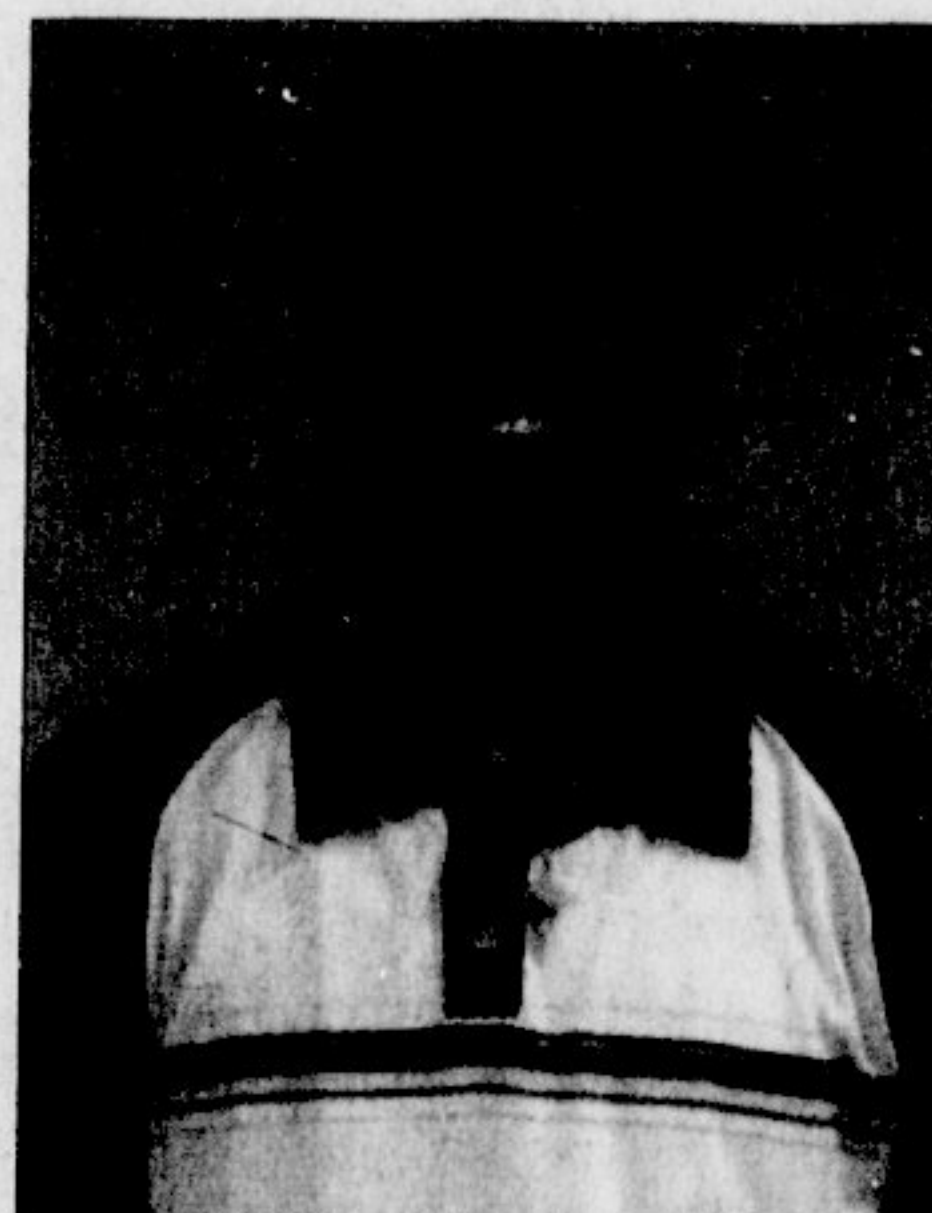




# SGA holds student body elections for freshman through senior classes this week



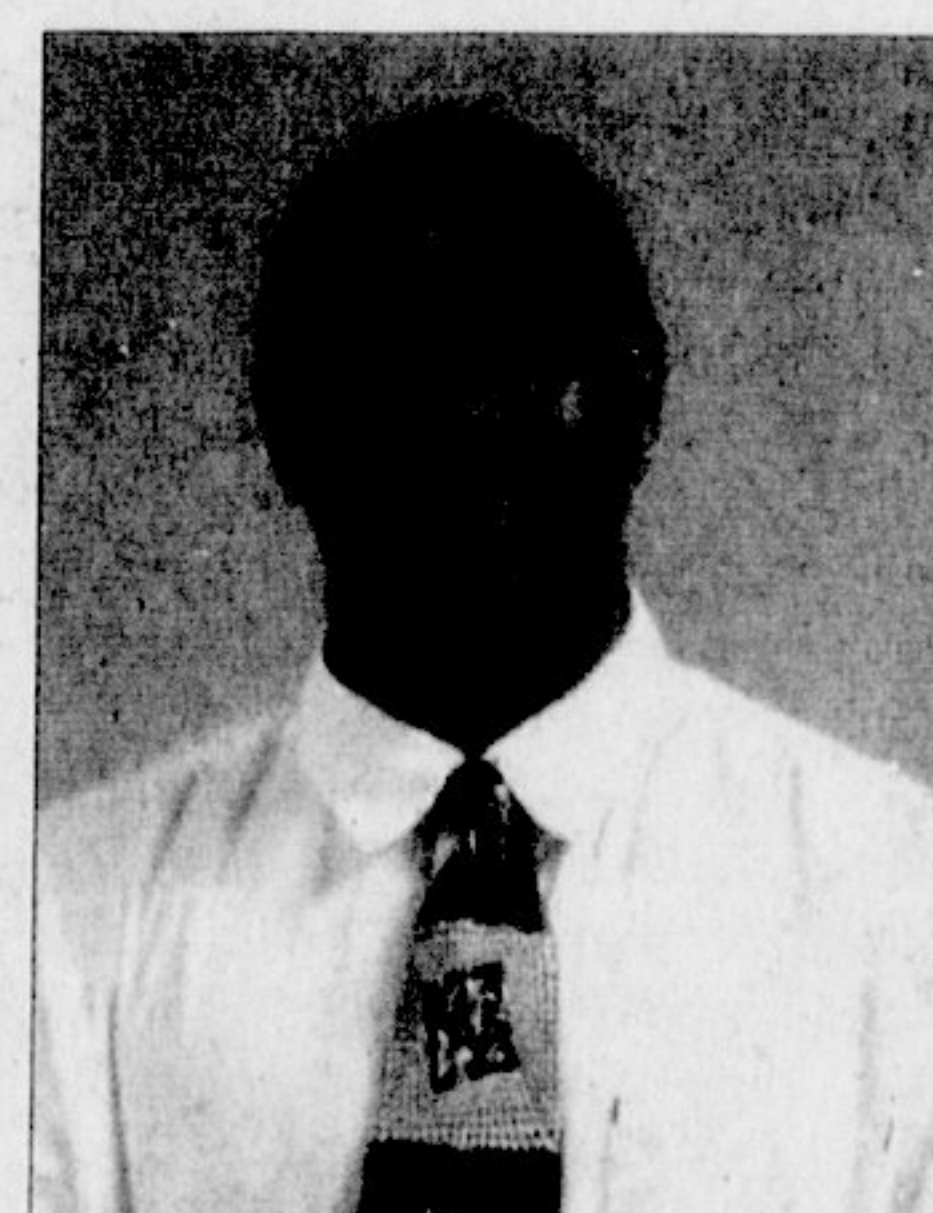
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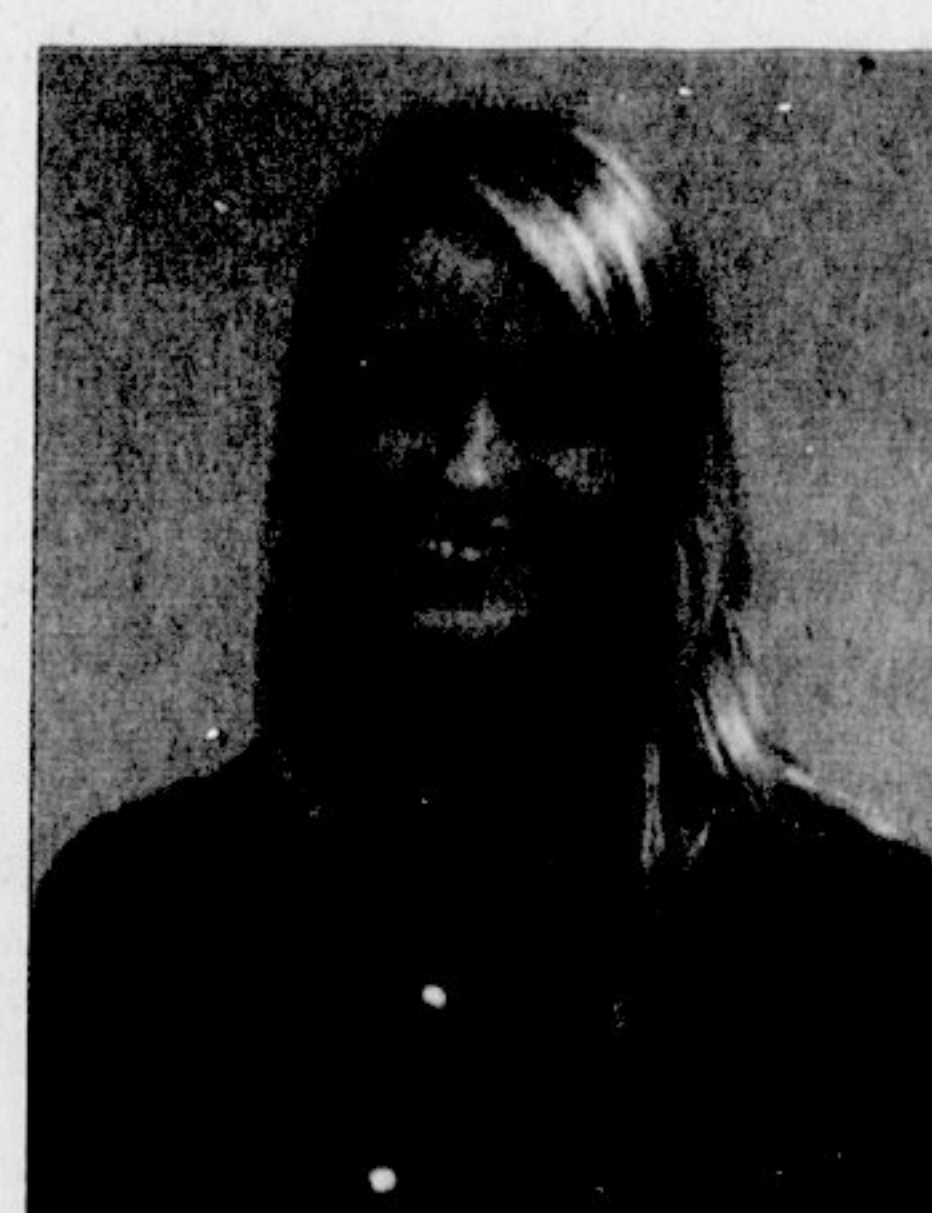
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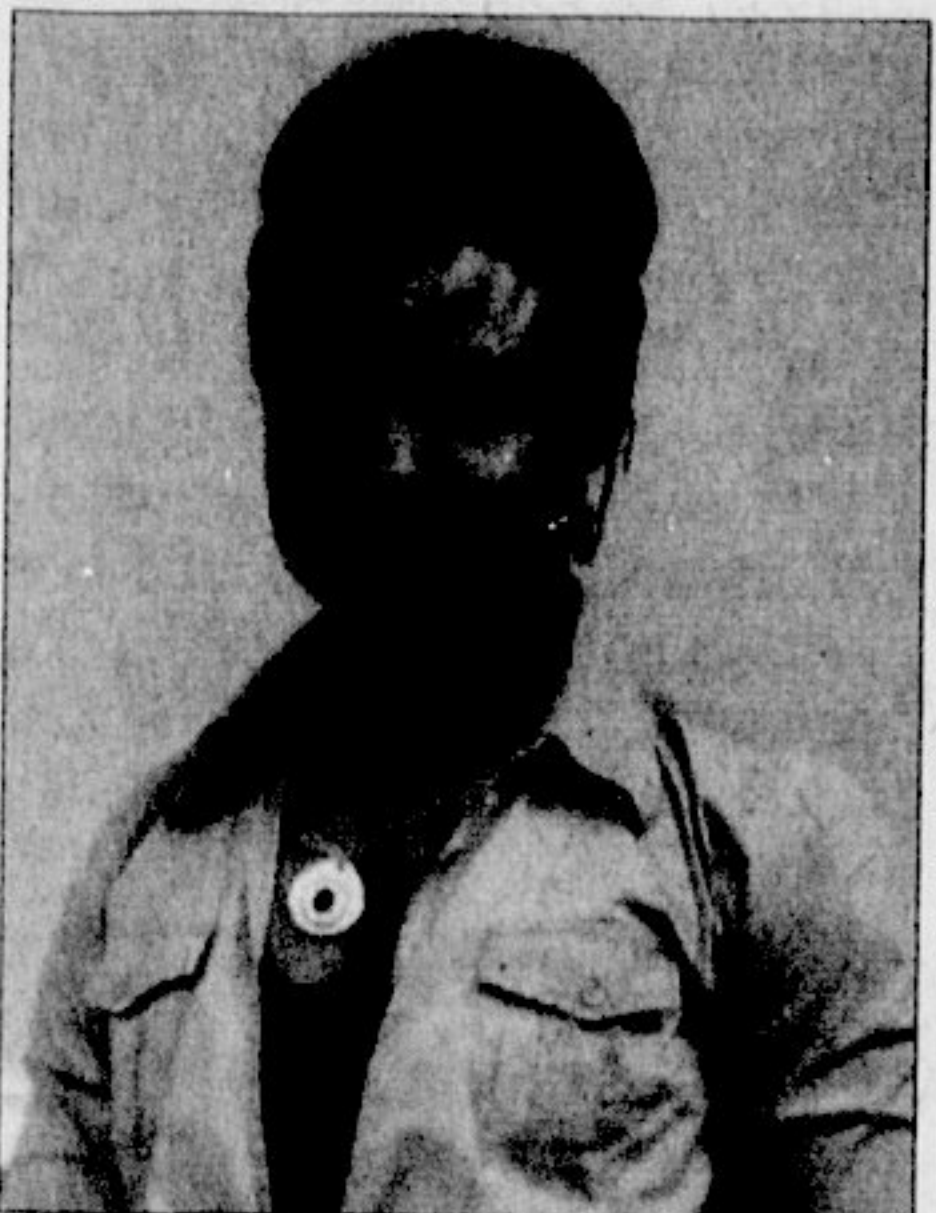
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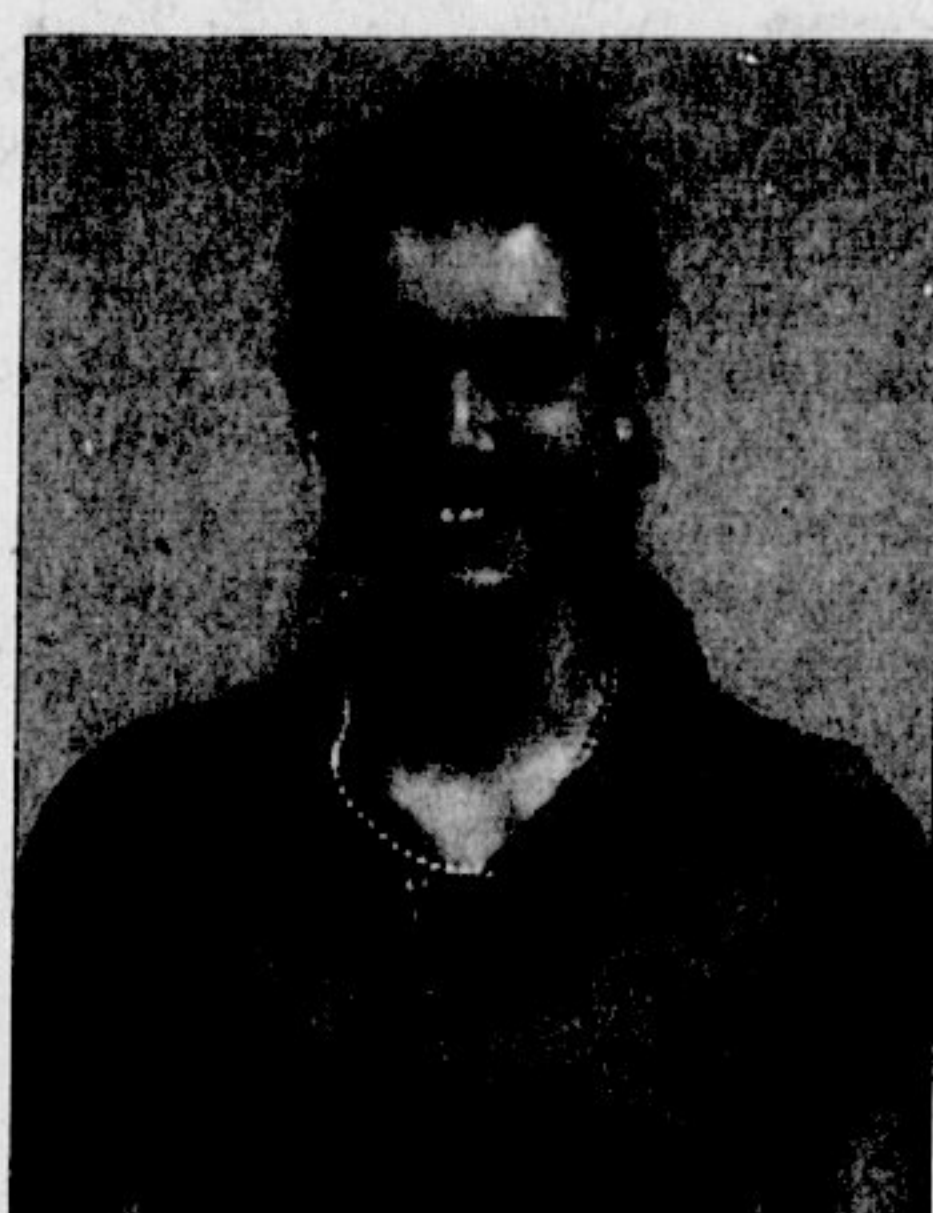
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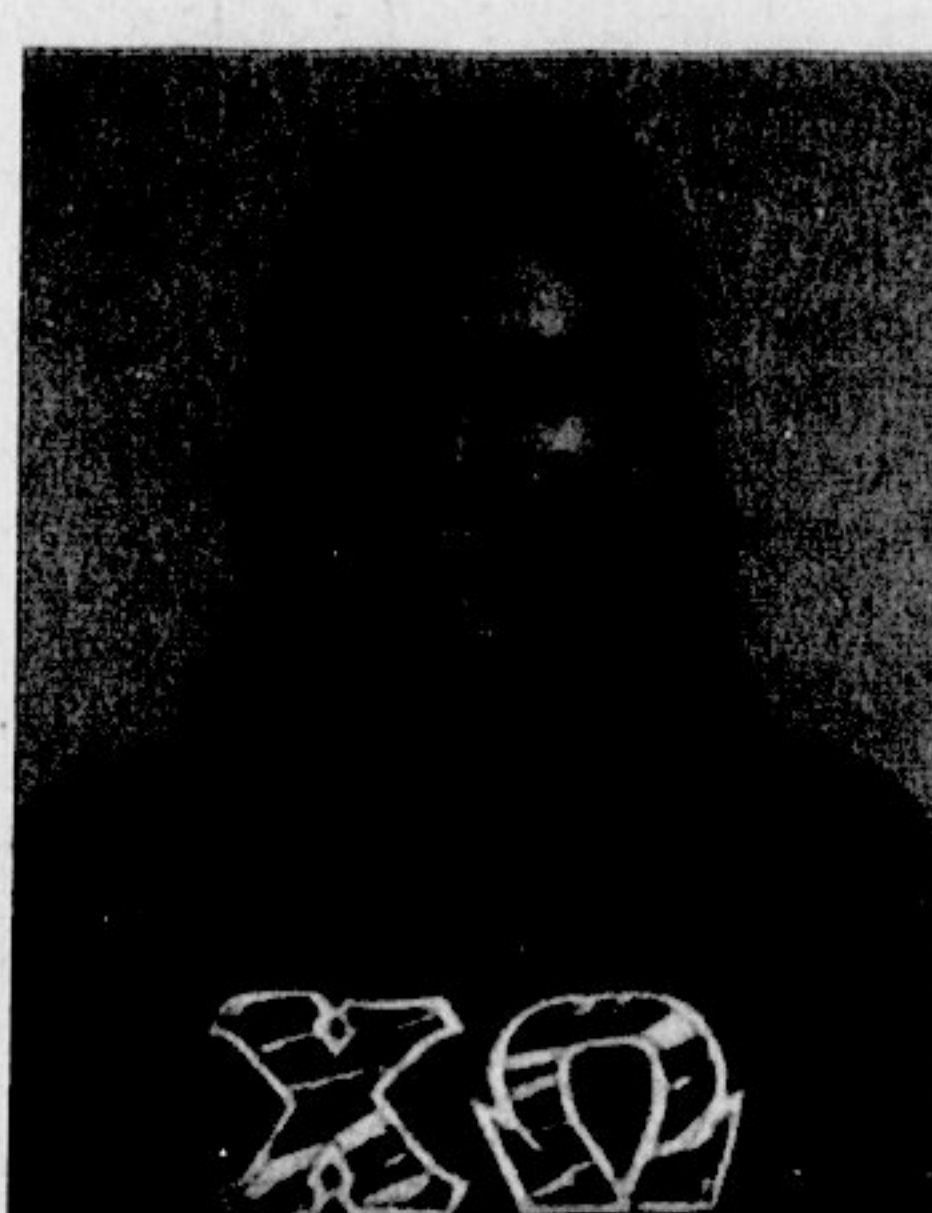
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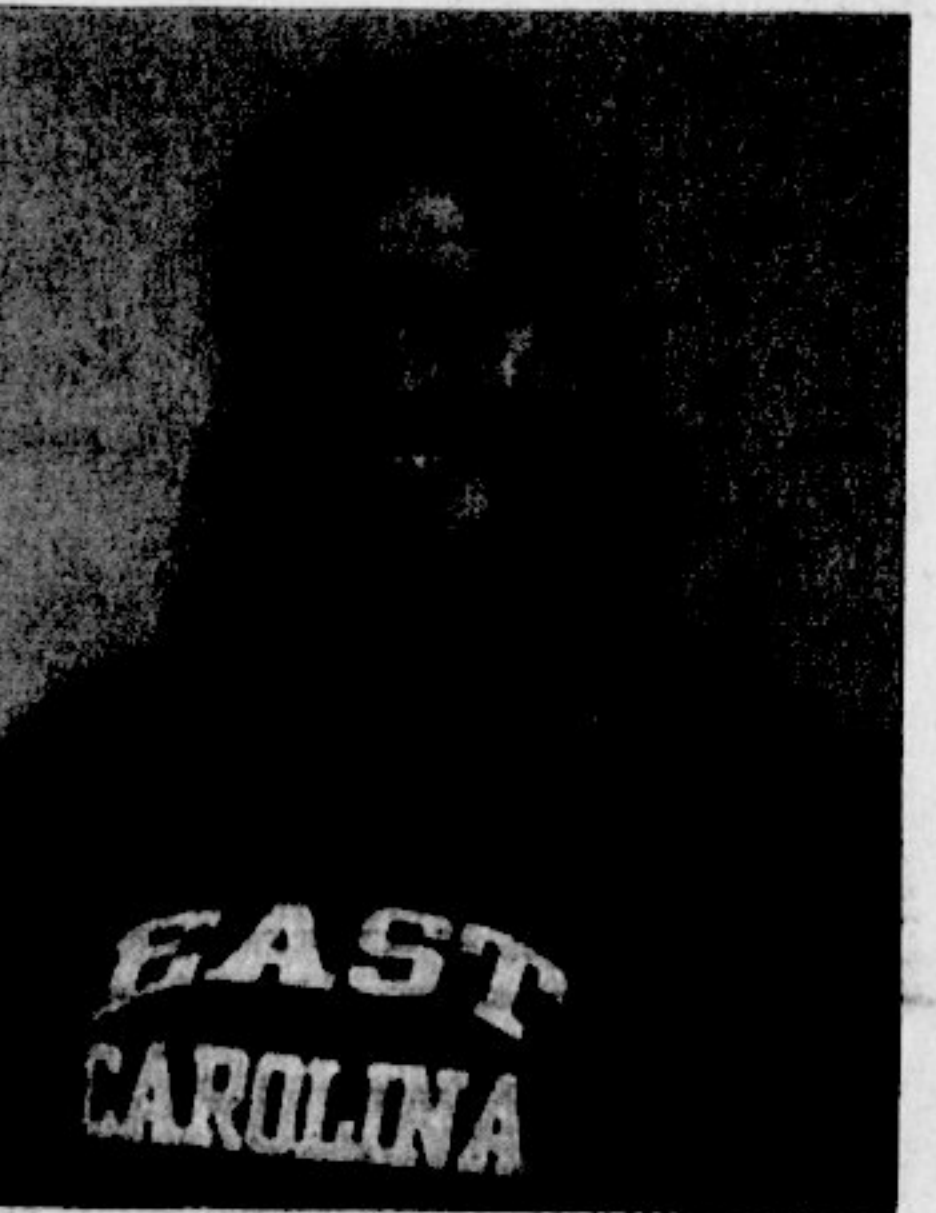
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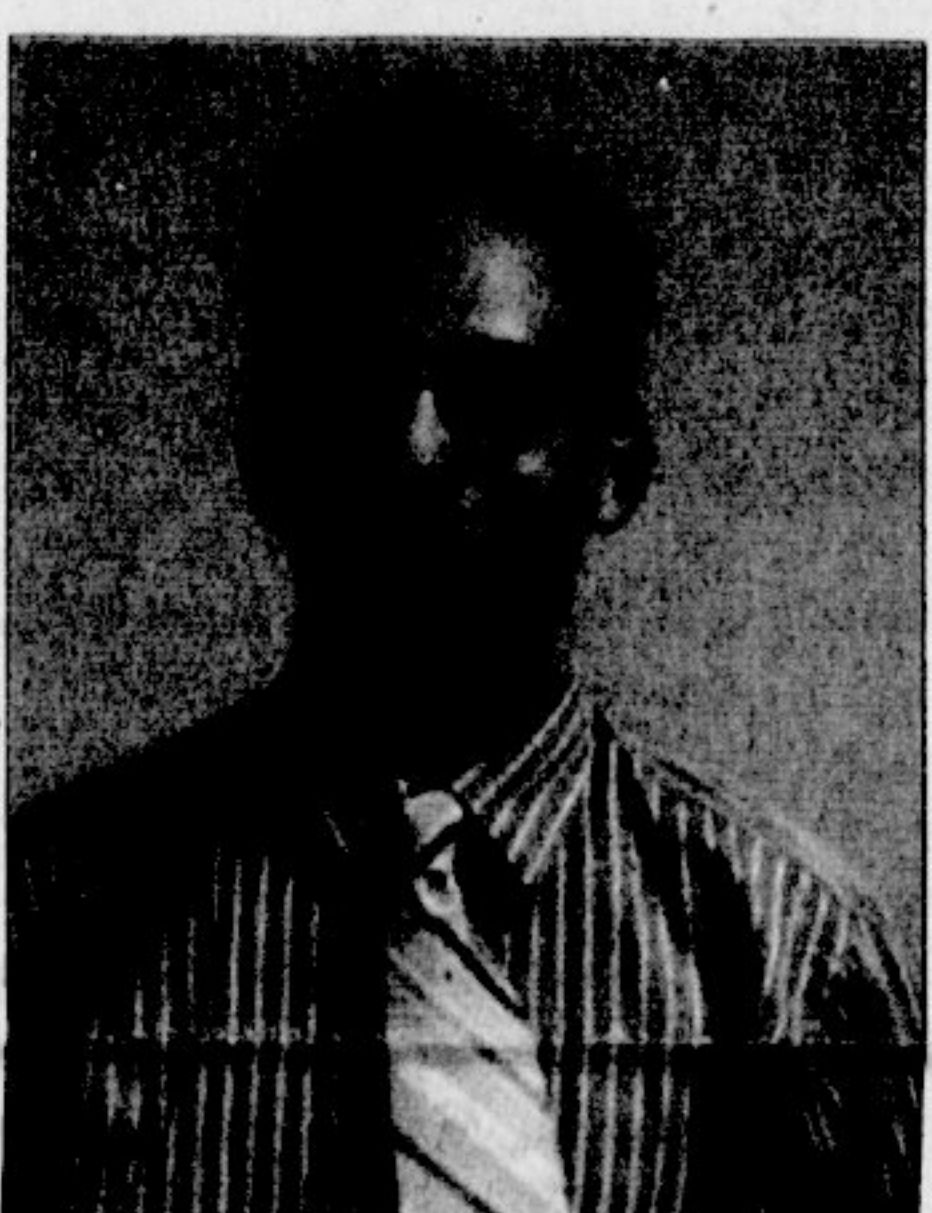
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### SGA ready for elections, Katrina fundraisers

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SGA will hold elections for freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes on Tuesday and Wednesday to determine who will be president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of each class.

They are also holding elections for positions on the SGA Senate.

SGA takes the elections very seriously and expects all candidates to adhere to campaign spending limits as well as other rules regarding campaign advertising. All candidates were briefed about these rules at a compulsory meeting held last Monday.

"We are supposed to go by

the ECU solicitation policy," said April Paul, SGA election committee chair.

Paul told candidates about the rules they were to follow from the end of the compulsory meeting until the reading of the election results on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

According to SGA's election rules, there is a whole article devoted to banners and handbills. Article V specifies how many banners there can be, where they can go, how big they can be and how long they can stay there.

"A maximum number of 15 banners per ticket or individual candidate are permitted," according to Article V of the SGA election rules.

"The location of each banner shall be divulged to the Elections Chairperson no later than

12 hours before placement as to determine its appropriate placement."

Campaign literature is not allowed within 25 feet of a poll during election hours. Paul said the only physical voting poll is at Wright Place. However, anyone can vote in the SGA elections online.

Paul is expecting voter turnout for SGA elections to continue to rise.

"Last year in the spring, we had our highest turnout and it was about 11 percent of campus," Paul said.

On top of location restrictions, aspiring class officers have to watch their expenditures as well. Candidates for class offices have to record all the money they spend on supplies, and their total expenses cannot exceed \$350. Similarly, SGA Senate hopefuls

must work under a \$150 cap.

SGA forged these rules with the intent of maintaining fair elections as well as to make sure campaigns do not obstruct academics on campus.

"We have to make sure the SGA elections don't interrupt the everyday flow of students," Paul said.

She said more complaints are filed during the spring semester when more elections are occurring.

There are 17 candidates seeking class officer spots. Some of them are contested positions but some candidates will run unopposed.

Kristen Dalton, freshman international business major, said she loves listening to student ideas and turning them into action.

"In high school, I was always involved with student gov-

ernment and I've held several leadership positions in student government," said Dalton.

Meanwhile, SGA is also spearheading projects to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. SGA President Cole Jones met with students from various groups last Thursday to discuss what day they want to hold their "A Step Toward Relief" program to benefit hurricane victims.

"A Step Toward Relief" will be a benefit show that features several entertainers not limited to, but including, the ECDA tap dancers, Gospel Choir, SWASH comedy group and Fun Tyme Promotions. Fun Tyme Promotions is the group that organizes Pirate Palooza.

There is still discussion over when it will occur, but it has been tentatively scheduled for either

Oct. 22 or 30. The location of the event is also still being decided. It could either be done at Minges Coliseum or Mendenhall Student Center. It is possible for it to coincide with Midnight Madness.

The student groups involved wanted to set an example of how aid events should be done in the future.

"Next time a natural disaster occurs, we'll have a template to go by," said Jones.

There were also talks of allowing students to donate a dollar off their ECU OneCard when they used it on campus and forwarding proceeds to hurricane victims.

Through the upcoming elections and charities, SGA is looking to further promote visibility and awareness.

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## High gas prices are a dilemma with multiple variables



People are stressed over problems with the gas market.

### Katrina, supply, demand all factors in scarcity

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Gas prices have risen to record levels throughout the country and show little sign of dropping to previous levels. A myriad of factors have contributed to the increasing price of oil and, therefore, gas at the pumps.

There's a boarded-up gas station in the countryside of Delaware that reads "Regular: \$2.17," and one can't help to think those were the good old days. However, only a few years ago such prices would have been unthinkable and would've possibly ignited a riot.

"There are a lot of different pieces to the puzzle but it mostly boils down to a matter of supply," said John Williams, assistant professor of political science.

According to Williams, the amount being produced is steadily and slowly increasing, but the new global economy has significantly increased demand.

Of course, politics plays a large part as well. This is especially the case with the oil cartel, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"OPEC is producing the same amount with slight fluctuations," Williams said.

There is more oil being produced in the Caspian Sea basin, pipelines from there run through Chechnya, which is very important to Russia, and new pipelines to China which also originate from the Caspian Sea are stressing the supply, according to Williams. There are reductions, however, in the North Sea and Venezuela for various political reasons.

"Of course, Hurricane Katrina recently had a large impact on supply, but by all accounts, the pipelines are up and running," Williams said.

New Orleans' economy relies heavily on oil and when there's a problem in New Orleans, there's a problem in the United States.

"Fortunately, we can weather this but it will slow the

economy down a bit," Williams said.

"According to Williams, it may take a while to get the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico up to full capacity again, and any delay in recovery will be a result of that.

"We're not killed, but we're winged a bit," Williams said.

For the time being, there are no signs of a significant decrease in gas prices, which has angered some and not affected others.

"It's not really that expensive. In Germany, I had a little compact car that cost \$60 to fill up," said Craig Batten, junior political science major.

"It hasn't really affected me here, but I couldn't imagine having a Hummer - how about a house payment to fill 'er up."

Agreement is hard to find on pricing forecasts though.

"There are differing opinions, but many experts say the prices will stay as they are for a while," Williams said.

There are suggestions that selling off parts of the U.S.'s Strategic Oil Reserves could help flatten the price of gas at the pumps, according to Williams.

"If we decided to do this, it would limit gouging, gradually increase supply and ease the pressure as it flattened the price," Williams said.

The U.S. has 700 million barrels of oil in the strategic reserve - releasing 1.4 million barrels a day could have a significant flattening effect on gas prices, according to Williams.

As with all problems, there will be experts looking into ways to avoid future problems with energy.

"My preference is to find a substitute for oil, but there has been none found to rival the efficiency and price of oil so far," Williams said.

There is a reason why our fortunes reside alongside the ups and downs of foreign producers of oil.

"The problem is it's cheaper to buy foreign oil for a variety of technical reasons," Williams said.

"Right now it doesn't make national security sense to be in this situation but it makes perfect economic sense."

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## Announcements

### ECU TRANSIT RESTORES FULL BUS SCHEDULE

The route schedule for ECU Student Transit resumed normal operation hours Sept. 15. Routes that had been curtailed due to the gas shortage have now resumed their normal schedules. For more information on bus route schedules, please visit: transit.ecu.edu or call ECU Transit at 328-0254.

### Looking for Longleaf Lecture

Nature writers Janisse Ray, author of *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, and Lawrence Earley, author of *Looking for Longleaf: the Fall and Rise of an American Forest*, will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at ECU's Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade Streets. The public can meet the authors, as well as view photographs and artwork that feature the longleaf pine at 6 p.m. The event, "The Longleaf Pine Forest: Reconnecting with our Heritage Through Restoration," is free and open to the public. For more information, call David Knowles at 328-9989.

### Alzheimer's Walk

The Alzheimer's Association-Eastern North Carolina Chapter's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will take place in locations throughout eastern NC. Nearly 5,000 people across the region are expected to participate in this year's event to raise funds and promote the progress in finding a cause and cure for Alzheimer's.

**Fayetteville - Oct. 7**  
Jordan Soccer Complex  
Registration: 4 p.m. - Walk: 5:30 p.m.

**Greenville - Oct. 1**  
Greenville Town Commons

**Hertford - Oct. 1**  
Brian Center

**Laurinburg - Oct. 29**  
Downtown

**Lumberton - Oct. 15**  
Luther Britt Park  
Registration: 9 a.m. - Walk: 10 a.m.

**Neuse Regional - Oct. 15**  
Herman Park, Goldsboro

**New Bern - Oct. 15**  
Union Point Park

**Central Carolina - Oct. 1**  
Kiwaniis Park, Sanford

**Tarboro - Oct. 2**  
Fountains of the Albemarle  
Registration: 12 p.m. - Walk: 1 p.m.

**Triangle - Oct. 1**  
Booth Amphitheatre, Cary  
Registration: 8:30 a.m. - Walk: 10 a.m.

A Health Resource Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New this year, Memory Walk attendees will be able to participate in various interactive displays and activities as part of this health fair. These displays and activities deal with memory, recognition and sense identification.

**Washington - Oct. 15**  
Redman's Lodge  
Registration: 9 a.m. - Walk: 10 a.m.

**Whiteville - Oct. 1**  
Courthouse, downtown Whiteville

**Wilson - Oct. 8**  
Wilson Medical Center  
Registration: 9 a.m. - Walk: 10 a.m.

Registration and Walk times vary. Please visit alznc.org for more information on Memory Walk, to register or make a donation online. You may also call (800) 228-8738 for more information. Those who donate \$50 or more will receive a T-shirt.

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter serves 51 of North Carolina's 100 counties, from the Research Triangle to the Coast. More than 132,000 people in North Carolina are affected by Alzheimer's and these numbers are expected to quadruple by the year 2025. The Chapter provides family support, community education, public awareness, and it supports research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Assistance includes information, educational programs, support groups and services to patients, their families, health care professionals and the general public.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Large marijuana farm found in Duplin County

WALLACE, NC (AP) - Authorities have discovered a 10 to 15-acre pot farm near Wallace, valued in the millions of dollars and considered the area's biggest marijuana bust in recent memory. "I don't recall a bust this big in southeastern North Carolina in my time," said Sheriff Blake Wallace, who worked for the State Bureau of Investigation for 11 years before he became the Duplin County sheriff in 2002.

The marijuana recovered Sunday morning, which weighed in at 4,160 pounds, has a street value of about \$9.9 million, Wallace said, adding that the numbers were likely to increase as deputies continue their recovery work on Monday.

No arrests had been made as of late Sunday. The bust was the result of an ongoing investigation and a tip from a citizen who called the sheriff's office late Saturday evening.

Deputies went to the location about 2 a.m. Sunday and said they found themselves in fields of pot plants, some as tall as 13 feet. Deputies found three huts where someone had lived, probably those tending the pot fields, Wallace said.

"We found sleeping bags, cook tops, cell phone chargers and chemicals to keep insects and deer away from the plants," he said. Ownership of the land was not known

late Sunday. "We are hoping to get higher up in the organization than just those who tended these plants," Wallace said. "Anytime you can get this amount of dope off the street, it's a big day for us."

### National

#### Commuter train was speeding just before Chicago derailment that killed two

CHICAGO (AP) - A commuter train that jumped the tracks near downtown, killing two people, was traveling nearly 60 mph above the speed limit, the acting chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said.

Mark Rosenker said Sunday that the Metra train was traveling 69 mph and should not have been going faster than 10 mph when it switched tracks at a crossover before jumping the tracks Saturday.

"Sixty-nine miles an hour is very, very fast when you're dealing with a 10-mile-an-hour restriction," he said, adding the information came from a preliminary reading of one of the train's three "black boxes."

Investigators also conducted a three-hour interview Sunday with the train's engineer. The 41-year-old man had been on the job 45 days after completing down six-month training program, which included at least some training along the route where the derailment occurred.

He also had worked for more than five years as a CSX Corp.

freight train engineer. The double-decker commuter train was headed into Chicago from Joliet on Saturday morning with 185 passengers and four crew members when its locomotive and five rail cars jumped the tracks some 5 miles south of downtown. Dozens of passengers were injured.

The dead were identified as Jane Cuthbert, 22, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who died on the train, and Allison Walsh, 38, a researcher at the Brookfield Zoo, who died at a hospital. The train began to derail as it switched tracks, striking a steel bridge just beyond the crossover. Rosenker said the collision damaged at least one rail car and likely contributed to at least one of the fatalities.

The train and the track had just been inspected Friday, Pardonnet said. The train signals were working, meaning the engineer should have had enough time to slow down, Rosenker said.

Extensive damage to the train's undercarriage has prevented investigators from examining its brakes, but it appears the brakes engaged as the train was switching tracks. It was unclear if the engineer applied the brakes or if they engaged automatically, Rosenker said.

The train engineer, three crew members and dispatchers were all tested for drugs and alcohol, which is standard procedure, Pardonnet said. On Monday, the NTSB planned to examine radio transmissions from a control tower and interview a

dispatcher and trainee who were working in the tower at the time of the accident. Investigators were also expected to operate a test train along the same stretch of track where the accident occurred to determine what the engineer observed.

### International

#### German leaders wrestle over next government after inconclusive election

BERLIN (AP) - Conservative leader Angela Merkel and the chairman of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats said Monday they both had initiated contacts with potential coalition partners as they wrestled over what government will emerge from Germany's inconclusive parliamentary election.

Merkel urged her rival's party to "accept that they are not the strongest party" after Sunday's election and enter talks on a broad right-left alliance under her leadership.

But within minutes, the chairman of the Social Democrats, Franz Mueentefering, said he had written to other party leaders to invite them to hold talks on a new coalition.

"I have initiated contact with the offices" of the other parties, Merkel said.

She added that she, like Schroeder, would refuse to hold talks with the Left Party - an alliance of ex-communists and former Social Democrats angered by the chancellor's efforts to trim the welfare state.

Mueentefering said any linkup between his party and Merkel's would be without Merkel as chancellor.

"The message was clear: this country does not want Mrs. Merkel as chancellor," he said.

Voters denied a majority to both Schroeder's outgoing government of Social Democrats and Greens and Merkel's preferred combination of her Christian Democrats and the pro-business Free Democrats.

As Germany's benchmark stock market and the euro dropped amid gloom over the muddled outcome, leaders of the main parties met in Berlin to plan their next move.

Official results showed Merkel's party and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, winning 225 seats, three more than the Social Democrats. The Free Democrats got 61, the Greens 51 and the new Left Party, an alliance of ex-communists and former Social Democrats alienated by Schroeder's efforts to trim the welfare state, 54.

Those results were based on counting from 298 of 299 districts; voting in the final district, in the eastern city of Dresden, has been delayed until Oct. 2 because of a candidate's death.

Schroeder refused to back off his claim to form a new coalition, saying that his party "has made clear its will to lead this country in government." "Our task is to implement this declared will of our whole party, and we will do that," he told cheering supporters in a brief appearance at the Social Democrats' headquarters. He did not elaborate.

## ECU honors school leaders for research efforts

### Four professors recognized for their work

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STAFF WRITER

ECU has presented the 2005 Achievement for Excellence in Research/Creative Activity Award to four of the university's top professors.

Joseph M. Chalovich, professor of biology and molecular biology, and G. Lynis Dohm, professor of physiology, were recipients of the University Lifetime Achievement Award. Festus Eribo, professor in the School of Communication, and Yu "Frank" Yang, associate professor of chemistry, were recipients of the Five-Year Achievement Award.

Chalovich has been a part of the Brody School of Medicine since 1984. He has delved deeply into cardiovascular diseases and muscle contraction control. He has conducted research on heart disease by cloning genes that make proteins and then placing them into rabbit muscle to study the tissue.

Chalovich has also studied a protein that regulates smooth muscle contraction and is crucial to cardiovascular contraction and problems like hypertension. A scientist in one of his projects discovered a new protein, Fesselin, by

accident. Fesselin is a protein found in chicken that is related to proteins that are known to have links to cancer and kidney disease.

"I think it is important that this award not be seen as a personal achievement but as a collaborative effort," Chalovich said.

"This work involves a lot of technology, and you have to have people with many different areas of expertise."

In particular, Chalovich was grateful for the assistance of Mechthild Schroeter, Boris Gafurov, Bernhard Brenner, Leepo Yu and Yi-Der Chen.

Dohm was the ninth faculty member hired in ECU's new School of Medicine in 1972.

"It was exciting to be a part of the new school and see it grow and mature into the academic and medical unit it is today," said Dohm.

Dohm's research involves investigating the metabolic changes that occur in muscles in response to exercise and disease states such as diabetes. Obesity and diabetes are of special concern, and Dohm has collaborated with scientists in the Human Performance lab and the Department of Surgery.

Dohm studies patients who are very obese and lose weight after gastric bypass surgery. Many of these patients become non-

diabetic after they lose weight.

Dohm's work has been in numerous publications and other scientific works dozens of times. He received the Citation Award of the American College of Sports Medicine in 1998 and the Clinical Research Award from the American Diabetes Association in 2002.

"The Lifetime Research Achievement Award is a special honor for me because it is given by the faculty, who choose the award recipient," Dohm said.

Eribo has been a professor at ECU since 1989. He is one of the leading scholars in the nation in the field of African mass communication. He has published five books on African communication and media and serves on the editorial board of *Equid Novi*, based in South Africa, and *The Journal of African Communications*, based in the United States.

He has also contributed to various books, articles and conventions. His most recent book focuses on the development of literature and how to use it in African nations.

Seventy percent of Africans live in rural areas. With this much of the nation devoted to an agrarian society, communication can be sparse. Means of communicating ideas and technologies are an important part of Eribo's

research.

"It is only by going to Africa do you realize that it's not the fault of the people they're not using technology," Eribo said.

"How do we reach such people? How can we communicate ideas and technologies?"

Eribo began his studies in Russia but was forced to leave with the collapse of the Soviet Union. In 1998, Eribo took 13 ECU students on a trip to Russia. He also frequently travels to Europe and Africa, including his home country of Nigeria.

Yang is one of the leading researchers in the world in the area of sub-critical water, and his work receives international attention.

"Basically, what we do is use water but water under very high temperatures or high pressures," said Yang.

"This water does not behave as normal water, but like organic solvents."

Organic solvents are a big part of the medical and scientific fields. Scientists use the solvents to extract organic species from soil and sediments, as well getting natural products such as medicinal herbs. The solvents are also used in medical procedures like chromatography and blood samples and are common in the pharmaceutical industry.

The problem with these solvents is that they are expen-

sive and also hazardous to the environment. In fact, the cost of cleaning up the solvents can exceed the cost of the actual solvent itself.

"The number of organic solvents consumed around the world is huge," Yang said.

Sub-critical water can take the place of the solvents. Since water is abundant, the cost would be substantially lower.

Even more importantly, said Yang, sub-critical water is not toxic like organic solvents since it comes from water. Hopefully, sub-critical water could be used to decontaminate areas polluted with toxic compounds and pesticides.

Yang, who came to ECU in 1997, has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the UNC Board of Governor's Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2001. He has written articles for research publications, book chapters and has chaired several conferences in nations around the world.

"I feel good with what I'm doing," Yang said.

"I'm doing something that is good to the society, and I can see the impact and that it's helping society."

The researchers received their awards in August.

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## A cold truth to cold medicine

### State governments crack down on pseudoephedrine sales

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Soon you may have to go to the pharmacy to purchase your cold medicine.

North Carolina is just one in a growing number of states that is battling with methamphetamine users and the key ingredient in methamphetamine is pseudoephedrine, which is the primary drug in cold and allergy medicines.

State lawmakers and law enforcement officials believe they can tackle the rising methamphetamine problem by issuing restrictions on pseudoephedrine sales.

If the pending law goes into effect, consumers will have to get their cold medicines from a pharmacy and show a valid identification. Their information will then be logged and accessible to pharmacists, the Drug Enforcement Agency and other state and law enforcement officials.

"They need to know a person who comes in and buys 10 boxes of Sudafed is not a big family with a bad cold," said Attorney General Roy Cooper.

Since the state law against the over-the-counter sales of pseudoephedrine, the meth lab seizures in Iowa have decreased by 75 percent. Oklahoma has seen a 39 percent decrease.

While methamphetamine abuse in North Carolina is not as common as it is in the west-

ern part of the United States, there is a rapid growth of meth labs springing up around the state. The first meth lab was reported in North Carolina in 1999, and there's been an increasing number since.

Methamphetamine, or "speed," is a synthetic drug that dangerously affects the central nervous system and the manufacturing of the drug is even more dangerous because the fumes can harm everyone in the vicinity of its production. In Watauga County, North Carolina, a fireman's lungs were seared on the scene of a meth lab explosion. The toxicity of the manufacturing process can cause a neighborhood to become a chemical wasteland. Imagine the affect of the fumes to a young child.

Around the country there are angry reports about state restrictions on cold medicine sales. Each state bears different restrictions because of different problems with methamphetamine abuse.

It is inconvenient if the pharmacy is closed when you need your name brand Sudafed, Claritin-D or NyQuil but there are other FDA approved alternatives that have other ingredients in them that are just as effective as pseudoephedrine and are not sold behind the counter. There are no cures for colds anyway.

"The drug stores should sell it [cold medicine] at the check out counter instead of at the pharmacy," said Brittany Lehman, sophomore merchandising major.

There are many solutions to alleviate the hassles derived from the anti-meth proposal. Should

individuals want to be heard, they should speak out and work with local and government officials to find a solution that efficiently serves everyone's needs. Uninformed complaints are only a waste of breath and energy.

There are a number of states that have this problem to a much greater magnitude than North Carolina. States like Oregon, the first state to ever prohibit the sale of over-the-counter meds containing pseudoephedrine, has already passed a law that will require everyone to provide a prescription for their cold and allergy medication. The trouble with the restrictions in Oregon is now there are great costs to having a cold.

Another inconvenience more close to home is that the price of cold and allergy medicines are expected to increase because of the extra care the drugs will receive sitting on a pharmacy shelf. However, the drugs are better behind a counter than in meth labs.

It seems that the developing laws against pseudoephedrine sales will affect everyone throughout the country. Some people are concerned about consumer liberties.

"If it's [cold medicine restrictions] for our protection, then I don't really mind," said Trey Salacki, freshman history education major.

Our freedoms would be jeopardized if methamphetamine production did not affect innocent bystanders.

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## Our View

Vioxx, Aleve head

In a recent case, Benedict Lucco's liability trial. Vioxx reduce the inflammation by arthritis. Lucco use of Vioxx enough to cause

According to Lucco, he spent 85 hours to clear up a professor at the University of North Carolina. Lucco helped develop

"Based on the evidence, I believe that Lucco should have known whatever, can I

Vioxx was launched in 1999 and pulled in \$1.2 billion in sales. Station-based pharmacies indicated that sales had doubled the risk

Frederick Hummer had a heart attack in 1999. Vioxx is now the most prescribed drug in the world. ing it caused his heart failure. Hummer claims that Hummer's lifestyle is what

Celebrex is another painkiller taken off the market due to strokes. The question earlier was whether medical professionals should be taking Vioxx properly, there's a risk. It has also been reported that drugs by over-the-counter hurt. Obviously, taking these drugs can have effects and also affect the side of the market.

People taking the drug for their physical conditions before the drug with previous conditions should seek counseling taking them. Please don't take on any medication without a doctor's counter or are placed that the "m

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### Vioxx, Celebrex and Aleve questioned for heart damage

In a recent court case in Atlantic City, NJ a Dr. Benedict Lucchesi testified in a Vioxx product liability trial. Vioxx is a painkiller prescribed to reduce the inflammation pain, generally caused by arthritis. Lucchesi testified that intermittent use of Vioxx or even a day's use, could be enough to cause a heart attack.

According to news.yahoo.com, "Vioxx breaks down so slowly in the body that it takes about 85 hours to clear out of the blood," said Lucchesi, a professor at the University of Michigan who helped develop the first pacemaker.

"Based on the science, there's every reason to believe that a single dose, multiple doses, whatever, can lead to an adverse event."

Vioxx was launched on the market in May 1999 and pulled in September 2004 by Whitehouse Station-based Merck after their own research indicated that after 18 months' use, the drug doubled the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Frederick Humeston, a 60-year-old postal worker, had a heart attack after only two months of taking Vioxx and is now suing the maker of the drug, claiming it caused his heart attack. The maker of the drug claims that Humeston's condition and sedentary lifestyle is what caused his heart attack.

Celebrex is another arthritis drug that may be taken off the market for causing heart attacks or strokes. The painkiller Aleve was even put in question earlier last year. It has been said by medical professionals that these medications should be taken in moderation and if used properly, there should be no adverse side effects. It has also been proven that some abuse the drugs by overdosing, thinking one more won't hurt. Obviously that is not the case. Anyone taking these drugs should be aware of the side effects and always read the labels provided on the side of the medicine bottle.

People taking these drugs should be aware of their physical life style, as well as their medical conditions before taking these drugs. Any person with previous cardiovascular or cerebrovascular conditions should not be taking these painkillers. Those prescribed the medications should also seek counseling from their local pharmacist before taking them. Please research and be well informed on any medications that you decide to buy over the counter or are prescribed by a doctor. This is one place that the "more is better" rule, doesn't apply.

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I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY



## Pirate Rant

Learning my periodic table of elements, all 109 of them and every detail that goes with each-Tom Lehrer style - since I'm going to be in all those real life situations where I won't have a table to refer to when I need to look up a fantastic element. You know, like when it's crunch time and I'm racing the guy in the pharmaceutical company right next door to turn in my last minute write-up to the patent office. I mean I certainly won't have any time to be looking up a periodic table then. And of course, the FDA would approve of my study and not a soul would suffer from the crazy medication I just made. Cause that's how real life works. Like, duh. By the way, I'm not even interested in pharmaceuticals or medicine anymore. In fact, I've changed my career goal altogether: I'm officially majoring in whatever it takes to be a poultry engineer. I'm sure there's less than 109 ways to raise a chicken.

Hey McKee, I noticed the cast on your arm when you were walking from class. I suppose you're going to blame that on the liberals too, huh?

Haha! I'm glad your party got busted!

BEWARE Pirates Place Apartments...they told us that we could pay \$50 for this "holding lease" and if we changed our minds within 2 weeks that we would just forfeit the \$50 bucks. We forfeited the \$50, and then a whole year later we find out that they turned us in to the credit agency! Me and my four friends now are suppose to pay back a total of \$12,000! Way to take advantage of some new students!

To you students who hoot and holler in Wright Plaza while I'm trying to teach my class in Rawl. We are human beings, not monkeys, so lets begin acting that way.

If you live in the dorms please don't just let random people come in behind you! I know it gets weird asking who they are and if they even live on campus but for everyone's safety - please do so!

Hey, Tony. I'm a liberal, and I love it!

I would like to respond to the person who made the unjustified statement about the African American Hurricane Katrina victims. You don't know what type of financial situation they were in or what circumstances kept them from evacuating before the hurricane. And I have never heard of people having to suffer during a natural disaster because they were poor. Also, I don't recall hearing anybody say that it is white people's fault that African Americans are suffering in Louisiana. Whoever's fault it is really isn't an issue. The issue should be to do what we can to help the victims of this hurricane. So think the next time before you make such a bold and rude comment about something you obviously don't know much about.

Can we chill out on the flyer war? Just because you don't like my organization or band doesn't mean you have to tear down my flyer. Stop being rude and realize that everyone can have equal wall space.

President Bush needs to resign! It is our duty as citizens to realize the horrible leadership our country is enduring. Enough is enough. He could never really identify with any of the victims of this horrible flood (except poor Trent Lott). This is a time for action, and I for one am ready and willing to accept change. Just say no to Bush! I am not being anti-American by saying that. I am expressing my rights, according to the Constitution we have not only the right, but the responsibility to save our country from this spoiled, war-mongering, buffoon! Don't pretend to support America by backing the President - actually support this country by backing its people. This country was born "of the people, by the people, and for the people," and we need to remember the PEOPLE!

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## Opinion Columnist

### Liberals blamed for hurricane, global warming

"I May Have Been Wrong About Global Warming"

TONY MCKEE  
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

[In the past, some loyal readers have directed email responses to my columns to our Sports Editor, Tony Zoppo, instead of yours truly, Tony McKee. While young Mr. Zoppo is undoubtedly flattered to be mistaken for me, he gets enough comments about his own work. In light of that, and being the nice guy that I am, I promised him I would do what I could to ease his burden by giving our readers some options.

For those of you who do not wish to direct your comments to our Editor at editor@theeastcarolinian.com or post your comments online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, I have set up a special email account just for reader responses and comments. The address is ConservativeCorner@bww.com. Any of these will ensure your thoughts get to the correct person and, more importantly, will allow our Sports Editor to concentrate on sports.

Now, let's get to the important stuff.]

It occurred to me last week that I may have been wrong about global warming, especially as it relates to the Atlantic. I am now willing to concede that rising temperatures in the Atlantic over the past few years are directly related to human activity. I am also willing to concede that the temperature rise has resulted in more and stronger hurricanes in the Atlantic and Caribbean. And after much research (a couple of hours over a 2 week period) I can now unequivocally state that this warming is due to air pollution on a massive scale and identify the main source of the problem: Washington, D.C.

Specifically, Liberals and posturing politicians belching hot air, anger and pompous rhetoric.

Wait! Before you ball the paper up and toss it away in anger and disgust, or start laughing like you are high on pot, I have empirical evidence that can prove my case. Read on.

A study by researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the

National Center for Atmospheric Research that came out in last Friday's (Sept. 16) edition of *Science*, revealed that the number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes in the North Atlantic has practically doubled since 1990. The study also showed that the number, duration and intensity of North Atlantic hurricanes has particularly increased since 1995.

Given these facts, it is clear to any right thinking person that Liberals and politicians in D.C. are to blame for not only the heating of the Atlantic but the increased intensity of the hurricanes. How did I come to these conclusions, you ask? Let's look at the history.

The year 1990 was the kick off of the Presidential election of 1992. That is when William Jefferson Clinton came to the forefront of national politics. The Democrats were ambushing President George H. W. Bush on taxes, conveniently crippling his chances for reelection. Clinton (Bill, not Hillary) was elected President in 1992 and the scandals, failed social tinkering, suspicious deaths and the Liberal justifications and accusations began in earnest. Translation: the hot air really began spewing.

That explains how things started in the early 1990s. We don't have to look too far to explain the increase from 1995 on either.

In 1994 the Republicans won a majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in a generation. When the "Contract with America" was introduced shortly afterward, into 1995 and beyond, we heard from the Liberals and Democrats that Republicans were going to "starve (fill in the blank: old people, poor people, children), destroy Social Security, poison the (fill in the blank: water, air, land, food), reverse Roe v. Wade, etc, etc.

Still not convinced? Let's look at this year's hurricane season then. Even you Doubting Thomases should see the light after this. We'll take it chronologically.

1. The hurricane season started in June. Rumors were circulating that Chief Justice Rehnquist or Sandra Day O'Connor would retire from the Supreme Court. The rhetoric from Liberals builds. Two Tropical Storms form in June.

## In My Opinion

### As summer cools down, autumn's warmth takes over

(KRT) - It's unmistakable now. The odd slant of morning sunlight, the throaty cawing of crows, the olive-drab leaves that used to be supple and velvety-green, all point to one thing: Our languid hot days are at an end. Summer, a season when lethargy becomes respectable, is my favorite time of year. The warm hours and days have a way of blending together seamlessly, convincing us that every day will be like those at hand.

The lingering summer twilight, set to a score of whirring insects, plucks out even taller family tales and secrets from Southerners who've settled on porches to talk. Only transplanted Yankees and heat wimps could forsake storytelling in the glorious summer dusk for the sterility of air-conditioned living rooms.

That's when winter seems like an ancient concept, a distant, vaguely unpleasant memory. Then autumn arrives to ease us into cooler days.

Every year, when the last hurrah of Labor Day has sounded, I find myself in denial for most of September, a fall month that effortlessly camouflages itself in the cloak of ideal summer.

It fools us - at least on days when hurricanes aren't spinning nearby - and lulls us with startlingly blue skies, warm sunlight and air so crisp you can practically bite it. We women kid ourselves, if only for a while, that we've won the hair-vs.-humidity battle.

But even as September plays practical jokes, autumn's distinctive signs are everywhere.

Students wait for the bus wearing stiff new jeans and stiffer smiles, or gather in clusters on college campuses, hauling backpacks swollen with new textbooks, chattering like magpies about professors and future exams.

Shoppers who moved with all the haste of molasses last month now stride briskly up the sidewalk into malls. Window displays of coats and boots have supplanted bikinis and flip-flops.

With summer vacations behind them, bleary-eyed morning commuters seem to have suddenly tripled in number.

And the beach, which two weeks ago bloomed with striped umbrellas, has been stripped bare of tourists. Hardy locals brave the sting of sand-

2. Justice O'Connor announces her retirement on Friday, July 1. The Liberal machine gets organized over the weekend and cranks up for the Sunday talk shows (July 3). Tropical Storm Cindy forms that day. Monday, July 4, even though it was a national holiday, the pontificating and arrogance of the Liberals increases. Hurricane Dennis forms this day.

3. As the hot air continued flowing from Liberals during July, Hurricane Emily formed. She wreaked havoc during her life from July 10 - 21. Emily hit Cozumel and the Yucatan Peninsula on July 18 and then weakened.

4. On July 19 President Bush nominated John Roberts to the Supreme Court. The Liberal hot air and attacks now increased exponentially. Emily once again became a major hurricane and slammed into Mexico with 125 mph winds.

5. During the remainder of July and August the Liberals and Democrats kept up the attacks on John Roberts, with ever increasing intensity. During this same time period eight (that's right, eight) Tropical Depressions/Storms/Hurricanes formed, including Hurricane Katrina.

6. After the devastation of Katrina, with all the finger-pointing and blame shifting, Hurricane Maria formed Sept. 1. As the rhetoric continued hurricanes Nate and Ophelia formed on Sept. 5 and 6, respectively.

7. Judge Robert's Judicial Hearing began Sept. 12, with all the political hot air that entailed. Coincidentally (?), Hurricane Ophelia struck North Carolina that same week.

8. With all the buildup of noise and ideology pollution, hot air and bad karma from Washington last week is it any surprise that Tropical Storms Philippe and Rita formed Saturday, Sept. 17.

There you have it - irrefutable, scientific, correlated proof that Liberals are the cause of Global Warming.

Now that we know this, we have no need for the draconian restrictions of the Kyoto Treaty or any of the other suggestions that are floating around out there when the fix is so easy. All that is required is for Liberals to keep their mouths shut and Global Warming will cease to exist.

Oh Dear God, we're doomed!

President Bush needs to resign! It is our duty as citizens to realize the horrible leadership our country is enduring. Enough is enough. He could never really identify with any of the victims of this horrible flood (except poor Trent Lott). This is a time for action, and I for one am ready and willing to accept change. Just say no to Bush! I am not being anti-American by saying that. I am expressing my rights, according to the Constitution we have not only the right, but the responsibility to save our country from this spoiled, war-mongering, buffoon! Don't pretend to support America by backing the President - actually support this country by backing its people. This country was born "of the people, by the people, and for the people," and we need to remember the PEOPLE!

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There is a certain mournful beauty to autumn, its rare colors in Tidewater glowing like fractured gems amid the pines and live oaks, a reminder of the inevitable decay that accompanies life.

And when the gray, windy days of fall finally blow in and rain pelts the roof, no one needs an excuse to yank up the blanket and stay in bed 10 minutes longer. Make that a half-hour.

Me, I dread winter, even our mild version, with its cold toes, chilly fingers and ice-pick winds. Not a January day goes by that I don't long for the warm-shower air of June and July.

Fall may be a precursor to what's around the corner. But we can at least enjoy a final splendid flame-out before the damp icy air of winter invades our bones.

## Picks of the Week

### Music

**OK Go - Oh No**  
Their sophomore release just hit the shelves and OK Go is already receiving attention from all major music outlets including VH1, MTV and Fuse. They were recently on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and will be performing their single "A Million Ways" on "Last Call with Carson Daily" on Sept. 23. These Chicago rockers really pulled through with this release. My favorite track: "The House Wins."

### Movies

**Zoolander**  
Follow Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller) and Hansel (Owen Wilson) through their empty-headed male modeling escapades. Derek is brainwashed to assassinate the prime minister of Malaysia and Hansel and magazine reporter Matilda (Christine Taylor) desperately try and stop him. The movie's tagline: "3% body fat. 1% Brain Activity."

### Television

**"Nip/Tuck" - FX Tuesdays at 10 p.m.**  
Watch the season three premier as the two sexiest plastic surgeons, Dr. Sean McNamara (Dylan Walsh) and Dr. Christian Troy (Julian McMahon), try to beautify the world, one stitch at a time. But this is more than about just perfecting physical beauty, this show looks at the delicate nature of desperate patients, the broken family life of Dr. McNamara and the destructive habits of Dr. Troy.

### Books

**The Pulpwood Annie Chronicles: Droll Stories about a South Georgia Hooker and a Smart-Aleck College Guy - Max Courson.** Follow a college guy as he gets a different type of education from Pulpwood Annie, a Georgia hooker. As long as he keeps buying the beer, she'll keep telling her stories. Pick up the first release from Max Courson at Barnes and Noble today.

## Names in the News

### Trump Does Soaps

While Donald Trump is getting ready to "fire" and finally "hire" on the fourth season of "The Apprentice," he's also making his daytime soap opera debut on NBC's "Days of Our Lives." Trump is scheduled to tape his appearance Friday for an episode set to air Oct. 24, according to the network. "I'm thrilled that Donald Trump will be guest-starring on 'Days of Our Lives,'" said Sheraton Kalouria, senior vice president of the network's daytime operations. (Trump) intimately knows drama from his many business ventures to his weekly boardrooms on "The Apprentice." Little does he know that the drama on "Days of Our Lives" is often more intense! Kalouria said. The new season of "The Apprentice," in which contestants compete for a gig with the real estate mogul, premieres Sept. 22.

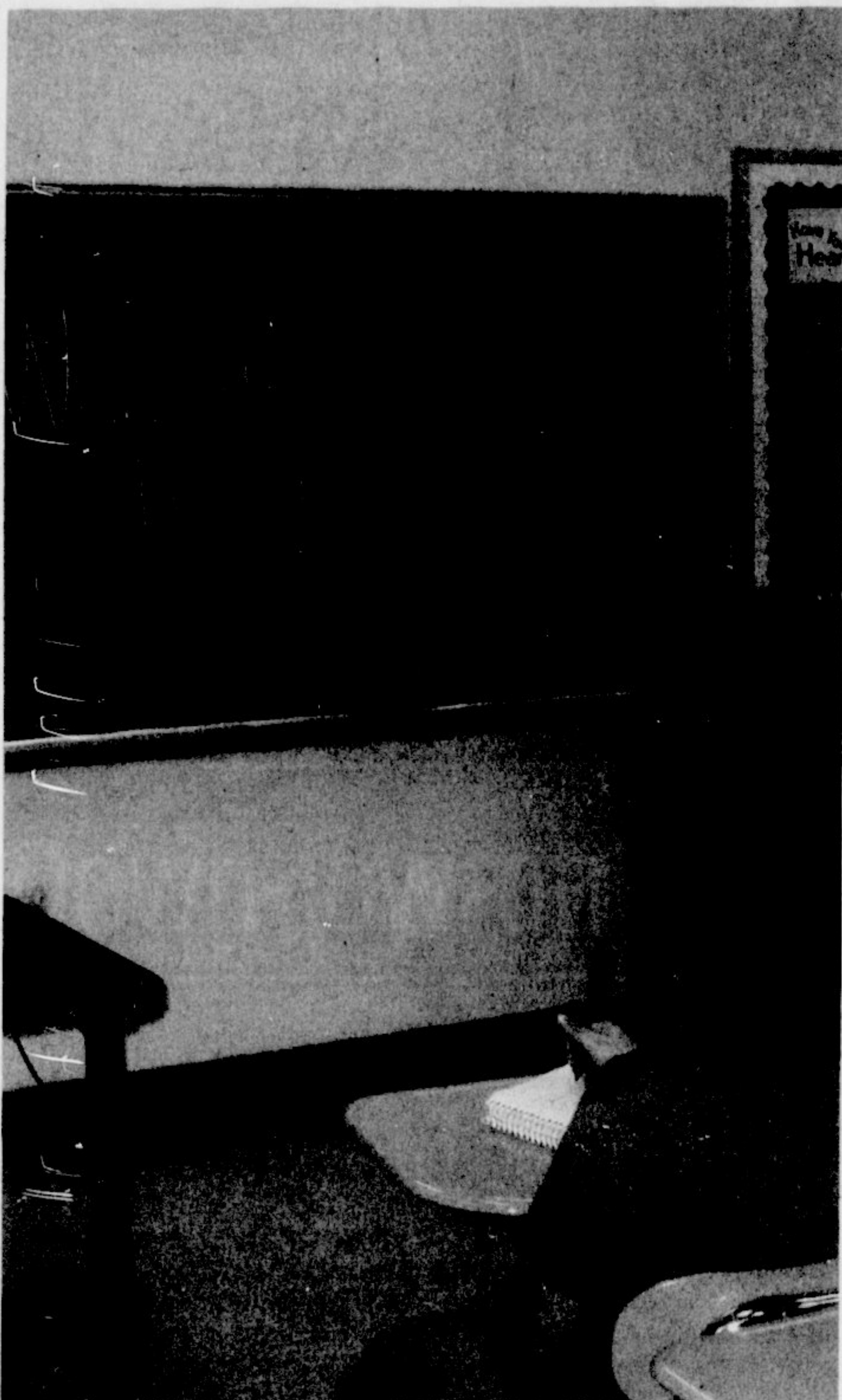
### A Double Loss?

Kirstie Alley graces the cover of People magazine's issue hitting newsstands Friday. The once X-large star of Showtime's "Fat Actress" is finally in charge when it comes to her weight, with claims of a 50-pound reduction from her frame that once held somewhere north of 200. "When I got fat, I was being stupid. It was a little bit like when I used to do drugs," Alley told People. Now a paid endorser for Jenny Craig, Alley says the proof is in the pudding, or lack thereof. Following the Craig program of 1,200 to 1,500 calories a day, she is four dress sizes smaller. Unfortunately, while dropping pounds, Alley thinks her chances to continue "Fat Actress" also fell. "I think (the network execs) have great concerns with me not being fat," says Alley. If it wasn't the fat it might be the fact that the show, which garnered some good reviews, lost 68 percent of its audience after the first two episodes, according to People.

### Evil's Tough, Man

Often described as aloof and somewhat distant on screen, actor Ralph Fiennes is looking forward to getting down and dirty in the latest Harry Potter film, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," according to the New York Daily News.

# Senior Advice: Slack not as a freshman



A senior sits in a class designed for freshmen, for the second time.

*A day in the life of:  
A Senior in a class of  
Freshmen*

KRISTIN MURNANE  
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Seniors. We've worked hard for the last few years to get to this point. We're finished with our majors and we've developed friendships with the familiar faces we've seen in class over the years. We've advanced our knowledge, we know how to prepare for tests, we've adapted to taking notes for professors who talk too fast, but most importantly, we've matured.

Imagine being in a class full of teenagers with none of these skills. Welcome to my world.

Last spring when registration rolled around, I realized I was about finished with my major, so in order to bump my GPA up a little bit, I decided to grade replace the classes that I did poorly in three years ago. At first I thought "this will be a piece of cake," but now that we are almost halfway through the semester, I realized these classes full of people who have just completed high school is testing my patience.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday I experience pure agony.

I walk into my Introduction to Political Science class to find girls dressed to impress in their best blouses and skirts and I'm overwhelmed by the smell of

dorm-living boys who for some reason have refused to shower for three days.

Class starts and I attempt to pay attention and take notes when a group of girls sitting behind me don't realize that class is for learning, not giving your friends a recap of Saturday night. Let me document the conversations going on behind me.

"Like, oh my God, I was like so wasted this weekend and like, I met like the cutest boys oh my God and then I passed out."

I love sitting in a class for the second time and hearing people talk about their bad habits while the professor is talking about the Constitution. Oh if only your proud parents could hear you now.

After turning around and glaring at these girls on a few occasions, I hear one of them snicker "what is her problem?" I'll tell you what my problem is. I, along with many of my peers, actually go to class to learn because we would like to make a future for ourselves other than getting a liver transplant.

Needless to say, I got very little out of class that day.

So I waltz into my next class, Introduction to Sociology, to witness girls saving seats for their friends. Yes, that's right ... saving seats.

But wait, it gets worse. We introduce ourselves to our neighbors and I'm paired up with a 17 year-old boy who tells me that I'm old. I tell him I'm an editor for the newspaper and he looks

at me like I have lobsters crawling out of my ears.

Every Friday, this professor tells us to have a safe weekend and don't go out drinking because we're all under 21 and underage drinking is illegal. It's at this point where I raise my hand and say, "Ma'am, while the rest of the class might be underage, I for one am able to legally drink."

After class a handful of kids came up to me asking if I could buy them booze.

This is my life for two hours, three days a week. Although many kids don't show up to class (another mistake I made three years ago), those who do are immature and obnoxious. Although I say that now, thinking I wasn't that way a few years back, but I know that all of us old geezers on campus had a streak of immaturity at some time in our college tenure.

The bright side of taking freshman classes as a senior is that not only have you most likely already learned these topics in other classes you've taken over the years, but the professors go over things so slowly in order for freshmen to "adapt."

So a word of advice to any underclassmen who might read this: get your priorities in line and don't put drinking above class work, or else in a few years you'll be in the same hellish situation that I'm in.

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# Know what to say: ECU professor writes book

*A word a day, keeps the doctor away*

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Dr. Steven M. Cerutti has been a very popular professor at ECU since he began his teaching career. After graduating from Duke University in 1992, Dr. Cerutti came to ECU and started a Classical Studies program in the Department of Foreign Languages. Before he got here there was nothing in the department, literally. In his first year he wrote more than 15 new course proposals and re-designed the Latin curriculum and introduced Ancient Greek.

When he wrote the course Classics 1300, Greek and Latin for Vocabulary Building, he thought it would be a great program for the class because everyone is interested in words. Ever since grade school he has been studying and teaching words, so opening this class was something Dr. Cerutti dreamed of. Fall of 1994 was the first semester the class was taught with only 14 students enrolled. He amazed his students with both funny

and naughty stories from Roman and Greek mythology, and captured their minds with his true knowledge and energy about words. The next semester he had 60 students, then 90 and now his class quickly closes with about 120 students.

"Dr. Cerutti makes me want to go to class because he really enjoys his job and his students are able to see that through his classes," said Mike Lopez, senior English major.

At the beginning of each class he writes a word on the board. He writes words like - "student," "sophomore," "pornography" or "fornication" on the board and then gives the correct meaning, instead of the slang term it's used for today. As society changes, words seem to lose their original meaning.

Almost a year ago Dr. Cerutti received a phone call from Don Burleson, whose son Andrew was in his class and couldn't stop talking about it. Don Burleson is a publisher (Rampant Press) and was very interested in codifying his class.

"I was blown away," said Cerutti.

After about six months he

completed the book titled - *The Words of the Day: The Unlikely Evolution of Common English*. He had help from Joel White, then an ECU freshman, with the illustrations. He uses Greek humor to spruce up the book with a touch of modern culture.

"Dr. Cerutti has a personable sense of humor to him. His personality shines through in everything he does," said Joel White, a sophomore political science and communication major.

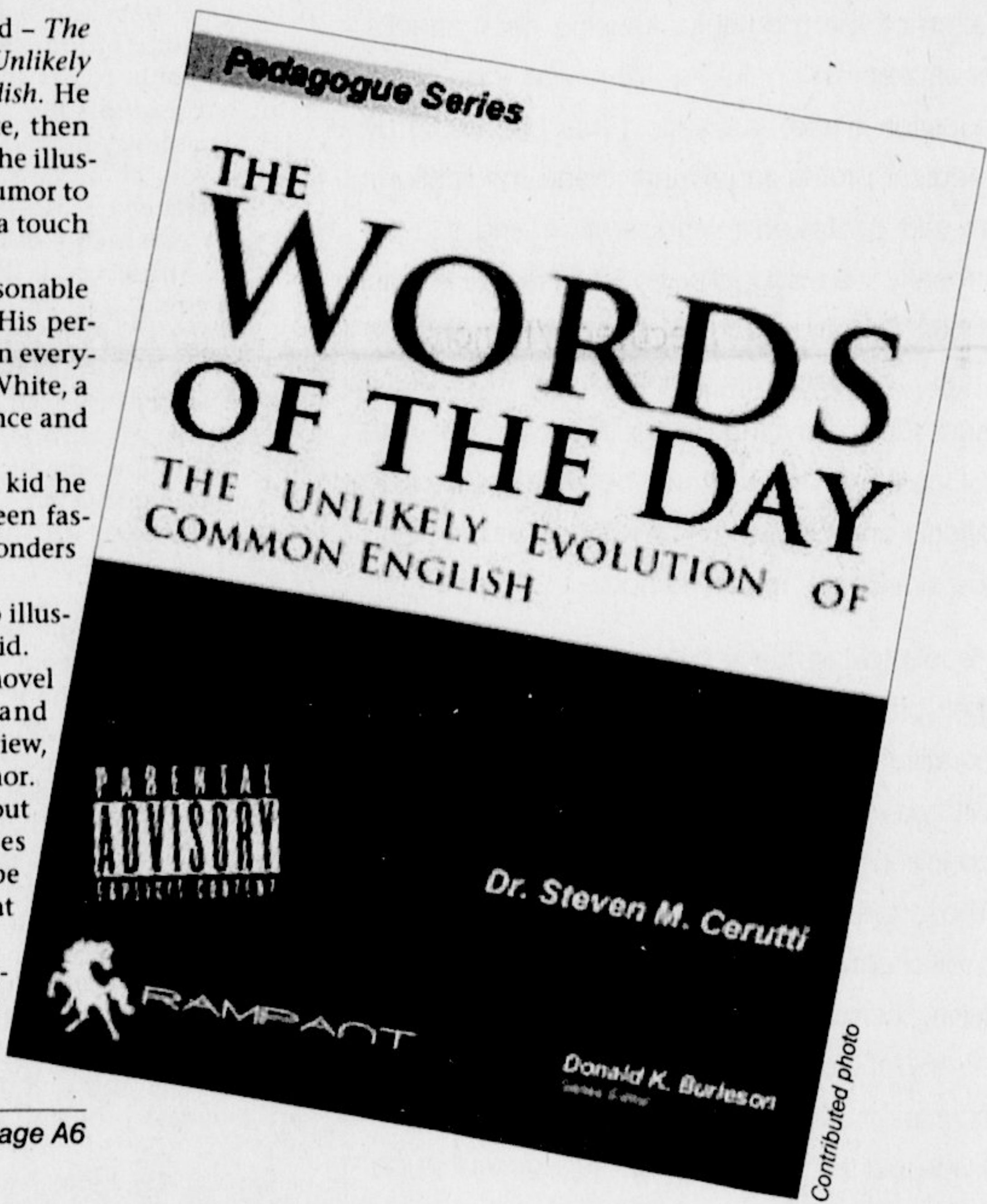
Ever since Joel was a kid he loved to draw and has been fascinated with the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

"It's really an honor to illustrate the book," White said. He plans to write a novel of his own some day, and requested another interview, where he will be the author.

The book will come out this December at Barnes and Noble, you will also be able to order it online at amazon.com.

Dr. Cerutti gets frustrated sometimes because people begin to talk and use words in the wrong

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# Down-low on downtown: Clubs students enjoy



Going to dance clubs whenever they can, students enjoy the many options available in Greenville.

*Check out these local hot spots*

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Downtown Greenville is infamous throughout North Carolina as a place where people can go to have a good time, especially during that wonderful time of year known as Halloween. Students from other universities come from near and far to experience how ECU really gets down.

The downtown scene has plenty to offer for everyone. There are numerous nightclubs,

bars and restaurants for students to choose from and every place has special deals and operates most nights of the week.

The best parties and club deals usually begin on Wednesdays and run through Saturdays. The prices to enter nightclubs downtown are forever changing. The most rational thing to do is to bring at least ten dollars just for entering purposes. If you are legal and would like to buy drinks you might want to bring more cash, how much, depends on how drunk you are trying to get that night.

There are seven major hot

clubs and bars to consider when venturing downtown. Aqua, Cabanas, The Other Place, Pantana Bob's, Cavern, Five 19 and Scores are the hottest nightclubs and bars in downtown Greenville.

All of these places charge reasonable prices but sometimes have private parties, so if you are not invited to those nights you have to go elsewhere. Not a problem when all six clubs are within walking distance of each other.

Aqua is the newest nightclub to hit Greenville. It opened in August and has been the premier place to dance and drink the

night away ever sense. Aqua has low drink prices and specials every night. What makes Aqua truly the number one hot spot downtown is the full martini bar with more than 20 different types of delicious martinis and a full oxygen bar which Greenville has never seen before in a nightclub. Aqua has a unique design with a full stage columned by polls of water. It has screens that play different animations to coincide with the 25,000-watt sound system that plays only the hottest songs.

In the beginning, Aqua cost a mere two dollars to get into but the club has gotten so popular they often demand college I.D. as well as licenses. Therefore, if you are trying to hit Aqua for a night, don't forget these two items, you won't get in without them.

Many nightclubs downtown require memberships. These memberships are usually free and one can go to the club early during the day or call to find out when memberships are given out. Often times just light information is requested in order to receive a membership.

The Cavern always offers "ladies free nights" which is a great deal for college women. Cavern is a great place to go if you have a love for all types of music, and also offers a lot of sitting space.

Cabanas is always the place

students go to when other clubs let out. Cabanas keep their parties going until 4 a.m. So when the other clubs let out at 2 a.m. if students feel like they still have more energy for dancing and partying the night away, Cabanas is where they finish the night off.

The Other Place is a great nightclub for the older crowd, 21 and up. Students choose this club when they do not feel the need to be bothered with underclassmen. It is logical and a good choice when trying to keep it "grown and sexy."

Pantana Bob's or "PB's" has an awesome sound system and bar. They also have a stage and promote many parties. Be aware that PB's does have a dress code and those who don't follow that code will not be granted access.

Scores is a laid back bar that offers not only music and a huge bar selection, but pool tables as well. This is more of a bar than a nightclub so it's a perfect place to relax and enjoy your college life.

"I went to Scores for a party and it was extremely hot but it is very spacious and has a lot of pool tables and sitting areas which is a plus when it comes to a bar or club. But overall I had a lot of fun," said senior biology major Nijaa Cotton.

When it comes to downtown it is not just about the nightclubs

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## Road trips, fun out of Greenville

Beaches and baseball in the Tar Heel State

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STAFF WRITER

So you've got to be wondering what there is to do outside of Greenville, and more importantly, where there is to go in eastern North Carolina. For lovers of knowledge and recreation alike, there are plenty of things to see in the Old North State.

For old school sports lovers, there's an ideal locale just a half hour from ECU in Kinston. Grainger Stadium is the home of the Kinston Indians, a minor league baseball team in the Cleveland Indians farm system. The team plays in a small house with an old-school family feel to it. The stadium is a great destination for Sunday fun with friends, and with \$7 putting you in a box seat right by the field, it's worth the money.

If sports aren't your thing but you still want to cut loose, just head east to the North Carolina beaches, one of the state's more famous features. There are a number of picturesque tourist locations along the coast, such as Emerald Isle, Atlantic Beach, Morehead City, Beaufort and



Carolina Beach allows driving and camping on one public beach.

Pine Knoll Shores. Emerald Isle is about two and a half hours from Greenville, making it a great choice for a day trip. If you are into surfing and want an adventure drive down to Wrightsville Beach and try your luck on the waves of Masonboro Island. Just words of advise to the surfers, cross the inlet in a boat so you don't get chewed up by a shark, or worse yet, a boat prop.

The beaches are great spots to go to not just for a day of rays, but a day of activity and even learning if you desire. Beaufort has the North Carolina Maritime Museum which highlights the history of seafaring in North Carolina, and history lovers would also delight in a tour of

Fort Macon, which was active in the Civil War and World War II. You could also check out some sea life at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

If you want the token picture opportunity in North Carolina, you have to take a tour of the North Carolina lighthouses. It wouldn't be a short activity, however, North Carolina's coast actually has seven famous lighthouses that dot the shoreline. These lighthouses have all been up and running for decades and are nice stops for any North Carolina tourist.

North Carolina's coastline also affords the opportunity for some choice scuba diving. For

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Prevention is the key to safety

SARAH CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

In the United States someone is sexually assaulted every two minutes and someone is raped every six minutes. Shocking isn't it? College students are in the most vulnerable age group for sexual assault. "Sexual Assault includes a wide range of victimizations, distinct from rape or attempted rape. These crimes include completed or attempted attacks generally involving unwanted sexual contact between the victim and offender. Sexual assaults may or may not involve force and include such things as grabbing or fondling. Sexual assault also includes verbal threats," according to the US Department of Justice as posted at [rainn.org](http://rainn.org).

ECU is hoping to prevent sexual assault through awareness. One of the key components in their battle is Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which provides students with sexual assault awareness, prevention, education and resources. "Sexual assault awareness also includes understanding the behaviors that are defined as sexual assault, including rape, knowing what to do if you are sexually assaulted and how you can be a supportive ally to friends who are victims/survivors of sexual assault," said Suzanne Molhan, ECU's sexual assault victim advocate. This year SAAW will be the week of Sept. 19 - 23 and will have a variety of different activities to educate

students. Each day there will be a different event.

Monday, Sept. 19 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. was the "Take Back the Night March," which began at the top of College Hill at Belk Hall and ended at Joyner Library. Prior to the march a candlelight vigil was held.

An open discussion about sexual assault on college campus will take place Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 8 - 9 p.m. in the Wright Building room 312. A police officer and two counselors will be on hand to lead the discussion.

In the multipurpose room at Mendenhall students can paint T-shirts and make bracelets from 6 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. You can learn self-defense techniques that can play a vital part in your protection with ECU Police Officer Janel Drake from 7 - 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 22 there will be a women's sexual assertiveness workshop from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Student Health Center. Free pizza and refreshments will be provided during the event.

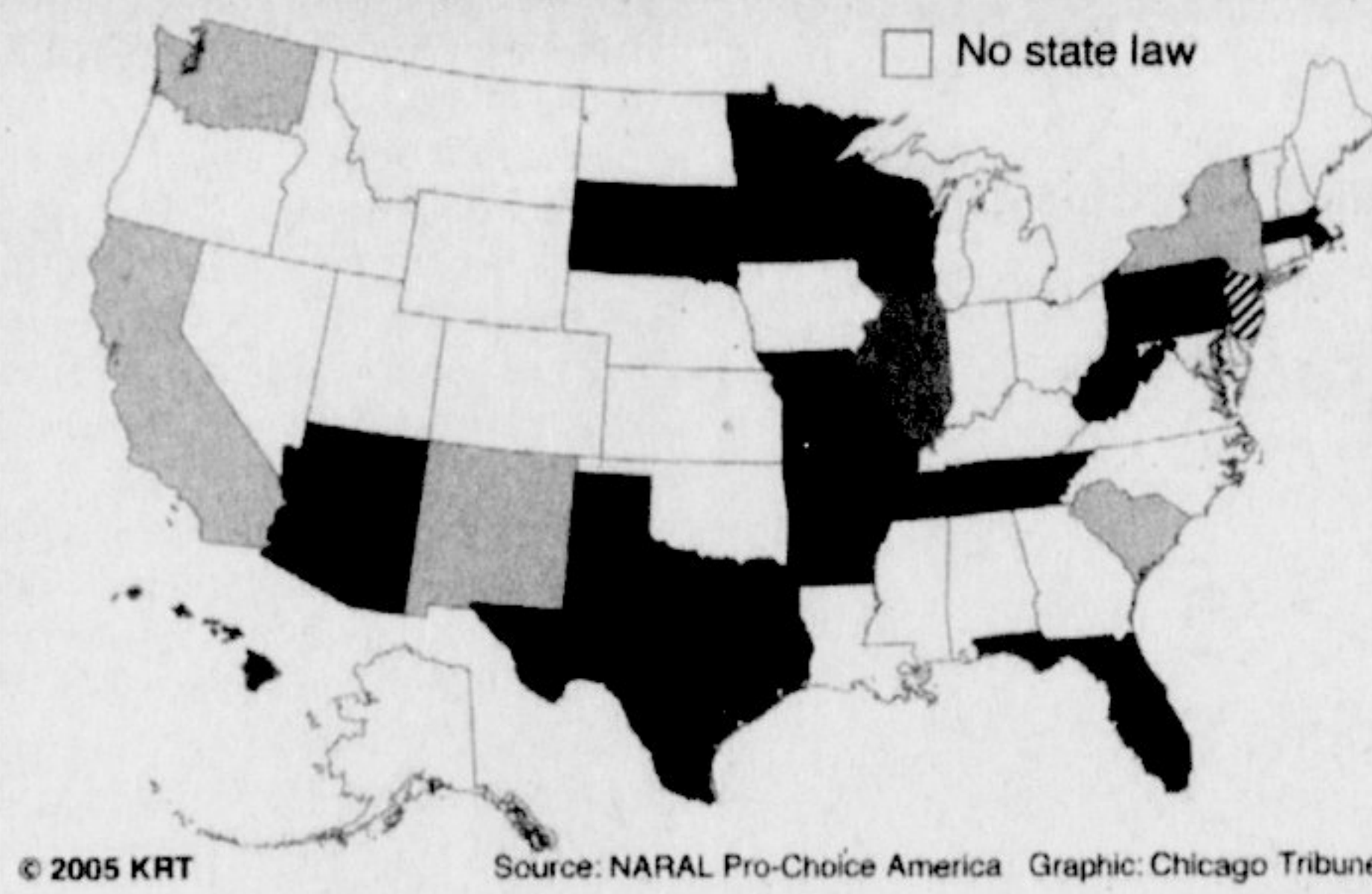
A group of survivors and friends of survivors of sexual assault will be hosted by counselors Friday, Sept. 23 from 10 - 11 a.m. in the second floor multipurpose room of the Student Health Center. The event entitled "Breaking the Silence" will be a time to offer support and increase awareness.

Three percent of college women experience a completed or attempted rape each year. "Prevention is the goal of ECU in educating students in making safe, healthy decisions," Molhan said.

## Contraception for rape victims

Laws on hospital emergency rooms' treatment of sexual assault

- Must provide emergency contraception if woman wants it
- Must provide counseling about emergency contraception
- Bill has been introduced requiring ER to provide counseling
- Must provide emergency contraception; bill has been introduced requiring ER to provide counseling
- No state law



Victims of rape often require Emergency Contraception. There are many states in this country that provide Emergency Contraception only with counseling. North Carolina has no state law about Emergency Contraception, which makes it readily available.

Reporting these crimes is especially important to make sure that the attacker doesn't strike again. It also provides the victim with closure and a sense of safety.

SAAW wants to encourage students to not be afraid or ashamed to let someone know they have been sexually assaulted as well as offering students tips on how to prevent sexual assault.

Awareness is the first step in prevention. By attending one of

the events during SAAW you can learn things that may prevent you and your friends from being sexually assaulted. If you or a friend is the victim of sexual assault, call the police immediately, being aware of specific details about the attacker. Emergency contraception is available in the state of North Carolina for victims of sexual assault or rape.

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context. That's another reason why he feels the book is so great, he wants people to know exactly what they are saying. He feels this is especially important in today's society because using the wrong words could get you fired, harassed or even killed.

"We can show people shooting and killing each other all day long on television, but you can't say the 'f-word' or a whole bunch of others," Cerutti said.

His vision for Classics came when he first came to ECU and did not try to make students become Classics majors, but to try and create an interesting program that would entice students to take Classics courses to fulfill their General Education - Humanities requirements.

"No one should graduate from ECU without knowing who Homer or Euripides was, the difference between the Pantheon and the Parthenon or who built the great pyramids at Giza," Cerutti said.

His schedule keeps him very busy, as he is dedicated to his job. Not only does he teach Classics 1300, but also "The Ancient City Rome" (CLAS 3400), "The Ancient City Pompeii" (CLAS 3410), "Introductions to the Classical World" (CLAS 2000) and "Greek Tragedy in Translation" (CLAS 2500). These classes always close out quickly after registration begins with more than a hundred students per class, so he is obviously doing something to keep students so interested in the antiquity. It's a great feeling and compliment when Dr. Cerutti has students take more than just one of his classes. It lets him know that he is getting through



CERUTTI

to his students and holding their attention. He has opened the doors into Classics for many students and wants them to be a part of the wider public who also respects, understands and appreciates the Classical World. Society is slowly coming around to learn about Rome. Luckily HBO had a "Rome Week" and the History Channel has a series on Roman Engineering but the message is still not quite widespread enough. Hollywood jumped on the bandwagon with the popular movies "Troy" and "Gladiator."

Be sure to catch early registration and turn back time with Greek life. In the meantime Dr. Cerutti will be working on his next book for his Greek Tragedy course: *Why Greek Goats Sing Sad Songs; A Companion for Reading (and Understanding) Greek Tragedy*.

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the beginning diver, professional dive companies are available to help you learn, and for the experienced diver, there are numerous shipwrecks the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" presents to be explored.

Grab a rod and reel and try your hand at fishing while you're on the Crystal Coast. Many of the spots on North Carolina's Crystal Coast have fishing piers as well as fishing boats that rent out spots to fish in the deep water. Fishing tournaments are held often for the avid sport fisherman.

For a taste of southern hospitality to go with a beautiful coastal experience, head out to Atlantic Beach, Beaufort or Morehead City and take a shoreline cruise. For an hour or two, you can enjoy a nice dinner while cruising on the water and watching for dolphins or enjoying the natural beauty that unfolds before your eyes. For anniversaries, birthdays and parties, it's a fun and new way to enjoy an evening with some friends, or that special someone.

If you want to get together a group of outdoor enthusiasts, who all just happen to possess an all-terrain vehicle, Carolina Beach is the place to go. Students have been taking the two-hour cruise down to 'The Redneck Riviera' for years to drive on the beach. In the past, this has been free, but now Carolina Beach is charging \$10 a day or \$40 a year for this privilege. People can camp, fish or relax for the day.

These are just a few of the awesome things you can do on the North Carolina coast, and there are certainly more things to get out there and experience for yourself. For more information on the options discussed here or to find a new adventure, visit [sunnync.com](http://sunnync.com) and check out the many things you can do.

The state of North Carolina is over the brim with diverse environments and tourist spots for those seeking some fun in the sun. The best way to find them all is to explore the state's east coast, one weekend at a time. Just hop in your car, roll down the windows and follow the smell of ocean water.

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and bars, but where people can get a second wind after partying as well. Downtown has a number of restaurants and stores that cater and thrive off the after 2 a.m. business.

The Stop Shop is located on the corner of 5th and Reade Street. It is one of the places that is open when the clubs let out. The Stop

Shop is a popular destination for snacks and a cold bottle of water after dancing to exhaustion.

Boli's Pizzeria restaurant is located on the corner of 5th street. It is open late and serves some of the best pizza and BLT sandwiches one can get at two in the morning. The prices are low and the food is hot.

The downtown nightlife in Greenville is expanding and students are happy to see that Greenville's downtown area is blossoming into a Mecca of flourishing places to party until the sun comes up.

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### AP Top 2

- 1) USC
- 2) Texas
- 3) LSU
- 4) VA Tech
- 5) Florida
- 6) Florida St.
- 7) Georgia
- 8) Ohio St.
- 9) Louisville
- 10) Tennessee
- 11) Purdue
- 12) Miami
- 13) California
- 14) Michigan
- 15) GA Tech
- 16) Notre Dam
- 17) Michigan
- 18) Arizona St.
- 19) Texas Tech
- 20) Alabama
- 21) Iowa
- 22) Iowa St.
- 23) Virginia
- 24) Oregon
- 25) UCLA

### Coaches

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## Sports Br

### McCallion Player-of-

ECU senior forward has been named Women's Soccer the-Week according to the league office. The Long Island Pirates (3-5) took the week, while also records in the she tallied three game-winner and Campbell and 34th career goal match set a new career goals per Pirate great and second goal of again passed ECU's all-time leader her 85th career goal a 2005 all C-U second time she the-week honor during her sophomore year, McCallion goals (5), pointed tied for the team Lady Pirates co-homestand W Sept. 21 when 1 p.m. at Bunting

### Krug nam the-week

ECU junior senior named Confer the-Week as an officials Monday tallied 110 assists this past week, Charleston South at the Enterprise Classic in Spartan Krug, a native of first career C-U honor as well the honor of the season. She set a new career-high in assists against a 3-1 win over the 66 assists surpassing of 64 that she set freshman season career-high in the Friday. Krug added nightcap against shutout victory. In addition to her added nine kills, total blocks and wins. Krug finished of 15.71 assists matches on Friday. Krug has recorded 73 digs, 3 blocks. She now assists, ranking all-time assist of

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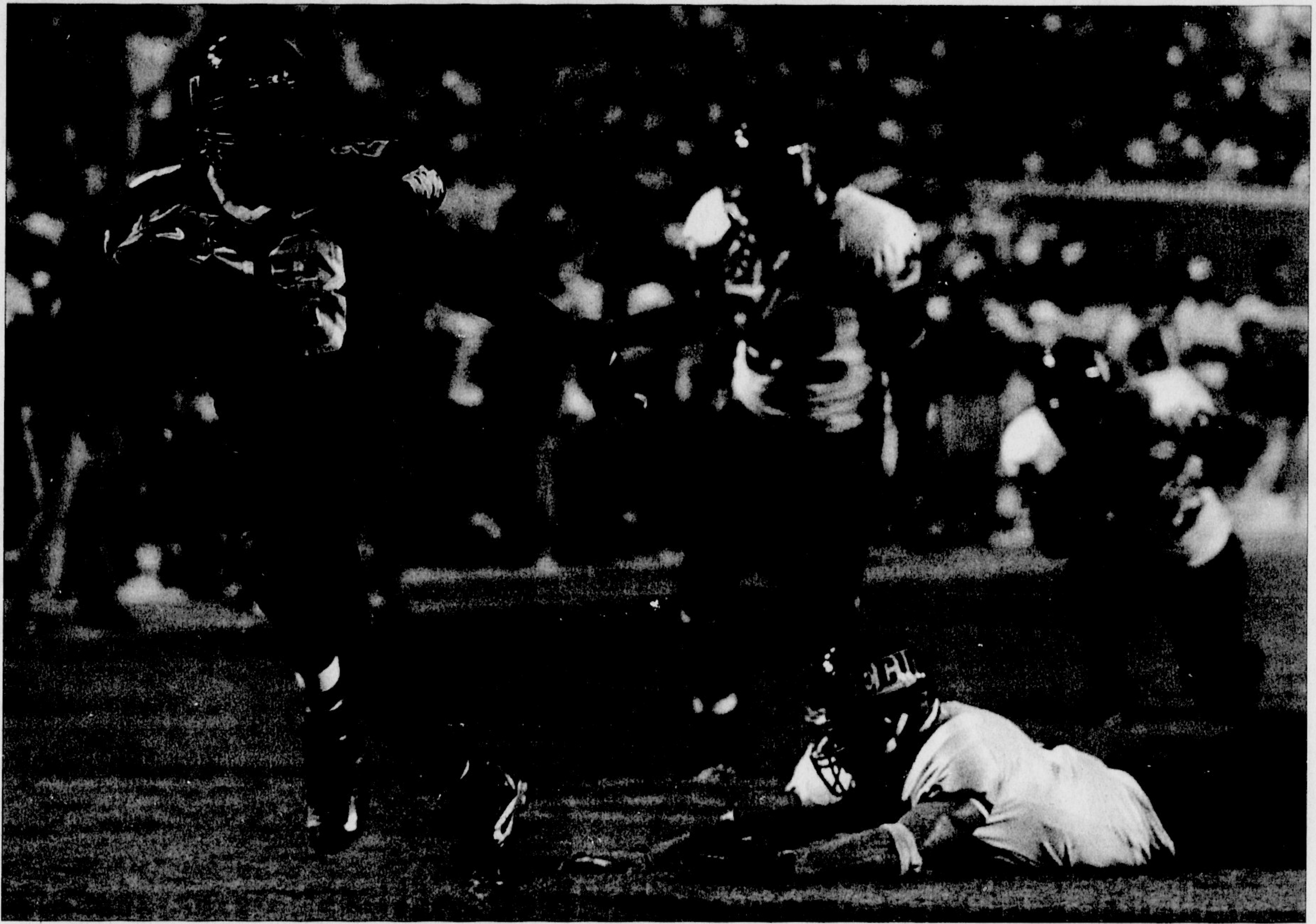
## College Polls

**AP Top 25**

1) USC	2-0
2) Texas	3-0
3) LSU	1-0
4) VA Tech	3-0
5) Florida	3-0
6) Florida St.	3-0
7) Georgia	3-0
8) Ohio St.	2-1
9) Louisville	2-0
10) Tennessee	1-1
11) Purdue	1-1
12) Miami	1-1
13) California	3-0
14) Michigan	2-1
15) GA Tech	3-0
16) Notre Dame	2-1
17) Michigan St.	3-0
18) Arizona St.	2-1
19) Texas Tech	2-0
20) Alabama	3-0
21) Iowa	2-1
22) Iowa St.	2-0
23) Virginia	2-0
24) Oregon	3-0
25) UCLA	3-0

**Coaches Poll**

1) USC	2-0
2) Texas	3-0
3) LSU	1-0
4) VA Tech	3-0
5) Florida	3-0
6) Georgia	3-0
7) Florida St.	3-0
8) Louisville	2-0
9) Ohio St.	2-1
10) Purdue	1-1
11) Tennessee	1-1
12) Miami	1-1
13) Michigan	2-1
14) California	3-0
15) GA Tech	3-0
16) Texas Tech	2-0
17) Arizona St.	2-1
18) Notre Dame	2-1
19) Virginia	2-0
20) Alabama	3-0
21) Iowa	2-1
22) Michigan St.	3-0
23) UCLA	3-0
24) Wisconsin	3-0
25) Boston College	2-1



Chris Barclay rushed for a Deacon record against the Pirates on Saturday as he thrashed ECU's defense for 241 yards on 25 carries and four touchdowns.

# Pirates Deac-ed against Wake Forest, 44-34

*Second-half rally not enough for Pirates*

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Skip Holtz was riding high after his debut win against Duke two weeks ago. Unfortunately for Holtz, winless Wake Forest was already firmly planted on the ground. For the Demon Deacons, the ground was a significant advantage.

"[Wake Forest] controlled the line of scrimmage on both the offensive and defensive side of

the ball," said a humbled Holtz.

"They did a good job up front."

"Up front" meant the Pirates were dominated, giving up 407 rushing yards. Wake Forest running back Chris Barclay notched 241 yards on 25 carries with four touchdowns. For good measure, backup Micah Andrews carried 22 times for 145 yards.

Wake Forest's (1-2) 44-34 triumph over ECU (1-1) was the fifth consecutive in as many years. But this game was different. Unlike the last two tilts, the Pirates fought back.

With 2:41 remaining in the

second quarter, the Pirates were in a 31-6 hole after Barclay's 6, 19 and 13-yard touchdown scrambles. A shade over a quarter later, ECU made up 18 points when they were within a touchdown after Aundrae Allison's second touchdown reception.

"I'm proud of this team," Holtz said Monday after reviewing the game tape.

"I'm proud of the heart they played with and the fight they had."

Playing in front of a large Pirate contingent on the road, ECU began their rally before the first half concluded. Allison's

9-yard touchdown snare from James Pinkney capped off an eight-play, 69-yard drive.

After a Wake Forest 39-yard field goal, ECU had another eight-play drive. The Pirates ran every down utilizing Chris Johnson's speed and agility. Johnson capped off the drive with a 12-yard touchdown dive at the left pylon.

Johnson's 103 yard effort was the first time the sophomore topped the century mark since he racked up 158 yards against Tulane last season.

After two Wake Forest three-

and-outs, Pinkney found Allison on a slip screen when the junior receiver raced 51-yards to pay dirt. The Georgia Military Institute transfer had a game-high eight receptions for 158 yards combined with the two touchdowns.

"Allison has been a force for our offense all year," Holtz said.

"He has as much talent as anybody I've had play for me."

But the 7-point margin was the closest ECU would come. Wake Forest answered with a debilitating 12-play drive ending

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## Sports Briefs

### McCallion named C-USA Player-of-the-Week

ECU senior forward Meghan McCallion has been named Conference USA Women's Soccer Offensive Player-of-the-Week according to a release from the league office Monday afternoon. The Long Island, NY native led the Pirates (3-5) to a pair of wins this week, while also setting two school records in the process. For the week she tallied three goals, including one game-winner and two assists against Campbell and Francis Marion. Her 34th career goal and first of the FMU match set a new school record for career goals previously held by former Pirate great Amanda Duffy. With her second goal of the day, McCallion again passed Duffy on the charts as ECU's all-time leading scorer notching her 85th career point. For McCallion, a 2005 all C-USA candidate, it is the second time she has earned player-of-the-week honors with the first coming during her sophomore season. On the year, McCallion leads the Pirates in goals (5), points (13), shots (24) and is tied for the team lead in assists (3). The Lady Pirates continue their four-game homestand Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21 when they host Furman at 4 p.m. at Bunting Field.

### Krug named setter-of-the-week

ECU junior setter Heidi Krug was named Conference USA Setter-of-the-Week as announced by league officials Monday afternoon. Krug, who tallied 110 assists in two matches this past week, led ECU to wins over Charleston Southern and host Wofford at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in Spartanburg, SC on Friday. Krug, a native of Kildeer, Ill., earns her first career C-USA setter-of-the-week honor as well the Pirates' first weekly honor of the season. She set a new career-high with 66 set assists against Charleston Southern in a 3-1 win over the Buccaneers. Krug's 66 assists surpasses her previous high of 64 that she set against Furman her freshman season. After setting a new career-high in the classic opener on Friday, Krug added 44 assists in the nightcap against Wofford in a 3-0 shutout victory over the host Terriers. In addition to her 110 assists, Krug added nine kills, one service ace, two total blocks and 14 digs in ECU's two wins. Krug finished with an average of 15.71 assists per game in the two matches on Friday. On the season, Krug has recorded 458 assists (13.09 avg), 73 digs, 33 kills and 16 total blocks. She now has 2,018 career assists, ranking her fourth on ECU's all-time assist chart.

# McCallion breaks ECU scoring record

(SID) — ECU senior Meghan McCallion scored two goals and collected one assist to lead the Pirates to a 6-1 win over Francis Marion Sunday afternoon at Bunting Field.

The Pirates (3-5-0) got on the board early when Rachel Hills found Allison Howell open on the right corner of the goal box for the games first goal.

Five minutes later, McCallion notched her 34th career goal from 16 yards out to become ECU's all-time leader in goals scored, passing former Pirate standout Amanda Duffy.

Freshman Nicole Moore was credited with the assist, the first

of her career.

Francis Marion (1-3-0) answered the Pirates goal with one of their own when Ashley Wahl found a loose ball in the box at the 28:20 mark for her first goal of the season.

McCallion scored her second goal of the day, 35th of her career, in the 35th minute when Anastasia Nikas headed a ball over for the Pirates' third goal. With the goal, McCallion became ECU's all-time leader in points (85) once again passing Duffy on the Pirates charts.

Senior Kate Lowe netted her second goal of the season during the 37th minute when Sarah

Biggar served a cross pass at the top of the box.

During the second-half, the Pirates added to their three goal lead when Tracy FitzGerald recorded her first goal of the season and second of her career off a McCallion pass.

Freshman Taylor Bell closed out the Pirate scoring in the 73rd minute when Sadia Altidore and Blair Heffner connected on a series of passes finding an open Bell for the Pirates' sixth goal.

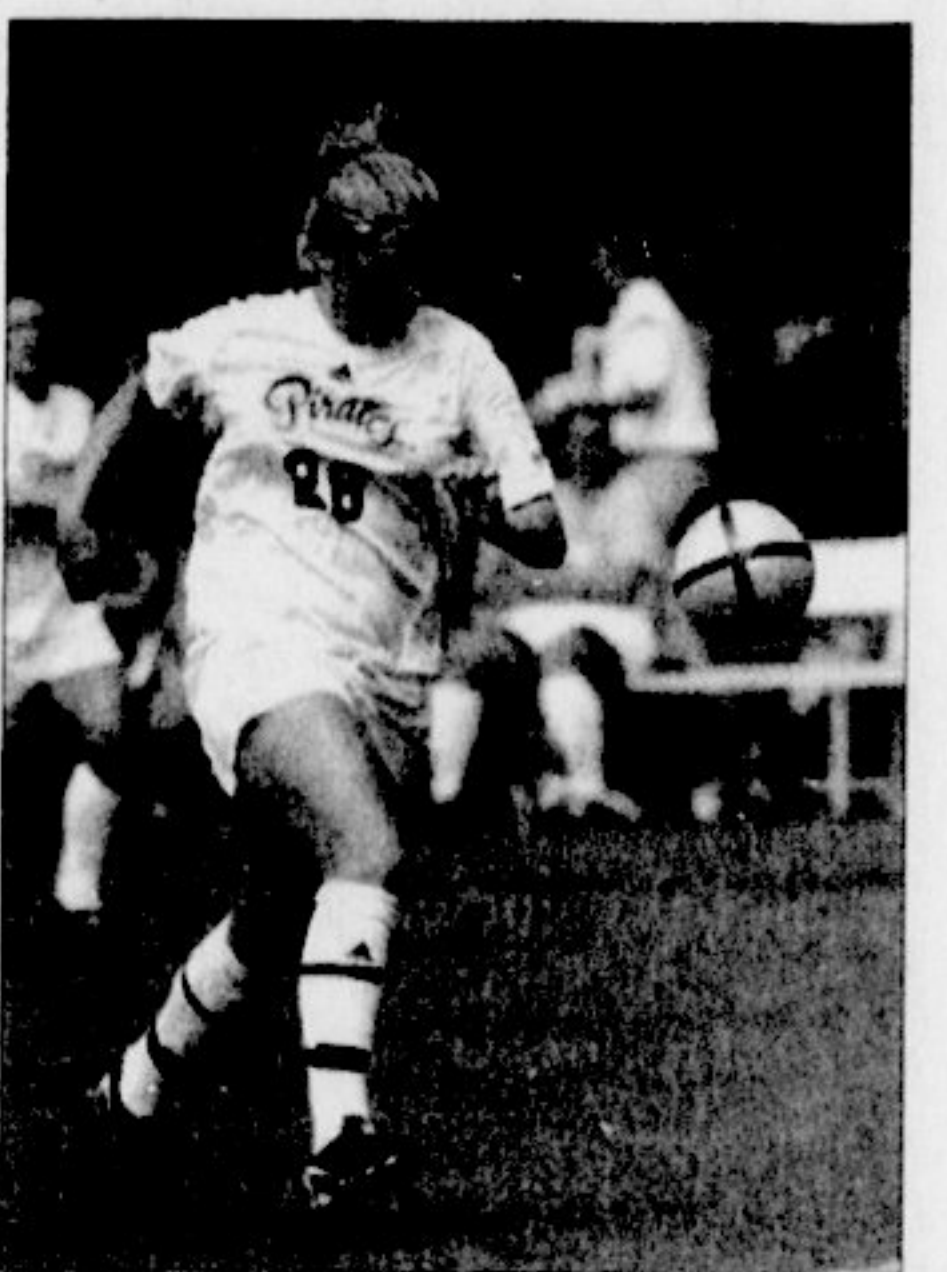
ECU goalie Amber Campbell faced just three shots in 78:18 minutes allowing one goal while picking up her third win of the

year. Freshman walk-on keeper Heather Johnston saw her first action in goal for the Pirates during the second-half.

"I thought we played very well today," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth.

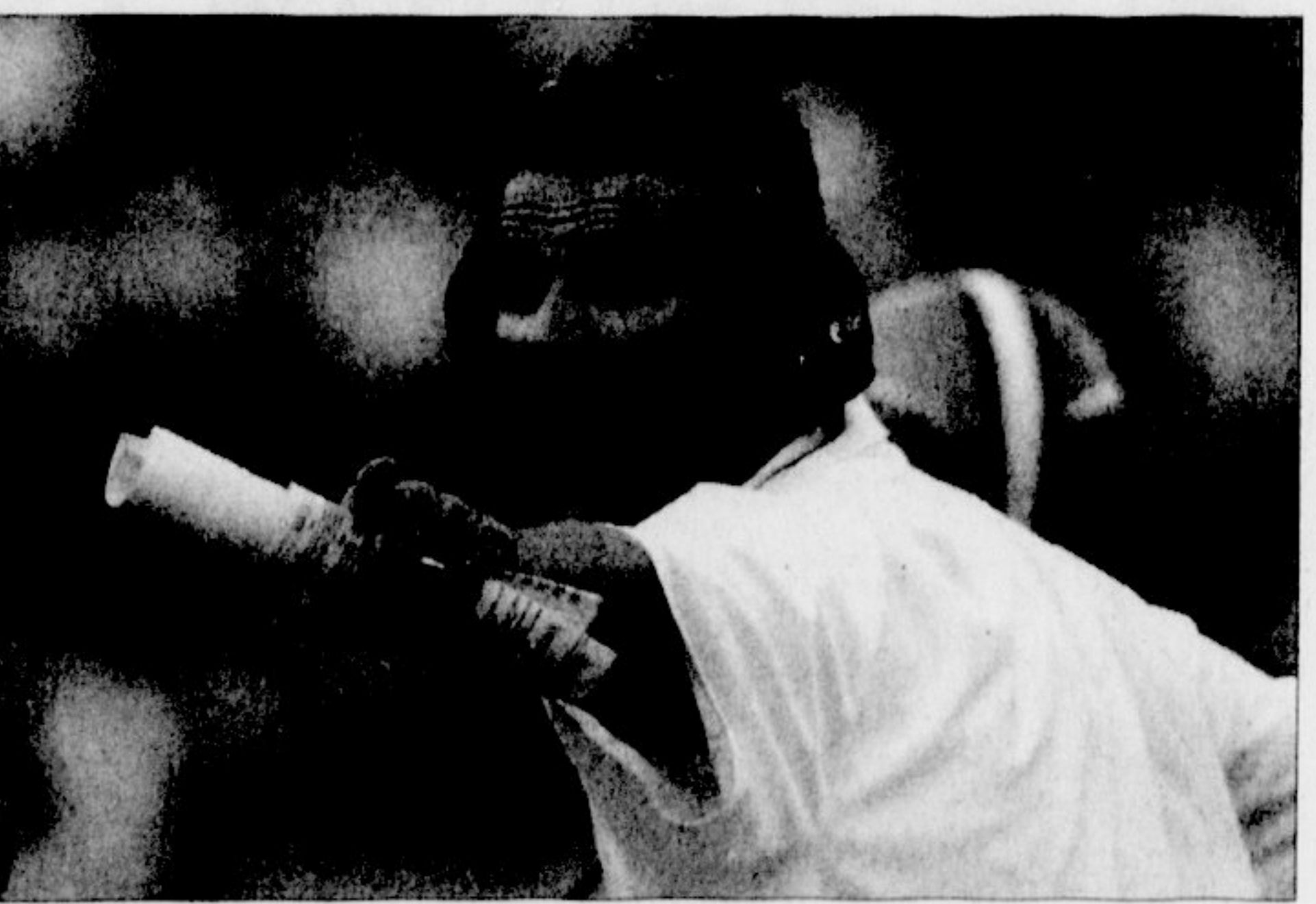
"Francis Marion was a little thin with players and we were able to take advantage of that. I'm really happy for Mac (Meghan McCallion) today. At the beginning of the season this was one of her goals, and it is a great accomplishment."

The Pirates will be back in action Wednesday, Sept. 21 when they host Furman at 4 p.m. at Bunting Field.



MCCALLION

# On the field, these kids are just tin soldiers



Urban Meyer and his Gators are 3-0 so far this young season.

(KRT) — Every time he said it, you cringed.

And he kept saying it over and over.

New Florida Coach Urban Meyer, after the biggest victory of his young coaching career Saturday night, went armed forces on us.

He was talking about Andre "Bubba" Caldwell and Ray McDonald, two star players who were injured in Saturday's victory over Tennessee. And for some reason only a football coach understands, he kept referring to them as if they were casualties of war.

A sampling of Meyer's post-

game news conference:

"Bubba Caldwell is a soldier, he will have surgery (on a broken leg). Ray McDonald is another fallen soldier . . . Those are two soldiers . . . We take care of our soldiers around here . . . When one soldier drops a rifle, the next one's got to pick it up and go a little harder."

Will somebody make him stop? Please?

Actually, to his credit, Meyer swears he's going to make himself stop. When asked Sunday about the many military comparisons he made Saturday, Meyer acknowledged that he's not coaching in

Utah anymore.

"I guess I'm not used to being on the national stage," Meyer said sheepishly. "Even though we use the term (soldier) out of respect, you need to watch what you say, especially these days. I need to be more careful."

I know football coaches are prone to hyperbole. And I know football is a brutal, tough and, yes, sometimes even a life-threatening sport. But football is not war, and the guys who play it are not soldiers.

However, the Gators do have a guy on their team who was a

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## The Sports Dictionary

### Forward Progress —

The location on the field to which a ball carrier's momentum takes him before his progress is completely stopped.

### Front Seven —

The term that refers to the first seven players on a defense, most commonly the defensive lineman and linebackers.

### Game ball —

A ball used during the course of a game, given to a winning team's player or coach who was considered to have most contributed to the win.

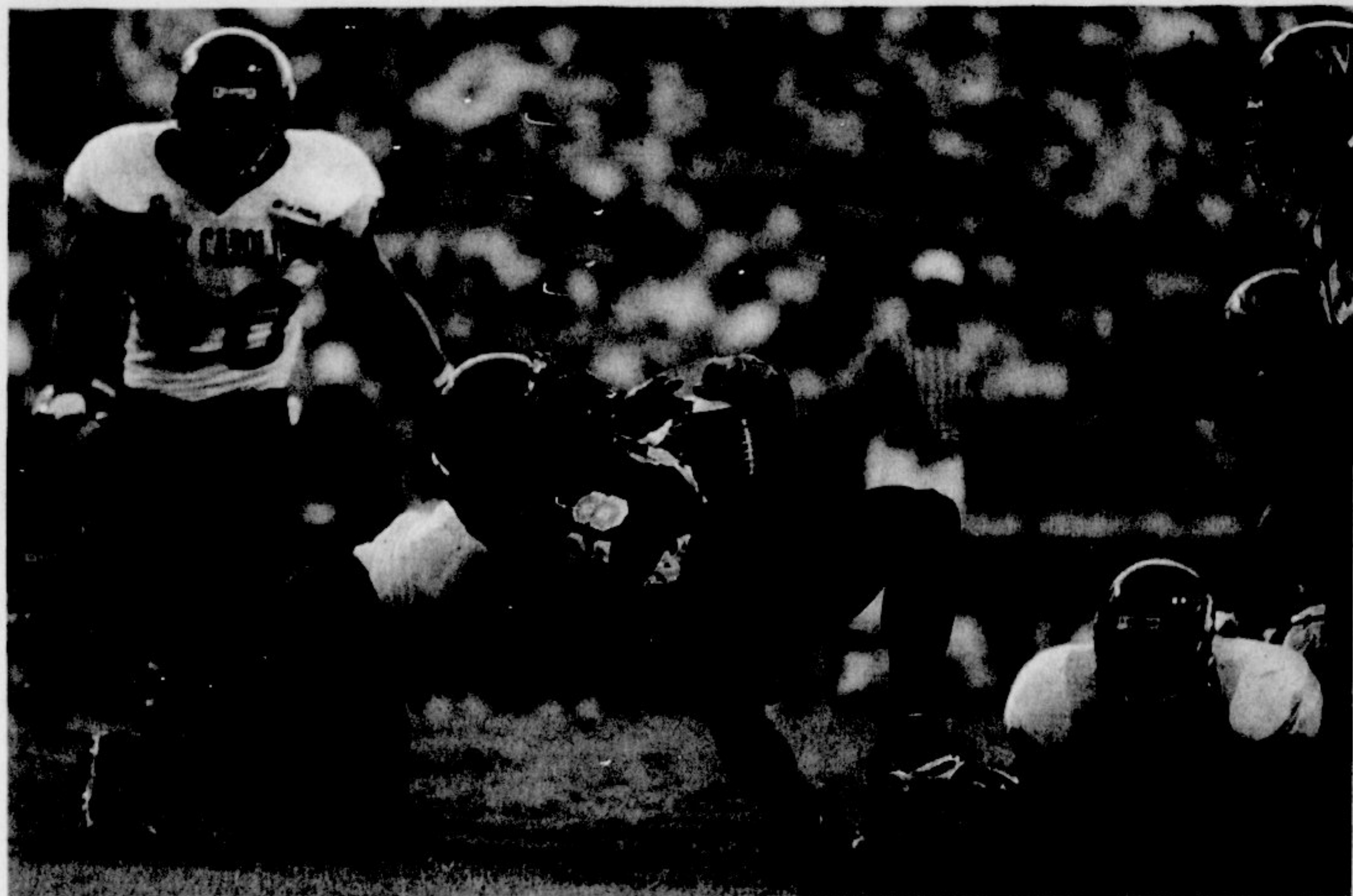
### Hands Team —

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**Football** from page A7



Barclay scores on one of his four touchdowns against the Pirates Saturday afternoon.

on Sam Swank's 47-yard field goal. After an ECU three-and-out, Chris Barclay's 65-yard touchdown sprint on 3rd-and-1 pushed the game out of reach.

Pinkney capped the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown toss to Robert Tillman on 4th-and-goal late in the fourth quarter. Tillman caught seven balls for 63 yards. The junior saw his first full game action from the H-back slot after missing much of fall camp with academic issues.

Forced to throw for much of the game, Pinkney finished 20-of-45 for 292 yards. Pinkney has yet to throw an interception in 66 attempts this season.

"Pinkney really played well," Holtz said.

"He's doing a good job protecting the football."

On Wake Forest's initial possession, a critical pass

interference flag against Kasey Ross on third-and-goal gave Wake a fresh set of downs. Two plays later, Benjamin Mauk found full-back Richard Belton in the end zone from 4-yards out.

"After going back and reviewing the play at the goal line, I thought [Ross] made a heck of a play," Holtz said.

Later in the first quarter, Wake Forest defensive lineman Alphonso Smith blocked Ryan Dougherty's third punt attempt and downed it himself on the ECU 20. That big play resulted in a quick, four-play scoring drive capped off by Barclay's 6-yard touchdown surge to make it 14-0.

The Pirates settled for a couple of Robert Lee field goals before Barclay's third touchdown. Lee knocked through a career-high 51 yarder for ECU's first points.

He remained perfect on the season with a 23-yarder in the second quarter.

Defensively, ECU had no answer for the Wake Forest rushing attack. Chris Moore led ECU with 10 tackles. Backup safety Mickey McCoy recorded nine stops and the only ECU sack.

The Pirates travel to West Virginia (3-0) for a noon kickoff in Morgantown, W.Va. ECU has never won in Morgantown in 10 tries. WVU beat ECU 56-23 last year in the season opener for both teams.

"We are a work in progress," Holtz reiterated Monday.

"If we continue to get better every week and continue to improve, then we have a chance to see how good we can be."

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soldier. His name is Cam Brewer, a walk-on wide receiver and former Marine who served in Iraq. Asked by a reporter if he is offended by his coach's comments, Brewer answered, "No sir."

Always the good soldier. "I've thought about it a lot," Brewer admitted, "and it actually motivates me when Coach Meyer calls us soldiers. You look at a football team and there are so many similarities to the military. The players are the enlisted men; the coach is the general. And then you have the camaraderie and the trust and the fighting and the sacrificing we do for

each other."

Undoubtedly, football lends itself to military analogies more than any other sport as pointed out in the old bit by comedian George Carlin, who once lampooned: "In football the object is for the quarterback, otherwise known as the field general, to be on target with his aerial assault, riddling the defense by hitting receivers with deadly accuracy in spite of the blitz, even if he has to use the shotgun. With short bullet passes and long bombs, he marches his troops into enemy territory, balancing this aerial

assault with a sustained ground attack that punches holes in the forward wall of the enemy's defensive line."

Carlin was kidding, Meyer was not. Although his "soldier" references weren't nearly as offensive as the ones made two years ago by former Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr., they still made you flinch.

All athletes and coaches should refrain immediately from correlating their make-believe war to real ones. In peacetime, the analogies are tacky. In wartime, they're just wrong. When fighting men and women are

being sent home in caskets, it seems dreadfully self-important for a coach to liken his players to real soldiers.

A blitzing linebacker doesn't compare to an inescapable suicide bomber. Staring at a 3rd-and-7 pales in comparison to staring at an AK-47. And if Florida quarterback Chris Leak makes a bad decision, the consequence is a loss of down or yardage; not a loss of life or limb.

There's just no comparison to be made between football players and soldiers.

So can we please stop making them?

**Sooners' 1-2 start to season is startling**

(KRT) — We're three weeks into the season, and already five teams ranked in the preseason top 10 have lost: No. 3 Tennessee, No. 4 Michigan, No. 6 Ohio State, No. 7 Oklahoma and No. 9 Miami.

Actually, the Sooners already have two losses, and while the other teams still have at least faint national-title hopes, the Sooners are hoping they can get to something like the Alamo Bowl. This from a program that has played in the past two national-title games and in three of the past five.

In the seven seasons of the BCS, a one-loss team has reached the title game four times, so the Vols, Wolverines, Buckeyes and Hurricanes still are in the hunt. Obviously, though, none of them can lose again, but that's going to be tough, given the remaining schedules.

First off, Michigan and Ohio State play each other. Each also plays Iowa, which also has one loss, and Michigan State, which has a powerful offense but an iffy defense.

Tennessee still has top-10 schools Georgia and LSU to play. Miami still has Virginia Tech, itself a title contender.

There are seven one-loss teams in The Associated Press poll, eight in the USA Today coaches poll.

As for OU, the unranked Sooners' 1-2 start is startling. "I know what will be written, but we're a work in progress," Sooners Coach Bob Stoops told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We're fighting that. We're going to keep pushing and making improvements each week, and if we do that, we have a chance to have a good team."

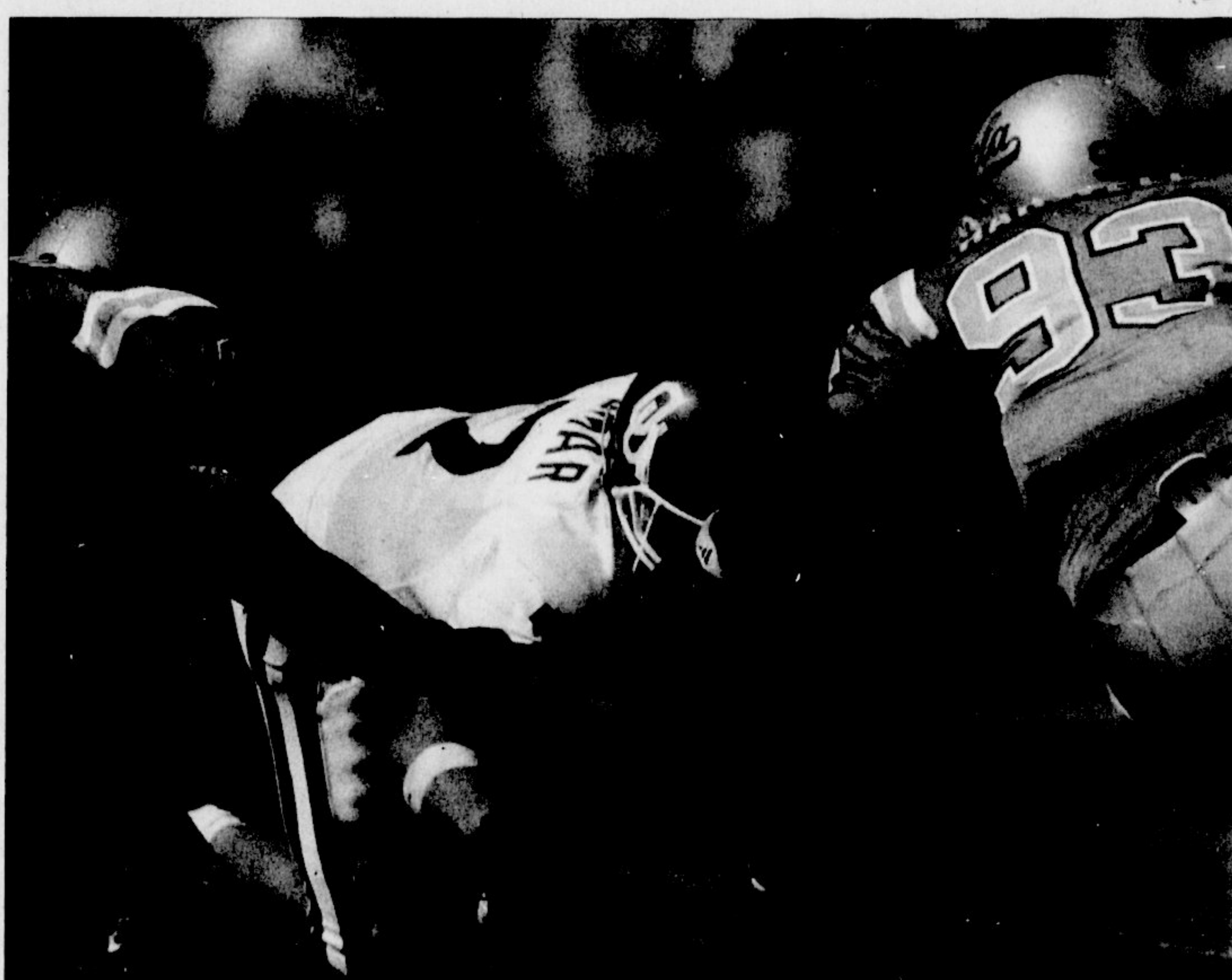
**All Hail Vandy**  
 Vanderbilt hasn't been to a bowl since 1982. That bowl-less streak seems likely to end this season.

The Commodores are 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the SEC after beating Ole Miss 31-23 on Saturday, and their next two games — both at home — are against Division I-AA Richmond and Middle Tennessee State. That means a 5-0 start, which hasn't happened since 1943, appears imminent.

"There are a lot of faithful Vanderbilt fans who haven't had an opportunity like this," junior wide receiver Erik Davis said. "Now, we're coming out and doing really well."

The remaining conference schedule includes games with LSU, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee — but also meetings with Kentucky and South Carolina. On paper, the Commodores are better than the Wildcats and Gamecocks.

One reason Vandy is playing so well is senior QB Jay Cutler, a 6-foot-4, 230-pound senior from — no kidding — Santa Claus, Ind.



OU quarterback Rhett Bomar, reaches for a fumble during the second half Saturday afternoon.

Many folks scoffed when SEC coaches named him preseason All-SEC, but maybe the coaches knew something. He's averaging 289.3 passing yards and 48.7 rushing yards per game.

"Their quarterback is an excellent player," Ole Miss Coach Ed Orgeron said.

**Where's the offense?**  
 Nebraska is 3-0 under second-year Coach Bill Callahan after Saturday's beyond-ugly 7-6 victory over Dave Wannstedt and Pitt. The teams combined to go 4-of-29 on third-down conversions, and in a comedy of errors befitting a bad Keystone Kops film, Pitt blew two chances at a game-winning field goal in the final seconds.

The Huskers rank 108th in the nation in total offense, at 271.3 yards per game, and most of that has been provided by TB Cory Ross (118.7 ypg). QB Zac Taylor has — like predecessor Joe Dailey — been abysmal in the passing game (39-of-89 — 43.8 percent — for 399 yards, with three picks and one TD). Nebraska is converting just 13 of 48 third-down conversions this season (27 percent).

So how are they 3-0? A superb defense. The Huskers are allowing 232.0 yards per game — ninth nationally — and have allowed a 22 percent conversion rate on third down.

"We've got to do a better job as an offense and we understand that," Callahan said.

The Huskers need to get better fast. They're off this week, then host Iowa State on Oct. 1. Iowa State is a trendy pick to win the Big 12 North, and the Cyclones' offense is the best the Huskers will have seen this season.

**Explain this**  
 Notre Dame beat Michigan at Michigan. Michigan State beat Notre Dame at Notre Dame. But take a gander at the rankings.

In the AP poll, Michigan is at 14th, Notre Dame at 16th and Michigan State at 17th.

It's even worse in the coaches poll: Michigan at 13th, Notre Dame at 18th and Michigan State at 22nd. Ridiculous.

**Grid Bits**

Before the season, it appeared as if USC would have three difficult road games: against Oregon, Arizona State and California. The first one is this Saturday, when the Trojans travel to play the Ducks. That's the same Ducks team that gave up 530 total yards to Fresno State. Not to disparage Fresno, but the Bulldogs' offense isn't in the same class as USC's. That obviously bodes ill for Oregon. . . . Texas Tech had 15 possessions against Sam Houston State on Saturday. The Red Raiders scored on 12 of them in an 80-21 demolition of the I-AA Bearkats. On the three possessions on which it didn't score, Tech punted once, missed a field goal and ran out the clock in the fourth quarter. It could be worse this week when Tech hosts I-AA Indiana State, which isn't nearly as good as Sam Houston State. In other words, if the Red Raiders want to score 100, they could. "I think if we play well and we capitalize on every drive, we can score 100 points," Tech QB Cody Hodges said. . . . South Carolina has rushed for 146 yards — total — in its three games. No wonder the Gamecocks are 0-2 in the SEC. It's the first time Steve Spurrier has lost back-to-back SEC games since 1992. That

season, Florida went on to win the SEC East. That's not going to happen for the Gamecocks this season. . . . ESPN and ESPN2 have enjoyed a nice run of success with its Thursday and Friday night games. The past three have gone into overtime (Pitt-Ohio U., Utah-TCU and Houston-UTEP). This week, the networks have a game Wednesday, one Thursday and two on Friday. . . . Is rancidness a word? Even if it isn't, it aptly describes the Sun Belt Conference. The league's standard-bearer is North Texas — which lost 54-2 to a Tulsa team that came in 0-2. The combined record for the Sun Belt's eight teams is 4-18. . . . San Diego State (0-3) scored on the first play from scrimmage against Ohio State. The Aztecs didn't score again and finished with three first downs in a 27-6 loss. Aztecs Coach Tom Craft won't be around next season unless the Aztecs go 6-2 the rest of the way. . . . The contract for the Florida Classic — which annually pits Bethune-Cookman and Florida A&M in the Citrus Bowl — expires after this season. The schools haven't put the game up for bid yet, but they have asked the City of Orlando, Orange County, Florida Citrus Sports and Disney (a title sponsor) about new revenue streams. . . . The heat is on Arkansas Coach Houston Nutt, whose team lost to Vandy last week at home, then was mauled 70-17 by USC on Saturday night. This week, the Hogs go to 3-0 Alabama. One saving grace for Nutt is that he has a commitment from Mitch Mustain, a quarterback from Springdale (Ark.) High who is perhaps the nation's best at his position.

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