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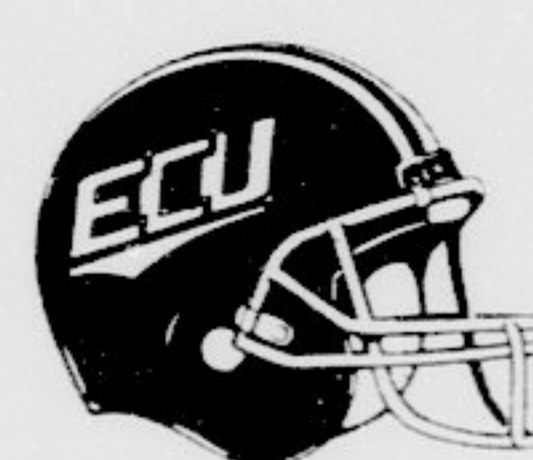
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**ECU vs. Memphis**



**Game day**

Saturday, November 18, 1995



## Pirates look to remain unbeaten at home

**Brian Paiz**  
End Zone Writer

ECU hopes there won't be a let down when they host the 3-7 Memphis Tigers on Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Pirates assured themselves of a second straight Liberty Bowl appearance with last Saturday's 28-7 win over Tulsa, and Kentucky's win over Cincinnati. However, ECU still has a chance at an undefeated record at home. The Pirates, already 4-0 this season in Greenville, are hoping to put the finishing touches on a perfect 1995 home record.

"We've got a chance for an undefeated record at home, which was one of our major, major objectives that we set in the preseason", said ECU Head Coach Steve Logan. "Our seniors are playing in their last game, and you always want to send those guys out a winner. We've got everything in the world to play for, and we have to get focused."

The contest between the Pirates and the Tigers has lost some of its luster from last season, as the game between these two teams in 1994 decided who would go to the Liberty Bowl. Memphis has struggled under first year Coach Rip Scherer, who came to Memphis from James Madison. The Tigers are averaging 13 points a game, scoring just 25 points in their last four games combined

and with our 1-2 in the Liberty Bowl Alliance, with their loan win coming over Tulane.

Logan and his Pirates know, however, are not to overlook this Memphis squad. The last time the Tigers visited Greenville, they handed the Pirates a 34-7 loss.

"It's going to be a coaching job and the responsibility of our players to keep their act together, keep focused and get the job done on Saturday," said Logan.

Memphis has been plagued by turnovers all season long. The Tigers have turned the ball over 32 times in 10 games. Memphis has also not had a running back rush for 100 yards in 1995.

The Tigers have played a tough road schedule, thus far, losing to Michigan and SEC West champion Arkansas. One bright spot for Memphis, has been their defense, a strong point for Tiger squads in recent years. It is led by Jerome Woods, who has 115 tackles and five interceptions this season. Junior defensive end Marvin Thomas has six sacks on the year.

"They've got a defense that they think they can win with," said Logan. "They've been scoring with interceptions, fumble returns and all those kinds of things, which is characteristic of the number of blitzes and schemes that they employ."

On offense, the Tigers have used three different quarterbacks this season, but look for junior Quadry Anderson to get the starting nod against the Pirates. He scored his first collegiate touchdown last week against Southern Miss., and he also had a 41-yard run against Tulsa.

Senior receiver Ryan Roskelly is sixth place on Memphis' all-time receiving list. This season he has 31 receptions for 317 yards.



Photo by KEN CLARK

Marcus Crandell will lead the Pirate offense against the new 4-3 Defense of Memphis. Memphis gave up 30 points last year to ECU.

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### ANALYSIS:

If the Pirates can stay focused, they should be able to achieve their undefeated season. ECU will be trying to send their seniors out with a victory, which includes linebacker Mark Libiano who has 112 tackles on the year ... Mitchell Galloway leads the receiving corps with 44 receptions for 600 yards and two touchdowns ... Marcus Crandell needs two touchdown passes on Saturday to tie Jeff Blake's record of 43. Crandell has already broken two of Blake's records, thus far, this season.

### Fast Facts

**Location** - Memphis, TN  
**Founded** - 1912  
**Enrollment** - 21,500  
**Head Coach** - Rip Scherer  
**Nickname** - Tigers  
**Colors** - Blue and Gray  
**Stadium** - Liberty Bowl Memorial (62,380)  
**Conference** - Independent

**Current Record 3-7**  
**ECU vs Memphis**  
ECU leads 3-2  
1994 ECU 30  
Memphis 6

**Notes:** This will be Memphis's last season as an Independent. Next season the Tigers will join Conference USA, which will include all of the Liberty Bowl Alliance teams except ECU.



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## Seniors bid farewell to Ficklen

Craig Perrott  
End Zone Writer

This Saturday's game with Memphis will be the last time that the Pirate seniors will play in front of their home fans at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

It is the second year in a row that ECU has had a winning season and a Liberty Bowl berth. For those seniors that were redshirted, this will be the close of their fifth year as a Pirate and their third bowl appearance in their college football career.

"We consider ourselves fortunate because not many people get to go to three bowl games in their career, especially two in a row," said senior center Kevin Wiggins. "I didn't play any in the Peach Bowl. We won and it was fun and everything, but being able to play in these last two makes it enjoyable for me. I'm making a difference on the field, that's what makes it so good."

According to Wiggins, to return to the Liberty Bowl is not the only thing on the minds of the seniors this year, they are looking to remain undefeated at home.

"I don't want to be satisfied with just going to the Liberty Bowl," Wiggins said. "I want to win nine games this season and extend our home game winning streak. We

haven't lost a game in Ficklen this year. I can't even remember the last time we lost here."

Last Saturday's game attendance was pitiful. The Memphis game coming up this weekend will be the last chance to see some quality seniors play in their home stadium. If anything, Wiggins hopes that another winning season will lay a foundation for future Pirate fans.

"If we keep winning at home, our fan support will be a lot better."

H-back Mitchell Galloway echoes Wiggins' sentiments.

"We're just going to try to leave something on the field here that the fans can remember for next year, and that these younger guys can take a hold of and just roll on with it," Galloway said.

Nevertheless, Galloway considers the Memphis game to be extremely important to



Photo by KEN CLARK

These seniors will make their final appearance in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday.

him personally, and his fellow classmates.

"This is the one game that we will remember as a senior," Galloway added. "We're going to come out and play hard."

Last year the Pirates were soundly defeated by Illinois in the Liberty Bowl 30-0. ECU moved the ball well between the 20-yard lines, but just couldn't punch it in for the score. Galloway believes that this year's outcome will be totally different.

"This year we're a little more focused,

we're a little more attentive, and I think we'll get into the red zone and put some points on the board this year," Galloway said.

Senior defensive tackle Walter Scott is one of the elite Pirates that has a Peach Bowl ring. To him, the past four seasons since that miracle year have flown by, making this last game against Memphis even more special.

"It's my last home game," Scott said. "I can't believe these last five years have rushed away. I guess that's life."

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## Crane strives to return to starting line-up

**Junior LB patiently awaits the call to rise to previous prominence**

**Amanda Ross**  
End Zone Writer

For some athletes losing a starting position might be the end of their career. But for B.J. Crane it just pushes him harder.

This junior linebacker from College Park, Ga. didn't make ECU his first choice right away. He was intent on going to SMU, but after one visit to ECU he was hooked and there was no going back. It was at that point Crane decided he wanted to wear a little purple and gold.

During the 1993 season, his freshman year, he recorded 49 tackles, including 22 solos. The four games he started in were against Syracuse, Central Florida, Memphis State and South Carolina. He posted impressive numbers starting as a true freshman. Against Memphis State, he forced and recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass against Central Florida and deflected a pass against Syracuse.

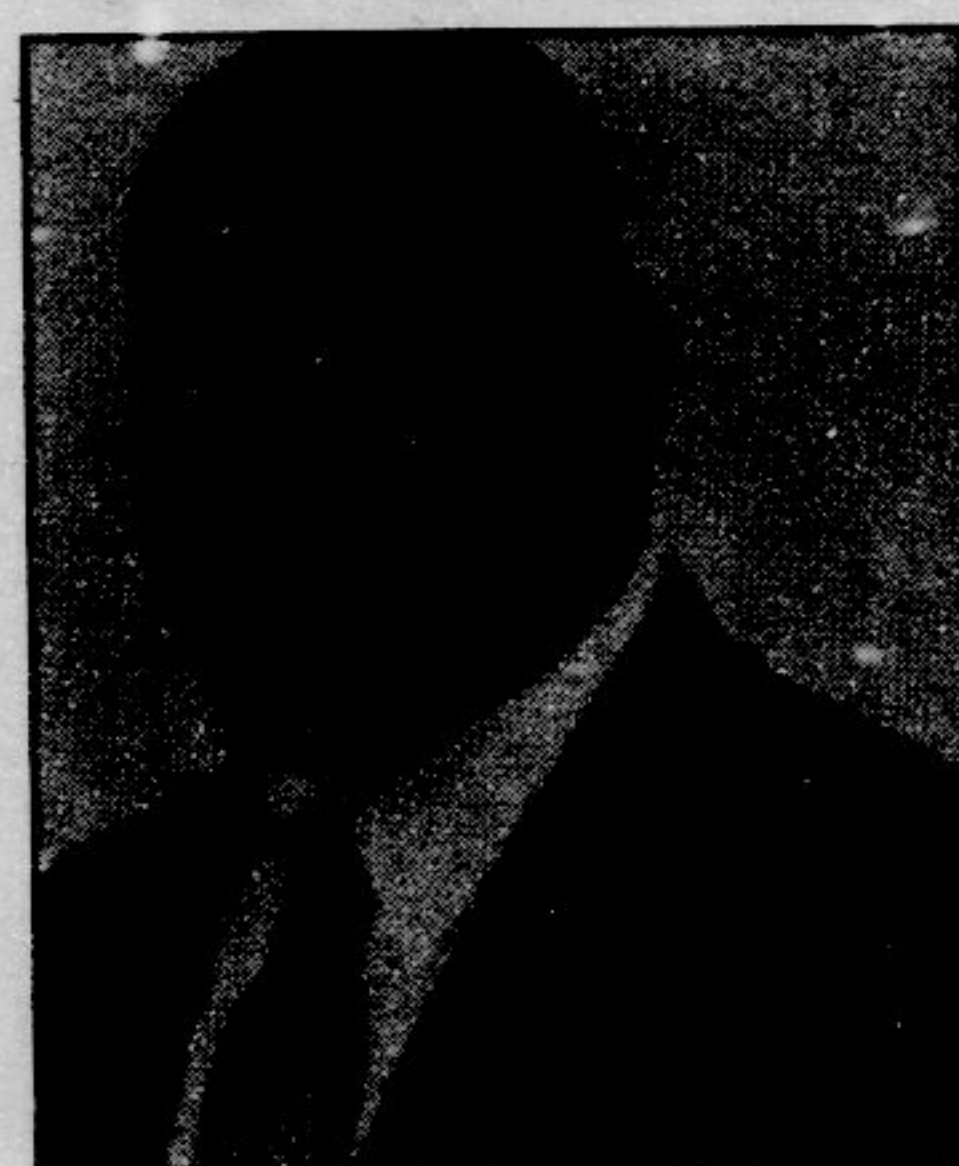
The Syracuse game was Crane's first collegiate game. That game was nationally televised on ESPN. However, Crane says that game was nothing compared to his first scrimmage. Before that scrimmage Crane was second on the depth chart so he knew he needed to have an impressive showing to move up on the roster. Knowing he didn't want to redshirt that year, Crane came out and impressed the coaches enough to the point he was moved up to first on the depth chart.

"Starting on national television my first game was cake compared to that," said Crane.

Going into his sophomore year, Crane knew how important his role was to the team. He finished the season with 79 total tackles, with 44 solos. Those numbers allowed him to finish second best on the squad. Some of Crane's accomplishments included 17 stops at Duke, 11 tackles against Temple and 13 tackles against Syracuse.

This year Crane has taken a different position. Despite having not started any games, he knows he still plays a big role in ECU's success.

"Last year I was a starter and



B. J. Crane

started seven games, this year I haven't started any," Crane said. "Coming off the bench I'd like to be on the field first, because that is what I am used to. But I've handled it well because I've grown up and because I know that in time my time will come."

This season he has recorded 58 tackles. When he looks at his numbers he asks himself if he is making a play every five plays. This is what he wants to do and feels he is capable of handling that responsibility.

"I think for the most part every five plays that I'm on the field I've made a tackle. As long as I am that productive I feel like that's pretty good."

As with any athlete goals are a big part of the athlete's success. How well an athlete can accomplish the goals set before them shows their capability on the field. Crane's goals were altered just a bit after he found out he wouldn't be starting.

"I wanted to one, help us get to a bowl; two, I wanted to be productive; three, I wanted to be a leader. I want people to say 'hey B.J. say something or do something.'"

Leadership is a key aspect in Crane's life. As a member of the Football Academic Leadership team he tours area high schools and motivates young students. Crane's ability to speak out not only helps him talk to students, but it also helps him on the field.

"I want to be able to say something that might motivate somebody else to do it," said Crane.

Crane feels he is a very spiritual person, contrary to how people might perceive his demeanor. He believes God wanted him to come here, so he is going to give it everything he's got.

"Honestly more than anything I think it's just meant to be that I lead,"

Crane said.

With some key linebackers leaving after this year (Libiano, Foreman) Crane will have to step up his play. He doesn't believe their leaving will effect them too much since players have been rotated in and out of the linebacker positions. If there hadn't been the rotation then he feels their loss could possibly hurt them more, but Crane doesn't see it as a big obstacle standing in the way next year.

"Regardless of how much or how little I'm on the field I'm going to take the initiative to lead these guys."

Never at a loss

for words, Crane compares football to a ladder. Interestingly enough the analogy he uses is one that could be used for life.

"If you're going to push someone up a ladder you can't do it standing on the ground. If you're going to get them to go up that ladder you have to step up too. Every time you push them up a little, you have to step up a little. And if I help push this team up the ladder that means I'm going up too."

With ECU securing a Liberty Bowl bid for the second consecutive year, Crane advises opponents to watch out. ECU is coming full force, to avenge last year's loss to Illinois.

"I challenge anybody who plays in that game on Dec. 30 not to be ready because if they aren't they're going to go home like we did last year, because we were coming to win a game."

Crane is positive that ECU will have a positive showing and people will no longer say EC-who? With growing success accredited to the football team, Crane feels in a lot of ways ECU has just arrived on the scene. With back-to-back winning seasons, ECU looks forward to continuing the good fortune for years to come.

"Starting from Dec. 30 to eternity ECU will be one of the most respected

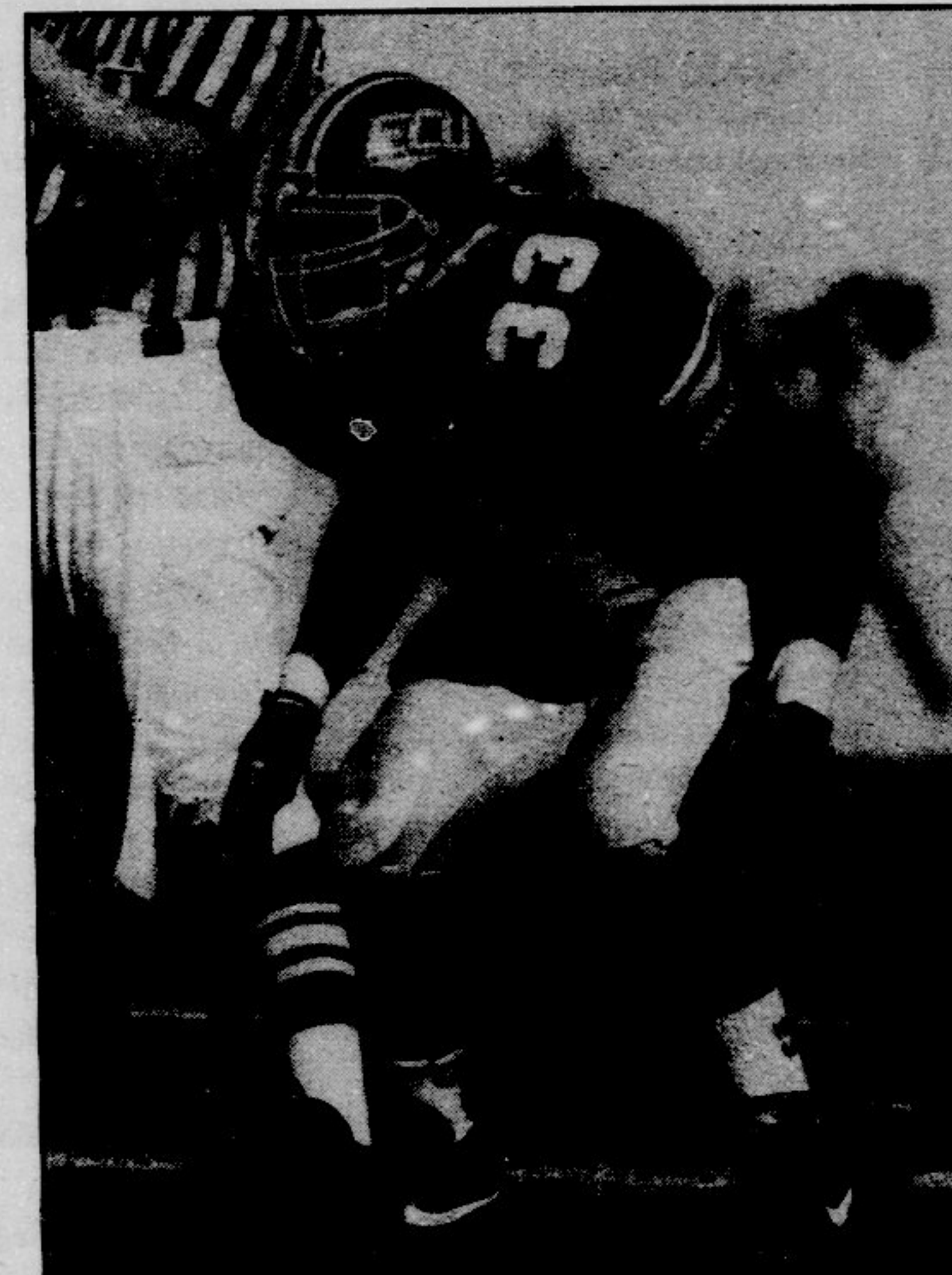


Photo by KEN CLARK

Crane had 79 tackles in 1994, including 44 solo stops. His total was second best on the squad.

teams in the nation," said Crane.

For Crane his father has been the biggest role model in his life. Crane's father is the one person who has shaped his thinking.

"If you talk to my father he would be the same person that I am. He is my hero."

Crane says his father is just as much as a motivator as he is, and he believes that is where he obtained that quality.

"All my idiosyncrasies have been formed by him."

Crane tries to live his life now, the way he would like to live it in the future. His family is important to him and one day he hopes to have a family of his own.

"I live my life to shape myself to be the best son, and one day best husband and father that I can be."

As for his future career, Crane sees stars. No, he doesn't want to be an astronomer, he wants to be a star. He sees himself becoming a television personality.

"I want to be someone so when I walk into a room people will say 'there he is.'"

Is ESPN calling? Who knows. But watch out Keith Olberman, you may have a new co-host.



# Adversity no match for Cooper

Dill Dillard  
End Zone Writer

In the world of sports, there are so many victory stories. Often times some stories are overlooked or not emphasized.

When you look at just an ECU football roster and you look up senior cornerback Hank Cooper, you'll only see "6-0, 178 and #13." Now if you want the real story on Hank Cooper, seeing has to be believing. Off the field as well as on.

Cooper, a native of Smyrna, Ga., has had a rocky, but successful career as a Pirate.

"I came into the program in 1991 in the Peach Bowl year and I was red shirted. So I didn't get to play, but you can say I've been fortunate, being a part of three bowl teams in the five years that I've been here," said Cooper.

That's right. This will be the third bowl season for Cooper in his ECU career, but if all goes well, this will be Cooper's first time actually playing in a bowl. As said earlier Cooper was red shirted the Peach Bowl season, and it looked as if in '94 he would see action in Memphis until injury struck. After playing the first eight games, and starting in six of those contests, Cooper tore ligaments in his left knee during a play in a Liberty Bowl alliance bout with Cincinnati in Greenville.

"It frustrated me not being able to

play the last three games of the season and then miss the Bowl game, but I didn't let it get me down," said Cooper.

Cooper was having a solid year registering forty-four tackles, thirty of them solos, along with two interceptions. To say the least, Cooper lived up to his description of being one of the best open field tacklers on the team, upping his career totals to 108 total tackles along with five interceptions and one and a half sacks.

"The season started out good with the exception of the loss to Duke, said Cooper. "When I was told that I was out for the rest of the season, I knew I just had to get back to work and try to get where I could contribute again," Cooper added.

It was David Hart who got the starting nod in place of Cooper, as the Pirates made it to the St. Jude's Liberty Bowl only to lose to Illinois 30-0.

Despite the fact that Cooper missed his opportunity to face the Illini in Memphis his Junior season, Hank found himself in a position to step up against practically the same Illinois team this year in the regular season. Although the 7-0 battle with the Illini went the other way, Cooper got his shot at the defending Liberty Bowl champs. Cooper took full advantage of his opportunity by making big plays, including two key interceptions that kept the Pirates in the ball game on the road.

"When we played at Illinois, I

wanted to play well seeing that I missed the Bowl, but more than anything, I wanted us to win cause it's another season," Cooper commented.

With the Pirates acceptance of the invitation to the 1995 Liberty Bowl this Saturday, it will be a special time. Along with it being Senior Day, and Cooper's last game in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, it will also be a step closer to the Liberty Bowl and playing on national television, which is something Cooper enjoys.

"Well, I'm excited because it is a bowl game, but more than that it'll be on television," Cooper said. "Being from the Atlanta area, most of my family and friends have never seen me play. So, when we play in Memphis they'll get to finally get to see me play at the college level," added Cooper.

After the cheers have died down from Cooper's football career, Hank as-



Hank Cooper

pires to be an architect upon receiving his degree in environmental design.

So now when you read on the roster "#13 Hank Cooper," remember that also reads "a Pirate that refuses to quit."

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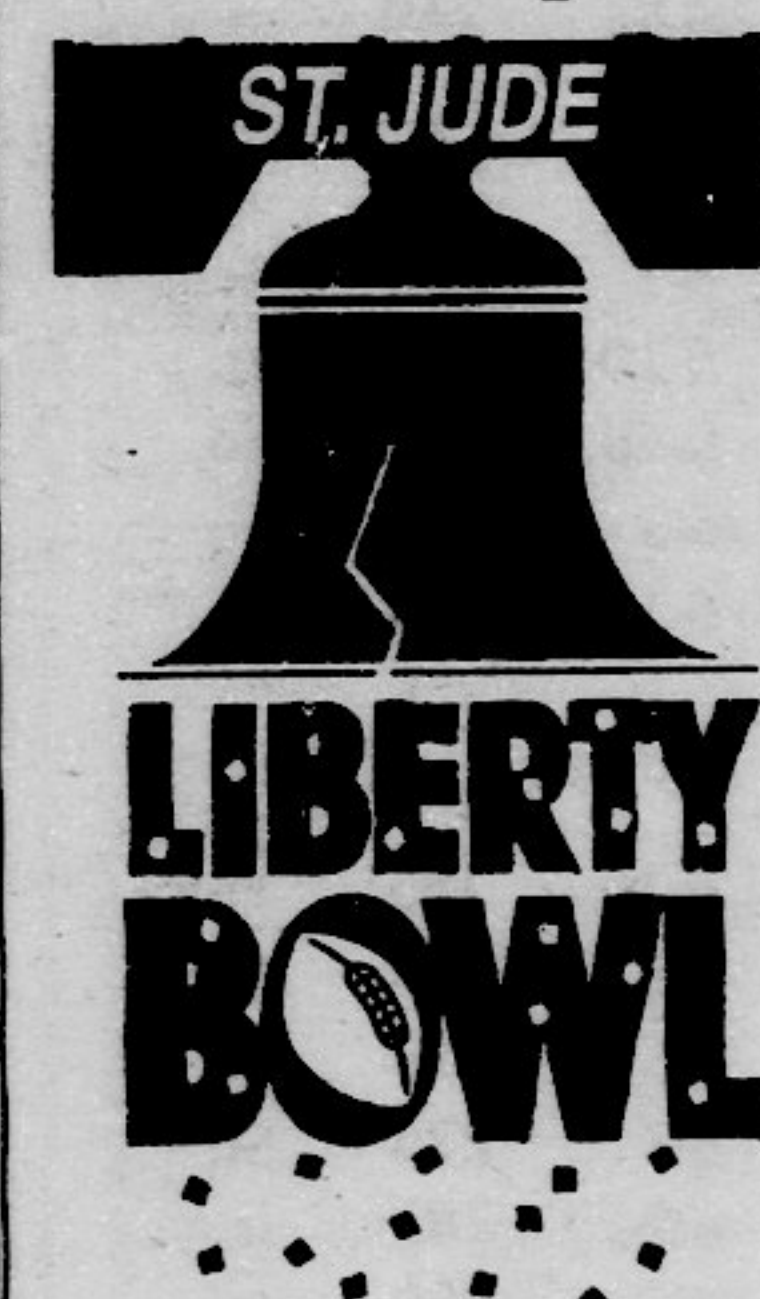
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## Liberty Bowl Alliance



East Carolina	7-3
Cincinnati	5-5
Southern Miss	5-5
Memphis	3-7
Tulane	2-8

This week's games  
Memphis at East Carolina  
Southern Miss at SW Louisiana  
Cincinnati at Tulsa



## Boothe bowls over competition

**Craig Perrott**  
End Zone Writer

At 6-foot-7, and 284 pounds, Charles Boothe towers above his competition. Since coming to ECU as a tight end in 1991, Boothe has gained 80 of those pounds. That could be credited to Boothe's father, who owns some bakeries in his hometown of Ft. Lauderdale. He is an impressive sight on the gridiron, using his size and leverage to dominate Pirate opponents.

Boothe is a Pirate veteran that has seen his share of success. He, like his redshirt senior teammates, has been a part of three bowl games in his five year career with this year's Liberty bowl berth, and two consecutive winning seasons.

"I'm just happy to be a part of it," Boothe said. "I think as a team we've played great. We've won the games we're supposed to, and we pulled out some tough games, like Syracuse."

Boothe went down with an ankle injury in that Syracuse game, and it has aggravated him all year.

"I've had a lot of ups and downs be-

cause of my injury, but the times I was in there I tried to play pretty good," Boothe said.

Fellow lineman Ron Suddith has also had a nagging ankle injury this year, and the offensive line for the Pirates has experienced some shuffling.

"When me and Ronnie got hurt, we had other guys that stepped up and knew the system, so I don't think there was a fall-off," Boothe said. "Depending on the defensive schemes, we stepped up to what we had to do. If we said we were going to throw it, or if we were going to come out and run it, I think we did pretty good and got better each week."

This week against Memphis, Boothe and the other Pirate trenchmen will face a 4-3 front, new to the Tigers, due to the departure of Memphis' defensive coordinator from last year. Memphis has been known in recent years to run a 50 defense.

"They still run some 50 fronts with a flexed nose guard, but they basically run a basic 4-3," Boothe said.

The Memphis game will mark Boothe's last home game as a senior. To him, the past five years have come and gone too

quickly.

"To tell you the truth, I can't believe it's here. It seems like not too long ago I was just coming in here and unpacking my stuff for my first year. It was the quickest five years I've ever seen."

Boothe has seen action at three different positions during his tenure at ECU, coming in as a tight end, being moved to defensive end and finally to offensive tackle last year.

"I've played about 60 positions, it's been pretty bad," Boothe said.

Boothe is looking forward to returning to the Liberty Bowl this year, and is hopeful that the outcome will be different this time around.

"We started the season with unfinished business, now we have a chance to finish it. Hopefully, we can go to Memphis and win it this time."

Boothe was one of the few left that were a part of the Cinderella 1991 Peach Bowl season. But looking back, the two consecutive Liberty Bowl appearances mean more than that championship won in Atlanta.

"The Peach Bowl was great, you know, but it's different when you're standing on



Charles Boothe

the sidelines. When you're actually out there playing, it's a whole different experience."

### Interesting Pirate Fact:

Boothe was recruited by Cincinnati and Kansas. He turned down Cincinnati because it was in the city, and he wanted to stay out of trouble and the negative influence of city life. And Kansas?

"It was just too far," Boothe says with a 284 pound smile.

### East Carolina

QB	5	Marcus Crandell	6-0	204	Jr.
FB	23	Jerris McPhail	6-0	203	Sr.
HB	82	Mitchell Galloway	5-10	174	Jr.
FL	1	Jason Nichols	5-11	171	So.
SE	80	Larry Shannon	6-6	200	Sr.
TE	90	Scott Richards	6-5	241	So.
LT	77	Charles Boothe	6-7	284	Sr.
LG	59	Jamie Gray	6-2	293	Jr.
C	63	Kevin Wiggins	6-2	264	Sr.
RG	64	Lamont Burns	6-5	273	Jr.
RT	67	Shane McPherson	6-3	278	Jr.

DT	96	Walter Scott	6-3	271	Sr.
NG	95	Travis Darden	6-3	252	Fr.
DT	45	Lorenzo West	6-3	238	Jr.
OLB	7	Morris Foreman	6-1	224	Sr.
WLB	81	Mark Libiano	6-3	235	Sr.
MLB	51	Marvin Burke	6-1	249	Jr.
OLB	94	Aaron Black	6-4	255	Sr.
RCB	21	David Hart	5-10	183	Sr.
FS	30	Dwight Henry	5-11	175	Jr.
SS	22	Daren Hart	5-10	195	Jr.
LCB	3	Emmanuel McDaniel	5-10	167	Sr.

### Memphis

DE	66	Rod Mason	6-3	240	Sr.
LT	77	Bryan Barnett	6-1	276	sr.
RT	53	Tony Williams	6-2	266	Jr.
DE	98	Marvin Thomas	6-5	249	Jr.
SLB	37	Jesse Allen	6-3	225	Jr.
MLB	14	Richard Hogans	6-2	253	Jr.
WLB	7	Dan Bonner	6-1	225	Sr.
CB	11	Chris Smith	5-10	170	sr.
CB	35	Kevin Cobb	5-10	172	So.
SS	30	Jerome Woods	6-3	196	Sr.
FS	21	Keith Spann	6-1	200	Jr.

SE	17	Chancy Carr	5-10	185	Fr-RS
LT	58	Brandt Ackley	6-6	284	So.
LG	76	Daniel Gomez	6-5	270	So.
C	63	Ken Newton	6-3	275	Sr.
RG	60	Keith Setler	6-2	282	Jr.
RT	78	Davis Marsh	6-5	280	Jr.
TE	90	Joel Pesche	6-6	255	Sr.
QB	1	Quadry Anderson	6-2	215	Jr.
TB	24	Frank Fletcher	5-9	180	Jr.
FB	33	Darrius Blevins	6-3.5	208	So.
FL	2	Ryan Roskelly	10	185	Sr.



## Oldham reflects on Pirate football

**Brad Oldham**  
End Zone Writer

After covering Pirate football the last three years and attending the games the last four, this Saturday's final home game will be on the list of special last events as my senior year winds down.

Yes, people actually do finally graduate from this school, so as the final week of the regular season dwindles down to a couple of days, I've decided to take a look at the roller coaster ride that ECU football has been on over my last four seasons here.

As a high school senior in 1991, I knew I wanted to attend a college that had a good football team, among other things. Nobody wants to be associated with a loser, so I have no problem admitting that ECU's 11-1 record that season, as well as a Peach Bowl championship had a pretty strong influence on my attending this school.

I was actually lucky enough to make it down here that year and watch such stars as Jeff Blake and Robert Jones work their magic on the field. They played Akron that day, and won 56-20. It was a homecoming, I had never tailgated before, and I went downtown to celebrate later that night. "Where do I sign?" I said to myself.

I applied and got accepted early, giving me a jump on which residence hall to live in. I chose Scott Hall, which put me right in the middle of the football atmosphere. I moved in August, and was ready to experience ECU football as a true Pirate.

I even remember how excited I was that first week, when brand new Head Coach Steve Logan sent me a letter in the mail explaining how valuable fan loyalty was from students throughout the season. Sure, every other person at this school got the same letter, but hey, I was a freshman, and was just happy to be getting mail.

I went to UBE, bought the brand new T-shirts and ECU hats, and prepared for the ESPN Thursday match-up on ESPN versus Syracuse. The drama was intense all week as Greenville and ECU prepared for the Orangemen. I don't know if they still do it or not, but a rebellious activity, I believe they termed "panty-raids," was participated in by the male residence halls on campus. I, of course, participated only to say that I had participated, among other things.

Well, we lost bad to Syracuse, 42-

21. That entire season was actually about as up-and-down as the dance floor at the Elbo was that year, another activity I participated in that crazy freshman year, among other things.

The team ended up 5-6, not bad for a team restructured by a new coach and basically a new team after the many seniors departed after the dream season the year before.

My sophomore year I crossed the line from fan to journalist as I began to cover ECU football for TEC and WZMB. One of the bright spots from the season before, a young, maturing quarterback named Michael Anderson was MIA. This meant that a fellow sophomore named Marcus Crandell, who sat next to me in Freshman & the University, was now a fellow sophomore who was given the task of leading this ECU football team. I always thought that Crandell was a real cool guy in class. He was very modest and soft-spoken. I began to really know just how special he was as I began to cover him for the media. He showed as much character and composition off the field as he showed potential on the field. His first game, again against Syracuse and again on ESPN, he stole the hearts of ECU fans, making people ask Michael Who? as he led ECU in a valiant effort that culminated in defeat at the hands of the much talented Orangemen.

That's why it hurt so much the very next week, when Crandell's season was ended on a cheap shot, late hit, by some scrub on Central Florida's defense. This injury put an extreme amount of stress on Logan, who ended up using three different quarterbacks that season, ending a nightmarish 2-9 on the year. I definitely picked the wrong season to begin to cover the Pirates, because the only positive aspects of the team I could talk about were the potential talent this squad had in seasons to come.

My junior year, out of the dorms and into an apartment stocked with beer, among other things. Covering the Pirates became a bit easier, with early season victories over Southern Miss. and South Carolina. Life actually meant something again to the die-hard Pirate fans, you know, the ones who actually know where the field is after tailgating?

Logan finally got his first winning season under his belt, finishing 7-5 and going to the Liberty Bowl.

Well, this season, you could say, is the one Logan has been talking about ever since he came to ECU. This is the



Photo by KEN CLARK

The ECU defensive line will butt heads with a Memphis offense lead by receiver Ryan Roskelly. The Pirate "D" will be up to the task.

year he has all veteran players and finally has veteran leadership at all positions. My fellow seniors Mark Libano, Morris Foreman, Kevin Wiggins, Jerris McPhail, Charles Boothe, Dwight Linville, Aaron Black, Walter Scott, Hank Cooper, Emmanuel McDaniel, David Crumble and others have weathered the bad times in return for two great seasons to end their collegiate

careers. This is the year that everybody is truly happy to be a Pirate. We're going to a second Liberty Bowl, and I'm sure that years after I've left this campus for good, when fresh young journalists come in and replace the old geezers such as myself, the success of ECU football will result in great parties in Greenville down the road, among other things.



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First, to those students who were in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium last Saturday for the ECU vs Tulsa game, thank you for your loyalty, support and special effort to be in the stands for your football team. You were a part of a fun afternoon and something special for your university.

Last Saturday, your Pirates secured their second consecutive bowl game. This Saturday, your Pirates can earn an 8-3 record, are shooting for a Top 25 national ranking, an undefeated home season, and their first shut-out in since 1982. You can be a part of making this happen by being in your seats 20 minutes prior to the game, on your feet for the team entrance, get loud for every third down play by the opposing team, and cheer your fellow students on the football team on until the final horn.

Realizing that Thanksgiving break begins this weekend, it will be easy for you to attend the game. The dorms will be open until Sunday, so whether you live on or off campus you can come to the game and still have a whole week's vacation with family. An exciting day is planned Saturday. It includes a band in the Tailgate lot before the game, honoring the senior football players, and a post-game Liberty Bowl invitation ceremony in the stadium.

This football team is a special group of young men who deserve to play in front of a full stadium Saturday and 20,000 Pirate fans in the Liberty Bowl. This Saturday will be another special and exciting day for all who are in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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Sincerely,

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at Tennessee (L, 7-27)

Sept. 9

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Sept. 16

**Central Michigan (W, 30-17)**

Sept. 23

at Illinois (L, 0-7)

Sept. 30

**West Virginia (W, 23-20)**

Oct. 7

at Cincinnati (L, 10-13)

Oct. 21

**Temple (W, 32-22)**

Oct. 28

at Southern Miss (W 36-34)

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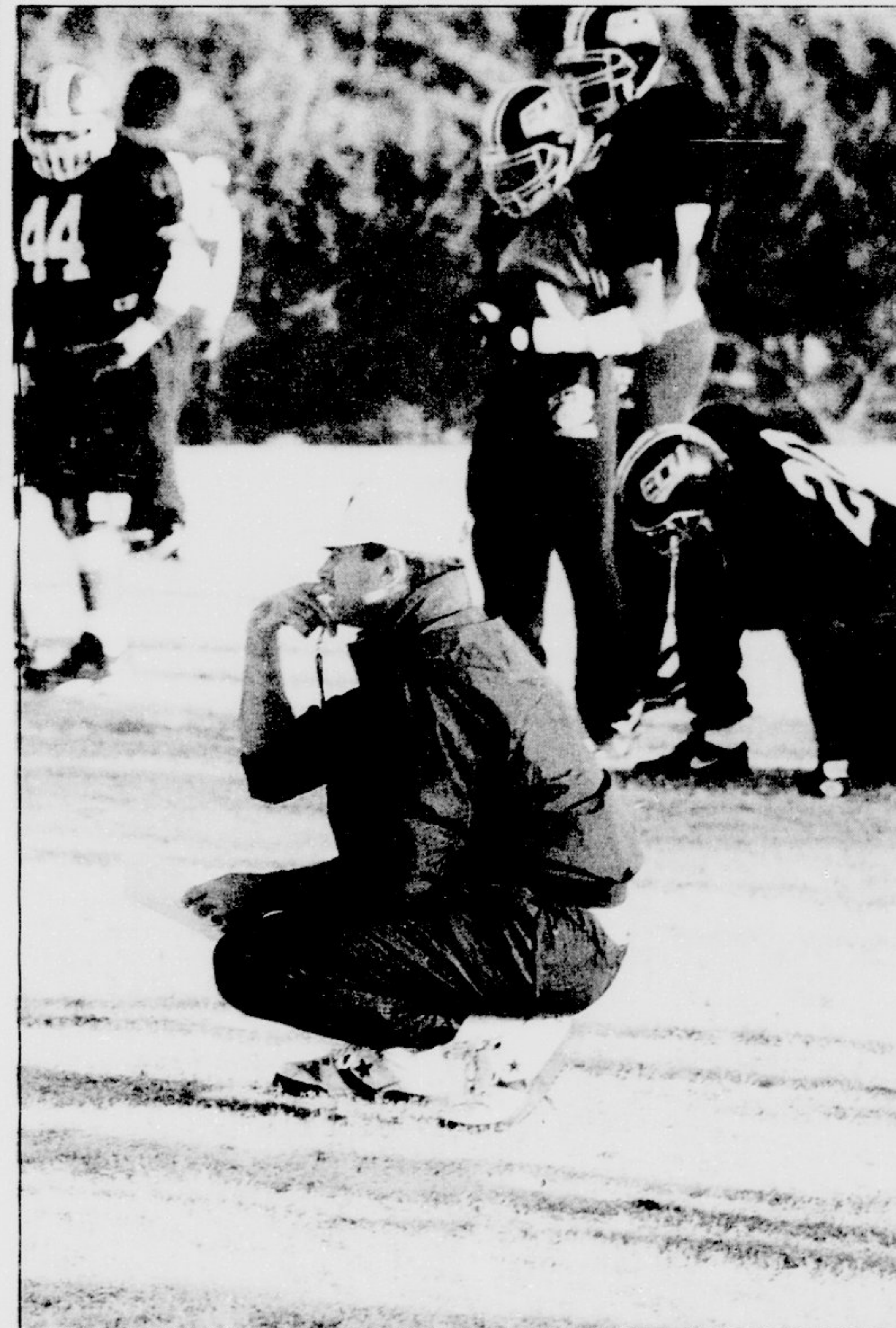
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we'll be there  
even if it's  
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# East meets west in Liberty Bowl

**Brad Oldham**  
End Zone Writer

This year's 1995 St. Jude Liberty Bowl involves two teams that have about as much in common as the oceans they border on.

First off, you have the ECU Pirates, a team that has been dying to get back to this Liberty Bowl ever since the last second ticked off the clock on December 31st, 1994, after Illinois demolished them in front of a nationally televised audience, 30-0. The entire spring practice, pre-season, and regular season has all led them to a unified goal of returning to Memphis to claim what was swiped out of the air from them the year before.

"Unfinished Business" has been the resounding theme this year for head coach Steve Logan and his troops, and they are just one game away from finishing the business at hand.

The Stanford Cardinal, however, had nowhere to go but up this season, as they were predicted to finish last in the Pacific-10 Conference by just about every publication. They had a brand new coach in Tyrone Willingham, and questions were being asked about how he would lead this program after former head coach Bill Walsh split town.

Well, the Cardinal proved the experts wrong, as they turned in one of the best regular seasons in school history at 7-3-1. They finished fourth in the Pac-10 with a 5-

3 conference record, and Willingham went on to win the Pac-10 Conference Coach of the Year award, an accomplishment that had been achieved only one other time in school history, when Walsh won in 1977.

The Cardinal started off the season with a 4-0-1 record, the best beginning in 44 years for Stanford. Big wins over Oregon and Arizona State made the Pac-10 stop in their tracks as Stanford looked to be the Cinderella team of the west. The bubble burst in the middle of the year for the Cardinal as they dropped three out of their next four games, to Washington, UCLA, and USC, arguably the best three teams in the Pac-10.

Stanford ended the season with back to back wins against Washington State and California, and waited for their post-season destiny in the ever-confusing and unpredictable world of bowl bids.

When the announcement was made on Sunday, November 27th that Stanford would be traveling to Memphis for the Liberty Bowl to face ECU, it marked an ironic twist that while Pirate fans had waited an entire year to get to the Liberty Bowl, Cardinal fans considered this a dream come true to make it to any bowl following the bleak year that was foreshadowed upon them by the so-called experts.

So now that both teams have a month to prepare for each other, what will they look to exploit in one another? Both coaches will admit that they're fairly unfamiliar with anything at all about the other's team. And why shouldn't they be? ECU and Stanford have never played before. Heck, Stanford has only played a team from North Carolina twice in their history, that being Duke both times. Plus, the distance between schools prevents any real media coverage informing either coach about the other team.

And let's face it—a Big East team was supposed to be playing us anyway, so there's no way that Logan could of had any idea he would be playing such an odd-ball choice as Stanford.

As bad as Stanford was supposed to have been prior to the 1995 season, they still managed to get 13 players honored for All-Pac-10 awards. Three of these were First-Team selections.

The first is senior left tackle Jeff Buckley, who at 6-5, 300 pounds, heads up an experienced offense made up exclusively of juniors and seniors, ranging from 270-303 pounds.

The second is senior place-kicker Eric Abrams, who will likely win the Lou Groza Award for the best kicker in the country. Abrams set two school records in '95 for points scored and PATs. He hit 16-of-18 field goals this season for an extremely solid 89

percentage, the best single season average in Stanford history. Abrams has led Stanford in scoring for each of the past four seasons. If this year's Bowl game ends up anything like the Peach Bowl game did against N.C. State a few years back, the possibility of putting Abrams in for a do-or-die field goal might be money in the bank for the Cardinal.

The last First-Team selection for Stanford this season is kickoff-returner Damon Dunn, who in just his sophomore season became the school's first all-league return specialist since 1987.

That large offensive line mentioned earlier will benefit Stanford's Second-Team All-Pac-10 quarterback, senior Mark Butterfield. Butterfield was "the little engine that could" of this season's squad, as he took four seasons of bench-warming experience to the table prior to this season in trying to win a starting nod from the rookie head coach. Butterfield did battle with junior Tim Carey before earning the starting spot, which wasn't even decided until a week before the season opener with San Jose State.

Butterfield completed 194 of 333 passes for a 58 percent passing percentage, with 2,533 yards, nine interceptions, and 19 TD's.

The running game is anchored by sophomore Second-Team All-Pac-10 selection Anthony Bookman, who gained 872 yards on the year, including four 100-yard rushing games.

Just as there's no letter "s" on the end of the team mascot Cardinal, there really should be no "D" at the end of Stanford, because the team lacks both depth and talent on the flip side of the ball.

The Cardinal ranks ninth in the Pac-10 in total defense, giving up an average of 26.2 points per game, as well as an incredible 412.6 a game average total yards. If there's one area that Logan and his team can exploit, it's the Stanford defense.

The lone bright spot on the Stanford defense is the inside linebacker duo of senior Mike Hall and sophomore Chris Draft. Hall leads the team with 182 tackles over the last two seasons, and has started 22 straight games at ILB. Draft finished sixth in the conference with 103 tackles.

ECU senior running back Jerris McPhail could have a huge game, considering the Cardinal gives up 184 yards rushing a game. Look for Crandell to exploit the Stanford defense both on the long and short passes.

The way to look at this game without getting technical about the little things is to simply match-up both team's offenses and defenses in general.

It's fairly obvious that our offense is

much better than their defense. If the offense that shows up December 30th is the one that we saw against teams such as Syracuse and West Virginia, instead of the offense that showed up against Cincinnati and some of the other games in the middle of the season, when the Pirate defense clearly carried this ball-club.

Speaking of the Pirate defense, match them up against the talented Stanford offense and it's a harder call to make as far as which way the scale is leaning. Obviously, if this Pirate defense steps up like it has pretty much all season, especially seniors such as Morris Foreman and Mark Libiano, the chances of us matching up to Willingham's offense looks pretty good.

And finally, and maybe the most important factor above anything else, is the motivational issue. The true drive and determination that has lingered in the hearts of all the returning ECU players from last year's squad has catapulted them into the position of taking back what they lost last year. Sure, they've gone to the Liberty Bowl two years straight now, but without a win in either game, twenty years from now, who's going to remember?



## Fast Facts

**Location** - Stanford, California

**Founded** - 1885

**Enrollment** - 13,075

**Head Coach** - Tyrone Willingham

**Nickname** - Cardinal

**Colors** - Cardinal & White

**Stadium** - Stanford (85,500)

**Conference** - Pacific 10

**Current Record** 7-3-1

**Notes:** This will be the first ever match-up between Stanford and ECU. The Pirates have only played one other Pac-10 opponent in their history, losing to Washington in 1993.

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# Concentration key to victory

**Amanda Ross**  
End Zone Writer

No doubt about it, ECU is heading to Memphis this year with something different in mind this year.

Many players admit last year they really didn't have football as their first priority. They were just happy to have gotten that far last season.

Senior linebacker Morris Foreman admits that the team was enthusiastic about being in Memphis, but not for all the right reasons.

"Last year was more of a celebration," said Foreman. "We went down there to have fun. We wanted to win, but when we came out on game day there was no focus there and we knew that, and we didn't come out to play football."

For most players, last season's trip to Memphis was their first bowl game ever. For a few veterans, this was their second post-season game. Many of those same players who played on the 1991 Peach Bowl team and the 1994 Liberty Bowl, will be heading to their third bowl game of the year. So they know the importance of keeping their cool in pressure situations.

Needless to say last year's bowl defeat was heart breaking for all the players, but many of those first year players were just excited to be there and their frame of mind wasn't necessarily on football.

Consequently the team's motto this season has been "unfinished business."

Scott Richards knew this year's team the '94 Liberty Bowl loss on their mind at the start of this season.

"We put on our shirts 'unfinished business' and we decided that was what we were going to work for all year," said Richards.

ECU hopes to go to Memphis and finish that business and no team is going to stand in their way of what they are going there to come home with — a victory.

"We're going to Memphis to win a game and it doesn't matter who the opponent is," said linebacker B.J. Crane. "If the Cardinal happen to be there so be it — our goals don't change."

The task of making it back to the Liberty Bowl for the second consecutive season has not been easy. It's been a tough road, but one that has been well traveled. After a brutal Sept. schedule, which included Tennessee, Syracuse, Central Michigan, Illinois and West Virginia, the Pirates came out on top posting a 3-2 record. Most predicted that ECU would not come out that well, but the Pirates wanted to prove their skills from the very beginning this season.

"We've had some tough opponents, but we came out strong and I think that is what is important," said Richards. "We finished this season getting better and better week-to-week."

The Pirates did improve all the way to an 8-3 record. Since the Pirates do have some recent bowl experience behind them they will hopefully be able to handle the hype that goes along with bowl games.

"We're much older now and we know how to handle that," said Foreman.

Quarterback Marcus Crandell, is proud of the way ECU has played this year, and the way they have stuck to their guns and accomplished what they set out to prove at the beginning of the year.

"We set the goals at the beginning of the season and now it's happening," said Crandell. "Right now we have to focus on what we have to do to win and how we are going to do that."

Back-to-back winning seasons will also help the Pirates' momentum going into the Liberty Bowl, and should help seniors focus more on the last game of their career.

Crandell adds that this season should be especially good for those seniors because they helped contribute in ECU's perfect 5-0 home record. He believes the players, fans and university should be proud of their accomplishments and hard work put forth by all members of the team.



Photo by KEN CLARK

Senior Morris Foreman says this year the Pirates are heading to Memphis to win.

For the seniors who will be graduating from the team, this will be a special game. Not only do they want to put last year's 30-0 loss to Illinois behind them, but they want to carry with them a memory forever of ECU's 1995 football team going to Memphis and coming home with a victory.

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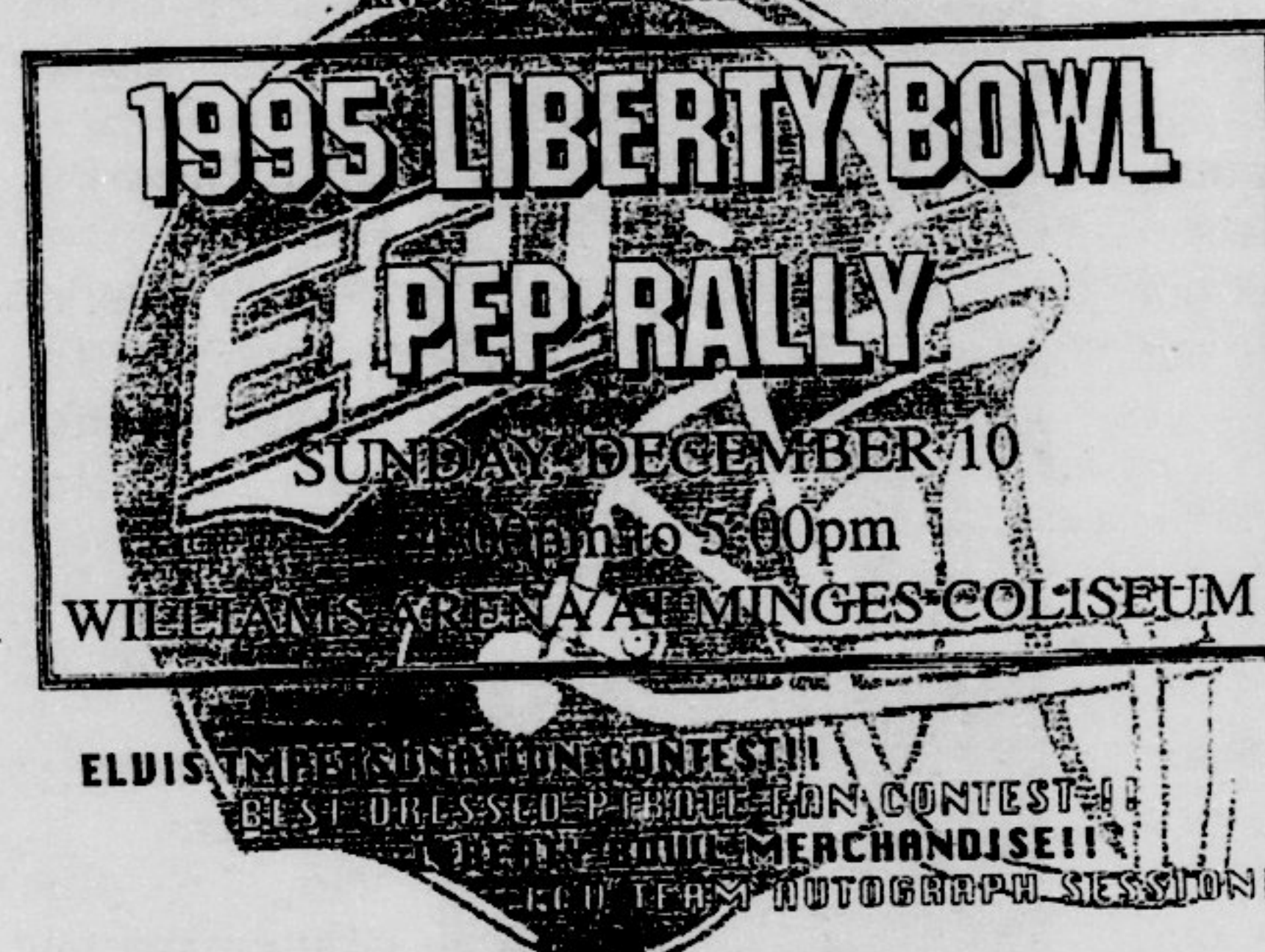
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Dear ECU Students:

Thank you for your support of the ECU Pirates football team this fall. Five home games and five wins. Your support in the stands to make Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium a special home field goes a long way toward making this undefeated home season possible this fall. We appreciate every one of you who came out to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, rain or shine, for your Pirate football team.

Consecutive winning seasons and bowl appearances were two goals that were set prior to this season. With those met, the 1995 "unfinished business" theme points to our last goal...A Liberty Bowl victory and a Top 25 national ranking.

The Stanford University Cardinal football team from the outstanding PAC 10 conference will be our opponent. They have a nationally recognized program with rich tradition. We have the utmost respect for this football team. But, make no mistake, our mission is to go to Memphis and WIN...We will be focused on this objective!

Many deserving teams will be left at home because they were not invited to a bowl game this year. Through the support of Pirate students and fans at the 1994 Liberty Bowl, your football team has been offered a short term bowl opportunity. The amount of fans who invade Memphis will make a great impact on long term bowl and conference opportunities. I know every student and loyal ECU fan, like me, never wants to be left out again.

It's more important than can be expressed...14,000+ Pirate fans invading Memphis and filling the ECU side of the Liberty Bowl is essential.

This is the only time this year the Pirate football team and fans will appear in front of a national television audience. When your Pirates take the field...Show everyone an ECU side filled with Pirate saber slashing pride and enthusiasm.

A victory over nationally prominent Stanford! What a feeling it will be on Beale Street, December 30. Every loyal Pirate fan in Memphis will have been a part of the next great moment in ECU football history.

Be Loud and Be Proud! It will be a great time.

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## Special teams under "the gun"

**Dill Dillard**  
Staff Writer

When an average football fan hears the term "special teams," many football fans think of the kicker and the punter. To a football coach the special teams are just that—"special." You'll hear time and time again how vital special teams are to a football team during this Liberty bowl season when the Pirates take on evenly matched Stanford, Dec. 30.

Now if you want to talk ECU special teams, E.J. Gunthrope's name will pop up nine times out of 10.

Gunthrope, a 6-foot-2, 212 pound junior safety, is seeing his third year of action this year after being redshirted in his first season at ECU. Gunthrope, a native of Winston-Salem and Parkland High School, chose ECU over other nearby programs.

"I really liked the people and surroundings when I visited here, and I had some friends that were already here," said Gunthrope.

Coincidentally, fellow defensive backs and Winston-Salem natives David and Daren Hart were some of the friends of Gunthrope that he spoke of that were Greenville bound out of high school.

Despite the fact Gunthrope has never been looked to as far as a starting role goes, Gunthrope has certainly made his impression in his three years of play. In his first eligible year, "the Gun" saw action in nine games followed by an outstanding '94 season capped off by being named Outstanding Special Teams Player of the Year by the coaching staff.

"I feel that special teams is one of the most important parts of the game," Gunthrope added. "Most people don't take special teams seriously and don't really pay attention to it. Like the bigger schools, they feel it's insignificant, but special teams win and lose ball games for us," ended Gunthrope.

After three years of playing a reserve and special teams role, for Gunthrope, this year has been no different. Once again Gunthrope has been a mainstay for the Bucs in special teams tackles for most of this year, and is improving every game.

"I've definitely seen improvement in my game from my first year here, especially on special teams," said Gunthrope. "The past two years I've worked on skills that would enable me to contribute," Gunthrope added.

As many Pirate fans have noticed not only the special teams have improved, but the ECU defense has also improved as a whole.

"Oh, I have definitely seen an improvement in our defense since I've been here. Coach [Steve] Logan has brought in some of the best coaches in the country here to ECU and it has helped the team a lot," said Gunthrope.

As vital as depth is in a defensive backfield, Gunthrope feels that he could see more time as a safety in the future.

"I've worked hard on my game and going into the bowl game all the way into my senior season, I'm sure because of my improvement I'll have to be ready to go as a safety," added Gunthrope.

Gunthrope, an exercise and sports science major, has ambitions of becoming a school principal. Looking at Gunthrope's past present and future as a Pirate, it is plain to see that he sticks to the quote he lives by: "Good things come to those who wait."

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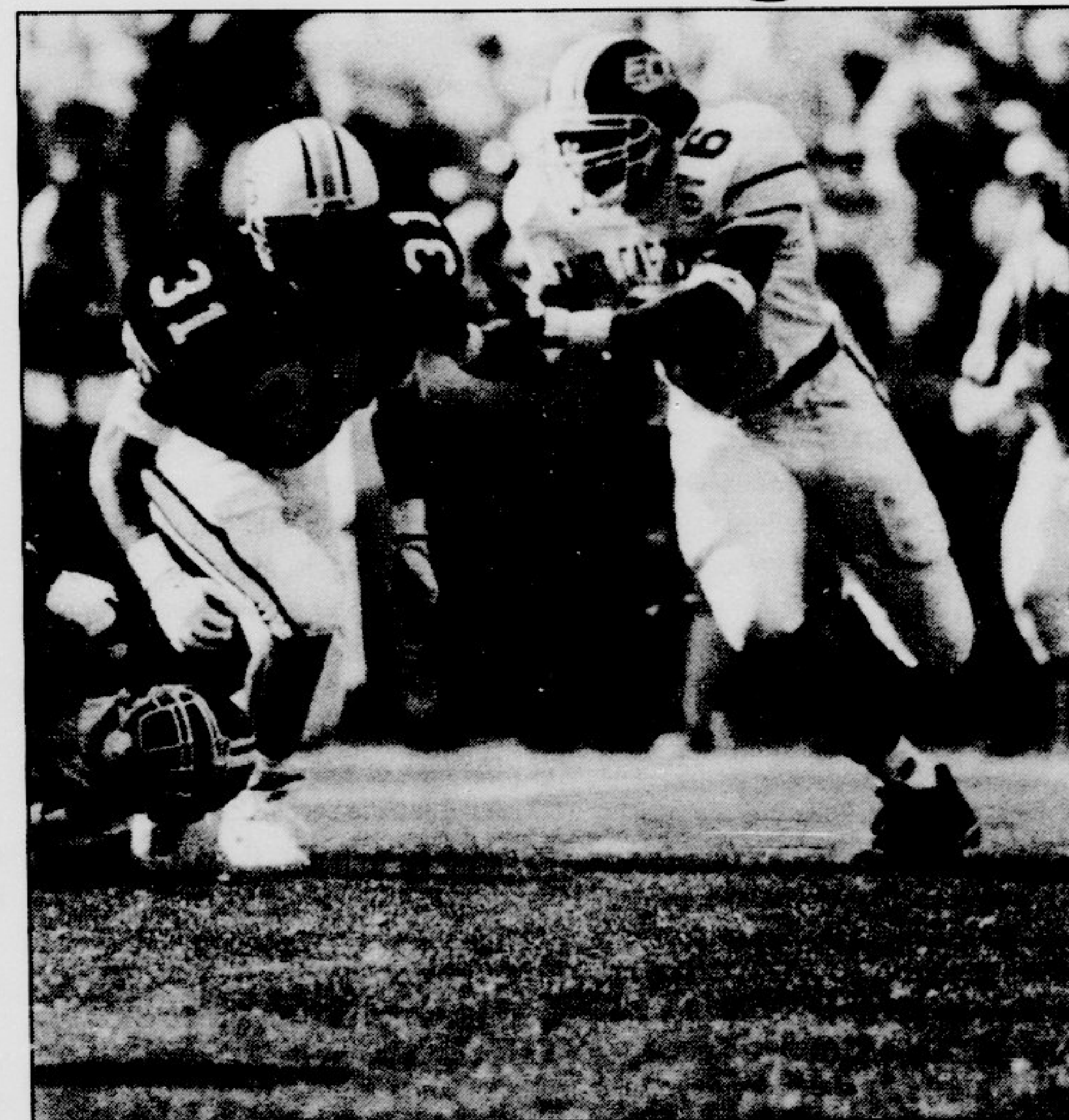
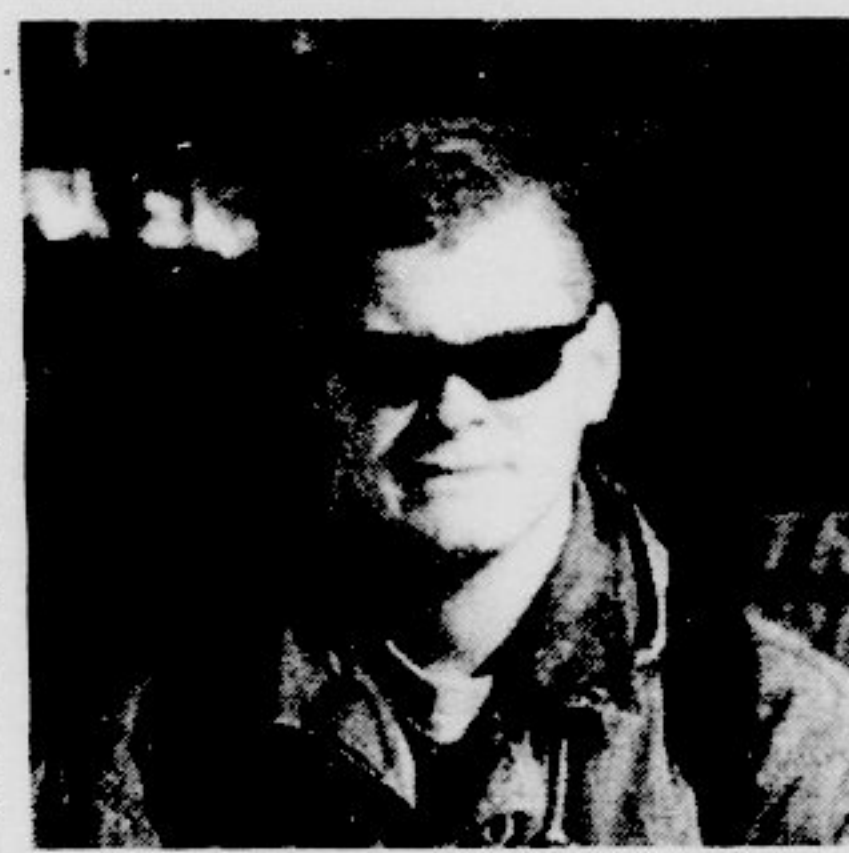


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Junior Safety E.J. Gunthrope helps out on special teams. He attributes the team's success to Logan and his coaching staff.

### Pirates on the Street

Will you be going to the Liberty Bowl?



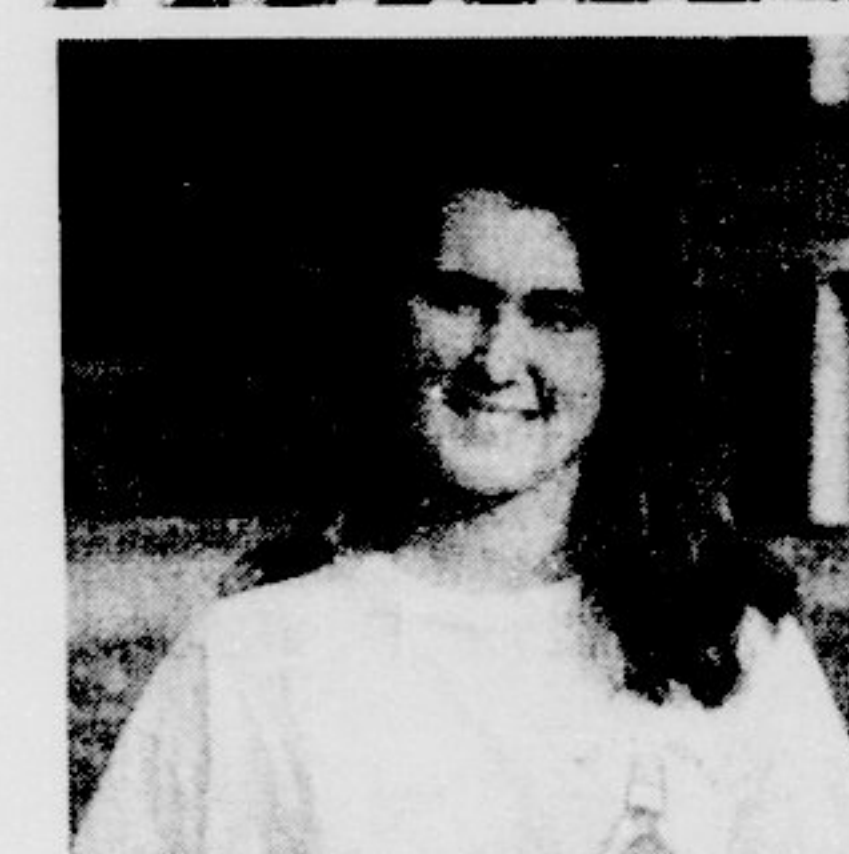
**Brent Creech, Med. Student**  
"Yes, I feel our team needs our support."



**Selina Coleman**  
"I'm not sure, but I hope to be able to go out and support the Pirates."



**Will Stanley Senior**  
"Yeah, I'll be in Memphis to support the team. Go Pirates!"



**Mandy Steed Freshman**  
"No, I'm celebrating my dad's birthday and I want to be with my fiancé for New Year's."



# Daren Hart stand on his own

Craig Perrott  
End Zone Writer

It's not easy having a brother, much less a twin.

In last year's Liberty Bowl, David Hart won the Defensive Player-of-the-Game Award. Now, a year later, he's still hanging it over his brother's head.

"I hear it all the time. 'You did this, but who got the trophy?'" Daren Hart said. "He's got it sitting in our room, and it ain't small, it's a big trophy. I would love to have a trophy to put beside his so he won't have that bragging right, but I always tell people that I had more tackles that game. I had 15 and he had 12."

"I felt good for him, though, because he brought the award to the house, so to speak."

David may have the trophy, but Daren dominates the stat books. The 5-10, 195 lb. safety is second on the team in tackles with 91 and has four sacks this season. He also has three interceptions this year, including a 15-yard interception return against Central Michigan. In the Illinois contest this season, Daren set single-game superlatives for the team with 20 total tackles and 12 initial stops. Daren, a native of Winston-Salem, considers himself a motivator that carries with himself a positive attitude and a will full of determination.

"I just try to be consistent and do my job," Daren said. "I just make the plays that come to me. The coaching staff is beginning to believe in me, and put me in the position where I can make big plays."

The defense has kept the Pirates in every game they have played this season. In years past, it has been the offensive unit that has bailed out the defense. With this reversal of roles, Daren realizes that no matter what happens, the defense must keep playing hard and pick up the slack when necessary.

"When the offense wasn't playing well, the defense stood behind them and said 'you were there for us when East Carolina used to score a lot of points and the defense was struggling, so we're going to be there for you now.' It all evened out in the end."

If the offense plays poorly, and the defense can't get started, then the Pirates rely on their special teams to carry the load.

"It's three phases to the game, and we go out and try to win at least two of them. If we do that, we usually come out on top."

The 1995 Liberty Bowl will feature a different ECU team than last year's outing. It is a Pirate squad that is more focused and intent on accomplishing their "unfinished business." The team was extremely lax last year in Memphis, but the fun and games will be cut out this time around in an effort to achieve their goals.

"The difference between this year and last year is we expect to win. We've been there before, and we go out thinking that we're better than the other teams. If we lose, we're disappointed."

Last year ECU was soundly defeated by Illinois 30-0. It is a score that has been on the minds of players, coaches and fans for the past 12 months. The Pirates are more experienced this year, and are yearning to bring home a Liberty Bowl Championship.

"We're not going down there to lose two in a row," Daren said. "Our offensive players are picking it up because they think nobody can shut them out. It's going to be a good game."

ECU will face a Stanford offense that can put a lot of points on the board.

"We watched the film of the California game, and we think their going to try to run the ball and establish a running game against us," Daren said. "Hopefully we can get them into their passing game, because we think we can take advantage of that situation."

Daren and David combined for 124 tackles last year, and will be back in 1996 as seniors to hopefully lead the Pirates back to a third consecutive Liberty Bowl appearance.

"I love the game, and all I'm about, in any situation, is winning. I don't care how we do it."

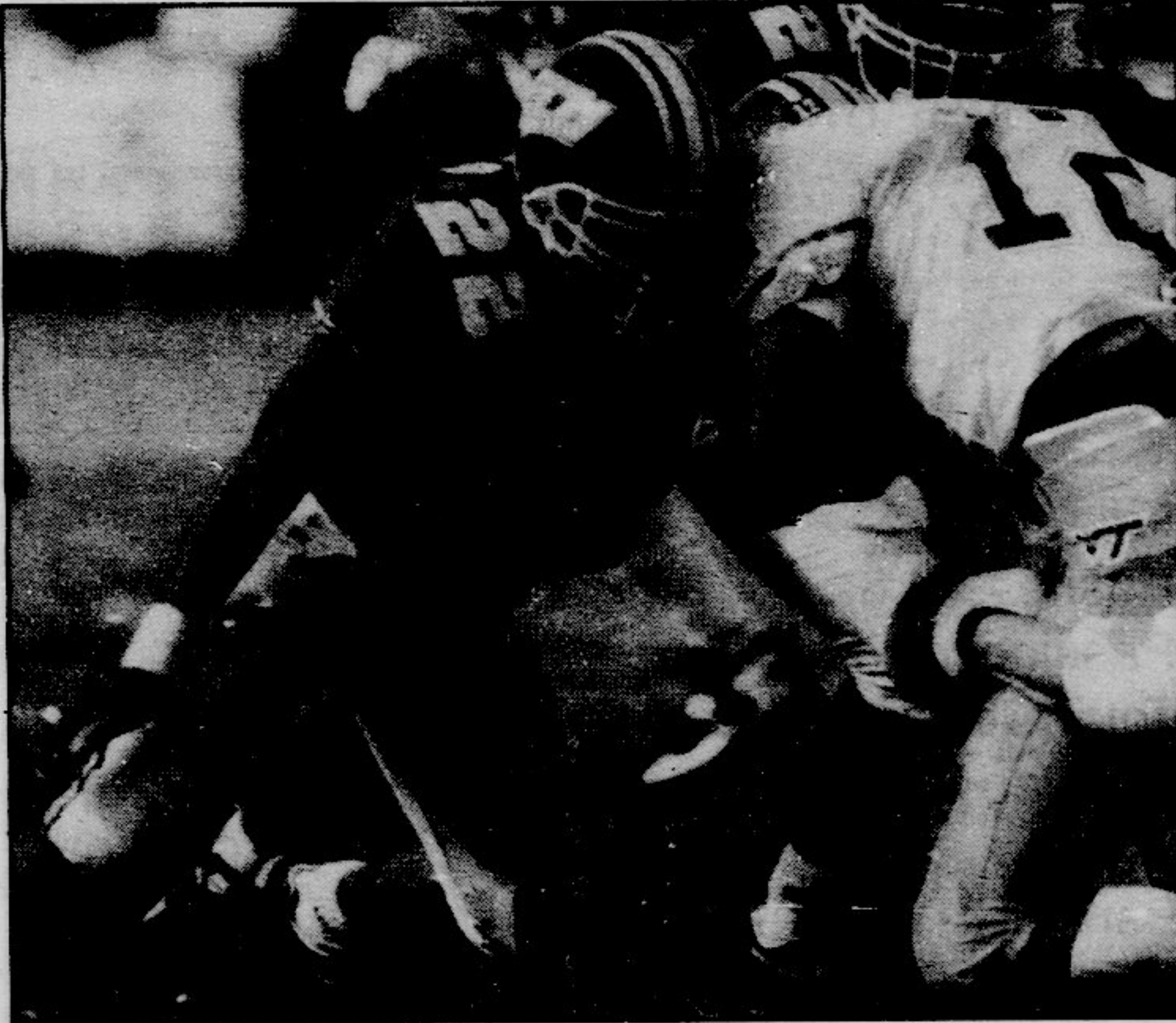


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Daren Hart, junior safety, plans to enter Memphis with a winning attitude. He is second on the team in tackles with 91 and four sacks.

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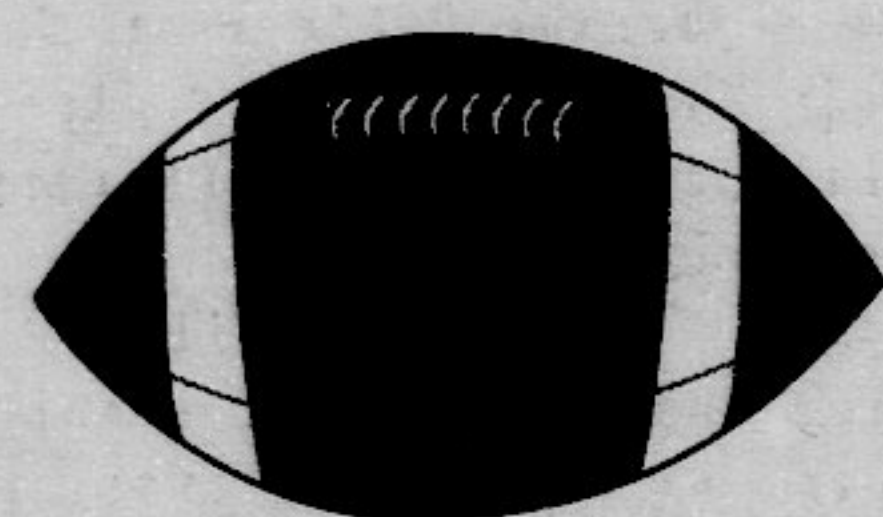
### Defensive stats

UT	AT	Total	INT	Sacks
62	29	91	3	4





## Most recent bowl appearances


**ECU**
**Stanford**

First downs	17	16
Rushes-Yards	23-92	42-155
Passing Yards	179	210
Total Offense	271	365
Passing	41-20-4	29-17-2
Punting	5-41.0	7-42.4
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-41
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1

## Top 10 reasons to go to Memphis

10. Great opportunity to bond with friends
9. Mississippi casinos
8. Graceland
7. Barbeque
6. Blues, blues and more blues
5. Silky's
4. Fill the stadium with purple and gold
3. New Year's Eve on Beale Street
2. Show the N&O whose fans are the most loyal
1. Witness the Pirates tackle their unfinished business



## Make Memphis more than the Bowl

Stephanie Lassiter  
Editor-in-Chief

"On the road again. I can't wait to get on the road again." I'm up for taking Willie's advice and once again heading to Memphis.

A lot of students think the 15-hour drive to Memphis is too much, especially considering last year's disappointing outcome, but it's a new year and a new team with a new philosophy. Besides, did you get to see everything there is to see in Memphis last year?

Go ahead and book your room for a few extra nights because there is a lot to do in Memphis and you might as well make a vacation out of it. Spring break is a long ways away.

Graceland is a must. Yes, Chip, ECU fans will go to Graceland. Elvis was a Pi-rate, ya' know? For the low price of \$9 you can see Elvis' 15-foot yellow vinyl couch, his burial site (next to his twin brother's), his Taking-Care-of-Business-In-a-Flash diamond ring, his gaudy jumpsuits and his never ending walls of Golden Records.

But, that's not all. Graceland will be decorated for Christmas just as Elvis decorated it prior to his death in the '70s. The blue lights stream across the lawn will take you down memory lane to when you were a wee little one helping mom decorate the snow-flocked artificial pine.

If you want to see Elvis' plane, the Lisa-Marie, it'll cost a little more, but isn't it worth it to see a bed with seat belts?

So maybe you aren't the biggest Elvis fan. Try heading toward Mississippi to try your hand at gambling. To enter you must be 21 years old, but the drinks are free — it's a clever method for getting you to drop more coins into the slot machine. If you hang around the Roulette tables you'll begin to see why people jump off bridges and throw themselves in front of 18-wheelers. Gambling is the quickest way to lose a lot of money and to run yourself into bankruptcy.

The trip to Mississippi seems like something out of a horror movie. The 30-something-mile trip is long and never ending thanks to the dark, empty fields along the straight road. You'll half expect Freddy to jump out in front of your vehicle, but just when you think you'll never get there, bright lights will illuminate the sky. Lady Luck, Harrah's and Circus Circus neon signs will invite you to the land of lost dollars. It's another world, one worth at least an hour's time.

You can't leave Memphis without

checking out the ducks at the Peabody. True, the Peabody was the scene to Tom Cruise's first dealings with the firm in The Firm, but the ducks are what the Peabody's really about. Twice daily, at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., the Peabody ducks march on red carpet to the tune of "King Cotton March." It's such a big attraction that the Peabody has a restaurant named Mallard's and their official logo is the duck.

Last year, the owner of Silky O'Sullivan's bar on Beale Street was so enthused with the Pirates that he offered a pail of a specially concocted purple beverage. Pirate fans turned out in droves for the colorful, tasty drink. In fact, Silky's was so packed with Pirate fans that I just hung around outside the bar. But this year,

I think I'll try to make my way in.

If a 15-hour trip is too long for you and your pals to make in one day, take a rest. Pigeon Forge is the home to Dolly Parton and Dolly Wood. It's also an ideal place to spend some of that Christmas money Santa left in your stocking. It's the home to outlets, outlets and more outlets.

If you would like to see a spectacular display of Christmas decor, stop in Nashville at the Opryland hotel. The grounds of the hotel are enough to leave you moaning and sighing for days, but the hotel's interior is also a must. Yes, a hotel's interior is worth stopping to see. When my parents suggested it, I, too, was skeptical, but I'm glad I opted for the tourist attraction and not a night cooped up in a hotel

room with my folks. Visiting the hotel is free and it's something you won't see in Greenville. Besides, it makes a good resting place and you just might get the chance to see Reba, in case you miss Elvis at Graceland.

Don't let this exciting travel opportunity pass you by. Get a group of friends, pile into someone's mom's wag and head to Memphis. Order your tickets today and support your Pirates. Let's show Stanford who really has the class and fill the stands at the Liberty Bowl. To order tickets, dial 1-800-DIAL-ECU or 328-4500 (office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Tickets are \$30. For more information on Memphis contact the Memphis Visitor Information Center at (901) 543-5333.

### '95 St. Jude Liberty Bowl Special Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	COST
Team welcome dinner/party	12/26	6 p.m.	\$25
Coaches awards luncheon Peabody Hotel	12/27	12 p.m.	\$20
President's Formal Dinner/Dance Adam's Mark Hotel	12/27	7 p.m.	\$80
Ladies Fashion Show/Luncheon	12/28	12 p.m.	\$20
Family Funfest Team Dinner Party Agricenter International	12/28	5 p.m.	\$15/adult \$10/child
Basketball Challenge Game: U. of Memphis vs. Temple Pyramid	12/28	7 p.m.	call (901) 274-4600 for info
St. Jude Liberty Parade	12/29	4 p.m.	no charge
Beale Street Music Fest	12/29	6 p.m.	\$15
St. Jude Liberty Bowl Professional Rodeo Shelby Showplace Arena	12/29	7 p.m.	\$8(\$10 day of event)
Jimmy Dean Pre-game Brunch Mid South Coliseum (next to Stadium)	12/30	8:30 a.m.	\$20

To order tickets contact (901) 274-4600.



# Saluting the Class of '95



**Dwight Linville, Winston-Salem, N.C. — What football has taught him about life:** "No matter how many times you get knocked down, you can get back up. Life has a lot of hardships, but you have to be able to get back up."

**Jerris McPhail, Clinton, N.C. — What football has taught him about life:** "Be more responsible. And that you are always going to run into obstacles and you have to be able to overcome them."

**Kevin Wiggins, Pink Hill, N.C. — Who he attributes his success to:** "My family. They have supported me in everything that I have done from elementary school to college."

**Aaron Black, Primghar, Iowa — His life motto:** "Those who fail to plan, plan to fail. People who do not prepare for various situations will not ultimately succeed in life."

**Derrek Batson, Miami, Fla. — "Football is a team sport made up of individuals contributing individual effort. In life you will find yourself in situations or on a job that will require your individual maximum effort. Giving your all on the field will carry over into the corporate world."**

**David Crumie, Tallahassee, Fla. — What football has taught him about life:** "Football has taught me that life is roller coaster ride, with plenty of ups and downs, and twists and turns, much like a football game. To be successful, there is no substitute for hard work."

**Hank Cooper, Smyrna, Ga. — Who he attributes his success to:** "My parents first of all have always been there for me. But here, it is Coach Connors who helped me to be strong mentally and physically through his ambition and attitude."

**Eric Blanton, Warwick, N.Y. — Who he attributes his success to:** "To my parents because they encouraged me and helped teach me to be the best I can be at all times."

**Chuch Ingram, Greensboro, N.C. — What football has taught him about life:** "Playing football here at ECU has taught me a lot. I have learned how to deal with adversity a lot better. I have not had an opportunity to play in a game here. Knowing I have the talent to do so only shows me that things happen for a reason. This has really taught me how to be a team player."

**Mark Libiano, Easton, Pa. — His life motto:** "There is always time to learn, so take some time to listen."

**Walter Scott, Trenton, N.C. — Marcus Garvey supplied his life motto:** "If you don't have confidence in yourself, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started."

**Emmanuel McDaniel, Jonesboro, Ga. — His life motto:** "Always strive to be the best you can be, no matter what you are doing in life."

**Morris Foreman, Farmville, N.C. — What football has taught him about life:** "Dedication and love for something can take you a long way, make you do things you never believe you could do."

**Charles Boothe, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. — What football has taught him about life:** "If you don't work hard, you won't achieve what you want."

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