paying the bills. When they're done, they'll have nothing. You'll have more satisfaction.

Did you know?

There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.

The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was $1.3 million.

Women are 37% more likely to go to a psychiatrist than men are.

Diet Coke was only invented in 1982.

There are twice as many kangaroos in Australia as there are people. The kangaroo population is estimated at about 40 million.

The average person makes about 1,140 telephone calls each year.

Canadian researchers have found that Einstein's brain was 15% wider than normal.

The word "nerd" was first coined by Dr. Seuss in "If I Ran the Zoo."

On average, there are 178 sesame seeds on each McDonalds Big Mac bun.

Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down -- hence the expression "to get fired."

7.5 million toothpicks can be created from a cord of wood.

Kansas state law requires pedestrians crossing the highways at night to wear tail lights.

The elephant is the only animal with 4 knees.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.

In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch or clock is usually 10:10.

Students find a war worth fighting

Invisible Children United

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The atrocities brought about by the war in Northern Uganda are raising awareness about human rights throughout the world.

A famous geographer named George Kimble once said, "The darkest thing about Africa has always been our ignorance of it."

As we go about our day-to-day lives, attending class, studying or even going downtown for dollar beer night, many of us are totally unaware of a war so great in magnitude, that if we were to take a few minutes to learn about, it would completely change the way we look at our lives.

For the past 21 years, a civil war in Northern Uganda has been waging on relentlessly night and day. This war, fought between the Ugandan government and a group of vicious insurgents who call themselves the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), plagues the country. The LRA's past has shown them to be a very hostile group with instances of rape, torture, abduction and the use of children for their own militia. Being forced out of their homes and into government-regulated camps, the people of Northern Uganda have lost the majority of their belongings, family members and freedoms.

For most students in Northern Uganda, the concept of peace is something that they have only dreamed of. Sadly, their generation will continue to grow up only knowing the war that devastates the place they once called their home.

In the spring of 2003, three filmmakers from Southern California traveled to Africa to find the story behind this tragedy. Upon their return, they released a documentary called "Invisible Children: Rough Cut." This film depicted the struggles that Ugandan children endure on a day-to-day basis, just to stay in school with hopes of one day escaping the lives they are forced to live. After the overwhelmingly positive response to the documentary, a non-profit organization named Invisible Children, Inc. was established to help aid these war-torn children.

In February 2007, an Invisible Children United chapter was started at ECU and has since worked persistently on raising awareness around Greenville and the surrounding areas. "My life has been affected tremendously since joining Invisible Children," said Ashley Wrenn, founder and president of the organization. "I never expected to be so moved by this cause. After watching an Invisible Children documentary with a friend, I immediately wanted to help as much as I could to better the [Uganda] situation,"

Recently a new program within Invisible Children Inc. called Schools for Schools has taken the United States by storm and continues to grow significantly with each term. Schools for Schools allows west-

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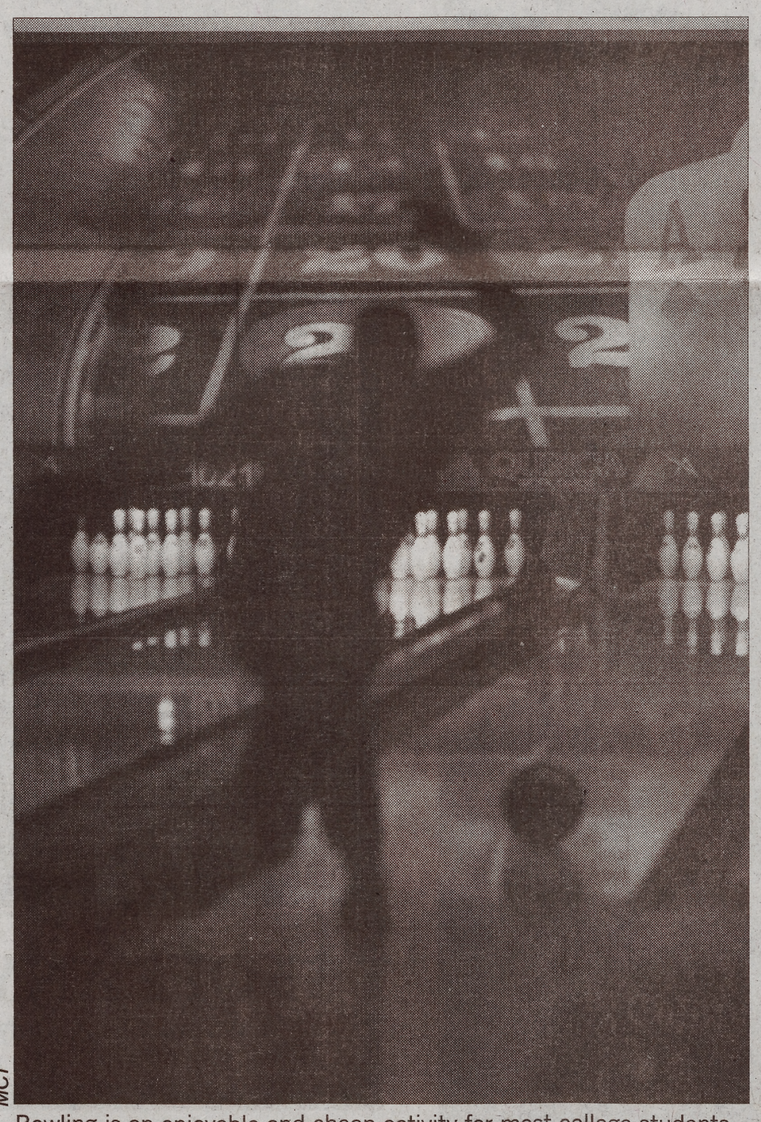

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Bowling is an enjoyable and cheap activity for most college students.

Weekend on a budget

Have fun without breaking the bank

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

Being a college student has its ups and downs, and most students will agree that after a weekend out on the town, their depleted bank account is a definite downside.

Many students suffer from compulsive spending and can easily spend $50-$100 in one weekend, yet still go hungry the next week.

If you often find yourself wondering where all of your money goes, you may want to consider budgeting your earnings and monitoring your spending habits.

Though it seems difficult to some, it is entirely possible to have a fun weekend in Greenville for a reasonable price.

Sure, it may be tempting to go to the mall and engage in hours of shopping fun, eat dinner at a nice restaurant or ring up a ridiculous bar tab; however, there are many other fun, cheap alternatives to consider.

One of the main splurges that many students make is on food. Going out to dinner for some means spending much of their paycheck.

Senior elementary education major Robert Smith tackles this food temptation by finding delicious, yet affordable, meals from local pizza places.

"Papa John's has a large one-topping, $6 pizza special and that is awesome," said Smith.

Like Smith, many students turn to local pizza places for a tasty, money saving meal. Most pizza places in the area will sell pizza by the slice for less than a dollar.

Phat Phillys' restaurant offers a slice of cheese pizza for 99 cents to students with any school I.D., and also includes other student specials.

If you're not in the mood for pizza, there are other affordable food places to check out. Bojangles seems to be a fast food favorite among many students and certainly helps the money saving process.

Fast food is certainly a quick, cheap way to fill your stomach without emptying your wallet, but if you're not brave enough to succumb to greasy burgers and fries you can always visit your local grocery store and pick up a loaf of bread, peanut butter and jelly.

When all else fails, this combination is good for at least 12 meals and covers a couple of essential food groups.

Perhaps the most important part of a college student's weekend though, is finding entertainment. After a long week of tests, papers and assignments, it is important to be able to go out and have a little time to relax and enjoy life outside of school.

Greenville has many affordable attractions students can visit to satisfy daytime boredom.

One way to spend a crisp autumn day is to visit one of Greenville's many parks. Both Greensprings and Elm St. Park are good for students seeking a little solitude and can even provide a place to take a run or have a picnic with friends. The good thing about this option is that it costs little to no money

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Art show opens in Greenville

A solo expedition by Mike Lamb

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If you are into art or just looking for something cool to do off campus, 21 Eleven on Charles Blvd. will be hosting a private show featuring local artist Mike Lamb on Oct. 26.

Lamb, who holds a BFA in painting from ECU, is eager to share his new and highly personal artwork with students and the local community after taking a break from painting in order to dabble in graphic design.

"I've gotten back into it in the past year," said Lamb. "I felt like I was wasting my talent."

Lamb also has also illustrated several CD covers and flyers for local bands such as Seven Ton Diesel.

Lamb said he is excited about the show but is a bit apprehensive about the reaction; in the past, his artwork has not been received well. Several years ago, the content of the work was deemed offensive by some, as some posters advertising Lamb's work were vandalized and deemed "devil worship."

Lamb said most people's reactions are either to one extreme or the other.

"They either love it or they are mortified," Lamb said, though he does not consider his work "shock art" and still feels his work has many supporters.

Lamb said themes like sex, drugs, the apocalypse and psychedelic evil pervade his work, though they do not dominate it. He described his work as very raw and visceral and at times uncomfortable because of its intense imagery.

Contributed Photo

Lamb's unique pieces will be shown in Greenville.

"There are certain themes that are present, but there is still room for interpretation," said Lamb.

He refers to his paintings as "dark surrealism," and believes there is a bigger demand for this genre on the West Coast. Lamb uses mixed media and collage painting and takes inspiration from a variety of sources, some of which are unlikely.

Lamb, who likes the idea that imagery comes from various sources, said he pulls from grandiose spheres like religion and mythology and likes to combine the past with modernity. He recognizes the potential of his surroundings by distorting the original meanings and

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Apple releases two new iPods

New image for popular digital player

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Since the introduction of the iPod in 2001, Apple has remained on top of the media player industry by improving their product every year. This year, they have released two products: the iPod touch and an upgraded iPod nano.

Although both will be popular gifts this holiday season, the iPod touch's technology is superior to the nano's.

The iPod touch gives consumers the benefits of the iPhone without having to replace their current cell phones or switch their service to AT&T.

"It's pretty much an iPhone minus the camera and the phone capability," said Computer Manager of ECU Student Stores David Stambaugh.

It includes a 3.5-inch touch-screen interface, Wi-Fi technology, a Safari Web browser and a viewing application for YouTube.

Separate from the touch-screen, the interface includes a physical home button, which directs users to the home menu. The menu includes the following applications: Safari, YouTube, Calender, Contacts, Clock, Calculator, Settings, Music, Videos, Photos and iTunes.

The iPod touch is a Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity) enabled device; therefore, users can check email, purchase music from iTunes or view videos on YouTube within the proximity of a wireless network.

It also has a built-in rechargeable battery with up to 22 hours of audio playback and five hours of video playback.

Prices for the iPod touch range from $299 for the 8 GB and $399 for 16 GB.

The new 4 GB and 8 GB iPod nanos each include a new aluminum body, video capability, a 24-hour battery life and more than twice the music capacity as the previous generation.

The 8 GB nano is available in five colors: silver, pink, green, blue and black; however, the 4 GB only comes in silver.

In contrast to the previous model of the iPod nano, it has a 2-inch wide screen, which provides a dense, crisp picture. The new graphic interface uses

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ern schools to raise money for certain Ugandan schools they are paired with at the beginning of each new school year.

Currently, there is well over $1 million dollars within the organization and almost 600 participating schools across the country.

It is said that every war has an end; however, for the natives of Northern Uganda, there appears to be no ending in sight.

Fortunately, thanks to a few courageous individuals, a whole new world has been exposed; at the least, a little light is being shed on such a dark situation.

If you are interested in getting involved with Invisible Children United at ECU, contact Ashley Wrenn at adw0118@ecu.edu.

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The new iPod nano and iPod Touch are now availabe at many stores.

the Cover Flow method (shared with the iPod touch), as well as a split-screen view for browsing music, videos and photos.

In addition, users can now access the shuffle mode setting from the Now Playing pane by pressing the center button four times. This feature gives the user more control over the shuffle function; for instance, the user can easily turn off the shuffle function if they are listening to an artist or album they would like to hear more from.

Overall, it offers more features and more storage capacity than its previous generation, but remains the same price.

"Before, at $149, you were getting a 2 GB nano with a music player, photo player and that's it. Now you are getting a 4 GB nano with video added to it. And for $199… you are doubling the memory for the same price," said Best Buy employee and junior psychology major at ECU Charles Kariuki.

The iPod nano is available at retailers everywhere; however, the iPod touch is currently available only at select locations.

For more information on the iPod nano or iPod touch, visit apple.com

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appearances of mundane objects.

"I can be inspired by a bottle label," Lamb said.

Some of his works are done on canvas while others are on panels; all are framed and mounted by McGee print shop on Evans.

"The entire show took about eight months to put together," said Lamb

Lamb is currently working on generating his own Web site, entitled LambofMike.com, which will display his work within the next month.

"I'm expecting a big turnout for the show. I support art at ECU and the surrounding community," said Richard Faulkner, owner of 21 Eleven and an ECU graduate with a BA in religion and history.

More information on Lamb's exhibition and other prospective shows can be found at myspace/21Eleven.

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for students.

Other daytime activities include visiting the Greenville Museum of Art, Mendenhall Gallery or Emerge Gallery. This allows you to meet your artistic needs, support local artists and save your hard-earned funds.

Additionally, most organizations offer weekend events for interested students looking to get involved and make new friends.

Senior nursing major Jay Statum looks for opportunities to have a fun weekend while spending his money wisely.

"We [my girlfriend and I] usually spend our time around campus or hanging out with friends. We also go to ECU's home football games and sometimes go ice-skating at Bladez on Ice. You can skate for $5 on Thursday nights with a student I.D. There are also many nice parks around Greenville to enjoy an afternoon outdoors," said Statum.

After a fun day outdoors, students might want to consider staying in and watching a movie.

East Coast Music and Video store offers cheap movie rentals for certain selections.

Older TV series, including *Alias*, *Sex and the City*, *The Office* and *The Sopranos* are available for rental for only 99 cents.

If you want to watch a movie but need to get out of the house, you can check out new movies at the Greenville Grande cinema for their student price. Every student with I.D. can watch movies for $7. Students can even check out movies playing on campus at Mendenhall for free.

If you're craving something different for a weekend night you may also want to head over to Mendenhall to enjoy some bowling and billiards. Students can bowl for $2.50, except on Sundays from 1p.m.- 6p.m., when the price is 50 cents. Pool tables are also available for $3 an hour.

The fact of the matter is students can take advantage of some of the cheap options available to students.

Most places offer a student discount while providing the food and entertainment college students crave.

So next weekend, challenge yourself and your friends to make your own weekend fun and affordable.

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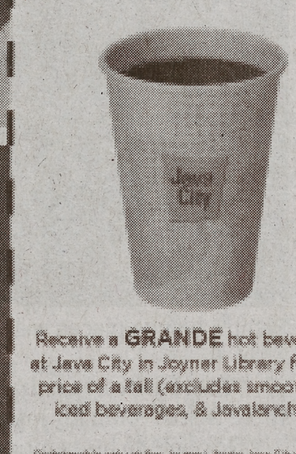

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CHRIS JOHNSON

Johnson was the difference-maker in ECU's crucial 52-38 C-USA win over UCF Saturday night. His 372 all-purpose yards set a new school record, and the senior scored four touchdowns for the first time in his career. The Pirates' versatile running back returned the opening second half kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown, and also led ECU in receiving with five catches for 89 yards and a touchdown. He also carried the ball 23 times for 89 yards and two touchdowns.

"I think he's [Johnson] really impressive with the things he's doing right now. ...He's just a totally different back right now than he's been the last couple years...he's running hard, he's seeing the blocks, making the cuts and really doing a great job."
-ECU coach Skip Holtz

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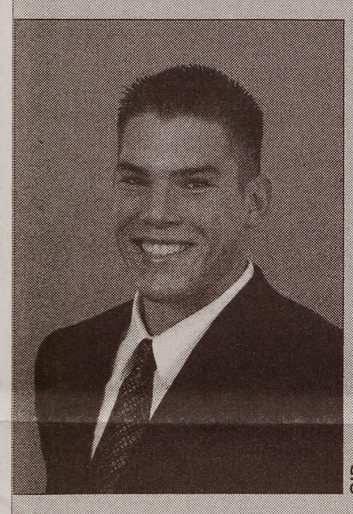

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ROB KASS

In his first collegiate career start, Kass bounced back from a shaky first half performance and capitalized on good field position provided by the opportunistic Pirate defense. Kass completed 12-for-23 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns, and added a 6-yard touchdown run on the day.

"He has been patiently waiting for his opportunity and has done a good job with it. He has earned a lot of respect with the way he has handled adversity."- coach Skip Holtz

THE TURNING POINT

With UCF in control of the game early in the second half, up 31-24 and in ECU territory, the Pirates' Travis Simmons turned the momentum. Simmons, a true freshman who made his first career start Saturday, made an interception and returned it 80 yards to the UCF 9-yard-line. The Pirates tied the game three plays later, and never looked back. After the crucial interception by Simmons, which was the first of five third quarter turnovers caused by the ECU defense, the Pirates outscored UCF 28-7.

"I thought he went out there a did a great job, I can't believe he didn't score but I thought he did a great job. He's a very talented young man, he just needed his opportunity and he stepped up and answered the bell."
-ECU coach Skip Holtz

Pirates pull off record-setting comeback

Lopsided third quarter keys ECU victory

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive week, Chris Johnson and Rob Kass willed the Pirates to a crucial comeback victory.

After falling behind 28-14 late in the first half, ECU (3-3, 2-1) outscored C-USA East Division foe UCF 38-10 in a 52-38 win.

"The start wasn't exactly that way I had scripted it," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "I thought the players just kept competing and kept fighting."

The momentum turned halfway through the third quarter when ECU true freshman defensive back Travis Simmons, who was making his first career start, stepped in front of a pass at the ECU 11-yard-line and returned it all the way to the UCF 9-yard-line. Following Simmons' interception, Kass found Jamar Bryant for a 6-yard touchdown pass that tied the game at 31.

The Pirates' stingy defense caused turnovers in each of UCF's next four possessions. The ECU offense turned UCF's (3-2, 1-1) five third quarter turnovers into 28 points.

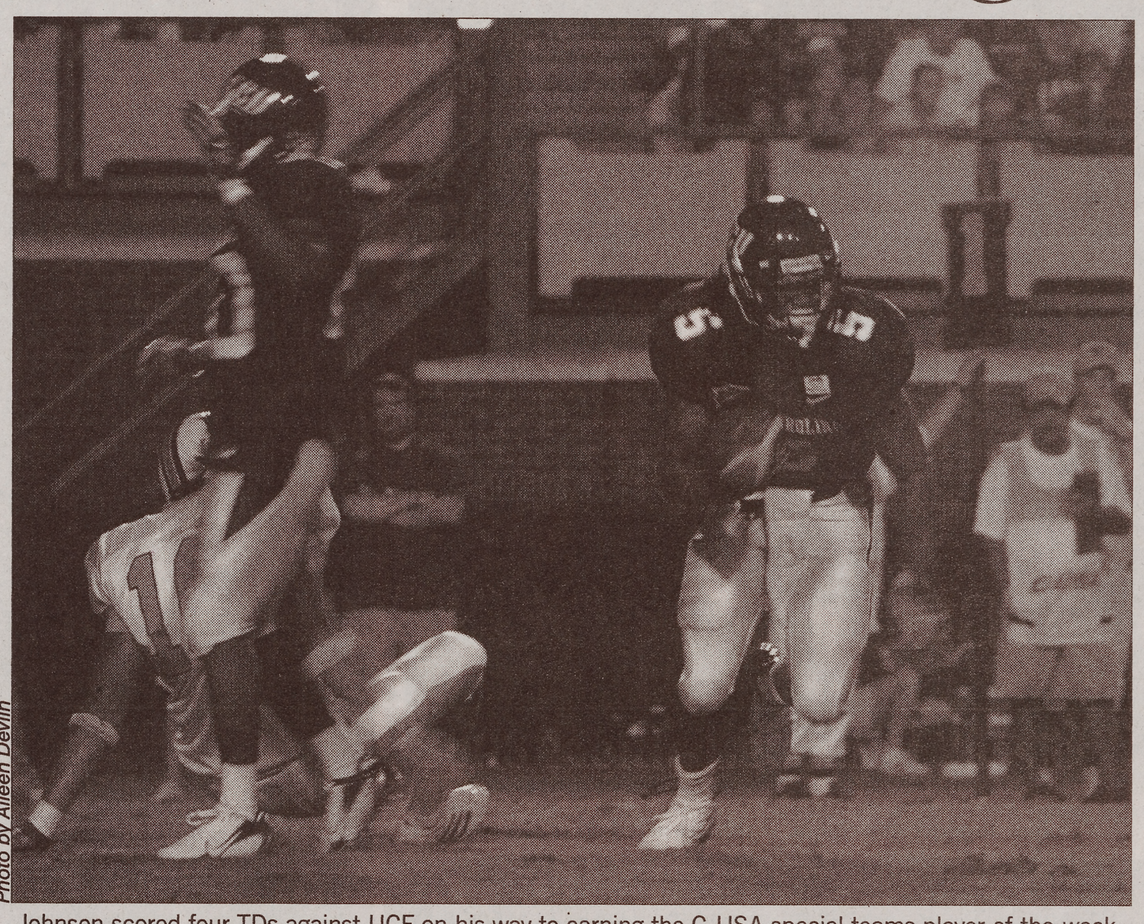

Photo by Aileen Devlin

Johnson scored four TDs against UCF on his way to earning the C-USA special teams player-of-the-week.

"I thought the turnovers were the difference in this game," said Holtz. "There were a couple big plays there in the third quarter and I thought the defense came out and did a great job creating some turnovers, and the offense had some big plays."

Johnson was the culprit of many of ECU's big plays, as the Pirates' running back set a new ECU single-game record with 372 all-purpose-yards. Johnson scored two rushing touchdowns, returned the opening second half kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and recorded a receiving touchdown of 72 yards.

"We can put up points, we can score if we just execute and cancel out all the penalties," Johnson said.

Johnson's 18-yard touchdown run was the final score of the third quarter dominated by the Pirates, and it put ECU up 45-31 heading into the final frame.

"Chris is a player and great players make plays in big games," Holtz said of Johnson. "He's a senior, he wants to win and he's putting everything out there on the field. He's taken his game to a whole new level...he's an unbelievable talent and a guy that we have to find a way to get the ball in his hands as many ways as possible."

ECU's 52 points were the most scored in the Skip Holtz era, and most since it scored 54 against Houston in 2002.

"I think the offense is start-

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ECU hangs with C-USA heavy-hitters

ECU women's volleyball team splits weekend matches

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's volleyball team entered the weekend with a .500 record and left with the same mark after splitting matches against UTEP and Tulane.

The Pirates defeated UTEP comfortably in front of a boisterous Minges Coliseum crowd Friday night, sweeping the Miners 3-0 before losing to a tough Tulane team on Sunday, 3-1.

A struggling UTEP team proved to be no pushover, losing the first and third games by just three points, but the Pirates held on for an important conference win.

After dropping two five-game decisions to Tulsa and Southern Miss as well as winning a five-gamer against SMU, ECU women's volleyball head coach Chris Rushing felt fortunate to get the win.

"With those five gamers, we were so close to being 1-3 and very close to being 4-0," said Rushing. "These matches can go either way. Whenever we can get a win, we'll take it."

ECU out-hit UTEP .224-.094 and posted 18 blocks to the Miners' four.

Senior Kelley Wernert paced the Pirates on offense with 17 kills, while standout freshman setter Katie Koop contributed 37 assists.

Rushing praised sophomore Peyton Thompson for her play at the net.

"I was really impressed with the intensity and the blocking of Peyton Thompson," said Rushing. "I told her right after the match that she made really nice blocking moves with key blocks at key times."

UTEP came into the match winless in conference play but boasted a history of upsetting the Pirates. The No. 11 seed Miners shocked No. 6 ECU in last year's C-USA tournament, coming from behind to send the match favorites home on day one.

ECU was determined not to let history repeat itself.

"It's a huge motivation," said Wernert of last season's defeat. "We came out last year determined to win and just fell out...it was a complete attitude change [this time], just ready to go, ready to do it."

After losing at first place Marshall on Friday, Tulane came into Greenville on Sunday looking to preserve their all-time unbeaten record against ECU.

The Pirates came out firing, pulling away in a close first game and winning convincingly, 30-23.

Tulane's heavy hitters came to life in the second game, exploding for a 30-18 win before winning the next game, 30-24.

ECU looked poised to force a fifth game when Koop set up senior Mignon Dubenion for a kill to tie the game at 27-27.

Tulane showed why it received national recognition by shutting down the Pirates for three straight points in route to a decisive game four win, 30-27.

The Green Wave simply overpowered the Pirates, led by all-conference player Sara Radosevic.

The 6-foot-1 Croatian native racked up 28 kills and kept the Pirates defense on their heels all afternoon.

"I'd say she's one of the top three players in our conference," said Rushing. "We changed our defense today to put them in spots where their girls were hitting, but they hit so hard it was hard for us to control the ball."

Junior libero Trish

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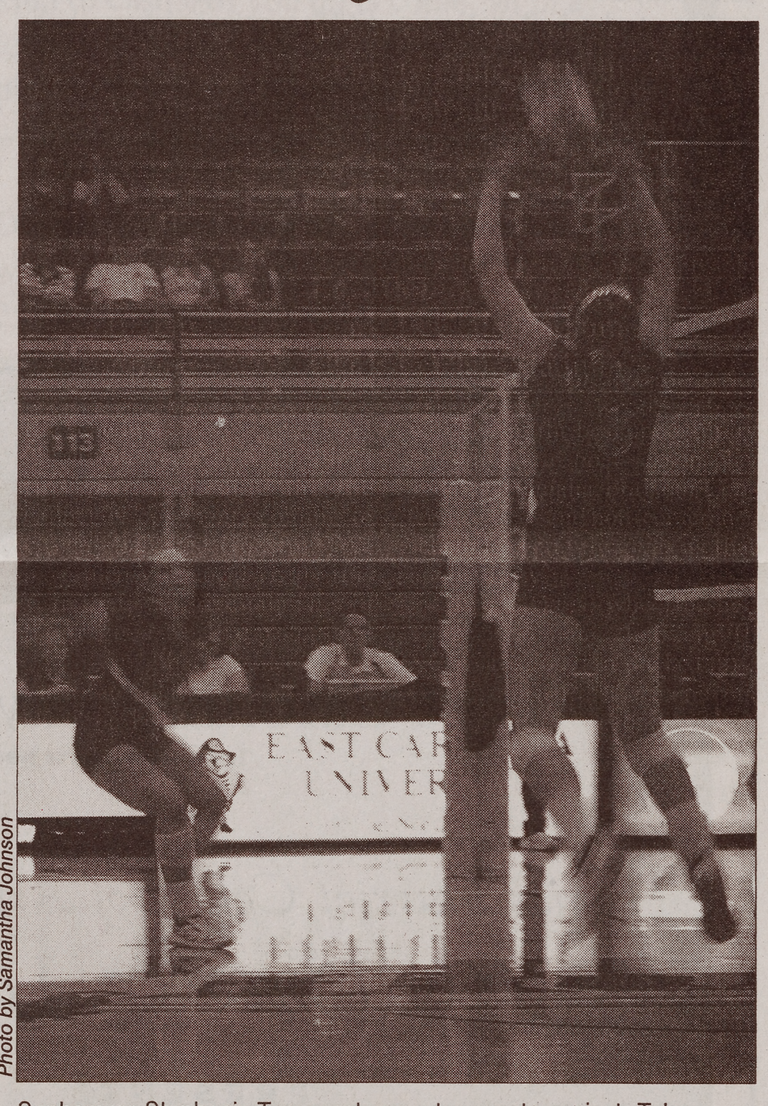

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Sophomore Stephanie Turner sets up a teammate against Tulane.

ECU announces 2008 baseball schedule

Pirates play eight teams that appeared in 2007 NCAA Regionals

SID--- 34 home games at Clark-LeClair Stadium, including the Fifth Annual Keith LeClair Classic, highlight the 2008 ECU baseball schedule announced Thursday by head baseball coach Billy Godwin.

13 teams on this year's schedule recorded 30 or more wins a season ago, eight schools earned a bid to participate in the NCAA Regional in 2007, while three finished last year ranked in the top 25.

The Pirates will open the 2008 season on Friday, Feb. 22 when they travel to South Carolina for a three-game tilt at Sarge-Frye Field. The opening series marks latest starting date since Feb. 27, 1988, when ECU defeated Virginia, 11-10, at Harrington Field.

C-USA play opens March 21 for the Pirates when they welcome league foe Houston to town for a three-game series. Other C-USA schools making the trek to Greenville in 2008 include Marshall (April 11-13), UAB (May 2-4) and Tulane (May 9-11).

League road trips for the Pirates in 2008 include games at UCF (March 28-30), Southern Miss (April 4-6) and 2007 College World Series and C-USA Champion Rice (April 18-20).

2008 Keith-LeClair Classic
March 7-9

Friday March 7th

Away		Home	Time	Location
Georgia Southern	vs.	Michigan	1 p.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium
Pittsburgh	vs.	ECU	5 p.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium

Saturday March 8th

Away		Home	Time	Location
Pittsburgh	vs.	Georgia Southern	11 a.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium
Michigan	vs.	ECU	3 p.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium

Sunday March 9th

Away		Home	Time	Location
Michigan	vs.	Pittsburgh	10 a.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium
Georgia Southern	vs.	ECU	2 p.m.	Clark-LeClair Stadium

ECU will close out the regular season with a trip to Memphis (May 15-17) before heading to New Orleans for the C-USA Tournament.

ECU's home non-conference schedule is highlighted by the annual Keith LeClair Classic that pits the Pirates against Pittsburgh (March 7), Michigan (March 8) and Georgia Southern (March 9). Also scheduled for weekend series' in Greenville are Monmouth (Feb. 29-March-2), Rhode Island (March 14-16) and Presbyterian (April 25-26).

Other non-conference opponents include 2007 NCAA Regional participants NC State and VCU, while Campbell, Elon, Old Dominion, The Citadel and UNC Wilmington also grace the schedule.

"I am very excited about this year's schedule and the caliber of opponents coming to Greenville," said Godwin. "We have plenty of local rivals this year that will give our fans in the Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina a chance to see the Pirates play. Our goal at East Carolina is to play teams that will give us the best opportunity to compete in post-season play and reach Omaha. Both our Conference USA and non-conference schedule certainly gives us that opportunity."

The Pirates, who finished 40-23 and made their eighth NCAA Regional in the last nine years, return 15 lettermen from a team finished second in Con-

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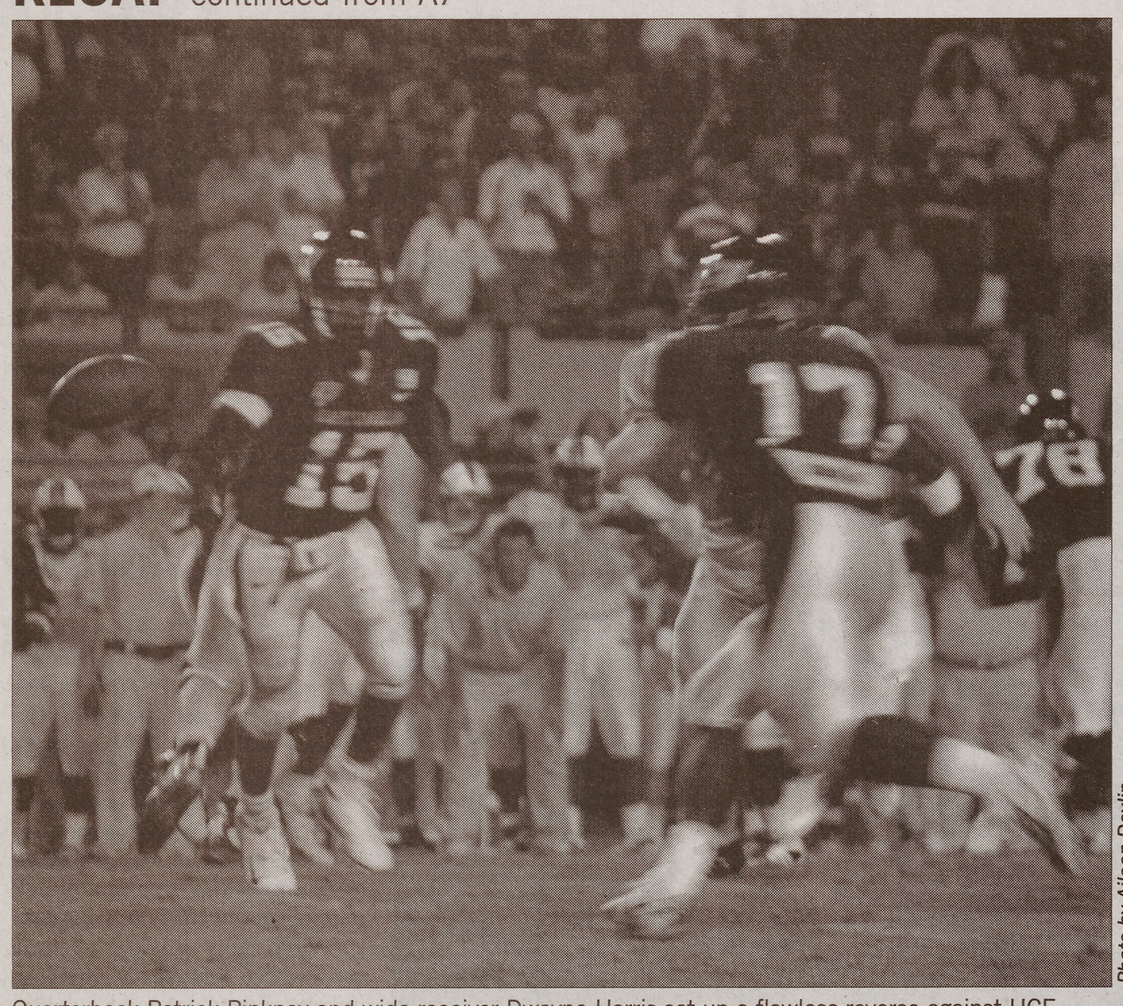

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Quarterback Patrick Pinkney and wide receiver Dwayne Harris set up a flawless reverse against UCF.

ing to have more and more confidence," said Holtz. "There were so many question marks that needed to be answered [at the beginning of the season] and with patience, staying the course and continuing to do what we do, the offense is starting to gain confidence.

"All of the offensive coaches deserve an awful lot of credit with the progress of this offense because where we were six weeks ago and where we are today isn't even in the same ballpark."

Quarterback Rob Kass, who was making his first career start, threw for 201 yards and three touchdowns, which were both career highs. The redshirt sophomore, who has led ECU comebacks the past two weeks, also scored on a 6-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I thought he gave us the best chance to move the chains and the best job to get into the end zone with his arm," Holtz said of Kass. "Tonight was more of Rob's game; the running game, the play-action passing, and I thought he really did a nice job.

"Rob has been very patient, Rob has handled the adversity that he's been through very well, I think he's learned a very valuable lesson and I think he's gained a lot of respect from his teammates."

42,777 people watched ECU's comeback victory, which is the sixth largest crowd in school history. Holtz believes the crowd really had an impact Saturday night, especially in the third quarter in which ECU outscored UCF 28-3.

"It was loud and I thought the crowd really made a difference in the game," said Holtz. "In the third quarter, I thought this team fed off of the crowd, I thought it was a real boost for our football team and it was great to be back home and play in front of our home family and friends."

With the win, ECU now sits atop the C-USA East Division standing all by itself. The Pirates own a 2-1 record inside of the conference, while three teams, including UCF, are behind them with records of 1-1.

"This team continues to impress me," Holtz said. "The effort, the attitude, the desire, the way they're working, and their never give up attitude. ...They've been through a long road for the last six weeks, but they continue to compete, roll up their sleeves and keep answering challenges."

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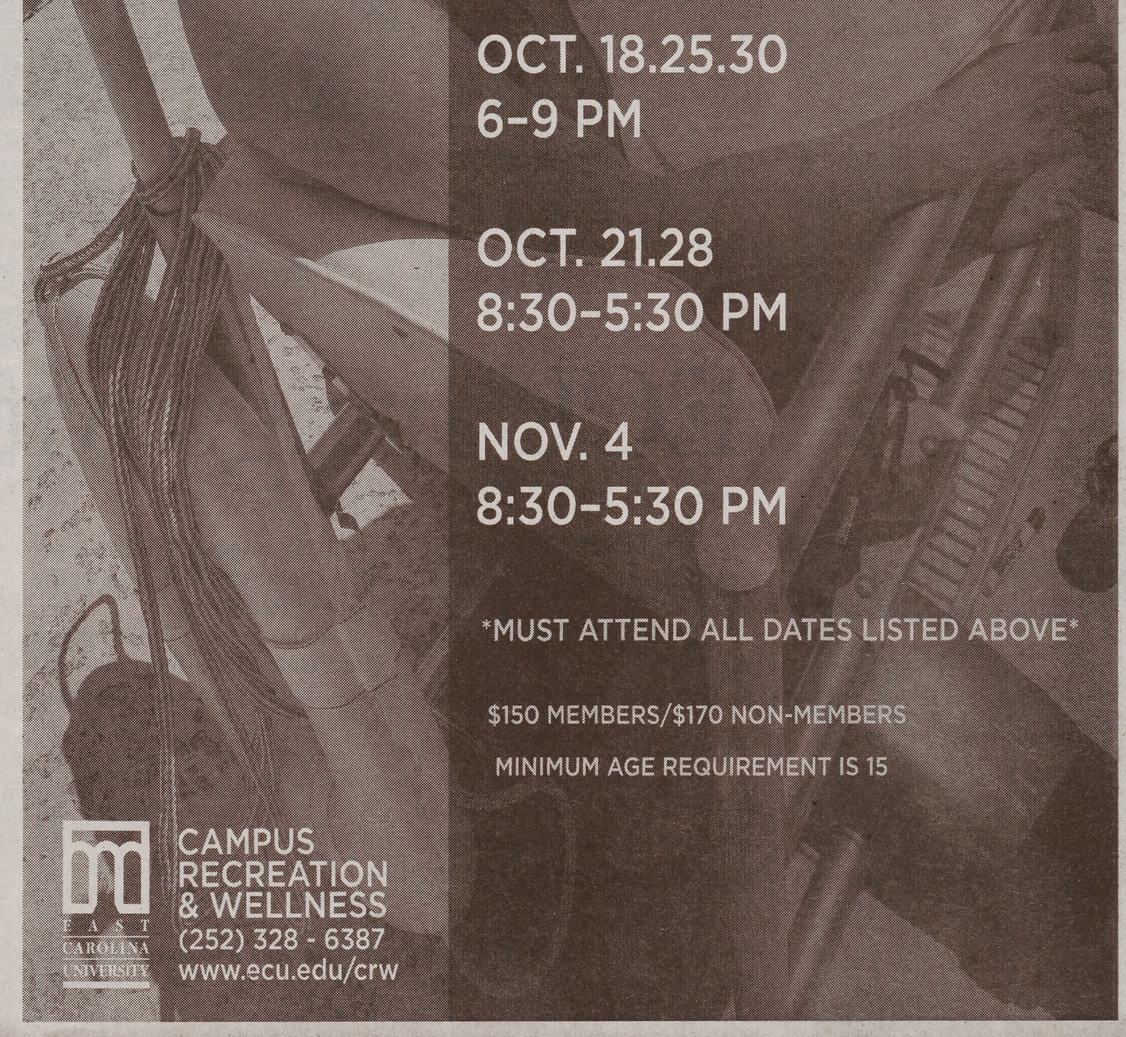

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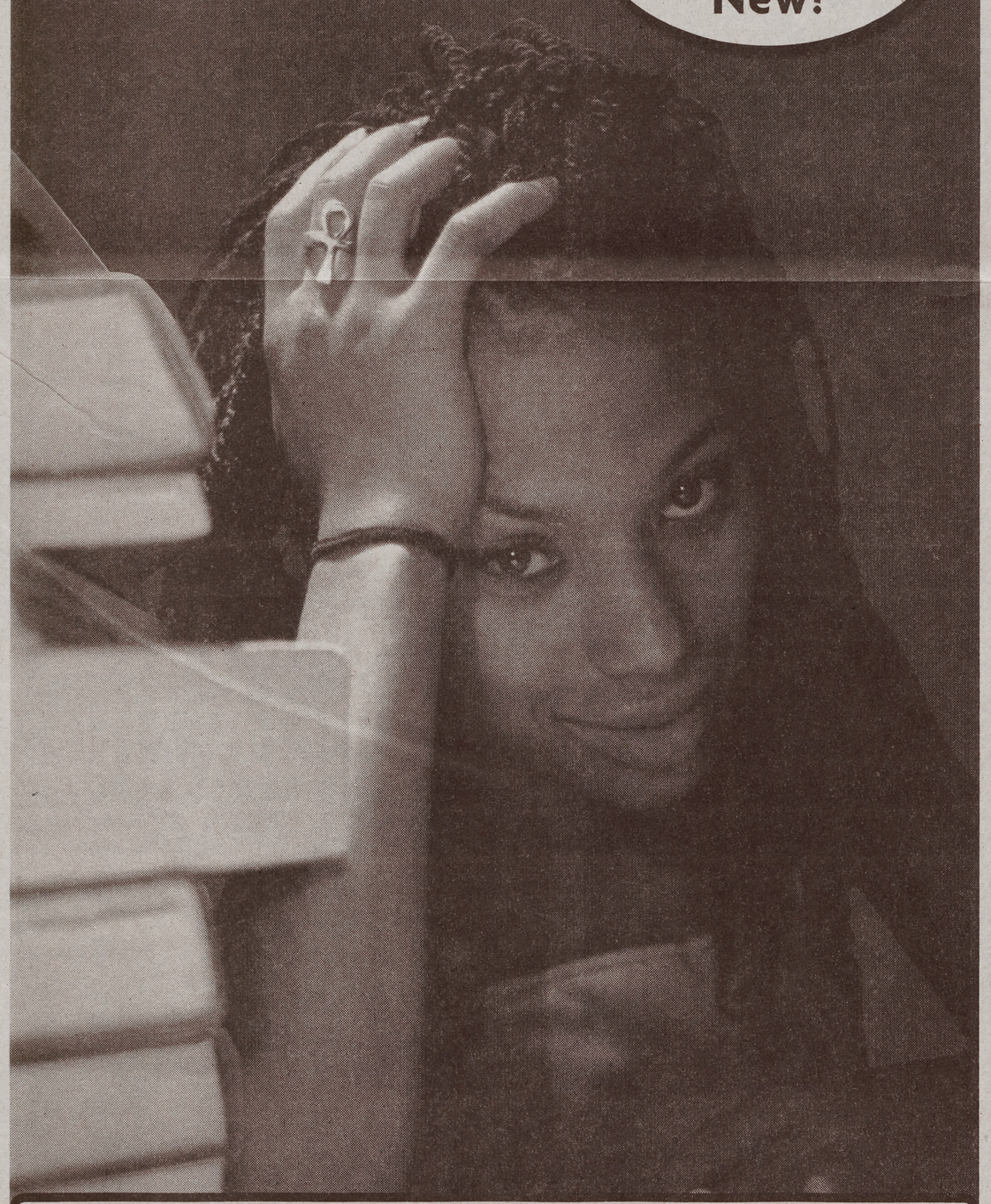

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Monroe took the brunt of the Green Wave attack, securing 10 digs on the day.

"They are very strong athletically," said Monroe. "We adjusted our defense to try and stop them and we just didn't make the plays we needed to make."

Wernert, Thompson and Dubenion each finished with double-digit kills for ECU.

Despite Tulane's apparent dominance, ECU played toe-to-toe with the Green Wave on the front-line. The Pirates out-blocked Tulane, 10-6.

"Hopefully we realize we can beat them [Tulane] and teams like them," said Rushing. "We have to beat them [Tulane] or Marshall or opponents like them in order for us to make the NCAA tournament and win a conference championship."

The Pirates are now 12-9 overall and 3-3 in conference play, putting them in a tie for fourth place in C-USA with Rice.

Crucial fixtures at Minges Coliseum with third place Memphis and UAB await the Pirates this weekend.

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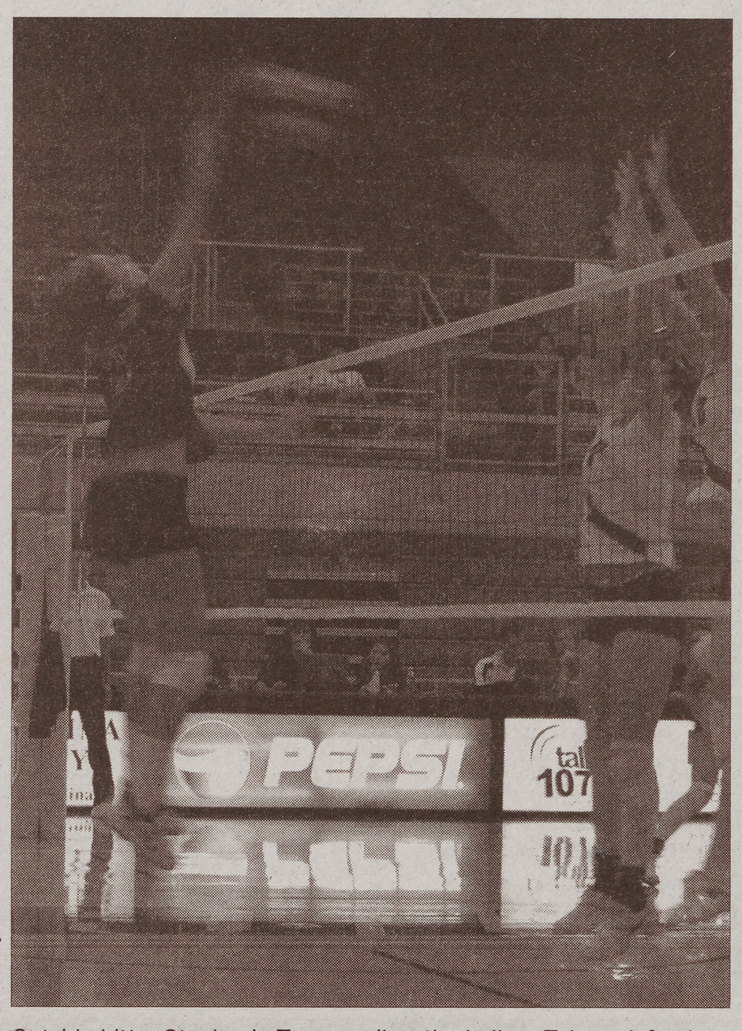

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Outside hitter Stephanie Turner spikes the ball on Tulane defenders.

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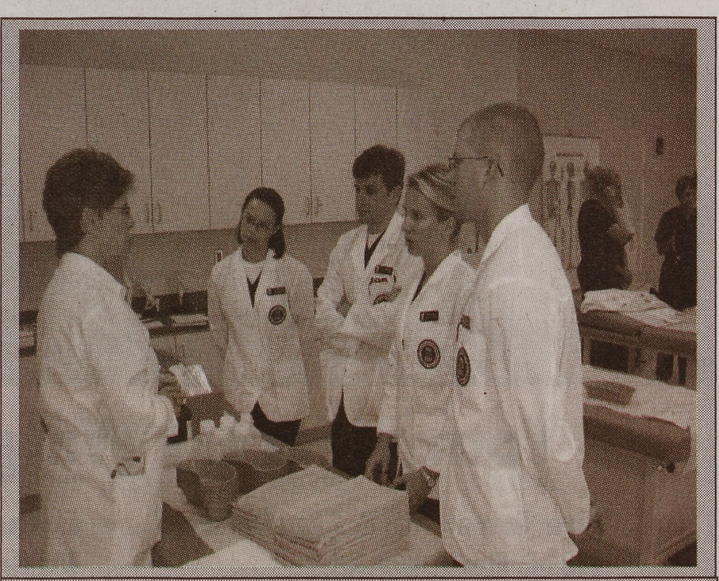

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