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Celebrating Constitution Day

Focus on Supreme Court-President relationship

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ECU celebrated the 218th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution Thursday, Sept. 15, with a presentation by Tinsley Yarbrough, professor of political science.

Yarbrough's lecture focused on the relationship between the president and the people who have been nominated to the Supreme Court since the Richard Nixon era.

"The Supreme Court has the critical role of giving life to the Constitution," said Yarbrough.

It is because of this role that nominees often face a difficult path to the bench. Conflicts over Supreme Court nominations have always occurred in Congress, but the media circus that often sur-

rounds confirmation hearings today has only been the case for the last 50 years.

President Nixon had two nominations defeated, but also succeeded in getting conservative Chief Justice Warren Burger confirmed, along with Justices Harry Blackmun, Lewis Powell and William Rehnquist, who would later become Chief Justice in his own right during the Reagan Administration.

Nixon resigned in 1977 and was replaced by Gerald Ford. Ford got the chance for one nomination, John P. Stevens, who was confirmed by the Senate 98 to zero. Ford's successor, Jimmy Carter, never had a chance to put someone on the highest court in the land.

Ronald Reagan would seek to reverse some of the precedence set by the Warren Court. The Warren Court was headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was nominated by President Eisenhower. The Warren Court was known for



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protecting civil liberties, unjust arrests and apportionment.

Reagan would nominate the first female justice, Sandra Day O'Connor. He would also succeed in getting Antonin Scalia on the court. But his third nomination, Robert Bork, was rejected amidst a lobbying and public

relations campaign that caused many senators to believe he was too conservative. Reagan's next attempt, Douglas Ginsburg, withdrew after it was revealed he had smoked marijuana as a student. Reagan would finally fill the

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Hal Daniel prepares a treat.

Professors chow down on delicious mealworms

Surprising sources of protein in bugs

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Countries all over the world excluding the United States and Europe have done it for centuries, and now professors at ECU are showing us there is a new way of eating fine cuisine even if it's something that crawls on the ground.

Last month, more than 25,000 people attended the Bugfest at the NC Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh, NC. Hal Daniel, biologist and anthropologist, and Claudia Jolls, biology instructor, helped shed light on the growing phenomenon, entomophagy.

"Because 25,000 people showed up means that a lot of people are aware of entomophagy, and for them it's not unusual at all," Daniel said.

At this year's event, the two instructors teamed up to showcase some of their insect cuisine. From grasshopper and collard fritters to cream of katydid soup, Daniel said insects will be the "green food" of the future.

"They will be the green food of the future because eating them is so nutritious," said Daniel.

According to Daniel, insects are great sources of protein and are dined on by cultures all over the world.

Many people consume more than a pound of insects without ever realizing it and according to Daniel, this isn't anything new.

"Most people aren't aware that insects are already in their everyday foods like chocolate bars, peanut butter and even cereal. Most people don't eat insects because they have psychological barriers in place," Daniel said.

For those who are hesitant about consuming the squiggly critters, Daniels said insects are very good sources of protein and are also low in fat.

However, Daniel warns bug eaters everywhere not to eat brightly colored insects because of the toxins in them.

"You don't want to eat brightly colored bugs because they have alkaloids and toxins in them that help ward off predators," Daniel said.

Despite his love for the creepy crawlers, Daniels said that you don't have to eat bugs at every meal. You're supposed to eat them when they are in season.

"You don't eat deer all year round - only when they are in season. The same thing goes for insects, you eat them when there is abundance," Daniel said.

When Daniel does chow down on insects, his favorite dish can be summed up in five words "sautéed cicadas a la roman."

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The new McDonald's setup.

Make way for McCafe

It's McDonald's and a café all in one

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Everyone has probably wondered what the deal has been with the McDonald's on the corner of 10th Street and Cotanche Street. At first, it was just a regular McDonald's, but now they've found an even better way to make you smile.

While you can still get a Big Mac with cheese, extra pickles, hold the onions you can now add a slice of pound cake or biscotti. It's where burgers meet bagels and where milkshakes meet café au lait.

This is called McCafe.

McCafe Manager Tyler Sollars said the addition of McCafe is geared toward the coffee customer with different varieties of coffee, specialty cakes and a laid-back atmosphere. McCafe is a friendly, exciting place that will have you leaving with a smile.

"When you walk in here, we like for people to have a good time. Everyone is smiling and waving, and we want you to enjoy your time here," said Sollars.

McCafe adds a different look to McDonald's. Sollars said initially McDonald's was torn down in order to make space for the McCafe addition. Even students who eat at the restaurant regularly notice the change for the better.

LaKishia Monserrate, senior health major, likes the new look and surroundings.

"The first thing I notice now when I walk into McDonald's is the relaxing atmosphere, and it definitely looks a lot better," said Monserrate.

"It's still the same great McDonald's only now there is a café here also."

Sollars said that it's a great attraction for college students because they offer a TV, wireless Internet and lounge chairs to make McCafe more entertaining and fun for its customers.

Sollars said McCafe is a great place to come, hang out and even a place for late night studying.

"Not only do we have things like the TV and wireless Internet, but our prices are also cheaper when you compare them to places like Starbucks, so when you need to come here for a late night study session we have the things that you need like lounge space and coffee," Sollars said.

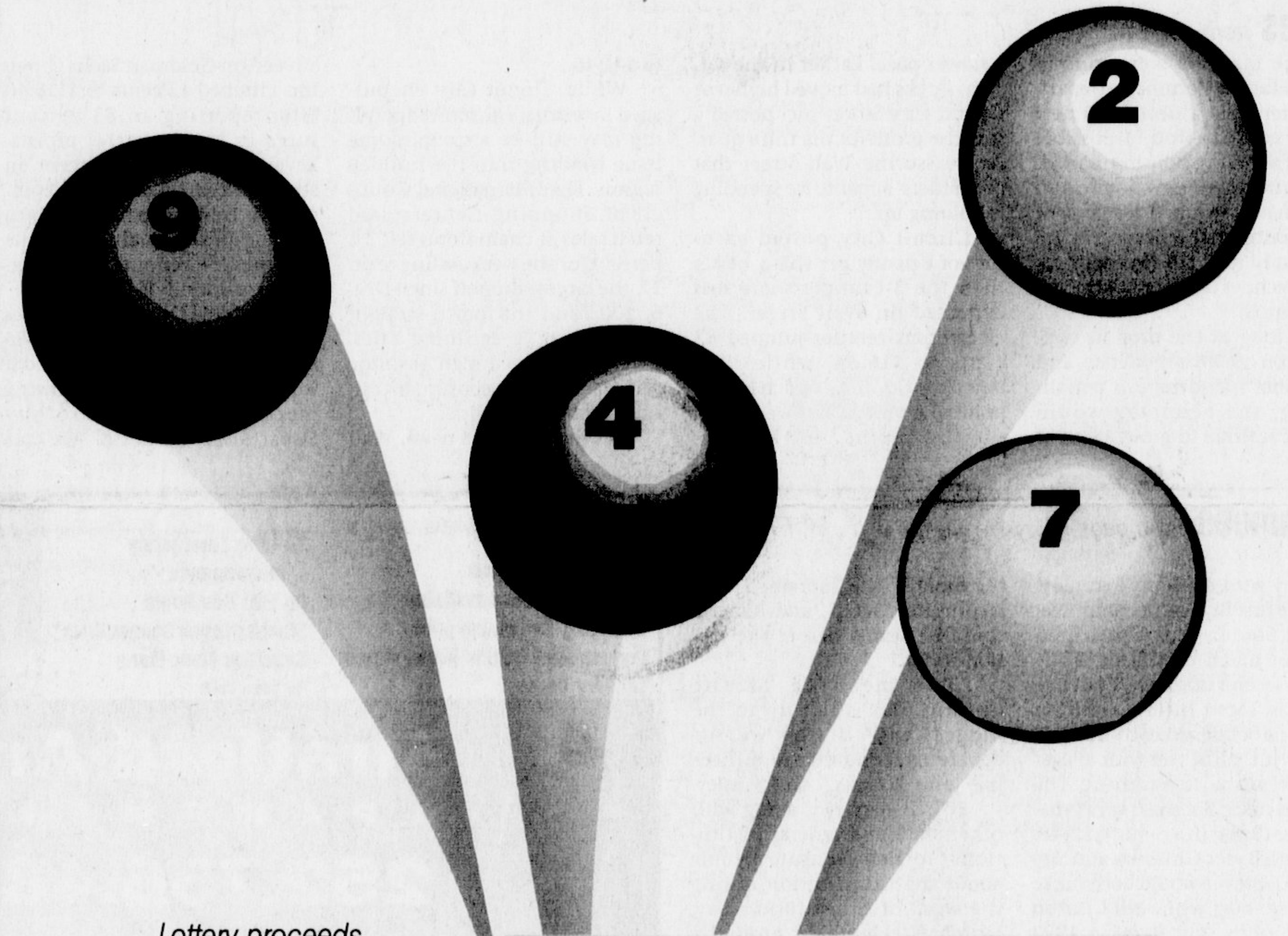
The restaurant is also looking to make things even more convenient by letting students use their ECU OneCard, but Sollars said that's something they plan to do in the future.

While it seems like the McCafe may be the new hotspot to date, it's the only one brewing here in eastern North Carolina. There is one location in Raleigh and only several others in the entire United States.

The first McCafe was introduced in Melbourne, Australia in 1992.

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NC State lottery passed



Lottery proceeds intended for educational purposes

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North Carolina became the last state on the east coast to adopt a state lottery as Governor Mike Easley accomplished a political victory and signed the State Lottery Act into law Sept. 6.

Scratch-off tickets will be ready for purchase within six months and a lottery drawing will be available within a year.

Several issues surrounded the debate, and the politics involving the adoption of the act have a long standing history, according to Carmine Scavo, associate professor of political science.

"We were surrounded by states that have already enacted lotteries, and studies have shown more than 18 million North Carolina residents have been buying tickets from our neighbors," said Scavo.

"Another large part of this



Lottery tickets will be commonplace in North Carolina soon.

issue is the fact that nobody wanted to raise taxes."

According to Scavo, although the lottery is considered inefficient and studies have shown it can be a regressive tax, it is still voluntary and capable of raising significant funds for ailing states.

"With a sales tax, less than 10 percent goes to the administration of the tax, but with a lottery it takes about 50 percent of the proceeds to administer it,"

Scavo said.

The issue has produced strange bedfellows, as politics usually does.

"There are those on the far left who believe it is an unfair regressive tax on the poor allying with those on the right who believe it is morally wrong," Scavo said.

"But polls have shown over-

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Federal reserve announces rate hike, stocks slip

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors concerned about slowing economic growth sent stocks sharply lower Tuesday after the Federal Reserve said it would continue raising interest rates despite Wall Street's worries about the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina.

While some investors had hoped for a pause in rate hikes after the hurricane, the Fed — concerned about high oil prices and

their potential to spark inflation — raised the nation's benchmark rate by a quarter percentage point to 3.75 percent. The Fed said the destruction along the Gulf Coast, while hampering economic activity short-term and pressuring the stock market, did not pose "a more persistent threat" to the overall economy.

Instead, the Fed said it would stick to its policy of gradual, measured rate hikes. While that may

keep inflation in check, the move would make it more expensive for individuals and companies to borrow money — something that investors feared could hinder economic expansion.

"I would read it as a very hawkish statement under the circumstances, barely paying lip service to the potential threat to the economy from Katrina," said Chris Piro, director of investment strategy for Prudential's

Strategic Investment Research Group. "They're saying they have an obligation to maintain price stability and fight inflation, but no obligation on economic growth or anything else."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 76.11, or 0.72 percent, to 10,481.52.

Broader stock indicators also moved lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 9.68, or 0.79 percent, to 1,221.34, and

the Nasdaq composite index dropped 13.93, or 0.65 percent, to 2,131.33.

Bonds held steady after the Fed decision, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note unchanged at 4.25 percent from late Monday. The dollar made gains against other major currencies after the Fed's rate hike was announced. Gold prices were mixed.

Oil prices fell sharply during

the session, though regained some of the losses as Hurricane Rita strengthened as it passed between Florida and Cuba on an expected path toward the Gulf of Mexico's oil production and refining centers. A barrel of light crude settled at \$66.23, down \$1.16, on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising more than \$4 on Monday.

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Announcements

Navajo surgeon and author to speak Sept. 22 at ECU

GREENVILLE - A surgeon who grew up on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico will discuss her practice of combining traditional Navajo beliefs with conventional Western medicine during a lecture at ECU. Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord, the first Navajo woman to become a surgeon, will discuss her book, *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear*, at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22 in 2W40 Brody Medical Sciences Building. Alvord will explain how she incorporates Navajo ceremonies and beliefs into her surgical practice as a way of creating healing environments. Her presentation, "Walking in Beauty, Living in Balance - A Navajo Philosophy of Healing," is open to the public.

"The Longleaf Pine Forest: Reconnecting with our Heritage Through Restoration"

An ECU biologist hopes to restore a long-leaf pine savanna to the University's West Research Campus.

Based on ecological surveys of the former Voice of America site, David Knowles believes an effort should be made to revive the diverse and rather rare ecosystem.

"We would like to restore portions of the 580-acre site to native ecosystems, including longleaf savanna," Knowles said. "It is our hope that the West Research Campus could someday be a place of research and recreation and offer people a chance to reconnect to the coastal plains' natural heritage."

As part of an awareness effort about the state tree and its habitat, a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council is enabling Knowles to organize a community celebration, "The Longleaf Pine Forest: Reconnecting with our Heritage Through Restoration." The free event will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at ECU's Willis Building.

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/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
Kiwanis 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.

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

News Briefs

Local

Aging enthusiasts bring new dimension to motorcycle safety

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) - Chrislee Hounshell broke ribs, bruised his heart and tore neck muscles in a motorcycle crash last April.

At age 52, it took him some time to recuperate. But there was no question of whether he would ride again.

"People go, 'Are you going to get back on your motorcycle?' Yes, I'm going to get back on," Hounshell said. "It wasn't the motorcycle's fault ... I was inattentive for one second."

Hounshell is among an increasing number of mid-life motorcyclists. And he is evidence of a resulting shift in the demographics of those who have accidents.

Survey data from the Motorcycle Industry Council shows the median age of motorcycle riders in 2003 was 41, up from 27.1 in 1985. And more of them crashing those bikes, according federal and state data analyzed by the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. In a 2004 study for the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, the center speculated that increasing fatality and accident rates may be partly blamed on older riders. There are also other theories. Groups including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attribute a nationwide rise in motorcycle fatalities to a repeal of mandatory helmet laws in states such as Florida and Texas.

The American Motorcyclist Association

stops short of identifying a cause, but notes that 40 percent of all single-vehicle motorcycle accidents involve alcohol.

All agree on one thing: Ridership growth hasn't been met with a corresponding number of safety courses.

About three dozen state community colleges and some private motorcycle dealers offer the classes.

But such courses aren't required in North Carolina, where riders can get a motorcycle endorsement on their licenses by passing both written and road tests.

Sometimes, it's a matter of availability. At certain times of the year - late spring, primarily - riders may have to wait months for an opening in beginner classes. Many simply choose to learn on their own.

National

New Orleans mayor suspends reopening of the city as new storm approaches

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Bars, restaurants and shops had just begun showing signs of life when the mayor halted the repopulation of the city and once again ordered everyone to leave town as a new tropical storm headed toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The call for another evacuation came after repeated warnings from top federal officials - including President Bush himself - that New Orleans was not safe enough to reopen. Federal officials warned that Tropical Storm Rita could breach the city's weakened

levees and swamp the city all over again.

Although Mayor Ray Nagin backed off his position to begin readmitting residents to parts of the city, a rift between local and federal officials remained.

On Tuesday, Nagin had harsh words for the federal government's top official in the city, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen, who he said "stepped outside his lane by talking directly to the citizens of New Orleans."

"I respect what federal officials are doing down here, but they do not fully comprehend what it's like to lose your home, to lose everything and not know and to be sitting out there for three weeks. So I think it's important for people to come back and at least take a look," Nagin said on NBC's "Today" show.

Nagin said he doesn't believe officials will have to enforce the renewed evacuation order. But some business owners who started selling cleaning supplies and serving po' boys said they wanted to stay put.

Del Juneau, owner of a Bourbon Street lingerie shop in the once-raucous French Quarter, said it would be premature to order another evacuation based on the storm nearing Florida. "Where are you going to go? What are you going to do?" he said. "I'm not going anywhere."

President Bush was to make his fifth trip to the Hurricane Katrina zone on Tuesday to get an on-the-ground briefing on Rita and to visit a business trying to get back on its feet.

The death toll in Louisiana spiked by 90 to 736 on Monday, as receding

floodwaters allowed search and recovery crews to accelerate their probes into the city's decimated neighborhoods. The toll across the Gulf Coast was 973.

International

Vote count begins in Afghan elections, al-Qaida No. 2 derides polls as 'farce'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Afghanistan on Tuesday began counting votes cast in its historic parliamentary elections, and al-Qaida's No. 2 leader criticized the election in a tape aired on Arabic television.

Several of the country's 34 counting centers began tallying ballots as others waited for votes to be delivered, said a spokesman for the Afghan-U.N. election board, Aleem Siddique. Helicopters and even donkeys were being used to transport ballots in hard-to-reach areas of the country. Siddique said the counting centers expected to receive all the estimated 6 million ballots by Thursday. Some 7,000 people have been enlisted to count the votes, a process expected to take weeks.

The vote was seen as the last formal step toward democracy after a U.S.-led force drove the Taliban from power in 2001 for refusing to hand over al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Initial indications put the turnout at just over 50 percent compared with 70 percent in last year's presidential

election, when 8 million voted, installing President Hamid Karzai. Supporters of the Taliban regime have stepped up assaults in Afghanistan this year, and more than 1,200 people died in violence in the six months before the elections, many of them militants.

Two rockets struck Jalalabad, the main city of eastern Nangarhar province early Tuesday, slightly injuring one person at a government building, Interior Ministry spokesman Yusuf Stanikzai said.

Another election board spokesman, Baheen Sultan Ahmad, said vote counting had not yet started in Jalalabad - which has counting centers for Nangarhar and two neighboring provinces - because of security concerns. A roadside bomb exploded near a truck carrying ballots in Nangarhar on Sunday but there was no damage to the vehicle or ballot boxes.

In a five-minute videotape aired late Monday on Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV, bin Laden's Egyptian deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, said the polls were "nothing but a farce" and held "under the terror of warlords" - an apparent reference to faction leaders in Afghanistan's destructive civil conflict of the 1990s, some of whom were candidates.

"Thieves and warlords are controlling affairs in the country, where international monitors can't observe more than 10 constituencies even if they wanted to," al-Zawahiri said. Both al-Qaida leaders are believed to be hiding along the rugged Pakistan-Afghan border.

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The markets were mostly unfazed as the Commerce Department reported a decline in new home construction, a possible sign of a cooling housing market. Construction of new homes and apartments dropped 1.3 percent last month after a decline of 1.5 percent in July, the first back-to-back declines in housing starts in 17 months.

As long as the drop in construction remains moderate, and consumer spending can remain strong, the economy would likely continue to grow, albeit at

a slower pace. Earlier in the session, stocks had moved higher as Circuit City Stores Inc. posted a surprise profit for the third quarter, reassuring Wall Street that consumers' appetite for spending is holding up.

Circuit City posted earnings of a penny per share, better than the 3-cent-per-share loss expected on Wall Street. The electronics retailer jumped 83 cents to \$16.34, while rival Best Buy Co. Inc., which disappointed investors last week with sluggish profits, lost 78 cents

to \$41.46.

While Circuit City encouraged investors, consumer spending may still be a troublesome issue heading into the holiday season. The International Council of Shopping Centers said retail sales at chain stores fell 2.1 percent for the week ending Sept. 17, the largest dropoff since Dec. 6, 2003 and the fourth straight week of flat or declining sales. The ICSC blamed high gasoline prices and falling consumer confidence for the decline.

In other earnings news, Wall

Street firm Goldman Sachs Group Inc. climbed 12 cents to \$118.40 after reporting an 83 percent surge in third-quarter profits. Revenues jumped 61 percent on strong fixed income and commodity trading, while the brokerage house remains atop the rankings for announced merger-and-acquisition deals.

Federated Department Stores Inc. dropped 84 cents to \$64.86 after the company announced it would slash 6,200 jobs following the completed acquisition of May Department Stores Co. The cuts

will come in 2006.

Sluggish sales prompted U.S. Steel Corp. to lower its quarterly earnings forecasts below Wall Street's current estimates. Higher energy costs could also eat into profits, the company said. U.S. Steel lost \$2.44, or 5.4 percent, to \$42.81.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 11 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange, where preliminary consolidated volume came to 2.31 billion shares, compared with 2.07 billion traded on Monday.

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vacancy with Anthony Kennedy.

The first Bush's first nominee, David Souter, was confirmed without much of a fight, 90-9. Bush's second nominee, Clarence Thomas, faced little opposition until one of his former co-workers, Anita Hill, came out with allegations of sexual harassment. The charges made Thomas's confirmation the closest in a century, 52-48.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer would both make it to the court while Bill Clinton was in office, Ginsburg in 1993 and Breyer in 1994 - both were moderate liberals.

Currently, there is much debate in Congress over President Bush's nominee, John Roberts. The Senate Judiciary Committee finished Roberts' hearings Thursday, Sept. 15. The committee will vote September 22, followed by the entire Senate sometime before the end of

the month. The Supreme Court reconvenes Oct. 3, and Roberts could be seated before the session starts.

"The meaning of the Constitution is left up to the judges; this is why we see debate over judicial nominees like John Roberts," said Tinsley.

ECU is required, along with other state and federal institutions, to help educate people about the Constitution during the week of Constitution Day, which is celebrated annually Sept. 17.

"The Constitution is a magnificent document - the oldest working constitution in the world," Tinsley said.

"It's amazing that it could have come out of a highly political three months in Philadelphia."

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whelming support. More than 75 percent of North Carolina residents are for the lottery.

The politics involved in the actual voting on the act have also been called into question. Scavo admits no one truly knows what exactly happened.

"As best as we know, the vote took place after the legislature had been dismissed, but quickly recalled the following Monday," Scavo said.

"Two members who opposed the lottery were unavailable at the time. One was in the hospital and the other was on his honeymoon - without his cell phone."

Without their votes, it produced a tie, which was broken by Lieutenant Governor Beverly Purdie in favor of the lottery.

"It depends on whether you support the lottery as to whether you believe the tactics were clever or dirty," Scavo said.

The history of lotteries is as old as the United States, he said. Washington, D.C. was built off of proceeds from a lottery enacted by George Washington.

"Before World War II there were slot machines in gas stations, even in the South, but a religious furor that arose after the war banished gambling from the public domain - at least

for a time," Scavo said.

According to Scavo, lotteries became popular again about 30 years ago and have been adopted by 42 states since.

"It's like a pendulum - the strength of the opposition comes and goes," he said.

Proceeds from the lottery are supposed to go to education, but North Carolina's law is not as strictly drawn as Georgia's, which spells out where the money must go.

"Most of the money is designated for education, but the amounts raised will create a situation where the money won't be spent and could be used in other areas," Scavo said.

"Considering the support for a lottery from the people, the General Assembly was the obstacle to the will of the people," he said.

"In two or three years, nobody will even care about what happened."

Although polls have shown strong support for the lottery, there still seem to be naysayers.

"It takes all the fun out of going to Virginia to get one," said Paul Hawkins, freshman political science major.

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My Random Column

My chance to 'Rant'

Does anyone else feel like we have NOT gone to class more then we have gone to class? It seems like my Monday-Wednesday class has met once a week since school started. I know we are supposed to be farther along than we are, but there haven't been enough class days to get there.

I understand where the teachers are coming from, giving us time to catch up on the days we have missed but then they aren't pushing exams and assignments back to accommodate what hasn't been covered?

Though I have lucked out with no test this week, I have numerous friends that have had anywhere from one to four tests this week. Is that fair?

I have to say no, because it is the fourth week of class and for one reason or another we keep missing classes.

Teachers are cramming information into days to make up for lost time, rewriting syllabi and leaving tests to pile up this week. This is causing confusion, mistakes and everyone to feel like we are going completely insane.

That goes for our publication also - I got a rant today that complained:

"Where has TEC been? Only a few issues have come out since the start of school."

I know it seems like we haven't been around much, because it feels that way to me too. With Labor Day, the hurricane shutting us down last week and only running three times a week to start with, that doesn't leave many chances for us to get to you.

I apologize for the confusion and feeling of loss you have when we haven't supplied a new paper three times a week for your reading pleasure. (Or for just the "Pirate Rants" if that is all you read.)

So, don't feel alone, we are all a little crazy and stressed, but we will make it through the rest of the month and that means we are only getting closer to Fall Break. Then Thanksgiving, then Christmas Break and how relieving it feels to think we only have about three more months before we get to leave these glorious classes we are in right now.

Until next week -- Jennifer Hobbs

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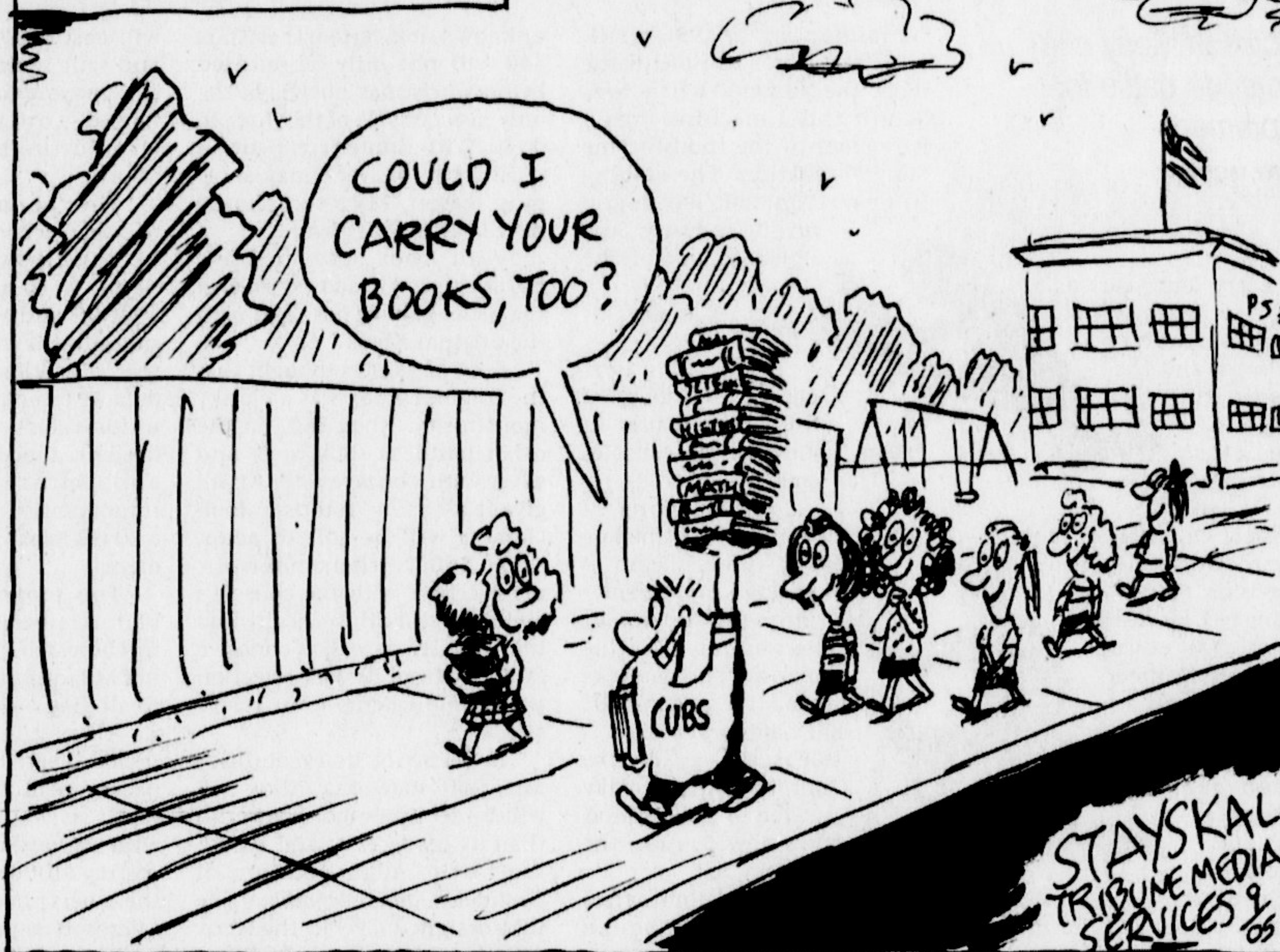
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NEWS: ADOLESCENTS BULK UP THEIR BODIES WITH GROWTH HORMONES



Opinion Columnist

Try being big brothers and big sisters of ECU

Friendly, inviting environments are what we need to be establishing as upperclassmen

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In the Japanese language, the words that children often use to address their older brothers and older sisters are "onisan" (oh-nee-sahn) and "onesan" (oh-nay-sahn) respectively. This word is also often used by children when referring to other children older than they are. I think that it's cool how these children can look-up to older children with such a sense of admiration and respect, supposedly for their experience and wisdom.

This got me to thinking about what kinds of experiences and wisdom about ECU that I and other upperclassmen could pass on to the freshmen.

So let me ask you this:

- How many of you were confused by the fact that the Bate Building was identified as "GC" on your schedule?
- How many of you were completely confused by the layout of the Brewster building?
- How many of you still can't find the University Mail Services Building?
- How many of you didn't know where the computer labs were?
- How many times have you forgot-ten or lost your OneCard?
- How many of you have needed rides somewhere?

• How many of you have had no idea where anything was in Greenville?

• How many of you have wanted someone to talk to at the dining halls?

• How many of you have never spent such a long period of time away from home?

In my experiences here at ECU, I've been faced with and helped with these same problems. I've also done my share of helping others with the same problems. It partially has to do with the kind of person I am, but it also comes from the fact that I've been helped by those who came before me. Thus, I feel it is up to me to carry on the tradition of helping those that have come after me.

To put it another way, I can't help but feel a certain sense of responsibility to try to be an "onisan" or big brother to those younger than me, especially at such a confusing and challenging time like college.

This weekend I took some freshmen to a local store that sells Japanese food and products, and later we went out for sushi. We then went to one of our group member's house to watch the premiere of a new TV show. Not only did I feel like I made new friends, but I felt like I made a difference in the lives of the people I met.

In these past few weeks I've helped people move-in, told several people about school clubs, shown several people where rooms and buildings are on campus, driven several freshmen around Greenville to show them where things are and even paid for one freshman's lunch when they

forgot their OneCard.

A few freshmen I've met have been worried about classes, wondering about going downtown, how to have fun here at ECU and generally asked me about how to succeed at school. I told every-one of them the same thing:

— Life at college is about balance — you have to keep up with your class work in order to make the time for fun, and you should make the time for fun.

— Check out the clubs on campus, and I don't mean the ones downtown. They're a great way to meet people, and there are so many that you're bound to find at least one club that may interest you. Go to Mendenhall Student Center to find out more.

— Go to class. Go to class. Go to class.

— If your professor assigns homework, then do it. Always turn in something.

— If you need help from your professor, you should make the effort to see them in accordance to their schedule. That's when they're more inclined to help you.

The truth is that there are a lot of people out in the world willing to take advantage of others, but here at ECU we have the opportunity to try and create a friendly and helpful environment. If we can do this, then we can take the first few steps toward creating a better world for ourselves and others.

Remember, everyone is somebody to someone and we should all do our part to help those in need. That's what big brothers and big sisters are for.

Pirate Rant

If you're going to be one of "those" people that choose to make fun of ECU's Greek life in their spare time, at least come up with something original! You're just coming off as lame, jealous and clearly unimaginative by placing us in the same clichéd stereotype. And I quote, "...same long brown hair... shirt...bug eyed sunglasses, and same 'I'm better than you smirk.'" I'll be sure to stay tuned for your exhilarating new rant next week on how I pay for my friends as well. With remarks like that I am better than you! Thanks.

Why do all those SGA people look like cookie cutter people... Does anyone believe in nonconformity anymore?

"Yo girl, lemme holla atcha" is not an approach that will elicit my phone number. No, it's not because I'm not "down with the brown" as you defensively ask, it's because I'm not interested in individuals who don't represent themselves in a manner which commands respect or even a second glance. Approach me as a female and not an object, and I would gladly consider a second interaction with you.

The Tennessee Vols suck, their coach "buffet killer" is a fat slob who should buy stock in Golden Corral, his home away from home. All the UT fans in Greenville can't even name three of their players and they work for the sanitation department. Go Gators and thank you for sending them cowards home with an "L." P.S. Stay home on the reverse. Go Gators!

I live in a bowl below Sea Level. Big, orange, spinning blob coming my way on the map. I think I will be ignorant and stay here, then blame everyone for this happening to me.

Where has TEC been? Only a few issues have come out since the start of school.

If you are a girl and haven't read "He's Just Not That Into You" then you should, because it changed my life!

Hey Tony, correlation doesn't equal causation.

How can you build an Office of Diversity when the staff is all African Americans? Shouldn't other cultures be considered or do they not fit the definition of "diverse"?

WZMB goes off the air at night or plays crap during the day. When do students get to decide what we hear on OUR radio station?

Hey everybody, check your bank accounts. My friend and I were both charged by ECU for some fee on the 14th, the day ECU was closed for Ophelia. And no one I've talked to can explain it. Watch your \$\$\$\$\$!

It is nice to know that George W. has the power to stop hurricanes and the time to personally hold everyone's hand out of Louisiana.

How can Dr. Elizabeth Jones not be the hottest professor? This anatomy professor could study me anytime, and don't even get me started on her accent.

My friends are supposed to be sympathetic and caring even when they think I am wrong. I came to you for a reason, so please just humor me.

To the person who feels that Bush needs to resign... I'm expressing my right to freedom of speech and telling you to SHUT UP! You don't know what you're talking about and I would enjoy reading the rant a lot more if I didn't have to hear from people like you.

Should we be scared that Michael Jackson is writing a relief song for Hurricane Katrina victims?

Does TEC not have enough opinion columnists or something? I hate seeing opinion pieces taken from somewhere else, let's address local issues if possible.

Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

In My Opinion

Patient aid can ease pain for uninsured until reform gets enacted

(KRT) — The United States is home to the best health care in the world, but too many Americans — more than 45.8 million according to the U.S. Census Bureau — lack health insurance and have difficulty accessing the health care they need.

No one understands or sees this challenge more than those of us who are on the frontlines of health care delivery — particularly emergency physicians who often serve as the point-of-entry into the health care system or see the medical consequences of delaying care every day.

Emergency physicians are required by law to provide medical care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status. But our ability to continue providing high-quality care is deeply affected by cutbacks in Medicare, declining payments by health plans, and a medical liability crisis, each of which contribute to an increasing number of patients (particularly those over 65), a shrinking number of emergency departments, and a shortage of on-call specialists to provide treatment.

Since the mid-1990s, the number of uninsured Americans has been steadily rising. For years there has been finger pointing and little concrete action to address this problem. What we need now are efficient and effective solutions to address the growing crisis.

We need to build a health care system that is more rational and serves all segments of the population — including the uninsured.

There are a variety of options to help address this important problem — many of which are being debated in Washington and state capitals around the country. These solutions will take years to implement, but people, and the health care system, cannot wait. An effective and immediate effort must be made to ensure that the public is aware of the options and assistance that are currently available, including many programs that improve access to health care.

An example of a successful public-private partnership is the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA). This program offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, 180 of them offered by pharmaceutical companies.

The program combines the unique skills, grassroots membership and credibility of more than 1,200 national, state and local organizations that are committed to connecting individuals in need with patient assistance programs. Together, they have helped nearly 800,000 Americans in less than four months, but millions more are eligible and could benefit from this assistance.

The challenge is to inform individuals in need of the programs that currently exist. A recent survey conducted for the PPA, for example, reveals that nearly 65 percent of patients in need are unfamiliar with the patient assistance programs available to them.

As emergency physicians, we believe three fundamental things must happen to address this problem.

First, we must increase awareness of the existing health care crisis, and the impact it has on millions of people.

Second, we must develop better and effective methods to reach those in need of options that will help them better manage their health care.

Third, additional public-private partnerships should be created to help the people in our communities who lack health care coverage to better manage their health care and access the health care system.

Until the nation can come together with a permanent and lasting solution, it is time for all players in health care to come together to find and develop programs like the Partnership for Prescription Assistance that provide immediate help for American's uninsured. If not, we can expect another ominous report from Census Bureau next year and for years to come.

Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies:

1. *Transporter 2*
2. *40 Year-Old Virgin*
3. *The Constant Gardner*
4. *Red Eye*
5. *The Brothers Grimm*

Top 5 Albums:

1. Kanye West
2. Tony Yayo
3. Brooks & Dunn
4. Death Cab for Cutie
5. Mariah Carey

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. "CSI"
2. "60 Minutes"
3. "Two and a Half Men"
4. "Cold Case"
5. "CSI: Miami"

Top 5 DVD Rentals:

1. *Sin City*
2. *Guess Who*
3. *The Wedding Date*
4. *Because of Winn-Dixie*
5. *Alexander*

Top 5 Books:

1. *The Da Vinci Code*
2. *Chill Factor*
3. *The Historian*
4. *Lifeguard*
5. *The Undomestic Goddess*

Horoscope

Aries - Get friends to help you do the job so you can get done sooner. Then, go out to celebrate together. Foreign food is favored.

Taurus - You're not the sort of person who rushes into things, that's for sure, especially now when there are so many ideas to consider. Take your time and do it right.

Gemini - Travel is favored, but only if you go with an interesting partner. If you don't have one already, you're apt to meet someone out there.

Cancer - It may be difficult to tell how much you've got and what's coming in. Finances are a bit unstable, but all turns out well.

Leo - You need a plan and a partner who can help you follow through. Besides increasing certainty, it'll make what you're doing more fun.

Virgo - More work's coming in and a lot more money. Don't get rattled - get organized.

Libra - You've been venturing into previously unexplored areas. Today, you're quite likely to make a new friend out there.

Scorpio - If you're not finding what you want for your home at a price you can afford, expand your search area. It's out there.

Sagittarius - You're pretty good at technical subjects once you settle down and concentrate. To achieve a dream, go ahead and do that now.

Capricorn - Cash in your coupons. Get your old stuff appraised - it's gone up in value. Well, some of it has, anyway. The challenge is in figuring out which.

Aquarius - Friends are glad to offer suggestions if you're willing to listen. Admit where you're clueless and find another way to approach the problem.

Pisces - It's time to do the planning, the organizing and the paperwork. Don't pitch a fit, think of it as preparing for a test.

Fun Facts

99 percent of people cannot lick their elbow.

You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider.

Ted Turner owns about 2 percent of New Mexico.

The face of a penny can hold about 30 drops of water.

Hummingbirds cannot walk.

Apples are 25 percent air.

It is now possible to print human skin with an inkjet printer.

Salmon can jump as high as six feet.

Women end up digesting most of the lipstick they apply.

More than 10 people a year are killed by vending machines.

45.2 percent of people pee in the shower.

Drivers kill more deer than hunters.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

The average American uses eight times as much fuel energy as an average person anywhere else in the world.

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

Taken from hookedonfacts.com.

Game system battle getting hot

Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo battle for supremacy

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Every four years or so, there is an event which captures both the spirit and the imagination of young Americans everywhere.

No, it isn't the Summer Olympics or the presidential election. Television ratings and voting records clearly show that young people are apathetic to them at best.

Rather, it's the new generation of video game consoles which is upon us.

Right now, Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo are carefully preparing the launch of their respective systems, hoping to win both the attention and the hard-earned money from people everywhere.

These 'console wars' are nothing new. In the late 1980s, the Nintendo Entertainment System had a firm grip on the video game market.

But in the early 1990s, when time came for its successor, the Super Nintendo, it wasn't the only game in town anymore.

And had fierce competition from the Sega Genesis.

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While the exact date is still

Fast-forward to 1996, which saw three major consoles battle it out: the Nintendo 64, the Sega Saturn and a machine from a newcomer to the industry, the Sony Playstation. The ensuing battle saw Nintendo lose its grip on the industry, Sega pushed out of the

console business for good and a new leader in video game consoles emerged.

Sony was king, if only for a moment. In the late 1990s, rumors began to spread of another entertainment conglomerate wanting in on the action. The rumors proved true and in 2001, Bill Gates and Microsoft released the Xbox to compete with the Playstation 2 and Nintendo's new console, the Gamecube.

Sony's dominance continued, although the Xbox has been an undeniable success as well. As of now, Nintendo is a distant third-place in the realm of video gaming. This is where the industry stands as of now, but in the coming months, things could change dramatically.

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While the exact date is still

unknown, it is certain that Xbox 360 will not only be released before Christmas, but will be the only new console of the three to do so. With limited competition during the busy holiday shopping season, Microsoft should have healthy sales figures.

With Xbox 360, Microsoft has attempted to address a few of the issues gamers have had with the original Xbox.

A lot of gamers thought that the original Xbox was a clunky monstrosity. Xbox 360, on the other hand, is sleek, sexy and silver with concave sides which give it a trendy, futuristic look. Gamers will be able to adapt Xbox 360 to their entertainment center with the console's ability to sit both vertically and horizontally, as well as choose a faceplate from its wide selection that compliments their television area.

In terms of its capabilities, Microsoft states that Xbox 360 will be 10 times more powerful than its predecessor and according to the August edition of *Electronic Gaming Monthly*, "The IBM-designed CPU in the Xbox 360 is a 3.2 GHz, Power-PC based, triple-core processor - essentially three individual CPUs in one chip."

Power aside, two key elements may alarm gamers interested in Xbox 360 - first, the system will not be completely backward compatible, meaning it will only play certain games from the original Xbox instead of the entire library.

More alarming, though, may be the fact that Xbox 360 will not necessarily come standard with an internal hard-drive, the feature which set the original apart from other consoles. Instead, gamers will have to make a difficult decision.

Microsoft will be implementing a radical new pricing strategy for Xbox 360 by releasing a 'standard' package and a 'premium' package. The standard package

will cost \$299.99 and will include the console, one wired controller and the basic cables.

The 'premium' package, according to businessweek.com, will cost \$399.99 and will include the console, a wireless controller, the default faceplate, High Definition cables, an Xbox Live headset, a media remote and, most importantly, a 20 GB hard-drive.

This progressive pricing plan has been unheard of in the video game industry, but Microsoft hopes to cater to all kinds of gamers with it. All of the accessories included with the 'premium' package will be sold separately as well; however, with the hard-drive alone costing \$100 and many of the others priced at \$40 or above, Microsoft seems to believe that the 'premium' package will be a hit with gamers and should end up becoming the 'standard' package.

Xbox 360 certainly looks like a serious contender for the video game console throne; however, it has competition which is just as serious: Sony's Playstation 3 and Nintendo's Revolution.

Sony enters the battle as the clear champion with sales of their Playstation 2 tripling sales of its competitors. However, instead of resting on their laurels, Sony

has also gone out of their way to create an amazing machine. According to Sony and reported in *Electronic Gaming Monthly*, "the [Playstation 3] is approximately 35 times more powerful than the [Playstation 2] and twice as powerful as the Xbox 360."

Sony also comes in with many of the most popular game franchises (*Grand Theft Auto*, *Metal Gear Solid*, *Final Fantasy*) backward compatibility with both Playstation and Playstation 2 games and the largest amount of consumers who are both satisfied and familiar with Sony game consoles. No firm release date for the Playstation 3 has been announced, but speculation points to spring 2006 or possibly later.

Less is known about Nintendo's newest console, the Revolution - an intentional move by Nintendo.

Little has been confirmed by the company, but the few facts that have managed to see the light of day point to a console which focuses on creativity and innovation rather than power.

According to a Nintendo spokeswoman, the Revolution

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What's still hot for fall fashion?



Elizabeth Whitee follows the popular fashion trend with her polo.

Trends that are here to stay and those that aren't

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

Fall is already blowing its cool winds into Greenville and everyone is wondering what summer trends will follow into fall. This summer, many styles became fixtures in fashion and seem to be here to stay.

The hottest trends this summer were boat shoes, aviator sunglasses, layered Lacoste polo shirts with the collars popped and gauchos pants. One could not look around without seeing one of these ever-popular fashion statements. These items are sure to find their way into fall with a little adjusting to the weather.

Boat shoes are everywhere. Professors and students have grabbed this style and are holding on for dear life. People are mad for boat shoes. It's true they go with just about anything. They are comfortable but a little on the pricey side. Boat shoes have no proper wearing season, which makes them a great accessory to any wardrobe. They also come in many

different colors to fit one's personality. Although, technically, boat shoes were meant for a deck, most people don't seem to care. Boat shoes are sold at Rack Room Shoes at Colonial Mall and a ton of other department stores in Greenville.

"I like boat shoes. They're cute and match a lot of things," said Nikki Crews, junior psychology major.

Large shades, or bug shades, for females and aviator shades for males and females were a huge hit this summer. The bigger the shades the better, as long as you do not have a small head. Women rocked this trend hard this summer and as long as there is sun, aviators are etched in stone in fashion history.

This chic trend was adopted from celebrities who used huge designer shades to hide their identities from the lurking paparazzi. As soon as the public saw it looked cool, many hopped on the bandwagon and never looked back. Some students opt to do what isn't instead of following the crowd.

"As far as trends go, I think that those huge bug-like sunglasses are in, but as far as my opinion goes, I think they look hideous. Just because movie

stars wear them doesn't mean the entire population of females have to wear them too. I have my own style - it's not extreme or expensive - it's comfortable," said Blair Brinson, senior planning major.

Lacoste has made a huge comeback over the last year with their collared shirts. The new trend is to wear two at once that are contrasting but complementary colors and leave the collars popped. There is debate about whether collar popping is still in or if it has fallen by the wayside. This is one trend people either absolutely adore or profoundly detest.

The way to make Lacoste a staple in fall fashion is to ditch the short sleeve collared shirts for the warm long sleeved cable-knit sweaters with a collared button up underneath. With this technique, if you want to pop that collar you still can.

Lacoste is a very expensive brand, but the chic style can be worn with any collared shirt or cable-knit sweater. In fashion, if it looks good, then it works - the brands do not matter.

"I hate the popped collars, but pastel shorts on guys are hot. Also, what I really like right now are flowy pants or gaucho pants," Crews said.

Gaucho pants have been a huge hit since last summer. They come in plenty of different colors, and the jersey material makes them flow and look as if it's a skirt. Women love them because they are comfortable yet chic.

Jessica Simpson was one of the many celebrities that put gaucho pants back on the map. For fall, many stores and companies have made gaucho pants to fit into the cooler fall season. The material used for fall gauchos is usually corduroy. They have the same look only they are more tailored.

Knee high boots and fall gauchos go hand in hand and will most definitely be one of the major fashion crossovers this season. Every girl should own a pair. The upside to gauchos is that they are relatively inexpensive and can be found at any department store.

One other trend that people cannot seem to get over is carrying Vera Bradley bags. Yes, she keeps coming out with new designs and some of her bags happen to hold books very well

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Celebrity Profile: Kanye West



The infamous Kanye West.

The life and times of a college dropout

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

If Middle America wasn't aware of Kanye West solely from his platinum-selling debut album *The College Dropout* or his host of producing credits before, they were properly introduced to him on Sept. 2 during a live telethon benefiting those devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Broadcasted on NBC, "A Concert for Hurricane Relief" featured live music performances mixed with celebrities reading prepared statements pleading with viewers to be generous and make contributions. West was one of the celebrities featured on the telethon, though he apparently didn't stick to the script.

"I hate the way they portray us in the media. If it's a black family, it says we're looting. If it's a white family, it says they're looking for food. And you know that it's been five days [before aid arrived in the area] because most of the people [there] are black," said West, standing next to a visibly uncomfortable Mike Myers, star of the Austin Powers films.

Myers continued following the script. "Subtle, but in many ways profoundly devastating, is the lasting damage to the survivors' will to rebuild and remain in the area," said Myers. "The destruction of the spirit in Louisiana and Mississippi may

be the more tragic loss of all." Then West dropped another bombshell: "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

Quickly the camera cut to actor Chris Tucker, who at the time was looking off camera, apparently not expecting to be on screen so early. West's voice could still be heard trailing off as the sound technicians evidently scrambled to turn his microphone off. The telethon was live on the east coast; however, West's comments were censored from the subsequent west coast feed of the event.

The following day, NBC issued a statement saying "Kanye West departed from the scripted comments that were prepared for him and his opinions in no way represent the views of the network. It would be most unfortunate if the efforts of the artists who participated and the generosity of millions of Americans who are helping those in need are overshadowed by one person's opinion."

Millions of people watched "The Concert for Hurricane Relief," many of whom probably had never heard of West before. They certainly knew who he is now. And like him or not, if West's career continues in the path it's on, they'll have to get used to him because it won't be the last time they see his face on their television.

West grew up in Chicago, and like a lot of impressionable minds of the time, was heavily influenced by legendary rap trio Run DMC. From the first time he heard the group, he began rhyming himself, although rapping never was his forte.

Instead, West's specialty has always been his production and beat-making skills. According to Jason Birchmeier of allmusic.com, his beats are instantly recognizable: "A trademark pitched-up, chopped-up use of somewhat recognizable samples for his hooks, and a likewise trademark stutter-step drum-programming touch for his rhythms - a simple yet potent combination."

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lution will be two to three times more powerful than its direct predecessor, the Gamecube. However, Nintendo's ace in the hole seems to be its innovative new controller, still shrouded in mystery and as always, its exclusive video game franchises such as *Metroid*, *Super Mario* and *The Legend of Zelda*.

History will also be on its side with its revolutionary new feature, which has been referred to as "Super Backward Compatibility" by *Electronic Gaming Monthly*. With this feature, gamers will be able to download games from Nintendo's long history of games – be it from the Nintendo Entertainment System, Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64 or Gamecube. As with

the Playstation 3, no release date has been mentioned other than that it should hit retailers sometime in 2006.

Over the years, the world has seen fierce battles in the so-called 'console wars.' As the industry has grown by leaps and bounds, the stakes in the battle for video game supremacy grow as well. Three major manufacturers are pulling all the stops this season. Microsoft will strike the first blow in November, when Xbox 360 is released. But the war looks to be a long and painful one. Which side will you be on?

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but more often than not, these bags cannot be used on a daily basis because they clash with most outfits unless specifically planned. Neutral book bags that can be worn and coordinate with more than one outfit are the way to go. Besides, carrying around flowers in fall is really not that cute.

Fashion trends that are everywhere are cool but sometimes can

be tough to keep up with. The coolest look is one that is all your own. There are hidden jewels all over Greenville, and people are just waiting for the next trend to pop up. Who knows, you could be the one to start the next hot trend.


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THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ART IN OUR SCHOOLS.

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CARAVAGGIO

IS A GUY ON THE SOPRANOS.



ART. ASK FOR MORE.

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After co-producing albums as early as age 20, West's different take on what hip-hop could be began to turn heads. Most notably, he got the attention of Jay-Z's Roc-A-Fella Records, who according to their Web site, were "blown away by his soulful approach to hip-hop production. His use of vintage R&B samples and live instrumentation gave his work a warmth and emotional honesty that wasn't to be found anywhere else at the time."

West worked with a handful of Roc-A-Fella artists but truly made a name for himself with his work on Jay-Z's *The Blueprint*. On tracks like "Takeover" and "Izzo," in which he sampled The Doors and The Jackson 5 respectively, West created a sound truly unique – one that would be emulated by many producers from then on.

After *The Blueprint*, West was in high demand for his producing skills and over the next few years, he would produce hits for many of the top names in hip-hop. But West wasn't satisfied sitting in the background. He wanted to move center stage. He began working on an album of his own. However, that progress was halted in October 2002.

While driving home from the recording studio one night in Los Angeles, West was in a near-fatal car accident. West survived, but his jaw was broken in three places. Doctors had to insert a steel plate into his jaw.

A blessing in disguise may be a bit of a stretch, but the accident did have an upside. In the song "Through the Wire," West turned a negative into a positive and chronicled the accident and agonizing pain of having his jaw entirely wired shut. The song hit radios soon after and before long, West was a star on his own. At this time, another song from West, "Slow Jamz" with Twista and Jamie Foxx, was getting a ton of airplay as well.

The College Dropout was

released in February 2004 to rave reviews. In its first week, the album sold 441,000 copies and turned out several hit singles aside from "Through the Wire" and "Slow Jamz," which also were included on *The College Dropout*.

His success was most evident, though, at the 2005 Grammy awards where he was nominated for 10 awards – and walked away with three, including Best Rap Album and Best Rap Song for his hit "Jesus Walks." In addition, according to *rocafellamag.com*, *The College Dropout* would go on to sell more than 3 million copies.

At that point, West had the chance to relax and enjoy his newfound fame and fortune. Instead of resting, however, West wanted to outdo himself. He went back into the studio and enlisted the help of musicians such as Jay-Z, Brandy, The Game, Cam'ron and Adam Levine of Maroon 5.

The result of his effort is *Late Registration*, released on Aug. 30. It didn't take long for his whirlwind effort to be validated: in its first week of release, *Late Registration* sold 860,000 copies. And in terms of quality, Robb Sheffield of *Rolling Stone* magazine said it best in their five-star review of the album, "Late Registration is an undeniable triumph, packed front to back, so expansive it makes the debut sound like a rough draft."

At this point, though, West has transcended the music world. He's no longer just a musician – he's become a phenomenon. That point is most evident by his appearance on the cover of *Time* magazine's Aug. 29 edition. Like him or not, Kanye West is here to stay. They don't put just anybody on the cover of *Time*.

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Sports Briefs

Congress talks to players about Palmeiro

Congressional investigators looking into whether Rafael Palmeiro lied under oath are interviewing players who know him, including a Colorado outfielder suspended this year for steroids. Palmeiro testified to the House Government Reform Committee in March that he never had used steroids. The Baltimore Orioles slugger, one of four players in history with 3,000 hits and 500 homers, was suspended by Major League Baseball for 10 days in August for failing a drug test. A congressional source familiar with the committee's work, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing, said Monday that several active players have spoken or will speak with the committee. That source would not identify who was interviewed. Bui Colorado Rockies outfielder Jorge Piedra told the AP on Monday that he spoke on the phone with the committee. He said investigators contacted him through his agent about a week ago, found out "all they wanted to know" in a matter of minutes and didn't plan to contact him again. Piedra, the second player publicly identified under the sport's new steroid rules when he was suspended for 10 days in April, said the committee "had a few questions and I just answered them honestly." The congressional source indicated that all the players asked to talk to the committee recently were chosen because they have relationships with Palmeiro — such as teammates or workout partners — and could have knowledge about whether he might have used steroids before his testimony.

Ravens QB injured

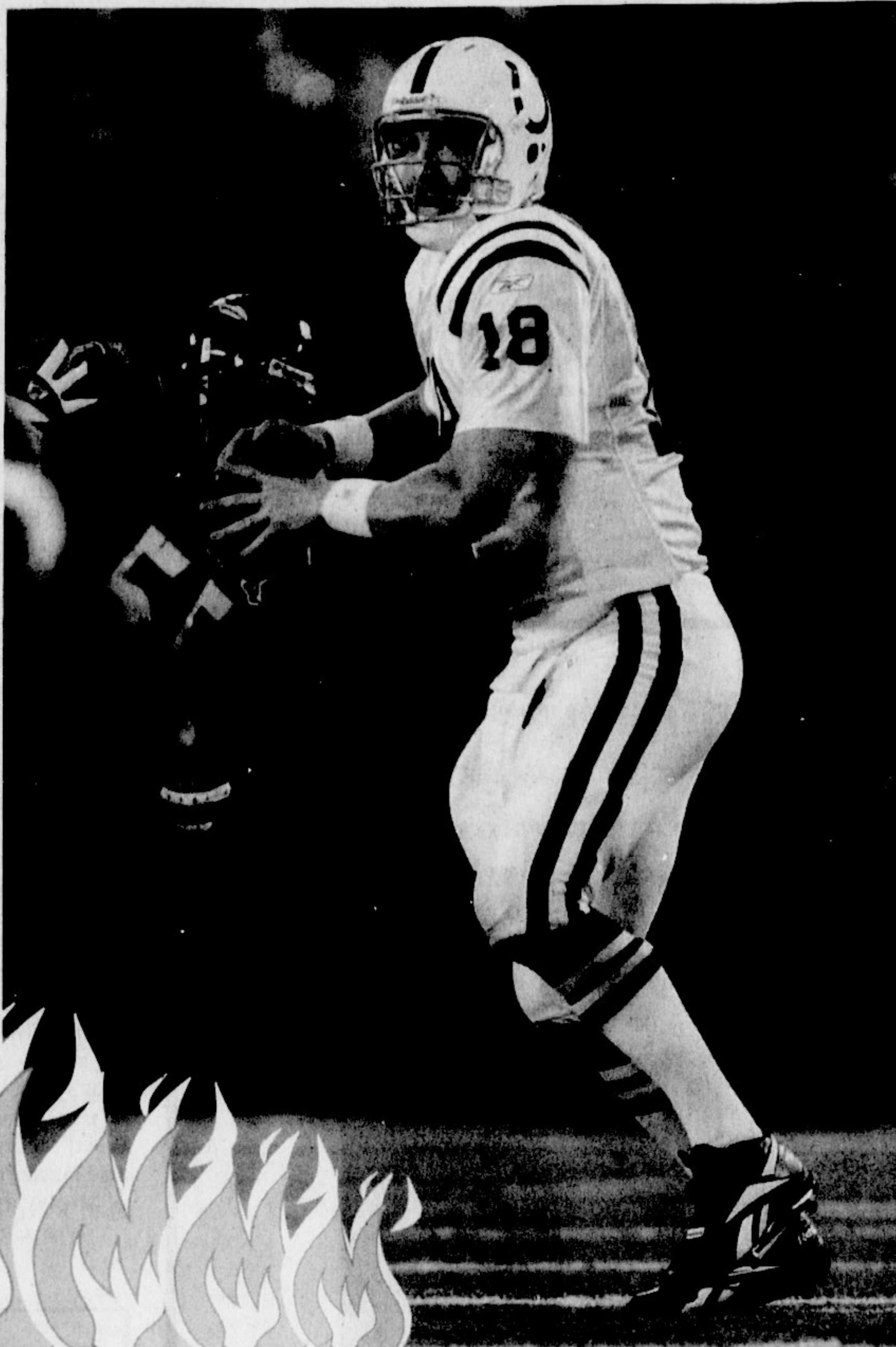
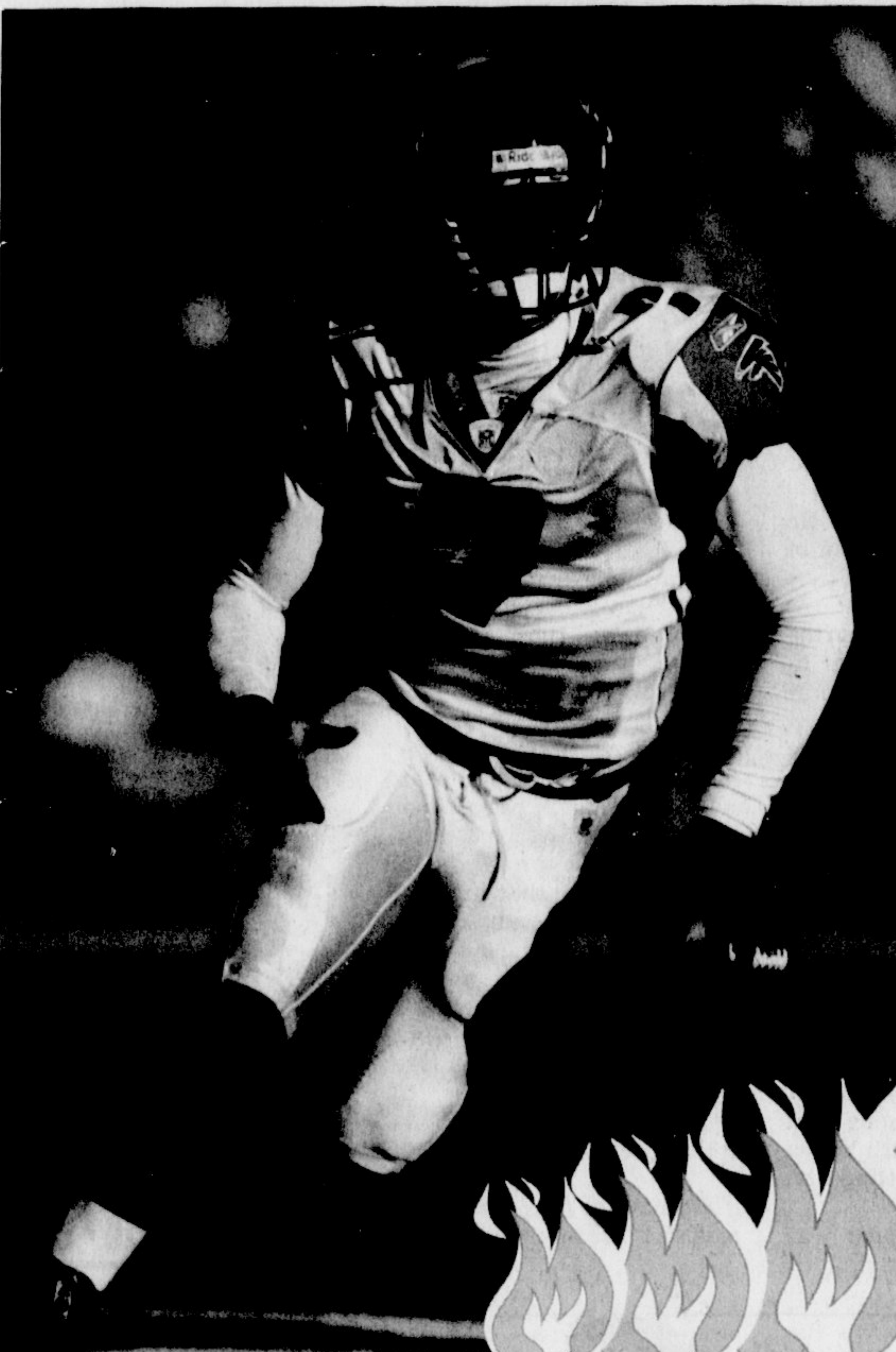
Baltimore Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller is likely to be out until the end of October with his injured right toe. Team officials said Tuesday that Boller will not require surgery on the toe, but will need at least another three weeks to heal. The earliest he could return is Oct. 16 against the Cleveland Browns. But it's more likely he would be back Oct. 23 against the Chicago Bears or Oct. 31 against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Boller, who was on crutches and wearing a cast Tuesday at the team's training complex, got a second opinion on Monday from the North Carolina foot specialist who treated linebacker Peter Boulware's turf toe last season. The Ravens' 2003 first-round draft pick was injured in the 24-7 season opening loss to the Indianapolis Colts on a sack by defensive tackle Larry Triplett. Anthony Wright started Sunday in a 25-10 loss to the Tennessee Titans.

Texans fire offensive coordinator

The Houston Texans fired offensive coordinator Chris Palmer on Monday following the team's second straight embarrassing loss. Joe Pendry, the team's offensive line coach, was introduced as his replacement by coach Dom Capers Monday afternoon. Capers and quarterback David Carr agreed that offense needs to be more consistent and hope this change will facilitate that. Palmer, who had been the offensive coordinator since the team's inception, also called the plays. The Texans lost to Pittsburgh 27-7 on Sunday after losing to Buffalo 22-7 in the opener. Houston has averaged the fewest yards (170.5), fewest passing yards (66.5) and points (7) in the NFL through its first two games. In Sunday's game, Carr appeared to be confused. He was sacked eight times — the most since the expansion year in 2002 and one shy of the most in the team's 50-game history. Against Buffalo, Houston allowed five sacks and had five turnovers. Carr said he didn't like the feeling he's had the last two weeks and that he's happy with any change that will improve the team. Palmer joined the Texans after being fired after two seasons as coach of the Cleveland Browns. Capers said he's been "evaluating the big picture" for a while and that this decision is a culmination of Houston's poor performance in a season-ending loss to Cleveland, in the preseason and the first two games.



Fantasy Fever



Fantasy sports has its niche in American subculture

RON CLEMENTS
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time in the early 1980s, a group of baseball fans thought it would be a great idea to compete against one another by putting their managerial skills to a test. They created a league comprised of teams with scores based on the statistics of actual Major League Baseball players.

Once the creators of the first fantasy baseball league told their friends of their newly formed group, the idea of doing the same thing for football came to light. These people could not have imagined how their simple idea could blossom into an entire subculture of sports fans who participate in several fantasy sports league in different sports — whether it be baseball, football, basketball or hockey.

Those original baseball fans would search newspaper box scores and try to see how they were doing in their league based upon the scoring system they set up. Different leagues are set up differently and the value based on certain statistics varies. Rotisserie leagues have a season-long com-

petition based on the annual statistics, which are updated daily. The creation of head-to-head leagues came later, with the incorporation of fantasy football leagues. These leagues have "teams" play against a different opponent within the league weekly throughout the course of the season. More often than not, a team will play another team more than once.

Once computers and the Internet became household items, fantasy sports became a much more manageable and less time-consuming hobby — allowing team owners to participate in more than one league.

Jason Boyd, the sports editor of the Rocky Mount (NC) *Telegram*, is currently in five fantasy football leagues and says fantasy sports leagues help fans learn and appreciate the games more.

"I think the reason that people do it is because it's a different way to keep up with particular players and follow the sport more closely than they would otherwise and pay more attention to different nuances of the sport," Boyd said. "For any sports fan, it helps you appreciate and understand the sport a little more."

There are different types of online fantasy sports leagues — public and private.

Private leagues are formed from a group of people who know each other and require a password to join. Public leagues are just that — open to anybody, no password required.

Some people do participate in more than one sport at a time. There are people who are in two fantasy football leagues, finishing up their fantasy baseball and NASCAR leagues while getting ready to draft their fantasy

hockey and basketball teams.

Whether in public or private leagues, Boyd says he participates in fantasy sports because of the fun and camaraderie that can take place.

"It's just as much a social gathering as anything else," Boyd said.

"In some ways (online public leagues) are still social gatherings. You can talk

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The Do's and Don'ts of Fantasy Football

DO rely on match-ups to pick starters.
DO be the first to jump on the bandwagon.
In most leagues if you wait to see if a player's hot start pans out, another owner will have already claimed him.
DO pick up a player or two from your favorite team. It adds to your game-watching enjoyment.
DO follow your team's stats online. Exploit the Internet. It makes it more fun too.
DO pay attention to early position battles. This starts in the preseason.
DO make roster moves, trades, drops and adds.

DON'T overemphasize the match-ups.
DON'T avoid losers. A player's team may stink, but he may put up great numbers.
DON'T pick all the players from your favorite team. Team loyalties will kill you. One bad week could sink your fantasy team.
DON'T spill beer on your keyboard.
DON'T overemphasize the moves. If you cut a guy because of one bad game, then want him back, he might have already been snatched up by another team.

Dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge!

Elusive sport of dodgeball zipping to ECU

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Let the stretching, practicing and lame jokes begin.

Dodgeball, the popular playground sport from elementary school, is coming to ECU. Recently immortalized in a movie of the same name starring Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller, ECU Recreational Services is putting on a dodgeball tournament, starting with registration Sept. 28. The tournament is a one-day event to gauge interest and see if there's enough base to put together a league in later years.

If you think it's just a fluke event, think again. Dodgeball has its own amateur body, the National Amateur Dodgeball Association, or NADA. NADA sponsors a variety of tournaments, but the closest one to Greenville is in Richmond, Va. So if you feel like putting a team together, good luck paying for gas. According to the Web site, the primary aim of playing dodgeball (no pun intended) is to have fun in a sport requiring

minimal set up and experience. "Experience is countered by enthusiasm. Dodgeball promotes maximum social enjoyment," the Web site says.

Social enjoyment may be a key point for this tournament, because it shouldn't be too rigorous. According to the rules of the tournament, teams will consist of four players, and only three balls on the court at once. One of the balls will be placed on the midline and each team will get one ball to start the game. Everyone knows the essential information: you hit players with the balls to knock them out, or in ECU's case, send them to "jail." Catching a ball thrown by an opponent allows you to bring a teammate back into the game but will not eliminate the thrower. Players may also use a dodgeball they are holding to deflect a ball thrown by another player. Games will go until one team is completely eliminated or has the most people still in play after five minutes. The majority of the tournament matches will be best two of three games, but the championship will be best three of five games.

The games will be held on

the second floor of the Student Recreational Center, on the racquetball courts, so prepare for a somewhat intimate environment. In such a small environment it could be pretty difficult to track three balls all flying around at once, so it should make for some interesting competition. To make things even tighter, the "jail" where teams' eliminated players are to stay is on the court on either side and measures one square yard. All three balls will likely be flying at once, because penalties will be assessed should teams be stalling. Stalling is defined as a delay of game, or a five-second interval where both teams' players have not thrown a ball.

Here's a fun twist for the movie fanatics: if both teams have the same amount of people still live at the end of each game's five-minute time limit, sudden death rules apply. The first team to strike an opposing player will be declared the winner in that event.

Practicing for dodgeball isn't terribly difficult, just grab a friend and a nice soft ball. Con-

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Lady Pirates soccer ready for remainder of regular season

Young, energized team prepared for the long road ahead

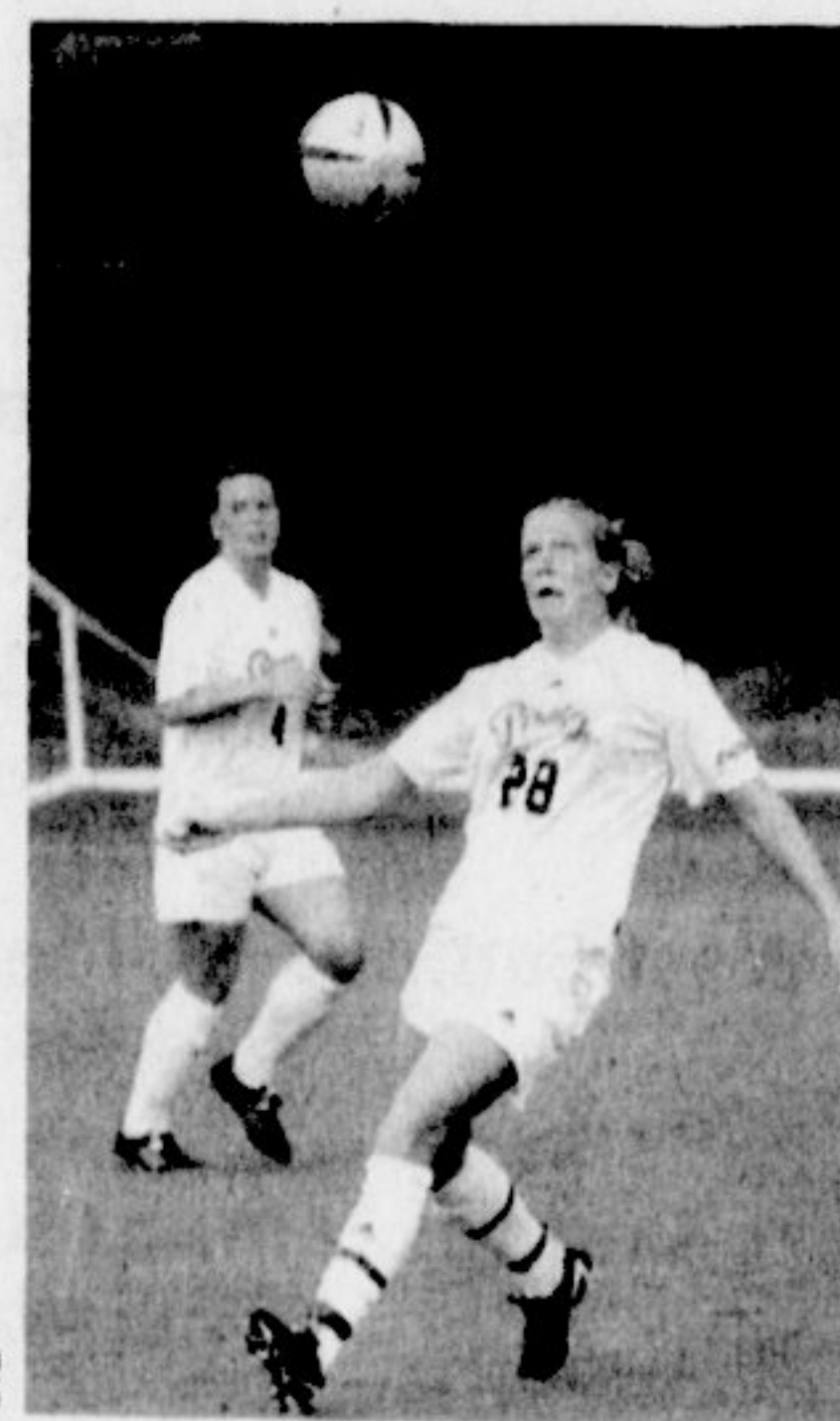
JOSH FERNANDEZ
STAFF WRITER

After a tough 3-5 start to their 2005 campaign, the ECU women's soccer team and Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth are ready to rebound. Following a draining stretch of away games, the team is ready to make something big happen on the field for their home fans.

"It's tough when you start the season playing five out of your first six games on the road," said Donnenwirth.

"We just need to clean up our mistakes and head in to the weekend ready to win."

Recent matches against Oklahoma and Texas A&M have battle-tested the players and Donnenwirth feels games like those are instrumental in sculpting a good team. Yet, there are some things that are out of the control of the coaches and players.



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"We've got a young team that is still getting used to traveling and flying and a fast-paced schedule," said Donnenwirth.

"We've had delayed flights, very late arrivals returning from away games and things like that. It makes it tough when you've got to balance school and soccer."

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The Sports Diction-ary

"Hot" Receiver

— Also known as the "hot" route, it designates a wide receiver to run a short route in the event the quarterback reads blitz.

Hurry-Up Offense

— An offensive strategy employed when a team wants to gain as much yardage as possible while using very little time off of the clock.

Mousetrap

— A blocking scheme where a defensive player is allowed through the line to be blocked by another member of the offense.

Neutral Zone

— The area between the two lines of scrimmage, stretching from sideline to sideline.

Pick-off

— A nickname for an interception. Example — "Daunte Culpepper was picked off five times last week."

Soccer from

However, I optimistic about future this season. They are full of young motivated players up and help with if there are only the roster.

"After Lind senior goalkeeper a season-ending man keeper, Anderson stepped in," Donnenwirth said.

"She's made saves, and I think to be quite a goal keeper."

From a defender the team needs to carry out season. So far, have been outstanding, and that's

Fantasy Football

smack by posting sending emails.

The way people through chatting sites can be an some relationships are developed through online public fantasy sports leagues. Of Boyd's five leagues, three are comprised of people whom he "met" in past fantasy sports leagues.

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From a defensive standpoint, the team needs players to properly carry out their roles this season. So far, the Lady Pirates have been out-scored 15-5 this season, and that statistic will not

"Teams will try to stop her by marking two or three defenders on her. Most of the time that

"We just need to give 100 percent every game and elimi-

"If we stay confident and keep giving 100 percent, we'll finish strong," Donnenwirth said.

"We need to concentrate on putting pressure on [Campbell and Frances Marion] for the full 90 minutes," Donnenwirth said about the approach the team

"We've just got to go in to every game ready to take control from the first minute up until the very last."

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With the advent of the Inter-

"Some generations are known for wars they participated in – we are known more for the Internet. It draws people together and you can get information at the drop of a hat. Sometimes you get too much information, but it can

Football is easier to manage – weekly games and simpler statistics. Baseball has different

Fantasy sports can be big money. There are money leagues, where team owners pay money

With hundreds of Web sites, magazines and television programs devoted to fantasy sports leagues, the number of people participating is only going to grow. Last year, just from one Web site, espn.com – more than 3 million people across the country were in at least one league. That is just an example from one Web site of hundreds

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Finally – and this is my last and most important request – let Chuck Norris take the day off. He probably couldn't catch a ball, anyway.

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