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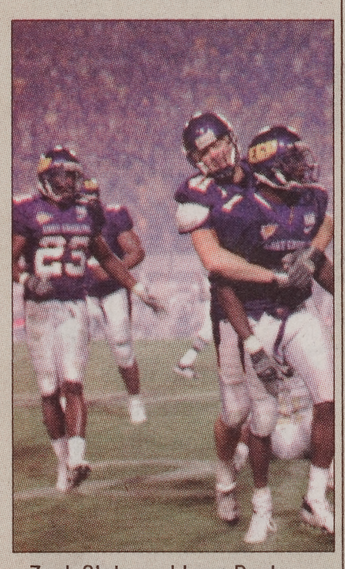
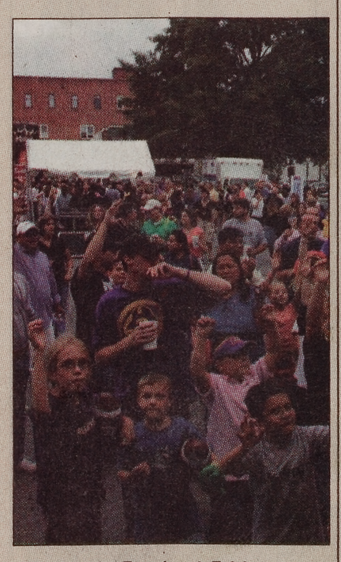


Zack Slate and Leon Best, who had an interception against UCF, will be counted on to wreak havoc on defense when the Pirates face the Miners of UTEP this weekend. Check out the sports section for an in-depth preview of the first ever match-up between the division leaders.....**Page A8**

The ECU club hockey team came out firing at the Charlotte Shootout, giving future foes a lot to prepare for. Turn to the sports section to find out how the team fared and what the Pirates' success means for the first home games this weekend. .....**Page A9**



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ECU ROTC commander runs with a purpose

Marathon raises money for wounded soldiers

MIKE GEIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Lt. Col. Steve Delvaux arrived at ECU in June to become a professor of military science and battalion commander of the Army ROTC program, but little did he know he would be set to help his fellow soldiers by running just four months later.

Delvaux will be running 26.2 miles in the 32 Annual Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 28 in Washington, D.C.

Delvaux will be raising money every mile of the way for wounded soldiers in military hospitals all over the country.

Delvaux has set a personal goal to raise $10,000 for the Azalea Charity's Aid for Wounded Soldiers project and he has already raised more than $7,500.

"I think it's great that he's investing his own time into raising money for the soldiers that risk their lives everyday for their country," said Kristen Morris, junior nursing major.

The Azalea Charity is a non-profit organization that raises money for comfort and relief items for all those who serve in the U.S. military that are injured or sick from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Delvaux, who served two tours in Iraq, said that he researched different charity groups before picking the Azalea Charity.

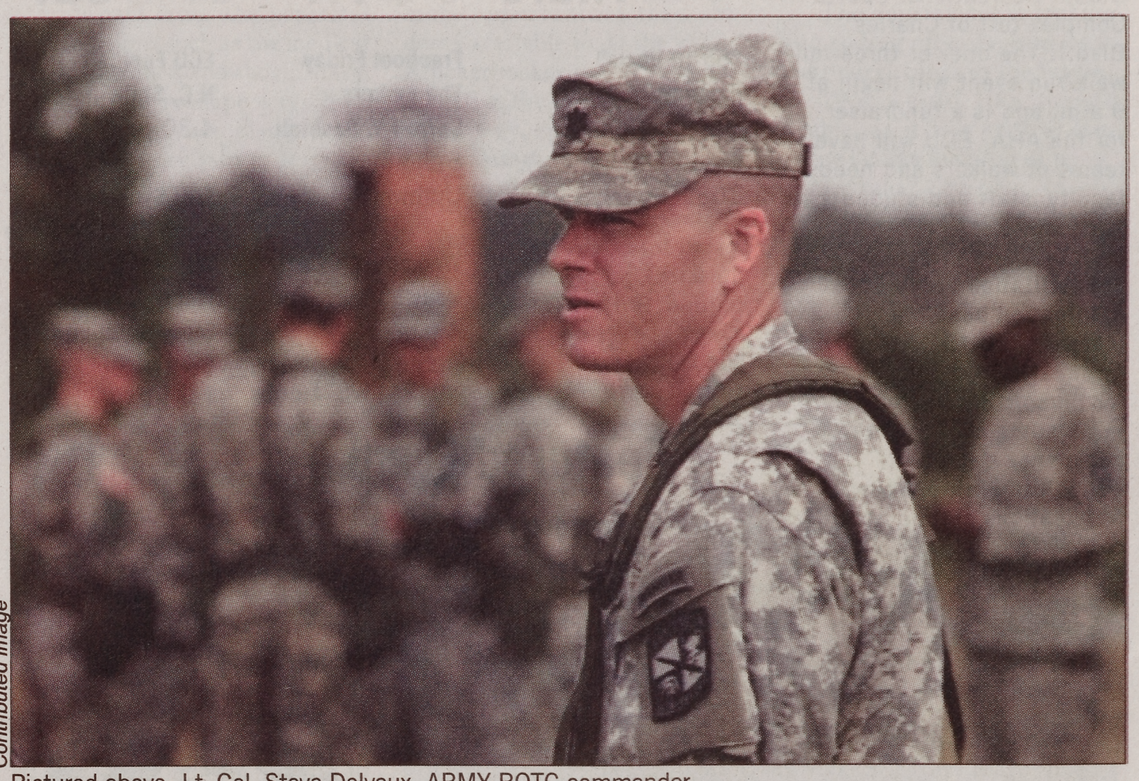
"I liked Azalea because the people that work for them are all volunteers," Delvaux said. "So I know that the money is going where it's needed most whether it be an electronic calling card, an electric razor for the guys who can't use blade razors because of blood-thinning medication or an iPod or Xbox to raise morale for some troops."

The Marine Corps Marathon will not be Delvaux's first. He ran his first marathon back in April, which was the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, TN.

By August, Delvaux had already signed up for the marathon in Washington D.C. but it wasn't until a run on a hot day that he decided to run for his wounded comrades.

"It was one of those hot, August, Greenville days," Delvaux said.

"And I thought about a soldier that I knew that had recently got hit by a sniper bullet and he was far away from his family and friends in a military hospital. I just felt helpless that I couldn't do anything. My unit had got re-deployed and I thought 'If I'm going to run, why not make it mean something.'"



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Pictured above: Lt. Col. Steve Delvaux, ARMY ROTC commander.

For the last four years, Delvaux served in the 187th Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Iron Rakkasans," as part of the 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, KY.

"I always felt that my unit was my second family, so to be away from them as well as family at home, must be terrible for these injured soldiers," Delvaux said.

Delvaux has set up a fund-raising website to help raise money for the cause and has been touched by the contributions of family, friends and strangers alike.

"The response has been

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Start! Walk comes to ECU to raise money and awareness

Walkers donations help support medical research

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Start! Down East Walk is happening at ECU on Oct. 13 for the 5th year.

The Start! Down East Walk is a one or three mile run/walk to raise money for the American Heart Association's (AHA) life saving mission.

Start! is a national movement for AHA.

Participating in this year's Walk are ECU, Pitt Community College, University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, Pitt County Government and other companies, organizations and individuals in the areas surrounding Greenville.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the ECU Blount Recreational Sports Complex. The Walk will begin at 9 a.m. and throughout the day there will be activities planned for everyone.

In the past decade, AHA has funded more than $1 million to ECU in research grants. The association helps fund research and education to reduce coronary heart disease and stroke.

Previously funded research has led to advances in the areas of CPR, bypass surgery, artificial heart valves, pacemakers, clot-busting drugs and high blood pressure medication.

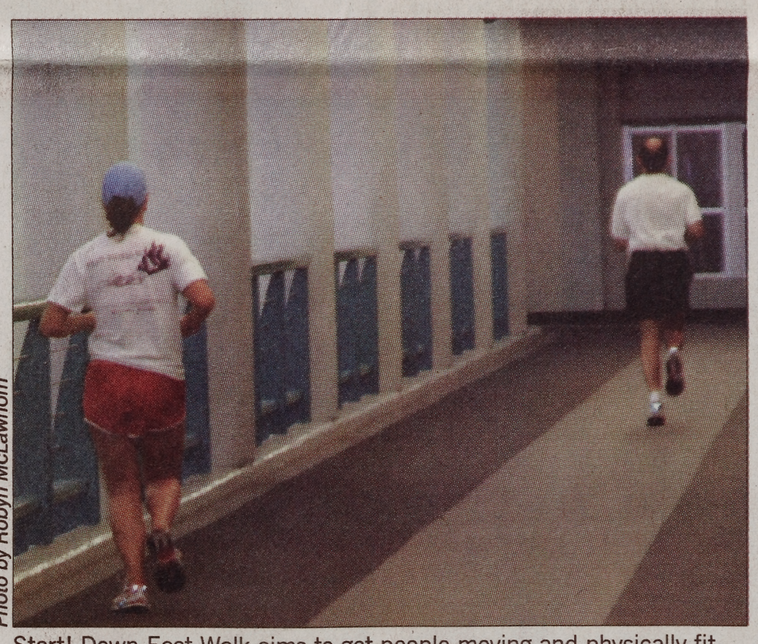

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Start! Down East Walk aims to get people moving and physically fit.

"We want to celebrate the success of those who have suffered from heart-related problems, inspire change of individuals who aren't proactively working to maintain a healthy lifestyle and get people moving to help insure heart healthiness," said Rosalie Farley, administrative support associate.

AHA anticipates more than 700 walkers to participate in the event this year.

The companies and individuals that participate are welcome to contribute donations and serve as either a sponsor or team captain.

The team captains can use the walk as a fundraising activity for their work or school environments. They can recruit walkers for the event and those walkers can also collect donations.

According to Farley, there are many ways to get involved and raise money for the AHA.

"We have several different fundraising materials that we can provide for anyone who has joined a team or started their

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Diabetes Self-Care Program receives national recognition

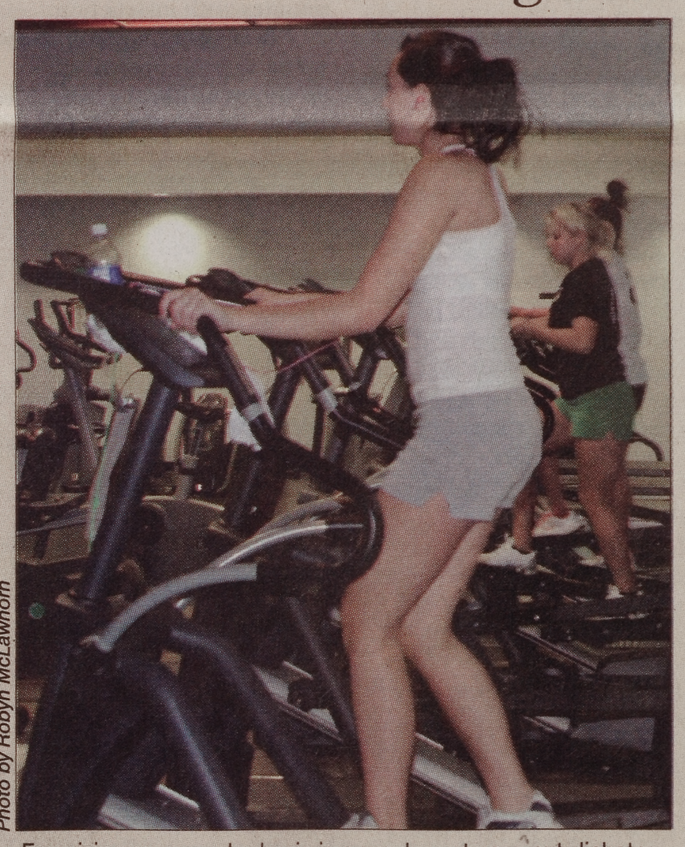

Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Exercising on a regular basis is a good way to prevent diabetes.

Program focuses on education

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Diabetes Self-Care Program at the Brody School of Medicine has received national recognition.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has granted its Education Recognition Certificate to the program.

To be considered for the certificate, programs must meet the national standards of diabetes education for at least six months.

The Diabetes Self-Care program focuses on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, with concentrations in the self-care education of children and adults.

It also evaluates strategies and attitudes for those living with diabetes and identifies the role of nutrition and oral health in the treatment of diabetes.

According to the ADA, 20.8 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes and nearly one-third are unaware that they have the disease.

About 176,500 people aged 20 years or younger have diabetes. This represents 0.22 percent of all people in this age group, according to www.diabetes.org.

"Healthy eating and physical activities are the most effective ways to prevent Type 2 diabetes, especially if you have a family member at risk," said Mindy Saenz, certified diabetes educator at ECU.

First recognized in 1989, the program and its honor have been renewed through an application process that must be submitted every three years.

"The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of service they provide," Saenz said.

"Data must also be collected to ensure that we're doing all the right things for the patients, concerning their health and maintenance of the disease."

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard described two years ago 'the East Carolina University of the future' as a national leader in the innovation and application of medical technology, possibly leading the way to controlling diseases such as diabetes.

"Our aspirations for ECU are bold and significant and more importantly, they are all built on existing foundations," Ballard said.

"Through the quality of our work and our willpower, we can transform our region. We will do the right thing for our university and our state."

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Joyner library offers easy ways to manage bibliographies

Instructional classes now available

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

Joyner Library is now offering instructional classes on how to use its online bibliography manager, RefWorks.

RefWorks enables users to generate and maintain a personal database of citations and notes.

Citations can be imported from text files on most of ECU's online databases; users can then use RefWorks to add citations and format their bibliographies.

Many common citation styles are compatible with RefWorks, and all of the widely-used operating systems will also work with the program.

RefWorks is compatible with Windows, Apple and Linux operating systems as well.

REFWORKS TRAINING SESSION DATES

Monday, Oct 22
4:00 - 5:00

Monday, Nov 5
10:00 - 11:00

Tuesday, Nov 13
4:00 - 5:00

The privilege to use the program is available to most of the ECU community. Students, faculty and staff are eligible to use RefWorks.

"Simply click the link at RefWorks.com that says 'Sign up for an Individual Account.' You'll create a username and password and you're ready to go," said Mark Sanders, interim head of reference at Joyner Library.

There is no limit to the number of citations and notes a user can save while using RefWorks.

When a user is ready to save his or her citations, they are exported to RefWorks from research databases in a text file format.

The number one reason a user should use RefWorks is, "Because with a click of the button, you can create a works cited/reference/bibliography list to include at the end of a paper," said Sanders.

Students involved with group projects can also use RefWorks. There is a "share folders" option that allows multiple users to use RefWorks to add citations or create bibliographies.

Users can ask the staff at the reference desk in Joyner Library

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News

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 Start Down East Heart Walk
Saturday, Oct. 13
9 a.m.
Blount Recreational Sports Complex
The American Heart Association's 2007 Start! Down East Walk will begin with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at ECU's Blount Recreational Sports Complex (off of Charles Blvd.). The one- or three-mile walk/run event will begin at 9 a.m. and is a fundraiser for the AHA. ECU will have teams of walkers and needs faculty, staff and students to participate.

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.

ACHIEVE: What You Need to Know to Register for the Spring Semester
Wednesday, Oct. 17
7-8 p.m.
Aycock Hall Basement
There are a number of steps to complete for you to be able to register each semester. Come get a head start on learning what you need to do to successfully register for spring semester.

Breast Cancer Awareness
Thursday, Oct. 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wright Plaza
The Susan G. Komen Foundation will be on campus to educate students, staff and faculty about breast cancer. The foundation will be housed in an interactive trailer featuring several computers where visitors can learn more about this disease. Educational information, pink ribbons, pink armbands and other giveaways will be available, and a variety of campus organizations will be represented in a nearby pink tent.

Salsa Dance
Friday, Oct. 19
Willis Building
Instruction: 7:30; dance: 8:30-11 p.m. Admission charged.
A non-alcohol/non-smoking event.
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ACHIEVE: How to Take Notes and Study Notes Effectively
Tuesday, Oct. 23
7-8 p.m.
Garrett Hall Lobby
Each class you take probably has multiple books, as well as the material covered in lectures, you will have to takes notes on. Come find out from a professor, how to take notes effectively to make studying less stressful.

11 Thurs

Avoiding the Freshman 15
4-5 p.m.

"Up Til Dawn" meeting
4-9 p.m.
Bate Building 1032

12 Fri

Women's Volleyball Memphis
7 p.m.

Freeboot Friday The Embers Carroll V. Dashiell
5-8 p.m.
Uptown

Women's Soccer Houston
4 p.m.
Bunting Field

13 Sat

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

ECU Football N.C. State
4:30 p.m.

ECU Swimming North Carolina State William & Mary
Noon
Minges Aquatic Center

14 Sun

Women's Volleyball UAB
1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer Rice
Noon
Bunting Field

Women's Volleyball Marshall
1 p.m.

15 Mon

FALL BREAK

Free Billiards
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16 Tues

FALL BREAK

ACHIEVE: How to Take Notes and Study Notes Effectively
Garrett Hall Lobby
7-9 p.m.

17 Wed

ACHIEVE: What You Need to Know to Register for the Spring Semester
Aycock Basement
7-8 p.m.

18 Thurs

19 Fri

20 Sat

21 Sun

22 Mon

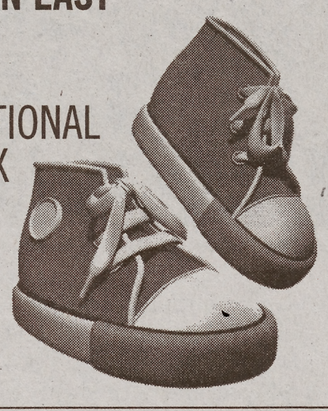
23 Tues

24 Wed

Women's Studies Wednesdays Timm Hackett: A Thousand Other Simple Things
— The Importance of Fairy Tales
1 p.m.
Bate 1006

* Featured Event

2007 START DOWN EAST HEART WALK
9:00 AM
BLOUNT RECREATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX



* Featured Event

ECU FOOTBALL
N.C. STATE
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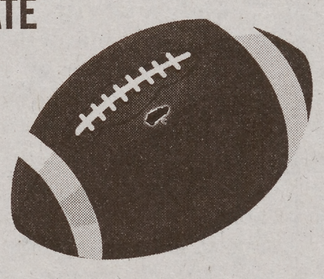

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questions about RefWorks. The reference desk is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. throughout the week, although the hours of operation are slightly reduced during the weekend.

Students can learn the RefWorks interface in roughly 30 minutes with instruction.

"It is very intuitive," Sanders said.

Joyner Library will offer instruction classes in October and November. The sessions typically last less than an hour and six to 12 people usually attend.

ECU has subscribed to the RefWorks service for about two years.

Soon RefWorks will also be able to store the full text of articles in addition to storing citations and notes.

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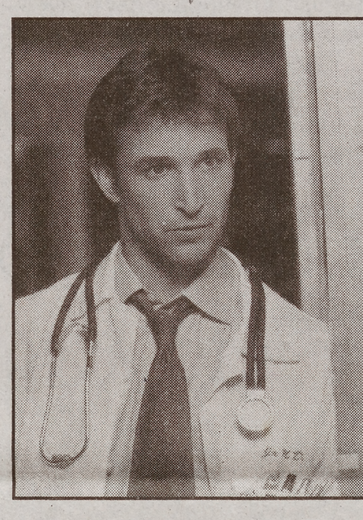

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NOAH WYLE, *Star of NBC's hit show* ER

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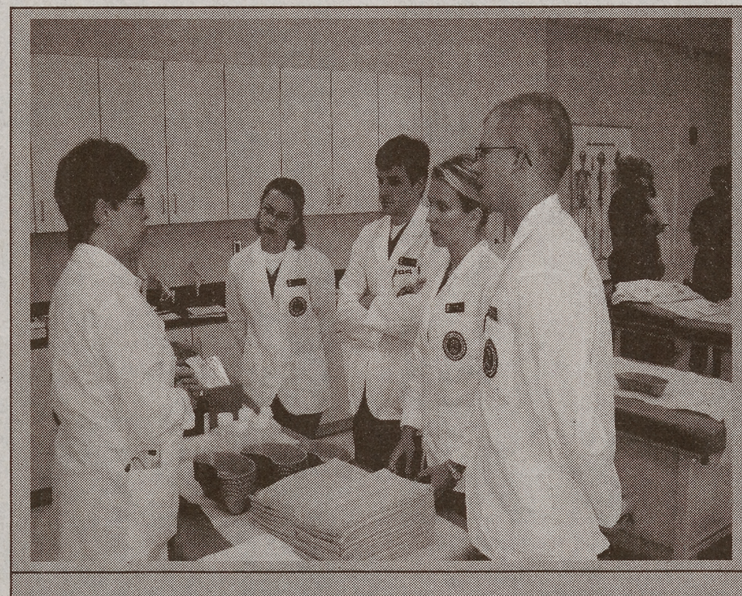

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THURSDAY:
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% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: mostly sunny

FRIDAY:
Hi: 72
Low: 50
Wind: westerly 5-10 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: mostly sunny

WEEKEND:
Hi: Mid 70s
Low: Low 50s
Wind: westerly 5-10 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: sunny and clear

Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geography's Atmospheric Science Program.

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own," Farley said.

"Anyone can be a team captain. We have several families that have their own individual teams as well."

If a walker raises $100, they will receive a Heart Walk t-shirt as a prize. There are also other prizes involved in exchange for the amount of money the walker raises.

According to Farley, they are looking for more team captains.

"Our goal is to promote physical activity and a heart healthy living," Farley said.

Gillian Farroll, member of the "ECU Life Walkers" team, is a survivor of a cardiac defect.

Farroll has been participating in Heart Walks for several years with her mother.

"Being a survivor really makes this a touching event for me. To see everyone out there walking in support of the American Heart Association is a great feeling," Farroll said.

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ECU offers many foreign language options

Students encouraged to study abroad

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STAFF WRITER

ECU's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is looking to expand its programs in the coming years.

The department currently offers nine languages, ranging from Spanish to Italian and classics such as Latin and Greek.

Some faculty, such as the department's chair, Frank Romer, feel that students are at a loss when they overlook studying a foreign language.

"Apart from the practical applications such as the medical field, business and the military, it helps to reshape your own thinking of your place in the world," Romer said.

"When you learn a language, you learn another way to look at the world."

There are other ways to expand your view of the world other than just learning a language in a classroom setting.

Many professors push for their students to take a study abroad program if the students are able.

"When an employer sees that a student has majored in a language, they might not know what to expect," said Dale Knickerbocker, professor of Spanish.

"But when a student has lived two semesters abroad, they can count on their experience and maturity."

If students find themselves unable to travel, many Spanish internships are available for students whom are interested.

"We want students to apply the knowledge of the classroom in the community through these internships. There are more opportunities than students available to do the work," Knickerbocker said.

All of the teachers teach the same way, communicatively, emphasizing communication over grammar.

"We are active in researching teaching methods," said Birgit Jensen, professor of German.

"We recently overhauled our program to reflect these new methods. As such students' progress grows organically, flowing better."

German speaking firms have the highest number in North Carolina, many of which are found in Charlotte, according to Jensen.

"Most of our students double major, so they can conduct business in Germany," Jensen said.

Professors stress that students take the placement test offered on the department's website.

"Once you complete one 2000 level class, you receive credit for that language's lower numbered classes," said Debbie Anderson, professor and advisor for French studies.

The department is looking into adding other languages to their curriculum in the future.

"We would like to add Arabic, as it is a critical language I'd like to see on campus," Romer said.

"Until then, we are looking to further develop our other critical languages offered, Russian and Japanese."

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overwhelming and the humbling part for me is to read the messages that people leave saying their donation is in honor or memory of a soldier," Delvaux said.

"One man donated $101 in honor of the 101st Airborne Division, which he served in and in memory of his brother who was also in the 101st and was killed in Vietnam."

Just recently the Azalea Charity was able to help Delvaux locate the soldier who was under command of one of Delvaux's first sergeants.

"I had talked with the sergeant and he was telling me about how they were getting in daily fire fights in Iraq," Delvaux said.

"He told me about one of his soldiers that had lost a leg and he didn't know what hospital he was in and if he was alright."

Delvaux asked the chairman of Azalea to look up the soldier and make sure he was getting the help he needed.

Contributed image

Delvaux is preparing for the marathon in Washington D.C. on Oct. 28

"The chairman located him, and sure enough he had already received some CDs and an iPod from the Azalea charity. I just really loved that they could help a soldier of that sergeant's," Delvaux said.

Some students think that Delvaux's efforts are going above and beyond the call of duty.

"It's awesome that he is doing more than is asked of him to help the men he served with and putting his body on the line for that cause," said Matt Clifton, junior communications major.

To learn more about Delvaux's run for Azalea Charity's Aid for Wounded Soldiers project or to make a donation, visit Delvaux's Web site at: active.com/donate/Run-4WoundedSoldiers/rakkasan

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Opinion

{ Think for yourself. }

RANT OF THE DAY

The sun is always shining and the sky is always blue; there are just rainy clouds in the way sometimes. Cheer up!

THIS IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS...

This week's photograph presents viewers with a variety of interpretations. What emotions does it inspire in you? Taken by Lizz Wells, Photo Editor.

We encourage students to submit their inspirational photos to the Opinion page, at www.theeastcarolinian.com in order to provide the campus community with another outlet for discussion and another way for staff and students to express themselves. Your photos must meet the minimum requirements of 300 dpi, with a minimum size of three by five inches, sent as a JPEC or TIFF file. We reserve the right to refuse publication of inappropriate and/or offensive photos. Please include your name, major, and a brief description of the photograph in the body of the email.

Bush loves the kids

SCHIP veto proves Bush has no soul

JUSTIN SUMMERS
OPINION WRITER

Last week George Bush used the fourth veto of his presidency to shoot down the popular bipartisan healthcare plan, the State Children's Health Insurance Program. SCHIP provides healthcare to children who come from families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to provide for private insurance. Set up by Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton in 1997, SCHIP was the largest development in State Health Care since Medicaid was set up in the sixties. To qualify for SCHIP you must be under 200 percent of the federal poverty line, roughly $41,000 a year for a family of four. The new SCHIP proposal sought to increase the income you could be making and still qualify for SCHIP by 100%. Due to a rise in the cost of living, a decrease in medical coverage from employers and the increasing cost of healthcare, the increase was seen as an effective way to insure the 9 million children who are still uninsured in this country.

In addition to those terms, the bill asked for $35 billion over the next 5 years to potentially insure another 4 million children, bringing the number of children insured under SCHIP to over 10 million by 2012. This increase in spending would be paid for by a raise in the tobacco tax and was approved by both the House and Senate.

The bill received great praise from most members of the House and Senate. In the Senate 18 Republicans voted for the bill and in the House 45 Republicans approved the terms of the bill. Though it was not enough to override the looming veto to come from Bush, it showed if nothing else the popularity of the bill.

Bush's veto of this bill was not unexpected. As Bush's base put more and more pressure on him to use some fiscal oversight, he vowed to make drastic cuts in spending; even if it's at the expense of children's health.

While the proposed defense budget set to be approved sometime this week stands at 460 billion or more, it is almost inconceivable to me that Bush cannot afford to shell out 35 billion for poor children. Once again it proves that when it comes to making the right decision, Bush listens to the hard line rhetoric of special interests and right wing fundamentalists before the people of America.

*If you would like to do something to help children in need of health care, write your local Congressman and ask him to override Bush's veto of SCHIP. All that is needed is an additional 14 Republican votes in Congress to override the veto and provide millions of children with the healthcare they need

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"Gimme More" Britney Spears

Going from fame to shame

LISA ENSMINGER
OPINION WRITER

Britney Spears is planning for an album release this November, and I am not quite sure if she will manage to pull off a comeback. If you haven't seen the news (even CNN reports on her) or tabloids while waiting in line at the grocery store, Britney Spears is spiraling her career down the tubes as we speak. It started off with her classy wedding with the "world's most hated rap star," Mr. Kevin Federline. From there she was pregnant with his two children, one following another.

The new mommy wasn't quite the HOT pop princess she used to be while drinking Starbucks left and right and walking into public bathrooms with no shoes and a bag of potato chips while "prego." She then started partying night after night (sometimes with Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan… yikes!!), and we're not supposed to wonder where her kids were at these times? She then had a major breakdown and shaved her whole head bald with her own hands.

After she checked into rehab and announced a new album and breakthrough performance on the VMA's, Spears had most of us thinking she might make a great comeback. WRONG!

Britney ruined her VMA performance from the start with her half-done extensions and not-so-flattering sparkly black bikini costume. The first words of her almost-hit song, "Gimme More" are, "It's Britney, b****." Probably shouldn't be saying that, Britney, if you can't lip synch to a song with the whole song consisting of only two words: "gimme more." Not only could she not "sing" appropriately, she couldn't dance, as she was tripping and "walking through" the routine like it was a rehearsal.

Not only did she ruin her one and only opportunity to make a comeback, she has now gotten herself into more trouble with two felony charges and losing custody of her children to Mr. K-Fed (I don't know which one is worse).

Britney's new album is due out in November and is still on schedule. For some very few fans out there hoping for a breakthrough, all I have to say to Britney is "good luck" because she might say, "Oops, I did it again."

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PIRATE RANTS

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If they could finish up the construction on College Hill that would be great, because I can not take the freaking traffic jams on the sidewalk much longer.

I love you mostest, infinity, forever, AMEN!

To the girl in our Anthropology class that doesn't wear a bra with her shirts; nobody wants to see your headlights at 9 a.m. in the morning.

Please, please do not offer your opinions on the Jena 6 situation if you yourself have not been on the other end of the stick. You don't understand that the implications of what the Caucasian kids did were far worse than what the Black ones did. Please reconsider spreading your ignorance to other people.

Smoking won't kill you any deader than living will.

It takes a hard working student to go to class every day. It takes a truly amazing person to still go to class a weekend after surgery with "a lot" of stitches in your back! You are amazing and we are here for you!

Go ahead and wear your Duke shirt; someone needs to the support inferior football programs. I guess I will wear my ND tee.

PETA: People Eating Tasty Animals.

We love you and we'll all miss your big goofy grin. RIP buddy, and may the people that did this to you get what's coming to them.

If you think you will end up in a cardboard box with a barcode on your neck for trusting the American government, then you need to LEAVE and move somewhere you feel safe. Bye-bye.

Why couldn't we have met before you started dating my best friend?

To the boy in my sociology class: I don't know if anyone told you this before, but you smell like sour musk, so please either take a shower or MOVE YOUR SEAT!

My roommate just turned 21 and now she can go out with me all the time! This could be trouble!

If you don't want to be with her, break it off because it will only get harder and harder. Yes she is obsessed with you. Yes you are a nice guy, but things happen; it's called life, baby. Eventually it will be okay.

I wish you would go meet with Dr. Hitch because you need some help with your game and the ladies.

You can always count on me to give you drunk dials because you are who I always think about, I just let it show when I start to lose my dignity.

I miss when you and I used to drive around and I would read the Pirate Rants to you!

I always see all these sexy boys driving around in these sexy trucks and it's disappointing because I don't think I'll ever see them again!

I want some BANANA PANCAKES!

To the guy who stands in front of Wright Plaza: I don't think those girls are interested.

I thought getting away from Angie would alleviate my drama...Apparently anybody with your name needs to go jump off a bridge.

Walking across campus at 9 a.m. on a Monday morning in the same clothes I went out in the night before makes me feel kinda weird.

What I have learned in college so far... hangovers can last for 3 days.

I like you, but I don't want to like you, because I feel like you're going to get what you want from me and then drop me.

Dear Frat Boys, Your oddly colored shorts, tucked in polo shirts and Sperrys do not impress me. I only come to your parties for the alcohol.

Get off your bon-bons, Twinkies, and soft drinks and go run because heart disease, diabetes, a car wreck or a sexually transmitted disease will probably kill you, not cancer from second-hand smoke!

People don't understand. Being a music major in itself is a career. People just don't understand.

Is it bad that I love Christmas so much that I am already listening to Christmas music?

I am from Salisbury, N.C.; home of Cheerwine and Food Lion!

Kudos to Joyner Library for holding Gaming Night 2007. Joyner reports over 245 students enjoyed the library's first gaming night. We hope they will sponsor a gaming night next semester!

We wrestle in the hallway of Jarvis, deal with it!

Regardless of how our football team does, the Marching Pirates always dominate.

It's time to stop kissing butt and start kicking it!

I absolutely love the Golden Girls... And I am a guy!

The sun is always shining and the sky is always blue; there are just rainy clouds in the way sometimes. Cheer up!

Anyone who worries about racism is an idiot! Stop bringing everyone back to pre-Civil Rights Movement issues! That crap is over. I judge by the content of your character, and if you are a crappy person, you call me a racist!

Ever since I was young, I never really understood anything about the world. And I never understood anything that happened in my life. The only thing that ever made sense to me was you. And how I felt about you. That's all I've ever known. And that's enough. That's enough for me for the rest of my life. You are my best friend and I love you. It's as simple as that.

The next president NEEDS to be Rudy Giuliani!

How did Al Sharpton ever get any type of power? He is a complete idiot. I really wish that every black American would realize that. He is only bringing your race down.

Drummer girls are h-h-h-h-h-hot!

I saw a girl walk into a pole yesterday, and it made my day.

It's not really news that you got seven Rants in one paper. It happens all the time. Besides, you probably submitted 60 rants. Your chances were high.

I need a job.

I'm not in a study group. I'm in a cram group.

Just because I stick my legs out and make the chimes have a cool beat at the library doesn't mean I am a freshman! Sorry I am high on life and enjoy the simple things!

Shouldn't the US fix their own problems before attempting to solve everyone else's?

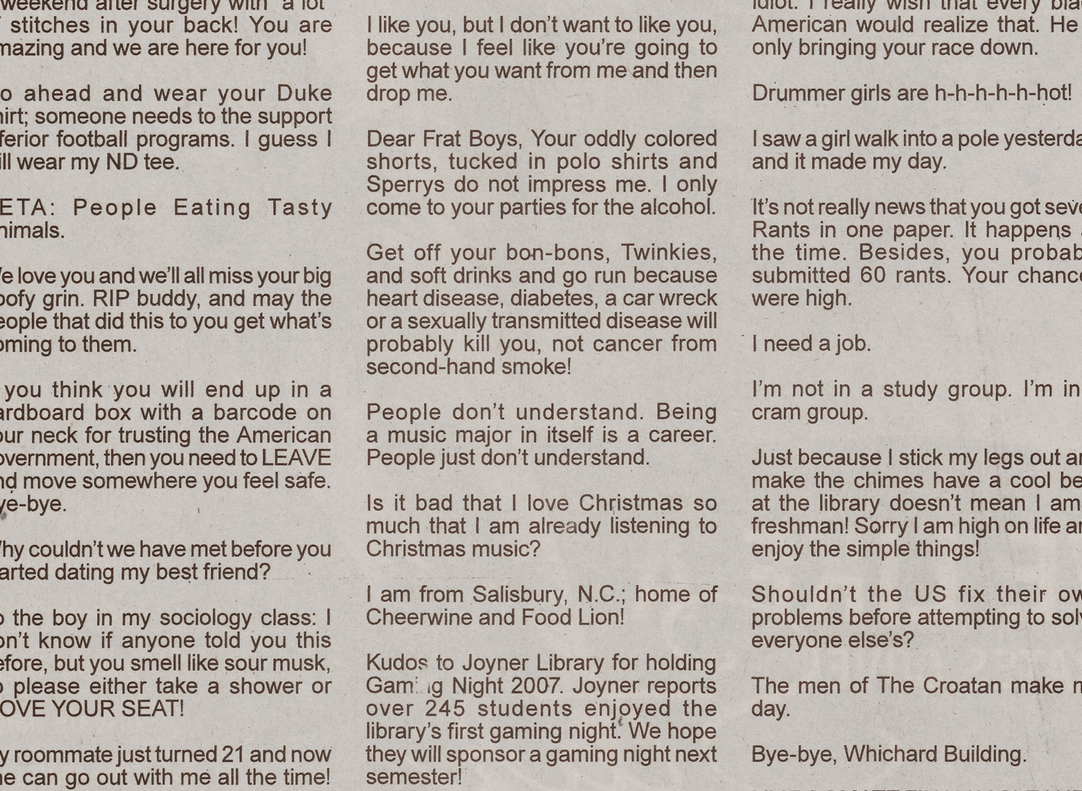
The men of The Croatan make my day.

Bye-bye, Whichard Building.

MY ROOMATE FINALLY CLEANED THE DISHES! HALLELUJAH!

Call me old-fashioned, but texting me is not an acceptable means of asking me to hang out. Take the three minutes to pick up the phone and call me, I mean you claim to be a man, don't you?

Being a freshmen, going home for the first time this past weekend was really exciting... until I got there and realized that Greenville's REALLY my home.



True Life: I'm a skater

What it means to skate.

MATTHEW PARKER
MULTIMEDIA WEB EDITOR

To begin with, I think I should clarify that I'm not what people would usually consider a skater. I'm what most people would consider a geek (or something like that). I'm ok with that; I like geeky things, video games, computers and all awesome gadgets. I just wanted to let everyone open their minds to the little-known world of the skateboarder, so they can appreciate what they now take for granted.

Just so we are on the same page, I'm talking about normal skateboarding. Not long-board skateboarding, rollerblading or ice skating, all of which are cool in their own light; the real issue here is skateboarding.

The coolest thing about skateboarding to me is that it is so new to the sports world, only having been around for the last 50 or so years. It didn't really come into its current light until the mid 1990's. Take pro sports like football, baseball or golf, and you've got hundreds of famous people from the last half of the century. Now try naming some famous skateboarders; I doubt you'd get farther than 5 people and most of them are probably still alive and skating.

As someone who recently decided to pick up a skateboard and attempt to learn, I have found a brand new respect for anyone who can actually skateboard. I found it almost funny how, until I tried skateboarding for myself, I didn't really know how difficult it is.

As a gamer, I've played skateboarding video games (like *Tony Hawk's Skate*), but these give you a false impression of skating. Skating isn't as easy a pushing some buttons and directing an analog stick. It takes lots and lots of time practicing to be good at it. Being able to balance on a board just wide enough for your feet and long enough for you to stand on is hard enough. Add wheels to the bottom and some forward/backward motion, and it is like learning to walk all over again; falling happens often.

The overall point I want to make with this article is that when you see that kid walking into class with his/her skateboard, respect them. Understand that they are not like you and me. They are a skater. Webster says this means a person that skateboards, but to me it means a person that sees walking as lame and skateboarding as the answer to it.

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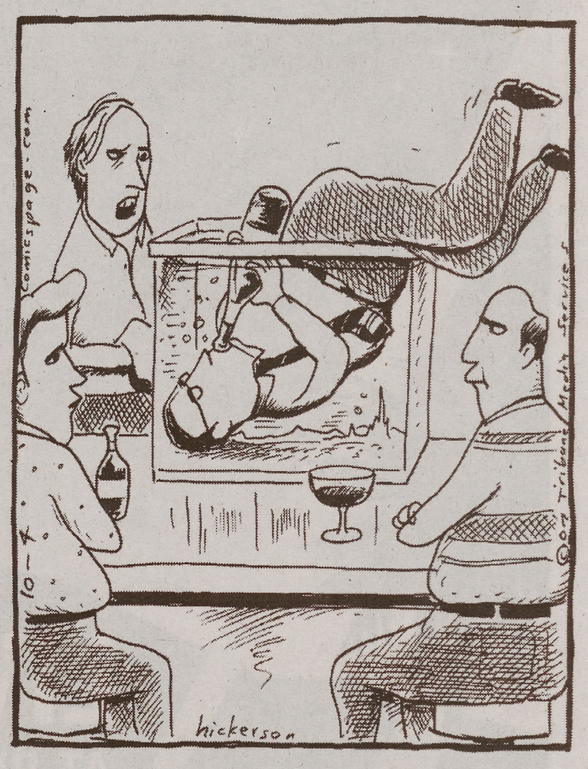

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Horoscopes

Aries
Figure out how much you can afford to spend before you go shopping. This won't stop you from going over budget, but at least you'll know.

Taurus
You're looking very attractive now. Your major admirer might not actually say anything, but you'll be able to tell.

Gemini
Big dreams can come true in the next two weeks, with your active participation. First, you must actually dream something you want to have come true. Second, write it down.

Cancer
Another natural resting day, which happens to occur right in the middle of your busy week. Delegate the chores.

Leo
Begin a new project now. Make commitments that will last. Intend to do something wonderful that you've never done before. Today, everything's possible.

Virgo
Again, conditions favor great wealth coming to you. Technology appears to be involved, along with imagination. Your home's the most likely site. Begin, and ideas will follow.

Libra
Your confidence has grown, and with good reason. The more you learn, the more you earn and the more others take you seriously.

Scorpio
You're ready to give up some of the treasures you've been hoarding. Now's a great time to sell. You'll get top dollar.

Sagittarius
Friends appreciate you, perhaps more than you realize. Accept a heartfelt compliment that comes non-verbally.

Capricorn
You're being watched closely, for a possible promotion. The whole thing's sort of intangible yet. Subtly let them know what you can do, and how it will benefit them.

Aquarius
Thank your friends for their help and encouragement. Bring them back something they have never seen before. This could be a souvenir or a new idea.

Pisces
A lovely side effect of getting your finances in order is the increase in your own self-esteem. You'll stand taller when this job is done. If it is done, celebrate.

Did you know?

The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.

A polar bear's skin is black. Its fur is not white, but actually clear.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily!

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, purple and silver.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin in World War 2 killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: $6,400

Banging your head off a wall uses 150 calories an hour

There are more plastic lawn flamingos in the US than real ones.

A typist fingers travel over 12 and a half miles in an average day.

The world's most common non-contagious disease is tooth-decay.

Freeboot Fridays bring ECU spirit to Greenville

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Wachovia Freeboot Fridays bring free food and fun to uptown Greenville, giving people of all ages a chance for something different before every home football game.

Purple pride in uptown Greenville

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On any given weekend, students have a wide variety of entertainment options in Greenville. The variety of restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores and clubs are sure to entertain. Whether you are looking for live music, free food or something to do in general, most areas of the city will have something fun to do, including the uptown area of Greenville.

In an effort to draw more people to the area, the Uptown Greenville organization sponsors the Wachovia Freeboot Friday series for residents and students alike.

Wachovia Freeboot Fridays is an "alive at five" concert series that began over seven years ago in the Uptown Greenville area in order to attract students and citizens into the center of the city for the night. The event is filled with cold drinks, free food and an assortment of prizes, along with musical entertainment for all ages.

With an initial attendance of 2300, the average attendance for Freeboot is around 1800 for each Friday before an ECU home football game. Along with live music, free food and T-shirts, Greenville businesses and non-profit organizations have the opportunity to set up tables during the event for advertisements. Some even have drawings for prizes. These businesses and organizations include the Emerge Gallery and Art Center, Blackwood's Salon, UBE, Embarq, the American Red Cross and the ECU College of Business

Debbie Vargas, the Promotions and Marketing Committee chair of the Greenville-Pitt County and Visitors Bureau, has watched the concert series evolve to a warm kickoff event for the football games.

"The idea was to get people to see the renovations and progress that have taken place in the uptown area. It has now evolved into a pep rally that gets people excited for the football games the following Saturday, while giving them something to do uptown the night before," said Vargas.

Freeboot Friday is open to people of all ages. For young kids, Freeboot features a children's area, complete with a free moonwalk and a variety of activities, including chalk drawings. Other activities include face painting, a football toss and a chance to make pottery with the Emerge Gallery and Art Center. Even Freeboot's own Purple the Clown entertains with free balloon animals.

The term "freeboot" is an adjective to describe a pirate, and since each installment of Freeboot is the night before a home football game, ECU Pirate fans from across the state are welcomed to celebrate the game and to experience nighttime life in Greenville.

But the experience is not just limited to Pirate fans. City residents use the event as a way of reconnecting with old friends and getting to know new neighbors.

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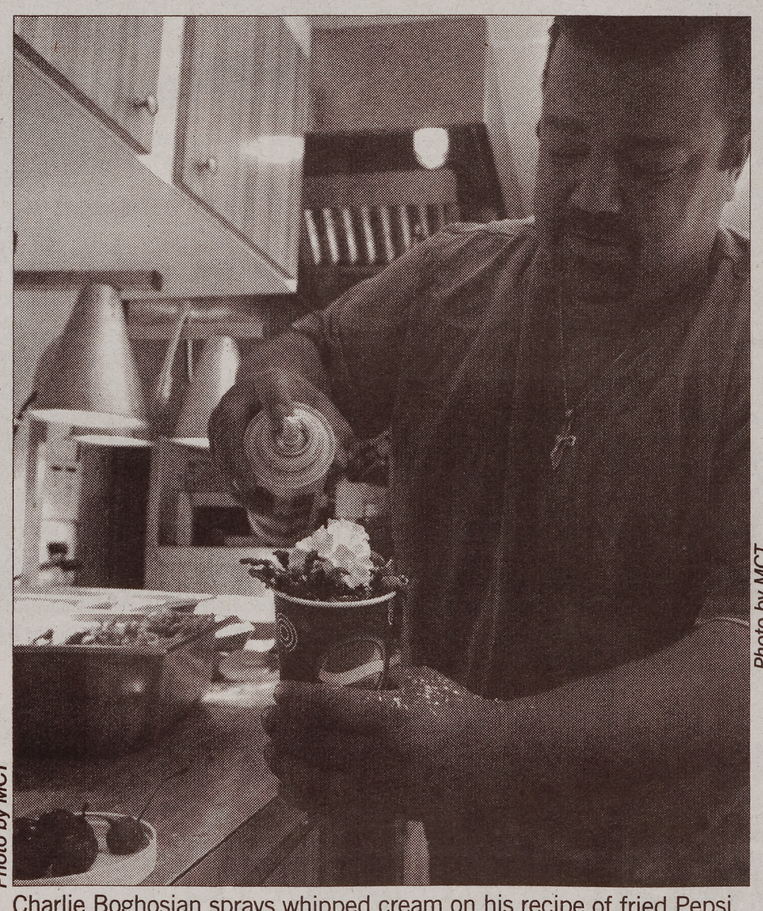
California man sells fried Pepsi



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Charlie Boghosian sprays whipped cream on his recipe of fried Pepsi.

Concoction that buyers must eat with a fork

(MCT) Fresno, Calif.-- Charlie Boghosian, the deep-fried guy, came back to The Big Fresno Fair in Fresno, Calif. this year with some new recipes that fairgoers probably have never seen.

Boghosian, a gregarious man who loves to talk food, is always experimenting with deep-frying. New items are a must. That's why this year's menu includes get ready for it--deep-fried Pepsi.

Two other new items are a bit less sensational: Deep-fried s'mores and a deep-fried version of Elvis Presley's beloved peanut-butter-and-banana sandwich.

People can find it at his Chicken Charlie's stand. The 38-year-old from San Diego says all the new stuff has been a hit on this season's fair circuit. At other fairs before Fresno, Calif., for example, he sold 30,000 cups of the cola concoction, at $5.50 a pop. (He uses the cola brand that is officially affiliated with a fair.)

"I tell people this Pepsi doesn't need a straw," said Boghosian. "It needs a fork."

Instead of water, he mixes Pepsi with flour to make a batter. He randomly pours lines of it into a soybean oil, which he says has zero trans fats and zero carbohydrates.

The lines break into squiggly curlicues, like pieces of a funnel cake, as they quickly turn golden brown.

Boghosian then lifts them out and dumps them on a tray. He scoops some into a regular-sized soda-paper cup and adds a bit of soda syrup to enhance the flavor. He sprinkles a bit of powdered sugar, adds a bit of

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Hand washing seems to be a key factor in preventing germs and sickness, and it just takes a few seconds.

Fact vs. fiction about your health

Why bothering to wash your hands is worth it

VIRGINIA SMITH
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In 1972, scientists believed the common cold could be cured by freezing one's big toe (angelfire.com). Now, it's pretty well accepted that frostbite won't make you healthy, although doctors have confirmed that going outside without a jacket won't make you sick – but don't do that, either.

Nowadays, it's all about germs; everything we see now is antibacterial, and for good reason. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says most common colds are viral and spread by germs. They still have not found a cure, but a good defense is the best offense.

The best prevention is "frequent hand washing, and not sharing items such as cups, glasses and utensils," according to the CDC.

This is important because people are more contagious when they are just starting to get sick, not when they display noticeable symptoms.

Think about this: the "five second rule" many people believe in?

It's wrong.

In 2004, Jillian Clarke was recognized by the Annals of Improbable Research after she proved that the "five second rule" is nothing but a myth. When she placed gummy bears and cookies on a surface contaminated by E. coli for five seconds, those gummies and cookies came up *really* dirty (New York Times, May 2007).

Interestingly, the Boston Globe published an article at the same time disagreeing with the cautionary statements above. The decision is up to the individual which research to believe in.

"I've heard about the 'five second rule' my whole life, and I used to believe it. But being in a health program here at ECU made me rethink all of that. I've seen people firsthand in bathrooms on campus use the facilities and then leave without washing their hands. It's extremely disgusting. People wouldn't do it as often if they knew how much of a health hazard it really is. Washing your hands is really the key to warding off sickness and staying healthy, especially during this time of year," said Tiara Street, sophomore community health major.

So what's the best way to keep all those nasty germs at bay? Wash your hands. A lot.

The CDC recommends that you wash your hands with soap and warm water – yes, water temperature makes a difference – for at least 20 seconds. If you're not sure about the timing, sing "Happy Birthday" twice in your head.

Carry hand sanitizer and use it when you've

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Fashion on the dime

Where and what is hot

JESSICA DUNLOW
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Fall fashions, straight from the runway, can be found at department stores minus the designer price tag.

Fall Fashion week in New York City just concluded and that means that "fast fashion" will be available within the next few weeks.

Fast fashion, ideally, is affordable to the mass population. This is because these fashions are, in essence, knock-offs of original designs and runway style.

These originals college students could probably never afford, but some stores carry runway styles for cheap.

For instance, the best place to find these trendy knock-offs are in the teenage favorites Forever 21, Charlotte Russe and Delia's. The average shirt price ranges from $15 to $35, which is a life savor compared to the $150 t-shirts found at Neiman Marcus under the Juicy Couture brand name. (Hint, Hint: Get the same looking T-shirt for only $17 at Target).

Styles begin on the runway, shift to celebrities (who popularize the fashion) and eventually find themselves in department stores.

According to Dr. Erin Parrish, a professor in the fashion and interior design department, the only places to find high-end fashion in Greenville are in small, individually-owned boutiques.

However, Parrish claims that designer lines are becoming more available to the general population.

Private labels are on the rise in department stores and are being introduced by Vera Wang (Kohl's), Ralph Lauren (JcPenney) and Alice Temperley (Target) to spread their name to those who want reasonably priced fashions.

The Vera Wang label at Kohl's is currently limited, since it was just brought into stores, but the brand, *Simply Vera*, should be expanded upon by next season. The average price runs anywhere from $35 for a knit top to $85 for a dress.

The Alice Temperley line at Target claims to reflect the English countryside and resembles a conservative style. Like *Simply Vera*, the prices are moderate.

Again, Parrish stated that the style is reverting to conservatism for the fall of 2007 and the spring of 2008. Expect the looks to be more tailored and long, which means more fabric and design work, making for a more expensive outfit.

In addition, complete outfits are coming back into style, with the designers aiming to sell an entire outfit, which can be pricey when not bought in cheaper stores.

For fall, don't be pressured to break the bank. Check out stores like Target and JC Penney for designer looks without the designer price tags.

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been in and out of buildings, particularly on campus. Do you know if the last person to open that door washed their hands?

WebMD claims, "Only 3 in 4 people wash their hands in public restrooms."

Some doctors actually believe hand sanitizer is more effective than antibacterial soap, so carry it around with you. Make sure any hand sanitizer you do use has at least a 60% ethyl alcohol content.

So even if you never listened to your mom when you were younger, she was on to something when she made you wash your hands before dinner.

Wash your hands. Rinse and repeat.

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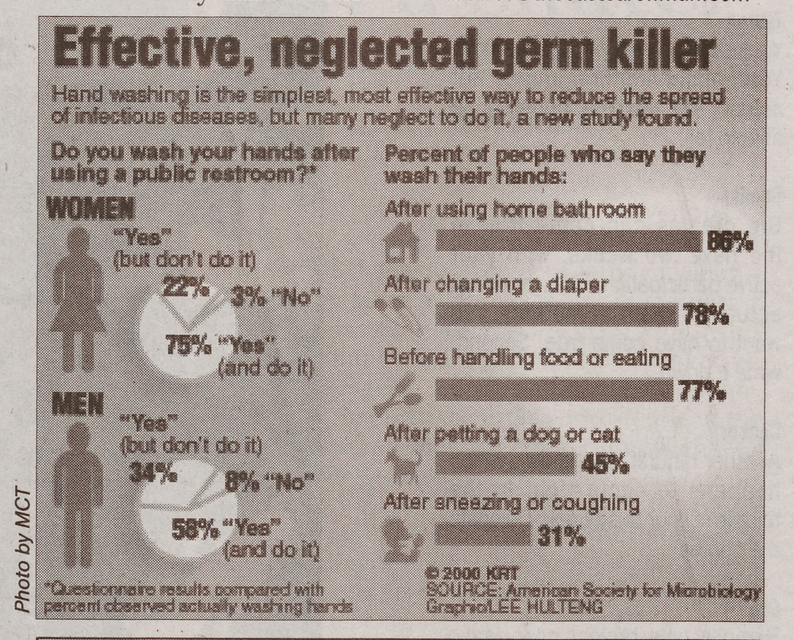

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Denise Walsh, the executive director for Uptown Greenville believes the event has a positive effect not only for the community, but for the businesses of uptown Greenville as well.

"The vision for this event is for to people to come uptown and see new businesses and the new renovations that have taken place. We want people to find this event a fun, enjoyable experience," said Walsh.

Freeboot Friday also features food tasting opportunities from uptown restaurants, such as Chicos and Boli's. With the free food, attendees will also be entertained with live music, with bands like The Clumsy Lovers, Purple School Bus, Ten Toes Up, The Embers and Spare Change.

So no matter what you are looking for, Freeboot Fridays and Uptown Greenville are sure to have it for you, no matter what age you are.

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ECU hosts its first comedy show

Mix of comedians will be presented

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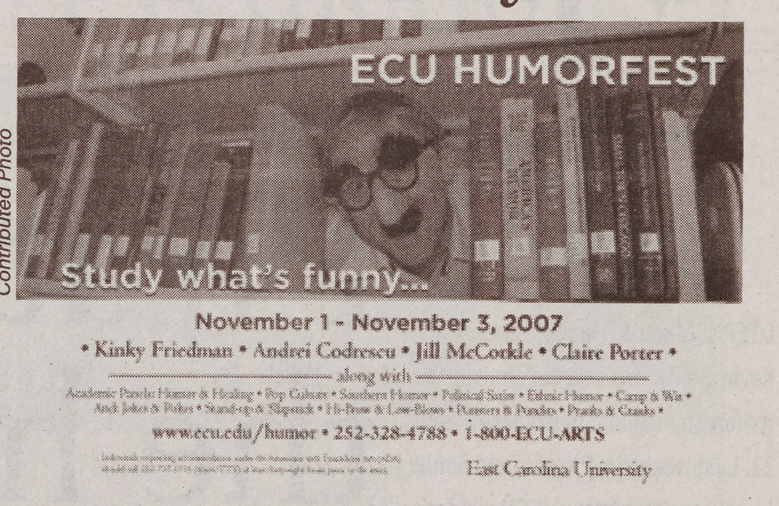

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ECU will host the first comedy show on its campus from Nov. 1 to Nov. 3, with a myriad of comedians from all over the country and the world.

The more than twelve presenters will be covering a mixture of topics, ranging from taboo and Southern literature to medieval and renaissance humor and more.

The 3-day event, dubbed "HumorFest," will start with a presentation by Porter and Codrescu at 7:15 p.m. on Nov.1.

On Nov. 2, Friedman will present a satire talk and sing at 8 p.m.

On Nov. 3, there will be a luncheon with McCorkle at 12:30 p.m., and the day will end with a campus-wide cream pie-toss.

Also, throughout the weekend, students will be able to participate in "Joke-Offs" sessions.

For more information, or to buy tickets, visit ecu.edu/humor.

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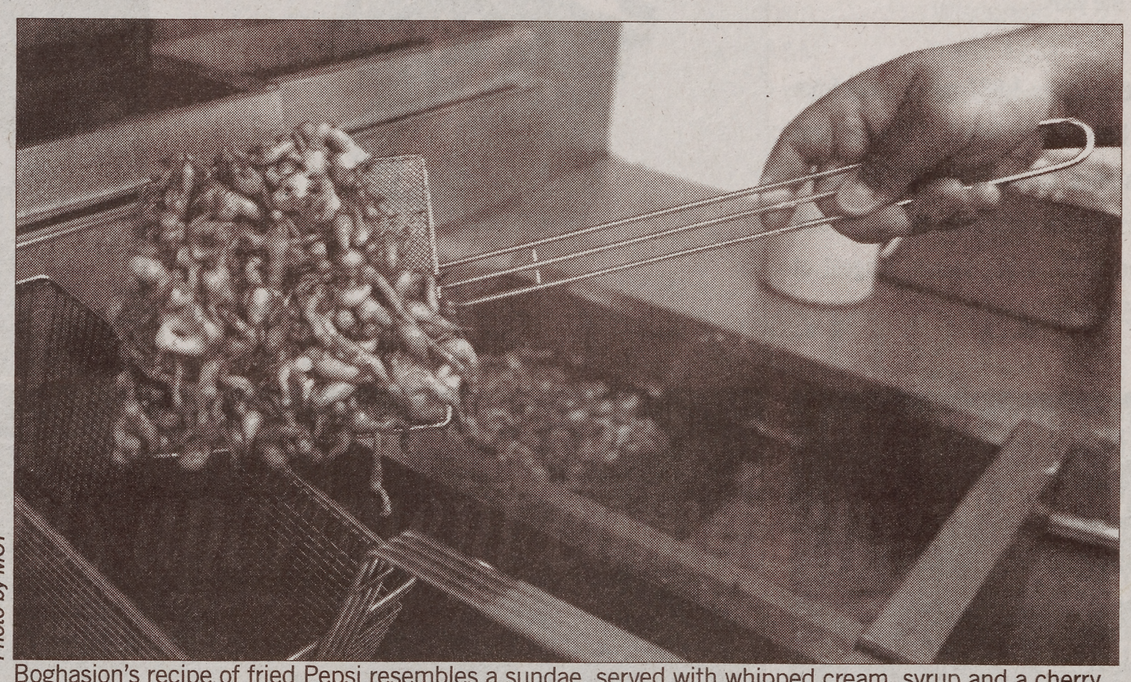

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Boghasion's recipe of fried Pepsi resembles a sundae, served with whipped cream, syrup and a cherry.

whipped cream and tops it with a cherry.

Boghosian admits that he didn't originally invent the concoction but that he makes the recipe his own.

"It's not my invention, but the recipe is mine. I actually had deep-fried it at my house, but not commercially. And then somebody beat me kind of to it at another state fair. But I had no idea how they made theirs. I'm a cook. I invent a lot of stuff. I made my own," Boghosian said.

Boghosian boasts that he can fry anything, but that some of his recipes are still being worked on; one of these being the Hostess Sno Ball.

"We haven't conquered that yet, but I'm still working on conquering that," Boghosian admitted.

Despite his seemingly unhealthy food products, Boghosian said that his health is in good condition.

"It's excellent. My blood sugar, my cholesterol, my blood pressure. Every year, I go and they tell me it's great ... but I do use zero trans fats, zero carbs and all that," he said.

Boghosian wrapped up with a final thought for fairgoers.

"One day a year, I think they should eat whatever they want," he said.

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DID YOU KNOW...

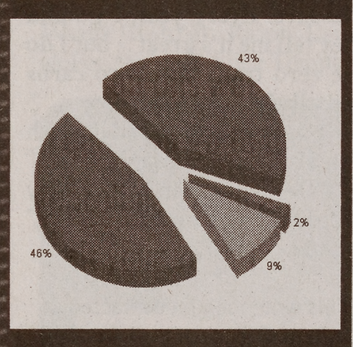
UTEP's Marcus Thomas and UCF's Kevin Smith are tied for first in the nation in rushing touchdowns with 11. Last week, the Pirates held Smith to only one touchdown. ECU will face Thomas this Saturday.

ECU's Chris Johnson is second in the nation in scoring with 72 points. Johnson scored four touchdowns last week, and has 12 total touchdowns on the year.

Greenville is 1,687 miles away from El Paso, Texas, which is the farthest distance between two C-USA campuses. The distance between UCF and UTEP is the second longest at 1,514 miles.

Results from last week's question:

Which ECU upperclassmen will have the most success in professional football?



43%- Quentin Cotton

46%- Chris Johnson

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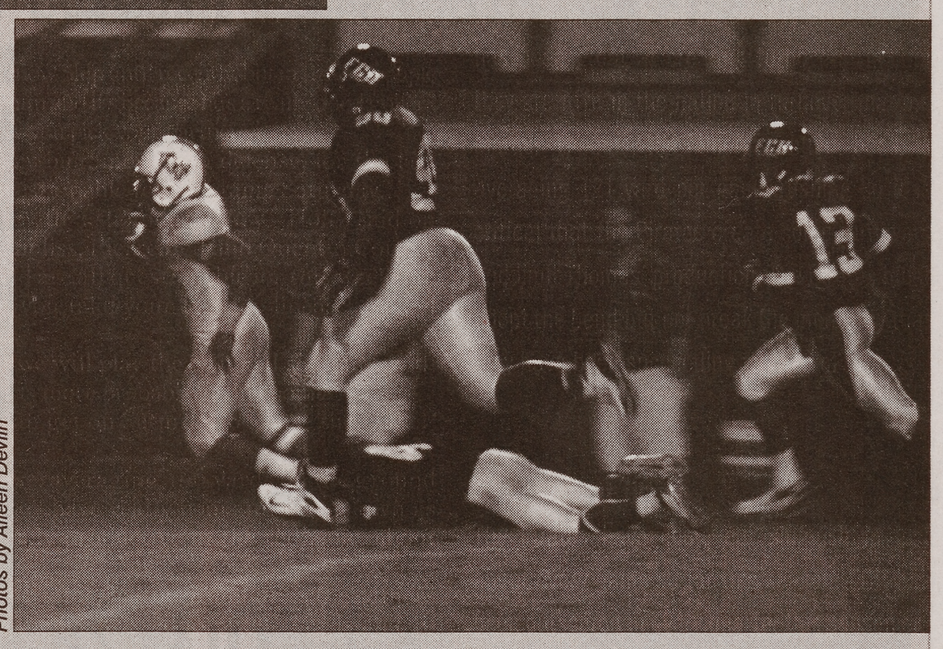
E. I didn't have to wait because I'm in the Student Pirate Club.

To vote on this weeks poll question go to theeastcarolinian.com and submit your vote. Current results can be found by clicking on the view results button under the poll question. The final results will be posted in next Thursday's edition of The East Carolinian.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Pirates prepared to face the heat in the Sun Bowl



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KEYS TO THE GAME

ECU and UTEP set to square off in meeting of hot teams

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates are back in business.

A season that looked dark and dismal a few weeks ago for ECU suddenly turned bright with two straight wins over C-USA foes Houston and UCF. The Pirates are back in the hunt for a postseason berth while currently sitting atop the C-USA East Division standings.

This Saturday ECU [3-3, 2-1] travels to El Paso, Texas to take on UTEP [4-2, 2-0] at the legendary Sun Bowl, with a kickoff set for 9 p.m. The meeting will mark the first time the two schools have lined up opposite of each other on the gridiron, while the trip to El Paso will mark the second-longest ever made by the Pirates, with 1,905 miles separating the two schools.

"This is going to be a heck of a challenge," said ECU coach Skip Holtz, who is 15-15 overall during his Pirate tenure. "UTEP has won three-straight and is playing on a high right now. They have really come into their own as an offensive football team.

"They want to make every game a track meet. They don't want to play protective football but want to start scoring points right off of the bus."

The Miners have won both of their C-USA games, scoring 96 total points against Tulsa and SMU. In both games, UTEP has overcome fourth quarter deficits of nine points of more to win. Against SMU, the Miners trailed 42-38 with 14:45 left to play before rallying to win, 48-45, in overtime. Last week against Tulsa, the Miners were behind 37-28 with 14:33 left to play before battling back to win 48-47 in thrilling fashion.

UTEP coach Mike Price knows that while the Pirates might not look that great on paper, they are a dangerous team to play.

"Statistically, ECU doesn't look really great and their record isn't perfect, but boy are they capable," said Price at his Monday press conference. "They are really good. They have a big strong quarterback, a big strong running back, a kickoff return guy, a huge defensive line and they're very well coached. I think ECU is more physical than we are. They're bigger, stronger and faster."

This weekend's game will not only mark the first meeting between ECU and UTEP, but will also mark the first time Holtz has coached against Price. According to Price however, the two know each other well.

"I knew Skip Holtz' dad [Lou Holtz]. I didn't know Skip until recently, but in the last couple of [C-USA] golf tournaments I've paired up with him and it's because he's a really good golfer," Price said. "It's not how you play the game, it's how you pick your partners."

The Pirates have been fighting the injury bug, mostly on defense, for the last couple of weeks. Multiple Pirates remain questionable for the game Saturday.

"Injury-wise, Marcus Hands is still out with a shoulder injury," Holtz said on Monday. "I am concerned about Jeremy Chambliss, Pierre Bell and Quentin Cotton. They will not be able to practice this week and are all questionable for this weekend. It throws a wrench into your defense when you take your two top linebackers and top backup out of the mix.

"Offensively, Josh Coffman is still out and we will play the wait and see game with Jonathan Williams and Willie Barton. Barton is more probable at this point."

The Pirates will need all the help they can get on Saturday because the UTEP offense, as a surprise to many, is potent.

"Statistically, they are balanced on offense, averaging 190 yards on the ground and 230 throwing the ball," said Holtz. "They have really come into their own as an offensive football team. They are extremely productive in the red zone, about 91 percent successful."

UTEP's freshmen quarterback, Trevor Vittatoe, has been stellar as the Miners signal caller this year. On the season, Vittatoe has passed for 1,295 yards and 10 touchdowns, coupled with only two interceptions. In the backfield, senior running back Marcus Williams has also been having a huge season. Williams has averaged 121 rushing yards a game and has racked up 11 touchdowns.

The key factor in the Miners' offense could be their receiving core. On the unit, the top three wide receivers are listed at 6-foot-5. Sophomore Jeff Moturi has seven touchdowns on the season while averaging 75 yards receiving a game. Senior Lorne Same has added a touchdown while their other big receiving threat, senior Joe West, has two touchdowns to his credit.

"They make you spread the field and do some good things in space," said Holtz about the Miners' offense. "They are so good because they are athletic at wide receiver as they are all over six feet tall. Their quarterback can beat you with his feet and his arm so you can't focus on just the run or just the pass."

On the other side, ECU has found the perfect solution to its quarterback needs. Redshirt sophomore Rob Kass played phenomenal last week against UCF, completing 12-of-23 pass

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KEYS TO THE GAME

1. Dominate the red zone

The Miners are ranked first in C-USA in red zone offense, as they have converted on 21 of their 23 attempts inside of the 20-yard-line, 18 of which have been touchdowns. ECU, on the other hand, has missed five field goals from inside of the 20-yard-line. Points should be aplenty in this game, so UTEP needs to continue putting the ball in the end zone when it gets the chance, while forcing ECU into field goal attempts.

2. Don't give Johnson a chance

Chris Johnson is currently second in the nation in scoring with 12 total touchdowns and first in C-USA in all-purpose yards with 1,228. The Pirates' lightning quick all-purpose back has been especially effective returning kickoffs this season and will be running on the Sun Bowl turf, where speed is enhanced. But the Miners lead C-USA in touchbacks with 13. UTEP needs to continue kicking the ball deep into the end zone, not allowing Johnson any chance to break free on a kickoff return.

3. Outscore ECU

UTEP has scored at least 48 points in each of its last three games, and won all of them. Last week, quarterback Trevor Vittaloe set a UTEP freshman record with 318 passing yards and three touchdowns. Vittaloe has a slew of tall, athletic receivers to throw to, and a reliable running back in senior Marcus Thomas. The Miners need to use their offensive momentum from the last three weeks, and continue scoring at will.

KEYS TO THE GAME

1. Stop the pass

The ECU secondary has struggled this season, allowing an average of 280 yards per game through the air. The last thing that this young secondary needs is to play a team like UTEP. The Miners have three receivers that are listed at 6-foot-5 and have accounted for 10 touchdowns. As an offensive unit, the Miners average about 235 yards passing per game.

2. Plug the holes

ECU Coach Skip Holtz said earlier in the week that it's not so much in stopping someone as it is just plugging the holes. The ECU defense has been great at creating turnovers; in fact they are fifth in the nation in turnover margin. Marcus Thomas, the Miners' running back, is averaging 121 yard per game rushing so it is critical that the Pirates create some turnovers and limit Thomas' production. The Pirates must adopt the bend but not break the mentality that they have been succeeding with as of late.

3. Come out firing

The Pirates have come out sluggish in just about every game so far this season. ECU has been outscored in every quarter this season except the third quarter, where it holds a distinct 80-45 advantage. This year, the Pirates have been outscored 44-14 in the first quarter, 73-47 in the second and 35-17 in the fourth. ECU must show up for the first half Saturday night, or UTEP's upstart offense could put the Pirates in a big hole early in the game.

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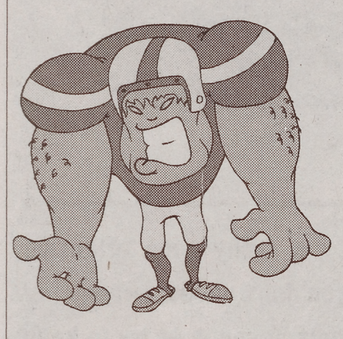

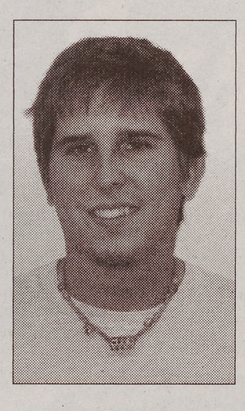

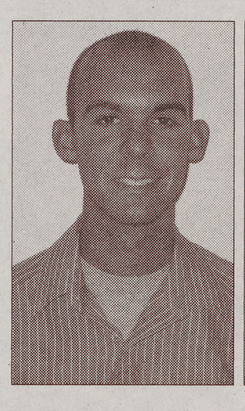

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ECU club hockey team finds revenge and success at Charlotte Shootout

Pirates start huge season off right

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes first is not always best.

George Washington captured the Charlotte Shootout championship over the weekend amid stiff competition from three southern heavyweights. The Colonials may have finished first on paper but ECU put forth an equally impressive performance.

ECU dropped its opener against George Washington in a shootout, 7-6, before knocking off Appalachian State and Georgia Tech by a combined score of 17-1.

The Pirates headed into the third period against the Colonials with a commanding 4-1 lead. Scoring was evenly distributed among the Pirate forwards with goals coming from Joe Sonatore, Tyler Falcon, Sean Burns and Nathan Buhr.

George Washington chipped away at the lead for the duration of the third before finally equalizing, 6-6, just before time expired while playing with an empty net. The Colonials went on to edge the Pirates, 1-0, in a shootout.

ECU Coach Wayne Cox believes his team more than held its own.

"We learned that these guys [ECU] will be one of the top teams in the South if they play up to their potential," said Cox. "I'd love to get another crack at George Washington before the year is over. Hopefully, we'll meet them at regionals."

The second game against ASU renewed a heated rivalry.

ASU, which co-hosted the tournament with Georgia Tech, was essentially playing on home ice. The Mountaineers will travel from Boone to the Pineville, N.C. rink for all of their home games this year.

The advantage did not pay off, as the Pirates thrashed ASU, 13-1.

Avenging last year's Blue Ridge Hockey Conference Tournament loss was of particular importance to ECU.

"The boys had something to prove against App.," said Cox. "I think from an emotional perspective, the beating that we put on them did a lot to bring this team together."

Sophomore Chris Cesario and junior Jeremy Lang both tallied hat tricks.

"There was a slap shot from the defenseman and I was just standing right there," said Cesario of his third goal. "The goalie was down and I picked up the rebound and just knocked it in for the hat trick."

The Pirates did not light up the scoreboard quite as often in the third game against Georgia Tech, but the offense was still clicking.

ECU out-shot the Yellow Jackets 76-20 in a 4-0 victory that earned a second place tournament finish. The Pirates scored all four goals in the first two periods against a Georgia Tech team that finished last season ranked third in the South (ACHA Division III).

ECU benefited from another balanced scoring attack with Burns, Joe Colatuno, Sam Duehring and Lang finding the net.

Cox cited defensemen Duehring and Donovan Dean for their exceptional play. Captain Corey Fleitz also provided defensive depth, frequently moving back from the wing throughout the weekend.

Freshman goaltender Matt Dalgetty played 60 minutes and stopped 21-of-21 shots against the Yellow Jackets as well.

ECU looks forward to its home opener this Friday against former Blue Ridge Hockey Conference rival, UNC-Wilmington.

The Pirates have never lost to the Seahawks. UNC-W is one of only a few original members left in the BRHC after the conference saw an exodus of teams in the offseason.

"They've still got some good hockey teams," said Cox of the BRHC. "I'll be interested in what [UNC] Wilmington brings down here this year. They played us tough last year. [UNC] Wilmington has a good hockey team."

With one of the biggest games in ECU club ice hockey history looming, it could be easy to overlook the Seahawks.

"I really hope these guys have their heads on straight because UNC-W is not a team that has too much wrong with them," said Lang. "Everybody is obviously really excited about the [N.C.] State game.

"I just hope that we don't look ahead of them [UNC-W]."

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Junior forward Tyler Falcon contributed in the Carolina Shootout, notching his first goal of the season against George Washington.

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attempts for 201 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Patrick Pinkney got some reps as well, but it's been made clear that Kass is the guy except in certain situations where Pinkney's mobility is needed.

Senior running back Chris Johnson has also exploded this season as an offensive force. Johnson ran the ball 23 times last week for 89 yards and two touchdowns, and also had five receptions for 89 yards and a touchdown. If that wasn't enough, he also returned the second half opening kickoff 96 yards for yet another score.

With everything seemingly falling into place offensively coach Holtz couldn't be happier.

"We really didn't have an identity offensively at the beginning of the season, it was like a land of misfit toys," he said. "There were a lot of questions to be answered but we have stayed the course and gotten better fundamentally. I think the offense is beginning to gain confidence not only because we scored 52 points Saturday but because we are seeing that doing the fundamental things correctly actually works."

The biggest concern for Holtz going into Saturday was the traveling aspect of this week's long haul to El Paso. Coach Price doesn't feel all that sorry for the Pirates however.

"I think the travel can make a difference for East Carolina. I think it's a horrible experience for them to have to go through. Don't you," laughed Price as he addressed members of the media Monday morning.

Junior defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell believes the traveling aspect will be tough but if the players follow the coaching staff's plan and get things done early then the Pirates should be at full force Saturday night.

"The biggest key is getting rest at night," said Mitchell, who made his first career interception last week against UCF. "It is like a jet lag. You're going over two time zones, so when you get there the time didn't really move. I think when we get there coach is going to have a lot of downtime for us. We're going to try to get a lot of stuff done early.

"They [the ECU coaches] have everything planned out to the bye weekend and they know what they're doing. I trust them so we just have to go out and make sure we are focused and not worry about the jet lag because we have to come out and get this other win because we're trying to take this conference."

With the game of the year looming next week for many Pirate fans, the UTEP game this weekend is setting itself up to be a trap game. If the Pirates come out and take care of the Miners than the possibility of playing for their first C-USA football championship becomes more realistic, but a loss could be detrimental.

The games just keep getting bigger from here on out.

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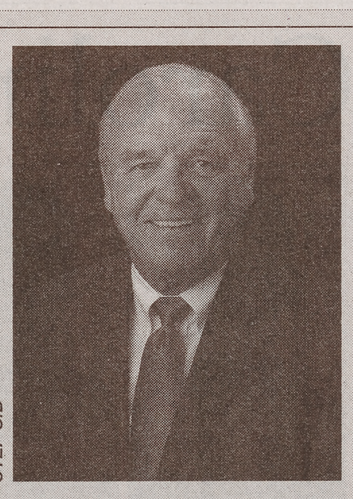

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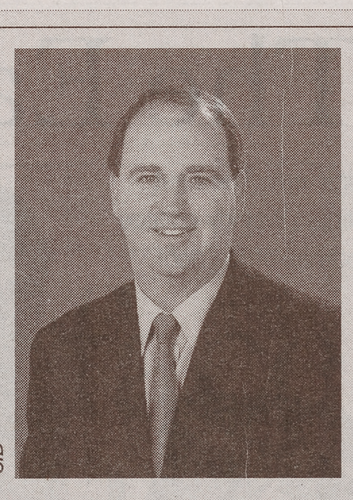
"I know him [Skip Holtz] really well and he's a solid coach. I watched the last game they played and they have a beautiful stadium. Right now they're averaging more fans than we are, so that's another challenge to come out on Saturday night. They're really good and it keeps getting more competitive every week...East Carolina doesn't beat themselves at all, and that's a sign of a well-coached team."-Mike Price



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"When you play a really good offensive football team, you don't necessarily go out trying to stop them as much as try to keep them off the field. We have to control the ball offensively and put up some points early. I said that we are not a complete football team but a big play team....We need to grow up in a hurry and make some first downs while getting rid of the self-inflicted wounds like penalties that kill drives."-Skip Holtz

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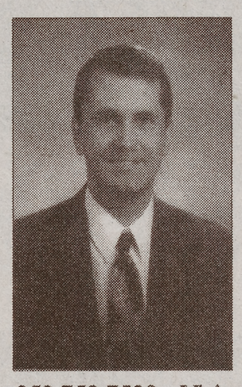

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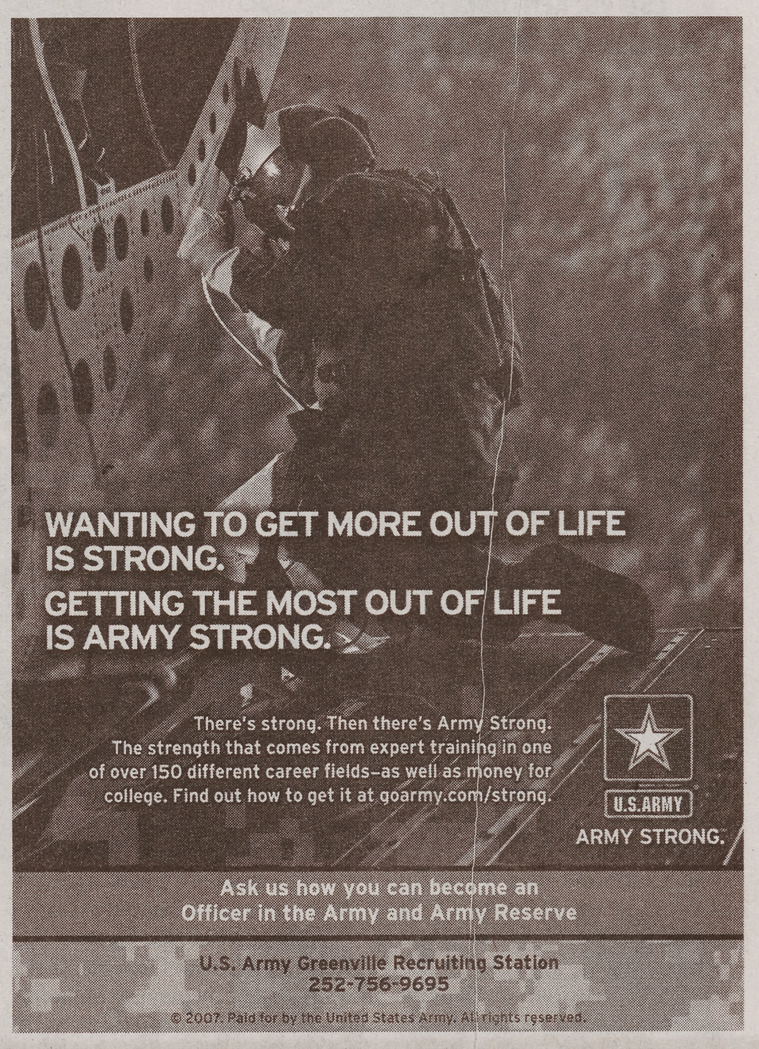

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Pirates split weekend series

ECU's streak snapped

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Regan Sigler dishes the ball to senior midfielder Jami Dickerson.

The ECU women's soccer team came off of its first weekend of conference play at 1-1, extending its overall record to 7-2-2.

Going into the first weekend of many conference games senior Kat Norris was energized by the team's enthusiasm.

"Our team was very focused and I was really excited to hear about how much everyone on the team wanted to win the games. It is hard to relay to some people the importance of conference games, but most of the newcomers seemed to get a good idea right away," said Norris.

The Pirates defeated Southern Miss Friday afternoon, 2-1, in their conference opener in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The first goal of the game came early, just three minutes into the contest, when Blair Hefner scored her fourth goal of the season. The goal was assisted by Anastasia Nikas and Jessica Swanson.

Amanda Broz netted her second goal of the year off of a throw-in play from Jami Dickerson in the 66 minute.

Southern Miss scored their only goal with a minute and a half left in the game.

The goal by S. Miss broke ECU's streak of not allowing a goal at 804 minutes. This record stands at No. 20 in NCAA history.

The Pirate's success thus far can be attributed to good team chemistry and respect.

"In my four years here, this is the best team that I have played on. The team chemistry is great both on and off the field, and we really don't have a lot of bickering going on. I do think the underclassmen listen to the leaders of the team, but I also feel that they can give good advice out just as well as some other people. I would like to hope they value my advice, but you can't always have everything," said Norris.

ECU traveled to Orlando, Florida on Sunday afternoon to face the University of Central Florida, who is ranked No. 10 by the Southeast Buzz Poll.

The Pirates fell to the Knights 1-0 after two overtime periods, ending their eight game winning streak.

Although the Pirates lost, their overtime competition earlier in the season helped prepare them for the long game against UCF.

"Fitness is a big factor, and there is a huge difference between being fit and being game fit. It is good to go into overtime a couple games because it helps you to stay mentally tough. After the first one, you know what to expect more," said Norris.

Both Blair Hefner and Amy Szilard had good looks at the net in the first half, but were blocked by UCF keeper Jennifer Manis.

ECU had only one shot in the second half while UCF came away with no shots in the second half of regulation.

The only goal of the game was scored in the last minute of the final overtime by UCF's Yvonne George when Courtney Whidden found her alone in the right corner of ECU's box.

ECU was out shot by the Knights 21-7.

The Pirates did a lot of traveling for their games this weekend.

"Fatigue was an issue for us this weekend. It was a long weekend with lots of travel, and I just think it took a toll on all of our bodies," said Norris.

ECU faces Marshall in Huntington, W. Va. on October 14 at 1 p.m.

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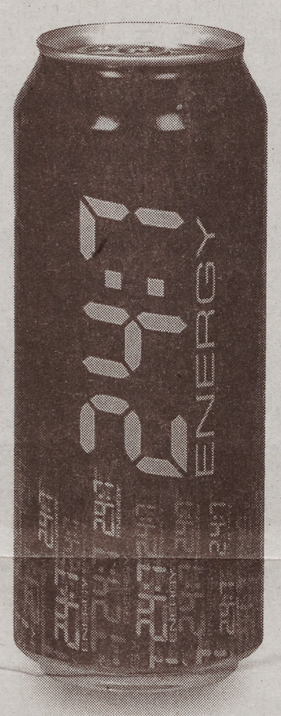

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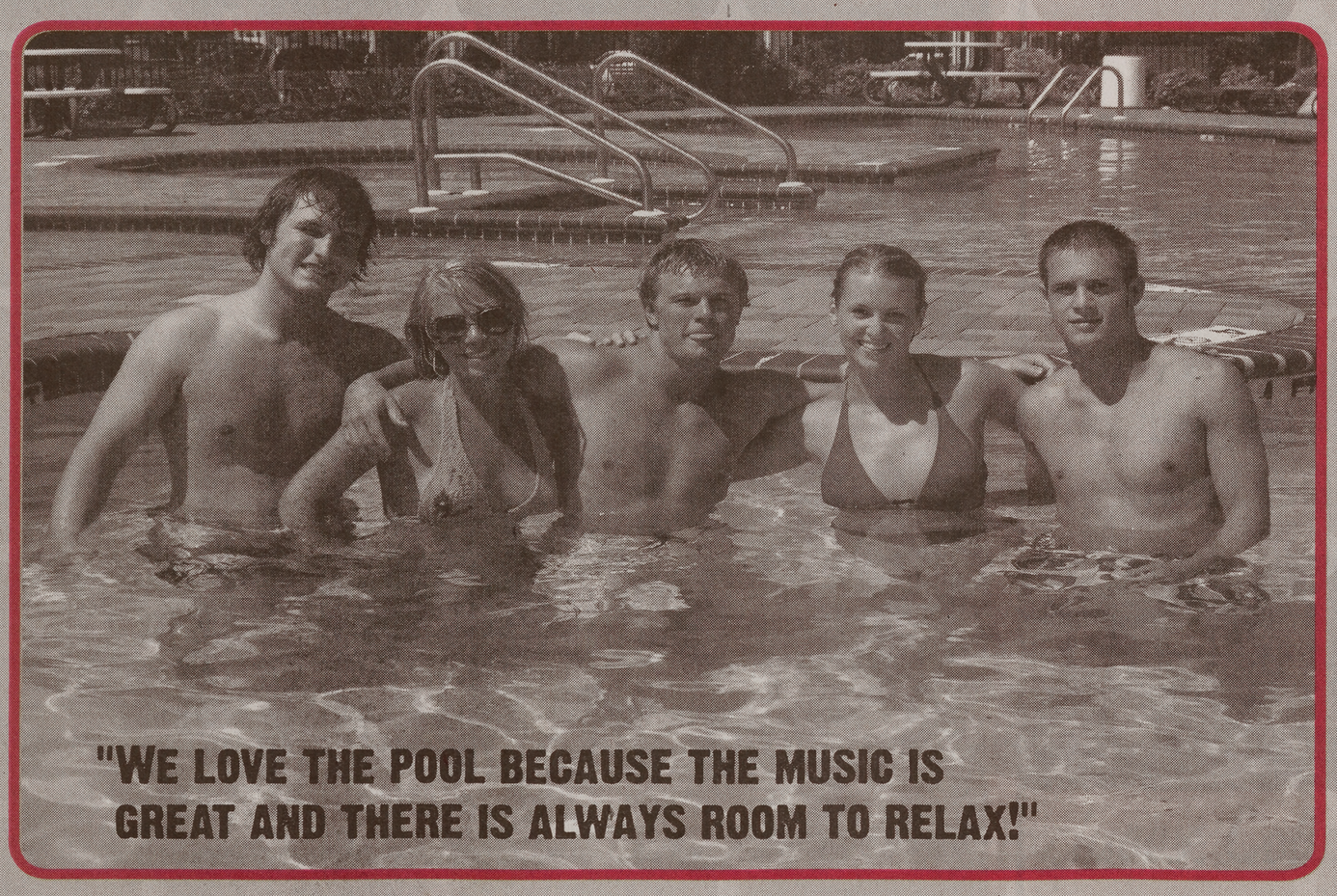

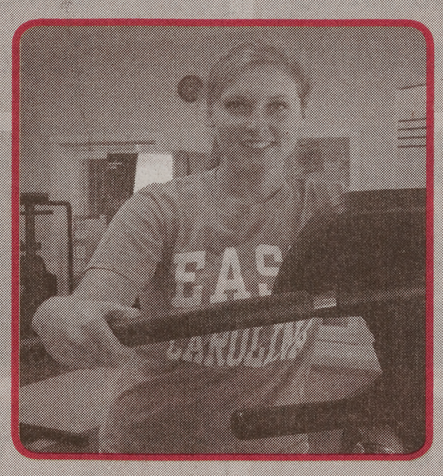

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