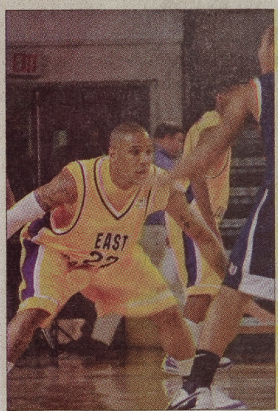
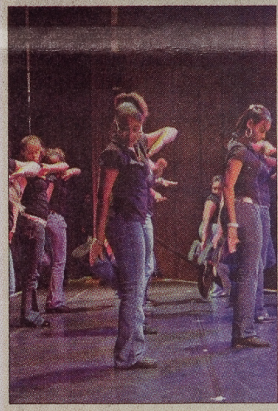




The Pirates have a lot riding on the last game of the year against All-American candidate Matt Forte and the Tulane Green Wave. Turn to the sports section for an in-depth preview of the last regular season game of the year and how ECU plans on containing Forte.....Page A6



For the second straight game the ECU men's basketball team fought back from a double-digit deficit to tie the game in the waning seconds. Check out the sports section to see if the Pirates could reverse their fortunes and prevail in a hard fought defensive struggle with Liberty.....Page A8



The African Student Organization and the Student Association of Latino Spanish Affairs collaborated to bring the event "Cultural Explosion" to campus on Saturday, which celebrated different cultures.....Page A4

## Research day for rehabilitation draws large numbers



Faculty and students presented their work at the annual Research Day on Friday.

Students and faculty showcase their work

YAZID FINN  
STAFF WRITER

ECU hosted its third annual Rehabilitation and Allied Health Research Day on Friday, Nov. 16 to a receptive audience. Members and representatives of the College of Allied Health Sciences, Brody School of Medicine and Pitt County Memorial Hospital were in attendance.

The event allowed departments, faculty and students to showcase their work in the field of rehabilitation as well as network with other professionals.

Those involved in the event's planning worked for three to six months, recalling

on their experience from the previous year and building upon its successes.

A short message from Dr. Deirdre Mageean, vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, briefly addressed the importance of the fields that research students and faculty are involved in.

"There are not enough Americans going into the STEM disciplines," said Mageean, in regards to the interest of science, technology, engineering and mathematical fields of study.

The keynote speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Cecil Drain, dean for the School of Allied Health Professions of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Drain discussed the possibilities for those undecided of where exactly they

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## Students explored international exchange during education week



International Education week offered numerous programs

NIA RICHARDSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Office of International Affairs sponsored the celebration of International Education Week (IEW) last week.

The week-long event showcased a variety of events to raise awareness of the diversity of international students and opportunities for cultural exchange at ECU.

IEW kicked off last Monday with a meet-and-greet luncheon involving faculty, administrators, international students and domestic students who were involved in international exchange programs.

International Affairs also hosted a Study Abroad information fair for students interested in studying abroad during the summer months.

A series of international films shown from Nigeria, Chile, China and India were also shown.

Each film was from a country that dominantly represented international students at ECU. The International House hosted "A Taste of India," where students sampled Indian cuisine. "We're sharing with a pretty diverse population," said Dilber Bulsara, a graduate student from India.

The Office of International Affairs also collaborated with other academic departments to celebrate IEW.

The Fulbright Scholar program held an interest meeting on Wednesday. The U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program sends faculty and professionals to another country to work and conduct research.

Each year the program sends 900 participants to 140 countries. The Center for Economic Education and the College of Education hosted an international program for elementary



Food sampling was offered from countries such as India to students during International Education Week.

teachers at the City Hotel and Bistro.

IEW was initiated by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote the involvement of Americans in cultural exchange programs and to invite those abroad to experience the United States.

IEW is usually celebrated during the second week in November. There are currently

over 200 international students enrolled at ECU.

According to assistant director of International Student Advisement, William Mallet, 2007 marked the largest celebration of IEW at ECU.

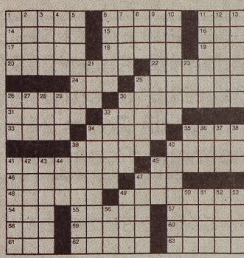
"This is the first year we have put out a big effort here at ECU. We want to give the foreign students the opportunity to share a part of themselves with the ECU community,"

Mallet said.

The events surrounding IEW were planned by a committee of international faculty and students. They made an effort to make events relevant to students represented at ECU.

"We felt it was appropriate to highlight countries that students are from," said Monika Wojciechowski, assistant director for international student recruitment.

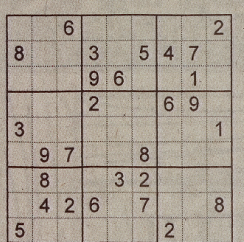
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## Office of Academic Outreach hosts third annual Think-In

Event showcases technological teaching methods

WILLIAM HALL  
STAFF WRITER

The Office of Academic Outreach held its third annual Think-In on Nov. 13 to showcase the latest classroom technology being used by faculty and staff.

This year's event featured over 65 presenters representing ECU, Edgecombe Community College, Pitt Community College and other eastern region colleges.

Presentations were held via laptop, poster sessions and demonstrations.

"It's really an opportunity for presenters and attendees to learn from each other," said event coordinator Ginny Sconiers.

Each proposal for entry was put into one of three categories: Course Development, Teaching Methodology and Support and Services.

The displays dealt with such topics as having class chat sessions, using YouTube and Crazy Talk as discussion boards and having podcasts and vodcasts



The event illustrated ways in which technology is used in the classroom.

become available on Web sites like Blackboard.

Annette Greer, clinical assistance professor for the Office of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education, did her presentation alongside Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education Co-director Maria Clay, about the creation of learner-centered online teams.

Since they have such a high volume of students (approx-

mately 130) for their class, the Internet is incorporated in many ways as an educational aid.

For example, the class has six chats over the course of the day and the topics vary from evaluating a previous exam to playing mock versions of "Jeopardy."

Greer feels that the online component helps students get a better understanding of social

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## Breakdowns and Breakthroughs Film Series comes to a close

Films that spark discussion

ADELINE TRENTO  
SENIOR WRITER

The Breakdowns and Breakthroughs Film Series ended last Tuesday, Nov. 13, with the showing of the movie "Crash."

The Office of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, the ECU Psychology Department, the School of Communication and the ECU National Broadcasting Society sponsored the series, which was presented by Bernard Timberg and Nate Vietor's Honors film class.

The series explored the role of film in portraying mental illnesses through movies like "American History X," "Girl Interrupted," "American Beauty," "The Best Years of Our Lives," "Buddy," "Do the Right Thing" and many others.

"We chose a diverse set of movies for this series, but I think the common thread is that they all deal with various psychological topics from interesting perspectives," Vietor said.

"Ideally, I think that good movies that deal with real issues

in an honest way can open our eyes, make us think, make us talk about important issues and perhaps even make us more tolerant of one another."

The films shown in the Breakdowns and Breakthroughs series examined issues surrounding depression, social anxiety, prejudice, phobias, racism and cultural conflict.

"Mental illness is still seen as a negative in our society, and one of the results of that is people don't seek the help they need," said Anna Froula, assistant professor in the English department. "Films are so good at showing us what we believe, what we think and what we fantasize about. These films help provide some cultural references and draw attention to issues that we don't think about on an everyday basis."

Following each movie, a panel discussion was held to give students, faculty and the community a chance to talk about the issues that were explored in the films.

Each panel was made up of several knowledgeable people including local community leaders, professors, war veterans and religious leaders.

"I was on a panel follow-

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# News

{ Campus & Community }

## PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Financial Planning and Budgeting

Tuesday, Nov. 27  
12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Brody 2W50  
Whether you make thousands of dollars a year or hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, a budget is the first and most important step you can take towards putting your money to work for you instead of being controlled by it and forever falling short of your financial goals.

### Anthropology Lecture: "A Possible Early Christian Church found in Jordan"

Wednesday, Nov. 28  
7 p.m.  
Flanagan 265, ECU campus  
Dr. S. Thomas Parker, professor of history at N.C. State University, will discuss the current controversy surrounding the identity and use of a structure identified as one of the earliest churches in Aqaba, Jordan, based on historical and archaeological

### Hunger Banquet

Wednesday, Nov. 28  
6 p.m.  
MSC Multipurpose Room  
This interactive event is designed to create awareness around the issues of hunger both in the US and worldwide.

### End of Semester Show

Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Pirate Underground Bands: Unnamed Until Further Notice, Lonnie Walk & The Baby Angels and One Big Love

### "Sometimes I Cry"

Thursday, Nov. 29  
7 p.m.  
Wright Auditorium  
A complex and thought-provoking show, "Sometimes I Cry," was inspired by the real life stories of women who are infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The show creatively examines the female struggle when coping with HIV and AIDS, and offers an engaging window into the unique difficulties women face. Sheryl Lee Ralph becomes each character through word and song, with every move and simple gesture, breathing life into them and their stories. Tickets went on sale Nov. 1 at the ECU Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center. Ticket prices are \$15 general public and \$12 staff/faculty. The first 250 students receive free tickets, after which student tickets sell for \$5 each. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Pitt County Aids Service Organization (PICASO). For more information on tickets contact the ECU ticket office at (252) 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS V/TTY (252) 328-4736.

### SOAD welcomes Buddhist lecturer

Thursday, Nov. 29  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Building  
Peter Mugan Schellin, an ordained Buddhist monk, will speak on Peace from the Buddhist perspective in a presentation, "This is It!" in conjunction with the School of Art and Design's Countdown to Peace Art Exhibit.

### ECU's Great Books, women's studies hosts lecture

Friday, Nov. 30, 2007  
4 p.m.  
Bate 1026, ECU Campus  
Christine de Pizan's "Book of the City of Ladies" (1405) has become a feminist classic. Writing more than six centuries ago, Christine argues for women's potential as thinkers, leaders, warriors, and visionaries; more ambitious than Virginia Woolf, she offers women a whole city of their own. Her book is part utopia, part revisionist history, and all entertainment. Recent scholarship has explored the author's feminism in depth, with one notable exception its possible motivations. Christine's defense of women does not extend to actual social reform, so why did she bother to write it? Is it all a dream? To find an answer, we will take a closer look at Christine's work as well as some of her major influences, Augustine and Boethius.

### Poetry Jam

Monday, Nov. 26  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
MSC Multipurpose room  
Expressions magazine and Student Union are teaming up to host a poetry jam that will include musical performances, poetry readings and visual arts displays. The jam will serve as a promotional opportunity for the latest issue of Expressions entitled "Minority." Free posters, t-shirts and food for those in attendance.

### Hard Waiver Hot Topic

Monday, Nov. 26  
MSC Social Room  
Immediately following SGA Congress meeting  
Student forum to discuss the impending hard waiver insurance.

### Holiday Celebrations Around the World

Monday, Dec. 3, 2007  
12:00-2:00 p.m.  
Brody 2W40  
What winter tradition do you celebrate? Join us to learn about a custom from another country and incorporate it into your holiday festivities. Please contact the Academic Support and Enrichment Center if you are interested in sharing your holiday traditions during this annual event.

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ing "The Best Years of Our Lives," and we talked about issues like post-traumatic stress disorder, gender roles and adjusting to peace time society," Froula said. "Students were very involved with the discussion and I think it really made the issues relevant to them. To have these discussions helps people recognize deeper meanings and deeper issues that emerge in films."

Other panels discussed the stigmas concerning mental illness, mental health and the relationships between different cultures.

"My personal hope is that students become more aware of how our experiences affect the way we perceive reality," Vietor said.

"This is not only true in terms of how people react to films, but also in how we react



Breakdowns and Breakthroughs concluded with the viewing of the film, "Crash."

and while many of the topics that are dealt with in these films are quite common, they may not be issues that many of these students have personally faced," said Vietor.

"If students can gain a greater understanding of what's going on in the world around them, it can do nothing but improve their chances of navigating life meaningfully, kindly and successfully."

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learning theory, as well as encourages them to use inquiry-based learning as opposed to just memorizing facts.

"Textbooks are static and knowledge is constantly changing," Greer said.

"(Faculty members) need to look at their course as a whole and then pick the technology that's going to help the learners the best."

Think-In is an annual fall event and turnout has grown every year.

"We were just thankful that there were so many attendees," Sconiers said.

"We've already received comments from attendees about how great it was to talk with other faculty about the technology that's being used now."

A webcast of the event is currently online at the Academic Outreach Web site.

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see themselves working in the fields of allied health or rehabilitation.

"It's about growth, change and making it happen," Drain said.

"Most importantly it all comes down to leadership, because for me it's one of the most important elements of research."

Research presentations in the form of slides and posters lined the walls and hallways leading to and from the lecture room.

Daniel Wong, director of the doctoral program in the Department of Rehabilitation

Studies, noted the presentations were a culmination of work that represented the efforts of many individuals.

"It really depends on how extensive and how comprehensive of the research projects they engaged in conducting," Wong said, addressing how long students and faculty had to prepare for the event.

Students interested in a graduate research program should contact the Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

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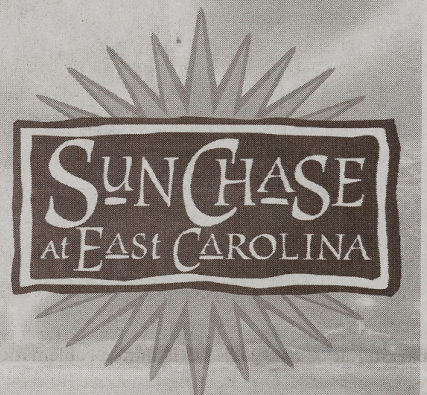
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## Attention Fall 2007 Graduates!!

Don't forget to have your **FREE** graduation pictures taken for ECU's yearbook!

Go to [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com) to make your picture reservation. Enter ECU's school code (453) and select a date and time to have your picture taken. Dress Code is business casual.

### Dates and times for reservations:

Monday (12/3/07)	10am- 5pm	Mendenhall- Room 244
Tuesday (12/4/07)	12pm- 8pm	Mendenhall- Room 243
Wednesday (12/5/07)	9am- 5pm	Mendenhall- Room 244
Thursday (12/6/07)	12pm- 8pm	Mendenhall- Room 243
Friday (12/7/07)	9am- 4pm	Mendenhall- Room 244

Spring graduates will take graduation pictures in the spring semester.

Questions should be directed to Terrence Dove via email ([dovet@ecu.edu](mailto:dovet@ecu.edu)) or to the Buccaneer office, 252-328-4707.

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# Opinion

{To turkey and friends.}

## Steps to recovery

It's the same every time

MARGOT ROGERSON  
OPINION WRITER

"I'm never drinking again!" Infamous words of the hung-over. I am sure you have heard it said, either from yourself or from one of your friends as you stood aside and chuckled. As the hangover wears off, this phrase changes. "I'm never drinking like that again!" Then, somehow, within a couple of hours or days, the activity that seemed impossible before will resume naturally.

There seems to be a natural progression of recuperation. Each day college students travel through these phenomenal series of steps to sobriety.

You know where it starts: you wake up and you didn't realize that overnight the world had fallen off its axis and was now currently spinning at freefall. Oh no! Then you realize it's just you. Then the pain sets in. "I'm never drinking again!"

Time to roll over and go back to sleep. The next time you wake up you can move. Pit stop to the bathroom, then you realize that your stomach is as empty as every bottle you put down last night. You try to eat, but with every bite you feel closer to vomiting. Then with a glass of water you start to feel better. "I'm never binge-drinking again!"

And now it is time for another nap. You really have been through a lot. When you wake up, you realize you are going to live. Dizziness still envelops you but you are able to function, for the most part normally.

At this point it should be a good way through the afternoon, possibly early evening. Maybe watch a movie or your favorite TV show. Relax a little bit more and you will feel fine. The phone rings.

"Want to go downtown?" Moments of consideration will pass: everything you have just been through quickly flowing over your memory. "Sure."

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## Parking at ECU

Why it is such a hassle

LISA ENSMINGER  
OPINION WRITER

Those of you who own a parking pass, or better yet, don't own a parking pass, know that parking at or around ECU is quite problematic. I went without a pass for a couple months, and when I wanted to go to the library at night, I couldn't because the Parking Nazis were on patrol for those who let their meter run out for one minute. Parking is even taken up on the nearby side streets and frankly, it is not safe to walk by yourself in the city of Greenville.

I decided to get a pass because it would make it more convenient, but I was mistaken when I experienced my first attempt to find a spot in the parking lot. When I decided to go to the library or Rec. center around 5, or 6, or any other hour after that, the parking lot was filled at all times. I spent about 15 minutes dodging cars pulling out left and right or fighting with another vehicle over who turned their blinker on first for that spot.

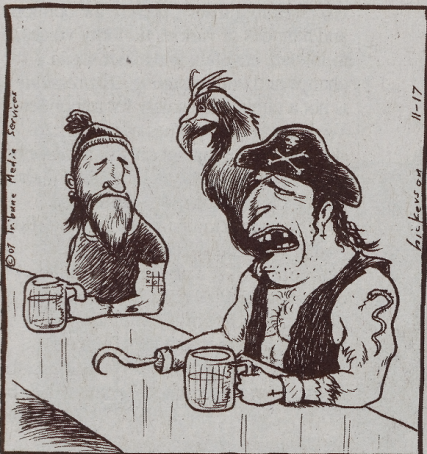
Bottom line, there simply isn't enough parking available for the amount of students here at ECU.

First of all, parking should be a privilege and should not have to be paid for after 3 p.m. The fact that we have to pay for a parking pass and park in limited spots is absurd. I came from a university where parking was FREE anywhere (no matter what letter the spot was) after 4 p.m. Therefore it made it convenient for students who already pay enough to go to the university to actually get access to the facilities provided. With the amount of students who live off campus, you would think parking would be a lot easier than it is. The fact that more than 25,000 students go here and there is such limited parking is beyond my mind.

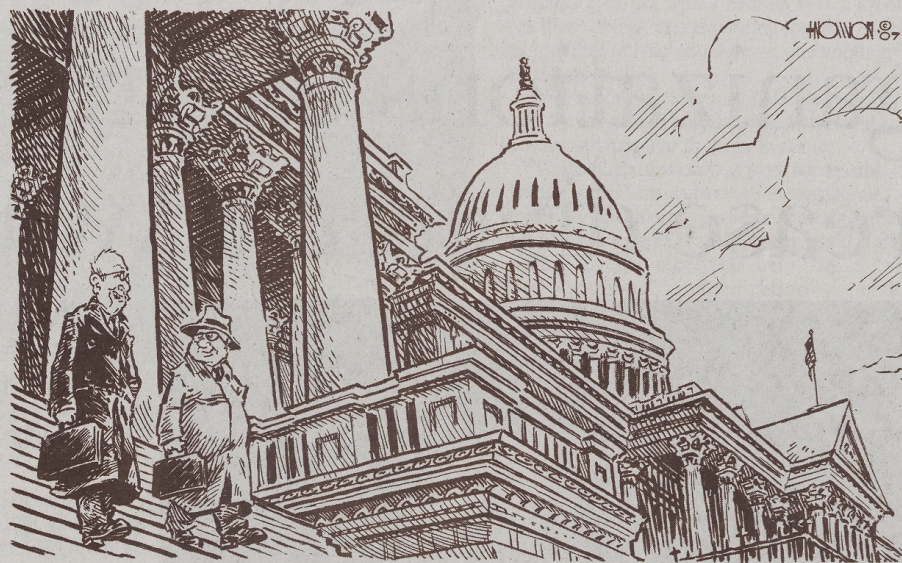
I think a solution to this problem would be a multiple-level parking garage in order to save everyone the hassle and dread of finding a parking spot. Even though the parking garage may turn out to be an eye-sore on campus, it would save a lot of frustration and hassle for students and faculty. Lots of universities have parking garages because it is necessary to have for accommodation of a large population.

The fact that I paid \$65 for a parking pass and could possibly not find a spot is quite frustrating to me. Maybe the Parking Services should limit the amount of parking passes given out instead of worrying about the amount of money they can rake in on any given day.

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"The wife says I take advantage of people. I said, 'Gimme a break, I'm a PIRATE! It's a cut-throat business!'"



'BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO TAKE A BREAK FROM DOING NOTHING!'

## PIRATE RANTS

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Do they have special parking at the Wal-Mart for your high horse?

I love myself a little bit right now!

Your nose ring looks hideous.

You're just jealous that my girlfriend is a whole lot better than your boyfriend.

I think the left elevator in Tyler is haunted. The doors open and close literally 4 times before it finally takes you to the next floor.

On Facebook I use the term "friend" extremely loosely.

Yes, it is weird that you're this excited about the Spice Girls reunion.

"I hope someday I'll be able to narrate my entire life as it happens," I said to myself.

Why do you have to be so attractive? If I didn't have a boyfriend, I would want to be with you SO bad...oh wait, I kinda do.

Get out of town and shut the front door on your way out!

You have a mustache.

When you both come back from taking a shower at the exact same time, it kind of makes me suspicious.

Why do the people that work at 360 feel the students have all the time in the world when they come to eat there? Can you please make our food a little faster instead of talking to your coworkers about other people?

I'm pretty much ridiculous at ping pong.

That's gross.

I love when you wake me up for class, it's the best part of my day, waking up and seeing your beautiful face.

If you say you don't live and breathe him, then why are you ALWAYS with him?

I hope you do actually wet your drawers.

Accidentally putting your clothes in the dryer isn't a valid excuse for them not fitting anymore.

Whenever you know that someone else will do the work, you never pick up your half. You're such a slacker!

I love you and want to spend forever with you.

I am the one who wiped your name off the erase board in the hallway. I don't like you, get the picture?

This Pirate Rant is about you.

I'm pretty sure you should take a shower more than 10 minutes every other day so you won't smell as bad

Every random person you meet is not your best friend.

Who the heck let him "reserve" that particular seat in the library? I got there first so why do I have to move my stuff just because you want that seat?

Trust me, your boyfriend doesn't love you, he just uses you for your Pirate Bucks.

Not gonna lie, your wet dreams freak me out and don't deny that you have them.

If you come to the library coughing and snotty-nosed, please bring a tissue and some cough drops so as to not infect and disturb the healthy students.

If my roommate spent a fraction of her time studying as she does making up Pirate Rants, maybe she would actually be passing some of her classes.

I am secretly hoping that the Pirates Rants about you make you want to move out or I'll just keep doing my girlfriend with you in the room.

Today, my professor attempted to teach, but ended up singing, dancing and learning the SOULJA BOY dance!!!

Everyone knows that Jesus is an American and part of the Bush family.

I don't think anyone can help your "math disability."

Don't get excited, I'm only using you for alcohol.

Get that freaking rug out of my room.

This school is ridiculous. It won't let me get a copy of my transcript for law school because I have a parking ticket. Then I thought I'd appeal, it hoping it would go away, at least temporarily. Nope, doesn't work like that, now I can't get a transcript until they get around to looking at the appeal.

Well I like you too and to tell you the truth, that wasn't my chair after all...

Getting bangs was a bad idea when you only wash your hair every other day, they chunk and separate across your forehead.

If I wore shorts, I'd look like two toothpicks stuck in a pumpkin. Please publish this rant!

You don't want to know where that hickey came from.



## THIS IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS...

This picture was taken with a 733 HP Photosmart 3.2 Megapixel digital camera by Andrew Norris. "During my staff retreat, we had down time and I went on a walk by the river; loved that there was this lonely tree near the water. The lighting was right and I loved how it showed how unique nature is when left alone, Norris said."

We welcome student, staff, and faculty photos for publication. Please email them in .tif format to opinion@theeastcarolinian and include 'This is Worth 1,000 Words' in the subject line, along with a brief description of the medium and subject. We reserve the right not to print inappropriate images.

## RANT OF THE DAY

Do they have special parking at the Wal-Mart for your high horse?

## Aren't we missing something?

Some thoughts on Thanksgiving

J.D. LEWIS  
OPINION WRITER

Here in the United States, we have several holidays that don't get the attention they deserve, and a few that get way too much attention. Now one of the holidays that is fast becoming forgotten is upon us.

For weeks we couldn't enter a grocery store or a discount store without running head-on into a huge display of Halloween candy. Paper witches and Frankensteins were plastered on windows and hung from ceilings while pumpkins huddled together on the floor beneath the produce racks or out in front of the store.

No sooner did we get the Halloween candy out of our faces than we were bombarded with Christmas goodies—candy canes, marshmallow Santas left over from Christmases past (I worked in a grocery store, so I know), and those awful red and green cookies you could patch a hole in a roof with.

It seems to me that something's missing. Aside from meat freezers stocked with turkeys and large displays of Stove Top stuffing, the only promotion I saw for Thanksgiving was a small cardboard stand filled with cartoon turkey cocktail napkins and cups, and that was hidden behind a Christmas tree.

Why does Thanksgiving get so little attention while all the emphasis is placed on Halloween and Christmas? It's simple. Money. Halloween and Christmas are goldmines, and Thanksgiving gets the shaft. Let's face it, only those in the grocery business make any money off of Thanksgiving, so all the other businesses have to milk Halloween and Christmas for all they're worth. Even most grocery stores have lost sight of the true meaning of the holiday in their quest for the almighty buck.

Just 10 years ago, most grocery stores were closed on Thanksgiving so their employees could spend the day with their families, but now one would be hard-pressed to find a supermarket that's not open for at least part of the day. If you don't have what you need by Thanksgiving Day, then tough turkey (pun intended). I've always said that.

It's easy to get caught up in the glitz of Halloween and Christmas, the true meaning of which is also fading fast in the world's minds. They're fun holidays, however commercial they may be, but Thanksgiving is what this country's all about. It's as important a national holiday as the Fourth of July. If not for Thanksgiving, there might not have been an Independence Day.

We certainly might not have the freedom to celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, or whatever else it is you may celebrate. The Pilgrims came over here 400 years ago so we could have the freedom to do these things, and on the first Thanksgiving they thanked God for all the blessings He had bestowed upon them in the New World.

Despite the prospect of a Hillary Clinton presidency, we still live in the greatest country on the face of the planet. There should be 365 days of Thanksgiving (366 in a leap year), so is it too much to ask to take just one day out to sit down and count our blessings?

When a day that's as important as Thanksgiving gets lost in a sea of corporate greed, maybe it's time for us to take a serious look at our lives and values. Chew on that and a mouthful of turkey the next time you get a hankering for candy corn or candy canes.

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## Horoscopes

**Aries**  
You're getting more impatient, but caution is advised. Be quick without being impetuous, especially where money's concerned.

**Taurus**  
Discover another gold mine, right in your own backyard. It's the projects you promised you'd do, and haven't found the time. Money saved is money earned, by the way.

**Gemini**  
Try not to play favorites to avoid hurting anybody's feelings. A friend who's usually tough-skinned is especially sensitive now.

**Cancer**  
You can improve your list of chores. Figure out what you want to do more, and what you'd like to do less. Be ready with an offer than can't be refused.

**Leo**  
You want to get away and you might be able to succeed. There's a delicate matter to handle first, however. Forget that at your peril.

**Virgo**  
You can afford a renovation you've been thinking about. Look again and discover a secret source of wealthy. It could be the materials you'll use to do the job.

**Libra**  
Delegate when you discover you can't do it all by yourself. Toss the ball to a teammate, the rewards will more than cover the costs.

**Scorpio**  
More work is required, but that's OK. You've been looking for ways to increase your pocket change. Take on a new job.

**Sagittarius**  
A particularly difficult confrontation could almost cause you to lose your temper. This isn't going to help, as you know, and it could be quite expensive.

**Capricorn**  
Questioning your own judgment is a valid exercise. It's useful every once in a while, and part of growing up. The overall outcome looks good.

**Aquarius**  
You're naturally inquisitive. Put those talents to work. Help your friends get rid of what they have in abundance. Best case: they'll make a profit.

**Pisces**  
A project begun soon can be quite lucrative. There are a couple of glitches to be worked out before you begin. You know what they are.

## Did you know? Turkey Facts

Albert Einstein declined the presidency of the state of Israel when it was offered to him in 1952 by state leaders.

Ben Franklin, in a letter to his daughter, proposed the turkey as the official United States bird.

In 2000, the average American ate 17.75 pounds of turkey.

The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog.

A 15-pound turkey usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

The wild turkey is native to Northern Mexico and the eastern United States.

The turkey was domesticated in Mexico and brought to Europe in the 16th century.

Wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour.

Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour.

Tom turkeys have beards. These are black, hairlike feathers on their breast. Hens sometimes have beards too.

Turkeys' heads change colors when they become excited.

Six hundred seventy-five million pounds of turkey are eaten each Thanksgiving in the United States.

Turkeys can see movement almost 100 yards away.

It takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 30-pound tom turkey.

Forty-five million turkeys are eaten each Thanksgiving.

# Organizations aid in efforts to increase diversity awareness



Members of several student organizations banded together on Saturday to celebrate different cultures.

## Cultural Explosion event offers unique performances

CAT POTTER  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, Nov. 17 marked the date of ECU's first annual "Cultural Explosion" in Mendenhall Student Center.

The event, which was hosted by Uchechi Anumudu of the African Students' Organization (ASO) and Alonzo Velasquez of the Student Association of Latino-Spanish Affairs (SALSA) featured acts from various campus organizations.

Those in attendance were treated to by dance and step routines as well as vocal performances from the Black Student Union's "Nubiance," "Signature Sounds" and "Black Fire" divisions.

Other acts in the lineup

included spoken word by JP the Poet, dancing from ASO's Moto-Makasi, a fashion show by ASO and SALSA and an informative AIDS awareness lecture by guest speaker Lorraine Clement.

According to ASO President Uchechi Anumudu, the event will be an annual campus attraction.

"This was its first year, but we intend to put it on for more years to come. For this reason, we are reaching out to the student organizations on campus so that when we do put it on next year, it'll be even better and more successful," said Anumudu.

According to Anumudu, the purpose of the event was to promote unity and a collaborative artistic effort within many different campus organizations.

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# Never kissed a frog, never had to

## Seminar geared toward women's finances

CHELSEA CAMPEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America-Alumni and Associates along with the ECU chapter of the National Council on Family Relations presented speakers Sean Goodwin and Bill Weikner of The Piedmont Carolinas Group to provide valuable information concerning women and their finances on Wednesday.

The seminar was designed for the special needs of women, but the information was valuable to either sex at any age.

"I feel that college women are not prepared for graduation, they're not thinking that far ahead," said event organizer Sarah Heidrick, a junior family consumer sciences education

major. "This seminar really emphasized thinking ahead."

The seminar stressed being proactive in planning for future financial needs. The first part of planning for the future, according to the seminar, is a hiring a financial advisor.

According to the information presented at the event, 90 percent of women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives, and factors such as establishing credit and maintaining good credit are important.

Speakers Goodwin and Wikner suggest keeping a record of finances and planning a budget while reviewing and updating it periodically.

"You can do almost anything if you carefully plan it financially," said Goodwin.

Goodwin said that before one invests in anything, three to six months of salary should be put away for emergencies and unexpected events, such as job loss.

Investing should start as

soon as possible and should be diverse. Diversifying finances means investing in many different mutual funds, which include stocks and bonds.

"Diversification is key; as one stock goes down, two more may go up, and that offsets the loss," Goodwin said.

For married couples, separate accounts are a good choice.

Aging parents and other family members should be taken into consideration as well, as they may need financial assistance later in life.

Women should also jointly own the place of residence if married or dependent on a partner.

"Half of all marriages will end in divorce," Goodwin said.

After graduation, Goodwin and Weikner recommend that young adults establish independent credit and have a plan to handle college debt.

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A seminar geared towards women's finances was held on Wednesday.

# Artistic expression takes the stage in Mendenhall

## Poetry Jam set to promote new issue of Expressions magazine

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Expressions magazine and Student Union are collaborating to host a Poetry Jam in the Mendenhall multi-purpose room on Monday, Nov. 26 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The evening will consist of poetry readings, musical performances and visual art displays to promote the release of the new issue of Expressions titled "Minority."

"[The evening] is going to be a way for students to be more exposed to the cultural side of ECU, because if you are not an art major or music major, you usually don't have the opportunity for such a relaxing evening for free," said Expressions General Manager Guillaume Bagal.

"[It will] open with a jazz performance for the first 10 minutes and there will be artwork and illustrations from Expressions all over the place. So, you can either listen to jazz while looking at the art or you can sit down and have some food or drink," Bagal said.

The evening will include poetry readings and musical performances by the Expressions writing staff, but other students are also welcome to perform.

The Poetry Jam is free of charge, and the new issue of Expressions magazine and a T-shirt will be available to those in attendance.

According to Bagal, the Poetry Jam is going to be the first time that Expressions and the Student Union have collaborated.



They decided to host this event together because "we do a lot of similar things and have had a lot of similar ideas over the past couple years, and we figured it would be a nice thing to do," Bagal said.

Sarah Stebnicki, Expressions staff writer and junior English major, said the event is important "for the sake of expression."

"There is not enough of that [expression], and it is really special because people are expressing themselves through art to share with the world, and not everyone can do that," said Stebnicki.

Expressions magazine is ECU's minority publication, which consists of literary-art contributions by the magazine's staff and ECU students. Entries include poetry, short stories, nonfiction, photography, paintings and illustrations.

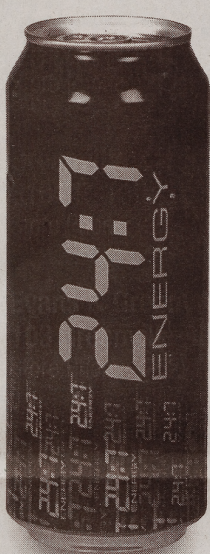
According to the magazine's Web site, Expressions aims to "present the opinions and attitudes of various minority voices, to inform, entertain and affect social change and understanding. Expressions is not a publication solely for minorities. We hope to cover issues of concern to students belonging not only to a minority group, but also those students that other campus forums have left unfulfilled."

The magazine is free to the public and is released twice a semester. It can be found in various racks around campus and at several locations in downtown Greenville including The Green Lantern and Topsy Teapot.

Those interested in performing at the Poetry Jam can contact Stephanie Lee by Friday, Nov. 23 at SAL0724@ecu.edu.

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"Our goal in putting on Cultural Explosion was simply to improve and promote collaborative effort. As a minority student on campus, I have seen ECU grow to embrace diversity. We have several cultural organizations on our campus today, but what I had not seen a lot of was these organizations coming together, working together to help and support one another," Anumudu said.

ASO recording secretary La'Rosalynn Bailey feels the event will only become better and increasingly popular in years to come.

"Cultural Explosion was very successful. We just wish there were more in attendance. Hopefully once more people hear about it there will be more support for the event," said Bailey.

The event received help from various campus organizations includ-

ing the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. The African Students' Organization was officially registered as a student organization in February 2006 and has since welcomed many members.

This semester there are about 30-50 members and a variety of events planned.

Other events hosted by ASO this school year include the Gulu Walk, AIDS Walk and "Africa Night" as well as bake sales and fashion shows.

For more information about ASO or the Cultural Explosion, contact Uchechi Anumudu at uba@ecu.edu.

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## No really, I'm fine



### The Spill Canvas' album

DREW GLADDEN  
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One kid, one guitar, one heartbreak, we've all heard the story before. The Spill Canvas began as just that, although today, three years later, they have transformed into something bigger than ever expected.

Their newest album, No Really, I'm Fine, holds the key that could potentially launch The Spill Canvas right through the earth's atmosphere and into the next galaxy.

After solely releasing their first album in 2004, founding member Nick Thomas added a full band to thicken his already established sound with hopes of entering the mainstream world of rock and roll. After a full band release of One Fell Swoop in 2005, The Spill Canvas was ready to take another step further to find a defiant sound unlike any other.

No Really, I'm Fine exploits The Spill Canvas' potential to

create hard hitting, nail biting tracks such as "Reckless Abandonment," while also showing a softer and more charming side through "Connect the Dots."

Whether you're looking for an album to rock out to or to help put you to sleep, No Really, I'm Fine has got it all.

In the past, The Spill Canvas has been known for their strangely intricate yet somehow still relatable lyrics that hypnotize listeners into continually anticipating what is to come. This, however, has also been a misunderstanding for many music lovers who have blown the band off as "sappy emo" or "depressing." Although they may have a point, there is a different realm to The Spill Canvas that, if given the chance, might change one's mind about this particular style of music.

The first single released from this album, "All Over You" presents the same old heartbreak but in a whole new sound. The surprisingly upbeat song hides the hurt expressed by the lyrics, yet still finds a way to work without sounding trite or redundant. Another new

concept that this album presents is the collaboration with other artists. "Saved" features Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin/Something Corporate and "Bleed, Everyone's Doing It" features Anthony Green of Circa Survive.

No Really, I'm Fine pulls the majority of its strength from the beginning of the album but also has help from the last track, "Lullaby."

"Low Fidelity" and "Hush Hush," though not as strong as the beginning or ending tracks, fuel the middle and serve as a bridge connecting the two. Ideally, songs like "Appreciation and The Bomb" and "One Thing is For Sure" could have been stronger, and due to the strength of the rest of the album, these tracks seem poor by comparison.

Although The Spill Canvas may still be sad boys with guitars, No Really, I'm Fine is proof that change is good and does not necessarily mean selling out.

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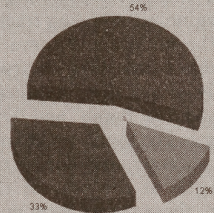
-Tulane running back Matt Forte, who leads the nation in rushing yards, has his own website. The website was created by the Tulane Athletic Department and is filled with video clips, statistics, news clips, quotes, etc.: [www.MattForte25.com](http://www.MattForte25.com)

-ECU hasn't won six conference games in a season since 1973. The Pirates finished 7-0 in the Southern Conference that year, but haven't won more than five conference games since then. ECU has won five games in C-USA three times, but the Pirates will try to improve their 2007 C-USA mark to 6-2 this Saturday.

-Forte is 11th in NCAA football history in single-season rushing yards right now. If Forte reaches his average rushing yards per game (182.45) this Saturday, he will move into third place on the list. Barry Sanders, at Oklahoma State, holds the best rushing season of all-time with 2,628 in 1988.

## Poll question results:

What has impressed you the most about the men's basketball team so far this season?



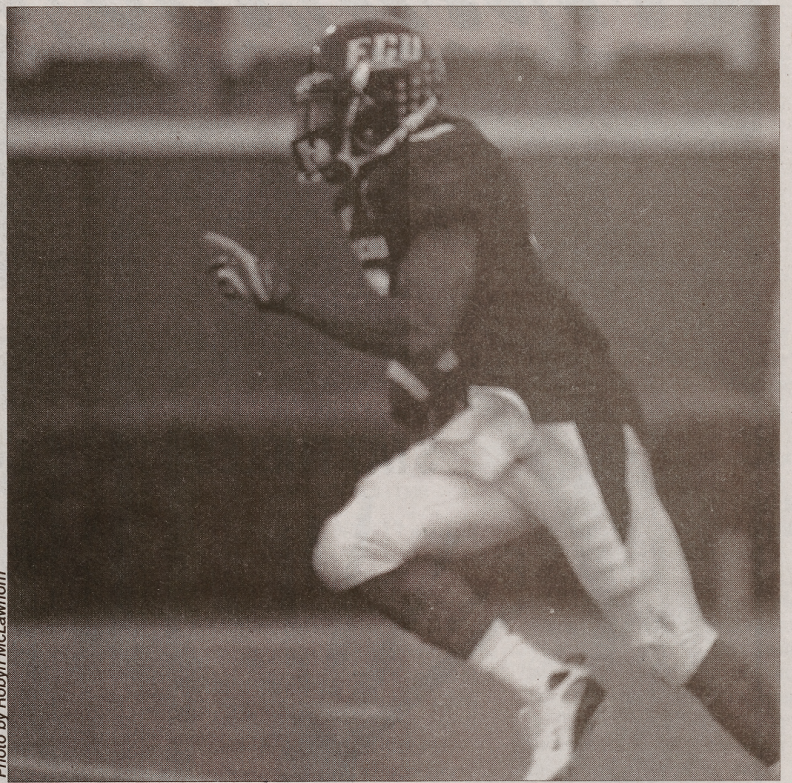
- 54% - The intensity on defense
- 33% - Better coaching
- 13% - The talent level

## Pirate Nation Poll Question:

Who do you think is the Most Valuable Pirate out of all the student-athletes participating in fall Division I sports at ECU?

- A. Chris Johnson, running back, football
- B. Kelley Wernert, outside hitter, women's volleyball
- C. Amber Campbell, goalie, women's soccer
- D. Patrick Pinkney, quarterback, football

To vote on this week's poll question go to the [eastcarolinian.com](http://eastcarolinian.com) and submit your vote. Current results can be found by clicking on the view results button under the poll question. The final results will be posted in next Thursday's edition of The East Carolinian.



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Scouts from professional football leagues will be on hand at the Tulane-ECU game to evaluate standout senior running backs Matt Forte of Tulane and Chris Johnson of ECU.

## Pirates will lean on seniors against the

### surging Green Wave

#### Keys to Game



#### 1. Avoid the letdown

Two weeks ago the Pirates went to Marshall and suffered one of the biggest disappointments of the Skip Holtz era. Everything was on the line for ECU, which had to win out to host the C-USA championship game. With a 26-7 defeat at the hands of Marshall fresh on their minds, the Pirates return to action this week against Tulane hoping to avoid the same fate. A lot is still at stake for ECU, mainly that if UTEP beats UCF and ECU wins then the Pirates will be in the championship game.

#### 2. Contain Matt Forte

Tulane running back Matt Forte boasts a heavy resume and his own website, which makes it a well-known fact that his is one of the best in the business. Forte leads the nation in rushing yards (2,007) and yards per game (182.45.) He is also just the 11th player ever in NCAA Division I-Bowl Sub-division to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season. ECU will need to limit Forte's yardage to pull out a win. The Green Wave will be looking for Forte to milk the clock and rumble through the banged up Pirate defense all game long.

#### 3. Stop the pass

With so much of the Pirates defensive efforts surely applied to stopping Matt Forte, ECU will have to be aware of the play-action pass. While Tulane only averages around 215 yards per game through the air, the ECU defense gives up almost 305 yards a game. It will be interesting to see if the Pirate defense can rise to the occasion of stopping the pass when Tulane does decide to throw the ball.

ECU needs help from veterans and UTEP to make conference championship

JARED JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

And then there was one. Fresh off a bye week after 11 straight games, the Pirates [6-5, 5-2] prepare to play host to Tulane [4-7, 3-4] this Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

"This will be a great challenge for us and we are looking forward to it," said ECU head coach Skip Holtz. "We still have a lot to play for this season and although we won't know the outcome of the [UCF] game when we kick off, we have to take the approach that we are playing for the conference championship. We haven't won six conference games here since the 1970s and that would show great growth for our program."

"I think this team is very motivated and I hope the feeling that they had after the Marshall game lingers. It was certainly one of the worst losses we have had since I have been here because there was so much on the line for us."

The Green Wave will be riding a two game winning streak when they make their way to Greenville on Saturday.

Holtz seemed concerned about going against one of the nation's most elite running backs in Matt Forte during his weekly press conference Monday.

Forte has quite the impressive resume and even has his own website. The senior Louisiana native has become just the eleventh player in NCAA Division-1 Bowl Sub-division history to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season, accomplishing the feat last week against Rice.

Proving to be not just a treat running the ball, Forte has also caught 29 passes for 257 yards on the season.

"Matt Forte is obviously a great running back," said Holtz. "He is the focal point of their offense and is the leading rusher in our league as well as the nation. He is powerful, balanced and speedy."

"He is a lot like [Kevin] Smith from UCF. However, I think he is bigger and more physical than Smith. Both are durable, carrying the ball 336 and 330 times. They are both so good at what they do. [Forte] has balance, athleticism, power and speed. He is also [Tulane's] second-leading receiver out of the backfield."

Adding to the concern of stopping Smith is the fact that ECU still has injury problems even after coming off the bye week.

"There have been a bunch of bumps, bruises, strains and sprains that have had the opportunity to heal," said Holtz. "However, Marcus Hands, Fred Hicks, Danny Muhwezi and Willie Barton are all out and will not play. Some of the guys on the bubble that we are hoping to make it back for the last game, Brandon Setzer, T.J. Lee, Khalif Mitchell, Nick Johnson, Quentin Cotton, Jeremy Chambliss do not look like they will be able to go Saturday."

"Chris Mattocks is also a question mark. I'm concerned about it because those are about eight players off the defensive two-deep that have made significant contributions

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#### Keys to Game



#### 1. Control the game

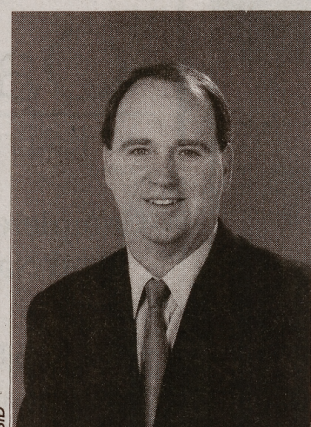
It's no secret what Tulane's strength is: running the ball...and stopping the run. Tulane's 6-foot-2, 223-pound senior running back, Matt Forte, is leading the nation in rushing yards (2,007) and yards per game (182.45), and is on pace to have the third-best rushing season in NCAA history. The Green Wave are also first in C-USA in rush defense, allowing 124.7 yards per game. Tulane can control the pace of this game by running the ball effectively, which would keep the clock running and shorten the game, and stopping ECU when it runs the ball, which could cause third-and-long situations.

#### 2. Stay in the game early

The Pirates have had numerous slow starts this year, most notably in the last two losses (Marshall and N.C. State.) Tulane, aside from Forte chasing history, has nothing to play for because it is mathematically eliminated from postseason play. ECU should have a bad taste in its mouth after the Marshall loss, it's senior day and the Pirates are coming off a bye week. The Green Wave need to avoid a slow start, which could cause them to roll over and start looking forward to the off-season, while ECU still has a lot to play for.

#### 3. Send Forte out in style

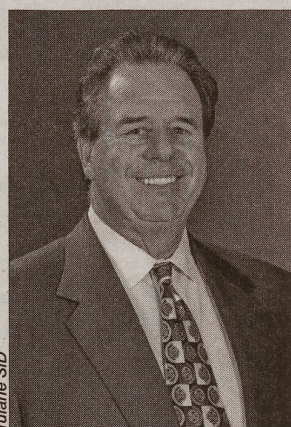
Matt Forte has had one the best seasons by a running back in college football history this year. He has rushed for 100-plus yards in seven straight games and doesn't want that streak to end. The Green Wave need him to finish his impressive career with another outstanding performance, which could help them pull off the upset.



SID

HOLTZ

"At this point, we are playing for where we are going bowling. We know at this point that we are going to go, but just don't know where yet. The outcome of this Saturday's game with Tulane has a lot to do with that."

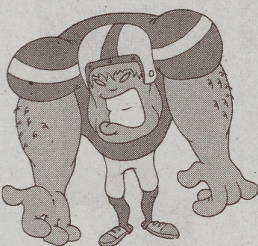


Tulane SID

TOLEDO

"We have a chance to finish third in the Western Division and we were picked early in the season to not win a football game. We've had a chance to win several others and we've been close. We've been very competitive and that's what I want from these guys."

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this year. We are about to go play an explosive offensive team.”

While the Pirates will undoubtedly be focused on stopping the run Saturday, Holtz knows that keying in on the run leads to getting burned by play-action passing.

“Their passing game is based off the run then play-action,” said Holtz. “[Anthony] Scelfo, their quarterback, is very accurate off of the play-action as they get their safeties downfield into the running game. They are very good at what they do and very patient with what they do.”

Redshirt sophomore Scelfo has played fairly well this season in throwing for an average of 115 yards per game and six touchdowns on the season. The main receiving threat for the Green Wave is Jeremy Williams, who has racked up five touchdowns and 701 receiving yards. The aforementioned Forte is an additional threat.

While the Green Wave boast a potent offense, their defense has been just as good recently.

“From a defensive standpoint, they are very good up the middle and against the run,” said Holtz about the Green Wave, who rank second in rushing defense in C-USA. “They held LSU to 39 yards rushing through three quarters earlier in the season. Their two inside players are very good and their middle linebacker is their leading tackler.”

“Additionally their next five top tacklers are all safeties. They incorporate a five-defensive back system which creates a lot of confusion and those safeties are like bonus linebackers. We haven’t seen that from many teams this season. They are centered on stopping the run and have done a great job of that.”

This week will be a test for the Pirates and hopefully they have done some soul searching after an inexcusable loss to Marshall two weeks ago.

The good news for the Pirate Nation is that ECU has locked up a bowl berth after UTEP lost last weekend, giving C-USA six bowl eligible teams with six tie-in’s.

But the Pirates still want more. They want the chance to play in the conference title game, which means taking care of business against Tulane and a UCF loss to UTEP.

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# ECU's second-half comeback burns out against Flames

Liberty holds off late surge by the Pirates

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ECU nearly completed an incredible comeback before a late Liberty basket yielded the second emotionally draining loss of the week for the Pirates.

With the game tied at 53, Liberty's TeeJay Bannister drove to the hoop, hoping to win the game for the Flames. Bannister's layup was off the mark but forward Alex McLean came down with an offensive rebound on the other side of the basket with 1 second left. McLean then finished a put-back off the glass, in traffic, to give the Flames (2-3) a 55-53 buzzer-beating win over ECU (1-2).

Liberty's last second heroics came on a broken play, setting up a frantic finish. Liberty point guard B.J. Jenkins began to run a play but lost control of the ball at the top of the key. ECU's Darrell Jenkins couldn't quite reach the ball as it bounced into the hands of Bannister on the wing.

"That's two losses in a row; close losses in a row at home," said sophomore John Fields. "We really disappointed the fans. We just need to play up to our potential in crunch-time."

The Pirates trailed Liberty for the duration of the game before freshman Brock Young finally put ECU in position to level with 18 seconds remaining. A Young free throw tied the game at 53, the first tie since the score was 2-2. Young missed his second, taking the pressure off the Flames for their final possession.

Jenkins brought the Pirates within one point of the Flames with a three from the corner with 52 on the clock. Young rebounded a missed jumper from Liberty and pushed the ball down the court, where he was fouled in the lane. ECU trailed 50-40 with just

over five minutes left in the game, when the Pirates began a hard-fought comeback. Sam Hinnant missed a three-pointer but followed his shot and finished a bank shot from close range. Jenkins then hit two free throws to cut the lead to 50-44.

The Pirates drew closer when Gabe Blair was fouled while landing a one-handed dunk on the baseline at the 2:05 mark. Blair's free throw made it 52-47. Jenkins, who paced the Flames with 22 points, went down with an injury on the ensuing play. While Jenkins was down on the floor, ECU's Darrell Jenkins raced down the court and missed a layup, but got a follow-up shot to go to narrow the lead to 52-49.

ECU Head Coach Mack McCarthy continued to look for a reliable rotation, playing 11 total players in the loss.

"Right now what we're lacking is any consistency from anybody," said McCarthy. "And that makes it hard to get into some kind of rotation and flow that makes sense."

Gabe Blair had another big game in the post for ECU, shooting 7-of-11 for 15 points. Jenkins finished with 12 points, while Young and Cory Farmer each added seven.

Liberty forced ECU to play a half-court game early, eliminating the up-and-down style the Pirates prefer.

"They did a real good job of making us play their tempo of the game," said Fields. "We couldn't really get up and down and get fast break baskets like we wanted to and establish the press."

McCarthy believes the offense will come with proper defensive adjustments.

"We've got to get more stops," McCarthy said. "We forced some turnovers and then we just didn't beat people down the floor. We've got to get stops, we've got to run the floor harder, and then we've got to convert in transition."



Photo by Aileen Devlin

Guard Brock Young gets a board while John Fields looks on.

The teams combined for just 14 points after 10 minutes of play. Liberty finally managed to stretch its lead to 19-13 with 1:19 remaining before ECU built some momentum for the second half.

A Farmer two and a Blair layup after a Fields block on the defensive end cut the lead to 19-17 before halftime.

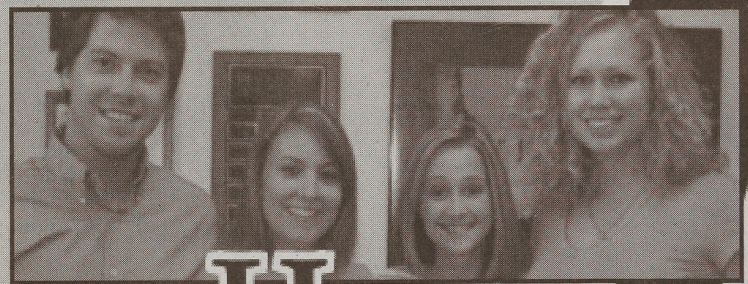
ECU bested Liberty in nearly every statistical category but field goal percentage. And shooting was what did the Pirates in.

ECU shot just 8-26 from the field in the first half but shot 13-27 in the second half, up almost 20 percent from the first.

"I thought we did a much better job in the second half," said McCarthy. "We found some solutions but we needed to find them quicker I guess."

The Pirates look to put an end to their run of bad luck on Tuesday night against Division III opponent North Carolina-Wesleyan.

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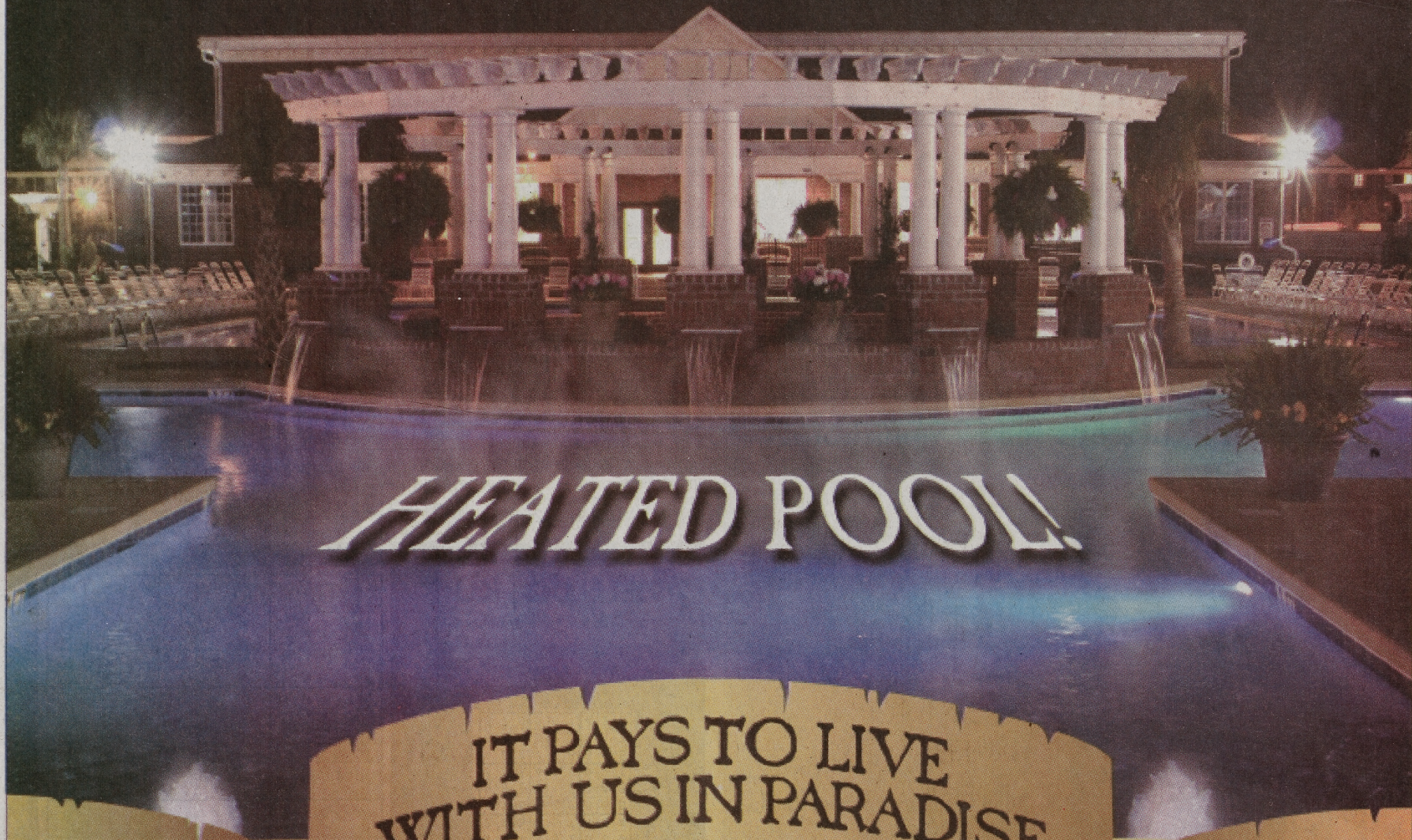
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