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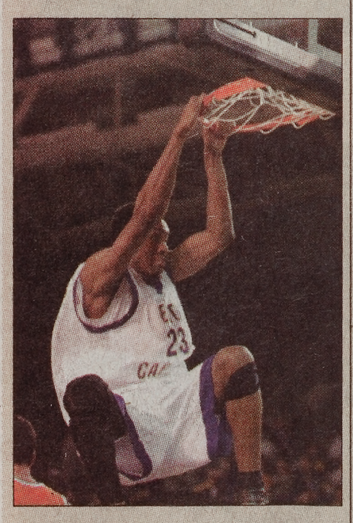

The ECU men's basketball team gained some early season confidence by routing Division II opponent Limestone over the weekend. Turn to the sports section for new coach Mack McCarthy's take on his first win at the helm of the Pirates and what the team must do to defeat former CAA rival Richmond.....Page A7

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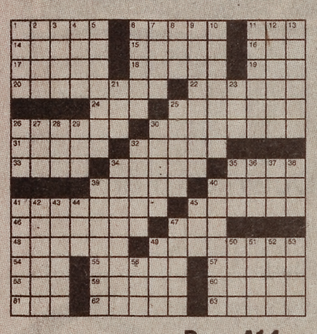

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Pi Kappa Alpha holds annual "Walk to Wilmington"

Funds raised for Ronald McDonald House

ADELINE TRENTO
SENIOR WRITER

In an effort to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha held their annual "Walk to Wilmington," Friday, Nov. 9.

The "Walk to Wilmington," which was started in 1994, has raised almost $70,000 for the Ronald McDonald House in the past four years.

"All of the money is raised strictly off of donations from people and businesses in the community or state," said Philip Herendeen, president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

"Each brother sets a goal to raise a certain amount and will do anything possible to collect the money."

This year, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha began the 120-mile walk at Mercer Glass on Evans Street.

Each member of the fraternity walked 10 miles in groups of five until the final group reached the Wilmington Town Hall.

At checkpoints along the track, the brothers passed on a football and signed a document to signify the completion of their leg of the walk.

"We as a Brotherhood feel that this is our opportunity to give back to our community and help people in need," said Peter Lopez, junior business management and pre-law major.

"Events like this help make our community stronger and build our fraternal bond."

The Greenville Ronald McDonald House, to which the proceeds from the walk were donated, provides a "home away from home" for families with sick

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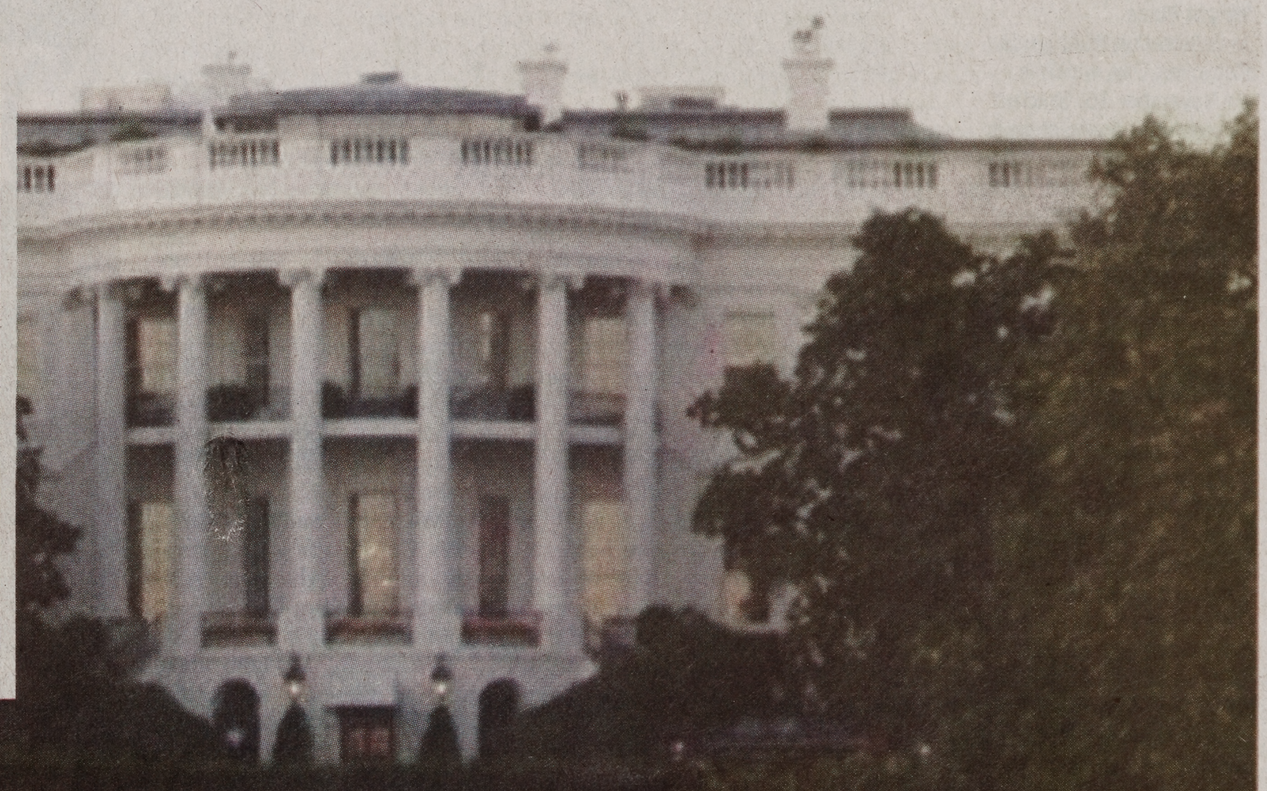
Impact of service learning discussed during visit from White House official

Photos by Robyn McLawhorn

DAVID EISNER



Official focused on learning more about Project HEART

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, made his first visit to ECU last weekend to attend the Student Service Learning Conference, sponsored by Campus Compact.

The Corporation is a federal agency that oversees America's volunteering and service programs, including AmeriCorps and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

Eisner was appointed as chief executive officer in 2003 at a time when Congress had lost confidence in the organization and immediately brought strong management and stability to its service programs by expanding its programs and increasing efficiency and accountability.

He is now leading the corporation into partnerships with other agencies to use service learning as a support platform for groups such as disadvantaged youth, college students and retiring baby boomers.

The College of Education hosted a series of functions informing Eisner about ECU's AmeriCorps initiative, Project HEART (High Expectations for At-Risk Teens).

Project HEART trains college students to become tutors for at-risk elementary, middle and high school students.

"The work that is happening within Project HEART is something that we in Washington, D.C. are terribly proud of," Eisner said.

Eisner first attended a luncheon on Nov. 9 with ECU and Project HEART members, as well as their various community partners, to discuss the role of Project HEART in community organizations and the impact it has had on its tutored students.

"(The students) are given the tools to change the trajectory of their lives," Eisner said.

"If you make them understand that they have something valuable to give, they can understand their own value as human beings."

The group also discussed the desire to include service learning into school curriculum.

"We need more support on that issue," said Carolyn Foxx, coordinator of special projects for the NC Department of Public Instruction.

"It takes more than a lone voice to get the message across North Carolina."

"If we can get teachers to go into eastern North Carolina and see the power of service learning, they'll have no problem putting it into their curriculum," said Marilyn Sheerer, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

Eisner made the suggestion that tutored students would learn more by doing more.

"Students would learn at a much more gut level, what can be offered that way," Eisner said.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Eisner visited C.M. Eppes Middle School to get a first-hand look at how Project HEART members participate in a public school setting.

He then returned to campus and attended an information session with Project HEART members, partners and alumni and heard testimonials about the affect that the tutors are having on their students.

On Nov. 10, Eisner was the keynote speaker for the Service Learning Conference in Mendenhall.

The conference held service learning workshops and a forum concerning ways to engage youth in service and sustain those already engaged.

"It was wonderful for our members to share insight with (Eisner) about service in our state and country," said Charis Tucker, program coordinator for Project HEART.

"It's an exciting time to have him here on campus," said Betty Beacham, director of Project HEART.

Project HEART will be holding the second half of their Service Learning Initiative training on Dec. 6.

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Annual All Stars for the Homeless held on Thursday

Photos by Lizz Wells

Participants slept in a cardboard box overnight to mimic the living conditions of some of the less fortunate.

Pictured above: Lyssa Fireman, Tabetha Pierce, Kenneth Pridgen, Joseph Privott and Jason Radosevich.

Event to create awareness about poverty

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

ECU students substituted their heated rooms and cozy beds for a cardboard box this past Friday night.

The annual event called All Stars for the Homeless, lasted for twenty-four hours from 1 p.m. Friday afternoon until 1 p.m. Saturday.

The makeshift cardboard box home could be seen on the lawn outside the East Carolina Police Department.

Umstead Hall began their involvement in All States for the Homeless years back, but it has since become a tradition for students to take part in.

Tamara Connell, Umstead Residence Coordinator, hoped students involved in the project would gain better understanding of the homeless problem in Greenville.

"We are trying to raise awareness of the social problem of homelessness," Connell said.

In addition to the service project, All Stars for the Homeless collected clothes and canned goods from students around ECU.

Students involved during the twenty-four project cited positive reasons for spending their Friday evenings in the cold.

"It is a good cause and a reminder of those less fortunate around this time of year," said Brian Holloman, freshmen computer science major.

Whether students were collecting service hours or participating through the Residence Hall Association, they hoped a clear message was on display during the twenty-four hours of All Stars for the Homeless.

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HOMELESSNESS IN THE UNITED STATES

3.5 million people, 1.35 million of them children are likely to experience homelessness in a given year (National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 2007)

Most studies show that single homeless adults are more likely to be male than female. In 2005, a survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that single men comprised 51 percent of the homeless population and single women comprised 17 percent. (U.S. Conference of Mayors 2005)

Facts taken from nationalhomeless.org.

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{ Campus & Community }

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACHIEVE: Preparing to Apply to Graduate School
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7-8 p.m.
White Hall Lobby
Applying to graduate school can be a complicated process. Finding a school, taking the right tests, writing a statement of purpose are all unique to each school. Come find out how you can start preparing yourself not to find and apply to the best graduate school program for your field of study.

Think-In 2007: A Teaching with Technology Showcase
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007
10 a.m. - 2p.m
Mendenhall Student Center
This event will showcase faculty and how they utilize technology to educate students in the classroom --in both face-to-face and distance education courses. Presentations will be made via "laptop" poster sessions and will include course demonstrations.

Campus Wide Recycling Drive
Wednesday, Nov. 14
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wright Plaza
In celebration of American Recycling Day, which is on November 15, Student Government Association is sponsoring a Campus-Wide Recycling Drive from Tuesday November 14, 2006 thru Thursday November 16, 2006 from 10:00am until 4:00pm each day. For this event there will be a table with recycling bins in Wright Plaza where students can drop off recyclable products. The main focus on this event would be ink cartridges and electronics. There will also be bins to put paper, plastics, and aluminum cans. The table will have information on campus recycling bins, and where they are located. This event will be a great start to a healthier environment on the ECU campus.

School of Art exhibit features ceramicist
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins/ Mendenhall Student Center
James Klueg's exhibit will run from Nov. 5- Nov. 30 at Mendenhall. His work uses the sgraffito technique with multiple glazes to apply imagery and lettering to his pots with results that span ceramics, graphic design, and concrete poetry.

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15 Thurs

Live Music: Pirate Underground
Never Speak Defeat
Your Name in Vain
Embracing Goodbye
8 p.m.

Live Music: 5th Street Distillery
Line in March
9 p.m.

16 Fri

Live Music: 21 Eleven Beer and Wine
Hermit Thrushes
Adam Daniels
Travis Moss
Jon Skinner

17 Sat

Live Music: Spazzatorium
Galleria
Can Kickers

Live Music: City Hotel and Bistro
Brad Benson

Live Music: The Corner
Boulevard Park
10:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Liberty
7:00 p.m.
Minges Coliseum

18 Sun

The Underpants
2 p.m.
McGinnis Theatre

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Women's Basketball
High Point
7:00 PM
Minges Coliseum

***Featured Event**

Campus Wide Recycling Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wright Plaza

PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

TUESDAY:
Hi: 72F
Low: 45F
Wind: Southwest 5 - 10 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 10%
General Weather: warming with scattered clouds

WEDNESDAY:
Hi: 74F
Low: 49F
Wind: Southwest 0 - 5 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 10%
General Weather: sunny with passing clouds

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

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children who are in the hospital.

Since 1987, the 18-bedroom facility has given families a private place away from the hospital where they can eat, sleep and relax.

"We believe in what the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina stands for," Herendeen said.

"We want to give back to the community that we are currently living in during our tenure at school here."

The Greenville Ronald McDonald House, which is located on Moye Blvd., receives more than 80 percent of its funding from donations by individuals, businesses and events like the "Walk to Wilmington."

"The effort that these boys have put into this event allows us to provide for more than 500 families while their sick child is in the hospital," said Phyllis Flye, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina.

"It's great to see college students making a difference in the community, especially a community that they have just started to live in."

Through this year's, "Walk to Wilmington," the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha raised $11,789 for the charity.

"We understand that eastern North Carolina is a very rural area and one of the major hospitals is located in Greenville," Herendeen said.

"We wanted to help make sure that the families in this area can come to Greenville and stay with their child that is in the hospital. We might not be able to understand exactly what the families are going through, but we want to do our best to help in any way we can."

The members of Pi Kappa Alpha plan to continue their annual "Walk to Wilmington" in the future.

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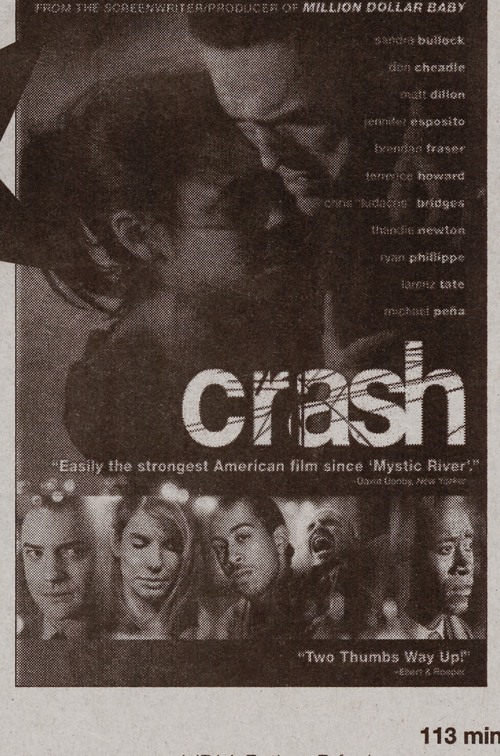

Crash (2004)

Academy Award winner in 2005. Interweaves stories of a police detective with a drugged out mother and a thieving younger brother; two car thieves who are constantly theorizing on society and race; a white district attorney and his irritated and pampered wife; a racist cop caring for a sick father who disgusts his idealistic younger partner; a successful African American film director and his wife who deal with the racist cop; a Persian-immigrant father who buys a gun to protect his shop, and hiss educated daughter; and a Hispanic locksmith and young daughter who is afraid of bullets. All of the principal characters face racism; some crack (or crash) under the strain. **(Racial and social prejudice, urban spatial/social compression and conflict, racial and ethnic stereotypes fostering self-fulfilling prophecies and revenge)**

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Young students explore college life

Gear Up NC Day comes to ECU

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

The fifth annual GEAR UP NC Day (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs North Carolina) occurred on campus on Thursday, Nov. 8.

This event was intended for seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grade students to have the opportunity to be ready to enter college education.

"Our mission is to increase the number of students in North Carolina that are successful in high school, go on to college and are successful in college," said Mellissa Andrews, associate director for GEAR UP NC.

The program is federally funded by the US Department of Education.

ECU's Professional Development and Student Outreach Office, in the College of Education, has been in partnership with the GEAR UP NC Day for the past five years.

This year, 150 seventh and eighth graders from Johnston, Hyde, Columbus, Martin and Washington public school systems participated in the event. There was a range of 20-30 students from each school.

"Many of our GEAR UP students come from families who have never had anyone attend college," Andrews said.

"So, attending events like ECU's GEAR UP Day can be a real eye-opening experience for our students as they see the possibilities and opportunities that are available to them after high school."

The student's day began with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Mendenhall Student Center. The welcome and greetings began at 10 a.m.

The featured speaker for the students, Lamar Waller, is Johnston County's 2007 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and an ECU graduate.

The students were fed lunch at West End Dining Hall. After lunch there were two rotating workshops.

One of these was for financial aid, admissions and scholarships. The second workshop focused on careers, how to choose a career and different types of degree areas that work for certain careers.

"The GEAR UP program gives students the opportunity to refocus their academics so they are taking the right courses in high school to prepare them for college," said Tarrick Cox, coordinator of Student Outreach.

"GEAR UP Day is a wonderful way for ECU to get their name out there to these students at such an early age."

After students went through the workshops, there was a resource fair, with different programs and departments available. This lasted until 2 p.m.

"This is, obviously, a great way for them to see themselves on a college campus and realize that college is an option for them," Andrews said. The program is accessible for 20 districts in North Carolina and each district has a coordinator. The coordinator of each district lets students know about the program and get those who are interested to sign up.

Coordinators may sometimes target specific students to sign up, if it is a certain career of interest that will be highlighted on campus.

In addition, the coordinators may require the students to write an essay explaining why they want to attend the event.

All schools have different methods of how the students are selected.

GEAR UP Day receives a six-year cycle grant statewide. North Carolina is in its third year of its second grant.

Other North Carolina colleges will also host the program on their campus, as well as summer enrichment programs.

ECU hosted a summer enrichment program this past summer for ninth and tenth graders.

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Opinion

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RANT OF THE DAY
One of my friends likes to yell the Pirate Rants while the rest of us are trying to play Guitar Hero.

Pulling an all-nighter

A salute to those who can

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION WRITER

I'm getting too old for this…stuff. Sunday night, I did what I swore I'd never do again, and that's pull an all-nighter. I had to write a 500 to 750-word book review. No big deal. I knocked that out in about 45 minutes. The kicker was not starting to read the 250-page book till 5 p.m. on the evening before it was due.

Why did I wait till the last minute? I'll admit I'm a procrastinator, but there's also that pesky thing called life that keeps getting in the way. I like to spend time with my wife. I like to play with my dog, visit my parents, and watch "Curb Your Enthusiasm" with my best friend. I act in plays and write columns for two different newspapers. And then there are the everyday things that have to be done while the wife is working to put me through college such as cooking, cleaning, and going to the market. Add to that commuting 50 miles and spending half the day in class three days a week, and then having to read volumes for each class. It can wear a body down quickly.

I'm thirteen years older than the majority of my classmates. That might not sound like much, but wait till you get there. It's an effort for me to stay up past midnight anymore, no matter what time I got up. After a while, something has to go on the back burner, and for me it was my book review. I'm certainly not advocating neglecting one's studies, but it was the choice I made.

When I attended ECU eleven years ago, I could start writing a major paper the night before it was due, knock off around 4 a.m., get four hours of sleep, and go to school the next day, and it wouldn't even faze me. My eyelids wouldn't droop once, and I'd at least get a B on the paper.

Monday, I felt like I was in Neverland (Peter Pan's version, not Michael Jackson's), and all my professors probably thought I was coming off a three-day drunk. I'll probably be lucky to get a Q on the book review, much less an F.

I think young college students get a bad rap. People older than I think they're lazy, and that they spend too much time partying and not enough time studying. Hey, if you can have any kind of life and then stay up all night reading a book and/or writing a paper, and still be able to function the next day and make a passing grade, then my hat's off to you because I just can't do it anymore.

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Counsel me, please

ECU's Counseling Center

JESSICA DUNLOW
OPINION WRITER

It is common in the United States to hear about the luxuries that upper class people get, like cars, plastic surgery, house cleaners, and so on. Well, I think that two of these perks are psychiatrists and psychologists, which is odd, because most of us grow up thinking that only "crazy" people go to these professionals.

As ECU students, part of our tuition goes to the counseling center and I think it is definitely in the best interest of the campus community. Without the counseling center, I doubt we would, as a whole, function sanely.

However, there are still those who are skeptical of the entire counseling process. Why is this? Are you afraid of sharing things with a complete stranger? On the other hand, are you just afraid of how it would make you look to your friends? There is nothing wrong with needing to talk to someone (especially when that someone is non-biased).

The average college student has to handle the pressure of pleasing their professors, pleasing their parents, and most of all, themselves. They have to pay for rent, bills, food and parties, all on top of trying to maintain some sort of social life; this includes the ever-heavy subject of love. This in itself is enough to drive anyone up the wall. There are people who go for more medical reasons.

However, what makes you, those who choose to abstain from counseling, any different from those who choose to? Counselors are not always there for just those who have diagnosed disorders. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, 40 percent of undergraduate students attend regular counseling sessions.

The counseling center here on ECU's campus offers sessions discussing study tips, coping with grief, charting your career path, and so on. It does not have to be just you and a counselor sitting on the proverbial couch discussing how your mother criticized you and your dad never hugged you. They even offer group sessions that are open for staff and students.

I guess I am trying to tell you that it is okay to go and talk to someone. If your friends are too narrow-minded sometimes and you need a ready ear…the staff at the counseling center is ready to hear about your break-up, your trust issues, and your fear of falling down the dorm steps. ANYTHING.

Do not think someone is going to judge you for going to the counseling center, or that your parents will be ashamed. It is just talking. It is their job! If anything, it can only help the way you are feeling and help you cope with the day-to-day stresses that pummel us.

So do it. Step outside of yourself and give counseling a try. Besides, instead of asking why we should or should not attend counseling, we need to ask ourselves, why is our college life stressing us out so much more now than it did our parents that we need the help more?

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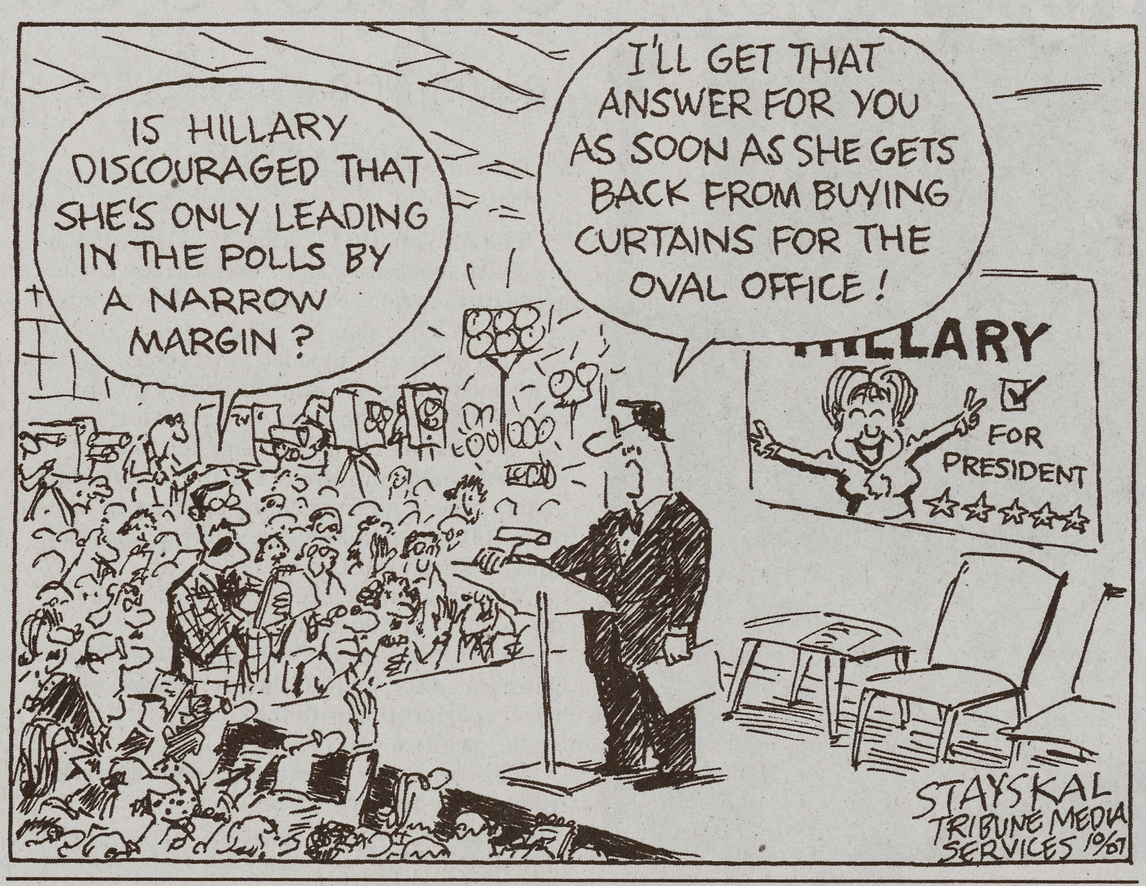

PIRATE RANTS

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.

I still consider you my best friend even though I act like I hate you after all that just happened.

I cannot even begin to express how pissed I get when I need to use a computer in Joyner for SCHOOL work and I can't get one because everyone in Greenville's children have them all tied up!

Just a hint: I highly doubt that your new roommate is going to be cool with your a**hole boyfriend staying the night, either.

I'm going to fix your mozzarella sticks and share them with everyone on our hall.

Hoagies vs. Subs. What's the difference?

I just want to fall in love...or at least have somebody buy me flowers!

In the large portion of my life that I have spent searching for a soul mate, I have learned an important lesson: when you are absolutely crazy about someone you need to swallow your fear, go for it, and ask them out. The only problem being that since I finally realized that, I haven't met a single girl that I'm crazy about. Figures.

Why is it that women can do everything a man can do but when it comes to talking to the opposite sex, men always have to be the aggressors?

One of my friends likes to yell the Pirate Rants while the rest of us are trying to play Guitar Hero.

I'm sitting at my girlfriend's computer and she wants me to come snuggle with her but all she is doing is farting on me...I don't want to snuggle with that...What do I do? Sincerely, Concerned Boyfriend!!! Please HELP!!!!

I'm just going to go off on a limb and guess that whoever wrote badly about Uggs is probably the dumba** wearing flip-flops when it snows.

For some reason, I always seem to have a surplus of assignments around the time of a new moon. Why is that? Are my teachers reverse-werewolves?

Facebook is the reason for my low GPA.

Banner Self Service = If you can't figure it out for yourSELF then you won't get any service.

Well I basically failed math, and in order to pass it, looks like I'm gonna have to sleep with the professor. Sad thing is, it's a guy.

Where is Bin Laden? He isn't dead. He's probably kicking it with our government leaders in Florida.

To the girl that made out with the cop to get out of a drinking ticket: You might of got out of that one, but you didn't let us know if he gave you one for prostitution.

My belly hurts...

This could very well be the end of the world.....of Warcraft.

Does anyone else ever think that a Rant is directed towards you, but then it turns out that it isn't and you feel like an idiot?

I have a girlfriend but I'm always thinking of you. I enjoy when we hang out outside of class.

To the guy driving the Campus Shuttle this morning...thank you for being friendly and doing your job.

I'm pretty sure I didn't sign up to live with you so that you could eat my food and steal my clothes. Umm, STOP!?

I wholeheartedly support the WGA writers strike! Writers deserve to get paid for the work that they create, no matter the medium it is presented on.

I love you so much, and I know how great of a guy you are, but you have moved on with your life now. I wish you the best of luck with your new relationship, and I hope they can be everything I'll never be.

I think the freshmen need to stop complaining about every little thing that crosses their little minds! NO, the world does not revolve around you, so get over yourself and look at the big picture!

I swear if I don't land a fat job after all these years of mind-numbing assignments, quizzes, exams, presentations, and projects I'm moving to Jamaica for life!!

Can we please lock O.J. up once and for all?

My doctor says I drink too much. I told that sissy boy to toughen up and drink more!

I wish Stewie were real. Him and me would get so mangled!!

I'm so sick of going to court in Greenville. The calendar is always slammed pack with 500 people waiting. And then the judge wants to complain about overcrowding. Tell your cops to quit writing such bogus tickets then!!!

My girlfriend never wants to have sex. So I slept with her roommate!

Does anyone notice that there is a consistency in the race of those that the police are always looking for? Don't call me racist, just living in reality!

To the hottie in my policy class, thanks for the view of your nice thong! What a day-maker that was.

I have a play-by-play game plan just in case my towel ever gets stolen during my hour shower.

Can someone please explain to me why marijuana is illegal?

.The Hills is probably one of the worst shows ever, are you girls SERIOUS!?

As members of ECU we need to continue to rally around our coach Skip Holtz and vote for him for Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year.... GO Pirates!

To the chick in my Sociology class, please don't talk...anymore. Do you notice the long pause after every crazy commment you make, thats because people don't want to be rude and laugh. But seriously, it's getting annoying.

What happened to the GPA calculator in OneStop? I hate Banner.

Can I decorate the big tree near Brewster this year?

I feel like any sign of individuality or free thought is barren from this campus. How about some of you ladies surprise us and choose a middle ground between the bleached-out mini-skirt army and the skinny jeans page-boy cap militia. Actually, scratch that. It makes it easier to avoid you guys if you adopt a dress code for yourselves.

In football, ECU stands for ECU Chokes Usually. By losing to Marshall, a team that was 1-8, ECU has blown a chance at the conference championship.

Why does ECU crumble against teams who only have any wins late in the season?

To the bonehead football players in my class: You were completely disrespectful to our professor this week, and now you've been demolished by Marshall, of all teams. How does that karma taste?

To my friends: I'm sorry I couldn't go out this weekend. With the way I was lookin' I would have caused car wrecks.

As a senior, the only thing of value I am taking into the real world is a skull and crossbones sticker on the back of my car.

I was in class in the Rivers building when I had to use the bathroom and came to find two janitorial workers asleep on two of the three desks in the bathroom... Guess they aren't far off from the students in the classrooms.

I put a few East Carolinians in the magazine pile at a coffee shop in Washington, DC, and less that an hour later the Georgetown students couldn't get over how funny the Rants were.

I heard a girl say if she wasn't pregnant she would have dressed like a slut for Halloween?! There's something wrong with this picture.

When my family takes pictures on graduation day, I'm going to cut a picture of a fountain and paste it in Wright Circle so I can savor the memories of ECU.

I lost my virginity on the football field!!

I do interpretive dance to the Accross the Nation Soundtrack in front of my mirror and everyone wonders why I have such firm thighs.

Help revitalize our downtown

Commentary from a hometown girl

KATE JENKINS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

About a year ago, I came home from college one weekend with a friend of mine, who would be visiting Greenville for the first time. As we neared my house, I asked him about his first impressions of my hometown.

"It just looks like a long series of strip-malls," he told me.

Though I was mildly offended, I had to agree with him.

Greenville has experienced unchecked growth in the past decade, which has certainly made it a more exciting place to live; but, on the other hand, it has slowly converted Greenville into a monotonous sea of pavement and chain stores.

This kind of unsustainable development is both environmentally and socially harmful, and could have enormous repercussions on our way of life. Sprawl leads to wasted land space, which is becoming an ever scarcer resource, more paved surfaces, which cause greater run-off and water pollution, as well as a longer commute, which of course means wasted gas.

The social isolation that is created by such sprawling distance between our homes, our offices, our schools and our stores could potentially wreak havoc on our families and community as well. The longer commute translates to less time spent with family and friends, and the geographical compartmentalization of our lives into separate entities means decreased opportunity for interaction.

That most of us are incapable of walking anywhere useful means that we spend more of each day in our cars and lose the familiarity that comes with walking to a neighborhood grocery store and encountering friends along the way. Instead, we live in large houses located twenty minutes from anything, and hole up in our own rooms. We don't know our neighbors and barely know our children.

As the sprawling suburbs and commercial areas are eating up scarce land each year, we watch our downtown slowly become more and more degraded. What was once a busy small town center is nearly abandoned; however, it is slowly recovering, due to the efforts of some brave entrepreneurs.

Our community would benefit greatly from a return to that kind of multi-use, compact, healthy and accessible downtown area near the university. If contractors concentrated on renovating already existing downtown buildings instead of building brand new ones farther out of town, they could spare a lot of resources, as well as create a thriving campus-side environment.

What would it be like to live near such a community center? Imagine being able to get up in the morning and walk your child to school every day, which would afford you, say, fifteen minutes of undistracted quality time with him. Then you might be able to walk to work, past your favorite restaurants and clothing stores, as well as friends who also live in the area.

As Greenville is not a big city, this kind of community is certainly attainable, though not everyone can live within walking distance of the university. However, builders could focus on creating such multi-functional environments around the hospital, for example, or in dense residential areas. Though some new construction is necessary due to the growing population, there are smart, environmentally-friendly ways to build new subdivisions when it has to be done, such as by building upward instead of outward.

This vision for more sustainable, united and personal models for city planning should motivate voters and local government officials to support this type of development. Homeowners, builders and businesspeople can also make simple market choices in support of this design, by either renovating or buying existing homes, offices or retail spaces that are more centrally located.

Everyone is at least capable of choosing to patronize the shops downtown that are working towards rebuilding a cultural center. Remember that this type of business could help to reclaim a sense of community in your town. With a collective effort, Greenville can continue to grow while conserving the positive small town vibe.

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Horoscopes

Aries
Just when you think you know everything, you get a really tough question. Don't be afraid, you have this answer, too. Think about it a minute. It's basic.

Taurus
An amazing discovery leads to new possibilities. You'll be able to actually do something you've been thinking about. Gather the courage and go.

Gemini
To make a fortune, think of something other people need. Then, find a way to get it to them with a clear conscience. It's simple. The conscience part keeps you sane.

Cancer
A breakthrough at work gives you more time for personal pleasures. Re-connect with somebody you had to put off earlier, for a special treat.

Leo
Your next assignment is tough, but it'll be good for you. Don't whine about the poor wages. Do it for practice, not for the money.

Virgo
Soon you'll be able to put your feet up and pat yourself on the back. Give yourself a juicy reward for being such a good manager.

Libra
A brilliant performance leaves you mentally exhausted. You need to rest and regenerate your enthusiasm. Also, review your plans in the light of recent developments.

Scorpio
You're in the mood to practice new skills, so you might as well get a book or video from somebody you admire. Learn to do it right, from the beginning.

Sagittarius
You don't have to tell anyone how much you spend. So don't. Let them guess. They don't need to know you got all that great stuff for pennies.

Capricorn
Let yourself be talked into what you would have done anyway. Get the other person to think it was his or her idea. Thank him or her for it.

Aquarius
Set your goals, make the commitment and then get down to work. The first item on the agenda is finishing something else, to make space.

Pisces
Speak up in front of the group. They'll be impressed by your insights. You'll be amazed by your ability to express what you meant to say. All ends well.

Did you know?

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

30% of Chinese adults live with their parents.

People spend about two weeks of their lives at traffic lights!

Left handed people live slightly shorter lives than right handed people.

The original name of Bank of America was Bank of Italy.

In comic strips, the person on the left always speaks first.

Fewer than half of the 16,200 major league baseball players have ever hit a home run.

Armadillos are able to contract leprosy.

The ant, when intoxicated, will always fall over to its right side.

If the entire population of earth was reduced to exactly 100 people,50% of the world's currency would be held by 6 people.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

Americans ate eight million more orders of french fries and almost six million more hamburgers this year compared to last.

Members of the armed forces and the police cannot vote in the Dominican Republic.

The ten most generous countries are all in Europe.

Designated driver provides free shuttle service

Providing safe transportation to Greenville residents

DAVID PUCKETT
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In October 2006, Alex McCollum started the Designated Driver Free Shuttle Service to offer Greenville residents safe transportation around town. The non-profit service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has received over 8,000 calls to date.

McCollum, 25, said he wanted to provide a service that would help reduce crime in the downtown area.

"Women were getting sexually assaulted and things of that nature, so I decided to provide a service to make sure females get home safe, cut down fights downtown and just keep intoxicated drivers off the road," said McCollum.

According to McCollum, the service is available to anyone in need of a ride.

"We will come and get you from your house, and take you to the bar or anywhere you want to go. Then we will pick you up and take you home," McCollum said.

"If you drove downtown, one of us will drive your car back to your house or we will come back in the morning, pick you up and take you to your car."

The shuttle, a blue Chevy Blazer, is driven by McCollum or his mother, Anita McCollum. The service is available free of charge, but donations are welcomed.

"There is absolutely no profit to be made other than to keep gas in the car," Anita McCollum said.

She also says that she never wants anyone who uses the service to feel guilty for not giving a donation.

"If you don't [give a donation] that's fine, I don't care. All I care about is that you're home safe and nobody got hurt," Anita McCollum said.

Alex and Anita McCollum said they have developed many friendships through their service because the majority of their customers are "regulars."

"We have 719 customers' numbers in our phones; we know every single one of them, where they live and [we] even know a lot of their parents," Alex McCollum said.

"A few weeks ago someone's parents from Arizona called me up and thanked me for taking care of their son, and that is one the greatest feelings in the world."

"I love the kids we pick up, I really do," Anita McCollum said.

"A lot of the kids tell me 'you are my second mom' and I love that."

Lindsey House, Pirate's Pub bartender and ECU senior management major, said that the service is beneficial to bartenders, because in the event that she is bartending and a customer is too intoxicated to drive home, it is more convenient for her to call the free shuttle service than call one of Greenville's taxi services.

"Instead of having to wait an hour for a cab [to pick up an intoxicated customer], I have their [the McCollum's] personal cell phone numbers, and as soon as I call them, they are here in 10 minutes. They're great...it's a great service."

Anita McCollum said some nights she does not sleep because she is always on call. "Halloween night, I started at 8 p.m. and I didn't get home until 11 a.m. I don't care what time of day or night it is; if something's wrong, call me. I might not be able to pick you up right away, but I will not leave you," she said.

To contact the Designated Driver Free Shuttle Service, call 252-375-0605 or 252-258-9072.

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Recreation Center presents Flatlanders Fling

Staff Photo
One climber scales the wall in the Rec Center Sat.

Adventure Center holds 11th annual climbing competition

CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

Flatlanders Fling was held at ECU's Recreation Center on Nov. 10 for local climbers to demonstrate their skills in both top roping and bouldering. The event gave climbers the opportunity to compete for prizes, such as ropes, climbing shoes, chalk bags and other climbing gear.

Sponsors for the event included GOPC, Prana, La Sporta, Chocco and Madrock.

Food and music were provided as well as a raffle. Admissions for competing were $10 for students and $15 for non-students.

"The climbing wall has been closed for the last four days while we've set up," said Aubree Schlutt, junior outdoor recreation studies major.

Routes for the competition were set up by Andrew Watkins, a senior English major, and Nick Bringolf, a sophomore and outdoor recreations major, both climbers who have extensive experience in several climbing styles. Categories were split into two divisions, women's and men's, and by levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced, all having first, second and third places.

The winner for advanced top roping was Shane Messer, and the winner for advanced bouldering was Ryan Maultsvy.

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Staff Photo
Rock climbers compete for the Flatlander title.

New restaurant offers more than just food

Downtown Pirates Den has a different kind of atmosphere

CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

Pirates Den on 5th St. is fully staffed and opened for business. The restaurant has been open since Oct. 24 and has replaced Café Carribe, which was suffering a waning popularity with customers.

"Pirates Den offers a different atmosphere than other businesses downtown," said Kevin Chessen, manager of Pirates Den.

Chessen said the restaurant has only recently begun to advertise because, like any business, a trial run was needed to catch any problems that might arise.

"So far, so good," said Chessen, who also said the business has been running smoothly since its opening.

Pirates Den features five pool tables available at $3 an hour per person, and $1.50 an hour per person. The prices vary depending on the size of the table.

There are also game machines such as fooze ball, pinball, bowling and a jukebox with a wide selection of music.

Although Pirates Den offers its customers a jukebox, Chessen said that the hangout will soon feature live music.

"We're planning on having live bands after the first of the year," he said.

For sports fans, Pirates Den has an NBA pass on five high definition televisions where customers can enjoy the games. There are also five booths that contain televisions with HDTV.

Chessen said that so far Pirates Den has attracted all types of customers including college students and families. He said that when creating advertisements, the restaurant does not target any specific age group and is a more classy facility than others downtown.

"Pirates Den is relaxed," said kitchen manager Ben Hardy.

"On Sunday people often

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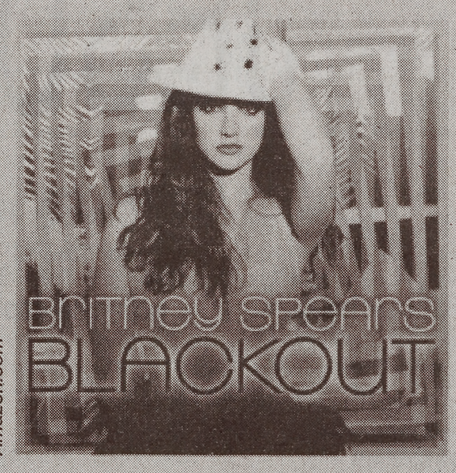
Staff Photo
Pirates Den on 5th Street in downtown Greenville gives students and families alike to a place to hang out.

Gimme Less



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Britney Spears does not impress her audience

DREW GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

For the past few years, you'd be hard pressed to find a tabloid that didn't display headlines such as "You'll never guess what has Britney's done now!" or "Britney needs help fast!" This will not be one of those articles exploiting Britney Spears' inevitable personal life tribulations, but it's hard to not point fingers at these problems for fueling such a mediocre record. With that being said, recent issues of *The Enquirer* could probably be considered a better waste of time than listening to *Blackout*, Spears' new album.

Since Spears was 16 years old, she has been a household name and a frequently played artist on airwaves throughout the world.

With hits like "Baby One More Time," "Oops, I Did It Again" and "Toxic," Britney has landed herself a spot on the list of the most played artists ever. Unfortunately, finding a song on *Blackout* that could reach the magnitude of her past hits is very unlikely.

Britney's first single, "Gimme More," however, has its moments of pop glamour and has been tearing up the charts the since its release in late September. If the rest of her album were as catchy as this track, Britney Spears would once again be a pop force to be reckoned with.

Now, before you go and completely write it off as a pop atrocity, there is actually some good in this album. Britney delivers songs such as "Piece Of Me" and "Break The Ice," which are all safe songs to add to your next party play list.

There is no denying it, these tracks will ignite small infernos in the club scene for quite some time. These three songs are regrettably the only ones on this record that could even remotely stand a chance to be a radio-friendly hit, although they still fall short of saving this album.

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"Freakshow" and "Toy Soldier" show Spears trying her best to duplicate Fergie or Gwen Stefani, and failing miserably.

It's safe to say that a lot of Spears' success could be contributed to her sex appeal. Her flirty nature has been a part of her music since the beginning of her career; however, songs like "Get Naked (I Got A Plan)" appear to be dark, crude and a bit overbearing.

Maybe Spears should stop striving for the shock factor and go back to creating something genuine and true.

Blackout is nothing people have not heard before. Everything from the lyrics to the background sound effects have become entirely too predictable.

Find something original – we're getting bored.

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come in to watch the games, and they often bring their kids."

Pirates Den is family-friendly and music that could be offensive to children is turned off during dinner hours, from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Additionally, Pirates Den has a reasonably priced menu with burgers, sandwiches and wings, the more popular choice so far among customers.

Pirates Den hours of operation are 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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The game machines at Pirates Den gives customers a little extra.

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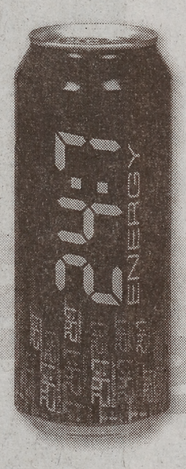

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MOST VALUABLE PIRATE

J.J. Millbrook

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Millbrook was one of the few bright spots for ECU on Saturday. The 5-foot-9, 193-pound junior made 14 tackles in his first career start. Millbrook made 10 stops (five solo, five assisted) in the first half, including one for a loss. Millbrook, who played at Pace High School in Miami, Fla., got into the Marshall backfield frequently from his strong safety position as the game's leading tackler.

THE TURNING POINT

Marshall busted the game open on its first play from scrimmage in the second half. After ECU was forced to punt, down 10-0, on its first possession of the third quarter, Marshall quarterback Bernard Morris put the Thundering Herd in full control of the game. Morris ran the quarterback draw to perfection, racing 75 yards through the heart of the ECU defense for a touchdown that made the score 16-0. The long run seemed to take ECU out of the game, both emotionally and mathematically, as the Pirates never really recovered from the devastating touchdown.

THEY SAID IT...

ECU point guard Darrell Jenkins

"I am excited now just seeing the different mentality of our team. It's just a breath of fresh air."

"Now when we make a mistake we are not scared. Last year we made mistakes and we would look over at the bench and know we were coming out. If we make a mistake here he [head coach Mack McCarthy] just wants us to make it at full speed. He just wants us to play hard and if you make a mistake that's alright, just do better next time."

Head coach Mack McCarthy

"I think we executed offensively better than our stats indicate. I think that is something that will change over the course of time. We will make more shots than we were making today."

Marshall dethrones the Pirates

ECU falls out of first place

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

ECU lost more than just a football game this past weekend.

The Pirates' (6-5, 5-2) stunning 26-7 loss to Marshall (2-8, 2-4) in Huntington, W. Va. knocked ECU out of first place in C-USA's East Division and erased the Pirates' stranglehold on C-USA.

UCF (7-3, 5-1) now holds the top spot in the East Division with just two weeks left to play in the regular season. The Golden Knights, who lost to ECU 52-38 in Greenville earlier this year, play at SMU this weekend and then host UTEP in their regular season finale.

ECU holds the tiebreaker over UCF, but the Golden Knights will have to lose one of its final two games and ECU will have to beat Tulane Nov. 24 for the Pirates to advance to the C-USA championship game.

All of this wouldn't matter if ECU had beat Marshall, however.

The Thundering Herd, which lost 47-13 to UCF the week before playing the Pirates, snapped ECU's five-game conference winning streak in dominating fashion. Marshall scored on its opening drive and never surrendered the lead.

"We were accountable for the way we played tonight," ECU coach Skip Holtz said after the game, according to the Associated Press. "We're going to hold our head up high when we win, and we're going to hold our head up high and be accountable for what we did tonight."

Senior Marshall quarterback Bernard Morris did most of the damage against the Pirates' defense. Morris accounted for all three of the Herd's touchdowns, including a 75-yard run on the

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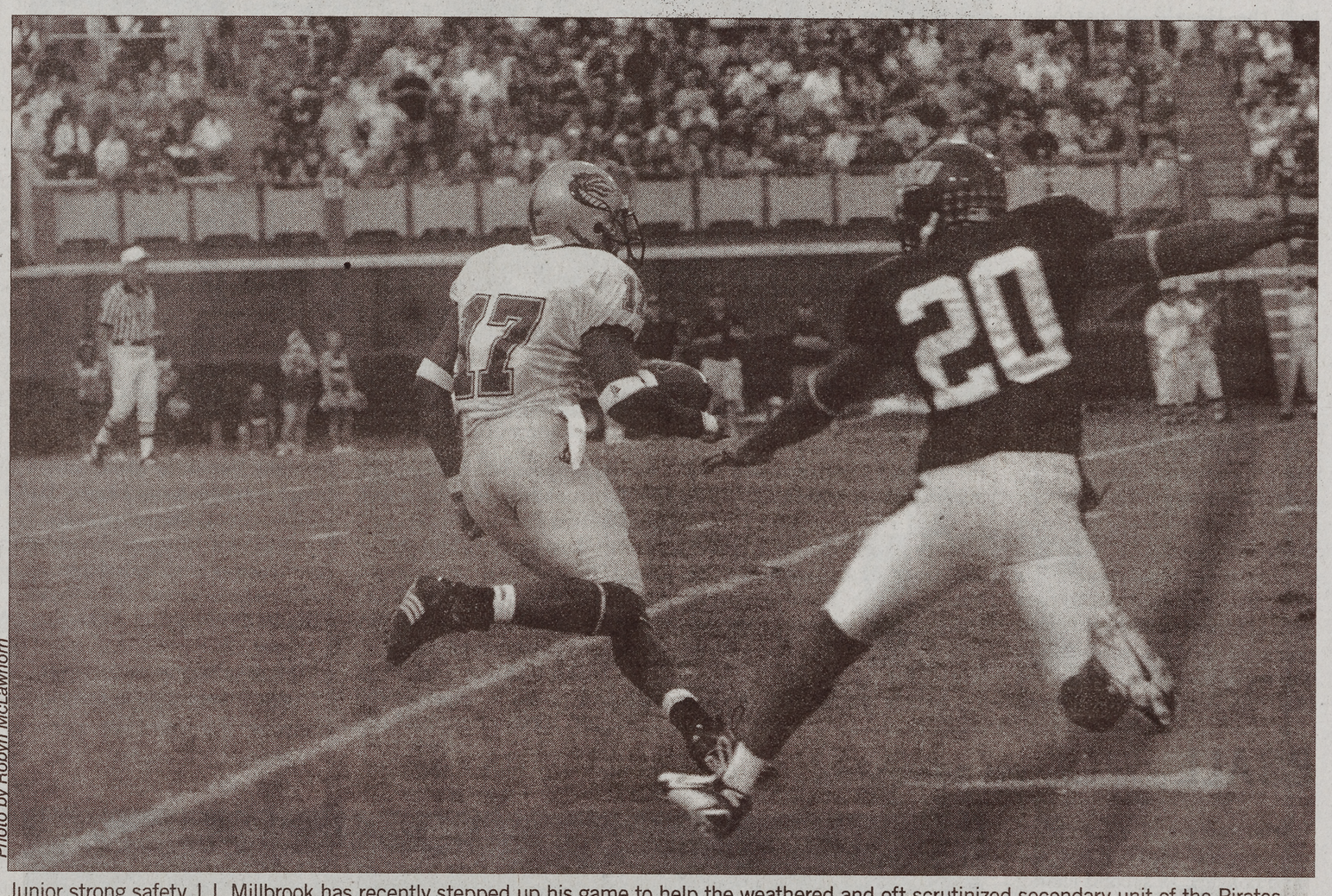

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Junior strong safety J.J. Millbrook has recently stepped up his game to help the weathered and oft-scrutinized secondary unit of the Pirates.

ECU opens McCarthy era with a 'W'

ECU cruises by Limestone

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Given the regularity of upsets in college basketball so far this season, ECU head coach Mack McCarthy was not about to let the Pirates underestimate Division II opponent Limestone Saturday afternoon in Minges Coliseum.

ECU was pushed in the early-goings by a scrappy Saints team, but the Pirates pulled away late in the first half en route to a 78-60 win in McCarthy's ECU head coaching debut.

Senior point guard Darrell Jenkins led the offensive attack for the Pirates with 17 points and seven assists. Coming off of an impressive freshman season, sophomore John Fields added 14 points, shooting 6-8 from the field.

"I thought our energy level was good," McCarthy said of his team's performance. "If you play with that much enthusiasm and that much energy, things are going to be okay. We'll be able to correct a lot of the things that we did poorly from an execution standpoint."

ECU jumped out to a 14-0 lead to start the game, smothering Limestone with full-court pressure before McCarthy opted to sub-out all five starters for four freshmen and junior college transfer James Legan. The Saints exposed the Pirates' inexperience and stormed all the way back to take a 16-15 lead at the 11:28 minute mark.

"I think I probably didn't do as good of a job as I should have at keeping the combinations on the floor that would allow us to have success," said McCarthy. "But on the other hand I wanted to look at some people playing together."

ECU's starters relieved the young squad and pushed the momentum back in favor of the Pirates. Jenkins and Fields combined for 14 of the Pirates' next 20 points. Jenkins scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half and was a perfect 2-for-2 from behind-the-arc.

Jenkins hit a key jumper with 3:29 remaining in the first half to push the lead to 32-24, and begin a 10-0 run capped off by a three-pointer from freshman Brock Young to make the advantage 40-24. ECU took a comfortable 44-26 lead into the locker room.

The Pirates picked up right where they left off in the first half, forcing Limestone to play catch-up for the remainder of the game. Any threat of another Limestone comeback was eliminated late in the second half when Young got loose on a fast break and flipped the ball up to a trailing Fields to complete a thunderous alleyoop play as the Pirates stretched the lead to 24 points.

As the margin widened, ECU's inexperienced bench finally came to life. The Pirates' reserves contributed nearly half of the team's 78 points, led by Young, who had 11 points in 15 minutes of play. Redshirt freshman Chad Wynn scored eight points down low in the post and Tarboro native Jontae Sherrod added six.

Solid minutes off the bench could go a long way in determining just how good this ECU team will be.

"I think the depth is good," said Jenkins. "When we [starters] come out, we really don't lose much and they're [bench] just going to keep getting better with every game."

McCarthy's confidence in the inexperienced players never wavered despite the early struggles.

"I'm confident in them," McCarthy said of the new additions. "I don't know how confident they are. They're up and down...I thought they were a little too hyped up when they went in there and tried to make some plays that weren't there. I thought the second time they went in, all of them were a little more relaxed."

One area of concern for ECU heading into Tuesday night's showdown with Richmond is rebounding. The Saints don't have a player over 6-foot-6 on

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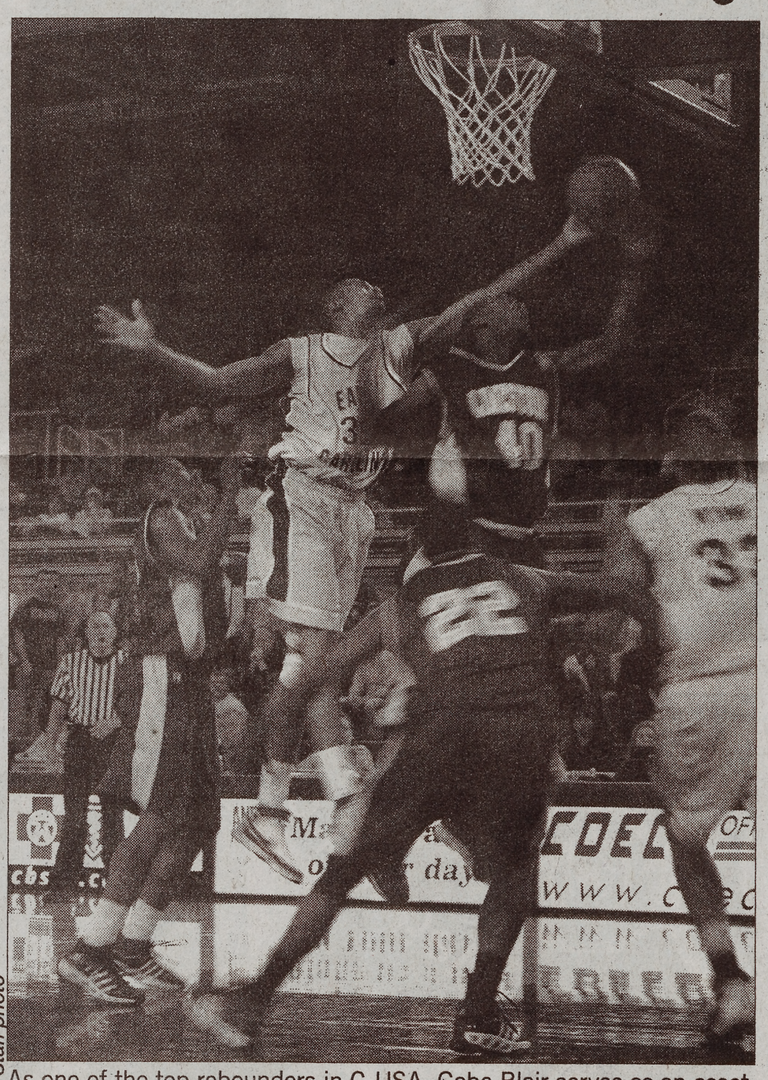

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As one of the top rebounders in C-USA, Gabe Blair serves as an asset to the Pirates offensive play.

Multiple Pirates shine in season-opener

Lady Pirates blowout Presbyterian College

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The Lady Pirates ushered in the 2007-08 season with five players scoring in double digits, showcasing their size, shut-down defense and quick guard play in an impressive 97-52 victory over Presbyterian College.

Allison Cochran and Allison Spivey led the team with 14 points a-piece as the Lady Pirates shot 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arch. No ECU player was left out of the action, as every player scored at least five points in the lopsided victory.

On the other end of the floor, the Lady Pirates held the Blue Hose in check, forcing them to shoot 37.5 percent from the field and 27.8 percent from three-point land.

The night started off slow, with both teams exchanging baskets in the first eight minutes, but with the score tied at 14, sophomore guard Gabriela Husarova sparked a 14-1 run with two straight baskets. After a lay-up by Presbyterian's Sharie Hopkins, a Shuanda Ashford three pointer began an 11-0 run that would leave the Blue Hose down by 22. The Blue Hose capped off the half with a 6-2 run, making the score 41-24 heading into the locker rooms.

In the second half, the Lady Pirates demonstrated why they are the defending C-USA champions, opening the half with a 16-4 run and building a 31-point lead.

From then on, the offense ran through LaCoya Terry and preseason all-conference junior Jasmine Young, who combined for 19 assists, and chipped in eight and 10 points, respectively.

Cochran added eight of her career high 14 points in the second half to help the Lady Pirates build an 83-45 lead with just 5:47 remaining.

Then it became the Allison Spivey show as she lit up the Blue Hose defense in her collegiate debut, going 3-for-3 from beyond the arch and adding a lay-up in the game's final five minutes. Spivey would finish the game 5-for-7 from the field with a team-high four three-pointers.

Freshman Kim Gay finished off her first game as a Lady Pirate with eight points, three rebounds and two steals, as she hit back-to-back baskets in the final minutes.

A jumper by Presbyterian's Chelsea Wright pulled the deficit to 45 points for the Blue Hose and Jessica Honesty's last second attempt to pull ECU over the century mark bounced off the front of the rim, leaving the final score at 97-52.

On the night, ECU forced 29 turnovers, converting them into 38 points, 17 of which came on the fast break. The ECU bench outscored Presbyterian's, 49-17, with ECU's "diaper dandies" providing the bulk of the bench points.

Bridget Takach and Sharie Hopkins led the Blue Hose in scoring with 11 points, as they were the only two Presbyterian players to reach double digits on the night. It was Presbyterian's first game since moving to Division 1 basketball and for the Lady Pirates, the competition is only going to get tougher as the schedule moves on.

"We are going to face a much better team on Tuesday," said ECU coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener. "We played well but I'm not pleased with the rebounding effort we put up today and Lauren (Cochran's) going to have to be more physical on the boards. With Cherie Mills gone, she'll have to be more physical down low and take some of the pressure off the guards."

The win over Presbyterian was ECU's first season-opening victory in three seasons. The Lady Pirates will host ODU Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Minges Coliseum.

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Staff photo

The Pirates are deep in experience at the guard position with Conference USA stand outs Jasmine Young and LaCoya Terry.

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Herd's first play from scrimmage in the second half.

Morris threw for 238 yards and two touchdowns, and added 126 yards on the ground.

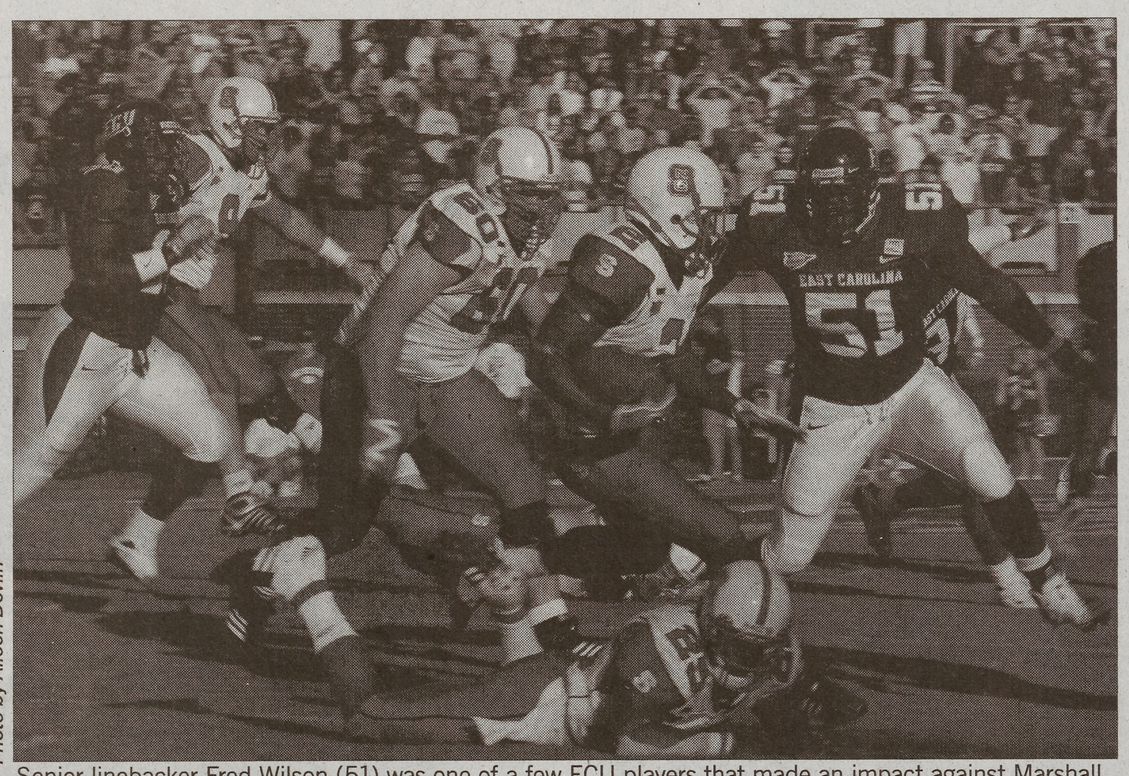
"We realize coming in that we can't win the conference, but we can mess it up for the rest of the teams," Morris told the Herald-Dispatch in Huntington, W. Va. "We just came out and showed everyone and ourselves how good we can actually be."

ECU's lone touchdown, a 4-yard run from Chris Johnson halfway through the third quarter, cut the deficit to 16-7.

Marshall answered however, as Morris found Emmanuel Spann early in the fourth quarter for a 17-yard touchdown pass that seemingly put the game out of reach at 23-7.

"I thought that we played hard, but we didn't tackle very well," Holtz said. "Defensively, we had a hard time getting off the field. Offensively we couldn't get anything moving; it was just a very frustrating evening."

Johnson, who rushed for 301 yards and four touchdowns against Memphis the week before, managed only 72 yards on 12 carries against Marshall. The ECU offense struggled as a whole; the Pirates only recorded 259 offensive yards in the loss.



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Senior linebacker Fred Wilson (51) was one of a few ECU players that made an impact against Marshall.

Patrick Pinkney quarterbacked the Pirates for most of the game, even though Rob Kass started. Pinkney went 13-of-21 for 109 yards, while Kass went 3-of-7 for 42 yards.

Neither quarterback threw a touchdown pass, which is a first for ECU in conference play this season and the first since the Pirates' 48-7 loss to West Virginia Sept. 22.

Despite the disappointing loss, Holtz knows that ECU still has a shot at the C-USA title and bowl aspirations.

"I don't think any of us are real proud of what we did tonight, but at the same time, I am proud of this team," he said. "We still have some things to play for."

ECU will have a much-needed bye week this Saturday and then cap off the regular season when it hosts Tulane Thanksgiving weekend.

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their roster and managed to out-rebound the Pirates 41-38, and convert 18 second chance points to ECU's 11.

"They've got a lot of people back," McCarthy said of Richmond, which beat the Pirates in overtime last year. "They've got a big team. Their starting lineup is 6'4, 6'7, 6'7, 6'9, and 6'9. That's going to cause us a lot of problems and they played Memphis really well. I think it was a three-point game with six minutes to go...If you can do that at Memphis, you're pretty darn good."

Last season, it appeared ECU was on the verge of a big victory against Richmond before the Spiders forced overtime in the final seconds. Last year's loss isn't very far from the returning player's minds.

"I'm ready to play to Richmond because they beat us last year in overtime," said Fields. "That one hurts. I'm ready to get some payback here on Tuesday night."

The Pirates take on the Spiders Tuesday night at 8 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the ECU women's basketball team.

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Staff photo

Freshman Brock Young scored 11 points during 15 minutes of play in Saturdays match-up against

ECU gets buried in the "Boneyard"

Pirates fall in semifinals

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The ECU club lacrosse team reached the semifinals of its annual Boneyard Classic fall tournament this past weekend, where it was defeated by eventual runner-up Maryland. UVA took the title for the fourth year in a row in a thrilling 5-3 win over the Terps.

ECU had a tough task going into the year, especially on the offensive end of the field, replacing some key players lost to graduation. But with a large group of skilled freshman, the Pirates expected nothing less than to go deep into the tournament.

The two-day tournament began with round-robin play on Saturday that would determine seeding for Sunday's single elimination bracket. The Pirates began play against West Virginia, which was the runner-up two years ago.

In the first half, strong play from the Pirates defense kept the Mountaineers at bay while the offense had trouble finding the net. Key saves from goalie Ian Hippeard kept ECU alive while the offense tried to find its stride. A sloppy second half by WVU gave the Pirates enough opportunities to edge out the Mountaineers, 4-3, and claim their first victory of the weekend.

Game two put the Pirates up against an experienced Maryland team. The Pirates again started slow, as the Terps held the time of possession early.

But Hippeard was again up to the task, keeping shot after shot out of the net and ECU in the contest. But after halftime, Maryland again had the lion's share of possessions and converted its opportunities into goals to get the win, 5-2.

The third game again saw a strained offensive outing for the Pirates against a tough James Madison team. ECU kept the game close in the first half, netting a goal and giving up four. JMU's lead would almost triple in the second half as the Pirates softened in the late stages of the game to lose by a final score of 9-1.

With the Pirates needing a win to secure a decent seed for Sunday's knockout rounds, their final match against tournament whipping boy UMBC proved to be just what the doctor ordered. A solid performance from start to finish saw ECU take the lead early and never let up on the helpless Retrievers to net a big 10-1 victory and send it into Sunday as the fourth seed.

Sunday's opening game for the Pirates was against in-state rival UNCW. The Pirates had no trouble finding an offensive rhythm against the Seahawks as the defense put in a solid effort to keep UNCW away from goal. A good team effort put the Pirates through to the next round with an 8-2 victory, where they would face Maryland in the semifinals.

Maryland once again proved to be just a bit too much for the Pirates to handle, as the Terps cruised to a 7-2 win. The game got a little heated in the second half as bodies started flying around, but again it was the Terps ability to hold possession that ultimately put them through to the finals where they would face back-to-back-to-back champions, UVA.

In a thrilling final match, an undermanned UVA team beat Maryland 5-3 to claim its fourth title in a row. The teams were tied 2-2 going into the second half, but with a three goal run in a four minute stretch the Cavaliers put the game out of reach and hoisted the trophy once again.

The Pirates will return to action in the spring with their regular season conference schedule.

Anyone is encouraged to come out for the team, which will begin practicing again in January. If you have any questions about the team, you are encouraged to contact team captain Michael Mendes at m23mendes@gmail.com.

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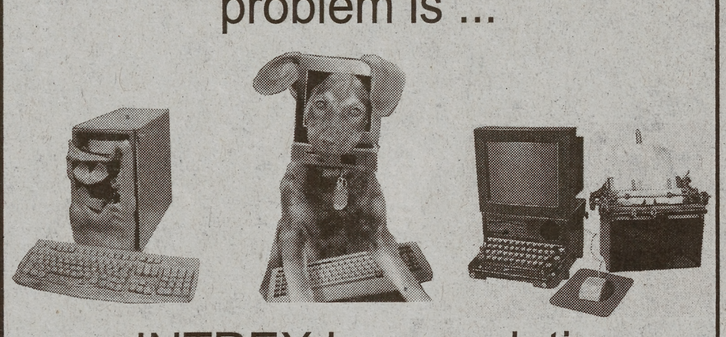
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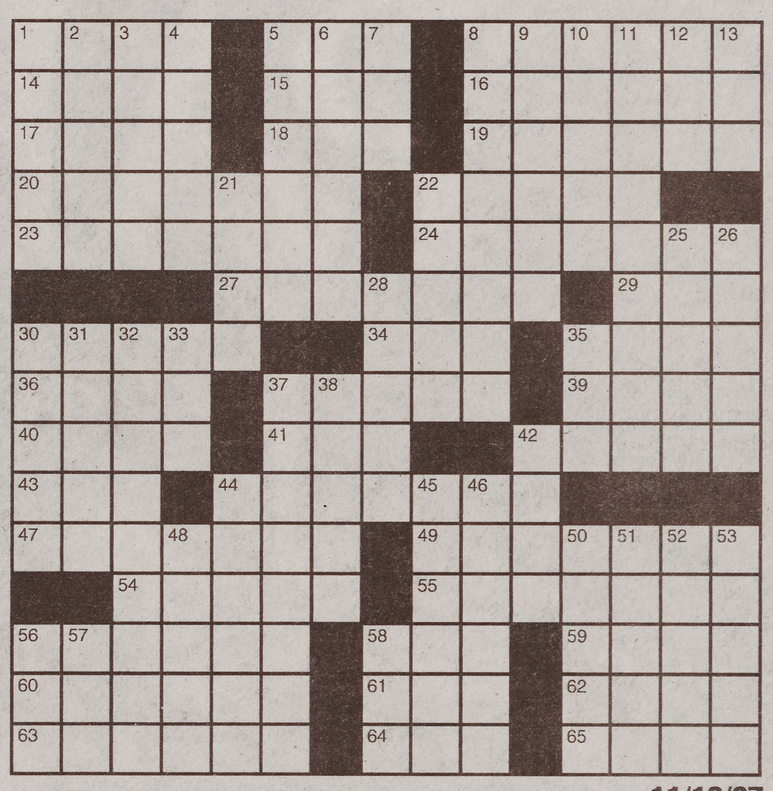

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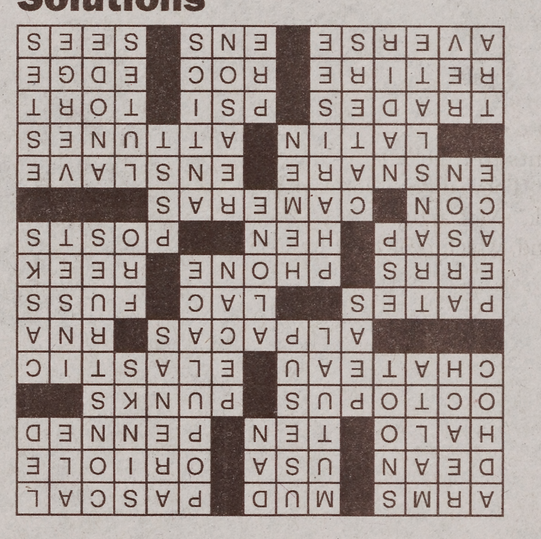

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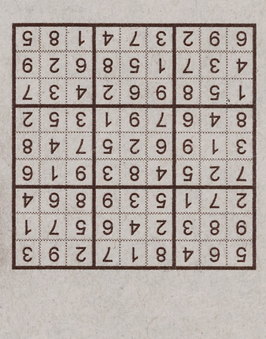

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