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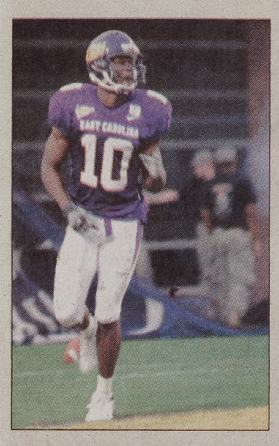
Forum held in response to local shooting



The ECU football team treated students, fans and alumni alike to a fitting homecoming by walloping the UAB Blazers. Turn to the sports section to find out what impact Patrick Pinkney's stellar performance will have on the team going into this week's match-up with Memphis.....Page A8



The college basketball season is fast approaching, with the ECU women's basketball team looking to defend its C-USA Tournament Title. Check out the sports section for what league coaches think of the Pirates, and what honor junior point guard Jasmine Young received that no Pirate before her has.....Page A8



North Carolina's strict seatbelt laws, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, has seen dramatic increase in seatbelt use across the state.....Page A5

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Criminal Offenses	2004				2005				2006			
	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses- Forcible	5	4	1	0	2	2	1	0	5	4	0	1
Sex Offences- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	9
Aggravated Assault	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	6
Burglary	13	12	4	0	34*	19*	4	0	43*	27*	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	3
Arson	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0

The chart above represents the crimes reported at ECU between 2004 and 2006, according to ecu.edu/police.

Public voice raised in concern for safety

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

A question and answer session in regards to safety was hosted in the Mendenhall Student Center on Friday at 2 p.m.

The forum was in response to the Oct. 23 shooting of Drew Daly, an ECU art major.

12 people were also robbed during the incident on Tuesday. The crime occurred on 607 E. Fourth Street.

Among those in attendance were Major Frank Knight of the ECU Police Department, Chief William Anderson of the Greenville Police Department and Chancellor Steve Ballard.

Ballard opened with encouraging remarks for the audience, stating that he felt personally involved in the matter and that safety would be on the forefront of the coming months.

"We will educate students on a safe environment and increase communication mechanisms," Ballard said.

Ballard noted in his closing remarks that alcohol abuse was a major factor in putting students at risk.

In this instance, however, the nature of the crime seemed to stem from gang violence and the subject of questions asked at the forum followed on this topic.

Those arrested for their involvement in the shooting announced their gang affiliation of their own volition.

"There is a rise in gangs, a rise in violent crimes and a rise in juvenile crime," said District Attorney Clark Everett. "Across the state we are seeing the same problem."

Anderson publicized Greenville's own gang unit, which was established this previous January to combat gang activity in the city.

"[We] evaluate problems across the board, and with input of citizens and our crime analysis unit, deploy appropriately," Anderson said.

One of the solutions mentioned to help with the gang problems allowed for the involvement of every ECU student through a variety of mentoring programs.

"You go a few blocks out from ECU, and you'll meet kids who've never set foot on this campus," Anderson said.

All ECU students are encouraged to report any suspicious activity they see and to call the police.

"Sometimes you may think you're bothering us, or may think what you are seeing isn't what you are seeing. Tell us," Anderson said.

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Minister proclaims Greek organizations aren't Christian

Campus ministry hosts "Don't Go Greek"

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

Breakthrough Campus Ministry hosted a lecture called "Don't Go Greek" last Thursday in Mendenhall.

The religion-based lecture given by Minister Fred Hatchett was a presentation of his comparison of Greek organizations and Christian fundamentals.

According to Hatchett, there is a contradiction between pledging Greek organizations and Christianity.

Hatchett said the rituals and mottos of Greek organizations contradict the Christian principles they are based on.

"Greek organizations use a replacement theory. They take other entities and try to replace God," Hatchett said.

Addressing an audience of predominantly Greek organization members, Hatchett spoke out against the secrecy of pledging, saying that Greek organizations place themselves apart from society, changing from humanity to humanism.

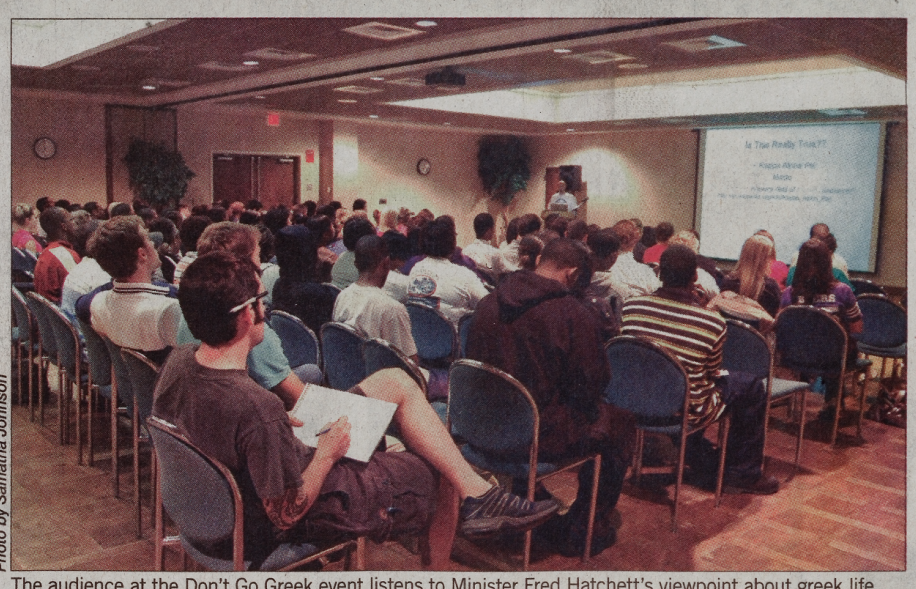

Photo by Samatha Johnson

The audience at the Don't Go Greek event listens to Minister Fred Hatchett's viewpoint about greek life.

Hatchett defined humanism as a broad category of active and ethical philosophies that affirm the dignity and worth of all people.

"They are elitists. These individuals purposely separate and segregate themselves to feel connection, power and control," Hatchett said.

Using biblical passages as examples and a basis for his argument, Hatchett said that pledging a Greek organization should be like Christianity and have full disclosure.

"Anyone wanting to join the family of God can inquire. Jesus reveals Himself," Hatchett said.

Hatchett also spoke out against the extreme hazing practices that have been associated with pledging an organization.

Community service should be the only way to prove your worth to an organization and subjecting oneself to a voluntary brutal process is not necessary,

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Greenville Police plan for a safe Halloween night

Increased precautions being taken

ADELINE TRENTO
SENIOR WRITER

Last year on Oct. 31, there were more than 9,000 people in the downtown area for Greenville's annual Halloween celebration.

This year, law enforcement officers expect a similar number of people to participate in the festivities, and they have taken several precautions to keep students safe downtown.

"Every year the Greenville Police Department implements a Halloween deployment strategy, which is designed to address safety issues and concerns during the celebration," said Lt. Earl Phipps, IMPACT commander.

"The deployment strategies were quite successful in that area in past years and our goal is for continued success."

More than 125 officers from several different cities will be downtown on Halloween to enforce laws and keep students safe.

The Greenville police will receive help from the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, as well as officers from Wilson, Ayden, Bethel, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and ECU.

At 8 p.m., officers will block off the streets downtown and checkpoints will be set up at the entrances into the area.

Students will be required to have their personal belongings checked for alcohol, illegal substances and weapons before they are allowed to enter.

"Students will be asked to leave at home anything that could be potentially dangerous and used or viewed as a weapon," Phipps said.

"This includes toy guns, knives, canes and sticks. Anything that even remotely resembles a weapon will not be allowed into the secured area."

This year, metal detectors will be used and students are asked to leave behind chains, metal bars, masks and toy weapons of any kind, even if they are part of a costume.

The Greenville police will also use video surveillance

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New chief of staff is appointed

Karen Stokes accepts position

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

Karen Stokes, former basketball coach Ricky Stokes' wife, has accepted the position of chief of staff.

The chief of staff is a position that serves as a liaison between the chancellor and the constituencies of the university.

Including the faculty, the boards and the Greenville community, Stokes makes sure that these people's "voices" are heard by the chancellor and that their needs are taken care of.

"It is lots of relationship building and nurturing as well as problem solving," Stokes said.

Stokes previously worked in the law field for almost 20 years. She has worked at large corporate law firms, the federal government, clerked for two judges and worked on a presidential campaign. She graduated from the University of Virginia.

"I have had some interesting positions - most notably, clerking for a US Tax Court judge and working on a presidential campaign. I think that the chief of staff position has the opportunity to be far more meaningful," said Stokes.

Stokes heard about the available position when a friend of hers from the university told her about it. Her friend said he thought she would be terrific for the position.

According to Stokes, after she researched the job, she wasn't

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Correction: For the Record

In the Thursday, Oct. 25 issue of The East Carolinian a photo of Sigma Sigma Sigma incorrectly ran with the article "Anti-Greek life meeting held today." The East Carolinian would like to clarify that the organization was not associated with the meeting. We regret the inaccurate use of the photo and apologize for the forged connection that may have resulted.

The East Carolinian is committed to correcting errors that appear in the newspaper. Those interested in contacting the paper for that purpose can send an e-mail to editor@theeastcarolinian.com or call Sarah Campbell, Editor in Chief, at 328-9249.

News

{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midnight Madness
Ghost of Pirates Past
Wednesday, Oct. 31
9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
MSC, Student Recreation, Ledonia Wright
Enjoy a dance, hypnotist, costume contest, scream contest, trick or treat house, bingo, fortune tellers, wax hands, horror movies, snacks, bowling and billiards.

ECU's RENCI/CCSIM
Hosts Open House
Thursday, Nov. 1
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Rivers Building West
ECU's high-tech coastal systems research facility, RENCI/CCSIM @ ECU, will host an Open House. Faculty, staff and students looking to create broader impacts of their research and outreach through cutting edge technology such as the VisWall and the new technology and media-equipped RENCI Rover van are invited to attend.
For more information check out http://www.ecu.edu/renci/ or call Donna Kain at 252-737-1770.

Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
Thursday, Nov. 1
7 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
The School of Music will host the opera production of Sweeny Todd, starring Starring Gary Harwell, Jennifer Vickers, Rochelle Rice, Stephen Howell, Monika Vrabel, Jessica LaLiberte, Jason Kossol Timothy Messina, Megan Whitaker, Lauren Mazzola, Matthew Cahill and Eric Loftin. Directed by John Kramar and conducted by Daniel Bara, Sweeny Todd will be showing from Nov. 1-3 at 7 p.m. with a show on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets for students are $5. For more information or to buy tickets, visit ecuarts.com or call 252-328-4788.

Anthropology lecture: "Senses of Space and Place in 6th Century Jordan"
Thursday, Nov. 1
7 p.m.
Flanagan 265
Traianos Gagos will discuss a unique cache of carbonized papyri dating to the 6th century A.D., found in Petra, Jordan. Gagos is director of the Petra Papyri Project and has sought to translate these documents and understand them within the archaeological and historical context of Byzantine period Petra. Dr. Gagos presents the latest findings of the papyri and how they describe the transformation of lived spaces into meaningful places.

Poet Andrei Codrescu and Claire Porter: Stretching Words and Muscles
Thursday, Nov. 1
7:15 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre
National Public Radio poet Andrei Codrescu and dance movement specialist Claire Porter will present "Stretching Muscles and Words" as part of ECU's HumorFest Nov. 1-3. TICKETS are $15 in advance/$20 at the door. Call the Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS or visit www.ecu.edu/humor to purchase tickets online. Admission included with purchase of ECU HumorFest registration ($80). FREE for all ECU Students.

Pirate Nation Weather Report

Tuesday:
Hi: 69F
Low: 40F
Wind: Northeast 10-15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: Early morning chill followed by sunny and breezy afternoon.

Wednesday:
Hi: 73F
Low: 45
Wind: Northeast 10-15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0
General Weather: Warming throughout the day with sunny and comfortable afternoon.

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

30 Tues

Belk Haunted House 2007
Belk Hall Basement
7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Diversity in Health Care: Differences in Gender
Health Sciences Complex Room (Nurses Room)
7:30-8:10 p.m.

31 Wed

Midnight Madness Ghosts of Pirates Past
MSC, Student Recreation, Ledonia Wright
9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

1 Thurs

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
ECU Opera Theater
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
7 p.m.

2 Fri

Women's Soccer UAB
Bunting Field
3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball UCF
Greenville, N.C
7 p.m.

3 Sat

ECU Humorfest Jill McCorkle luncheon
MSC
12:30-2 p.m.

4 Sun

Women's Soccer Memphis
Noon
Bunting Field

Women's Volleyball Southern Miss
1 p.m.
Greenville, N.C.

5 Mon

From Protection to Rights: The Women's Movement in Pakistan
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Bldg.
7 p.m.



Featured Event
MIDNIGHT MADNESS
MSC, Student Recreation, Ledonia Wright
9 p.m.- 1:30 a.m.

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according to Hatchett.

He compared such hazing rituals as branding and beating to the enslavement of blacks in history.

"Masters stuck you with a brand to show that they owned you and there's nothing you could do about it," Hatchett said.

"Some of you volunteer to have a big brother stick you with a brand to prove your commitment to that fraternity."

Hatchett said the reason he speaks out against Greek organizations is to give the facts to those who may be considering pledging, or those who have already pledged and are afraid to denounce their organization.

"The word [Bible] comes to reprove, heal and deliver," said Trent McDougald, Breakthrough Campus Ministry president.

After the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to address Hatchett with questions and comments. Many were not convinced by Hatchett's viewpoints, claiming that his opposition to Greek life was based on fallacy.

"Minister Hatchett does not understand that our organizations are founded upon Christian principles, but like the U.S., we respect all people and their personal beliefs," said Allen Thomas, National Pan-Hellenic Council executive chaplain.

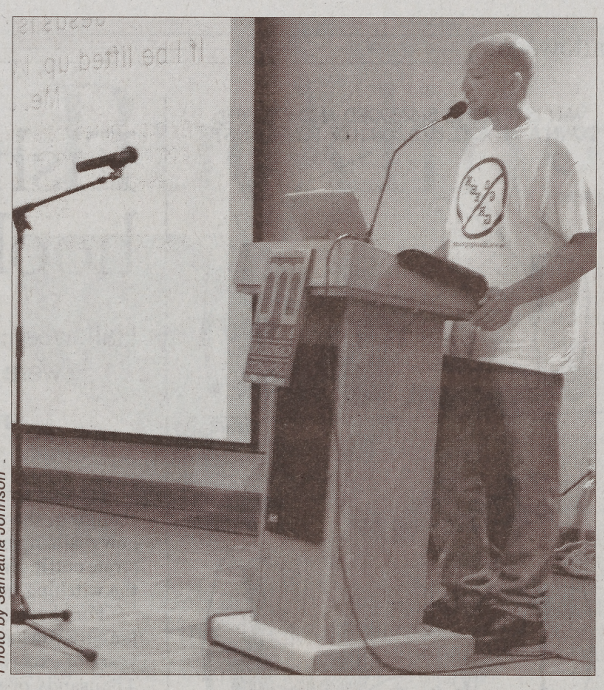

Photo by Samatha Johnson

"Being Greek does not have to diminish your spiritual relationship."

Hatchett's argument about hazing was also challenged as being not relevant to pledging experiences today.

"Wooding is illegal now," said one fraternity member. Others denied that they experienced any hazing ritual when they pledged their organization.

Hatchett elaborates more on his lecture at his Web site, dontgogreek.com.

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sure if she could make the time commitment it would require.

"When Ricky decided to step down from coaching we decided that we wanted to make Greenville our home, and we reshuffled some of our priorities," Stokes said.

The process for getting this position was lengthy. Stokes had to attend meetings with the chancellor and his immediate staff, the executive council and her predecessor, Austin Bunch. She also had to attend a few call back meetings and interviews with the chancellor.

"You serve as the eyes and ears of the chancellor, his sounding board, and you offer your insight when he requires it, so it is vital that the chemistry works," said Stokes.

After being in the job for one week, Stokes believes that the most important requirement is the ability to communicate effectively, as well as being able to "juggle" an enormous number of tasks simultaneously.

"I think that in my position as chief of staff, I can help make a difference," Stokes said.

"The chancellor really has a vision for ECU, for ECU to open doors and to improve lives; he wants to ensure that ECU serves all of its constituent groups well and remains true to its mission to provide quality education to the people of this region."

Ricky Stokes seems to be very excited for his wife and her new position.

"I kid her now that I can go shopping in Raleigh and sneak home and hide all of the receipts," Ricky Stokes said.

Ricky is currently enjoying his time away from coaching by "becoming a soccer dad for the time being. I certainly plan to make this a short lived career, however."

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cameras to monitor downtown from the rooftops of businesses.

The surveillance teams will monitor the activities of people in the streets so that they can direct officers on the ground toward problems and violations.

"Obviously our main goal and concern is to provide for the safety and well-being of all who come into the downtown area," said Phipps.

"We are dedicated to making this as secure an event as possible."

On Oct. 26, the Greenville police met with local bar owners to discuss how they can keep their patrons safe on Halloween.

The police encouraged the bar owners to serve drinks in plastic cups instead of bottles and to keep their back doors locked so that people cannot come into the area without going through a checkpoint.

The officers also spoke about keeping the front doors closed to minimize noise and the importance of keeping alcohol from leaving the bar.

"The main problems that I have seen in the past are fights, weapons and people using beer bottles to fight in the street," said Mikal Dickson, the general manager of Stilllife club.

"I have my entire security staff, 30 people, working on Halloween to make sure it is a safe event."

As the crowds begin to leave downtown, officers will be patrolling the neighborhoods around campus to ensure that students make it back to their homes safely.

Students are encouraged to walk in groups, be aware of their surroundings and stay in well-lit areas on Halloween night.

"Don't go alone, always be with someone, keep up with your group and don't drive," said Wendy Peaden, the owner of Lucky's.

"We had a good night last year with the lights they put up and the security checkpoints. I have been going downtown for years so I can see the difference and it has definitely gotten a lot better. Students just need to use their heads and be smart."

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Halloween Service 2007

All regular routes will run as scheduled including:

801 Night Dropoff
802 Night Dropoff
301 Gold
850 Pirate Ride

In addition, the following daytime routes will operate from 10:00 pm until 3:30 am in support of Halloween activities to provide students safe transportation:

401 Purple
402 Brown
403 Silver
501 Pirate's Cove
502 University Manor
503 Sunchase
504 The Exchange
505 North Campus Crossing
506 University Suites

All routes will hub at West End/ Mendenhall/SRC Bus Stop and will not stop at their regular on-campus hub location. During this special service, all routes will run continuously, reaching each stop as quickly as possible.

All ECU Transit policies remain in effect on Halloween. Students are reminded that smoking, weapons and open containers are all prohibited onboard Transit buses.



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10/30

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
FREE

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.



American Beauty (1999)
With black humor and satire director Sam Mendes portrays the mid-life breakdown and eventual rejuvenation of a middle-aged, suburban character (Kevin Spacey). The film focuses on the emptiness of a life drained of emotional value and meaning, and what happen to people when they repression their true desires. **(Depression, midlife crises, surrogate incest relationship issues, relationship entrapment issues especially in relation to marriage and infidelity, homophobia)**

121 minutes
MPAA Rating: R for strong sexuality, language, violence, and drug content

Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY
Clarissa never did explain it all.

{Happy Halloween! }

Dress up or get out

Greenville's holiest and hellish holiday

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

Halloween was never one of my favorite holidays. I loved being able to pretend to be something else, but I hated having to walk around and parade myself in front of large groups of strangers when I was an awkward little 10 year old. I just remember being tortured into wearing numerous silly costumes that included the ever-popular clown, Peter Pan, a red crayon (complete with pencil-shaped hat) and an ECU cheerleader.

I stopped wearing costumes around 10th grade because I felt ridiculous wearing overbearing outfits that looked somewhat like burlap sacks for my dad's fear of me looking "slutty." Oh, how I wish he could witness the current ECU Halloween festivities.

My disdain for Halloween does not stem from religious beliefs, and I think I may even be starting to like it. I will never quite understand why some religious denominations believe that Halloween is the "devil's holiday." What is so wrong with kids dressing up as Superman, Spiderman and M&Ms?

Once I stopped dressing up, I loved sitting out on our front porch looking at the adorable kids in their costumes begging for candy, or as christianitytoday.com says, "blackmailing neighbors for candy."

Growing up Lutheran, we celebrated All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by lighting a candle for every family member that passed in the name of Christ, but this never stopped us from behaving "devilishly" the night before and passing out into a sugar coma. Although my lack of understanding as to why a mere child's game of dress-up is evil to some is due to upbringing, it seems equally evil to deprive kids of the opportunity to partake in the memories built by favorite costumes and gross candy.

In college, our candy reward is the looks that we receive when we strut around downtown in our carefully planned outfits. For women, the cleavage and rear areas are strategically covered, but show just enough to will a few unfortunates to purchase us a beverage or two. For the men, I assume Halloween is an expensive evening out, because in order to meet a totally hot babe, it's necessary to treat them to a drink of sorts and to get into clubs that are somewhat biased toward females.

Most people say that Franklin Street in Chapel Hill is the place to be, but I think that being in Greenville with good friends is the best Halloween there could ever be. In addition, you get to see these friends drink/party enough to actually believe that they are who or what they are dressed up as.

Walk around on Ol' Hallows Eve and see if you can meet a Marilyn, a traffic cone, Forrest Gump or even the Spice Girls.

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That's it

I am a Christian

YAZID FINN
OPINION WRITER

It took some doing and inspirational talks with my good friend Kerrigan Skelly on Monday, but I finally took that step in my life. After a good long heartfelt chat at the ol' library steps, I saw the light my friends. I have shed my old ways and accepted Jesus Christ into my life!

It was so simple, that I could not believe I had not done it sooner. Think about it friends, "if it's not the God of the Holy Bible, the Holy Scripture," than you are worshiping a figment of your imagination. You are making something up in your own mind to suit your own needs.

There are only two options. There is Heaven or there is Hell. You either accept Jesus Christ into your life, the God of the Holy Bible, or you burn in a lake of fire. It is black or white, friends. How could it not be any clearer!

Do not think just because you call yourself a Christian, that you are a Christian. I do not want any of you bandwagon folks jumping aboard because Jesus returns in the near future. If you are a Christian, you follow the Bible to a T. Lose those nights fornicating and those nights of binge drinking! You are only digging your hole deeper with Satan's shovel!

Do not misrepresent my position as judging you, friends, because that is not what I am doing. I am not judging anyone, only preaching the good Word. I am preaching what you choose not to see by closing your eyes and choose not to hear by closing your ears. Wake up folks! Any longer and it will be too late!

You could learn from these friends of mine that stand out in front of the library steps. They may be few and far and in between with their visits, so keep an EAR out for their powerful and thought-provoking message. Their time has been cut to one day a week for two hours, so do not let those two hours of genuine interest in our spiritual well belling be FOR naught.

Show interest! Participate! Ask those questions from your scholarly journals and your so-called peer-reviewed essays. Cause trust me, friends, after they have shown you the error of your conclusive multi-source papers, repeatedly tested experiments and mountains of collaborating evidence, you really will not have anywhere else to look but the Bible.

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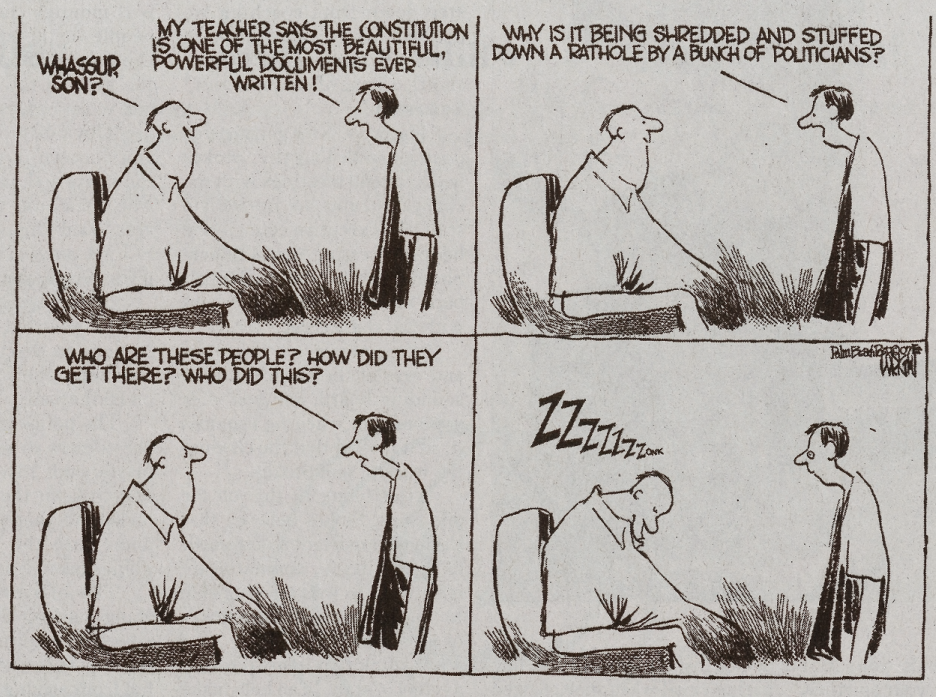


BEST OF THE PIRATE RANTS

Today's Rants have (again) been pulled from issues dating back at least a year due to technical difficulties with the service that provides them. We hope to have fresh thoughts back up for Thursday's issue. We know if we could read your Rants you'd be highly displeased...We're working hard to remedy the situation! Please continue to send them in!

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Rachel King, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

To be honest, it doesn't bother me if you haven't shaved your legs in the last 24 hours.

Clarissa never did explain it all.

If you have to bad mouth a professor, don't you dare do it in front of me. I am sick of listening to you deride a talented and compassionate instructor just because you are too lazy to accept responsibility for your classes!

I read Pirate Rants while driving home from class. Probably isn't all that healthy....

My roommate has the goofiest laugh I have ever heard. She cracks me up.

I can't believe that I'm starting to actually see cute boys around campus. I think they were in hiding or something. Now if they would just come talk to me that would be great.

Yes, you may be pretty, but you have the most hideous personality of any one person I've ever met. Sleeping with at least 7 guys since the beginning of school does not make you "cool", it makes you a slut.

Since when are black and white considered races? I thought they were colors! Elementary school was so misleading!

Never judge a day by its weather.

Didn't vote today. It wasn't worth the 100-yard walk to the voting booths. None of them deserves my check mark beside his name.

This has been going on for a few years now but apparently, you cannot say "Indian style" in schools anymore. It is now...get this "criss-cross applesauce." I am so done with political correctness and this being sensitive BS.

Guys adjust themselves in public because it is really uncomfortable if we don't. If you don't believe me, stick a cucumber down there for a day and see how you feel. Heck even if you do believe me, try, it might be fun.

I melt a stick of butter in every glass of water I drink. It's delicious.

The ECU Marching Band ROCKS! The colorguard is awesome and that trumpet section has the moves! Go marching Pirates!

I don't like being made fun of.

I don't put my headphones in an effort to be considerate. I put them on to drown out your whining.

Why are some people so stuck up and self centered that when you express your opinion to them they hold this grudge against you. Even after you realize they were offended by it and apologize to them.

I wash my hands before using the restroom not after because I don't want to get it dirty and my parents taught me not to pee on myself.

I may be a student athlete. But, I'm still a college student. If school was just about the athletics and the academics then we'd all be bored out of our minds. So, let me have my beer and keep your comments/complaints to yourself!

I miss Disney World. I spend every day wishing I could go back.

The price is wrong Mr. Barker, the price is wrong!

I wish I could tell people how much I think they suck.

You are Cruisin' for a Bruisin'.

Real men don't use AIM smilies.

When a girl tells you that she is not having sex until she is married, do not assume that you will change her mind. Respect her wishes or move on!

It's not premarital sex if I have no intention to marry you.

I hate when people raise their hands in class and when they get called on they say "I have a question".

I love the Geico cavemen.

You didn't invite us to the movies, so we didn't invite you to the party.

My boyfriend forgot to pick me up after class because he was playing video games.

So, you broke up with me because you just weren't ready for a relationship two weeks ago, but met someone else and got ready in that two weeks time? Right.

To the guy in front of me, please stop playing World of Warcraft during class. It's very distracting, especially when you are attempting to chat up some elf.

To the girl who likes to go bra-less in 360, please stop. You do not have appropriate perk for such an action.

Stuffing, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, turkey and passing out while watching football. I am so ready for Thanksgiving break!

When all of your real friends are done deserting you because you of your bad attitude, at least you'll have your Internet groupies.

I think that your dye job looks like someone dumped orange food coloring on the top of your head.

If you are the one that was from the sorority bragging that sororities make people skinny and pretty, you are very shallow and ignorant.

My grandma came to visit me this weekend, and ended up at a frat party doing a keg stand. Man can that woman hold her alcohol!

You have been on my mind ever since I made eye contact with you on the bus. Why didn't you talk to me? I would have volunteered my number.

Sometimes I wonder about Jane... Is she hot? Is she a he? Is he hot?

"Dip" is not attractive on anyone!

I got kicked out of Alfredos for talking in a fake language to some stupid person, and when the guy pushed me out I went into the wall and fake fell down.
Who gets kicked out of Alfredos? Really.

I hate how I have so much work I need to get done during break but I know I will do none of it until the Sunday before classes begin.

I don't have a condom, but I do have this Snickers wrapper

ECU should really consider a mechanical sidewalk.

Word of advice ladies - Sexy is not seeing how much you can drink, how provocative you can dress, how many guys you can hook up with while in your tenure at ECU, or stumbling around my house wasted. The one great turn on is seeing a girl compose herself in a lady-like manner, while leaving a lot left to the imagination... Now that's sexy.

The Devil and God are raging inside me.

ECU Football has the best fans! During our home games, the stadium is filled nearly to capacity, yet Rice only had about 5,000 people in attendance for the ECU @ Rice game, in a stadium that seats about 70,000 and it was their Homecoming! How sad is that?

You know what really grinds my gears? People who write ridiculously long Pirate Rants. Rants are supposed to be short statements to get out your frustrations. Not dissertations on how pissed off you are. Cut out all the BS and filler and make your point. Jesus. Some of you ranters think you own the page. What is wrong with you? Two or three sentences are enough! So please, when you rant, make it short. Leave room on the page for others to complain. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

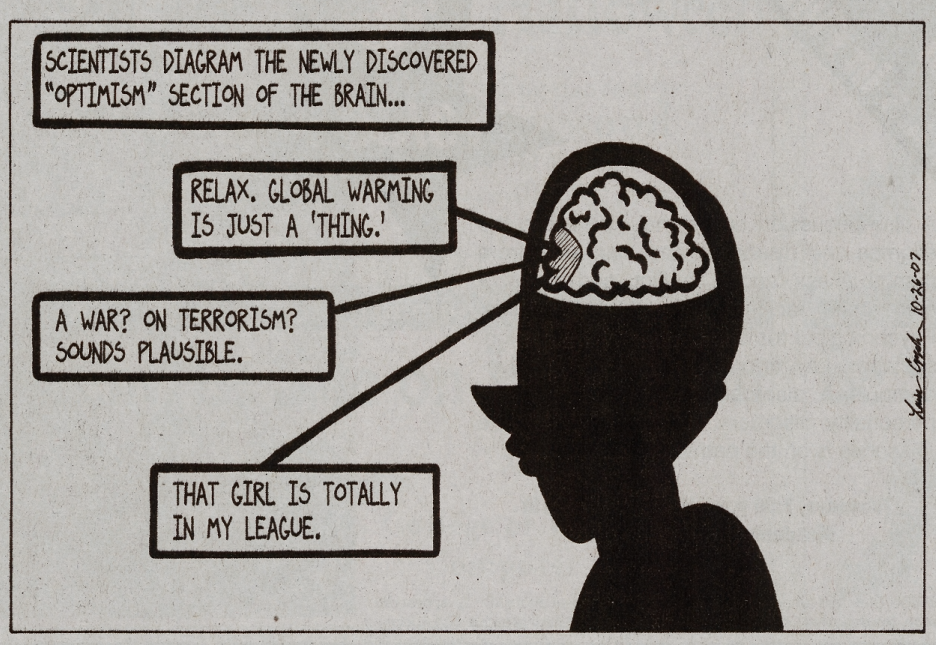
And these three remain: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love.

There is more to life that just you.

What's up with Student Health? When I'm sick, I want to see a doctor who can treat me, not a nurse to tell me to come back after I've been sick a week!

Is it bad that I would rather be hooking up with your roommate than you?

I hate when guys go to the Rec center and don't work out their legs.



Fishnets and hooker boots

Halloween: it's like it was when you were a kid, only sluttier

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It's that time of the year again. The leaves are changing, the days are shorter, and you are just now realizing how cold it's going to be in your sexy pirate outfit. Halloween is ECU's claim to fame, and the witching hour is almost upon us.

For those of you in your first year of college, I'm sure you have heard the rumors, and after three years of experience, I can attest to their validity. Thousands of students, non-students and horny sketch-balls will line the streets downtown to be a part of the madness. This spectacle is of course centered around the outfits, and these days there are no holds barred when it come to costumes. The equation when figuring out your outfit is simple. Take a character, imaginary or not, and add one of two words in front of it, sexy or slutty. Examples range from ordinary (sexy nurse, sexy firefighter and sexy cop), to the more extreme (sexy cheerleader and the ever-popular slutty...slut). Yes, she is the girl who didn't take any character at all, who merely combined the sexiest aspects of many costumes, giving her powers in sexiness unknown to the mere mortal.

If there is anyone who is still unsure of how my equation works, I will give you an example. Say for instance, when you were a kid you loved fairies. So on this holiday it is no coincidence you would want to act out your love for them by personifying one. Only one problem: you can't just be a regular fairy; that would be weird. Yes, the modern day Halloween has been transformed, and anything shy of an 'R' rating is unacceptable and Tinkerbelle is going to need work, because last time I checked she was still a 'G.' Now, you ask yourself, 'How can I make someone so innocent look sexy?' Well, the answer to this is also very simple: fishnets and hooker boots. Yes, fishnets and hooker boots are all you need to turn an innocent Tinkerbelle, Strawberry Shortcake or Pocahontas, well, more Paris Hilton.

If you are a guy reading this, worried about what Rob Kass will look like dressed up in stockings, you can breathe easy. Yes, luckily for us all during Halloween's transformation from innocent nights filled with trick-or-treating and senseless vandalism to its current state of affairs, we males were not considered. Maybe because no one wants to see sexy Spidermen and Draculas running around, or because not even women want to see a bunch of half-naked drunk guys in heels. Whatever reason, guys, you can leave your fishnets in the drawer.

Now I am sure there are some of you out there who are saying that my outlook on Halloween is skewed. And that not everyone falls into this cookie cutter equation for costumes. Yeah, I know there are still some people out there, purists, who see Halloween for what it is and was; a day to dress scary and let down your guard about what other people think. For you those of you out there keeping tradition alive, I salute you. You all are the ones keeping Halloween scary and maintaining any hope for me that when it is time for my daughter to go out, she can be whatever she wants, and will never have to see this article, or my equation.

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Horoscopes

Aries
Don't feel bad if you're just plain tired. It happens to everyone. Find yourself a cozy cave and hide away for a while.

Taurus
As is usual this time of year, appearances can be deceiving. Don't believe half of what you hear and most of what you see.

Gemini
Pay attention while shopping and you can get an absolutely marvelous deal. Others will think you spent much more. You don't have to tell.

Cancer
Your sense of humor's returning, even if the problem persists. It's OK not to take it to seriously. Maybe it'll just go away.

Leo
This is a clean-up day, with some urgency. At least one item in your stack of stuff is perilously overdue.

Virgo
You can help out a friend by providing hugs and maybe cookies. Comfort food is recommended. Providing money is not.

Libra
Would you like to have more authority? More status? More money? These are only the first few test questions. They'll get harder. Think before you answer.

Scorpio
Travel looks relatively good. There will be minor glitches, but you can get where you want to go. Carry your toothbrush with you.

Sagittarius
Even with half your brain tied behind your back, to make it fair, you'll trounce the opposition. You could also win a nice prize.

Capricorn
You and your partner have a way of communicating without words. Rely on that now if the words seem to be getting in the way. Hugs and-or cookies, for example.

Aquarius
Put the daydreams and day trips on hold. It's time to get back to work. Something absolutely has to get done, and you know what it is.

Pisces
You should be in a marvelous mood, feeling surrounded by love. Overlook a silly remark, even if it's hurtful. Take it as a joke, whether it's meant as one or not.

Did you know?

The first outdoor sign advertising "Coca-Cola" still exists. It was originally painted in 1894 and is located in Cartersville, Georgia.

In your lifetime, you'll shed over 40 pounds of skin.

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for blood plasma.

Tiger Woods is the highest paid athlete. He makes around $80 million per year (or $219,000 per day).

Ewan McGregor was offered, but turned down, the part of Neo in the Matrix. Will Smith was also approached to play Neo but turned it down in order make Wild Wild West.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

The Bureau of Standards says that the electron is the fastest thing in the world.
On average people fear spiders more than death.

Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

The largest man-made lake in the U.S. is Lake Mead, created by Hoover Dam.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

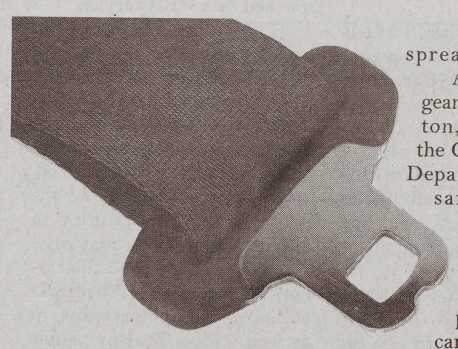
Rats are incapable of puking.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

Buckling up for safety



Latest news and opinions on the "Click It or Ticket" campaign

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In 1993, North Carolina launched the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in an attempt to increase seat belt use among motor vehicle occupants. Initially, many people opposed the seat belt laws, but a year after the campaign went into effect, seat belt use went up and fatalities from motor vehicle crashes went down. Other states noticed the positive effect the program had in N.C., and the campaign spread nationwide.

According to Sergeant Phil Worthington, supervisor of the Greenville Police Department's traffic safety unit, seat belt usage rates in N.C. have increased from 58 percent to 88 percent since the campaign's birth.

Although Greenville's usage rate is among the statewide percent, local officers continue to heavily enforce seat belt law violations.

According to the Greenville Police Department's citation reports, Greenville police officers have issued an average of 2,670 seat belt citations per year over the past three federal fiscal years.

Recently, the Greenville Police Department has focused on increasing seat belt use at night. To do so, light towers are installed at intersections around Greenville so officers can observe whether vehicle occupants are wearing their seat belts. During a 10-day campaign phase in September, Greenville police issued 223 seat belt citations between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

According to Worthington, it is essential to enforce seat belt laws in order to reduce fatalities and serious injuries due to motor vehicle crashes, which will also save money.

"Fastening that seatbelt is one of the easiest things you can do to make that crash a lot safer. It doesn't prevent all the injuries, but it is going to keep you in the car 99% of the time," said Worthington.

Worthington also explained that being hospitalized with a severe brain injury costs about $30,000 a day in intensive care, then the victim will possibly have to be treated or institutionalized for the rest of their life. In the event the victim is not able to afford their medical treatment, taxpayers will have to financially cover a substantial amount of the medical bills.

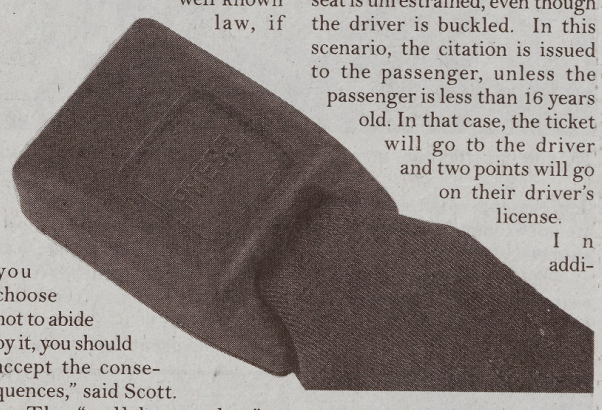
However, some people oppose the government regulating adult seat belt laws, because not wearing a seat belt endangers only the individual.

"I think it [the policy] is intruding into our privacy. I think it is good common sense to wear it, but I don't think it's the government's place to tell us [adults] to wear it," said ECU communication professor Geoff Thompson.

ECU senior communication major Mike Catalano said he understands why some states ban drivers from talking on cell phones more than the government enforcing adults to wear seat belts.

In contrast to opposing views, sophomore business major at ECU Kelly Scott said the government should enforce seat belt laws.

"It's for your safety and a well known law, if you choose not to abide by it, you should accept the consequences," said Scott.



The "well-known law" Scott refers to requires drivers to have their seat belt properly fastened while traveling in forward motion on a public roadway. Failure to do so will potentially result in the driver receiving a $100 ticket—a $25 fine and $75 in court fees.

The violator has the option to plead guilty to the offense and pay the fine prior to their court date. By doing so, they will not have to appear in court and no points will go on their driver license.

Officers can also stop a vehicle if the passenger in the front seat is unrestrained, even though the driver is buckled. In this scenario, the citation is issued to the passenger, unless the passenger is less than 16 years old. In that case, the ticket will go to the driver and two points will go on their driver's license.

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Student health offers advice for escaping a virus



Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

The Student Health Center has experienced four cases of the MRSA virus recently.

How you can prepare yourself against MRSA

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The threat of contracting MRSA, or methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, has been a popular topic in the media recently, though the bacteria is not as dangerous as the public may perceive it to be. MRSA has been around since the 1940's, and evolved after the widespread use of methicillin, a penicillin which was used to treat staph infections.

Worldwide, an average of two billion people carry staph. 95 million of those are U.S. citizens, and about 2.5 million people carry MRSA. 14 percent of all people with MRSA have been exposed to the virus in a healthcare setting.

Signs and symptoms of MRSA include tender rashes

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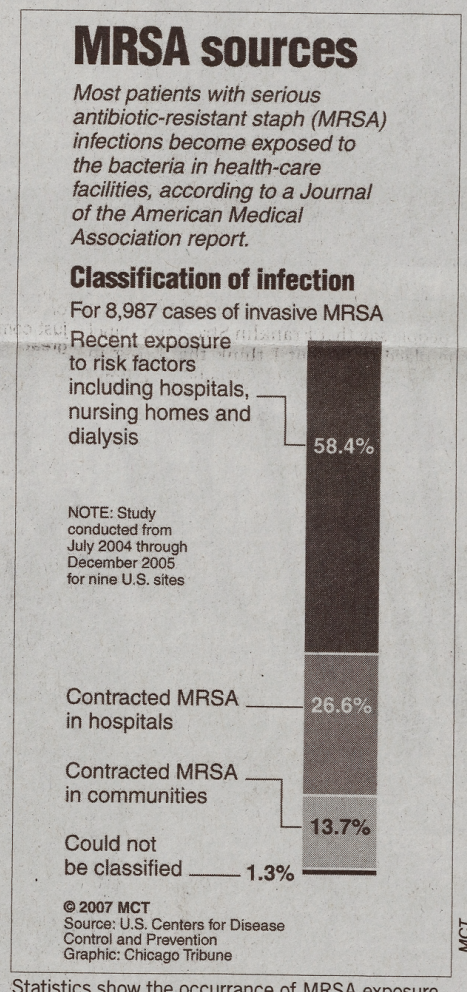

Statistics show the occurrance of MRSA exposure.

An incredible beginning to the end of a series



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Coheed and Cambria unique sound captures listeners

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Coheed and Cambria is a hard band to describe, with riffs comparable to the classics and an epic sound rarely heard in today's mainstream music. While most may label them as progressive or just pure rock (but never emo), the best way to describe them is almost like a rock opera. They grip you firmly from the first note, only letting go at the grand end. Often compared to the vocal and instrumental sounds of classics such as Rush and Yes, the experience of their music just continues to get weirder with each album, perhaps due in part to the "concept albums" they release, revealing a plot only true fans with good memory can actually keep up with.

They are still a relatively new band, only officially active since 2001, but they have managed to release four full-length albums and two live performance DVDs. Coheed and Cambria have also toured numerous times with Vans Warped Tour and have now embarked on a fall tour with Fall of Troy.

No World for Tomorrow may just be their most ambitious work to date, not just with music, but the marketing of the album as well. Months before anyone knew a thing about the album, the band released five "Willing Well" videos, each portraying a normal everyday activity; parents playing with a baby, kids having a party and a woman washing the dishes, only to end with a dark shadowy figure appearing, and a quick cut to the band's logo and release date of the album. The anticipation of the album even caused a commotion at the University of Kansas after students spray-painted the logo and date of release for the album, causing officials to worry of a potential shooting.

"The Reaping" begins the album strongly, and the epic, five-part "End Complete," reminiscent of the four-part "Willing Well" finishes out the album with stride. However, there are a few duds, namely the first single "The Running Free," which does nothing more than attract lukewarm fans into buying the album, only to have them toss it away because they just don't get it. Also, personal favorites include "Gravemakers and Gunslingers" and the entirety of the "End Complete," which boasts incredible tempo changes and more importantly, an emotional retorting by Sanchez, a trait he has been keeping up with since the beginning of Coheed and Cambria.

While some fans may just see this as another album in their collection, die-hard fans perceive this as another grand chapter in the story of Coheed and Cambria. Not only does Coheed and Cambria release albums, they release comic books that tell the story in the music they play. Their two first comics, "The Second Stage Turbine Blade 1 and 2" is completely out of print, making it a rare collector's item only for the dedicated fan. The comic "Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV," that accompanies volume one of the Good Apollo albums is still produced in bulk, making it available for almost anyone. However, the band has begun to "rework" the series, releasing "The Amory Wars Parts 1-3" a few months ago. Each is still available, and the entire story is told in order, helping confused fans get back on track.

The music, along with the graphic novels, tells the story of Coheed and Cambria Kilgannon, their children Josephine, twins Matthew and Maria and Claudio, whom the entire series is focused around - coincidentally, the same name of lead singer Claudio Sanchez.

It tells the story of a family's fight to stay together amongst

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NC now has strict laws about seatbelt use, called the "Click it or Ticket" campaign.

tion, passengers in the backseat are not exempt from wearing a seatbelt.

"Effective July 1, we can write (citations) for the backseat. It's a $10 fine for the backseat, but in North Carolina we cannot stop the driver if passengers in the backseat are not buckled," Worthington said.

Therefore, if the driver is stopped for any reason, unrestrained passengers in the backseat will potentially have to pay a $10 fine.

For more information on the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, visit nhtsa.dot.gov.

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that often mimic a spider bite, boils, pustules and cellulites, an infection under the skin. MRSA is not life threatening until it reaches the blood stream and eventually the organs, causing cellulites. At this stage, an infected person should be hospitalized.

There are two classifications of MRSA: HA-MRSA (hospital acquired), and CA-MRSA (community acquired).

"Typically, immunocompromised and/or the elderly are the only individuals with a large enough potential risk to worry about MRSA," said Ben Newton, a senior nursing major at ECU.

The average age of those who contract MRSA is 68, however, the average age for CA-MRSA is 23, and there appear to be more strains of it in the southern U.S.

"Most MRSA is not life threatening," said Dr. Jolene Jernagene, director of Student Health. "MRSA can be easily treated using standard antibiotics such as Sulfa, Doxycycline and Cipro."

MRSA is contracted through direct contact with someone carrying it or an object recently touched by a virus carrier.

The strengthening of the bacteria is due to the overuse of antibiotics for illnesses that the body should be allowed to defend and repair on its own. However, because patients often will not take them as prescribed, stopping treatment allows the bacteria the opportunity to mutate and develop resistance.

The overuse of antibacterial products gives bacteria a chance to become resistant as well. "Most healthy people only need regular soap and water to wash their hands," said Jernagene.

"Leave the harsher antibacterial products for kitchens and hospitals." Antibiotics should also be avoided, or at least used for the shortest period possible, as ways to prevent the spread of MRSA include seeking treatment for suspicious skin abnormalities, cleaning and bandaging wounds and proper hand washing.

Since July 1, the Student Health Center has only seen four cases of CA-MRSA. None of the patients infected were hospitalized.

Students who come into the health center with MRSA trace their contraction so as all who have been exposed may be notified to keep an infection or illness contained.

Jernagene said the Student Health Center has been proactive the past two to three years and the workers do not worry about an outbreak.

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some extreme circumstances. Throw in a deadly virus, a Keywork, a few villains and a little murder and you have yourself a good taste of what each album and comic book is all about. However, the plot is so intricate and detailed it is imperative for the listener to keep up.

Overall, this album is exactly what is needed for the next chapter in the series. Although Coheed and Cambria has not exactly progressed as a band since their first album, their attempts to finish out the story is one of epic proportions and one that is hard to overlook, especially compared to the mainstream music heard on most radio stations today.

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Raise your V.O.I.C.E.



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V.O.I.C.E. celebrated "Love Your Body" Day last week, as a way of promoting a positive self-image.

Group promotes women's rights on campus

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Although the group V.O.I.C.E., Visionaries for the Ongoing Involvement in the Cultivation of Equality, has been a part of campus life for the past few years, the organization wants to increase membership.

"In this day and age, women are still greatly considered the minority gender, especially in the South. V.O.I.C.E. shows women that they can become strong and independent and actively engage in ECU's discriminations," said Jamie Scharbrough, vice president of V.O.I.C.E.

V.O.I.C.E. is a group that promotes women's equal treatment on-campus and in the community. Its goal is to empower women and encourage a sense of camaraderie among women.

The group encourages the rights of other groups that are often overlooked, as well.

V.O.I.C.E. supports gay and lesbian rights and the Jena 6 campaign, and promotes sexual health and a positive self-image.

"An army of few can do great work, but an army of many can have an easier time accomplishing social change," said Leia Cain, V.O.I.C.E.'s president.

V.O.I.C.E. has sponsored events such as "Love Your Body Day" last week, the goal of which was to promote a positive self-image for women and men alike.

Brian Davenport, one of the five male members of V.O.I.C.E., attended the "Love Your Body Day" event.

"My presence there did have an impact on people with what we were doing that day to promote a positive self-image," said Davenport. "I feel like just being present shows there are males out there that believe that a level of equality should [exist]."

Upcoming events sponsored by V.O.I.C.E. include a belly dancing session at the end of the semester, Women's National History Month in March and the showing of *The Vagina Monologues*.

For the ideas of the community and campus at large to be heard, Scharbrough advises that students join the group.

"Expect to know that your voice [and] your issues will be heard. We're here to change the world, starting with our own," she said.

V.O.I.C.E. has also been a part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

For more information about V.O.I.C.E., contact Leia Cain at ECUvoice@gmail.com.

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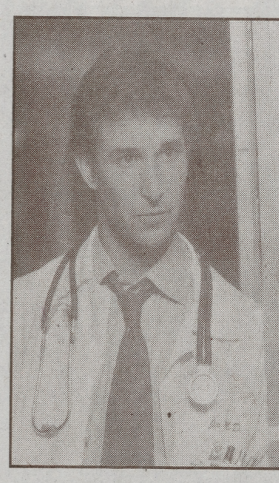

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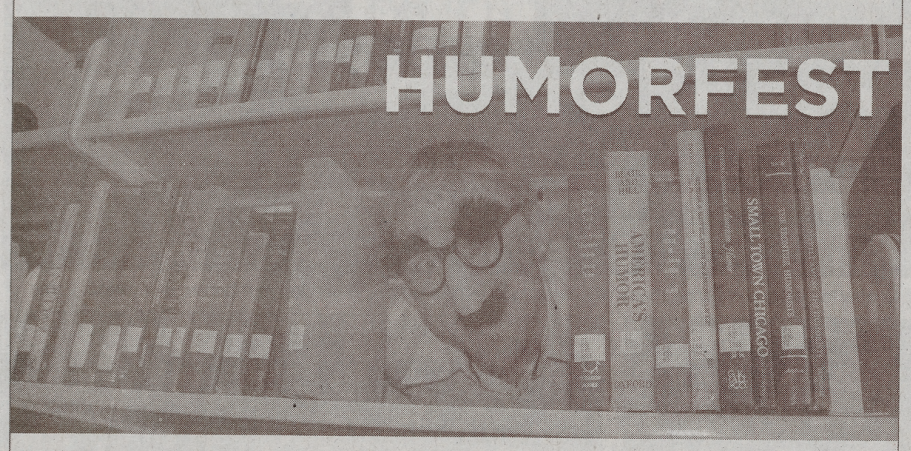

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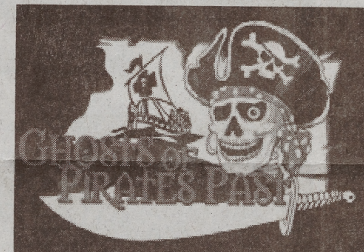

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Pirates destroy Blazers



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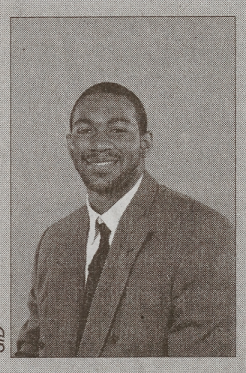
The Pirates won their first blowout game of the year on Saturday, using five quarterbacks and giving many weathered starters some much needed rest before this week's game.

Most Valuable Pirate



SID

Patrick Pinkney

Pinkney, who hasn't started a game in the month of October, came off the bench and was very effective in ECU's 41-6 destruction of UAB. Pinkney entered the game on ECU's third offensive series and led the Pirates to a touchdown. The redshirt junior, who has split time with Rob Kass frequently this year, finished the game 6-of-7 for 159 yards and two touchdowns. He connected on passes of 45 and 52 yards with wide receiver Jamar Bryant and also ran the ball twice for 18 yards.

"We can both run the offense and can both execute it. He [Holtz] said whoever had the hot hand is who we we're going to roll with for most of the game and I guess I had the hot hand. I stayed in there and just led the team."

-ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney

THE TURNING POINT

Patrick Pinkney's first of two long pass completions to Jamar Bryant early in the second quarter put the Pirates in full control and extended the lead to two touchdowns. On 2nd-and-8 from the ECU 35-yard-line, Pinkney faked the ball to running back Dominique Lindsay and found a streaking Bryant deep in the middle of the field on a 45-yard pass play. The Pirates scored three plays later on a 3-yard run from Lindsay to gain a 17-3 lead. ECU didn't stop from there, as it went to on to crush UAB, 41-6.

"I kept trying to get up two scores and that two-score margin is huge because all of the sudden you start calling the game differently when you're ahead two scores. I thought it was really big to get a fast start."

-ECU coach Skip Holtz

THEY SAID IT

ECU football coach Skip Holtz:

"What was great about this game was that we were able to play a lot of guys. There were 30 players who made a tackle, 10 who carried the football, 11 who caught a pass and five who played quarterback."

"We have a very healthy quarterback situation. The first guy off the sideline to congratulate Patrick Pinkney after he threw that touchdown to Jamar Bryant in the third quarter Saturday was Rob Kass. ...It's a healthy competition and a great thing for our football team."

ECU dominates in all phases

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

ECU was finally able to show off it's full arsenal of weapons Saturday against UAB.

The Pirates, in front of a homecoming crowd of 41,125, racked up 471 offensive yards and didn't allow a touchdown in their 41-6 blowout of the Blazers.

"I think this was probably the most complete game we've played in a long, long time," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "The way we played on offense, the way we played on defense and in the kicking game, I was really proud of the way the team responded after the N.C. State game."

The Pirates (5-4, 4-1) pounded out 216 yards on the ground and got touchdowns from three different running backs.

"Coming into the game, we knew that they weren't ranked very high in rush defense so we knew we would be able to run the ball against them," said starting running back Chris Johnson. "They [the coaches] just kept giving us the ball and we kept getting first downs and believing in the running game."

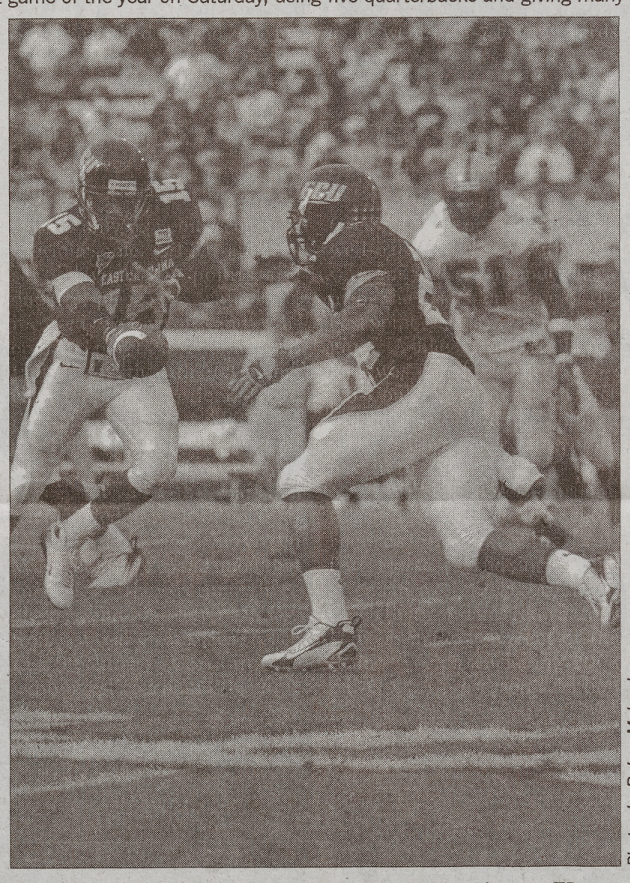
Johnson, who has handled the bulk of the carries for ECU this year, led the Pirates in rushing once again with 79 yards and one touchdown.

But Holtz, for the first time all season, spread out the carries Saturday and let ECU's young, anxious running backs see significant action.

True freshman Jonathan Williams, who has been battling an ankle injury most of the year, rushed for 63 yards and a score.

"A game like this is what we've been waiting for to get him in," Holtz said of Williams. "It was really nice to see him get in the game and do some things.

"We're starting to really trust him with the way he's starting to practice, the things he's doing and the way he's carrying the ball. He's a talent and we've just being waiting for the opportunity to get him some plays."



Photos by Robyn McLawhorn

Quarterback Patrick Pinkney had a stellar game, throwing two TDs.



Wide receiver Jamar Bryant hooks up with Pinkney on a 52-yard pass.

UAB (2-6, 1-3) came into the game ranked 117th in the nation in rush defense, allowing 240.6 yards per game. Last week, the Blazers allowed 335 yards to Houston, which uses the same type of spread offense rushing attack as ECU.

"We really challenged the running backs at halftime about being able to make guys miss," said Holtz. "I thought Chris Johnson made some really nice plays in the second half and John Williams made a really nice play on the opening drive when he made the cornerback miss and ran in for the score."

Williams, a 6-foot-1, 207-pounder who set numerous records and won multiple state championships at J. H. Rose High School, reached the end zone for the first time in his career with a 35-yard touchdown run on ECU's first possession.

"All I saw was the end zone," said Williams. "I got the ball and all I wanted to do was score the touchdown. ... I didn't know if I was going to get a lot of playing time this year, but I just work hard in practice and they finally gave [the opportunity] to me and I took advantage of it."

Junior Dominique Lindsay scored ECU's other rushing touchdown on a 3-yard plunge early in the second quarter. ECU averaged seven yards per carry in the first half, scored on four of its first five possessions and held a lead, 20-6, at halftime for the first time all season.

Both Rob Kass and Patrick Pinkney took meaningful snaps at quarterback. Pinkney, coming off the bench, was more efficient as he went 6-of-7 for 159 yards and two touchdowns, including a 52-yard strike to Jamar Bryant in the third quarter.

"Both of us can run the offense and execute it," said Pinkney. "He [Holtz] said whoever had the hot hand is probably who we're going to roll with for most of the game, and I guess I had the hot hand."

ECU didn't allow a touchdown for the first time since September 2000 in a 38-0 shutout against Duke.

"Defensively, I think this was by far our best effort since when we've [coaches] been here," said Holtz, who is in his third-year with the Pirates. "We gave up a couple of big plays but normally when we've given up the big play, they go right through us and get into the end zone. But I thought they [the defense] really arched their backs tonight and did a good job of coming up with some big stops."

With ECU's convincing win and a Southern Miss loss to UCF Sunday night, the Pirates now control their own destiny for the C-USA championship.

The Pirates have three regular season games left, all against conference opponents, and if they win all of them, the C-USA championship game will be played in Greenville.

Holtz does not want to look ahead, however, and is looking at the race for the conference championship as a single-elimination tournament.

"We live to play another day," he said after the Pirates' fourth straight C-USA win. "We're playing a single-elimination tournament, more or less, for the conference championship."

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ECU tabbed third in preseason poll

Young named to C-USA Preseason All-Conference Team

SID--- With seven different teams receiving the nod to win the 2008 C-USA regular season title, competition should be at its all-time best. The league's youthful look from a couple of seasons ago has now developed into strength and parity for the 2007-08 season.

Tulane, the 2007 C-USA regular season champion, tops the preseason chart with three first-place votes and 126 points. The following four spots were close as only six points separated the foursome. UTEP appears second with 109 points and one first-place vote, while ECU received two top votes and gathered 106 points. SMU and UAB tied for fourth with 103 points each but SMU collected two first-place votes to UAB's one.

Tulane posted a 26-7 overall record, won the C-USA regular season title with a 13-3 mark and participated in its 10th postseason event a year ago. The Green Wave looks to expand upon that success as they return three starters and nine letterwinners from last year's team. Head coach Lisa Stockton, C-USA's all-time winningest coach and the 2007 C-USA Coach of the Year, has a well-balanced roster with eight veterans and seven underclassmen. She also sports one of the best point guards in the nation in junior Ashley Langford. Langford was named to the C-USA All-Conference third team after finishing second in the league in assists with 6.27 per game, ninth best in the NCAA.

UTEP had a break-through season last year, setting school records for most wins (22), fewest losses (8) and single-game attendance (7,212) record. Head coach Keitha Adams returns four starters and 81 percent of the team's scoring, including 2008 All-C-USA preseason selection Jareica Hughes. Hughes, a 5-3 guard, became the first UTEP player to be named the C-USA Newcomer and Freshman of the Year, third team all-conference and selected to the league's five-member all-defensive squad in the same season. She led the Miners in scoring (12.9), assists (4.7) and steals (2.8) per game as a rookie. Her thefts per game was second best in the league and ranked 27th nationally.

ECU enters this season as the defending C-USA Tournament champions and looks to make a run for the 2008 regular season title, as head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener returns three starters and more than 65 percent of the teams scoring and rebounding from a year ago. Headlining the list of returnees is a pair of junior guards in Jasmine Young and LaCoya Terry. Young, a 2008 All-C-USA preseason selection, was named to the 2007 All-C-USA second team and All-Defensive team, while Terry was voted the MVP of the tournament. The duo ranked 13th and 14th, respectively, in the league in scoring, averaging 13.4 and 12.9 points per game. They also ranked among the league's top 15 in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio.

Rice and Houston also

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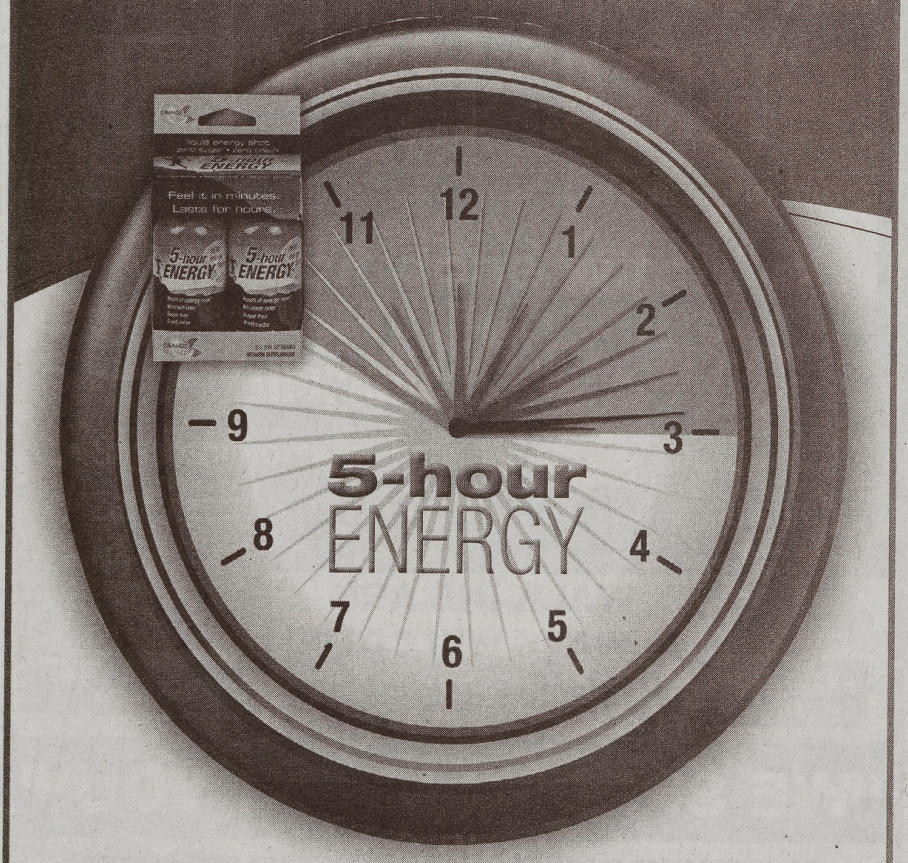

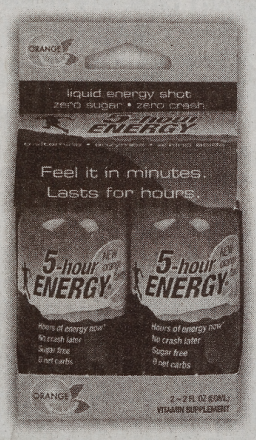

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Guards LaCoya Terry (25) and Jasmine Young (3) lead an experienced Pirates team into the season.

received first place votes in the coaches' preseason poll. The Owls claimed two and the Cougars one, for sixth and seventh-place predications, respectively. However, Houston sports this year's C-USA Preseason Player of the Year in senior guard Tye Jackson. Jackson is a two-time All-C-USA first teamer that ranked fifth in the nation last season in points per game, averaging 22.5. The Houston native also established a C-USA single-game tournament record when she unleashed 43 points in opening action of the 2007 women's basketball championship.

2007-08 C-USA preseason coaches' poll:

1. Tulane (3) 126
2. UTEP (1) 109
3. **ECU (2) 106**
4. SMU (2) 103
5. UAB (1) 103
6. Rice (2) 88
7. Houston (1) 86
8. Southern Miss 73
9. Marshall 65
10. Tulsa 28
11. UCF 26
12. Memphis 23

C-USA

2007-08 All-C-USA preseason student-athletes

	School	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown
Janielle Dodds	SMU	6-3	Sr.	P	Fairfax, Va.
Jareica Hughes	UTEP	5-3	So.	G	Southfield, Mich.
Tye Jackson*	Houston	5-10	Sr.	G	Houston, Texas
Diamond Rogers	UAB	5-11	Sr.	F	Jackson, Miss.
Jasmine Young	**ECU**	**5-5**	**Jr.**	**G**	**Richmond, Va.**

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ECU swimming and diving teams tame Towson Tigers

Women's squad remains perfect on the season

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU swimming and diving teams had continued success this weekend as they swept a dual meet against Towson at the Minges Aquatic Center.

The men's team dominated the Tigers, winning every event and improving their record to 3-1.

"The guys won every single event; they won all 16 events and completely dominated a pretty good team that gave us a very good meet last year, so we were really happy with how they did," said Coach Rick Kobe.

The score of the men's meet was 181-107.

The women's team won 11 of their 16 events despite injuries to three of their top swimmers, including previous C-USA swimmer of the week Amanda Duncan.

"We were able to rally the troops and we swam really fast," said Kobe of the women's team. "We ended up beating a very good Towson team, a team that will probably be favored to win the CAA championship meet."

The women's team also set a pool record in the 200 free-relay event, which was the last event of the meet.

Members of the relay team include senior Rebecca Perry, freshman Jenna Stewart and sophomores Katlin Potts and Rachel Blue.

The women's team won by a score of 154-140 and currently stands undefeated with a 4-0 record.

Senior divers Christie Icenhower and Ryan Hunt controlled the diving events, each winning on the one-meter and three-meter boards.

"We were led by our total depth, both swimmers and divers; everyone did their part and it was exciting," said Kobe.

The swim teams will face UNCW this Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Wilmington, N.C.

"That's always a good meet. We're planning on swimming well…it is a fairly easy meet for the girls and the guy's meet has been back and forth the last few years," said Kobe.

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Women's soccer battles to tie

The Pirates return home for the final weekend of the regular season

SID--- For the sixth time this season, the ECU women's soccer team played extra time, this time playing to a 1-1 tie at UTEP Sunday afternoon at University Field. The Pirates move to 9-3-4, 3-2-2 in C-USA action, while the Miners are now 10-6-2, 4-2-1 in C-USA play.

Alexis Foltz got the Pirates on board 31 minutes into the game, as she took advantage of a UTEP mistake, sending the ball into the back of the net for the unassisted goal. The game remained 1-0 in favor of East Carolina in the break.

Anoop Josan's goal in the 66th minute tied the game at one a piece, sending the game into overtime. ECU tallied five shots in the overtime period, forcing UTEP to make two saves. The Miners had only one shot in the extra time.

UTEP registered eight shots on goal compared to just three for the Pirates. Brittany Popoff and Jessica Salvi split time minding the net, stopping two shots. Amber Campbell made seven stops.



Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Defender Nicole Moore tracks down the ball in a hard fought game.

The Pirates had 15 total shots in the day, with three coming on goal. The Miners registered 12 shots, eight on goal.

"I thought we played a good game today," head coach Rob Donnenwirth said. "They really battled hard. Both teams had chances to win the game. It was unfortunate with the goal we gave up, but overall the team, I thought, did their best today. Now we have to get ready for our final home weekend."

ECU returns to Bunting Field this Friday, Nov. 2 as they host UAB at 3 p.m. The Pirates will then host Memphis Sunday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m. for the final contest of the regular season.

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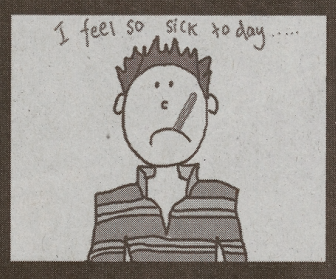

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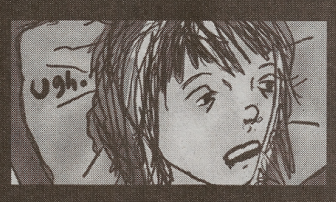

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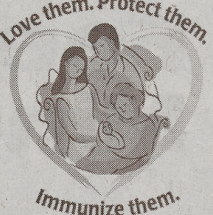

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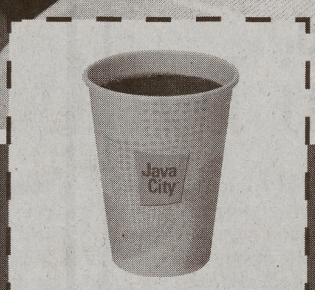

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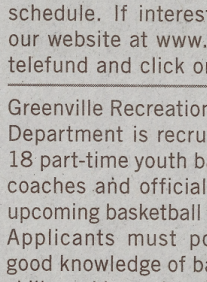

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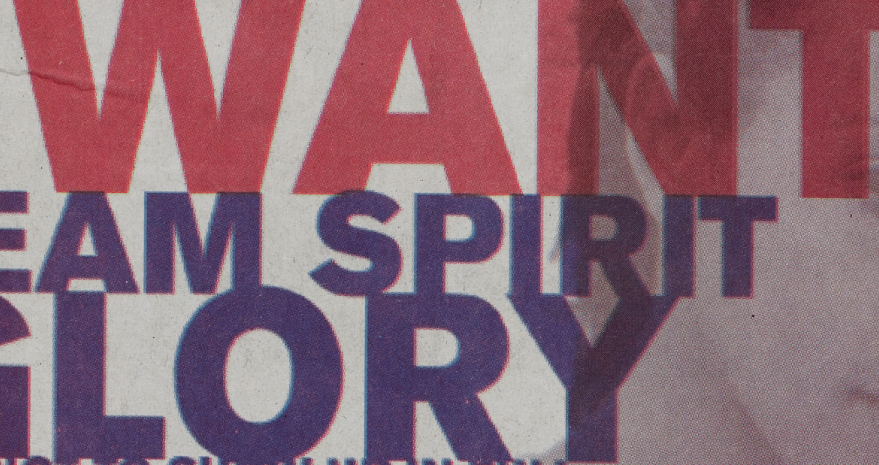

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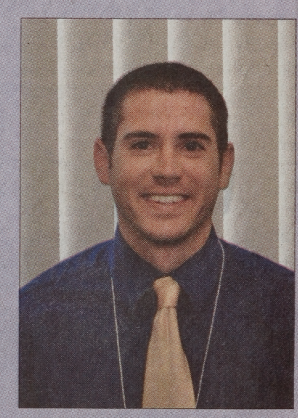
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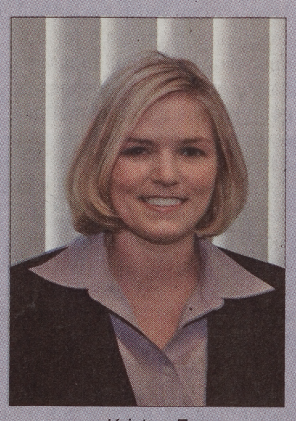
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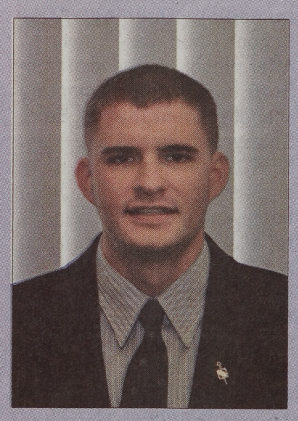
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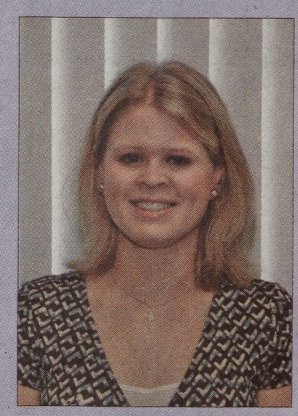
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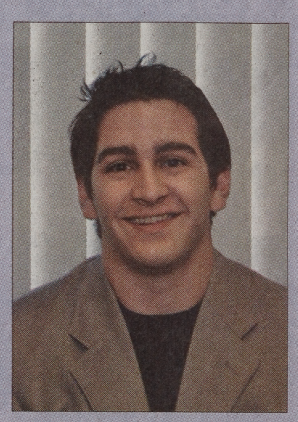
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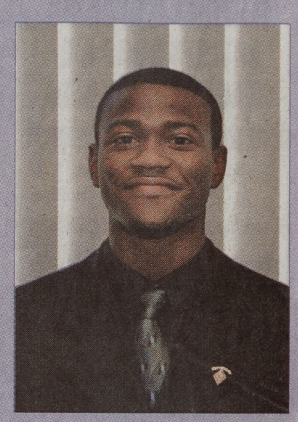
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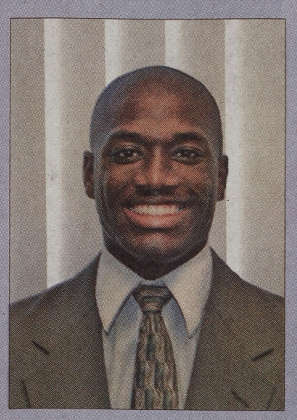
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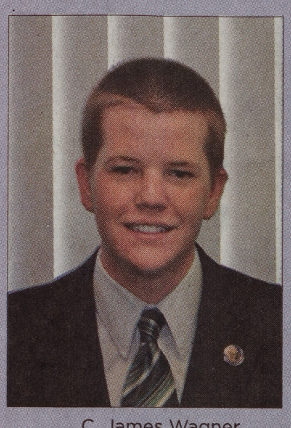
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